

Board of Directors Michael W. Mobley, President Bruce E. Dandy, Vice President Sheldon G. Berger, Secretary/Treasurer Mohammad Hasan Lynn E. Maulhardt Edwin T. McFadden III Daniel C. Naumann

General Manager Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel David D. Boyer

#### <u>MINUTES</u> <u>FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING</u> <u>Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.</u> UWCD Headquarters, Board Room 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

In addition to its public Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, public members could choose to participate virtually using the Webex video conferencing application.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Sheldon G. Berger Bruce Dandy Lynn Maulhardt

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Maryam Bral, chief engineer Brian Collins, chief operations officer Dan Detmer, supervising hydrogeologist Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager Erin Gorospe, controller Jackie Lozano, administrative assistant Joseph Jereb, chief financial officer Josh Perez, human resources manager Zachary Plummer, information technology administrator Linda Purpus, environmental services manager

#### **PUBLIC PRESENT:**

None.

#### **OPEN SESSION 9:00 A.M.**

Chair Berger called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

#### **Committee Members Roll Call**

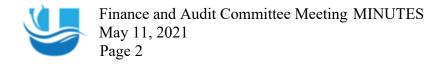
The Clerk called roll. Directors Dandy and Maulhardt were participating in person while Chair Berger participated via WebEx.

#### 1. Public Comment

Chair Berger asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

The Committee received and reviewed the draft Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2021. Motion to approve the Committee meeting minutes, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Dandy. Roll call vote, three ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, Berger); none opposed. Motion carried, 3/0.



#### 3. Presentation of the Districts' Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Jereb summarized for the Committee members the proposed budget for FY2021-2022 (presentation attached). At the conclusion of the *Legal Expense History* slide, Director Maulhardt felt it was important for staff to communicate to the constituents what is built into the proposed rate increase for them to understand what they are paying for.

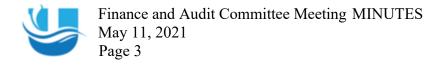
General Manager Mauricio Guardado added, the presentations provided in meetings with staff for constituents outline and identify what it meant if United did not address any of the issues. He believes the real challenges the District had experienced resonated with not only the constituents but representatives within the county. Moving forward with the proposed legal reserve fund is necessary to be prepared for any legal issue that may arise. It is the right thing to do to protect the water resources. Important to note, rates were not increased last fiscal year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was discussion among the Committee and staff regarding the percentage of the current rate increase as compared to prior years. Director Maulhardt emphasized again on how important it is that United tell the backstory by sharing any of the questions received from the recent PTP and OH users' meetings, and what the drivers were for the rate increase. United staff responded that the backstory was included in the presentations at the users' meetings. There were no questions specific to the budget increase from the public and mentioned in several presentations those same factors were explained. Director Maulhardt recommends staff to keep the open communication going.

Additionally, staff and the Committee discussed the Fox Canyon GMA (FCGMA) surcharge that has yet to be passed. FCGMA is awaiting information from UWCD and guidance from other's before deciding. Anticipate October 1, 2021, to hear what the determination would be. Mr. Jereb mentioned this would have no impact on the UWCD actuals for this year because surface water deliveries did not incur those rates but do see a surcharge included in the UWCD rates for the new fiscal year.

Regarding policy-change proposals, Director Dandy mentioned rate adjustments were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting and there would be outreach to avoid potential future litigation. He asked for clarification if this is the plan for moving forward and to those who are changing the rates. Mr. Guardado responded CA supreme court acknowledged all the basins are interconnected. Upper or lower, will have an effect on United service area overall. Zones do not have to change but United's watershed does not just affect one area but an overall operation. Director Dandy's concern was that the change would not take place now but later. Director Berger commented that there was a comment made about this during the recent Executive Committee meeting. The message itself was explained in a way that the stakeholders understood what is going on. Historically, there was an issue when the users had seen a spike. Mr. Emmert added that staff had sought Director McFadden's advice regarding potential communication needed with pumpers in the Piru, Fillmore or Santa Paula basins. Mr. Jereb and Mr. Emmert discussed this with the City of Santa Paula staff. Mr. Emmert stated that United is planning to reach out to the Fillmore and Piru Basin Pumpers Associations.

Director Maulhardt respectfully asked to table this item, take no action, and continue the conversation in Executive Closed Session at the Board of Directors meeting on May 12. Director Berger agreed due to his own concerns. Mr. Guardado confirmed the item to discuss the budget was included on the Board's agenda and the Committee could continue the conversation then.



Director Berger dismissed himself from the meeting to attend an appointment with his daughter. Director Dandy facilitated the meeting on behalf of Chair Berger. No further comments or questions from the Committee.

#### 4. Monthly Investment Report (March 2021)

The Committee members received and reviewed the monthly investment report as presented in the Finance and Audit Committee agenda packet.

Informational item. No comments or questions from the Committee. No action was taken by the Committee.

#### 5. Pipeline Delivery Report (March 2021)

The Committee members received and reviewed the pipeline delivery report as presented in the Finance and Audit Committee agenda packet.

Informational item. No comments or questions from the Committee. No action was taken by the Committee.

# 6. Third Quarter FY 2020-2021 Financial Report and Budget Amendments (July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)

The Committee members received a presentation from Mr. Jereb that summarized the third quarter financial report for FY2020-21 and budget amendments (presentation attached). The Committee will recommend approval to the full Board of Directors.

Consent Calendar Motion Item. No comments or questions from the Committee.

#### 7. District Staff and Board Member Reimbursement Report

The Committee members received and reviewed the expense reimbursement report for the third quarter of FY2020-21.

Informational item. No comments or questions from the Committee. No action was taken by the Committee.

#### 8. Board Requested Cost Tracking Items

The Committee members received and reviewed the costs to date that the District has incurred:

- a) as part of the licensing efforts and the probable maximum flood studies for the Santa Felicia Dam;
- b) in relation to environmental mandates;
- c) in relation to litigation with the City of Ventura, Wishtoyo Foundation, and District legal costs over the past several fiscal years;
- d) in relation to the professional fees over the past several years; and
- e) motion items with fiscal impact.

Informational item. No comments or questions from the Committee. No action was taken by the Committee.



#### 9. Monthly Administrative Services Update

Financial updates for the month of April 2021 were provided to the Committee by Mr. Jereb. Human Resources Manager Josh Perez presented updates on Administration, Human Resources, Risk Management, and Information Technology (presentation attached).

A discussion regarding approval limits was sparked by the review of the *Upcoming Board Motion Items* tables. It was agreed to in the past that the approval limit be raised for senior managers on the approvals from last year's budget. For clarification, items going to the Board are adjustments that exceed General Manager's authority for approval. The Committee is evaluating how the approval limits help the process to become more efficient – savings of time and energy. For example, if the approval levels were not raised enough or were raised too high, and the number needs to be revisited, the Committee is willing to engage on the issue and recommend a change. Mr. Guardado responded he felt the current numbers are set at a really good level to address the current needs. He also feels more projects have been on track and on schedule. Through this process, over the course of a few years when last adjusted, the reason they are proposed the way they are today is because there were some findings which suggested the need for a budget adjustment.

Director Maulhardt inquired as to emergency response and protocols at the Lake Piru Recreation Area. He asked that this be added to Future Agenda Items. See comment below, item 10.

Informational item. No further comments or questions from the Committee.

#### 10. Future Agenda Items

Director Dandy polled the Committee as to any future agenda items.

• Regarding first emergency response process on the lake, Director Maulhardt requested to have a system in place by where visitors could, 1) have access to Wi-Fi coverage on the lake; and/or 2) be given a card to show how to get in touch with lake staff in the event of an emergency. United staff commented the information is provided to visitors in a pamphlet when first checking in, and the information can be made into a card. Staff would seek advice from legal counsel on the process.

#### ADJOURNMENT 11:03 A.M.

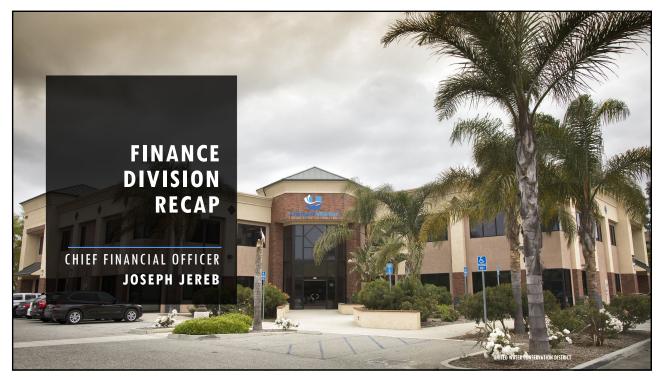
Director Dandy adjourned the meeting at 11:03 A.M.

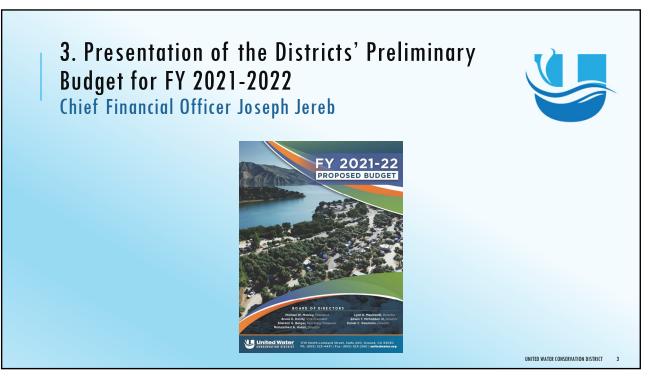
I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Finance and Audit Committee Meeting of May 11, 2021.

ATTEST: Director Bruce E. Dandy

Substitute for Chair Sheldon G. Berger







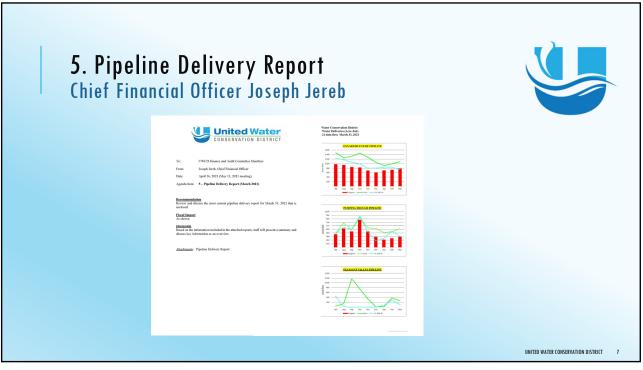
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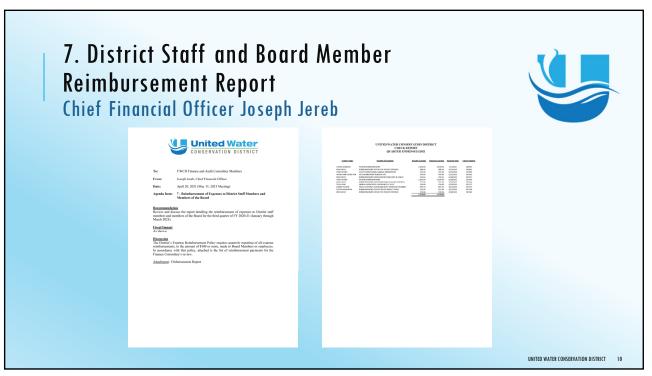
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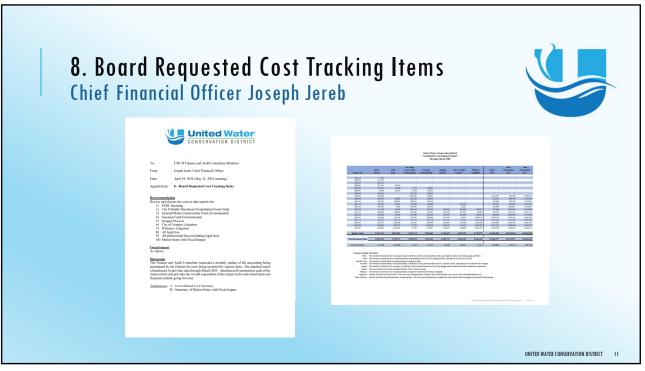
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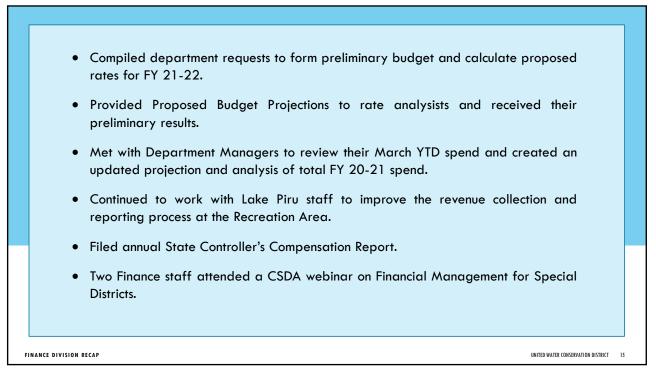


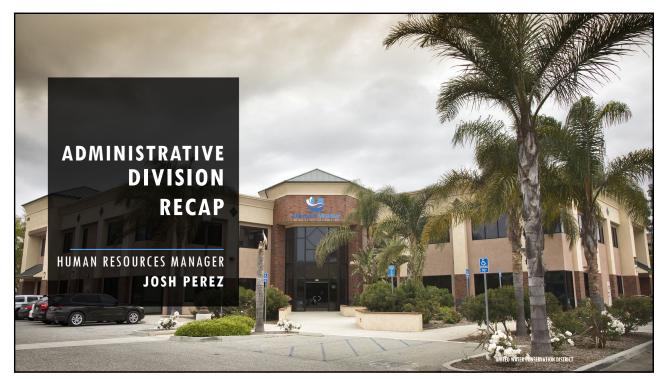


Motion Number	Sponsor	Description/ Summary	Budget Y/N	Funding Source (if not budgeted)	Cash Impact of Approval	Other Financial Impact
3D	Finance	Gen/WC Fund: Increase budgeted revenue by \$800K; Increase budgeted legal expense by \$1,031K; Decrease budgeted professional fees by \$350K	Ν	Supplemental appropriation	Increase available cash by \$119K	None
3D	Finance	Freeman Fund: Increase budgeted revenue by \$500k; Increase budgeted legal expense by \$1,020K	Ν	Supplemental appropriation	Decrease available cash by \$520K	None

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3D	Finance	OH Pipeline: Increase budgeted revenues by \$600K	Ν	Supplemental appropriation	Increase available cash by \$600K	None
3D	Finance	PV Pipeline: Increase budgeted revenues by \$170K	Ν	Supplemental appropriation	Increase available cash by \$170K	None
3D	Finance	PT Pipeline: Increase budgeted revenues by \$290K	Ν	Supplemental appropriation	Increase available cash by \$290K	None

Balance Before Designations	General	Freeman	Water Purchase	ОНР	PV	РТ	State Water	Total
PY Actual	\$11,049K	\$1,601K	\$1,799K	\$3,095K	\$345K	\$462K	\$3,262K	\$21,613K
CY Plan	\$12,630K	\$801K	\$2,420K	\$1,228K	\$263K	\$262K	\$1,680K	\$19,284K
CY Forecast*	\$14,300K	\$1,209K	\$1,527K	\$3,037K	\$217K	\$692K	\$2 <b>,</b> 657K	\$23,639K
Forecast vs PY	\$3,251K	\$(392K)	\$(272K)	\$(58K)	\$(128K)	\$230K	\$(605K)	\$2,026K
Forecast vs Plan	\$1,670K	\$408K	\$(893K)	\$1,809K	\$(46K)	\$430K	\$977K	\$4,355K



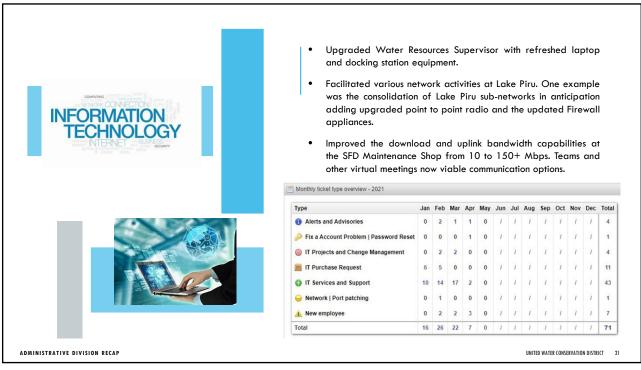


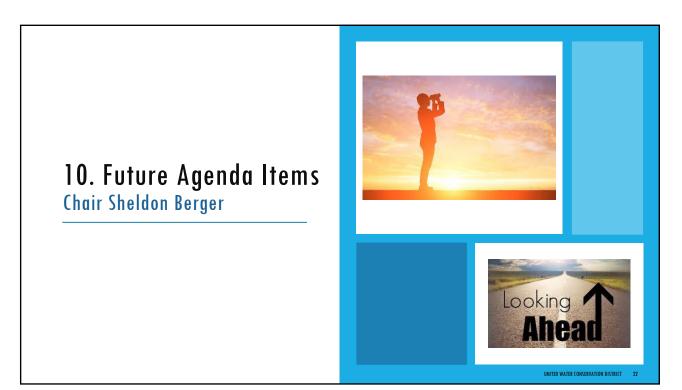




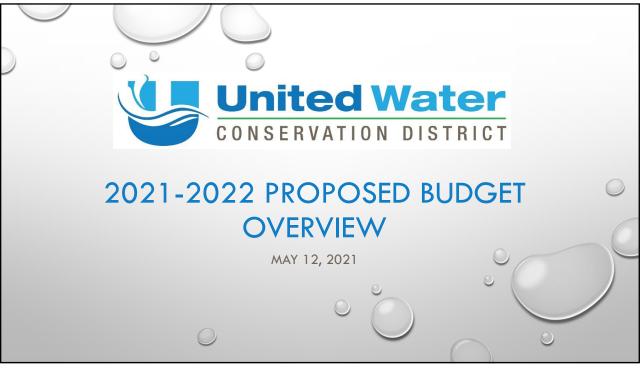


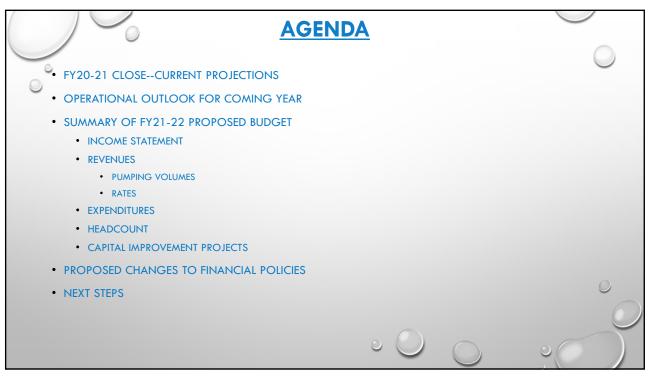




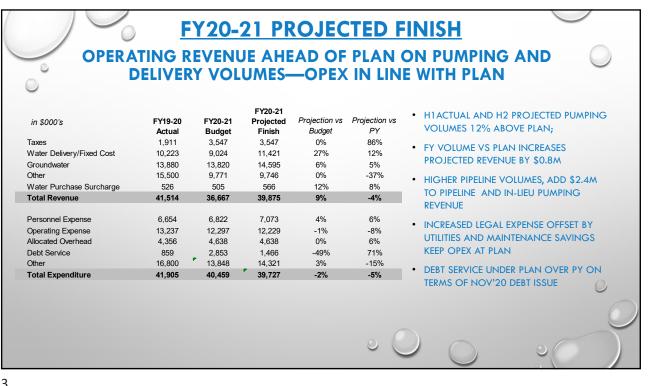


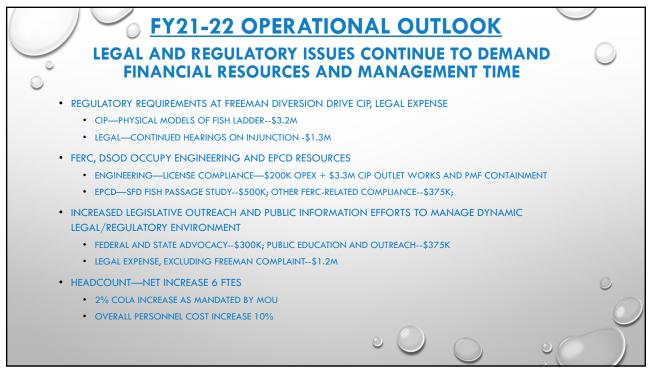




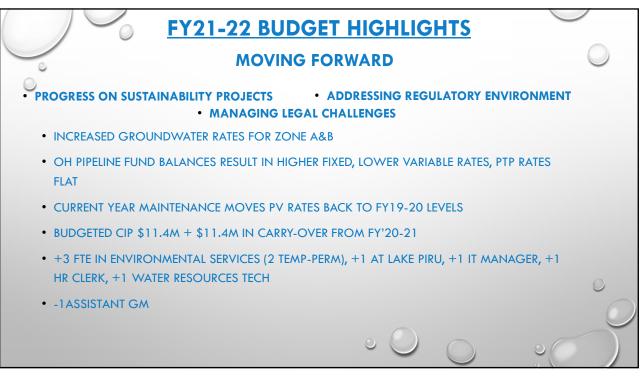


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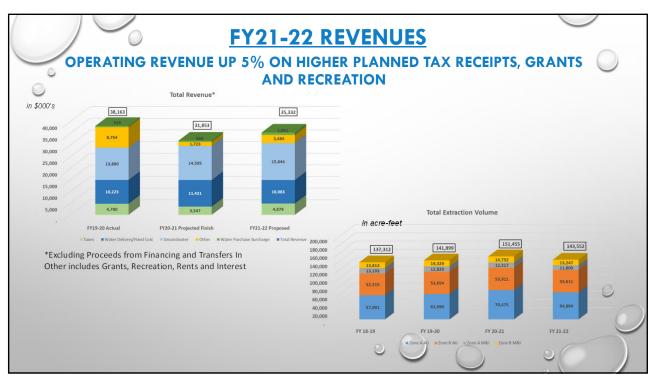
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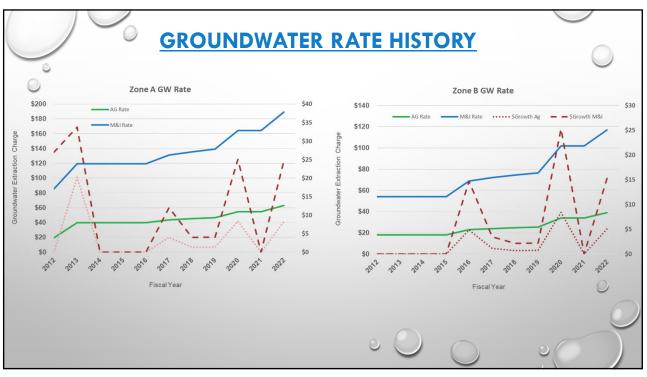


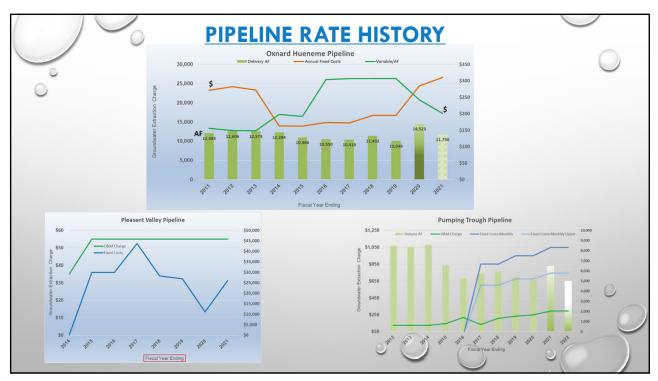
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\$000's ginning Balance	FY19-20 Actual 20,440	FY20-21 Projected Finish 19,814	FY21-22 Proposed 23,639	Budget vs CY Projection 19%	Budget vs FY19-20 16%	PLANNED PUMPING VOLUMES 5% BELOW FY20-21 TO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF REVENUE DEFICITS
Taxes Water Delivery/Fixed Cost Groundwater Other Water Purchase Surcharge	1,911 10,223 13,880 15,500 526	3,547 11,421 14,595 9,746 566	4,879 10,083 15,844 10,291 1.041	38% -12% 9% 6% 84%	155% -1% 14% -34% 0%	<ul> <li>PIPELINE VOLUMES IN LINE WITH HISTORIC AVERAGES—LOWER THAN CURRENT YEAR</li> <li>PERSONNEL EXPENSE UP ON FTE ADDS</li> </ul>
Total Revenue Personnel Expense Operating Expense	<b>41,514</b> 6,654 13,237	<b>39,875</b> 7,073 12,229	<b>42,139</b> 7,909 13,694	<b>6%</b> 12% 12%	<b>2%</b> 19% 3%	OPEX INCREASE ON EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND FCGMA FEES
Allocated Overhead Debt Service Other Total Expenditure	4,356 859 16,800 <b>41,905</b>	4,638 1,466 14,321 <b>39,727</b>	4,941 3,181 14,905 <b>44,629</b>	7% 117% 4% <b>12%</b>	13% 270% -11% <b>6%</b>	LEGAL FEES DRIVE INCREASED     OVERHEAD ALLOCATION
Ending Balance	21,613	23,639	23,643	0%	9%	FY20-21ALL FUNDS TO REMAIN AT/ABOVE MINIMUM BALANCE

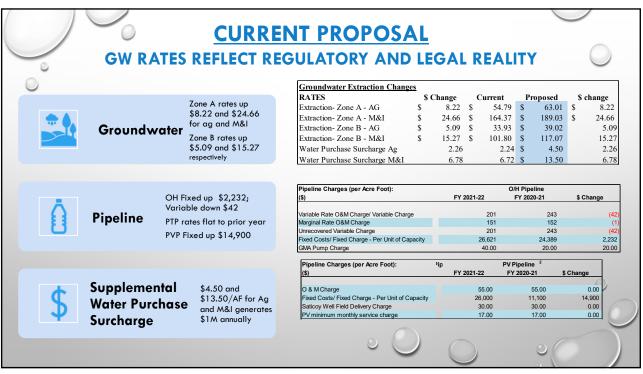


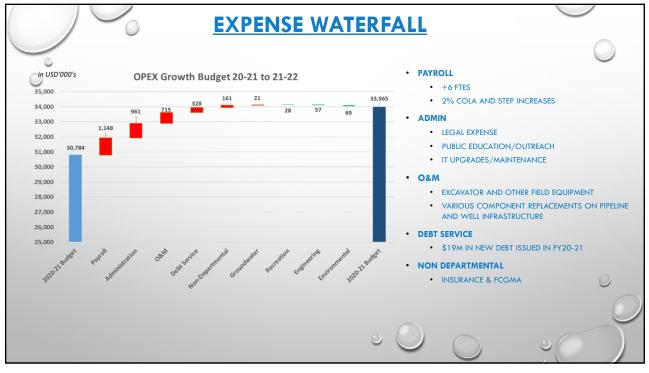


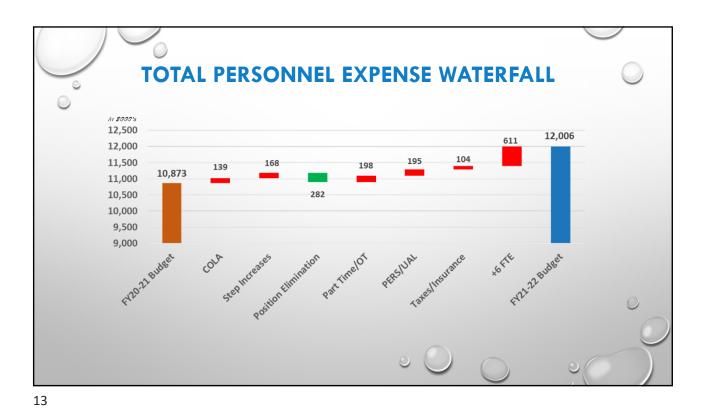




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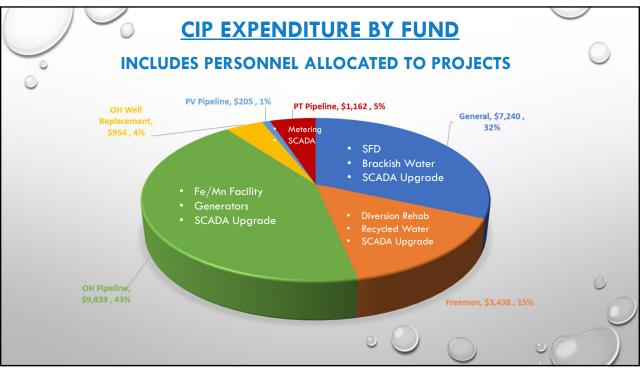




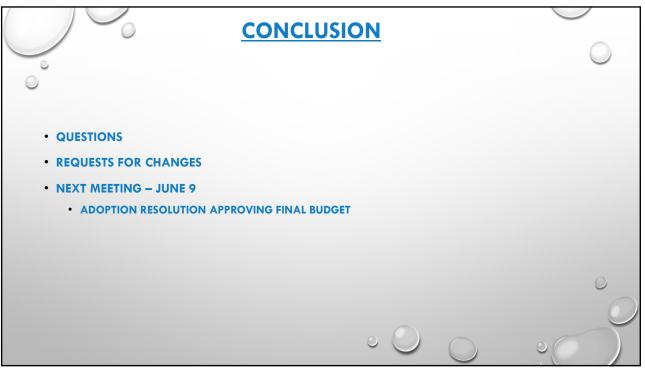


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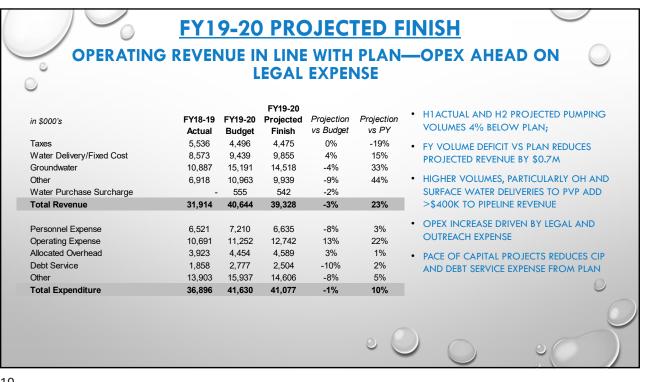


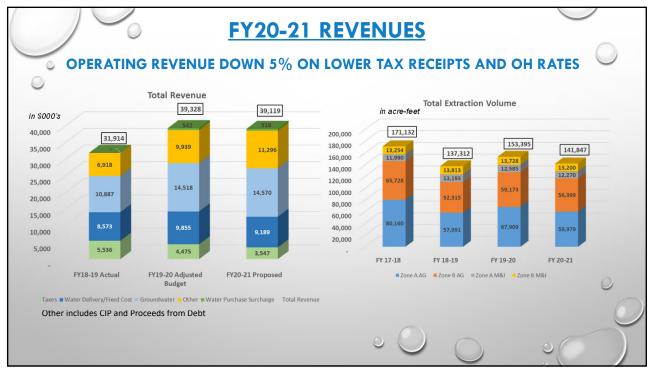


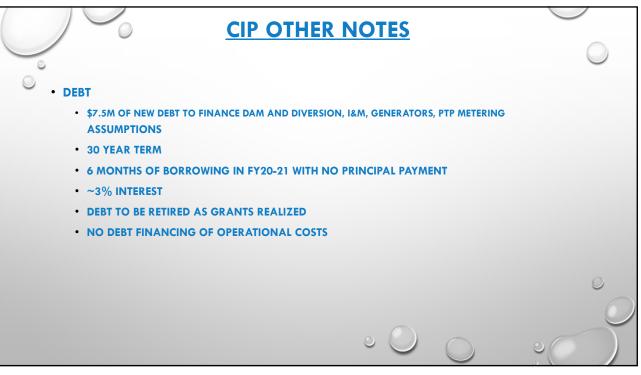


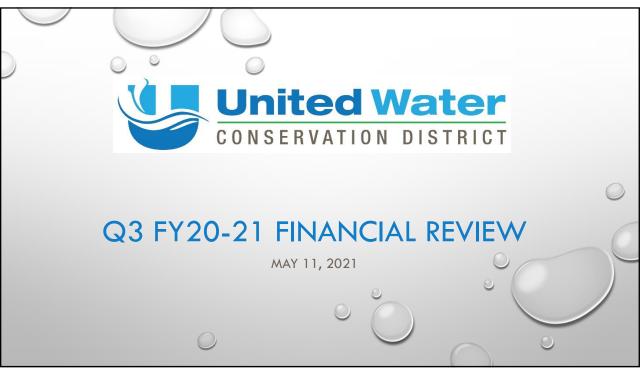


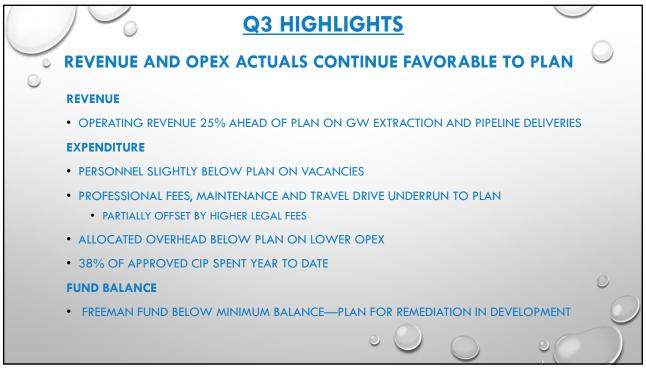
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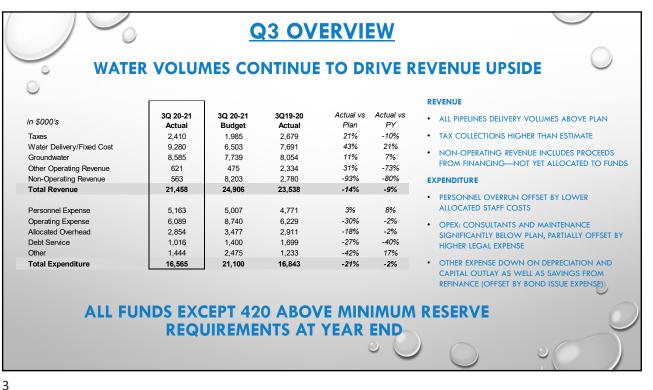




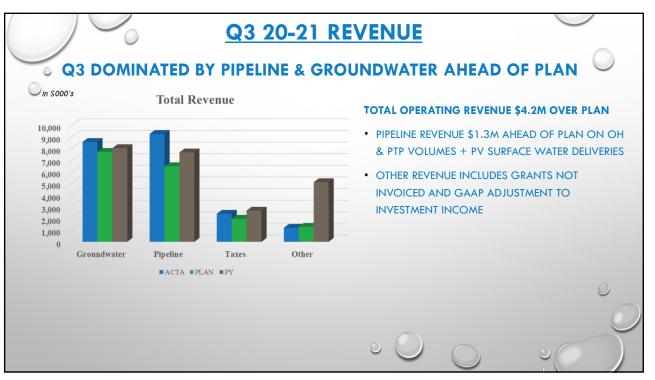




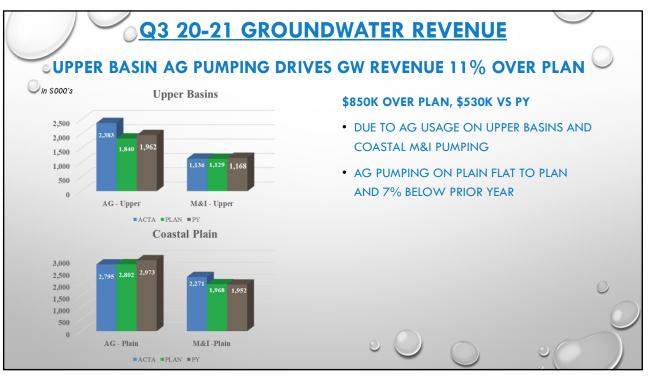
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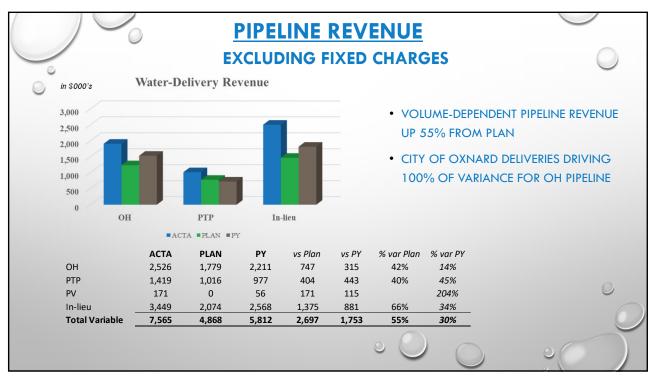




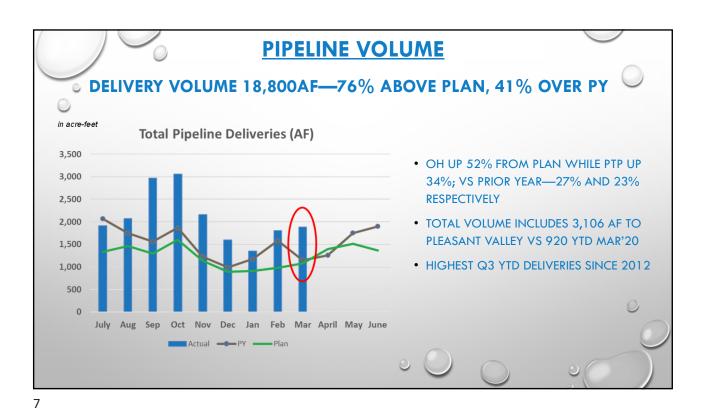
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**PERSONNEL EXPENSES** \$250K (3%) BELOW PLAN, 7% OVER PY 3Q 20-21 3Q 20-21 PΥ %Var to Var to %Var to Var to SALARIES SLIGHTLY UNDER PLAN \$000's Actual Budget Actual Plan Plan ΡΥ ΡΥ Regular Salary 4,792 4,987 4,565 -196 -4% 227 5% DUE TO ELIMINATION OF Over-time Sal 124 82 120 42 52% 3 3% Part-time Sal 167 185 131 -17 -9% 36 28% POSITION AND VACANCIES Salaries 5,083 5,253 4,816 -171 -3% 267 6% OVERTIME AHEAD OF PLAN TO Retirement- Classic 1,256 1,293 149 13% 1,106 -38 -3% 158 -3 -2% 14% Retirement - PEPRA 155 136 20 WEATHER/OTHER EVENTS Soc Sec/401a/457b 301 284 -5 4% 296 -2% 12 **OPEB** Expense 22 21 20 1 6% 2 9% PRIMARILY SILT MANAGEMENT Retirement PEB Expense 29 0 26 29 3 11% Medical Ins Exp - Coverage 539 660 541 -121 -18% -2 0% AT FREEMAN Medicare Expense 73 77 69 -4 -5% 4 6% LTD 9 13 9 -4 -29% 1 6% Q3 OT AT PLAN Life Insurance 15 20 -5 0 -3% 16 -24% SUI Expense 14 -10% 13 14 -1 -7% -1 Worker's Comp 193 123 111 70 57% 82 74% **Employee Benefits** 2,599 -80 11% 2,679 2,331 -3% 268 Total Personnel Expense 7,682 7,932 7,147 -250 -3% 535 7%

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\$000's	Actual	Budget	Actual	Plan	Plan	PY	PY	
Prof. Fees - Environmental	264	687	788	-423	-62%	-524	-67%	
Prof. Fees - Other	693	1,095	402	-402	-37%	291	72%	<ul> <li>PROFESSIONAL FEES</li> </ul>
Profess Fees - Engineering	45	182	29	-137	-75%	16	54%	UNDERSPEND DUE TO
Prof. Fees - Financial	117	145	119	-28	-19%	-1	-1%	UNDERSPEIND DUE TO
Prof Fees - GW, IT, HR	165	197	149	-33	-17%	16	11%	TIMING OF CONSULTING
Professional Fees	1,284	2,306	1,487	-1,022	-44%	-203	-14%	
								PROJECTS
Legal Fees	1,912	1,779	1,225	133	7%	687	56%	
								\$400K OF YTD LEGAL
Utilities	1,016	1,096	900	-80	-7%	116	13%	QUOR OF THE LEGAL
Maintenance	476	1,162	593	-685	-59%	-117	-20%	EXPENSE DUE TO
Field Supplies	378	502	369	-125	-25%	8	2%	
Insurance	346	355	249	-9	-3%	97	39%	STIPULATION, OPV, VENTURA
Office Expenses	253	258	194	-5	-2%	58	30%	
Miscellaneous	210	387	196	-178	-46%	14	7%	
Travel, Meetings, Training	23	190 138	125 103	-167	-88% -50%	-102	-81% -33%	
Gasoline, Diesel, Fuel	92	138	103	-68 -64	-50%	-34 -52	-33%	
Fox Canyon GMA Safety, Supplies, Clothing	92 52	64	38	-64	-41%	-52 14	-36%	0
Telephone	48	49	38 48	-12	-19%	0	0%	
General Operating Expenses	2,963	4,357	40 2,960	-1,394	-1%	3	0%	
General Operating Expenses	2,905	4,357	2,960	-1,394	-32%	<b>3</b> 0	0%	
State Water Import Costs	775	1.352	1.468	-578	-43%	-693	-47%	
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Total Operating Expenses	6.934	9.794	7.141	-2.860	-29%	-206	-3%	0

CIP UPDATE PHYSICAL MODELLING AND I&M CONSTRUCTION WILL PICK UP CIP PACE IN H2									
Project Description	$\frown$	<u>oved</u> Total Approved to Date	Expende Total as FY 2019-20	ed and Encur Current FY 20-21	<u>nbered</u> Total to date	% FY20-21 Approved YTD Spend			
Freeman Diversion Rehab	4,735	8,966	4,231	2,231	6,462	47%			
<b>OHP Iron and Manganese Treatment</b>	4,165	5,180	1,015	146	1,161	4%			
SFD Outlet Works Rehab	2,371	5,041	2,670	1,877	4,547	79%			
SFD PMF Containment	2,307	4,914	2,607	1,918	4,525	83%			
Well Replacement Program Well #18	958	1,590	632	487	1,119	51%			
OH System Emergency Generator	909	909		293	293	32%			
PTP Turnout Metering System	817	1,609	792	232	1,024	28%			
Ferro-Rose Recharge	753	1,909	1,156	159	1,315	21%			
Lower River Invasive Species Control	690	869	179	5	185	1%			
SCADA Hardware Update	660	660		55	55	8%			
Other	3,649	5,172	1,522	1,032	2,554	28%			
Total	22,014	36,818	14,804	8,435	23,239	38%			
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	SUPPLEMENTAL WAT	ER PURCH	ASE FUN	
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$\bigcirc$		REVENUE	EXPENSE	BALANCE
BEGIN	NNING BALANCE (06/30/20)			\$1,799K
INFLO	ows.			
	SURCHARGE REVENUE (PIPELINE & GW)	\$372		
OUTF	LOWS		\$166	
03/31	BALANCE			\$2,005
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