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MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 12:00 P.M.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Bruce E. Dandy, Board president
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Catherine P. Keeling, director
Gordon Kimball, director
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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mauricio Guardado, general manager
David Boyer, legal counsel
Dr. Maryam Bral, chief engineer
Marissa Caringella, environmental services manager
John Carman, operations and maintenance program supervisor
Dan Detmer, water resources manager
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Hannah Garcia-Wickstrum, associate environmental scientist
Tony Huynh, risk and safety manager
Michel Kadah, engineer
Tessa Lenz, environmental scientist regulatory affairs
Craig Morgan, engineering manager
Josh Perez, chief human resource officer
Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager
Ed Reese, technology systems specialist
Daryl Smith, controller
Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the Board
Brian Zahn, chief financial officer

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Chelsea Ballott, deputy city attorney, City of Oxnard
Burt Handy
Miles Hogan, senior assistant city attorney, City of San Buenaventura
Suparna Jain, AALRR
Kevin Harris, AALRR
Rachael Laenen, director of farming and operations, Kimball Ranches – El Hogar
Joe Marcinko, assistant public works director, water utilities, City of Oxnard
Kara Ralston, president, VCSDA (Camarillo Health Care District)
Dr. Janette Sanchez-Palacios, deputy mayor, City of San Buenaventura

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

President Dandy called the meeting to order at 12noon. He asked he District's Legal Counsel, Mr. David Boyer, to summarize the items that would be discussed by the Board in Executive (Closed) session.

Mr. Boyer stated that, pursuant to government code section 54956.9(d)(2), one case of anticipated litigation would be discussed, and, pursuant to government code section 54956.9(d)(1), six cases of existing litigation would be discussed, including City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District; Wishtoyo Foundation v. United Water Conservation District; OPV Coalition v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; United Water Conservation District v. United States; United Water Conservation District v. California Fish and Game Commission; and State of California – Department of Transportation v. United Water Conservation District and Southern California Edison.

**1.1 Public Comments
Information Item**

President Dandy asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

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

President Dandy stated that the Board would open the second open session of this meeting at approximately 1:30p.m. and then adjourned the meeting to Executive (Closed) session at 12:03p.m.

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:30 P.M.

President Dandy called the second open session to order at 1:30p.m.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

**2.2 Public Comment
Information Item**

President Dandy asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

**2.3 Approval of Agenda
Motion**

President Dandy asked if there were any changes to the agenda. General Manager Mr. Mauricio Guardado stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

President Dandy asked for a motion. Motion to approve the agenda, Director Hasan; second, Director Keeling. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. The agenda is approved unanimously 7/0.

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

Information Item

President Dandy asked Mr. Boyer to report any Board actions taken during Executive (Closed) session. Mr. Boyer reported that the Board took no action in Executive session that would be reportable under the Brown Act.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report

Information Item

President Dandy asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the Board Members' Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports. None were offered.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Information Item

Mr. Guardado reported that Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan would not be at today's meeting as he and his wife, Brittany, had delivered a baby boy, Mac Jeffrey Strahan, and that Chief Strahan was with his wife and son. Mr. Guardado added that last week he and Chief Engineer Dr. Maryam Bral had provided a tour of Navy Base Ventura County Point Mugu to Ventura County Board Supervisor Vianey Lopez and her aide Angel Garcia, along with Director Keeling. Commanding Officer of the base, Captain Kinnach greeted the group and spoke about his commitment to the District's EBB Water project. The Base's Water Program Manager Nathan Jacobsen provided highlights of the project as well. Mr. Guardado said the tour also provided an opportunity to discuss other sustainability projects with Supervisor Lopez, who was receptive to the District's efforts.

Mr. Guardado then addressed the District's succession planning and announced the promotion of Kevin Champlin to water treatment operator III, who had been with the District previously, then left to work for another agency, but returned and worked hard to earn his recent promotion.

Mr. Guardado also mentioned that the District was closing in on another milestone – four-million-acre feet of recharge! He mentioned the counter on the website homepage nearing in on four million and the District's plan for a public celebration once that milestone was met. Director Maulhardt said he was very pleased with the news, and Director Kimball suggested that instead of saying "water diverted" the counter be changed to say, "water recharged." Other directors added their suggestions and critiques for how to improve the counter on the District's webpage.

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

2.7 Consider Cancellation of August Board Meeting

Motion

President Dandy explained that, as was the tradition of the Board to cancel its August Board and Committee meetings to accommodate vacation schedules, he asked for a motion.

Motion to cancel the UWCD Board of Directors August 2023 Board meeting, President Dandy; second, Director Berger. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

2.8 Recognition of Retiring Water Resources Manager Dan Detmer
Ceremonial Item

President Dandy noted that Mr. Detmer was retiring from the District after nearly 28 years of service in the Water Resources department, which he has managed for the past few years.

Mr. Guardado addressed the Board stating that when he first started at the District, Dan Detmer was extremely helpful in getting him up to speed on basin conditions, possible actions that led to the development of the Water Sustainability Plan and Summit. Mr. Guardado referred to Mr. Detmer as a great leader who was mission focused, in spite of lots of issues and lots of challenges that demanded attention. He also praised Mr. Detmer for his guidance regarding staff and stated that Mr. Detmer played a large part in the success of the District.

Mr. Detmer addressed the Board, thanking them for their support, especially Director Maulhardt, who has always been a champion of the Water Resources group, and thanked the Board for its commitment to understanding systems and ground water and for its support of the groundwater flow modeling work that the District has continued to hone over the past 10 years. Mr. Detmer said the District's groundwater modeling has been a tremendous tool that has benefitted all of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies throughout the County, and the County as well. Mr. Detmer praised the incredibly talented staff, calling out Murray McEachron, Dr. Bram Sercu, Dr. Jason Sun, John Lindquist and Kathleen Kuepper specifically. Mr. Detmer also praised the two new hydrologists who would be joining the District in July.

Mr. Detmer concluded by saying that he really enjoyed what we're supposed to do here, enjoyed the culture here, the non-competitive nature of the staff, the crossover between departments, and said that John Carman had taught him a lot about that.

Director Maulhardt said that it is important that the public understand the quality and leadership of District staff and the impact the Board has had over the years. He said the board's decisions are developed in collaboration with every department in the agency and the interplay between staff and board is satisfying to watch, especially over the years. He praised Mr. Detmer, stating that he has been instrumental in the development of that collaboration and credited Mr. Detmer with leading that charge. Director Maulhardt continued, stating that while the Board holds the purse strings, the vision is set by staff, particularly in water resources, by not being shy about voicing opinions when they think the Board is wrong. He added that it was always reassuring to see Dan and John Lindquist in the audience at Fox Canyon GMA meetings, and he appreciates that Dan, being polite, could

also get people to look at things from a different perspective. Director Maulhardt said the interplay between staff and the Board has served the public well over the years and he appreciates Mr. Detmer's input and perspective.

Director Kimball thanked Mr. Detmer for his contributions to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency and for his efforts in keeping the Board on track, providing information when it was needed to help the Board make the right decisions, and appreciated Mr. Detmer's practicality.

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

- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

President Dandy asked for item 3.D of the Consent Calendar to be pulled for clarification and separate consideration. He then asked if there was a motion for Consent Calendar items 3.A through 3.C.

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of May 17, 2023, and the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop of May 24, 2023.

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.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items, Director Maulhardt; second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Operations and Maintenance Department – Anthony Emmert

4.1 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report

Information Item

John Carman addressed the Board and showed them several slides (see attached slides) highlighting the actions of the Operations and Maintenance department over the past month, including continuing clean-up activities from the earlier storm events at the Santa Felicia Dam and Lake Piru, diversions and basin recharge at Saticoy and the progress on the Iron and Manganese Treatment plant at El Rio.

Then Mr. Carman turned the presentation over to Murray McEachron to discuss the “good news” for diversions and basin recharge throughout the District. (see attached slides). Mr. McEachron reported that to date, some 70,000-acre feet of water has been diverted at the Freeman, an amount which he said had not been seen in many years. He added that 23,000-acre feet was recharged through El Rio; 43,000 acre feet recharged at Saticoy and 3,700 acre feet in surface water deliveries, and that surface water deliveries will be higher later in the year.

Mr. McEachron said that releases from Castaic would continue through June 20, then there would be a brief break, followed by releases from the dam beginning around July 18, which would be diverted at the Freeman and that from July 18 through August 1, Castaic flows would start again and mentioned that construction on the I5 delayed releases for a bit. He added that 55,000-acre feet would be released from the Santa Felicia Dam as a conservation release through October and November, accounting for a total of 118,000 acre feet (natural flows, flood flows, Table A, Governor’s order rerouted to Castaic, and Article 21). In November, more Article 21 water will be received into Lake Piru, as restrictions end November 1.

Director Maulhardt asked about the amount of water and flow rates. Mr. McEachron replied that approximately 30,000-acre feet of Table A water and likely some 10,000 acre feet or more of Article 21 water may be available. He said that Article 21 water is cheaper. He added that by September, staff will have a recommendation for how far to take down the lake depending on what is available for refilling it.

Director Maulhardt asked if the request for diverting at flows higher than 375cfs had been approved. Mr. Guardado answered that the high flow rate has not been approved as yet, but it is part of the improvement program proposed for the Freeman.

Director Kimball congratulated staff on the work presented by Mr. Carman and Mr. McEachron, which is an accomplishment generally, but especially considering the environmental restrictions, construction delays on I5, and appreciates all the hard work of staff which resulted in these recharge results. President Dandy added that Oxnard Councilmember Bert Perello shared a June 5 video of water recharge efforts at El Rio and Saticoy.

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

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

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

Mr. Guardado reminded the Board that Chief Strahan's department report was in the Board package. President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments on the report. None were offered.

Water Resources Department – Dan Detmer

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

Mr. Detmer addressed the Board stating that the monthly activities report was in the Board packet. President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

Administrative Services Department – Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

**4.4 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Josh Perez and Brian Zahn
Information Item**

Mr. Zahn addressed the Board, stating that he was asked about the Standard and Poor's rating for the District, which is at AA-, an upgrade from its previous rating, and was one of the few water agencies to get an upgraded rating.

President Dandy asked Mr. Zahn if he could show the Board how much money the District was saving thanks to grant funding awards. Mr. Zahn said that is part of the annual presentation to the Finance and Audit Committee. President Dandy asked if that money was shown in the budget, to which Mr. Zahn replied yes.

Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez addressed the Board to present an update on administrative activities (see attached slides). Mr. Perez reported that the District has a tentative agreement on a four-year labor contract and has briefed the Executive Committee and will update the full Board after the new contract is ratified (which should be next week). Mr. Perez thanked Mr. Detmer for his help in recruiting his replacement. He also mentioned the savings made possible for fitness testing being done in-house by the talented individuals in risk management.

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

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

**4.5 Monthly Engineering Department Report
Information Item**

Dr. Maryam Bral addressed the Board, updating them on various activities, meetings, and public outreach executed by the engineering team. (see attached slides). She reported on a meeting with Department of Water Resources and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on May 4, mentioned the ribbon cutting at the Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant was pushed back to September, which

will also allow for representatives from OLDCC, the grant funder, to participate in the ceremony. Dr. Bral also reported on the progress on the PTP metering project, reporting that 31 of the 41 utility easements needed have been secured. She thanked Mr. Detmer for all of his help and support on the EBB Water project and mentioned the SGM grant was secured to offset costs of installing monitoring wells for the project at Pt. Mugu, adding that a consultant had been secured by the District to oversee the wells project at Pt. Mugu and she was submitting a letter of request to the Navy, a memo of agreement, which she would be bringing to the Board in July.

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

Environmental Services Department – Marissa Caringella

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

Ms. Caringella addressed the Board, stating that the department's monthly report was in the Board packet, but the department had no presentation this month. President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

5. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Water Resources Department – Dr. Maryam Bral and Dan Detmer

**5.1 PUBLIC HEARING – Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing,
Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2023-24 Zones and Extraction
Charges.**

Motion

Board President Dandy, General Manager Mauricio Guardado, Legal Counsel David Boyer, Water Resources Manager Dan Detmer, Chief Engineer Dr. Maryam Bral and Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn provided testimony to the Board regarding the District's history of water management and basin conditions, its formula for determining zones and rates, considerations used by staff in making those determinations, the compositions of the various zones within the District, the beneficial uses provided by the District's water management operations and other pertinent details regarding the levying of groundwater extraction charges within such zones. A transcription of this segment of the Public Hearing is part of the Administrative Record and is included, along with the written testimony provided by Mr. Guardado, Mr. Detmer, Dr. Bral and Mr. Zahn, in the exhibits available on the District's website.

Concluding the Board's receipt of oral and written testimony from staff, President Dandy asked if there were any written or oral testimony that the public wished to provide.

The City of San Buenaventura's Deputy Mayor Dr. Janette Sanchez-Palacios addressed the Board. Dr. Sanchez stated that the City had protested the District's rates for the past 10 years, but that her appearance before the Board today was to

state the City's support for the District revised rate strategy and its desire to put the long-standing litigation behind them and enter a new era of cooperation and continued collaboration and thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak today.

City of Oxnard's Deputy City Attorney Chelsea Ballot addressed the Board, stating that the City had only recently been made aware of Zone S, which imposes a new surcharge, and that the City of Oxnard would like more information and details as to how the surcharge impacts the City and to that end requested a meeting between the City of Oxnard and UWCD staff to discuss this issue. Ms. Ballot said the City is not opposed to Zone S; it just needs more time to consider the proposed Zone S.

President Dandy asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered. With that, President Dandy concluded the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and asked the Board's Legal Counsel to instruct the Board.

Mr. Boyer reminded the Board of the testimony they had received and to consider the two resolutions before them. He then made a brief statement regarding Water Code Section 75522, providing a brief summary of the testimony and instructed the Board in how to make their motions.

Resolution 2023-07

Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District

Motion

Director Berger moved to adopt Resolution 2023-07 entitled: "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District." Director Maulhardt seconded the motion. President Dandy asked if there were any questions or discussion by any members of the Board on the motion or resolution itself. None were offered. President Dandy then called for a roll call vote.

The clerk of the Board called the roll. Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); no absentees and none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

President Dandy stated that the resolution is adopted, and it is so ordered. He then asked for a motion on the second resolution.

Resolution 2023-08

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 2023-24 Water Year

Motion

Director Maulhardt moved that the Board adopt Resolution 2023-08 , establishing zones and adopting and assessing groundwater charges entitled: “ A Resolution of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District 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 2023-24 Water Year.”

Director Berger seconded the motion. President Dandy asked if there were any questions or discussion by members of the Board on the motion or the resolution itself. None were offered. President Dandy then called for a roll call vote.

Clerk of the Board called the roll. Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); no absentees and none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

President Dandy stated that the resolution is adopted, and it is so ordered. He then asked if there were any further comments from the Board. None were offered. He thanked everyone for their attendance and cooperation and proceeded with the other motion items on the agenda.

Administrative Services - Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

5.2 Resolution 2023-09 Adopting the Proposed District Budget Plan, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Motion

Mr. Zahn addressed the Board and asked if there were any questions or clarifications needed. None were offered.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-09 Director Hasan, seconded by Director Keeling. Roll call vote: Six ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Naumann, Dandy); one absent (Maulhardt); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/1/0.

5.3 Resolution 2023-10 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of UWCD Requesting the Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Period 2023-24 Sufficient to Satisfy the State Water Project Charges

Motion

Mr. Zahn again asked if there were any questions or clarifications needed. None were offered.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10 Director Berger; seconded by Director Kimball. Roll call vote: Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt,

Naumann, Dandy); no absentees and none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.4 Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project – Outlet Works Improvement Project Construction Management and Inspection Services (CIP 8002) Award of Contract and Fund Transfer

Motion

Dr. Bral presented slides in support of the motion (see attached slides). Director Maulhardt stated that the motion was reviewed by the Engineering and Operations Committee, who recommend that the Board award the contract and approve the fund transfer. Director Keeling thanked Dr. Bral for adding the box on the top of the slide indicating that this project is a regulatory and environmental requirement.

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

Motion to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to Black and Veatch Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,498,623 for Fiscal Year 2023-24, to provide construction management and inspection services, including an independent review of the constructability of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project – Outlet Works Improvement Project (“Project”) (CIP 8002); and to approve a fund transfer from CIP 8003 to CIP 8002 in the amount of \$757,568, Director Maulhardt; second, Director Berger. Roll call vote: Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); no absentees and none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

5.5 Contract Award to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for Extraction Barrier and Brackish (EBB) Water Treatment Project Phase 1 Planning, Design, Construction Oversight, and Related Support Services for Groundwater Monitoring Wells at Naval Base Ventura County-Point Mugu (CIP 8019)

Motion

Dr. Bral presented a slide to the Board (see attached slide).

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

Motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a professional consulting services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., (Jacobs) in the amount of \$412,316 [\$374,833 plus 10% contingency (\$37,483)] to provide planning, design, construction oversight and related support services for installation and aquifer testing of up to 20 groundwater monitoring wells at Naval Base Ventura County-Point Mugu as part of Phase 1 of the EBB Project (CIP 8019), Director Berger; second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); no absentees and none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

Environmental Services Department – Craig Morgan

5.6 Resolution 2023-11 Determining that the Replacement of Water Well No. 5 Project (“Project”) is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Project

Motion

Engineering Manager Craig Morgan addressed the Board and reported that at the last Board meeting, the Board had awarded the drilling contract for replacement of Well No. 5 and this motion will help get the new well in operation by late 2023.

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

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-11, determining that the replacement of water well No. 5 project (“Project”) is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the project, Director Naumann; second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); no absentees and none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

5.7 Lake Piru Draft Conceptual Facilities Improvement Plan (CIP 8055)

Motion

Mr. Guardado addressed the Board, reporting that the motion was reviewed by the Recreation Committee, who vetted the plan and found that it would make significant improvements to the camping area at Lake Piru and would create a more positive experience for visitors by offering more amenities, which in turn attracts more vendors, which allows for increases in entry fees, and ultimately will attract more visitors to the Lake Piru Recreation Area.

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

Motion to adopt the proposed conceptual draft of the Lake Piru Recreation Area Facilities Improvement Plan (FIP) and authorizing the General Manager to direct staff to advance the proposed draft FIP Alternative 2 from 10 percent design to 30 and 60 percent design levels, Director Berger; second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); no absentees and none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Dandy asked if there were any future agenda items for consideration. None were offered.

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8. **ADJOURNMENT 3:35 P.M.**

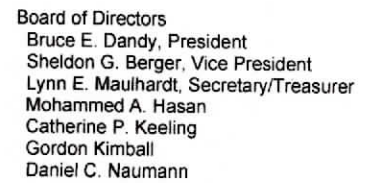
Director Berger said he would like to make a motion to dedicate this meeting in honor of Dan Detmer's service to the District. President Dandy asked if the Board agreed and called for a voice vote. Seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann Dandy); none opposed. Motion carried unanimously!

President Dandy adjourned the meeting at 3:35p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 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 June 14, 2023.

ATTEST: 
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

ATTEST: 
Kris Soley, Clerk of the Board



Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 12noon

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.

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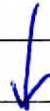
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OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

June 14, 2023



Santa Felicia Dam

SFD Water Filter Plant – DSOD Inspection Preparation





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OH Delivery

Air Vac Relocation – Fe-Mn Training








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PTP System


Meter Upgrade Project



Turnout #105
ETTING RD.
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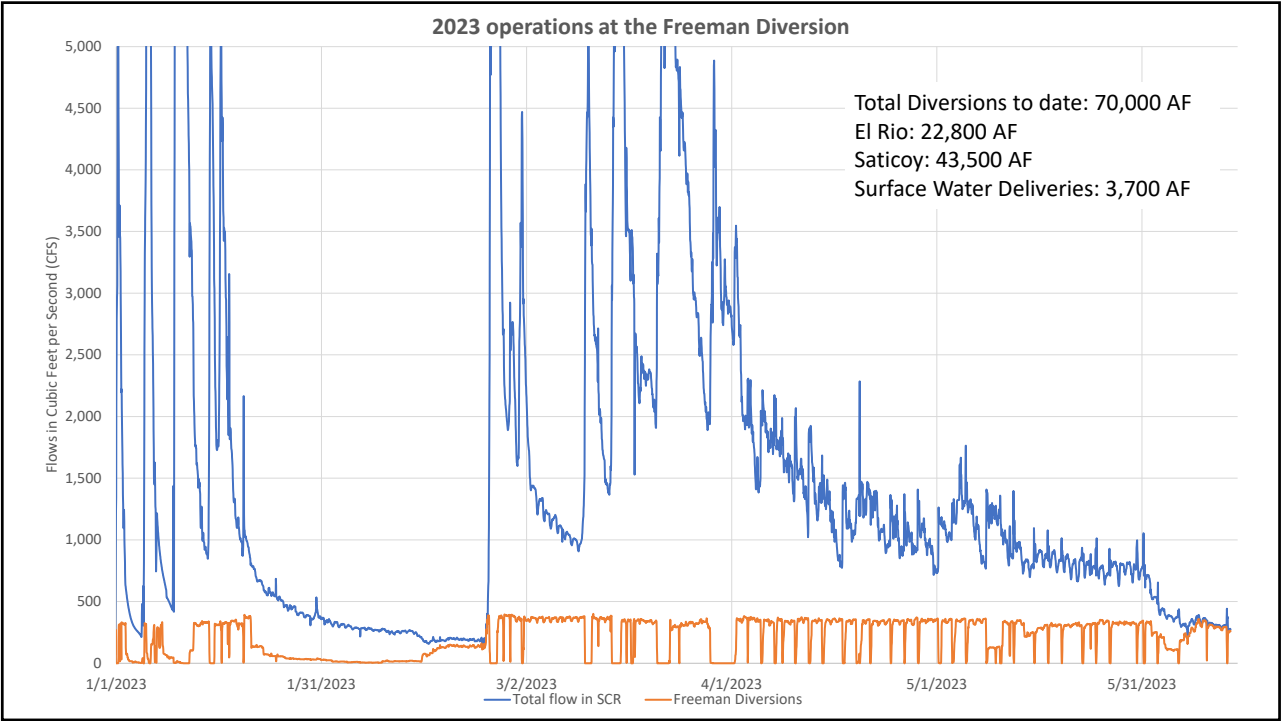


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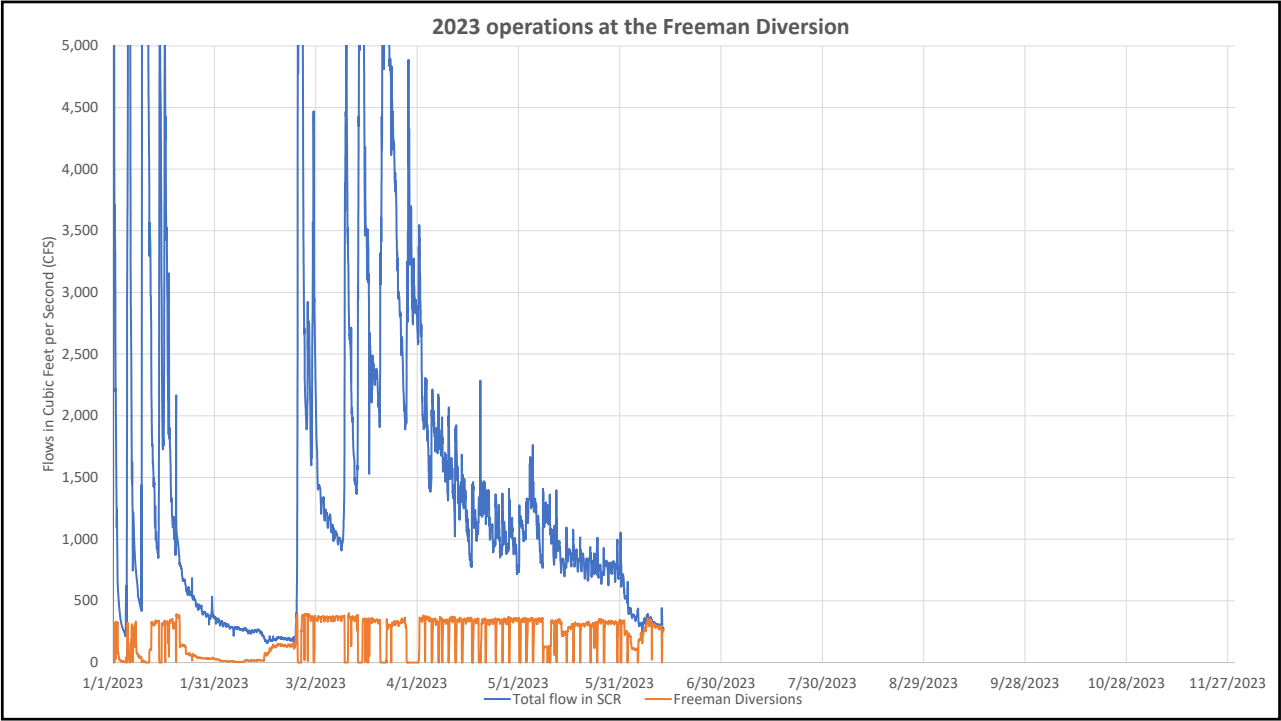
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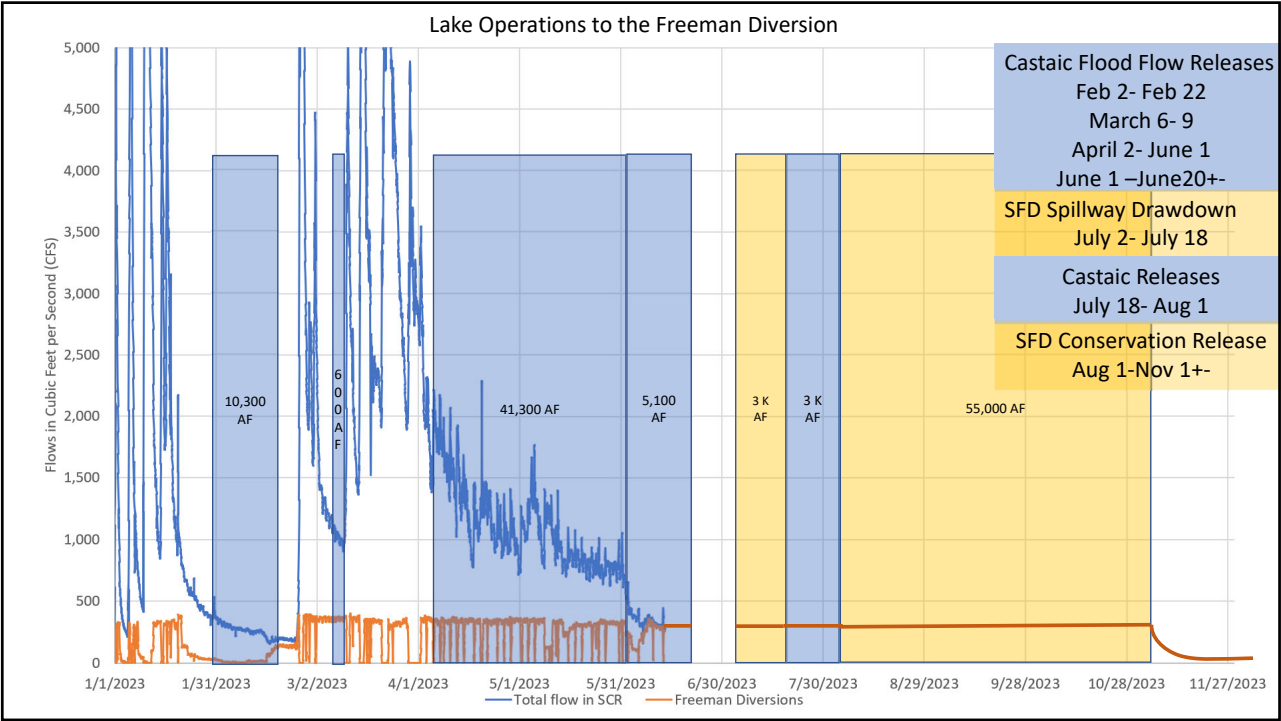
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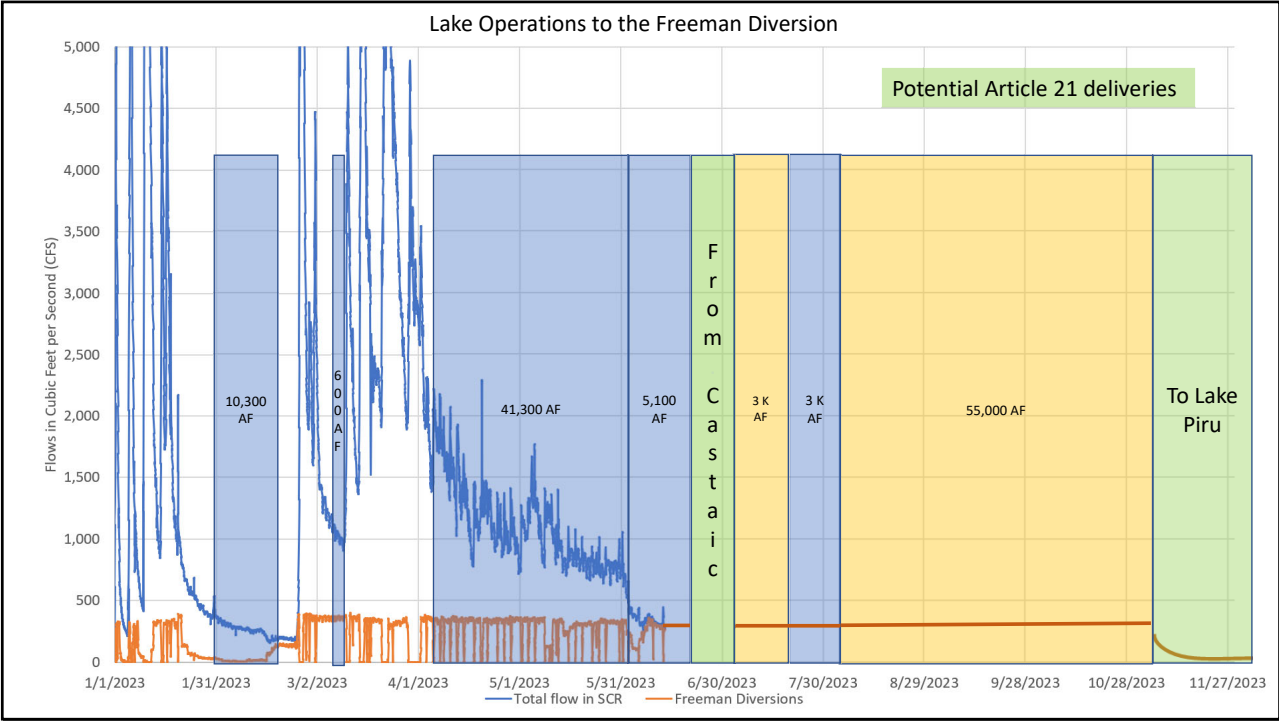
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Questions?



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Item 4.2
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Lake Piru Recreation Area Highlights and Updates


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Operational Update: February and March 2023

Facilities Maintenance Highlights

	May 1-25	Picnic table restoration project.
	May 8-19	Ongoing weed abatement measures.
	May 15-18	Constructed and prepared two swim beaches.
	May 24	Installation of new welcome sign at the Ranger Station.

United Water Conservation District



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Operational Update: May

Training, Events, and Meetings

May 6

• Howl At The Moon Fishing Event

May 8-11

• ACWA Spring Conference

May 12

• Lehosheetyadla- Non Profit Event

May 19

• CSDA leadership training "Extreme Ownership"

May 25

• CPR/First Aid and AED training

United Water Conservation District

Don't miss it!


HOWL AT THE MOON NIGHT FISHING

Lake Piru Recreation Area
4780 Piru Canyon Road, Piru

7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month, May - September

MAY 6 • JUNE 3 • JULY 1 • AUGUST 5 • SEPTEMBER 2

ADMISSION:
\$5 for walk-ins
\$10 cars



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For more information, visit explorelakepiru.com or call 805-521-1111

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STORM RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

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Operational Update: Ongoing Disaster Response Effort

Where Are We In the FEMA Process?

FEMA grant application approved

Project List Developed


- \$3.97 Million in Reimbursement requests

Projects Which Are Completed And Obligated:

- Lake Debris Cleanup
- Emergency Dive Work

50% of Land based work completed

A 60-day Extension Requested



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PARK VISITATION AND REVENUE RECAP

Annual Month to Month Comparison

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Operational Update

Revenue Recap 2023 vs. 2022 (Jan. 1-June 7)

Year	Day Use Revenue	Camping Revenue	All Other Revenue	Revenue Collected	Revenue Received (After Refunds)	Visitation (# of People)
2023	\$90,254.00	\$273,300.00	\$48,321.00	\$435,003.00	\$411,784.00	32,118
2022	\$97,616.00	\$261,707.00	\$50,517.00	\$430,620.00	\$409,839.00	38,346

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Operational Update

Other Revenue Recap – 2023 vs. 2022 (Jan. 1-June 7)

Year	Firewood	Ice/Water	Showers/Laundry	Miscellaneous (T-shirts & Internal Concessions)	Wi-Fi	Filming/Events	Pet Fees
2023	\$9,647.00	\$7,036.00	\$1,253.00	\$966.00	\$11,569.00	\$2,443.00	\$6,997.00
2022	\$7,484.00	\$6,203.00	\$3,488.00	\$270.00	\$10,013.00	\$10,797.00	\$4,026.00

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QUESTIONS?

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Administrative Update

Josh Perez
Chief Human Resources Officer


June 14, 2023

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Risk Management


- Certified Lake Piru Recreation staff on Adult & Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED.
- Conducted annual respirator fit testing for current O&M staff and hearing test for newly hired staff.
- Participated with Engineering Department on joint outreach efforts with Santa Paula Police Department’s new Emergency Manager on SFD Emergency Action Plan.
- Supported Water Resources stream safety signs deployment related to flood flow releases.
- Assessed Piru Dam Siren testing
- Coordinated Playground Safety Inspection at Lake Piru by Ventura County.




First Aid, CPR Training



Fit Testing





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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE


June 14, 2023



Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

- Third Interagency Coordination meeting with DWR and LADWP on May 4
- CM Consultant interviews for SFD OW from May 1 to May 3
- CM Consultant selection finalized on May 8
- Response Letters to FERC and NMFS efiled with FERC on May 24
- Meeting with the Department of Interior discussing funding opportunities on May 25






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Santa Felicia Dam Safety related Activities


- Meeting with Scott Brewer, City of Oxnard Emergency Services Manager to receive feedback on SFD EAP and 2023 Functional Exercise on April 19
- Meeting with the City of Santa Paula’s Emergency Services Coordinator to discuss SFD and SFD EAP on May 11
- DSOD conducted the annual inspection of SFD Inspection on May 23 – Inspectors expressed satisfaction with SFD condition and had no request for follow up actions



05/23/23

Staff and DSOD Inspectors in 72" Butterfly Valve Vault

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Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility



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Completion of Filter Vessels Exterior and Filter Facing Piping Coating



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Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility



Completion of 8" Return Washwater Piping



Completion of Washwater Return Pump Station



Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility



Exterior View of the new Building



Interior View of the new Analytical Laboratory equipped with new cabinetry and countertops, and flooring.



PTP Metering Improvement Project

Project Activities Status	By May 2023
Meter Installations (out of 60)	43 or 71.7%
Easement Acquisitions (out of 41)	31 or 77.5%
Utility Easement Deeds Recorded	3
Meters Installations planned by mid-2023	9*

*TO Nos. 102, 109, 113, 114, 123, 132, 134, 158, 162

METER STATUS

- INSTALLED - 41
- CONSTRUCTION PLANNED IN 2023 - 11
- LETTERS MAILED TO OWNER - 8
- ✕ ABANDONED - 2
- PUMPING TROUGH PIPELINE

Updated: 4/24/2023

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Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project

- 8 proposals were received and reviewed in response to the RFQ/RFP for “Planning, Design, Construction Oversight, and Related Support Services for Groundwater Monitoring Wells Installation
- Staff interviewed 2 consultants and finalized the Consultant selection
- Meeting with RWQCB on May 5
- Letter of Request submitted to the Navy on May 9
- Draft MOA- revisions on going – tentative presentation to the BOD in July – Last revision was reviewed on May 17


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Public Outreach

- Chief Engineer attended the 2023 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey, CA on May 10
- Chief Engineer participated in the May 19-21 Inspection Trip of Hoover Dam and the Colorado River Aqueduct
- Staff Attended and Presented at the OH and PTP User Meetings on May 16



Weymouth Water Treatment Plant



QUESTIONS

C. Regulatory and Environmental Compliance


Motion Item 5.4

Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Improvement Project Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract Award and Fund Transfer

☐ Award the CM Contract to Black and Veatch Corporation on an Annual Basis

☐ Award the CM Contract for FY 2023/24 in the amount Not to Exceed \$1,498,623

☐ Approve fund transfer of \$757,568 from CIP 8003 to CIP 8002 to fund FY 2023/24 CM Contract



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C. Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

Motion Item 5.4

☐ RFQ/RFP advertised using BidNet on March 13

☐ 53 consultants downloaded RFQ/RFP


☐ 3 proposals received on April 17, interviews May 1-3

☐ Black and Veatch identified as the most qualified consultant by the interview panel


☐ Black and Veatch’s current work

- Anderson Dam Seismic Improvement Project
- Program Management/Owner’s Engineer Support
- Calaveras Dam Replacement Project
- Construction Management

Additionally,
Extensive experience working with FERC and DSOD



Non-mandatory pre-proposal site visit on March 23




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C. Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

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CM Contract Total Amount: \$14,601,187	
Preconstruction	Construction* (Future)
1 st Year: FY 2023/24	Multi Fiscal Years: 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27
<div><div>\$1,498,623</div><div>CM Scope: PM, design review, constructability review, plans preparation, contractor prequal, bid phase support, bid award</div></div>	<div><div>\$13,102,654</div><div>CM Scope: PM, pre-and construction coordination, construction admin, inspection and testing, construction contract mgmt, claims mgmt, loan support, safety, acceptance tests, startup and supplemental services, close out</div></div>
<div><div>FY 2023/24 Budget: CIP 8002: \$741,054 Fund Transfer from CIP 8003: \$757,568</div></div>	<div><div>FY 2024/25 – 2026/27: Additional Funds to be included in Subsequent Fiscal Year Budgets</div></div>




*Contingent on securing permits, completing consultations, FERC approval to construction

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Motion Item 5.5

Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment (EBB) Project Phase 1 Planning, Design, Construction Oversight, and Related Support Services for Groundwater Monitoring Wells at Naval Base Ventura County-Point Mugu

- ❑ Authorize General Manager to Execute a Time & Materials Contract with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (Jacobs) for up to \$412,316
 - Help with design of wells and preparation of bidding documents
 - Develop Project Plan for field work, including waste handling and disposal
 - Provide construction oversight during drilling and construction of monitoring wells, disposal of drilling wastes
 - Assist with planning and implementation of aquifer testing




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Supporting Information

- ❑ Project type (Strategic Plan alignment): **A. Water Supply + C. Reg. and Env. Compliance**
 - Initially to support design of EBB Water
 - Follow-on use to monitor system during operational phase
 - EBB Water is being developed in partnership with U.S. Navy, with shared benefits
- ❑ Duration: July 2023 to December 2024 (most work in FY 2023/24)
- ❑ Grant funding support: ~60% to be reimbursed by SGM Grant
- ❑ Other considerations:
 - Jacobs has worked extensively at NBVC-Point Mugu, good relationship with Navy
 - Data from wells will improve model calibration in this critical area



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Motion 5.6

Resolution 2023-11; Adoption of CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Replacement of Water Well No. 5 Project

- CEQA Guidelines Sections:
 - 15301 – *Existing Facilities (Class 1)*
 - 15302 – *Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2)*
- Replacing existing Water Well No. 5 by constructing Water Well No. 20 at the District’s El Rio Facility. This Project is part of a multi-year effort to replace the original El Rio Wells constructed in the 1950s.
- Project completion anticipated for late 2023.



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MOTION ITEM 5.7

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FIP Background And History




Aging infrastructure and low occupancy rates at Lake Piru Recreation Area



United began planning and evaluating improvement alternatives and objectives for upgrades



Draft conceptual plans prepared at the end of 2021 by RRM Design Group



Stantec was hired in June 2022 to finalize conceptual plan package, evaluate existing utilities, and evaluate costs vs. revenue projections

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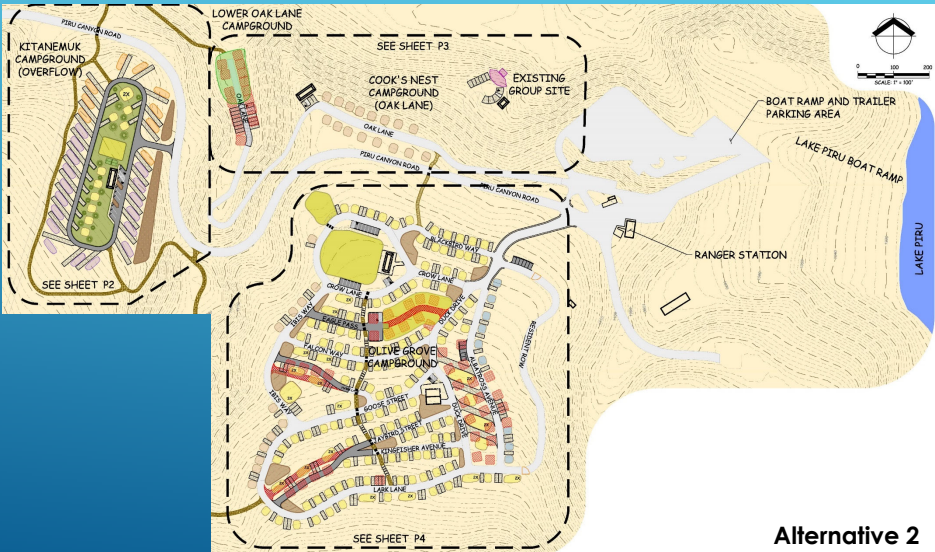
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Olive Grove Site Modification Alternatives



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Preferred Alternative



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Preferred Alternative

PIRU CAMPGROUND CAMPSITE IMPROVEMENT SUMMARY (ALTERNATIVE #2)								
	OLIVE GROVE CAMPGROUND		OAK LANE CAMPGROUND		RV CAMPGROUND		TOTAL CAPACITY*	
	# EXISTING	# PROPOSED*	# EXISTING	# PROPOSED*	# EXISTING	# PROPOSED*	# EXISTING	# PROPOSED*
PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES	93	12	32	16	0	0	125	28
DOUBLE PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELECTRIC HOOK-UP CAMPSITES	96	110	0	0	0	9	96	119
DOUBLE ELECTRIC HOOK-UP CAMPSITES*	0	32	0	0	0	2	0	34
TRIPLE ELECTRIC HOOK-UP CAMPSITES*	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
FULL HOOK-UP CAMPSITES	9	9	0	0	0	0	9	9
ELECTRIC HOOK-UP RV CAMPSITES	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
FULL HOOK-UP RV CAMPSITES	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
TOTAL*	198	166	32	16	0	37	230	219

*Double sites and triple sites counted as 2 and 3 sites, respectively, for capacity

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Preferred Alternative – Construction Budget

Phase	Estimated Alternative 2 Construction Budget
1 – Overflow	\$5.1M
2 – Olive Grove	\$8.3M
3 – Oak Lane	\$1.4M
Design, permitting, etc. (approx. 15%)	\$1.7M
Construction Admin (Approx. 10%)	\$1.2M
Total Project Budget	\$17.7M

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Next Steps

- Review Lake Piru Recreation Plan with County of Ventura to seek input on concept plan
- Board approval of FIP Alternative 2 – advance to 30 percent design

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