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**MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Boardroom, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030**

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Roll Call

Present: Directors Hasan, Huber, and Kimball (Chair)

Absent: None.

1. **Public Comments:** Luis Calderon, Reiter Brothers

2. **Approval of Minutes
Motion**

Action: M/S/C (Huber, Hasan) to approve the May 6, 2025, minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Huber, Kimball and Hasan; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist requested reversing the order of the presentations. The committee members approved.

3. **Update on Water Supply Trends within United Water Conservation District
Information Item**

Principal Hydrologist Dr. Bram Sercu presented a summary of recent water supply projects and forecasts for water supply within the District's service area (presentation attached).

Public Comment: Luis Calderon.

4. **Update on United's Proposed Revisions to the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley (OPV)
Allocation Ordinance and Stakeholder Comments Received Ordinance
Information Item**

Senior Hydrogeologist Chris Coppinger presented a summary of the key aspects of United's proposed draft revisions to the OPV Allocation Ordinance and comments received from stakeholders to date, highlighting common themes in the comments (presentation attached).



Public Comments received by: Anonymous, Sam Collie from the OPV Coalition, Martin Gramckow from Southland Sod, and Rob Grether from the OPV Coalition.

Chair Kimball encouraged the public to come forward with any recommendations. John Lindquist Water Resources Supervisor stated that staff are open to the idea of different base periods and Assistant General Manager Dr. Bral provided an update on the Extraction Barrier and Brackish (EBB) Water Treatment Project schedule. Chair Kimball requested that the schedule be included as part of the ordinance discussion.

**5. Water Resources Department and GSA Activities Update
Information Item**

Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist discussed Water Resources Department activities and responded to comments on the most recent Water Resources Department staff report; no presentation given.

The Committee members encouraged more feedback from the public and agreed that the EBB Water Treatment Project timeline be included.


In response to the announcement of both John Lindquist's and Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron's retirement, Chair Kimball thanked them both for their contributions to United Water Conservation District and wished them well in retirement.


6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.


I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Water Resources Committee Meeting of Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

ATTEST: 
Gordon Kimball, Chair

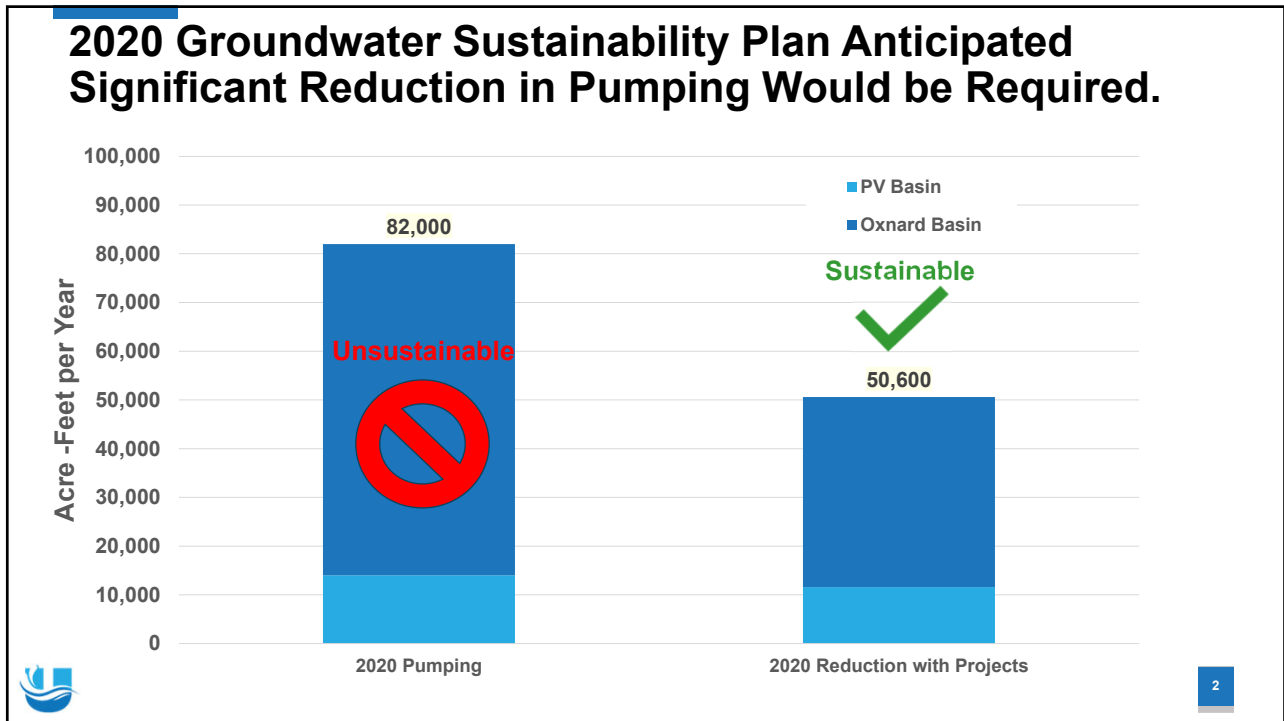


3.0 UPDATE ON WATER SUPPLY USE TRENDS

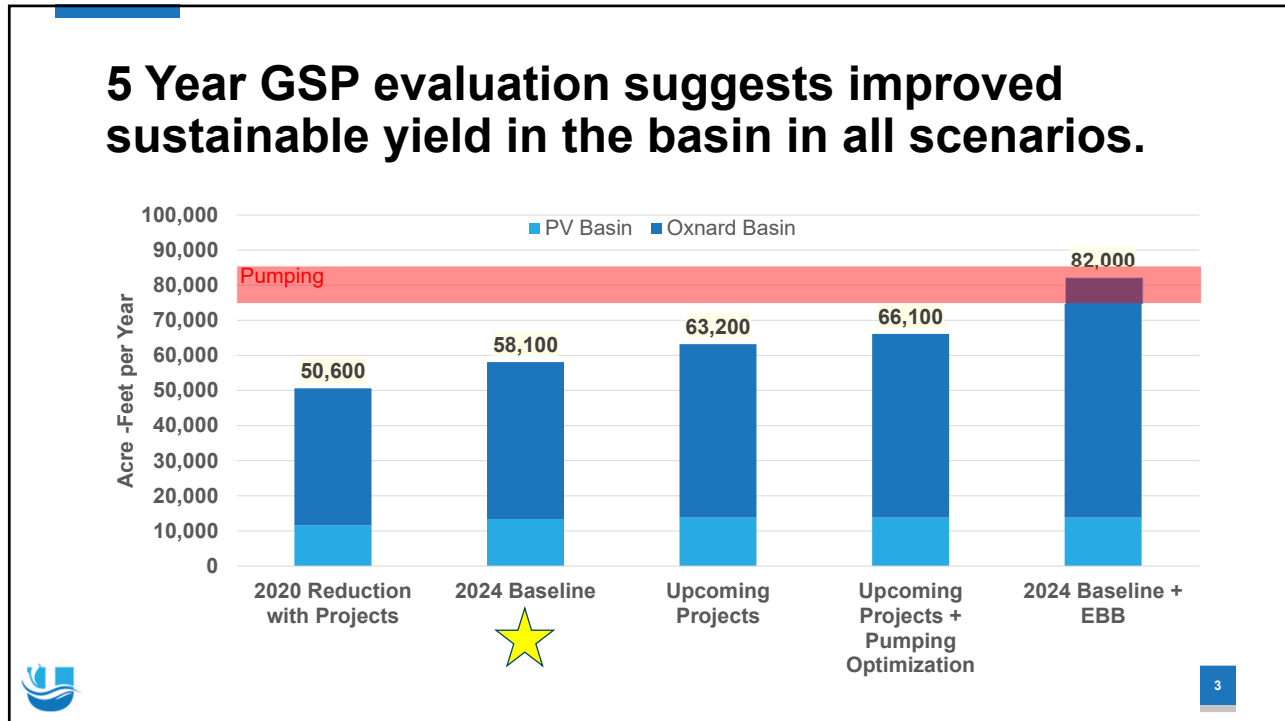
Presented by: Bram Sercu, Principal Hydrologist
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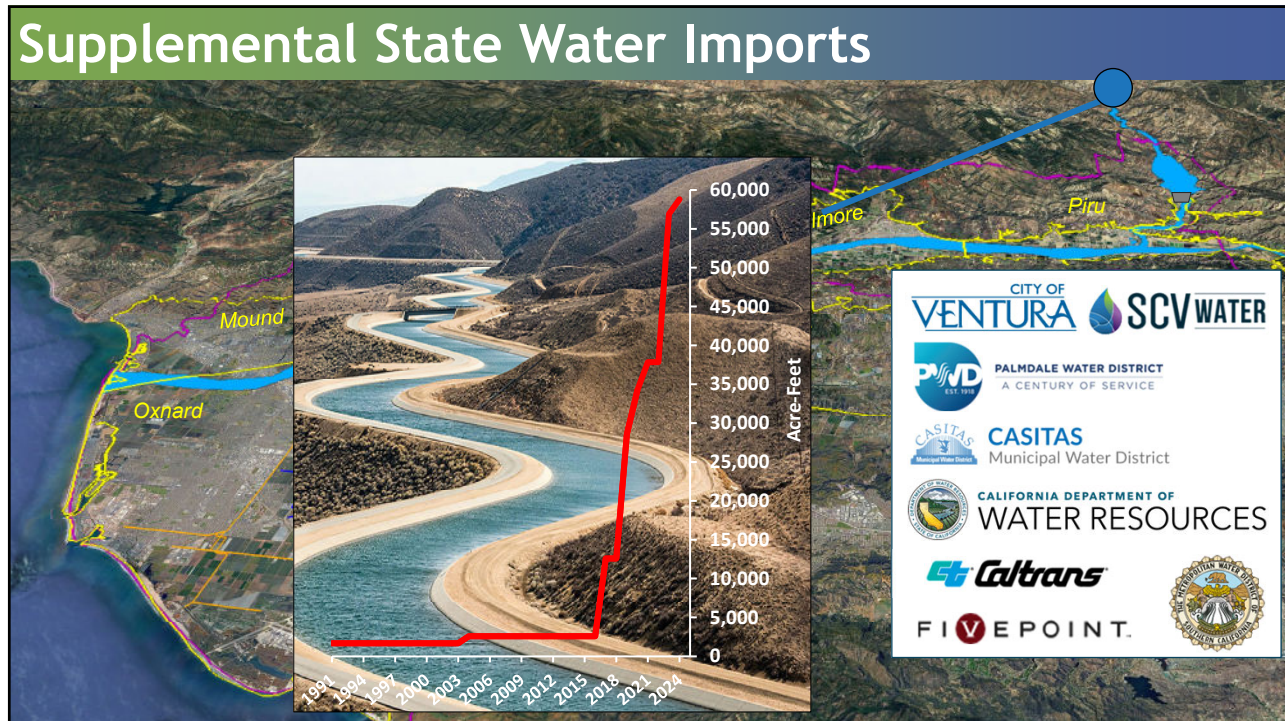
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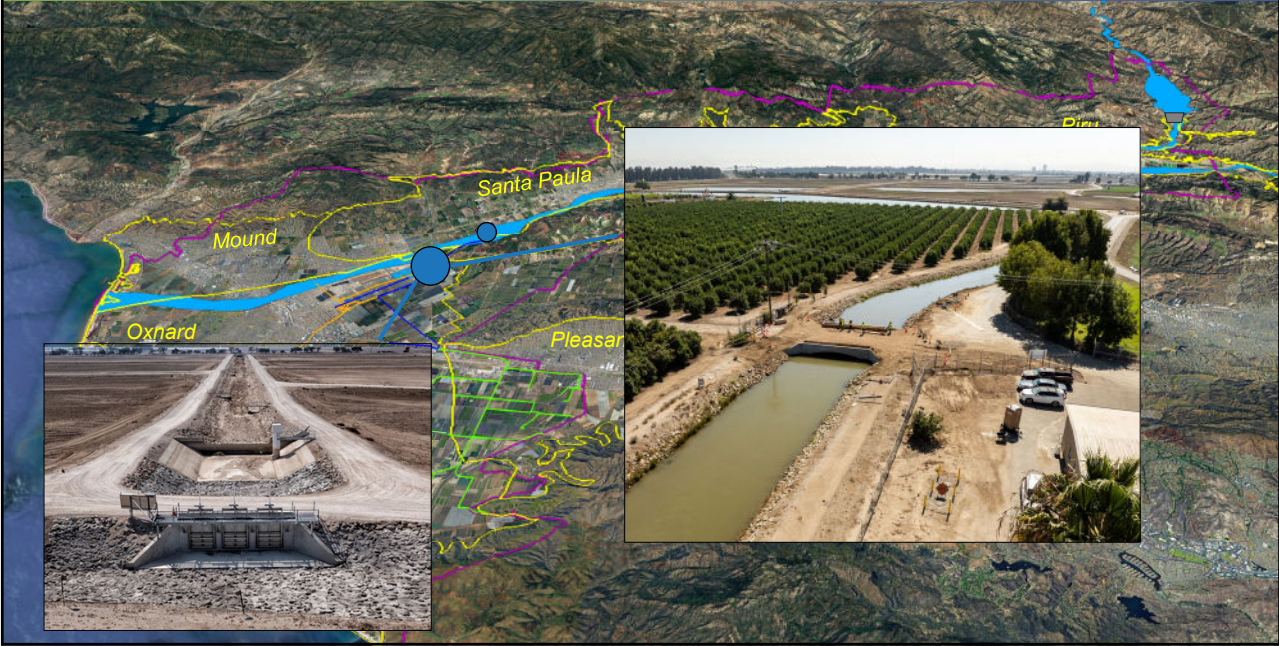


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Freeman Conveyance Improvement Grants: \$3.5M



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Recycled Water Grants: \$5M



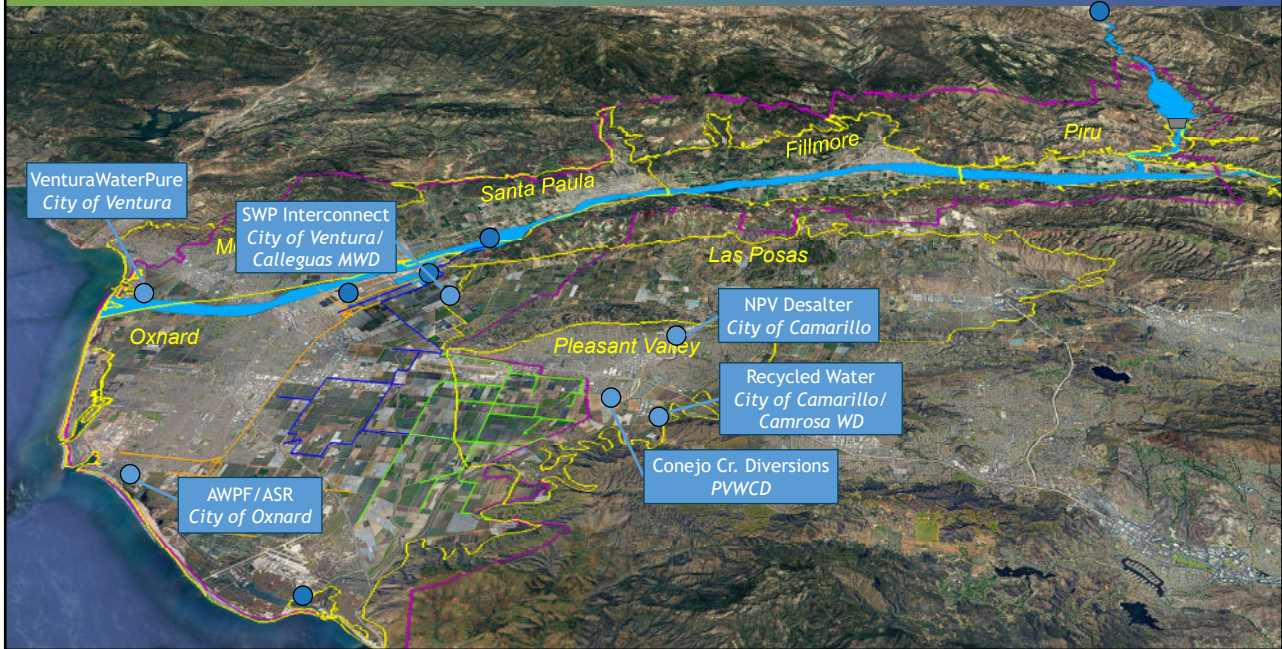
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Iron & Manganese Treatment Facility Grants: \$7.4M

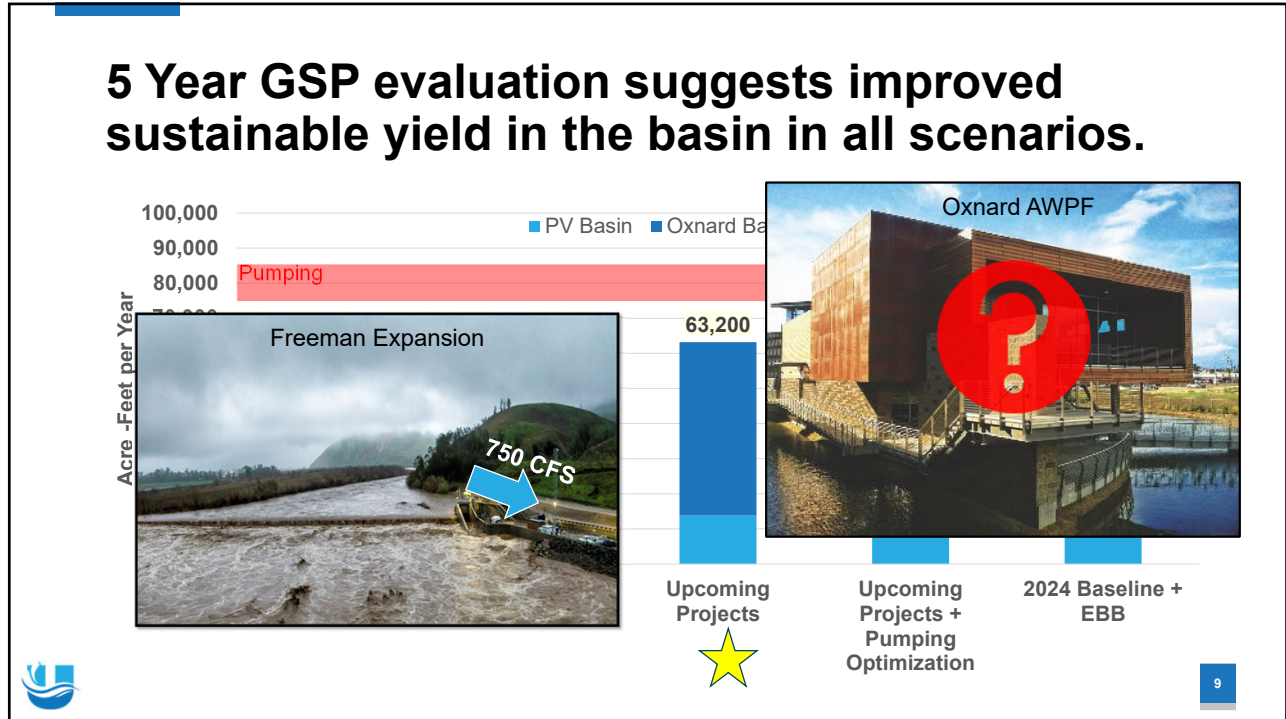


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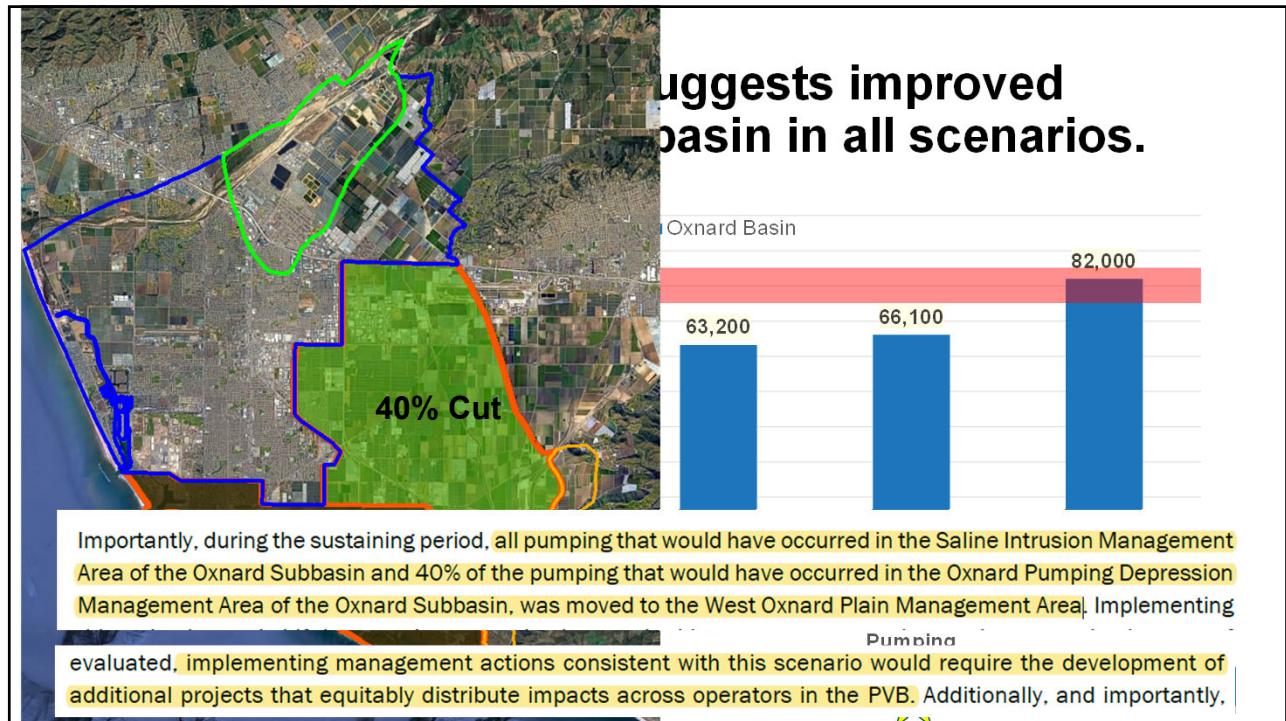
Additional Project by Other Agencies



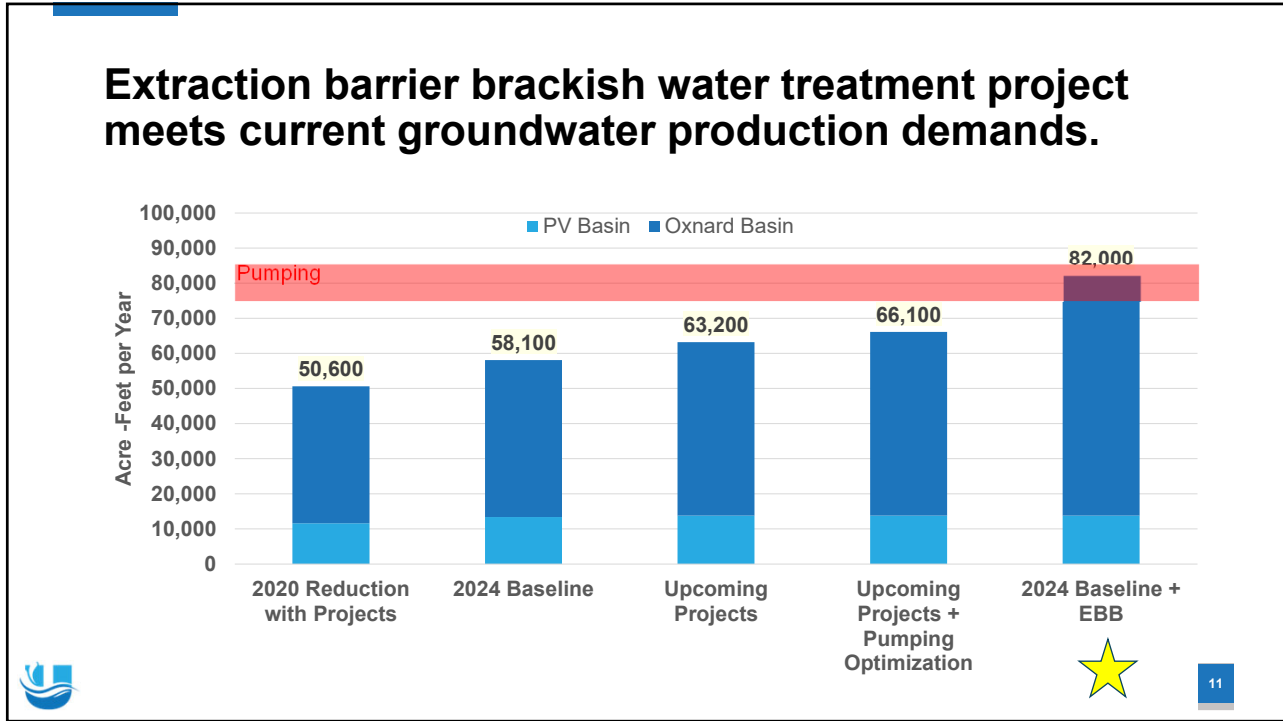
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4.0 UPDATE ON UNITED'S PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE OXNARD AND PLEASANT VALLEY (OPV) ALLOCATION ORDINANCE AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS RECEIVED

Presented by: Chris Coppinger, Senior Hydrogeologist
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Proposed Allocation Ordinance has been circulated for two months. Staff have received formal and informal comments.

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 Public Meetings



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Major Points of Contention in the Original OPV Allocation Ordinance

1. Rampdowns—timing, method, minimum allocations
2. Conjunctive use:
 - a. No “flex allocation” equivalent for M&I SWP imports
 - b. Farmers that relied on PTP and PVCWD felt they could be left without an allocation someday
3. Desire for more flexibility in allocations from wet to dry years and for water-supply emergencies

Plus: Concerns about sudden recent increases in CombCode use and potential effects of shifting pumping closer to the coast



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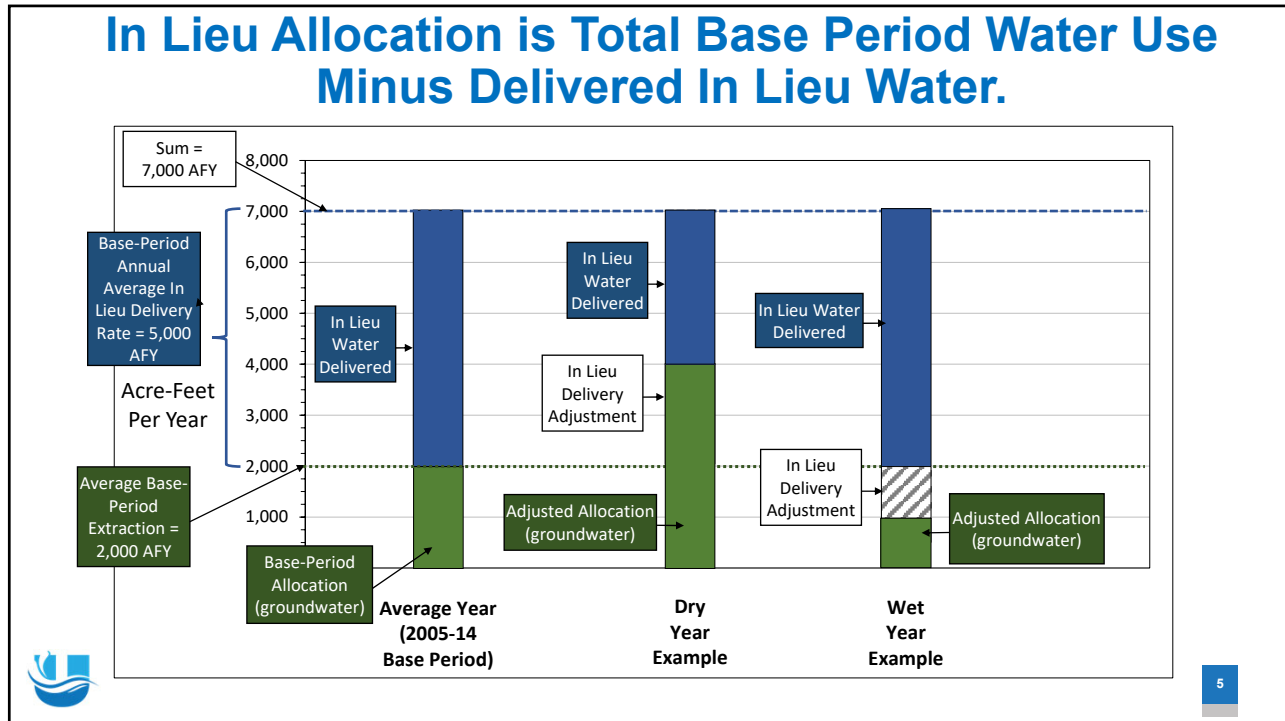
United’s Key Proposed Revisions to the OPV Allocation Ordinance

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

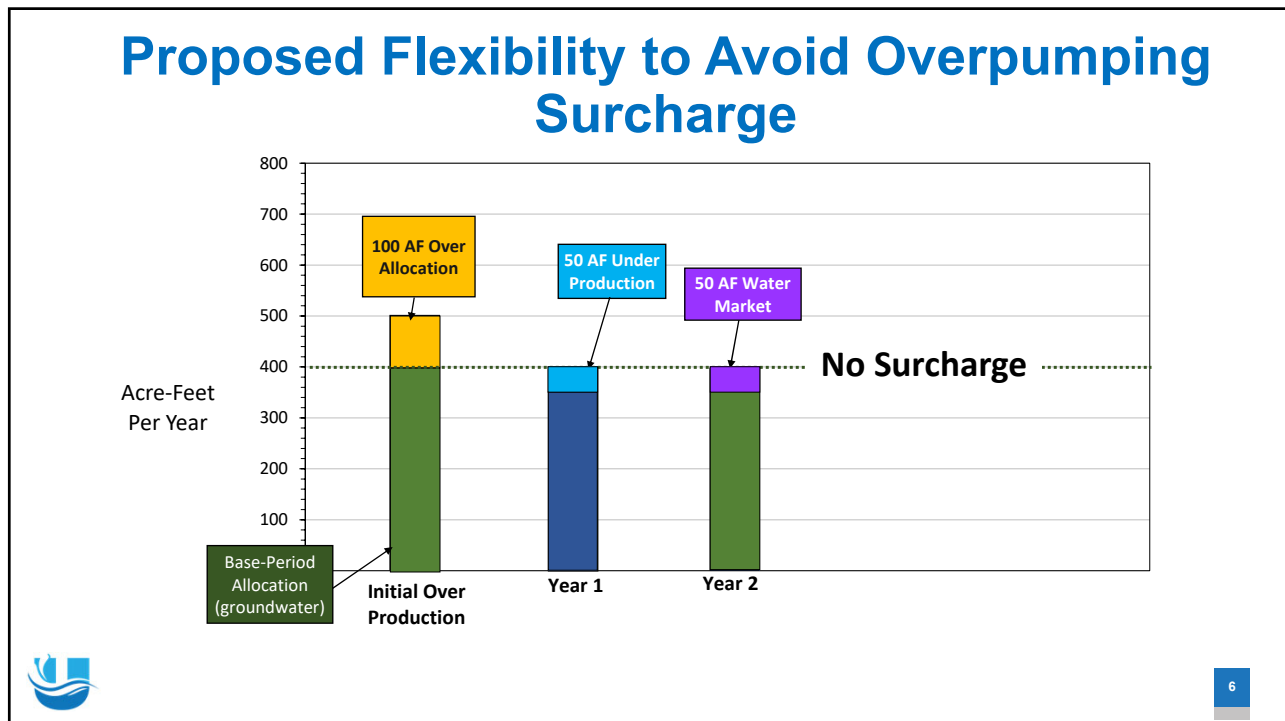


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Feedback Received on Proposed Allocation Ordinance Revisions:

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. Question if alternate base period could be utilized.
4. Would like to see rampdown approach in plan.
5. Stakeholders have commented they appreciate the consistency between in-lieu projects.



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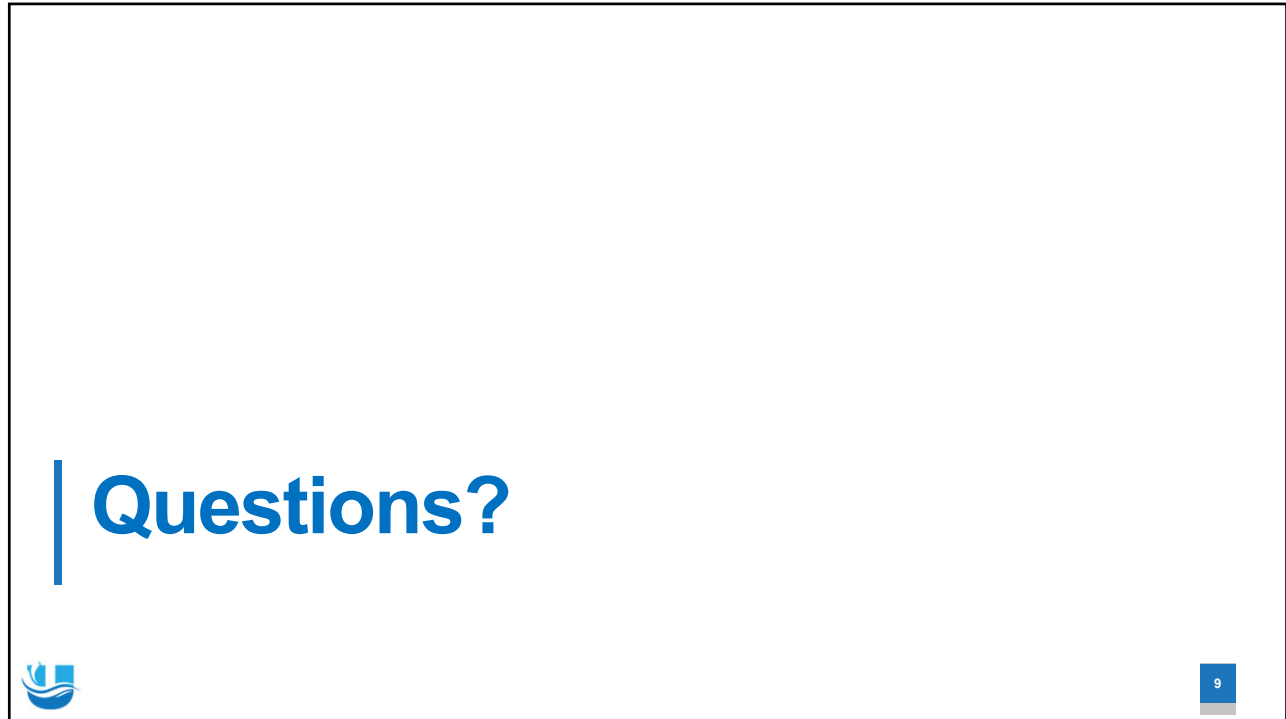
Take Aways

- EBB Brackish Water Treatment Project protects current basin pumping. No cutbacks are required
- Proposed new allocation system
 - Establishes consistent framework for in-lieu projects.
 - Makes transfers easier
- Staff has circulated proposal for more than 2 months
- Request to present to FCGMA for consideration once new executive has been established





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A Simpler, Universal Replacement for “Flex Allocations”

“One of the most effective management strategies in reducing overdraft is to supply water directly to overdrafted areas.

This in-lieu strategy has been very effective in the Upper Aquifer System, where Santa Clara River water delivered through the Pumping Trough Pipeline has helped to alleviate the pumping trough that has been present for several decades beneath the south Oxnard Plain.”

--FCGMA’s 2007 Groundwater Management Plan Update



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More Flexibility Needed to Get Through Dry Years and Other In Lieu Water-Supply Disruptions

- Opportunity for operators to “repay” exceedances of their extraction allocations rather than pay \$2,000 per AF surcharges
 - Limited to 25% over base-period allocations
 - Must be “repaid” with reduced use or water-market purchases within 2 years
 - Can’t be used again while still “repaying” for a previous exceedance
- Diminishment of in lieu supplies for reasons such as natural disasters, contamination, etc., can be replaced with groundwater
 - Such replacement does not count against extraction allocation
 - *Redundant for operators that adopt the in lieu delivery adjustment*



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Concerns about Recent Increase in CombCode Use and Potential Effects of Shifting Pumping Closer to the Coast

Solutions:

- Simplified transfers of all or a portion of an operator’s allocation for an extraction facility they operate to another separate (unconnected) extraction facility they operate.
 - Within the same groundwater basin
 - Without prior approval from the FCGMA
- Seawater intrusion is less imminent of a threat today:
 - Recent projects have improved conditions
 - EBB project will actively remove intruded seawater



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