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David D. Boyer

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:00 P.M.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Bruce E. Dandy, Board president
Sheldon G. Berger, Board vice president
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board secretary/treasurer
Mohammed A. Hasan, director
Catherine P. Keeling, director
Gordon Kimball, director (arrived at 2:30pm)
Daniel C. Naumann, director (left meeting at 1:15 pm)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mauricio Guardado, general manager
David 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
Eric Elliott, associate hydrogeologist
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Hannah Garcia-Wickstrum, associated environmental scientist
Robyn Gorecki, environmental services field technician
Dr. Zachary Hanson, hydrogeologist
Tony Huynh, risk and safety manager
Eva Ibarra, administrative assistant III
Michel, Kadah, engineer
Michael Kaminski, water treatment operator III
Kathleen Kuepper, hydrogeologist
Tessa Lenz, environmental scientist-regulatory affairs
Ofelia Leon, human resource generalist
John Lindquist, supervising hydrogeologist
Robert Marshall, water resources technician
Randall McInvale, principal environmental scientist
Craig Morgan, engineering manager
Josh Perez, chief human resource officer
Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager
Linda Purpus, environmental services manager
Ed Reese, technology systems specialist
Robert Richardson, senior engineer
Destiny Rubio, human resource generalist
Daryl Smith, controller
Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the Board

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Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger
Jason Sun, principal hydrogeologist – modeler
Ambry Tibay, senior accountant
Erik Zivirbulis, GIS analyst

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Burt Handy
Suparna Jain, AALRR

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

President Dandy called the meeting to order at 12noon. He asked District's Legal Counsel David Boyer to outline matters that the Board will be discussing in Executive (Closed) Session.

Mr. Boyer stated, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), the Board would be discussing one (1) case on anticipated litigation; and, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1), the Board would be discussing five (5) cases of existing litigation, including City of San Buenaventura, Wishtoyo Foundation, OPV Coalition v. Fox Canyon GMA, UWCD v. United States, UWCD v. California Fish and Game Commission.

1.1 Public Comments

Information Item

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

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

President Dandy adjourned the Board into Executive (Closed) Session at 12:05p.m.

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:10 P.M.

President Dandy called the Second Open session of the UWCD Board meeting to order at 1:10p.m.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Dandy asked Director Gordon Kimball to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.2 Public Comment

Information Item

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

2.3 Approval of Agenda

Motion

President Dandy asked if there were any changes to the agenda. General Manager Mauricio Guardado stated there were no changes to the agenda. President Dandy asked for a motion. Motion to approve the agenda, Director Naumann; second,

Director Keeling. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session
Information Item

President Dandy asked Mr. Boyer to report out of Executive (Closed) session. Mr. Boyer stated that the Board took no action in Executive Session that is reportable under the Brown Act.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report
Information Item

President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Board members' monthly activities (aka per diem) reports. None were offered.

2.6 General Manager's Report
Information Item

Mr. Guardado reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C., stating that in part because of the District's frequent outreach efforts to elected officials, his meetings were much more action orientated as most were familiar with the District, its projects and issues. He said he was very encouraged by the level of engagement, especially with agencies like FERC and the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), which helps fund projects that benefit the military but are located outside military bases, stating that the agency was revising policy which would make funding available for the situation here in Ventura County. Mr. Guardado also announced the promotion of Tessa Lenz to environmental scientist-regulatory affairs, and recounted her numerous contributions to the District.

2.7 Election of Officers
Motion

President Dandy opened the floor to nominations for Board Officers. Motion to nominate Director Bruce Dandy for a second term as president, Director Naumann; second, Director Berger. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to nominate Director Sheldon Berger for a second term as vice president, Director Naumann; second, Director Maulhardt. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to nominate Director Lynn Maulhardt for a second term as secretary/treasurer, Director Naumann; second, Director Berger. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

2.8 Staff Service Awards for 2022

Ceremonial Item

President Dandy presented District Service Awards to several employees, reporting staff achievements and contributions to the District throughout their milestone years of service. Service awards were presented to Eric Elliott, Eva Ibarra, Michael Kaminski, Robert Marshall, and Erik Zvirbulis, each for five years of service. Dr. Jason Sun was feted for 10 years of service to the District.

The Board congratulated staff and thanked them for their contributions as photos were taken by John Carman to commemorate the awards.

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)

Director Hasan asked President Dandy to pull the Minutes from the Consent Calendar as he said they did not accurately convey his comments from the previous Board meeting.

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2022.

President Dandy asked for a motion for the remainder of the Consent Calendar items. Motion to approve items B, C. and D., Director Hasan; second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

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 2023-01 Subsequent Finding that the Governor of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 relating to the COVID-19 virus and local officials continue to recommend social distancing measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and Authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of United Water

Conservation District for the period of January 11, 2023, through February 8, 2023 pursuant to Brown Act provisions

Motion

The Board will consider approving subsequent AB361 Findings and adopt Resolution 2023-01 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-authorize remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of United Water Conservation District for the period of January 11, 2023 through February 8, 2023 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Director Hasan then addressed the Minutes, stating that there was a misunderstanding between the General Manager and himself regarding the preparation of the Master Plan, not the Facilities Improvement Plan.

Mr. Guardado stated that there was not a misunderstanding, that the District already has a Master Plan and the item discussed during the Recreation Committee and presented to the Board was the proposed facilities improvement plan for the Lake Piru Recreation Area, which is very specific. The gentlemen discussed the two documents and ended the discussion with Director Hasan asking the Minutes be corrected to read the General Manager understood Director Hasan was asking for a review of the Master Plan, not the Facility Plan. Director Hasan stated that the Board should have access to the Master Plan.

Director Maulhardt commented that he wants to make sure that the public understands that the Recreation Committee is *not* redoing the Master Plan, but rather the Facilities Improvement Plan, which helps the Board determine which projects at Lake Piru to support.

Motion to approve the Minutes as amended, Director Hasan; second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); one abstaining (Kimball, as he was not present for most of the last Board meeting); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0/1 (abstaining).

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

District Controller Daryl Smith addressed the Board on behalf of CFO Brian Zahn, who was absent. Mr. Smith said that while there was no Finance Committee meeting in January, he wanted to give the Board a “heads up,” that the District would be posting a request for proposals (RFP) for new auditors as Vasquez & Company had served the District for the past three years. Director Berger said the company could still reapply, and Mr. Smith said that was correct.

Chief Human Resource Officer Josh Perez addressed the Board following Mr. Smith. Stating that he had nothing to present but if the Board had any questions or comments based on the monthly staff report, he would be happy to respond. No questions or comments were offered.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

**4.2 Monthly Engineering Department Report
Information Item**

Dr. Bral guided the Board through a slide presentation (see attached), that highlighted many of the Engineering department's activities over the past month. Director Maulhardt stated that the Engineering and Operations Committee had addressed many of the dam safety processes and complimented staff for understanding the scope of responsibility and how the District must remain even more vigilant during construction projects.

Director Hasan asked if Mr. Collins was heavily involved with the design and construction at the Santa Felicia Dam, as he believes that operation people have to be involved to obtain the best results. Dr. Bral stated that Operations and Maintenance staff, Engineering staff, consultants and others are all very much involved in the project.

Dr. Bral presented highlights of a few other projects, ending her presentation. She asked if there were any additional questions or comments. None were offered.

Environmental Services Department – Linda Purpus

**4.3 Monthly Environmental Services Department Report
Information Item**

Environmental Scientist-Regulatory Affairs Tessa Lenz addressed the Board, asking if there were any questions or comments regarding the department's monthly staff report. None were offered. Ms. Lenz walked the Board through a slide presentation (see attached), highlighting three main activities – the Freeman Diversion Fish Ladder monitoring (no O.mykiss were observed); the kick off meeting of the Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment' contract with Environmental Services Associates; and Water Resources' Bram Sercu providing river discharge training to the Environment Services department's field team. She explained that field staff are trained in these techniques to support Water Resources staff.

President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments for Ms. Lenz. 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, asking if there were any questions or comments on the monthly department report. None were offered. With that, Mr. Collins began his presentation (see attached), which included the installation of a water treatment plant emergency generator, dewatering at the Freeman Diversion to remove old caulking from the canal, the completion of the replacement of an aged flow meter on OH well number 14 and other maintenance activities.

President Dandy asked if anyone had any questions or comments for Mr. Collins. None were offered.

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

**4.5 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report
Information Item**

Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan addressed the Board, reminding them that there was no Recreation Committee meeting in January, so he had no presentation, but did want to update them on the recent storm events. He stated that the lake, which had been at 14,100AF had increased to nearly 40,000AF, rising some 30 vertical feet from January 8 to January 10. He reported that there was quite a bit of debris in the water and the Lake had to be closed to boating as a result. He also reported that staff had to shelter in place as fire crews bulldozed Piru Canyon Road to remove the mud and debris that covered about a third of a mile of the road. He reported that most of the “dog park” had been lost to mud slides and that the coming weeks would require a lot of clean up.

Chief Strahan added that the current situation at the lake was similar to the debris and sediment that resulted from the 2005 storm event. He also said that the marina was secure, but currently sat about 150 feet off shore.

President Dandy asked if there were more questions or comments for Chief Strahan. None were offered.

Water Resources Department – Dan Detmer

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

Water Resources Manager Dan Detmer asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the department’s monthly report. None were offered. Mr. Detmer said that the department would have a robust report at next month’s Board meeting, including Murray McEachron’s characterizations of the storm events and conditions at the Freeman Diversion. He did state that the lake was up 30 feet, which was great for quagga control as the silt in the water would cut off oxygen as it settled.

5. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.1 Authorization of a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds for the Iron and Manganese Treatment Project (8007)

Motion

Dr. Bral explained the need for a supplemental appropriation of funds for the Iron and Manganese Treatment project, reporting that the project's construction was 80 percent complete. She said that the "buy American" compliance stipulated in the grant added additional costs to the project. She said total project cost was \$14 million, with \$6.7 million in grant funding, or 47.8 percent of the project costs.

Motion to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$1.5 million for the Iron and Manganese Treatment Project (CIP 8007), Director Berger; second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

Environmental Services Department – Linda Purpus

5.2 Resolution 2023-02 Approving Adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption and the Approval of the Categorical and Statutory Exemption for the Proposed Multi-Year State Water Project Transfer from Casitas Municipal Water District to United Water Conservation District

Motion

Ms. Lenz addressed the Board and explained the need for Resolution 2023-02 in an effort to file the notice of exemption for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 adopting the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Proposed Multi-Year State Water Project Transfer from Casitas Municipal Water District to United Water Conservation District, Director Hasan; second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

Operations and Maintenance Department – Brian Collins

5.3 Resolution 2023-03 Authorization of the Purchase of Table A Water from Casitas Municipal Water District

Motion

Mr. Collins addressed the Board regarding the agreement with Casitas Municipal Water District for purchase of its Table A Water allocation. Director Hasan asked a number of questions clarifying the agreement. Director Kimball said that this should have been done a long time ago and that he congratulates staff and management for the collaborative effort and leadership to bring more water into the County. He thanked staff and added, "well done."

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Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03, approving the authorization of the General Manager or his designee to execute a contract for the purchase of Table A water from Casitas Municipal Water District for a five-year term, Director Naumann; second, Director Berger. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy). None opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

Director Berger reminded everyone that the AWA WaterWise event on Thursday would feature Eric Boldt of NOAA who would be making his annual rain predictions and that the event was being held in the UWCD Boardroom and encouraged all to attend.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hasan commented on ensuring a quorum for the Finance Committee and again proposed developing two-year budgets and stated that he'd like to discuss that at the February Finance Committee meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT 2:55p.m.

President Dandy adjourned the meeting at 2:55p.m. to the **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2023** or call of the President.

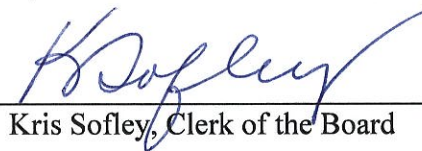
I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of January 11, 2023.

ATTEST:



Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

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Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board



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ATTENDANCE LIST

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 12noon

MEETING: UWCD Board of Directors Meeting

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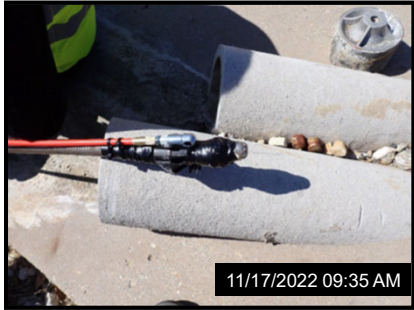
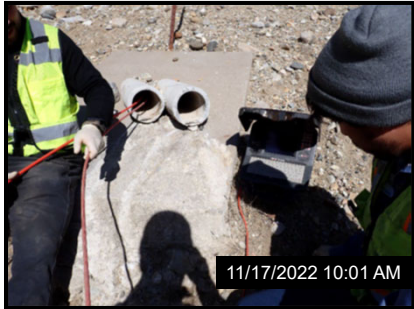
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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

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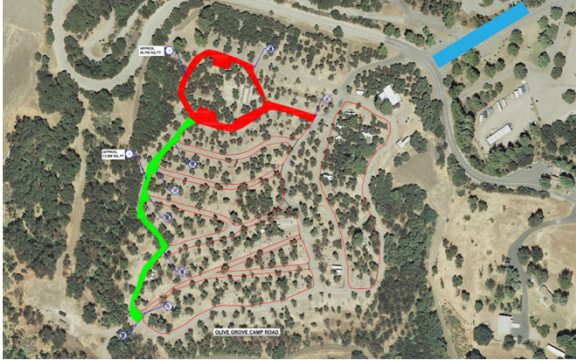


Santa Felicia Dam Safety Year End Reporting December 2022

1. SFD Spillway Drain Inspection Report
2. Owner Dam Safety Program External Audit Report
3. Call-Down Drill Report
4. Interim Risk Reduction Measures Reports
5. Dam Safety and Surveillance Monitoring Report
6. EAP After Action Report
7. EAP Status Report
8. Annual Security Compliance Certification
9. Vulnerability Security Risk Assessment Report
10. SFD Security Plan Update



Lake Piru Recreation Area 2022 Pavement Maintenance Program



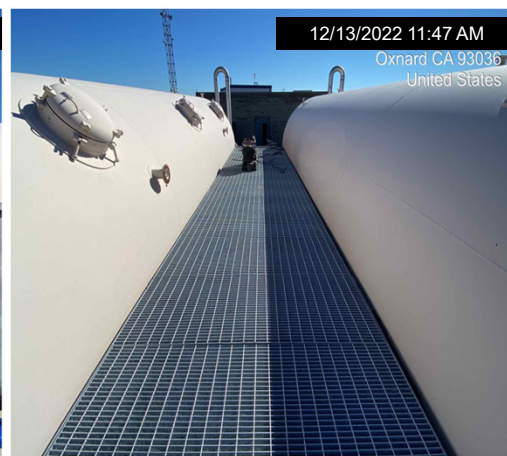
- Repairs of access roads to and around Olive Grove Campground
- Repairs of areas between Park Rangers Office and Marina Parking Lot
- Over 53,000 square feet of pavement repairs between December 5 to 21
- Finishes and final touch-ups by January 4, 2023



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Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility



Installation of grated platforms at filter vessels



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Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility



Preparing filter vessels for pressure washing
and face piping for pressure testing



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Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility



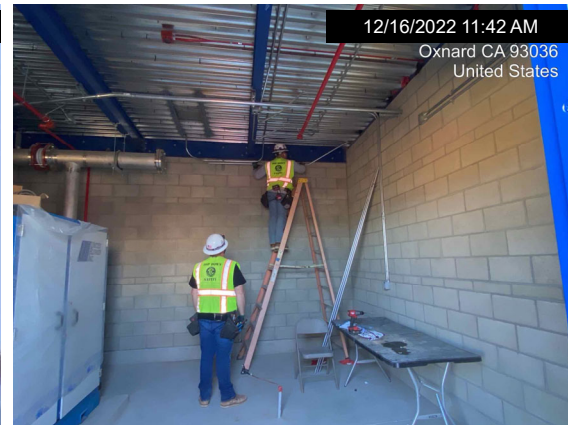
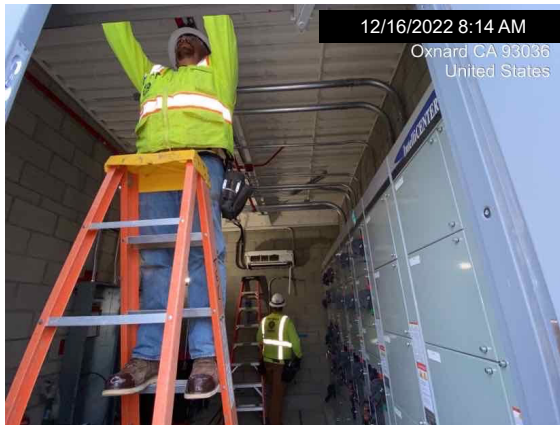
Near completion of piping at Washwater Recovery Tank and Filter Vessels



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Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility



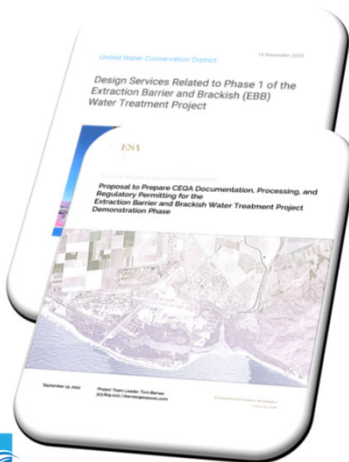
Taft installing overhead electrical conduits in electrical and blower rooms



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Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project Phase 1




- Kennedy Jenks (KJ) Professional Services Agreement executed December 19, 2022
- ESA Professional Services Agreement executed on December 20, 2022
- Joint kickoff meeting on December 15, 2022
- December 20 and 28 progress meetings with KJ
- Joint site visit scheduled for January 12, 2023





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QUESTIONS







ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

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Department Summary Updates

- December Freeman Fish Ladder Operations
- End of Year Reporting
- Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project – Phase 1 Kick-off Meeting



Stranding Surveys in the Santa Clara River– 12/13/2022



ES Staff seining the fish bays – 12/15/2022



QUESTIONS





OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

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Santa Felicia Dam

Water Treatment Plant Emergency Generator



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Freeman Diversion

Canal Joints / Season's First Water Harvest





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OH Delivery

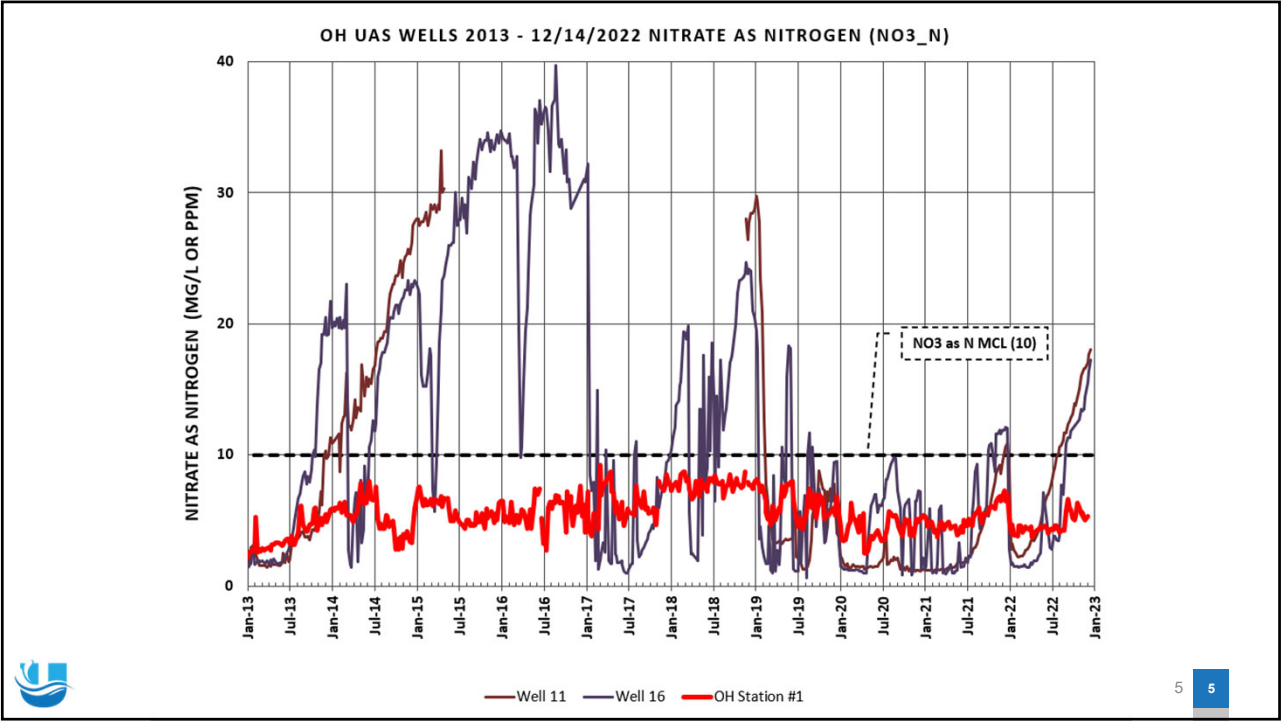
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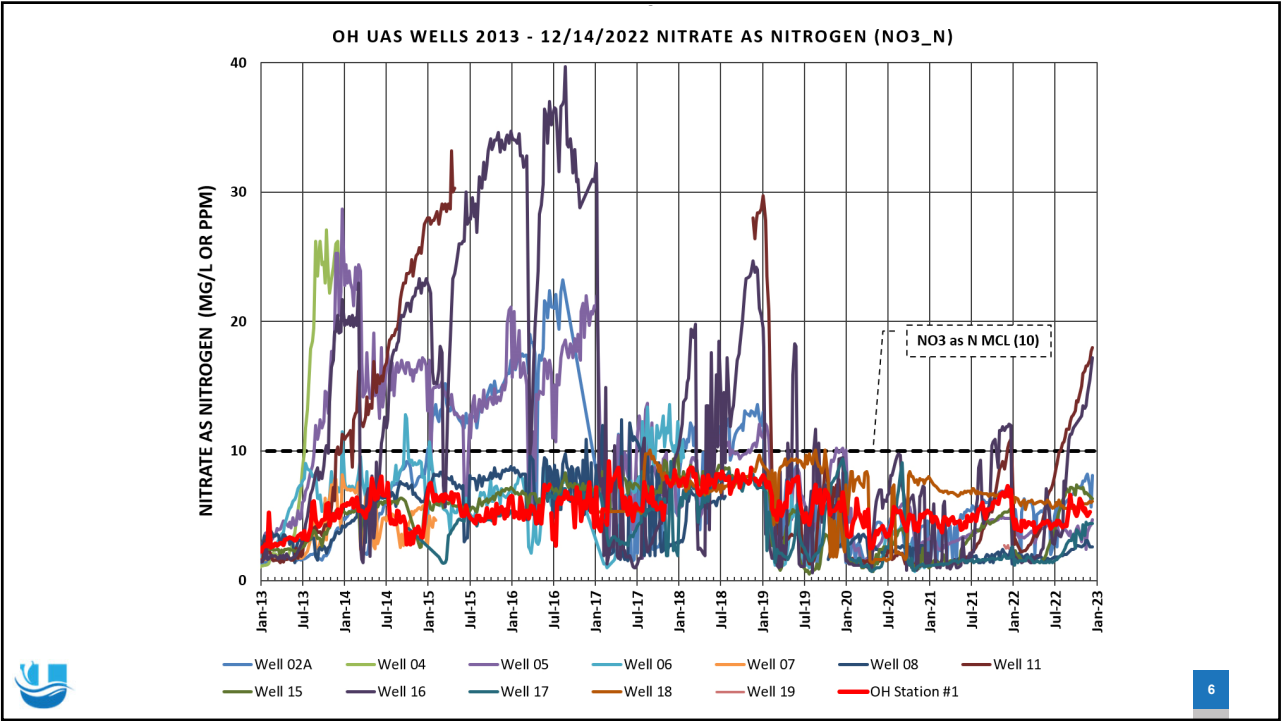


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PTP Reservoir Motor





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Questions?



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Motion 5.1

Supplemental Appropriation of \$1.5M for the Iron and Manganese Treatment Project

	<u>Original Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Original Contract Amount</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Cost Impact</u>
Construction Contract (GSE)	\$9,786,700	\$9,342,900	Change orders (various): <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$662,910.19 (BAA)\$466,556.07 (other)	\$685,666
Construction Management and Inspection Services (HDR)	\$444,850	\$701,956	No amendments requested	\$257,106
Design Services during Construction (K/J)	\$518,790	\$537,488	Amended request <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$200,000	\$218,698
Additional Project Cost				\$1,161,470
Contingency				\$338,530
Requested Supplemental Appropriation				\$1,500,000

Updated Total Project Cost: **\$14,071,289**

Total State and Federal Grant Fundings: **\$6,730,133** (47.8% of Total Project Cost)



Motion 5.2

Resolution 2023-02; Adoption of CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the proposed multi-year State Water Project transfer from CMWD to UWCD

- Terms of the draft agreement were approved by the Board at the September 2022 meeting

