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Legal Counsel  
David D. Boyer

## UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

“Conserving Water since 1927”

### MINUTES

#### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 12:00 P.M.**

**Board Room, UWCD G.I. “Irv” Wilde Headquarters**

**106 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Paula, California**

#### **DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Robert Eranio, President, Division 3  
Daniel C. Naumann, Vice President, Division 6  
Michael W. Mobley, Secretary/Treasurer, Division 2  
Sheldon Berger, Division 7  
Bruce E. Dandy, Division 5  
Edwin T. McFadden III, Division 1  
Lynn Maulhardt, Division 4

[Director Maulhardt joined the meeting via Teleconference Call from Residence Inn by Marriott, 6195 E Valley Center Rd, Bozeman, MT 59718 Phone: (406) 522-1535 (+1 hour MDT). He ended his call after Executive Session]

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager  
Anthony Emmert, Assistant General Manager  
Bob Siemak, Assistant General Manager  
Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer  
Mike Ellis, Chief Operations Officer  
Brian Collins, Operations and Maintenance Manager  
Jim Grisham, Engineering Manager  
Christy Ramirez, Executive Coordinator  
Katherine Ayres, Associate Ecologist  
Dan Detmer, Senior Hydrogeologist  
Linda Purpus, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Kris Sofley, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board  
Clayton Strahan, Senior Park Services Officer  
Jason Sun, Senior Hydrogeologist/Modeler

#### **PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Kevin Brown, GM, Ventura Water  
Nate Kowalski, AALRR  
Jeanette Lombardo, CWA, AAW  
Stacy Miller, SMPA  
Gail Morgan, SMPA  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A

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

President Eranio read a script regarding Director Maulhardt's participate via teleconference to assure that he could hear all of the Board members and that they could hear him, including a roll call, before opening the first Open Session of the Board meeting.

**1.1 Public Comments**

**Information Item**

President Eranio asked if there were any public comments or questions from members of the public; none were offered.

President Eranio asked Mr. Boyer to announce the items for discussion during Executive Session.

Mr. Boyer listed the items that would be discussed in Executive Session, as noted in Exhibit A of the Agenda.

Director Maulhardt asked if the Executive Session agenda could be amended to address item 2.4 Personnel issues first. The Board had no objection to that change.

President Eranio adjourned into Executive Closed Session at 12:05p.m.

**1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 12:05 P.M.**

The Board discussed the matters outlined in the Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

**2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:15 P.M.**

President Eranio called the Second Open Session of the UWCD Board meeting to order at 1:15p.m.

**2.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Naumann led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.2 Public Comment**

**Information Item**

President Eranio asked if members of the public had any comments for the Board. None were offered.

**2.3 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Mobley; Second, Director Dandy. Voice vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Naumann, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

**2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session  
Information Item**

District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer reported that the Board took no reportable action as defined under the Brown Act.

**2.5 Board Communication  
Information Item**

Board members reported on the various meetings and functions they had attended since the last Board meeting.

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

Mr. Guardado reminded the Board of the Joint Special Board Meeting tomorrow, September 13, with Casitas and some of the Ventura Water Commission members.

**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)**

Motion to approve all of the items included in the Consent Calendar, Director Naumann; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed, one absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

**A. Approval of Minutes  
Motion**

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of July 11, 2018 and the Special Board meeting of August 30, 2018.

**B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports  
Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

**C. Monthly Investment Report  
Information Item**

Report on the District's investments and the availability or restriction of these funds. All investments are in compliance with the District's investment policy, which is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

**D. FY 2017-18 Disclosure of Reimbursements**

**Information Item**

Receive and file receipts of disclosures of reimbursements for FY 2017-18 pursuant to Government Code §53065.5.

**E. Consideration to Amend Conflict of Interest Policy in Board of Directors Policies and Procedures**

**Motion**

The Board will consider adopting an amended Board of Directors Policies and Procedures, with an updated Conflict of Interest Code.

**F. Wavier of Late Fees and Penalties**

**Motion**

Board will consider waiving penalty and interest charges.

**4. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)**

**Administrative Department – Christy Ramirez and Tina Rivera**

**4.1 Update Various Financial Policies**

**Motion**

The Board removed the item from the agenda and referred the policy language changes to committee for further development.

**4.2 New District Logo**

**Motion**

Stacy Miller of Stacy Miller Public Affairs presented marketing outreach research and two new conceptual drawings of a new UWCD logo. The Board provided comments and opinions and asked Ms. Miller to incorporate their comments into the design and bring it back to the board for approval at a later date.

**4.3 Resolution No. 2018-11 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District Nominating a Candidate for Regular or Alternate Special District Commissioner to Ventura LAFCo**

**Motion**

The Board declined to nominate a District Director as a Regular or Alternate Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Alternate Commissioner.

**4.4 Consideration of Legislative Affairs Policy and Platform**

**Motion**

Ms. Ramirez presented the proposed UWCD Legislative Affairs Policy and Platform to the Board. The Board directed Ms. Ramirez to submit the policy and platform to District legal counsel for review and bring it back to the Board for consideration at its next regular board meeting.

**4.5 Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with County of Ventura Regarding Participation in Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Efforts**

**Motion**

Mr. Emmert reported to the Board that every 10 years the District renews a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Ventura regarding participation in the Watersheds Coalitions of Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Planning. The MOU was amended in 2008 and updated in 2013, and the new MOU will solidify the relationship through July 31, 2023. Mr. Emmert said the administrative effort cost approximately \$8,500 this fiscal year and that the District's support and participation in the Santa Clara River Watershed Coalition, a subset of the Watersheds Coalitions of Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Planning, cost the District about \$11,000 per year and the District provides its Boardroom as the group's meeting location.

Director Dandy reported that the Financial Committee reviewed the Amendment to the MOU and recommends the Board's approval of same.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with County of Ventura regarding UWCD's participation in Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Integrated Regional Water Management Planning efforts, Director Dandy; Second, Director Naumann. Voice vote: five ayes (Dandy, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed, two absent (Berger, Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

**Engineering Department – Maryam Bral**

**4.6 Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works and Spillway Improvement Projects Board of Consultants in the Amount of \$78,618**

**Motion**

Mr. Grisham updated the Board on the continuing activities regarding the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works and Spillway Improvement projects, including a Board of Consultants meeting this October in Sacramento to review design progress and technical approach.

Director Mobley said that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the amendments to each of the three Board of Consultant contracts for FY 2018-19.

Motion to authorize the General Manager or designee to execute three amendments in the total amount of \$78,618 for the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works and Spillway Improvement Projects Board of Consultants for FY 2018/19, Director Mobley; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: five ayes (Dandy, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed, two absent (Berger, Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 5/0/2.

**4.7 2019 Santa Felicia Dam Functional Exercise Preparation, Award Professional Services Contract in the Amount of \$78,500**

**Motion**

Motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a professional service contract in the amount of \$78,500 to Gannett Fleming, Inc. for the 2019 Santa Felicia Dam Functional Exercise Preparation, Director Mobley; Second, Director Dandy. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed, one absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

**4.8 Lake Piru Modular Office Project Change Orders in the Amount of \$36,396.56.**

**Motion**

Mr. Grisham reported that the Lake Piru Modular Office should be available for occupancy by October. Recently there were some modifications to site work requiring additional fencing, paving and pouring concrete walkways to make circulation through the construction area safer. Interior work is being finished up now and he expects an occupancy permit will be issued in October or November.

Motion to authorize the General Manager or designee to execute two contract change orders in the total amount of \$36,396.56 for the Lake Piru Modular Office Project for FY 2018/19, Director Naumann; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed, one absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

**Groundwater Department – Maryam Bral**

**4.9 Consulting Agreement for Groundwater Modeling Support**

**Motion**

Maryam Bral provided the Board with an update on staff's efforts to provide technical support to the GSAs requiring groundwater modeling and basin management beyond services typically supplied to customers, which are basin specific. Working with legal counsel and staff, a Groundwater Consultant Services contract has been developed for inter-agency use, which can be customized to reflect the specific scope of tasks requested by the client/agency. The contract does not include overhead or mark-ups.

Director Mobley added that the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed contract and recommends approval by the Board.

Mr. Guardado added that this agreement template maintains consistency between other agencies like Calleguas and UWCD. In section six of the agreement,

Calleguas opted not to include multipliers. UWCD can go up to three times the rate, but the County rejected that in its negotiations, but perhaps UWCD could negotiate higher than the base rate.

Mr. Boyer reminded staff and the Board that a three to one ratio is acceptable and even though Fox Canyon GMA won't do a multiplier, the language was proposed as a deterrent, so that staff doesn't get pulled into litigation.

President Eranio asked if the Board had any questions or comments. Director Dandy asked about the language in section six for clarification. Mr. Siemak said that the language in section six is a business risk decision not a legal decision and was included to deter extensive use of staff.

Motion to authorize the General Manager to adopt and execute Consulting Agreements to provide groundwater modeling support services, including groundwater model run scenarios and water supply project evaluations to various public agencies within United's service area, Director Naumann; Second, Director Dandy. Voice vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed, one absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)**

### **Environmental Planning and Conservation Department – Anthony Emmert**

#### **5.1 Monthly Environmental Planning and Conservation Department Report Information Item**

Ms. Purpus gave an abbreviated presentation due to the coverage provided in the Special Board Meeting of August 30. She updated the Board on the Scientific and Technical panel review of the Santa Felicia Dam fish passage, which allows for the Resource Agency to be involved during the planning phase of the monitoring plan. The District's CEQA documentation has also been submitted for the Recreation Trail Plan, thanks to support from Engineering. Dr. Ayres reported that with the Board's adoption of Resolution 2018-11, staff submitted the MSHCP on September 7 and has a meeting schedule with NMFS for October 15. Mr. Emmert added that staff met with the CEQA consultant, who has been on hold with the District since Spring of 2014. Craig Morgan is moving forward on the vertical slot design for the Freeman Diversion modification and David Zippin, an accomplished HCP practitioner has been retained by the District.

#### **5.2 Quagga Mussel Management Efforts Update Information Item**

Dr. Ayres reported that California Department of Fish and Wildlife received an updated 2017 report on August 23 regarding the District's efforts on lake level management and eradication of quagga mussel plans.

**Groundwater Department – Staff**

**5.3 Monthly Groundwater Department Report**

**Information Item**

Dr. Bral said staff would provide their update in three parts, first, an update on modeling was presented by Dr. Jason Sun, who demonstrated the District's modeling software program and fielded questions from the Board. Dr. Sun said that while the modeling can only make predictions based on 50 years of data, and that data is reviewed and renewed every five years, it is still only "theoretical data." Dr. Sun also said that if there is information from cities – such as a development plan or resident growth predictions, he can include all of that data into the model. Mr. Emmert stated that SGMA does consider land use plans and knows that quantities can change, to which Dr. Sun replied that the model can also simulate varying land use plans.

**5.4 Update on Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)**

**Information Item**

Mr. Detmer addressed some of the issues being addressed by the Fox Canyon GMA, Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA and Mound Basin GSA. He said the District had supported modeling for five projects being considered by the FCGMA and staff were also determining which GSP tasks would be handled by District staff and which would be handled by consultants for both FPB GSA and Mound Basin GSA.

**Park and Recreation Division – Clayton Strahan**

**5.5 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report**

**Information Item**

Mr. Strahan reported that more families and boaters are utilizing Lake Piru thanks to creative promotional events such as the Rebelle Road Music Festival, which was a country music concert staged at Lake Piru by an up and coming concert promoter previously affiliated with the Coachella Music Festival. The event also featured several rising country music bands and a free food truck and free shaved ice truck. Mr. Strahan said the promoter was very pleased with the response (mainly just campers and visitors to the Lake) and will make next year's event even stronger. Mr. Strahan also reported that filming at Lake Piru is attracting many popular television series, including NBC's *This is Us*, and several HBO productions. This is generating a new revenue source for the District which should only continue to grow, according to Mr. Strahan. The Office project is proceeding with paving and the creation of sidewalks around the office, and Lake Piru hosted this year's Corporate Games picnic/BBQ.



Mr. Guardado added that staff has worked very hard to improve the facilities at Lake Piru as evidenced by the increase in family visitors. And that staff is also exploring every opportunity to attract more visitors and revenue to the recreation area.

**Administration Services – Christy Ramirez**

**5.6 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report –  
Information Item**

Summary report on Administration Department was submitted to the Board. President Eranio asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

**Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report – Christy Ramirez**

**5.7 Monthly Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report  
Information Item**

Summary report on outreach activities, and proposed legislation for 2018 was submitted to the Board. President Eranio asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

**Engineering Department – Jim Grisham**

**5.8 Monthly Engineering Department Report  
Information Item**

Summary report on various water resources, planning efforts and department programs affecting the District was submitted to the Board. President Eranio asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

**Operations and Maintenance – Brian Collins**

**5.9 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report  
Information Item**

Summary report on monthly operations and maintenance of District facilities was submitted to the Board. President Eranio asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None were offered by the Board.

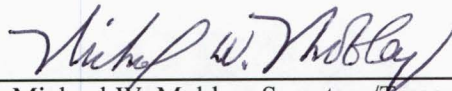
**8. ADJOURNMENT 4:15p.m.**

The UWCD Board adjourned to its next **Regular Board Meeting** on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018** or call of the President.

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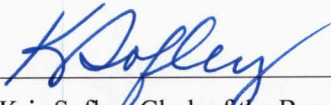
I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors Special Board meeting of September 12, 2018.

ATTEST:



Michael W. Mobley, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST:



Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board



## 4.2 Branding New Logo

September 12, 2018



### Background

In 2016 SMPA, Inc. and the District engaged in a **Branding and Outreach Program** which involved meeting with internal and external stakeholders, drafting a District messaging platform, and engaging in a logo re-brand.

Work was done to elevate the District's brand, public perception and most importantly, to communicate *who we are, what we do and why it matters* to ratepayers and the water community.

### Development Process

- Conducted in-depth analysis of similar organization
- Competitive visual landscape review of other water resource agencies



### Development Process (continued)

- Developed reference materials and creative briefs to inform the artistic process. These included:
  - Stylized water movement
  - Bold/extended font representing a solid established company
  - Dividing line used to indicate "above ground/under ground" water use
  - Keeping the "U" as part of design
- Incorporated concrete themes to include:
  - Tri-Color
  - Modern/Creative
  - Able to tell the United 'story' through the logo
  - Easily identifiable/recognizable as 'United' to the public
  - Continued utilization of the U in logo if possible
- Developed two final, relevant and creative concepts for staff to comment upon, of which we are presenting to you today.





#### Staff Feedback

- "Pleasantly Surprised"
- 88% preference to logo #1 'Water drop'
- 34 respondents

#### Top staff suggestion:

Capitalize the "U" and the "W" on logo number one, the 'Water drop'.

#### Financial Impact & Future Uses

- Signage for new Building/PTP metering project sunk costs
- Promotional items can be phased in as stock is depleted
- Operational costs (business cards, uniforms, etc.) can also be phased in.
- Additional appropriations would be needed in order to quickly transition to the new logo with new facility signage (Lake Piru/El Rio/Saticoy, well sites, hundreds of 'No Trespassing' signs, etc.), vehicle signage and other miscellaneous expenses.

#### Conclusion- *Thoughts?*





#### POLICY PURPOSE

United Water Conservation District has adopted a Legislative Platform intended to guide staff and contract lobbyists when evaluating legislative proposals introduced at both the federal, state, and local levels. Maintaining an updated platform provides for directed action and strategy development to address the most critical issues facing the organization in a timely and proactive manner. The platform will be updated every two years through the Executive Committee to reflect changes in priority issue areas but shall not prohibit advocacy on additional matters which may arise later in the year.

#### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

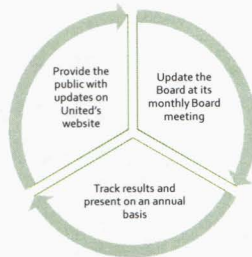
- **Staff**, with assistance from **State and Federal lobbyists**, will analyze the effects of proposed legislation or regulations on current and potential future District affairs, research positions of other similar professional organizations, and provide recommendations for District positions.
- **The Board** of Directors shall adopt the Legislative Policy and Platform and testify on behalf of the District at the State and Federal level as needed, including, but not limited to, participating in meetings with legislators or public officials.

#### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

- The District's **General Manager** may take a position of support, opposition, or support/oppose unless amended on proposed legislation or regulation on behalf of the District **in accordance with the adopted Legislative Policy & Platform**. Authority to provide letters of support or opposition to elected officials or committees and/or join coalitions as appropriate is afforded to the General Manager for matters addressed in the Legislative Policy and Platform.
- If there are mitigating factors where **the Board** may want to take a position that varies from the approved Policy & Platform, or, if it is a matter that is not inherent in the Policy & Platform, the measure shall go to the full Board for direction.

**TRANSPARENCY**

In the interest of transparency, the District shall provide periodic updates on positions taken in accordance with the Legislative platform via the following methods:

**UPDATES**

The Legislative Policy and Platform shall be amended every two years or sooner if District goals change.

4.5.1/2018 United Water Conservation District's Policy



## MISSION STATEMENT

UWCD Guiding Principles

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Fight overdraft of the hydrologically connected aquifers and the manifested seawater intrusion while working to enhance the water quality of the aquifers through the use of District programs/facilities.
- Maximize District operations while complying with federal/state environmental laws to protect the availability and use of the region's limited water resources.
- Conduct District affairs in a business like manner that promotes transparency for all financial activities and protects the District's assets, promotes sound internal controls that result in positive independent financial audits, and maintains professional and financial integrity.
- Construct, operate, and maintain facilities needed now and in the future to put local and imported water resources to optimum beneficial use by people while complying with environmental laws.
- Monitor groundwater conditions to detect and guard against problems and to report those conditions to the Board of Directors and the public.
- Seek opportunities to develop cooperative programs with other agencies in order to maximize use of District resources and promote mutually beneficial projects.
- Participate in activities that promote public awareness about the District and its primary function of water conservation, partake in community involvement projects to enhance the relationship within the areas the District serves, and have strong involvement in county, state and national issues related to the District's mission.
- Protect and augment groundwater supplies necessary for the public health, welfare and safety of the people of the State of California.
- Provide recreational facilities and opportunities for the public in the most cost efficient manner possible, in order to comply with the District's PEC license requirements.

**UWCD MISSION STATEMENT**

United Water Conservation District shall manage, protect, conserve and enhance the water resources of the Santa Clara River, its tributaries and associated aquifers.

In order to achieve the District's Mission statement, the following guidelines have been adopted for the 18-19 Fiscal Year. These principles serve as a guide for the Legislative Platform, which provide direction in staff's development of positions on forthcoming federal and state legislation.

4.5.1/2018 United Water Conservation District's Policy



## LEGISLATIVE PLANKS



### Local Control

#### Support legislation that would:

- Maintain the authority and fiduciary role of the Board of Directors to manage the water supply, public contracts, procurement, financial administration, public records, and human resources practices, as well as regular operations.
- Require that the federal and/or state governments provide reimbursement to local governments for the implementation of newly-mandated federal/state regulations.
- Further protect local government revenue and rights from being taken, confiscated, diverted or otherwise used to aid state government operations and responsibilities.
- Advance the District's ongoing mission and goals with respect to all District facilities, including but not limited to Santa Felicia Dam, Lake Piru, and Freeman Diversion.

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### Administrative and Fiscal Responsibility

#### Support legislation that would:

- Mitigate external operational costs to UWCD and/or its ratepayers, thereby enhancing water affordability.
- Oppose the imposition of unreasonable or unfunded state mandated programs, or increased fees and charges/taxes on UWCD customers.
- Ensure regulatory actions provide funding to local governments for implementation and ongoing monitoring/operations.
- Have employee benefits include local government input and properly negotiated at the bargaining table, rather than imposed on by government mandate, thereby impeding on local administration of labor relations.

09/11/2018 UWCD Legislative Platform & Policy

### Increased Efficiency

#### Support legislation that would:

- Streamline and modernize District water rights modification attempts.
- Streamline and modernize the application process for permits related to California Environmental Quality Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act, as well as Lake and Streambed Alterations Agreements and the California Fish and Game Code.
- Provide funding for data collection in the Santa Clara River watershed which would allow the District to make sound science based decisions and avoid regulatory decisions based on assumptions or outdated information, including but not limited to updating species listing status based on the most current data preferably using the most modern technology, and working towards realistic and updated recovery goals based on this best available science.

09/11/2018 UWCD Legislative Platform & Policy

### Increased Efficiency (continued)

#### Support legislation that would:

- Encourage innovative and cooperative water resources projects that will be of regional benefit.
- Promote transparency and public participation in local government, while preserving procedures that continue to foster efficient government proceedings.
- Address redundancy and conflicting regulations between regulatory agencies.
- Provide resources needed at state agencies and avoid understaffing/underfunding.

09/11/2018 UWCD Legislative Platform & Policy



### Health, Safety and Security

#### Support legislation that would:

- Rely on science-based drinking water regulations to maintain or improve water quality.
- Promote the District's ability to meet primary and secondary drinking water standards.
- Create incentives, financial and other, for water treatment projects.
- Support invasive species prevention, containment and control efforts, including but not limited to Dreissenid mussels (quagga and zebra mussels).

11 reg12/2018 UWCD Legislative Platform & Policy

### Health, Safety and Security (continued)

#### Support legislation that would:

- Promote and maintain the ability of UWCD to protect and secure critical infrastructure from cyber or physical threats and damages.
- Fight overdraft of the hydrologically connected aquifers and the seawater intrusion.
- Protect the quality of water resources to the maximum extent practicable.
- Support watershed-based management and point source pollution control programs that protect and improve surface and groundwater water quality for urban and agricultural uses, as well as for the environment as appropriate.

12 reg12/2018 UWCD Legislative Platform & Policy

### Water Supply and Sustainability

#### Support legislation that would:

- Enhance stormwater capture, sediment management, and water conservation.
- Promote the District's ability to manage groundwater and surface water.
- Recognize groundwater recharge as a beneficial use of water supply and allow flexibility to manage groundwater at the local level by agencies that have the technical expertise to ensure the health of the aquifer is maintained and competing uses are balanced.
- Address localized drought impacts, protect water supply, and strengthen the District's water rights and water right priorities.

13 reg12/2018 UWCD Legislative Platform & Policy

### Water Supply and Sustainability (continued)

#### Support legislation that would:

- Through the use of advanced technologies in power generation, generate a direct and quantifiable benefit to District operations.
- Fund and expedite the construction of groundwater (for example, Aquifer Storage and Recover, or "ASR") and surface water storage projects that will enhance the opportunities to use additional water resources for future water supplies in Ventura County.
- Allow for additional state and local funding for sustainable water management programs that improve sustainability, drought resiliency, and water quality.

14 reg12/2018 UWCD Legislative Platform & Policy

### Water Supply and Sustainability (continued)

#### Support legislation that would:

- Add to the reliability and security of water supplies.
- Promote and expand opportunities for new potential water supply sources such as water recycling (including both direct and indirect potable reuse), groundwater recharge, water storage, brackish and ocean water desalination, and surface water recharge as new potential sources of water supply, including the treatment, storage and distribution of said water sources.

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### Staff Time Impact

- Clarification of Platform/Policy intent
- Federal/State Lobbyist role
- Streamline/Structure benefits
- Proactive vs. Reactive approach

### UPDATES

- Monthly Board meetings – Status Quo
- Periodic website updates – Minimal staff commitment
- Annual presentation on support/oppose positions



09-11-2018 USDO Legislative Platform & Policy

## Agenda Item #5.1 EPCD Update

- Santa Felicia Project FERC License Update
- Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

September 12, 2018

### Santa Felicia Project FERC License Update

- SFD Fish Passage
  - 7/25/2018 – United hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Passage Science and Technology Panel meeting
  - 8/8/2018 – FERC designated United as non-federal representative for conducting pre-implementation studies in middle Piru Creek
- Recreation Trail Plan (EPCD providing support)
  - 7/11/2018 – Board adopted CEQA findings and project
  - 8/15/2018 – United submitted CEQA documentation and revised Recreation Trail Plan to FERC
- Ongoing implementation of other license actions
  - Water releases
    - Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Plan
  - Aquatic exotic control
  - Invasive vegetation removal and monitoring

### Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan



Photo Credit: John Carman

### Habitat Conservation Plan (Incidental Take Permit Application)

#### 9/30/2018 – Board Resolution

- Approving and adopting Final Admin. (Third) Draft MSHCP
- Authorizing GM to submit MSHCP to regulatory agencies and proceed with follow-up actions

10/7/2018 – MSHCP submitted to resource agencies

#### Near Future Actions

10/15/2018 – meeting scheduled with resource agencies



### 5.3 GW Dept Update

#### GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL

- ✓ Groundwater flow model was used to run a base case scenario in support of FCGMA's GSP analysis
  - DUDEK assumes that the annual pumping will be reduced from **108,000 AFY to 70,000 AFY over 20 years** (2020 - 2039) and remain at 70,000 AFY through 2069 for Oxnard, PV, and W. Las Posas Basins
  - DWR published **4 future weather conditions for GSP analysis**
  - United has performed preliminary model simulations for all 4 weather conditions
- ✓ GW model will be used to run the GSP scenarios with various projects to maximize the sustainable yield

#### ANIMATION

- **Preliminary** GSP simulation: Reduce total pumping from 108K acre-ft to 70K acre-ft in 20 years (2020 to 2039). Remain 70K acre-ft through 2069
- 100K acre-ft is introduced in UWCD spreading basins in Forebay in 2016 and 2017. The impact of water level (water level difference) is shown in 10 years

### 5.3 GW DEPT UPDATE

#### FCGMA Allocation Plan for Oxnard and Pleasant Valley (OPV) Basins

- ✓ Staff continues to meet with both Ag and M&I groups and other interested stakeholders as requested to stay engaged in allocation discussions
- ✓ Staff has shared some analysis and characterizations based on United's data
- ✓ Major outstanding points include:
  - Base period (long or short)
  - Ramp-down approach (strictly proportional or "hybrid")

### 5.3 GW DEPT UPDATE

#### Santa Paula Basin Update

- ✓ Yield study completed in September 2017
  - Design of projects will require flow **model expansion** up Santa Clara River Valley
  - Interim plan being developed to monitor for negative impacts
- ✓ 2017 Annual Report in progress
- ✓ City of Santa Paula working on Wastewater Master Plan
  - Under RWQCB Cease and Desist Order to reduce chloride discharges
  - Plan due in early 2019

5.3 GW DEPT UPDATE

Saticoy Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project (G.R.R.P.)

✓ Option to recharge some of City of Oxnard's AWPf water at Saticoy Spreading Complex

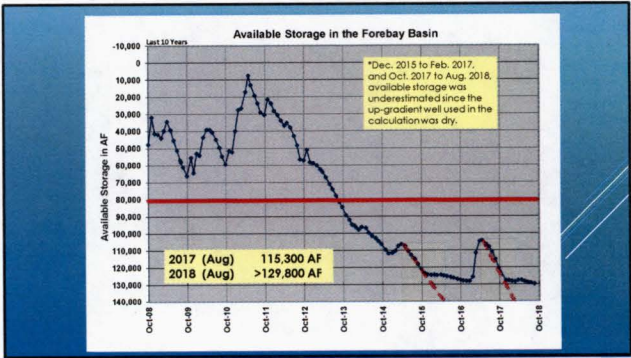
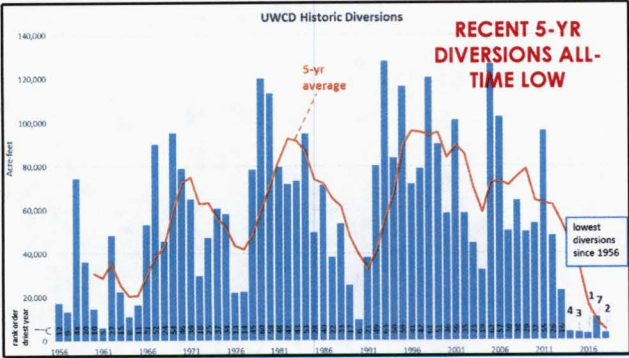
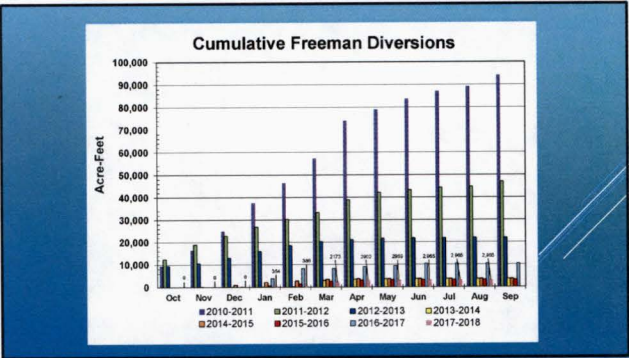
• City considering several options/buyers of AWPf water

• There may not be takers available 24/7, 365 days per year

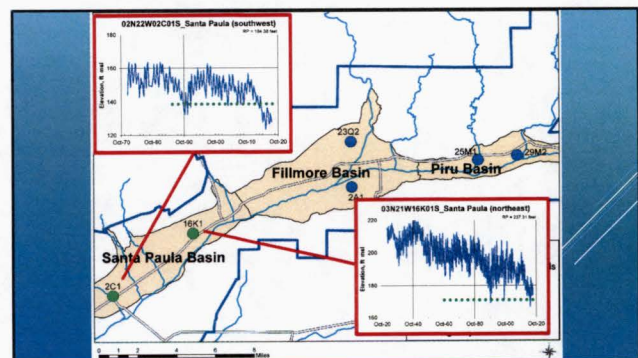
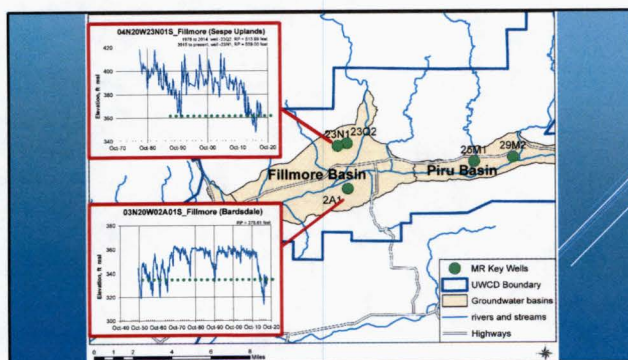
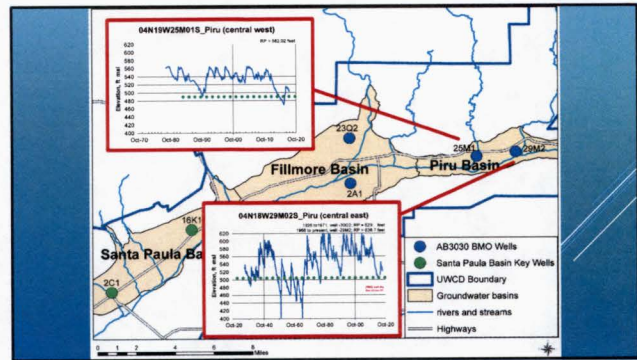
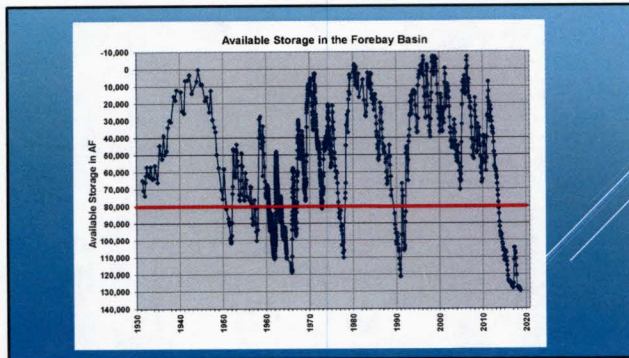
• City council-members on Utilities Task Force have expressed interest in recharge as an option

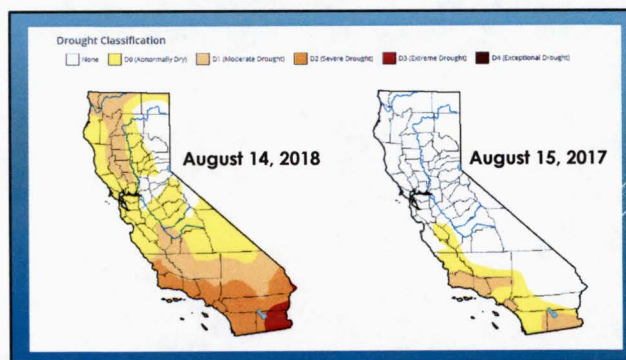
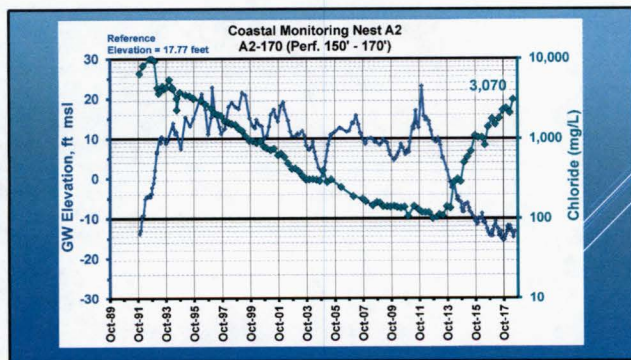
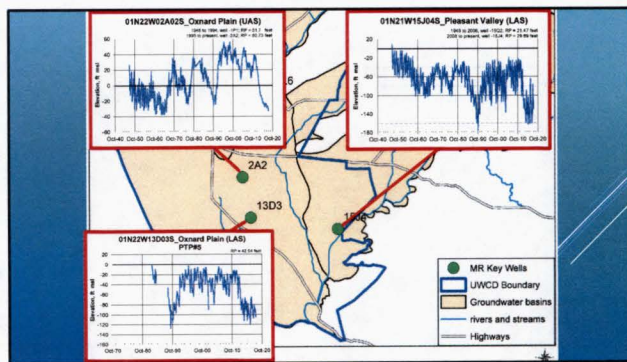
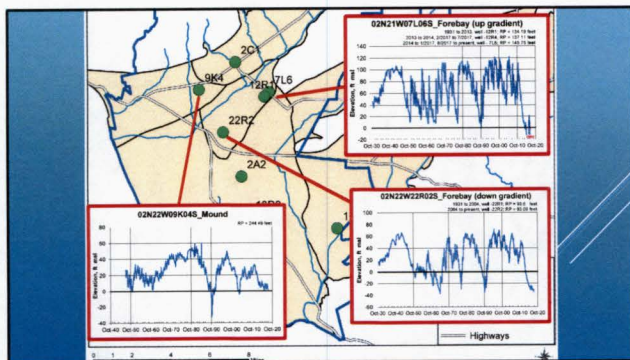
✓ Engineering and GW Depts. working toward meeting most permitting requirements

• Need commitment from City before committing to high-cost items (e.g., new monitoring wells)

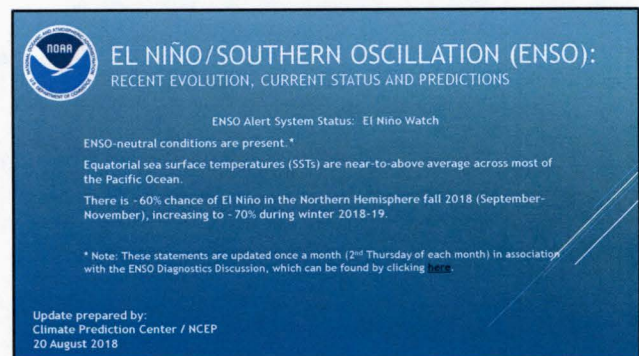
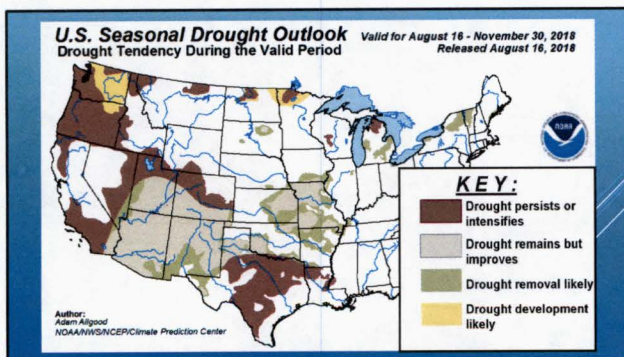
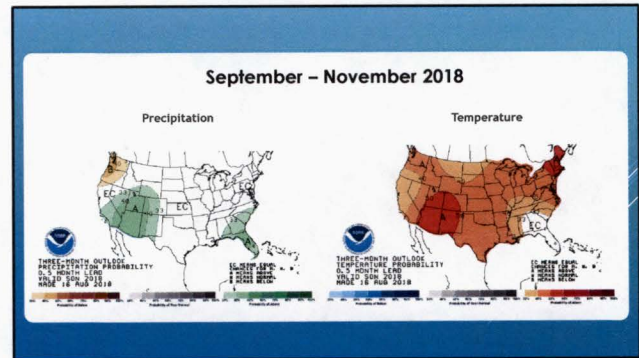
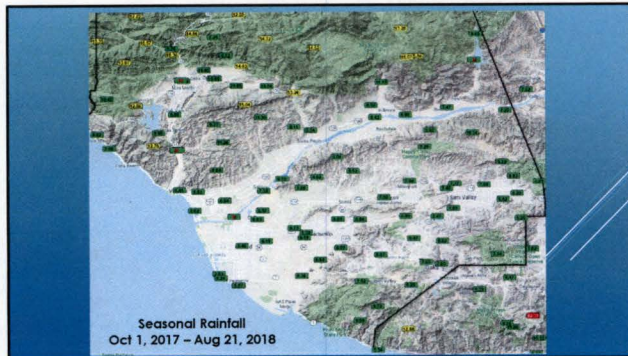














#### 5.4 GSA UPDATES

##### Water Project Summaries Submitted to FCGMA

- ✓ FCGMA Ops Committee evaluating potential projects to include in current GSP modeling
- ✓ The seven potential projects proposed by United were:
  - Brackish water treatment plant, southern Oxnard Plain
  - Freeman Expansion to 750 cfs diversion rate
  - GW Replenishment Reuse Project (AWPF water to Noble basins)
  - SWP intertie pipeline (Camarillo to Ventura, with turnout at Satipay)
  - Purchase of additional State Water Project Table A water
  - Water imports and pipelines in Santa Clara River Valley (ASAPP)
  - Anacapa Project

#### 5.4 GSA UPDATES

##### FCGMA / GSA

- ✓ Revised schedule...
- FCGMA has requested the GW modeling support to be conducted by Dec 2018.

#### 5.4 GSA UPDATES

##### Revisions to Basin Priority Rankings

- ✓ Basin boundary modifications triggered status review by DWR
  - Fillmore changed from **Medium** to **High**
  - Mound basin changed from **Medium** to **High**
  - Santa Paula changed from **Medium** to **Very Low** (adjudicated)
  - Public comment period closed **August 20**
- ✓ SGMA treats medium- and high-priority basins the same way
- ✓ Revised rankings expected to be final this fall
- ✓ New rankings will be considered following 2018 boundary modifications

	Mound Basin GSA	Fillmore & Piru Basins GSA
Prop 1 Grant Application	Prelim award - \$758,000 with 50% matching fund requirement	Minor application adjustments submitted (work plan/schedule)
Basin Boundary Modification	Submitted	Submitted
Legal Counsel	Legal counsel retained	Legal counsel retained
Budget	Adopted for FY 2018-19	Adopted for FY 2018-19
Liability Insurance	Provider selected, awaiting funding	Coverage obtained
Conflict of Interest Code	Adopted	Adopted
Next meeting(s)	Thursday, October 18, 1pm Board of Directors Meeting Ventura City Hall, Santa Cruz Room	Thursday, September 27, 6pm Board of Directors meeting City of Fillmore City Hall, City Council Chambers
BOD Officers	Mike Mobley-Chair Kevin Brown-VC/Secy	Kelly Long, Chair Ed McFadden, VC/Secy
Executive Director	Bryan Bondy Bondy Groundwater Consultants	Anthony Emmert UWCD
Bylaws	Drafted - Under Review	Adopted





