



Board of Directors
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General Manager
Mauricio Guardado

Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

BOARD MATTERS

Normally, Action (Motion) Items will be considered and acted upon separately; Consent Items will be considered and acted upon collectively, although a Consent Item may be considered and acted upon separately; and Information Items will be considered separately without action. The Board of Directors in its discretion may change the order of agenda items.

ROLL CALL

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.

Items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session will be announced.

1.1 Public Comments

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Executive (Closed) Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

1.2 Executive (Closed) Session

The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the Consent Calendar or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2.3 Approval of Agenda Motion

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session Information Item

Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.

**2.5 Board Members' Activities Report
Information Item**

Receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board Members through Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports.

**2.6 General Manager's Report
Information Item**

The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.

**2.7 Recognition of Retiring Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist
Ceremonial Item**

Recognition of Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist who is retiring on June 30, 2025 after 10 years of service.

**2.8 Recognition of Retiring Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron
Ceremonial Item**

Recognition of Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron who is retiring on July 15, 2025 after 26 years of service.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

**3.1 Approve the Minutes for the May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting and the
May 29, 2025 Special Meeting
Motion**

Approve the minutes.

**3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Report
Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

**3.3 Investment Monthly Report (April 2025)
Information Item**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending April 30, 2025.

**3.4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Report (July 1, 2024 –
March 31, 2025)
Information Item**

Review the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Reports for the period of July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

3.5 Approve a Payment Plan and Penalty and Interest Waiver Request from Mrs. Nancy Trinidad

Motion Item

Approve a request from Mrs. Nancy Trinidad to enter a payment plan for groundwater extraction charges of \$38,197.68 incurred from the billing period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, for well number 04N18W29E01S and for a waiver for the associated penalty and interest charges of \$9,034.52 upon successful completion of the payment plan.

3.6 Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District Regarding the Use of the Castaic Lake Flexibility Storage Program

Motion Item

Authorize the General Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District (collectively referred to as the "Ventura Entities") regarding the use of the Castaic Flexible Storage Program.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

**4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report
Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer**

Information Item

Summary report and presentation on monthly activities of the Operations and Maintenance Department, including but not limited to the District's facilities (Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant; the Piru Groundwater Recharge facility; the Freeman Diversion; the Saticoy and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities; the Pleasant Valley and Pumping Trough Pipeline systems; and the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline system), encompassing operating plans, the quantity and quality of water diverted and delivered, fish ladder operations, major maintenance problems and repairs, status of Operations and Maintenance projects and safety and training issues.

**4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report
Bernie Riedel, Senior Park Ranger**

Information Item

Summary report and presentation on monthly activities of the Recreation Department, including but not limited to the Lake Piru Recreation Area, encompassing camping and boating policies at the lake; operations and activities; financing and status of facility improvement projects; maintenance activities; security issues; and emergency response activities.

4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)
John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor
Information Item

Summary report and presentations on the monthly activities of the Water Resources Department, including, but not limited to: updates to the District's groundwater flow models and modeling efforts; reservoir releases; import of State Water Project (SWP) water; support of diversion and recharge operations; evaluation of groundwater conditions; estimates of available Forebay storage; support during development and implementation of water supply and sustainability projects; outreach and education; and engagement with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, Technical Advisory Committees, and other user groups or governmental agencies involved in local and regional water-resource issues.

4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report
Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer and Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer
Information Item

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Administrative Services Department including but not limited to issues associated with budget development, financial performance versus budget plan, financial accounting requirements and procedures, potential debt issuance and related financial services, status of District investments and reserves, updates on its capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, District property and facilities maintenance and administration, District records and reports, groundwater extraction statements administration, risk management and District liability insurance matters, management of District contracts, policy development, governance procedures, and supporting activities of Board and staff.

4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report
Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager
Information Item

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to water resources, planning efforts and department programs impacting the District, such as project design and construction; dam safety; FERC license compliance; Freeman Diversion; recycled water; pipeline operations and various engineering analysis.

**4.6 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report
Marissa Caringella, Environmental Services Manager
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Environmental Services Department, including but not limited to environmental and regulatory issues of note to the District, monitoring efforts, water releases and increased State Water imports, Freeman Diversion fish ladder and sediment management operations, compliance with the District's FERC license, actions associated with the federal and state Endangered Species Acts, compliance with the California Environmental Quality and National Environmental Policy Acts, and support of local, state, and federal environmental and cultural permitting needs for District projects and operations.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

**5.1 Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment, and Setting of 2025-26 Zones and Extraction Charges
John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor**

In accordance with the District's principal act in the California Water Code, the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of groundwater resources within the District. An "Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions" was submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board on March 10, 2025 and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing was opened at regular April 9, 2025 Board meeting, continued to the regular May 21, 2025 Board meeting, at which time it was again continued to the regular June 11, 2025 Board meeting. At this meeting, staff will give a report about current groundwater conditions, and members of the public will be permitted to give testimony. No Board decisions have been made to date. The Board may choose to conclude the hearing today and consider acting to establish zones with the District and to levy groundwater extraction charges with such zones for the 2025-26 water year.

Motion: Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07**

Motion: Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District Making Additional Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charge Zones and Levying, Assessing and Fixing Groundwater Extraction Charges Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Producing Facilities Within Such Zones for the 2025-2026 Water Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08

6. MOTION ITEMS

6.1 Adopt a Resolution for the Proposed District Budget Plan, Overhead Allocation method, Staffing Levels, and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Appropriation Carryovers from Fiscal Year 2024-25
Motion

Approve a Resolution adopting the proposed District Budget Plan, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels, and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, and Appropriation Carryovers from FY 2024-25.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

6.2 Adopt a Resolution to Request the County Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sufficient to Satisfy State Water Project Charges
Motion

Adopt a Resolution requesting the County Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to provide approximately \$4,269,000 in property tax revenue sufficient to satisfy a portion of the voter approved debt for State Water Project costs. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10**

6.3 Adopt a Resolution Approving the General Manager's Two-Year Contract Extension to Include Future Eligibility for Performance Merit Pay for the Two Upcoming Fiscal Periods Beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Motion

Adopt a Resolution which will approve a two-year extension to the General Manager's current labor agreement based on his most recent performance evaluation. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11**

6.4 Adopt a Resolution Nominating and Supporting Steve Huber as a Candidate for the Position of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 5 Board Member
Motion

Adopt a Resolution nominating and supporting Steve Huber as a candidate for the position of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 5 board member. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12**

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded. Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at the District's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200, Oxnard CA 93030 during normal business hours.

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, the District's services, programs or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, or if you require agenda materials in an alternative format, please contact the District Office at (805) 525- 4431. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make appropriate arrangements.

Approved:  for MG
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

This agenda was posted Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and www.unitedwater.org.


Tracy J. Oehler, Clerk of the Board

**EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA**

1. LITIGATION

1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) Government Code Sections 54956.9(e)(1)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) (two matters).

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- C. United Water Conservation District v United States, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 22-542L; Complaint for Just Compensation under the 5th Amendment.
- D. United Water Conservation District v. California Fish and Game Commission, a California Public Agency, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County (Central District), Case No. 25STCP01671; Petition for Writ of Mandate challenging the Commission's determination to list O'mykiss as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

From: Tracy J. Oehler, Clerk of the Board

Date: May 29, 2025 (June 11, 2025 Meeting)

Agenda Item: **2.5 Board Members' Activities Reports**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

Receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board of Directors through monthly activities reports (per diems).

Discussion:

This item is provided on the agenda of each regular meeting in order to allow Directors to report on non-agenda activities such as:

- 1) UWCD Committee participation – Committee Chair to report on Committee's objectives and actions to the Board.
- 2) Meetings, workshops, conferences, and functions attended during the previous month on behalf of the District.
- 3) Possible conflicts the Directors might have with respect to issues on the agenda.

Attachment(s):

A – Directors' Monthly Activities Reports

Board of Directors
 Activities and Expenses for Month April Year 2025

Due on last day of month

Director: Ford

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.			Date	Mileage	
			4-9-25	6.6	✓
			4-28-25	6.6	✓
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	Committee Name & Location	Date	Mileage		
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	W/ GM or LC	Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage	
		GM, Director, Kimball Director Maulhardt	4-29-25	6.6	✓
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	Event Name & Location	Date	Mileage		
5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	Entity Name & Location	Date	Mileage		
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	Entity Name & Location	Date	Mileage		
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	Entity Name & Location	Date	Mileage		
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage		

Board of Directors
 Per Diem and Expenses for Month April Year 2025

Due on last day of month

9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities. At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.	Official Name/Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage	

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			\$50.00
Total # of meetings**	<u>3</u>	x \$260	\$ <u>780-</u>
<small>**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day</small>			
Total days of travel		x \$100.00/day	
Total # of miles	<u>19.8</u>	x \$0.70/mile	\$ <u>13.86</u>
Total other expenses			\$
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			\$ <u>843.86</u> ✓ TO

Director Signature



Date: 5-7-25

General Manager Signature



Date: 5/20/25

Definitions

- BoD: Board of Directors
- BP: Board President
- GM: General Manager

Board of Directors
Activities and Expenses for Month 4 **Year** 25

Due on last day of month

Director: Mohammed Hasan, P.E.

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.			Date	Mileage	
			4-9	12	✓
			4-28	12	✓
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	Committee Name & Location		Date	Mileage	
	D. Ceppos		4-23	-	✓
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	W/ GM or LC	Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage	
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	Event Name & Location		Date	Mileage	
	AWA annual water		4-17	8	✓
	Farm Bureau TGIF		4-18	20	
5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	Entity Name & Location		Date	Mileage	
	CSDA		4-1	23	✓
	LAFCO		4-16	2.5	✓
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	Entity Name & Location		Date	Mileage	
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	Entity Name & Location		Date	Mileage	
	Ventura River Watershed Council meeting		4-3	-	✓
	Ventura River Watershed Council residence forum		4-30	30	✓
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	Meeting Description & Location		Date	Mileage	

Board of Directors
Per Diem and Expenses for Month 4 Year 25

Due on last day of month

9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities. At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.	Official Name/Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage	

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

* attach all receipts

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Phone Allowance			\$50.00
Total # of meetings**	<u>8</u>	x \$260	<u>\$ 2,080 -</u>
**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel		x \$100.00/day	
Total # of miles	<u>87.5</u>	x \$0.67/mile	<u>\$ 61.25</u>
Total other expenses		<u>.70</u>	\$
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			<u>\$ 2,91.25</u>

Director Signature

Mohammed H. Hasan Date: 5/20/25

General Manager Signature

AS Date: 5/28/25

Definitions

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GM: General Manager



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

From: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

Date: May 29, 2025 (June 11, 2025 Meeting)

Agenda Item: 2.6 General Manager's Report
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequences to the District.

Discussion:

The General Manager's primary responsibility is to ensure that the policies and directions of the Board of Directors are adhered to as he oversees and manages the efforts of the department managers and their staff in the day-to-day operation and administration of the District. These efforts are to be consistent with the District's Mission Statement and within the fiscal constraints set by the Board of Directors.

The District's managers provide detailed monthly updates to the Board of Directors which outline projects' statuses, accomplishments, issues of concern, projects planning, etc. The monthly General Manager's report provides an opportunity for the General Manager to discuss issues that may impact the efforts of the separate departments as they pursue their defined goals and objectives. The report also provides the Board with information on the District's efforts and involvement in local, regional and state-wide issues.

Finally, the monthly General Manager's report offers the Board of Directors an overview of how their policies and directions are being administered through discussion of the work plan and efforts of the General Manager.



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

From: Tracy Oehler, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Date: May 29, 2025 (June 11, 2025 meeting)

Agenda Item: 3.1 Approve the Minutes for the May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting and the May 29, 2025 Special Meeting
Motion

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the minutes.

Attachment(s):

A – May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B – May 29, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENT A



Board of Directors
Lynn Maulhardt, President
Catherine Keeling, Vice President
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer
Keith Ford
Mohammed Hasan
Steve Huber
Rachel Jones

General Manager
Mauricio Guardado

Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Ford, Hasan, Huber, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt

Absent: None

1. **FIRST OPEN SESSION:** 11:30 a.m.

1.1 **Public Comments:** None

1.2 **Executive (Closed) Session:** 11:32 a.m.

The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

2. **SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER:** 1:07 p.m.

2.1 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Maulhardt

2.2 **Public Comment**

Public speakers:

Michael Rutledge, Rutledge Farming Co., Inc.

Erik Heacox, Tanimura & Antle

Hank Laubacher, Laubacher Farms

Greg Lewis, Duda Farms

Doug Circle, Circle O

Luis Calderson, Reiter Affiliated Companies

Written comment:

James Wisener, Prime Time International

2.3 **Approval of Agenda**

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Huber) to approve the consent calendar.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;
Noes: None; Absent: None

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

District Legal Counsel David Boyer reported on March 12, 2025, the Board in closed session unanimously approved filing a petition under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) challenging the Fish & Game Commission's listing of O' mykiss as endangered. That petition was filed on May 6, 2025, in the Los Angeles Superior Court – Case No. 25STCP0161.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report

Received and filed.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Received and filed.

2.7 Recognition of Director Lynn Maulhardt for 40 Years of Service

General Manager Mauricio Guardado presented Director Maulhardt with a plaque recognizing his 40 years of service to the District.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Keeling) to approve the consent calendar.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;
Noes: None; Absent: None

3.1 Approve the Minutes for the April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting and the April 28, 2025 Special Meeting

Approved the minutes.

3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Reports

Received and filed the reports.

3.3 Investment Monthly Report (March 2025)

Received and filed the report.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Craig Morgan gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report

Senior Park Ranger Bernie Reidel gave an oral presentation; received and filed.

4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)

Water Resources Supervisors John Lindquist gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report

Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn and Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez gave an oral presentation and IT Manager Zachary Plummer gave a PowerPoint presentation; report received and filed.

4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report

Engineering Manager Robert Richardson and gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.6 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report

Environmental Services Manager Marissa Caringella gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5.1 Determination of General Manager's Performance-Based Merit Pay

Action: M/S/C (Kimball/Huber) to determine the General Manager's performance merit pay of seven and one-half (7.5%) of his fiscal year 2024-2025 salary.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None; Absent: None

5.2 Approval of a Boat Rental Program for the Lake Piru Recreation Area

Senior Park Ranger Bernard Riedel gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Jones) to approve the boat rental program for the Lake Piru recreation area.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None; Absent: None

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

**6.1 Continuation of Annual Groundwater Hearing to Accept Comment on Groundwater Conditions within the District
John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor**

The Public Hearing was continued.

No public speakers were present.

The Public Hearing was continued to the June 11, 2025 Board Meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Director Maulhardt requested staff to research the PTP cost structure.

Director Huber requested to be considered as an ACWA Region 5 representative at the June 11, 2025 board meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of April 9, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Tracy J. Oehler, Clerk of the Board

**EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA**

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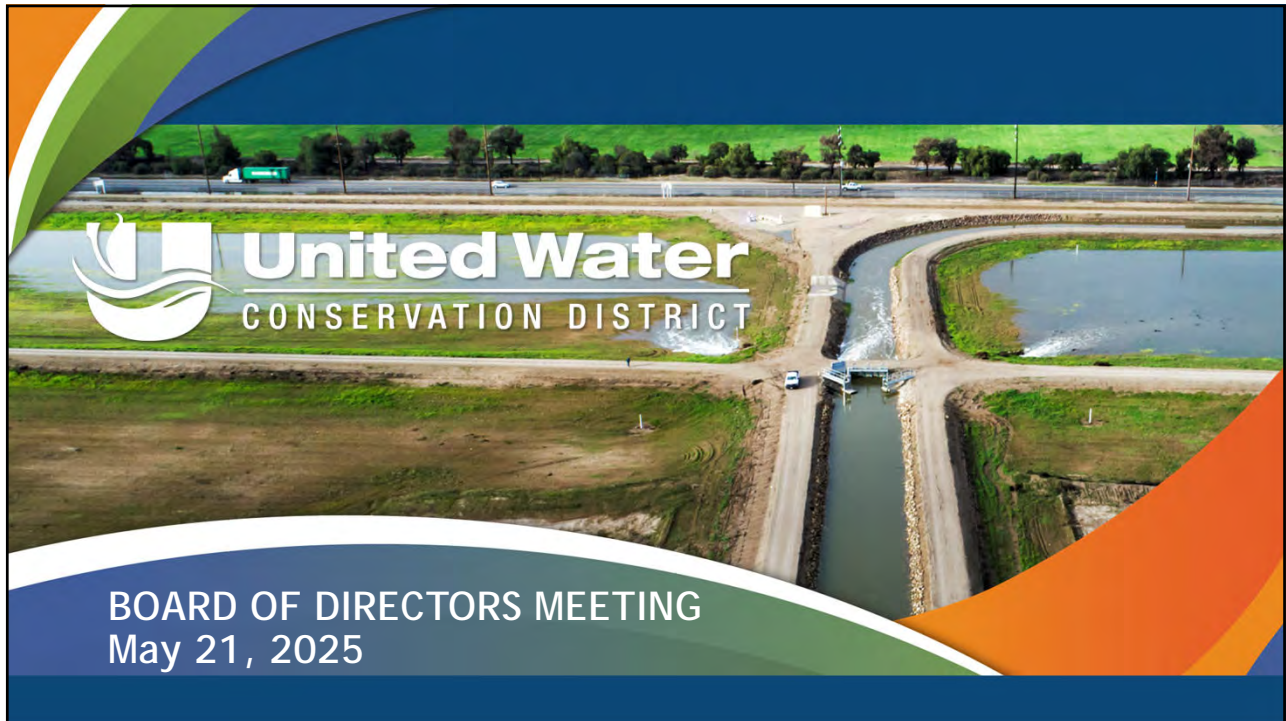
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- C. United Water Conservation District v United States, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 22-542L; Complaint for Just Compensation under the 5th Amendment.

1.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: General Manager

Authority: Government Code Section 54957



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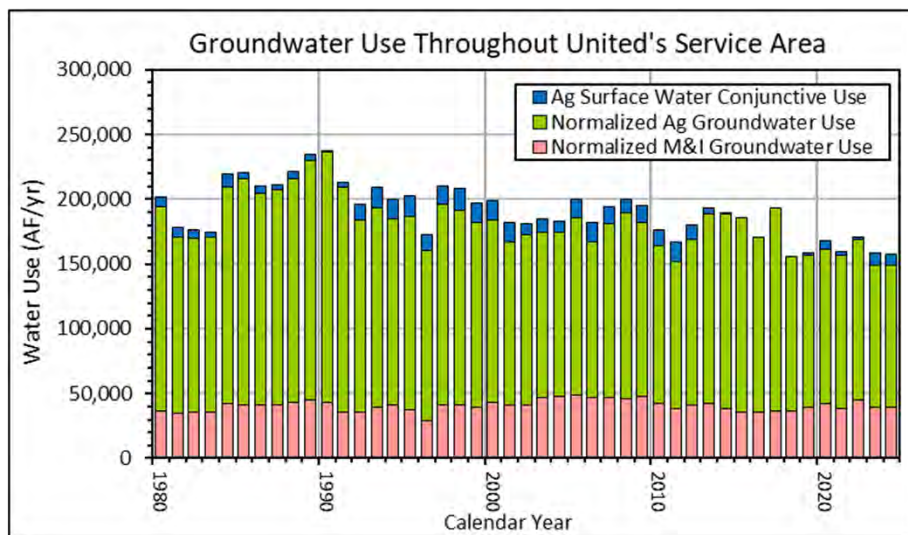
4.3. WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Presented by: John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor
 United Water Conservation District
 Board of Directors Meeting
 May 21, 2025



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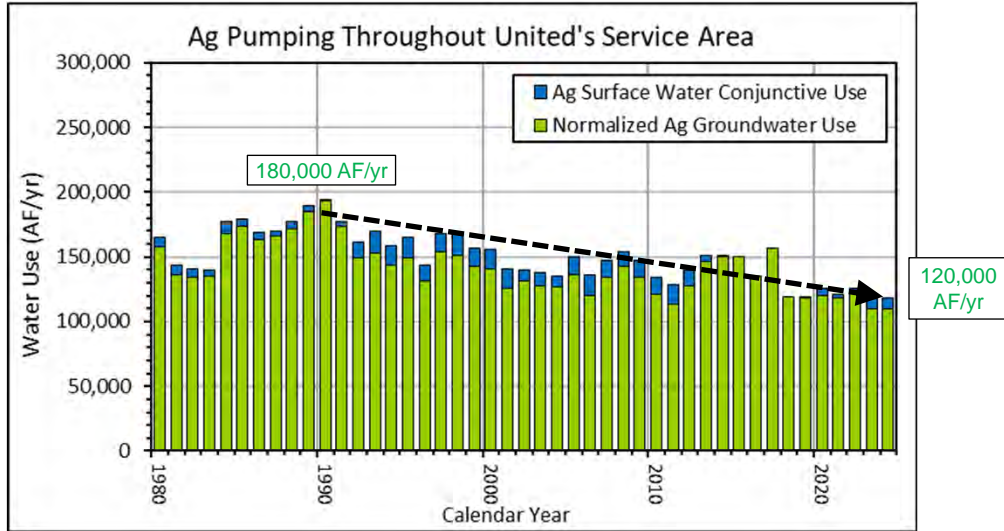
Districtwide Groundwater Use, 1980-2024, Normalized to Average Rainfall



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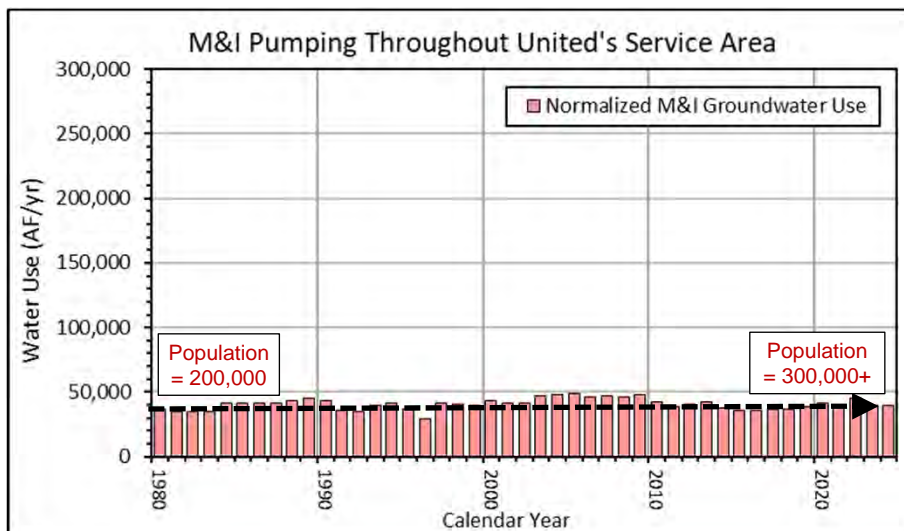
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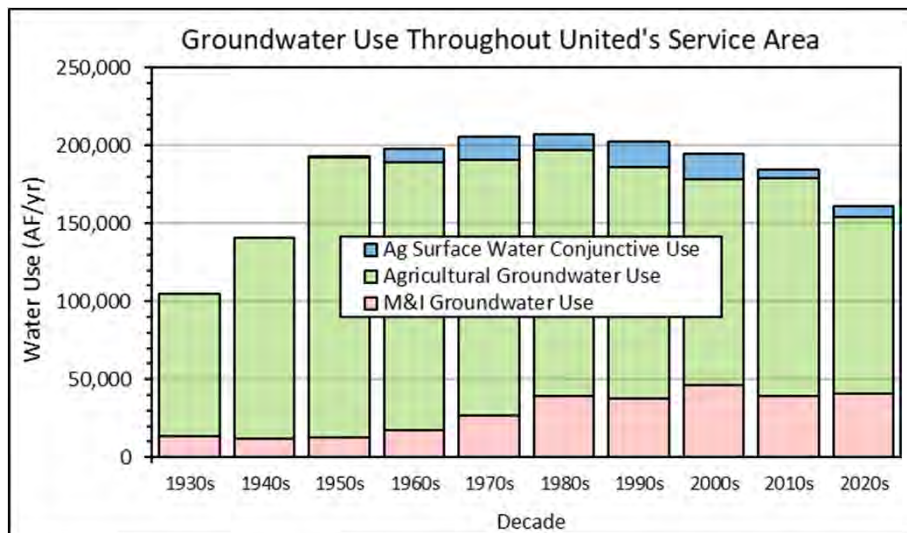
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Districtwide Groundwater Use, Decadal Averages, 1930-2024



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FCGMA's Conclusions for OPV Basins

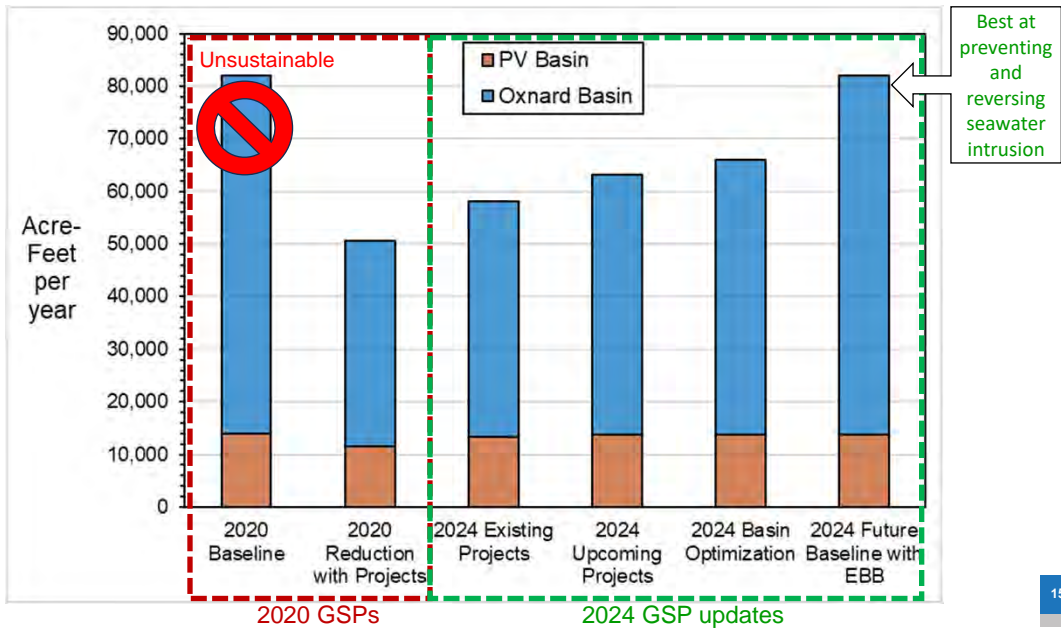
- Conditions are significantly better today than in 2020
 - Wet years, projects already implemented, demand reduction
- Making progress toward sustainability
 - Uncertainty remains about timing and feasibility of new projects
- EBB project now seen as having significant positive potential
 - Will require new sustainability criteria; waiting for Phase 1 data
- "...it is unclear what legal effect the adjudication action will have on FCGMA's continued ability to implement the GSP and sustainably manage..." the OPV Basins."



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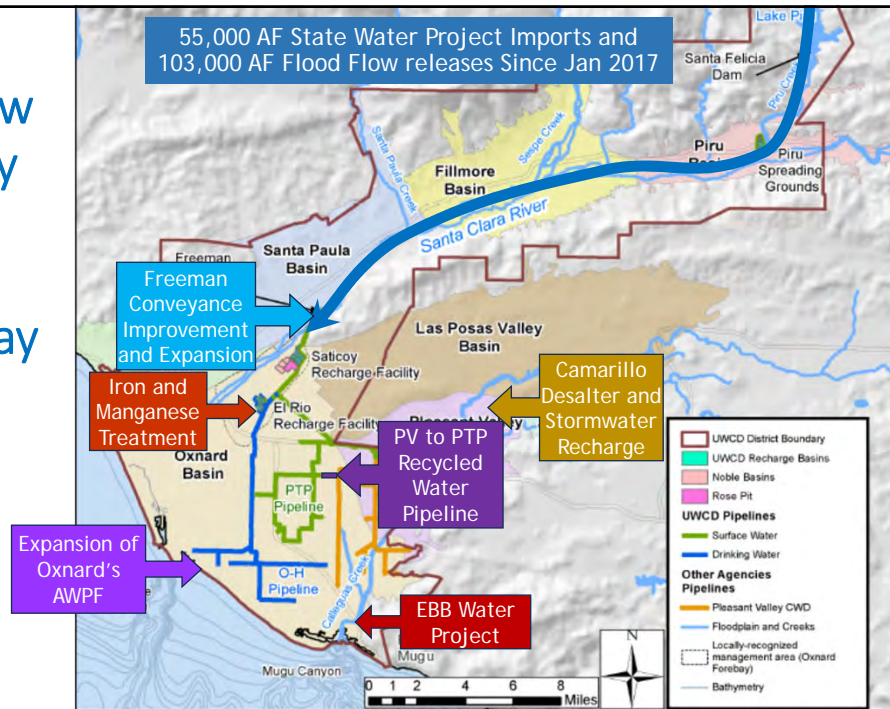
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Sustainable Yield in OPV Basins Under Modeled Scenarios



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Since GSPs Adopted, New Water-Supply Projects Completed and Underway



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United's Key Proposed Revisions to the OPV Allocation Ordinance

1. Plan on ramping up supplies rather than ramping down
2. A simplified, universal approach to conjunctive-use projects
3. More flexibility in allocations from wet to dry years and for water-supply emergencies
4. Easier process for transfers (temporary allocation assignment):
 - a. From United and PVCWD to farm operators or M&I users
 - b. Between separate parcels/wells that aren't connected via pipeline



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Feedback Received on Proposed Allocation Ordinance Revisions:

1. Several stakeholders have commented that they like the flexibility this plan provides.
2. Request for more detail on how in-lieu adjustments for conjunctive use would be calculated.
3. Opinion that this plan “removes the forced acceptance of Conejo Creek and Santa Clara River water.”
4. Concern that base period (2005-14) doesn't reflect recent pumping trends.
5. Would like to see rampdown approach in plan.



Staff plan to finalize the proposed ordinance language based on input received to date, and submit to FCGMA for consideration.

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“Human spirit is the ability to face the uncertainty of the future with curiosity and optimism. It is the belief that problems can be solved, differences resolved. It is a type of confidence. And it is fragile. It can be blackened by fear and superstition.”

– Bernard Beckett, “Genesis,” 2006

Questions?



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TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Supporting Strategic Excellence at United Water

Presenter: Zach Plummer, Technology Systems Manager,
Introduced by: Josh Perez, Chief of Human Resources

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INTRODUCTION - SETTING THE CONTEXT

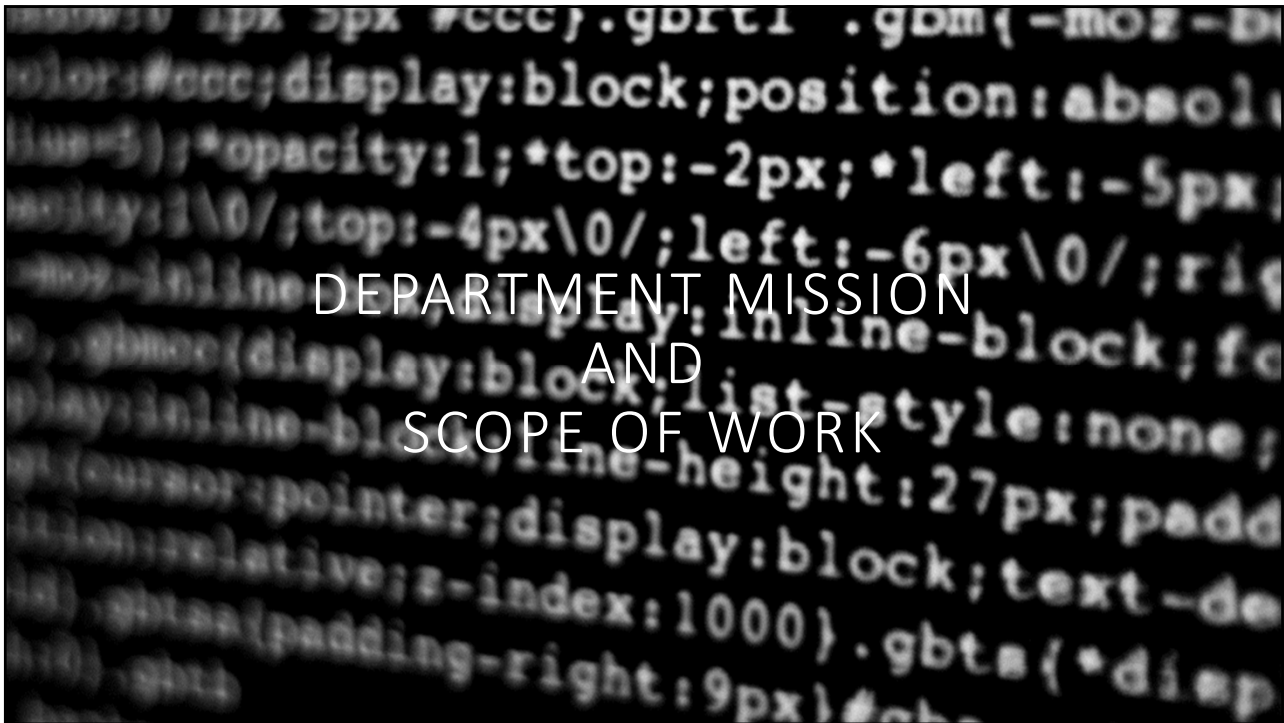
PURPOSE: PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT.

FOCUS: HOW IT ENABLES RELIABILITY, SECURITY, INNOVATION, AND OPERATIONAL SUCCESS.

FRAMING: TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS IS A STRATEGIC ENABLER OF UNITED WATER'S MISSION.



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DEPARTMENT MISSION AND SCOPE OF WORK

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MISSION STATEMENT

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"Deliver secure, reliable, and innovative technology services that empower United Water to sustainably manage, protect, and enhance regional water resources."

Scope of Work:

- IT Operations & Helpdesk
- Network & Infrastructure Management
- Cybersecurity & Risk Management
- Business Applications & Data Management
- Innovation Support and Process Automation

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TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS ALIGNMENT WITH UWCD STRATEGIC GOALS

Technology Systems' Direct Contributions to United Strategic Initiatives:



A. Water Supply → Supporting operational continuity through resilient technology services (e.g., SCADA systems support, disaster recovery).



B. System Reliability → Securing infrastructure availability — Ensuring optimal uptime of critical applications, networks, and field systems.



C. Regulatory Compliance → Cybersecurity initiatives and audit readiness — maintaining secure, compliant operations across systems.



D. Fiscal Responsibility → Driving cost efficiency in IT operations through smart sourcing, license management, and technology optimization.



G. Organizational Effectiveness → Empowering workforce productivity, expanding cybersecurity maturity, and modernizing core IT systems.

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TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES,
STRUCTURE,
&
INTRODUCTION TO THE TEAM

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TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES & STRUCTURE

Technology Systems Responsibilities

- Technology Systems Management
- Service Desk & End User Support
- Systems & Infrastructure Engineering
- Cybersecurity Operations & Monitoring
- Applications & Data Systems
- Vendor and Project Coordination
- Innovation & Intern Program Support

Operations Technology Responsibilities

- SCADA System Management
- Field Device Support & Maintenance
- Radio and Telemetry Systems Management
- PLC Programming & Process Automation
- Instrumentation and Electrical Systems Support
- SCADA/Operational System Continuity and Resiliency
- Wide Area Communication and Physical Network Infrastructure in Field Environments

Responsibilities across two core teams.

- ← On the left, **Technology Systems** focuses on enterprise IT and strategic enablement.
 → On the right, **Operations Technology** manages the systems that directly operate water infrastructure.

Together, these teams ensure reliable digital operations from the Boardroom to the Dam

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INTRODUCTION TO TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS TEAM

Team Member	Current Role/Title	Key Skills/Contributions	Specialty Areas
Zach Plummer	Technology Systems Manager	IT strategy, cybersecurity leadership, cloud management, project delivery	Systems architecture, cybersecurity leadership
Stephanie Cabrera *	Technology Systems Administrator & Support Engineer	Helpdesk support, troubleshooting, customer service, mobile device management	Field technology support, end-user support
Josue Martinez *	Helpdesk Support Intern	Ticket triage, device setup, user support, software troubleshooting	Helpdesk operations, device management
Anthony Robles *	Technology Systems Administrator & Data Engineer Intern	SQL database management, Power BI, backend data workflows, data visualization	Data engineering, reporting automation
William Zacharia-Morrison *	GIS Analyst & IT Project Support	GIS mapping, 3D modeling, field technology integration, project coordination	Field technology integration, GIS & visualization
Michael Satumba *	Technology Systems Administrator & Backend Developer Intern	API development, web application integration, server support, AWS familiarity	Backend systems, cybersecurity support
Hayden Balsys *	Technology Systems Administrator & Software Developer (GIS/Field Apps) Intern	Frontend and backend dev, GIS applications, engineering dashboard support	GIS dashboard development, cloud solutions
Chloe Keggen *	Technology Systems Administrator & Data Scientist	Predictive modeling, machine learning, Python scripting, data analytics	Data science, modeling for decision support

* Indicates this team member works between 18-32 hours a week. Not full-time staff.

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INTRODUCTION TO OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY

- Operations Technology (OT) manages systems that monitor and control physical operations, such as water treatment, pumping, and field instrumentation (SCADA, telemetry).
- OT and IT increasingly collaborate to ensure system reliability, real-time data access, and cybersecurity protection.
- OT is critical to maintaining safe, efficient, and resilient infrastructure at United Water.

Team Member	Current Role/Title	Key Skills/Contributions	Specialty Areas
Edward Reese	Control Systems Supervisor	SCADA oversight, system integration, network support for field operations	SCADA security, Field network operations, and system continuity
Andy Camposagrado	Senior Control Systems Technician	SCADA maintenance, field instrumentation, telemetry troubleshooting, PLC field support, radio systems, electrical systems	Field device operations, telemetry, radio communications, and electrical troubleshooting
Kevin Ortega-Villela	Control Systems Programmer	Programming of control systems (PLCs, SCADA platforms), systems automation	Process automation, systems programming
Luis Perez	Senior Control Systems Technician	SCADA maintenance, field instrumentation, telemetry troubleshooting, PLC field support, radio systems, electrical systems	Field device operations, telemetry, radio communications, and electrical troubleshooting

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KEY SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES & MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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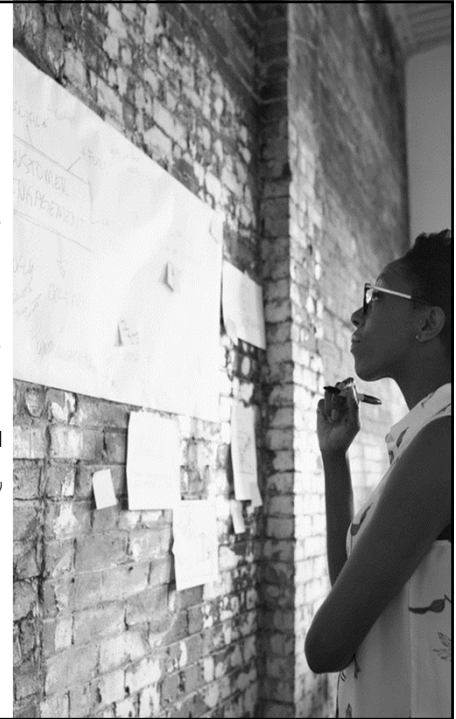
KEY SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Core Operational Services

- **End User and Helpdesk Support**
(Device management, remote access, onsite support)
- **Infrastructure and Cloud Operations**
(Servers, network, cloud platforms, storage management)
- **Cybersecurity and Risk Management**
(Threat detection, MFA enforcement, training, 24/7 monitoring)
- **Disaster Recovery and Continuity Planning**
(Backup systems, failover testing, incident response planning)

Strategic Enablement Services

- **Business Applications and Data Systems Support**
(Finance, HR, Operations)
- **Process Automation and Innovation Initiatives**
(Cloud migration projects, workflow automation, AI/ML readiness)
- **Vendor and Contract Management**
(SaaS platforms, procurement, licensing compliance)
- **Technology Planning and Organizational Strategy Support**
(Road mapping, cybersecurity maturity models, alignment with Strategic Plan 2025)



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MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Transitioned core systems to a hybrid cloud environment.
- Implemented multi-factor authentication, strengthening cybersecurity.
- Reduced helpdesk ticket resolution time, improving user support and operational responsiveness.
- Launched a 24/7 security detection and response system, ensuring continuous monitoring and faster incident response.



- Delivered cybersecurity training to 100% of staff.
- Improved disaster recovery readiness and tested response planning.
- Initiated a successful Technology Systems Intern Program,
- Secured multi-year IT service agreements to support stable budgeting.



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UNITED TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT IN ACTION



These images capture the real-world presence of our Technology Systems team, supporting board meetings, field operations, stakeholder engagements, and innovation initiatives. We're in the room, behind the scenes, and at the front line, ensuring everything works seamlessly.

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UNITED TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT IN ACTION

*MEETINGS EXECUTED BEST-IN-CLASS
BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERTISE*



Provided expert IT, A/V, and hybrid collaboration support across 274+ events
This **includes** United Water Board sessions, water-related public forums, and more than 40 meetings hosted by external water partner agencies since the start of the calendar year.

Ensuring operational excellence and enabling executive and stakeholder engagement.

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A black and white photograph of a computer keyboard. Overlaid on the keyboard is a data visualization consisting of a bar chart at the top and a line graph below it. The line graph has several data points connected by lines, and the x-axis is labeled with days of the week: "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu".

CURRENT UNIQUE INDUSTRY SITUATIONS

- Increasing cybersecurity threats (ransomware, phishing)
- Aging infrastructure replacements required and usually needed rapidly to keep up with networking and system demands.
- Growing demands for mobile and remote access
- Need for coordinated modern business applications integration (data management, AI, Microsoft Copilot, Data Visualization and synchronicity.
- Niche role development, talent recruitment, retention of technically skilled staff.
- Artificial Intelligence opportunities and potential use cautionary tales.

A horizontal bar with a color gradient from orange on the left to purple on the right.

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STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS PRIORITIES

Priority



Advance cybersecurity monitoring and incident response capabilities



Complete remaining infrastructure modernization initiatives



Expand business process automation and efficiency projects



Strengthen data governance and compliance posture



Support organizational digital transformation initiatives

Strategic Focus

Improve threat detection, containment, and recovery readiness to protect public trust and critical infrastructure.

Complete system upgrades and transitions to enable resiliency, scalability, and lifecycle sustainability.

Streamline workflows and reduce manual processes to improve staff productivity.

Enhance regulatory availability, confidentiality, and the integrity of organizational information.

IT strategies align with long-term District goals within United Water's 2025 Strategic Plan





TECHNOLOGY AS A STRATEGIC ENABLER:

The Technology Systems Department is essential to:

IT Operations & Helpdesk

- Protecting operations
- Driving efficiency
- Enabling innovation
- Safeguarding data

Commitment to excellence in alignment with United Water's Strategic Plan



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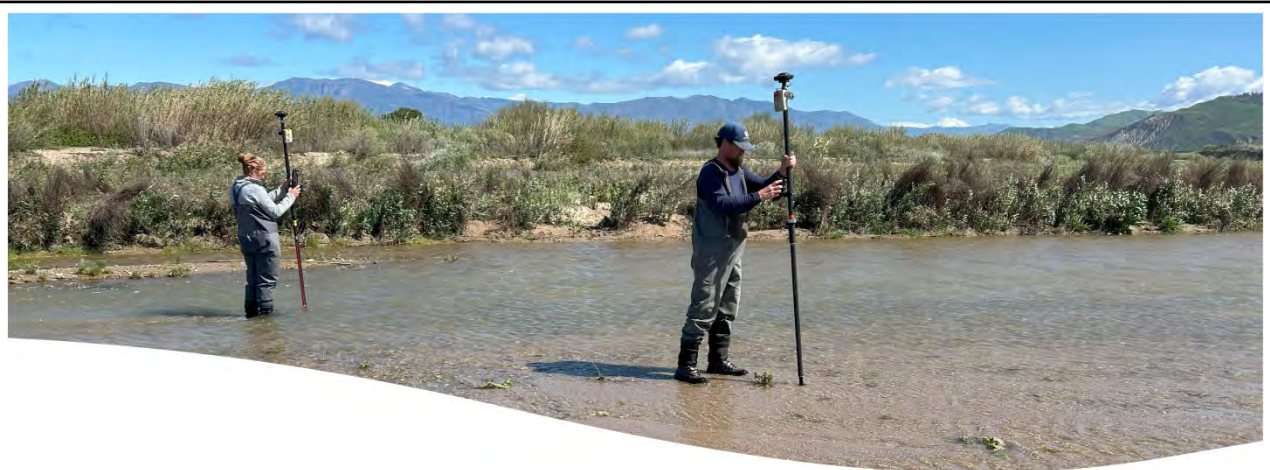
THANK YOU

Q&A

- Cybersecurity Strategy
- Infrastructure Modernization

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

May 21, 2025



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Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

Endangered Species Act Consultation with USFWS complete!

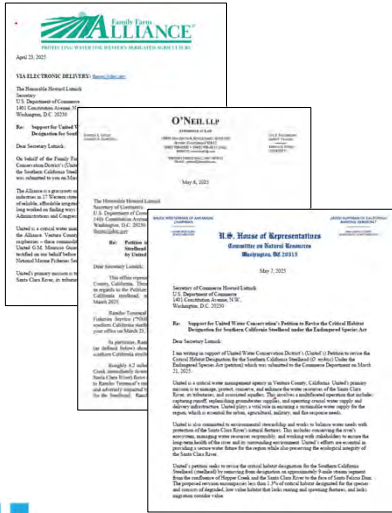


- ESA coverage for 6 species received May 7
 - Biological Opinion for least Bell's vireo
- Conference Opinion for southwestern pond turtle
- Not Likely to Adversely Affect concurrence (4 bird species)



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Petition to Revise Designated Critical Habitat



Letters of Support from:

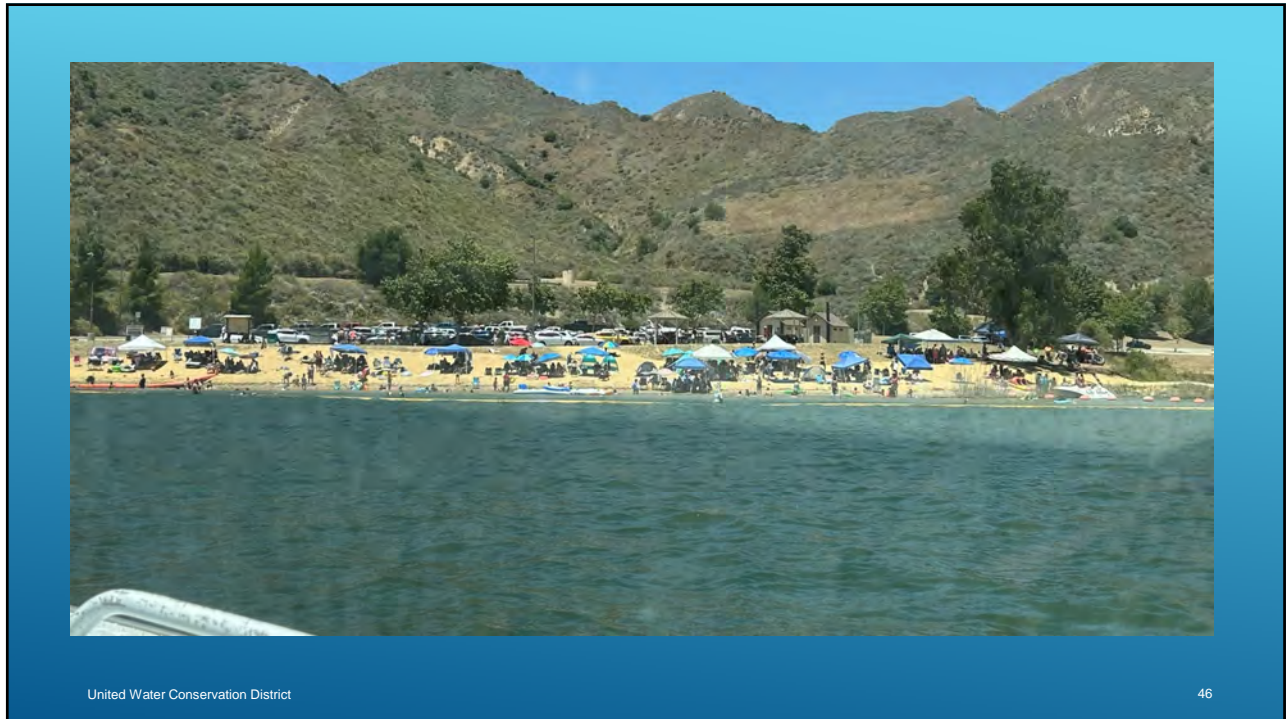
CoLAB
 Family Farm Alliance
 Congressman Ken Calvert
 Rancho Temescal
 Congresswoman Harriet Hageman
 City of Oxnard

Thank you!





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Revenue and Visitation Recap

2024 Day Use/Other Revenue Recap and Comparison				
2024 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – December 30)	\$530,620			
2023 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – December 30)	\$401,517			
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$129,103			
Annual Increase/Decrease %	32%			
2024 Camping Revenue Recap and Comparison				
2024 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – December 30)	\$562,628			
2023 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – December 30)	\$557,334			
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$5,294			
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	1%			
Total Combined Revenue Current and Previous Year Comparison (2024 vs. 2023)				
2024 All Revenue (Jan 1 – December 30)	\$1,093,248			
2023 All Revenue (Jan 1 – December 30)	\$958,851			
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	\$134,397			
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	14%			
2024 Total Visitation Figures				
	# People	# Vehicles	# Vessels	Pets
Total	106,500	29,482	4,730	161

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TOMMY'S BOATS



- 2024 21' Tahoe LTZ** (\$40K starting price)
- Ten (10) passengers, 140hp motor
 - \$525 (half day), \$700 (all day)



- 2024 Axis Wake Research** (\$116K starting price)
- Fifteen (15) passengers
 - \$675 (half day), \$900 (all day)

Rental Rates Comparison

Casitas	1 hour	2 - 5 hour	Daily
14' (4 person)	\$ 75	\$110	\$120
16' (6 person)	\$ 85	\$120	\$130
20' pontoon (8 person)	\$135	\$230	\$315
24' pontoon (10 person)	\$140	\$245	\$315
Pyramid	2 hour (min)	add'l hour	Daily
14' (4 person)	\$ 45	\$ 15	\$100
16' (5 person)	\$ 80	\$ 30	\$200
Fishing Pontoon (10 person)	\$125	\$ 50	\$325
Deluxe Pontoon (10 person)	\$170	\$ 70	\$450
Cachuma	2 hour (min)	add'l hour	Daily
Boat (4 person)	\$ 45	\$ 15	\$120
Boat (6 person)	\$ 65	\$ 18	\$155
Pontoon (10 person)	\$120	\$ 40	\$260
Pontoon (14 person)	\$130	\$ 50	\$350

2025 SUN TRACKER PARTY BARGE 20 DLX

Selection Rationale

- ▶ New boats are more costly, but allow for a homogeneous rental fleet
- ▶ Pontoon boats are stable and can safely accommodate several people
- ▶ Decided on a 20' vs 16' boat to accommodate families, but a 60hp engine to reduce the ability to speed

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SPECIFICATIONS

Standard Metric	
Length	21' 11"
Deck Length	19' 10"
Deck Width	8' 6"
Max. Recommended HP	115 HP
Fuel Capacity	321 gal.
Pontoon Log Length	20' 4"
Pontoon Log Diameter	24"
Pontoon Log Material	0.080 5052 marine alloy
Max. Person Capacity	10 persons
Max. Person Weight	1370 lbs.
Max. Person, Motor & Gear Weight	1900 lbs.
Interior Depth	26"
Average Dry Weight	2080 lbs.
Average Package Weight	3745 lbs.
Package Height	8' 9"
Package Width	8' 6"
Towing Length	30' 2"
Storage Length	30' 2"

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2025 CRESTLINER 1672

Selection Rationale

- ▶ New boats are more costly, but allow for a homogeneous rental fleet
- ▶ Aluminum v-hull boats are popular with fishermen
- ▶ Decided on the larger 16' boat because of stability, but a small 9.9hp engine to reduce the ability to speed

SPECS & FEATURES		
GENERAL SPECS	FEATURES	WARRANTY
Length 16' 2"	HP Range 0-25	Seating 5
Fuel Capacity PORTABLE	Aluminum Gauge Bottom .063"	Aluminum Gauge Sides .063"
Aluminum Gauge Transom .063"	Beam 72"	Max HP Capacity 25
Max Weight Capacity 1,150 LBS	Weight (Boat Only, Dry) 325 LBS	

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Initial Investment

Year:	2025
Type:	Pontoon
Make:	Sun Tracker
Model:	PB20DLX
Motor:	Mercury, four stroke, 60hp
Size:	20'
Capacity:	10 people, 1,370lbs
3 boats & 1 trailer:	\$ 108,935 (includes 5% gov. discount)
Average price per unit:	\$ 36,312

Year:	2025
Type:	V hull fishing boat
Make:	Crestliner
Model:	1672
Motor:	Mercury, four stroke, 9.9hp
Size:	16'
Capacity:	5 people, 1,150lbs
Price (boat only):	\$ 9,400
Price w/trailer:	\$ 11,275
4 boats & 1 trailer:	\$ 42,535
Average price per unit:	\$ 10,635

Initial boat investment: \$ 151,470

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Proposed Rental Rates

Pontoon	2 hour (min)add'l hour		Daily	ROI (days)
weekday (peak)	\$ 150	\$60	\$ 450	90
weekend/holiday (peak)	\$ 170	\$70	\$ 500	81
weekday (off-peak)	\$ 125	\$55	\$ 425	96
weekend/holiday (off-peak)	\$ 140	\$60	\$ 450	90
V-hull				
weekday (all year)	\$ 70	\$25	\$ 200	75
weekend/holiday (all year)	\$ 80	\$30	\$ 250	60

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Condor Point Store

- Existing operation
- Currently staffed with one employee, but a second can be added to attend to boat rentals
- Point-of-sale terminals and radio comms with rangers
- Base of operations for contracts, payments, safety briefings, and the issuance of PFDs (model used at other local lakes)

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Projected Revenue

Rental		FY 2026		FY 2027		Total
Rate	Pontoon	Rental Days	Revenue	Rental Days	Revenue	
60%	weekday (peak)	41	\$ 33,210	68	\$55,080	\$ 88,290
75%	weekend/holiday (peak)	43	\$ 48,375	34	\$38,250	\$ 86,625
15%	weekday (off-peak)	182	\$ 34,808	182	\$34,808	\$ 69,615
25%	weekend/holiday (off-peak)	81	\$ 27,338	81	\$27,338	\$ 54,675
		347	\$143,730	365	\$155,475	\$ 299,205
	V-hull					
60%	weekday (peak)	41	\$ 19,680	68	\$32,640	\$ 52,320
75%	weekend/holiday (peak)	43	\$ 32,250	34	\$25,500	\$ 57,750
60%	weekday (off-peak)	182	\$ 87,360	182	\$87,360	\$174,720
65%	weekend/holiday (off-peak)	81	\$ 52,650	81	\$52,650	\$105,300
		347	\$191,940	365	\$198,150	\$ 390,090
			\$335,670		\$353,625	\$ 689,295
			insurance: \$ (30,000)		\$ (30,000)	\$ (60,000)
			fuel, maintenance, etc.: \$ (86,750)		\$ (91,250)	\$ (178,000)
			labor: \$ (55,520)		\$ (58,400)	\$ (113,920)
			net: \$163,400		\$173,975	\$ 337,375

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Risk Mitigation Steps

- **Rental Contract**
 - Wording reviewed and approved by District counsel
 - Signed by primary renter and list all passengers
 - Will include potentially hazardous conditions at Lake Piru (submerged trees and other obstructions close to shore, wind and related waves, etc.)
 - Swimming from v-hull when not at shore will be prohibited since there isn't an easy way to get back into the boat
- Everyone will be required to watch a brief boating safety video prior to boarding the boat

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- A personal floatation device (PFD) issued to everyone who will be on the boat and the law requiring "everyone under the age 13 years to wear a PFD at all times when on the boat" will continue to be actively enforced
- Staff will verbally review the proper operation of the boat and boat features with the primary renter when at the boat
 - Location of the swim ladder and throwable life preserver on the pontoon boats
- Weight capacity of boats will be strictly enforced
- Rangers regularly patrol the lake
- Additional camera surveillance

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QUESTIONS?

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ATTACHMENT B



Board of Directors
Lynn Maulhardt, President
Catherine Keeling, Vice President
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer
Keith Ford
Mohammed Hasan
Steve Huber
Rachel Jones

General Manager
Mauricio Guardado

Legal Counsel
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MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP

Thursday, May 29, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Ford, Hasan, Huber, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt

Absent: None

1. **OPEN SESSION:** 1:02 p.m.

1.1 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Maulhardt

1.2 **Public Comments**

Public speakers:
Margie Bartes, Bartels Ranch
Danny Klittich

2. **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Workshop**

Staff gave a Budget Workshop PowerPoint presentation consisting of:

- Introduction and review related to the development of the proposed budget, reserve needs, corresponding rates to be charged, the budget process, and related issues.
- Review of Capital Improvement Plan and recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- Additional information in connection with and in support of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget and the District's groundwater extraction charges.
- Questions from the Board members.
- Public comments and/or questions.
- Providing direction to staff.

A discussion followed on the next steps for completing the District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget including staff to pursue steps to assess the PTP system with a holistic view of the service area.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of May 29, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Tracy J. Oehler, Clerk of the Board



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FY2025-26 Budget Workshop

Presented by Brian H. Zahn CFO

May 29, 2025

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Budget Process



The graphic illustrates the budget process with a pie chart, a pen, and a calendar. The pie chart is divided into 12 segments, each representing a month. The legend lists the months from February to December. The calendar shows the months from August to December. The pen is positioned over the pie chart.

Month	Value
Feb	154,568
Mar	56,845
Apr	110,000
May	150,000
Jun	35,000
Jul	83,000
Aug	45,000
Sep	95,054
Oct	97,511
Nov	99,011
Dec	99,216

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Budget Process

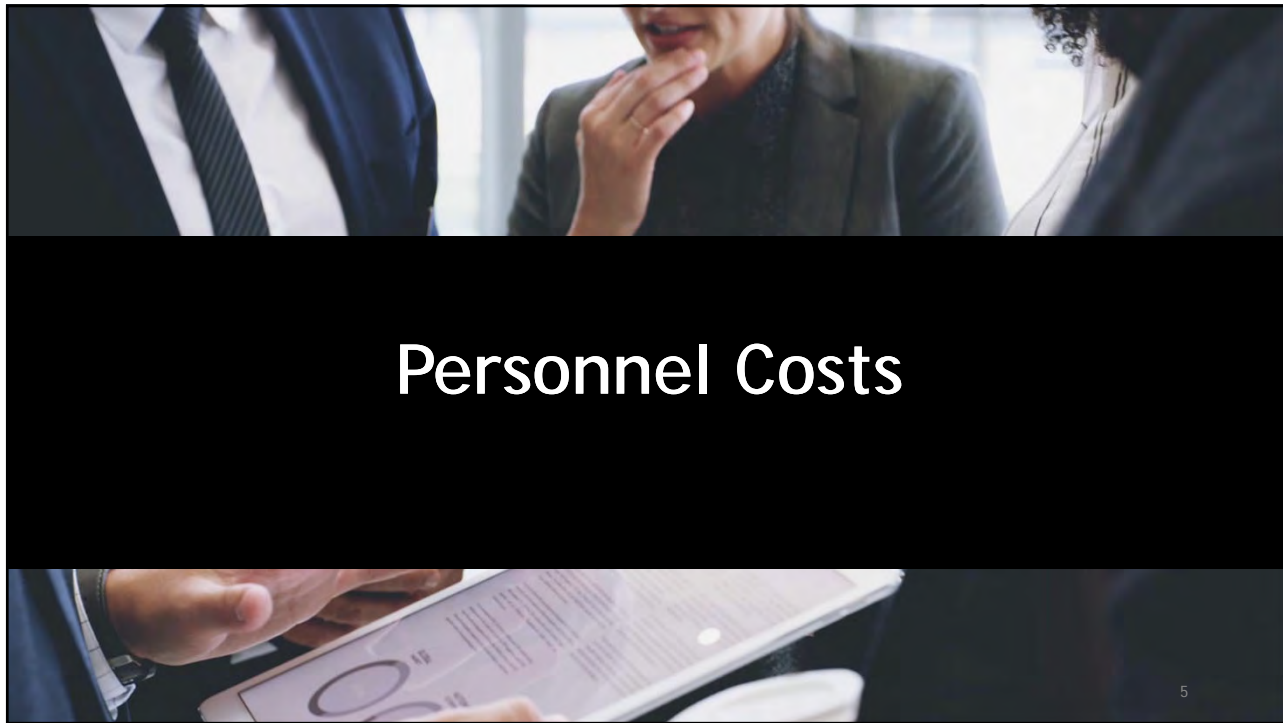
- December – Budget Templates delivered to Department Managers
- January – Leadership and Managers Budget Kick-Off meetings
- February – Collected Personnel, Supplies and Services, CIP, Capital costs and develop preliminary rates
- March – Reviewed budget with Leadership Team and then present to GM and AG. Revise as needed.
- April – Finalize headcount, all expenses and lock in Rates and Volumes. Present budget to Finance and Audit Committee and Board. Publish Proposed Budget.
- May – OH, PTP and PV Contractor meetings and the Board Budget Workshop
- June – Board Meeting – Public Hearing to Adopt Budget

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Total Expenditures

	10 / 50	110	120	420	450	460	470	
	General/Water							
	Conservation	State Water	Water Purchase	Freeman	OH Pipeline	PV Pipeline	PT Pipeline	
in USD '000's	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Proposed Budget 2025-26								
Personnel	7,243	-	-	1,281	1,106	370	718	\$ 10,718
Operating Expenses	10,157	-	4,112	2,112	3,743	136	1,662	\$ 21,921
Depreciation	1,354	-	-	483	950	87	806	\$ 3,680
Overhead	6,187	-	-	1,486	919	79	638	\$ 9,308
Other	14,607	-	119	4,610	3,502	120	2,171	\$ 25,130
Expenditures	\$ 39,548	\$ -	\$ 4,231	\$ 9,971	\$ 10,220	\$ 793	\$ 5,994	\$ 70,757
Budget 2024-25								
Personnel	6,762	-	-	1,329	884	215	602	\$ 9,792
Operating Expenses	9,578	-	5,205	1,932	3,547	219	1,707	\$ 22,188
Depreciation	1,155	-	-	412	810	74	687	\$ 3,138
Overhead	4,200	-	-	1,110	1,351	50	595	\$ 7,305
Other	15,144	-	114	4,038	2,050	31	5,262	\$ 26,639
Expenditures	\$ 36,838	\$ -	\$ 5,319	\$ 8,822	\$ 8,641	\$ 589	\$ 8,853	\$ 69,061
Variance								
Personnel	482	-	-	(49)	223	155	116	\$ 926
Operating Expenses	579	-	(1,093)	179	196	(82)	(46)	\$ (267)
Depreciation	199	-	-	71	140	13	119	\$ 542
Overhead	1,987	-	-	375	(432)	29	43	\$ 2,003
Other	(536)	-	5	572	1,452	89	(3,091)	\$ (1,509)
Expenditures	\$ 2,711	\$ -	\$ (1,088)	\$ 1,149	\$ 1,579	\$ 204	\$ (2,860)	\$ 1,695

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Personnel Costs

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Total Personnel Costs						
(thousands)	Actual	Projected	Proposed	Variance	Variance	
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Budget			%
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26			
Regular Salaries	\$ 7,972	\$ 5,575	\$ 5,872	\$ 296		5.3%
Part-Time Salaries	\$ 464	\$ 303	\$ 651	\$ 348		114.8%
Overtime Salaries	\$ 196	\$ 133	\$ 237	\$ 104		78.6%
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,217	\$ 3,363	\$ 3,959	\$ 596		17.7%
Total Personnel Cost	\$ 13,849	\$ 9,374	\$ 10,718	\$ 1,344		14.3%
Full-Time Equivalent	77	77	78			
Budget Assumptions 2025-26						
COLA 2%	\$200K	Medical 10%	\$148K			
Merit 5%	\$100K	Promotions	\$ 72K			

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Supplies and Services



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Supplies and Services

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Supplies and Services

(thousands)	Actual		Projected		Proposed Budget		Variance	Variance %
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2025-26	FY 2025-26		
Operating Expenditures	\$ 24,125	\$ 22,228	\$ 21,921	\$ (307)	\$ -1.4%			
Replacement/Depreciation	\$ 2,972	\$ 3,138	\$ 3,680	\$ 542	\$ 17.3%			
Allocated Overhead	\$ 5,906	\$ 6,225	\$ 9,308	\$ 3,083	\$ 49.5%			
Debt Service	\$ 2,276	\$ 2,236	\$ 2,414	\$ 178	\$ 8.0%			
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,638	\$ 3,858	\$ 2,236	\$ (1,622)	\$ -42.0%			
Total Costs	\$ 37,917	\$ 37,685	\$ 39,559	\$ 1,874	5.0%			

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Capital Improvement Projects

Major projects for FY2025-26 include:

- Santa Felicia Dam - \$7.3 million
- Freeman Diversion Expansion - \$3.8 million
- EBB Water - \$3.0 million
- Recreation Area Renovation - \$2.0 million
- Well 13-14 Rehabilitation/Upgrades - \$1.8 million

Capital Improvement Projects are flat year over year from \$20.4 million to \$21.0 million

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Capital Improvement Projects

CIP PROJECT COSTS								
Project Name	Project #	Approved Allocation thru 6-30-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30 and Beyond	Project Total
Well Replacement Program	8000	2,739,679	9,196	1,210,000	-	-	-	3,958,875
Freeman Diversion Expansion	8001	23,454,642	3,805,915	2,400,000	13,200,000	30,800,000	-	73,660,558
SFD Outlet Works Rehabilitation	8002	17,538,371	6,488,219	11,756,840	28,112,901	57,248,181	38,047,520	159,192,032
SFD Probable Maximum Flood Containment	8003	10,397,260	850,761	620,965	1,050,000	1,110,000	74,872,500	88,901,485
Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Freeman to Ferro Basin	8018	7,085,437	95,740	4,835,000	4,755,000	-	-	16,771,177
Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment	8019	10,965,960	2,972,371	15,069,061	19,047,164	16,572,171	384,153,589	448,780,317
Rice Avenue Overpass PTP	8021	208,502	572,886	-	-	-	-	781,388
PTP Metering Improvement Project	8022	1,852,005	49,252	-	-	-	-	1,901,257
State Water Interconnection Project	8025	349,738	9,286	-	-	-	-	359,024
Asset Management/CMMS System	8041	692,728	864,840	1,590,000	1,140,000	-	-	4,287,568
PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline	8043	6,860,329	554,546	3,600,000	-	-	-	11,014,875
Operational Technology Modernization Project	8046	845,918	22,736	-	-	-	-	868,655
Lake Piru Recreation Area Pavement Maintenance Program	8047	702,542	272,128	250,000	-	-	-	1,224,671
Main Supply Pipeline Sodium Hypochlorite Injection Facility	8053	618,343	-	-	-	-	-	618,343
Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations	8055	1,533,085	1,973,643	1,500,000	-	-	-	5,006,728
OHP Low-Flow Upgrades	8056	206,819	-	-	-	-	-	206,819
Piru Early Warning System Replacement	8058	97,500	150,000	150,000	-	-	-	397,500
OH Well 13 Rehabilitation	8059	56,080	742,362	150,000	-	-	-	948,442
OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades	8060	478,680	1,055,279	360,000	-	-	-	1,893,959
EI Rio Office Rehabilitation	8061	95,000	-	330,000	-	-	-	425,000
OHP Gas Booster Replacement Project	8062	-	544,862	4,000,000	-	-	-	4,544,862
TOTAL		\$86,778,620	\$21,034,024	\$47,821,866	\$67,305,065	\$105,730,352	\$497,073,609	\$825,743,537

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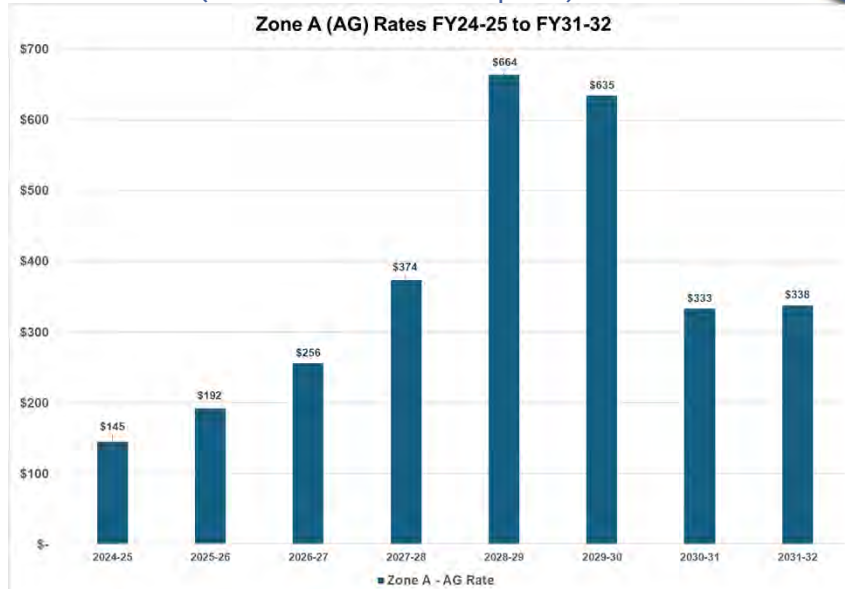
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Revenue

in USD '000's	10 / 50 General/Water Conservation Fund	110 State Water Fund	120 Water Purchase Fund	420 Freeman Fund	450 OH Pipeline Fund	460 PV Pipeline Fund	470 PT Pipeline Fund	Total
Proposed Budget 2025-26								
Property Tax	3,773	4,269	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 8,042
Water Deliveries	4,344	-	-	3,119	8,807	313	4,169	\$ 20,751
Groundwater	23,305	-	-	7,517	-	-	-	\$ 30,822
Other	11,511	122	2,137	244	801	50	561	\$ 15,424
Revenue	\$ 42,932	\$ 4,391	\$ 2,137	\$ 10,879	\$ 9,608	\$ 362	\$ 4,730	\$ 75,039
Budget 2024-25								
Property Tax	3,609	4,064	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 7,674
Water Deliveries	2,615	-	-	2,615	7,957	293	4,163	\$ 17,644
Groundwater	17,153	-	-	7,899	-	-	-	\$ 25,052
Other	12,705	87	1,932	128	707	18	3,354	\$ 18,931
Revenue	\$ 36,083	\$ 4,152	\$ 1,932	\$ 10,642	\$ 8,664	\$ 311	\$ 7,518	\$ 69,300
Variance								
Property Tax	164	204	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 368
Water Deliveries	1,729	-	-	503	850	20	6	\$ 3,107
Groundwater	6,152	-	-	(382)	-	-	-	\$ 5,770
Other	(1,195)	34	205	116	94	32	(2,794)	\$ (3,507)
Revenue	\$ 6,850	\$ 239	\$ 205	\$ 237	\$ 944	\$ 51	\$ (2,788)	\$ 5,738

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Projected Rates (estimates based on assumptions)



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Revenue Grants Awarded

AWARDED - IN PROJECT COMPLETION PHASE			
Award Name	Project	Amount	Notification
FY24 USBR DOI WaterSMART: Environmental Water Resource Projects - Round 1	Freeman Diversion Fish Screen and Fish Bypass System Project	\$3,000,000	1/7/2025
FY 2024 State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for Local & Tribal Governments	Firewall & Network Switch Equipment Upgrades, Endpoint & Network Monitoring Installation, and Cybersecurity Vulnerability Review for the OT & SCADA Networking Systems	\$247,500	12/31/2024
FY24 FEMA High Hazard Potential Dams Grant Program	Santa Felicia: 100% Design and Bid Document Preparation for the Santa Felicia Dam Spillway Improvement Project	\$626,066	11/8/2024
FY23 USBR DOI WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects	Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Rehabilitation Project	\$20,000,000	9/24/2024
DWR Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Round 2 - Implementation	Groundwater Recharge Capacity Expansion Project (Ferro-Rose Recharge)	\$1,000,000	4/1/2023
SWRCB Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program Round 3 - Implementation	Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project Phase 1B	\$8,449,062	3/6/2023
FY22 FEMA High Hazard Potential Dams Grant	Santa Felicia Dam Spillway Improvement Project – 60% Design Structural Analysis	\$113,750	12/12/2022
DWR SWRCB Sustainable Groundwater Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin	\$1,010,300	05/03/2022, Amended 11/6/2024
DWR SWRCB Sustainable Groundwater Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation	PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline	\$4,615,856	05/03/2022, Amended 11/6/2024
DWR SWRCB Sustainable Groundwater Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation	Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project Monitoring Well Construction and Data Collection	\$1,317,600	5/3/2022
DOO Defense Community Infrastructure Program	El Rio Iron and Manganese Treatment Project	\$4,230,133	9/21/2021
DWR Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation	El Rio Iron and Manganese Treatment Project	\$3,120,887	9/29/2020
NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant	Recycled Water PTP-PV Interconnection	\$343,422	9/4/2020
DWR Prop 1 Water Use Efficiency Grant	Installation of SCADA Integrated Metering System at Turnouts of the PTP System	\$835,059	12/15/2016
CLOSED - PROJECT COMPLETED			
Award Name	Project	Amount	Award Date
CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Subrecipient Management Cost Funding	OH Backup Generator	\$26,561	3/8/2022
CalOES Community Power Resiliency to Special Districts Program	Emergency Power Supply for UWCD Drinking Water Treatment and Supply Facilities	\$198,612	3/12/2021
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	OH Backup Generator	\$862,050	12/9/2020
USFS Southern California Forests and Watersheds	Special-status surveys, habitat mapping, and non-native cowbird removal in the Los Padres National	\$154,440	9/2/2020
SWRCB Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program Round 2 - Planning	Coastal Brackish Groundwater Extraction and Treatment Plant	\$122,563	10/18/2019
Total Grants Awarded (2016-Current)		\$50,074,180	

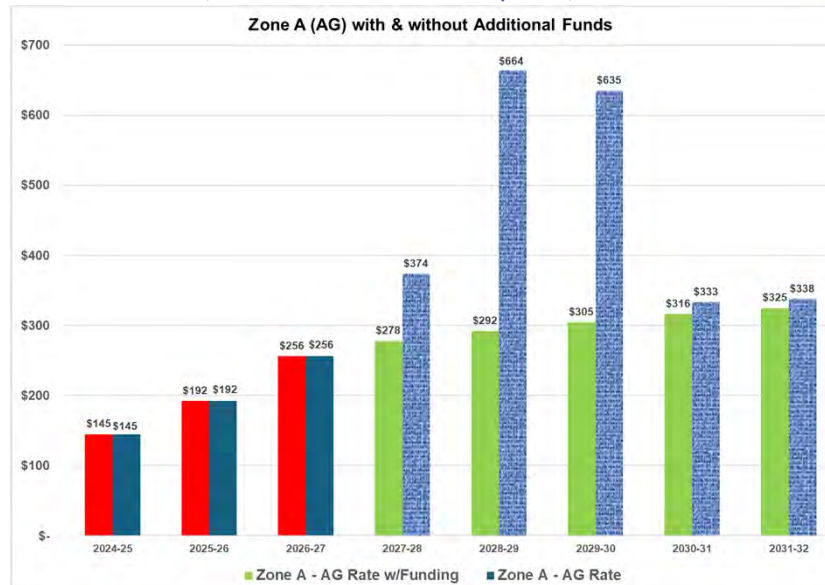
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Revenue Grants Pending Award

PENDING - APPLIED						
Funding	Project	Ask	Type	Submission Date	Latest Update	
FY25 USBR DOI Desalination and Water Purification Research Program: Research Projects	Combining Novel Pretreatment Design, Innovative RO Membranes, and Artificial Intelligence to Reduce the Impacts of Iron and Manganese Fouling Project	\$500K	Application	11/13/2024	Submitted	11/13/2024
Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program	Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Spillway and New Release Channel Design	\$1.8M	Application	10/21/2024	Submitted	10/21/2024
FY21 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Retrofit Project	\$51.225M	Application	2/15/2023	Waitlisted - Going into RFI	

- \$227 million in grants submitted and awaiting approval/award
- \$6.9 million in grants included in FY 2025-26 budget

Projected Rates (estimates based on assumptions)



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2025-26 Groundwater Extraction Rates

Groundwater Extraction Changes RATES	Current	Proposed	\$ Change
Extraction- Zone A - AG	\$ 135.07	\$ 182.34	\$ 47.27
Extraction- Zone A - M&I	\$ 151.28	\$ 204.22	\$ 52.94
Extraction- Zone B - AG	\$ 135.25	\$ 131.00	\$ (4.25)
Extraction- Zone B - M&I	\$ 151.48	\$ 146.72	\$ (4.76)
Water Purchase Surcharge - All Zones	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Zone S Surcharge - AG	\$ 26.79	\$ 30.44	\$ 4.77
Zone S Surcharge - M&I	\$ 30.01	\$ 34.09	\$ 5.35

Zone	Cost/AF
Zone A AG	\$ 192.34
Zone B AG	\$ 323.34
Zone B&S AG	\$ 353.78
Zone A M&I	\$ 214.22
Zone B M&I	\$ 360.94
Zone B&S M&I	\$ 395.03



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2025-26 Rates - OH Pipeline

United Water Conservation District			
Water Delivery Rate Summary			
Pipeline Charges (per Acre Foot): (\$)	O/H Pipeline ^{1, 2}		
	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	\$ Change
Variable Rate O&M Charge/ Variable Charge	600.64	474.62	126.02
Marginal Rate O&M Charge	29.95	237.94	(207.99)
Unrecovered Variable Charge ³	600.64	474.62	126.02
O & M Charge			
Fixed Costs/ Fixed Charge - Per Unit of Capacity	41,125.98	55,924.89	(14,798.91)
Fixed Cost - Upper System - Monthly ⁴			
Fixed Well Replacement Charge ⁵	24.40	24.40	0.00
PTP Sub-allocation Surcharge ⁶			
Saticoy Well Field Delivery Charge			
PV minimum monthly service charge ⁷			
GMA Pump Charge ⁸	55.00	55.00	0.00



Per Acre Foot Charge: \$1,016.58 M&I

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2025-26 Rates - PV Pipeline

United Water Conservation District			
Water Delivery Rate Summary			
Pipeline Charges (per Acre Foot): (\$)	PV Pipeline ²		
	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	\$ Change
Variable Rate O&M Charge/ Variable Charge			
Marginal Rate O&M Charge			
Unrecovered Variable Charge ³			
O & M Charge	20.00	25.00	(5.00)
Fixed Costs/ Fixed Charge - Per Unit of Capacity	16,000.00	20,000.00	(4,000.00)
Fixed Cost - Upper System - Monthly ⁴			
Fixed Well Replacement Charge ⁵			
PTP Sub-allocation Surcharge ⁶			
Saticoy Well Field Delivery Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00
PV minimum monthly service charge ⁷	17.00	17.00	0.00
GMA Pump Charge ⁸	55.00	55.00	0.00



Per Acre Foot Charge: \$398.34 AG

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2024-25 Rates - PTP System

United Water Conservation District

Water Delivery Rate Summary

Pipeline Charges (per Acre Foot): (\$)	PTP Pipeline ²		
	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	\$ Change
Variable Rate O&M Charge/ Variable Charge			
Marginal Rate O&M Charge			
Unrecovered Variable Charge ³			
O & M Charge	590.00	590.00	0.00
Fixed Costs/ Fixed Charge - Per Unit of Capacity	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
Fixed Cost - Upper System - Monthly ⁴	887.50	887.50	0.00
Fixed Well Replacement Charge ⁵			
PTP Sub-allocation Surcharge ⁶	See Note	See Note	See Note
Saticoy Well Field Delivery Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00
PV minimum monthly service charge ⁷			
GMA Pump Charge ⁸	55.00	55.00	0.00



Per Acre Foot Charge: \$968.34 AG

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Groundwater AF

GROUNDWATER							
Groundwater Pumping Volume History							
<i>in acre-feet</i>	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	Average
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projection	5-Year
	20-2	21-2	22-2	23-2	24-2	25-2	Average
July - Dec							
Zone A AG	43,600	38,754	37,471	34,310	41,027	37,471	39,032
Zone B AG	31,743	29,504	29,519	23,279	23,208	26,353	27,451
Zone A M&I	6,929	6,556	6,819	6,158	5,441	6,125	6,381
Zone B M&I	8,552	7,076	10,238	8,675	8,389	8,243	8,586
Zone S AG	-	-	-	289	331	186	-
Zone S M&I	-	-	-	8,388	8,160	8,270	-
Total	90,823	81,890	84,046	72,423	78,065	78,191	81,449
% of FY Total	54.3%	53.1%	67.3%	64.1%	65.5%	62.6%	60.0%
Jan - June							
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Forecasted	Projection	5-Year
	21-1	22-1	23-1	24-1	25-1	26-1	Average
Zone A AG	36,091	33,611	17,472	17,793	18,624	21,258	24,718
Zone B AG	27,003	23,581	11,707	11,577	13,807	15,080	17,535
Zone A M&I	5,728	6,668	4,379	4,633	3,734	4,324	5,028
Zone B M&I	7,516	8,438	7,314	6,627	4,966	5,996	6,972
Zone S AG	-	-	-	315	186	186	-
Zone S M&I	-	-	-	6,625	8,270	8,270	-
Total	76,338	72,298	40,872	40,629	41,130	46,658	54,253
% of FY Total	45.7%	46.9%	32.7%	35.9%	34.5%	37.4%	40.0%
FY Total	167,161.30	154,187.58	124,918.17	113,051.09	119,194.46	124,849.09	135,702.52

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Pipeline OH (AF)

ALL OH SYSTEM								
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5-year Average	2025-26
Jul	1,240.24	1,484.10	1,205.48	794.49	909.21	966.10	1,071.88	964.69
Aug	1,173.79	1,251.46	1,200.96	870.33	678.36	1,391.62	1,078.54	970.69
Sep	1,067.65	1,328.00	1,174.77	975.64	768.36	982.28	1,045.81	941.23
Oct	988.85	1,467.38	1,449.96	926.65	1,052.29	1,034.21	1,186.10	1,067.49
Nov	806.09	1,277.97	1,317.58	817.63	1,170.71	750.32	1,066.84	960.16
Dec	811.61	1,059.27	1,136.81	687.68	813.99	858.06	911.16	820.05
Jan	857.87	927.37	1,118.58	603.11	580.79	1,039.12	853.79	768.41
Feb	844.36	996.27	965.04	674.22	689.65	718.18	833.91	750.52
Mar	749.27	1,100.51	1,190.89	703.11	934.30	816.86	935.62	842.05
Apr	854.51	993.09	1,039.58	979.61	740.65	818.92	921.49	829.34
May	1,190.35	1,253.99	1,098.96	1,143.85	1,339.17	943.50	1,205.26	1,084.74
June	1,265.51	1,161.60	838.49	1,223.54	1,253.93	865.08	1,148.61	1,033.75
Total	11,850.10	14,301.01	13,737.11	10,399.86	10,931.41	11,184.24	12,259.02	11,033.12

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Pipeline PV (AF)

PVP							
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Projected 2025-26	5-year Average
Jul	41.30	-	-	766.10	704.40	494.75	302.36
Aug	138.20	-	-	691.10	967.00	587.85	359.26
Sep	1,162.97	-	-	845.60	942.40	965.72	590.19
Oct	751.94	-	0.30	1,114.20	1,177.50	996.15	608.79
Nov	343.88	-	-	661.10	734.30	569.19	347.86
Dec	13.36	15.20	7.90	314.40	679.60	337.22	206.09
Jan	16.87	342.30	84.30	100.40	876.10	464.69	283.99
Feb	371.76	304.90	312.80	-	-	419.20	256.19
Mar	265.90	-	18.90	109.80	-	161.08	98.44
Apr	64.70	96.50	598.80	204.30	-	318.09	194.40
May	-	-	330.00	527.50	-	280.62	171.50
June	-	-	425.10	717.60	-	405.44	247.78
Total	3,170.88	758.90	1,778.10	6,052.10	6,081.30	6,000.00	3,666.86

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Pipeline PTP (AF)

PTP							
	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>Projected 2025-26</u>	<u>5-year Average</u>
Jul	385.32	378.15	309.00	395.68	276.37	340.00	348.90
Aug	683.23	596.03	591.42	531.82	497.45	560.00	579.99
Sep	479.71	485.81	555.90	496.27	543.76	500.00	512.29
Oct	841.04	669.20	786.16	913.02	831.10	780.00	808.10
Nov	540.08	525.37	475.13	524.99	508.29	500.00	514.77
Dec	524.51	170.24	204.30	304.41	347.60	300.00	310.21
Jan	410.81	334.79	152.70	226.90	436.43	300.00	312.33
Feb	433.48	576.13	350.27	137.72	430.00	380.00	388.93
Mar	512.75	596.85	218.55	324.53	390.00	380.00	391.67
Apr	648.21	617.25	476.62	487.41	500.00	510.00	525.21
May	632.48	621.97	537.30	538.84	540.00	560.00	578.46
June	501.80	492.66	455.76	512.65	470.00	490.00	500.20
Total	6,593	6,064	5,113	5,394	5,771	5,600	5,771

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Budget Summary and Overhead Allocation Rates

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Allocation Summary FY2024-25

United Water Conservation District Overhead Allocation

Fund	FY 2021-22 Overhead Allocation Rate	FY 2022-23 Overhead Allocation Rate	FY 2023-24 Overhead Allocation Rate	FY 2024-25 Overhead Allocation Rate	FY 2025-26 Overhead Allocation Rate	Change from FY 2024-25 to FY 2025-26
General/Water Conservation Fund	60.21%	61.80%	59.21%	57.51%	66.47%	8.96%
Freeman Fund	17.98%	17.66%	16.80%	15.18%	15.96%	0.78%
OH Pipeline Fund	10.91%	11.53%	15.57%	18.49%	9.87%	-8.62%
PV Pipeline Fund	0.99%	0.79%	0.85%	0.68%	0.85%	0.17%
PT Pipeline Fund	9.91%	8.22%	7.57%	8.14%	6.85%	-1.29%
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

Budget Summary

United Water Conservation District Adopted Operating Budget Summary FY 2025-26

(\$ thousands)	General Water Conservation Fund	Water Purchase Fund	State Water Fund	Freeman Fund	O/H Pipeline Fund	PV Pipeline Fund	PTP Pipeline Fund	TOTAL
CASH RESERVATIONS/WORKING CAPITAL								
Projected Beginning Balance July 1, 2025	17,282	7,622	5,626	132	881	1,035	1,103	33,682
REVENUES								
Property Tax	3,773	-	4,269	-	-	-	-	8,042
Water Deliveries/Fixed Costs	4,344	-	-	3,119	8,807	313	4,169	20,751
Groundwater Revenue	23,305	-	-	7,517	-	-	-	30,822
Unrecovered Variable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fox Canyon GMA	-	-	-	-	606	-	308	914
Recreation	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Grant Revenue	6,511	-	-	62	99	-	161	6,832
Rents & Leases	240	-	-	21	32	5	15	313
Investment/ Interest Earnings	572	66	122	78	34	32	71	975
Repayment of Interfund Loan	299	-	-	-	-	-	-	299
Proceeds from Financing	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Water Purchase Surcharge	-	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	2,050
Other	389	21	-	83	30	12	6	541
Total Revenues	42,932	2,137	4,391	10,879	9,608	362	4,730	75,039
EXPENDITURES								
Personnel Costs	7,243	-	-	1,281	1,106	370	718	10,718
Operating Expenditures	10,157	-	4,112	2,112	3,743	136	1,662	21,921
Replacement/Depreciation	1,354	-	-	483	950	87	806	3,680
Allocated Overhead	6,187	-	-	1,486	919	79	638	9,308
Debt Service	727	-	119	582	908	46	431	2,414
Capital Outlay	546	-	-	95	1,080	65	460	2,236
Transfers Out-CIP	13,334	-	-	3,942	1,914	9	1,280	20,480
Total Expenditures	39,548	-	4,231	9,971	10,220	793	5,994	70,757
Net Surplus/(Shortfall)	3,384	2,137	159	908	(612)	(430)	(1,264)	4,282
Reservations/Designations	(18,027)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(18,027)
Add back Depreciation	1,354	-	-	483	950	87	806	3,680
Projected Cash Reserves/Working Capital June 30, 2025	3,993	9,758	5,786	1,524	1,219	692	645	23,617
Reserve requirement	4,000	-	-	1,500	1,220	329	1,000	



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Potential Consideration

- Groundwater Rates
 - None - Rates needed to support District expenses and CIP
- OH
 - None - Rates are driven by OH contract, projected expenses and reserve requirements
- PV
 - None needed
- PTP
 - Possible use of loan to cover Fixed Costs or O&M Charge (\$865K or \$3.3M)
- Surcharge
 - Immaterial - \$10
- GMA Pump Charge
 - Pass through charge and cannot affect rate - \$55

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STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
 Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager
 John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor

From: Kathleen Kuepper, Hydrogeologist
 Bram Sercu, Principal Hydrologist

Date: May 28, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Report
Informational Item

Staff Recommendation:

Receive and file the Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District for the month of April 2025.

Summary:

Diversions, Recharge and Ag Pipeline Deliveries for Month of April 2025*

Activity	Amount (acre-feet)
Total Diversions at Freeman Diversion	0
Lloyd-Butler Mutual Water Company surface water use	NA
Recharge to Saticoy basins (metered + unmetered)	-48**
Recharge to Noble and Rose basins	0
Recharge to El Rio basins	0
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water diverted at Freeman	48**
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water pumped from Saticoy Well Field	539
Recharge to Piru spreading grounds	0

*Provisional data. Final data are made available in the September Hydrologic Conditions Report of each water year.

**Water delivered from desilting basin.

Groundwater Basin Available Storage at End of Month of April 2025

Basin	Available Storage (acre-feet)
Oxnard Forebay	20,000

Precipitation for Month of April 2025

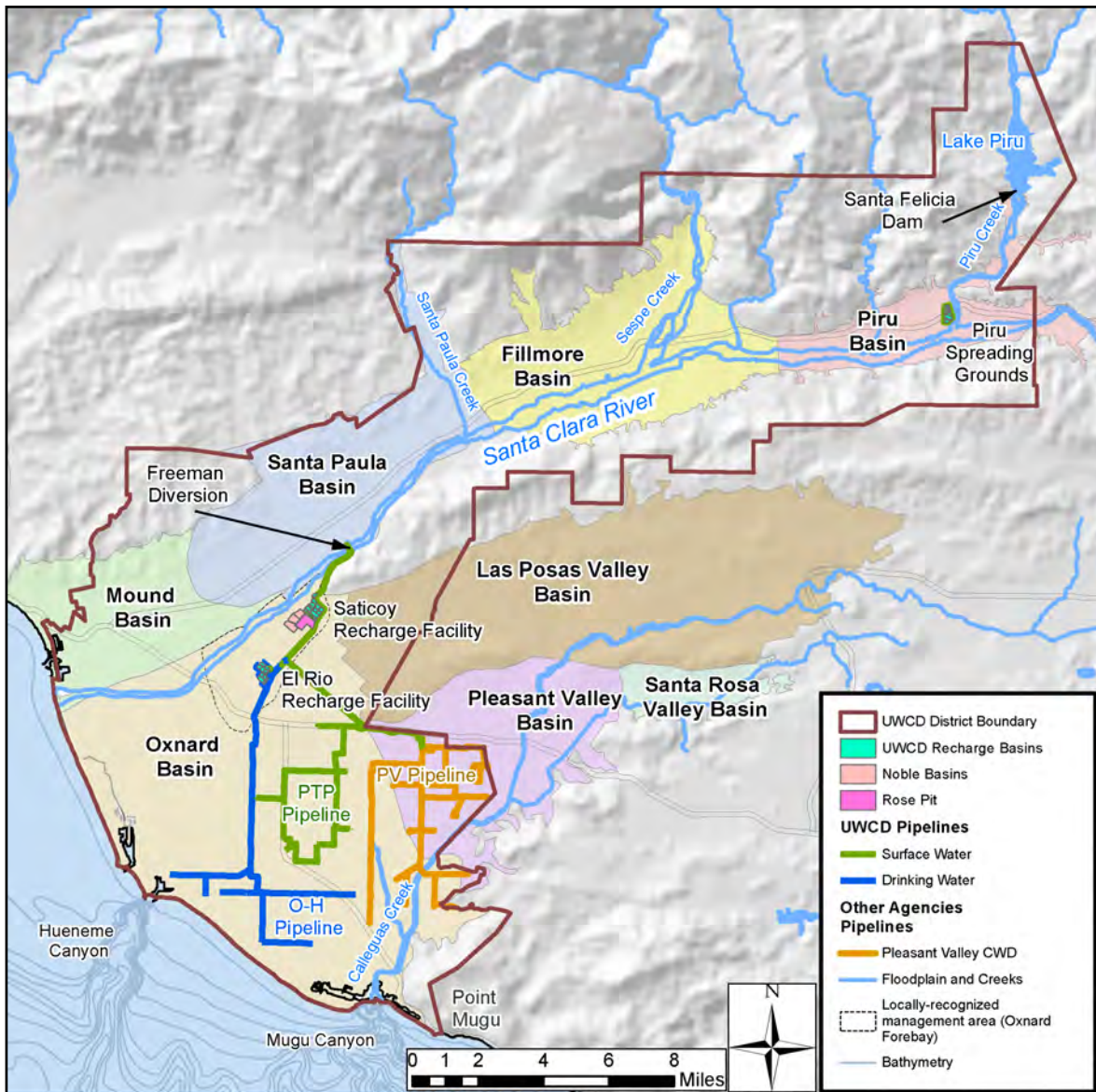
Location	Precipitation (inches)
Lake Piru	0.40
Santa Paula	0.34
El Rio	0.00



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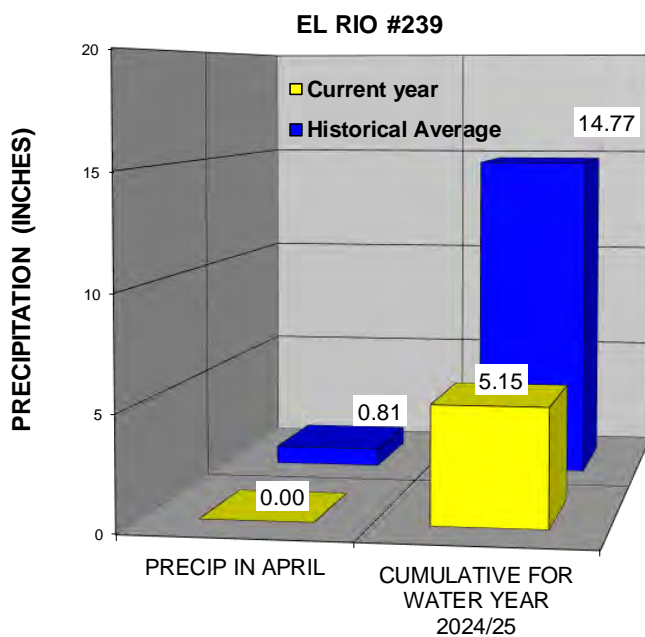
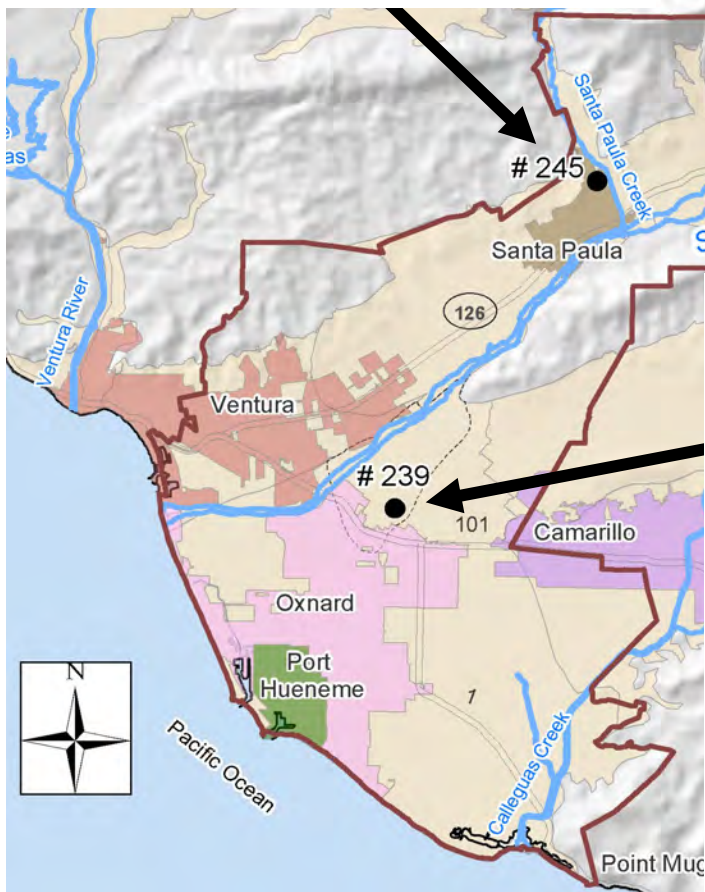
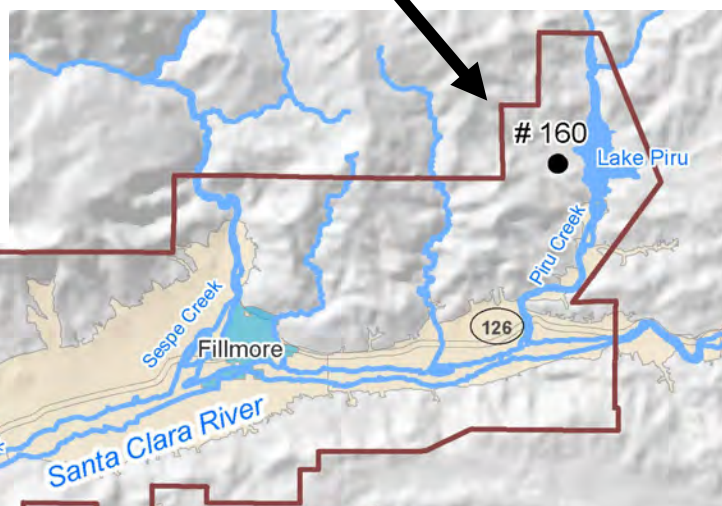
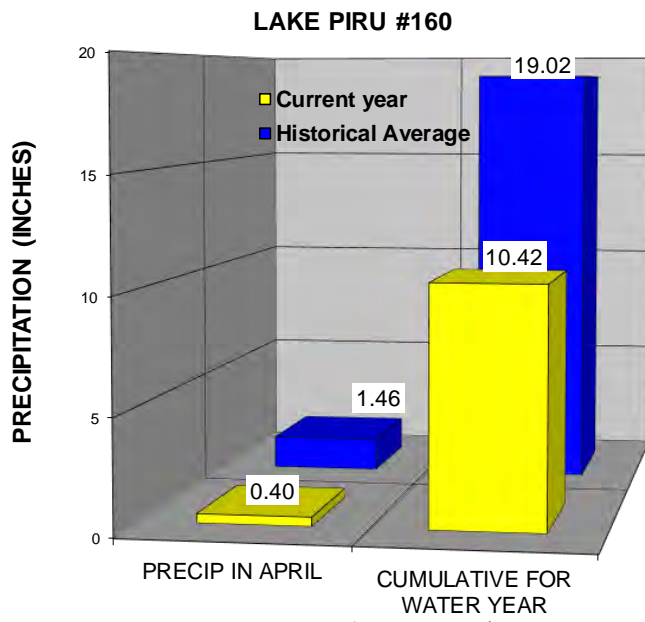
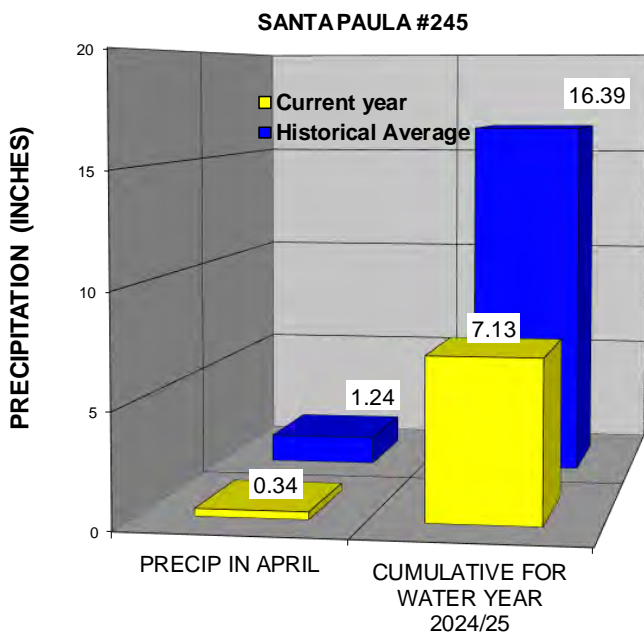
April 2025 Hydrologic Conditions Report 2024/25 Water Year

May 28, 2025



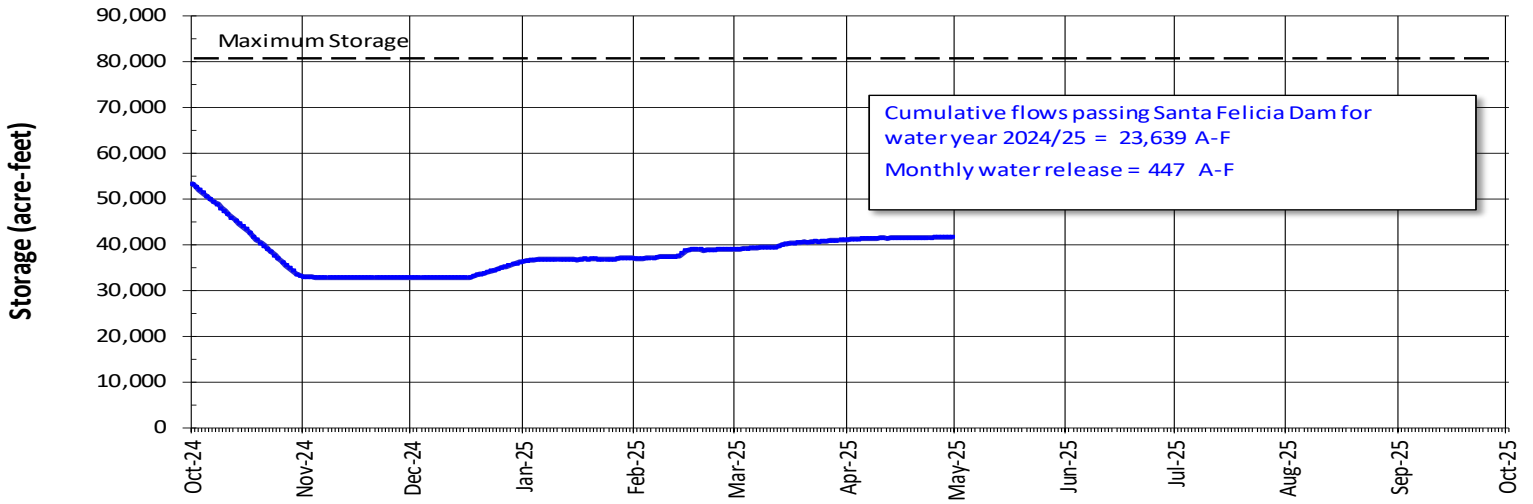
Note: This report may contain provisional data until final review at the end of the water year.

Precipitation



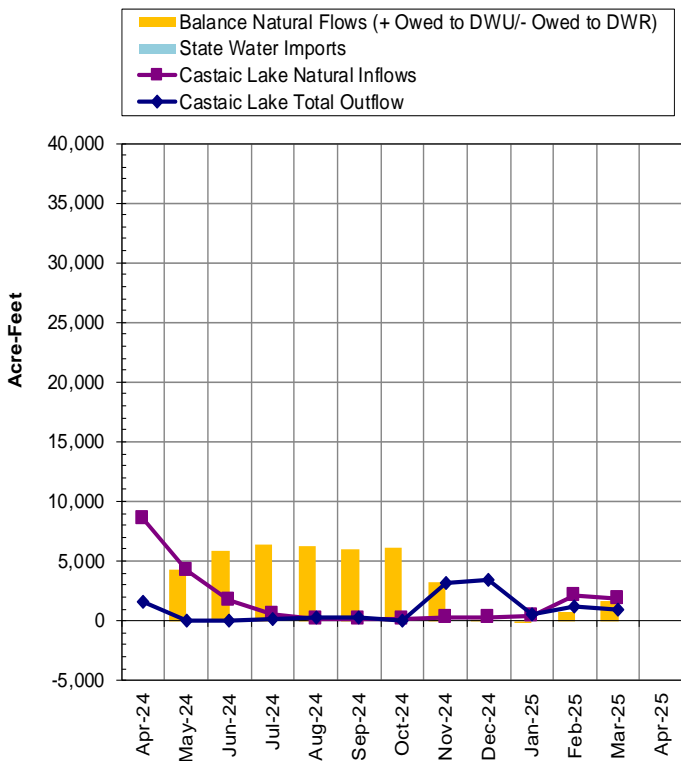
District-wide percent of normal precipitation = 45%

Lake Piru Storage and Outflow

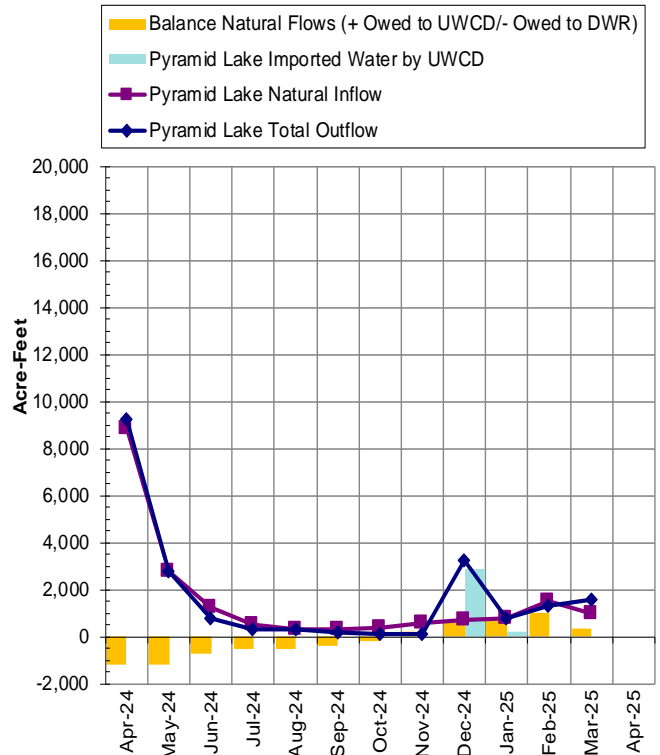


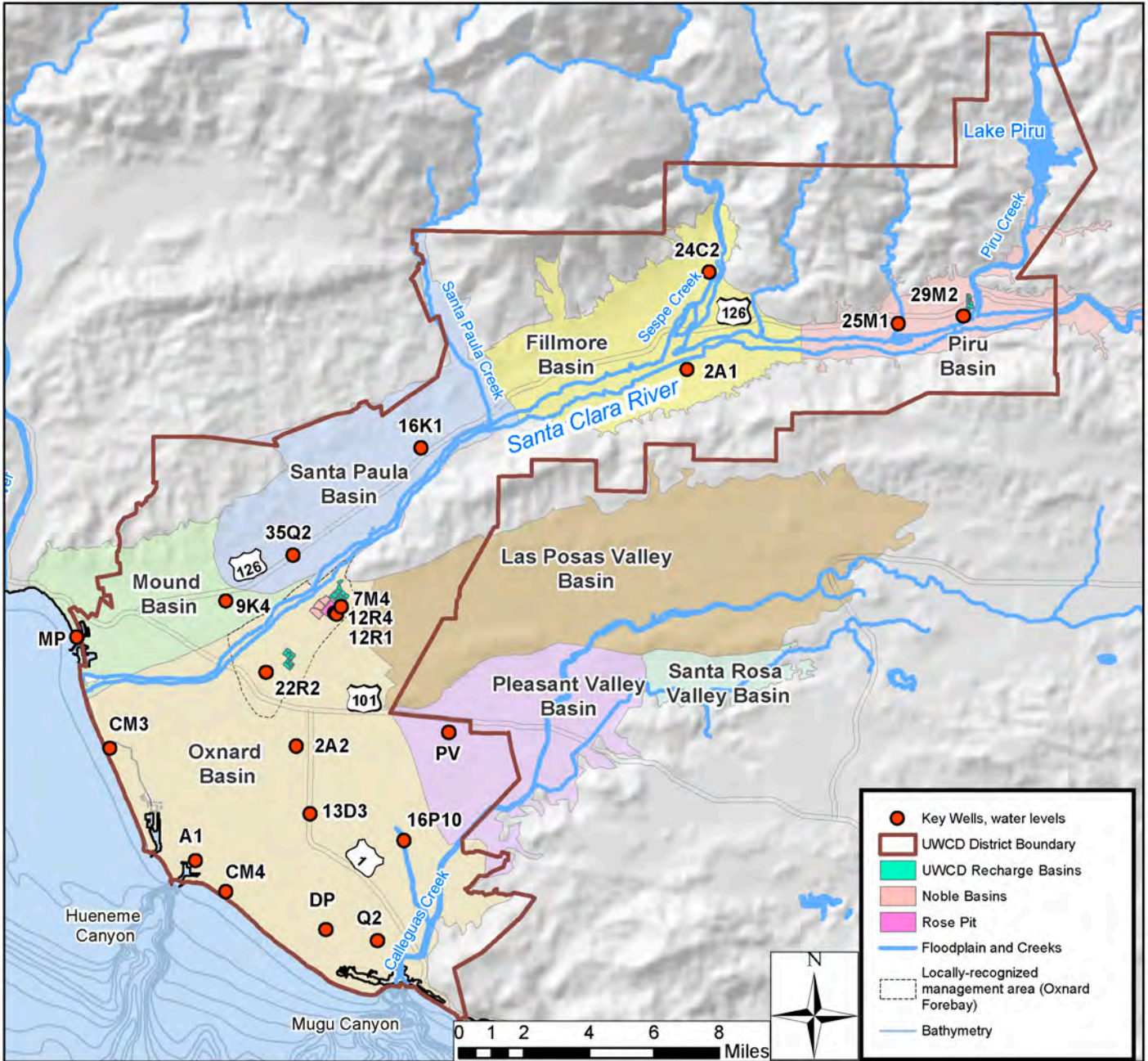
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Hydro Plant Outflow (Acre-Feet)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Cumulative Hydro Plant Outflow (A-F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					

Castaic Lake releases to downstream water users (DWU)



Pyramid Lake releases to UWCD

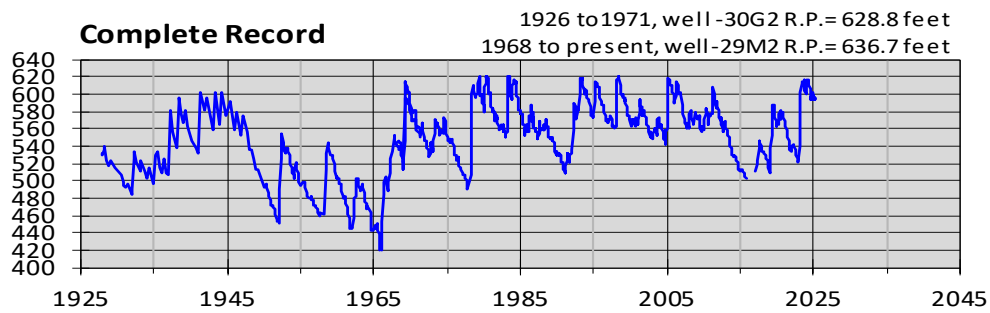
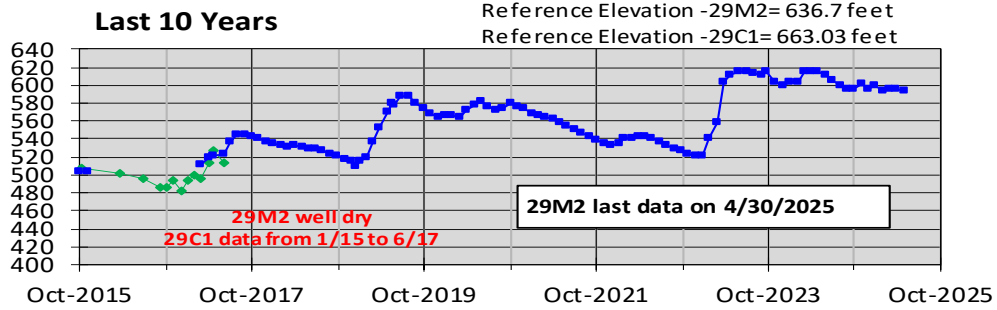




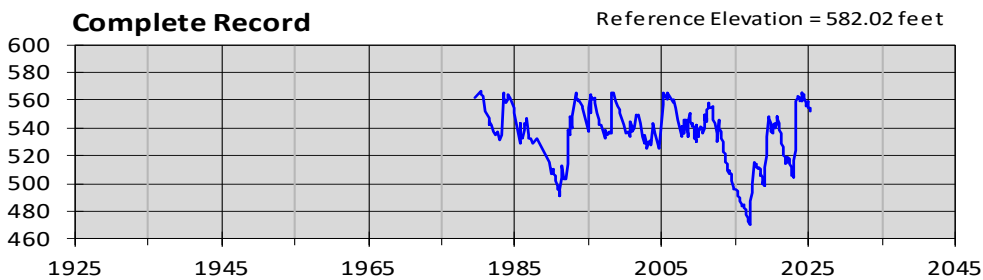
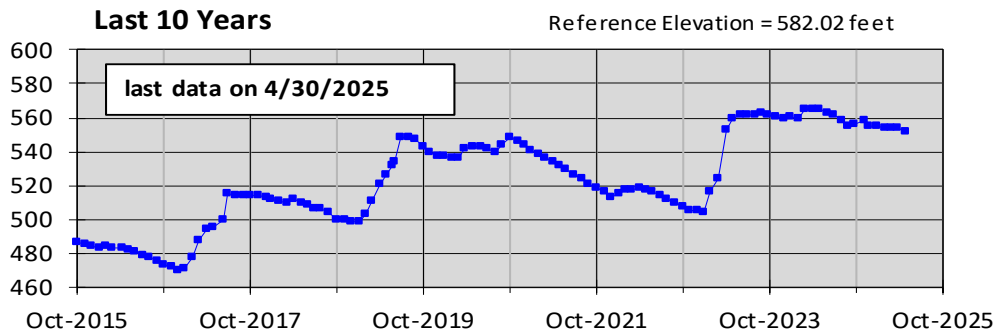
Locations of Key Wells, Monthly Groundwater Elevation Monitoring

Groundwater Elevation Records – Piru Basin

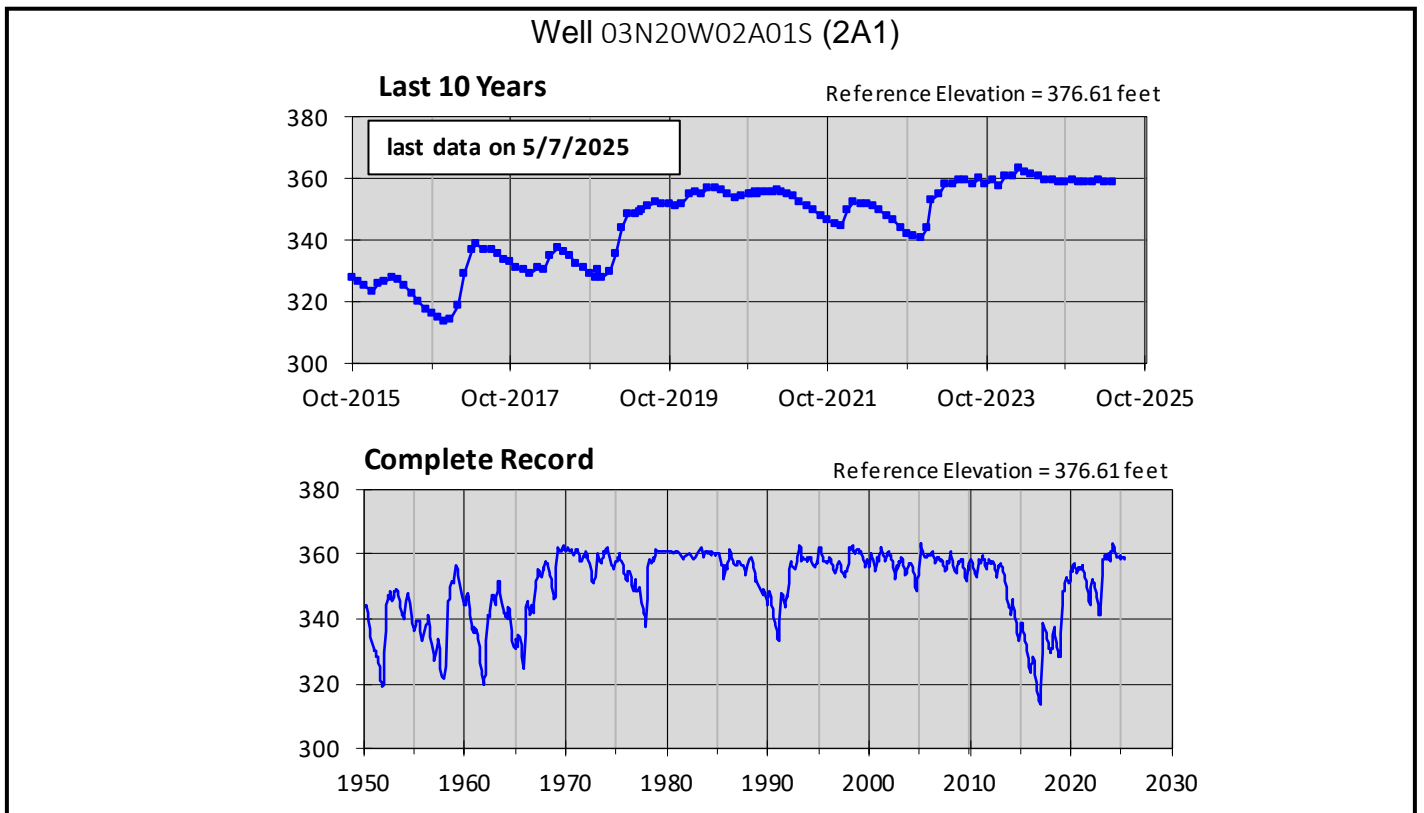
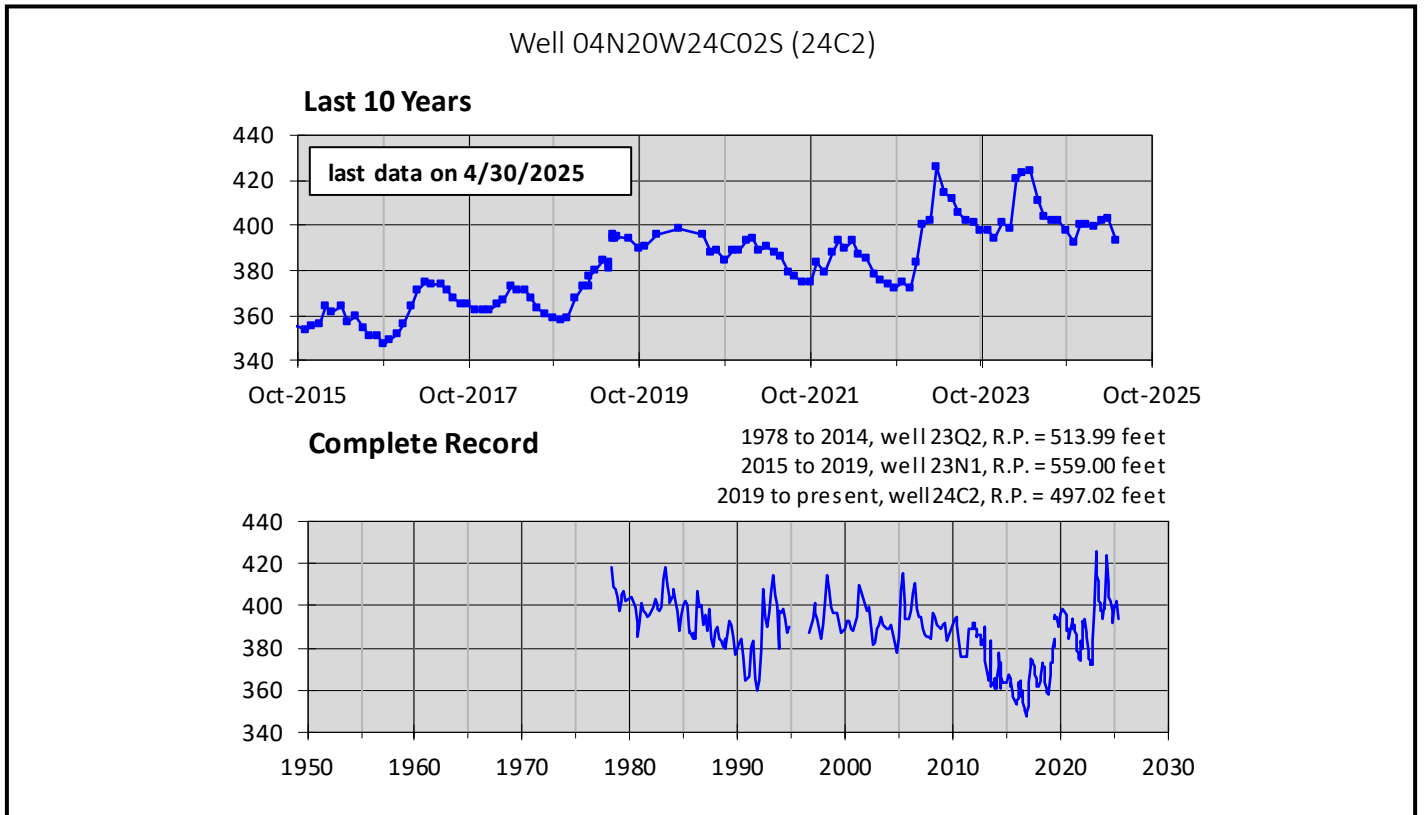
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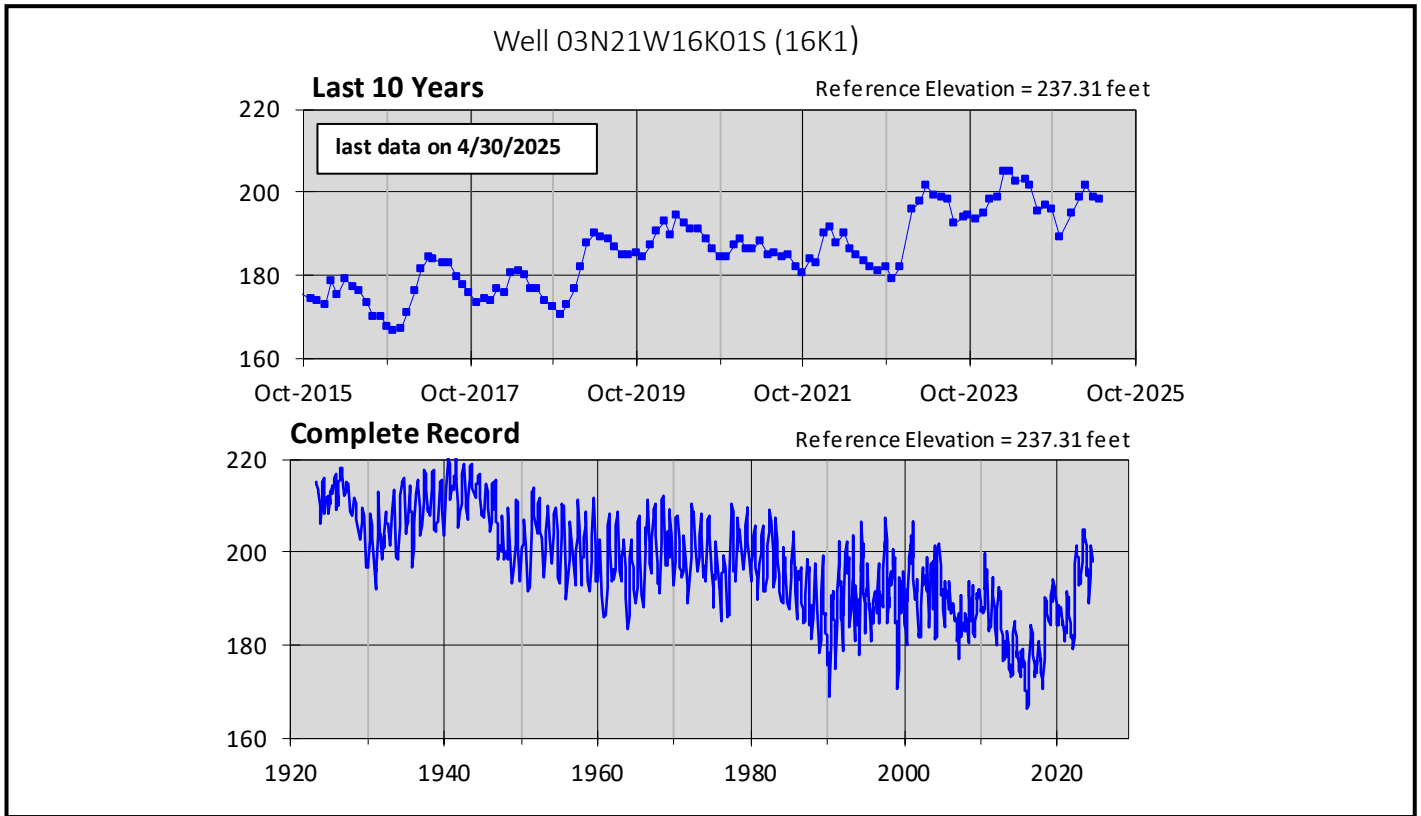
Well 04N19W25M01S (25M1)



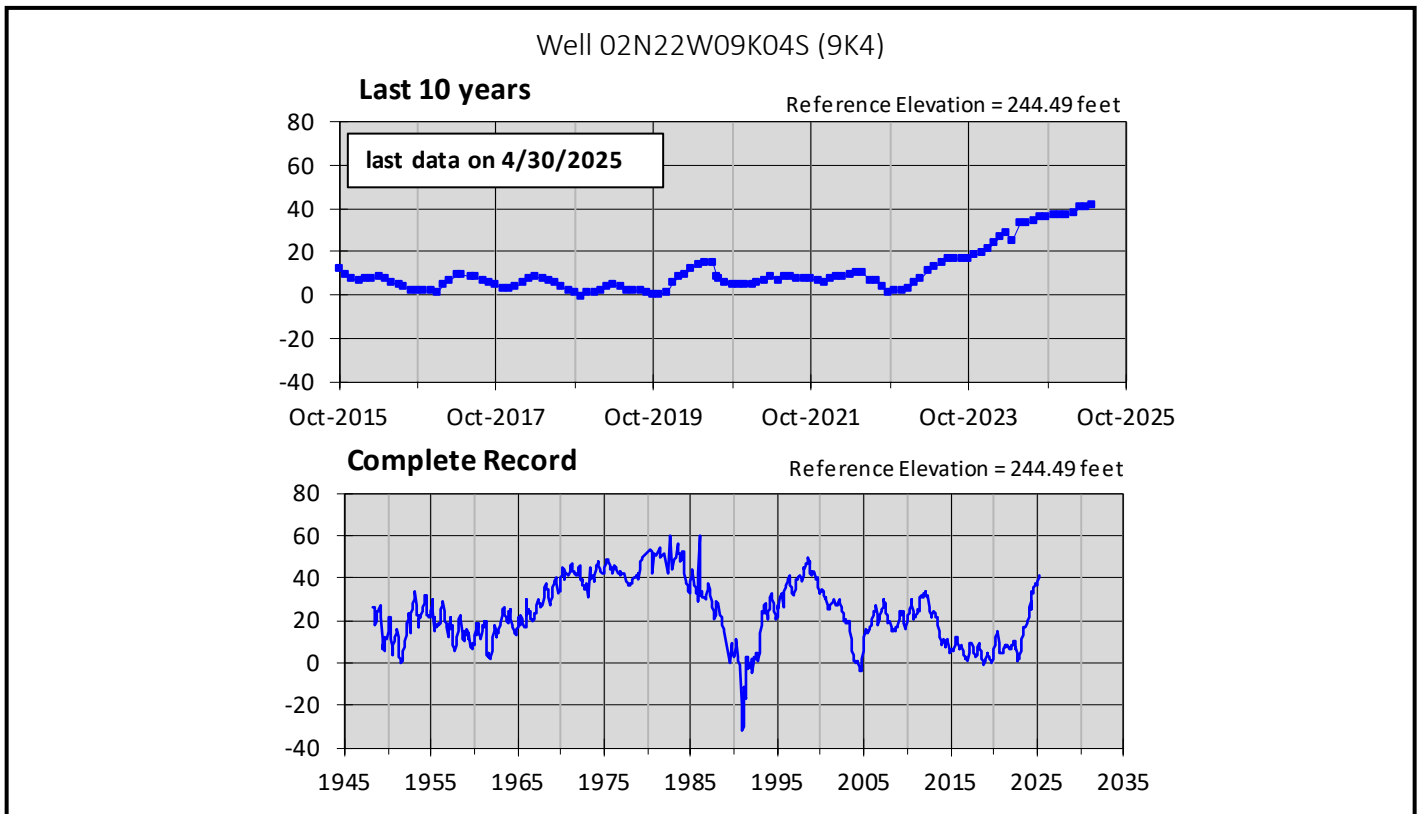
Groundwater Elevation Records – Fillmore Basin



Groundwater Elevation Records – Santa Paula Basin



Groundwater Elevation Records – Mound Basin

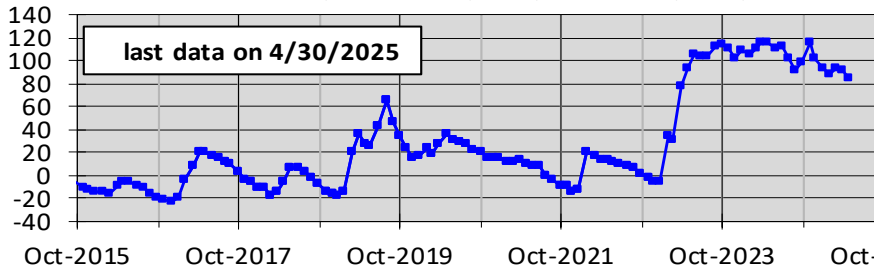


Groundwater Elevation Records – Oxnard Basin, Forebay

Wells 02N22W12R01S (12R1), 02N22W12R04S (12R4), and 02N21W07M04S (7M4)

Last 10 Years

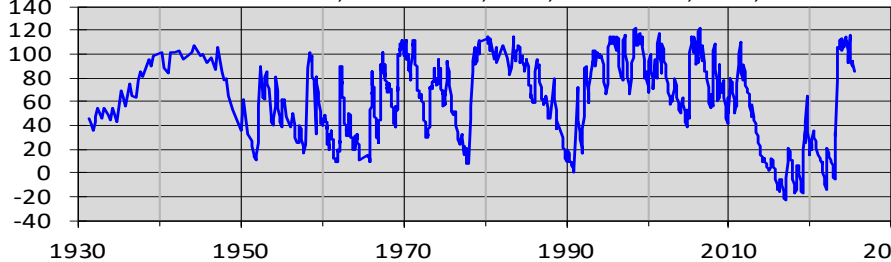
-12R1; RP = 134.19 ft; -7M4; RP = 142.84 ft; -12R4; RP = 137.11 ft



Note: Well 12R1 was destroyed in 2014 and replaced with well 12R4. When well 12R4 goes dry at approximately 9 ft msl, well 7M4 is used to measure groundwater level.

Complete Record

-12R1; RP = 134.19 ft; -7M4; RP = 142.84 ft; -12R4; RP = 137.11 ft

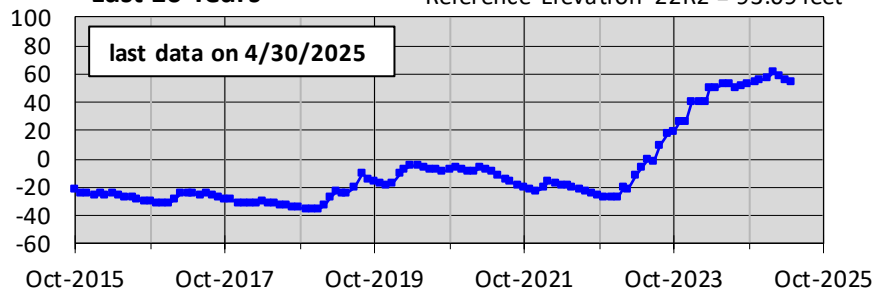


Note: Well 12R1 was destroyed in 2014 and replaced with well 12R4. When well 12R4 goes dry at approximately 9 ft msl, well 7M4 is used to measure groundwater level.

Well 02N22W22R02S (22R2)

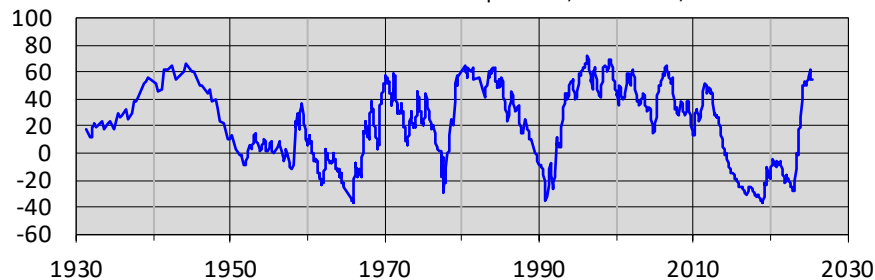
Last 10 Years

Reference Elevation -22R2 = 93.09 feet

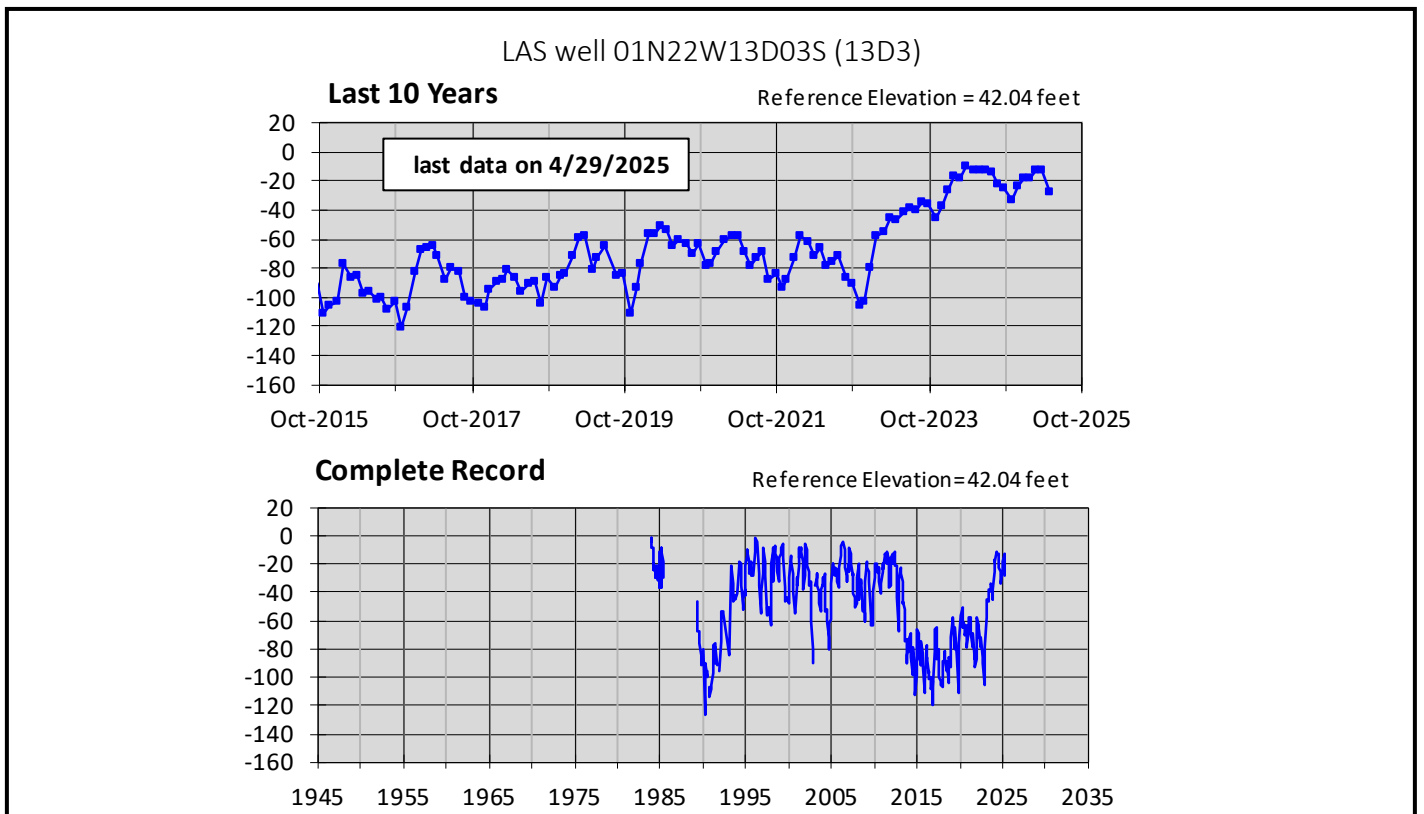
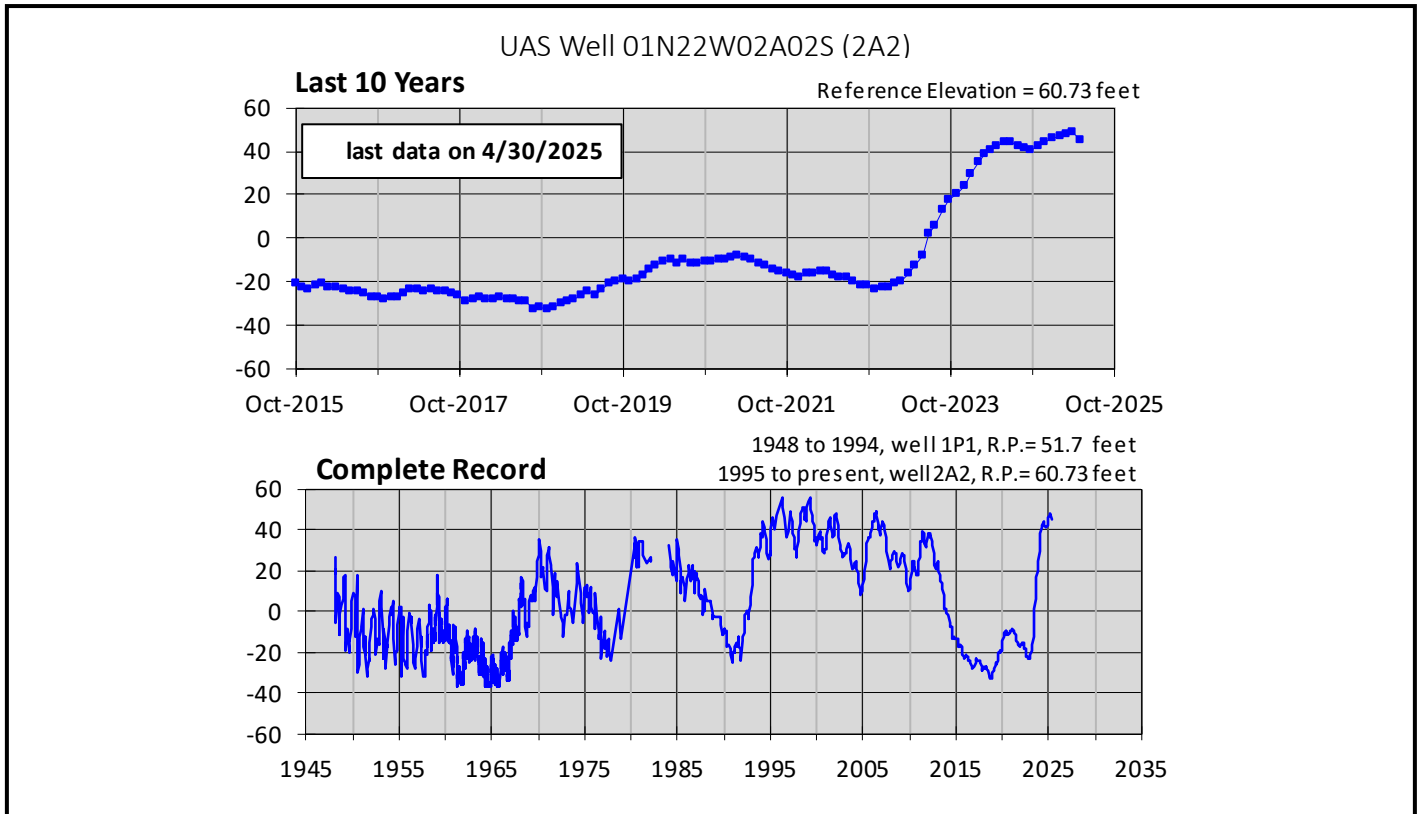


Complete Record

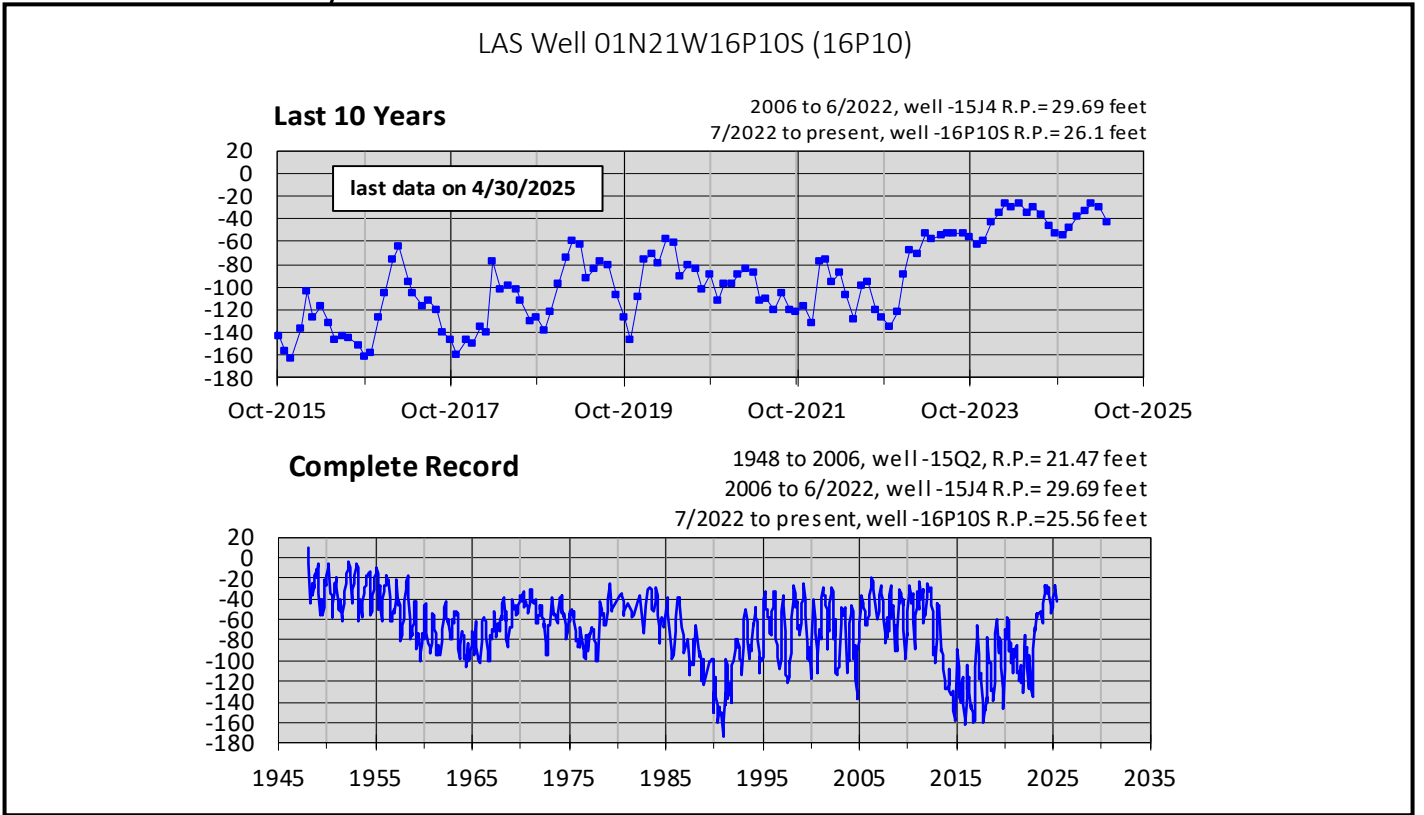
1931 to 2004, well -22R1, RP = 93.6 feet
2004 to present, well -22R2, RP = 93.09 feet



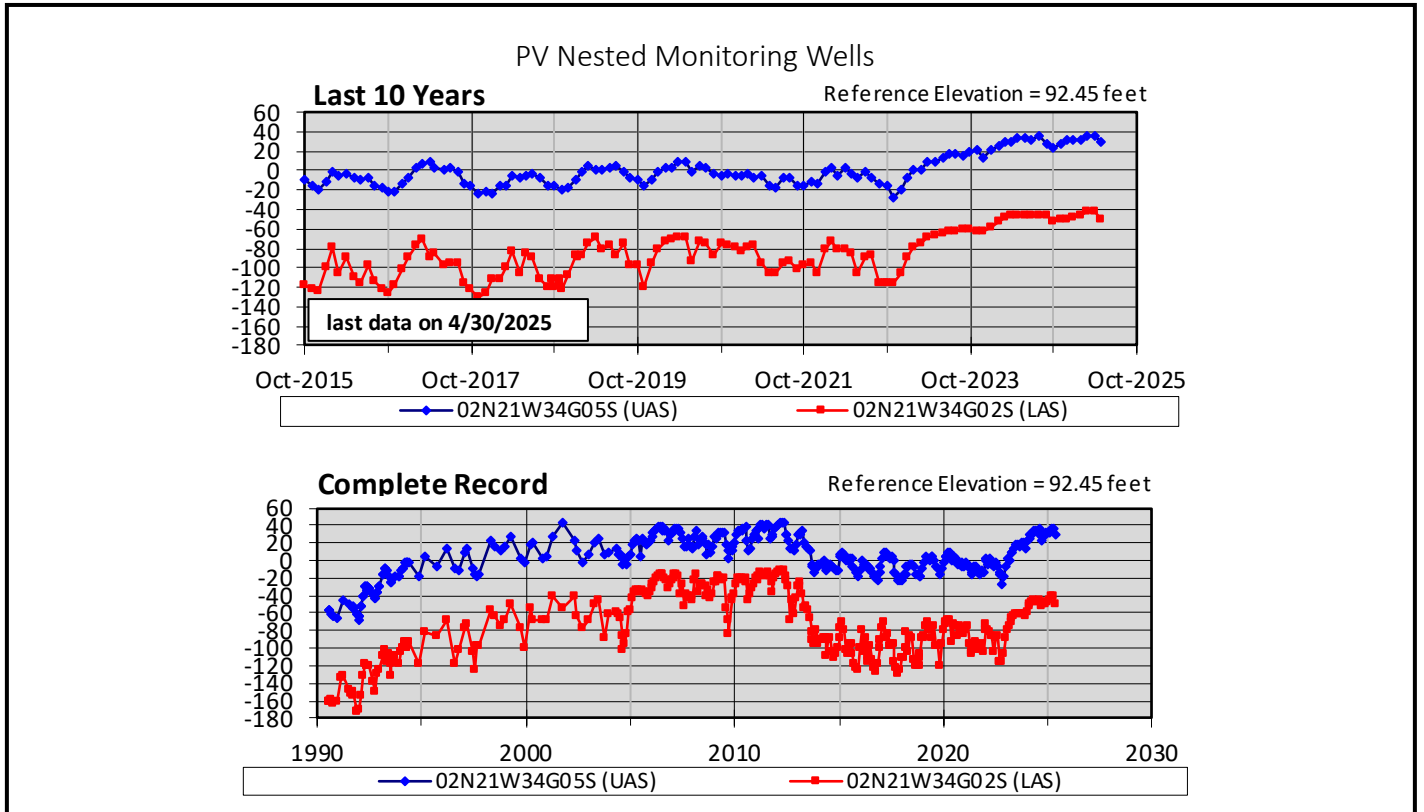
Groundwater Elevation Records – Oxnard Basin



Groundwater Elevation Records – eastern Oxnard/Pleasant Valley Basin Boundary Area

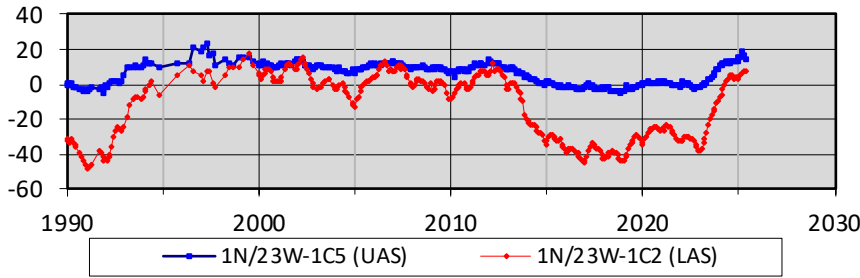


Groundwater Elevation Records – Pleasant Valley Basin

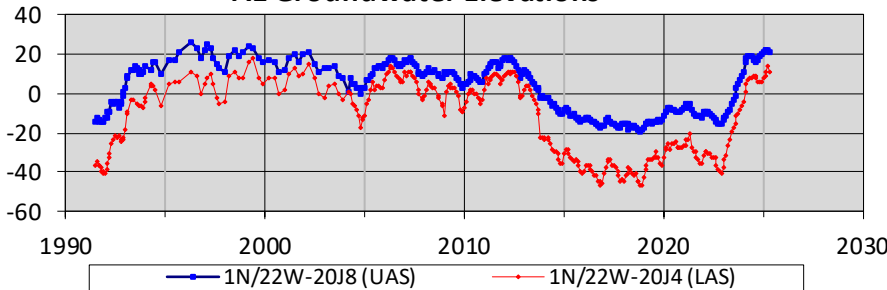


Groundwater Elevation Records – Coastal Nested Monitoring Wells

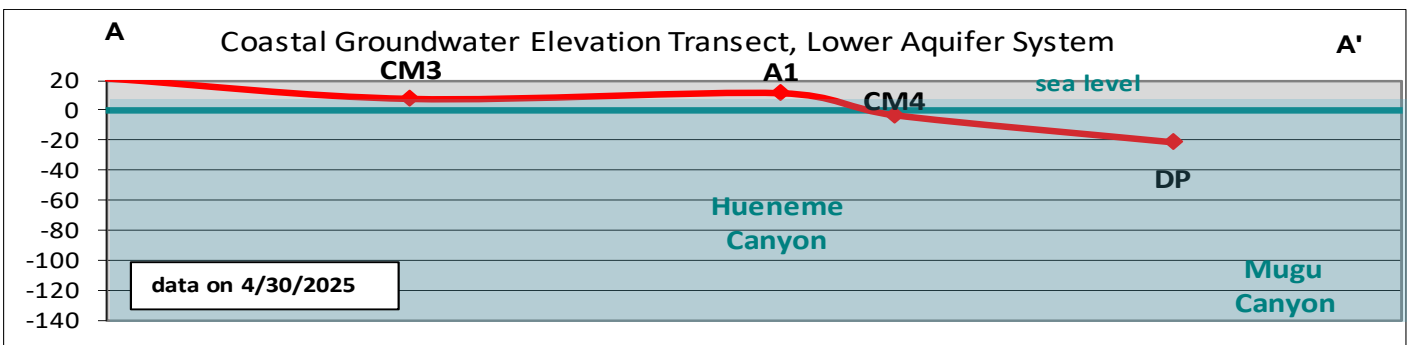
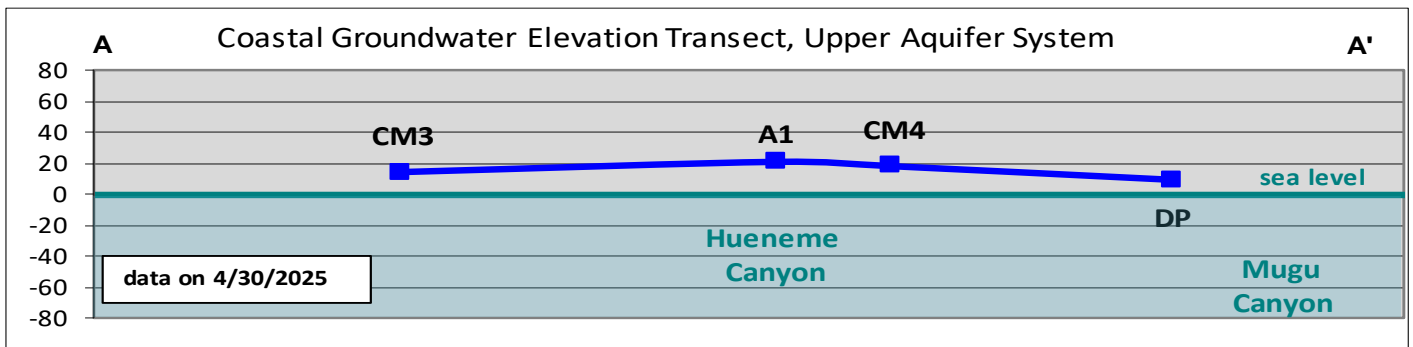
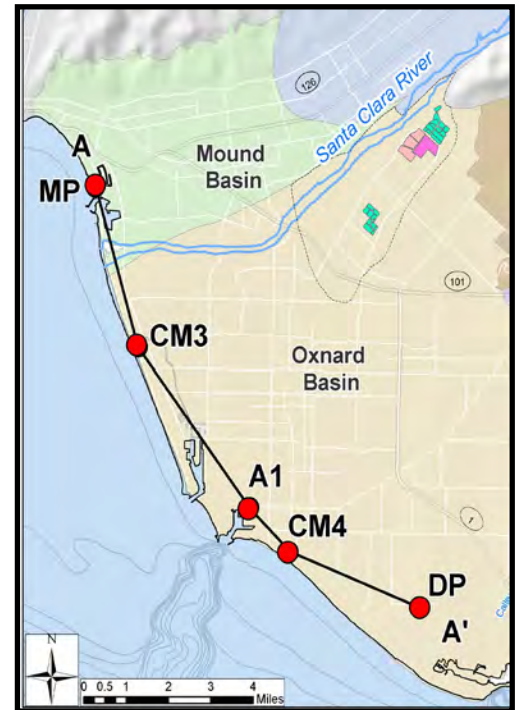
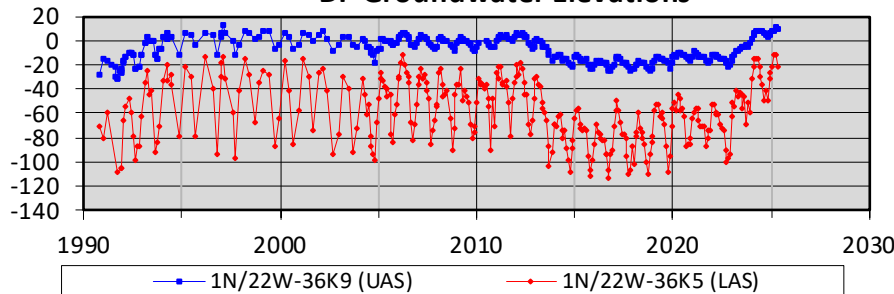
CM3 Groundwater Elevations



A1 Groundwater Elevations



DP Groundwater Elevations



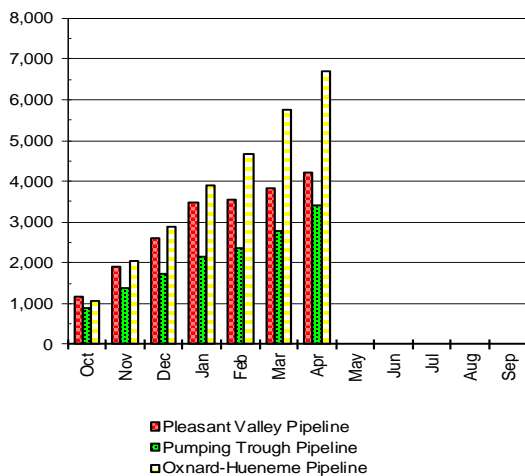
Monthly Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2024/25)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
PV Pipeline (surface water)	1,177.5	734.3	679.6	876.1	85.9	134.1	0.0					
PV Pipeline (Saticoy well field)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	134.4	376.7					
Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline	1,177.5	734.3	679.6	876.1	85.9	268.5	376.7					
PTP (surface water)	772.4	414.7	335.7	404.6	198.1	165.9	48.3					
PTP (PTP 1-5)	115.2	65.2	12.7	19.8	30.6	93.7	422.5					
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
PTP (Saticoy well field)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	134.1	162.6					
Total PTP	887.6	479.9	348.4	424.4	228.7	393.7	633.4					
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	268.5	539.3					
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,051.5	976.6	853.0	1,033.7	748.2	1,072.4	975.9					
Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP, PV, c-cust)	1,949.9	1,149.0	1,015.3	1,280.7	284.0	300.0	48.3					
Total Groundwater Delivery (PTP, OH, Sat)	1,166.7	1,041.8	865.7	1,053.5	778.8	1,434.6	1,937.7					
Total Delivery (surface water, groundwater)	3,116.6	2,190.8	1,881.0	2,334.2	1,062.8	1,734.6	1,986.0					

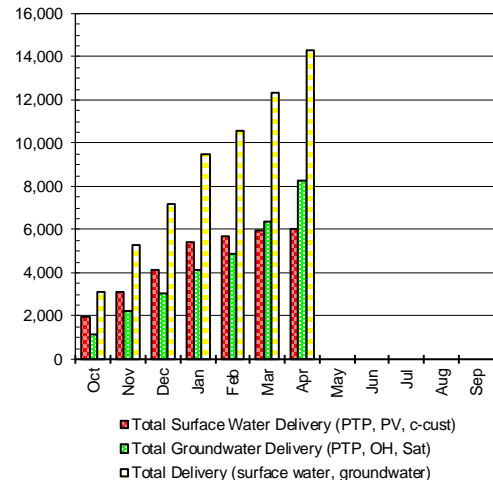
Cumulative Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2024/25)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
PV Pipeline (surface water)	1,177.5	1,911.8	2,591.4	3,467.5	3,553.4	3,687.5	3,687.5					
PV Pipeline (saticoy well field)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	134.4	511.1					
Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline	1,177.5	1,911.8	2,591.4	3,467.5	3,553.4	3,821.9	4,198.6					
PTP (surface water)	772.4	1,187.1	1,522.8	1,927.4	2,125.5	2,291.4	2,339.7					
PTP (PTP 1-5)	115.2	180.4	193.1	212.9	243.5	337.2	759.7					
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
PTP (Saticoy well field)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	134.1	296.7					
Total PTP	887.6	1,367.5	1,715.9	2,140.3	2,369.0	2,762.7	3,396.1					
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	268.5	539.3					
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,051.5	2,028.1	2,881.1	3,914.8	4,663.0	5,735.4	6,711.3					
Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP, PV, c-cust)	1,949.9	3,098.9	4,114.2	5,394.9	5,678.9	5,978.9	6,027.2					
Total Groundwater Delivery (PTP, OH, Sat)	1,166.7	2,208.5	3,074.2	4,127.7	4,906.5	6,341.1	8,278.8					
Total Delivery (surface water, groundwater)	3,116.6	5,307.4	7,188.4	9,522.6	10,585.4	12,320.0	14,306.0					

Cumulative deliveries by system



Cumulative deliveries by source/type



Monthly diversion and recharge totals by facility, 2024/25, in acre-feet

Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble/Rose Spreading	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	16,587	5,368	4,700	4,545	25
Nov	0	3,774	-111 *	2,636	70	31
Dec	0	4,438	-139 *	3,534	0	27
Jan	0	4,272	314	2,566	71	41
Feb	0	5,905	2,542	2,923	148	8
Mar	0	3,301	1,163	1,651	201	NA
Apr	0	0	-48 **	0	0	NA
May	0					
Jun	0					
Jul	0					
Aug	0					
Sep	0					

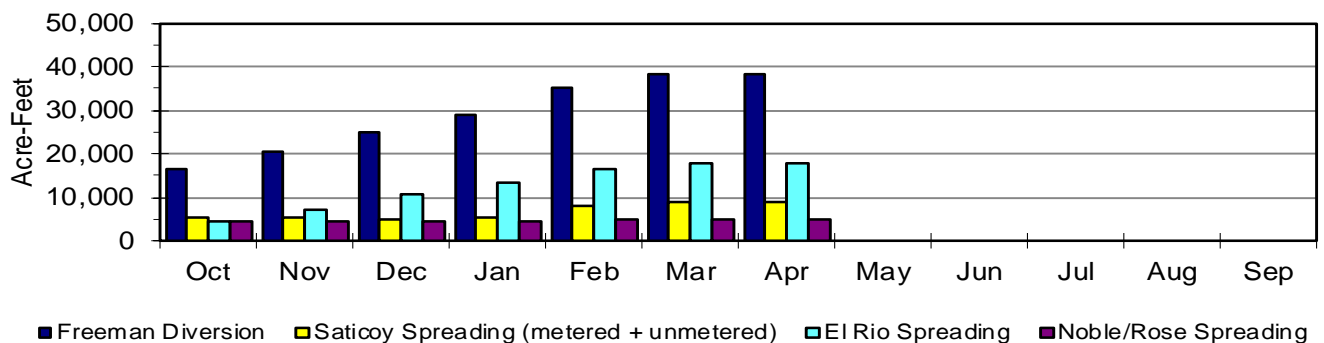
*Metered recharge at Saticoy is zero. Negative values are due to minor measurement inconsistencies where the sum of metered deliveries (surface water and recharge to El Rio) exceed metered diversions.

**Water delivered from desilting basin.

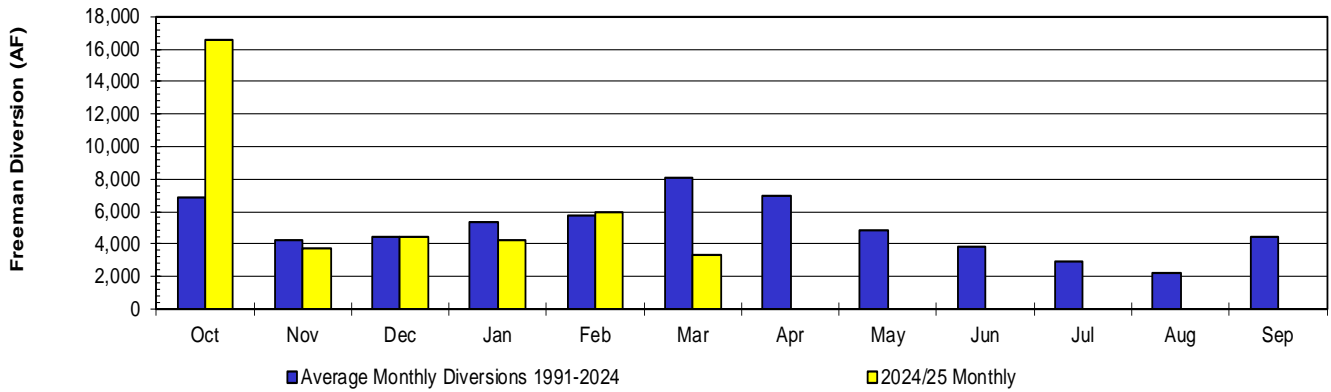
Cumulative diversion and recharge totals by facility, 2024/25, in acre-feet

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Oct	0	16,587	5,368	4,700	4,545	25
Nov	0	20,361	5,256	7,335	4,615	56
Dec	0	24,799	5,118	10,869	4,615	84
Jan	0	29,071	5,431	13,436	4,685	125
Feb	0	34,976	7,973	16,358	4,833	133
Mar	0	38,276	9,136	18,009	5,034	NA
Apr	0	38,276	9,088	18,009	5,034	NA
May	0					
Jun	0					
Jul	0					
Aug	0					
Sep	0					

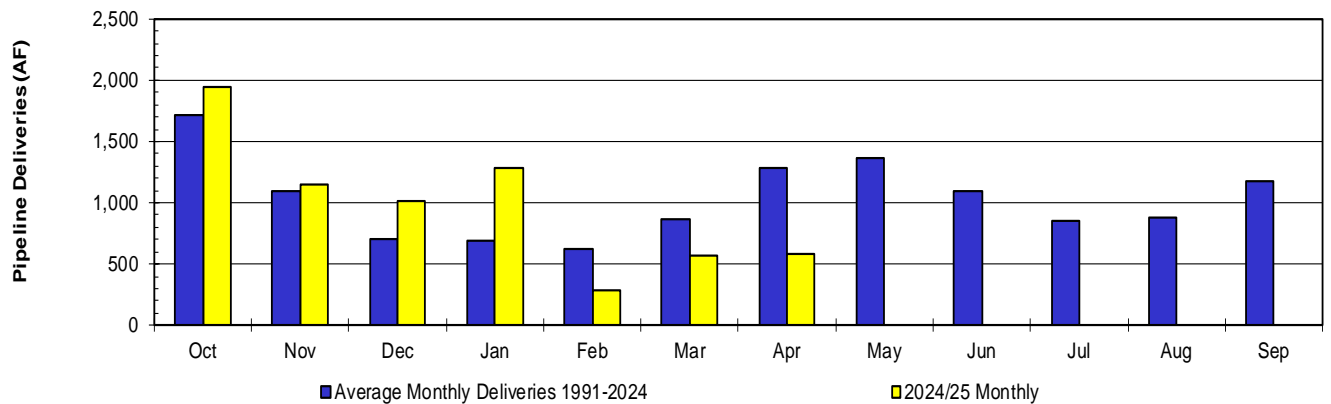
Cumulative diversion at Freeman, and distribution to recharge facilities



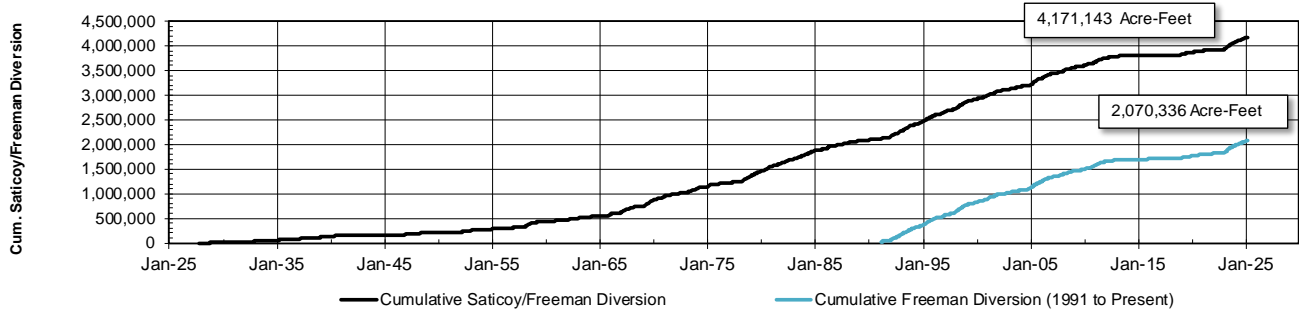
Monthly 2024/25 diversion at Freeman,
compared to average monthly diversions (1991-2024)



Monthly 2024/25 pipeline deliveries (surface water deliveries),
compared to average monthly pipeline deliveries (1991-2024)

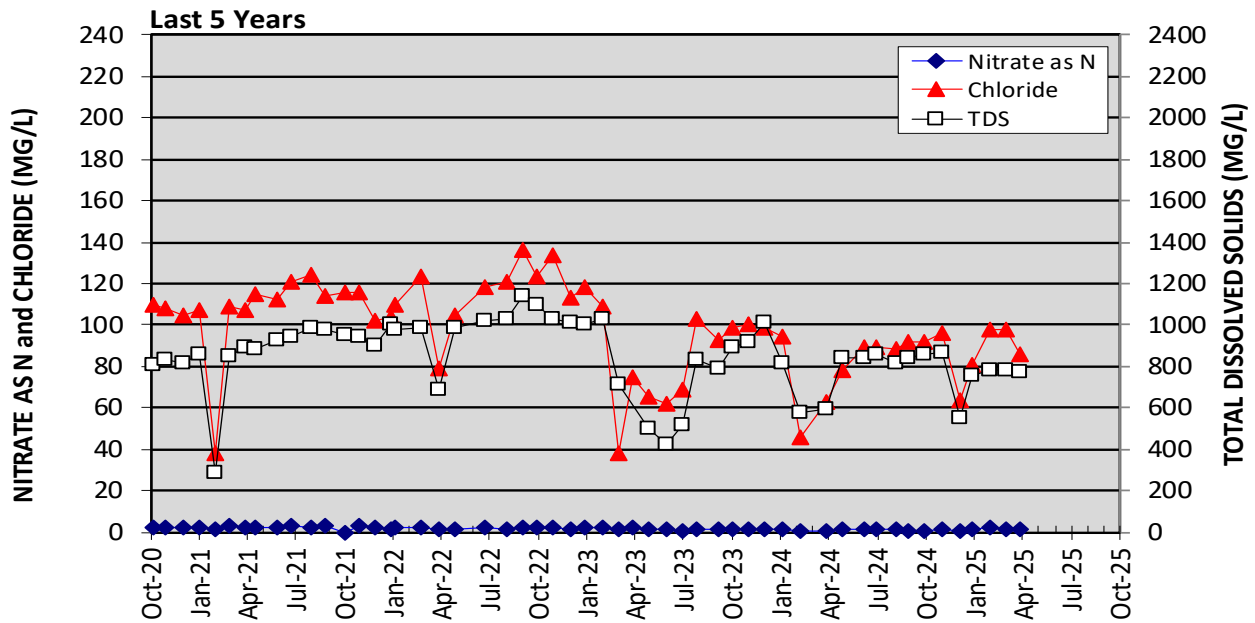


Cumulative diversion at Saticoy and Freeman Diversion, in acre-feet

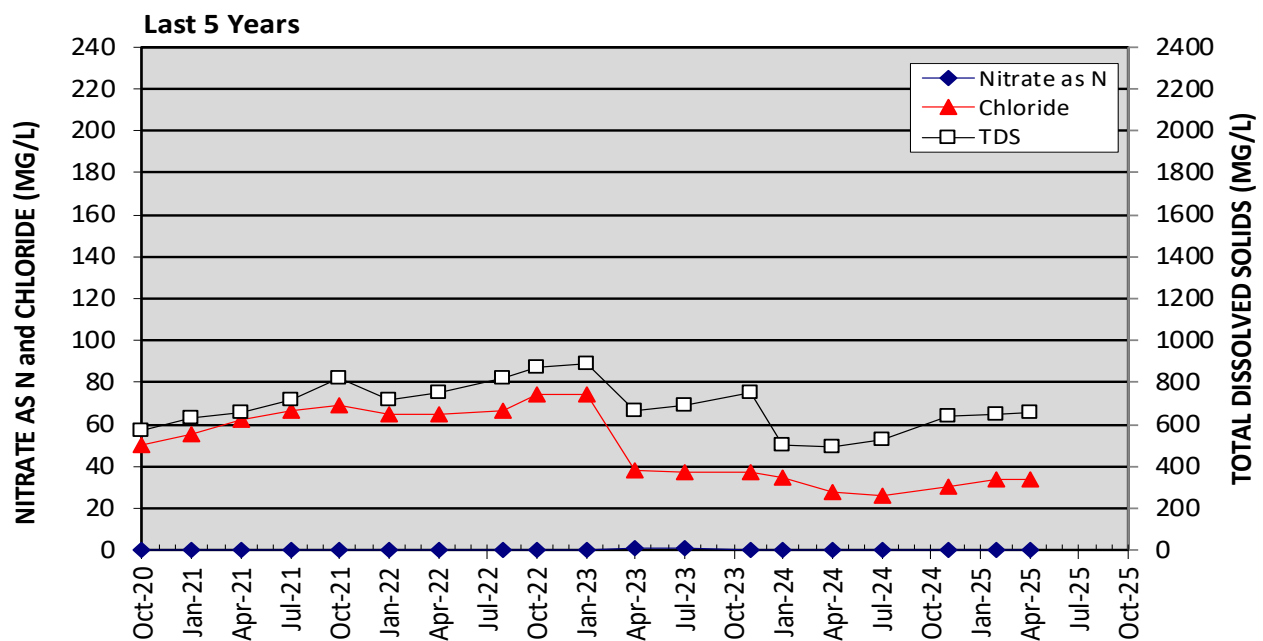


Water Quality

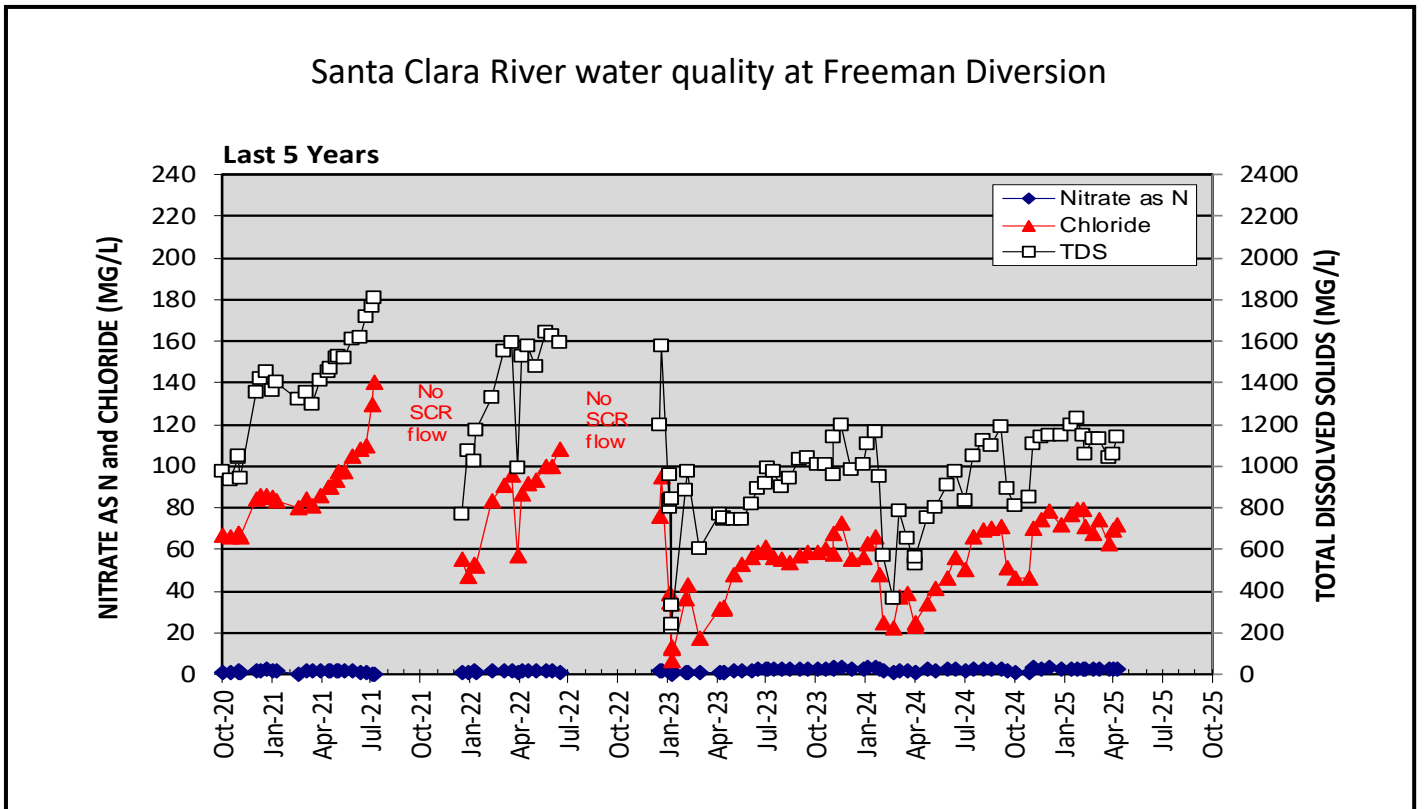
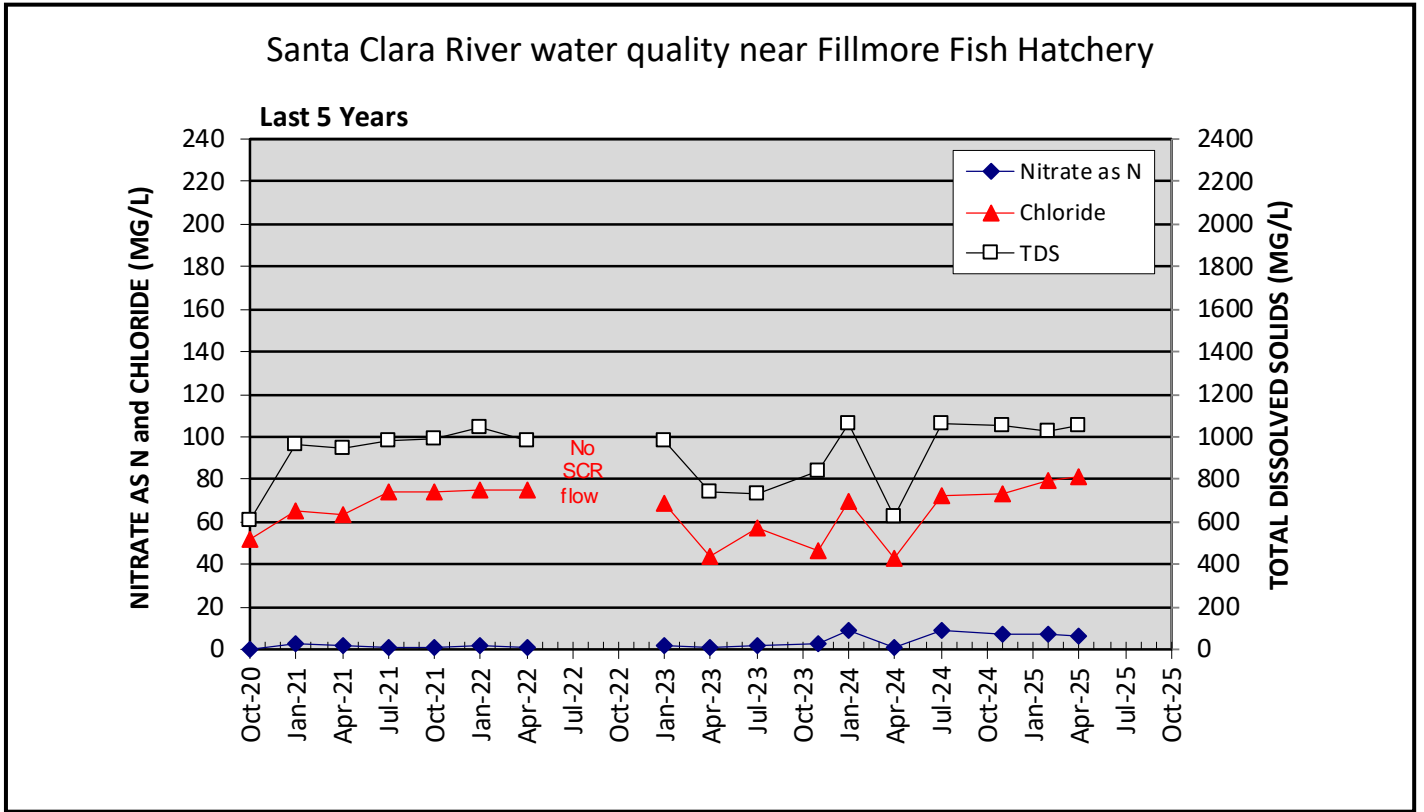
Santa Clara River water quality near Los Angeles/Ventura County line



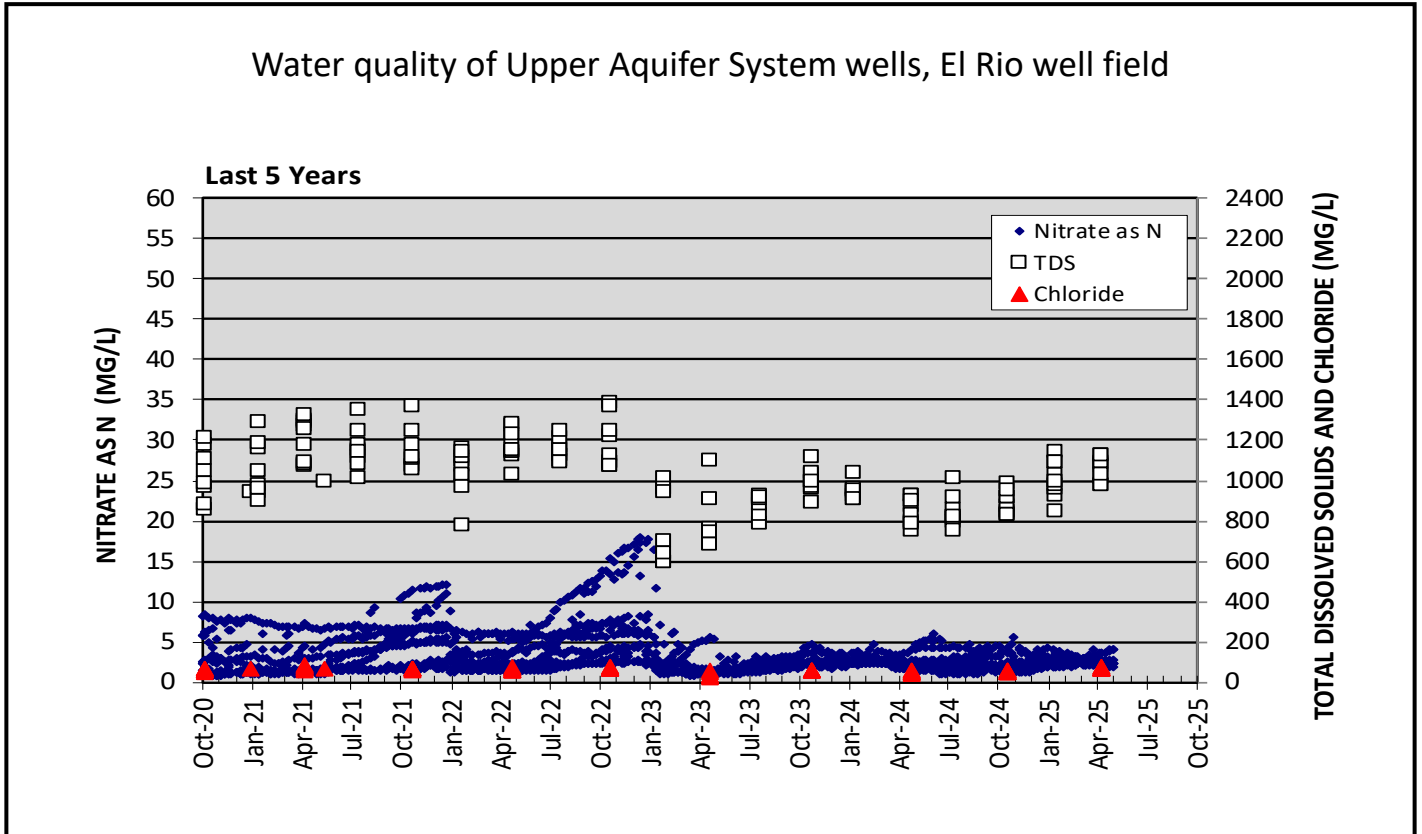
Piru Creek water quality below Santa Felicia Dam

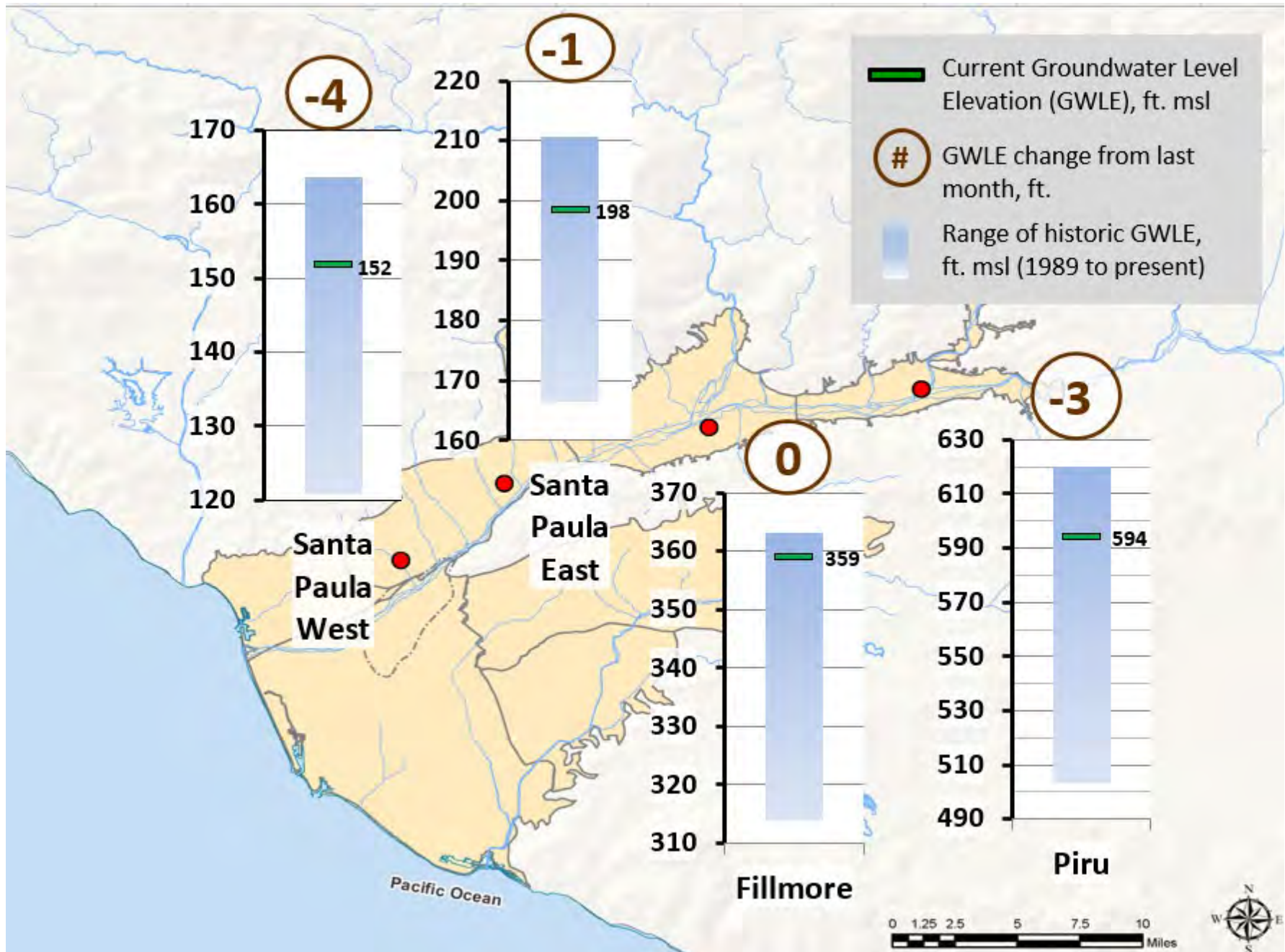


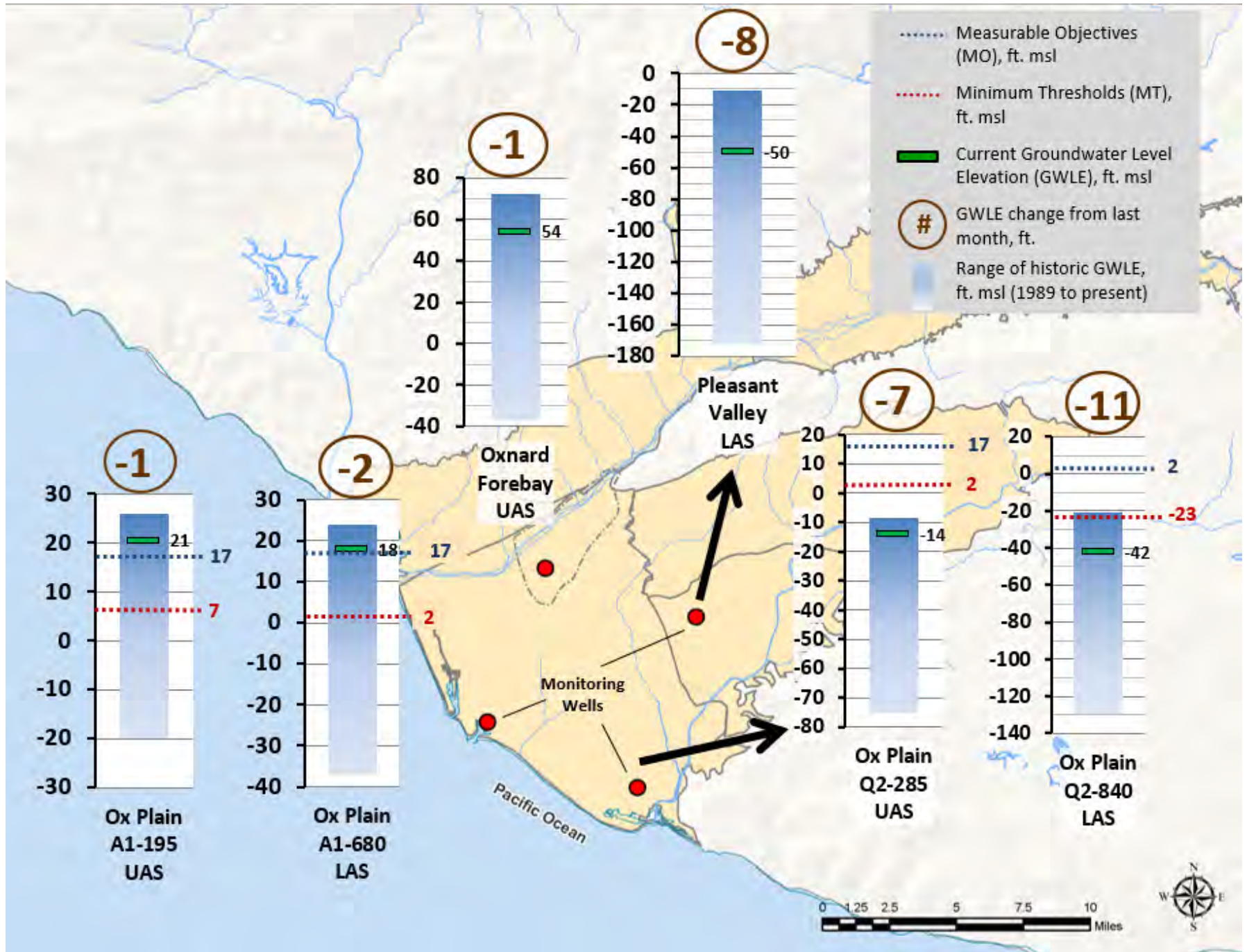
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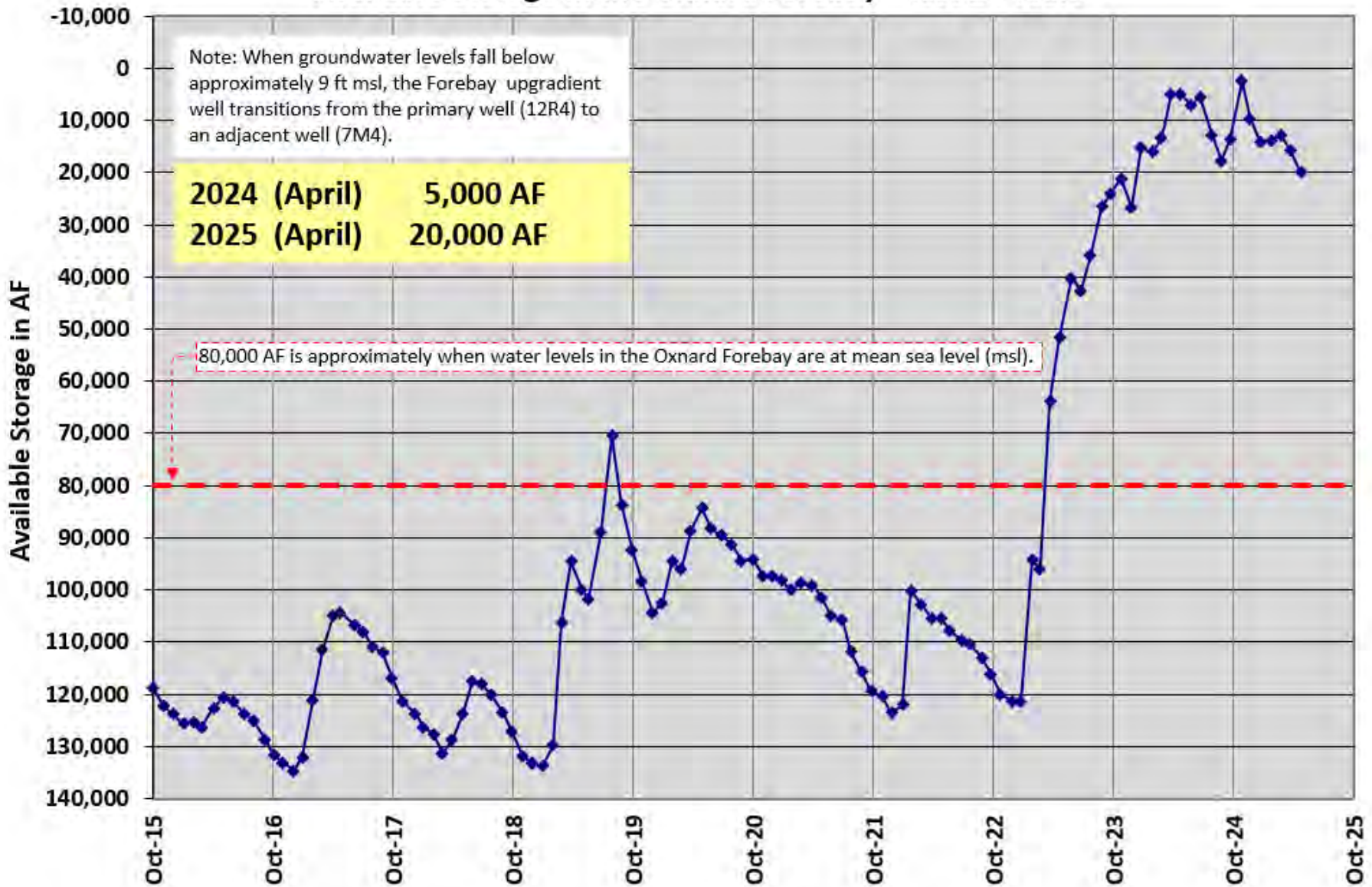
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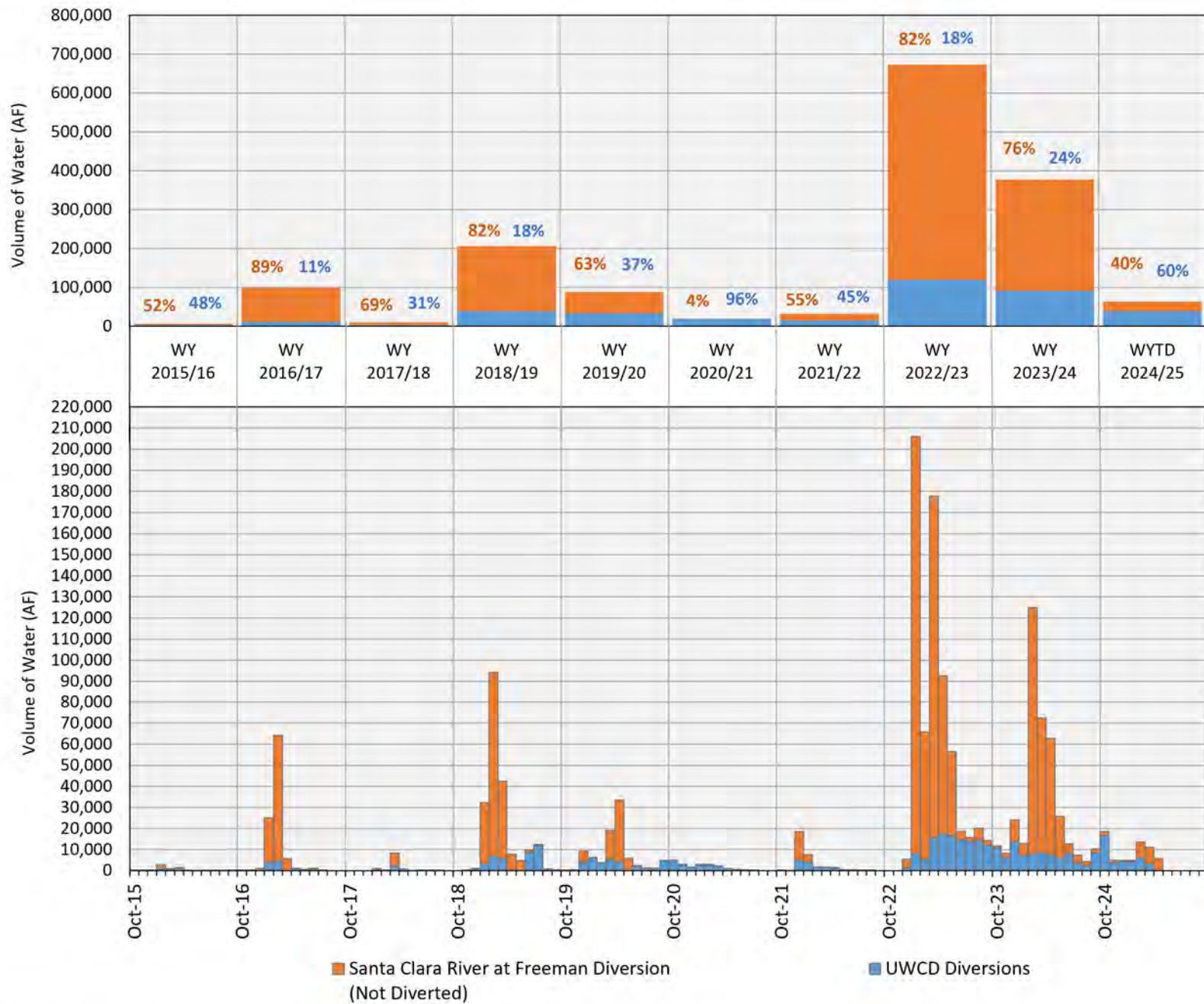






Available Storage in the Oxnard Forebay - Last 10 Years





Water Year (WY) = October 1 to September 30; WYTD = Water Year To Date



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer
Sara Guzman, Finance Supervisor

Date: May 27, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 3.3 Investment Monthly Report (April 2025)
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

Review the most current investment report for the month ending April 30, 2025.

Discussion:

None. Informational only.

Fiscal Impact:

As shown.

Attachment:

Combined Investment Monthly Report

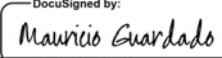
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United Water Conservation District Monthly Investment Report April 30, 2025

Investment Recap	G/L Balance	Weighted Avg Days to Maturity	Diversification Percentage of Total
Citizens Business Bank	7,646,584	1	14.85%
Petty Cash	5,400	1	0.01%
County Treasury	3,217	1	0.01%
LAIF Investments	43,834,248	1	85.12%
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Securities	51,489,449		100.00%
Investment Portfolio w/o Trustee Held Funds	51,489,449		
Trustee Held Funds	-		
Total Funds	51,489,449		

Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	Beginning Balance	Deposits (Disbursements)	Ending Balance
	45,923,239	2,911,010	48,834,248
	Interest Earned YTD	Interest Received YTD	Qtrly Yield
	1,075,103	1,420,312	4.48%

|| District investments are shown above and conform to the District's Investment Policy. All investment transactions during this period are included in this report. Based on budgeted cash flows the District appears to have the ability to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months.

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Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

5/28/2025
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United Water Conservation District			
Cash Position			
April 30, 2025			
Fund	Total	Composition	Restrictions/Designations
General/Water Conservation Fund:		Revenue collected for district operations	
General/Water Conservation	16,363,835	2,848,882	Includes General, Rec & Ranger, Water Conservation
		4,962,000	Reserved for legal expenditures
		1,253,968	Designated for replacement, capital improvements, and environmental projects
		7,298,984	Supplemental Water Purchase Fund
General CIP Funds	16,139,969	16,139,969	Appropriated for capital projects
	4,815,038	4,815,038	Reserved for CIP Projects
Special Revenue Funds:		Revenue collected for a special purpose	
State Water Project Funds	7,801,298	7,801,298	Procurement of water/rights from state water project
Enterprise Funds:		Restricted to fund usage	
Freeman Fund	(708,621)	(708,621)	Operations, Debt Service and Capital Projects
		-	Designated for replacement and capital improvements
		-	Reserved for legal expenditures
Freeman CIP Fund	3,178,819	3,178,819	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Fund	2,034,462	2,034,462	Delivery of water to OH customers
OH CIP Fund	1,148,638	1,148,638	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Well Replacement Fund	20,575	20,575	Well replacement fund
PV Pipeline Fund	1,109,792	1,109,792	Delivery of water to PV customers
PV CIP Fund	253,955	253,955	Appropriated for capital projects
PT Pipeline Fund	2,714,776	2,714,776	Delivery of water to PTP customers
PT CIP Fund	(3,383,085)	(3,383,085)	Appropriated for capital projects
Total District Cash & Investments	51,489,449	51,489,449	



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Anthony Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 29, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 3.4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Report
(July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

Review the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Reports for the period of July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

Discussion:

The District prepares quarterly financial reports for each quarter which provide an analysis of District operations through the end of each quarter to highlight variances and for fiscal accountability.

This report represents nine months of financial information for District operations for Q3 fiscal year 2024-25 (75 percent of the total fiscal year). Included in this report are budget to actual comparisons to date for District revenues, expenditures, and water deliveries, as well as discussion of any significant variances. This report is based on unaudited financial data and, therefore, is subject to revision as staff makes any necessary adjustments that may occur during the year.

While some funds appear to have some savings potential, adjustment recommendations may not be made at this time because the potential savings may be the result of delays in timing and, therefore, may not materialize.

Staff currently offer no recommendations for budget adjustments.

Attachments:

- A – CIP Status FY2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Reports
- B – FY2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Reports



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May 19, 2025

Board of Directors
United Water Conservation District

Subject: Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Reports

Dear Board Members:

Enclosed for your review are the United Water Conservation District's (District) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Reports. These reports represent nine months of financial information for District operations (July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025) and three months of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) updates (January 1 through March 31, 2025).

The report focuses primarily on the operating funds of the District and corresponding CIP funds:

- General/Water Conservation Fund
- Recreation and Ranger Activities Sub-fund
- Freeman Fund
- Oxnard/Hueneme Pipeline (OHP) Fund
- Pleasant Valley Pipeline (PVP) Fund
- Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP) Fund
- State Water Import Fund
- Overhead Fund

Staff provides the Board's Finance and Audit Committee with monthly cash position and pipeline delivery activities reports throughout the fiscal year. Quarterly financial reports are submitted to the Board to provide information on the financial status of the District and to assure the Directors and District customers that staff is operating within the parameters of the annual adopted budget, including any supplemental appropriations. At the end of each fiscal year, an outside certified public accounting firm performs an independent financial audit to test staff's financial reporting accuracy and internal controls. It is staff's responsibility to ensure that the Board has received adequate financial information throughout the year so that there are no surprises, and so that fiscally prudent decisions can be made when the Board is asked to consider approval of budgeted and unbudgeted expenditure requests.

This report compares the revenues and budget appropriations for the fiscal year-to-date with data to provide the Board and District customers with a preliminary financial view (subject to audit adjustments at year-end). The following discussion will provide a summary of the District's projected revenues and approved spending plan compared to what actually occurred throughout the fiscal year. It also provides an update on approved and funded CIPs.



OPERATING FUNDS

Narrative and graphical analyses are provided by fund (and the Recreation sub-fund) on the pages following the CIP Status.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS

A one-page summary of the District's current five-year CIP appears along with Benchmark Interest Rates as part of Attachment B. As of March 31, 2025, all CIP expenditures are within the total amount appropriated by the Board.

The majority of the CIPs that have been funded are currently underway, either in the planning, design, or construction stages of the project. Please refer to the end of the CIP status section for a list of acronyms.

- ***Well Replacement Program (CIP # 8000)***

No major updates to report.

- ***Freeman Diversion Expansion (CIP # 8001)***

Work continues on an improved fish passage alternative at the Freeman Diversion. Water Resources, Environmental Services, Engineering, and Operations staff held regular meetings with design consultants.

On January 8, 2025, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) notified the District that the Freeman Diversion improved fish passage project was selected for \$3 million in funding through the WaterSMART Environmental Water Resource Projects program. These funds were to be applied to the fish screens and fish bypass facility portion of the fish passage project. During the month of January, the District provided USBR with additional information in relation to the separate \$20 million WaterSMART grant for the hardened ramp fish passage facility. By February, Staff received word from USBR Staff reporting that as a result of President's Executive Order "Unleashing American Energy," both WaterSMART grant programs are currently paused. The District will continue to work with the USBR grant representative to determine the next steps.

Staff continued to meet with special advisors and the design team through January. On February 18, the General Manager executed an amendment to the agreement with NHC for the Freeman Diversion Hardened Ramp Full 90% Design Support to extend the contract term through April 30.

On March 14, Staff received a proposal for the 30% design of the Freeman Fish Passage and Diversion Improvement Project Alternative.

- ***Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Rehabilitation (CIP # 8002)***

In early January, the BOC Meeting No. 10 was scheduled for May 20-21 for the final design review of the Outlet Works Project and the review of the 90% design of the Spillway Improvement Project.



The final 11 boring holes needed for the New Release Channel and Outlet Works Design DPP were completed in mid-January, and ECG surveyed them in mid-February.

A SFD O&M Considerations workshop on January 29 allowed Staff to discuss operational recommendations with the Construction Manager, Black and Veatch. In January, staff e-filed the Final Construction Report for the 72" BFV Redundancy Project with FERC.

In early February, water quality sampling was conducted by Rincon to inform the Soils and Groundwater Management Plan. On February 7, GTF Staff sent a request to Haggerty Consulting to reopen the SFD Outlet Works HMGP application.

Engineering Staff submitted the draft Kinematic Stability Analysis report to FERC and DSOD on February 18 and received an extension from FERC to submit the geotechnical data report by April 15, 2025.

A workshop on February 25 focused on finalizing the location for a proposed Communications Tower. March brought further advancements, including receiving the draft Geotechnical Investigation Report from Stantec and FERC's acceptance of the Lake Piru Reservoir Drawdown Contingency Plan.

By mid-March, a Final Design Progress Review Workshop with GEI was held, and Staff received final design progress set drawings. On March 25, a no-cost Amendment No. 2 to the PCSA with Stantec for Geotechnical Investigation for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project – New Release Channel was executed to extend the contract term to December 31, 2025. The month concluded with Staff e-filing responses to FERC's comments on the Design PFMA Report.

- ***Santa Felicia Dam Probable Maximum Flood Containment (CIP # 8003)***

In early January, the project team received feedback from GEI on the District's comments regarding the SFD Rapid Drawdown Analysis TM. On January 7, 2025, the District submitted to FERC the Annual Project Activity Progress Report for the SFD SIP Project Water Quality Certification. By mid-February, GEI submitted a draft of the updated Kinematic Analyses of Cut Slopes for the Proposed Spillway Improvements and a draft on the Stabilization of the Hillside Adjacent to the Left Wall of the Spillway TM.

On January 17, 2025, NMFS filed a letter with FERC regarding the District's draft Biological Assessment for the SFD SIP. On January 14, 2025, FERC issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the SFD SIP by March 7, 2025, as part of the federal National Environmental Policy Act process.



On March 7, 2025, FERC issued a Notice of Availability for a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment and a request for formal Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation with NMFS for the District's Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project.

By March 26, GEI was preparing the 90% design documents, set to be submitted to FERC, DSOD, and the BOC by May 5. Additionally, on March 21, Staff received the draft Reservoir Operations Plan During Construction from GEI.

- ***Santa Felicia Dam Sediment Management (CIP # 8005)***

No updates to report.

- ***Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility (CIP # 8007)***

In early January, Staff submitted a Notice of Termination for the SWPPP and the 2023-2024 Annual Report to the LARWQB. On January 13, Staff requested the release of the final retention payment of \$72,553.43 to GSE. Later that month, the project was nominated for an Electrical Excellence award during a site visit with an inspector.

In early February, Staff continued working with OLDCC on finalizing non-Federal amounts for the DCIP grant and received the final As-Built drawings from K/J on February 14. On February 13, a PCSA in the total amount of \$9,692 was executed with Rincon for professional consulting services in connection with waste characterization technical support related to the removal of solids for the one-year Washwater Recovery Tank performance inspection. In early March, Staff conducted coordination meetings for the Washwater Recovery Tank's one-year performance inspection, discussing solids disposal options.

In early March, Staff, Rincon Consultants, and Waste Management addressed regulatory waste disposal requirements. A site visit on March 27 with BGI focused on potential disposal services for the Washwater Recovery Tank solids waste, and a subsequent call with Clean Harbors explored alternative disposal options.

- ***Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin (CIP # 8018)***

- Three Barrel Culvert Replacement:

On January 8, the BOD authorized the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 5 to the PCSA with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants in the amount of \$52,000 (including 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,580) for services related to the Three Barrel Culvert Replacement Project (CIP 8018).

A few of days later, on January 10, Staff received news from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), confirming that the technical review of the project was complete, pending final environmental concurrence. By February 20, Staff had received the unexecuted 408 permission from USACE.



- Inverted Siphon Replacement:

This portion of the project has been completed. On January 3, the team worked with Gannett Flemming and Earth Systems to finalize closeout activities for the Inverted Siphon Replacement Project. By January 10, the Staff requested the release of the final payment to Granite Construction.

By mid-January, a review of all construction documentation was completed for the finalization of as-built drawings. On February 3, a PCSA with NHC was executed for professional consulting services to obtain final record drawings for the SGMA grant requirements (with an associated deadline of March 1).

Staff submitted quarterly performance progress reports to DWR for the SGMA Grant for Component 2 on January 24. Invoice 1 was submitted to DWR on February 20, totaling \$199,804.94 for the Inverted Bypass Pumping under the FDRE Agreement.

- Vineyard Avenue Crossing:

On February 14, the project team provided a letter of authorization to HDR to submit a Caltrans permit package for a geotechnical boring in the center of Vineyard Avenue. Just days later, HDR submitted the permit application for the boring. By March 14, HDR began the online submittal of the encroachment permit to Caltrans.

- ***Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment (CIP # 8019)***

In the early months of this year, the project team continued to advance the Phase 1 design and permitting of this project. Starting in early January, Staff coordinated with potential power study vendors and attended a Mugu Lagoon mixing model workshop on January 14 with K/J and ESA to discuss the current discharge facility design and scenarios. Staff submitted quarterly performance progress reports to DWR for the SGMA Grant for Component 4 (new monitoring well construction) on January 24.

Staff presented key updates to NBVC Leadership at NBVC Point Mugu on January 30, keeping stakeholders informed on project updates and resource needs. NBVC Staff provided feedback on the draft DOPPA on January 27.

In February, Staff requested pipeline alignment changes from K/J and ECG at EBB3 and near EBB1, discussed electrical enclosures for well sites with K/J, and continued coordination with NBVC Staff regarding potholing activities and an upcoming power study. On February 13, Staff submitted the Phase 1 EBB Water Treatment SWRCB Progress Report/Reimbursement request.

On February 18, the succeeding one-year Phase 1A License Agreement was executed, ensuring the District's continued access to NBVC during the design process.



On March 12, Change Order No. 3 was executed for a \$507,262.15 credit, and by March 14, the Notice of Completion for Phase 1 Monitoring Wells was recorded. At the close of March, Staff were still reviewing the 30% design plans received from K/J in January, highlighting the continued progression of this project.

- ***Rice Avenue Overpass Pumping Trough Pipeline (CIP # 8021)***

In early January, staff followed up with K/J for support on submittals and RFI review, leveraging their previous assistance with design alternatives for the PTP system relocation along Rice Avenue. On January 15, a meeting with District staff, the City of Oxnard, and the project Construction Manager clarified the project schedule and tentative construction dates involving the PTP system.

By January 17, the Engineering and O&M teams reviewed the latest plans and discussed the tentative construction schedule and potential activities for FY25-26.

On February 19, Staff attended a pre-construction meeting held by the City of Oxnard, MNS Engineers, and V&A, Inc. Later that day, they followed up on the related "Leesdale/LOSSAN double track project" with Union Pacific, learning about plans for a parallel set of tracks.

On February 28, Engineering Staff coordinated with O&M Staff to gather photo and video documentation of the Well No. 4 site condition pre-construction.

- ***Pumping Trough Pipeline Metering Improvement Project (CIP # 8022)***

In early January, staff completed the DWR AgWUE grant progress report #18 and updated report #19. At the end of January, Staff held a meeting with PTP users to discuss options for accessing real-time metering data, including flow rates and electrical conductivity. Throughout February, the team focused on acquiring easements for PTP turnouts No. 145, 150, and 156.

- ***State Water Interconnection (CIP # 8025)***

Between January and February, District Staff reviewed and provided comments on the City of Ventura's 100% design plans. In mid-February, Staff received red-line revisions from the City addressing concerns about the conflict between the proposed 30-inch pipeline and the District's existing 78-inch main supply pipeline. On February 14, the City announced a postponement of the bid advertisement date, now slated for some time between May and September.

- ***Replace El-Rio Trailer (CIP # 8028)***

This project is complete.

- ***Asset Management System – CMMS System (CIP # 8041)***

On January 10, following review of proposals received by the consultant selection committee, Staff sent a tentative consultant selection and minor scope changes to HDR for the Pilot Project, followed by a meeting on January 16 to help finalize the work scope.



On February 13, an agreement was executed with HDR Engineers, Inc. for consulting services related to the Asset Management/CMMS Project. The contract amount is \$209,000 and includes the development of an asset registry for both the OHP and the Disinfection Facility at the El Rio Water Treatment Plant. Other work includes reviewing internal video collected for the OHP in November 2024 and developing maintenance and condition assessment plans. The pilot will feed into additional Asset Management work in the next fiscal year.

The kick-off meeting on February 18 gathered HDR and District Staff to officially launch the project. Subsequently, on March 13, Engineering Staff held an Asset Management workshop with O&M Staff, introducing best practices and discussing asset definitions and work scheduling. The outcome of the meeting will be a data management plan and standard that will assist in building the foundation of a Computerized Maintenance Management System and Asset Management Decision Support System that the District is implementing as part of CIP 8041.

- ***Pumping Trough Pipeline Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline (CIP # 8043)***

Between January 2 and March 31, a series of critical milestones were achieved for this project. The work commenced with the completion of HDD borehole reaming and swabbing. The team successfully pulled back 1,000 feet of 18” pipeline through the borehole on January 11. Subsequent HDPE pressure testing on January 15 showed positive results, and by January 18, grouting and bulkhead installation were completed. On January 24, Staff submitted quarterly performance progress reports to DWR for the SGMA Grant for Component.

January also saw discussions regarding a gas line conflict at Laguna and Wood Roads. On January 23, installation of the 24-inch PVC pipeline began, though work was briefly halted due to inclement weather. By late February, 1,600 feet had been installed on the west side and 500 feet on the east side of the Revolon Slough.

Construction activities continued through March, including the installation of valves, tees, and blow-offs, with successful pressure tests for both sides of the PVC mainline completed by mid-March. By March 18, connections were successfully completed to the PTP and PVCWD systems, and on March 21, construction of the Laguna Road Recycled Water Pipeline was substantially completed. Site cleanup, grading, and paving were finished by March 28, culminating in the installation of valve covers on March 31. Amendment No.1 to the PCSA with MKN for Engineering Services during the Construction of the project was executed on March 28 to reallocate the remaining budget between tasks.

- ***SCADA Hardware Update (CIP # 8046)***

- Added a new hardware and vendor to the SCADA upgrade program. The vendor is Opto22 (www.opto22.com) and the products provided and added to the program are the EPIC (Edge Programmable Industrial Controller and the RIO (Remote Input Output).



- Created a learning module and test lab based on the new EPIC controller. Staff met with integration partner Avadine (www.avadine.com).
 - Staff met with integration partner Wunderlich-Malec (www.wmeng.com).
 - Created the first portion of a digital twin database model. The database is now storing current data and will in the future replace the current historian.
 - Continued to build out radio infrastructure to accommodate SCADA networking
- **Lake Piru Recreation Area Pavement Maintenance Program (CIP # 8047)**
Nothing to report for Q3.
 - **Condor Point Improvement Project (CIP # 8048)**
This project is complete.
 - **Main Supply Pipeline Sodium Hypochlorite Injection Facility (CIP # 8053)**
This project has been postponed until further notice.
 - **Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations (CIP # 8055)**
In mid-January, Staff initiated discussions on improving the visitor experience at Lake Piru Recreation Area through facility improvements and upgrades at Lower Olive Grove Campground by meeting with a potential design-build contractor, Gordian (Sourcewell), to explore restroom rehabilitation proposals.

In February, Staff met with a public restroom contractor to discuss potential replacements for the LOG and Oak Lane restrooms using a design-build approach. Following a site visit with the General Manager to evaluate restroom rehabilitation options, Staff surveyed asphalt areas in need of repair, including the Marina bathroom road, the road south of the Ranger office connecting the Upper Marina and Piru Canyon Road, and the road to the Marina.

From late February to early March, the Engineering and Operations teams worked on the OMMP for the Water Treatment Plant, with a deadline of May 1. On February 28, Staff met with the Gordian Group and MDJ for a Demo, Pad Preparation, and Installation proposal for restroom replacements.

March included many meetings for this project, including coordination with Stantec on LPRA WTP next steps, discussions with a public restroom contractor on a restroom replacement proposal, and a review of a CEQA documentation proposal for the LPRA Improvement project. By March 28, Staff had reviewed the Ventura County Non-Coastal Ordinance requirements applicable to LPRA and the draft SOP and OMMP for LPRA WTP, and had also coordinated with Stantec and a public restroom contractor for Civil Drawings of the LOG Restroom.
 - **Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Low-Flow Upgrade (CIP # 8056)**
This project has been postponed until further notice.



- ***Critical Well Environmental Improvement (CIP # 8057)***
Project is complete.
- ***Piru Early Warning System Replacement (CIP # 8058)***
Nothing to report for Q3.
- ***Oxnard Hueneme Well No. 13 Rehabilitation (CIP # 8059)***
This project has been postponed until further notice.
- ***OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades (CIP # 8060)***
In late January, the project team evaluated various temporary motor control device options for Well No. 14, ultimately choosing a variable frequency drive as their preferred choice.

On February 20, Staff met internally to review the Preliminary Design Report for the Well No. 14 Pipeline Replacement Project and discussed the schedule for project delivery over the next three years. Preliminary Design of the discharge pipeline will be completed this fiscal year. Final design and permitting, as well as Well Rehabilitation, are planned for FY26, and discharge pipeline construction is planned for FY26/27. On March 4, a PCSA in the amount of \$119,840 was executed with MNS for Design Services in connection with the OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrade Project.

- ***El Rio Office Rehabilitation (CIP # 8061)***
Nothing to report for Q3.

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Acronym Index

Acronym	Definition
AgWUE	Agricultural Water Use Efficiency
BFV	Butterfly Valve
BGI	BGI Engineering Solutions
BOC	Board of Consultants
BOD	Board of Directors
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CMMS	Computerized Maintenance Management System
DCIP	Defense Community Infrastructure Program
DOPPA	(NEPA) Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives
DPP	Drilling Program Plan
DSOD	Division of Safety of Dams
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
ECG	Encompass Consulting Group
ESA	Environmental Science Associates
FDRE	Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement
FERC	Federal Regulatory Commission
GEI	GEI Consultants
GSE	GSE Construction Company, Inc.
GTF	Grant Task Force
GWGP	Groundwater Grant Program
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
HDPE	High-density polyethylene
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
K/J	Kennedy Jenks Consultants
LARWQCB	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
LOG	Lower Olive Grove
LPRA	Lake Piru Recreation Area
MDJ	MDJ Management, LLC
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NHC	Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OHP	Oxnard-Hueneme Pipeline
OLDCC	Office of Local Defense and Community Cooperation
OMMP	Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring Plan
PCSA	Professional Consulting Services Agreement



Acronym	Definition
PFMA	Potential Failure Mode Analysis
PTP	Pumping Trough Pipeline
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
PVCWD	Pleasant Valley County Water District
RFI	Request for Information
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SFD	Santa Felicia Dam
SIP	Safety Improvement Plan
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
TM	Technical Memorandum
WTP	Water Treatment Plant

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CASH POSITION AND INVESTMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

As of March 31, 2025, the District had a total of \$50.0M in cash and investments. As noted in the cash position report, some of the District’s resources are readily available for use, while other funds have restrictions that limit how they can be used. The District must adhere to any legal, bond, or contractual restrictions placed on funds. However, some restrictions are based on Board designations and can be redirected for other uses if the Board so determines.

The District’s cash, cash equivalents and securities held in the various accounts as compared to the prior year are as follows:

	Mar-25	Mar-24
Citizens Business Bank	\$ 4,062,611	\$ 2,360,646
Petty Cash	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,400
County Treasury	\$ 3,217	\$ 1,884
LAIF Investments	\$ 45,923,238	\$ 32,056,987
Total	\$ 49,994,466	\$ 34,423,917

Any restrictions on the remaining \$50.0M are listed in this report. If you have any questions regarding this report on the financial position, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian H. Zahn
 Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENT B



FY 2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Review

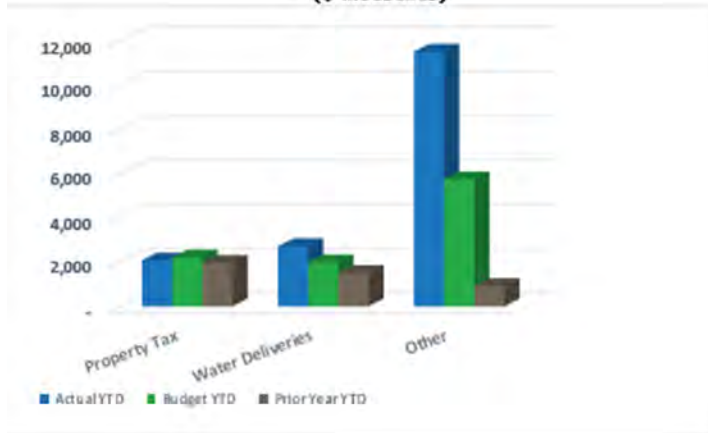
July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025

75% of Fiscal Year Completed

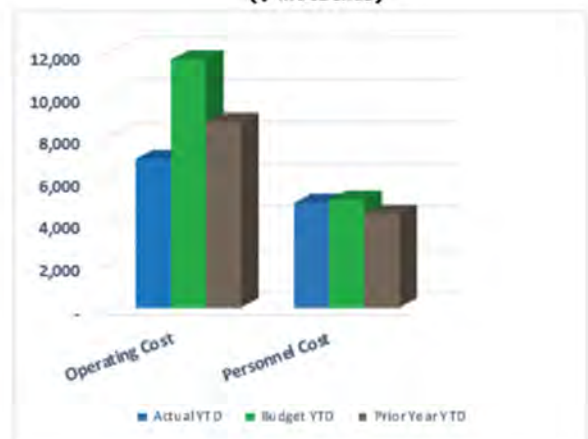
General/Water Conservation Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Revenues							
Water Delivery	2,735	2,002	733	37%	1,513	1,222	81%
Groundwater	11,254	11,457	(203)	-2%	6,496	4,758	73%
Supplemental Water	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Property Taxes	2,088	2,219	(130)	-6%	1,980	108	5%
Earnings on Investments	635	255	380	149%	827	(191)	-23%
Other	15,518	8,879	6,639	75%	1,586	13,932	878%
Transfers in	0	0	0	0%	549	(549)	0%
Total Revenues	32,231	24,812	7,418	30%	12,951	19,280	149%
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	4,920	5,069	(149)	-3%	4,394	527	12%
Operating Expenditures	6,988	11,669	(4,680)	-40%	8,723	(1,735)	-20%
Capital Outlay	1,167	1,566	(399)	-25%	355	812	229%
Transfers out	14,178	12,592	1,586	13%	9,679	4,499	46%
Total Expenses	27,254	30,896	(3,643)	-12%	23,150	4,104	18%
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	4,977	(6,084)	11,061	-182%	(10,199)	15,176	-149%

Revenues
(\$ thousands)



Expenses
(\$ thousands)



Revenue Status v. Budget

- Revenue received through Third Quarter totals \$32M, which is \$7M (30%) above the planned amount. This increase is predominantly due to the receipt of the first and second WIFIA Loan disbursements during this period of \$11M. Grant Revenue is also over Budget by \$968K (41%), mainly due to the Phase 1 Pumping of Coastal Brackish Groundwater Wells Project under the SWRCB Grant, for which invoicing has commenced.
- Water Delivery \$733K (37%) above Plan, driven by an increase of 4,336 acre-feet in deliveries through the Pleasant Valley Pipeline and 1,040 acre-feet in deliveries through the OH Pipeline.



FY 2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025

75% of Fiscal Year Completed

- Earnings on Investments are \$380K (149%) over Budget due to higher interest earnings and favorable market value adjustments for LAIF.
- Partially offsetting the revenue increase is a \$203K (2%) decrease in Groundwater Revenue, resulting from 1,448 fewer acre-feet reported.
- Property Taxes (\$130K) and Lake Piru (\$104K) Revenue is also below Plan but is anticipated to increase by the end of the fiscal year.

Revenue Status v. Prior Year

- FY 2024-25 Revenue was \$19M (149%) higher than the previous fiscal year, primarily due to the receipt of the first and second WIFIA Loan Disbursements during the current fiscal year.
- Groundwater Revenue is also \$4.8M higher in the current fiscal year, driven by an increase of 5,642 acre-feet in well pumping through the Third Quarter of FY 2024-25 as well as extraction rate increases.
- Grant Revenue in FY 2024-25 is \$3M higher than the prior fiscal year, mainly due to increased SGM Grant reimbursements and the initiation of two additional grants for Phase 1 Pumping Coastal Brackish GW Project and Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Project.
- Water Delivery Revenue is \$1.2M (81%) higher in the current fiscal year, mainly due to an increase of 3,255 acre-feet in water deliveries during FY 2024-25.
- Lake Piru (\$103K) and Property Taxes (\$108K) Revenue is higher in the current fiscal year versus prior fiscal year.
- Offsetting the increase were Earnings on Investments, which were \$191K lower in the current fiscal year due to higher interest earnings in FY 2023-24.
- Transfers-In are \$549K lower in current fiscal year, primarily due to the completion of the Alternative Supply Assurance Pipeline Project (CIP 8030) in 2023-24, along with CIP transfers for the District Radio Enhancement Project.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget

- Total Expenditures were \$27M, \$3.6M (12%) under Plan, primarily due to Operating Expenditures being \$4.7M (40%) below Budget. Operating Expenditures underspending is largely attributed to a timing delay, which is expected to catch up by year-end.
- Professional Fees (\$1.5M) and Overhead Costs (\$1M) have the largest savings, though these expenditures may increase by the end of the fiscal year.
- Principal (\$462K) and Interest payments (\$497K) related to 2020 COP Payments are budgeted as expenses but paid directly to liability.
- Office Expense are \$457K below Budget, primarily due to lower than anticipated public and community outreach efforts. However, these funds are expected to be utilized for bond outreach later in the fiscal year.



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- Maintenance Expenditures reflect \$297K in underspending, with activity expected to ramp up by year-end.
- Travel Expenses are also underspent by \$138K due to less than anticipated conferences and travel for Executive Staff.
- Miscellaneous Expense (\$252K) under Plan due to unspent County Election funds, decrease of Costs of Goods Sold for the Recreation Department, and a decrease in Rent and Leases for the O&M Department.
- Capital Outlay Expenditures are \$399K (25%) lower than Plan due to a timing issue related to the purchase of software equipment and El Rio and Saticoy facility projects.
- Personnel Costs are \$149K lower than Projection due to lower than anticipated Recreational (Fund 020) work which is expected to be utilized by year end.
- Slightly offsetting savings are higher than anticipated Fox Canyon Expense (\$72K).
- Depreciation (\$866K) is also below Budget because of asset depreciation posting to Fund 710.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year

- Expenditures are \$4.1M (18%) higher in the current fiscal year largely due to higher Transfers-Out (\$4.5M) for Capital Improvement Projects in Funds 020 and 050.
- Personnel Cost are also \$527K greater in the current fiscal year, stemming from a Board approved 3% COLA increase and annual merit increase.
- Capital Outlay higher in current fiscal year by \$812K, which is attributed to the Lake Piru Marina Replacement Project, three new vehicles for O&M Department, and a Crain Truck purchase in FY 2024-25.
- Increase is offset by reduced Operating Expenditures of \$1.7M in FY 2024-25, largely attributed to Professional Services for Lake Piru Storm Damage Clean-up and Environmental Fish Passage Study, which were carried out in FY 2023-24.
- Maintenance Cost in the current fiscal year were also \$225K lower. This is due to the Day Use and Dog Park Repairs Project completed at Lake Piru in FY 2023-24. However, additional invoices for the Lake Piru boat motor repair are still anticipated in FY 2024-25.
- Overhead Costs are also lower in the current fiscal year by \$175K.
- Operating Expenditure decrease were slightly offset by higher Insurance Expense (\$83K) and Utilities (\$42K) in FY 2024-25.

Fund Balance

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance at the end of FY 24-25 is approximately \$6.2M.
- The District's reserve policy requires a \$4M to \$5M undesignated balance, If the expected expenditures are realized, the fund is anticipated to finish the year above the District reserve requirement.



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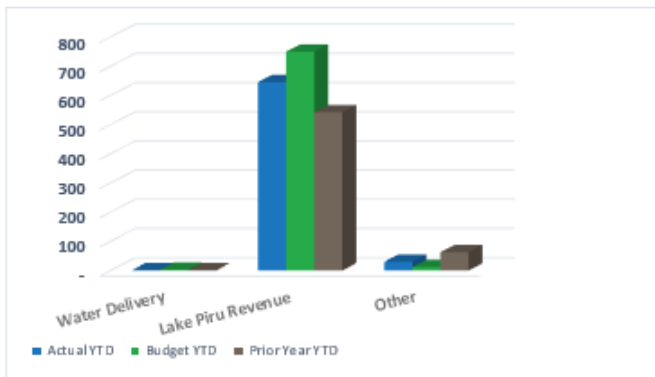
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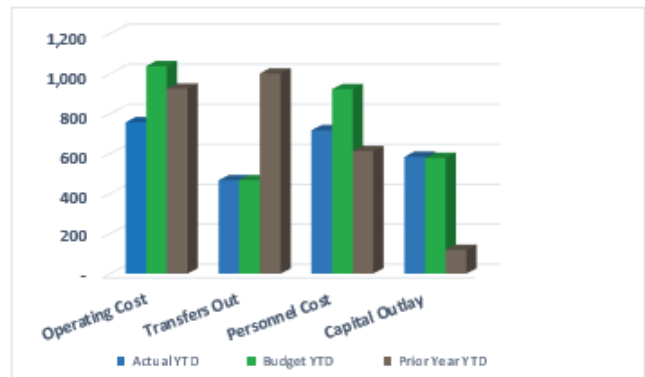
Recreation Sub-Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Revenues							
Water Delivery	1	2	(1)	-56%	1	0	6%
Earnings on Investments	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Lake Piru Revenue	645	750	(104)	-14%	542	103	19%
Other	30	12	18	156%	63	(33)	-53%
Total Revenues	676	764	(87)	-11%	606	70	12%
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	718	922	(205)	-22%	612	105	17%
Operating Expenditures	756	1,038	(281)	-27%	925	(168)	-18%
Capital Outlay	584	579	5	1%	119	465	392%
Transfers out	467	467	0	0%	1,001	(534)	-53%
Total Expenses	2,525	3,006	(481)	-16%	2,656	(131)	-5%
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	(1,849)	(2,242)	393	-18%	(2,050)	201	-10%

Revenues
(\$ thousands)



Expenses
(\$ thousands)



Revenue Status v. Budget

- Operational Revenue through the Third Quarter is under Budget by \$87K (11%), which is mainly due to lower than anticipated Day Use activities at Lake Piru. However, with the upcoming summer season, this shortfall is expected to be offset by the end of the fiscal year.

Revenue Status v. Prior Year

- Third Quarter Operational Revenue is \$70K (12%) higher in FY 2024-25, driven by increased Day Use, Camping, and Concessions Fees at Lake Piru compared to the prior fiscal year.



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Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget

- Total Expenditures were \$2.5M, \$481K (16%) under Budget due to Personnel Costs (\$205K), and Operating Expenditures (\$281K).
- Personnel Costs savings were realized due to two Park Ranger I positions being filled at the Cadet level, along with lower than expected recreational activities from the O&M and Recreation Department. Staffing needs expected to increase in fourth quarter.
- Maintenance (\$108K) below Plan due to a delay in needed Recreation and SFD repairs, which are expected to pick up later in the fiscal year.
- Costs of Goods Sold (\$71K) and Overhead Costs (\$79K) are currently below the forecast but are expected to be fully utilized by year-end.
- Professional Fees (\$42K) lower than anticipated which includes the Sheriffs Department Contract Services and Information Technology Consulting Services that are projected to be fully utilized by the end of the fiscal year.
- Savings are slightly offset by an increase in Small Tools (\$31K) and Insurance Expense (\$13K).

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year

- Expenditures are \$131K (5%) lower in the current fiscal year, predominantly due to lower Transfers Out (\$534K) for Capital Improvement Projects.
- Operating Expenditures are \$168K (18%) lower in the current fiscal year but expected to pick up in the coming warmer months.
- Maintenance (\$191K) lower in the current fiscal year compared to last fiscal year. This is mainly due to the timing of expenses and a delay in invoicing which is expected to catch up by year-end.
- Small Tools (\$21K) and Professional Fees (\$18K) are also lower in FY 2024-25.
- Miscellaneous Expense (\$32K), mainly related to Costs of Goods Sold, are higher in FY 2024-25 due to purchases of ice, merchandise, and inventory for Condor Point Store which offset decrease in Operating Expenditures.
- Offsetting overall budget decreases are Capital Outlay Expenditures (\$465K) and Personnel Costs (\$105K), which are higher in the current fiscal year.

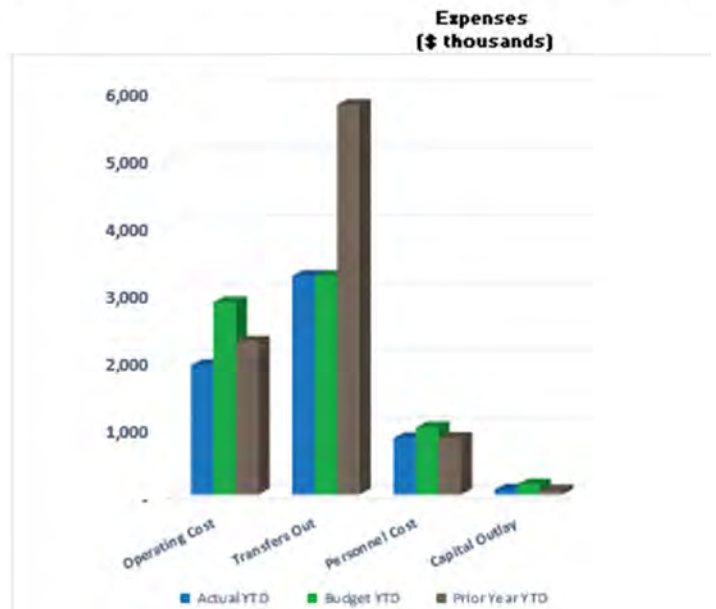
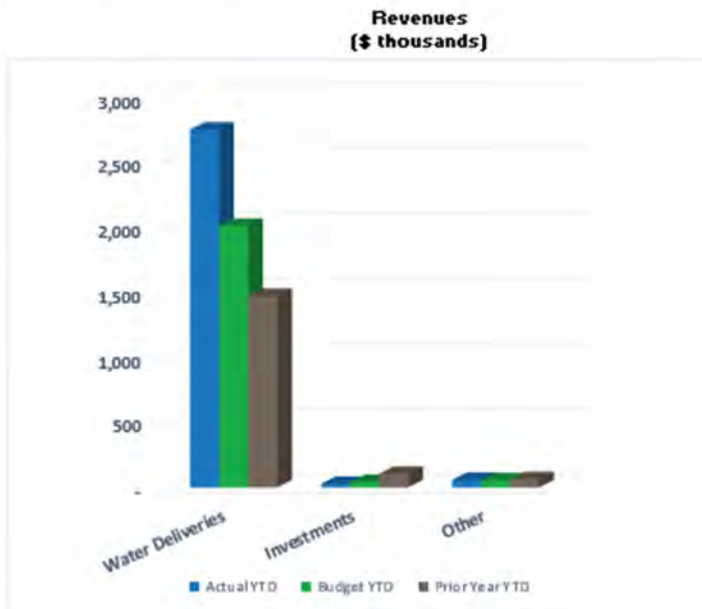
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Freeman Diversion Fund (Zone B)

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Revenues							
Groundwater	4,292	5,279	(987)	-19%	2,849	1,443	51%
Water Delivery	2,738	2,003	735	37%	1,466	1,272	87%
Earnings on Investments	28	42	(14)	-34%	105	(78)	-74%
Other	58	54	4	7%	143	(85)	-60%
Transfers in	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total Revenues	7,115	7,378	(262)	-4%	4,563	2,552	56%
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	835	997	(161)	-16%	838	(3)	0%
Operating Expenditures	1,920	2,857	(937)	-33%	2,272	(351)	-15%
Capital Outlay	75	152	(77)	-51%	60	15	26%
Transfers out	3,249	3,249	0	0%	5,790	(2,541)	-44%
Total Expenses	6,080	7,255	(1,175)	-16%	8,960	(2,880)	-32%
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	1,035	123	912	743%	(4,397)	5,432	-124%



Revenue Status v. Budget

- Revenue received through Third Quarter was \$7.1M, which is under Plan by \$262K (4%). This was driven by a decrease of \$987K (7,268 AF) in Groundwater production compared to budget.



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- Earnings on Investments are also \$14K (34%) under Budget, primarily due to change in overhead allocation and unfavorable market value adjustments for LAIF.
- Offsetting the decrease is Water Delivery Revenue which is \$735K (37%) above plan due to an additional 5,376 acre-feet of water delivered through the Oxnard Hueneme and Pleasant Valley Pipelines, along with a rise in late fees from District customers.

Revenue Status v. Prior Year

- Current Year revenue is \$2.6M (56%) higher than the previous fiscal year, predominately driven by a \$1.4M (51%) increase in Groundwater Revenue from extraction rate increases.
- Additionally, there was a \$1.3M (87%) increase in Water Delivery Revenue from an additional 3,066 acre-feet delivered year over year and an increase in OH fixed costs.
- Offsetting surplus is Grant Revenue (\$79K), as no grant funds are expected to be received in the current fiscal year.
- Earnings from Investments are also down by \$78K in the current fiscal year. This is caused by higher interest earnings on LAIF in FY 2023-24.
- Lease and Other Revenue is down by \$6K.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget

- Total Expenditures through Third Quarter are \$6.1M, which is \$1.2M (16%) below Budget. This is due to under-utilized Operating Expenditures \$937K (33%), Capital Outlay \$77K (51%) and savings in Personnel Costs \$161K (16%).
- Personnel Costs Budget underrun is attributable to less than anticipated workload related to Freeman activities across several departments and underutilization of benefits.
- Principal Expense (\$330K) and Interest (\$963K) under plan are related to the 2020 COP and Interfund Loan as they are budgeted as expenses but paid directly to liabilities.
- Overhead Costs are under Plan by \$271K and expected to pick up by year end.
- Professional Fees are \$200K below the allocated amount, largely because of a reduced need for Environmental and Legal Counsel services through the Third Quarter.
- Permits and Licenses down by \$43K primarily due to delayed application of Freeman sediment dredge and management permits.
- Rents and Leases down \$38K due to reduced demand for rental equipment at the Desilt Basin and by the O&M Department. Fuel Expense also has savings of \$20K.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year

- Compared to last fiscal year, Total Expenditures are \$2.9M (32%) lower in the current fiscal year. This is mainly due to a decrease of \$2.5M (44%) in Transfers-Out for Capital Improvement Projects and a \$351K reduction in Operating Expenditures.
- Maintenance illustrates a decrease of \$140K in FY 2024-25 due to Cal OES reimbursements received in the current fiscal year and reduced emergency fund usage at the Freeman Diversion.



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- Professional fees are \$186K lower this fiscal year due to delays in processing legal bills and a reduced need for legal services in the Environmental Services Department in FY 2024-25.
- Overhead Costs (\$91K) are also lower in the current fiscal year compared to the last fiscal year partially due to a change in overhead allocation.
- Water Chemicals (\$11K) lower in FY 2024-25 due to lower than anticipated expense for polymer purchase for Freeman Desilting Basin.
- Offsetting decreases are higher Miscellaneous Expenses, which have increased by \$38K due to Rents and Leases for the Desilting Basin Project.
- Insurance Expense (\$13K), Fuel Expense (\$11K), and Office Expenses (\$11K) are also higher in the current fiscal year compared to last fiscal year.

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Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Fund

In \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Revenues							
Water Delivery	6,479	5,919	559	9%	3,909	2,569	66%
Earnings on Investments	83	40	43	107%	47	36	76%
Grants	0	17	(17)	-100%	0	0	
Other	547	468	79	17%	536	12	2%
Total Revenues	7,109	6,444	665	10%	4,492	2,616	58%
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	1,025	654	371	57%	880	145	16%
Operating Expenditures	2,499	3,914	(1,415)	-36%	2,461	38	2%
Capital Outlay	489	1,198	(709)	-59%	660	(171)	-26%
Transfers out	154	176	(22)	-13%	632	(478)	-76%
Total Expenses	4,167	5,941	(1,774)	-30%	4,633	(466)	-10%
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	2,942	502	2,439	486%	(141)	3,083	-2182%



Revenue Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total Revenue received through Third Quarter is \$7.1M, \$665K (10%) over Budget.
- Budget surplus is primarily due to an increase in Water Deliveries (\$559K) in the Third Quarter. Deliveries were 1,040AF over plan. Compared to prior year, Water Deliveries are \$2.6M higher due to 1,233 AF more delivered in the current fiscal year as well as an increase in rates.
- Fox Canyon Revenue is also over Plan by \$57K in the current fiscal year due to the increase in water deliveries.



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- In current year Earnings on Investments are over Plan by \$43K (107%) and compared to prior year, they are up by \$36K (76%) due to higher interest earnings and market value adjustments for LAIF.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total Expenditures through Third Quarter are \$4.2M, \$1.8M (30%) under budget, which was primarily due to lower than expected Operating Expenditures by \$1.4M (36%).
- Utilities (\$394K) below Budget due to a delay in Southern California Edison invoicing. Compared to FY 2023-24, Utilities are under by \$106K in the current fiscal year.
- Fox Canyon GMA Expenses (\$240K) less than anticipated due to invoicing happening later in the fiscal year.
- Maintenance Costs are also lower than Plan by \$211K and expected to catch up by the end of the fiscal year. Compared to the previous year, Maintenance Costs increased by \$36K due to annual chlorine equipment services, feasibility study, and maintenance equipment.
- Overhead Cost is also lower than plan by \$330K but expected to catch up by the end of the fiscal year. In comparison to FY 2023-24, Overhead Costs are up by \$78K.
- Water Chemicals Expenses (\$106K) were delayed and anticipated to catch up by the end of the fiscal year.
- Contractual Services (\$73K) below Budget primarily due to underutilization of IT Consulting Services and OH Water Quality Analysis through the Third Quarter.
- Capital Outlay \$709K shortfall caused by a delay in OH Pipeline valve replacements, gas engine piping improvements, and other OH Structure and Improvement purchases. Capital Outlay lower by \$171K in current year due to a "42 OH Pipeline replacement that occurred last fiscal year.
- Principal payments \$106K under Plan due to 2020 COP payments budgeted as expense but paid directly to liability.
- Offsetting savings are Personnel Cost over plan by \$371K (57%) as there was more than expected work for the OH Pipelines, OH Booster Plant, and OH Well repairs. In addition, Unfunded Liability Payment paid in July 2024, but Budget distributed throughout fiscal year and utilization of temporary staffing services.
- Insurance Expense is also higher than Budget (\$57K) due to SDRMA payment paid in July 2024 and Budget distributed evenly throughout FY 2024-25. Insurance also up \$54K from prior year.
- Compared to prior fiscal year, total expenditure was lower by \$466K (10%) in the current fiscal year. This was predominantly attributable to a decrease in Transfers-Out (\$478K) for completed Capital Improvement Projects such as the Condor Point Improvement Project (CIP 8048) and the Server Replacement Project (CIP 8052).



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Fund Balance

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 24-25 is approximately \$881K.
- The District's reserve policy requires an undesignated balance of \$1.2M for this fund which is not expected to be met.

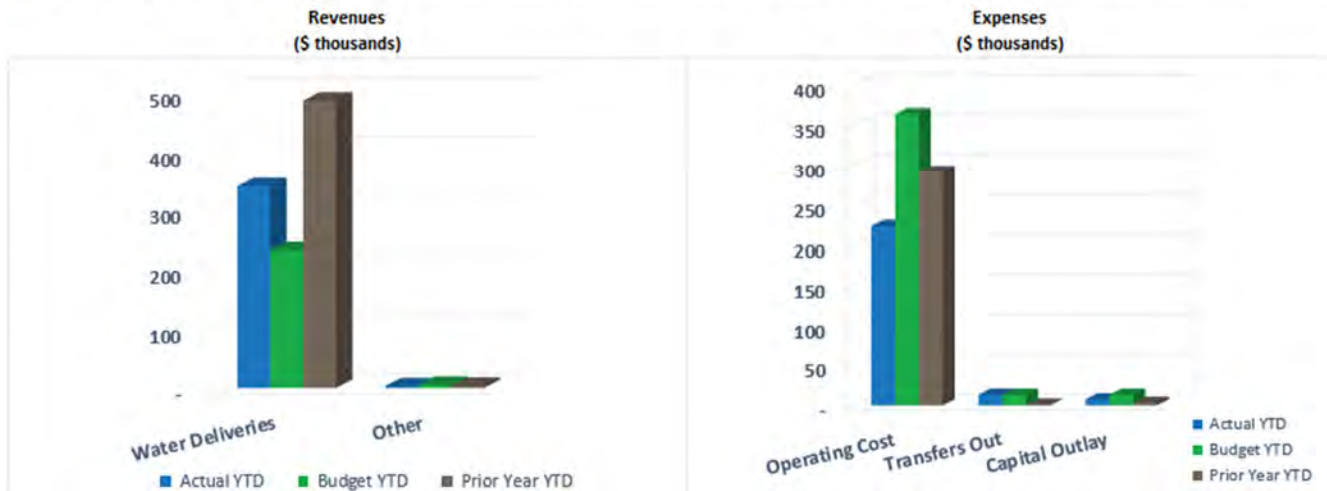
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Pleasant Valley Pipeline Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Revenues							
Water Delivery	341	233	108	47%	488	(146)	-30%
Earnings on Investments	44	8	36	445%	38	6	16%
Other	3	5	(2)	-39%	4	(1)	-14%
Total Revenues	389	246	143	58%	530	(141)	-27%
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	82	161	(79)	-49%	90	(7)	-8%
Operating Expenditures	141	202	(61)	-30%	202	(61)	-30%
Capital Outlay	8	13	(6)	-43%	3	4	122%
Transfers out	13	13	0	0%	1	12	1190%
Total Expenses	244	390	(146)	-37%	296	(52)	-17%
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	145	(144)	289	-201%	234	(89)	-38%



Revenue Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Revenue for the third quarter is \$389K, which is \$143K (58%) over budget, primarily due to stronger than expected Water Deliveries, which exceeded plan by \$108K (47%). This overage reflects increased demand and delivery of 4,336 AF over plan. Additionally, investment earnings from LAIF contributed positively, coming in at \$36K over budget, a 445% increase over expectations.
- Compared to the prior year, total revenue is down by \$141K (27%), largely driven by a \$146K drop in Water Delivery revenue. Although more water was delivered this quarter (266 AF more), the fixed cost and O&M pump charge rate decreased, leading to lower



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dollar revenue. Investment earnings, however, increased year-over-year by \$6K (16%), partially offsetting the decline.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total expenditures for the third quarter were \$244K, coming in \$146K (37%) under the year-to-date budget. This positive variance was driven by significant savings across multiple spending categories. Personnel Costs were under budget by \$79K (49%). This savings is attributed to temporary staffing vacancies, timing differences in payroll allocations, and lower-than-anticipated benefits utilization.
- Operating Expenditures were \$61K (30%) below plan, primarily due to the delayed execution of planned Maintenance of Structures & Improvements work. The Saticoy Well Inspection and related infrastructure projects experienced timeline shifts, contributing to these underspent allocations.
- Professional Fees were also lower than anticipated by approximately \$9K, largely due to the timing of invoice processing for legal services.
- Compared to the same period last fiscal year, overall expenditures are down by \$52K (17%). The largest year-over-year savings are seen in contracted services and maintenance expenses, as many projects that occurred in the prior year have either been completed or delayed this cycle. One notable exception is Water Treatment Chemical expenses, which remain elevated compared to prior years, consistent with broader market cost increases for chemical supplies. These higher treatment costs partially offset savings in other operational areas.

Fund Balance

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 24-25 is approximately \$1M.
- The District's reserve policy requires a \$329K minimum undesignated balance which is expected to be met.

Fund Balance

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 2024-25 is approximately \$132K.
- The District's reserve policy requires an undesignated balance of \$1.5M which is not expected to be met.

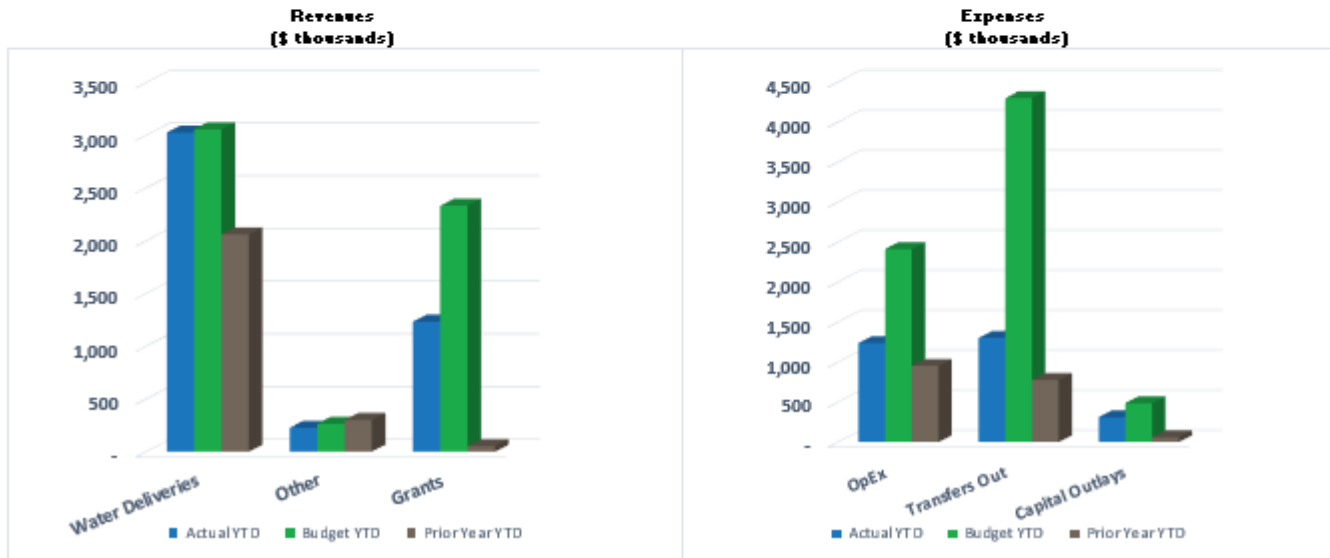
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Pumping Trough Pipeline Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Revenues							
Water Delivery	3,025	3,056	(31)	-1%	2,060	965	47%
Earnings on Investments	90	25	66	266%	81	9	11%
Grants	1,233	2,332	(1,100)	-47%	51	1,181	
Other	136	239	(103)	-43%	219	(83)	-38%
Total Revenues	4,483	5,651	(1,168)	-21%	2,411	2,073	86%
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	339	451	(112)	-25%	282	58	21%
Operating Expenditures	896	1,957	(1,062)	-54%	669	226	34%
Capital Outlay	309	484	(175)	-36%	59	250	424%
Transfers out	1,301	4,296	(2,995)	-70%	775	526	68%
Total Expenses	2,846	7,189	(4,343)	-60%	1,785	1,061	59%
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	1,638	(1,538)	3,175	-207%	626	1,012	162%



Revenue Status v. Budget

- Revenue received through Third Quarter is \$4.5M, \$1.1M (21%) below Plan. This is predominantly due to Grant Revenue (\$1.1M) associated with the SGM Grant for the PTP Recycled Water Connection Capital Improvement Project (CIP), which is delayed but expected to be received this fiscal year as well as the additional reallocated funds for Component 7 for the SGM Grant.



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- Water Delivery Revenue in line with Plan. There has been 4,044AF of deliveries made for the PTP Pipeline.
- Fox Canyon GMA Revenue below Budget by \$168K due to an increase in surface water deliveries made in the first two quarters.
- Slightly offsetting decrease is Earnings on Investments, which was \$66K over Plan due to higher interest earnings on LAIF.

Revenue Status v. Prior Year

- FY 2024-25 Revenue is up \$2M (86%) compared to last fiscal year. This is primarily due to a \$965K (47%) increase in Water Delivery Revenue which is attributed to higher pipeline rates in the current fiscal year.
- Grant Revenue (\$1.2M) is also higher in the current fiscal year due to SGM Grant payments received for the PTP Recycled Water Connection CIP and invoicing that has restarted for the DWR PTP Metering Grant.
- Fox Canyon GMA Revenue higher by \$51K in current fiscal year.
- CIP Transfers-In were \$143K lower than Prior Year due to a correcting entry related to the PTP Recycled Water Connection CIP made in FY 2023-24.
- Earnings on Investments higher \$9K (11%) compared to Prior Year due to higher interest rates in the current fiscal year.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget

- Total Expenditures through the Third Quarter are \$2.8M (60%) below Budget. This is predominantly due to lower Transfers-Out for Capital Improvement Projects (\$3M), which is delayed due to transfers out being dependent on Grant Revenue received for the PTP Recycled Water Connection CIP.
- Operating Expenditures are \$1M (54%) below Plan in the second quarter.
- Maintenance underutilized by \$312K because of pending Saticoy Well Field inspections, repairs for corroding turnouts, replacements of VFD's and motors.
- Overhead Costs through the Third Quarter are \$300K, \$145K under Plan.
- Utilities \$173K lower than projected caused by a delay of Southern California Edison invoicing. In addition, less electricity has been used for well pumping due to more surface water deliveries.
- Fox Canyon GMA Expenses less than anticipated (\$213K) due to invoicing happening later in the fiscal year.
- Professional Fees under (\$63K) for PTP Turnout contractor support has been delayed but is expected to pick later in the fiscal year.
- Principal (\$183K) and Interest (\$6K) related to 2020 COP and Interfund Loan are budgeted as expenses but paid directly to liability.
- Slightly offsetting decrease are higher Water Chem expense (\$21K) which was attributed to additional expenses for the hypochlorite solution for the Moss Screens.



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- Capital Outlay \$174K (36%) under projections but expected to be utilized by year end.

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year

- Compared to the prior fiscal year, Total Expenditures are higher by \$1M (59%) in the current fiscal year. This was predominantly due to higher Transfers-Out for Capital Improvement Projects (\$526K).
- Capital Outlay (\$250K) also higher in the current fiscal year. This is attributed to an increase of PTP turnout valve replacements in FY 2024-25.
- Operating Expenditures higher by \$226K (34%) compared to last fiscal year. This is largely caused by a rise in Treatment Chemical, Insurance Expenses and Utilities.
- Personnel Costs \$58K higher in FY 2024-25 due to the Board approving 3% COLA and annual merit increases.

Fund Balance

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 2024-25 is approximately \$1.1M.
- The District's reserve policy requires an undesignated balance of \$1M for this fund which is expected to be met.



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State Water Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Revenues							
Earnings on Investments	137	66	72	110%	195	(58)	-30%
Property Taxes	3,430	2,507	923	37%	4,002	(572)	-14%
Total Revenues	3,568	2,573	995	39%	4,198	(630)	-15%
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Operating Expenditures	2,904	3,988	(1,084)	-27%	9,500	(6,596)	-69%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Debt Service	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Transfers out	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,904	3,988	(1,084)	-27%	9,500	(6,596)	-69%
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	664	(1,415)	2,079	-147%	(5,302)	5,966	-113%



Revenue Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Revenue for Q3 exceeded projections by \$995K (39%).
- Property tax revenue surpassed plan by \$923K (37%), mainly due to an increase in passthrough and unsecured taxes that were higher than originally projected. Additionally, earnings from investments in LAIF were above expectations by \$72K (110%), influenced by a GAAP market value adjustment as well as a rise in the rate of return.
- Compared to FY 2023-24, revenue is down by \$630K (15%), primarily attributed to overall lower property tax receipts (14%).

Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total Q3 expenditures were \$2.9M, under budget by \$1.1M (27%). This is due to reductions in variable costs from State Water Purchases.
- Compared to Prior Year, expenditures decreased by \$6.6M (69%), attributed to reduced Table A and supplemental water purchases in FY 2024-25.



FY 2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025

75% of Fiscal Year Completed

Fund Balance

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 24-25 is approximately \$5.6M. Assuming FY 2024-25 activity is consistent with the approved budget; the projected ending balance is within the District's fund reserve maximum of \$7.3M.
- The entire fund balance is designated for the fixed and variable costs related to the District's State Water Project allocation of 5,000 acre feet per year plus allowable Table A water.

FY 2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Review

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Overhead Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
Expenses							
Personnel Costs	2,601	2,727	(126)	-5%	2,657	(56)	-2%
Operating Expenditures	1,203	2,869	(1,667)	-58%	1,342	(139)	-10%
Capital Outlay	0	43	(43)	0%	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	3,804	5,639	(1,835)	-33%	3,999	(195)	-5%

Expenses

(\$ thousands)



Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total Expenditures through Q3 amount to \$3.8M, which is \$1.8M (33%) below budget.
- Personnel Cost is under projection by \$126K (5%), primarily due to a vacancy for the full-time Senior Technology Systems Specialist, leading to savings in salary (\$33K) and benefits (\$93K).
- Operating expenditures are under plan by \$1.7M (58%), with the largest savings seen in Professional Fees, totaling \$1.3M. This reduction is largely due to legal bills pending to be processed, reduced use of Legal Counsel – Specialists, and postponed software implementation support that affected Professional Fees for Financial services. Furthermore, Office Expenses are under budget \$232K, mainly driven by a pending payment for the renewal of cybersecurity protection license. Maintenance, down by \$62K due to delays in renovation of the main lobby. Also under plan are Travel (\$44K) from delays in training, Utilities (\$51K) from delays in bill processing, and Safety Supplies (\$36K).



FY 2024-25 Third Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025

75% of Fiscal Year Completed

- Compared to the previous fiscal year, total expenditure was under \$195K (5%), primarily from decreased use of Office Expenses (\$113K), Professional Fees (\$34K), and Personnel Costs (\$56K).
- Partially offsetting these savings is an increase in Safety Supplies (\$9K) and Miscellaneous (\$18K) driven by the procurement of security cameras and replacement printers.



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Anthony E. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer
Sara Guzman, Finance Supervisor

Date: April 17, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 3.5 Approve a Payment Plan and Penalty and Interest Waiver Request from Mrs. Nancy Trinidad
Motion

Staff Recommendation:

Approve a request from Mrs. Nancy Trinidad to enter a payment plan for groundwater extraction charges of \$38,197.68 incurred from the billing period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024, for well number 04N18W29E01S and a waiver for the associated penalty and interest charges of \$9,034.52 upon successful completion of the payment plan.

Discussion:

Mrs. Trinidad’s daughter, Ms. Jennifer Trinidad, has been instrumental in assisting her with the required semi-annual filings in the past. However, Ms. Trinidad relocated from Ventura County in early 2021, and Mrs. Trinidad found herself unfamiliar with the process. As a result, she was not able to file the necessary statements. Recently, Mrs. Trinidad became aware of the account status and has taken immediate steps to rectify the situation by responding to our communications and seeking guidance from our office.

Mrs. Trinidad has communicated that due to ongoing financial challenges, they are unable to pay the balance in full. In accordance with the District’s adopted Payment Plan Policy, any payment plan extending beyond six (6) months requires Board approval. Ms. Trinidad has proposed a payment plan consisting of thirty-eight (38) bi-weekly installments of \$1,000.00, concluding with a final payment of \$197.68 as shown below.

Range	No. of Payments	Amount
4/21/2025 - 9/21/2026	38	38,000.00
10/5/2026	1	197.68
Total:	39	\$ 38,197.68

**3.5 Payment Plan, and Penalty and Interest Waiver Request from Mrs. Nancy Trinidad Administrative Services Department Monthly Report
Motion**

Furthermore, she is requesting that upon receipt of the total extraction charges, any associated penalties and interest be waived. To demonstrate her commitment to resolving the outstanding balance, Ms. Trinidad made an initial payment of \$1,000.00 on April 16, 2025. Staff recommend that the Board approve the proposed payment plan and agree to waive the associated penalties and interest.

Fiscal Impact:

Forfeiture of \$9,034.52 of General Water Conservation Funds, which were not previously anticipated or included in the adopted budget, and a delay of receipt for remaining expected charges.

Attachment:

Request for Payment Plan and Waiver of Penalty & Interest Charges

ATTACHMENT

**REQUEST FOR PAYMENT PLAN AND
WAIVER OF PENALTY & INTEREST CHARGES**

Nancy Trinidad has requested a payment plan for groundwater extraction charges totaling \$38,197.68, and a waiver for the associated penalties and interest of \$9,979.16. Jennifer Trinidad, daughter of Mrs. Trinidad, previously assisted with the required semi-annual filings. However, Mrs. Trinidad faced difficulties in filing necessary semi-annual statements after her daughter, Jennifer, moved away in early 2021. To address the outstanding balance, Jennifer has proposed a payment plan comprised of 38 bi-weekly installments of \$1,000, and ending with a final payment of \$197.68. Nancy has already made an initial payment of \$1,000 on April 16, 2025, and she requests the waiver of penalties and interest in the amount of \$9,034.52 upon receipt of the full principal balance.

Entered payment plan within the last three years: Yes _____ No X

P&I Waived within the last three years: Yes _____ No X

Payment Plan Amount: \$ 38,197.68

Approved X Denied _____

Signature:  Date 5/20/25
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

Signature:  Date 5/14/25
Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

Operator: Nancy Trinidad
Well #: 04N18W29E01S
Account #: 100-00760

Production Charges January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024

Balance as of 3/18/2021: \$ (24.04)

Period	AF	Rate	Production \$	P&I %	P&I \$	Payments	Balance
21-1	50.65	57.03	2,888.57	16%	465.08		3,329.61
21-2	85.94	67.51	5,801.81	16%	1,141.95		10,273.37
22-1	-	67.51	-	-	-	(3,000.00)	7,273.37
22-2	88.75	71.98	6,388.23	16%	1,458.52		15,120.12
23-1	30.81	71.98	2,217.70	16%	1,262.04		18,599.86
23-2	86.22	99.75	8,600.45	16%	2,492.07		29,692.38
24-1	27.15	99.75	2,708.21	16%	2,214.86		34,615.45
24-2	86.97	145.07	12,616.74	-	-		47,232.20

*22-1 was reported by the customer, all other production was based on 3-year averages

Total Production Charges: 38,197.68
 Total P&I: 9,034.52
Balance Due: \$47,232.20

100 - 00760

04N18W29E01S

		Payments	Projected Bal.
			\$ 47,232.20
✓ 1	4/16/2025	1,000.00	46,232.20
2	5/5/2025	1,000.00	45,232.20
3	5/19/2025	1,000.00	44,232.20
4	6/2/2025	1,000.00	43,232.20
5	6/16/2025	1,000.00	42,232.20
6	6/30/2025	1,000.00	41,232.20
7	7/14/2025	1,000.00	40,232.20
8	7/28/2025	1,000.00	39,232.20
9	8/11/2025	1,000.00	38,232.20
10	8/25/2025	1,000.00	37,232.20
11	9/8/2025	1,000.00	36,232.20
12	9/22/2025	1,000.00	35,232.20
13	10/6/2025	1,000.00	34,232.20
14	10/20/2025	1,000.00	33,232.20
15	11/3/2025	1,000.00	32,232.20
16	11/17/2025	1,000.00	31,232.20
17	12/1/2025	1,000.00	30,232.20
18	12/15/2025	1,000.00	29,232.20
19	12/29/2025	1,000.00	28,232.20
20	1/12/2026	1,000.00	27,232.20
21	1/26/2026	1,000.00	26,232.20
22	2/9/2026	1,000.00	25,232.20
23	2/23/2026	1,000.00	24,232.20
24	3/9/2026	1,000.00	23,232.20
25	3/23/2026	1,000.00	22,232.20
26	4/6/2026	1,000.00	21,232.20
27	4/20/2026	1,000.00	20,232.20
28	5/4/2026	1,000.00	19,232.20
29	5/18/2026	1,000.00	18,232.20
30	6/1/2026	1,000.00	17,232.20
31	6/15/2026	1,000.00	16,232.20
32	6/29/2026	1,000.00	15,232.20
33	7/13/2026	1,000.00	14,232.20
34	7/27/2026	1,000.00	13,232.20
35	8/10/2026	1,000.00	12,232.20
36	8/24/2026	1,000.00	11,232.20
37	9/7/2026	1,000.00	10,232.20
38	9/21/2026	1,000.00	9,232.20
39	10/5/2026	1,000.00	8,232.20
40	10/19/2026	1,000.00	7,232.20
41	11/2/2026	1,000.00	6,232.20
42	11/16/2026	1,000.00	5,232.20
43	11/30/2026	1,000.00	4,232.20
44	12/14/2026	1,000.00	3,232.20
45	12/28/2026	1,000.00	2,232.20
46	1/11/2027	1,000.00	1,232.20
47	1/25/2027	1,000.00	232.20
48	2/8/2027	232.20	(0.00)

I'd like to request a payment plan for this amount. Moving away from ventura county has been the reason for this balance. I have moved back to ventura county and am focused on bringing this balance to zero, and being current with this account. Thank you for your consideration.
Jennifer Trinidad

If I can request to please waive the penalty and interest, I would greatly appreciate it.
Thank you

\$197.68 → principal



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Anthony E. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Dr. Bram Sercu, Principal Hydrologist

Date: May 28, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 3.6 **Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District Regarding the Use of the Castaic Lake Flexible Storage Program**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize the General Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District (collectively referred to as the "Ventura Entities") regarding the use of the Castaic Flexible Storage Program.

Background:

The Monterey Amendments to the California State Water Project (SWP) Water Supply Contracts established "flexible storage accounts" in SWP terminal reservoirs for several SWP contractors with access to those terminal reservoirs. Castaic Lake is one of the SWP terminal reservoirs. For Castaic Lake, these contractors include the SCVWA (formerly Castaic Lake Water Agency), the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and the Ventura County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, now called the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD).

Via agreements with the VCWPD, shares of the Ventura County SWP access are divided between the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD), City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District (District). CMWD serves as the administrator of the Water Supply Contracts for all Ventura Entities. The "flexible storage account" in Castaic Lake established by the Monterey Amendments for the Ventura Entities totals 1,376 acre-feet and is assigned to the various agencies as follows: 344 acre-feet for the CMWD, 688 acre-feet for the City, and 344 acre-feet for the District.

3.6 Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District regarding the use of the Castaic Lake Flexible Storage Program
Motion

Discussion:

As the Ventura Entities do not have direct access to Castaic Lake, in 2005, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and Ventura entities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allowing CLWA, which does have direct access to Castaic Lake, to “lease” the 1,376 acre-foot storage account. A per acre-foot per year charge of \$11 was established, based upon the California Department of Water Resources valuation of the storage in Castaic Lake. CLWA began using the storage account and made payments to CMWD, which in turn made payments to the City and United. This resulted in a maximum revenue to the District of \$3,784 per year for CLWA’s use of the storage account. The ten-year term of the original MOU expired on December 1, 2015, and the First Amendment to MOU for Use of Flexible Storage Account (First Amendment) allowed SCVWA (formerly CLWA) to continue to “lease” the storage account from the Ventura Entities for an additional ten years at a per acre-foot per year charge of \$13.

The ten-year term of the First Amendment will expire on December 1, 2025, and the Second Amendment to MOU for Use of Flexible Storage Account (Second Amendment) will allow SCVWA to continue to “lease” the storage account from the Ventura Entities for an additional five years. The \$13 per acre-foot per year charge has been increased to \$30.35, based on unit transportation costs in DWR Bulletin 132-24. This would result in a maximum revenue to the District of \$10,440 per year. A one-year notice of termination clause in the Second Amendment would allow United to opt-out of the MOU, should it have need for the storage account itself.

Fiscal Impact:

The Second Amendment will result in a maximum revenue of \$10,440 per year.

Attachments:

- A - MOU Regarding Pilot Program Between Castaic Lake Water Agency and Casitas Municipal Water Agency, the City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District Use of Flexible Storage Account, Castaic Lake
- B - First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for Use of Flexible Storage Account
- C - Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for Use of Flexible Storage Account

ATTACHMENT A

Agreement No. 2005-046

City Council Approved: 9/12/2005

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN
CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY AND
CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,
THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA AND
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
USE OF FLEXIBLE STORAGE ACCOUNT, CASTAIC LAKE**

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into between Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District, collectively referred to as "Ventura Entities" and Castaic Lake Water Agency (referred to herein as "CLWA") with an effective date of December 1, 2005, and with reference to the following:

WHEREAS, CLWA desires to take steps to improve its water supply reliability for the benefit of its constituents in the Santa Clarita Valley and to meet dry-year water supply demands from its customers; and

WHEREAS, CLWA and Ventura County each possess a Flexible Storage Account in Castaic Lake, the terminal reservoir of the State Water Project, which accounts were created in 1995 pursuant to an amendment to CLWA's and the Ventura Entities' Water Supply Contracts with the California Department of Water Resources concerning the State Water Project Such amendment allows the Ventura Entities to store a portion of their contractual Table A Amounts in Castaic Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura Entities will be able to benefit from their Flexible Storage Account by allowing CLWA to utilize said account for storage of CLWA Table A Amount on a year-to-year basis in consideration for the payment of money; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura Entities desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding with CLWA on the terms and conditions set forth below; and

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE payment of money and the mutual promises of the parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

I. Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Ventura Entities hereby establish a pilot program to allow CLWA to use the Ventura Entities Flexible Storage Account of 1,376 acre-feet as described in Article 54 of Amendment Number 12 to the "County of Ventura Water Supply Contract", which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof on the following terms and conditions:

A. CLWA will provide written notice to the Ventura Entities on or before December 1 of each calendar year of its desire to use the Ventura Entities Flexible Storage Account for the following calendar year. When CLWA uses the account, it will utilize the entire 1,376 acre-feet of available storage. The Ventura Entities shall respond to CLWA in written response by December 31 of each such calendar year in their sole and absolute

discretion whether such request to use the Flexible Storage Account is acceptable during the following year. Contacting the Ventura Entities with such a request and coordination of response shall be the responsibility of Casitas Municipal Water District ("Casitas" herein).

- B. If such use is acceptable, CLWA agrees to pay a charge of \$11.00 per acre-foot for the entire 1,376 acre feet of storage capacity of the Ventura Entities Flexible Storage Account ("Use Charge"), payable within thirty (30) days of the Ventura Entities' acceptance. Said charge will be paid to Casitas on behalf of all the Ventura Entities by January 31 of the year following the acceptance by the Ventura Entities. CLWA shall deliver the Use Charge to Casitas. Casitas shall allocate or transmit such payment to the three Ventura Entities, such under the terms defined in the (1) "Contract for Allocation of State Water Plan Water Between Ventura River Municipal Water District and United Water Conservation District" and (2) "A Contract for Allocation of State Water Plan Water Between Casitas Municipal Water District and City of San Buenaventura."
 - C. CLWA shall provide an accounting of the amount of water used from or repaid to the Flexible Storage Account to the Department of Water Resources State Water Project Analysis Office and the Ventura Entities by October 1 of each calendar year in which the Flexible Storage Account has been used by CLWA. All terms and conditions of the Flexible Storage Account under Article 54 of Amendment Number 12 assigned to the "County of Ventura Water Supply Contract" shall be assumed and undertaken by CLWA in years when it has used the Account.
- II. The term of this Memorandum shall be for period of ten (10) years from December 1, 2005, unless either party informs the other of its intent to cancel this Memorandum by giving one (1) year's notice in writing.

III. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. Notices shall be in writing to each of the parties as follows:

Ventura Entities
% Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 Ventura Avenue
Oak View, CA 93022
ATTN: General Manager

Castaic Lake Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350
ATTN: General Manager

Dated: 10/12/05

VENTURA ENTITIES:

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

By [Signature]

Dated: 9/29/2005

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

By [Signature]

Dated: 9/14/05

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By [Signature]

Dated: 10/17/05

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

By [Signature]
MLC

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

[Signature]
CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

[Signature]
CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

[Signature]
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ATTACHMENT B

FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE OF FLEXIBLE STORAGE ACCOUNT

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE OF FLEXIBLE STORAGE ACCOUNT ("First Amendment") is entered into on ^{Dec.} June 1, 2015 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Castaic Lake Water Agency ("CLWA") and the Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District, (collectively referred to as the "Ventura Entities").

RECITALS

- A. CLWA and the Ventura Entities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding effective December 1, 2005 regarding the use by the Agency of the Ventura Entities' Flexible Storage Account in Castaic Lake ("Memorandum").
- B. The term of the Memorandum is ten years and expires on December 1, 2015.
- C. CLWA and the Ventura Entities desire to extend the term of the Memorandum an additional ten years, as well as increase the per acre-foot storage capacity charge from \$11 to \$13.

TERMS

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree to amend the Memorandum as follows:

1. Section I(B) is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"If such use is acceptable, CLWA agrees to pay a charge of \$13.00 per acre-foot for the entire 1,376 acre-feet of storage capacity of the Ventura Entities Flexible Storage Account ("Use Charge"), payable within thirty (30) days of the Ventura Entities' acceptance. Said charge will be paid to Casitas on behalf of all the Ventura Entities by January 31 of the year following the acceptance by the Ventura Entities. CLWA shall deliver the Use Charge to Casitas. Casitas shall allocate or transmit such payment to the three Ventura Entities, such under the terms defined in the (1) "Contract for Allocation of State Water Plan Water Between Ventura River Municipal Water District and United Water Conservation District" and (2) "A Contract for Allocation of State Water Plan Water Between Casitas Municipal Water District and City of San Buenaventura."

2. Section II is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"The term of this Memorandum shall begin on December 1, 2005 and terminate on December 1, 2025, unless either party informs the other of its intent to cancel this Memorandum by giving one (1) year's notice in writing."

3. Continuing Effect of Agreement. Except as amended by this First Amendment, all other provisions of the Memorandum remain in full force and effect. From and after the date of this First Amendment, whenever the term "Memorandum" appears in the Agreement, it shall mean the Memorandum as amended by this First Amendment.

CLWA and the Ventura Entities have each caused this First Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date set forth below the authorized signature.

VENTURA ENTITIES:

Dated: 11-12-15

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

By 

Dated: _____

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

By _____

Dated: _____

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: _____

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

3. Continuing Effect of Agreement. Except as amended by this First Amendment, all other provisions of the Memorandum remain in full force and effect. From and after the date of this First Amendment, whenever the term "Memorandum" appears in the Agreement, it shall mean the Memorandum as amended by this First Amendment.

CLWA and the Ventura Entities have each caused this First Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date set forth below the authorized signature.

VENTURA ENTITIES:

Dated: _____

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: November 2, 2015

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

By 

Mark D. Watkins
City Manager

Dated: _____

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: _____

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY


By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



GREGORY G. DIAZ
City Attorney

3. Continuing Effect of Agreement. Except as amended by this First Amendment, all other provisions of the Memorandum remain in full force and effect. From and after the date of this First Amendment, whenever the term "Memorandum" appears in the Agreement, it shall mean the Memorandum as amended by this First Amendment.

CLWA and the Ventura Entities have each caused this First Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date set forth below the authorized signature.

VENTURA ENTITIES:

Dated: _____

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: _____

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

By _____

Dated: 01 DECEMBER 2015

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By  FOR MEG

Dated: _____

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

3. Continuing Effect of Agreement. Except as amended by this First Amendment, all other provisions of the Memorandum remain in full force and effect. From and after the date of this First Amendment, whenever the term "Memorandum" appears in the Agreement, it shall mean the Memorandum as amended by this First Amendment.

CLWA and the Ventura Entities have each caused this First Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date set forth below the authorized signature.

VENTURA ENTITIES:

Dated: _____

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: _____

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

By _____

Dated: _____

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: 12/1/15

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

By 

BSM

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY

ATTACHMENT C

SECOND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE OF FLEXIBLE STORAGE ACCOUNT

This SECOND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE OF FLEXIBLE STORAGE ACCOUNT ("Second Amendment ") is entered into on _____, 2025 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency ("SCVWA") and the Casitas Municipal Water District, City of San Buenaventura, and United Water Conservation District, (collectively referred to as the "Ventura Entities").

RECITALS

A. SCVWA (formerly Castaic Lake Water Agency) and the Ventura Entities executed a Memorandum of Understanding for a term of 10 years effective December 1, 2005 regarding the use by the Agency of the Ventura Entities' Flexible Storage Account in Castaic Lake ("Memorandum"). The term of the Memorandum was ten years and expired on December 1, 2015.

B. SCVWA and the Ventura Entities executed a First Amendment to the Memorandum effective December 1, 2015 for a term of ten years expiring on December 1, 2025.

C. Pursuant to state legislation, on January 1, 2018 Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) merged with another entity to form SCVWA, and SCVWA became the successor in interest to all of the rights and obligations of CLWA, including the Memorandum.

D. SCVWA and the Ventura Entities desire to extend the term of the Memorandum an additional five years, as well as increase the per acre-foot storage capacity charge from \$13.00 to \$30.35.

TERMS

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree to amend the Memorandum as follows:

1. Section I(B) is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"If such use is acceptable, SCVWA agrees to pay a charge of \$30.35 per acre-foot for the entire 1,376 acre-feet of storage capacity of the Ventura Entities Flexible Storage Account ("Use Charge"), payable within thirty (30) days of the Ventura Entities' acceptance. Said charge will be paid to Casitas on behalf of all the Ventura Entities by January 31 of the year following the acceptance by the Ventura Entities. SCVWA shall deliver the Use Charge to Casitas. Casitas shall allocate or transmit such payment to the three Ventura Entities, such under the terms defined in the (1) "Contract for Allocation of State Water Plan Water Between Ventura River Municipal Water District and United Water

Conservation District" and (2) "A Contract for Allocation of State Water Plan Water Between Casitas Municipal Water District and City of San Buenaventura."

2. Section II is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"The term of this Memorandum shall begin on December 1, 2005 and terminate on December 1, 2030, unless either party informs the other of its intent to cancel this Memorandum by giving one (1) year's notice in writing."

3. Continuing Effect of Agreement. Except as amended by this Second Amendment, all other provisions of the Memorandum remain in full force and effect. From and after the date of this Second Amendment, whenever the term "Memorandum" appears in the Agreement, it shall mean the Memorandum as amended by the First Amendment and this Second Amendment.

SCVWA and the Ventura Entities have each caused this Second Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date set forth below the authorized signature

Dated: _____ CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: _____ CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

By _____

Dated: _____ UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By _____

Dated: _____ SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

From: Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer
Randy Castañeda, Operations Supervisor — Water Treatment
J.D. Smallwood, Operations Supervisor — Water Distribution

Date: May 28, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

Receive this summary report from the Operations and Maintenance department about its activities for May 2025.

1. Major Facilities Update

- **Santa Felicia Dam**

- On April 1st, 2025, the lake level was 1017.2' and on 4/30, the lake level had slightly risen to 1017.85'.
- Santa Felicia Dam (SFD) release flows consistently remained at 7+ cubic feet per second (cfs) throughout April due to Habitat Flow requirements and no Migration Releases due to lack of rainfall.
- SFD staff performed and monitored the Monthly Siren Test on Friday, 5/2, with no issues to report.
- SFD's monthly inspection is ongoing for the month of May.
- Various Dam Safety Improvement workshops and meetings took place regarding the new Outlet Works Project and the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Board of Consultants Meeting No. 10 held on Tuesday, 20/5 and Wednesday, 5/21 at UWCD's HQ during which the final design of the new Outlet Works and 90% design of the Spillway Improvement projects were reviewed Packages - .
- Herbicide application and weed abatement are ongoing at SFD, the Piru Spreading Grounds (PSG), and the Lake Piru Recreation Area (LPRA). The specific areas targeted are sections of Overflow and the "gulch" area (LPRA), the dam's access roads (SFD), and the South Grounds (PSG). For clarification, the "gulch" area is the low-lying area between Residence Row and the Gate House.
- Utilizing the District's heavy equipment, SFD staff members are performing weed abatement and land clearing tasks near LPRA's campground and PSG

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to remain within compliance with the Ventura County's Fire Hazard Reduction Program.

- **Freeman Diversion, Saticoy, and El Rio Recharge Facilities**

- Various clean-up activities such as access road maintenance, pond discing, and trash collection in and around the Saticoy facility and the Freeman Diversion.
- Various tours occurring at the Freeman Diversion.
- Herbicide application tasks are ongoing and continuing near the Freeman Diversion, the Saticoy Spreading Grounds, the Noble Basins, and the North Bank.
- "O" Pond's sediment removal has been completed by Tri County Trucking and Summer Construction. The contractors mentioned were able to remove approximately 14,000 cubic yards of sediment in 7 working days. Due to this work being performed, O pond's footprint has been increased, and its groundwater recharge ability has been enhanced.
- Various Desilting Basin draining and drying activities are ongoing and continuing in preparation for the annual Desilt Project which is occurring later this calendar year.
- Static water levels (distance to water - from the well pad to the water table):

Facility	2025*	2024	2023
Saticoy	56'	18'	19'
El Rio	64'	50'	105'
PTP	70'-119'	54'-89'	78'-106'

* *Static groundwater levels are typically recorded in the last week of the month. This table represents data in the month of April.*

- **Oxnard Hueneme (OH) Delivery System**

- El Rio operators took photos of OH, PTP well flow meters and updated files for FCGMA record updates.
- El Rio operators assisted Toro Construction and Travis Ag. Construction to raise OH manhole covers and frames on Rose Ave.
- El Rio operators assisted HACH Co. with quarterly service and calibrations of NTU meters.
- El Rio operators made repairs to Gas Eng. 2. cooling tower.
- UWCD staff conducted a functional test of OH well field 800 KW emergency generator.

- **Pleasant Valley County Water District (PVCWD)**

- PVCWD received United's surface water supply, and Saticoy wells.
- 12% sodium hypochlorite injection continues at Saticoy's Moss Screen facilities for quagga mussel control.

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- UWCD staff performed confined space entry into Pleasant Valley pipeline vault on W. Ventura Blvd. to continue repairs to electrical and telemetry components.
- El Rio operators assisted the welding contractor in setting new heavy-duty cover plates over the Total Irrigation Delivery (TID) vault.
- **Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP)**
 - During April, the PTP system demand was met with surface water and PTP and Saticoy wells.
 - UWCD staff conducted drone video footage of the construction work for the Recycled Water Connection project on Laguna Rd.
 - El Rio operators performed monthly operational tests of the PTP emergency generators.
 - El Rio operators made repairs to Saticoy Moss Screen and PTP sodium hypochlorite injection systems.
 - El Rio operators confirmed connectivity of the new tracer wire on the Recycled Water Pipeline.
 - UWCD staff shut down electrical power and water to the PTP Well 1 site so General Pump Co. could begin the initial stage of the rehab work on the well and pump assembly.
 - Drained the upper end of the PTP system to replace the PTP main line flow meter per the manufacturer's recommended bi-annual service and calibration of the entire meter component.
- **Control Systems**
 - Attended the EPA National Water and Wastewater Sector Cybersecurity Drill.
 - Meet with Whelen Engineering representatives regarding SFD Dam siren upgrade solutions.
 - Added a pressure transducer to the diesel tank for the 800 KVA Emergency Generator at El Rio.
 - We have received the final 2 training PLCs from Opto 22.
 - Fixed Communication for 19 PTP Turnouts. 11 Turnouts Comm Fail left.
 - Tag Configuration for new Historian & Mirror Historian began.
 - Meeting with Opto22's representative and CS/COO staff.
 - Alpha Testing for Mirror Historian was completed.
- **Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant**
 - All the chlorine residuals and turbidity readings for the Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant (LPWTP) were within proper ranges in the month of April.
 - Monthly pH, turbidity, and coliform samples were obtained from the treatment plant as part of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule compliance monitoring. The results were favorable, with another passing grade.
 - Basic maintenance and inspections are ongoing and continuing.

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- SFD staff recently repaired a 4” pump barge discharge hose leak on the irrigation system of LPWTP.

2. Operations and Maintenance Treatment Projects Update

- El Rio completed the monthly DDW Drought Tolerance report.
- Staff performed weed abatement at PTP and PV reservoirs.
- El Rio operators performed monthly testing and calibration of chlorine and ammonia leak detection systems.
- El Rio staff attended the OH Emergency Response Plan update, the Recycled Water Project, and Rice Ave. Bridge Project and PTP PumpSight meetings.
- Monthly bacteria samples were obtained for the PTP system.
- Monthly meter readings were obtained for OH, PTP, and PV pipelines.
- Staff completed and electronically transmitted the monthly OH Surface Water Treatment Rule report to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water.
- El Rio staff completed the annual UWCD CCR for 2024 and submitted it to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, and posted it on the UWCD website.
- El Rio staff completed quarterly PTP NPDES reports and submitted them to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- Static water levels were obtained for all El Rio, Saticoy, and PTP wells.
- UWCD staff assisted with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife snorkel survey at Freeman Diversion on Monday, 5/19.
- In anticipation of the LPRA busy season, O&M staff have been assisting the Recreation Team with herbicide applications and weed abatement around multiple areas.
- Saticoy O&M staff assisting the El Rio team with the discing of the El Rio Spreading Grounds.

3. Safety and Training

- UWCD staff attended the annual Channel Counties Water Utility Committee Technology Workshop in Oxnard.
- Tailgate safety meetings were conducted at all individual O&M field locations, and the topics included refresher training on equipment used at the various O&M locations; specifically, tailgate safety meetings were conducted prior to every commencement of maintenance activities at the Freeman Diversion.
- El Rio operators went through in-house, annual respirator fit testing.

Attachment: Operations Log for April



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To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

From: Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager
Bernard Riedel Jr., Senior Park Ranger

Date: May 9, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report
Information item

Staff Recommendation:

Receive and file this staff report from the Recreation Department regarding its activities for the month of April 2025.

Discussion:

Continuing the trend, April saw increased visitation as the weather begins to warm, and a sharp increase in boating and camping as people are migrating outdoors to welcoming weather.

Staff Tasks and Activity Highlights

- **Throughout April:** Pacific Vista performed tree trimming throughout the park. Trimming the trees increases visitors' safety from falling branches. Rangers coordinated with Environmental Services in advance to ensure no nesting birds would be impacted.
- **Throughout April:** Rangers repainted many curbs, handicap parking spaces, parking stall lines, speed bumps, and No Parking areas throughout the park to make them more easily visible to visitors.
- **April 7:** Rangers facilitated the filming of a television commercial at the lake.
- **April 19, 26:** LPRAs hosted two fishing tournaments: American bass and National Bass West.

Staff Training/Meetings/Events

- **April 14:** A Ventura County Sheriff's Office senior deputy provided training on issuing and filing citations to ranger staff.
- **April 17:** Ranger White attended Channel Counties Water Utilities Commission (CCWUC) Operators Technology Workshop.
- **April 29:** Park Ranger White, Spencer, Reynoso, and Howery attended threat liaison officer (TLO) training which was provided by the Joint Regional Intelligence

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Center (JRIC). This is useful training which provides rangers with additional skills in identifying and responding to potential threats.

- **Various dates:** Rangers completed training in case law, law enforcement policies and procedures, from District vendor Lexipol.
- **Various dates:** Rangers completed safety training from District vendor Target Solutions.

Revenue and Visitation Recap

2025 Day Use/Other Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2025 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – April 30)	\$106,126
2024 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – April 30)	\$117,856
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$-11,730
Annual Increase/Decrease %	-11%
2025 Camping Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2025 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – April 30)	\$184,460
2024 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – April 30)	\$161,054
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$23,406
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	14.5%
Total Combined Revenue Current and Previous Year Comparison (2025 vs. 2024)	
2025 All Revenue (Jan 1 – April 30)	\$290,586
2024 All Revenue (Jan 1 – April 30)	\$278,910
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	11,676
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	4.2%

* *It should be noted that the above figures have not been verified by the District's Finance Department.*

2025 Total Visitation Figures				
Month	# People	# Vehicles	# Vessels	Pets
January	1,952	649	76	3
February	3,203	1,141	189	12
March	5,958	3,526	763	22
April	8,906	2,823	618	22
Total	20,019	8,139	1,646	59

Incidents

- **April 14:** Rangers assessed an individual who walked into the ranger station and stated he had burned himself while working on his property (located north of Lake Piru). Rangers notified 911 and the Ventura County Fire Department arrived on scene and transported the individual to the hospital. Rangers went to the individual's property to ensure the area was safe. No further incident.

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Citations/Enforcement Summary

- One citation was issued for illegal parking. It should be noted that Ranger staff issued verbal warnings for violations of District ordinances and state laws.

Grants

- Nothing to report.



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To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

From: Dr. Jason Sun, Supervisory Water Resources Engineer
Murray McEachron, Hydrologist Supervisor
John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor

Date: May 29, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 4.3 **Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) Information Item**

Staff Recommendation:

Receive a report on Water Resources Department activities for the month of May 2025, including a summary of the activities of the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee and three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency [FCGMA], Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency [FPBGSA], and Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency [MBGSA]).

Discussion:

Staff Activities

Notable activities conducted by staff during the month included the following:

- Groundwater modeling:
 - Staff collected and prepared the dataset from 2020 to 2023 for input to the FPGSA groundwater model.
 - Staff continued work on updating the groundwater model for the FPGSA.
 - A model review panel, consisting of three distinguished modeling experts, has been invited back to review the groundwater model development for the FPGSA.
 - Staff provided support for the OPV adjudication.
 - MBGSA has received United's fee estimate for modeling support for the Mound Basin GSP update. Modeling work will begin upon budget approval by the MBGSA Board.

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- Hydrology:
 - Staff are monitoring and coordinating with the Operations and Maintenance Department to initiate diversions after smolt migration releases are no longer provided.
 - Staff continued to assist in evaluating fish passage and diversion operations for the initiation of the 30% engineering design.
 - Staff continue to prepare a new model to evaluate proposed bypass flows on an hourly basis to help inform the HCP process.
 - Staff is evaluating the conservation release from SFD for 2025.
 - Staff is evaluating and planning supplemental SWP purchases.
 - Staff continued to provide information and review for the FPBGSA.
 - Staff continued collecting surface water data throughout the District's service area, following up with quality control, analysis, and reporting activities required or requested to support water resources management and other entities within our service area.
 - Staff updated the Saticoy well storage program annual report.
 - Staff prepared presentations and participated in the OH and PTP users annual meetings
 - Prepared staff report for Castaic flex allocation transfer to SCV Water.
 - Staff attended the Board of Consultants meeting held to review the final design of the SFD new outlet works and 90 percent design of the SFD spillway improvement project.
 - Staff prepared outreach materials on United's facilities and operations.
 - Staff evaluated and met on Ferro Basin Water Rights change of petition.
- Hydrogeology:
 - Staff met with representatives from the City of Oxnard and Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas MWD) to review their proposed revisions to FCGMA policy to optimize aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) projects in the region.
 - Staff reviewed the descriptions of United's projects as provided in Calleguas MWD's Phase 1 report for their Water Resources Implementation Strategy and provided comments.
 - Staff continued to participate in the planning and execution of Phase 1 of the EBB Water Project at Navy Base Ventura County (NBVC) Point Mugu, including the following activities:

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- Processing lithologic, aquifer-testing, and water-quality data from the new EBB monitoring wells.
 - Planning for installation of instrumentation in the EBB monitoring wells.
 - Continued coordinating formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for upcoming EBB design.
 - Staff continued supporting the first 5-Year GSP Update effort in the Fillmore and Piru Basins by supporting budget development for the FPBGSA, preparing data for updated model input, and developing a work plan for interconnected surface-water data gaps.
 - Staff held teleconferences with FCGMA on United's report of Forebay groundwater conditions during WY 2024, to support the GREAT water allocation adjustment by the City of Oxnard and United's storage credits for its Saticoy well field. Some revisions will be necessary to meet FCGMA requirements, and FCGMA staff were supportive of modifying related ordinances and resolutions to streamline the reporting process in the future.
 - Staff continued organizing data and planning for the preparation of a 5-year update to United's Santa Clara River Watershed Sanitary Survey, as required by the State Division of Drinking Water (DDW).
 - Staff continued developing plans to update United's Database Management System across departments. Specifically:
 - Staff met internally to review proposal and program charter
 - Staff met with other departments and Aqaix to refine the consultant's scope
 - Staff conducted routine collection of groundwater elevation and quality data throughout the District's service area, following up with quality control, analysis, and reporting activities required to support water resources management by United and other entities within our service area.
 - Staff began preparing the Santa Paula Basin (adjudicated) annual report for CY and WY 2024.
 - Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist is preparing for his upcoming retirement at the end of June. The District is finalizing the selection process for John's successor.
- Outreach and Education
 - Staff reached out to representatives from the City of Oxnard, Calleguas MWD, and FCGMA seeking their input on United's proposed revisions to FCGMA's Oxnard and Pleasant Valley (OPV) allocation ordinance.

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- Staff led tours of the Freeman Diversion and El Rio facility for local government elected officials on May 2 and 7.
- Staff (along with members of engineering and ESD) participated in a GRAC webinar on improving presentations and technical writing on May 14.
- Staff attended the California Government Military Defense meeting on May 22.
- Staff presented to the Fillmore Piru GSA board of directors meeting
- Staff also attended the Association of Water Agencies-Ventura County “Waterwise Breakfast” meeting on the Bay-Delta Conveyance project on May 22.
- Staff participated in a panel discussion titled “Water Quality Challenges and Solutions in Coastal Agricultural Regions” at the GRAC’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Summit on May 27.
- Staff submitted an abstract for a potential presentation at the GRAC’s Annual Groundwater Congress (to be held in October 2025) on aquifer parameter analysis and extraction well design along the Ventura County coast.

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA)

Staff continue to participate in the FCGMA’s groundwater sustainability planning and implementation efforts in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Basins. United staff continue to meet periodically with FCGMA staff and other stakeholders to evaluate groundwater conditions and discuss water-supply projects that support a sustainable, resilient water-supply portfolio for the region. United staff also attended and, where appropriate, contributed to FCGMA Board and Committee meetings, as follows:

Board of Directors meetings –The FCGMA held special Board meetings on May 9 and 23, which focused on closed-session agenda items, including ongoing legal issues and hiring a new Executive Officer.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 28.

Committee meetings – The FCGMA held a special Executive Committee meeting on May 22, which focused primarily on the selection of a new Executive Officer. United’s Assistant General Manager was invited to be on the selection panel.

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (FPBGSA)

Staff continue to participate in FPBGSA activities supporting SGMA compliance and GSP implementation for the Fillmore and Piru basins. United staff also attended and, where appropriate, contributed to FPBGSA Board and Committee meetings, as follows:

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Board of Directors meetings – The FPBGSA held a regular Board meeting on May 15, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- The Board received a presentation from United’s Principal Hydrologist, Dr. Bram Sercu, on the groundwater and surface water conditions in the Santa Clara River watershed.
- The Board received a presentation from staff on the major Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan items and associated estimated costs.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 19.

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA)

Staff continue to participate in MBGSA activities supporting SGMA compliance and GSP implementation for the Mound basin. United staff also attended and, where appropriate, contributed to MBGSA Board and Committee meetings, as follows:

Board of Directors meetings – The MBGSA held a regular Board meeting on May 22, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- The Board received an overview of the scope, schedule, and budget for completion of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation required under the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, due in November 2026.
- The Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Updated Multi-year Budget Projection, and scheduled a public hearing to adopt groundwater extraction fees for the new fiscal year.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 23.

Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Staff continue to participate in the Santa Paula Basin TAC in support of the Santa Paula Basin Judgment and in conformance with SGMA reporting requirements for adjudicated basins, as follows:

- Staff continued preparation of the WY and CY 2024 Santa Paula Basin annual report.



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To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer
Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer
Tony Huynh, Risk and Safety Manager
Zachary Plummer, Technology Systems Manager
Tracy Oehler, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Date: May 28, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 4.4 **Administrative Services Department Monthly Report**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

Review this monthly report from the Administrative Services Department of its highlights for May 2025.

Discussion:

Finance

- Proposed Budget Published
- OH and PTP User Meeting held 05/15/25
- Budget Workshop held 05/29/25
- Interim FY2024-25 Audit begins 06/09/25

Administrative Services

- Provided administrative assistance for drafting, finalizing, distributing/posting materials, and room set up for the following meetings: special Finance and Audit Committee (May 5), Water Resources Committee (May 6), Executive Committee (May 7), regular Board of Directors (May 21), and special Board of Directors (May 29), as well as the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting (May 15) held at the City of Fillmore's office and Mound Basin Ground Water Sustainability Agency meeting (May 22) held at the City of Ventura.
- Provided administrative support with emailing, posting materials, and room set up for the OH and PTP Users meetings (May 15).
- Coordinated with staff by providing support for a District-led tour (May 2) with confirming attendance and gathering waivers, securing vehicles, providing materials, and beverage set up.

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- Provided administrative and logistical support for the Santa Felicia Dam Board of Consultants meeting (May 20 and 21) which included posting and distribution of materials, set up of multiple conference rooms, and the purchasing and setting up of consumables throughout the event.
- Coordinated logistical support with room and beverage setup for the following outside agency meetings: AWA Board (May 1), California Avocado Commission (May 6), and UC Agricultural and Natural Resources (May 8).

Human Resources

- Working on recruitment for the following positions:
 - The Engineering Department has one vacancy for which two postings have been offered to prospective applicants. Selection will be determined by credentials and experience.
 - Associate Engineer – position posted and closes June 15, 2025
 - Engineer – position posted and closes June 15, 2025
 - Outreach and Communication Specialist – position closed May 27, 2025, and 143 candidates applied
 - Water Resources Supervisor – final interviews to be scheduled with General Manager, selection pending review and approval
- Implemented paid Camp Host Program at Lake Piru Recreation Area.
- Hosted Brown Bag Session “Lessons from Long-Tenured Staff” on May 7, 2025.
- Prepared memos for merit pay for June processing date.

Risk and Safety Management

- Provided project management oversight of security project enhancement with implementation by Control Systems with support from O&M and Lake Piru Recreation Area staff.
- Completed and received continued education units for OSHA #7405 Course: Fall Hazard Awareness for the Construction Industry that was offered for free courtesy of the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction campaign.
- Coordinated visit with local aviation vendor on SFD EAP efforts, involving key Dam Safety Engineering and O&M staff.
- Collaborated with Engineering and Grant Task Force on HMGP Grant NOI submission on Early Warning System Project.
- Attended SCE PSPS Critical Infrastructure Workshop.
- Supported HR with applications review of Outreach and Communications Specialist recruitment effort.
- Represented and voted on behalf of the District on the Regional Radio Project Oversight Committee, which was also held at District headquarters.
- Along with Engineering and O&M staff, participated in EPA National Water and Wastewater Sector Cybersecurity Drill.

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Technology Systems Support Activity and Helpdesk Summary

In May 2025, the Technology Systems Department focused on projects like the network and software systems stabilization efforts, enhanced cybersecurity visibility, and support for core infrastructure tied to network systems, software deployments, and hardware upgrades. Highlights included expanded network planning at Lake Piru, refinement of centralized security logging tools, and progress on several strategic vendor and technical services engagements. Intern development and district-wide meeting support continued.

1. Helpdesk and Technical Support Activity

- A total of **123** tickets were logged in May, with most categorized under IT Services and Support.
- At the time of this report:
 - Eighty-one (81) tickets were closed
 - Eighteen (18) remain open
 - Eight (8) are awaiting replies
 - Seven (7) are in progress
 - Four (4) are in confirm resolution status
 - Three (3) are archived
 - One (1) is pending third-party action
 - One (1) is waiting for approval
- Most tickets were low priority (114), with five marked medium and four marked high.
- Ticket types included:
 - Technology Systems Services and Support (101)
 - New Employee Onboarding (11)
 - Technology Systems Projects and Change Management (5)
 - Alerts and Advisories (3)
 - One case each involving a purchase request, a technical question, and a phishing/spam incident
- Common themes included onboarding support, general troubleshooting, software and account access issues, and follow-up on alerts and flagged items.

2. Security and System Enhancements

- Configuration of the department's new Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) system progressed this month, establishing a foundation for centralized log monitoring and enhanced visibility into potential security threats.
- Additional improvements included firewall tuning, email security enhancements, and refinements to internal system monitoring controls initiated over the past several months.

3. Vendor Engagements and Strategic Coordination

- The department continued regular meetings with technology vendors to review project progress and plan future phases of work.

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- Discussions with the district's Managed Services Provider focused on preparation for an upcoming quarterly review of service performance.
- United Water's Technology Systems and Water Resources teams also advanced a professional services agreement with an external technical firm to support planning for a Phase 1 system enhancement initiative.

4. Support for Meetings and Public Events

- The Technology Systems department provided technical support for a range of public and internal meetings, including:
 - Association of Water Agencies (AWA) Executive Committee meetings
 - Ventura County Farm Bureau events
 - Fillmore and Piru Groundwater Sustainability Agency board meetings
 - Ventura County Women in Agriculture
 - Other regularly scheduled district events
- On average, two large-format hybrid meetings per week require additional in-person Technology Systems Support.
- Administrative Services coordinated scheduling, with coverage provided by the part-time Systems Administrator and the Technology Systems intern team.

5. Internship Program and Departmental Growth

- The Technology Systems Intern position officially closed in April, with interviews continuing into May. They may also potentially continue into early June as the team finalizes selections for this year's program and addresses needs identified in the budget for the next annual period if approved at the June 2025 Board of Directors regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Third-Party Technical Support Contributions

- A contracted systems engineer provided targeted technical support throughout the month, contributing to infrastructure stability and improved security posture. Notable contributions included:
 - Continued system setup and integration of early-stage log sources
 - Advising on performance improvements across backups, endpoints, and authentication systems

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

From: Robert J. Richardson, Engineering Manager
Nathan Summerville, Senior Engineer

Date: June 2, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report
Information item

Staff Recommendation:

Receive this summary report from the Engineering Department regarding its activities for mid-late May 2025. Please refer to the end of the report for a list of acronyms.

Discussion:

- Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project
 - FERC General Compliance
 - ECG continues to conduct the 2025 Biennial Survey.
 - Outlet Works Improvement Project
 - May 7 – The Biological Opinion, Conference Opinion, and Not Likely to Adversely Affect Determination from USFWS for the SFD SIP were received.
 - May 20-21 - The BOC Meeting No.10 was conducted. The BOC generally concurred with the final design documents for the Outlet Works Improvement Project. (See **Figure 2**).
 - Spillway Improvement Project
 - May 20-21 - The BOC Meeting No.10 was conducted. The BOC generally concurred with the 90% design documents for the Spillway Improvement Project.
 - *Grants: See the Grants section as part of this report.*
 - *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*
- Lake Piru Recreation Area FIP
 - Lake Piru Asphalt
 - No major updates to report.

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- Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations
 - May 20 - Executed a contract with Stantec for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$175,000. The scope includes several optional tasks and contingency to support the project. Based on initial research and estimates by District staff, construction is anticipated to exceed \$1M. Stantec will focus on value engineering to keep contract charges and the overall project cost to a minimum.
 - May 21 – Staff held the formal Project Kick-Off meeting for the LOG Improvement Project that is part of the larger LPRA Improvement Project. Stantec and District Staff met to discuss key elements of the project. Key topics of the meeting were schedule and value engineering.

- Freeman Diversion Expansion
 - May 9 – The Cost Estimate, Technical Memorandum, and 10% Design Plans were provided by GEI. Staff met with the design team to kick off the 30% Design.
 - *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

- Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro
 - Three Barrel Culvert Replacement
 - May 9 - Staff met with Ventura County Staff to discuss project permitting. The VCPWA Watershed Protection signed the 408 Permission Instrument and provided it to USACE for final execution.
 - May 14 – Staff received the final fully executed 408 Permission Instrument from USACE. Coordination with the County for the County Encroachment Permit is ongoing.
 - Vineyard Avenue Crossing
 - May 9 - Staff were notified by the consultant (HDR) that Caltrans had issued the encroachment permit for Geotechnical Investigation. Staff are coordinating with HDR to complete the County Well Permit.
 - May 9 - Staff reached out to VCPWA Watershed Protection for the status of coordination with USACE and the progress on the repair of the SCR-3 levee that was damaged in the 2023/2024 Water Year. County staff indicated they would reach out to USACE for a status update, as the last status was received in April 2024.
 - May 14 – Staff received the County Well Permit application from HDR for signature.
 - *Grants: See the Grants section as part of this report.*
 - *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

- SWP Interconnection Pipeline Project

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- No major updates to report.
- OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrade
 - No major updates to report.
- Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility
 - Staff continue to seek quotes for hauling and disposal of waste from the Washwater Recovery Tank in preparation for the one (1) year inspection. The lowest cost for disposal of waste is approximately \$51,000.
 - *Grants: See the Grants section as part of this report.*
- OHP Gas Booster Replacement Project
 - No major updates to report.
- OH Pipeline
 - Staff continued to prepare a record drawing package for the November 2024 shutdown related to CalAm connections.
 - Staff continued to work on the CCCP.
 - May 15 – The OH Users’ Meeting was held. Agenda topics included WR updates, GSP updates, O&M updates, the Iron and Manganese Treatment project, the Inverted Siphon Replacement & Freeman Conveyance projects, new connections to the OH Pipeline, the five-year FY25- 26 CIP plan, the proposed budget, and the proposed rate structure.
- OH Well Replacement
 - No major updates to report.
- Pleasant Valley Pipeline
 - May 14 – Engineering staff conducted a site visit with O&M staff at PV Reservoir to discuss the potential installation of a flow meter (strap-on or insertion) at the existing BFV vault. Limited lay length and a reducer downstream make installation challenging.
- PT Pipeline
 - May 15 – The PTP User’s Meeting was held. Agenda topics included WR updates, GSP updates, O&M updates, Laguna Road RW Pipeline, preparing for RW and use area requirements, data connectivity tools, five-year FY25-26 CIP plan, proposed budget and rate structure. (see **Figure 1**)
- Rice Avenue Grade Separation Project and Impact on PTP
 - No major updates to report.

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- PTP Metering Improvement Project
 - No major updates to report.

- PTP Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline Project
 - May 14 – Engineering staff conducted a pipeline walk-down with O&M.
 - Staff coordinated with VCWPD regarding future activities (site visit with USDA, meter replacement, etc..) and with VCPWA-Roads and Transportation regarding the meter transmitter/radio pole.
 - *Grants: See the Grants section as part of this report.*

- Recycled Water Planning
 - May 5 - PVCWD provided the partially executed Short-Term Recycled Water Agreement.
 - May 7 - District sent the fully executed Short-Term Recycled Water Agreement to PVCWD.
 - May 29 - Recycled Water coordination meeting with City of Oxnard and PVCWD. PVCWD's consultant MKN estimates that lowering the PV Reservoir level by six (6) feet to elevation 102, would create five (5) days of storage for Oxnard AWPf recycled water. Oxnard Staff plan to start-up deliveries to PVCWD and UWCD in late July or early August. All parties agreed to develop an SOP for start-up operations. Delivery to the PTP system is contingent on the City of Oxnard updating its Title 22 Report and permits for recycled water production, distribution and use.

- Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project
 - May 8 – The Potholing and Waste Disposal "soft" kick-off meeting was held with C-Below, Filippin Engineering, ECG, and BGI. The Navy dig permit needs to be submitted, and DBIDs need to be obtained.
 - May 12 – Staff rescheduled the power monitoring installation to June 3, 2025 at NBVC Point Mugu which was originally proposed for May 13, 2025.
 - May 16 – Staff met with Major Chow (California Air National Guard) and discussed the EBB project and potential cooperative agreement with the California Air National Guard.
 - May 19 – The draft NEPA document was submitted to the Navy and they will have 30 days to review. Drumbeat meetings will be reestablished, ESA will prepare draft consultation application packages, and the Navy security team will review the draft NEPA documents for CUI applicability.
 - May 30 – Submitted dig permit application to the Navy for potholing work to support the pipeline design.

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- *CEQA/NEPA/Permits: Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*
- *Grants: See the Grants section as part of this report.*

- Asset Management/ CMMS System
 - May 9 - Staff received the data gap analysis and draft asset registries for both the Chlorine Building and OH Pipeline. The materials were distributed internally for review.
 - May 13 - O&M, Engineering, and HDR met to discuss the draft asset register for the chlorine building and Appendix B of the Asset Data Management Plan. Staff comments were provided to HDR.
 - May 19 – Staff performed onsite data collection for the Asset Management/CMMS project. O&M provided subject matter experts to support the data collection effort. HDR staff included a maintenance subject matter expert. Outcomes of the site visit will include a more detailed asset register to support the future CMMS and a compiled maintenance history going back to 2015.
 - May 22 – Staff provided comments on the draft asset registrar for the OH Pipeline to HDR to continue the Asset Management/CMMS project effort. The comments provided are the result of a detailed review by Engineering staff in collaboration with O&M.

- Grants:
 - DWR:
 - SGMA – PTP Recycled Water Connection, EBB Water Treatment Project Monitoring Wells: No updates.
 - IRWM Prop 1 – Iron and Manganese Treatment Project: Staff completed the Project Completion Report.
 - IRWM Prop 1 – Vineyard Avenue Crossing Project: No updates.
 - FEMA:
 - HMGP - Santa Felicia Dam Projects (Outlet Works Improvement, Piru Siren System Upgrades):
 - May 12 – Staff reviewed the SFD Lake Piru Early Warning System Project draft NOI.
 - May 14 – Staff held a meeting with CalOES regarding the SFD Lake Piru Early Warning System Project scoping call. Staff reviewed the NOI with CalOES, and CalOES recommended moving forward with submitting the NOI.

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- OLDCC:
 - DCIP:
 - May 7 – Staff held a meeting with Gene Fisher, Craig Hodson and Richard Hunt (RDP) to discuss the FY25 DCIP Grant Application, Captain Letter of Support, draft Grant Application, messaging, applicability to military value criteria, and letter of support from RDP.
 - May 16 – Staff held an Updates and Funding Opportunities meeting with Captain Kranz, Commander Warren, and Kendall Lousen.
 - Installation Readiness Program: No updates.
- SWRCB:
 - GWGP – EBB Water Treatment Project:
 - May 14 – Staff submitted Invoice #3 and the progress report to SWCRB.
 - May 19 – Staff held a meeting regarding the Estimated Accrual Report Form. Follow up with SWRCB confirmed the District will need to submit estimates for invoices received, but not yet submitted to SWRCB for reimbursement through the end of June 2025.
- USDA NRCS:
 - EQIP – PTP Recycled Water Connection:
 - May 21 – Staff provided USDA NRCS a letter stating that the pipeline is constructed and anticipated to begin operations by Fall 2025.
 - May 22 – Staff completed the USDA NRCS Final Inspection. Staff received positive feedback, however, a USDA NRCS engineer stated that they likely cannot pay the full amount for HDPE. This is due to a difference in installed length of HDPE (approximately 60 feet). As a result, the USDA NRCS is planning to finalize the payment and reduce the final payment by \$6,751.20. The total revised grant amount is \$340,570.74.

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- Contract Changes

Date	Vendor	Project CIP #	Contract Description	Updated Total Not-to-Exceed Contract Amount	Change
5/20/2025	Stantec Consulting Services	8055	Professional consulting services in connection with the Lake Piru Grove Restroom Replacement Project.	\$175,000.00	N/A (original contract).

- Professional Development (Conferences, Trainings, Webinars)
 - May 13-14 – Maryam Bral attended the Association of California Water Agencies Conference and Exposition Spring 2025.
- Current and Upcoming Public Outreach Activities
 - May 15 – OH and PTP Users’ Meetings – FY25-26 CIP Budget presentation.
 - May 22 – Robert Richardson presented the Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project at the California Governor’s Military Council Q2 2025 Business Meeting. Chris Coppinger and Destiny Rubio were also in attendance (see **Figure 3**).
 - May 28 – Robert Richardson presented the District’s Capital Improvement Projects at the SAME Oxnard Ventura Post 2025 Business Opportunities (see **Figure 4**)
 - June 5 – RDP Regular Meeting.
 - June 17 – Fillmore and Piru Basin Pumper Association Meeting – SFD and FY25-26 CIP Budget presentation.
 - June 25 – AWA CCWUC Regular Meeting – EBB Water Treatment project presentation.
 - July 16 – CoLAB WHEEL Committee – EBB Water Treatment Project presentation.

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Figure 1 - Bram Sercu presenting at the May 15, 2025, PTP Users' Meeting

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Figure 2 - Adrian Quiroz presenting at the May 20, 2025, BOC Meeting

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Figure 3 - Robert Richardson, Chris Coppinger, and Destiny Rubio at the California Governor's Military Council on May 22, 2025

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Figure 4 - Robert Richardson presents the District's Capital Improvement Projects at the 2025 SAME Business Opportunities Meeting on May 28, 2025

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Acronym Index

Acronym	Definition
AWPF	Advanced Water Purification Facility
BFV	Butterfly Valve
BGI	Black Gold Industries
BOC	Board of Consultants
CalAm	California American Water
CCCP	Cross Connection Control Plan
CCWUC	Channel Counties Water Utilities Committee
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CMMS	Computerized Maintenance Management System
CUI	Controlled Unclassified Information
DBIDS	Defense Biometric Identification System
DCIP	Defense Community Infrastructure Program
DWR	Department of Water Resources
EBB	Extraction Barrier and Brackish
ECG	Encompass Consulting Group
ESA	Environmental Science Associates
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIP	Facility Improvement Project
GWGP	Groundwater Grant Program
HDPE	High-density polyethylene
HDR	HDR Consultants, Inc.
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
IRWM	Integrated Water Management Plan
LOG	Lower Olive Grove
LPRA	Lake Piru Recreation Area
MGD	Million Gallons Per Day
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NOI	Notice of Intent
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OH	Oxnard Hueneme
OHP	Oxnard-Hueneme Pipeline

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Acronym	Definition
OLDCC	Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation
PTP	Pumping Trough Pipeline
PVCWD	Pleasant Valley County Water District
PV	Pleasant Valley
RDP	Regional Defense Partnership
RFI	Request for Information
SAME	Society of American Military Engineers
SFD	Santa Felicia Dam
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SIP	Safety Improvement Plan
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TM	Technical Memorandum
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFW	U.S. Fish and Wildlife
VCPWA	Ventura County Public Works Agency
VCWPD	Ventura County Watershed Protection District



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Marissa Caringella, Environmental Services Manager

Date: May 23, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: **4.6 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report**
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Staff Recommendation:

Review this staff report from the Environmental Services Department (ES) staff regarding its activities for the month of May 2025.

Discussion:

1. Santa Felicia Project Operations and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission License Support

Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

On May 6, 2025, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a Biological Opinion, a Conference Opinion, and Not Likely to Adversely Affect concurrences for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project (SFDSIP). USFWS concluded that the SFDSIP is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of least Bell's vireo (endangered) or southwestern pond turtle (proposed threatened). USFWS determined that the SFDSIP is not likely to adversely affect southwestern willow flycatcher or its critical habitat, yellow-billed cuckoo or its critical habitat, California condor, or coastal California gnatcatcher. United will implement the avoidance and minimization measures outlined by USFWS.

Water Release Plan and Water Release and Ramping Rate Implementation Plan

Under the Water Release Plan and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) license for the Santa Felicia Project, United is required to make certain water releases from the Santa Felicia Dam for steelhead habitat and migration when specific triggers are met. Triggers for habitat water releases are based on cumulative rainfall within the water year. United evaluates whether the trigger is met on the first day of each month, between January and June. The table below presents trigger criteria for each month and minimum required

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releases if triggers are met. Each month the trigger is not met, the minimum required habitat water release is seven (7) cubic feet per second (cfs). The trigger is not expected to be met by June 1, 2025. The minimum required habitat water release for the month of June is expected to be seven (7) cfs.

Habitat water release trigger date	Trigger criteria (total cumulative precipitation on trigger date)	Minimum required water release if trigger is met	2025 Measured cumulative precipitation	Actual minimum required habitat water release for month
January 1	4.80 inches	15 cfs	0.18 inches	7 cfs
February 1	8.10 inches	20 cfs	1.60 inches	7 cfs
March 1	12.00 inches	20 cfs	7.68 inches	7 cfs
April 1	14.90 inches	20 cfs	9.51 inches	7 cfs
May 1	16.30 inches	10 cfs	9.87 inches	7 cfs
June 1	17.50 inches	9 cfs*	9.87 inches**	7 cfs (expected)

*If triggered, the minimum required water release will remain at nine (9) cfs through October 1, at which time, minimum required water release will be seven (7) cfs through January 1 of next calendar year.

**Provisional total as of May 20, 2025.

Annual Consultations and Reporting

On May 12, 2025, ES staff filed the 2024 Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Plan Annual Report with FERC.

United Water Conservation District v. FERC, Court Case in Abeyance

On September 29, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals granted United a motion to hold the court case “United Water Conservation District v. FERC” in abeyance and directed United to file status reports every 60 days. United filed the court case to challenge the biological opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on FERC’s issuance of a license for the Santa Felicia Project. On May 9, 2025, the eighty-eighth status update was filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit.

2. Freeman Diversion Operations

During the month of May 2025, ES staff supported Freeman Diversion operations and maintenance activities by coordinating with resource agencies as needed, assisting with fish ladder operations and sediment management activities, conducting surveys of dewatered areas, and providing biological monitoring on-site.

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On April 30 and May 13, 2025, the fish ladder video surveillance system captured clips of *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (*O. mykiss*) passing upstream through the fish ladder. Additionally, in late April, multiple adult Pacific lamprey used the lamprey passage system at the Freeman Diversion facility.

On May 19, 2025, ES staff accompanied California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) staff while they conducted monthly electrofishing and snorkel surveys upstream and downstream of the Freeman Diversion; no *O. mykiss* were observed.

3. Freeman Diversion Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

On May 12, 2025, legal counsel submitted United's closing brief following the recent evidentiary hearings held on March 6–7 and April 1–3, 2025, in the *Wishtoyo et al. v United* case.

4. Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project

On May 20, 2025, ES staff submitted a draft National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment for the Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project to the Navy.

5. Quagga Mussel Management

Throughout the month of May 2025, ES staff continued conducting quagga mussel monitoring activities on Lake Piru, lower Piru Creek, and the spillway pool in accordance with the Quagga Mussel Monitoring and Control Plan. ES staff also continued quagga mussel veliger (larva) sampling in United's lower system. United continues to meet and coordinate regularly with Pleasant Valley County Water District.

6. Grant Efforts

In May 2025, United provided responses to information requests from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for the WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Project program grant (\$3 million). USBR staff previously reported that as a result of the President's Executive Order, "Unleashing American Energy," both WaterSMART grant programs are paused. However, United continues to coordinate with the USBR providing timely responses to information requests regarding the total \$23 million in WaterSMART Program grant funding for the improved Freeman fish passage facility, for which United was selected.

7. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

During the months of April and May 2025, ES staff, with support from Stillwater Sciences, continued to develop a monitoring plan for aquatic species and habitat in the East Grove groundwater dependent ecosystem (GDE) on behalf of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (FPBGSA). The monitoring plan evaluates ecological uses and users (i.e., habitat function and species presence) of the East Grove GDE to

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determine if interconnected surface waters are influenced by groundwater conditions and pumping. On April 17, 2025, ES and Stillwater Sciences staff presented recent field study results and components of the proposed monitoring plan to the FPBGSA Board of Directors. On May 1, 2025, ES staff conducted environmental DNA sampling within the East Grove GDE as part of the monitoring plan. The final monitoring plan will be submitted to the FPBGSA Board of Directors in June 2025.

8. Miscellaneous

On April 29, 2025, District met with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to share information on water resource programs followed by a tour of their PFAS treatment facility.

On May 6, 2025, ES staff conducted the second least Bell's vireo point count survey in partnership with USFWS. The final point count survey will be completed in June 2025.

On May 6, 2025, United's legal counsel filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate regarding the listing for southern California steelhead under the California Endangered Species Act.

On May 9, 2025, United met with NMFS leadership to discuss United's Petition to Revise the Critical Habitat Designation for the Southern California Steelhead (*O. mykiss*) under the Endangered Species Act, which was submitted to the Secretary of Commerce on March 21, 2025. An initial 90-day determination from NMFS is expected in June 2025. During the month of May, six letters of support for the petition were submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and NMFS leadership.

On May 12, 2025, ES staff conducted a rare plant survey downstream of the Freeman Diversion crest in accordance with United's CDFW Streambed Alteration Agreement for Freeman Diversion Routine Maintenance.

On May 13, 2025, ES staff submitted a comment letter on the USFWS and NMFS proposed rule to rescind the regulatory definition of "harm" in the agencies' Endangered Species Act regulations.

On May 13, 2025, ES staff attended an Advanced California Environmental Quality Act webinar hosted by the Association of Environmental Professionals.

On May 14, 2025, ES staff attended a Groundwater Resources Association of California webinar on technical writing and oral presentation skills.

On May 15, 2025, ES staff attended a virtual workshop on surface water diversions for groundwater recharge hosted by the California State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Water Rights.

On May 16, 2025, Taylor Sovich joined the United team as a part-time Environmental Services Field Assistant.

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On May 20 and 21, 2025, ES Staff attended the tenth Board of Consultants Meeting for the SFDSIP.

On May 22, 2025, ES staff attended the AWA Waterwise meeting on the Delta Conveyance Project.

On May 30, 2025, ES staff will submit a comment letter in response to FERC's Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South State Water Project Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2426). The comment letter supports both DWR's renewal process and United's increased State Water Project imports from Pyramid Lake to Lake Piru.



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor
Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

Date: June 3, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 5.1 PUBLIC HEARING

**Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment, and Setting of 2025-26 Zones and Extraction Charges
Motion**

Staff Recommendation:

Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing.

Discussion:

In accordance with the California Water Code, the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of groundwater resources within the District. An Annual Engineering Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions within the United Water Conservation District was submitted to the Board's Secretary/Treasurer on March 10, 2025, and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing was opened at the regular April 9, 2025, Board meeting, continued to the regular May 21, 2025, Board meeting, and continued again to the regular June 11, 2025, Board meeting. During its June 11, 2025, meeting, the Board may choose to close the hearing and consider the establishment of zones and the levying of groundwater extraction charges in those zones.

Staff will be prepared to answer questions regarding groundwater conditions detailed in the Annual Report. The Water Code Section 75574 uses specific definitions for terms such as "overdraft" and "total of annual overdrafts"; these terms will be explained in the context of their use in the Annual Report.

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING

Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2025-26 Water Year Zones and Extraction Charges Motion

	2023-2024 (previous year)	Water Year 2024-2025 (current year)	2025-2026 (ensuing year)
Annual Overdraft*	-91,000 AF	30,000 AF (projected)	0 – 22,000 AF
Accumulated Overdraft	20,000 – 25,000 AF	20,000 – 25,000 AF	-
Total of Annual Overdrafts*	1,004,000 AF	-	-
Estimated Groundwater Pumping for Agriculture	-	-	87,000 AF
Estimated Groundwater Pumping for M&I	-	-	38,000 AF
Estimated Surface Water Distribution	-	-	60,000 AF
Total Water Distribution	-	-	185,000 AF

*The methodology for calculating Annual Overdraft and Total of Annual Overdrafts was updated in 2023, as described in Attachment A.

The Forebay groundwater basin is an important element of the water resources management program. The available storage, as of the end of February 2025, was approximately 12,800 AF. For reference, an available storage value of about 80,000 AF means that water levels in the Forebay basin are at about sea level and these lower water levels cannot provide the positive pressures on the seawater intruded aquifers at the coast to retard landward migration of saline waters. The current, relatively high groundwater levels are helping to provide positive pressures on the seawater-intruded aquifers at the coast, likely retarding landward migration of saline waters to some degree. However, these current high groundwater levels are largely a result of two back-to-back water years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024) with above-average rainfall and record-setting diversions of surface and imported water to United's Saticoy and El Rio spreading facilities in the Forebay. Years with average to below-average precipitation should be expected in the near-term future, consistent with historical patterns of rainfall in the region. During these years, available storage in the Forebay will increase, groundwater elevations in the District will decrease, and seawater intrusion will continue, unless the projects planned by United and others are implemented to provide additional sources of supply and create a seawater-intrusion barrier.

Public comment will be accepted at this time.

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING

Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2025-26 Water Year Zones and Extraction Charges Motion

After hearing public comments and accepting testimony and/or evidence, the Board President may decide to conclude today's hearing and ask the Board to consider the establishment of zones and the levying of groundwater extraction charges in those zones.

Attachment A: Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions within the United Water Conservation District

Attachment B: Resolution No. 2025-07 Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District

Attachment C: Resolution No. 2025-08 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District Making Additional Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charge Zones and Levying, Assessing and Fixing Groundwater Extraction Charges Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Producing Facilities Within Such Zones for the 2025-2026 Water Year

*Annual Investigation and Report
of
Groundwater Conditions Within
United Water Conservation District*



*A summary of findings for the previous water year (2023-2024),
current water year (2024-2025), and ensuing water year (2025-2026)*

**Prepared by
Water Resources Department**

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 2025

**ANNUAL INVESTIGATION AND REPORT
OF
GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS WITHIN
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOR THE
PREVIOUS WATER YEAR (2023-2024),
CURRENT WATER YEAR (2024-2025),
AND ENSUING WATER YEAR (2025-2026)**

**PREPARED BY
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Cover Photo: Santa Clara River and Hopper Creek, looking downstream toward confluence within Piru Subbasin

Photo by Luke Bryden, December 03, 2024

MARCH 04, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Background

United Water Conservation District (UWCD or the District) is organized and operates pursuant to the Water Conservation District Law of 1931, which is set forth in Division 21 of the Water Code. [Section 74000 et seq.]

The District may establish and levy groundwater extraction charges against persons operating groundwater producing facilities within zone(s) of the District. Such groundwater charges are in furtherance of the District's activities in the protection and augmentation of the water supplies for users within the District or its zone(s) which are necessary for the public health, welfare and safety of the people of the State of California. In connection with the establishment and levying of such charges, Section 75560 of the Water Code provides that "The district shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon the groundwater conditions of the district." The annual groundwater conditions report is provided to the District's Board of Directors (Board) to assist the Board in evaluating the nature and extent of groundwater overdraft within the District.

Definitions

Several terms are defined here to minimize confusion as to their meaning within the context of this report. The following definitions are provided from the California Water Code:

Water Year means July 1st of one calendar year to June 30th of the following calendar year. (§ 75507)

Annual Overdraft means the amount, determined by the Board, by which the production of water from groundwater supplies within the district or any zone or zones thereof during the water year exceeds the natural replenishment of such groundwater supplies in such water year. (§ 75506)

Accumulated Overdraft means the amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the groundwater basins within the district or any zone or zones thereof to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh groundwater body, or to prevent subsidence of the land within the district or any zone or

zones thereof, as determined by the Board from time to time.
(§ 75505)

The management of the basins within the District has required artificial recharge to be an integral part of annual replenishment. Therefore, this report includes both artificial recharge and natural recharge in all calculations of overdraft. The above definition of "accumulated overdraft" for water conservation districts differs significantly from the definition in the Water Code used for water replenishment districts, where "accumulated overdraft" is an accumulated total of annual overdrafts. The District has historically tracked this accumulated total of annual overdrafts. Data analysis via the District's Geographic Information System (GIS) and use of the modified Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (UWCD, 2006; as adapted from the USGS RASA Model, [Hanson et. al, 2003]) has informed the calculation of "accumulated overdraft" under the meaning of Section 75505; however, though these calculated figures were informed by the older Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model, it was not specifically used in calculating the figures presented in this report. In this report, we use the term "**total of annual overdrafts**" for the running total of accumulated annual overdrafts, and the term "**accumulated overdraft**" for the long-term increase of the average annual replenishment that is necessary to prevent landward movement of salt water and to prevent land subsidence. Techniques for these calculations and differences between the overdraft totals are described in the sections "Data and Methods" and "Discussion".

Groundwater Basins of the District

All or portions of seven groundwater basins lie within the District. These basins are defined by their hydrologic, geologic and physiographic interconnectivity, which influence the quantity and quality of groundwater available in each of the basins. Three ground water basins are located completely or almost completely within the boundaries of the District. These three basins include two along the upstream reaches of the Santa Clara River (Fillmore and Santa Paula basins), as well as one basin in the coastal plain area (Oxnard basin). In addition to these three groundwater basins, most of the Mound Basin in the Ventura area and portions of the Pleasant Valley and Las Posas Valley groundwater basins also lie within the District. A majority of the Piru basin is within the District; however, some eastern areas of the Piru basin with minimal groundwater pumping extend beyond the boundaries of the District. The locations of these basins are shown in Figure 1.

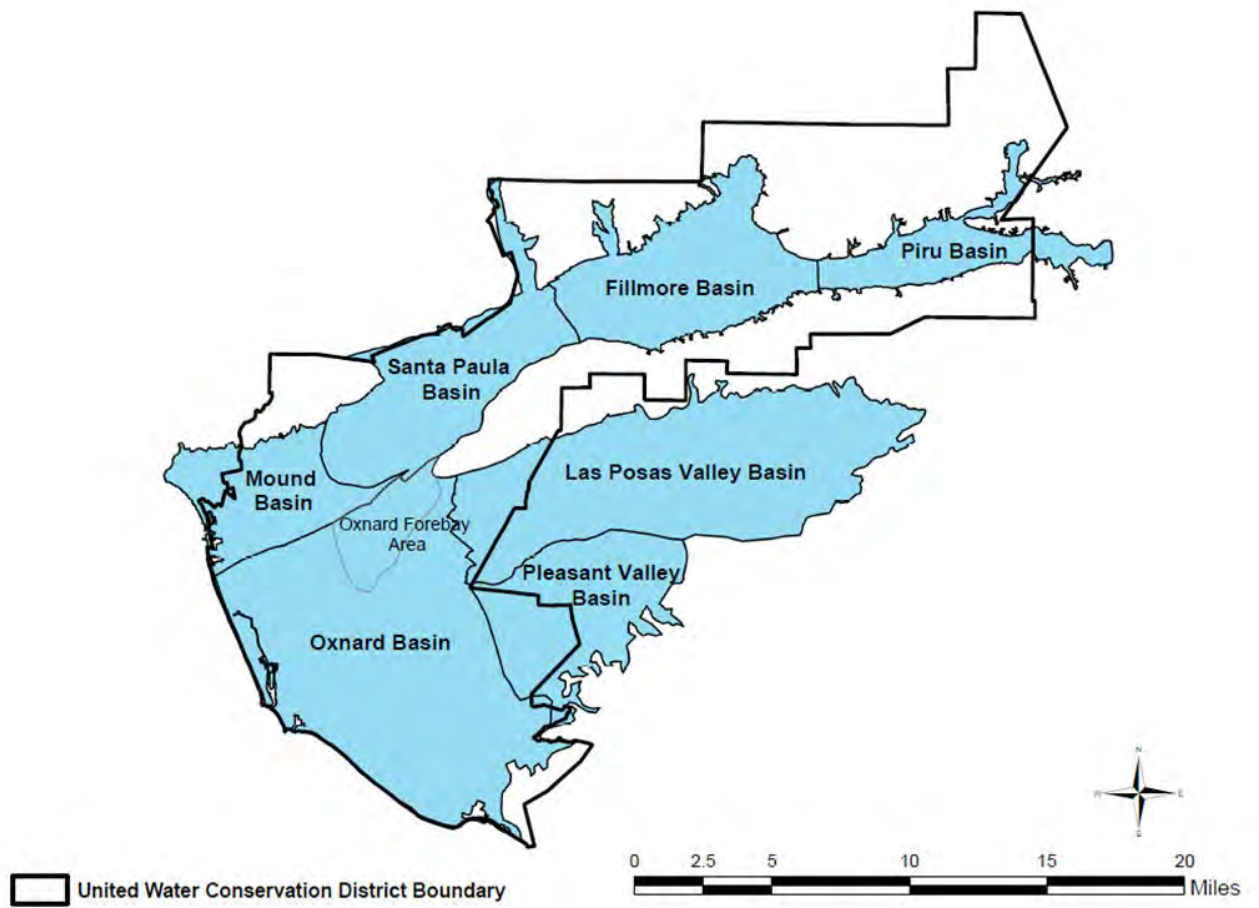


Figure 1. Groundwater basins of United Water Conservation District.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF REPORT

This report provides the Board with updated information on groundwater overdraft so that the Board may consider that information when deciding: 1) whether to levy a groundwater charge or charges, and 2) whether a zone or zones should be established within which groundwater charges should be levied.

The District compiles and evaluates hydrologic data to promote efficiency in its water conservation operations and to assist in planning for future water needs. The District also uses these data to prepare a district-wide water balance to evaluate the occurrence and extent of groundwater overdraft. This report presents those findings concerning the occurrence and extent of groundwater overdraft, and other related issues, as outlined in section 75574 of the Water Code.

DATA AND METHODS

The methods used by the District to estimate “Annual Overdraft” were modified in the water year 2022-2023 annual report. The District has invested significant time and effort in developing and refining a number of modeling tools and methods in recent years, and these tools provided an opportunity to improve the calculations within this report. The overall methodology and approach remained similar to before; the updates were largely related to the calculation of basin recharge from surface water percolation in the upper Santa Clara River basins (UWCD, 2021c) and the Forebay Area of the Oxnard basin (R2 Resource Consultants, 2016). The method compares estimates of annual recharge to reported groundwater extractions. Precipitation and surface water data compiled by federal, state, and local agencies are used to evaluate groundwater recharge. Appendix A includes details regarding the updated methodology.

The methods used by the District to compute “Annual Overdraft” have been updated over time as new data and technologies have become available. Prior to 1991 it was assumed that overdraft only occurred in the Oxnard basin, and the amount of overdraft was calculated using groundwater elevation data. Beginning in 1991, the District began using a District-wide water balance method to evaluate and report “Annual Overdraft”. The annual overdraft calculations were then updated beginning in the reporting for water year 2022-2023 that maintained a similar approach for the District-wide calculations as before, but the tools for estimating basin inflows and outflows were improved, and the

improvements were incorporated into the updated methodology (see Appendix A).

Utilizing the modified Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (UWCD, 2006; as adapted from the USGS RASA Model, [Hanson et. al, 2003]), Geographic Information System (GIS) and its extensive historic data bases of groundwater levels, groundwater extractions, artificial recharge and water chemistry, local water resource managers have been able to document and model the response of the hydrologically interconnected basins to varying climatic cycles and, subsequently, to variations in the seasonal amounts of natural and artificial groundwater recharge. The District relies on that analysis to help inform the "Accumulated Overdraft" estimate which is the long-term increase of the average annual replenishment that is necessary to prevent landward movement of salt water and to prevent subsidence (see FCGMA and others, 2007).

FINDINGS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 75574 OF WATER CODE

- (a) The average annual overdraft for the immediate past 10 water years is estimated to be approximately **22,000 acre-feet**.
- (b) The annual overdraft for the current water year is estimated to range up to **30,000 acre-feet**. This **positive** number implies that extractions will exceed replenishment for the District, as a whole for this current water year, ending on June 30, 2025.
- (c) The annual overdraft for the ensuing water year is estimated to be between **0 and 22,000 acre-feet**.
- (d) The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2024, is estimated to range between **20,000 and 25,000 acre-feet**.
- (e) The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2025, is estimated to range between **20,000 and 25,000 acre-feet**.
- (f) The estimated amount of agricultural water to be withdrawn from the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year is approximately **87,000 acre-feet**.
- (g) The amount of water for municipal and industrial (M&I) purposes to be pumped from the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year is estimated to be approximately **38,000 acre-feet**.
- (h) The estimated amount of water necessary for surface distribution for the ensuing water year is expected to be at least the long-term average of **60,000 acre-feet**.
- (i) The amount of water, which is necessary for the replenishment of the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing year, is estimated to be at least **827,000 acre-feet**, as of the last day of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2025.
- (j) The District is not obligated by contract to purchase any amount of water for the ensuing water year, from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, except

State Water Project water, ordered for and reimbursed by the Port Hueneme Water Agency. This amount of water is not to exceed **1,850 acre-feet** per year.

- (k) The total production of water from the groundwater supplies of the District during the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2024, was approximately **125,000 acre-feet** [WC Section 75561 (c)].

An additional finding, which was incorporated in the required findings, is that the “total of annual overdrafts” for the District as of the end of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2025, is estimated to be approximately **1,033,000 acre-feet**. For completeness, the “total of annual overdrafts” for the District as of the end of the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2024, is estimated to have been **1,004,000 acre-feet**.

These findings have also been included in tabular format on Table 1.

Table 1: Findings as Required by Section 75574 of Water Code

Finding Item	Value (acre-feet)	Description	Water Code Reference
a	22,000	The average annual overdraft for the immediate past 10 water years. Positive value means overdraft; negative value means surplus.	Section 75574 (a)
b	30,000	The estimated annual overdraft for the current water year.	Section 75574 (b)
c	0 - 22,000	The estimated annual overdraft for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (c)
d	20,000 - 25,000	The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding water year.	Section 75574 (d)
e	20,000 - 25,000	The estimated accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the current water year.	Section 75574 (e)
f	87,000	The estimated amount of agricultural water to be withdrawn from the ground water supplies of the District for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (f)
g	38,000	The amount of water other than agricultural water (i.e. municipal and industrial) to be drawn from the ground water supplies of the District for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (g)
h	60,000	The estimated amount of water necessary for surface distribution for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (h)
i	827,000	The amount of water which is necessary for the replenishment of the ground water supplies of the District for the ensuing water year, as of the end of the current year.	Section 75574 (i) Section 75561 (e)
j	1,850	The amount of water the District is obligated by contract to purchase during the ensuing water year .	Section 75574 (j) Section 75561 (e)
k	125,000	The total production of water from the ground water supplies of the District for the preceding water year.	Section 75561 (c)
Additional	1,004,000	The estimated “total of annual overdrafts” of the District for the current water year, as of the end of the preceding water year.	Section 75574 (b, i) Section 75561 (e)
Additional	1,033,000	The estimated “total of annual overdrafts” of the District for the ensuing water year, as of the end of the current year.	Section 75574 (b, i) Section 75561 (e)
<p>Notes: Preceding Water Year: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Water Code Section 75507 (c)) Current Water Year: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (Water Code Section 75507 (b)) Ensuing Water Year: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (Water Code Section 75507 (d)) “Annual overdraft”: The amount, determined by the board, by which the production of water from ground water supplies within the District or any zone or zones thereof during the water year exceeds the natural replenishment of such ground water supplies in such water year. (Water Code Section 75505) Positive value means overdraft, negative value means surplus. “Accumulated overdraft”: The amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the ground water basins within the District or any zone or zones thereof to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh ground water body, or to prevent subsidence of the land within the District or any zone or zones thereof, as determined by the board from time to time. (Water Code Section 75506) “Total of Annual Overdrafts”: This additional finding is a cumulative total of each water years’ annual overdraft (item b), up to the last day of the preceding and current water year.</p>			

Description of Findings as Required by Section 75574 of Water Code

(a) The annual overdraft (explained in item b below) of the preceding ten years is averaged to derive the average annual overdraft. The average annual overdraft of **22,000 acre-feet** means that over the last ten years the average pumping has exceeded the average recharge, both natural and artificial, on a District-wide basis.

(b) Although the annual overdraft for the previous year can be calculated, the **annual overdraft** for the current water year must be estimated. This is because only a portion of the year has passed. At best, the appropriate data are available for the period July 1 through February 28/29 of the current water year. To standardize this prediction for current year overdraft, water resources staff developed a regression curve fit that compares overdraft for previous years to rainfall through February for each of the years 1982-1983 through 2023-2024 (Figure 2). The goal is to be able to predict the annual overdraft for the current year, based on the percentage of normal rainfall as of the end of February. Normal rainfall refers to the updated long-term average from 1890-1891 through the previous year (2023-2024). The prediction is considerably improved by weighting in the prior year precipitationⁱ. This regression methodology serves to recognize antecedent conditions, which influences how readily the Santa Clara River, streams, and precipitation can recharge to groundwater.

As of February 28, of this current water year (2024-2025), precipitation was approximately **35%** of normal. The previous year (2023-2024) precipitation was approximately **191%** of normal at the end of February. The overdraft for the current water year is predicted to be approximately **30,000 acre-feet**. The **positive** number implies a net **deficit** to the aquifers. A review of overdraft data from 1982-1983 to 2023-2024 suggests that a net District-wide surplus of water will occur when the weighted precipitation, of the current year through February and the prior year, equals or exceeds approximately **108%** of normal (Figure 2). For the 2024-2025 water year the weighted precipitation is **87%**, therefore suggesting the estimated deficit for the current year.

ⁱ Weighted percent of normal precipitation = [current year + (previous year * 0.5)]/1.5

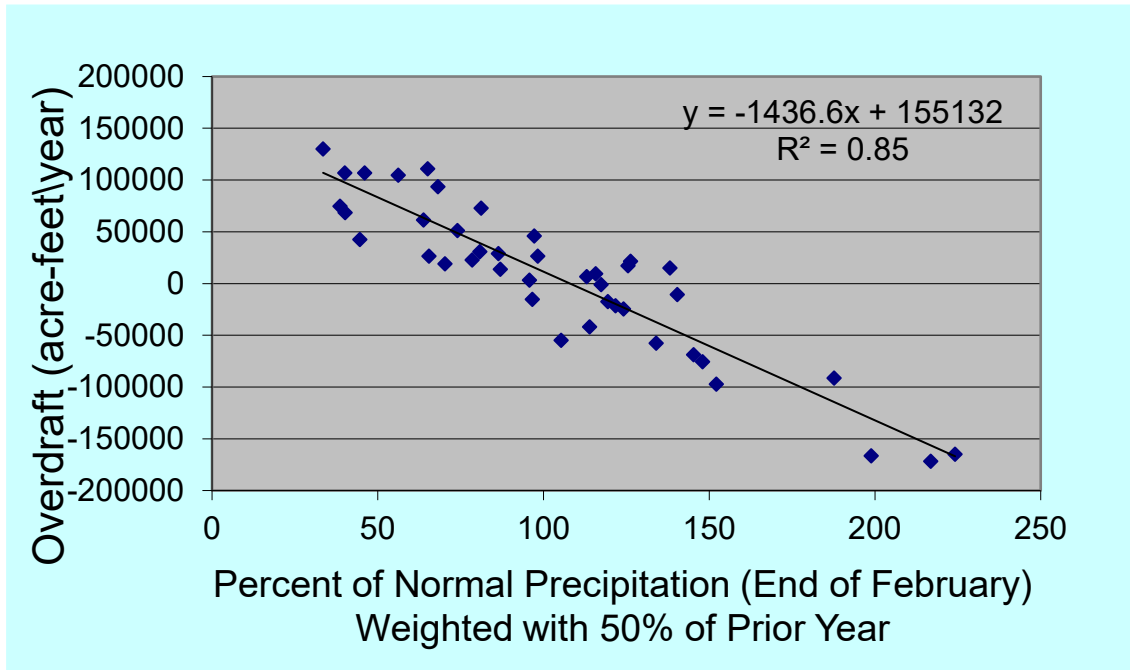


Figure 2. District-Wide Overdraft vs. Percent of Normal Precipitation.

The prior year overdraft is calculated once all the data are available for the period July 1 to June 30. In this manner, the actual overdraft is calculated approximately eight months in arrears. This calculated overdraft for the prior year is then used with the nine preceding years to determine the ten-year average annual overdraft.

In last year’s report (Water Year 2023-2024), the regression correlation was used to predict an overdraft District-wide of approximately **-118,000 acre-feet** (surplus) for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. After receiving data for the entire year, the actual annual overdraft was determined to be approximately **-91,000 acre-feet** (surplus). Therefore, the projected surplus was overestimated by approximately **27,000 acre-feet**. A basic summary of the methodology for determining the hydrologic balance for the groundwater basins is included in Appendix A of this report.

(c) The annual overdraft for the ensuing water year is difficult to forecast. It projects the hydrologic balance 16 months in advance. The projected District-wide overdraft is assumed to be between 0 acre-feet and the ten-year average annual overdraft, which is approximately 22,000 acre-feet from water years 2014-2015 to 2023-2024. The past two water years have significantly reduced the 10-year average overdraft, from a 10-year average of 59,000 acre-feet

estimated in 2022-2023, to a 10-year average of 44,000 acre-feet estimated in 2023-2024.

(d) “Accumulated Overdraft” means the amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the groundwater basins within the District to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh groundwater body, or to prevent subsidence of the land within the District or any zone(s) thereof (§ 75505, California Water Code).

Past efforts to estimate long-term overdraft utilized the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model and Best Management Objective (BMO) groundwater level goals to inform the calculation of “Accumulated Overdraft”. Groundwater modeling efforts for the 2007 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Management Plan update included simulating pumping reductions in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins. Modeling efforts included calculating the amount of pumping reduction in the southern Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins required to raise groundwater levels so that on average over a complete hydrologic cycle (1944 to 1998) there would not be net landward movement of seawater (FCGMA and others, 2007). This pumping reduction is the “Accumulated Overdraft” and was estimated to be 20,000 to 25,000 acre-feet, mostly in the Lower Aquifer System (LAS).

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plans in December 2019 (FCGMA 2019a, 2019b, and 2019c). The plans were prepared in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and based upon estimated sustainable yield for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins. The “Accumulated Overdraft” or the necessary reduction in pumping, if no new water supply projects are completed, may be as high as 40,000 acre-feet to 45,000 acre-feet.

(e) The “Accumulated Overdraft” does not change from year to year unless new water supply projects are brought online or unless there is a long-term change in pumping or climate.

(f) The amount of agricultural water likely to be withdrawn for the ensuing water year should be reported as the same as the previous year unless there is overriding information that pumping will change. Because the Annual Groundwater Conditions Report is finished in early March before the year’s rainfall can be accurately predicted, it is more conservative to use the previous year’s pumping. The number comes from semi-annual groundwater extraction statements reported by well owners to the District’s Finance Department, where

the water usage is reported as either agricultural or M&I and extraction fees are calculated.

(g) As in (f), it is more conservative to use the previous year's pumping. The amount of M&I water likely to be withdrawn for the ensuing water year should be reported as the same as the previous year unless there is overriding information that pumping will change. The number comes from the previous year's semi-annual groundwater extraction statements.

(h) The estimated amount of water necessary for surface distribution for the ensuing water year is estimated to be at least the long-term average diversion rate for the Freeman Diversion. From January 1991 to June 2024, this long-term average is approximately 60,000 acre-feet per year.

(i) The total replenishment necessary for replenishment of groundwater supplies of the District comes from the equation: Total Replenishment = 0.80 * Total Annual Overdrafts. The 80% factor comes from the USGS RASA groundwater flow model simulation results (Hanson et. al., 2003), which estimated that about 20% of the annual overdraft is water derived from the compaction and dewatering of fine-grained sediments (and subsequent subsidence). Water cannot be forced back into the sediments, the storage space lost forever, and thus should be subtracted from the total water needed to replenish the aquifer. However, thick deposits of fine-grained sediments are not common to all the basins within District boundaries, and the 20% reduction in all the basin storage capacity based on presumed subsidence may be excessive.

(j) The District is not obligated by contract to purchase any amount of water, except State Project water, ordered for and reimbursed by the Port Hueneme Water Agency. This amount of water is not to exceed 1,850 acre-feet per year.

(k) The preceding year's water production comes from the District's Finance Department records of reported pumping from the semi-annual statements of groundwater extraction and pumping charges.

“Total of Annual Overdrafts” – this additional finding is a cumulative total of each year's annual overdraft (item b). It is derived through multiple steps that are informed by the finalized annual overdraft for the previous year as well as the estimated annual overdraft for the current year. First, once all complete records are available for the previous water year, the annual overdraft for the previous water year is finalized and added to last year's “total of annual overdrafts” at the end of the preceding water year. Then, to estimate the “total of annual

overdrafts” for the ensuing water year, the estimated annual overdraft of the current year is added to the recently finalized “total of annual overdrafts” for the preceding year. In the wettest years when there is a surplus of water, this total will be reduced. In average and dry years, the total will increase. Even in some wetter-than-average years, there exists a District-wide overdraft and the total will increase, as discussed in (b). In 2022-2023, when a revised methodology used to calculate annual overdraft for the period since 1992-1993, the annual overdrafts and the “total of annual overdrafts” were recalculated for each year, and the “total of annual overdrafts” at the end of 2020-2021 was estimated to be 1,109,000 acre-feet. The “total of annual overdrafts” as of the end of the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2024, has now been updated to be approximately **1,004,000 acre-feet**. With the annual overdraft of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2025, estimated to be **30,000 acre-feet** (deficit), the “total of annual overdrafts” as of the end of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2025, is estimated to be approximately **1,033,000 acre-feet**.

DISCUSSION

The occurrence of overdraft in a groundwater basin is often controversial. This is due in part to the definition of the term. Overdraft has been defined as “*the condition of a groundwater basin or aquifer in which the amount of water extracted exceeds the amount of water that recharges the basin over a period of many years (during which hydrologic conditions do not significantly change)*” (Bachman et al., 2005). Within the District, the withdrawal of groundwater is known through reporting by pumpers. The recharge within the District by artificial means is also known through measurements of diversions, spreading, and pipeline deliveries (e.g., State water deliveries and Conejo Creek diversions as discussed in Appendix B). Natural recharge, however, must be determined through indirect measurements. This natural recharge occurs primarily along the rivers and streams within the District, but also occurs by direct infiltration from rainfall and by leakage through adjacent bedrock and alluvial units.

The District calculates the natural recharge in its basins using measured data for precipitation, stream flow, and groundwater elevations. The value reported as annual overdraft compares the natural and artificial annual recharge to annual groundwater withdrawals. The average annual overdraft varies over the long-term with fundamental changes in both historic pumpage and artificial recharge facilities. Year-to-year, however, the annual District-wide overdraft varies widely with the climatic cycle. Wet years may produce a surplus of replenishment whereas average and dry years result in an overdraft.

Long-term overdraft is more serious than an annual overdraft. Long-term overdraft occurs when recharge is less than extraction over a period of many years. Long-term overdraft has resulted in both landward migration of saline ocean water in the Oxnard basin and dewatering of salt-rich clays surrounding the aquifers; this dewatering has resulted in saltwater moving from the clays to the aquifer and in compaction of the clays (UWCD, 2016). These conditions continue to persist in the coastal areas, with areas of increasing chloride concentrations in recent years (UWCD, 2021b). The majority of this saline ocean water is likely contained in the extensive offshore portions of the aquifers of the Oxnard basin. It is in the areas of the submarine canyons that this seawater is drawn into onshore portions of the aquifer and poses a hazard. It is also in these areas where it is imperative that an offshore gradient be maintained to prevent further intrusion. Thus, the calculation of “accumulated overdraft” for water conservation districts in the Water Code is very appropriate to the District’s situation – it is the replenishment water necessary to prevent landward movement of saltwater and to prevent subsidence. This is an inherently important aspect of the District’s efforts to protect and augment water supplies for users within the District or its zone(s) which are necessary for public health, welfare and safety.

Two calculated values related to long-term overdraft are presented in this report: 1) the amount of water necessary for the total replenishment of the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year, which is calculated from the total of annual overdrafts, with a value of **827,000 acre-feet** estimated as of the end of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2025; and 2) the accumulated overdraft, as per the Water Code, which represents the amount of additional replenishment water that is needed on a continuing basis in the future to prevent further salt water intrusion. Past estimates suggest that a minimum of approximately **20,000 to 25,000 acre-feet** of additional replenishment water per year is required to prevent further saltwater intrusion; however, more recent estimates suggest as much as 40,000 to 45,000 acre-feet may be required. A large proportion of this saltwater intrusion is associated with seawater intrusion of the offshore extension of the aquifers and onshore seawater intrusion in the vicinity of Port Hueneme and Point Mugu. The remainder is from poor-quality water derived from the compaction of clays.

There is evidence for the occurrence of long-term overdraft in at least two of the groundwater basins of the District. Groundwater levels have generally been declining or depressed for periods of several decades in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins. While the factors causing declining groundwater trends may have varied among these two basins, long-term replenishment rates have not kept up

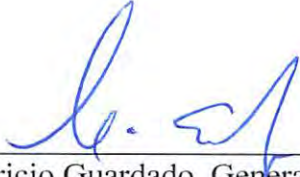
with long-term extraction rates in either of them. Thus, these basins are considered by the District to be in the condition of long-term overdraft.

In the past, the Santa Paula basin had been considered in a state of potential long-term overdraft. A basin yield study (UWCD, 2003) by experts for the City of Ventura, Santa Paula Basin Pumpers Association, and the District suggested that the yield of the basin is probably near the historic pumping amount. In 2017, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., estimated that safe yield of the Santa Paula basin is in the range from 24,000 to 25,500 acre-feet per year, slightly less than the long-term-average pumping rate of 25,800 acre-feet per year (Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, 2017).

The stresses that cause long-term overdraft in a particular basin may be occurring only within that basin, or they may be occurring in several connected basins. For example, the seawater intrusion that has occurred in a portion of the Oxnard basin can be aggravated by increases in pumping from that basin, but it can also be aggravated by decreases in the replenishment supply coming from the upstream basins. This is caused by the hydraulic continuity between the aforementioned groundwater basins.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) recognized the hydraulic continuity of the District's several groundwater basins, and in 1980 DWR concluded that these basins should be considered as one groundwater basin, the Ventura Central Basin (DWR, 1980). The Ventura Central Basin was identified by the DWR as "subject to critical conditions of overdraft." The Bulletin 118 Update (DWR, 2003) did not re-evaluate the conditions of critical overdraft in the Ventura Central Basin and other California groundwater basins because the task was not identified by the State Legislature, nor was there sufficient funding. More recently, DWR has confirmed that all the groundwater basins within the District boundaries are high-priority basins, with the exception of the Santa Paula basin, which is adjudicated (DWR, 2021). DWR has also confirmed that the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins remain subject to critical overdraft (DWR, 2021).

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Appendix A

Methodology for Hydrologic Balance

United Water Conservation District prepares an Annual Investigation and Report of the Groundwater Conditions within the United Water Conservation District. The report is specifically written to meet the requirements included in the Water Code 75560-75561.

In reporting for the water year 2022-2023, staff improved the methodology for determining the groundwater conditions within the District's boundaries. The updated methodology determined annual hydrologic balance in a similar, and relatively simple, manner to the prior methodology. However, the calculated components to the hydrologic balance were informed with improved modeling tools. The hydrologic balance incorporates precipitation, streamflow percolation, artificial recharge and extracted groundwater return flows as recharge components and groundwater extraction and phreatophyte consumptive use as discharge components.

The District has invested significant efforts in developing multiple models in recent years that have been used for water resource planning by both the District and other local agencies and consultants. These models have been used in this methodology to inform recharge and discharge components of the hydrologic balance.

The calculated balance for each component is determined individually for each basin, where possible. The hydrologic balance for the entire District is the net sum of the balance for each basin (a total of seven basins). The data acquired for each basin, where applicable, includes:

- Annual rainfall (ft);
- Total area of each basin (acres); the calculated area of each basin has been updated in this report to reflect the more recent California Department of Water Resources (DWR) basin boundary modifications (2019).
- Mean daily surface flows (cfs);
- Daily artificial recharge (ac-ft);
- Mean daily diversions (cfs);
- Consumptive use rate (percent of groundwater pumping);
- Annual groundwater extractions (ac-ft); and
- Modeled average phreatophyte consumptive use over 30-year period (1985-2015) (ac-ft).

Precipitation

Recharge by precipitation on valley alluvium or aquifer outcrop is held constant at 10% for all the unconfined groundwater basins. Rain gauges at Lake Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula, and El Rio are used to calculate the amount of recharge to the corresponding basin. Final data approved for publication are used, when possible, but due to the timing of this report, some provisional data are included.

Area

The areas for the unconfined groundwater basins (Piru basin, Fillmore basin, Santa Paula basin, and the Forebay area of the Oxnard basin) were calculated using a Geographic Information System and were based on recently updated (2019) DWR basin boundaries (DWR, 2021). The updated basin boundaries resulted in an increase in areal extent of approximately 33% for the unconfined basin compared methodology used previously to the 2023 report, and this increase was largely due to the addition of outcrop areas of the production formations.

Surface Flows

Infiltration and percolation of surface flows was estimated using the Upper Basins Surface Water Model (UWCD, 2021c). This model, developed by United, calculates surface flows, recharge, and rising groundwater for the Santa Clara River reaches overlying the Piru, Fillmore, and Santa Paula basins. Model inputs include gaged flow in the Santa Clara River and its tributaries and historical available storage in the Piru and Fillmore basins; final data approved for publication are used, when possible, but due to the timing of this report, some provisional data are included. The model also includes estimates for surface flow losses in Santa Paula basin. Available data suggest that water percolation rates from the Santa Clara River within the Santa Paula basin is limited and difficult to quantify (UWCD, 2013). For this report, 12% of estimated Santa Clara River losses within the Santa Paula basin were estimated as recharge (percolation) to groundwater, on an annual basis, based on the model outputs from the Upper Basins Surface Water Model. From 1992-1993 to 2021-2022, this method results in an average annual percolation total of approximately 2,180 acre-feet per year. Additionally, the streamflow percolation within the Oxnard Forebay area was estimated using the Hydrological Operations Simulations System (HOSS; R2 Resource Consultants, 2016), which uses correlations between groundwater elevations in nearby monitoring wells and observed percolation rates within the portion of the Santa Clara River of the Oxnard Forebay area.

Artificial Recharge

The off-channel annual recharge to the District's Recharge Facilities (Piru, Saticoy, Noble, Rose and El Rio basins) are allocated to respective groundwater basins. It is assumed that there exists 100% efficiency in the recharge (i.e., no losses).

Groundwater Extractions

The groundwater extractions for each basin within the District boundaries are tabulated through pumping reported to the District by well owners and operators.

Consumptive Use

A consumptive use factor is used for all the unconfined groundwater basins. Pressure basins have 0% return flow that effectively recharge the Upper Aquifer System (UAS). However, within the pressure groundwater basins, leakage from the Semi-perched aquifer to the UAS is considered using the previously estimated 1985-2015 average values (UWCD, 2021a), and adjusting for areal extent of the basin that is within the District boundaries.

The estimation of return flow from groundwater pumped in the unconfined basins is based on a representative three-year period as calculated by United (UWCD, 2013). This report accounts for "typical" return flows of over-application of water for salt-leaching requirements, as well as special-use cases by particular pumpers (i.e., recycled water percolation from Municipal and Industrial pumping) within the basins.

The three-year average (2010, 2011, and 2012) was chosen as a reasonable period of climatically wet and dry years. Climatic conditions in 2011 were slightly wetter than normal, 2012 was drier than normal, and 2010 is believed to be more representative of "normal climatic conditions" (UWCD, 2013). The average percentage of agricultural pumping as return flow was calculated as 40.8%, and the average of the percent of municipal and industrial pumping as return flow was calculated as 64.4% for the unconfined basins. Some pumped groundwater is exported from the Forebay area via pipeline to users in the confined Oxnard basin, and as such they are not included in estimates of return flows (i.e., they are considered in this report as 100% consumptive use).

Phreatophyte consumptive use is estimated in this report using the more recently updated Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (UWCD, 2021a) modeled average riparian evapotranspiration over the period from calendar years 1985-2015, adjusted for the extent of the simulated riparian vegetation within the District boundaries. This period captures various climatic and riparian conditions, and the annual average evapotranspiration was used to estimate the District phreatophyte consumptive use.

Groundwater Basin Water Balance

Groundwater Basin Water Balance =

[(Groundwater Extractions Consumptive Use + Phreatophyte Consumptive Use) –

(Total Percolated Rainfall + Percolated Surface Water + Artificial Recharge + Return Flow + Leakage)]

Note: Positive values represent overdraft and negative values represent surplus

Appendix B

Additional Water Resources Utilized within the District

State Water

The District has a State Water Project maximum annual Table A amount of 5,000 acre-feet. The District contracts out 1,850 acre-feet of this amount to Port Hueneme Water Agency where it displaces an equal amount of groundwater pumping on the Oxnard Plain. The District receives up to 3,150 acre-feet per year of its Table A amount in Lake Piru via Pyramid Lake. Following a conservation release from Lake Piru, this water flows down the Santa Clara River within the District where it contributes to streamflow and groundwater recharge.

The California Department of Water Resources determines what percentage of the annual Table A amount is allocated to State Water Contractors each year, based on hydrological conditions and project water use. During most years, the Table A allocation is less than 100%, and it has been as low as 5% during periods of drought. The District historically has not always purchased its full allocation of State water in very wet years due to the lack of available storage.

Conejo Creek Diversion

The Conejo Creek diversion, located near U.S Highway 101 and operated by Camrosa Water District, was used for diversion of approximately 8,400 acre-feet per year of water from Conejo Creek on average from 2002 – 2019. Over that same period, approximately 4,500 acre-feet per year of water was delivered by Camrosa to Pleasant Valley County Water District, where it replaces groundwater pumping in the Pleasant Valley basin.



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I, Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District, do certify that I am in receipt of the Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions within United Water Conservation District – *A summary of findings for the previous water year (2023-2024), current water year (2024-2025), and ensuing water year (2025-2026).*



Gordon Kimball



Date

ATTACHMENT B

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS FROM THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED CONCERNING THE GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in compliance with California Water Code Section 75560 et al, United Water Conservation District (“United” or “District”) previously caused an engineering investigation and report to be made upon groundwater conditions of the District, including those relating to the annual overdraft for the current water year and the ensuing water year, and the accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding water year, all in connection with consideration of the establishment of zone(s) and the levying of groundwater charges for such zone(s) for the 2025-26 water year; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Water Code Section 75570, the engineering investigation and report (“engineering investigation and report”) was delivered in writing on March 10, 2025, to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Water Code Section 75571 notice of the receipt of the engineering investigation and report and notice of public hearings thereon were duly published consistent with statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, public hearings on the engineering investigation and report and the matters presented thereby were duly held by the Board of Directors of the District beginning on April 9, 2025. Said hearing was continued and further hearings were duly held by the Board during its meetings on May 21, 2025 and June 11, 2025. At each of the public hearings the Board invited any operator of a water producing facility within the District, and any person interested in the condition of the groundwater or surface water supplies of the District, to appear and submit evidence concerning the groundwater conditions and the surface water supplies of the District, and to provide testimony either supporting or protesting the engineering investigation and report; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing on April 9, 2025, evidence was presented on the engineering investigation and report relating to the matters addressed therein, and at each continued hearing an opportunity was offered for submission of evidence and such evidence, including exhibits, was submitted at the hearing during the Board meeting of June 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District during its June 11, 2025, hearing has considered public testimony and evidence concerning the groundwater conditions and surface water supplies of the District and the engineering investigation and report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the testimony and evidence presented at the prior referenced hearings and this June 11, 2025, hearing, the

Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby make the following findings and determinations:

(1) The average annual overdraft of all groundwater basins within the District for the immediate past ten water years is estimated to be approximately 22,000 acre-feet.

(2) The annual overdraft for the current water year of all groundwater basins within the District is estimated to range up to 30,000 acre-feet. This positive number implies that extractions will exceed replenishment for the District, as a whole, during the current water year.

(3) The annual overdraft for the ensuing water year of all groundwater basins within the District is estimated to be between 0 and 22,000 acre-feet.

(4) The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding water year of all groundwater basins within the District is estimated to range between approximately 20,000 and 25,000 acre-feet.

(5) The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the current water year for all groundwater basins within the District, is estimated to range between 20,000 and 25,000 acre-feet.

(6) The estimated amount of agricultural water to be withdrawn from all of the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year is 87,000 acre-feet.

(7) The estimated amount of water other than agricultural water (i.e. for M&I purposes) to be withdrawn from all the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year is estimated to be approximately 38,000 acre-feet.

(8) The estimated amount of water for surface distribution within the District for the ensuing water year, July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, is expected to be at least the long-term average of 60,000 acre-feet.

(9) The amount of water which is necessary for the replenishment of the groundwater supplies of all of the groundwater basins within the District for the ensuing water year is estimated to be at least 827,000 acre-feet.

(10) The District is not obligated by contract to purchase any amount of water except State Project water ordered for and reimbursed by the Port Hueneme Water Agency. This amount is not to exceed 1,850 acre-feet per year.

(11) The total production of water from the groundwater supplies of the District during the preceding water year was approximately 125,000 acre-feet.

(12) The total of annual overdrafts for the District as of the end of the preceding water year was approximately 1,004,000 acre-feet.

(13) During the ensuing water year, July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, the production of water from the Lower Aquifer System of the Oxnard Plain will exceed the natural replenishment of such groundwater supplies.

(14) There is hydraulic connection between and among the aquifers and basins within the boundaries of the District. The extent of this connection varies from basin to basin.

(15) It is necessary that water be replaced in the recharge area of the aquifers in the Upper and Lower Aquifer Systems of the Oxnard Forebay area (specifically hereinafter in the District's Saticoy, El Rio, Rose, and Noble spreading grounds) in order to prevent the further landward movement of salt water into the fresh groundwater in the

Oxnard Basin and the Pleasant Valley Basin and to assist in reversing such landward movement of salt water.

(16) It is necessary that water be replaced in the recharge areas of the aquifers in the Upper and Lower Aquifer System of the Oxnard Forebay area in order to replenish and repressurize those aquifer systems in the Oxnard Plain, including those aquifers beneath the Oxnard Basin, Mound Basin, Pleasant Valley Basin and West Las Posas Valley Basin.

(17) Groundwater studies by the U.S. Geological Survey and United have shown that progress has been made toward reversing seawater intrusion in the Upper Aquifer System of the Oxnard Basin, but additional efforts to mitigate seawater intrusion are required.

(18) The same studies show that the effects of overpumping in the District are also clearly manifested in the aquifer systems associated with the Oxnard Plain where it is subject to further saltwater intrusion. The pumping of additional limited quantities of groundwater from the Lower Aquifer System of the Oxnard Basin is necessary as a reasonable interim and temporary measure to be taken until replacement water can be provided immediately to those producers whose production of groundwater from the Upper Aquifer System of the Oxnard Basin must be limited and reduced in order to prevent further intrusion of salt water into that aquifer system.

(19) Continuing replacement of water in the recharge areas of the aquifers in the Upper and Lower Aquifer Systems of the Oxnard Plain is necessary to make additional groundwater available for areas that are adjacent to the areas in which saltwater intrusion has occurred because such intrusion will continue to expand unless such remedial action is taken.

(20) Replacement of water in the recharge areas of the aquifers in the Upper and Lower Aquifer Systems of the Oxnard Plain, limited pumping of groundwater from the Lower Aquifer System of the Oxnard Plain and surface delivery of water from one area of the District to other areas such as the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme, Pleasant Valley County Water District, and Pumping Trough Pipeline delivery areas, are essential groundwater management elements for the Oxnard Plain.

(21) The replacement of water in recharge areas which replenish the aquifers located within the Oxnard Plain, the limitation and curtailment of production of groundwater from that portion of the Lower Aquifer System of the Oxnard Basin that is adjacent to the area in which salt water intrusion has occurred, the increased pumping when appropriate from the Upper or Lower Aquifer System in the Oxnard Forebay area and delivery of that water to the Oxnard Plain in lieu of Lower Aquifer pumping and the development of a continuing, long-range source of additional water for spreading in said recharge areas and for delivery to producers in the area of the Oxnard Plain, are necessary actions to be taken by the District in order to maintain the availability on a continuing, long-term basis of adequate supplies of groundwater for all producers and other persons within the District who rely on the groundwater supplies of the District.

(22) Construction of the Freeman Diversion Project was necessary in order to protect the historic capability of United to divert waters from the Santa Clara River and to increase that capability so that additional water may be diverted from the Santa Clara River and spread into the District's groundwater recharge basins, so that the findings and

determinations described in Paragraphs (15), (16), (19), (20) and (21) can be accomplished.

(23) The acquisition of the Noble, Ferro, and Rose gravel mines in the Oxnard Forebay area and the conversion of the mines into recharge basins was necessary and the continued operation of those recharge basins is necessary because such basins will prolong the beneficial life of the Upper and Lower Aquifer Systems in which saltwater intrusion has occurred by increasing recharge to those aquifer systems and potentially reverse saltwater intrusion in some areas. The continued operation of the Noble and Rose recharge basins and the planned operation of the Ferro Basin will assist the District in maintaining the availability on a continuing long-term basis of adequate supplies of groundwater for all producers within the District so that the findings and determinations described in Paragraphs (15), (16), (19), (20), and (21) can be accomplished. Such recharge basins will benefit all persons who rely directly or indirectly on the groundwater supplies of the District and the Oxnard Plain.

(24) Establishing a separate zone or zones for reducing the groundwater extraction charges in various areas of the Oxnard Plain is not warranted because persons and groundwater producers throughout the Oxnard Plain rely on groundwater supplies within the United Water Conservation District and also on water delivered to various areas on the Oxnard Plain from United through its lower river distribution system.

(25) Groundwater extraction charges levied on and paid by water producers on the Oxnard Plain area for the Freeman Diversion Project facilities are for the direct benefit of persons on the Oxnard Plain, and provide indirect benefits District-wide, because the Freeman Diversion Project:

(i) Preserves the District's ability to continue to divert and spread water from the Santa Clara River at Saticoy as the District has historically performed. The historic diversion and spreading of water from the Santa Clara River at Saticoy was estimated and projected by Price Engineering Company in its October 1983 Report on the proposed Freeman Diversion Improvement Project Public Law 84-984 to be approximately 43,000 acre-feet each water year, and

(ii) Allows United to increase the amount of water diverted and spread from the Santa Clara River at Saticoy. Since the construction of the Freeman Diversion, the average annual diversion has been approximately 60,000 acre-feet (January 1991- June 2024). Total diversions over that 33.5-year period were 2,018,000 acre-feet, which thereby replenished and repressurized the underground aquifers throughout the Oxnard Plain which are utilized by water producers on the Oxnard Plain area and thereby also extending the effective life of these aquifers, and

(iii) Preserves and protects United's ability to continue to deliver water by pipelines to the various areas of the Oxnard Plain. Pipeline deliveries are one of the District's methods used to fight seawater intrusion and related groundwater concerns, and to optimize the yield of the basins.

(26) The continuation of a District-wide groundwater extraction charge in Zone A constitutes an approval by a public agency of a charge for the purpose of meeting operating expenses for the District's water conservation purposes. A continuation of a groundwater extraction charge in Zone B constitutes an approval by a public agency of a charge to pay for operation and maintenance of, and any improvement to, the Freeman

Diversion Project facilities. The continuation of groundwater extraction charge from Zone S constitutes an approval by a public agency of a charge to pay for State Water costs for areas that do not pay into the District's State Water Import Fund via a voter-approved property tax assessment.

(27) The actions described in Paragraphs (15) through (26) are each in furtherance of District activities for the protection and augmentation of the water supplies for users within the District or a zone or zones thereof which are necessary for the public health, welfare and safety of the people of the State. Additionally, the groundwater charges levied to pay for such activities are for the benefit of all who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of the District or a zone or zones thereof.

(28) The actions described in the findings above will replenish and repressurize the underground water supplies of the District or a zone or zones thereof and these underground water supplies are immediately available for use by all persons who rely on the underground water supplies within the District or a zone or zones thereof.

We, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and current President and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District at a meeting thereof held on the 11th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

Not in favor, Directors:

Absent, Directors;

ATTEST: _____
Board President Lynn Maulhardt

ATTEST: _____
Board Secretary Gordon Kimball

ATTACHMENT C

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MAKING ADDITIONAL FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS
FROM THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED CONCERNING GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS
OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION
CHARGE ZONES AND LEVYING, ASSESSING AND FIXING
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CHARGES AGAINST
ALL PERSONS OPERATING GROUNDWATER PRODUCING FACILITIES
WITHIN SUCH ZONES FOR THE 2025-2026 WATER YEAR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Water Conservation District Law of 1931 (Water Code Section 74000 et seq.), a water conservation district is authorized in accordance with Water Code Section 74508 to levy and collect a groundwater charge for the production of water from the groundwater supplies within the district or within a zone or zones thereof in the manner prescribed in Part 9 of Division 21 of the Water Code of the State of California, commencing with Section 75500 of said code; and

WHEREAS, as explained by the California Supreme Court in *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District* (2017) 3 Cal.5th 1191, under California Constitution, article XIII C as amended by Proposition 26, in order for groundwater extraction charges levied by the United Water Conservation District (“District” or “UWCD” or “United”) to be considered exempt from consideration as a tax, the amount of the charges must be no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the District’s services, and the manner in which those charges are allocated to a payor must bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burdens on, or benefits received from, governmental activity, and that the manner in which those charges are allocated to a payor must bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burdens on, or benefits received from the District; and

WHEREAS, following (a) the preparation by United of an engineering investigation and report upon groundwater conditions of the District, as required by Water Code Sections 75560 and 75561, (b) the timely delivery in writing of the investigation and report to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District and the District, and (c) the publishing of notice of such receipt and notice of public hearings thereon pursuant to Water Code Sections 75571 and 75572, public hearings were held on the investigation and report and the condition of the groundwater and surface water supplies of the District beginning on April 9, 2025, which were regularly continued until May 21, 2025, and then to June 11, 2025, when such hearings were completed; and

WHEREAS, following said hearing, on June 11, 2025, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District (“Board of Directors of the District”) by Resolution No. 2025-07 made certain findings and determinations as permitted and required by Part 9 of Division 21 of the Water Code, including Section 75574 of said code, which findings and

determinations are each specifically incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth at this point.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at the referenced hearings (“said hearings”) that the Board of Directors of the District hereby makes the following additional findings and determinations:

(a) The Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, State of California, did by defining and establishing the boundaries of the United Water Conservation District determine that all land within such boundaries would be benefitted by the formation of the District and by actions of the District for purposes authorized by the Water Conservation District Law of 1931;

(b) All persons residing within the boundaries of the District rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of each of the groundwater basins within the District and within any zone or zones established therein;

(c) The production of groundwater from all water producing facilities, whether public or private, within the District or any zone or zones established therein, is for the benefit of all of the persons residing within the boundaries of the District and of each zone or zones established therein;

(d) The protection and augmentation of such groundwater supplies for all users within the District and of any zone or zones established therein is necessary for the public health, welfare and safety of all people residing within the District and the people of this state;

(e) The replacement of water in the recharge areas of the aquifers, the limitation and reductions of production of groundwater from that portion of said aquifers that are adjacent to the areas in which seawater intrusion has manifested, the transportation of water from one area of the District to other areas for surface delivery, and the construction and operation of the Freeman Diversion Project facilities and the District’s spreading grounds and reservoirs are necessary in order to protect and increase the historic ability of the District to divert and recharge water from the Santa Clara River near Saticoy in order to avoid a situation which would require producers to develop facilities for treatment of groundwater from aquifers that are impacted by seawater intrusion exacerbated by the District-wide use of groundwater, and in order to permit persons and entities presently producing groundwater from such other aquifers to continue such production at present rates and levels without worsening an overdraft condition that would permit seawater intrusion thus placing greater initial burden on those parcels located near the coast;

(f) In enacting Water Code Section 74450, the Legislature of the State of California has by Section 2 of Statutes 1965, Chapter 1836, page 4262, found and

declared that the entire United Water Conservation District is engaged District-wide in combating the problem of seawater intrusion, although it is basically an urban problem;

(g) A portion of the District's general operation and maintenance expenses for the ensuing (2025-26) water year will be directly attributable to United's District-wide effort to prevent the landward movement of seawater into the District's fresh groundwater aquifers and basins and to prevent subsidence of land within the District;

(h) The continuation of a District-wide groundwater extraction charge in Zone A constitutes an approval by a public agency of a charge for the purpose of meeting expenses for the District's water conservation purposes. A continuation of a groundwater extraction charge in Zone B constitutes an approval by a public agency of a charge to pay for operation and maintenance of, and any improvements to, the Freeman Diversion Project facilities. The continuation of Zone S and the levying of an additional groundwater extraction charge in that zone constitutes an approval by a public agency of a charge to pay for the District's State Water costs for areas that do not pay into the District's State Water Import Fund via a voter-approved property tax assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said hearings the Board of Directors of the District hereby makes the following additional findings and determinations:

1. One of United Water Conservation District's ("UWCD") resource management objectives is to prevent and mitigate groundwater overdraft in the basins within its service area; and

2. One of UWCD's replenishment activities involves the recharge of aquifers in the groundwater basins within its service area; and

3. UWCD's replenishment activities do not involve the direct delivery of water to groundwater users at their well sites; and

4. Annual groundwater overdraft is the extent by which annual groundwater pumping exceeds the average annual recharge including reuse of groundwater beneficially reaching the basins within the UWCD service area; and

5. The portion of groundwater used for agricultural purposes that beneficially returns to the basins within UWCD's service area ("groundwater reuse") exceeds the portion of groundwater used for municipal purposes that beneficially returns to the basins within UWCD's service area; and

6. A reasonable estimate of the portion of agricultural groundwater use beneficially returning to the aquifers within UWCD's service area is 24.1 percent of the amount pumped; and

7. An acre-foot of groundwater use by agricultural users contributes 0.759 acre-feet towards groundwater overdraft in the basins within UWCD's service area; and

8. A reasonable estimate of the portion of municipal groundwater use beneficially returning to the aquifers within UWCD's service area is 14.8 percent of the amount pumped; and

9. An acre-foot of groundwater use by municipal users contributes 0.852 acre-feet towards groundwater overdraft in the basins within UWCD's service area; and

10. With a municipal consumptive use rate of 85.2% and an agricultural consumptive use rate of 75.9% for pumped groundwater District-wide, the municipal and industrial to agricultural ratio will be 1.12:1; and

11. The formation of UWCD enabled UWCD to construct facilities to meet the anticipated growth in M&I pumpage and the need to provide a reliable source of water to M&I water users, who have priority over agricultural users; and

12. The Santa Felicia Dam was built primarily to respond to the need to preserve and store an available and reliable source of water for urban use; and

13. The Freeman Diversion was built to mitigate and stabilize the effects of the gravel mining of the Santa Clara River bed; and

14. While some progress has been made toward reversing seawater intrusion in the Upper Aquifer System of the Oxnard Basin, additional efforts are required.

15. Water Code section 106 states that it is the established policy of the state that the use of water for domestic purposes is the highest use of water and that the next highest is for irrigation; and

16. UWCD has the authority to seek reduction or termination of agricultural water in order to ensure adequate domestic water availability; and

17. UWCD provides services associated with replenishment, regulatory compliance and water supply reliability. The costs of these services have been identified and reasonably allocated between Agricultural and M&I pumpers based on a determination of their respective burdens on and benefits from the District's services; and

18. Replenishment services are allocable between Agricultural and M&I pumpers in proportion to adjusted consumptive use, which is their respective pumpage adjusted for return flows; and

19. Overdraft mitigation costs are allocable between Agricultural and M&I pumpers in proportion to their contributions to overdraft; and

20. UWCD's replenishment activities are not comparable to a public utility that delivers water service directly to customers; and

21. UWCD's allocation of the costs of its services address the unique circumstances of a water conservation district and the system-wide complexities inherent in managing a water conservation district; and

22. An acre-foot of pumping for agricultural purposes increases the groundwater overdraft within UWCD's service area by less than an acre-foot of pumping for municipal and industrial purposes; and

23. It is reasonable that UWCD's water conservation and extraction charges take into account the different contributions toward natural recharge of lands in agricultural, municipal and industrial uses; and

24. The computation of UWCD's water conservation and extraction fees can be reasonably based on an apportionment of variable replenishment costs and fixed replenishment costs; and

25. Apportioning annual variable replenishment costs by the amount of groundwater pumping (adjusted for reuse) reasonably reflects how additional groundwater pumping increases UWCD's need for replenishment water; and

26. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Board finds that M&I water users place greater burden and receive greater benefit from United's activities than do Agricultural water users; and

27. The ratio reflected in the rates below for municipal use and agricultural use bears a fair and reasonable relationship to the respective burdens and benefits placed on the UWCD from the differences in hydrologic impacts of groundwater pumping and land use by municipal and industrial versus agricultural water users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the findings and determinations from said hearings, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby determine that zones should be established and that groundwater extraction charges should be levied therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby affirm its establishment of three zones for groundwater extraction charges as follows:

Zone A: All lands lying within the boundaries of the United Water Conservation District.

Zone B: All lands within the Oxnard Basin and the Forebay area, the Pleasant Valley Basin and the West Las Posas Valley Basin within the boundaries of the District.

Zone S: All lands within the Ventura and Oxnard city limits that do not pay the District's State Water Import Fund via a voter-approved property tax assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby affirm its levy, assessment and fixing of groundwater extraction charges in compliance with law against all persons operating groundwater producing facilities within such zones during the ensuing water year from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as follows:

	<u>Production of Agricultural Water</u>	<u>Production of All Water Other Than Agricultural Water</u>
Zone A – (District-wide):	\$182.34 per acre-foot	\$204.22 per acre-foot
Zone B – (Freeman):	\$131.00 per acre-foot	\$146.72 per acre-foot
Zone S – (State Water Ext. Chg.):	\$30.44 per acre-foot	\$34.09 per acre-foot
Water Purchase Surcharge:	\$10.00 per acre-foot	\$10.00 per acre-foot

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said hearings, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby find and determine that the sums which will be raised by the groundwater extraction charges levied by the District in Zones A, B and S above will not produce funds for District purposes that will exceed the amount which is considered necessary for the conservation, management, protection and augmentation of water supplies for beneficial use by users within the District and the zones hereinabove established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said hearings, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby find and determine, based on the prior findings herein, that the groundwater extraction charges set forth in this Resolution are levied by the District for the specific purposes enumerated in Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and 14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15273(a) and therefore are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said hearings the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby find and determine that those persons relying directly or indirectly on the groundwater supplies in Zone A all benefit substantially from the District's water conservation activities, in the District's activities in protecting and defending area water rights against users from outside the District, and from the District's activities and regional planning for use, protection and augmentation of water supplies for beneficial use within the District; and that those persons relying directly or indirectly on the groundwater

supplies of Zone B benefit specifically and additionally from the District's activities in operating, maintaining and improving the Freeman Diversion Project facilities which protects the District's ability to divert water from the Santa Clara River so it can be spread into the underground aquifers thereby replenishing and repressurizing the underground water supplies of the District within the area of Zone B; and that those persons relying directly or indirectly on the groundwater supplies of Zone S benefit specifically and additionally from the District's activities in purchasing State Water so it can be spread into the underground aquifers thereby replenishing and repressurizing the underground water supplies of the District within the area of Zone S for which they receive direct benefit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said hearings, for purposes of calculating the groundwater extraction charges, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District hereby establishes the following methods to be used in computing with reasonable accuracy the amount of water produced from a water-producing facility: (a) a permitted water flow meter; or (b) Edison electrical meter with such extraction calculations made pursuant to the District's Groundwater Extraction Reporting Policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said hearings, the Board of Director of United Water Conservation District finds that any person who produces less than one acre-foot of groundwater during a six-month reporting period may, at the option of such person, account for such production by payment on the basis of one acre-foot at the appropriate rate and without any detailed determination or statement of actual production;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in levying groundwater charges in Zones A, B, and S for the 2025-2026 water year as set forth herein, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District makes the following findings, based upon the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said hearings:

(a) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges will not exceed the funds required to provide the District's services.

(b) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the groundwater charges are imposed.

(c) Given the system-wide complexities inherent in managing a water conservation district, it is impractical and infeasible for the District to allocate the costs of its services except between the two classes of groundwater use, Agricultural and M&I.

(d) The District's allocation of the groundwater extraction charges between Agricultural and M&I pumpers bears a fair or reasonable relationship to their respective burdens on, or benefits received from, the District's services.

We, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and current President and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by resolution of the Board of Directors of said water conservation district at a meeting thereof held on the 11th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

Not in favor, Directors:

Absent, Directors:

ATTEST: _____
Board President Lynn Maulhardt

ATTEST: _____
Board Secretary/Treasurer Gordon Kimball



United Water

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 29, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 6.1 Adopt Resolution for the Proposed District Budget Plan, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels, and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and Appropriation Carryovers from Fiscal Year 2024-25
Motion

Recommendation:

Approve a resolution adopting the proposed District Budget Plan, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels, and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, and Appropriation Carryovers from FY 2024-25.

1. Consider the FY 2025-26 Budget (which includes, among other things, the District's overhead allocation methodology, and amended staffing levels and salary schedule) and recommended revisions to the original budget proposals identified later in this report and comments from Board members and the public.
2. Consider a Resolution (Attachment A) that:
 - a. approves the FY 2025-26 Budget, noting and including any changes agreed to by the Board as part of its budget deliberations at the May 29, 2025, meeting to the proposed budget submitted on May 1, 2025;
 - b. authorizes necessary FY 2024-25 appropriation carryovers;
 - c. approves Overhead Allocation Rates for FY 2025-26;
 - d. approves staffing levels and salary schedules; and
 - e. approves the Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget document.

Summary:

The District's Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget was made available on May 1, 2025, and formally presented to the Board on May 29, 2025, in a public budget workshop. The presentation included an overview of the budget process, development of revenues and expenditures projections, rate changes recommended, how costs are fairly and

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proportionally allocated to the various funds, and a review of the Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget in detail. The proposed Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline budget was reviewed with the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline contractors on May 15, 2025. The Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP) users were addressed by District staff on May 15, 2025. The Pleasant Valley Pipeline (PV) users were addressed by District staff on May 13, 2025.

Discussion:

The District's budget is comprised of the General/Water Conservation Fund (combination of Water Conservation Activities Sub Fund (Zone A), General Operating Activities Sub Fund and Recreation Activities Sub Fund), four enterprise funds, a proposed special revenue fund (State Water Import Fund (Zone S)) and the Overhead Fund. The Water Conservation Activities Sub Fund (Zone A) includes District-wide water conservation activities such as groundwater recharge operations, groundwater monitoring, modeling and analysis and the necessary environmental compliance required to support the District's core mission to preserve and augment groundwater resources. The Water Conservation Activities Sub Fund is funded primarily by revenue generated from groundwater extraction charges and in-lieu water delivery charges and may be partially augmented by available property tax revenue at the discretion of the Board. The General Operating Activities Sub Fund includes all activities that indirectly support District-wide water conservation efforts in Zone A. The General Operating Activities Sub Fund and the Recreation Activities Sub Fund are supported primarily by the District's property tax receipts.

The District's four enterprise funds are comprised of the Freeman Diversion Fund (Zone B), Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Fund (OH), Pleasant Valley Pipeline Fund (PV) and the Pumping Trough Pipeline Fund (PTP). All expenses directly related to each enterprise fund are charged to that fund and are part of the equation used to determine delivery charges for each pipeline and how the groundwater extraction charge (Zone B) is determined for the Freeman Diversion.

The District maintains a State Water Importation Fund to account for the purchase and importation of water from the State Water Project, which is funded through a voter approved special property tax assessment and an extraction charge on groundwater pumping in Zone S. The tax assessment is separate from the property tax receipts accounted for in the General/Water Conservation Fund, as discussed earlier.

The District's budget includes the Supplemental Water Fund which will account for the purchase of water other than the Table A allocation from the State Water Project. The fund will be funded through a surcharge on groundwater extraction and in-lieu fees. The Supplemental Water Fund will be utilized exclusively for purchases of outside water and not for any other District expenses.

The District's Overhead Fund is used to account for the indirect administrative costs of operating the District. These costs are proportionally distributed to the five primary

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operating funds used by the District via the overhead allocation rate setting methodology specified in the OH Pipeline Water Delivery contract and approved by the Board prior to each fiscal year as part of the budget approval process. Every month during the fiscal year, actual expenditures in the Overhead Fund are charged against the operating funds (excluding the State Water Importation Fund) and revenues are transferred to the Overhead Fund to match revenues with expenditures; although overhead costs for liability/property insurance premiums and capital asset purchases are allocated and charged directly to the five operating funds.

The District is currently comprised of three zones: Zone A - Water Conservation Activities Sub Fund (also sometimes referred to as the Zone A Water Conservation Fund), Zone B (Freeman Fund) and Zone S (State Water Importation Fund). California Water Code Section 75540 provides the Board with the authority to establish zone(s) at its discretion, based on the District's annual investigation and report on groundwater conditions. A zone may include the entire District. The Board has consistently established the entire District as Zone A, in recognition that all of the groundwater basins in the District are hydro-geologically connected and it is acknowledged annually that there is an average annual and accumulated overdraft "of all the groundwater basins in the District." Zone A (Water Conservation Activities Sub Fund) charges are used to provide services, operations, infrastructure, and facilities that the District's Board has determined benefit all of the groundwater basins within the District by assisting in the District's efforts to combat the average annual and accumulated overdraft and corresponding seawater intrusion, as well as promote safe, reliable, sustainable and cost-effective local water supplies. Zone A charges do not include any metered or potable water utility or delivery operations, other than the Saticoy Well Field, established and used as a groundwater management facility. The FY 2025-26 Budget document includes more detailed information on the programs and activities funded under the General/Water Conservation Fund, the Freeman Diversion Fund (Zone B) and the State Water Importation Fund (Zone S). Groundwater extractions and pipeline delivery customers in Zone B pay both the Zone A and B groundwater extraction charges. Groundwater extractions and pipeline delivery customers in Zone S pay the Zone A, Zone B and Zone S groundwater extraction charges.

The FY 2025-26 Budget, as discussed at the May 29, 2025, Budget Workshop includes:

1. Changes to the Water Conservation Sub Fund Groundwater Extraction Charge (Zone A).
 - Agricultural - \$135.07/AF to \$182.34/AF
 - Municipal and Industrial - \$151.28/AF to \$204.22/AF

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2. Changes to the Freeman Extraction Charge (Zone B).
 - Agricultural - \$135.25/AF to \$131.00/AF
 - Municipal and Industrial - \$151.48/AF to \$146.72/AF
3. The Water Purchase Surcharge to facilitate the purchase of Article 21 or other supplemental water in future years.
 - Agricultural - \$10.00/AF to \$10.00/AF
 - Municipal and Industrial - \$10.00/AF to \$10.00/AF
4. Changes to the Zone S Extraction Charge
 - Agricultural - \$25.66/AF to \$30.44/AF
 - Municipal and Industrial - \$28.74/AF to \$34.09/AF
5. Changes in the projected volume of groundwater extractions in the Upper and Lower Basins for agricultural pumpers is flat from prior year's budget.
6. Changes in the projected volume of groundwater extractions in the Upper and Lower Basins for Municipal and Industrial pumpers increased by approximately three percent from prior year's budget.
7. Changes in Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Variable O&M Costs per AF of \$474.62 to \$600.64.
8. Changes in Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Marginal O&M Costs per AF of \$237.94 to \$29.95.
9. Changes in Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Fixed Costs per unit of peak capacity of \$55,924.89 to \$41,125.98.
10. Maintaining PTP Fixed (upper) Costs per turnout from \$887.50 to \$887.50.
11. Maintaining PTP Fixed (all others) Costs per turnout from \$1,250.00 to \$1,250.00.
12. Changes in PTP Variable O&M Costs per AF of \$590.00 to \$0.00.
13. Maintaining PTP Saticoy Well Costs per AF of \$0.00 to \$0.00.
14. Changes in PV Variable O&M Costs per AF of \$25.00 to \$20.00.
15. Changes to the PV Fixed Costs from \$20,000.00 to \$16,000.00.
16. Maintaining in PV Saticoy Well Costs per AF of \$0.00 to \$0.00.

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17. Inclusion of FY 2024-25 appropriation carryovers including ongoing capital improvement projects and open contractual or purchase order commitments that have been made but not yet completed and would run into the next fiscal year.

With the adoption of the FY 2025-26 Budget, the Board approves the various components included within the budget document such as:

- Staffing levels and related salary/compensation schedules (pages 13-15)
- Overhead allocation plan (page 30)

Fiscal Impact:

Adoption of the FY 2025-26 Budget, as modified and recommended, sets the District's rates and the Board's spending plan for staff for the upcoming fiscal year. This spending plan represents the authorization to expend funds over the next 12 months per the policies and established objectives and goals of the Board of Directors. The budget can be amended throughout the fiscal year as often and whenever the Board so desires, via a majority vote of its members. If a budget is not adopted, staff would not have the authority to expend funds or carry out District operations.

Attachment:

Resolution

ATTACHMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ADOPTING THE PROPOSED DISTRICT BUDGET, OVERHEAD ALLOCATION METHOD, STAFFING LEVELS, AND SALARY SCHEDULES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26, AND APPROPRIATION CARRYOVERS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the General Manager, on May 1, 2025, submitted the Proposed Budget Plan for United Water Conservation District (“District”) for the Fiscal Year 2025-26, commencing July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as required by the “WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY OF WATER THROUGH THE OXNARD HUENEME PIPELINE” the following activities were undertaken by the District:

1. A preliminary draft of the District’s Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Plan, including the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Fund (OH) budget, was submitted to the contractors for their review on May 1, 2025;
2. The preliminary draft of the budget included a summary of projected water deliveries; fixed and variable costs and projected fixed, variable and marginal rates;
3. The District held an OH contractors’ meeting on May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Directors’ Budget Workshop was held on May 29, 2025, wherein the following was reviewed and discussed:

1. The budget preparation process;
2. The FY 2025-26 Budget Plan and five-year CIP Plan, as recommended by the General Manager, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors conducted a hearing on June 11, 2025, to discuss and consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District hereby approves and adopts the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Plan as proposed to the Board of Directors on June 11, 2025, with the following revisions, as directed by the Board:

SECTION 2. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 APPROPRIATION CARRYOVERS
(Encumbrances)

WHEREAS, the completion of District work does not necessarily coincide with the calendar dates of the fiscal year, and as such work is in progress, contracts are in progress, or work otherwise is unavoidably delayed beyond June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District hereby authorizes the carryover of specific appropriations from one budget year (FY 2024-25) to the next (FY 2025-26) to complete Board authorized work plan(s) and other operating needs, and therefore, effective June 30, 2025, before closing the District's financial accounting records for FY 2024-25, the Board of Directors hereby appropriates and authorizes the carryover in the General/Water Conservation Fund and other specified District funds for use in FY 2025-26, those appropriations from the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget deemed necessary by the General Manager to complete specific projects or services that could not be finalized prior to June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3. OVERHEAD ALLOCATION METHOD

WHEREAS, District management has reviewed the relationship of overhead expenses to the various funds and programs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the review considered the relative proportion of each fund's expenditures to total operating expenditures, the units of billings per fund, the direct labor hours worked in each fund, the number of accounts payable transactions in each fund and the revenue generated in each fund based on prior year activity; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of management and after review by the Finance and Audit Committee the following allocation of overhead expenses is equitable, proportional, and rational.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District hereby approves District overhead expenses to be proportionately allocated for Fiscal Year 2025-26 to the District's operating funds as follows

General/Water Conservation Fund	66.47 %
Freeman Fund	15.96 %
OH Pipeline Fund	9.87 %
PV Pipeline Fund	0.85 %
PT Pipeline Fund	6.85 %
Total	100.00 %

SECTION 4. STAFFING LEVELS AND SALARY SCHEDULES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District hereby approves the Position Titles and Annual Salary Ranges and Staffing Levels as amended in the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Plan.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 11th day of June 2025.

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
Lynn Maulhardt, President

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer



United Water

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 23, 2025 (June 11, 2025, meeting)

Agenda Item: 6.2 Adopt a Resolution to Request the County Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sufficient to Satisfy State Water Project Charges
Motion

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution requesting the County Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to provide approximately \$4,269,000 in property tax revenue sufficient to satisfy a portion of the voter approved debt for State Water Project costs.

Discussion:

Annually, to fund State Water Project Table A allocation costs, the District's Board of Directors must request that the County's Auditor-Controller compute and affix a tax rate to the property tax roll for the upcoming fiscal year.

As part of the budget preparation, staff estimates the operating costs and debt service for State Water corresponds to the District's annual 5,000-acre-foot AF share of the 20,000 AF Table A contracted amount held by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD). Additionally, starting in 2023 for five (5) years, the District has contracted to purchase the Casitas Municipal Water District's annual 5,000 AF share of the 20,000 AF Table A contracted amount held by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD). The Board may fund these costs by using tax revenues or a combination of tax revenues and reserves. These estimates are to be submitted to the County no later than August 1, 2025, for the Auditor-Controller to establish calculations for the tax rate necessary to fund the annual project cost obligation.

The State of California operates the State Water Project on a calendar year basis and the District typically attempts to purchase as much of its Table A allocation as possible for delivery. The District cannot currently receive delivery of State Water during the months of January through October, largely due to the U.S. Endangered Species Act issues along middle Piru Creek.

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Of the total \$2,543,800 budgeted costs for State Water in FY 2025-26, approximately \$1,316,000 represents the District's projected share of the VCWPD State Water contractual fixed costs. As the Board is aware, Port Hueneme Water Agency (PHWA) leases 1,850 AF of the District's 5,000 AF Table A allocation, leaving the District with a total of 3,150 AF. PHWA reimburses the District only for actual State Water delivered.

As of May 2025, the Department of Water Resources has authorized deliveries at 45 percent of State Water Contractors' Table A allocation. The District's allocation at 45 percent is 1,418 AF for the District's contract and 2,250 AF for the Casitas Municipal Water District contract.

The assessment rate for FY 2025-26 will be based on the actual assessed valuation of properties within the State Water Importation tax roll areas. It is not possible for staff to estimate what the actual assessed valuation total will be. The assessor calculates a rate by dividing the District's request by the total assessed valuation of properties within the State Water Importation tax roll areas. That rate is then applied to the assessed value of each individual property to compute a proportional share to affix to each property owner's individual tax bill.

Fiscal Impact:

Property tax revenue of \$4,269,000 is necessary to cover the budgeted costs of State Water in FY 2025-26 and maintain adequate reserves, pursuant to the District's reserve policy.

Attachments:

- A – Resolution
- B – State Water Tax Request Auditor Form 82

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REQUESTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO COMPUTE AND AFFIX A TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD 2025-2026 SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THE STATE WATER PROJECT CHARGES

WHEREAS, the United Water Conservation District, as of July 1, 1970, was allocated 5,000 acre-feet of state water; and

WHEREAS, since 1970 there has been annual revenue needed to pay the State Water Project fixed and variable charges (voter approved debt) for the District's 5,000 acre-foot allocation, and United Water Conservation District has paid the variable charges in the years when all or a portion of the Table A allocation was received; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2023 for five years, there will be annual revenue needed to pay the State Water Project fixed and variable charges (voter approved debt) for the Casitas Municipal Water District 5,000 acre-foot allocation the District has contracted to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of revenue required for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, to satisfy unfunded State Water Project charges is \$4,269,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District does request the Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for the fiscal period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, sufficient to satisfy the State Water Project charges up to the amount set forth above.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District on June 11, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes: Board members:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

ATTEST: _____
Lynn E. Maulhardt, President

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTACHMENT B

**County of Ventura
Jeffery S. Burgh
Agency Director/Assistant Auditor-Controller**

Schedule of available financing budget requirements
Voter approved debt service rates levied

Please prepare this schedule for each fund
which levies a rate for voter approved debt

Budget no. _____

Fund no. 7771

SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE FINANCING:

1. Estimated fund Balance, 6/30		\$ 5,626,000
2. Less: Fund Balance - Unavailable		
3. Reserve for encumbrances	\$ _____	
4. Uncancelled general reserve (Prior Year)	_____	
5. Other reserves (Account No.)	_____	-
6. Inter-fund Transfers (+ or -)		
7. Fund Balance available for Financing Budget Year		5,626,000
8. Estimated revenue		122,000
9. TOTAL AVAILABLE FINANCING		\$ 5,748,000
10. SUMMARY OF SPECIAL DISTRICT BUDGET		
11. Requirements:		
12. Expenditure appropriation	\$ 4,231,000	
13. Provisions for Reserves (New/Increase)	5,786,000	
14. Total requirements		\$ 10,017,000
15. Less: available financing (Item 9)		5,748,000
16. Amount to be Raised for Voter approved Debt		\$ 4,269,000
17. Request Tax Rate		
18. Tax Rate to be computed by County Auditor	Yes	(Yes or No)
(If answer no give code section that authorized District Board to set tax rate.)		

I do hereby certify that the amount of money to be raised by property taxes is for voter approved debt due and payable for the current fiscal year.

Approved by _____
Title _____
Date _____



Chief Financial Officer

5/21/25

Please Return to: Ventura County auditor by August 1.
Attention: Property Tax Section

Do not include estimate for Homeowners Subvention, if Auditor-Controller computes Tax Rate.

United Water Conservation District

State Water Import Fund - 110

(\$ thousands)	Actual FY 2023-24	Projected FY 2024-25	Proposed FY 2025-26
Revenues:			
Taxes	7,251	5,502	4,269
Investment/Interest Earnings	214	57	122
Other Revenue		16	-
Total Revenues	<u>7,465</u>	<u>5,575</u>	<u>4,391</u>
Expenditures:			
Miscellaneous	21	10	8
State Water Import Costs	9,705	5,200	4,104
Operating Expenses	<u>9,727</u>	<u>5,211</u>	<u>4,112</u>
Debt Repayment - Principal	71	78	82
Debt Repayment - Interest	26	36	37
Debt Services	<u>96</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>119</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>9,823</u>	<u>5,325</u>	<u>4,231</u>
Net : Surplus / (Shortfall)	<u>(2,358)</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>159</u>

United Water Conservation District

State Water Import Fund - 110

(\$ thousands)	Actual FY 2023-24	Projected FY 2024-25	Proposed FY 2025-26
Cash Reserves/Working Capital:			
Beginning Balance July 1	7,735	5,377	5,626
Net Surplus / (Shortfall)	(2,358)	250	159
Ending Balance June 30	5,377	5,626	5,786

	Reserve Maximum	Reserve Balance
	(\$ thousands)	(\$ thousands)
Full Water Allocation Purchase Reserve	6,275 *	6,275
General Reserve	1,000	(489)
Total	7,275	5,786

* Based on most recent price per AF of Article 21 or Table A water, whichever is higher

Purchase activity since 2008 in acre feet:

	Approved Obligation	United Purchased	PHWA Purchased
2008	5,000	1,980	733
2009	5,000	3,150	1,850
2010	5,000	3,150	1,850
2011	5,000	2,520	932
2012	5,000	3,150	1,850
2013	5,000	2,242	830
2014	5,000	-	-
2015	5,000	630	233
2016	5,000	1,890	699
2017	5,000	12,677	1,573
2018	5,000	1,103	647
2019	5,000	13,516	1,295
2020	5,000	788	463
2021	5,000	158	93
2022	5,000	158	93
2023	10,000	8,150	1,850
2024	10,000	3,150	685
2025	10,000	4,075	925
Total	95,000	58,411	15,674



United Water

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

From: Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer

Date: **May 28, 2025 (June 11, 2025 Meeting)**

Agenda Item: 6.3 Adopt a Resolution Approving the General Manager's Two-Year Contract Extension to Include Future Eligibility for Performance Merit Pay for the Two Upcoming Fiscal Periods Beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Motion

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution which will approve a two-year extension to the General Manager's current labor agreement based on his most recent performance evaluation.

Discussion:

The Executive Committee met on May 7, 2025, to discuss the General Manager's evaluation. The Board discussed the evaluation and the General Manager's performance in Executive (Closed) session at its May 21, 2025, regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting. The Executive Committee has recommended for consideration that all terms of the contract remain consistent with the previous contract with one change. Beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026, the Board of Directors can at their discretion authorize an annual merit pay performance award amount of between zero and ten percent of the General Managers current annual base salary at the time of award by Board vote.

Fiscal Impact:

The General Manager's FY 2025-2026 annual salary is currently at a designated Management Tier 1 - Step 5 which is \$375,259.58. The Executive Committee has recommended the Board of Directors approve a two-year contract extension for the General Manager. The previously agreed to annual increase in the following fiscal year FY 2026-2027 of our labor agreement calls for a cost-of-living increase of 3% to begin the first pay period of the second year of this agreement which applies to all staff and management. If the maximum eligible bonus is approved, the difference annually would be an increase of \$9,381.49 in the first annual period and \$9,662.93 in the second annual period if the maximum amount of merit pay is awarded.

Attachment(s):

A – Resolution

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXTENDING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S CURRENT CONTRACT AND AMENDING THE ELIGIBLE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MERIT PAY RATE

WHEREAS, as is allowed in the General Manager's employment contract with the District, the Board will evaluate the performance and consider increasing the General Manager's compensation package in accordance with that performance evaluation, this Resolution will serve to document the Board's decisions regarding performance merit pay, as a percentage of General Manager's current base salary, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, based on Executive Committee recommendations, will consider adopting this Resolution extending the General Manager's current compensation package, which includes annual eligibility for performance merit pay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District as follows:

Based on performance, merit pay can be awarded to the General Manager during each annual performance review. At the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, a maximum of up to ten percent (10%) of the General Manager's current base salary at the time of the award can be granted. Merit pay is considered pensionable compensation as defined by CalPERS in the year awarded and the District will pay any EPMC for both the employee and employer, if applicable.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District on June 11, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

ATTEST: _____
Lynn Maulhardt, President

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer



STAFF REPORT

To: UWCD Board of Directors

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

From: Tracy Oehler, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Date: May 29, 2025 (June 11, 2025 meeting)

Agenda Item: 6.4 Adopt a Resolution Nominating and Supporting Steve Huber as a Candidate for the Position of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 5 Board Member
Motion

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution nominating and supporting Steve Huber as a candidate for the position of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 5 board member.

Discussion:

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) recently distributed an Advisory announcing the Call for Candidates for President and Vice President for the 2026-'27 term. The Advisory also announced that each of ACWA's region nominating committees have issued a similar call for candidates interested in serving on the 10 region boards.

ACWA requires that in order for a person to be nominated, their own agency must adopt a nominating and supporting resolution to be considered a candidate for a board member. The deadline to receive the authorized voting representative form and candidate nominations is Friday, June 20, 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Attachment(s):

- A – Resolution
- B – Steve Huber Background

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO NOMINATE AND SUPPORT STEVE HUBER AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ACWA REGION 5 BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, the Election Committee has announced a call for nominations of candidates for the election of President and Vice President of the Association for the 2026-'27 term; and

WHEREAS, the Election Committee will present an open ballot with all qualifying candidates to the members for a vote by written ballot; and

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, and be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office; and

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, Steve Huber has served in a leadership role as a member of the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors since March 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors that Steve Huber possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA board member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby nominates and supports Steve Huber as a candidate for the office of ACWA board member, pledging the District's support of his/her endeavors in fulfilling the duties of this office if elected.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District on June 11, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

ATTEST: _____
Lynn Maulhardt, President

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTACHMENT B

STEVE HUBER

BIO

Appointed to the UWCD Board of Directors for Division 5 in March 2024 then elected in December 2024, Captain Steve Huber represents a portion of the City of Oxnard. He has served on the UWCD Board for 1.25 years. He has been involved with local water issues for the past 19 years, as a Commander of a large Navy Laboratory, City Planning Commissioner, City PBID Chair, and United Director. His journey has been defined by a commitment to service, both in civilian life and in uniform, striving to make meaningful contributions to his community.

In the private sector, Director Huber has been an active volunteer and leader in various local organizations to include a two time chair of the Oxnard City Planning Commission and inaugural chair of the Downtown Oxnard Improvement Association during its initial startup. He has been the Executive Board Chair of the Oxnard Ambassadors, Executive President of the Ventura County Military Officers' Association, Executive Board Vice President of the Channel Islands Maritime Museum, Naval War College Adjunct Professor (National Security Studies), and Scouting leader.

Captain Huber served honorably in the Navy for 33 years. He served aboard 4 ships and commanded the USS FIFE (DD 991) where he deployed to the Eastern Pacific, was awarded the Secretary of the Navy's Energy Conservation Award, and responded to the Alaska Airlines Flight 261 Search, Rescue, and Recovery Operation. A short time later as the Commander of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division (large Navy Laboratory), he led a pivotal shift in transforming the Command. PHD was able to increase their budget from \$580M to \$750M and reduce their workforce from 2200 to 1800 employees.

ACWA RELATED ACTIVITIES

As a UWCD Director, my knowledge, skills, and experience will be an asset to the Region 5 Board. As the VP for the VC-Assoc of Water Agencies, I focus on the issues that are important to ACWA and the local water agencies. I bring the ACWA topics to the VCAWA Board after each conference for discussion and action as needed. I represent United on the Ventura County (VC) Regional Defense Partnership to share my water knowledge through the lens of a former Navy Captain.