



Issues & Insights

Ventura County's
supply of water news



BOLD ACTION. SHARED SUCCESS.



Don't miss the most innovative event of the season! UWCD's annual Water Sustainability Summit returns on Thursday, October 16, 2025. This critical event gathers top industry leaders and policymakers to secure Ventura County's sustainable water future.

This FREE, high-impact event offers:



Powerful conversations on groundbreaking water supply projects



In-depth panels on transformative water legislation



Funding strategy discussions



Collaborative efforts to shape our regional resilience

Whether you attend in person or online, we invite you to engage in vital water issues facing Ventura County.

[Register Here](#)



The Water Sustainability Summit: *A Model for Progress*

In 2020, the Water Sustainability Summit was borne out of a challenge to develop bold sustainability solutions that addressed Ventura County's groundwater overdraft, seawater intrusion, and prolonged drought.

A total of 150 participants joined the event, which would grow into Ventura County's leading forum for water management strategies and discussion. The summit gathered key attendees to explore new approaches to water resilience, including:



- Elected officials
- Regulatory agencies
- Municipalities
- Water districts
- The agriculture community
- Developers
- Businesses
- Stakeholders

Thanks to ongoing sponsorships, community and industry participation, and staff support, Ventura County has come far in its sustainability goals since the first summit. Check out this video to see for yourself!



**Register here for
WSS 2025**

Don't miss "Bold Action. Shared Success: Water Sustainability Summit 2025" on **Thursday, October 16, 2025**. Together, we are united in our effort to build a resilient Ventura County for all.

Celebrating Progress, Shaping the Future

The Water Sustainability Summit allows UWCD to connect directly with Ventura County communities and key stakeholders, advancing understanding and support for UWCD's innovative efforts.

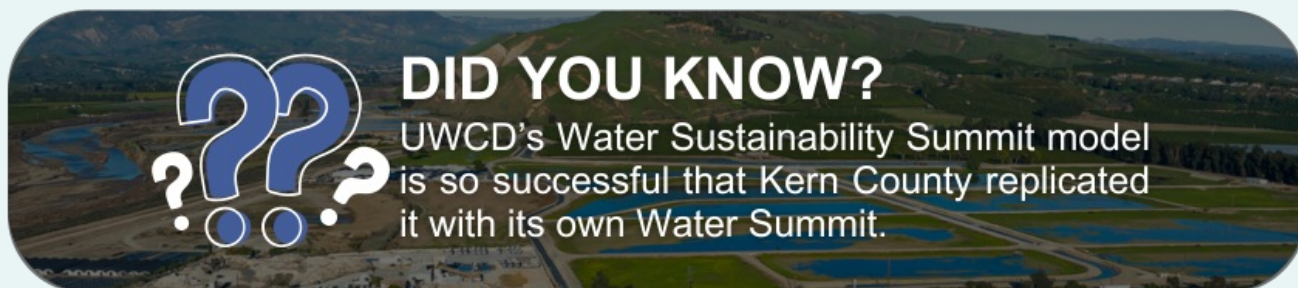
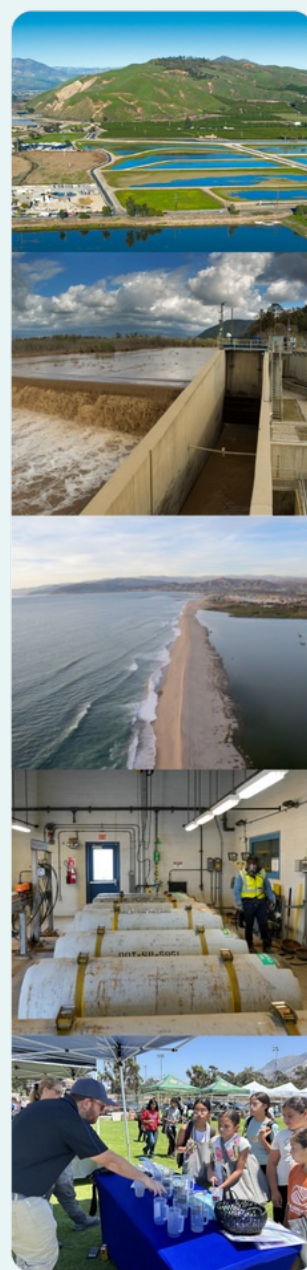
In the past five years, the summit has:

- Maximized the impact of UWCD's groundwater recharge efforts as the Oxnard Basin ranked as the **top basin in the state for groundwater recharge**, documented in the 2024 Department of Water Resources (DWR) report "California's

Groundwater Conditions: Semi-Annual Update”

- Helped secure **\$20 million** in grant funding for the Freeman Diversion Expansion and drove critical progress
- Supported the Extraction Barrier and Brackish (EBB) Water Treatment Project as it received **\$9.8 million** in grant funding
- Enabled **institutional support** for the EBB Water Treatment Project, including a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Navy and **regional support** from more than 10 U.S. Navy, stakeholder, and regulator groups
- Saw the creation and implementation of the Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility, thanks to **\$7.4 million** in grant funding
- Facilitated **countless public outreach opportunities** for key UWCD projects

The impact continues **Thursday, October 16, 2025**. Register now for “Bold Action. Shared Success: Water Sustainability Summit 2025” at unitedwater.org/event/2025-water-sustainability-summit.



DID YOU KNOW?
UWCD's Water Sustainability Summit model is so successful that Kern County replicated it with its own Water Summit.

Water Sustainability Summit in Pictures

Want to see the impact for yourself? Check out this photo gallery of past summits at <https://www.unitedwater.org/water-sustainability-summits-gallery/>



Thank You to Previous Attendees!

Over the years, the Water Sustainability Summit has hosted incredible industry leaders and elected officials, including:

- CA Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin
- Ventura County Supervisor Kelly Long
- Ventura County Supervisor Matt LaVere
- Senator Monique Limón
- U.S. Congresswoman Julia Brownley

- Glenn Shephard, Director, Ventura County's Watershed Protection District
- William Ball, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives
- Captain Daniel "DB" Brown, Commanding

- U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal
- E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board
- Dee Dee D'Adamo, Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board
- Lynn Rodriguez, Project Manager, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

- Officer, Naval Base Ventura County
- Sharon Tapia, Former Branch Chief, Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams
- Dave Eggerton, Former Executive Director, ACWA
- Daniel Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance

UWCD is also proud of the agencies and community representatives that have joined the Water Sustainability Summit, including:

- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Camrosa Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Palmdale Water District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services District
- Pleasant Valley County Water District
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
- The Cities of Fillmore, Santa Paula, Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, and Port Hueneme
- Representatives from the U.S. Naval Base Ventura
- Various farming operations
- Representatives from the Coalition of Labor, Business and Agriculture (CoLAB)
- Ventura Water Commission
- Friends of the River
- Santa Clarita Valley Water
- Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
- Orange County Water District
- Association of California Water Associates (ACWA)



Don't miss your chance to register for **“Bold Action. Shared Success: Water Sustainability Summit 2025”**.

We hope to see you on Thursday, October 16, 2025!

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