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MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 12:00 P.M.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael W. Mobley, Board President/Director
Bruce E. Dandy, Board Vice President/President
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Lynn E. Maulhardt, Director/Secretary/Treasurer
Edwin T. McFadden III, Director
Daniel C. Naumann, Director

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., general manager
David D. Boyer, legal counsel
Dr. Maryam Bral, chief engineer
John Carman, operations and maintenance program supervisor
Brian Collins, chief operations officer
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Dr. Zachary Hanson, hydrogeologist
Chris Hendricks, senior water treatment operator
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Evan Lashly, environmental scientist
John Lindquist, senior hydrogeologist
Murray McEachron, principal hydrologist
Craig Morgan, engineering manager
Zachary Plummer, IT administrator
Linda Purpus, environmental services manager
Robert Richardson, senior engineer
Daryl Smith, controller
Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the board
Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger
Dr. Jason Sun, principal hydrogeologist – modeler

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Suparna Jain, AALRR
Brian Zahn

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

President Mobley called the first open session of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting to order at 12noon. President Mobley asked District's Legal Counsel to announce the items for discussion in Executive (Closed) Session.

Mr. Boyer announced that, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), two cases of anticipated litigation; and, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), five cases of existing litigation, including Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 19CV06168, City of San Buenaventura v UWCD, et. al; U.S. District Court for the Central District of California Case No. 2:16-vc-03869 GK (PLAx), Wishtoyo Foundation et. al. v UWCD; Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Ventura Case No 56-2020-00547077-CU-PO-VTA, Josey Hollis Dorsey and the Estate of Naya Rivera v County of Ventura, UWCD, and Parks Management Company; Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 56-2021-0055557-CU-PT-VTA, OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Northern Division Case No. 9:21-bk-11023-MB, Sun Cress Distributors, Inc., would be discussed by the Board in Executive (Closed) Session.

1.1 Public Comments

Information Item

President Mobley asked if there were any comments or questions from the public for the Board. None were offered.

1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 12:03 P.M.

President Mobley adjourned the meeting into Executive (Closed) Session at 12:03p.m., stating that the Board would reconvene in opening session at approximately 1:00p.m.

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.

President Mobley opened the Second Session of the UWCD Board of Director meeting at 1:00p.m., and asked those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Led by President Mobley.

2.2 Public Comment

Information Item

President Mobley asked if there were any public comments for the Board. None were offered.

2.3 Approval of Agenda

Motion

President Mobley stated that there would be one minor change to the agenda, in that Motion Items 2.7 and 2.8 would be swapped, so that 2.8 would occur before 2.7.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, Vice President Dandy; Second, Direct Hasan. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

Information Item

President Mobley asked District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer to report any actions taken by the Board in Executive (Closed) Session. Mr. Boyer reported that the Board took no action in Executive Session reportable under the Brown Act.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report

Information Item

President Mobley asked if the Board members had anything to add to their monthly activities reports. No additional items were mentioned. Director Hasan asked to make a comment and stated that he really appreciates how good District staff is at making the District look good and thought that staff should be commended.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Information Item

General Manager Mauricio Guardado announced the promotion of Zachary Plummer from IT Administrator to Technology Systems Manager. He added that recruiting was being done to backfill Mr. Plummer's previous position, Mr. Guardado then informed the Board that the District's new Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn was in the audience for today's meeting, even though his official start date is not until January 18. Mr. Guardado then provided the Board with an overview of Mr. Zahn's background, including that he was a graduate of California Lutheran University and has spent the past 30 years in various high level financial positions.

2.8 Staff Service Awards for 2021

Ceremonial Item

President Mobley stated that this would be his last meeting as Board president and he appreciated being able to honor employees who have achieved these significant milestones with the District. President Mobley then spoke of the responsibilities and achievements of each of the Staff Service Award recipients, including:

Karina Calderon – celebrating five years with the District in Accounting;

Julian Meraz – also celebrating five years with the District in Operations and Maintenance;

Zachary Plummer – also celebrating five years in IT services;

Chris Hendricks – celebrating 10 years in Operations and Maintenance;

Jeff Lowe – also celebrating 10 years in Operations and Maintenance;

Brian Collins – celebrating 15 years in Operations and Maintenance;

Clayton Strahan – celebrating 15 years in Park and Recreation;

Dan Detmer – celebrating 25 years in Water Resources; and

John Carman – celebrating 35 years in Operations and Maintenance.

2.7 Election of Officers

Motion

Director Naumann made a motion to nominate Bruce Dandy for Board President, Sheldon Berger for Board Vice President and Lynn Maulhardt for Board Secretary/Treasurer for 2022; Director McFadden seconded the motion. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann); none opposed. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

President Dandy said that he was confident the next couple of years would be great and that he was happy that Director Mobley was able to give the Staff Service Awards as his last official function as Board President.

Vice President Berger stated that Director Mobley had done an outstanding job as Board President, moving the organization through some organizational transitions and that Director Mobley had steered a ready good ship, and that he appreciated the time and effort that Director Mobley put into the role of Board President and he did an outstanding job.

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

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)

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 2021.

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. Resolution 2022-02 Subsequent Finding that the Governor of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 relating to the COVID-19 virus and local officials continue to recommend social distancing measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and Authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of United Water Conservation District for the period of January 13 through February 9, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions**

Motion

The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-02 continuing subsequent findings that the requisite conditions exist for remote teleconference meetings of the District's legislative bodies without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e).

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Director McFadden; Second, Director Mobley. Roll Call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Operations and Maintenance Department – Brian Collins

4.1 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report

Information Item

Chief Operations Officer Brian Collins provided the Board with a summary report on monthly activities of the Operations and Maintenance Department, and included a presentation on the progress of the modeling efforts at both the Bureau of Reclamation and University of Iowa (see attached slides). There were several comments and questions that followed from Board Members, and those were answered by District staff.

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

4.2 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report

Information Item

Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan provided the Board with a summary report on monthly activities of the Park and Recreation Department and then demonstrating the new, expanded version of the ExploreLakePiru.com website. He showed the Board the new pages that provide updated and extensive information on Camping, Hiking and Amenities at Lake Piru, and pointed out the About Us page which contains historical photographs documenting the building of the Santa Felicia Dam as well as the history of Piru and weaves the District's history and ownership of Lake Piru into the story as well.

Director Maulhardt said that he had tried to find some information of the Pothole Trail recently, which was very difficult, so he is happy that it can be accessed so easily now. Chief Strahan explained that it is just a page from the U.S. Forest Service's website but eventually could be linked to the U.S. Forest Service website,

and other pertinent websites, too. Chief Strahan walked the Board through the sites' purchases page, which will send receipts to customers via email. He also said that in the first 12 days of January, 80 percent of the Lake Piru revenue was generated by online purchases with credit cards, so the expanded website will help to encourage online purchases and reservations.

Director Mobley asked about the negotiations with Tommy's Boats and Chief Strahan said he had a motion item addressing that coming up later in the meeting.

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

Water Resources Department – Dan Detmer

4.3 Monthly Water Resources Department Report **Information Item**

Water Resources Manager Dan Detmer provided the Board with a Summary report on the monthly activities of the Water Resources Department and asked the Board if it had any questions. Director McFadden asked about Pleasant Valley wells and Mr. Detmer said that the Water Resources Committee projects proposed locations as part of a GSA grant item, and with the new DWR \$7.6 million grant per basin, the two basins - Oxnard and Pleasant Valley, there are still some questions. He added that the District had submitted five projects to Fox Canyon GMA and that the GMA's consultants were reviewing the projects for consideration for inclusion in the GSP projects, and DWR has already stated that it will not question what projects are selected.(see attached slides) He added that it should be addressed at the Fox Canyon GMA Board meeting on January 26. Mr. Detmer said that the projects proposed include Ferro Rose Artificial recharge project, which will deal with the sediment laden water (Freeman Expansion Phase I), the Nauman Road recycled water interconnection, Laguna Road recycled water interconnection (which is the shortest way to get to PTP and PV systems), monitoring wells for designing the Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water project. The Prop 1 Round3 grant will be completed and submitted later this month and staff expects to be invited to submit a full application after that.

Then staff and Board members discussed the length of time and effort projects require and the collaboration between cities and water agencies, and Chief Engineer Dr. Maryam Bral reported that the OPV Project committee would be meeting on January 17 to build consensus on ranking the projects. Mr. Detmer said staff will know more in the coming weeks. Then Mr. Detmer introduced Principal Hydrologist Murray McEachron who shared a presentation on the recent rain events. (see attached slides)

Mr. McEachron reported that 11 inches of rain were recorded in Santa Paula, the most rain recorded since 1890, making this one of the top five water years. He explained that there were three isolated storms around December 15, and Santa Paula Creek peaked at around 8000cfs.

Unfortunately, Mr. McEachron continued, NOAA is forecasting a January rain fall below normal and out of the next 10 days, rain is only possible on one day, and that would be just sprinkles. There have been seven other years when no rain was recorded in the area in January.

Mr. McEachron said that 5,500AF was diverted through the end of December, with most of that being recharged at Saticoy and only 2000AF making it to El Rio. He said that January 1 starts bypass flows for fish, so diversions are ramping down. He added that the level of Lake Piru is up, thanks to a combination of native inflows, State Water and rain. He then said there are four types of water: native inflows, the District's State Water Table A allocation, the exchange with Casitas for its State Water and the purchase of Ventura's State Water.

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

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

Information Item

Mr. Detmer provided a summary report on the monthly activities of the three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Mound Basin GSA, Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA, and the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency), for which the District serves as a member director, and the Santa Paula basin (adjudicated) Technical Advisory Committee (including formation of groundwater sustainability agencies in the District's basins, stakeholder and basin user groups, joint powers or governance agreements, development of water markets, and potential basin boundary changes).

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

Administrative Services Department – Anthony Emmert and Josh Perez

4.5 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Josh Perez and Daryl Smith

Information Item

Controller Daryl Smith provided a summary report on the monthly activities of the Finance Department and mentioned that an error was discovered at yesterday's Finance Committee meeting which will be addressed before the next meeting. He then showed the Board a slide presentation (see attached slides). Director Maulhardt and Director Naumann asked for clarification of the slides presented by Mr. Smith. Mr. Guardado explained that the typical costs of imported water – the fixed and variable costs in addition to the actual per acre foot costs – were used to show how much the District would have had to pay for the water it diverted at the Freeman during recent rain events. Director Maulhardt questioned the value of the diverted water at \$4.957 million. Mr. Guardado said that the water diverted at the Freeman is taken for granted, appreciative of the volume but not the value, and that is what Mr. Smith's slide is trying to show. Director Maulhardt asked if it could be

compared against the Fox Canyon GMA surcharges for over pumping, the replenishment fee, stating that \$1,000 is a fair evaluation. Director Hasan then asked how the District is informing the public and rate payers. Mr. Guardado said through press releases and social media. Mr. Guardado then gave an example that three months during the release (from Lake Piru) pumpers turned off wells for three months. By not using wells, not only was water being saved, but so was power, reducing greenhouse gases. He said that there are many different forms for getting the information out there.

Director McFadden said that the best public outreach was when water could be seen in the ponds at Saticoy. He said he received more calls from people excited to see water in the recharge basins and to him, that's the best billboard ever.

Mr. Smith then invited Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez to the podium to provide the Board with the summary Administrative Services Department report. Mr. Perez shared a presentation with the Board (see attached slides) documenting the efforts of the Human Resources, IT, Safety and Administrative staff.

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

4.6 Monthly Engineering Department Report Information Item

Chief Engineer Dr. Maryam Bral addressed the Board and asked if there were any questions regarding her department's summary report. As she began to discuss Grant Funding, Director Maulhardt interjected that the Engineering and Operations Committee and the Finance Committee had reviewed the grant awards and continued to state that the federal laws supporting federal grant funding, such as the "Buy American" act, are not within the District's authority to refuse so the District must comply. With the recent award of \$4.21 million from the Department of Defense, even though the addition of the Buy American act could add \$1 million to the cost of the project, the District should look at it as a \$3.21 million grant. Director Naumann agreed and said he appreciated the information.

In addressing the District's invitation to apply for the low-interest long term WIFIA loan, Director Maulhardt said the District should emphasize that only 39 projects from 29 states and only 10 from California were invited to apply for this loan and United was one of them. He added that it speaks well of the nature of the projects and staff's efforts in competing in such a competitive process.

Dr. Bral then called the Board's attention to the DeSalter project that was just opened in Camarillo, stressing that it took 27 years to bring this project online, due to various compliance issues and permits as well as the change in elected officials and city staff. But Camarillo was persistent and secured \$26.4 million in grant funding which was about 38 percent of the project's total costs.

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

Environmental Services Department – Linda Purpus

4.7 Monthly Environmental Services Department Report

Information Item

Environmental Services Manager Linda Purpus addressed the Board stating that the summary report was in the Board packet and the department didn't have any motion items today. Then she introduced Environmental Scientist Evan Lashly to take the Board through a presentation of the District's collaborative Pulse Flow Study program with the scientific and regulatory staff from U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services as well as University of California Los Angeles, among other entities.

Director McFadden commented that after listening to the presentation, this was a mind-blowing concept and the fact that the District, USGS and USFW were all working together was encouraging. Director Berger said it is not the process but ultimately, the challenges that come in trying to execute the concept could prove disappointing. Director Hasan added that the District is a tremendous resource when it comes to engaging others.

President Dandy asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered.

5. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

President Dandy moved on to Motion Items, inviting Assistant General Manager Anthony Emmert to introduce Motion item 5.1

Administrative Services Department – Anthony Emmert

5.1 Memorandum of Understanding with Palmdale Water District

Motion

Mr. Emmert provided background on the relationship between Palmdale Water District and UWCD stating that it started with the District General Manager touring the Palmdale Water District, then staff from Palmdale came and toured the District's facilities. Then Mr. Guardado invited Palmdale's GM and some of his Board members to a dinner meeting with some of the District's Board members and through these discussions it was discovered how much the two districts have in common. Although Palmdale is a straightforward retailer, it has the Little Rock Dam recreation area, is working on recycled water use in tandem with other outside agencies, it has arroyo toad in its Little Rock Canyon area, and a nearby military installation. Both districts are also contractors with the State Water Project.

These many similarities also open the door for many collaborations on securing grant funding, moving legislation forward, learning from each other's experiences and agreeing to support each other in a variety of areas, such as leveraging the District's experiences with Lake Piru recreation area to advise and consult with Palmdale on its Little Rock Canyon recreation area, expanding the use of recycled

water, recruiting interns and developing apprenticeship programs, and supporting each other on regulatory issues.

President Dandy added how he, Director Mobley and Director Naumann had met with the Palmdale Board and staff and thought this was a good idea.

Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Palmdale Water District, Director Mobley; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Director Hasan said that he would like to see this type of cooperation done with the City of Oxnard and appreciated Mr. Guardado's efforts in facilitating this MOU. Director Naumann added that this is truly a win-win for both sides as there are many levels and projects that can be developed through this great relationship. He said that he saw Board Secretary Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Board President Gloria Dizmang and Palmdale GM Dennis LaMoreaux online and wanted to convey to them that they have the full support of the United Board and staff. Director Maulhardt said he was optimistic that by joining forces, both districts will be able to meet the challenges before us and open new doors of opportunity, and ended saying that the MOU was an advantage to all of us.

Palmdale GM Dennis LaMoreaux said that Mr. Emmert was so eloquent and that he greatly appreciates the unanimous action taken by the Board. He said he was excited to work with United in these areas and the District's summary reports are very impressive.

Palmdale Board President Gloria Dizmang stated that she was excited and, as the little guy, challenged, but is committed to helping United with anything and wanted to reiterate that agreements are important to Palmdale Water District. She added that she respects United, that the scale of United's business is amazing, and the bottom line is Palmdale is committed to doing what is necessary to protect arroyo toads, anything for the betterment of that poor lil' critter. She ended her remarks by stating that through this friendship and community, she sees a better day on the horizon in California, a more pleasant day, and more sustainable.

Palmdale Board Secretary Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez also stated that she was very excited to be working with United and that just listening to the Board meeting and the staff reports was very inspiring and that the MOU confirms that the two agencies are doing great things to benefit both agencies and water in California in general.

Mr. Guardado thanked everyone from Palmdale Water District for participating in the District's Board meeting.

President Dandy asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

5.2 Resolution 2022-03 Adding Chief Financial Officer as Signatory to United Water Conservation District's (District) Bank of Sierra Accounts and Remove Signatories No Longer Affiliated with the District

Motion

UWCD Controller Daryl Smith addressed the Board explaining that the resolution is required by the Bank of Sierra to add the District's new Chief Financial Officer as a signer on the District's bank account with the Bank of Sierra and to also remove former employees and Board members who are still listed as signers on the District's account.

President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-03, adding United Water Conservation District's (District) new Chief Financial Officer as a signatory to the District's Bank of Sierra accounts and removing signatories that are no longer affiliated with the District, Director Hasan; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.3 Authorize the General Manager to Approve Proposed Change Orders in response to adjusted Material and Equipment Costs related to the Buy American Act compliance for the Iron and Manganese Removal Project

Motion

Dr. Bral addressed the Board explaining the Buy American Act compliance is a requirement for any federal grant awards and could impact the construction costs for the Iron and Manganese project. Director Berger reported that the Finance Committee had received the motion item and recommends approval by the full Board.

President Dandy asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

Motion to authorize the General Manager to approve change orders proposed by GSE Construction in response to the 2021 Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant special conditions, regarding compliance with the Buy American Act for the Iron and Manganese Removal Project potentially resulting in contract cost increases up to one million dollars, Director Naumann; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

5.4 Contract with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants for the Freeman Diversion Hardened Ramp Physical Modeling Support

Motion

Dr. Bral again addressed the Board and explained the need for engineering consultation services regarding the District's hardened ramp physical model for the Freeman Diversion Expansion project. Director Maulhardt reported that the Engineering and Operations Committee had reviewed the motion item and was recommending approval by the full Board.

President Dandy asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

Motion to award an engineering consulting services contract to Northwest Hydraulic Consultants in the amount of \$341,254 for providing engineering services in support of the Freeman Diversion hardened ramp physical model, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants on behalf of the Board, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Director Naumann recused himself from the next motion item and left the Boardroom.

5.5 Designating authorization to the District's General Manager to Execute a Modified Utility Easement Deed Related to the PTP Metering Improvement Project for Select Properties

Motion

Dr. Bral addressed the Board explaining that even though there was a resolution passed by the Board in November 2020 authorizing the General Manager to execute utility easements for the Pumping Trough Pipeline metering project, the consultant handling the utility easements had made changes to the language of the easements for several property owners. Director Maulhardt reported that the Engineering and Operations Committee had reviewed the motion and was recommending approval by the full Board.

President Dandy asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

Motion to authorize the General Manager to serve as its agent for the execution and acceptance of a modified utility easement deed for select properties related to the District's Pumping Trough Pipeline Metering Improvement project, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one recused (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

5.6 Approval of Licensing Agreement between United Water Conservation District and Tommy's Marine, LLC for the Operation of the Marina and Boat Rental Services at the Lake Piru Recreation Area

Motion

Chief Strahan addressed the Board explaining that after much negotiation and with the help of legal counsel Suparna Jain, the District had an agreement with Tommy's Marine, LLC, that was ready for consideration by the Board. Chief Strahan noted that the agreement was for a 1 year trial season, included 10 boats for rent at Lake Piru (eight pontoon boats and two ski/fishing boats) and that Tommy's would pay the District 10 percent of its earnings up to \$200,000 and 15 percent of its earnings above \$200,000. The District would continue to receive all revenue from dry storage rentals and filming. Chief Strahan explained that at the end of the year's contract, Tommy's typically sells their boats and replaced them with new vessels, much like a car rental company. Directors continued to ask various questions about the operation and types of boats, which Chief Strahan answered.

President Dandy asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

Motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a licensing agreement with Tommy's Marine LLC, for the purpose of operating the Marina and providing boat rental services at the Lake Piru Recreation Area, Director Berger; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director McFadden asked the Board to consider incorporating virtual access to the District's public meetings (Zoom) and offering hybrid in-person/virtual participation for Board and Committee meetings. Director Hasan agreed stating that many agencies now offer hybrid participation. Director Maulhardt said he agreed, and especially for Committee meetings. District's Legal Counsel David Boyer cautioned the Board regarding quorums, and that while Directors could attend Committee meetings virtual if they were not members of that committee, they would not be allowed to participate or speak on any subject as that would violate Brown Act regulations regarding a quorum of the Board at a public meeting that was not agendized as a Board meeting.

Director Mobley asked if President Dandy would be communicating with each of the Board members prior to making his committee assignments. President Dandy said that was his intention.

8. ADJOURNMENT 3:48p.m.

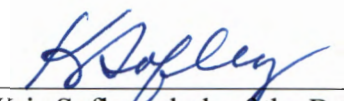
President Dandy adjourned the meeting at 3:48p.m. to the **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022** or call of the President.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of February 9, 2022.

ATTEST:


Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Kris Sofley, clerk of the Board



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ATTENDANCE LIST

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12 noon

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Representing

Suparna Jain
Chris Hendrichs

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UWCD



Operations and Maintenance

January 12, 2022





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MODELING


Completed 1:24-Scale Model

Flow Visualization (River = 30,000 cfs)



IOWA

IIHR – HYDROSCIENCE & ENGINEERING



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1:24 MOD-6 Flushing Removed





12,000 cfs

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QUESTIONS?



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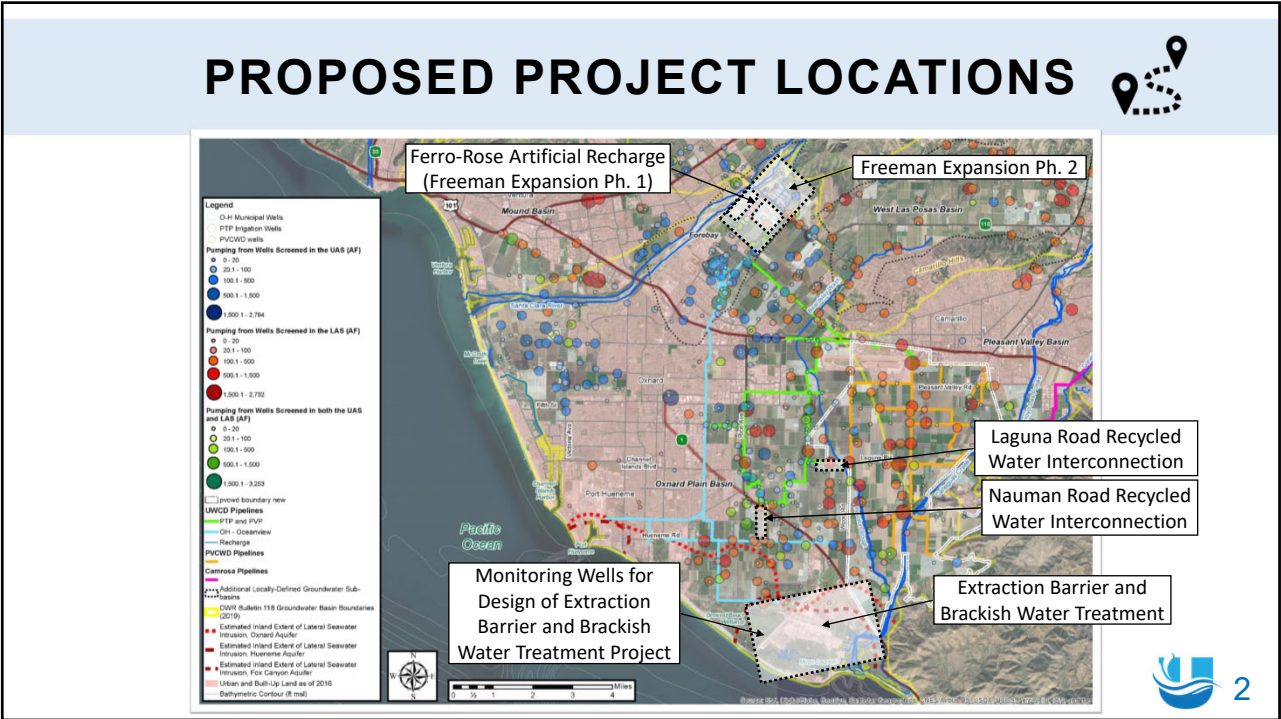


UWCD Project Proposals for DWR SGM Grant Funding

Presented by John Lindquist, Senior Hydrogeologist
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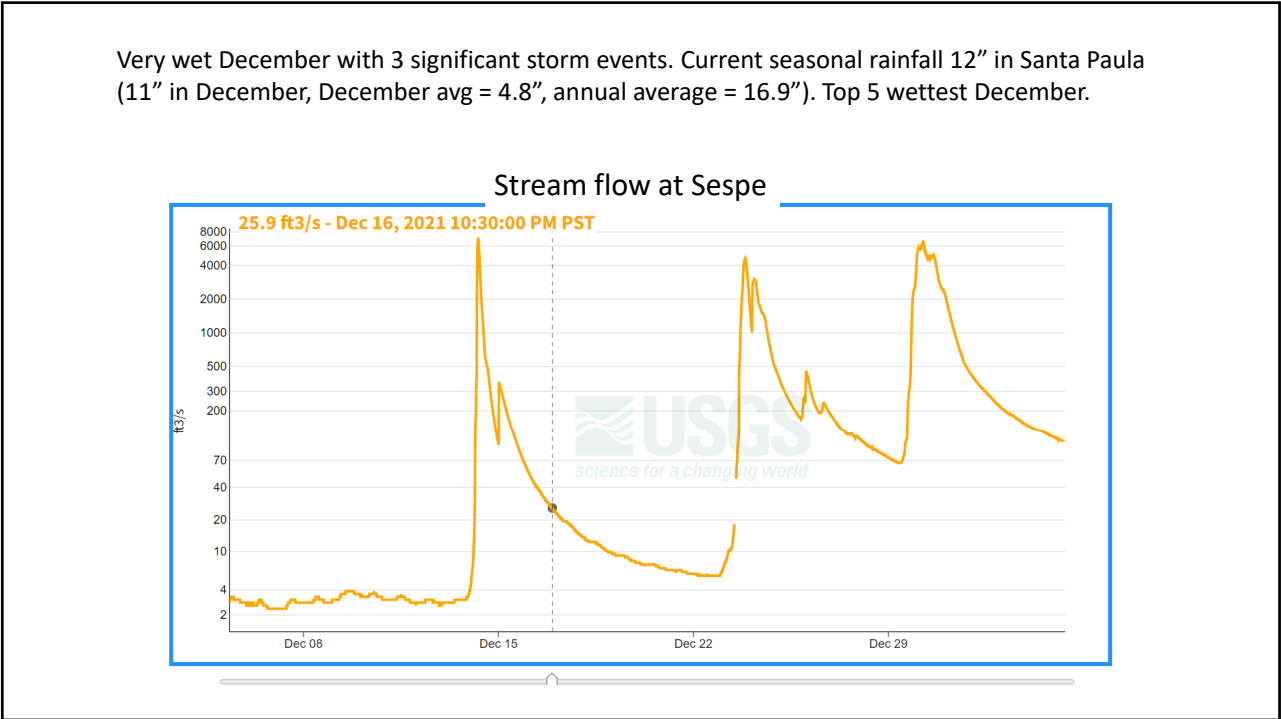


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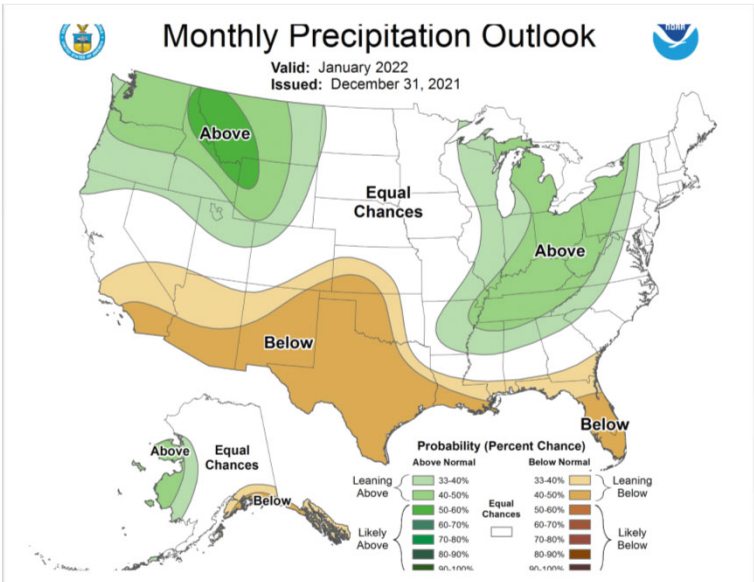


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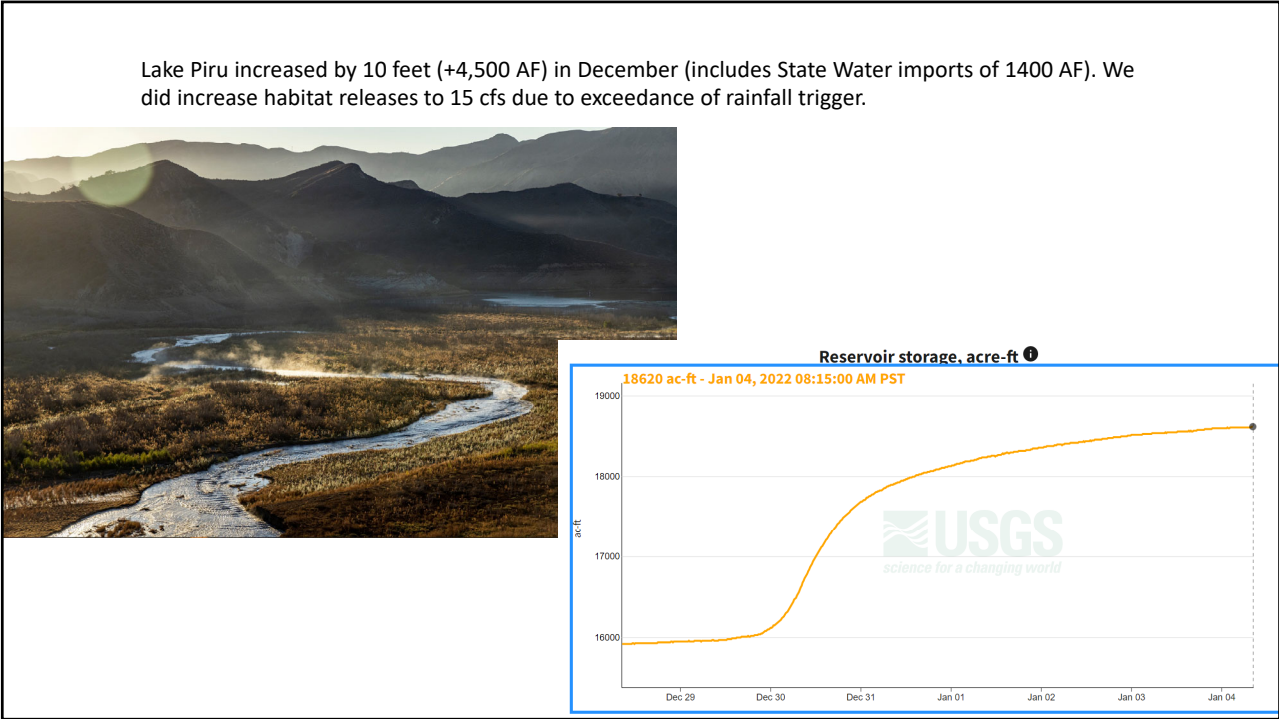


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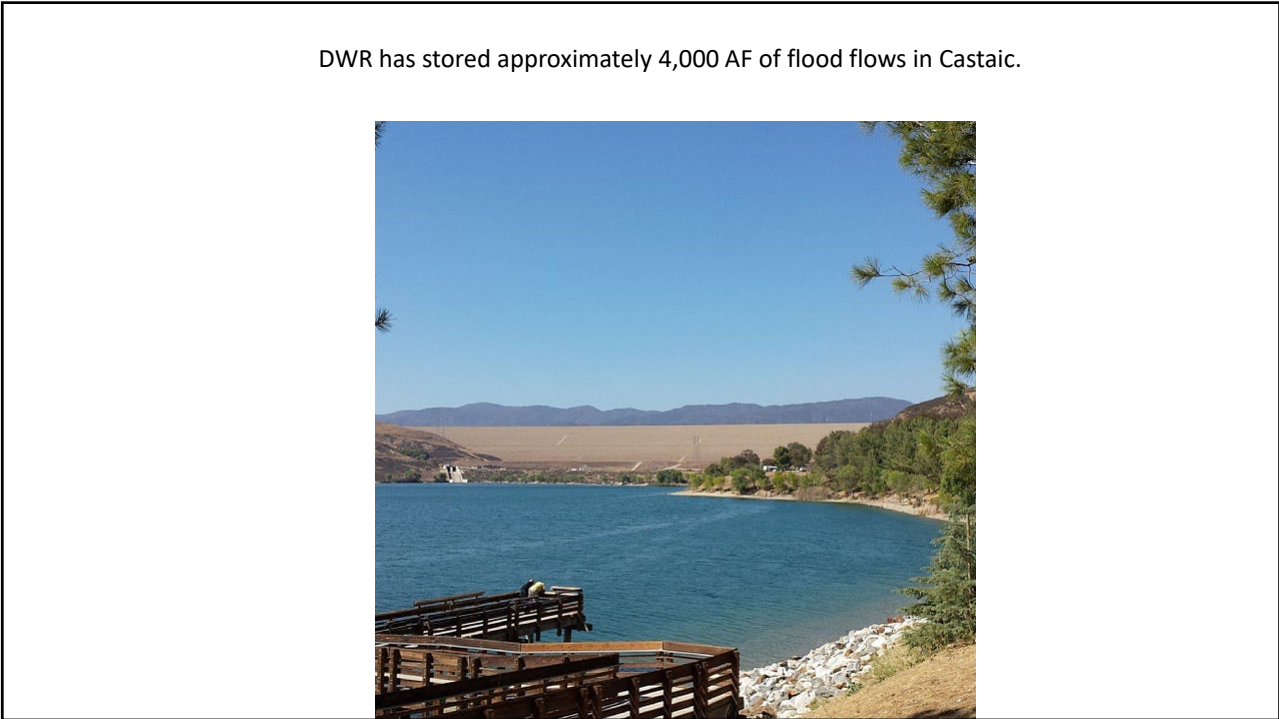
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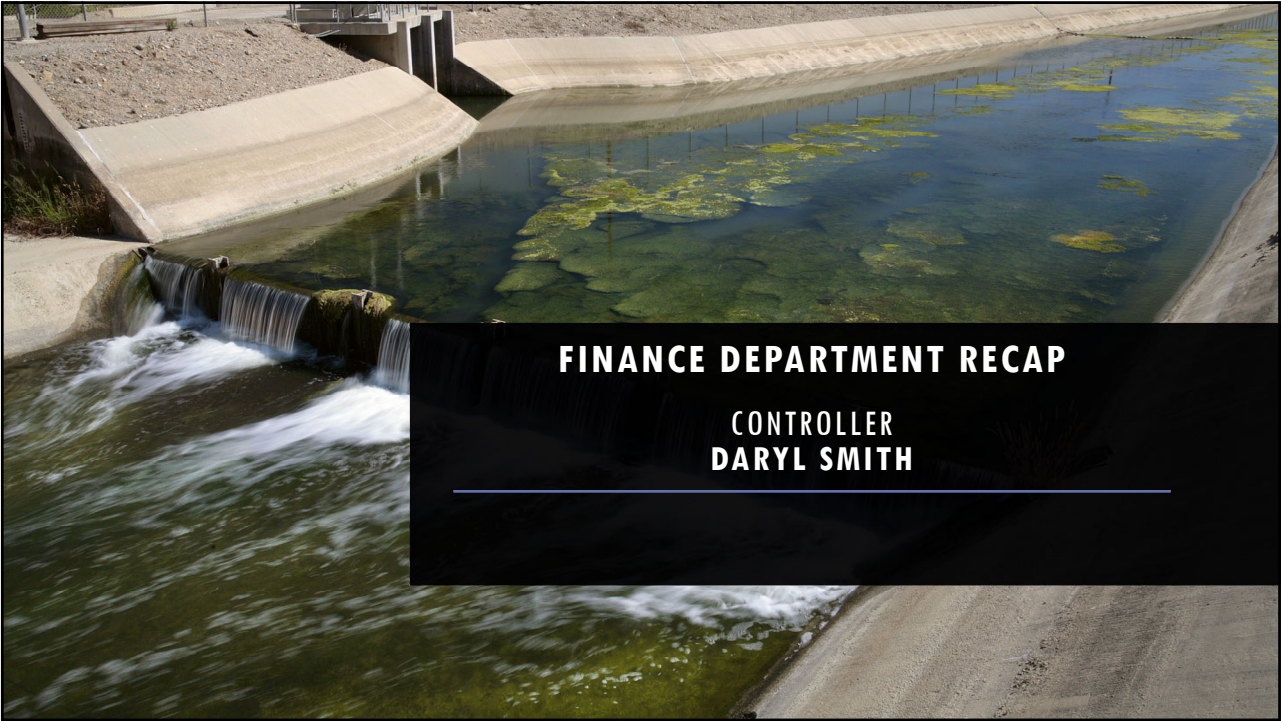
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United Water Conservation District shall manage, protect, conserve and enhance the water resources of the Santa Clara River, its tributaries and associated aquifers, in the most cost effective and environmentally balanced manner.

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Benefits of Water Diversion at Freeman

- Diverted surface water from recent rains has an approximate value of \$4.957M.
- Approximately 1,860 AF of water spread at El Rio to assist with nitrate challenges as well as water added to the aquifer.
- Additional savings from the reduction of pumping due to direct water deliveries. This includes the reduction of green house gases from well pumps not running.
 - Approximately 36,550 pounds of green house gas has been avoided and an approximate electricity cost savings of \$2,340*.

* All calculations are based on estimates for cost and usage and are provided as an estimate only.




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Finance Department Updates

- Completed FY 2020-21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and delivered to Board of Directors at December meeting.
- Submitted application to Government Financial Officers Association for award for excellence in financial reporting based on FY 2020-21 ACFR.
- Prepared groundwater statements for first half of fiscal year for 2021-22 and delivered to users.
- Began preparations for FY 2022-23 Budget.
- FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Auditors Financial Reports for Mound Basin GSA and Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA have been completed.



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HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER
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- Prepared onboarding paperwork for new Chief Financial Officer to start on January 18.
- Prepared selection paperwork for Technology Systems Manager.
- Posted internal/external positions for Reservations Coordinator and Environmental Services Field Technician. Reviewing applications for the positions in coordination with management staff.
- Submitted and processed 2022 flexible spending plan for staff to be effective January 1, 2022, which also incorporated a change of provider because of a merger.
- Submitted Auditor’s annual Internal Controls Report to SDRMA.



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CURRENT EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENTS

Recreation - Reservations Coordinator


Position posted and interviews pending


Environmental Services – Field Assistant

Position posted and interviews pending

CFO

Selection made – official start date will be 01/18/22



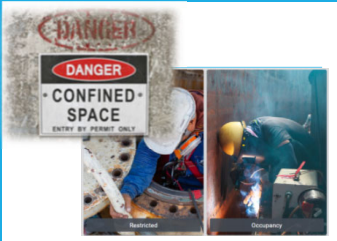




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- Obtained approval from Ventura County EMS on the District’s Public Safety-First Aid Naloxone Procedures and Protocol.
- Partnered with HR to review, evaluate, and incorporate pertinent legislative updates to Rangers Policy Manual.
- Supported Engineering Department with preparing Annual Security Compliance Certification with FERC.
- Coordinated/Secured eight hours of confined space refresher training for staff on site in February that would aid in minimizing travel costs and operational disruptions.
- Updated COVID-19 Prevention Program Plan and provided updates to staff at safety meeting and awareness messaging.



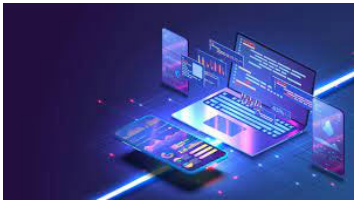



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- Executive out-brief completed, and recommendations provided for continued improvement by the Department of Homeland Security for our Validated Architecture Design Review.
- Board of Directors adopted Technology Systems Use Policy.
- Actively working on integrating new servers for District-wide use.



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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY KEY HIGHLIGHTS



January 12, 2022



Grant Funding

2021 FEMA HMGP Grant Application

- NOI to CalOES to support design and construction of new Outlet Works and Release Channel
- NOI acceptance on January 7, 2022
- Subapplication due by April 8, 2022
 - Total Project Cost: \$52 million, Federal Share: 75% or \$39 Million

2021 EPA WIFIA Program

- 39 projects across 24 states, 4 projects on a waiting list
- 10 projects in the State of California
- A total of \$6.7 billion loan to help finance \$15 billion worth of public health and water quality improvement projects
- WIFIA loan for SFD SIP: \$52M (≈ 49% of the SFD SIP total project cost)

Iron/ Manganese Treatment Project

Total Construction Costs

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Construction Cost (as of 8/2021) | \$9.34 Million |
| BAA Compliant Cost - added | \$1 Million |
| Total Construction Cost | \$10.34 Million |
| Adopted Budget 21/22, 22/23 | \$10.32 Million |

Grant Funding in Support of Construction Costs

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 2019 DWR Prop1 IRWMP Funding | \$2.50 Million |
| DOD OLDCC DCIP | \$4.23 Million |
| USBR WaterSmart Program | \$0.30 Million |
| Total State and Federal Funding | \$7.03 Million |

Camarillo Desalter Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Long-awaited desalter facility opening in Camarillo



Kirstin Kale, center, design manager at engineering firm Brown and Caldwell, gives a tour of the recently opened North Pleasant Valley Groundwater Desalter in Camarillo on Tuesday. The plant is operating now for test purposes, but city officials expect it to be fully operational by summer. PHOTOS BY JUAN CARLO/THE STAR



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4.7 Environmental Services Key Highlight

Increased Importation of State Water

Piru Creek Pulsed Flow Study

January 12, 2022

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Background

- Survey middle Piru Creek for invasive species before and after the December 7th Water Release (pulsed flow up to 600 cfs)

Goals

- Study the efficacy of pulsed water releases at flushing invasive species from sensitive habitats
- Collaborative effort to inform recommendation for management practice

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Partners

- December 5-6 pre-release surveys
- December 11-12 post-release surveys
- Collaborative effort between agencies, research scientists, and students

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Species Captured



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Preliminary Findings



- Small quantity of captures overall, more captures in post-release efforts
- Pre-release survey:
Largest quantity of captures occurred in most downstream survey sites
- Post-release survey:
Largest quantity of captures occurred in upstream survey sites.
- Data being evaluated by UCLA research scientists and students
- This was a first step –
Anticipate the collaborative effort to continue

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Motion Item 5.3

Authorize the General Manager to Approve Proposed Change Orders in response to adjusted Material and Equipment Costs related to the Buy American Act compliance for the Iron and Manganese Removal Project

*The **Buy American Act** requires Federal agencies to procure domestic materials and products. Two conditions must be present for the Buy American Act to apply:*

- (1) The procurement must be intended for public use within the United States; and*
- (2) The items to be procured or the materials from which they are manufactured must be present in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality.*



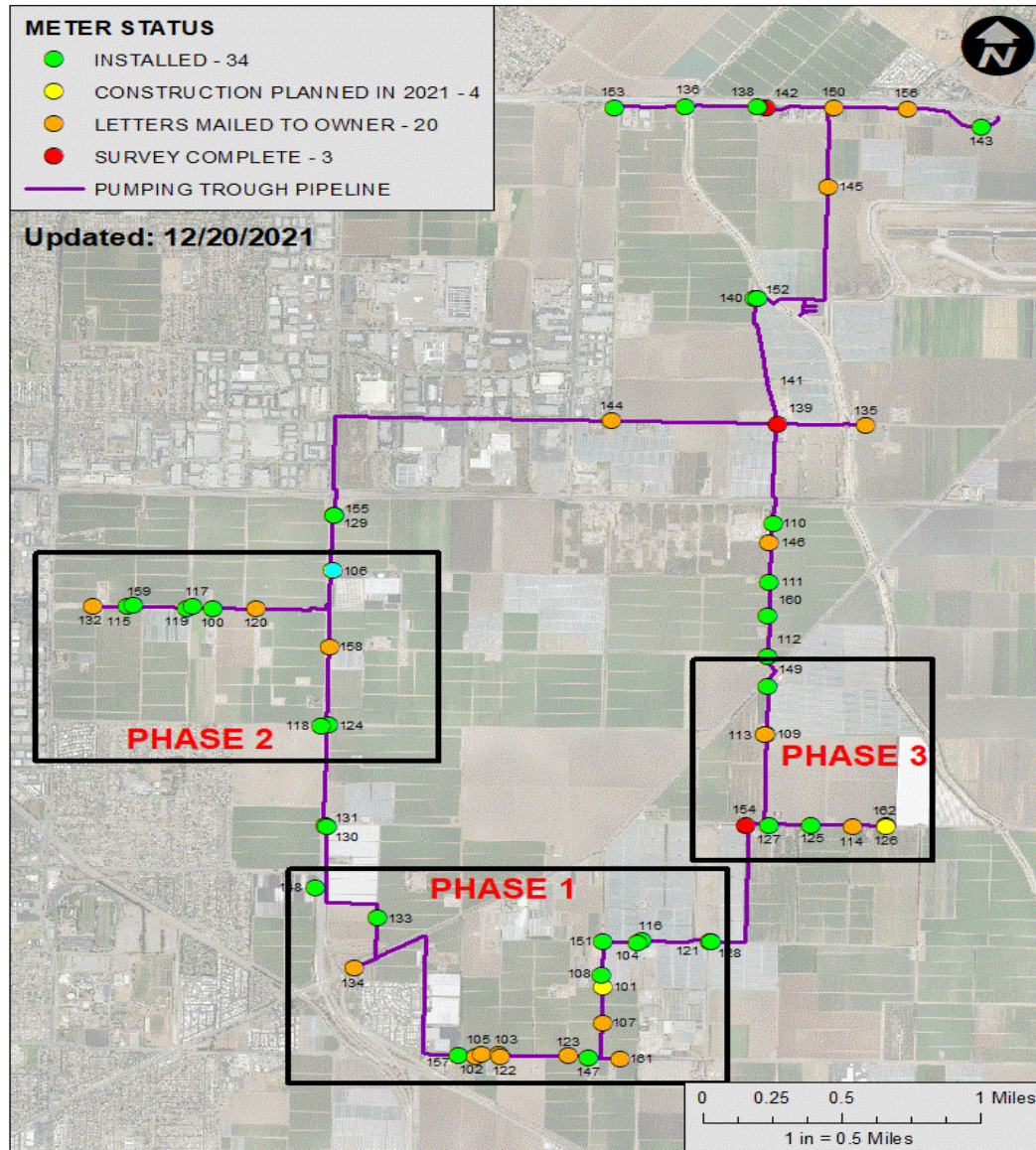
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Engineering Services to Support the Hardened Ramp Physical Modeling

- ☐ Contract with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants for \$341,254
 - ☐ Physical Modeling Support to include:
 - ☐ Modeling result review
 - ☐ On-site model visits
 - ☐ Design alterations
 - ☐ CFD model runs to correlate physical model results.



Motion Item 5.5



Authorization to the District's General Manager to Execute a Modified Utility Easement Deed Related to the PTP Metering Improvement Project For Select Properties