

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 Board Room, UWCD Headquarters 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030 Board of Directors Bruce E. Dandy, President Sheldon G. Berger, Vice President Lynn E. Maulhardt, Secretary/Treasurer Mohammed A. Hasan Catherine P. Keeling Gordon Kimball Daniel C. Naumann

General Manager Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel David D. Boyer

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 Daniel C. Naumann, director

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager David Boyer, legal counsel Dr. Maryam Bral, chief engineer Luke Bryden, associate hydrologist Marissa Caringella, environmental services manager John Carman, operations and maintenance program supervisor Christofer Coppinger, senior hydrogeologist Daniel Emerson, recharge O&M worker I Ernie Flores, water treatment operator II Sara Guzman, senior accountant Tony Huynh, risk and safety manager Michel Kadah, engineer Kathleen Kuepper, Hydrologist Tessa Lenz, environmental scientist - regulatory affairs John Lindquist, water resources supervisor Murray McEachron, principal hydrologist Randall McInvale, principal environmental scientist Craig Morgan, engineering manager Patrick O'Connell, senior hydrogeologist Josh Perez, chief human resource officer Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager Ed Reese, technology systems specialist Destiny Rubio, human resources generalist Bram Sercu, senior hydrologist Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the Board Adriana Stovall, environmental scientist-regulatory affairs Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger Brian Zahn, chief financial officer

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Burt Handy

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:02 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 Maulhardt 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

<u>Motion</u>

President Dandy asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Assistant General Manager Mr. Anthony Emmert stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

President Dandy asked for a motion. Motion to approve the agenda, Director Hasan; second, Director Naumann. 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. Emmert had several new hire announcements and one staff promotion to report to the Board. He began by announcing Sara Guzman had recently been promoted to Senior Accountant. Ms. Guzman thanked Mr. Emmert and the Board for their support.

Mr. Emmert then introduced five new hires including Ernie Flores, the District's new Water Treatment Operator II, who will be stationed at El Rio. Daniel Emmerson, hired as the new Recharge O&M Worker I, stationed at Saticoy, was then introduced. Mr. Emmert then introduced three new hires in the Water Resources department, including Associate Hydrologist Luke Bryden; Senior Hydrogeologist Christofer Coppinger; and Senior Hydrogeologist Patrick O'Connell.

Director Hasan stated that the District attracts and retains quality staff. President Dandy asked if there were any additional comments or questions. None were offered.

2.7 Voting for CSDA Board of Directors Seat C – Coastal Network <u>Motion</u>

President Dandy explained that he was supporting candidate Ronald Stassi and asked if there were any opposing views. None were offered.

Motion to cast the District's vote for the CSDA Board of Directors Seat C – Coastal Network for Ronald Stassi, Director Berger; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

2.8 Administering Peace Officers Oath of Office for Park Rangers <u>Motion</u>

President Dandy called the three new Park Ranger Cadets – Natalie Everton, Michael Groenveld, and Jordan "Matt" Lundberg, up to the dais to take their oath of office as park ranger cadets.

President Dandy administered the oath of office to all three park ranger cadets and welcomed them to the District.

2.9 Presentation of Lexipol Connect 2022 Silver Award to Lake Piru Park Rangers for Excellence in Law Enforcement Policy Management <u>Ceremonial Item</u>

President Dandy presented the Lexipol Connect 2022 Silver Award to Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan and his staff. Chief Strahan stated that Josh Perez and Tony Huynh had both been instrumental in both the training and administering of policy training and invited both gentlemen up to be recognized with the Rangers. President Dandy than had a photo taken with all the cadets, Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan, Chief HR Officer Josh Perez and Risk and Safety Manager Tony Huynh.

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 June 14, 2023, and the Special Board Meeting of June 19, 2023.

B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports <u>Information Item</u> 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 Kimball; second, Director Keeling. 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)

Administrative Services Department – Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

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

Information Item

Mr. Zahn addressed the Board, stating that he had no presentation but would happily answer any questions relating to the staff report in the Board packet. No comments or questions were offered.

Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez added that staff was at the tail end of the FERC mandated Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project security operation with Dr. Bral, which would save rate payers \$72,000 dollars. He also reported that Risk and Safety Manager Tony Huynh was in the process of finalizing FEMA EHP applications with the help of Environmental Services' Marissa Caringella and Hannah Garcia Wickstrum and expected to submit the final documents soon.

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

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

4.2 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). Included in this month's report were the Board of Consultants meeting No. 7 comments on the 90 percent design of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project, updates were received successfully by FERC and Department of Safety of Dams and a finalized report was submitted to FERC. The next Board of Consultants meeting No. 8 is scheduled for November and will focus on 100 design of the Outlet Works and 60 percent design of the spillway. Dr. Bral also discussed public outreach, including an invitation to present the District's capital projects to the Society of American Military Engineers.

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

Environmental Services Department – Marissa Caringella

4.3 Monthly Environmental Services Department Report Information Item

Ms. Caringella addressed the Board, and included a presentation which covered several photos of fish using the fish passage at the Freeman Diversion, including one incident that had CDFW personnel relocating a single O.mykiss on June 7. The department also shared information with outside agencies on quagga mussels, the Santa Felicia Dam intake tower, and efforts to increase State Water imports through

> a temporary variance. Principal Environmental Scientist Randall McInvale joined the discussion on CEQA analysis and permitting and DWR's efforts to amend its FERC license, and the efforts have been very encouraging at a staff level.

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

Operations and Maintenance Department – Anthony Emmert

4.4 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report <u>Information Item</u>

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 updates on FEMA funded repairs, collaborating with Environmental Services team on weekly flushing routine and plans for future maintenance of fish gates. He also reported on a pre-construction meeting for the replacement of Well 5 with Well 20, continuing efforts regarding PTP meter upgrades and monitoring the turbidity and quality of water at Saticoy. The Board asked Mr. Carman several questions, which Mr. Carman answered.

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

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

4.5 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report Information Item

Chief Ranger Strahan addressed the board, stating that he had no presentation but wanted to provide the Board with a quick update on financials at Lake Piru. He reported that the July 4th holiday brought in some \$40,000 in just four days, on top of June's \$160,000 revenue. He added that as of today, July 12, the Lake Piru revenue was at \$78,000, all of which makes this the Lake's best summer since 2005. He reminded the Board that in 2005, there was also an established store at the Lake and a 40-vessel boat rental operation.

He also reported on his assisting the General Manager on various legislative issues and gave an update on the status of proposed legislation in Sacramento. He ended by stating that the District's efforts are working and that ACWA and other agencies are listening to the District's opinions on this critical legislation.

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

Water Resources Department – John Lindquist

4.6 Monthly Water Resources Department Report Information Item

Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist addressed the Board stating that the monthly activities report was in the Board packet and that he would be calling up Dr. Bram Sercu to present an update on the Saticoy recharge operations.

Dr. Sercu showed the Board the various methods being considered and tested by staff for increasing diversions. He stated that Lake Piru is full now, but a release would begin that should keep water moving through the end of October. Principal Hydrologist Murray McEachron joined Dr. Sercu at the podium to discuss the various methods for optimizing or maximizing recharge efforts, including small increases in diversion, better sediment management and the impact of pipeline deliveries of surface water on basin recharge.

Director Kimball stated that, as an engineer, he is really impressed with the entrepreneurial spirit of staff and that it feels good to have everyone making the maximum effort. He applauded staff for the level of analysis and creative thinking that makes all this work so valuable. Mr. Lindquist thanked Director Kimball, adding that Dr. Sercu would be presenting on this same topic at the September GRAC event in California.

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

5. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Administrative Services Department – Brian Zahn and Josh Perez

5.1 <u>Resolution 2023-12</u> Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between United Water Conservation District (UWCD) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 721 Motion

Mr. Perez addressed the Board regarding adopting <u>Resolution 2023-12</u> which would approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between United Water Conservation District (UWCD) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721. President Dandy thanked staff union representatives and employees for reaching a good agreement. Director Maulhardt stated that the process included seeking guidance from the Executive Committee and he was pleased with what he called a complete and logical agreement.

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

Motion to adopt <u>Resolution 2023-12</u>, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

5.2 <u>Resolution 2023-13</u> Approving the Planning and Design portion of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Loan in the amount of \$13,594,645 to support the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

<u>Motion</u>

Mr. Zahn reminded the Board that by adopting <u>Resolution 2023-13</u>, the Board was approving the Planning and Design portion of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) low interest loan for \$13,594,645 and associated loan documents.

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

Motion to adopt <u>Resolution 2023-13</u>, Director Naumann; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.3 Authorize Approval of a Contract with MKN & Associates, Inc. to Develop the Final Design of Phase 1 of the Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP) Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline Project (CIP 8043) <u>Motion</u>

Dr. Bral explained the motion to the Board and requesting authorizing the General Manager to execute an agreement with MKN & Associates, Inc. (MKN) in the amount of \$298,352.00 to develop the final design of Phase 1 of the PTP Recycled Water Connection, Laguna Road Pipeline Project.

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

Motion to approve contract with MKN & Associates and authorize General Manager to execute agreement, Director Berger; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

5.4 Authorize Approval of Amendment No. 2 of Contract with Catalyst Environmental Solutions in Connection with the 60 Percent Design of the New Release Channel for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project (CIP 8002)

Motion

Dr. Bral asked the Board for its approval and authorization of the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to an agreement with Catalyst Environmental Solutions and Stantec as a subcontractor (Catalyst/Stantec) in the amount of \$248,351.00 to develop the 60 percent design of the new release channel for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project.

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

Motion to approve Amendment No 2 to the contract with Catalyst Environmental Solutions in connection with the 60 percent design of the New Release channel for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project (CIP 8002), Director Kimball; Second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

Environmental Services Department – Marissa Caringella

5.5 Freeman Diversion Environmental Impact Report – Amendment to Professional Consulting Services Agreement with Ascent Environmental -\$451,608

Motion

Ms. Caringella asked the Board for its approval of the motion authorizing the General Manager to execute an amendment to the professional consulting services (PCS) agreement with Ascent Environmental, Inc. (Ascent) in the amount of \$451,608 to provide needed support for updates to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Freeman Diversion pursuant to the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and in accordance with the court ordered deadline of September 22, 2023.

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

Motion to Approve the amendment to the Professional Consulting Services Agreement with Ascent Environmental in the amount of \$451,608, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Hasan. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, Dandy); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Dandy suggested that Board members, staff, and public visit the exhibit at the Ventura County Museum of Art, honoring 150 years of Ventura County and the role of both water and agriculture in the County's history. He asked if there were any topics for future consideration and discussion by the Board. None were offered.

8. **ADJOURNMENT 3:22 P.M.**

Director Maulhardt and Director Naumann stated that they had attended the memorial service for John Mathews of A to Z Law. They called Mr. Mathews an instrumental force in the water world who was very well respected and very much involved with Fox Canyon GMA and the Pleasant Valley County Water District. Director Naumann referred to Mr. Mathews' common-sense approach to complex legal issues. President Dandy stated that the Board would adjourn this meeting in memory of John Mathews.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of July 12, 2023.

ATTEST: E Mauhardt, Board Secretary

ATTEST: Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board













Public Outreach



Maryam Bral presents at the SAME – Oxnard-Ventura Post Business Opportunities Forum at US Navy Seabee Museum, Port Hueneme



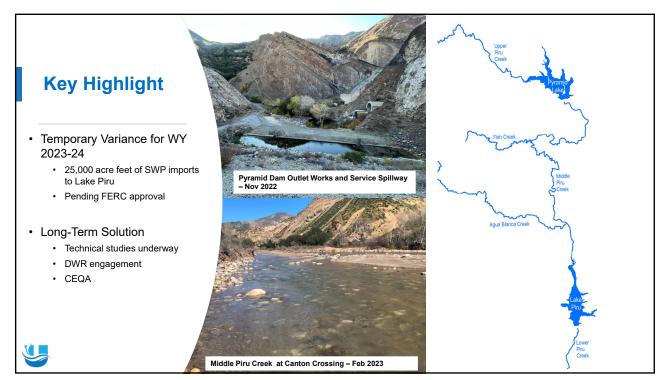
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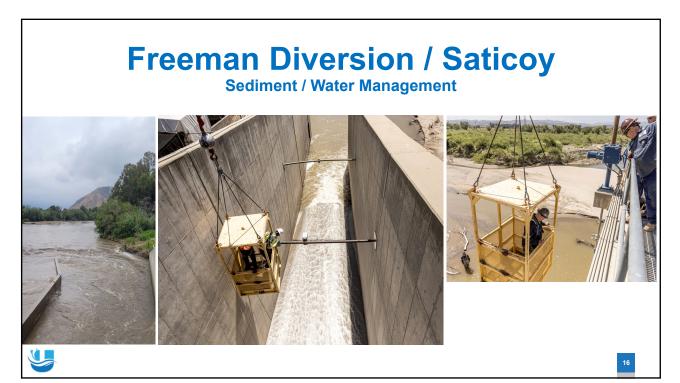




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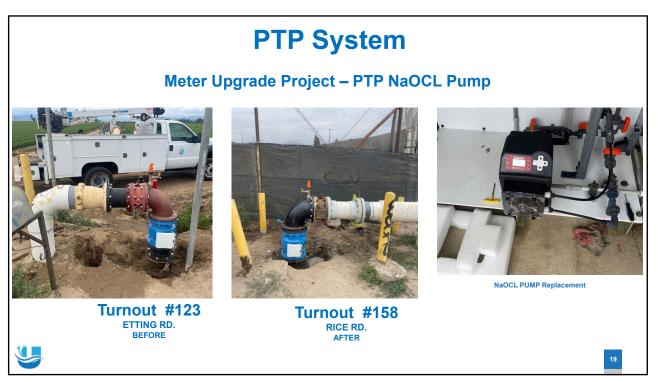
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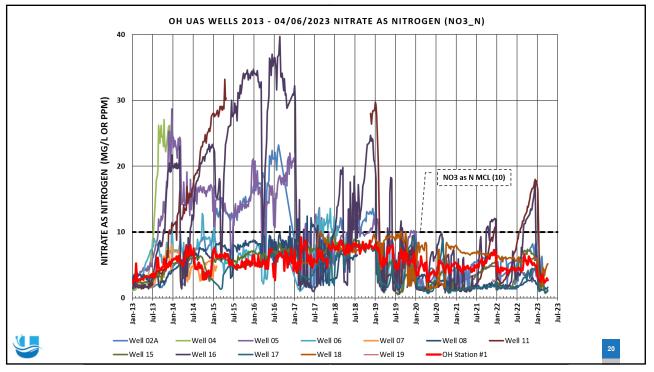


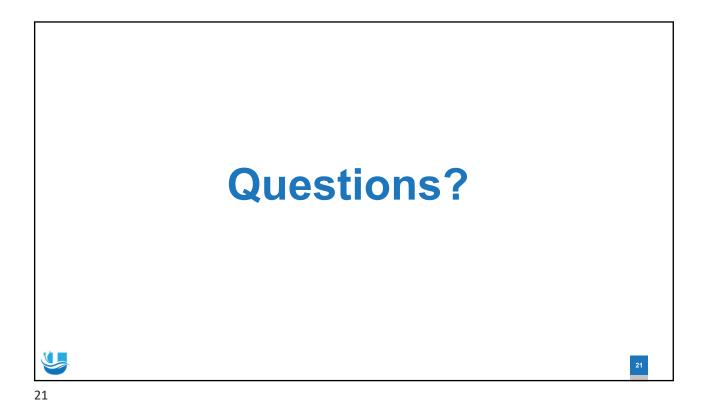


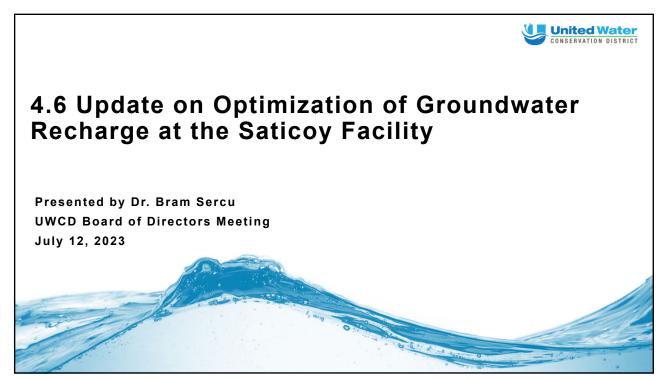


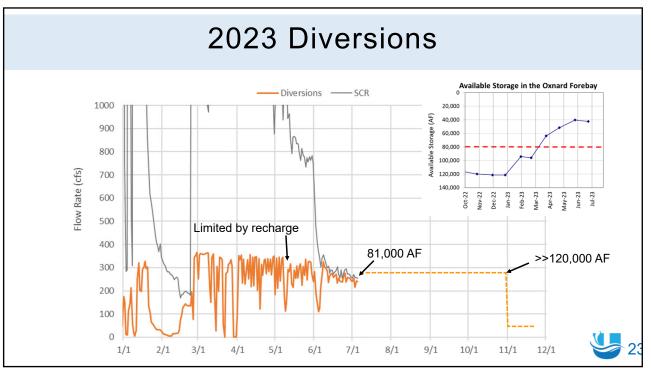


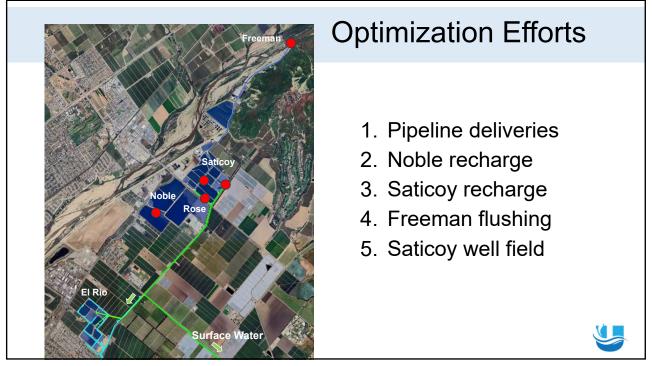


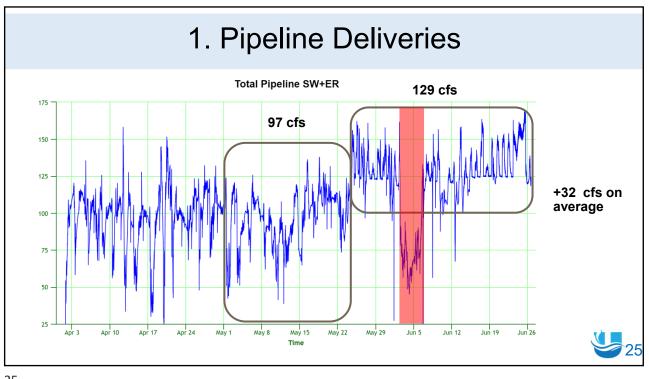




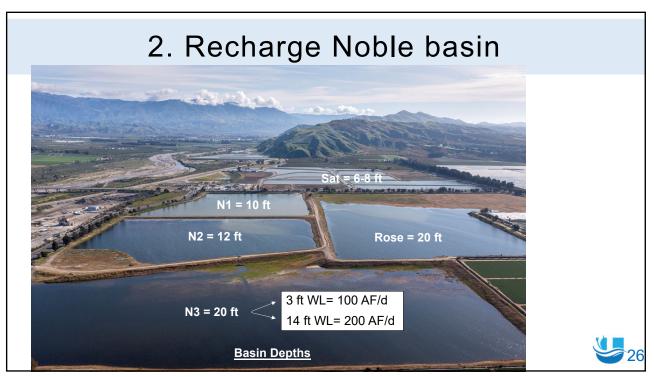


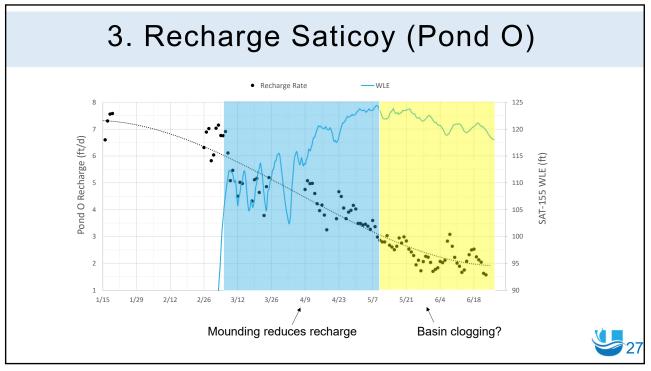




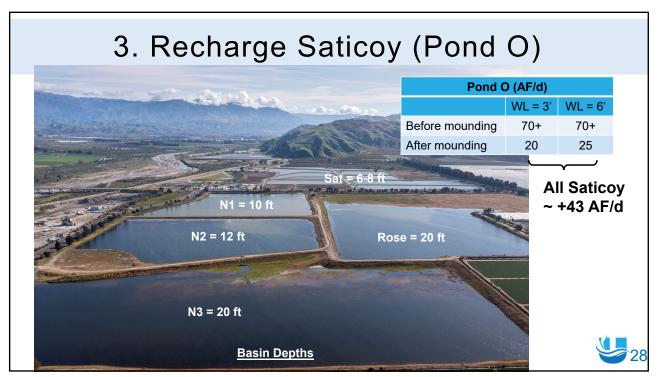


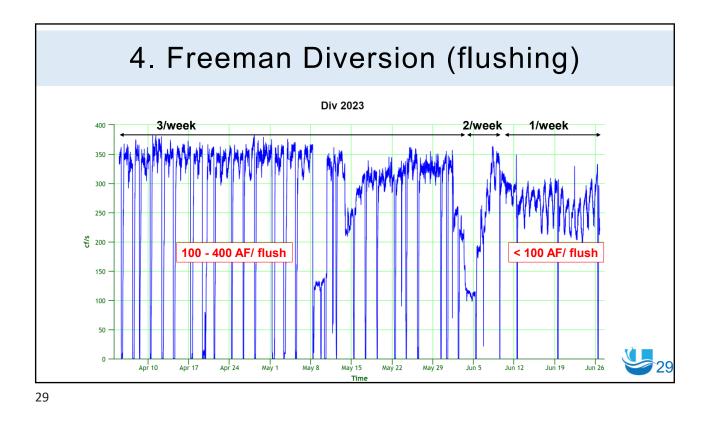


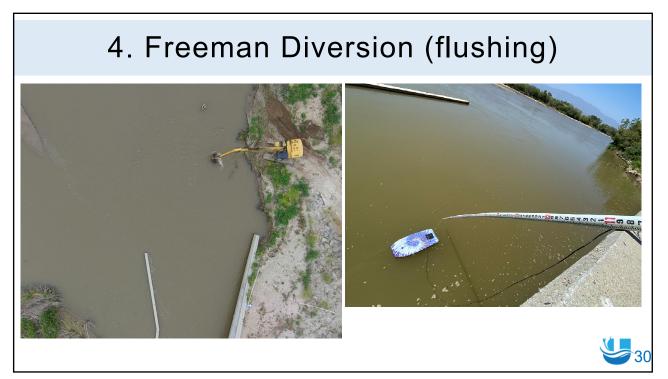


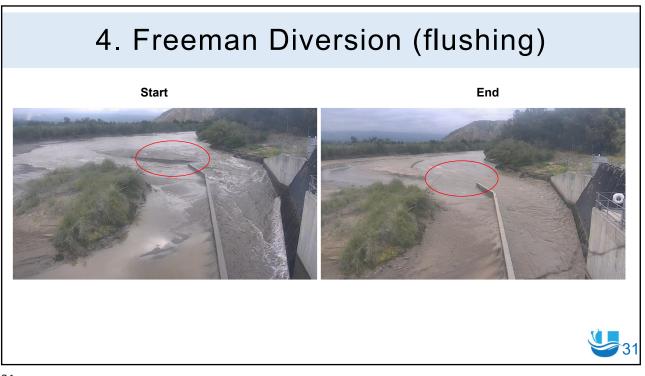


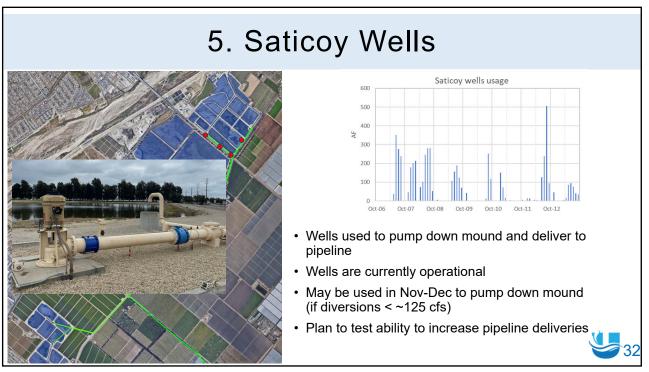










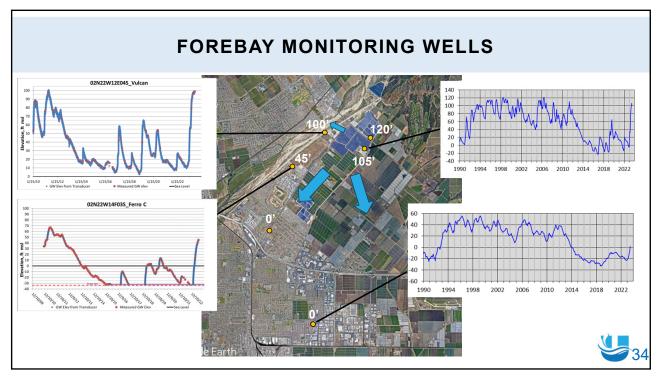




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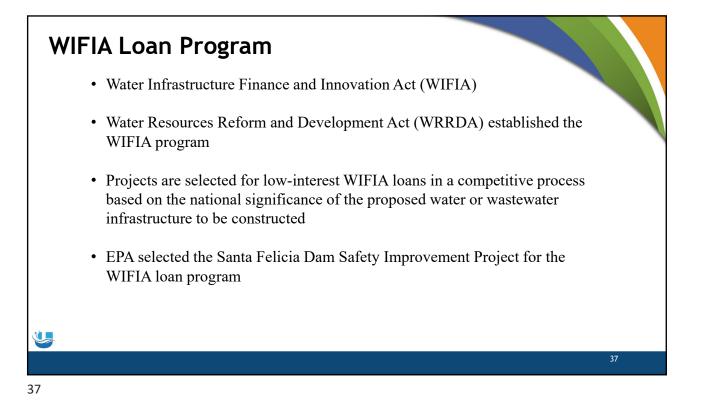
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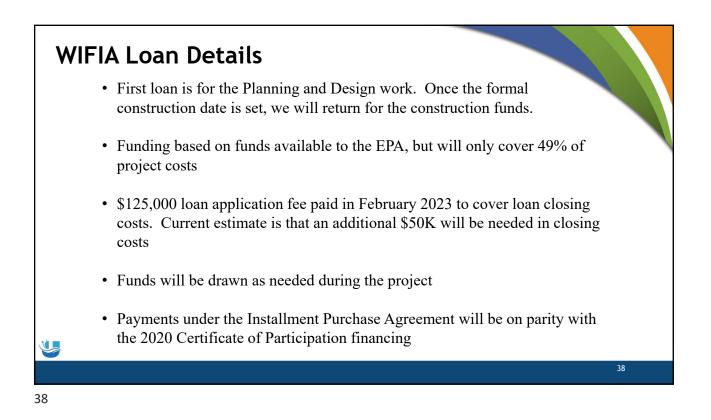
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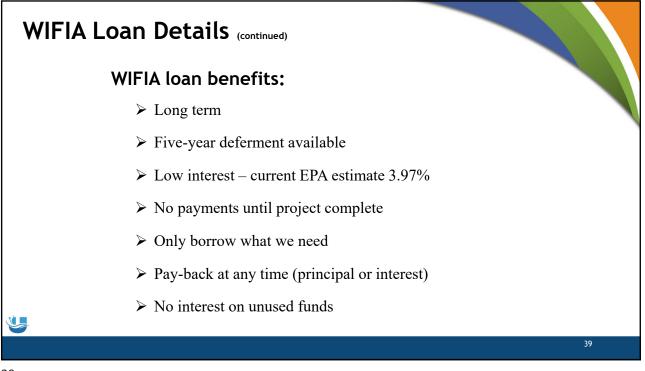


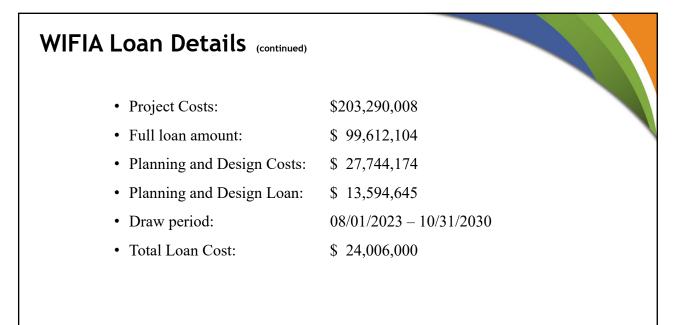












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System Reliability and Regional Partnership and Leadership

Motion Item 5.3

Authorize Approval of a Contract with MKN & Associates, Inc. to Develop the Final Design of Phase 1 of the PTP Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline Project (CIP 8043)

- Phase 1: 60% and 100% pipeline design, 30% design of the proposed booster pump Station and Bid Support for pipeline construction
- Recycled Water Sources: AWPF, and potentially others
- □ Contract Fee not to Exceed \$298,352
- Grant Funding: \$2.6M (SGM), \$343K (NRCS)
- □ Sufficient funds available in the FY 2023/24 budget



