

UNITED WATER DIVERTS STORMWATER BUT MORE COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED!



Thanks to recent rain, United Water Conservation District was able to replenish some much-needed groundwater in Ventura County. Replenishing groundwater goes a long way towards helping to improve local water quality for Oxnard and Port Hueneme and prevent further seawater intrusion.

“Right now, groundwater levels are at historic lows due to the extreme drought. That, together with the fact that United Water is greatly restricted by the Federal government from capturing and using more rainfall, it is all but impossible to address critical water-related issues in Ventura County,” explained Mauricio Guardado, United Water’s general manager.

As a result of the storm event in March, United Water was able to divert 950 acre-feet of water for basin recharge. Much more storm water could have been recovered and used to replenish historically low groundwater levels if Federal Restrictions had not limited United Water’s diversion efforts. In addition to replenishing groundwater levels, storm water diversions and basin recharge are also key factors in reducing or preventing seawater intrusion, which is occurring now in the drinking water aquifers of the Oxnard Plain.

“When United diverts water at its Freeman Diversion facility, Ventura County benefits significantly. As we enter the seventh year of this historic drought, everyone needs to work together to ensure we have a stable water supply for Ventura County,” added Mr. Guardado.

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