Board of Directors
Bruce E. Dandy, President
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Lynn E. Maulhardt, Secretary/Treasurer
Mohammed A. Hasan
Gordon Kimball
Michael W. Mobley
Daniel C. Naumann

General Manager
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 12:00 P.M.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

BOARD MATTERS

Normally, Action (Motion) Items will be considered and acted upon separately; Consent Items will be considered and acted upon collectively, although a Consent Item may be considered and acted upon separately; and Information Items will be considered separately without action. The Board of Directors in its discretion may change the order of agenda items.

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

Items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session will be announced.

1.1 Public Comments

Information Item

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Closed Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

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

The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

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

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Public Comment

Information Item

Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the Consent Calendar or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2.3 Approval of Agenda

Motion

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

Information Item

Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report
Information Item
The Board will receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board Members through Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports.

2.6 General Manager's Report
Information Item
The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.

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 Special Board Meeting of June 6, 2022, the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2022 and the Special Board Meeting of June 30, 2022.

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 2022-30 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 July 13, 2022 through August 12, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions
Motion
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-30 continuing subsequent findings that the requisite conditions exist for remote teleconference meetings of the District's legislative bodies without compliance with Government Code section54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e).

E. Resolution 2022-31 Reappointing Director Michael W. Mobley as the District's Representative to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Motion

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2022-31 reappointing UWCD Director Michael W. Mobley as the District's representative to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors.

F. Resolution 2022-32 Appointing Director Gordon Kimball as the District's Representative to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Motion

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2022-32 appointing UWCD Director Gordon Kimball as the District's representative to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors.

G. Resolution 2022-33 Approving a Revision to the UWCD FY 2022-23 Financial Policies relating to Staff Expense Policy (A. Travel Expenses 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate) and Expense and Compensable Activity Policy – Board Members and District Executives (A. Travel Expenses 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate) increasing the Mileage Rate to .625 Cents per Mile

Motion

The Board will review and consider adoption of Resolution 2022-33, adopting a revision to the UWCD FY 2022-23 Financial Policies relating to the Staff Expense Policy and the Compensable Activity Policy for Board Members and District Executives, increasing the mileage reimbursement rate to .625 cents per mile. Adoption of Resolution 2022-33 (Attachment A), if adopted, approves a revision to the following sections:

Expense Policy - Staff

A. Travel Expenses, 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate

Expense and Compensable Activity Policy - Board Members and District Executives

A. Travel Expenses, 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate

4. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Operations and Maintenance Department – Brian Collins

4.1 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report

Information Item

Summary report on monthly activities of the Operations and Maintenance Department, including but not limited to the District's facilities (Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant; the Piru Groundwater Recharge facility; the Freeman Diversion; the Saticoy and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities; the Pleasant Valley and Pumping Trough Pipeline systems; and the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline system), encompassing operating plans, the quantity and quality of water diverted and delivered, fish ladder operations, major maintenance problems and repairs, status of Operations and Maintenance projects and safety and training issues.

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

4.2 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report

Information Item

Summary report on monthly activities of the Park and Recreation Department, including but not limited to the Lake Piru Recreation Area, encompassing camping and boating policies at the lake; operations and activities; financing and status of facility improvement projects; maintenance activities; security issues; and emergency response activities.

Water Resources Department – Dan Detmer

4.3 Monthly Water Resources Department Report

Information Item

Summary report on the monthly activities of the Water Resources Department including but not limited to updates to the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model; brackish water treatment feasibility study; upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL; hydrologic and well conditions statewide and locally; available Forebay storage; Ventura County well ordinance update; Fox Canyon GMA issues; City of Oxnard's recycled water program; potential water supply and recycled water projects, including use of United's terminal reservoirs; and various user groups (including but not limited to Oxnard Plain and Pumping Trough Pipeline groups).

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

Information Item

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). Staff may also report on state-wide issues related to the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management.

<u>Administrative Services Department</u> – Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

4.5 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Josh Perez and Brian Zahn

<u>Information Item</u>

Summary report on the monthly activities of the Administrative Services Department including but not limited to issues associated with budget development, financial performance versus budget plan, financial accounting requirements and procedures, potential debt issuance and related financial services, status of District investments and reserves, updates on its capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, District property and facilities maintenance and administration, District records and reports, groundwater extraction statements administration, risk management and District liability insurance matters, management of District contracts, policy development, governance procedures, and supporting activities of Board and staff.

<u>Engineering Department</u> – Dr. Maryam Bral

4.6 Monthly Engineering Department Report

<u>Information Item</u>

Summary report on the monthly activities of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to water resources, planning efforts and department programs impacting the District, such as project design and construction; dam safety; FERC license compliance; Freeman Diversion; recycled water; pipeline operations and various engineering analysis.

<u>Environmental Services Department</u> – Linda Purpus

4.7 Monthly Environmental Services Department Report

<u>Information Item</u>

Summary report on the monthly activities of the Environmental Services Department, including but not limited to environmental and regulatory issues of note to the District, water releases, operations of the fish ladder at the Freeman Diversion, various monitoring efforts, study plans and issues associated with the Endangered Species Act, including the Section 10 MSHCP process, future fish passage requirements, compliance with the District's FERC license/Biological Opinion, the Santa Felicia Dam, studies and operations in and near Piru Creek, and any interactions with Rancho Temescal and Rancho Camulos.

5. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Administrative Services Department – Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

5.1 Consideration of Contract Award for State Legislative Advocacy, Governmental Affairs and Strategic Grant-Related Services

Motion

The Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC (Consultant) to provide governmental affairs, state legislative outreach and strategic grant-related services as outlined in the attached proposal "Scope of Services" for a monthly fee of $12,500., effective July 15, 2022.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.2 Resolution 2022-34 Adopting Volume 1 and United Water Conservation District's Annex included in Volume 2 of the 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion

The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-34, accepting all of Volume 1 and the United Water Conservation District (UWCD) annex included in Volume 2 of the 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

5.3 Resolution 2022-35 Adopting the Revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Safety Program dated July 2022

Motion

The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-35, approving the revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Program, dated July 2022.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022** or call of the President.

All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded. Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at the District's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200, Oxnard CA 93030 during normal business hours.

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Approved: _____
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr. – General Manager

Posted: (date) July 7, 2022 **(time)** 4:00p.m. **(attest)** ***Kris Sofley***
At: United Water Conservation District Headquarters, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

Posted: (date) July 7, 2022 **(time)** 4:15p.m. **(attest)** ***Kris Sofley***
At: www.unitedwater.org

EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA

1. LITIGATION

1.1 Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), one (1) case.

1.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)

A. City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 19CV06168, pending before the Court of Appeal of the Stat eof California, Second Appellate District, Division 6, Court of Appeal No. B312471.

B. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.2:16-cv-03869 GHK (PLAx).

C. OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 56-2021-00555357-CU-PT-VTA; Complaint for Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication of the Oxnard Groundwater Subbasin (No. 4-004.02) and Pleasant Valley Subbasin (No. 4-006) Pursuant to Sections 830, *Et Seq*. of the Code of Civil Procedure; Declaratory Relief; Quiet Title; and Petition for Writs of Mandate.

D. UWCD v United States, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 22-542L; Complaint for Just Compensation under the 5th Amendment.

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

Date: **June 6, 2022 (July 13, 2022 Meeting)**

Agenda Item: **2.5 Board Members' Activities Reports**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board of Directors through Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports.

Discussion:
This item is provided on the agenda of each regular District Board of Directors meeting in order to allow Directors to report on non-agenda activities such as:

1. UWCD Committee participation – Committee Chair to report on Committee's objectives and actions to Board.
2. Meetings, workshops, conferences and functions attended during the previous month on behalf of the District.
3. Possible conflicts that Directors might have with respect to issues on the Agenda.

Attachments: A – Directors' Monthly Activities Reports (per diem)
B - 2022 Calendar of District's Standing Committee and Outside Agency meetings
C - 2022 AWA VC Calendar of Meetings and Events

Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Activities and Expenses for Month 6 **Year** 22

Director: Mohammed A. Hasan, P.E.

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		**Date**	**Mileage**
		6-6	12
		6-8	12
		6-30	12
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	**Committee Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	Dr. Bill	6-22	
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	**W/ GM or LC**	**Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA	**Event Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	APWA-Vetura Water	6-9	30
	Water issues comm. AWA	6-21	
	Farm Bureau ~~AWA~~ Ag order	6-29	
5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	Mound basin	6-17	NA
	Chamber Alliance	6-17	7
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	**Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**

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Per Diem and Expenses for Month 6 **Year** 22

9. *Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities.*	**Official Name/Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.			

Other Expenses	**Total**
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	$
Meals*	$
Transportation*	$
Misc.*	$

* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only				
Phone Allowance			$	$50.00
Total # of meetings**	8	x $248./per month	$	1,984.00
**not to exceed 10 meetings and $2,260. per month or 1 meeting per day				
Total days of travel		x $100.00/day		
Total # of miles	73	x $0.585/mile	$	42.71
Total other expenses			$	
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$	2,076.71

Director Signature Mohammed Hasan Date: 7-1-22

General Manager Signature Date: 7/8/22

Definitions

BoD: Board of Directors

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GM: General Manager

Effective May 11, 2022 - the new meeting reimbursement fee will be $248 per day with a limit of 1 meeting per day and 10 reimbursable meetings per month

Board of Directors

Activities and Expenses for Month June **Year** 2022

Due on last day of month

Director: Michael W Mobley

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		**Date**	**Mileage**
		6/6	26.0 ✓
		6/8	26.0 ✓
		6/30	26.0 ✓
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	**Committee Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	**W/ GM or LC**	**Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	**Event Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	Mound Basin GSA Board Meeting	6/16	0.0 ✓
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	Zoom Meeting With Dr. Bill Mathis	6/23	0.0 ✓
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	**Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**

Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Per Diem and Expenses for Month _____ Year _____

9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities.	**Official Name/Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.			

Other Expenses	**Total**
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	$
Meals*	$
Transportation*	$
Misc.*	$

* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			$50.00
Total # of meetings**	5	x ~~$237~~/248*	$ 1240
**not to exceed 10 meetings and $2,260. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel		x $100.00/day	
Total # of miles	78	x $0.585/mile	$ 45.63
Total other expenses			$
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$ 1,335.63

Director Signature _____ Date: 7/6/22

General Manager Signature _____ Date: 7/6/22

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Board of Directors

Activities and Expenses for Month June **Year** 2022

Due on last day of month

Director: Daniel C. Naumann

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		**Date**	**Mileage**	
		June 6	12	✓
		June 30	12	✓
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	**Committee Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**	
	Engineering & Operations	June 2	12	✓
	Ad Hoc Legislative Committee	June 6		NA
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	**W/ GM or LC** / **Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**	
	Phone interview w/Dr. B Mathis	June 22	n/a	✓
	GM / dinner meeting w/Legal Counsel, Dr. Mathis, President Dandy	June 29	36.4	✓
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	**Event Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**	
5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**	
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**	
	PVCWD Special Board Meeting	June 7	14	✓
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**	
	Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century	June 2	n/a	N/A
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	**Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**	

Board of Directors

Per Diem and Expenses for Month _____ Year _____

Due on last day of month

9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities. At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.	Official Name/Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	$
Meals*	$
Transportation*	$
Misc.*	$

* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			$50.00
Total # of meetings**	6	x $248	$ 1,488.
**not to exceed 10 meetings and $2,260. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel		x $100.00/day	
Total # of miles	86.4	x $0.585/mile	$ 50.54
Total other expenses			$
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$ 1,588.54

Director Signature _____ Date: 7-7-2022

General Manager Signature _____ Date: 7/7/22

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United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2022 UWCD Standing Committee and Outside Agencies Meeting Dates

JANUARY 04- Water Resources (9am-10:05am)
05- Recreation (9am-9:28am)
05 Special UWCD Board Meeting (10am-10:02am)
06- Engineering and Operations (9am-10:53am)
11- Finance and Audit (9am-10:02am)
12- Board Meeting (12noon-3:48pm)
19- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
20- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
26- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
FEBRUARY: 01- Water Resources (canceled)
02- Recreation (9am-9:48am)
03- Engineering and Operations (9am-10:30am)
08- Finance and Audit (9am-10:04am)
09- Board Meeting (12noon-3:54pm)
16- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
17- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
23- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
28- Finance and Audit (9am-9:33am)
Special Board Meeting (12noon-12:14pm)
MARCH: 01- Water Resources (9am-11:23am)
02- Recreation (canceled)
03- Engineering and Operations (canceled)
09- Board Meeting (12noon-2:52pm)
16- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
17- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
23- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
APRIL: 04- Finance and Audit (9am-10:30am)
05- Water Resources (canceled)
05- Special Board Meeting (9am-9:02am)
5- Executive Committee Meeting (9:15am-10:45am)
6- Recreation (9am-9:38am)
7- Engineering and Operations (9am- 10:35am)
13- Board Meeting (12noon- 2:30pm)
20- Special Board Meeting (1pm-2:06pm)
20- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
21- Mound Basin GSA (canceled)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
27- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
MAY: 2 - Finance and Audit (8:30am- 9:31am)
3 - Water Resources (canceled)
4- Recreation (9am-9:33am)
5- Engineering and Operations (canceled)
11- Board Meeting (12noon-2:33pm)
18- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
19- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
25- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
31 –Water Resources* (9am-9:55am)
Finance and Audit (10:05am-10:58am)
JUNE: 01- Recreation (canceled)
02- Engineering and Operations (9am)
06- Special Board Meeting (2:30pm-)
08-Board Meeting (12noon)
15- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)

JUNE, continued
16- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
22- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
JULY: 05- Water Resources (canceled)
05 - Finance and Audit (canceled)
06- Recreation (9am)
06- Executive Committee meeting (4pm via Zoom)
07 - Engineering and Operations (9am)
13- Board Meeting (12noon)
20- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
21- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
27- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
AUGUST – 17- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
18- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
24- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
SEPTEMBER: 01- Engineering and Operations (9am)
6- Water Resources (9am)
Finance and Audit (10:30am)
7- Recreation (9am)
14-Board Meeting (12noon)
15- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
26- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
28- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
OCTOBER: 03 - Finance and Audit (8:30am)
04- Water Resources (9am)
05- Recreation (9am)
06- Engineering and Operations (9am)
12 -Board Meeting (12noon)
19- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
20- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
26- Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
31* -Finance and Audit (8:30am)
NOVEMBER: 01 - Water Resources (9am)
02- Recreation (9am)
03- Engineering and Operations (9am)
09- Board Meeting (12noon)
16- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
17- Mound Basin GSA (1pm)/Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
DECEMBER: 01- Engineering and Operations (9am)
05- Finance and Audit (8:30am)
06 – Water Resources (9am -)
07- Recreation (9am)
Fox Canyon GMA (1:30pm)
14- Board Meeting (12noon
15 -Mound Basin GSA (1pm)
Fillmore and Piru Basin GSA (5pm)
21- CoLAB VC WHEEL (1pm)
*scheduled to prevent dual meetings on the same day

ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY

2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

All AWA meetings are offered virtually until further notice. Hybrid (in-person & virtual) may occur when advisable (T.B.A.). Meeting/Event notices with all details will be sent via email prior to each occurrence. Contact AWA for more information

JANUARY	6	Board Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	18	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	20	**WaterWise Program**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	
	26	**Channel Counties/Water Systems**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
FEBRUARY	3	Executive Committee Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	15	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	17	**WaterWise Program**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	(T.B.A.)
	23	**Channel Counties/Water Systems**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
MARCH	3	Board Meeting (Annual Meeting-Elections)	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	15	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	17	**WaterWise Program (Installation/Directors)**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	(T.B.A.)
	23	**Channel Counties/Water Systems**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
APRIL	7	Executive Committee Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	19	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	21	**WaterWise Program**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	(T.B.A.)
	27	**Channel Counties/Water Systems**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
MAY	5	Board Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
Date to be Confirmed	**26**	**Annual Water Symposium & Exposition**	**7:00am–1:00pm, Thurs.**	**Courtyard – Oxnard/T.B.A.**
Date to be Confirmed	**26**	**Operators Tech Workshop & Exposition**	**7:00 am-3:30pm, Thurs.**	**Courtyard – Oxnard/T.B.A.**
JUNE	2	Executive Committee Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	16	**WaterWise Program**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	(T.B.A.)
	21	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	22	**Channel Counties/Water Systems**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
Date to be Confirmed	__	**CC/Water Systems Workshop (Confined Space)**	**8-Noon**	(Fire Dept-Camarillo/ T.B.A.)
JULY	7	Board Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	19	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	21	**WaterWise Program**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	(T.B.A.)
	27	**Channel Counties/Water Systems**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
AUGUST		**DARK**		
SEPTEMBER	**1**	Board Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	15	**Reception for Members/Elected Officials**	**4:00 pm, Thursday**	(AWA Members/Guests Only)
	20	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	28	**Channel Counties/Water Systems Luncheon**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
OCTOBER	6	Executive Committee Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	18	Water Issues Committee	8:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	20	**WaterWise Program**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	(T.B.A.)
	26	**Channel Counties/Water Systems Luncheon**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
Date to be Confirmed	__	**Math Workshop: Water Distribution Exam Review**	**8:00am–Noon**	
NOVEMBER	3	Board Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
Date to be Confirmed	**?**	**Annual VC Water Supply Bus Tour**	**8:00 am**	
	15	Water Issues Committee	7:00 am, Tuesday	(AWA Members Only)
	17	**WaterWise Breakfast Program**	**8:00 am, Thursday**	(T.B.A.)
	***29**	**Channel Counties/Water Systems Lunch**	**8:00 am, Wednesday**	
Date to be Confirmed	__	**Math Workshop: Water Treatment Exam Review**	**8:00am–Noon**	
DECEMBER	*08	Executive Committee Meeting	3:00 pm, Thursday	
	08	**Holiday Mixer/Corporate Night**	**4:00 pm, Thursday**	(AWA Members/Guests Only)

*** Indicates change from typical event date**

Board Approved 11/4/21

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United Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

From: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

Date: **July 7, 2022 (July 13, 2022 meeting)**

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

Staff Recommendation:
The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequences to the District.

Discussion:
The General Manager's primary responsibility is to ensure that the policies and directions of the Board of Directors are adhered to as he oversees and manages the efforts of the department managers and their staff in the day-to-day operation and administration of the District. All of these efforts are to be consistent with the District's Mission Statement and within the fiscal constraints set by the Board of Directors.

The District's managers provide detailed monthly updates to the Board of Directors which outline projects' statuses, accomplishments, issues of concern, projects planning, etc. The monthly General Manager's report provides an opportunity for the General Manager to discuss issues that may impact the efforts of the separate departments as they pursue their defined goals and objectives. The report also provides the Board with information on the District's efforts and involvement in local, regional and state-wide issues.

Finally, the monthly General Manager's report offers the Board of Directors an overview of how their policies and directions are being administered through discussion of the work plan and efforts of the General Manager.

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MINUTES
SPECIAL UWCD BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 6, 2022, 2:30 p.m.
United Water Conservation District
Headquarters' Boardroom
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE
Bruce E. Dandy, president
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Mauricio Guardado, general manager
David D. Boyer, legal counsel
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager
Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE
Gordon Kimball

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 2:30 P.M.
President Dandy called the meeting to order at 2:30p.m.

1.A Pledge of Allegiance
President Dandy asked Director McFadden to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

1.B Roll Call
All seven directors were present (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann and Dandy)

1.C Public Comment
Information Item
President Dandy asked if there were any public comments. None were offered

President Dandy and the Clerk of the Board provided an overview of the public notice postings, newspaper notices and other steps taken in accordance with policies and procedures for the Board's appointment of a Director to fill the Division 1 seat being vacated by Director McFadden.

Director Hasan addressed the Board stating that he wanted to voice his objection as he thought there should be at least two or three candidates for this Board seat, implying that something was wrong with the process used in announcing the Board vacancy and noticing the Board was seeking candidates for the Division 1 Board seat.

Director Berger stated that the Board decided to appointment a replacement and that, due to the upcoming general election in November, and the time constraints that election created regarding the timeline for appointments, the Board was asking in a timely manner so the County Board of Supervisors would not have to appoint someone to the vacant seat.

Director Maulhardt stated that he concurred with Director Berger and that the process for the Board appointing a replacement is consistent with the policies and procedures adhered to in the past.

Gordon Kimball, the candidate for the Division 1 seat, said that he too was disappointed that he was the only candidate as it is an indication of how few people are interested in water governance in Ventura County. He added that he would have preferred to see six or seven candidates at today's meeting.

President Dandy then began the interview process of Mr. Kimball.

2. CANDIDATE REVIEW FOR DIVISION 1 BOARD SEAT

2.A Review Application and Resume for Division 1 Candidate and
2.B Candidate A will be interviewed by the Board

President Dandy asked Mr. Kimball to tell the Board a bit about himself and his background, for those that may not know of him.

Mr. Kimball said that he literally grew up with United Water as it was a common topic around his grandfather's table, as his grandfather served on the Board at the formation of United Water Conservation District. He said that his uncle also served as a United Water Board member and added that his wife's father was the assistant chief engineer during the construction of the Santa Felicia Dam in the 1950s.

Mr. Kimball told the Board that he remembered when United Water was a very big deal, constructing the Santa Felicia Dam for water storage, building the Freeman Diversion to recharge the basins and then people just stated taking it for granted. When environmental disputes began and rates went up as a result, people noticed United Water again.

Mr. Kimball spoke of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 and fostered concerns about the formation of the Board for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency, he started the Pumpers associations in Fillmore and Piru and secured stakeholder director seats for both organizations on the Agency's board. He added that it has been great having Director McFadden representing United Water as a member director on the Board and that since the Fillmore and Piru basins are sustainable, it has been a fairly easy task developing groundwater sustainability plans for the basins. He added that the Board is comprised of hardworking individuals of many different perspectives, but so far, everything is going well.

Director McFadden stated that he has worked with Mr. Kimball since the start of the GSA and that Mr. Kimball has a better understanding of the issues faced by United and that he is also committed to creating balance. He also stated the Mr. Kimball, being an engineer, is a logical, cool-headed individual. Director McFadden than asked Mr. Kimball to explain his motivation for wanting to serve on the UWCD Board.

Mr. Kimball replied that it would be a chance to do more and that United Water's responsibilities and capabilities are much greater than the GSA and that by serving on the United Water board, he is also creating an opportunity for the Pumpers' associations to grow, too. He said he is interested in being involved with the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement project issues, diversion issues and drought issues, too, and that he really wants to be involved in finding the solutions to these issues.

Director Berger stated that he had spoken to Limoneira's President, CEO and Board Director Harold Edwards about Mr. Kimball, who serves as the Chairman of the Limoneira Board of Directors, and that Mr. Edwards thinks very highly of Mr. Kimball. He also stated that he has seen Mr. Kimball at a lot of United's meetings and knows that Mr. Kimball is very much involved in water.

Mr. Kimball replied that joining the United Board is a chance to serve a bigger community and help efforts in sustainability.

Director Maulhardt said that he too remembered hearing talk of United Water at the dinner table and heard his dad talk about the formation of United Water. He stated that he also recalls Kimball workers pruning trees, especially the deep root pruning, which was his first introduction to the Kimball name. He said the work and work ethic was impressive. Director Maulhardt said that he too remembers seeing Mr. Kimball at meetings when United was in Santa Paula and recalls that Mr. Kimball is a quite man who possesses a wealth of knowledge about the County and the upper river east of the Freeman. He added that Director Mobley and Director McFadden know the history of the upper river and how the work of United has brought everyone to the conclusion that all the basins – Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula, are one giant interactive connection, which is significant in groundwater management. He

addressed Mr. Kimball stating that while the Board tends to focus on the southern region of the District, he is very pleased that Mr. Kimball has placed his hat in the ring. He added that with Mr. Kimball's education, experience and history in this valley, Director Maulhardt is honored to have him throw his hat in ring and asked Mr. Kimball what does UWCD, encompassing Fillmore, Piru, Santa Paula, and the Oxnard Plain, need to do?

Mr. Kimball said that he does not know enough about all that United is dealing with, but he knows the Board and Mr. Guardado have worked closed with elected officials in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento and with the Naval Base in Ventura County. He stated that United's work is critical to all because everybody needs water. When storage was an issue, United built the Santa Felicia Dam, and brought water from Fillmore and Piru to the cities. The Water Sustainability Summit demonstrated the projects that are now being developed and was a fantastic way to educate people both in the cities and the County, and make them partners on these projects rather than the opposition. We need to find a way for all of us to have enough water.

Director Hasan stated that there are 60,000 constituents and only one person to select from. The Board is not doing its job, he said, in telling people to get involved. He then asked Mr. Kimball what he would like to see the Board do to get that information out to the people.

Mr. Kimball replied that when everyone becomes angry about rates, or limiting water use without being asked for input, that's when people will show up to meetings. He added that it is really hard to get people involved and as long as the water is coming out of the spout, the public has other ways to spend its time. He continued, stating that People have so many choices and demands on their time these days, they are "glad to know you're taking care of it." If you are doing a good job, they will leave you to it.

Director Hasan stated that Mr. Kimball has been involved in water for quite some time and asked him what the District should do about the drought in Ventura County and California.

Mr. Kimball replied that first, you look at the hydrographs. Then he suggested a need for more storage so that when it does rain, more of it can be captured and stored for future use. He added that everybody needs to think more carefully about conservation, think about what trees and plants are needed, if grass really needs to be planted at every house, and, he concluded, we need to address efficiencies in irrigation.

Director Mobley spoke, saying he knew of Mr. Kimball's leadership, his formation of the pumpers' associations, and understood why no one would want to run against Mr. Kimball with that kind of reputation and accomplishments to his credit. He also said that Mr. Kimball has been coming to the United Board and Committee meetings and has a long history of involvement. He added that Mr. Kimball was

also always concerned about water rates, advocating for consistency or very small increases. Director Mobley asked Mr. Kimball that, since the water rates have been going up, have people complained to him about water rates. Director Mobley added, not just due to the cost of the projects but regulatory agencies, permitting, does United need to do a better job of explaining that to rate payers?

Mr. Kimball replied that it certainly would not hurt. He said that he initially heard grumblings when rates first went up, and there were the United rates, and the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA rates, and the Fox Canyon GMA rates and the Pumpers Association fees, but people realize that we need to spend money on water. Water has a real value and that people are willing to pay to make sure there is balance and that water will be there when it is needed. It is only when people are angry, he added, that they show up to meetings. Mr. Kimball then suggested that it may be better to not talk about rates, but instead talk about all that United is doing with that money. In the 1950s, it was 10 years from concept to completion to build the Santa Felicia Dam. You could not do that today because of permitting and environmental complaints. United needs to take every opportunity to keep trying to reach out to the constituents. Focus on projects, talk about the challenges that lay ahead and promote the goal of fewer lawsuits and more projects. Our fathers and grandfathers had the foresight to successfully manage the water and it is our responsibility to carry that forward.

Director McFadden stated that the reason Mr. Kimball was unopposed in seeking this appointment reflects his reputation. People know he has it handled. United Water rate payers understand that Mr. Kimball is a good steward for the District.

Director Naumann added that the District is blessed to have the percolation rates of the upper basins and added that his uncle had served on the United board, which his how he became interested and why he wants to make United better and stronger. He recalled how once the Board described what we were doing and why, the public relaxed and let us do it. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Kimball that the District needs to focus on storage and projects. He added that he enjoyed watching the video from the UWCD 90th Anniversary celebration that included Mr. Kimball with his wife and mom.

Director Hasan thanked Mr. Kimball for thinking of serving and for his willingness to service.

Mr. Kimball replied that having a seat on the Board is a special responsibility, and if he is the only candidate, that just makes his responsibility more important and he is committed to doing a better job.

President Dandy asked if Mr. Kimball had any questions for the Board. Mr. Kimball said he did not have any questions.

2.C Board discussion of next steps

District's Legal Counsel David Boyer explained that now that Mr. Kimball has been interviewed by the Board, the next steps will be taken at the Board meeting on Wednesday, at which time the Board will vote on whether to appoint Mr. Kimball to the Division 1 Board vacancy and will be able to make further comments at that time. If the vote is in favor of appointing Mr. Kimball to the Board vacancy, then the clerk will administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Kimball and he will assume the vacancy at that time.

President Dandy said no further action will be taken at this time.

AJOURMENT

President Dandy adjourned the Special Board meeting at 3:15p.m. to the **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 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 Special Board meeting of June 6, 2022.

ATTEST:_____
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

ATTEST:_____
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

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MINUTES
UWCD BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 12:00 noon
United Water Conservation District Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE
Bruce E. Dandy, president
Sheldon G. Berger, vice president
Lynn E. Maulhardt, secretary/treasurer
Mohammed A. Hasan, director
Edwin T. McFadden III, director
Michael W. Mobley, director

DIRECTORS ABSENT
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
Dan Detmer, water resources manager
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Dan Detmer, water resource manager
Tony Huynh, risk and safety manager
Suparna Jain, legal counsel
Randall McInvale, environmental scientist regulatory affairs
Craig Morgan, engineering manager
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager
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
Ambry Tibay, senior accountant
Brian Zahn, chief financial officer

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE
Gordon Kimball
Catherine P. Keeling
Dan Pinkerton
Jennifer Tribo, Ventura Water
Joe Marcinko, Oxnard Public Works

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

President Dandy called the Board meeting to order at 12:01p.m.

1.1 Public Comments

Information Item

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

President Dandy asked District Legal Counsel to detail the topics that the Board would be discussing in Executive (Closed) Session. District's Legal Counsel David Boyer reported the Board, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), would be discussing one case of potential litigation and, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), would be discussing four cases of existing litigation including City of San Buenaventura v UWCD, Wishtoyo Foundation v UWCD, OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon GMA, and UWCD v United States.

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

President Dandy adjourned the meeting into Executive (Closed) session at 12:03p.m.

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

President Dandy called the Board Meeting to order for the second open session at 1:15p.m. He asked Director Maulhardt to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Director Maulhardt led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.2 Public Comment

Information Item

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

2.3 Approval of Agenda

Motion

President Dandy asked if there were any changes to the agenda. UWCD General Manager Mauricio Guardado replied there were none.

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

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session
Information Item

President Dandy asked District Legal Counsel Mr. Boyer to report the Board's actions out of Executive (Closed) session.

Mr. Boyer reported that the Board, in the Executive (Closed) Session portion of its Regular meeting on May 11, authorized a just compensation complaint against the United States, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its National Marine Fisheries Services unit (UWCD v USA/NOAA-NMFS 22-542L) which he delayed reporting until the server processes were completed. And in today's Executive (Closed) Session portion of the meeting, the Board agreed (with 6 members voting in favor, no members voting to opposed, and one member absent) to file a petition for review in the City of San Buenaventura v UWCD case, appealing the 2019/2020 decision that UWCD extraction charges and Water Code 75595 invalidates Prop 26.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report
Information Item

President Dandy asked the Board if there were any changes or additions or comments regarding the Board Members through Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports.

Director Hasan called attention to his participation at the Santa Paula Chamber event in May.

2.6 General Manager's Report
Information Item

President Dandy ask the General Manager if he had anything to add to his report.

Mr. Guardado stated that he had nothing to add to this month's report.

2.7 Consider Cancelation of August Board Meeting
Motion

President Dandy stated that, as has been the District's tradition, the Board shall consider canceling its regular August 2022 Board meeting, and asked for a motion.

Motion to cancel the August UWCD Board of Director meeting, Director Hasan; Second, Director Berger. Voice vote: six in favor of canceling the August Board meeting; none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

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 May 11, 2022.

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 2022-21 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 June 8, 2022 through July 7, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions
Motion
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-21 continuing subsequent findings that the requisite conditions exist for remote teleconference meetings of the District's legislative bodies without compliance with Government Code section54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e).

3.E Resolution 2022-26 Authorizing Brian Zhan and Daryl Smith as Signatures for Fiscal Year 2022-23 through the County Auditor's Office Local Agencies Form and Wire Transfers Form
Motion
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-26, approving the District's Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn and Controller Daryl Smith as authorized signers on the District's accounts with the Ventura County Auditor's Office and approving the completed Local Agencies Form and Wire Transfers Form as requested by the County's Auditor-Controller.

President Dandy asked the Board if they wanted to discuss any of the Consent Calendar items in detail before voting. No response was offered.

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

4. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Administrative Services Department – Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

4.1 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Josh Perez and Brian Zahn

Information Item

Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn addressed the Board, asking if there were any questions or comments regarding the summary report on the monthly activities of the Administration Department and Finance in particular. None were offered.

Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez asked to highlight a couple of items or activities for the Board, reporting that the District participated in an Emergency Operations Center operational testing and information sharing drill with the Department of Homeland Security, Dam Sector, and the Emergency Operations Center came through with flying colors. He also reported that the District was purchasing an audio system that would provide for in-house hearing tests for those employees whose jobs require testing, in accordance with OSHA standards, thereby securing significant cost savings to the District. Mr. Perez asked if the Board had any questions or comments. None were offered.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

4.2 Monthly Engineering Department Report

Information Item

Dr. Bral addressed the Board and shared a presentation (see attached slides) based on the monthly activities of the Engineering Department and highlighting key projects including the Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant project, the PTP Recycled Water Connection at Laguna Road and provided an update on federal and state grant funding opportunities secured and being pursued by the District of the CIP projects, including the WIFIA Loan Program which will provide a low interest loan for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project.

Mr. Guardado reminded the Board that Dr. Bral and her team are committed to the strategy of securing grant funding to offset the costs of the various projects the District is developing and implementing and have been very successful in bringing significant amounts of funding into Ventura County, which also reduces the financial obligations of the District's rate payers.

Director Maulhardt stated that, over the years, he has asked staff to make presentations succinct and these were the best slides every presented. He also said that with ongoing legislation and constant changes he thinks that staff is working as a team marvelously. He said that the Board has authorized staff to go through this process, which entails a staggering amount of energy and thought, outreach

trips to DC and Sacramento, and modeling, et cetera and this is the best example of why we are doing what we do.

Director Hasan said the Dam Safety Improvement Project, to secure $68 million of the $130 million needed, it is among the largest projects.

Dr. Bral added that staff has also been making presentations to the community as part of the public outreach effort, including to the County Board of Supervisors on May 10 and to the Channel Islands Beach Community Services Department, and both of those presentations were very well received.

Environmental Services Department – Linda Purpus

4.3 Monthly Environmental Services Department Report

Information Item

Environmental Services Manager Linda Purpus did not have a presentation and asked the Board if there were any questions or comments regarding the department's summary report on the monthly activities of the Environmental Services Department. None were offered.

Operations and Maintenance Department – Brian Collins

4.4 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report

Information Item

Chief Operations Officer Brian Collins addressed the Board, stating that he had no presentation but asked if there were any questions or comments regarding his summary report on monthly activities of the Operations and Maintenance Department. None were offered.

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

4.5 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report

Information Item

Chief Park Officer Clayton Strahan addressed the Board, stating that he had no presentation but asked if there were any questions or comments regarding his summary report on monthly activities of the Park and Recreation Department. None were offered.

Water Resources Department – Dan Detmer

4.6 Monthly Water Resources Department Report

Information Item

Water Resources Manager Dan Detmer addressed the Board, stating that he had no presentation but asked if there were any questions or comments regarding his summary report on the monthly activities of the Water Resources Department. None were offered

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

Information Item

Similarly, Mr. Detmer asked if there were any questions regarding the summary report on the monthly activities of the three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. None were offered.

5. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Water Resources Department – Dr. Maryam Bral and Dan Detmer

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING Continuation of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2022-23 Zones and Extraction Charges

Motion

President Dandy continued the Public Hearing from the previous Board meeting of May 11, 2022. He stated that, in accordance with Part 9 of Division 21 of the California Water Code (Section 75500 et seq.), the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of groundwater resources within the District. An "Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions" was submitted to the Board on March 23, 2022 and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing was opened on April 13, 2022 and continued until May 11, 2022, at which time it was again continued to June 8, 2022. During the hearing, the Board has and will receive information from District staff and consultant(s) in support of the establishment of zone(s) within the District and levying of groundwater extraction charges within such zone(s). Public comment will also be accepted. No Board decisions have yet been made. The Board may choose to conclude the hearing today and consider acting to establish zone(s) within the District and to levy groundwater extraction charges within such zone(s) for the 2022-23 water year.

Mr. Guardado, Mr. Detmer, and Dr. Bral each provided testimony supported by written testimony, validating the groundwater conditions of the District, the process for determining zones and levying groundwater extraction charges. After each person completed their testimony, President Dandy asked if the Board had any comments or questions for the person providing testimony. No comments or questions were offered for any of those speaking before the board.

Brian Wheeler, a member of the District's legal team, asked the District's consultants – Rick Simonson of HF&H and Dr. Rod Smith of Stratecon, if, in their opinions, the manner in which the District intends to allocate its groundwater extraction charges to agricultural and M&I pumpers under the District's Proposed Budget Plan bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the payors' burdens on, or benefits received from, the District's activity. Both gentlemen replied yes.

President Dandy thanked the consultants and District staff for all of their work. Then he asked if there were any members of the public that would like to provide testimony or comment to the Board. None was offered.

With that, President Dandy concluded the Public Hearing and asked Mr. Boyer to explain the next steps in adopting the proposed FY 2022-23 budget, zones and groundwater extraction fees. Mr. Boyer explained the process regarding the Board's consideration of the Resolutions before them. President Dandy said he would accept a motion for one Resolution at a time, and asked the Board member making the motion to include the full name of the Resolution in their motion.

Resolution 2022-22
Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District.
Motion
Director Maulhardt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-22, making findings and determinations from the evidence submitted concerning the groundwater conditions of United Water Conservation District; Second, Director Hasan. President Dandy asked for a roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

President Dandy then asked if there was a motion for Resolution 2022-23.

Resolution 2022-23
Making Additional Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charge Zones and Levying, Assessing and Fixing Groundwater Extraction Charges against All Persons Operating Groundwater Producing Facilities within Such Zones for the 2022-23 Water Year
Motion
Director McFadden made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-23, making additional findings and determinations from the evidence submitted concerning groundwater conditions of United Water Conservation District, determining and establishing groundwater extraction charge zones and levying, assessing and fixing groundwater extraction charges against all persons operating groundwater producing facilities within such zones for the 2022-23 water year; Second, Director Mobley. President Dandy asked for a roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

President Dandy again asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board or members of the public. None were offered. President Dandy then stated that the item was concluded and thanked everyone again for their participation and addressed the next item on the agenda.

Administration Services – Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

5.2 Resolution 2022-24 Adopting the Proposed District Budget Plan, Financial Policies, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Motion

Mr. Zahn addressed the Board and stated that there had been two very minor amendments to the proposed FY 2022-23 budget – the removal of two trucks under capital purchases resulting in a reduction of $46,000, and an increase of $70,000 in salaries because of staff transitioning from a six month to full year position. President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-24, adopting the proposed District Budget Plan with amendments, fiscal policies, overhead allocation method, staffing levels and salary schedules for fiscal year 2022-23 and appropriation carryovers from fiscal year 2021-22, Director Hasan; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

5.3 Resolution 2022-25 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of UWCD Requesting the Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Period 2022-23 Sufficient to Satisfy the State Water Project Charges

Motion

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-25, requesting the County Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for FY 2022-23 to provide approximately $2,099,000 in property tax revenue sufficient to satisfy a portion of the voter approved debt for State Water Project costs, Director Hasan; Second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

5.4 Consolidate District's 457 Plan with Lincoln Finance Group

Motion

Mr. Perez addressed the Board stating that he, the general manager, the CFO and an investment advisor were recommending the consolidation of the District's 457 plans with Lincoln Finance Group in that it lowered investment fees, provided greater fee transparency, online enrollment, online educational resources and a local investment advisor and streamlined investments. Mr. Perez added that this action had no fiscal impact on the District, but because it exceeds the general manager's authorization level, he was bringing this matter before the Board. He added that the motion was reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee and Local 721 and both were fine with the consolidation. He also said there is one side issue

for some of the fixed annuity plans, in that some would have a higher fixed rate and those individuals impacted by that would be able to meet with advisors and have their annuity contracts reviewed.

President Dandy asked if the Local was in favor of this and Mr. Perez responded they were very much in.

Motion to consolidate the District's 457 plan(s) providers Lincoln Financial Group and Empower, who currently offer 457 plans to active and retired employees of the District, with Lincoln Financial Group and authorize the General Manager and/or his designee to formally transition all current participants into a single modernized 457 plan with Lincoln Financial Group, Director Maulhardt; 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.

Environmental Services Department – Linda Purpus

5.5 Resolution 2022-27 Approving Adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption and the Approval of the Information Collection for the Proposed Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Project

Motion

Ms. Purpus addressed the Board and asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the motion. None were offered.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-27, adopting the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the information collection for the proposed extraction barrier and brackish water project (project), approving the project, and directing staff to file the NOE in accordance with CEQA, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.6 Resolution 2022-28 A Resolution of the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors Authorizing Entering Into a Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and Authorizing and Designating United Water Conservation District's General Manager For the Phase 1 Pumping of Coastal Brackish Groundwater Wells to Control Seawater Intrusion, Oxnard Basin Project

Motion

Dr. Bral asked Senior Engineer Robert Richardson to provide the Board with the presentation slides (see attached) outlining the motion item. Mr. Richardson explained that the funding would be used specifically for implementation of project clean-up to prevent seawater intrusion. The project has received two letters of support and during the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting received feedback to reach out to CoLAB for another letter of support. This is a feasibility study that will analyze the potential impact of the project, which is minimal. Extraction barrier well field will be co-located in Oxnard and Mugu, seven wells

will be at Naval Base Ventura County. Phase I entails the seawater barrier as a standalone and Phase II will look at the potential expansion of the project and its benefits to the Navy Base and users on the Oxnard Plain. The proposal is due July 15, with a work date of Fall 2022 and a March 2026 completion.

Director Hasan asked about the well field location and Mr. Richardson said it will be co-located a quarter mile off Mugu Lagoon and the mouth of Calleguas Creek, which will pull back saline water further inland and create a hydrologic barrier.

Director Maulhardt said it is significant that UWCD was invited to apply for the grant, especially now that grants are so competitive. He expressed how during his time with the District, the Board has been laying the foundation for grants and he is encouraged by the willingness of the agencies to participate in the exploratory process. He added that he was very optimistic and wholeheartedly supports this effort and thanked staff for its success in securing grants to offset the costs of these projects.

President Dandy added that this is a major step for constituents, is saving a lot of money while sharing knowledge and expertise and thanked staff for its efforts in securing grant funding. He then asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-28, in support of the District's submission of a 2022 Groundwater Grant Program Implementation Round 3 grant application to the State Water Resources Control Board, Director Mobley; 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.

Operations and Maintenance Department – Brian Collins

5.7 Authorize the Supplemental Appropriation of Funds to Purchase a Replacement Pump for the Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP) Reservoir

Motion

Mr. Collins addressed the Board and asked if there were any questions, he could answer regarding the request for a supplemental appropriation to purchase a replacement pump for the PTP Reservoir. None were offered.

Director Maulhardt stated that the Finance and Audit Committee had reviewed Mr. Collins request and was recommending approval of the request to the full Board.

Motion to authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $189,000 to support the unbudgeted purchase of a replacement pump and electrical motor for the Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP) Reservoir, which includes a 10% contingency, Director Maulhardt; 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.

<u>Administration Services</u> – Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

5.8 UWCD Proclamation presented to Director Edwin T. McFadden III
<u>Ceremonial Item</u>

President Dandy began by thanking Director McFadden for his years of service to the Board and presented a UWCD Proclamation to Director McFadden in recognition of his nearly nine years of service to the United Water Conservation District in his role as Director of Division 1 as well as his more than five years of additional service as the UWCD Member Director to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Mr. Guardado stated that Director McFadden was very good at keeping the Board and staff mission-focused and as the big guy in the center, he always wants that one last assist and with that, tossed a basketball that had been signed by all of the Board members, Mr. Guardado and the District's Legal Counsel, Mr. Boyer.

Director McFadden thanked everyone for their kind words and acknowledgement adding that the hardest part of his decision to move was leaving at such an exciting time for the District, when so much was going on. He thanked staff and Mr. Guardado, adding even though he was a USC alum; he thanked his fellow Board members and said he will miss them all and that it has been a pleasure to work alongside them. He also said he had much gratitude for Gordon Kimball, the next person to fill this position, and said it made it easier to look forward to Sitka, Alaska.

5.9 Appointment of Director for Division 1
<u>Motion</u>

President Dandy explained the process of receiving Director McFadden's resignation effective, June 8, 2022, and staff's notification to the County Elections office as well as posting notices in various locations throughout the District, including running a public notice ad in the Ventura County Star announcing the vacancy and inviting interested parties to submit their resume for consideration as an appointee to the Division 1 seat. He thanked Mr. Kimball for stepping forward and asked the Board if there was a motion.

Motion to appoint Gordon Kimball to the Division 1 vacancy effective immediately, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Berger. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carried unanimously 6/0/1.

5.10 New Division 1 Director Oath of Office
<u>Motion</u>

Mr. Kimball swore an Oath of Office in accepting the appointment to the Division 1 seat on the UWCD Board of Directors, which was administered by the Clerk of the Board.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hasan suggested the District consider a two-year budget cycle.

8. ADJOURNMENT 3:03p.m.

President Dandy adjourned the meeting at 3:03p.m. to the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 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 June 8, 2022.

ATTEST:_____
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

ATTEST:_____
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

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ATTENDANCE LIST

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 12noon

MEETING: UWCD Board of Directors Meeting

The signing or registering of your name on this sign-up form is not required but is voluntary. All persons may attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District without signing or registering their names on this form.

Name (Please Print)	Representing
Suparna Jain	AALRR/UWCD
Joe Maciinko	Oxnard
Catherine Keeling	Santa Paula
Dan Pulskamp	Santa Paula
Gordon Kimball	SELF
Jennifer Tribo	Ventura Water

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

June 8, 2022

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant Project

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Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant Project

May 4

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Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant Project

May 10

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Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant Project

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Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant Project

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PTP Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road

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Grant Funding Awarded

Project	Funding	Award	Received
Not Started			
Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Project	DWR SGM Grant Program Round 1	$ 1,317,900	$ -
Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin	DWR SGM Grant Program Round 1	$ 2,510,300	$ -
PTP Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline	NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant	$ 343,422	$ -
	DWR SGM Grant Program Round 1	$ 2,651,500	$ -
In Progress			
PTP Metering Improvement Project	DWR Prop 1 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grant	$ 635,059	$ 477,314
Under Construction			
El Rio Iron and Manganese Treatment Project	USBR WaterSMART Grant Program	$ 300,000	$ -
	DOD Defense Community Infrastructure Program	$ 4,230,133	$ 643,635
	DWR Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Round 1	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,347,062
Completed			
OH Backup Generator	CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Management Cost Funding	$ 26,581	$ 26,581
	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	$ 862,050	$ 1,084,826
Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Project	SWRCB Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program Round 2	$ 122,563	$ 81,503
Emergency Power Supply for UWCD Drinking Water Treatment and Supply Facilities	CalOES Community Power Resiliency to Special Districts	$ 198,612	$ 198,612

Total $15.69M

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Grant Funding Applications
Pending Award

Project	Funding	Amount	Project Cost	Estimated Award	Completion
Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Seismic Risk Mitigation Project	CalOES PrepareCA Match Program	$ 17,000,000	$ 68,000,000	TBD	3 years
	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	$ 51,000,000		TBD	3 years
Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Project	SWRCB Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program	$ 4,225,291	$ 8,450,581	Fall 2022	by 2026
		Total $72.23M			

Loan Applications Pending

Project	Funding	Amount	Project Cost	Estimated Award	Completion
Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project	EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act	$ 64,000,000	$ 130,000,000	2022	N/A

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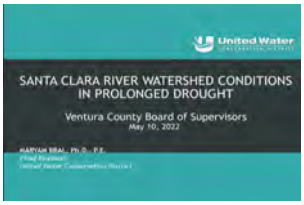
Outreach Efforts

- *Presentation to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on May 10*



- *Presentation to the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District on May 10*

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QUESTIONS

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Resolution 2022-27

5.5 Approving Adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) and the Approval of the Information Collection for the Proposed Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Project

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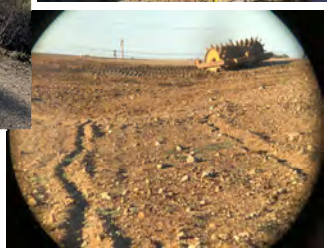
Project Overview

Objective

- Obtain information and collect data to inform the design and scope of future project phases
- Land surveying, geotechnical, environmental, engineering, and hydrogeology surveys
- Installation of up to six monitoring wells



CEQA Findings

- Categorical Exemption: Information Collection (Class 6, Section 15306)

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Request to Board:

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the CEQA Findings (NOE) for the Information Collection for the Proposed Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Project

Questions

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Resolution 2022-28

5.6 A Resolution of the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors Authorizing Entering Into a Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and Authorizing and Designating United Water Conservation District's General Manager For the Phase 1 Pumping of Coastal Brackish Groundwater Wells to Control Seawater Intrusion, Oxnard Basin Project

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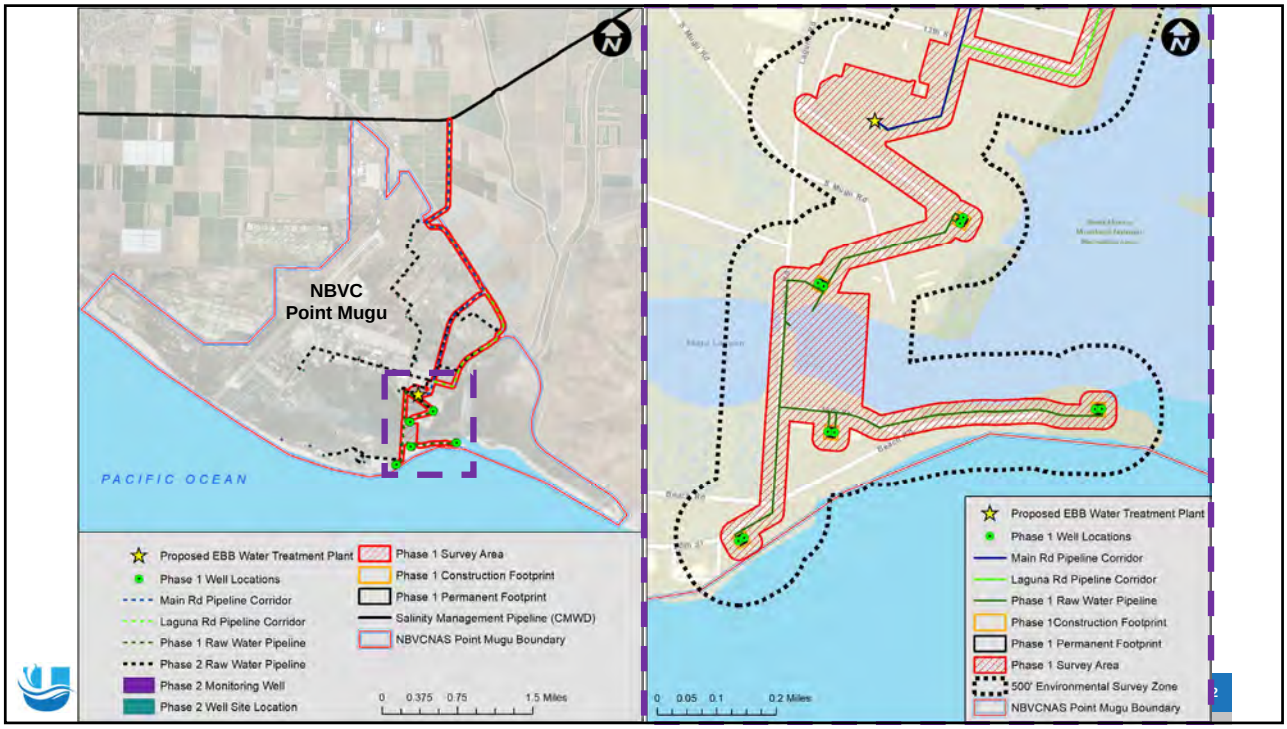

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Motion Item 5.7

The Board will consider authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $189,000 to support the unbudgeted purchase of a replacement pump and electrical motor for the Pumping Trough Pipeline Reservoir.

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MINUTES
SPECIAL UWCD BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 30, 2022, 1:00 P.M.
United Water Conservation District Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE
Bruce E. Dandy, president
Lynn E. Maulhardt, secretary/treasurer
Mohammed A. Hasan, director
Edwin T. McFadden III, director
Michael W. Mobley, director
Daniel C. Naumann, director

DIRECTORS ABSENT
Sheldon G. Berger, vice president

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., general manager
David D. Boyer, legal counsel
Suparna Jain, legal counsel
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE
Dr. Bill Mathis, Mathis Group

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 1:00 P.M.
President Dandy called the meeting to order at 1p.m. and asked District Legal Counsel to detail the items that would be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session.

District's Legal Counsel David Boyer stated that pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), the Board would be discussing three cases of anticipated litigation and pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1), would be discussing four cases of existing litigation including City of San Buenaventura v UWCD; Wishtoyo Foundation v UWCD; OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and UWCD v United States of America.

1.A Pledge of Allegiance
President Dandy asked the Board to stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.B Public Comment
Information Item
President Dandy asked if there were any public comments at this time. None were offered.

1.C Resolution 2022-29 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 June 30, 2022 through July 13, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions
Motion
President Dandy asked if he could get a motion for item 1.C.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-29 continuing subsequent findings that the requisite conditions exist for remote teleconference meetings of the District's legislative bodies without compliance with Government Code section54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e), Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: six ayes (Hasan, Kimball, Maulhardt, Mobley, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries 6/0/1.

1.D Revision of UWCD Standing Committee Assignments
Motion
President Dandy stated that he was revising the 2022 Standing Committee assignments for the remainder of the year, appointing Director Kimball to serve on the Water Resources Committee and Engineering and Operations Committee, and that he was appointing Director Maulhardt to serve as the chair of the Engineering and Operations Committee.

Director Mobley stated that the President had appointed Director Hasan as an "alternate" to the Mound Basin GSA, however, according to the JPA agreement and Mound Basin Bylaws, there are no alternates allowed so the District needs to remove that from the UWCD Representatives list. The Clerk of the Board said she would make that correction.

2. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 1:10 P.M.
President Dandy adjourned the meeting into Executive (Closed) Session at 1:10p.m.

3. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 3:40 P.M.
President Dandy called the Second Open session of the Special Board meeting to order at 3:40p.m. and asked Mr. Boyer to report out of Executive Session.

3.1 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session
Information Item
Mr. Boyer reported that the Board took no action while in Executive Session that is reportable under the Brown Act.

AJOURMENT 3:44p.m.
President Dandy adjourned the meeting at 3:44p.m. to the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 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 Special Board meeting of June 30, 2022.

ATTEST:_____
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

ATTEST:_____
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
Dan Detmer, Water Resources Manager

From: Kathleen Kuepper, Hydrogeologist
Bram Sercu, Senior Hydrologist

Date: **July 6, 2022 (July 13, 2022 Meeting)**

Agenda Item: **3.B Groundwater Basin Status Report**
Informational Item

Staff Recommendation:

The Board will receive and file the Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District for the month of June 2022.

Summary:

Diversions, Recharge and Ag Pipeline Deliveries for Month of June 2022*

Activity	Amount (acre-feet)
Total Diversions at Freeman Diversion	209
Lloyd-Butler Mutual Water Company surface water use	Not Available
Recharge to Saticoy basins (metered + unmetered)	41
Recharge to Noble and Rose basins	0
Recharge to El Rio basin	21
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water diverted at Freeman	147
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water pumped from Saticoy Well Field or Deep O-H Wells	0
Recharge to Piru spreading grounds	0

*Provisional data. Final data are made available in the September Hydrologic Conditions Report of each water year.

Groundwater Basin Available Storage at End of Month of June 2022

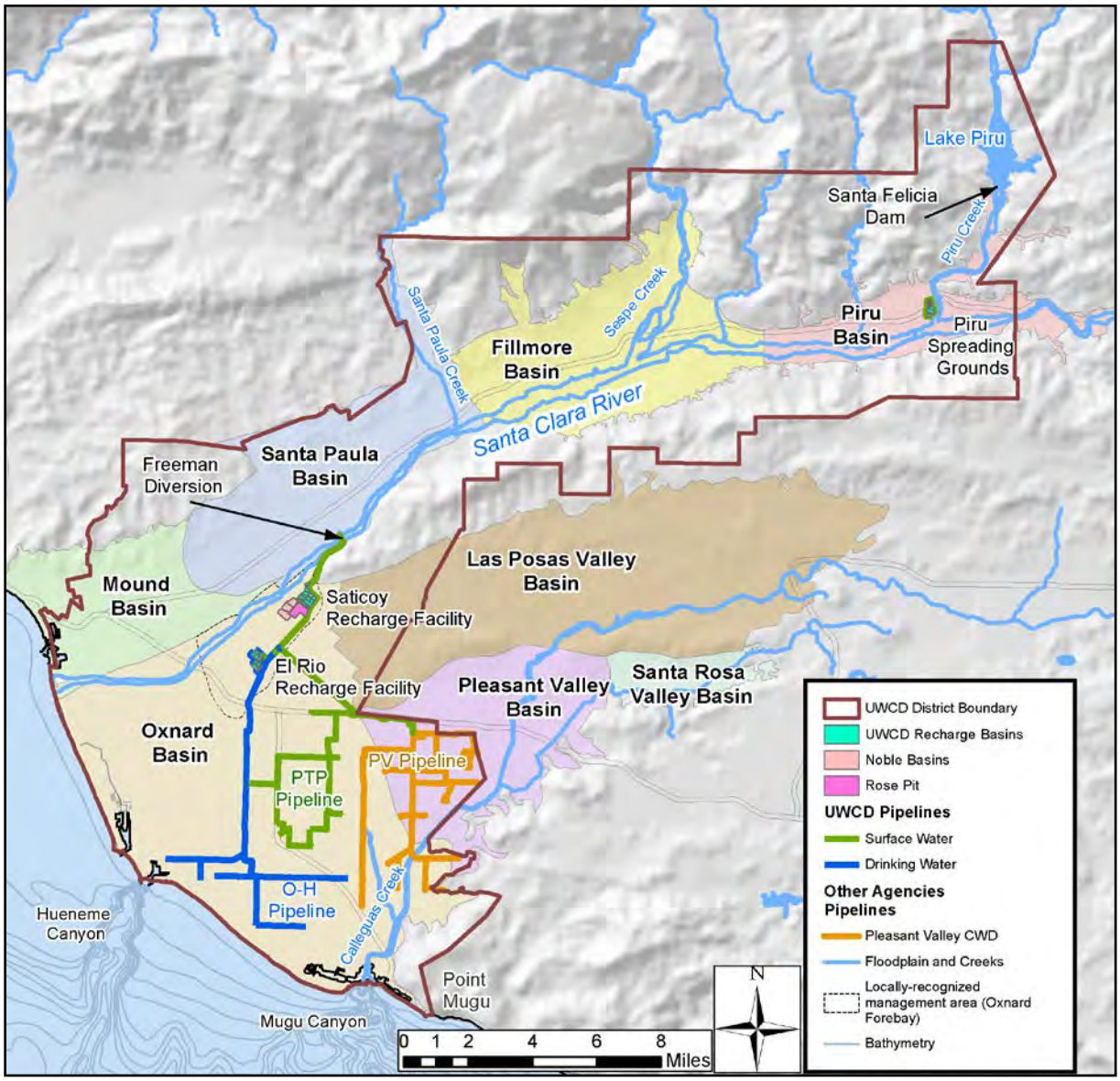
Basin	Available Storage (acre-feet)
Oxnard Forebay	>109,700

Precipitation for Month of June 2022

Location	Precipitation (inches)
Lake Piru	0.00
Santa Paula	0.26
El Rio	0.00

June 2022 Hydrologic Conditions Report
2021/22 Water Year

July 6, 2022



Note: This report may contain provisional data until final review at the end of the water year.

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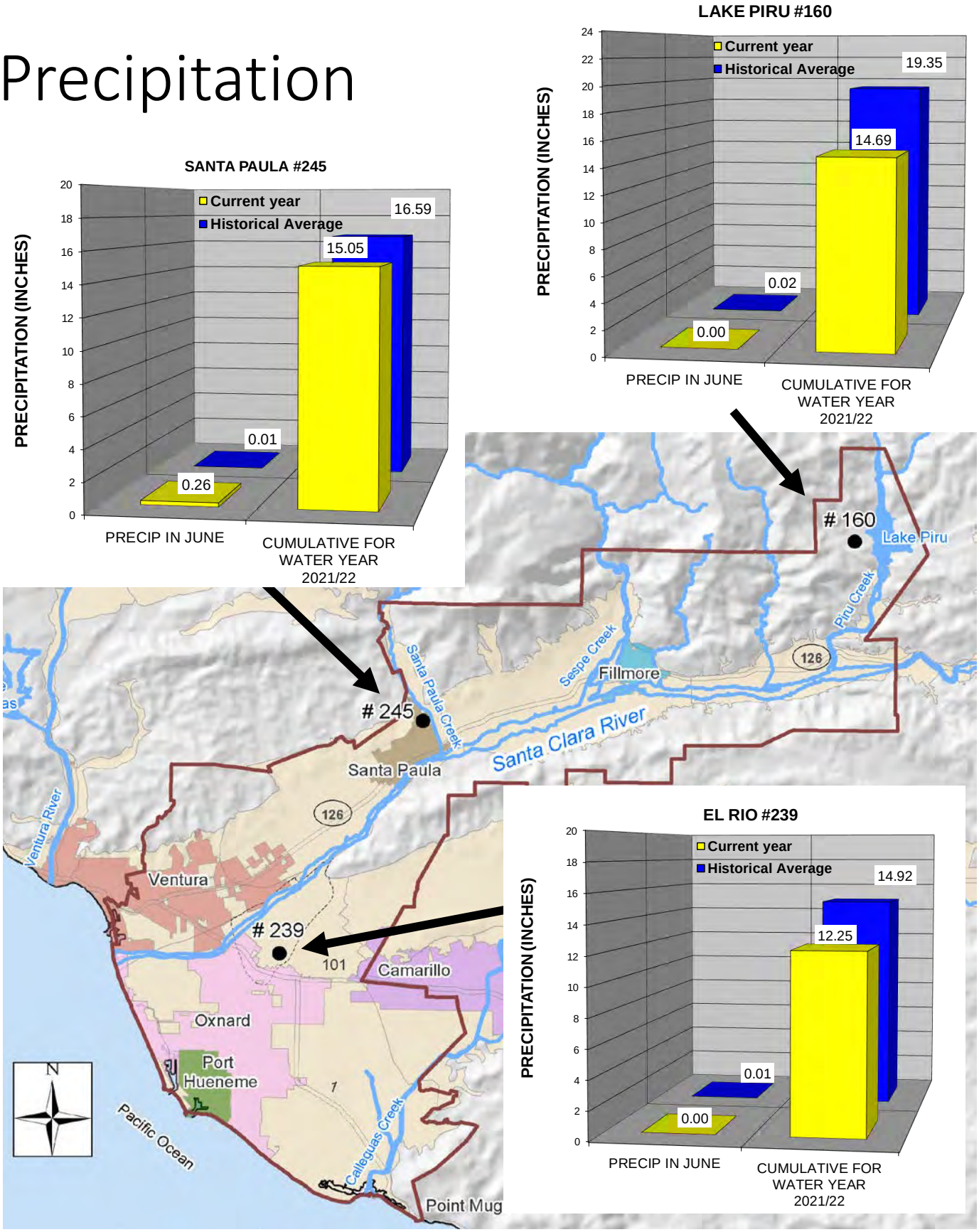
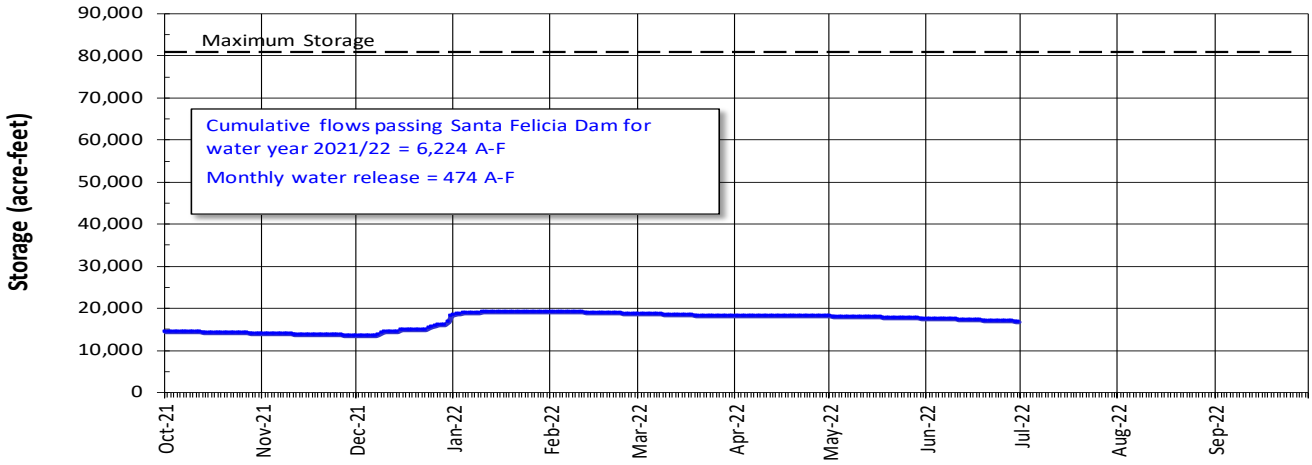
Precipitation



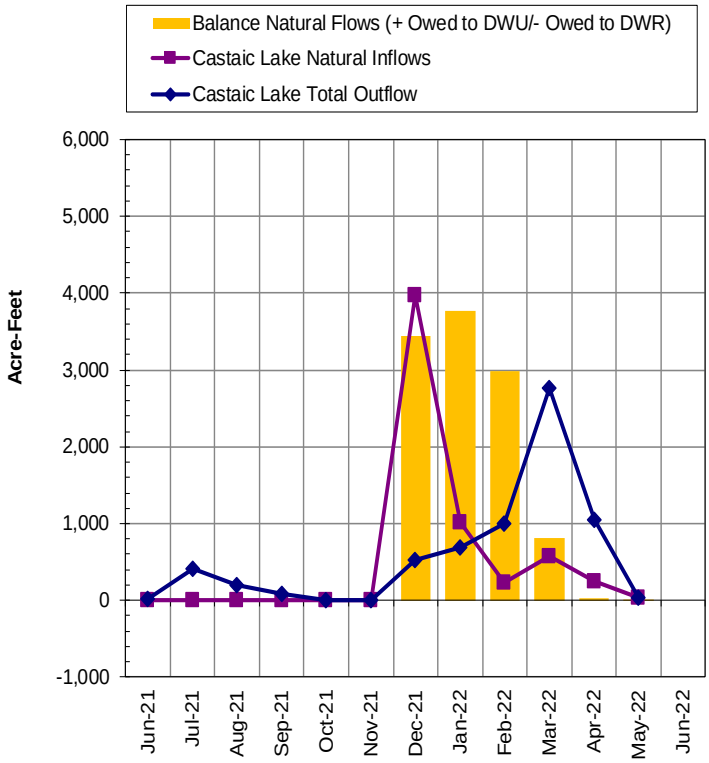
District-wide percent of normal precipitation = 82%

Lake Piru Storage and Outflow

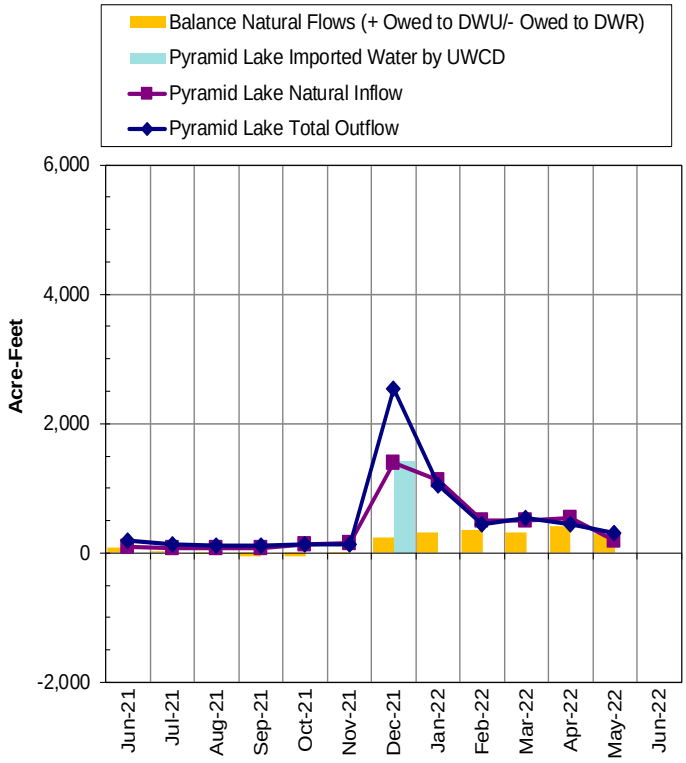


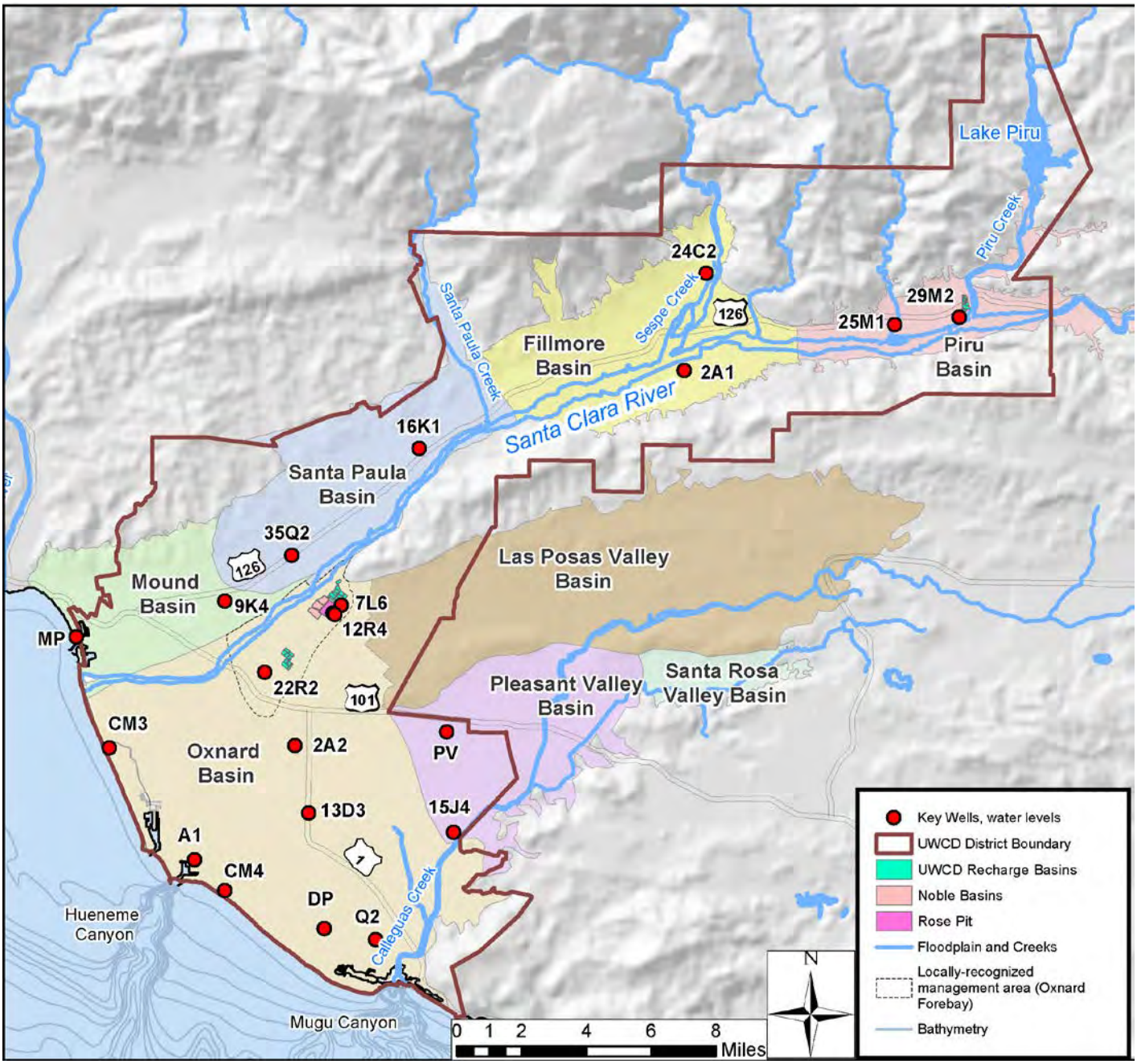
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Hydro Plant Outflow (Acre-Feet)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Cumulative Hydro Plant Outflow (A-F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Castaic Lake releases to downstream water users (DWU)



Pyramid Lake releases to UWCD





Locations of Key Wells, Monthly Groundwater Elevation Monitoring

Groundwater Elevation Records – Piru Basin

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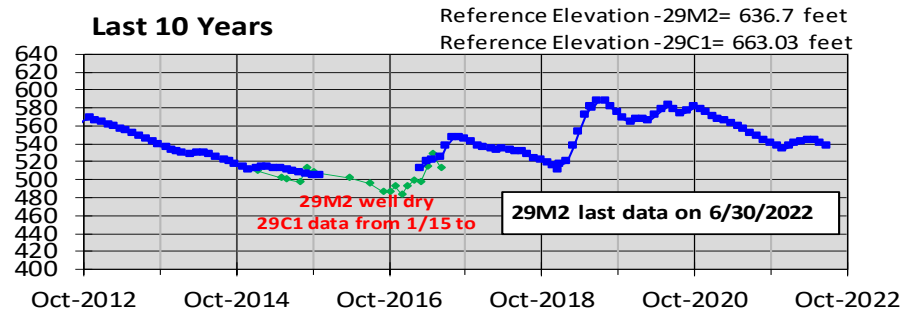

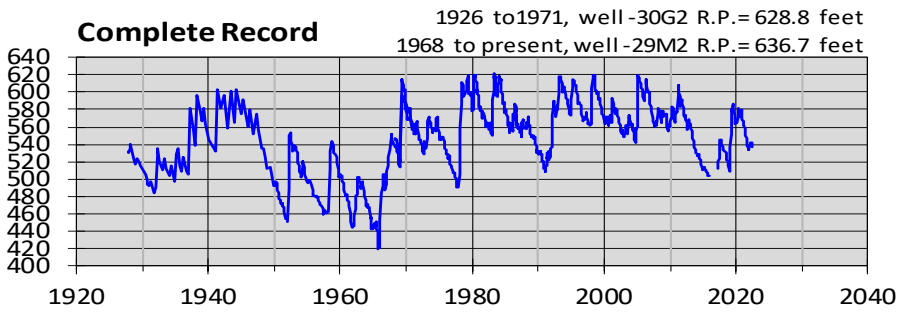

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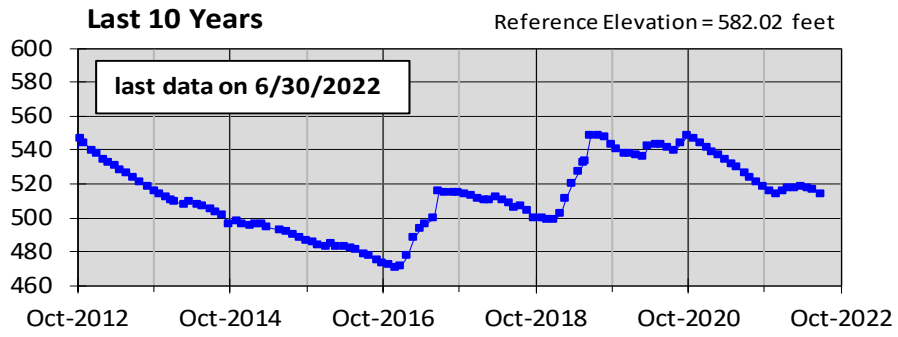

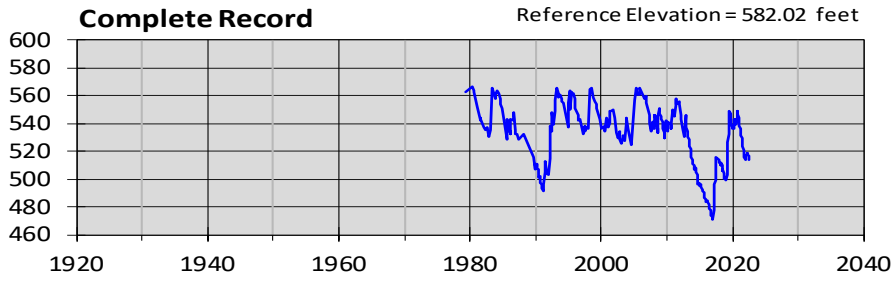

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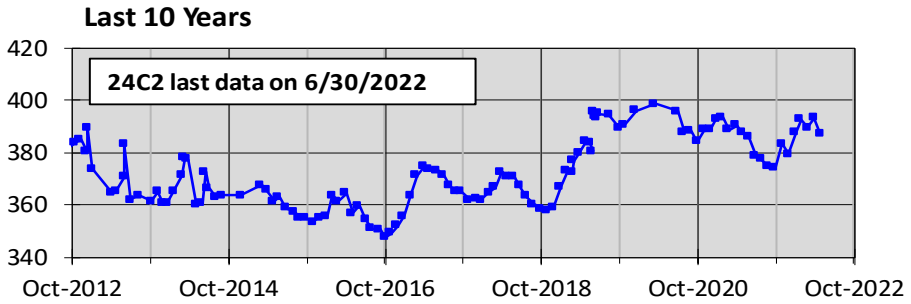

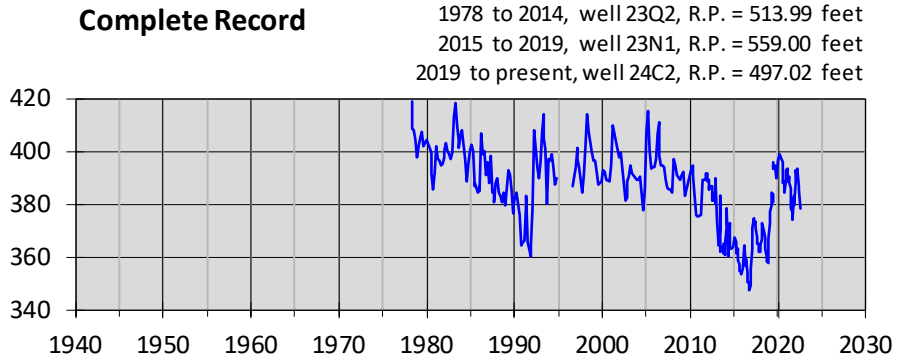

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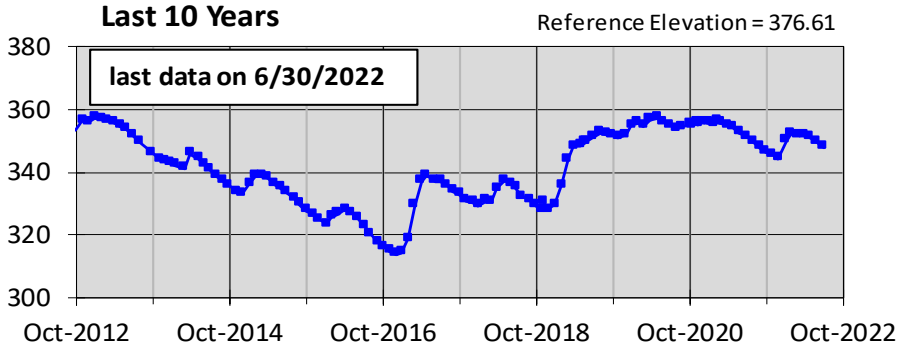

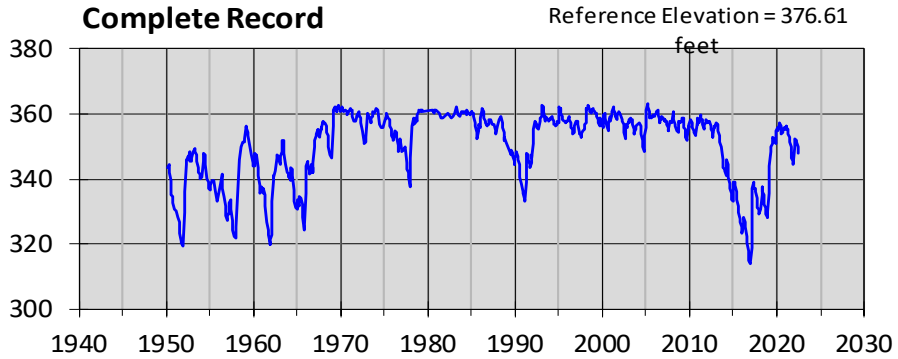

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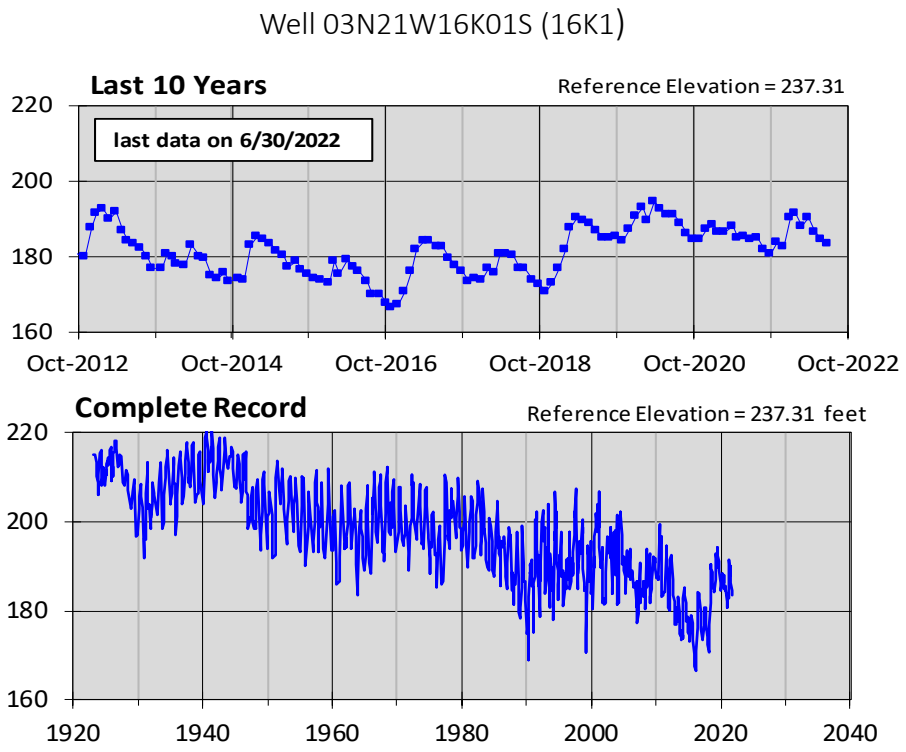

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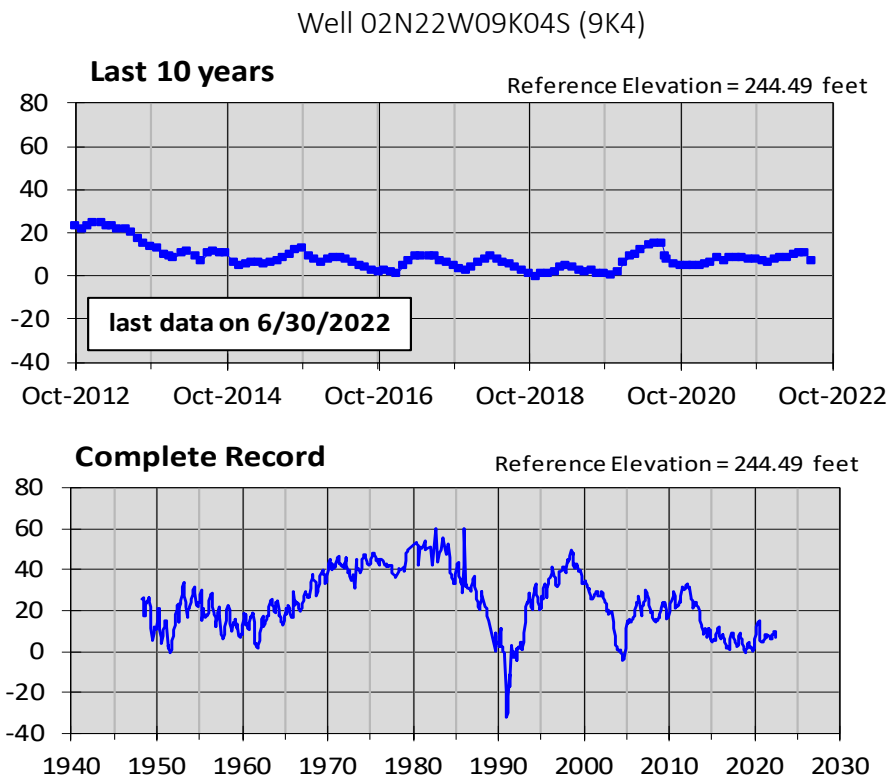

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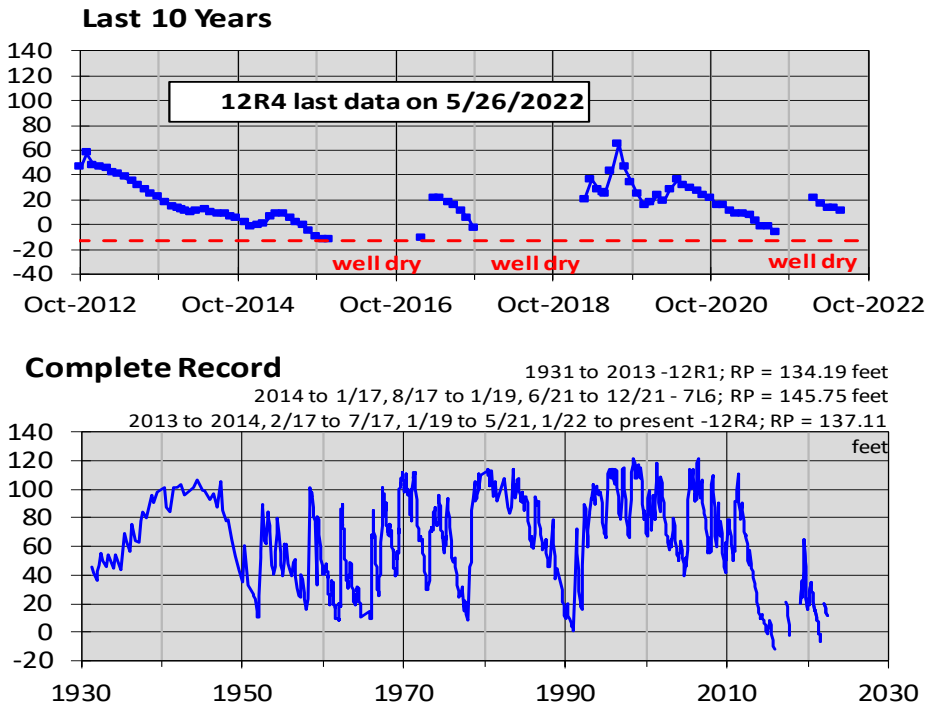

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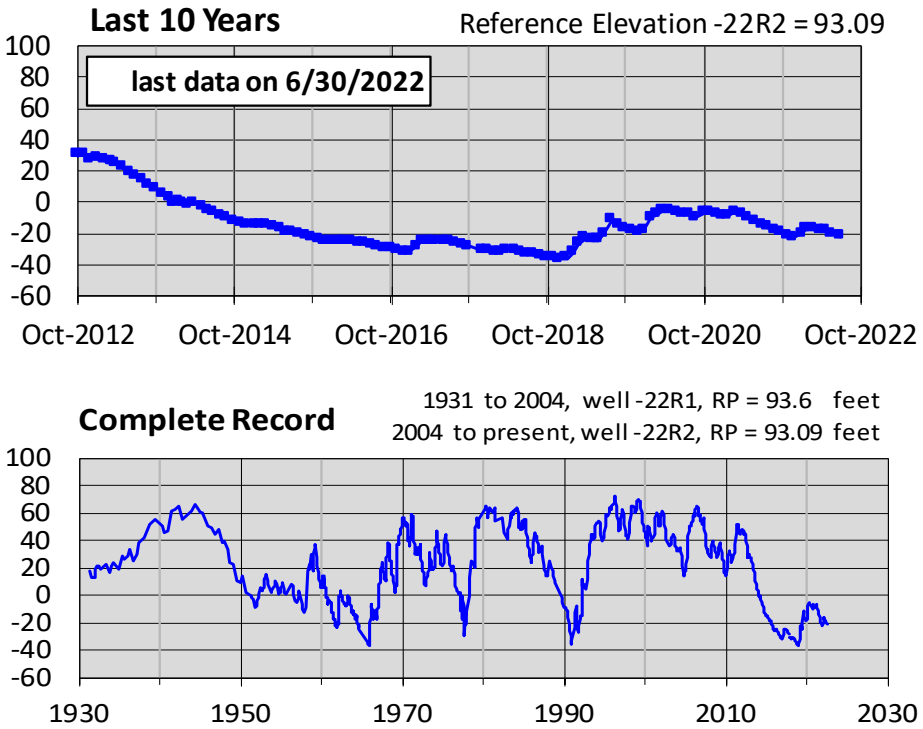

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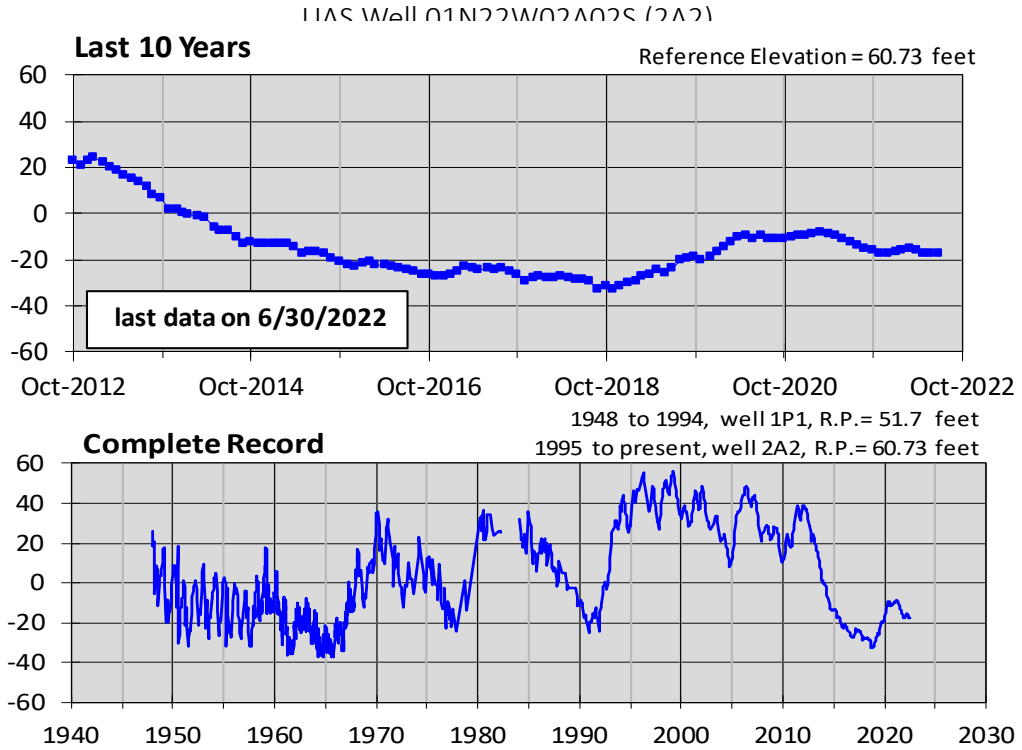

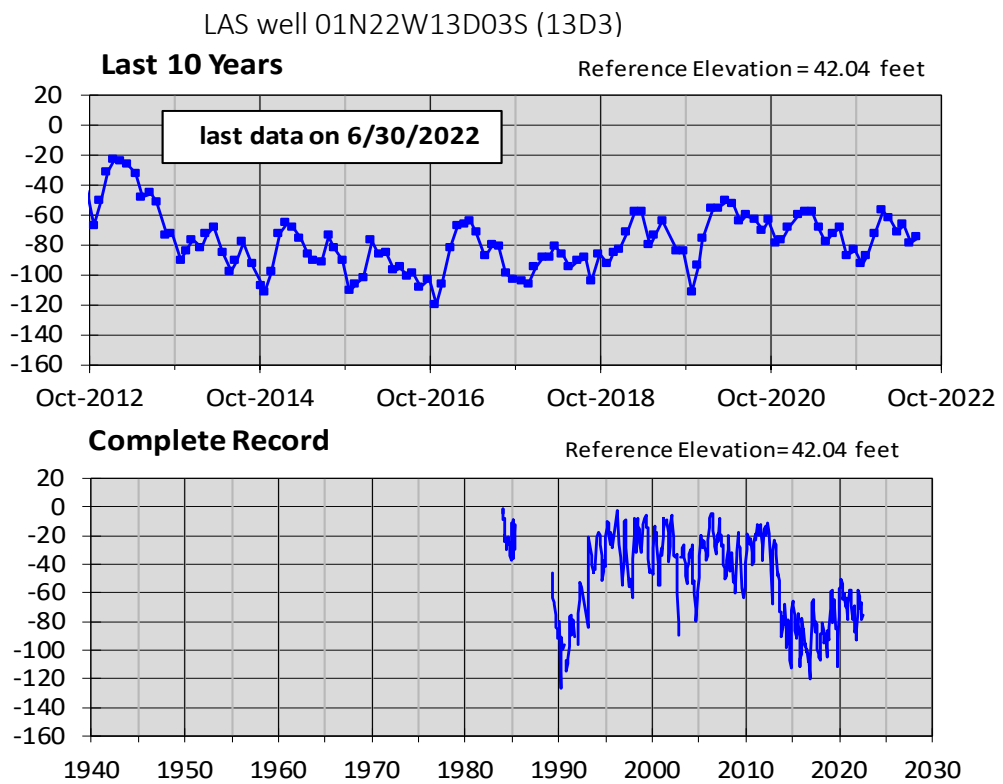

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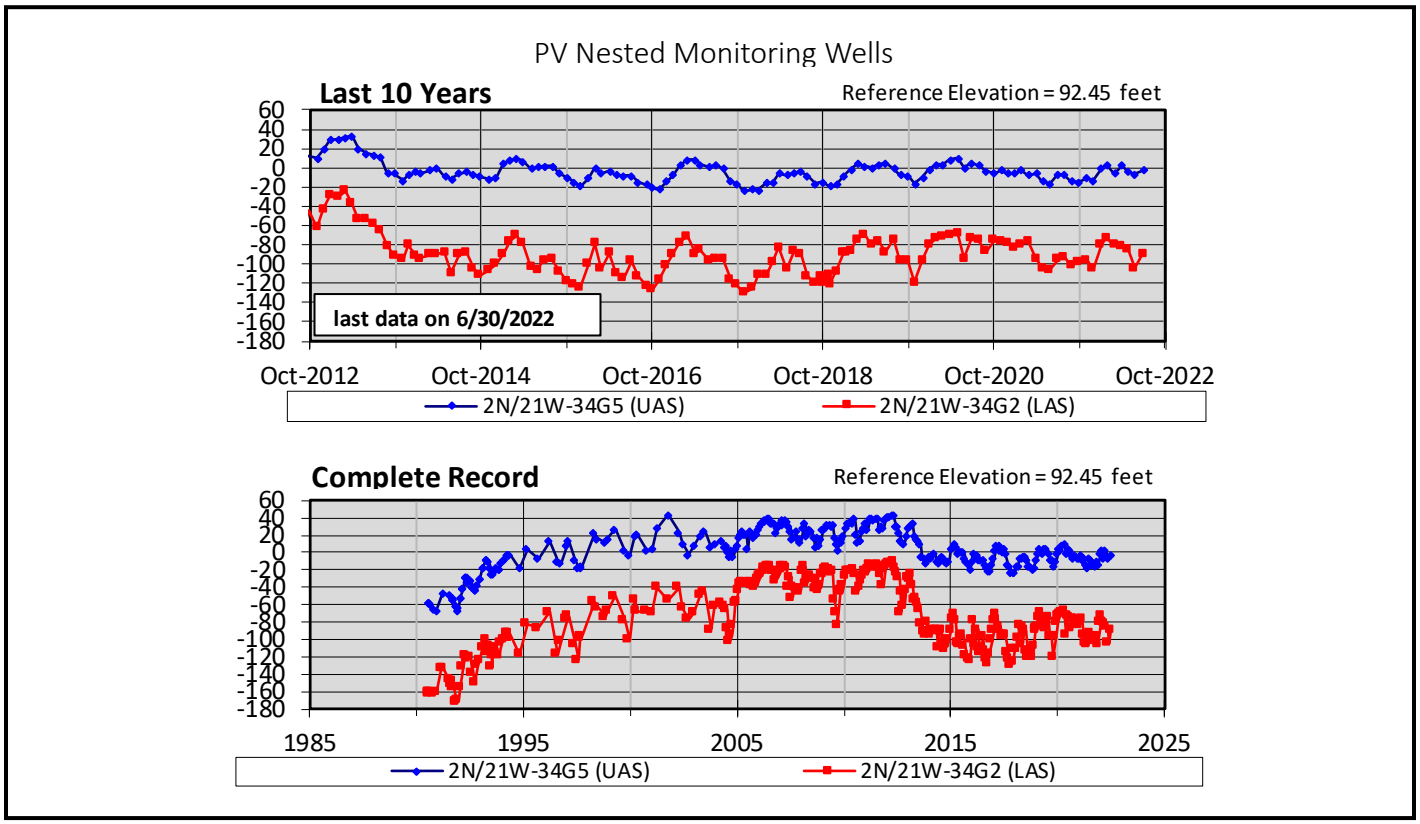

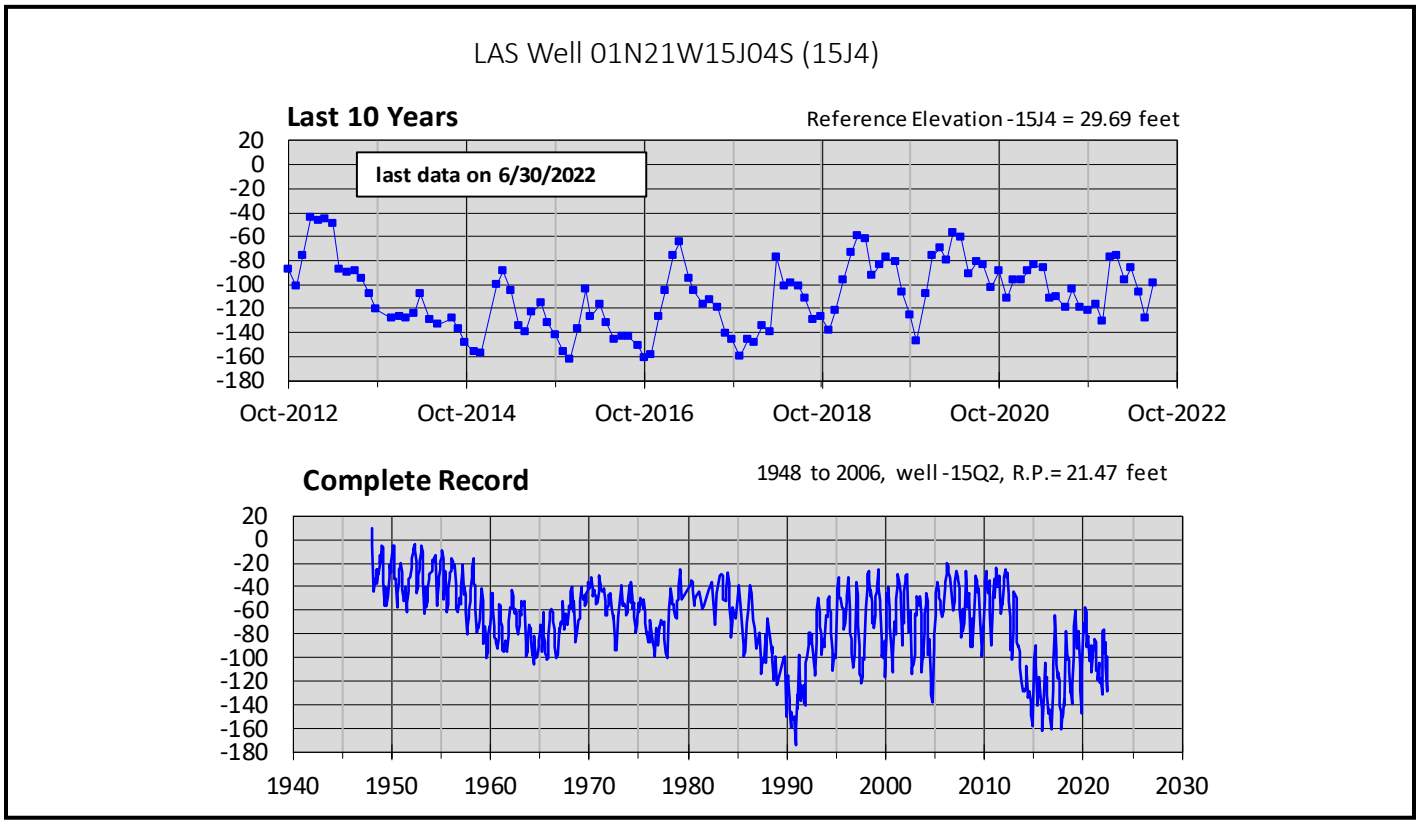

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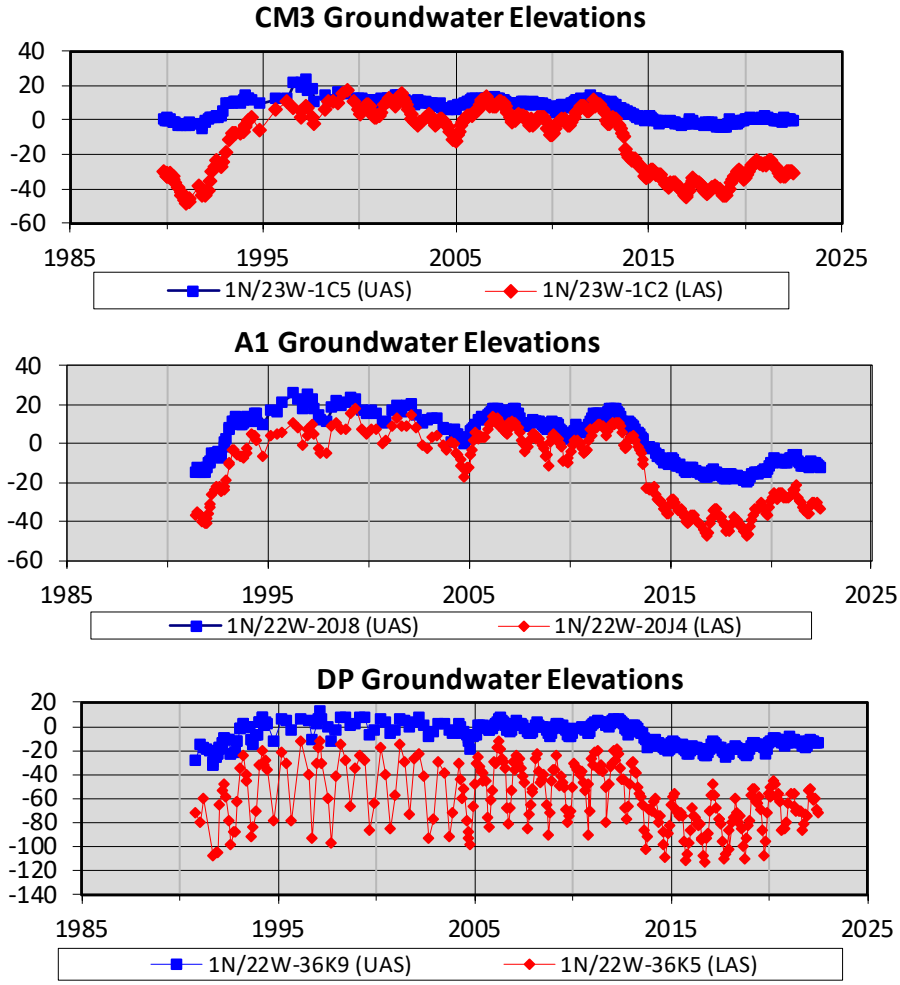
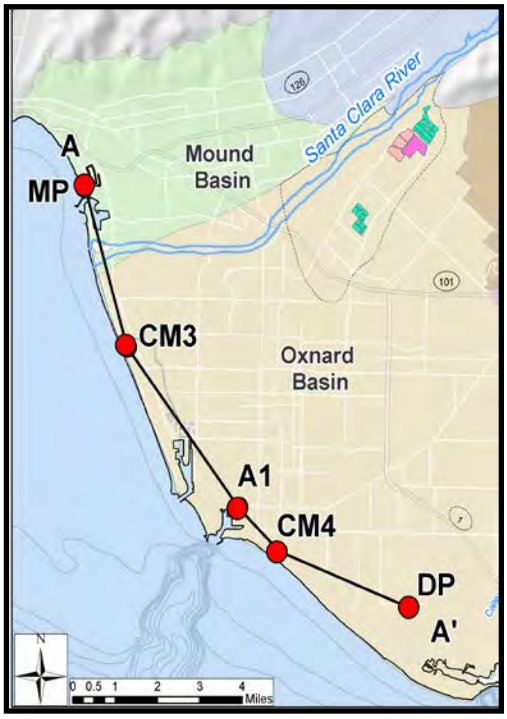
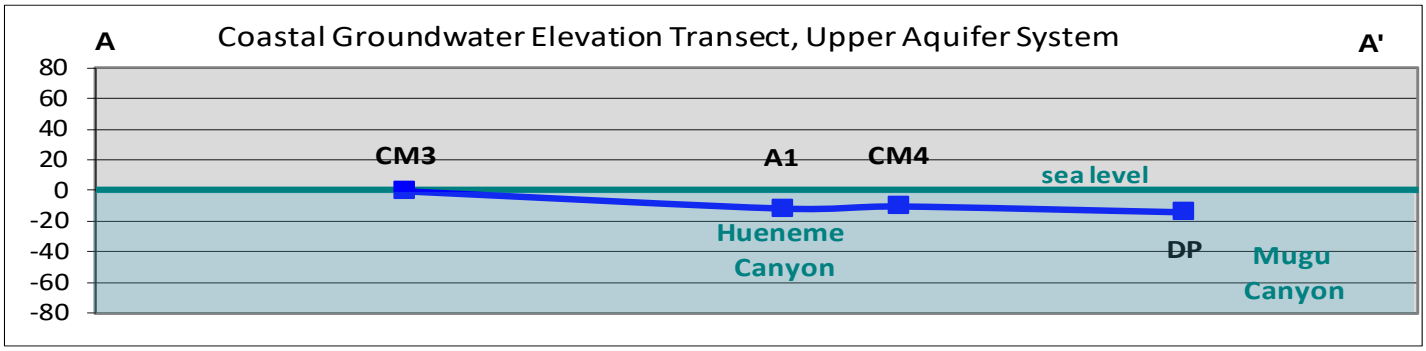
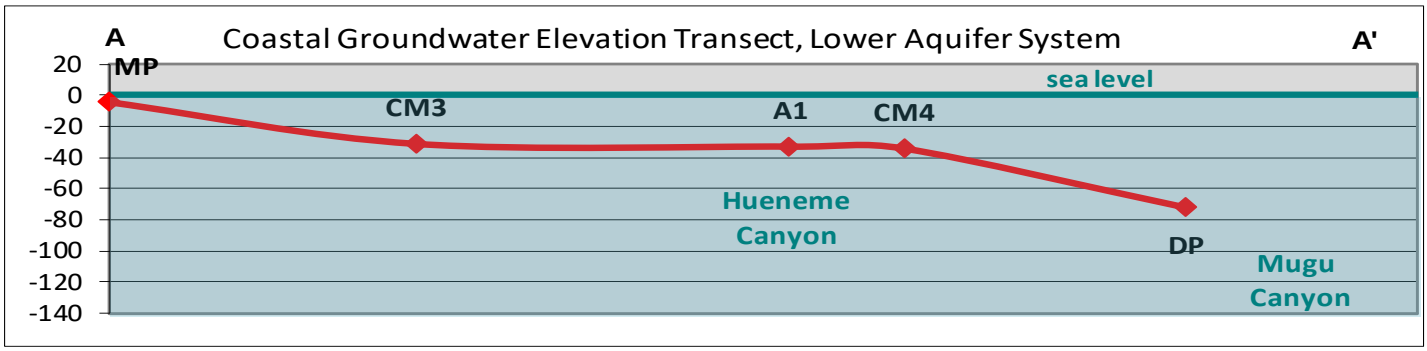






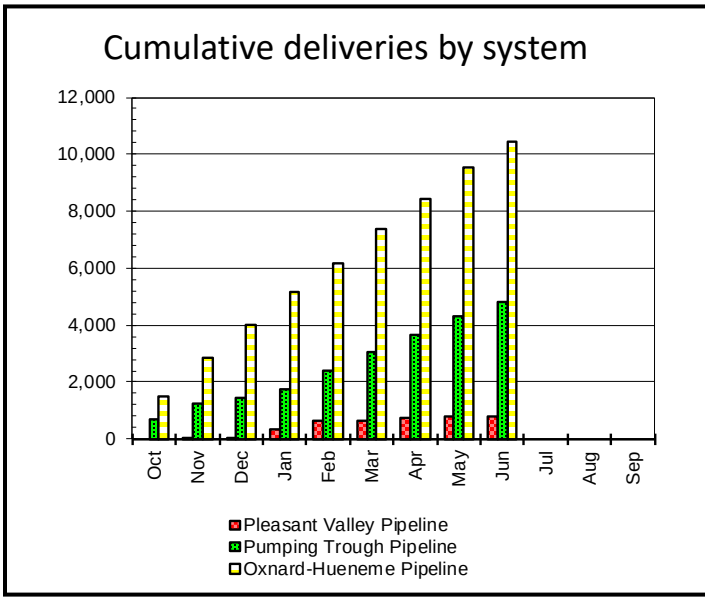


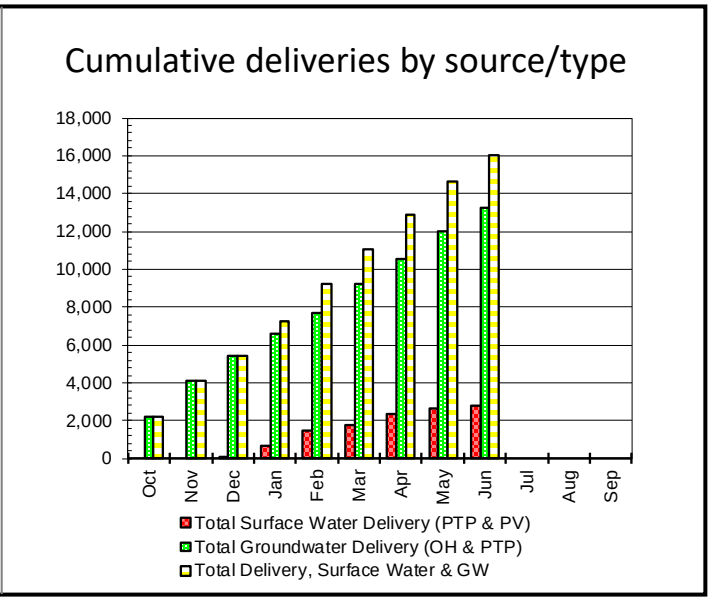
Monthly Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2021/22)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
PV Pipeline (surface water)	0.0	0.0	15.2	342.3	304.9	0.0	99.4	8.2	15.9			
PV Pipeline (saticoy well field)	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline	0.0	0.1	15.2	342.3	304.9	0.0	99.4	8.2	15.9			
Saticoy Well Field	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
PTP (surface water)	0.0	0.0	37.3	296.5	501.0	301.9	459.3	300.2	131.3			
PTP (groundwater)	695.3	557.9	139.7	36.7	123.4	342.6	186.6	347.0	364.6			
PTP (Saticoy well field)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Total PTP	695.3	557.9	177.0	333.2	624.4	644.5	645.9	647.2	495.9			
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,497.9	1,346.1	1,161.3	1,148.7	993.9	1,210.7	1,074.2	1,130.6	864.2			
Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP & PV)	0.0	0.0	52.5	638.8	805.9	301.9	558.7	308.4	147.2			
Total Groundwater Delivery (OH & PTP)	2,193.2	1,904.0	1,301.0	1,185.4	1,117.3	1,553.3	1,260.8	1,477.6	1,228.8			
Total Delivery, Surface Water & GW	2,193.2	1,904.0	1,353.5	1,824.2	1,923.2	1,855.2	1,819.5	1,786.0	1,376.0			

Cumulative Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2021/22)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
PV Pipeline (surface water)	0.0	0.0	15.2	357.5	662.4	662.4	761.8	770.0	785.9			
PV Pipeline (saticoy well field)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1			
Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline	0.0	0.1	15.3	357.6	662.5	662.5	761.9	770.1	786.0			
Saticoy Well Field	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
PTP (surface water)	0.0	0.0	37.3	333.8	834.8	1,136.7	1,596.0	1,896.2	2,027.5			
PTP (groundwater)	695.3	1,253.2	1,392.9	1,429.5	1,552.9	1,895.5	2,082.1	2,429.1	2,793.7			
PTP (Saticoy well field)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Total PTP	695.3	1,253.2	1,430.2	1,763.3	2,387.7	3,032.2	3,678.1	4,325.3	4,821.2			
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,497.9	2,844.0	4,005.3	5,154.0	6,147.9	7,358.6	8,432.8	9,563.4	10,427.6			
Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP & PV)	0.0	0.0	52.5	691.3	1,497.2	1,799.1	2,357.8	2,666.2	2,813.4			
Total Groundwater Delivery (OH & PTP)	2,193.2	4,097.2	5,398.2	6,583.5	7,700.8	9,254.1	10,514.9	11,992.5	13,221.3			
Total Delivery, Surface Water & GW	2,193.2	4,097.2	5,450.7	7,274.8	9,198.0	11,053.2	12,872.7	14,658.7	16,034.7			





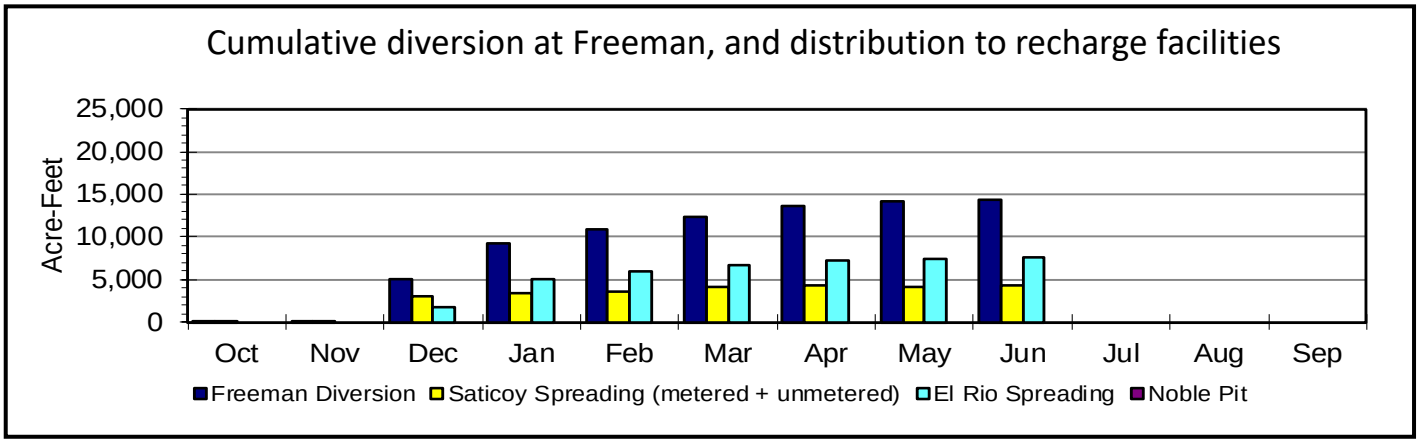
Monthly diversion and recharge totals by facility, 2021/22, in acre-feet

Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble Pit	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	2	2	0	0	0
Nov	0	76	76	0	0	0
Dec	0	4,936	3,037	1,860	0	0
Jan	0	4,168	371	3,262	0	15
Feb	0	1,702	204	807	0	37
Mar	0	1,445	439	744	0	29
Apr	0	1,337	255	621	0	15
May	0	428	-137*	223	0	34
Jun	0	209	41	21	0	NA
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						

*Water delivered from desilting basin.

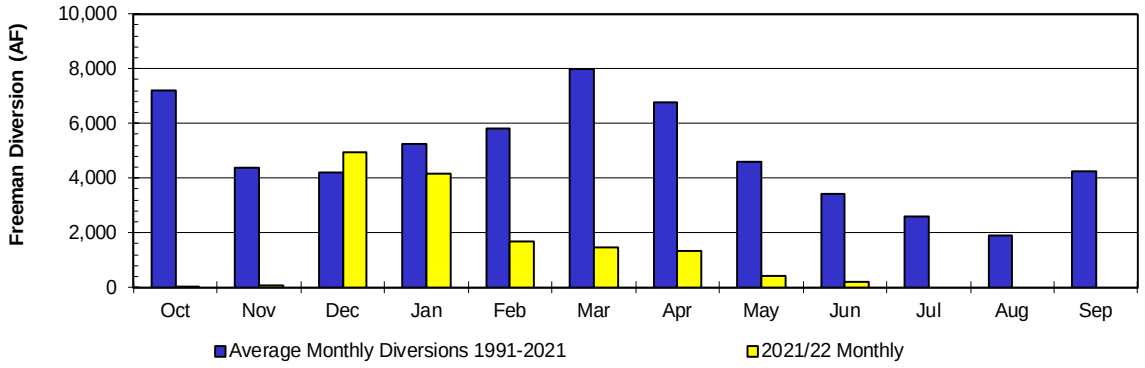
Cumulative diversion and recharge totals by facility, 2021/22, in acre-feet

Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble Pit	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	2	2	0	0	0
Nov	0	78	78	0	0	0
Dec	0	5,014	3,115	1,860	0	0
Jan	0	9,182	3,486	5,122	0	15
Feb	0	10,884	3,690	5,929	0	52
Mar	0	12,329	4,129	6,673	0	81
Apr	0	13,666	4,383	7,294	0	96
May	0	14,094	4,246	7,517	0	130
Jun	0	14,303	4,287	7,538	0	NA
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						

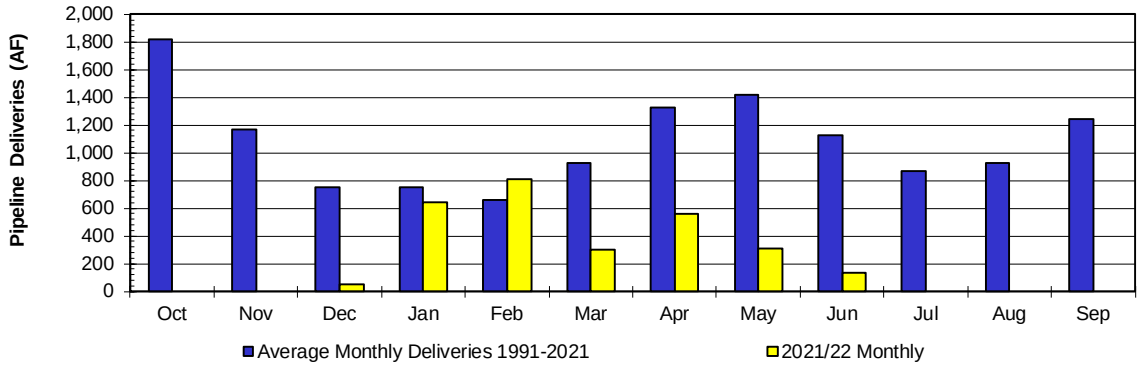


Cumulative diversions to Piru Spreading Grounds, 2021/22 = 0 AF

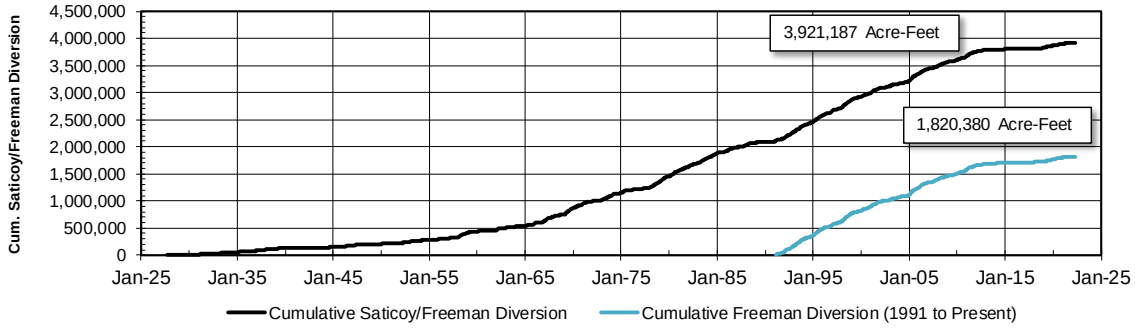
Monthly 2021/22 diversion at Freeman, compared to average monthly diversions (1991-2021)



Monthly 2021/22 pipeline deliveries (surface water deliveries), compared to average monthly pipeline deliveries (1991-2021)



Cumulative diversion at Saticoy and Freeman Diversion, in acre-feet



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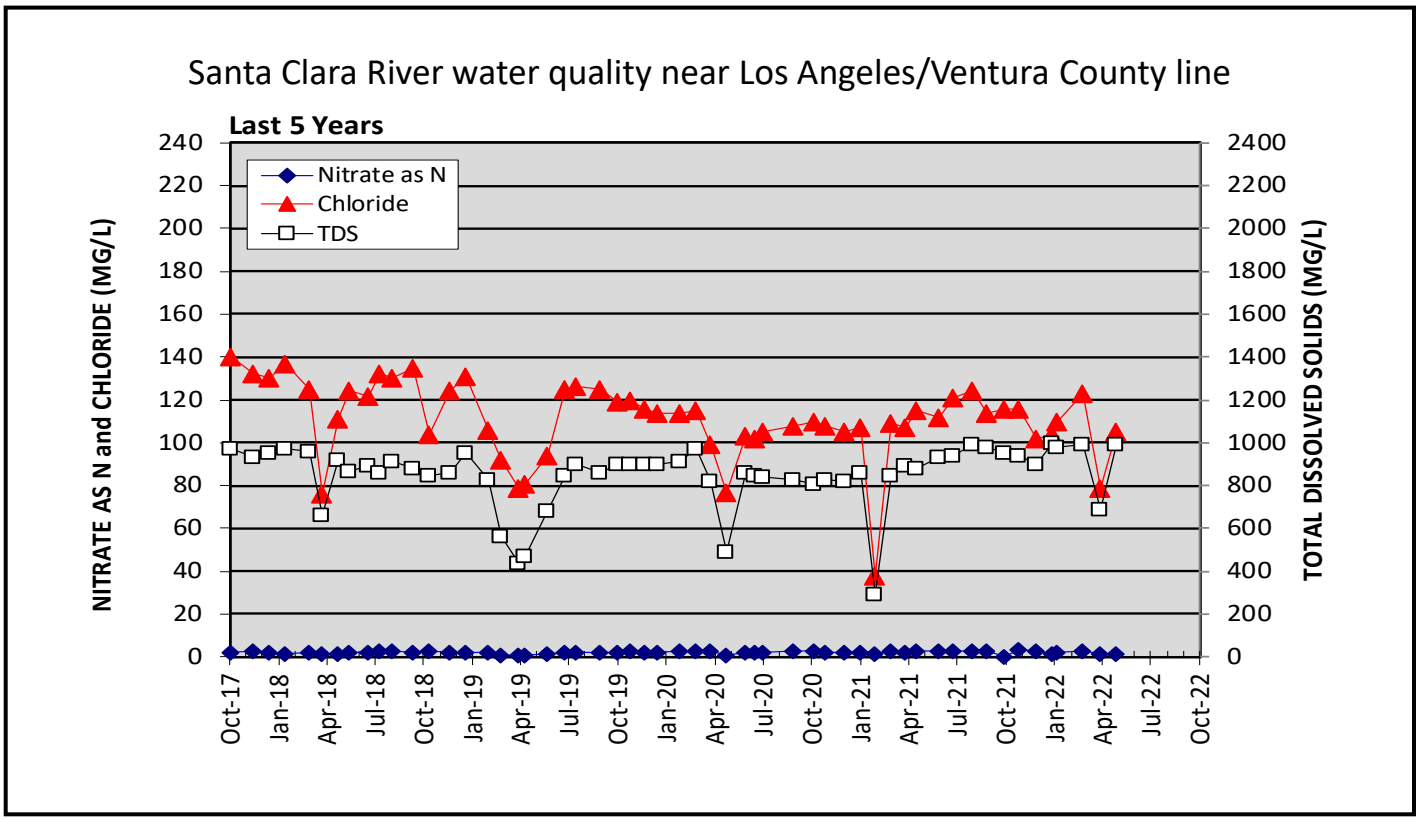

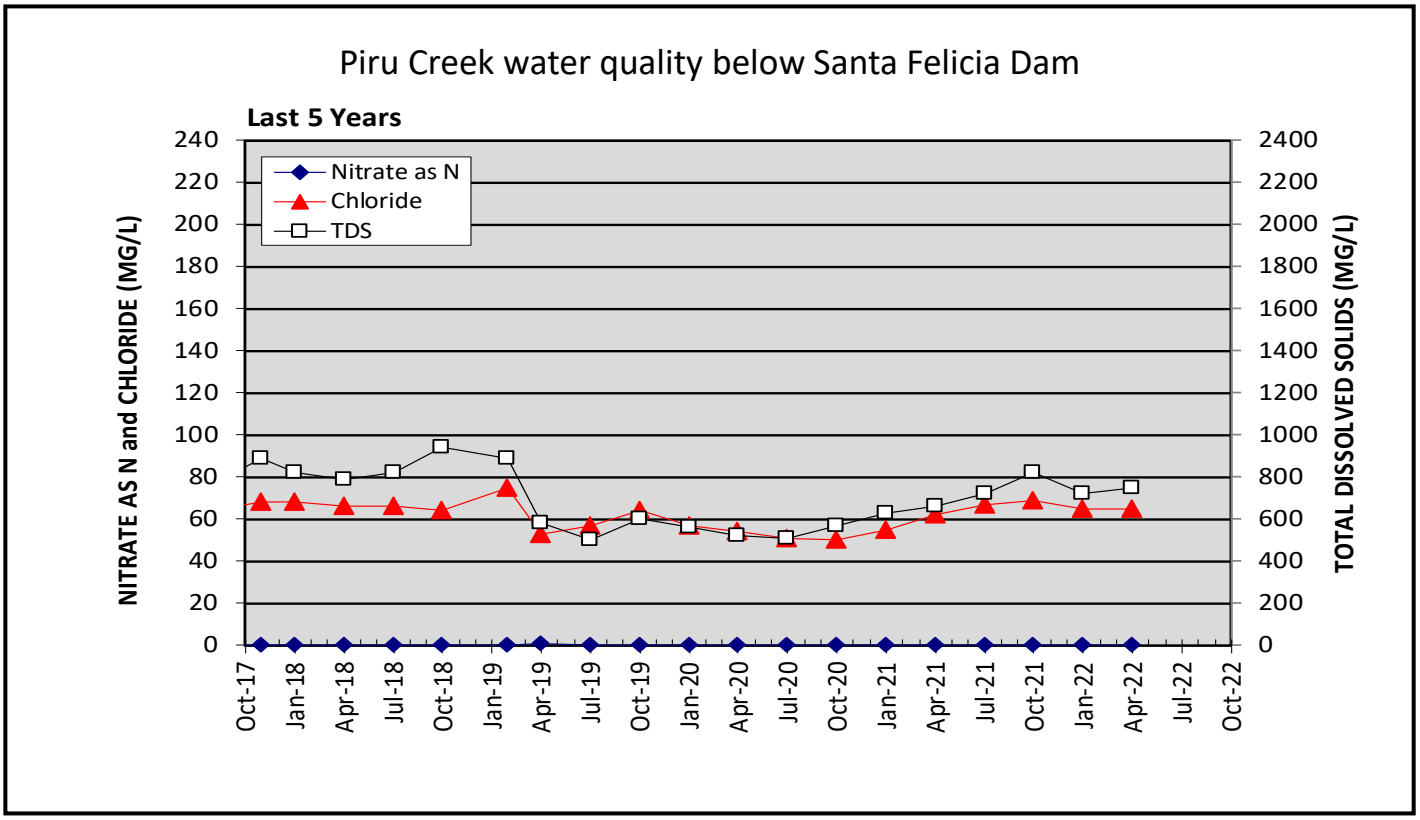

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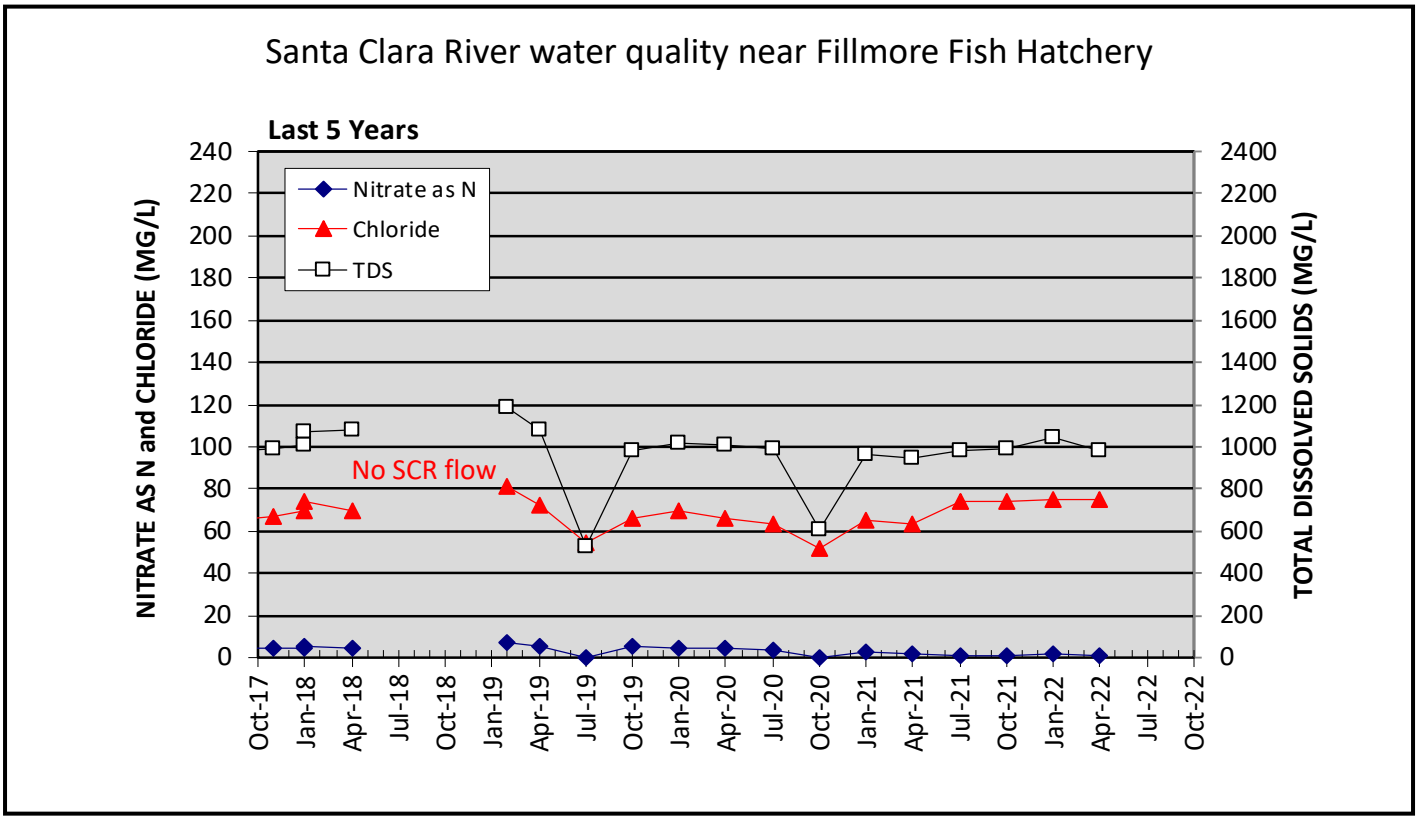

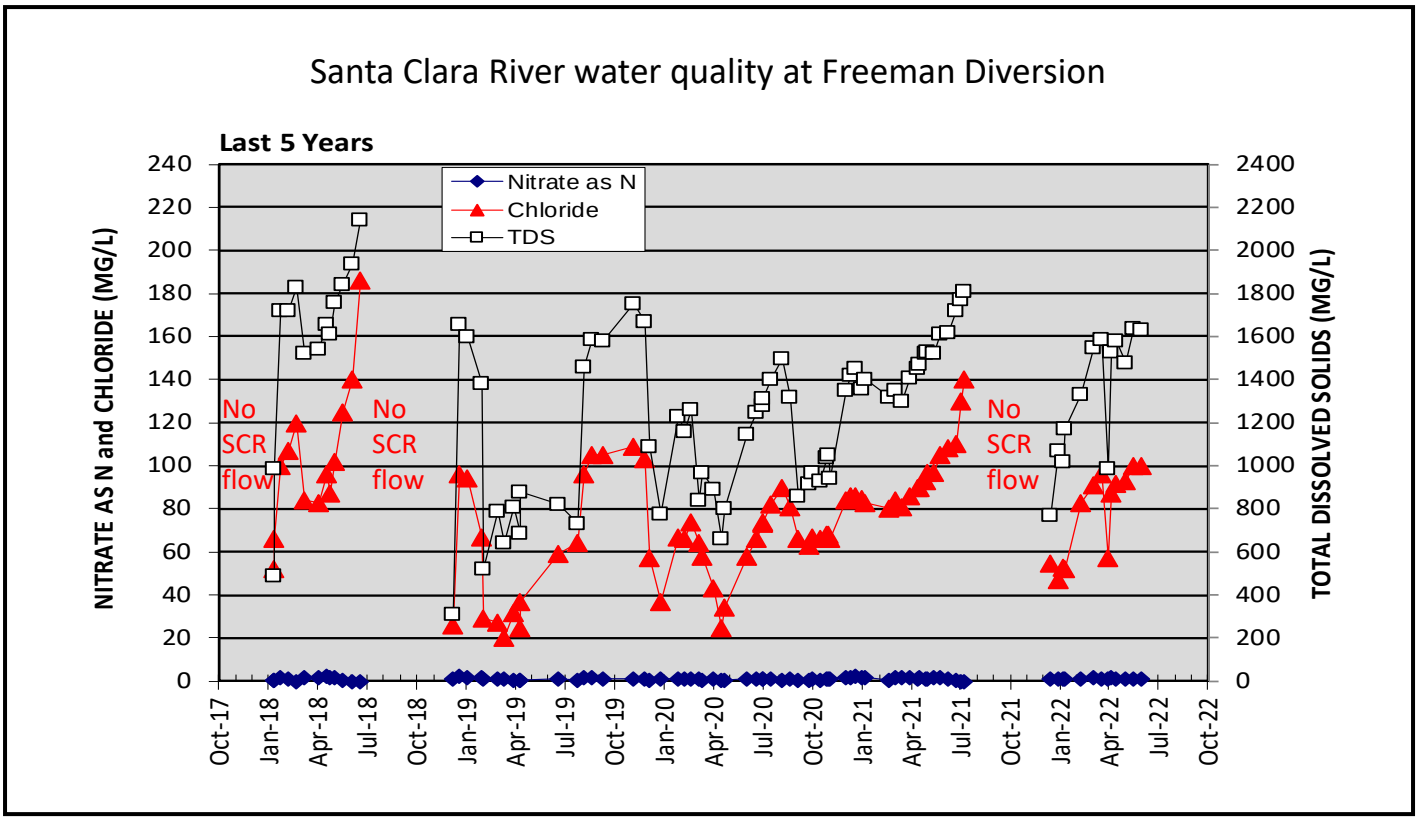

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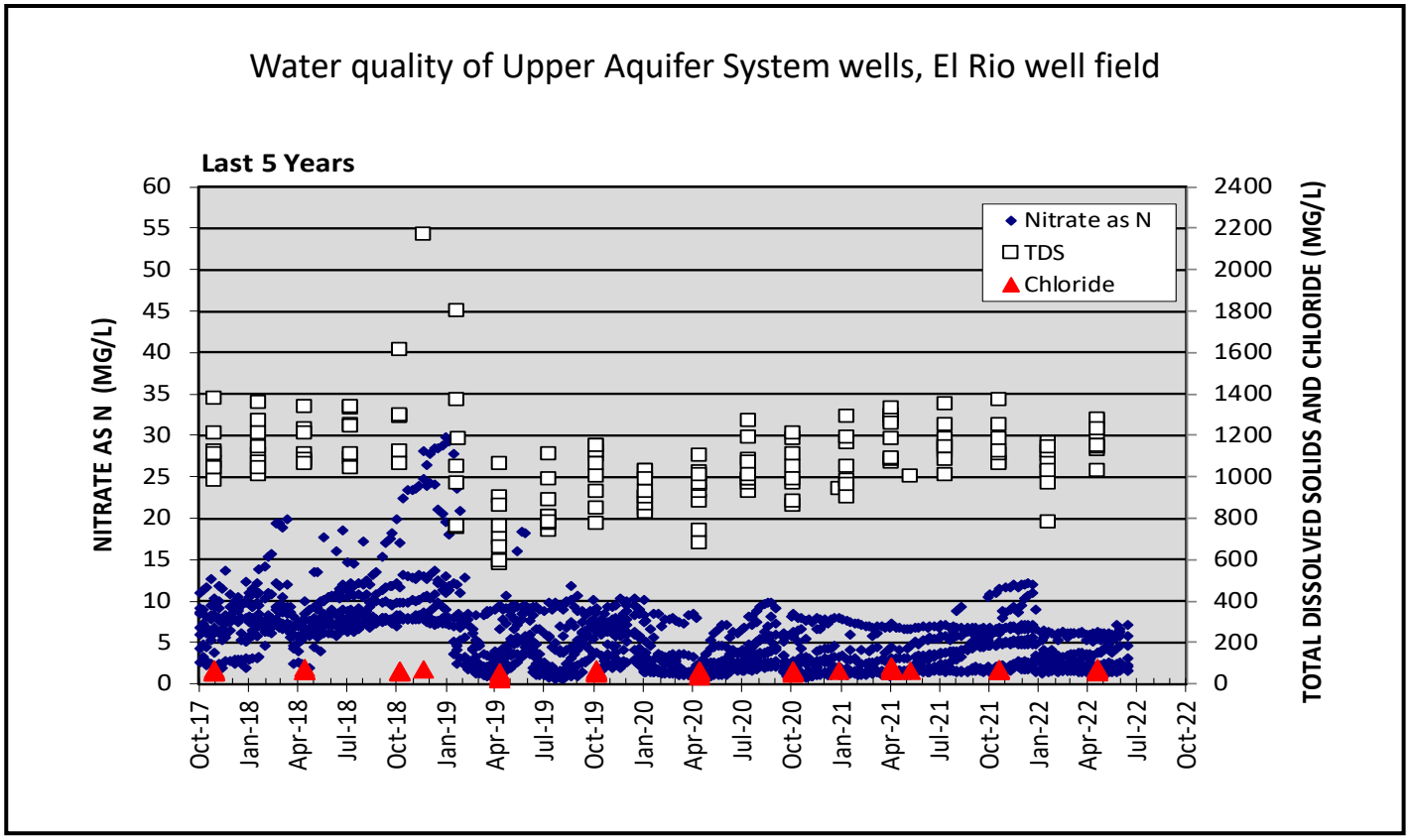

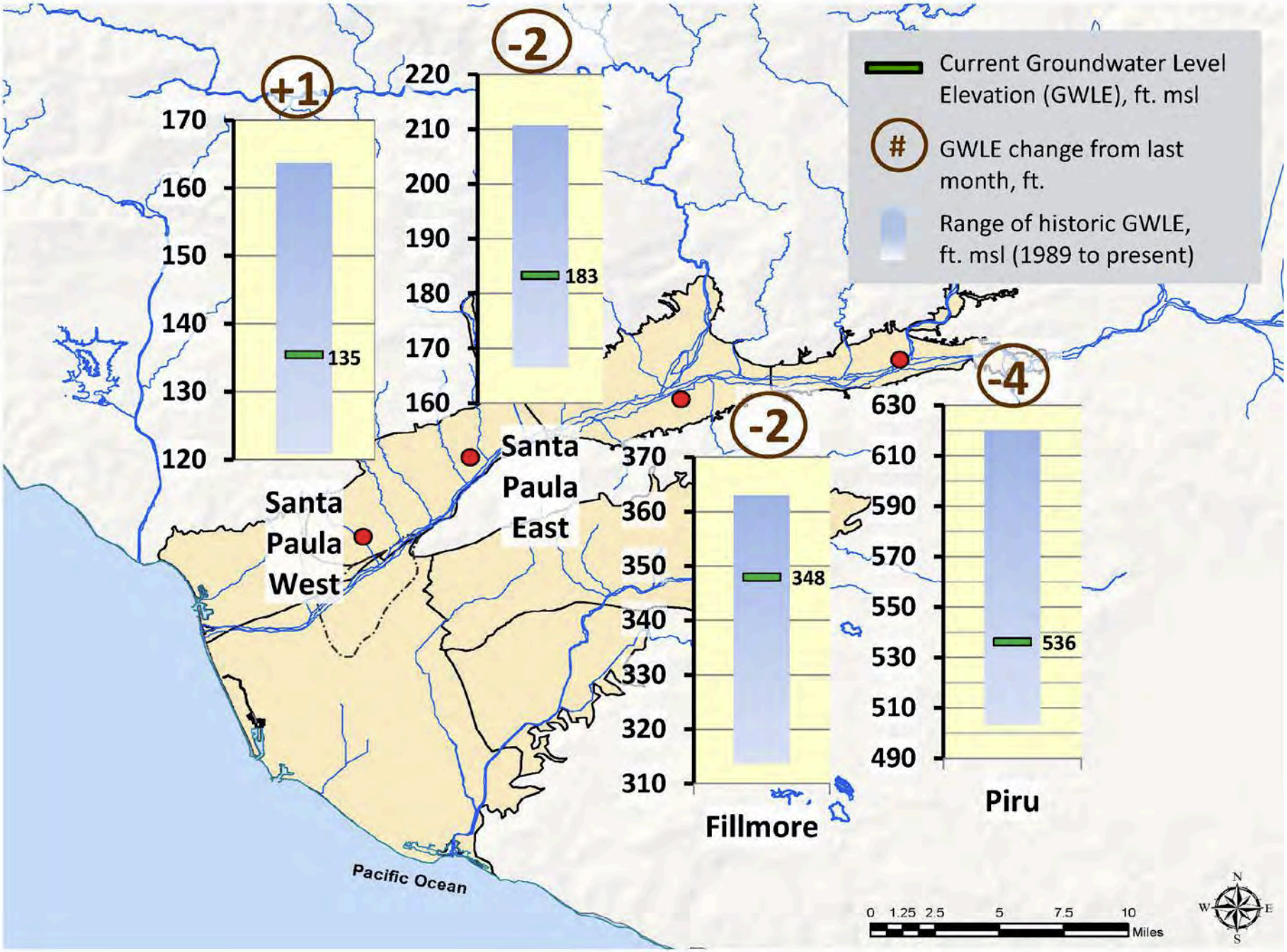
Current Groundwater Level Elevation (GWLE), ft. msl
#
GWLE change from last month, ft.
Range of historic GWLE, ft. msl (1989 to present)
+1
170
160
150
140
130
120
135
Santa Paula West
-2
220
210
200
190
180
170
160
183
Santa Paula East
-2
370
360
350
340
330
320
310
348
Fillmore
-4
630
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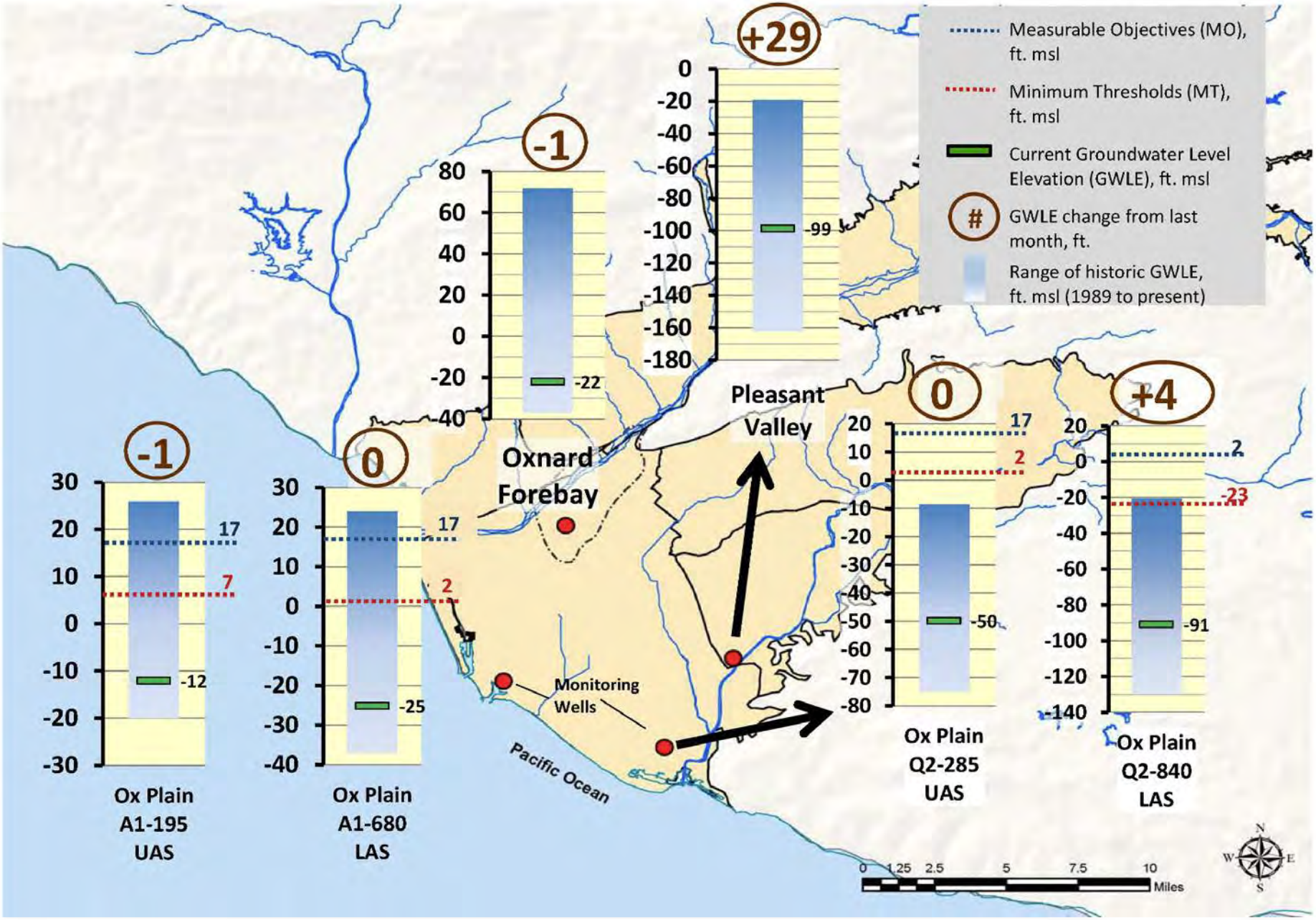
Measurable Objectives (MO), ft. msl
Minimum Thresholds (MT), ft. msl
Current Groundwater Level Elevation (GWLE), ft. msl
GWLE change from last month, ft.
Range of historic GWLE, ft. msl (1989 to present)
+29
-99
-1
-22
Pleasant Valley
Oxnard Forebay
-1
17
7
-12
Ox Plain A1-195 UAS
0
17
2
-25
Ox Plain A1-680 LAS
Monitoring Wells
Pacific Ocean
0
17
2
-50
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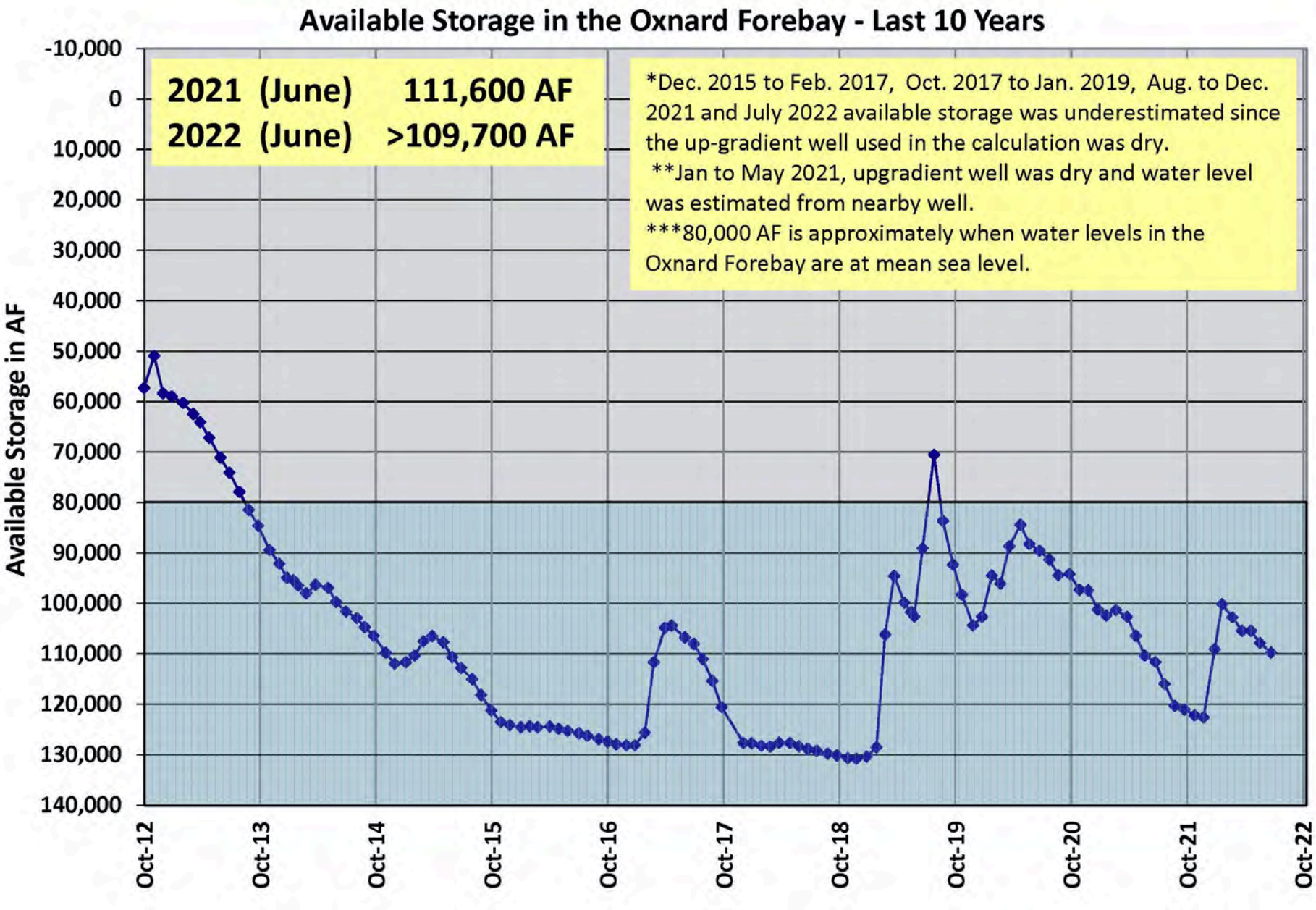
Available Storage in the Oxnard Forebay - Last 10 Years
2021 (June) 111,600 AF
2022 (June) >109,700 AF
*Dec. 2015 to Feb. 2017, Oct. 2017 to Jan. 2019, Aug. to Dec. 2021 and July 2022 available storage was underestimated since the up-gradient well used in the calculation was dry.
**Jan to May 2021, upgradient well was dry and water level was estimated from nearby well.
***80,000 AF is approximately when water levels in the Oxnard Forebay are at mean sea level.
Available Storage in AF
-10,000
0
10,000
20,000
30,000
40,000
50,000
60,000
70,000
80,000
90,000
100,000
110,000
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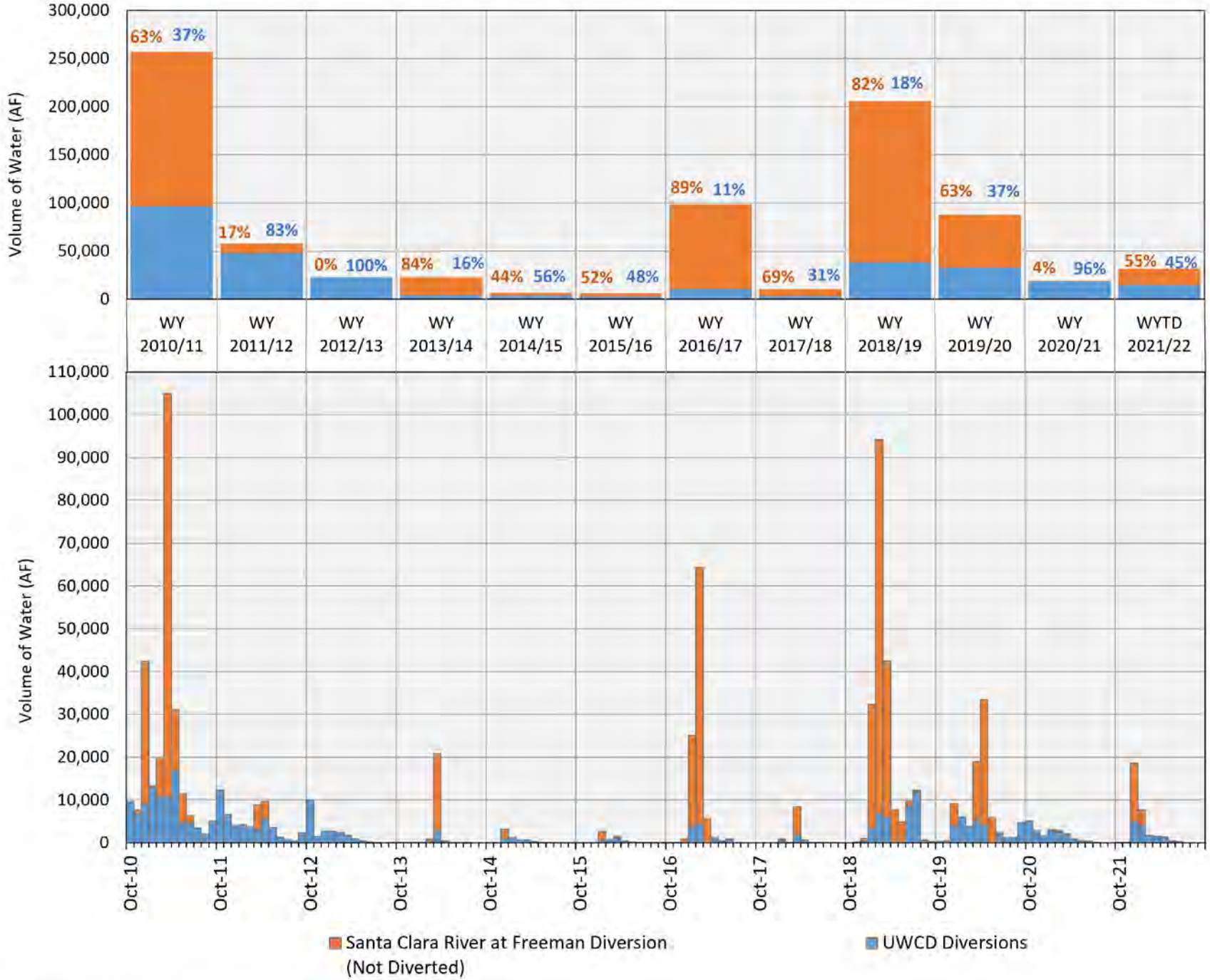

Water Year (WY) = October 1 to September 30; WYTD = Water Year To Date

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer
Daryl Smith, Controller

Date: **June 21, 2022 (July 13, 2022 meeting)**

Agenda Item: **3.C Monthly Investment Report** (May 31, 2022)
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
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.

Discussion:
Informational purposes.

Fiscal Impact:
As shown.

Attachment: Combined Investment Report

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United Water Conservation District
Monthly Investment Report
May 30, 2022

Investment Recap	G/L Balance	Weighted Avg Days to Maturity	Diversification Percentage of Total
Bank of the Sierra	2,114,204	1	4.42%
US Bank - 2020 COP Bond Balance	14,761,323	1	30.88%
Petty Cash	4,400	1	0.01%
County Treasury	1,644	1	0.00%
LAIF Investments	30,917,921	1	64.67%
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Securities	**47,799,493**		**100.00%**
Investment Portfolio w/o Trustee Held Funds	**47,799,493**		
Trustee Held Funds	**-**		
Total Funds	**47,799,493**		

Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	Beginning Balance	Deposits (Disbursements)	Ending Balance
	33,417,921	(2,500,000)	30,917,921
	Interest Earned YTD	**Interest Received YTD**	**Qtrly Yield**
	53,538	76,793	0.32%

ll District investments are shown above and conform to the District's Investment Policy. All investment transactions during this period are included in this repor
Based on budgeted cash flows the District appears to have the ability to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months.

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United Water Conservation District

Cash Position

May 31, 2022

Fund	Total	Composition	Restrictions/Designations
General/Water Conservation Fund:			**Revenue collected for district operations**
General/Water Conservation	17,580,642	4,562,015	Includes General, Rec & Ranger, Water Conservation
		4,962,000	Reserved for legal expenditures
		5,809,000	Designated for replacement, capital improvements, and environmental projects
		2,247,627	Supplemental Water Purchase Fund
General CIP Funds	3,512,377	3,512,377	Appropriated for capital projects
2020 COP Bond Funds	12,890,871	12,890,871	Reserved for CIP Projects
Special Revenue Funds:			**Revenue collected for a special purpose**
State Water Project Funds	5,416,491	5,416,491	Procurement of water/rights from state water project
Enterprise Funds:			**Restricted to fund usage**
Freeman Fund	1,297,249	1,297,249	Operations, Debt Service and Capital Projects
		-	Designated for replacement and capital improvements
		-	Reserved for legal expenditures
Freeman CIP Fund	(892,014)	(892,014)	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Fund	2,397,535	2,397,535	Delivery of water to OH customers
OH CIP Fund	1,996,985	1,996,985	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Well Replacement Fund	489,519	489,519	Well replacement fund
PV Pipeline Fund	507,707	507,707	Delivery of water to PV customers
PV CIP Fund	185,836	185,836	Appropriated for capital projects
PT Pipeline Fund	1,600,848	1,600,848	Delivery of water to PTP customers
PT CIP Fund	815,448	815,448	Appropriated for capital projects
Total District Cash & Investments	**47,799,493**	**47,799,493**	
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United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

Date: **July 7, 2022 (July 13, 2022 meeting)**

Agenda Item: **3.D Resolution 2022-30 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 July 13, 2022 through August 12, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-30 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).

Background:
Starting in March 2020, amid rising concern surrounding the spread of COVID-19 throughout communities in the state, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a series of Executive Orders aimed at containing the novel coronavirus. These Executive Orders (N-25-20, N-29-20, N-35-20) collectively modified certain requirements created by the Ralph M. Brown Act ("the Brown Act"), the state's local agency public meetings law.

On June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21 which rescinds the aforementioned modifications made to the Brown Act, effective September 30, 2021. After that date, local agencies are required to observe all the usual Brown Act requirements status quo ante (as they existed prior to the issuance of the orders). Local agencies must once again ensure that the public is provided with access to a physical location from which they may observe a public meeting and offer public comment. Local agencies must also resume publication of the location of teleconferencing board members, post meeting notices and agendas in those locations, and make those locations available to the public in order to observe a meeting and provide public comment.

3.D <u>Resolution 2022-30</u> 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 July 13, 2022 through August 12, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions <u>Motion</u>

On September 16, the Governor signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately, which extends the flexibilities provided in the Governor's prior executive order to local and state bodies to hold public meetings remotely beyond the executive order's September 30, 2021 expiration date.

On September 20, the Governor signed an executive order (N-15-21) waiving the application of AB 361 until October 1, 2021, when the provisions of prior Executive Orders that established certain requirements for public agencies to meet remotely during the COVID-19 emergency will expire. The September 20 order makes clear that, until September 30, local agencies may conduct open and public remote meetings relying on the authority provided under prior Executive Orders (rather than AB 361). The revised Order also explicitly permits a local agency to meet pursuant to the procedures provided in AB 361 before October 1, so long as the meeting is conducted in accordance with the requirements of AB 361.

All local agencies are being asked to be aware that they may not conduct remote teleconference meetings pursuant to the authority in the Governor's prior Executive Orders beyond September 30; after that date, all meetings subject to the Brown Act must comply with standard teleconference requirements (as they existed "pre-pandemic") OR must comply with the newly enacted provisions of AB 361. The adoption of this Resolution provide the District with compliance as it relates to the newly enacted provisions of AB 361.

Fiscal Impact:
There is no fiscal impact related to the approval of this Resolution.

Attachment: <u>Resolution 2022-30</u>

RESOLUTION 2022-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REAFFIRMING THAT THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ISSUED ON MARCH 4, 2020 RELATING TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS REMAINS IN EFFECT AND LOCAL OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 13 THROUGH AUGUST 12 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, United Water Conservation District ("District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of District's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §54950 *et seq.*) ("Brown Act"), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provision for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors previously adopted a Resolution, Number 2022-29 on June 30, 2022, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of the District to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Board of Directors must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists, and the Board of Directors has done so; and

WHEREAS, the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor of California on March 4, 2020, due to the outbreak and spread of the COVID-19 virus remains in effect and active in order to be able to prepare, respond, and implement measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, local officials within the County of Ventura continue to recommend social distancing measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the proclaimed state of emergency pursuant to the COVID-19 virus which continues to remain in effect, and local officials continuing to recommend social distancing measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the District shall continue to conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of

section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the meetings of the District's legislative bodies continue to be open to the public, in accordance with the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Reaffirmation of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby finds that the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency pursuant to the COVID-19 virus, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020, continues to remain in effect.

Section 3. Reaffirmation of Local Officials Recommendation of Social Distancing Measures. The Board hereby finds that local officials within the County of Ventura continue to recommend social distancing measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The General Manager of the District and legislative bodies of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) August 12, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District, this 13th day of July, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:_____
Bruce E. Dandy, Board President

ATTEST:_____
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary/Treasurer

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

Date: **July 7, 2022 (July 13, 2022 Meeting)**

Agenda Item: **3.E Resolution 2022-31 Reappointing Director Michael W. Mobley as the District's Representative to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-31, reappointing UWCD Director Michael W. Mobley as the District's representative to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (GSA) Board of Directors for a two year term beginning June 1, 2022 and concluding May 31, 2024.

Discussion:
Following the Board's authorization and execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Authority agreement (JPA) providing for the formation of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency in May of 2017 (Resolution 2017-09), the Board approved Resolution 2017-10, appointing Director Michael W. Mobley to represent the interests of the District and its ratepayers on the Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors for a term of three years (June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2020).

In accordance with the JPA, following the initial three year term for the District's member Director, the District, by resolution 2020-06, reappointed Director Mobley to a two year term on the Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors to represent the interests of the District and its ratepayers (June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2022). As Director Mobley's division (Division 2) covers the majority of the Mound basin and he has served successfully on the Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors for the past five years, it is recommended to the Board that it reappoint Director Mobley to an additional two year term on the Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors.

Fiscal Impact:
There is no fiscal impact resulting from this motion.

Attachment: **A – Resolution 2022-31**

RESOLUTION 2022-31

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTING
DIRECTOR MICHAEL W. MOBLEY AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MOUND BASIN GROUDNWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Ventura, County of Ventura and United Water Conservation District ("Member Agencies") have entered into a joint exercise of powers agreement ("JPA Agreement") that created the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA); and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement requires the governing board of each Member agency to appoint a Director to the MBGSA Board of Directors by resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UNWCD Board of Directors takes the following actions:

1. THE UWCD Board of Directors appoints Director Michael W. Mobley to represent the District's interests with respect to all matters that come before the MBGSA Board of Directors.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:_____
Bruce E. Dandy, Board President

ATTEST:_____
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

Date: **July 7, 2022 (July 13, 2022 Meeting)**

Agenda Item: **3.F Resolution 2022-32 Appointing Director Gordon Kimball as the District's Representative to the Fillmore and Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-32, appointing UWCD Director Gordon Kimball as the District's representative to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (GSA) Board of Directors.

Discussion:
Following the Board's authorization and execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Authority agreement (JPA) providing for the formation of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency in May of 2017 (Resolution 2017-07), the Board approved Resolution 2017-03, appointing Director Edwin T. McFadden III to represent the interests of the District and its ratepayers on the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA Board of Directors.

In accordance with the JPA, the Member Director shall cease to be a Director when he or she is no longer a member of their governing agency's board. With Director McFadden's resignation from the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors, effective June 8, 2022, a Member Director vacancy was created. Upon the vacancy of a Member Director, the seat shall remain open and vacant until a replacement Director is appointed as set forth in Section 6.4 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. JPAA, Art. 6, Section 6.

The District, by Resolution 2022-32, will appoint Director Gordon Kimball, appointed to fill the Division 1 Board seat vacated by Director McFadden, to a two year term on the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA Board of Directors to represent the interests of the District and its ratepayers (July 13, 2022 through June 30, 2024). As Director Kimball's division (Division 1) covers the majority of the Fillmore and Piru basins, it is recommended to the Board that it appoint Director Kimball to a two year term on the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA Board of Directors.

Fiscal Impact:
There is no fiscal impact resulting from this motion.

Attachment: **A – Resolution 2022-32**

RESOLUTION 2022-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APPOINTING DIRECTOR GORDON KIMBAL AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Fillmore, County of Ventura, and United Water Conservation District ("Member Agencies") entered into a joint exercise of powers agreement ("JPA Agreement") creating the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (FPBGSA); and

WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement requires the governing board of each Member agency to appoint a Director to the FPBGSA Board of Directors by resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UWCD Board of Directors takes the following actions:

1. The Board of Directors appoints UWCD Director Gordon Kimball to serve on the FPBGSA Board of Directors.

2. The UWCD Board of Directors confirms that the Director appointed pursuant to this resolution is authorized to represent the District's interests with respect to all matters that come before the FPBGSA Board.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2022.

ATTEST: _____

Bruce E. Dandy, Board President

ATTEST: _____

Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary/Treasurer

United Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado Jr., General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 21, 2022 (July 13, 2022, meeting)

Agenda Item: **3.G Resolution 2022-33 Approving a Revision to the UWCD FY 2022-23 Financial Policies relating to Staff Expense Policy (A. Travel Expenses 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate) and Expense and Compensable Activity Policy - Board Members and District Executives (A. Travel Expenses 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate) increasing the Mileage Rate to .625 Cents per Mile**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will review and consider adoption of Resolution 2022-33, adopting a revision to the UWCD FY 2022-23 Financial Policies relating to the Staff Expense Policy and the Compensable Activity Policy for Board Members and District Executives, increasing the mileage reimbursement rate to .625 cents per mile. Adoption of Resolution 2022-33 approves a revision to the following sections:

- **Expense Policy - Staff**
  A. Travel Expenses, 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate

- **Expense and Compensable Activity Policy - Board Members and District Executives**
  A. Travel Expenses, 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate

Summary:
The District's FY 2022-23 Financial Policies were adopted by the UWCD Board of Directors on June 8, 2022. On June 9, 2022, the IRS announced an increase in the standard mileage reimbursement rate for business travel to .625 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the previous rate. These new IRS rates become effective July 1, 2022.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2022. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year. Midyear increases in the optional mileage rates are rare, the last time the IRS made such an increase was in 2011.

Agenda Item: **3.G Resolution 2022-33 Approving a Revision to the UWCD FY 2022-23 Financial Policies relating to Staff Expense Policy (A. Travel Expenses 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate) and Expense and Compensable Activity Policy - Board Members and District Executives (A. Travel Expenses 3. Personal Vehicles, Standard IRS Mileage Rate) increasing the Mileage Rate to .625 Cents per Mile**
Motion

Discussion:
None.

Fiscal Impact:
Adoption of Resolution 2022-33 revising the Adopted FY2022-23 Financial Policies, as recommended above, sets the new District standard IRS mileage reimbursement rate to .625 cents per mile for staff and Board members effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and until further notice from the IRS.

Attachment: A Resolution 2022-33

RESOLUTION 2022-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING A REVISION TO THE DISTRICT'S FY 2022-23 FINANCIAL POLICIES RELATING TO THE STAFF EXPENSE POLICY AND COMPENSABLE ACTIVITY POLICY - BOARD MEMBERS AND DISTRICT EXECUTIVES BY INCREASING THE MILEAGE RATE TO .625 CENTS PER MILE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, on June 8, 2022, approved the Proposed Financial Policies for United Water Conservation District ("District") for the Fiscal Year 2022-23, commencing July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2022, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced an increase in the standard mileage reimbursement rate for business travel to .625 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the previous rate, effective July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, revising the FY 2022-23 Adopted Financial Policies would set the new District standard IRS mileage reimbursement rate for staff and Board members effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and until further notice from the IRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District hereby approve the following sections of the District's financial policies for revision as stated above:

Expense Policy - Staff
Expense and Compensable Activity Policy – Board Members and District

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 13th day of July 2022.

ATTEST: _____
Bruce Dandy, President

ATTEST: _____
Lynn Maulhardt, Secretary/Treasurer

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
Brian Collins, Chief Operations Officer

From: John Carman, Programs Supervisor

Date: **July 5, 2022 (July 13, 2022 Meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.1 Monthly Operations and Maintenance Department Report**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive and file this staff report from the Operations and Maintenance department regarding its activities for the month of June.

1. Water Releases, Diversions: Please see Groundwater Basin Status Report
   - Lake Piru dropped 1.4 feet in June to 17,316 acre-feet (AF) of storage.
   - 209 AF of water was diverted by the Freeman Diversion facility in June.
   - 0 AF of water was diverted to the Saticoy recharge basins in April (metered).
   - -103 AF of water was diverted to the other Saticoy basins in April (unmetered). Negative value because water was pumped from Desilt Basin.
   - 21 AF of surface water was delivered to the El Rio recharge basins in June.
   - 136 AF of surface water was delivered to the PTP system in June.
   - 8 AF of surface water was delivered C customers in June.
   - 0 AF of surface water was delivered to Pleasant Valley County Water District in June.

2. Major Facilities Update
   - **Santa Felicia Dam**
     - On July 1, 2022 the lake level was 73.5 feet below the spillway lip.
     - Habitat water releases from Santa Felica Dam (SFD) were maintained at 7 cubic feet per second (cfs), for the month of June, as per the Water Release and Ramping Rate Implementation Plan for Lower Piru Creek.
     - Staff replaced 100ft section of Water Treatment Plant pump barge suction hose.
     - On June 23, 2022 annual Santa Felicia Dam DSOD inspection performed.

   - **Freeman Diversion, Saticoy, and El Rio Recharge Facilities**
     - Flows at the Freeman Diversion averaged 4 cfs for the month of June, with 0 cfs of surface water being diverted on July 1, 2022.

- Collaborating with regulators staff dewater Freeman Diversion in preparation of servicing all valves and actuators.
- Staff changed oil on all Micro Screen gearboxes.
- Static water levels (distance of water from the well pad to the water table):

	2022	2021	2020
Saticoy	121'	127'	105'
El Rio	135.4'	128.3'	113.5'
PTP	117' - 156'	114' - 156'	102' - 152'

- **Noble/Rose/Ferro Basins**

- **Oxnard-Hueneme (OH) Delivery System**
  - On June 21, 2022 staff coordinated with contractor McCalls for annual field calibration of Saviers Mutual, Vineyard Avenue Acres Mutual, Cypress Mutual, Rio Real School, and Del Valle school turnout meters.
  - Staff replaced OH Well #16 manifold and flush line AUMA actuators and valves.
  - Staff sampled and changed oil on all OH Booster Plant VFD motors.
  - OH distribution pipeline sinking manhole on Camino Del Sol and Rose Avenue repaired by contractor Travis Agriculture.
  - Staff replaced OH Booster Plant south manifold turbidimeter pump and motor.

- **Pleasant Valley County Water District (PVCWD)**
  - PVCWD received surface water from the Conejo Creek Project and also received some highly treated recycled water from the City of Oxnard's Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF).

- **Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP)**
  - During the month of June, the PTP system demand was met with a combination of surface water from the Freeman Diversion and PTP wells.
  - Staff installed and calibrated level transducer at Reservoir.
  - Staff installed piping, valve, and electronic Endress Houser meter assembly at Turnout #120,

- **Instrumentation**
  - On June 27, 2022 staff coordinated emergency repairs with Dieners Electric due to damaged OH Booster Plant electrical supply.
  - Signed Time of Use Electrical agreement with Voltus, for OH and PTP delivery systems, providing financial incentives while reducing load on our local electrical grid.
  - Staff configured and deployed battery powered Endress Houser meter on six month trial basis at Turnout #120, potentially eliminating need for solar panel assembly.
  - Staff installed new operator interface Panel-view at OH Well #12.
  - Staff installed 10gig fiber optic cabling in headquarters boardroom for sound system.

Lake Piru Water System

- All chlorine residuals and turbidity readings for the drinking water system were within proper ranges for the month of June.
- District staff made repairs to leaking manifold to NaOCL chemical injection system.
- Monthly pH, turbidity and coliform samples were obtained for Lake Piru, as part of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule compliance monitoring.

3. Operations and Maintenance Projects Update

- The Iron and Manganese grant funded project is progressing well at El Rio Booster Plant.

4. Other Operations and Maintenance Activities

- The Santa Felicia Dam Emergency Action Plan sirens located in Piru were exercised on June 3, 2022.
- Staff installed new signs at El Rio Booster Plant, OH deep aquifer wells, and Saticoy recharge basins.
- On June15, 2022 staff attended the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce board meeting remotely.
- On June 28, 2022 Staff participated in SFD Emergency Action Plan Call-Down Drill.
- Staff widened El Rio Settling Basin pond #9 roadway with Iron and Manganese project excess soil.
- Removed old chemical injection room 1 Ton overhead crane.
- The monthly inspection of Santa Felicia Dam was performed.
- Monthly bacteria samples were obtained for the PTP system.
- Monthly meter readings were obtained for the OH, PTP, and PV Pipelines.
- Completed and electronically transmitted the monthly OH Pipeline report to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water.
- Static water levels were obtained for all El Rio, Saticoy, and PTP wells.
- Weed abatement continued throughout the District.
- Action priority update biweekly meetings for operations staff were continued.

5. Safety and Training

- During the month of June, approximately 3100 hours of work, within the O & M department, were performed with no reportable accidents. The department's YTD safety record is 0 recordable injury.
- One Safety Meeting was conducted on site at UWCD Headquarters, covering situational awareness on all hazards, ranging from at construction job sites to imminent threat/workplace violence. The presentation was a joint effort by O&M Recharge Worker I and the Risk and Safety Manager, with the former volunteering for this opportunity to further develop his public speaking and presentation skills. Several mini safety videos were shown, followed by one video specifically covering imminent threat situations entitled *Run, Hide, Fight PSA* by Grand State University. The primary objective was to

provide awareness and reminder on the actions to take in such a situation in light of recent mass casualty incidents in 2022.

- Tailgate safety meetings were conducted at all individual O&M field locations and the topics included refresher training on equipment used at the various O&M locations. The online Target Safety assignments for May was "Water Industry Workplace Violence."

Attachments: A - Operations Log for June

OPERATIONS LOG v 7/5/22

DATE	SANTA FELICIA DAM								FREEMAN DIVERSION**					RECHARGE					IRRIGATION						O-H	
	SFD El.	Stor.	Surface	Evap.	Inflow Balance	Outflow USGS	Hydro	Rain 106E	River	Diverted	Fish*** Facility	Bypass Channel	Crest	El Rio	Saticoy Facility		Noble/ Rose	Piru	T.I.D.	P.T.P.	PVCWD		L.P.	Saticoy Wells	Total	Cl2
	Ft.	A/F	Acres	Inches	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Kw	Inches	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Misc CFS‖	Weir CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	A/F	A/F	A/F	%	A/F	A/F	A/F	Lbs.
A/F*		17553			9,535	5,750		14.69	31,344	14,094	1,832	3,490		7,517	4382		0	0.0	2,125	1,933	449		0.0	0	9,553	74,898
6/1/22	982.76	17978	533.10	0.262	0	8.03	0	0.00	8	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	10.4	11.6	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	37.9	32.1
6/2/22	982.74	17967	532.90	0.269	6	8.05	0	0.00	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.0	8.4	9.8	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	35.7	283
6/3/22	982.70	17946	532.60	0.260	0	8.07	0	0.00	6	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	5.6	7.3	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	37.9	288
6/4/22	982.69	17941	532.50	0.110	7	8.08	0	0.00	7	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	6.2	8.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	37.5	291
6/5/22	982.63	17909	532.00	0.202	-6	8.04	0	0.00	8	8	0	0	0	4.69	2	0	0	0.0	2.9	4.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	32.3	261
6/6/22	982.56	17872	531.50	0.351	-7	8.03	0	0.00	8	8	0	0	0	6.08	-3	0	0	0.0	9.2	11.1	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	36.7	292
6/7/22	982.53	17856	531.30	0.238	3	8.04	0	0.00	7	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0.0	7.0	8.9	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	37.6	297
6/8/22	982.48	17830	530.90	0.277	-2	8.02	0	0.00	6	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	6.4	8.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	24.9	201
6/9/22	982.45	17814	530.60	0.284	3	8	0	0.00	5	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.0	6.7	8.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	30.1	242
6/10/22	982.42	17798	530.40	0.243	3	7.99	0	0.00	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	5.9	7.7	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	29.3	218
6/11/22	982.36	17767	529.90	0.278	-5	7.99	0	0.00	5	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	4.0	5.8	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	27.8	228
6/12/22	982.32	17745	529.60	0.220	-1	8	0	0.00	5	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	4.7	5.8	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	22.2	171
6/13/22	982.29	17730	529.40	0.250	3	8	0	0.00	6	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	4.5	5.6	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	20.8	164
6/14/22	982.23	17698	528.90	0.279	-5	7.99	0	0.00	6	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0.0	0.8	5.8	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	21.2	173
6/15/22	982.18	17672	528.50	0.294	-2	7.98	0	0.00	5	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0.0	1.8	3.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	24.4	217
6/16/22	982.13	17646	528.10	0.273	-2	7.98	0	0.00	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	1.4	3.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	21.1	165
6/17/22	982.05	17604	527.50	0.285	-10	7.99	0	0.00	1	0	0.4	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0.0	1.5	2.3	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	24.1	182
6/18/22	982.01	17583	527.20	0.299	1	7.99	0	0.00	4	4	0.3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.0	2.5	3.4	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	29.6	233
6/19/22	981.96	17556	526.90	0.288	-2	7.98	0	0.00	4	4	0.4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	1.7	2.8	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	25.7	203
6/20/22	981.92	17535	526.60	0.341	1	7.93	0	0.00	5	4	0.5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	2.5	3.1	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	29.0	232
6/21/22	981.88	17514	526.30	0.314	1	7.93	0	0.00	2	2	0.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	2.3	2.7	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	29.0	224
6/22/22	981.83	17488	526.00	0.309	-2	7.9	0	0.00	14	0	0.1	13.8	0	0	-1	0	0	0.0	2.3	2.9	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	26.8	221
6/23/22	981.80	17473	525.80	0.262	3	7.91	0	0.00	2	0	0	2.3	0	0	-1	0	0	0.0	2.2	1.3	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	28.2	208
6/24/22	981.74	17441	525.40	0.260	-5	7.92	0	0.00	2	0	0	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	30.0	219
6/25/22	981.70	17420	525.10	0.300	1	7.91	0	0.00	2	0	0	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	28.3	223
6/26/22	981.64	17389	524.70	0.330	-4	7.91	0	0.00	2	0	0	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	26.3	214
6/27/22	981.60	17368	524.50	0.336	1	7.89	0	0.00	2	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	27.7	196
6/28/22	981.56	17347	524.20	0.367	1	7.89	0	0.00	2	0	0.1	2.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	28.7	203
6/29/22	981.51	17321	523.90	0.377	-1	7.91	0	0.00	2	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	28.7	217
6/30/22	981.46	17295	523.50	0.343	-1	7.91	0	0.00	2	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	24.7	236
TOTAL CFS					-22	239		0.00	140	106	3	31	0	11	43	0	0	0.0								
AVERAGE CFS					-1	8			5	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.0								
TOTAL A/F					-44	474			277	209	6	62	0	21	85	0	0	0.0	103	136	0		0	0.0	864	6534
MONTHLY REVENUE TO DATE (approx.)							$0	K																		
AVERAGE A/F					-1	16			9	7	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0.0	3	5	0	0%	0	0.0	29	218
WATER YEAR TOTALS A/F					9,491	6,224		14.69	31,621	14,303	1,838	3,552	0	7,538	4,467		0	0.0	2,228	2,069	449		0	0	10,417	81,432

* Input total A/F previous month

** Daily averages imported from Ranch Systems

***Fish facility flows include Denil fishladder, aux pipe and smolt bypass pipe

‖ Includes Ponds A, C, E, and I overflows, temporary storage in the desilting basin and Pond B, JLB diversions, losses between meters. Negatives mean prior storage from pond B or desilting basin is discharging to other metered sources.

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Clayton W. Strahan, Chief Park Ranger

Date: **June 28, 2022 (July 13, 2022 meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.2 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report**
Information item

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive and file this staff report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding its activities for the month of June 2022.

Discussion:
During the month of June, staff handled the typical assortment of maintenance challenges, as well as a substantial increase in incidents and guest traffic driven to the Lake by hot temperatures. Staff also contended with wildlife-related issues, including the sighting of a mountain lion and her kitten, bears removing trash from dumpsters, and the relocation of several rattlesnakes. The Recreation Area hosted several filming events, as well as multiple meetings and site visits. Recreation Staff completed their annual CPR / First Aid training as well as fire extinguisher training, and the general focus was on repairing infrastructure and completing improvements in time for the Independence Day holiday. At the time of the filing of this report, the campground is already fully booked for the holiday weekend, and staff expects it to be the busiest weekend of the year. Additionally, staff looks forward to the process of selecting and training our new Park Ranger Cadet, which is expected to be a substantial help in the management of the Recreation Area.

Note – this report contains tasks and incidents that occurred during the month of May after the filing of the previous staff report and are included here to ensure the Board is fully informed of activities at the Recreation Area.

1. **Staff Tasks and Activity Highlights**

- **May 24-June 20:** Rangers, camp hosts, SFD employees and Waterworks Plumbing worked together to mitigate and repair multiple plumbing infrastructure failures in the Olive Grove and Oak Lane campgrounds.
- **May 31, June 6, 7, 10:** Staff installed emergency lighting and a siren on the District personal watercraft to provide enhanced functionality for use when responding to emergencies.

- **June 1-10**: Staff installed new regulatory and traffic signage throughout the Recreation Area.
- **June 4-7**: Staff replaced the iron drain line from the fish cleaning station, which was continually clogged by fish debris. This replacement restored functionality to the fish cleaning station.
- **June 7:** Staff repaired a section of chain link fence surrounding the dog park which had been run over.
- **June 9:** Staff contracted to complete annual pumping of all septic tanks throughout the Recreation Area.
- **June 10-12**: Staff isolated and repaired wharf head within the Olive Grove campground that supplies drinking water which had developed a leak and was spraying water into a campsite.
- **June 12:** Staff assisted with the inspection and recertification of all fire extinguishers within the Recreation Area. This is an annual process which helps ensure readiness in the event of a fire.
- **June 13:** Staff moved courtesy dock, marina, and marina anchors to keep pace with falling lake levels as a result of evaporation loss and mandated conservation releases.
- **June 14:** Staff repaired the District work barge, which had suffered damage to the wiring harness, preventing the engine from operating normally.
- **June 14:** Staff cleaned the Santa Felicia Dam staff gauge, which is used by staff as a part of completing their daily reads and monitoring the lake level.
- **June 20-24**: Staff built, installed, and connected a new anchor and cable for the floating restroom in Santa Felicia Cove, which had suffered a failure in the cable causing the restroom to break loose and float freely around the lake.
- **June 21:** Staff refueled patrol boats and checked them to ensure readiness for the upcoming Independence Day holiday weekend.
- **June 27**: Santa Felicia Dam staff assisted the Recreation division by installing a new water intake hose at the Water Treatment Plant and repairing the buoy line surrounding the Pump Barge.

2. **<u>Staff Training/Meetings/Events</u>**

- **May 10-12:** Staff completed CPR and First Aid training to ensure preparedness in the event of a medical emergency at the Recreation Area.
- **May 14:** The Recreation Area hosted filming for reality TV show produced by ABC focusing on families traveling around the country in RV's.
- **May 19:** Chief Strahan attended the Kern County Water Summit to represent the Recreation Area and the District as a whole.
- **June 8:** The Recreation Area hosted a filming event produced by Ample Entertainment.
- **June 15:** Staff hosted a site visit regarding the Facility Improvement Plan, which is being developed by Stantec.
- **June 22:** Staff hosted a tour for the State Water Project Recreation Planning Committee.
- **June 28:** Staff participated in the annual Santa Felicia Dam Emergency Action Plan Call-Down Drill to practice our response in the event of a dam emergency.

3. Revenue and Visitation Recap

2022 Day Use Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2022 Day Use Revenue (Jan. 1 – May 31)	$93,153.00
2021 Day Use Revenue (Jan. 1 – May 31)	$90,700.00
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	$2,453.00
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	2.7%
2022 Camping Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2022 Camping Revenue (Jan. 1 – May 31)	$255,366.00
2021 Camping Revenue (Jan. 1 – May 31)	$237,170.00
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	$18,196.00
Annual Increase in %	**7.7%**
Current and Previous Year Comparison (2021 vs. 2022)	
2022 Combined Revenue (Jan. 1 – May 31)	$388,595.70
2021 Combined Revenue (Jan. 1 – May 31)	$345.680.00
Annual Increase in %	**12.4%**

*** *It should be noted that 2019 was one of the highest revenue years in the history of the park. 2022 is on pace to exceed the 2019 day-use and camping figures..*

2022 Total Visitation Figures				
Month	**# Nights/Sites**	**# People**	**# Vehicles**	**# Vessels**
January	153	1,450	822	155
February	203	1372	685	155
March	314	4,585	1,405	292
April	527	16,175	2,314	437
May	614	11,130	2,816	574
Total	**1,811**	**34,712**	**8,042**	**1,613**

4. Incidents/Arrests/Medicals

Rangers responded to thirteen incidents of note during the month of June.

- **May 24, May 30, June 4, June 10, June 12, June 20 –** Rangers responded to nine medical emergencies, ranging from broken bones, seizures, heat exhaustion, allergic reactions, and lacerations. Care was provided by Rangers as well as resources from the Ventura County Fire Department and AMR.
- **May 28 –** Rangers responded to a report of a jet ski beached upside down against a sandbar on the lake. Due to the circumstances, a search was initiated for the operators of the jet ski. Approximately an hour later, the operators were located safely onshore.
- **May 29 –** Rangers contacted a camper who was intoxicated in public and walking away from the Recreation Area after an argument. Rather than arresting the guest, rangers and Ventura County Sheriff's deputies convinced him to return to the rest of his group and successfully mediated the dispute.

- **June 6 –** Rangers responded to a remote rescue call in the National Forest beyond the Pothole trailhead for several hikers who were out of water and experiencing medical issues. Thankfully, all hikers were able to make their way out by the time search and rescue resources were arriving on scene, and there were no serious injuries.
- **June 12 –** Rangers responded to a vessel accident on the boat ramp and observed signs of intoxication from one of the vessel operators. California Highway Patrol officers responded and following an investigation, the operator was arrested for boating under the influence.
- **June 12 –** Rangers responded to a fight in the campground. Following a brief investigation, it was determined that no crime occurred, but all involved parties were extremely intoxicated and were admonished to return to their campsites and stay away from one another.

5. Citations/Enforcement Summary

Throughout June, six citations were issued for violations of Ordinance 15, as well as violations of California Harbors and Navigation, and Fish and Game Code.

It should be noted that numerous other enforcement contacts were made for violations of District Ordinances, however, as it is the district's goal to use education as a means for compliance in most cases, Park Rangers used these incidents as an opportunity to educate the guests via a verbal warning. Citations are typically issued as a last resort when the violation is egregious or voluntary compliance cannot be obtained.

6. Grants

Nothing new to report at this time.

United Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer
Dan Detmer, Water Resources Manager

Date: **June 29, 2022 (July 13, 2022 meeting)**

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

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive a summary report on various Water Resources Department activities for the month of June 2022.

Discussion:

Staff Activities

In addition to the Department's routine, ongoing groundwater monitoring and reporting programs and its support of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (summarized in a separate staff report), notable efforts and activities conducted by staff during the past month included the following:

- Groundwater Modeling:
  - Staff continue to update United's groundwater flow models with up-to-date information on hydrogeologic conditions and stresses to improve calibration and forecasting. The updated models will help United advance and improve design of water-supply projects within the region. Staff also continue to develop software tools to enhance flexibility and efficiency for pre- and post-processing of model input and output files.
  - Staff continues to develop a break-out Perched Aquifer Model (PAM) for groundwater flow in the unconfined Semi-perched aquifer in the EBB Water Project study area. The break-out model will allow higher resolution (both horizontally and vertically) forecasting of groundwater flow paths and the inland extent of the natural seawater density wedge at the base of the aquifer near the coastline.
  - Staff is working under contract to assist the City of Ventura assess travel times for the injection and later recovery of recycled water for their WaterPure project in the northwestern Oxnard basin (in the area south of the Ventura auto dealerships).

- Staff continues to work on an open-file report (OFR) describing the methods and results for a modeling effort to optimize sustainability and environmental benefits of water-supply and conveyance infrastructure projects currently being designed and/or implemented by United and other project proponents. The combination of projects to be evaluated was initially proposed by the FCGMA's OPV Stakeholders *ad hoc* Projects Committee, and was updated with information or suggestions provided by the FCGMA, the OPV Stakeholders group, and project proponents (including United's Engineering Department) as the evaluation proceeded.
- Staff continue to help the Environmental Services Department (ESD) evaluate effects of existing and potential future surface water flow conditions at the Freeman Diversion.
    - Staff are assisting the Environmental Services and Engineering Departments in evaluating fish passage design modifications under consideration for United's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), including assisting with planning of physical modeling efforts at the Bureau of Reclamation's facility in Denver and at the University of Iowa.
- Staff continue to assist with planning and coordination for the purchase and release of Table A water and supplemental State Water Project (SWP) water acquired from other SWP contractors.
- Staff continue to collaborate with the Engineering Department to develop, design, and implement a portfolio of new or improved water-supply projects within the District's service area. The collaborative effort is currently focused on refining the conceptual design of water-supply projects and new conveyance systems so that they yield the best value in terms of sustainable yield for the groundwater basins in United's service area.
    - Staff assisted with development of site layouts and construction planning for extraction and monitoring wells to be included as Phase 1 of the EBB Water project.
    - Staff continued to provide information to the FCGMA in support of the SGM Grant. In May, DWR announced that United's Ferro-Rose Artificial Recharge and PTP Recycled Water Connection on Laguna Road, and United's Monitoring Wells Construction project supporting the Phase 1B of the EBB Water Treatment project were approved as components of that grant (a total of $6.48 million in grant funding is planned to be awarded for these three projects). Staff are awaiting the draft agreement from FCGMA on terms and conditions.
    - Staff continue to prepare a full proposal for a Prop 1 Round 3 grant to develop Phase 1B of the EBB Water Treatment project. United proposes construction of production wells and control systems, discharge pipes and monitoring wells ($14 million) and related design, permitting, sampling and reporting ($4.3 million) to build the demonstration phase (Phase 1B) of the EBB Water Treatment Project before additional investments are made in water treatment and distribution. The full proposal is due on July 15 and the grant requires a 50% funding match.
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Outreach and Educational Activities

- Staff continue to participate in meetings or phone calls with the FCGMA, State and local government representatives, and other stakeholders to provide information regarding sustainability issues and water-supply projects, as requested.
- Senior Hydrogeologist John Lindquist gave a presentation on groundwater conditions and United's activities in the Santa Clara River Valley to the Santa Paula Basin Pumpers Association on June 2.
- Mr. Lindquist gave a presentation on the cyclical nature of drought and wet periods in southern Ventura County to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Pumpers Associations at a joint meeting on June 14. Assistant General Manager Tony Emmert and Chief Engineer Maryam Bral also gave presentations at this meeting.

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer
Dan Detmer, Water Resources Manager

Date: June 29, 2022 (July 13, 2022 meeting)

Agenda Item: 4.4 Update on Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive a summary report on the monthly activities of the three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA, and Mound Basin GSA), for which District board members serve as member directors, and the Santa Paula basin (adjudicated) Technical Advisory Committee, for which District staff serve as members. Staff may also report on state-wide issues related to the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014.

Discussion:
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA)
Staff continue to monitor and, where appropriate, participate in the FCGMA's groundwater sustainability planning and implementation efforts in the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley, and Las Posas Valley basins. United staff continue to meet periodically with FCGMA staff and other stakeholders to develop analyses of benefits and impacts of water-supply projects and different variations of those projects in support of developing a sustainable, resilient water-supply portfolio for the service areas of both agencies.

As noted in the accompanying monthly Water Resources Department report for this month, Staff are awaiting the final agreement on terms and conditions for the SGM Grant (through the FCGMA), which includes awards totaling approximately $6.48 million for United's Ferro-Rose Artificial Recharge, PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road , and monitoring wells installation in support of the Extraction Barrier and Brackish (EBB) Water Treatment projects.

United staff also attended and, where appropriate, contributed to, FCGMA Board and Committee meetings, as follows:

Board of Directors meetings – The FCGMA Board held regular meetings on May 25 and June 22 as well as a special meeting on June 10. Notable topics at the May 25 meeting included:

- Director Ramirez requested that Item 2 of the Consent Agenda—approving and delegating authority to the Executive Officer to sign and submit letters of support for grant applications from other agencies and water purveyors—be moved to the regular agenda for discussion. The Board determined that more information and guidance for such letters would be helpful before approving. Chair West directed staff to bring this item back at a future meeting.
- The Board received an update on the Agency's processing of applications for variances to the Allocation Ordinance for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley groundwater basins, considered recommendations to authorize the Executive Officer to grant temporary variances for the current year for operators with pending decisions on variance applications, and considered a recommendation to suspend payment of surcharges for operators with pending variances until the Agency decides those variance applications. After lengthy Board discussion and public comment, the Board ultimately approved all three recommendations.
- The Board received a presentation by staff on a proposed amendment to the Agency Ordinance, requiring monthly extraction reporting from all facilities equipped with an advanced metering infrastructure. Essentially, this proposed amendment expands the existing monthly reporting requirement for agricultural operators to include M&I and domestic operators. A public hearing was held at the meeting, and the amendment was adopted.
- The Board received presentations by staff on two requests for waivers of surcharges related to exceedance of pumping allocations. Both waiver requests were granted by the Board.
- The Board conducted a hearing on a request to appeal the Executive Officer's decision regarding a variance request by Wonderful Citrus (in Las Posas Valley basin). In a 3:2 decision, the Board decided to approve the appeal request for an allocation of 1,500 AFY in water year 2022/23.

The June 10 special meeting was a workshop for the Directors regarding the challenges presented by the combined operation of extraction facilities under "CombCodes." The Board received presentations from Agency staff and the exchange administrator for the Fox Canyon Water Market from California Lutheran University. Potential modifications to the CombCode policy were presented by Agency staff and discussed in the workshop. It was proposed to have another workshop in the future to further discuss the use of CombCodes in the water market and transfers of pumping between the management areas.

Notable topics at the June 22 regular board meeting included:

- The Board received a staff presentation on the Agency's proposed work plan and budget for fiscal year 2022-23. The Board engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the merits of hiring new staff versus consultants, whether SGM Grant administrative fees should be funded by the FCGMA or project proponents, and the specific roles and duties of the proposed new engineer position at FCGMA. Eventually the Board adopted the work plan and budget as proposed, after the Executive Officer and Chairman emphasized that the work plan and budget were not the final decision points on any of the contentious issues that were raised.
- The Board received an update from staff on development and implementation of groundwater replenishment fees. Public comments largely focused on the need for having sufficient funding available to purchase water from new sources and supporting projects when appropriate.

Operations Committee meetings – None were held last month.

Executive Committee meetings – None were held last month.

Fiscal Committee meetings – None were held last month.

OPV Variance Review Committee meeting – None were held last month.

Ad Hoc OPV Projects Committee meetings – None were held last month.

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (FPBGSA)

Staff continue to participate in FPBGSA activities supporting SGMA compliance and GSP preparation for the Fillmore and Piru basins, as follows:

Board of Directors meetings – The FPBGSA held a special Board meeting on June 2 and a regular Board meeting on June 16.

The June 2 special Board meeting focused on the 2022-2023 budget and groundwater charges. The Board received a presentation by staff on the draft fiscal year budget and proposed groundwater extraction charges and provided comments in support of the draft budget. The Board agreed to carry the motion forward to a noticed public hearing as part of the FPBGSA regular Board Meeting on June 16.

Notable topics at the regular meeting on June 16 included:

- The Board held a public hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 budget and groundwater extraction fee of $12 per acre-foot. After receiving public comment, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-09 establishing the proposed extraction fee to become effective on July 1, 2022.

- Board received a presentation from Legal counsel, consultant DBS&A, and staff regarding the development of the Agency's Well Permitting Review Process.
- The Board approved a letter to Assemblymember Steve Bennett regarding potential amendments to Assembly Bill 2201.
- The Board reviewed the well permit application for MVP Farms LP. The Board agreed with staff's findings that the MVP Farms LP application for the construction of a replacement well was not inconsistent with the Agency's Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and directed staff to provide a letter to the County of Ventura stating the Agency's findings.

The next regular FPBGSA Board meeting is scheduled for July 21 at 5:00 pm.

GSP implementation – Staff helped coordinate land access agreements with area landowners in opportune locations for new monitoring wells funded by a DWR Technical Support Services (TSS) grant. In May, staff put out a request for proposal for well drilling services with the proposal submittal deadline on June 16. A site visit was held on June 8 with three potential contractors in attendance. Two proposals were received for the well drilling services.

Data Resources - A web-based data management and mapping system that includes well construction information and available water level and water quality records for wells within the Piru and Fillmore basins remains available on the agency website, as are numerous technical references relating to the basins and development of the GSPs. Staff recently shared spring water level records with agency consultant DBS&A for formatting and upload to the agency website and to DWR.

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA)

Staff continue to participate in MBGSA activities supporting SGMA compliance and GSP implementation for the Mound basin, as follows:

Board of Directors meetings – The MBGSA held a regular Board meeting on June 16. Notable topics included:

- The Board reappointed Michael W. Mobley as UWCD's member Director and appointed Betsy Cooper and Arne Anselm as the City of Ventura and Ventura County's member Directors to the Mound basin GSA Board of Directors. Director Cooper was appointed vice chair/secretary and Director Anselm was appointed treasurer to serve during the remainder of the calendar year 2022. The Board also honored former Directors Glenn Shepard and Susan Rungren for their service to the MBGSA.
- The Board held a public hearing on the proposed extraction fees, based on the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget and the five-year financial projection. After receiving public comment, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-07 establishing the proposed extraction fee of $62 per acre-foot for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

The next regular MBGSA Board meeting is scheduled for July 21, at 1:00 pm.

GSP implementation–Drilling and construction of a cluster of new monitoring wells just south of Ventura Harbor commenced in May and is expected to be completed in July. The deepest of the three wells was completed in June and construction of the middle and shallow well will likely be completed in July. This work is being performed by DWR's drilling contractor under a technical support services (TSS) grant from the State.

Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Staff continue to participate in the Santa Paula basin TAC in support of the Santa Paula Basin Judgment and in conformance with SGMA reporting requirements for adjudicated basins, as follows:

- Staff are preparing a draft version of the Santa Paula Basin Annual Report for 2021.
- Harold Edwards was elected to be the new TAC representative for the Santa Paula Basin Pumpers Association, and Bryan Bondy will now support the association on groundwater matters, following the retirement of Alex Teague and the passing of long-term technical representative Frank Brommenschenkel, respectively.

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

From: Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer
Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer
Zachary Plummer, Technology Systems Manager
Tony Huynh, Risk and Safety Manager
Kris Sofley, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Date: **June 30, 2022 (July 13, 2022, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.5 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive this staff report and attached presentation from the Administrative Services Department regarding its activities for the month of June 2022.

Discussion:

Finance

- Finalized the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Budget which was adopted by the Board on June 8, 2022.
- Prepared 2022-1 groundwater statements and mailed them to customers.
- Coordinated with Finance and Human Resources (HR) staff to prepare for year-end payroll accruals.
- Communicated with HR staff regarding employee merit increase eligibility, leave maximums, and other payroll-related notifications.
- Completed the FY 2021-22 Interim Audits.
- Finalized the FY 2022-23 GSA budgets which were adopted by their respective Boards in June.
- New accounting technician continued training on accounts receivables.
- Accountant II position recruitment completed. New employee set to start July 18.

Administrative

- Provided administrative assistance for drafting, finalizing, and distributing/posting materials for the UWCD's Water Resources, Finance and Audit and Engineering and Operations Committee meetings as well as the regular UWCD Board meeting in June and

two Special Board Meetings (June 6 and June 30) and an ad hoc Legislative Committee meeting.

- Provided administrative assistance for drafting, finalizing, and distributing/posting materials for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Regular Board meeting June 16.
- Continued to host AWA VC Water Issues Committee (June 21) and Executive Committee meeting (June 2) at the UWCD Boardroom with support from Administrative staff and IT Manager.
- Continued to host the Santa Clara River Watershed Committee meeting, which included the WCVC component at the June 30 meeting in the UWCD Boardroom with support from Administrative staff and IT Manager.
- Hosted the Farm Bureau Ventura County meeting on June 29 in the UWCD Boardroom with support from Administrative staff and IT Manager.
- Provided administrative and IT support for the June 7 VCSDA membership meeting, which was held at the Port Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District's offices in Port Hueneme.
- Organized and coordinated a special Virtual CalPERS Event regarding Retirement for District staff in collaboration with the HR Department.
- Admin Team coordinated Staff visits to the Bureau of Reclamation and University of Iowa to evaluate modeling efforts for fish passage alternatives; in addition to individual training and event participation and also handled registration of Directors and Executive staff for the CSDA Annual Conference in Palm Desert this August, including collaborating with CV Strategies and Palmdale Water District on the development of a special presentation on the Collaborative Efforts of Palmdale Water District and UWCD.

Human Resources

- Processed exit documents for several part-time staff that submitted resignations.
- Working on end of fiscal year tasks:
    - Coordinated end of FY appraisals for staff at Step 5
    - Coordinated Administrative Leave (memos and PAFs)
    - Prepared for Cost-of-Living Increases (COLAs)
    - Prepared housing increases for District housing
- Working on internal/external recruitments, and onboarding and interviews for several positions:
    - Park Ranger III (internal promotion)
    - Accountant II (new hire set to start employment with the District on July 18)
    - Administrative Assistant III (currently reviewing applications)
    - Environmental Services Lead Field Technician (interviews scheduled for 6/22-6/23)
    - Environmental Services Field Technician (onboarded new hire 6/15)
    - Environmental Services Field Assistant (onboarded new hire 6/15)
    - Principal Environmental Scientist (position closes on July 4)
    - Receptionist (interviews set for July 6-July 8)
    - Seasonal Park Ranger Assistants (currently accepting applications)

  - Supervising Hydrogeologist (selection pending GM approval)
  - Water Treatment Operator (internal position, interviews scheduled July 5-July 6)
- Gathered groundwater hearing exhibits and prepared flash drives for the June 2022 groundwater hearings which aided in completing the hearing at the June Board of Directors meeting.
- Hosted CalPERS benefits event for all employees at Oxnard HQ on June 22.
- Scheduled to attend CalPERS HR presentation on June 29.
- Began training with Destiny Rubio, new HR Generalist, to ensure cross-training prior to anticipated retirement of HR Specialist Ofelia Leon.

Safety and Risk Management

- Provided enhanced push-to-talk (direct, real-time walkie-talkie app through FirstNet) training to Santa Felicia Dam (SFD) and Lake Piru staff.
- Provided imminent threat/workplace violence training during monthly safety meeting.
- Provided fire extinguisher training to Lake Piru Recreation Area staff.
- Completed Occupational Hearing Conservationist Certification training.
- Conducted noise exposure assessment in conjunction with SFD staff to identify and discuss best practices in and around the workplace.
- Supported Engineering and Operations Department with preparations and execution of annual SFD EAP Call Down Drill.
- Participated in coordination with HR Department, interviews for HR Generalist and Park Ranger III as well as an evaluator of the Receptionist and Administrative Assistant III applications received by the District.

Technology Systems

- Technology Systems (TS) team has been reviewing and applying lessons learned from the reporting and activities of the Department of Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency teams cyber assessments recently performed.
  - TS has created network and individual user computer policies to address areas of potential vulnerability and is evaluating changes in test environments before promoting solutions to current in-use assets.
  - Personnel continue to review and plan changes to meet additional areas of improvement and will be reported on as they are introduced.
- Assisted O&M's Instrumentations team in remediating a network issue in the server room at our El Rio facility.
- All District network permitter security devices were patched with vendors latest updates to mitigate issues expected from a conflicting Microsoft Windows patch. Emergency patching had the unintended consequence of interrupting VPN users for 48-hours until District TS staff implemented a working solution to address the impacted software.
- Provided significant onboarding support for UWCD staff member additions and replacements who have joined the District (including new Director Gordon Kimball). Onboarding involves provisioning network system access and providing new staff with

equipment and any software licensing needed. In addition, TS staff members out-processed departing District personnel as well.

- Assisted the Administrative Department with the production of the United Water Conservation District booth at the AWA Symposium.
- Continued to provide audio/visual assistance as well as virtual meeting support for various meetings being conducted at District's HQ Board Room location.
- Monthly ticket overview summarized below:

State by Ticket Type

	Open	In Progress	Awaiting Reply	Pending 3rd party	Waiting for approval	Total
IT Projects and Change Management	5	4	0	0	0	9
IT Purchase Request	3	0	1	0	1	5
IT Services and Support	5	10	4	0	1	20
SCADA Proj. and Change Management	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	14	14	5	0	2	35

Monthly ticket type overview - 2022

Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Alerts and Advisories	0	1	5	2	0	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	8
E-Mail Phishing and Spam	0	0	0	0	2	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	2
Employee Information Update	0	0	0	0	0	4	/	/	/	/	/	/	4
IT Projects and Change Management	0	0	0	1	7	3	/	/	/	/	/	/	11
IT Purchase Request	1	2	0	3	6	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	13
IT Services and Support	10	4	12	41	39	38	/	/	/	/	/	/	144
Network | Port patching	0	0	1	0	0	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	1
New employee	0	2	2	2	0	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	6
Offboarding | Disable Account	0	0	0	0	1	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	1
SCADA Proj. and Change Management	0	0	0	0	1	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	1
Total	11	9	20	49	56	46	/	/	/	/	/	/	191

Monthly ticket priority overview - 2022

Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
High	0	0	0	0	2	1	/	/	/	/	/	/	3
Low	11	9	20	45	51	43	/	/	/	/	/	/	179
Medium	0	0	0	4	3	2	/	/	/	/	/	/	9
Total	11	9	20	49	56	46	/	/	/	/	/	/	191

Monthly ticket source overview - 2022

Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Email	11	8	19	44	41	38	/	/	/	/	/	/	161
Website	0	1	1	5	15	8	/	/	/	/	/	/	30
Total	11	9	20	49	56	46	/	/	/	/	/	/	191

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Maryam A. Bral, Chief Engineer
Craig A. Morgan, Engineering Manager
Robert J. Richardson, Senior Engineer
Michel Kadah, Engineer
Adrian Quiroz, Associate Engineer
Erik Zvirbulis, GIS Analyst

Date: **July 6, 2022 (July 13, 2022 meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.6 Monthly Engineering Department Report**
Information item

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive and file this summary report from the Engineering Department regarding its activities for the month of June 2022.

Discussion:
1. Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Projects
   - Spillway Improvement Project
     - The 30% design analyses continued during the month of June. Staff received two draft Technical Memorandums (TM) from GEI Consultants (GEI). Staff completed their review of the draft Hydraulic Analysis TM and provided comments to GEI. Staff is currently in the process of reviewing the second TM, the Dam Crest Raise Analysis.
     - Staff attended bi-weekly progress meetings and discussed the design progress with GEI Consultants (GEI).
     - On June 7, Staff prepared and submitted the Board of Consultants (BOC) meeting No. 6 invitations to FERC, DSOD, BOC, and GEI.
     - On June 22, Staff prepared and submitted hard copies of the Geotechnical Data Report (GDR) and the Geotechnical Investigation Report (GIR) to DSOD in order to close the 2020 drilling program application.

   - Outlet Works Improvement Project
     - The above updates reported for the Spillway Improvement Project are also applicable to the Outlet Works Improvement Project.

- Staff received two draft TMs, the Fish Screen Velocity TM and Transient Surge Analysis TM. Staff completed their review of the Fish Screen TM and are currently in the process of reviewing the Transient Surge Analysis.
- On June 6, minor comments were received from the California Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) on the 30% design of the Outlet Works Improvement Project. No modification is expected for the current outlet works design based on these comments.
- On June 10, Staff reviewed and discussed with Catalyst/Cardno and GEI the revised design of the new outlet channel to include a baffle piers system as an energy dissipation method to reduce the velocity during conservation releases. The design team determined that the modified design will not impact the design of the new natural release channel in design by Catalyst/Cardno. Staff requested that GEI proceed with the baffle piers design and prepare the associate TM.

- FERC License Amendment Application, NEPA Documentation and Section 7 Consultation
  - On June 14, Staff received draft Biological Assessment (BA) from Catalyst. Staff is planning to submit the draft Biological Assessment (BA) report to FERC by the end of July to minimize potential delays in completing the permitting process.

- Loan and Grant Applications

  2021 FEMA HMGP
  - No update to report. Waiting on CalOES to announce the selected sub-applications to be submitted to FEMA for review.

  PrepareCA Match – FEMA HMGP
  - The above updates are also applicable to the PrepareCA Match grant.

  WIFIA Loan
  - On June 22, Engineering and Finance staff met with the WIFIA program team. Chief Engineer and Chief Financial Officer presented the project purpose and benefits, project progress and timing, and District finance credits, respectively. Both presentations and a memo including the responses to questions and information requested by the WIFIA loan underwriter were transmitted to the team via email.

2022 High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Grant

- On June 14, Staff met with DSOD to discuss the 2020 HHPD grant requirements. Based on the limited available fund of $11.6M for planning and design projects in California, the estimated grant award to each project would generally range between $50,000 to $200,000 and the grant Period of Performance (POP) may be from September 2022 to September 2025. Staff prepared and submitted an initial proposal, including two spillway design related tasks to be

considered by DSOD for the 2022 HHPD grant application. DSOD will submit the grant application to FEMA by July 15, 2022.

- Santa Felicia Dam Safety
  - The annual DSOD inspection of the Santa Felicia Dam was conducted on June 23, 2022. In attendance were DSOD Inspector, Cameron Lancaster, as well as Engineering and O&M Staff. The group inspected the dam abutments, dam crest, spillway, spillway discharge channel and outlet works tunnel. The inspector said that the dam was in satisfactory condition and had no action items for the District.
  - The annual SFD EAP Call-Down Drill was conducted on June 28, 2022. The drill involved exercising the Imminent Failure Notification Chart to verify contact information for Emergency Management Agencies that would respond to a hypothetical dam emergency. An internal training session for staff was conducted on June 27, 2022.

2. Santa Felicia Dam Sediment Management Project
   - No update to report.

3. Pothole Trailhead Parking Area
   - No update to report.

4. Condor Point Improvement Project
   - A Conditional Use Permit Adjustment application was submitted to Ventura County Planning (Planning) on April 20, 2022. The permit adjustment is required to obtain a zoning clearance. Staff provided the County Staff a tour of the project site on June 03, 2022. The permit adjustment letter was received on June 20, 2022.
   - Staff conducted a job walk with the Gordian Group on June 27, 2022, of the Condor Point and Juan Fernandez sites. Based on the job walk, as well as the plans and specifications, the Gordian Group is expected to provide a construction bid for the Condor Point Improvement Project and complete construction by August 6, 2022.

5. Freeman Diversion Expansion
   - Staff, USBR, University of Iowa, Stantec and NHC participate in rotating weekly calls with NMFS and CDFW to provide updates on physical modeling, CFD modeling and design alternations.
   - July 11-13, staff along with representatives from Stantec and NMFS plan to visit the University of Iowa to witness the 1:12 and 1:24 scale physical models of the Vertical Slot.

6. Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility
   - Meetings:

- Weekly coordination meetings between Staff and the District's construction manager (HDR, Inc.)
- Weekly construction progress meetings hosted by HDR and attended by GSE Construction, Taft Electric, Kennedy Jenks Consultants (KJ) and Staff.

- GSE Construction has submitted approximately 250 out of a total of 298 submittal packages anticipated for the project. HDR and design engineer (KJ) have provided responses on approximately 237 submittal packages including a requirement to comply with the Buy American Act.
- GSE Construction has submitted approximately 80 Requests for Information (RFI) to date. HDR, KJ and the District have been providing responses.
- District staff performed earthwork using spoils generated from various trench excavations and widened northwest corner of Pond 9.
- GSE Construction completed construction of the following:
  - Washwater Recovery Tank reinforced concrete foundation.
  - 20-inch Ductile Iron Overflow pipeline including the 20-inch Filter-to-Waste and Pond 8 surface water connections; and performed pressure testing for acceptance; and
  - Continued construction of the 4-inch HDPE solids pipeline.
- GSE Construction installed the following:
  - Raw Water Supply, Raw Water Bypass, and Waste Solids Pump Station vaults.
  - 20-inch overflow vault at the Washwater Recovery Tank.
- Taft Electric completed construction connecting the existing power-supply manhole to the new building containing the laboratory, electrical and air-scour equipment rooms.
- The tentative date for construction completion and implementation is January 3, 2023. A total of five (5) inclement weather days have been counted.

7. <u>OH System Backup Generator at the El Rio Booster Plant</u>
   - On June 27, Staff prepared and submitted quarterly report No. 7 to CalOES. Since the project was completed and is currently in the closeout process, Cal OES requires the District to continue submitting quarterly reports until the project is officially closed by FEMA.

8. <u>PTP Metering Improvement Project</u>
   - Total number of meters installed: 36 of 61 or 59.01% complete.
   - An additional seven (7) meter installations are planned by end-2022.
   - Easement acquisition completion: 22 of 42 obtained or 52.4% complete
   - On June 7, Staff received signed easements deeds for PTP Turnout Nos. 135, 139 and 146.
   - On June 15, Staff installed the first meter that is powered by battery at PTP Turnout No. 120 for testing and use on sites where power and solar are not a viable option.

9. <u>PTP Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline Project</u>
   - The 30% design progress continued during the month of June. Staff attended the bi-weekly progress meetings and discussed the design progress with District's consultant, KJ.

- Staff prepared and submitted the pump performance datasheet for the new PT reservoir pump to KJ to be incorporated in the hydraulic modeling.
- Staff reviewed and discussed the equipment preference list (valves, flow meters, fencing, etc.) proposed by KJ to be incorporated in the 30% design

10. Rice Avenue Grade Separation Project and Impact on PTP
    - As previously reported, the State of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) has requested acquisition of two easements at the PTP Well Site No. 4. During a follow up phone call with CalTrans in May, the offer made for the two easements was corrected to a total of $6,300 for a 3,000 square foot of permanent easement and a 1,436 square foot of a temporary construction easement at the well site. Granting these easements might impact future well repairs and maintenance activities due to space constraints at the well site. This issue will be communicated with CalTrans.
    - As reported previously, a segment of the District's 30-inch transmission pipeline north of the Fifth Street and Rice Avenue intersection will be buried under the new overpass and will therefore requires relocation/ reinforcement. The City of Oxnard has developed the design for pipe reinforcement for this segment of the pipe but will not cover the costs associated with the pipe reinforcement. As several meetings and discussions did not resolve this issue, Staff requested to meet with CalTrans to discuss this issue. CalTrans informed Staff that CalTrans is not party to the Utility Agreement pertained to the 30-in pipeline relocation/ reinforcement and advised Staff to discuss and resolve this issue with the City of Oxnard and the County of Ventura, who are the sole responsible parties for the pipeline relocation.

11. State Water Project (SWP) Interconnection Pipeline Project
    - No update to report.

12. Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project
    - Meetings:
      - June 21, 2022
        - Meeting between District staff and Division of Drinking Water to share information related to proposed Phase 1B "Demonstration Phase" Project (seven extraction wells, raw water pipeline and temporary discharge point).
        - Held monthly progress meeting with Navy and District staff. Some key discussion and action items are:
          - Navy's unconfined aquifer monitoring program and construction of new monitoring wells commencing in Fall 2022.
          - Timeline for implementation of grant funding projects (SGM Grant Program and pending Prop 1 Round 3 GWGP application).
          - Status of Phase 1A "Exploration Phase" Project license agreement. Naval Base Ventura County's (NBVC) Commanding Officer has signed off and issued a letter to the Regional Admiral to induct the license agreement as a requirement

which will trigger the formal real estate processing. The regional real estate office is anticipated to provide comments by August 2022 with a plan to finalize it in September. Staff is planning to request the Board of Directors approval of the license agreement for Phase 1A by September 2022.

- June 30, 2022 – Held a meeting with Regional Water Quality Control Board staff to discuss Phase 1B Project.
- July 6, 2022 – Held a meeting with the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) to discuss a potential connection to the Salinity Management Pipeline (SMP) for pumped groundwater during the Phase 1B "Demonstration Phase" Project and brine discharge during the Phase 2 "Full Build-out" Project.
- July 12, 2022 – Held a meeting with the Navy's California Coastal Commission experts to discuss potential permit requirements for the project.

- Grants:
  - Prop 1 Round 3 Ground Water Grant Program (GWGP) - *application*
    - June 8, 2022 – Board of Directors approved Resolution 2022-28 for authorizing and designating the District's General Manager to enter into a grant funding agreement for the Phase 1B "Demonstration Phase" Project.
    - Additional letters of support have been requested from several agencies including:
      - Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD)
      - Farm Bureau of Ventura County
      - Port Hueneme Water Agency (PHWA)
      - Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (CoLAB)
    - A letter of acknowledgement was requested from the State Water resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW)
    - District staff continues to prepare full proposal application materials. Full proposals are due July 15, 2022.
  - Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program
    - Final execution of grant agreements pending.
- CEQA/NEPA:
  - June 8, 2022 – Board of Directors approved Resolution 2022-27 for the adoption of the CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) prepared for the Information Collection for the Proposed Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Project (Phase 1A exploration phase).
  - The CEQA NOE was filed with the County of Ventura on June 20, 2022 and Office of Planning and Research on June 21, 2022.
  - June – A draft Request for Qualifications/ Request for Proposal (RFQ/P) for CEQA and Regulatory Permitting consultant services for Phase 1B (demonstration phase) has been prepared and is in internal review.

13. <u>Asset Management/ CMMS System</u>

- Staff continues to work on tables and graphs for the end of year reporting from Santa Felicia Dam monthly reporting Survey123 app data exports.

Staff is working to set up a demonstration of the Sedaru Asset Management Program that is in use by Channel Islands Beach Community Services District.

14. Main Supply Line Sodium Hypochlorite Injection Facility
    - Staff received and are currently reviewing a design proposal from Hazen and Sawyer.

Other Topics, Meetings and Training

- June 14 – Maryam Bral presented the status of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Association Joint Annual Membership Meeting
- June 21 – Maryam Bral attended the AWA Water Issues meeting.
- June 21 - Staff received a notification from Tetra Tech that the Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) was approved by FEMA and CalOES. Following FEMA and Cal OES approval and adoption of the plan, Staff recommends the Board adopt the Plan (Volume 1 and the District's annex included in Volume 2). Staff prepared a resolution (Resolution 2022-34) to be considered by the Board at the July 13 Board meeting. Once the plan is adopted, the District can pursue grant funding opportunities made available by FEMA.

Figure 1 – Drone Image of Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant Construction Progress taken June 21, 2022

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager
CC: Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer

From: Linda Purpus, Environmental Services Manager

Date: **July 1, 2022 (July 13, 2022, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.7 Monthly Environmental Services Department Report**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will receive and file this staff report from the Environmental Services Department regarding its activities for the month of June 2022.

Discussion:

1. Santa Felicia Project Operations and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License Support

   - Santa Felicia Fish Passage Pre-Implementation Studies

     In preparation for removing fish trap equipment from middle Piru Creek, Environmental Services staff conducted surveys for arroyo toad and least Bell's vireo.. During surveys, staff observed arroyo toad tadpoles which were at risk of stranding within a stream reach that was actively drying. Staff notified U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) of the observation and USFWS requested support from United in undertaking a rescue operation. On June 8, 2022, staff assisted USFWS with the capture and relocation of 17 arroyo toad tadpoles from an actively drying and recently isolated pool to nearby suitable habitat. United continues to support USFWS in this effort by periodically monitoring the relocation site to confirm that habitat conditions remain suitable. The trap equipment remains in place due to nesting bird activity and is planned for removal in mid-July.

   - Water Release Plan and Water Release and Ramping Rate Implementation Plan

     Under the Water Release Plan and FERC license for the Santa Felicia Project, United is required to make certain water releases from Santa Felicia Dam for steelhead habitat and migration, when specific triggers are met. Triggers for habitat water releases are based on cumulative rainfall within the water year. United evaluates whether the trigger is met on the first day of each month, between January and June. The table below presents trigger criteria for each month and minimum required releases if those triggers are met. Each month that the trigger is not met, the minimum required habitat water release is 7

cubic feet per second (cfs). The trigger was not met on June 1, 2022. The minimum required habitat water release will remain at 7 cfs for the rest of the calendar year.

2022 Habitat water release trigger date	Trigger criteria (total cumulative precipitation on trigger date)	Minimum required water release if trigger is met	2022 Measured cumulative precipitation	Actual minimum required habitat water release for mo.
January 1	4.80 inches	15 cfs	12.48 inches	15 cfs
February 1	8.10 inches	20 cfs	12.88 inches	20 cfs
March 1	12.00 inches	20 cfs	12.98 inches	20 cfs
April 1	14.90 inches	20 cfs	14.45 inches	7 cfs
May 1	16.30 inches	10 cfs	14.69 inches	7 cfs
June 1	17.50 inches	9 cfs*	14.69 inches	7 cfs

* If triggered, the minimum required water release will remain at 9 cfs through October 1, at which time, minimum required water release will be 7 cfs through January 1 of next calendar year.

2. Freeman Diversion Operations

On June 9, 2022, Environmental Services staff issued a request for onsite assistance to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NMFS-Office of Law Enforcement, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to support capture and relocation of *O. mykiss* from the fish screen bay at the Freeman Diversion. Additionally, United requested to pursue ceasing diversions and dewatering the facility. On June 15, 2022, CDFW staff indicated they would assist with these operations and were available to be on site on June 21 and 22, 2022. Environmental Services staff held coordination meetings and discussed proposed operations with NMFS and CDFW staff on June 15, 17, and 20 in advance of initiating operations on June 21, 2022. On June 21 and 22, 2022, CDFW staff was on site and assisted United with conducting activities and operations in accordance with discussions held during earlier coordination meetings, which ultimately culminated with opening the roller gate, draining the fish screen bay, canal bay, and forebay. During these activities CDFW staff (with assistance from United staff) successfully captured and relocated six *O. mkyiss*. Three additional *O. mykiss* perished, all captured or collected immediately downstream of the bypass channel and roller gate after opening the roller gate.

3. California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Candidacy of Southern California Steelhead

Concurrent with the California Fish and Game Commission's (Commission) determination that listing of southern California steelhead under CESA "may be warranted," the Commission approved a Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 2084 regulation to authorize take during the species' candidacy period in accordance with specific terms and conditions. On June 27, 2022, staff submitted documentation to demonstrate the eligibility of the Santa Felicia Project to receive take authorization per the terms of the 2084 regulation. Pursuant to the statutory timeline included in the 2084 regulation, CDFW must review and respond to the request submitted by United within 30 days.

4. Quagga Mussel Management

   - Monitoring

     On June 13, 2022, the 2020 Supplemental Veliger Report was sent to CDFW staff as an information item. United is not accepting comments on the report.

     Environmental Services staff continues to conduct routine monitoring under the Quagga Mussel Monitoring and Control Plan (QMMCP) including monthly water quality sampling, monthly veliger (microscopic planktonic larvae) sampling, monthly artificial substrate sampling in Lake Piru (plate sampling), and natural substrate sampling in lower Piru Creek (surface surveys).

5. Miscellaneous

   - On June 6, 2022, Evan Lashly, Hannah Garcia-Wickstrum, and Hanna Reuter attended an arroyo toad tadpole identification training led by Robert Fisher, USGS Biologist, in the Angeles National Forest.

   - On June 15, 2022, Environmental Services onboarded two new Field Technicians, Robbie Zambelli (full-time) and Amanda Bonavida (part-time).

   - On June 22, 2022, Hannah Garcia-Wickstrum joined Clayton Strahan and Taylor Sabia in providing a tour of the Lake Piru Recreation Area to 25-30 Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff. Hannah discussed United's QMMCP and answered other relevant environmental questions.

   - On June 23 and 28, 2022, Environmental Services staff interviewed six prospective candidates for the vacant Lead Field Technician position. A recommendation for hiring will be submitted in early July.

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Kris Sofley, clerk of the Board

Date: **July 5, 2022 (July 13, 2022)**

Agenda Item: **5.1 Consideration of Contract Award for State Legislative Advocacy, Governmental Affairs and Strategic Grant-Related Services**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC (Consultant) to provide governmental affairs, state legislative outreach and strategic grant-related services as outlined in the attached proposal "Scope of Services" for a monthly fee of $12,500, effective July 15, 2022.

Discussion:
At the Board's direction, the General Manager has been working diligently over the past five years to develop relationships and be more proactive in legislative affairs, both at the state and federal level. In an effort to strengthen the District's state legislative efforts, the General Manager has had discussions with several state legislative advocates, deciding upon Kristin Olsen of California Strategies & Advocacy LLC for the vast knowledge, experience and relationships that Ms. Olsen brings to the District as well as the broad scope of services provided by the agency with regard to grant funding, regulatory agency outreach and legislative advocacy, especially on bills related to water issues and special districts.

California Strategies & Advocacy LLC's proposal is attached to this staff report for the Board's review.

Fiscal Impact:
The FY 2022-23 budget includes $60,000 (010-100-52290) for state legislative advocacy services. There is also sufficient funds budgeted under the same account for general Public Relations ($250,000), in the event additional funds are required.

Attachments: A – California Strategies & Advocacy LLC

CALIFORNIA STRATEGIES
& ADVOCACY, LLC

CALIFORNIA STRATEGIES & ADVOCACY CONTRACT

June 20, 2022

This Agreement ("Advocacy Services Agreement," or "Agreement") is hereby entered into and will serve to confirm the engagement of California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC ("Consultant") as a consultant to the United Water Conservation District ("Client") to provide governmental affairs, lobbying, and strategic grant-related services to the Client.

Scope of Services:
The following activities will be carried out for the Client:

1. Conduct strategy sessions with Client to refine goals, objectives, and specific milestones.
2. Provide legislative advocacy on bills related to water issues and special districts, with a particular focus on seeking to defeat or neutralize AB 2201.
3. Track and provide intelligence on relevant legislation.
4. Review background materials on District projects in need of state budget funding and/or state agency grant funding.
5. Identify and prioritize the District's needs and proposed projects.
6. Provide a customized matrix of existing grant and incentive opportunities that align with the District's needs and priorities.
7. Develop strategies to pursue existing state and regional incentives and grant programs.
8. Create champions within the Legislature and within relevant state funding agencies, including California Natural Resources Agency, State Water Board, Department of Water Resources, Governor's Office, and/or others based on the District's priority projects.
9. Facilitate with the Legislature and Governor's Office to identify funding opportunities within the budget process for specific District projects, as needed.
10. Engage with key state agencies, Governor's Office, and Legislature to optimize and develop customized incentive programs, as needed.
11. Craft messaging tailored for California government audiences.
12. Serve as Client's eyes and ears in Sacramento.
13. Provide technical, political, and PAC guidance to help Client achieve success.
14. Participate in regular coordination calls and meetings with Client.

Compensation:
The Client agrees to provide to the Consultant a monthly fee of ~~$15,000~~ 12,500 in return for the services as detailed in the Scope of Services above.

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If the Client requests the Consultant to preform detailed technical grant writing and grant management, then the Consultant will prepare an additional contract for each proposal, with prior written approval from Client.

The Consultant will submit an invoice to the Client each month for the total amount due, including any expenses incurred during the billing period. All invoices will be paid within 30 days of receipt. A 5% late fee will be charged for invoices not paid within 30 days.

The invoice should be addressed to:

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.
General Manager
United Water Conservation District
1701 North Lombard Street, Suite 200
Oxnard, CA 93030
kriss@unitedwater.org
805-525-4431

Other Expenses:
The Consultant shall be reimbursed by the Client for reasonable expenses incurred in the normal course of business in support of Consultant's efforts on behalf of Client. Prior approval from Client shall be obtained before the Consultant incurs these expenses costing more than $500. "Expenses" may also include costs incurred to retain subcontracted consulting or professional services, such as graphics and other technical support for professional grant proposal preparation, should such retention be necessary. Furthermore, this scope does not include grant writing and grant management. Any expenses incurred on behalf of Client shall be documented and billed as they occur.

Duration:
The services to be rendered by the Consultant under this Agreement, for which a fee shall be paid, will commence at the signing of the contract. Either party may terminate this Agreement, without liability, with 30 days advance written notice. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall be entitled to all expenses incurred, and any payment due and owing, through the effective date of termination.

Assignment:
This Agreement may not be assigned by either party except upon the express written consent of the other party.

Mutual Indemnification:
Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, neither party shall be liable to the other for indirect, incidental or consequential damages. In the event any damage, liability, loss, expense or cost, including attorneys' fees, is the result of a gross negligent act, error, or omission of a party to this Agreement or any person employed by

it, and arises out of the performance of this Agreement, the negligent party shall indemnify, defend and hold the other party harmless.

Lobbying Registration/Reporting:
Client understands and acknowledges that Consultant may be conducting activities on its behalf which constitute "attempting to influence legislative or administrative action" within the meaning of the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended (Government Code section 81000, et seq.) and the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission. Accordingly, with Client's authorization Consultant will amend its lobbying firm registration statement with the Secretary of State to include Client, and both Client and Consultant will be required to comply with the lobbying reporting requirements and related laws during the term of this Agreement. In the event Client has no reporting requirements independent of the services provided by Consultant, and at Client's request, Consultant agrees to prepare, and file all required lobbying disclosure reports on behalf of Client during the term of this Agreement, provided that Client timely provides all information required for timely and accurate completion of the lobbying disclosure reports, including information about Client's campaign contributions and gifts to California state candidates and officials, and expenditures that may be categorized as "other payments to influence." In no event shall Consultant be responsible for or undertake the filing of any campaign contribution disclosure reports on Client's behalf.

Confidentiality:
The Consultant agrees to protect confidential information against unauthorized disclosure. The Consultant will protect such information using a reasonable degree of care as is used to protect its own confidential information of a like nature. The Consultant agrees to protect confidential information disclosed under this Agreement in both a) a tangible form, clearly labeled confidential at time of disclosure, and b) in non-tangible form, pertaining to matters disclosed in writing or orally which protect or enhance the competitive position of the Client. This Agreement covers confidential information the Consultant has obtained to date and will obtain in the future. The Consultant's obligations regarding confidential information received under this Agreement shall survive for two years following any termination hereof.

Code of Ethics:
In respect to the performance of its Scope of Services, the Consultant specifically represents, warrants and agrees that, in respect of its involvement with the Client, no payment or offer of payment has been made or shall be approved or made by the Consultant with the intention or understanding that any part of such payment is to be used to influence or attempt to influence, corruptly or unlawfully, any decision or judgment of any official of any government or of any subdivision, agency, or instrument thereof or any political party in connection with the Client. The obligations in this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Potential Conflicts of Interest:
Consultant has used its best effort to evaluate potential conflicts related to this Agreement and its existing client base. While Consultant has determined that no conflicts currently

exist, it should be noted that because of changing business objectives future conflicts could occur. Therefore, it is our policy to fully disclose any potential conflicts to all parties as soon as they are known and to resolve them as expeditiously as feasible.

Independent Contractor Status:
By execution of this Agreement, the Consultant acknowledges that it is an independent contractor and neither it nor its employees are employees of the Client for any purpose whatsoever. The Consultant has no right or authority to assume or create any obligation or responsibility, express or implied, on behalf of the Client, except as expressly authorized in writing by the Client.

Governing Law:
This Agreement will be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of California.

Amendment:
This Agreement may be amended only by a written and signed agreement of both the Consultant and the Client.

ACCEPTED & AGREED:

United Water Conservation District	California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC
By:_____	By:_____ Camden S. McEfee, Managing Partner
Date: _____	Date: _____

Contact Information:

Please provide your relevant contact information below:

Contact Name:	
E-mail:	
Office Phone:	
Fax:	
Mobile Phone:	

Address:	

CALIFORNIA STRATEGIES
& ADVOCACY, LLC

GRANTS AND INCENTIVES EXPERTISE

California Strategies & Advocacy is one of California's leading full-service government affairs and advocacy firms headquartered in Sacramento, with offices in Los Angeles, Irvine, Inland Empire, Modesto, Monterey, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and San Diego. Our bipartisan firm has experience across all three branches of government, at all three levels of government, and in every state agency. We have the political and technical abilities to develop broad strategic visions and implement the targeted actions needed to achieve results and exceed expectations.

California Strategies has an exceptional ability to secure grants, contracts, and incentive programs for a wide range of environmental issues, including water, energy efficiency, waste reduction, transportation, energy storage, and renewable energy in California. We have helped clients secure unparalleled levels of grants and state contracts. We specialize in aligning client's with California's economic and environmental goals to implement water, energy, and transportation projects that carryout the Administration's priorities. Our blend of technical and political expertise helps our clients achieve or exceed their goals, including:

- Facilitating dozens of State, Federal and Regional grants and contracts
- Providing targeted communications and messaging
- Developing tailored incentive and grant programs
- Securing hundreds of millions of dollars in state incentives and grants
- Writing winning grant proposals, often receiving the highest score

Results-based Approach:

California Strategies employs a governmental-affairs, outcomes-based approach to navigating public funding processes. Our approach has consistently achieved success and exceeded expectations by pursing programs that offer the greatest potential benefits—highest funding levels and likelihood of success.

First, we conduct strategy sessions with the project team to define needs, focusing on elements that offer the greatest public benefits and are the best fit for existing and upcoming state programs. Based on needs and specific project elements, we then develop a strategy and a matrix of opportunities and areas to target to provide a menu of options for the project team decision makers.

The matrix helps target opportunities with the highest likelihood of success, prioritizing the greatest potential funding sources and allowing us to pursue funds that are most relevant, with the fastest timelines and the most certainty for success. We then work with the project team to refine our understanding, prioritize target programs and projects, and develop and carryout our implementation strategy. We work closely with state agencies and departments, such as the Department of Water Resources, Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), California Department of Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle), California Air Resources Board (ARB), Governor's Office of Business and Economic

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Development, California Energy Commission (CEC), and many others to identify programs that align with our client's needs.

Our blend of policy and politics helps our clients secure grants and contracts. We have served as liaisons to state agencies and headed environmental programs. We speak the same language and have credibility with key staff and have the respect of grant decision makers. This bottom-up and top-down approach creates support for specific contracts, grants, and other funding opportunities.

California Strategies works with the client's team to prepare high-scoring proposals. We provide strategy, messaging, text, and collateral material, as needed, to help maximize the strength of proposals. Our strategic approach for grants and contract proposals is focuses on the grant scoring criteria and then working backwards to highlight high-scoring elements. We fold in project components that carryout top policy goals and fit the objectives of the specific grant program. We work with the project team to craft clear messages tailored for grant decision-makers, emphasizing project elements that will help proposals receive the highest score.

California Strategies & Advocacy has extensive expertise developing incentive programs to finance and deploy environmental projects. We work closely with the key agencies and departments, as well as the Department of Finance and the Budget Committees and Subcommittees in the Senate and the Assembly, as needed. Key to our success is our knowledge of the state agency's mission, creating tailored communication strategies to carryout the agency's goals and objectives, as well as developing broad stakeholder support for proposals, including support from the Governor's Office.

Throughout the process we engage with the agencies, Administration, and others to create champions and sustained support for funding programs. These champions reinforce our bottom-up, technical approach and provide the additional buttressing needed for success. Targeted support by top decision makers is essential for successfully securing and maintaining State contracts and grants.

Ultimately, our approach has helped secure millions of funds, grants, contracts and incentives for our clients, including securing over $700 million over the last few years and achieving a nearly perfect record on grants, contracts, and State procurements.

Below is a partial list of recent funds California Strategies helped secure:

Sustainable Groundwater Management: On behalf of a water district, California Strategies secured $2M from the Department of Water Resources for a multi-benefit recharge and flood management project.

Water Quality Land Acquisition and BMP Grant: On behalf of a city, the California Strategies team worked with the State Water Board and the DWR to help secure over $7M for land acquisition and non-point BMP grants to improve local and regional water quality.

Wastewater Treatment Grant: California Strategies secured $2M in Energy Commission and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for a local government in California to deploy 1 MW of solar technology and innovative energy efficiency measures to reduce energy consumption at the waste water treatment plant in the City of San Leandro.

Water Infrastructure: On behalf a water district, California Strategies secured $10M through the budget process and is developing proposals for grants for another $10M.

SRF Loans: On behalf of a water district, California Strategies secured a low interested $250M loan through the State Revolving Fund program which required special budget legislation for eligibility.

Storm Water Treatment and Recycling Facility Grants: The California Strategies team worked with key State Water Board staff, State Board members, the Integrated Waste Board, the Coastal Conservancy, legislative delegation, regional planning agencies, and other influencers to help secure four storm water and water recycling grants, totaling more than $5M for the client.

Hydropower Demonstration Grant: On behalf of an in-conduit hydropower client, California Strategies secured $500,000 grant funding from the Energy Commission to develop and demonstrate a "Plug and Play" in-conduit hydropower project – and the proposal received the highest score: 99.5/100.

CalRecycle Grant: On behalf of a waste processing client, California Strategies secured $3M from Cap-and-Trade funding to build a covered compositing operation and mixed waste processing center to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and divert waste from landfills.

GO-Biz Economic Development Funds: On behalf of a zero-emission vehicle manufacturer, California Strategies secured $10M tax credit from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for a light-duty ZEV manufacturer that aims to invest over $138M and create nearly 1000 full-time jobs in California.

CalRecycle Grant Program: Organics Grant: On behalf of a waste processing client, California Strategies secured $2.5M from Cap-and-Trade funding to build a compositing operation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and divert waste from landfills.

GO-Biz Economic Development Funds: On behalf of an environmentally friendly fire retardant manufacturer, California Strategies secured $2.4M tax credit from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish its headquarters and manufacturing in California to create nearly 100 jobs over the next four years.

Alternative Energy Grant: On behalf of a waste-to-energy company, California Strategies was instrumental in winning $5M in extremely competitive California Energy Commission grant funding for a gasification project.

GO-Biz Economic Development Funds: On behalf of a zero-emission transit bus manufacturer, California Strategies secured $7.5M tax credit from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for a company that aims to invest over $85M and create nearly 430 full-time jobs in California over the next 5 years.

Medium-Duty ZEV Manufacturing Grant: On behalf of a zero-emission truck manufacturer, California Strategies developed champions at the highest levels of state government to secure a $3.8M ZEV manufacturing grant, outscoring more than 40 other competitive grant proposals.

ZEV School Bus Deployment Grant: California Strategies secured $7.68M in Air Resources Board grant funding and an additional $1.6M from the Sacramento AQMD for the deployment of zero-emission school buses for electric bus clients.

Energy Storage Development Grant: On behalf of an energy storage company, California Strategies helped secure $1.6M from the California Energy Commission to develop a zinc-ion energy storage technology that focus on customer side of the meter applications in California. This was an extremely competitive solicitation, where 32 other proposals did not receive funding.

Zero-Emission Public Transit Bus Manufacturing Grant: California Strategies secured nearly $2M to expand battery and zero-emission bus manufacturing in California on behalf of a zero-emission public transit bus manufacturer.

Department of Energy (DOE) Smart Manufacturing Grant: California Strategies helped secure $70M in federal funding from the Department of Energy, leveraging an additional $70M of state and private entity funding, for a Smart Manufacturing Innovative Institute.

ZEV Transit Bus Deployment Grant: California Strategies secured $13.42M in grant funding from the Air Resources Board the deployment of zero-emission public transit buses.

ZEV Off-Road Port Equipment Grant: California Strategies recently secured nearly $800,000 for in grant funding from the Air Resources Board to deploy zero-emission heavy-duty forklifts with additional heavy-duty cargo handling attachments at the Port of Stockton.

Decarbonizing Healthcare and Large Building Grant: On behalf of a healthcare engineering firm, California Strategies helped secure $1M from the California Energy Commission to develop an Advanced Energy Efficiency Technology and Decarbonization Retrofit Guidebook for hospitals.

Solar and Storage Demonstration Grant: On behalf of a California integrated energy storage company, California Strategies secured $2.7M from the California Energy Commission for a project to develop and demonstrate advanced solar invertors with storage at South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Energy Storage Grant: On behalf of an energy storage client, California Strategies secured nearly $3M from the California Energy Commission to demonstrate a non-lithium-ion energy storage solution with San Diego Gas & Electric.

ZEV Public Transit and Infrastructure Deployment Grant: On behalf of a zero-emission public transit bus manufacturer, California Strategies secured $2.56M from the Energy Commission to deploy zero-emission, fast-charge, public transit buses in the Central Valley.

Solar, Storage, and ZEV Off-Road Grant: On behalf of a zero-emission off-road equipment client, California Strategies secured $350,000 funding from Cap and Trade funding from the Energy Commission to deploy solar and storage to power zero-emission off-road equipment to harvest and spray almond crops in the Central Valley.

Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Grant: On behalf of an energy storage company, California Strategies secured $1.4M from the California Energy Commission for a demand response project at a California water district.

Energy Efficiency for Existing Buildings: On behalf of a leading California energy storage company, California Strategies secured $1.2M from the California Energy Commission for a project to reduce natural gas use in hospitals.

Energy Storage for Critical Infrastructure Grant: On behalf of an energy storage company, California Strategies secured nearly $2M from the California Energy Commission to scale-up manufacturing for energy storage for critical infrastructure, including telecommunications.

Alternative Fuel Demonstration Grant: California Strategies secured $1.2M from the Energy Commission to fund the demonstration of natural gas refuse trucks powered by pre-landfill organic waste biogas.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: California Strategies secured $500,000 from the Energy Commission to install 68 charge points throughout the San Diego region and an additional $125,000 grant to install 10 chargers in the City of Coronado.

Alternative Vehicle Incentives: On behalf of zero-emission medium-and heavy-duty vehicle clients, California Strategies & Advocacy shaped the new Hybrid and Zero Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program (HVIP) at the California Air Resources Board to accelerate deployment of zero-emission trucks throughout California.

ZEV Taxi Grant: California Strategies engaged with both ARB and the Energy Commission to facilitate a $3M interagency agreement to invest in a Bay Area E-Taxi Program.

Medium-duty Hybrid Vehicle R&D Grant: California Strategies secured a competitive $2.6M in Energy Commission grant funding for expanded electric plug-in hybrid research.

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer

Date: **June 29, 2022 (July 13, 2022, Meeting)**

Agenda Item: **5.2 Resolution 2022-34 Adopting Volume 1 and United Water Conservation District's Annex included in Volume 2 of the 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-34, accepting all of Volume 1 and the United Water Conservation District (UWCD) annex included in Volume 2 of the 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Background:
In May 2021, a coalition of Ventura County planning partners (Coalition) embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified natural hazards in the Ventura County in response to mandates included in the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390). The Coalition consisting of 25 partners listed below was formed to pool resources and create a uniform hazard mitigation strategy and prepare a multi-agency multi-hazard mitigation plan (HMP) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) review and approval.

- Ventura County (Unincorporated Areas)
- City of Camarillo
- City of Fillmore
- City of Moorpark
- City of Ojai
- City of Oxnard
- City of Port Hueneme
- City of Santa Paula
- City of Simi Valley
- City of Thousand Oaks
- City of Ventura
- California State University, Channel Islands
- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Conejo Recreation and Park District
- Ojai Valley Sanitary District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
- Saticoy Sanitary District
- Triunfo Water and Sanitation District
- United Water Conservation District
- Ventura County Fire Protection District
- Ventura County Office of Education
- Ventura County Public Works Agency-Watershed Protection
- Ventura Regional Sanitation District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services District

Discussion:
The County of Ventura, in partnership with 25 member agencies has jointly developed a 5-year update to the 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The updated plan (HMP) is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to ensure continued eligibility for future grant funding opportunities.

Ventura County Office of Emergency Services secured funding for developing the HMP and was the lead coordinating agency for this multi-jurisdictional effort. The HMP presents a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated plan covering all participating partners within the Ventura County Planning Area. UWCD, as a Planning Partner, has been involved with the planning and the preparation process of the HMP and actively working on the preparation of the District annex included in the Volume 2 of the Plan Since June 2021.

The plan update process was overseen by a 17-member, stakeholder Steering Committee composed of representative stakeholders from within the planning area, established to leverage the planning process. In addition, the public was asked to contribute by sharing local knowledge of their individual area's vulnerability to natural hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement was solicited via a multi-media campaign that included public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires, and progress updates via the news media. The HMP is considered a living document, such that as awareness of additional hazards is developed and new strategies and projects are conceived to offset or prevent loss due to natural hazards, the HMP will be evaluated and revised on an annual basis during the 5-year plan timeframe. The HMP addresses the following natural hazards of significant importance within the Ventura County.

- Dam Failure Inundation
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flooding (includes Levee Failures)
- Landslide and Mass Movements
- Sea Level Rise/Coastal Erosion (SLR)
- Severe Storms
- Severe Weather Events (Heat/Freeze Events)
- Tsunami, and
- Wildfire

Currently, FEMA is in the process of issuing Approval Pending Adoption for the HMP. In the meantime, the HMP must be adopted by all of the jurisdictional partners of the Coalition in order to collectively and individually become eligible to apply for a suite of grant programs under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program.

Agenda Item 5.2 **Resolution 2022-34 Adopting Volume 1 and United Water Conservation District's Annex included in Volume 2 of the 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**
Motion

Staff recommends the Board consider adopting the Resolution 2022-34, accepting all of Volume 1 and the United Water Conservation District annex included in Volume 2 of the 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and supporting continued participation of UWCD in this multi-jurisdictional effort that provides eligibility for HMA programs.

Fiscal Impact:
There is no fiscal impact associated with this effort.

Attachments:
Attachment A – Resolution 2022-34
Attachment B – 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Volume 1 and Volume 2 including United Water Conservation District Annex (Section 21)

RESOLUTION 2022-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022 VENTURA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, all of Ventura County has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County's economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Ventura County stakeholders with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies to be implemented within each partners identified capabilities, within the Ventura County Planning Area. United Water Conservation District prepared and submitted an annex and participated in this coalition; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating, and revising this strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that United Water Conservation District is hereby authorized to:

1) Adopts in its entirety, Volume I, the United Water Conservation District annex, and appendices of Volume II of the Ventura County Local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Hazard Mitigation Plan to guide pre- and post- disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.

3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.

4) Will continue its support of the on-going countywide mitigation efforts and continue to participate in the Planning Partnership as described by the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all Planning Partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that any and all actions, whether previously or subsequently taken by United Water Conservation District, which are consistent with

the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolution, shall be, and hereby are, in all respects, ratified, approved and confirmed.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 13th day of JULY 2022.

ATTEST: _____ ATTEST:_____
Bruce E. Dandy, Board President Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary/Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD AT THE MEETING THEREOF HELD ON JULY 13TH, 2022.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAINED: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST: _____
Bruce E. Dandy, Board President

ATTEST: _____
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Staff Report

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer

Date: **June 29, 2022 (July 13, 2022, Meeting)**

Agenda Item: **5.3** **Resolution 2022-35 Adopting the Revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Safety Program dated July 2022**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-35, approving the revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Program, dated July 2022.

Discussion:
The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2012-15 on October 10, 2012 adopting the Santa Felicia Owner Dam Safety Program (ODSP) as a policy of the District to demonstrate its continued commitment to dam safety. The ODSP was prepared in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Engineering Guidelines and formalized existing practices into a District policy. The FERC considers the ODSP a "living document" that must be continuously updated.

Training, succession planning, program assessments, corporate accountability, and staffing are some of the key elements of the ODSP. The ODSP has been modified to reflect the recent organizational changes in personnel. A strikeout version of the revised ODSP has been provided as Attachment B.

Fiscal Impact:
No additional fiscal impacts at this time. The ODSP is integral part of the District's overall dam safety program.

Attachments:
Attachment A – Resolution 2022-35 - A resolution of the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District adopting the revised Owner's Dam Safety Program
Attachment B – Santa Felicia Dam, Owner Dam Safety Program (July 2022) Rev. 8.0 *(Critical/ Confidential document, committee members will be provided hard copies)*

RESOLUTION 2022-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ADOPTING THE REVISED OWNER'S DAM SAFETY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the United Water Conservation District ("District") owns and operates Santa Felicia Dam; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2012, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District adopted Resolution 2012-15, a formal declaration of the District's commitment to Dam Safety as policy; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Resolution 2012-15 included the adoption of the Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Safety Program, a living document that must be continuously updated; and

WHEREAS, training, succession planning, program assessments, corporate accountability, and staff are some of the key elements of the Santa Felicia Owner Dam Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, recent organizational changes in District personnel warrant modification to the Santa Felicia Owner Dam Safety Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The District Board of Directors hereby adopts the revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Safety Program, dated July 13, 2022, as a policy of the District.

2. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF JULY , 2022

ATTEST:_____
Board President Bruce E. Dandy

ATTEST:_____
Board Secretary Lynn E. Maulhardt

New technology saving water and environment could make difference in farm profitability

"We've seen massive yield gains, I'm talking 50%, some areas almost 100% increase," said one SoCal ranch manager.
By Phillip Palmer
Friday, June 24, 2022 6:39PM

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SANTA PAULA (KABC) -- The amount of water you can save at home is a drop in the bucket in the grand scheme of things, but agricultural users are responsible for an estimated 50% of total water used in California.

So if they can reduce use, it would be noticeable.

"Water is our most expensive input, it's our most precious input, and we're just trying to do everything we can to be as sustainable and successful as possible," said Jason Cole, a ranch manager with Cole Limited in Santa Paula.

Cole's family has grown avocados and lemons across 4,000 acres in Santa Paula for three generations, but over the last decade, he has turned to Acuity Agriculture and Benchmark Labs to get farm specific climate data that can save up to 10% of his water usage.

"You're cutting some water down, but you're also just delivering the water that's going to be used," he said.

ABC7 Chief Meteorologist Dallas Raines would tell you Southern California is made up of a series of micro climates, so farm-specific forecasting is a micro-climate within a micro-climate and that requires sensors in the field focusing on environmental variables beyond rain, like wind or evaporation.

"We leverage the sensors to improve the forecast and provide the most actionable data for their locations," said Carlos Felipe Gaitan Ospina, the co-founder and CEO of Benchmark Labs. "We try to give them insights so they can better manage their operations."

Saving water might have been the initial reason for going high-tech with agriculture, but what

farmers like Cole are finding is the yield from their crops has jumped incredibly by using water more efficiently.

"We've seen massive yield gains, I'm talking 50%, some areas almost 100% increase," said Cole.

Megan Dilley of Acuity Agriculture said that 10% could be huge across the industry.

"Save on water and increase their crop yield? They're doing a great job," she said. "If every farm is saving 10%, and we have 10% back in our ground water resource, that's huge."

Cole uses one sensor station for every 20 acres and said his cost is cheaper than a cell phone bill.

It is technology that's becoming more common across the industry, and the water reduction could save more than the environment.

"That 10% could be saved to your profit margin, and that could be the difference between a profitable farmer or not ... so that adds up," said Ospina.

Many agree.

"It's a win-win-win, I guess, all the way around" said Cole. "We're growing more food, we're maximizing a resource, we all got to eat ... that takes water. It's just how can we do it as efficiently as possible."

Groundbreaking Marks Largest Floodplain Salmon Rearing Habitat Project in California History

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The ceremonial first shovel at the Big Notch Groundbreaking ceremony at the Fremont Weir Wildlife area in Yolo County.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Federal and state agencies broke ground today on a project that will become the single largest floodplain salmon rearing habitat restoration in California history. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are partnering on the "Big Notch Project," a 30,000-acre floodplain habitat restoration and fish passage project in the Yolo Bypass in Yolo County.

The project will expand floodplain rearing habitat for juvenile salmon and improve access through the bypass for salmon and sturgeon, which is pivotal to the recovery of these threatened and endangered fish species.

"As California experiences a third year of dry conditions, the State and its federal partners are committed to supporting wildlife during this extended drought," said DWR Director Karla

Nemeth. “This project is part of a decades-long plan that has been recognized as critical for the recovery of threatened and endangered salmon.”

“Big Notch is a pivotal project for ongoing operations of the water projects that are critical to the State,” said Ernest Conant, California-Great Basin Regional Director for Reclamation. “Big Notch is an example of the collaboration it takes to implement a complex and expensive project, and everyone came together to make it happen.”

The Big Notch Project is located in the Fremont Weir State Wildlife Area in Yolo County. Part of the project includes the removal of a section of the Fremont Weir, the installation of three gates, the excavation of 180,000 cubic yards to carve a new path for salmon, and construction of a control building and pedestrian bridge.

When the project is finished in late 2023, the gated passage, or notch, will be opened when the Sacramento River is high enough to flow into the Yolo Bypass floodplain. The water will enter the bypass through the notch at Fremont Weir and create shallow-water habitat for fish to easily migrate through the area. Juvenile salmon will be able to feed in a food-rich area for a longer time, allowing them to grow more rapidly in size, improving their chances of survival as they travel to the Pacific Ocean. Adult salmon and sturgeon will benefit from improvements that will reduce stranding and migratory delays due to passage barriers.

The Big Notch Project is being implemented in conjunction with the State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project. The State Water Project provides water to 27 million Californians, 750,000 acres of farmland, and businesses throughout the state. The Central Valley Project provides an annual average of 5 million acre-feet of water for farms, 600,000 acre-feet of water for municipal and industrial uses, water for wildlife refuges, and reduces Central Valley flood risk.

Additional Resources:

- Video from Today’s Event
- Photos from Today’s Event
- Project Renderings

For more information about the Big Notch Project, visit:

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Science-and-Engineering/Restoration-Mitigation-Compliance/Yolo-Bypass-Projects

Ripple Impacts May Follow Decision on Water District Rates

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The Court of Appeal, Second District, recently issued a decision in the long battle over the constitutionality of a water district charging lower fees for agricultural groundwater use than for municipal use. The court held that the higher municipal fees complied with the water district's enabling act but violated voter-approved constitutional amendments that prevent local governments from levying taxes under the guise of regulatory "fees." *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District*, ___ Cal.Rptr.3d ___ (2022).

Proposition 218, approved by voters in 1996, limits the ways local governments may collect revenue from taxpayers and requires local governments to place proposed taxes on the ballot for voter consideration. Cal. Const. Art. XIII C. Proposition 26 targets regulatory fees, which proponents asserted were taxes that had merely been named "fees" to avoid Proposition 218's requirements. By defining "tax," Proposition 26 brought certain types of fees imposed by local governments under the voter approval requirement set forth by Proposition 218. Voters approved Proposition 26 in 2010, and the new language was added to the California Constitution at Article XIII C, § 1(e).

After Proposition 26 passed, the City of Buenaventura ("City") challenged the rates set by the United Water Conservation District ("District"). Under Water Code § 75594, the District was required to set a groundwater pumping fee for municipal and industrial (M&I) uses at 3-5 times the rate for agricultural groundwater pumping. The District was charging the City for M&I groundwater at the minimum rate allowed by its enabling act: three times the rate the District charged for agricultural groundwater users.

Following many years of litigation, the California Supreme Court remanded the case in 2017, directing the appellate court to determine if the challenged rates "bore a reasonable relationship to the burdens on or the benefits of" the District's conservation activities. *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District* (2017) 3 Cal.5th 1191, 1214.

The appellate court's recent decision held the minimum 3:1 ratio required by section 75594 is facially unconstitutional. A 3:1 ratio may be justified under some circumstances, according to the court, but only if the District can show the rates "bear a fair or reasonable relationship" to the burdens on the District of providing the service or the benefits the District provides through the service. Cal. Const. Art XIII C, § 1; *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District* (2017) 3 Cal.5th 1191, 1215 (conc. opn. of Liu, J.).

The court began by confirming that claims asserted against local governments under Proposition 218 or 26 are not subject to a deferential rational basis review. Instead, noting the purpose of the

constitutional amendments is "to limit government's power to exact revenue and to curtail the deference," the court confirmed that the judicial standard of review is independent judgment. *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District*, ___ Cal.Rptr.3d ___ (2022) (citing *Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Assn., Inc. v. Santa Clara County Open Space Authority* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 431, 448; *see also Brooktrails Township Community Services Dist. v. Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County* (2013) 218 Cal.App.4th 195.)

Then the court independently reviewed the facts and declared that the District failed to meet its burden in showing why M&I groundwater use costs three times what agricultural groundwater costs. Because the District could not show that the City enjoyed a greater benefit from the M&I water — or that the higher rate was reasonably related to a higher burden on the District to manage or provide M&I water — the higher rate violated Article XIII C.

Missing Context: Water Law Principles

Water law principles grant priority to senior users. Generally, the most senior users are agricultural groundwater users, who hold "overlying" groundwater rights that have priority to native groundwater over junior M&I users that hold "appropriative" rights. Under the "physical solution" doctrine, the junior rights holders may be required to pay for programs and projects that make new water available for their use, while protecting senior rights.

The appellate opinion does not mention or analyze whether the 3:1 fee ratio for M&I use compared to agricultural use is justified by the physical solution doctrine.

Absent any analysis of whether or how the water rights context might justify the District's 3:1 fee ratio, it remains unclear whether the appellate opinion's impact will ripple beyond the District fees challenged in this case.

Takeaway Points

The proper test for regulatory fees, charges, and rates set by local governments, like cities, counties, and special districts, is whether the party setting the fee has shown that the fee is reasonably related to the burdens or benefits of the governmental service or product. Cal. Const. Art XIII C, § 1(e)(2). Parties charged a higher fee should be receiving a greater benefit, or the government needs to demonstrate why the higher rate is justified by higher burdens to provide services or products to the impacted party. Without this showing, the regulatory fee, charge, or rate is likely a "tax" requiring voter approval under Article XIII C.

Cases brought under Proposition 218 and Proposition 26 will receive an independent court review. That means courts will not concern themselves with conflicting evidence and will only decide whether substantial evidence supports the defendant agency's determination that its regulatory fee bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the burdens on the agency of providing the service or the benefits the agency provides through the service.

New Law Enhances Penalties for Water Theft

by Assemblymember Adam Gray (D-Merced) June 21, 2022

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Adam Gray (D-Merced) announced today that his bill to strengthen penalties for water theft has been signed into law by Governor Newsom. Gray introduced Assembly Bill 2505 to address concerns that recent changes to state law had unintentionally capped fines for water theft within irrigation districts below market value.

"Irrigation districts are some of the best water managers in the state," said Gray. "They have had the authority to set penalties for water theft within their boundaries since their inception. As drought conditions worsen and water prices rise, thieves are growing increasingly brazen and the water they steal from canals and reservoirs is increasingly valuable. If the maximum fine for stealing $5,000 worth of water is capped at $1,000 then thieves can make a profit even when they get caught."

The confusing situation was caused by a new law created last year which sought to increase the fines local governments can levy for water theft. Senate Bill 427 raised the maximum fines for water theft issued by local governments from between $100-$500 to $1,000-$3,000. The bill broadly applied to all local agencies including "counties, cities, towns…districts, political subdivisions, and any boards, commissions, or other local public agencies." Unfortunately, the application to "districts" and any other "local public agencies" could be interpreted to apply to irrigation districts where fines were never previously limited to the $100-$500 range targeted by the bill.

"Municipal fines for water theft needed to be updated and raised to effectively deter theft," said Gray. "Unfortunately, the new law could be read as having the exact opposite effect on irrigation districts by reducing the maximum fines they are allowed to issue. AB 2505 fixes this problem by clarifying irrigation districts retain their local authority to set fines for water theft within their jurisdiction."

Writing in support of Gray's bill, Merced Irrigation District General Manager John Sweigard wrote, "Under AB 2505, irrigation districts may instead develop and impose policies or penalties that are more representative of the quantities of water that may be taken from an irrigation district and are more tailored to the community and customer base served by a particular irrigation district."

The Association of California Water Agencies stated, "While SB 427 helped bolster measures to deter [water theft], its broad application to local agencies may unintentionally restrict and reduce the fines for water theft existing law authorizes irrigation districts to impose…AB 2505 is a simple measure intended to clarify that irrigation districts may set fines in accordance with their existing authority…"

"As drought conditions worsen, water scarcity drives the price of water up and incentivizes additional theft," continued Gray. "Fines and penalties within irrigation districts must continue to reflect these changing dynamics to avoid creating circumstances where it is cheaper to steal water and pay the fine than to buy it legally."

Western Growers, California Fresh Fruit Association, and More Urge Increased Water Funding in Water Supply Coalition's Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Legislature

Wed. June 15th, 2022 - by **Chandler James**

IRVINE, CA - As a Californian, the signs of drought are evident, especially for those in the agricultural sector. With water supplies remaining a top issue, a coalition of agriculture and business organization has written a **letter to Governor Gavin Newsom** and the California Legislature asking them to establish a clear target to increase the state's surface water supply to meet growing needs.

"Our existing water system can no longer deliver the water necessary to sustain the world's fifth-largest economy," the letter states. "Our state has set goals for carbon emission reductions, renewable power, waste diversion, land conservation, and other climate-related objectives. However, we still do not have a goal to **grow the water supply**. In fact, our current strategy is precisely the opposite: To keep shrinking surface water supplies available for human consumption and expect homes and businesses to do more with less. As a result, we are merely managing economic decline."

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The letter is requesting a clear goal to increase California's water supply in order to **satisfy the current and future needs** for human consumption and the growing economy, a release stated.

In the letter, the coalition cited recent reports from the University of California, Merced; University of California, Berkeley; and Yale University regarding the insufficiency of the current water supply to **maintain agriculture and the food supply**. The coalition is making this request in order to satisfy the current and future needs for human consumption and the growing economy

"We are disappointed in the lack of urgency reflected in the state budget currently being considered, especially in a year when California has the resources available to make long-term investments in an area of demonstrated public need," continues the letter. "The national economy has recently witnessed supply shortages of raw materials, computer chips, and even baby formula. The lack of water will serve to amplify these impacts in heretofore unimaginable ways."

Read the letter in its entirety and see the full list of organizations in support by clicking here.

For more updates on this issue and others affecting the produce industry, keep reading *AndNowUKnow*.

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Districts Working Together: Palmdale Water District and United Water Conservation District Share Resources to Benefit the Community

By Palmdale Water District and United Water Conservation District

Photo Caption: (l-r): PWD AGM Adam Ly, PWD GM Dennis D. LaMoreaux, UWCD Associate Engineer Adrian Quinonez, UWCD Reservation Coordinator Taylor Sabia, UWCD Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan and UWCD Park Ranger Peter Witman. The UWCD team was visiting the Littlerock Dam to lend its expertise on operating a recreational area at a lake, a project of the two agencies working together.

Following nearly a year of exploratory meetings, Palmdale Water District (PWD) and United Water Conservation District (UWCD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share resources and work on large-scale projects that are of mutual benefit. It marks the official start of the two water districts embarking on collaborations that will benefit the communities they serve.

The projects outlined in the agreement include the coordinated development and use of water resources, recreation areas, intern and apprenticeship programs, and advanced water treatment.

"I am extremely pleased that our boards have agreed to formally enter into a partnership," said PWD Board President Gloria Dizmang. "UWCD is a highly regarded agency with an exceptionally talented and educated staff. I am confident that both districts will benefit tremendously from each other."

"Thanks to the foresight of both agencies' General Managers, our respective Boards and management teams were able to identify solutions and opportunities for mutually resolving many of the challenges our agencies now deal with," added UWCD Board President Bruce Dandy. "There are many advantages to United Water District and Palmdale Water District sharing specific expertise, knowledge and experiences, and this Memorandum of Understanding simply acknowledges the potential benefits."

Both PWD and UWCD boards of directors voted unanimously at their meetings to approve the MOU. Presidents Dizmang and Dandy have been part of the ad hoc committee that has been meeting to solidify the partnership, an idea proposed by Bill Mathis, a consultant for both districts. The other members of the committee are PWD Director Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez and UWCD Directors Mike Mobley and Daniel Naumann.

"When (PWD General Manager) Dennis LaMoreaux and his management staff first visited our District, it was immediately apparent that each team excelled in specific areas of water management that could be of benefit to the other. Engaging our respective Boards in these discussions helped to expand the identification of numerous shared opportunities, including a collaborative regional water-related internship

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and apprenticeship program that will be instrumental in developing the next generation of best-in-class water professionals. This is an expansive collaboration in the truest sense of the word," said United Water District General Manager Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Through this partnership, PWD anticipates that UWCD can provide assistance with at least two big projects – the Palmdale Regional Water Augmentation Project (PRWAP) and a potential rebirth of the recreation area at Littlerock Reservoir. UWCD has proven expertise with handling brackish water and operating Lake Piru's recreation area.

"We are excited about working with UWCD on these initiatives," LaMoreaux said. "This collaboration is unique and will provide a great benefit to the communities served by both agencies."

UWCD has proposed a coastal brackish groundwater treatment plant on U.S. Navy Base Point Mugu to provide a sustainable solution to combat seawater intrusion and treat aquifer salinity contamination. The proposal is for the plant to use extracted brackish groundwater for treatment. Similarly, PWD's plans for the PRWAP is to treat recycled water from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for reuse purposes. Both programs are critical to each agency's water sustainability needs.

As for water agencies operating recreational areas at reservoir sites, UWCD has shown it is possible. The agency is the operator of the Lake Piru recreation area, offering overnight camping, fishing, watersports, picnicking and other outdoor activities.

The MOU also calls for engaging in transfers and exchanges of available State Water Project water. Both PWD & UWCD are State Water Contractors.

About UWCD

Originally formed in 1927, United Water Conservation District (UWCD) operates the Santa Felicia Dam, Lake Piru Reservoir and the Freeman Diversion. UWCD serves as a wholesaler, providing water to the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula and Fillmore. They also serve the Naval Base Ventura County and several mutual water districts, farms and individual pumpers. For more information about UWCD, visit www.unitedwater.org.

About PWD

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. PWD pride themselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading their region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.

Antelope Valley Press

AV study of water storage continues

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By ALLISON GATLIN Valley Press Staff Writer

The Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association is studying a means of storing water from the California Aqueduct underground, through recharge basins east of Big Rock Creek, near the Aqueduct turnout where the water will be accessed.

Map courtesy of AVSWCA

PALMDALE — The Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association is continuing with a study to determine the feasibility of two different methods of storing surplus State Water Project water from the California Aqueduct underground in the vicinity of Big Rock Creek, southeast of Palmdale.

A pilot study of the original plan — to recharge water directly into the aquifer through the creek bed — conducted in 2019-2020 proved to be infeasible, as the ground did not absorb the water fast enough to prevent it from spilling downstream, where it crossed and flooded East Avenue T.

Instead, the Association is looking at either using culverts beneath avenues T and S to direct the water without flooding the roads, or to pipe water into recharge basins, located east of the creek bed.

Each alternative had trade-offs in terms of recharge capacity, environmental permitting requirements and costs.

The least expensive alternative is to build culverts, with an estimated construction cost of $190,000 to $260,000, Paul Chau of consulting firm Kennedy Jenks told the Association members, Thursday.

This alternative, however, has a recharge capacity of only about 2,200 acre-feet per year. An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons, or approximately the amount of water a typical Antelope Valley household used, in one year, before recent droughts reduced usage.

The second alternative, to build recharge basins, is more costly, but it offers vastly greater recharge capacity.

The study of this alternative is also looking at two options. The first is a somewhat triangular series of basins, northwest of the Crystalaire Country Club, covering about 20 acres and capable of about 15,000 acre-feet of recharge annually, Chau said.

This option is the closer of the two to the turnout on the Aqueduct where water would be obtained, therefore requiring less piping, he said.

The estimated cost for this option is $2.1 million.

The second option is an L-shaped area of basins, further north and east, covering a little more than 25 acres and capable of 18,360 acre-feet of recharge annually.

Because it is located farther from the turnout and requires more pipelines, the estimated cost for this option is $2.4 million, Chau said.

Cost estimates for both of these options are less than originally thought, at about $10 million, he said.

So far, the predicted recharge capacity of these basins is based on assumptions. The continuing feasibility study will next conduct tests in the area to better characterize the rates at which water percolates into the ground, Chau said.

As the Big Rock Creek project originally sought a recharge capacity of 20,000 acre-feet annually, it appears the alternative to use recharge basins most closely meets that goal, he said.

Association Board President Ron Parris suggested combining both recharge basin options to see what the costs would be, as it may be less expensive to combine some of the infrastructure, while increasing capacity.

Because the recharge basins are outside of the creek bed itself, the environmental permitting process should be easier, although it could be complicated by the presence of Joshua trees in some areas, Chau said.

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Court Rules Controversial Minimum Ratio Groundwater Pumping Rate Mandate Violates Proposition 26

Court of Appeal Strikes Down Minimum 3:1 Ratio Statute for Failure to Comply with Proposition 26 and Provides Guidance on Standard of Review

The California Court of Appeal has ruled that a statute requiring local agencies to charge non-agricultural users three to five times more than agricultural users for groundwater pumping violates Proposition 26. Among other significant implications, this decision should serve to remind local agencies that they bear the burden of proof to demonstrate that a fee is exempt from the definition of a "tax."

Background: *San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District*
In *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District*, the City challenged the District's groundwater pumping charges. The District manages water acquisition and distribution from groundwater resources in central Ventura County, California. The District imposes groundwater pumping charges to fund operations and conservation activities such as replenishing groundwater stores and preventing degradation of the water supply. These charges are based on the volume of water that is pumped within its service area. As authorized by statute, pumping charge rates were to be "fixed and uniform" for two classes of use: agricultural purposes and all other purposes. The Water Code further required that the charges for non-agricultural use be set at a rate that is between three and five times the fixed and uniform rate established for agricultural water use. The District set its rates at the minimum 3:1 ratio accordingly.

Unanswered Questions
In 2017, the California Supreme Court determined that the District's groundwater pumping charges did not violate Proposition 218 because the charges were not imposed on property or on any person in their capacity as a property owner. However, the Supreme Court left open the

question of whether the statute requiring a 3:1 ratio in the rates violated Proposition 26. On remand, the appellate court determined the administrative records were insufficient and instructed the trial court to allow the parties to supplement the records.

Instead of supplementing the records, the parties litigated the rates for the more recent 2019-2020 water year. The City alleged that the 2019-2020 rates charged by the District violated Proposition 26 because they were not allocated to the City and other non-agricultural users in a manner that bore a reasonable relationship to the City's burdens on or benefits from the District's activities. The City further argued that the 3:1 minimum ratio under Water Code section 75594 was unconstitutional under Proposition 26.

Tax Classifications, Exceptions and Stipulations
Under Proposition 26, local agency fees and charges are classified as taxes unless they qualify under one of seven exceptions, two of which are:

- Charges imposed for a specific benefit conferred or privilege granted, or
- A government service or product provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged.

These fees and charges must not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of conferring the benefit or granting the privilege, or providing the service or product. In addition, the manner in which those costs are allocated must bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity. The burden of demonstrating a fee or charge is not a tax is on the local agency imposing the fee or charge.

Statute Requiring a 3:1 Ratio Unconstitutional
Based on an independent review of the record, the trial court determined the District had not met its burden to show that the groundwater pumping charges were consistent with Proposition 26. The trial court also concluded that Water Code section 75594 is unconstitutional because its 3:1 minimum ratio is inconsistent with Proposition 26's cost-of-service requirement.

In reviewing the record, the trial court found the following:

1. Non-agricultural users do not enjoy a more reliable groundwater supply than agricultural users.
2. Agricultural users do not have a preferential right to pump the safe yields of the basins that the District augments.
3. A report stated that credits regarding recharge on agricultural lands do not reflect an accurate cost-based valuation for replenishment.

The trial court rejected the District's argument that the appropriate standard of review is the rational or reasonable basis test.

Substantial Evidence Test
On appeal, the District did not challenge the trial court's findings as unsupported, but argued that

the record also supported contrary findings. The appellate court affirmed the trial court's ruling, and found that even if the District's contention was true, the court would still be bound by the trial court's findings to the extent they are supported by substantial evidence.

In construing the evidence in the light most favorable to the trial court's judgment, the court concluded that, "based on the evidence that the District's rates for the 2019-2020 water year did not bear a 'reasonable relationship to the [City's] burdens on or benefits of [the District's] conservation activities, as article XIII C requires,'" the District's groundwater pumping charges violated Proposition 26.

Additionally, with respect to the unconstitutionality of Water Code section 75594, the court acknowledged that there may be instances in which a 3:1 ratio is justified. That would not result from compliance with the statute, but rather the satisfaction of constitutional requirements under Proposition 26. The court also rejected the District's contention that Proposition 26 conflicts with the California Constitution, article X, section 2's water conservation mandate, finding there is no conflict so long as conservation is attained in a manner that does not exceed the proportional cost of service attributable to the parcel.

Takeaways

This decision is an important reminder that local agencies have the burden of proof in demonstrating that a fee is exempt from the definition of a "tax." For groundwater extraction charges, agencies must show that charges do not exceed the reasonable costs of the government activity, and the manner in which costs are allocated bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity.

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Aversion to dams leads Legislature to stall a minor irrigation bill

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A regulating reservoir at the head of the California Aqueduct. (photo: Department of Water Resources)

A policy hearing on a bill last week began with a technical code adjustment but ended with a surprise rejection, after a coastal lawmaker blocked a Central Valley Republican over fears his measure could lead to massive dam failures throughout California.

The bill had sailed through two committees and across the Assembly floor with unanimous support, no opposition and little discussion. The Newsom administration had even agreed to the provisions through the Department of Water Resources (DWR)—an agency one of the committee members once oversaw.

The bill proposes updating an obscure water code to realign DWR with its previous policymaking, enabling the department to more quickly respond to the drought and groundwater sustainability demands by streamlining the approval process for small agricultural reservoirs 15 feet in height or less. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Inventory of Dams, California already has more than 160 dams of this height.

The author, Assemblymember Heath Flora of Ripon, described the update in Assembly Bill 1164 as key to improving California's agricultural water management, with dozens of agricultural water districts signing on in support.

"I'm excited that the ag community, our region, our irrigation districts are thinking outside the box and stepping up and working through a lot of these processes," said Flora.

The acting chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, however, feared the measure would have dire consequences and potentially lead to a reprisal of a famous dam burst that occurred nearly a century ago.

Sen. Monique Limon, D-Santa Barbara

"We had people in the district I represent die," said Senator Monique Limón, who represents Santa Barbara County and parts of Ventura County. "I get it that that was a long time ago. But nonetheless, it's a history that's not been forgotten in my district."

The 1928 collapse of St. Francis Dam in the San Francisquito Canyon killed more than 400 people and is remembered as one of the worst civil engineering disasters in U.S. history. Los Angeles had built the 200-foot dam to store water for the growing city.

Yet Limón did not connect the St. Francis failure to AB 1164 on her own. A longtime Senate staff consultant had presented the committee with an analysis of the bill that immediately drew a comparison to the doomed dam as well as the 1963 breach of another Los Angeles dam of a similar height and of the 2017 Lake Oroville spillway disaster, though the report notes that the Legislature had passed several dam safety bills in the wake of the Oroville flooding. An Assembly analysis of the bill did not mention large dam failures at all.

The Senate consultant, Dennis O'Connor, had also drafted amendments to SB 1219, reworking the bill from a proposal to dissolve the State Water Resources Control Board to instead setting up a blue ribbon commission to assess a broad range of water issues, making agricultural groups uncomfortable about the potential for reforms to the water rights system.

The same committee rejected a Republican proposal in March that would have established a funding account for water storage and conveyance projects. Committee chair Henry Stern of Canoga Park raised concerns about funding new dams, specifically the proposed Sites Reservoir Project for Northern California.

After five pages on disasters and current laws, O'Connor's analysis begins to describe Flora's bill.

Rather than easing regulations on large dams, AB 1164 would apply to a specific tool in water systems called regulating reservoirs, an extension of canals that operate only when an irrigation district is running water through the system.

"Even though these reservoirs are relatively small, they significantly improve operation efficiency by reducing response times and greatly enhance opportunities for recharging local groundwater aquifers," said Gordon Enas, senior civil engineer for water operations at the Modesto Irrigation District (MID).

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This would enable MID and other irrigation districts to improve water conservation through increased irrigation efficiency. The water is at about the same elevation as the canal, meaning a breach would be no different than a canal leak—and those leaks can be quickly isolated, according to Enas. He stressed that regulating reservoirs are not dams.

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California already exempts these reservoirs from DWR oversight when the facilities are small, off-stream and on private property. The department had exempted publicly owned regulating reservoirs as well but changed that recently after determining that an irrigation district does not possess the water, as a private owner would. The only way to exempt public reservoirs was to amend the California water code through the Legislature.

Flora's first attempt to do so was in 2020 through a similar measure that died in the same committee. The San Joaquin Valley lawmaker reintroduced the proposal in 2021 under AB 1164 but pulled the bill before the same committee held a vote.

Jackson Gualco, president of the Gualco Group

According to Jackson Gualco, a lobbyist for MID as well as the Kings River Water Association and Kings River Conservation District, the bill's proponents spent a couple years negotiating with DWR and reached an accord a few weeks before last week's hearing. DWR Director Karla Nemeth believed that getting new regulating reservoirs online in a timely and cost-effective way was necessary for implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and meeting water use efficiency goals during the drought, noted Gualco.

"Under the current dam requirements, it's going to take a whole lot longer to get approved by the department and the regulatory requirements are much more costly," he said. "We asked for an expedited way to get these facilities onboard in a way that the irrigation districts and their customers can afford it."

Citing earlier debates on the measure, Sen. John Laird of Santa Cruz shared concerns that the proposal would remove all state regulation of the facilities. Laird, the former natural resources secretary overseeing DWR under then-Gov. Jerry Brown, wondered if the state could still maintain some overlying authority. Gualco explained that under the proposal, districts would still submit their engineering plans to DWR for review ahead of construction.

"We think we struck a good balance between departmental oversight and involvement of registered professional engineers," he said, adding that any additional oversight would involve a lengthy regulatory process and a new fee structure to cover the costs. "Mr. Flora would be out of office by the time that was done."

He noted that the issues have taken years to get through, involving an entire paradigm shift within the department to make it work.

While Laird voted in favor of AB 1164, he sympathized with Limón's concerns over dam safety and cited a 2017 incident when a creek in his district burst its banks, leading to $8 million in damages to property. Upstream was Anderson Dam, which the state is currently rebuilding due to earthquake risk.

Limón was steadfast, arguing the information Gualco shared should have been included in the committee analysis.

"I understand the nuance that you're trying to make between a dam and a reservoir, but in law they are one in the same," she told him. "A blanket exemption for something like this is very difficult."

Her lone vote against the measure, combined with four other lawmakers either absent or not voting, prevented AB 1164 from progressing. The committee did agree to hear the measure again at a later date and farm groups expect it to pass once the absent members return.