AGENDA
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
UWCD Headquarters, First Floor, Board Room
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION 9:00 a.m.
Roll Call

1. **Public Comment**
   The public may address the Water Resources Committee on any matter on the agenda or within the jurisdiction of the Committee. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   Motion
   The Committee will review and consider approving the minutes from the Water Resources Committee meeting of October 3, 2023.

3. **Summary and Update on District Groundwater Conditions** (Kathleen Kuepper)
   Information Item
   Staff will present a summary of the substantial improvements in hydrogeologic conditions within the groundwater basins of the District during 2023 and provide an update on current conditions at the beginning of 2024.

4. **Summary and Update on District Surface Water Conditions** (Murray McEachron)
   Information Item
   Staff will present a summary of reservoir releases and diversions during 2023 and provide an update on current hydrologic conditions in the Santa Clara River watershed at the beginning of 2024.

5. **Water Resources Department and GSA Activities Update** (John Lindquist)
   Information Item
   Staff will present a summary of Water Resources Department activities and respond to comments (as necessary) on the most recent Water Resources Department staff report.

6. **Future Agenda Items**
   The Committee will suggest topics or issues for discussion at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Directors:
Daniel C. Naumann, Chair
Mohammed Hasan
Gordon Kimball

Staff:
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.
Dr. Jason Sun
Dr. Zachary Hanson
John Lindquist
Patrick O'Connell
Robert Marshall
Dr. Maryam Bral
Dr. Bram Sercu
Murray McEachron
Christofer Coppinger
Kathleen Kuepper
Luke Bryden

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Approved: _____ FOR MEG _____
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager Dr. Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer

Posted: December 29, 2023 **(time)** 3:45 p.m. **(attest)** Vanessa Vasquez
At: www.unitedwater.org

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MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Boardroom, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

Committee Members Present:
Gordon Kimball, director
Mohammed A. Hasan, director
Bruce E. Dandy, director (substitute for Chair Daniel Naumann)

Committee Members Absent:
Daniel C. Naumann, chair

Staff Present:
Mauricio Guardado, general manager
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, chief engineer
Dr. Jason Sun, supervisory water resources engineer
Dr. Bram Sercu, senior hydrologist
Dr. Zachary Hanson, water resources engineer
Christopher Coppinger, senior hydrogeologist
Patrick O'Connell, senior hydrogeologist
Murray McEachron, hydrologist supervisor
Kathleen Kuepper, hydrogeologist
Luke Bryden, associate hydrologist
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager
Ed Reese, technology systems specialist
Vanessa Vasquez, clerk of the committee
Brian Zahn, chief financial officer

Public Present:
Alden Broome- Guadalasca Mutual Water Company
Martin Gramckow-Southland Sod Farms
Burt Handy
Abraham Maldonado-City of Oxnard
Monica Noeng-Ventura Water

Call to Order – Open Session
Director Hasan called the committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The clerk of the committee called roll. Two committee members were present (Kimball and Hasan), Chair Naumann was absent.

1. **Public Comment**
   Directors asked if there were any public comments. There were none offered.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion to approve the Minutes from July 5, 2023, Water Resources Committee meeting. Director Hasan; second, Director Kimball. Voice vote: two ayes (Hasan, Kimball); none opposed; one absent (Naumann). Motion carries 2/0/1.

Director Dandy joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. to substitute for Chair Naumann.

3. **Update on Reservoir Releases and Diversions (Dr. Bram Sercu)**
United Water Conservation District's senior hydrologist Dr. Bram Sercu presented an update on reservoir releases and diversions covering 2023 diversions, operations, Saticoy recharge basin rotations, Saticoy groundwater elevation, El Rio groundwater elevation, El Rio surface clogging, Santa Felicia dam releases, and diversion forecast for 2023 (presentation attached).

Director Kimball expressed his gratitude for the presentation and stated that it was impressive.

No additional questions or comments offered.

4. **Update on Groundwater Conditions (Kathleen Kuepper)**
Hydrogeologist Kathleen Kuepper presented an update on groundwater conditions covering the 2023 wet winter in California, historical local precipitation, monthly local precipitation, Santa Clara River flow and diversions, groundwater levels in the Piru basin, Fillmore basin, Santa Paula basin, Mound basin, Oxnard Forebay, in the Oxnard and PV (various) basins and along the Oxnard coast, and groundwater quality, including nitrates (presentation attached).

Director Hasan asked if there are additional wells being monitored by United than the key wells in the report referencing Piru/Fillmore basins in the presentation (slides seven and eight) and asked about the relevance of key wells. Ms. Kuepper responded that there are more than two wells being measured, however the monthly report only shows data for key wells to give a snapshot of conditions. Director Hasan asked about the connectivity of Mound Basin with adjacent basins. Ms. Kuepper responded that there is connectivity between basins. Director Hasan offered a thank you to her response.

No additional questions or comments offered.

5. **Summary of the Updated Recycled Water Pumping Allocation (RWPA) Impact Analysis Conducted by United Staff in Response to a Request from the City of Oxnard (Dr. Jason Sun)**
Dr. Jason Sun presented a summary of the updated recycled water pumping allocation (RWPA) impact analysis that covered a background on the City of Oxnard's Recovery Enhancement and Treatment Program, Resolution 2013-02, Forebay available storage, new FCGMA resolution preparation, UWCD groundwater models, model scenarios, RWPA extraction at 3,000 acre-ft/yr. and 6000 acre-ft/yr. in dry years. The presentation also included coastal groundwater flow, reduction in groundwater level in the Forebay and concluded with key findings from his analysis (presentation attached).

At the conclusion of Dr. Sun's presentation, Director Hasan asked the public for any questions.

A member of the public, Martin Gramckow, posed a three-part question. Firstly, if there was a limit on pumping allocation, would it be possible to go up to 1,000 AF further away from the coast, would

it be better to re-write the resolution, take water from the Forebay; OR if the city could pump one or part of the allocation, would there be restrictions on how much could be pumped before running into issues; and would the water double? In response, Dr. Sun explained that if the RWPA program were to double its delivery, the anticipated impact and benefits could double with doubled extraction, but he cautioned against pushing too far. He highlighted that despite the technical analysis, it ultimately falls on regulators to formulate and approve a new resolution. Dr. Sun emphasized the District's commitment to support collaborative efforts for groundwater conservation.

Director Hasan asked about TDS (total dissolved solids) and explained that even small amounts of TDS can be harmful and asked how the 1:2 ratio for each line was determined. Dr. Sun clarified that the updated RWPA Impact Analysis does not simulate water quality. Considerations for water quality in the Forebay during dry years were part of the original resolution. Intrusion may become a potential issue when the Forebay available storage is over 80,000 AF and could be a cause for concern. Director Hasan re-directed the conversation to discuss who determines facility ownership to which Dr. Sun replied that he volunteered the Oxnard-Hueneme wells to do the analysis.

No additional questions or comments offered.

6. **Water Resources Department and GSA Activities Update (Dr. Sun)**
Dr. Sun provided verbal updates for the Water Resources Departments without a slide deck. He highlighted that the FCGMA will hold a special board meeting to explore the potential of establishing its independent staff. Additionally, he mentioned the impending departure of one senior FCGMA staff member, and the District is actively monitoring staff changes. The District is working closely with FCGMA to update the GSP (Groundwater Sustainability Plan) with the FCGMA preparing to send a consulting agreement to the District.

Director Kimball offered a thank you to Dr. Sun for providing such an analysis, referencing his RWPA Impact Analysis. He is hopeful that the results will be effective for the city and beneficial to the basins. Member of the public Alden Broome echoed director Kimball's sentiment on the analysis done by Dr. Sun. He expressed his appreciation for the collaborative efforts and the technical study.

Dr. Bral asked if there was any further feedback for staff regarding their presentations. Director Dandy suggested staff provide a quick summary to the Board, highlight positive benefits, and emphasized that the Board be made aware of Dr. Sun's analysis.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items. No questions or comments offered.

ADJOURNMENT 10:10 a.m.

Director Hasan adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Water Resources Committee Meeting of October 3, 2023.

ATTEST: _____

Daniel Naumann, Chair

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ATTENDANCE LIST

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 9:00 am

MEETING: UWCD Water Resources Committee Meeting

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MARTIN GRAMCKOW	Southland Sod Farms
Alden Browne	Guadalasca Mutual Water Co.
Bret Avery	
Monica Wong	Ventura Water
Abraham Maldonado	City of Oxnard

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

UPDATE ON RESERVOIR RELEASES AND DIVERSIONS

Presented by: Bram Sercu, Senior Hydrologist
Water Resources Committee Meeting
October 3, 2023

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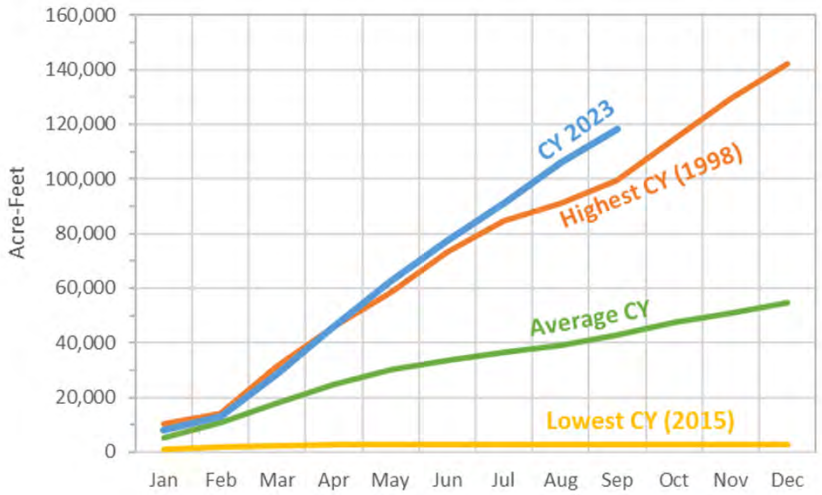
2023 Diversions



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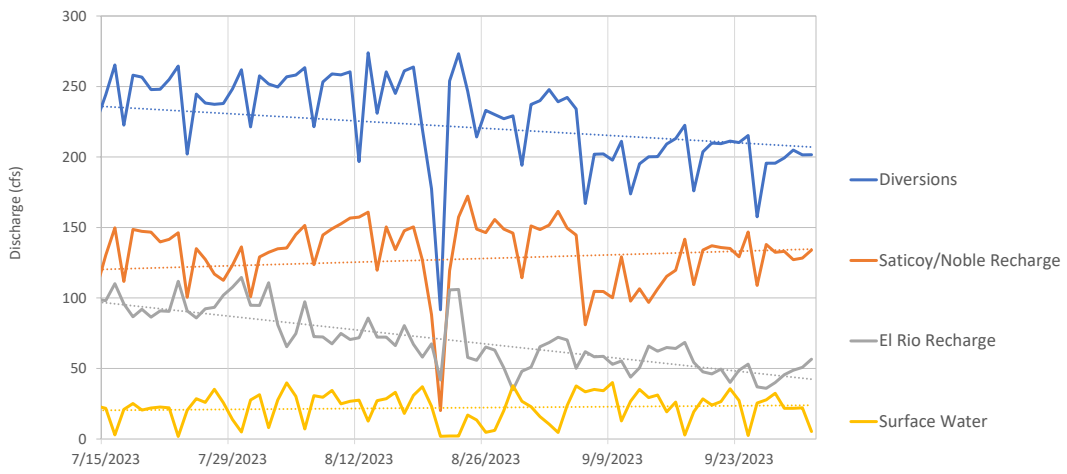
Operations Summary



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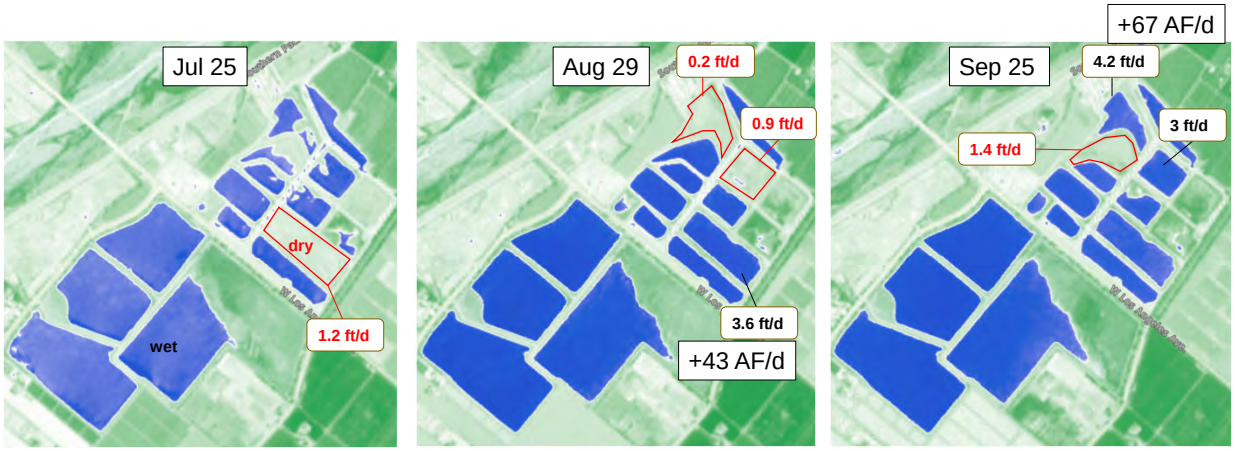

Drying/disking basins restores recharge rates

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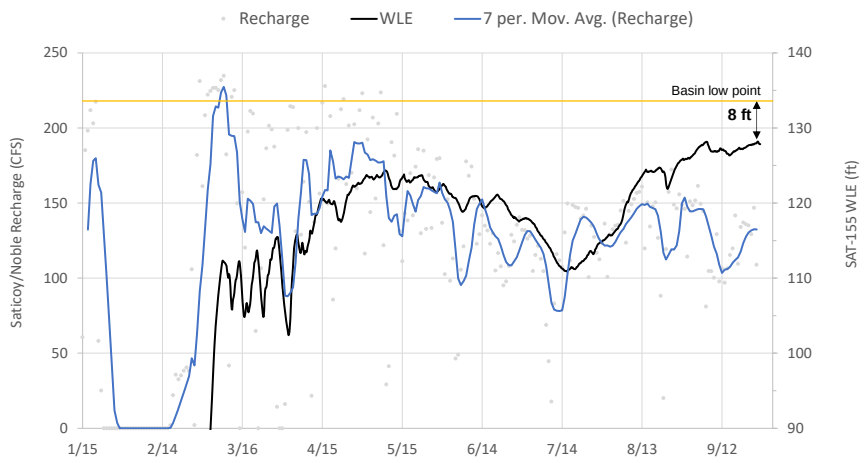
Saticoy Groundwater Elevation



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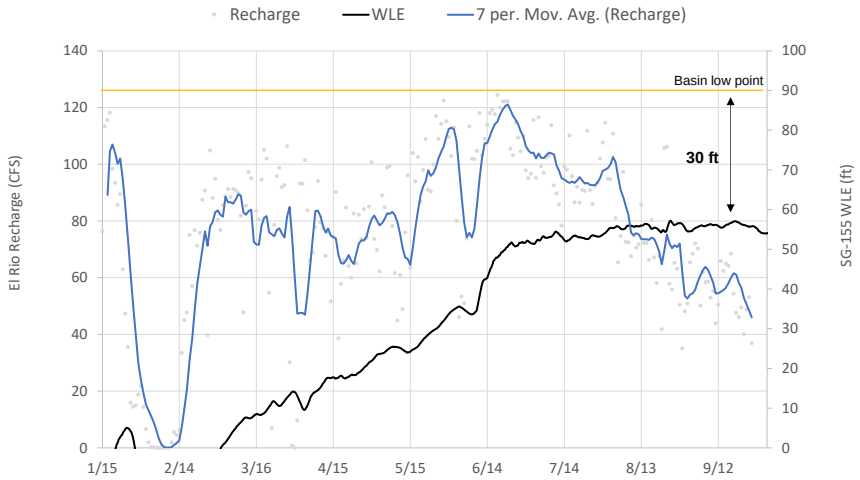
El Rio Groundwater Elevation



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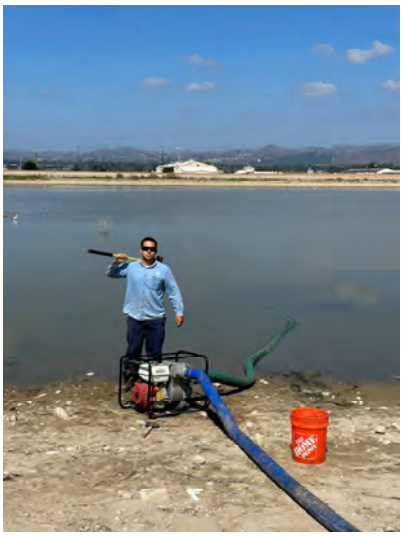
El Rio Surface Clogging



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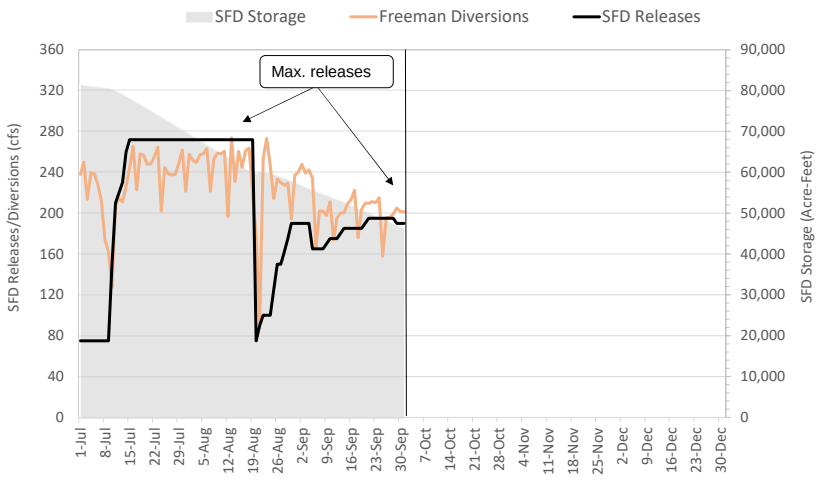

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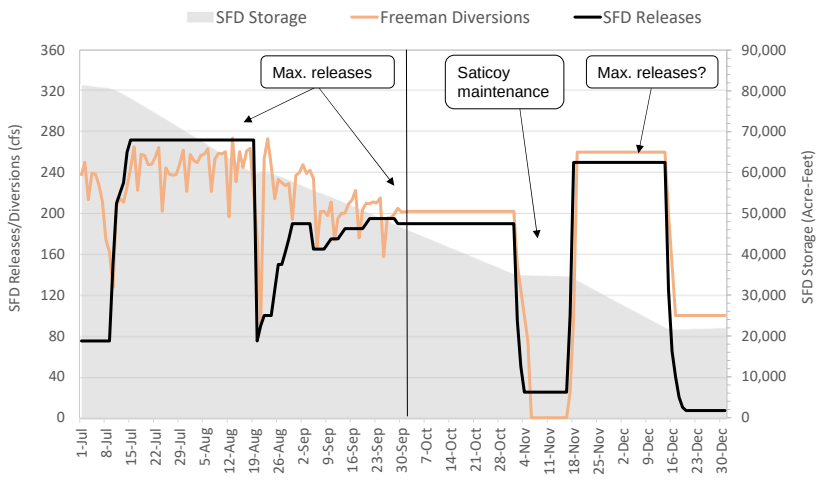

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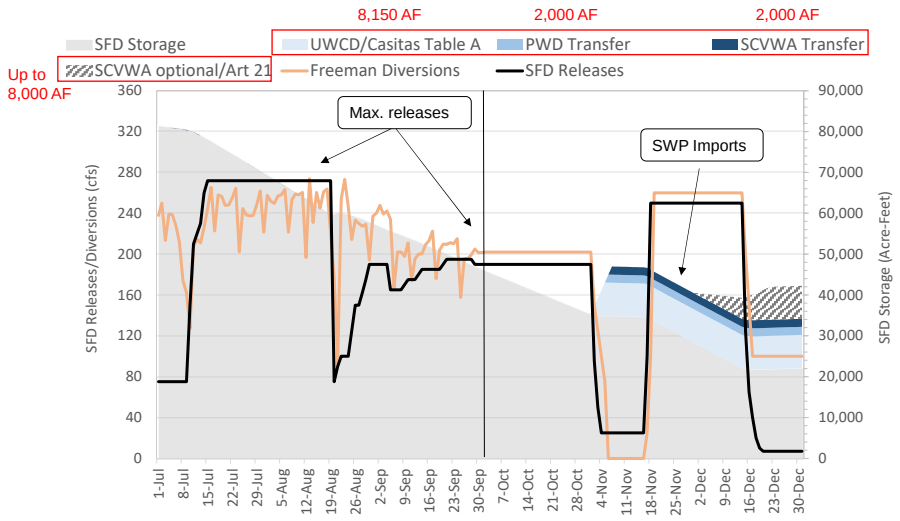

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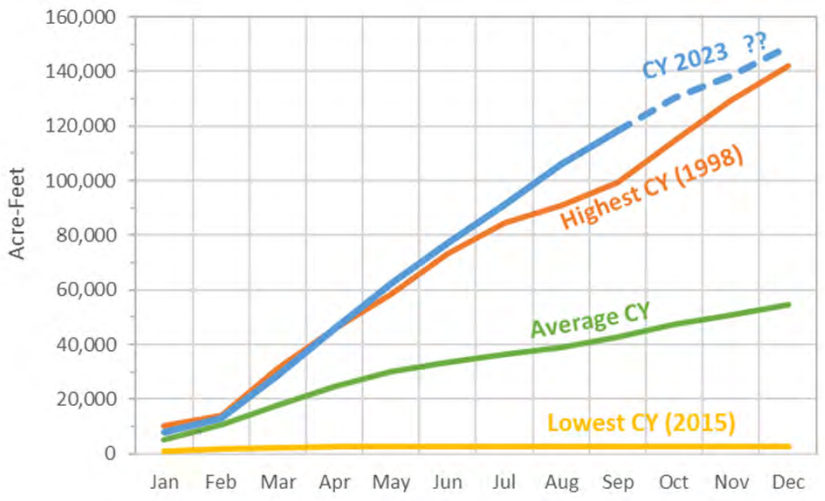
2023 Diversion Forecast



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UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

Presented by: Kathleen Kuepper, Hydrogeologist
Water Resources Committee Meeting
October 3, 2023

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Outline

1. Drought in California
2. Local Precipitation
3. Santa Clara River Flows and Diversions
4. Groundwater Levels
5. Water Quality – Nitrates

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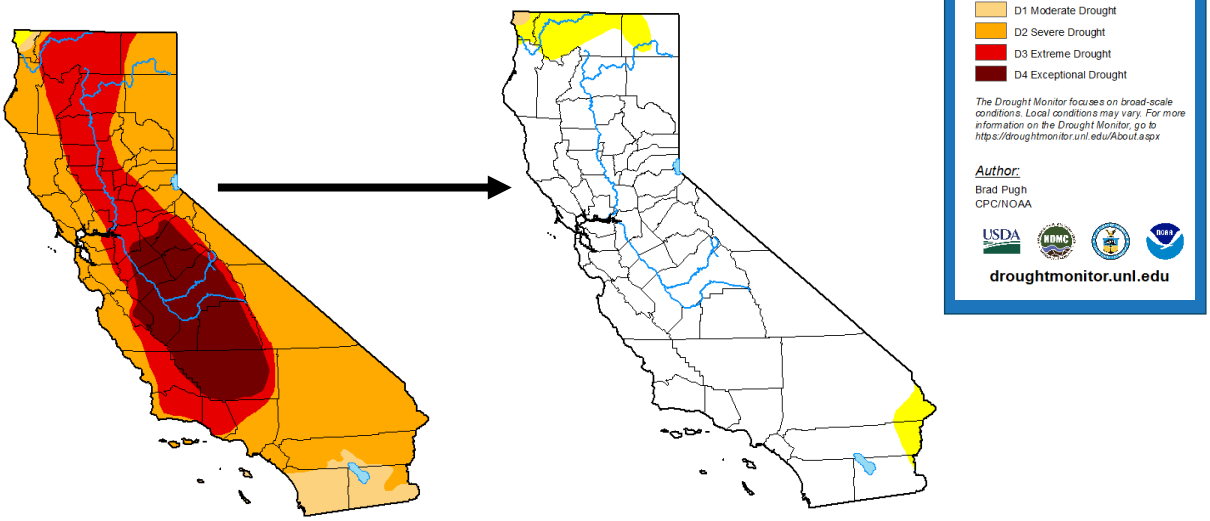
Wet Winter in California



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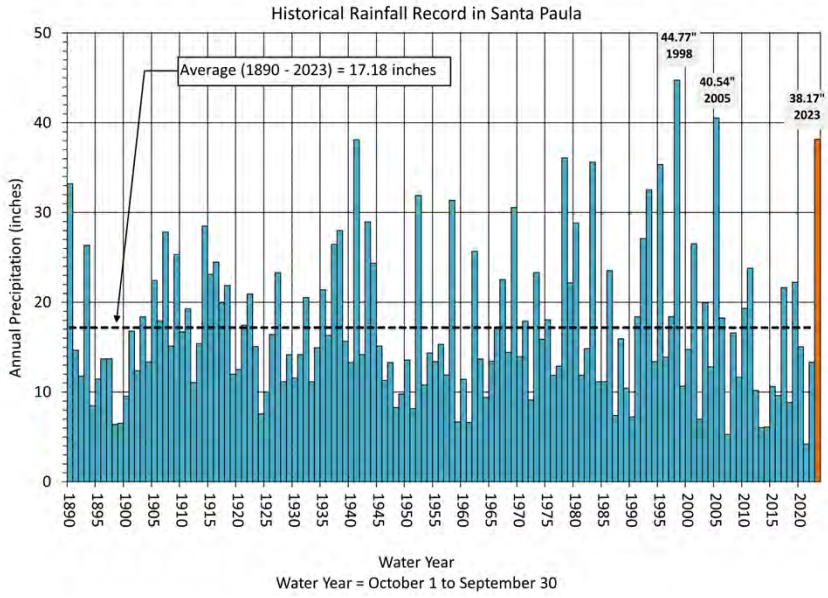
Historical Local Precipitation



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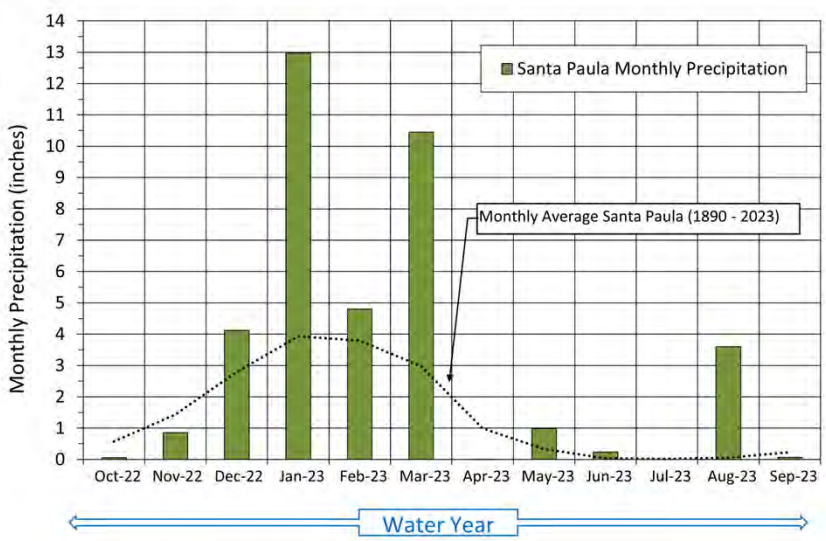
Monthly Local Precipitation



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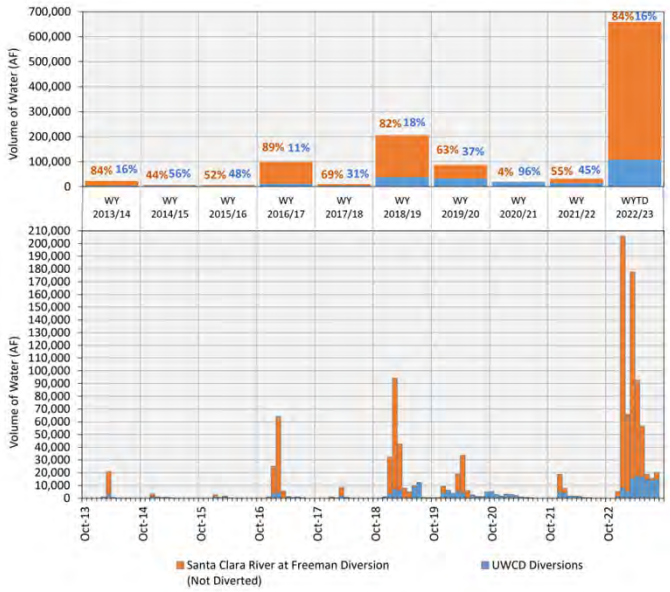
Santa Clara River Flow and Diversions



2023 Water Year To Date
(Oct 2022- Aug 2023)
Diversions = 107, 248 AF

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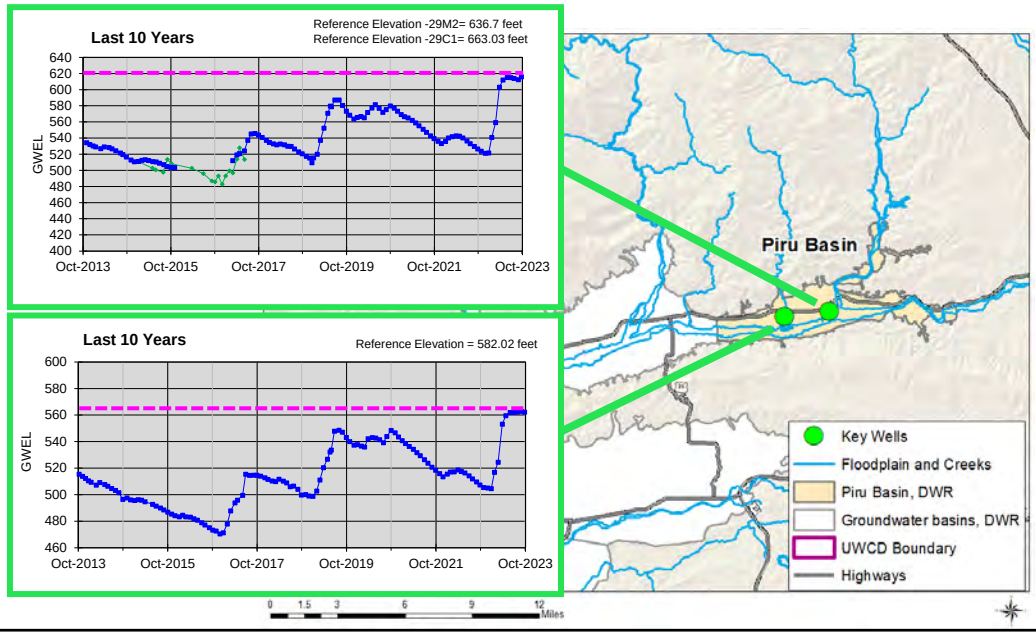
Groundwater Levels – Piru Basin



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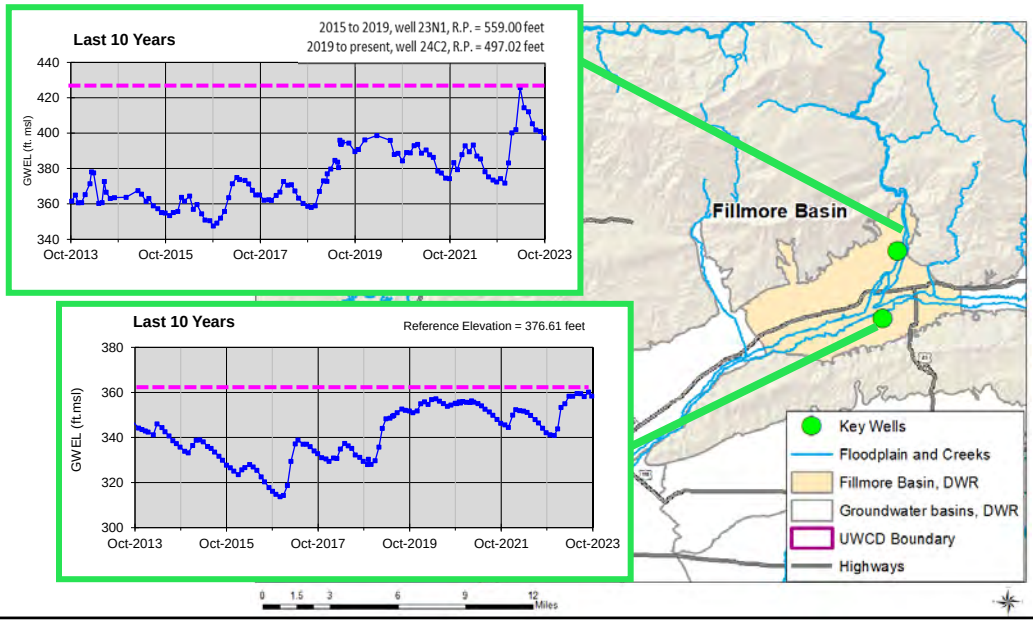
Groundwater Levels – Fillmore Basin



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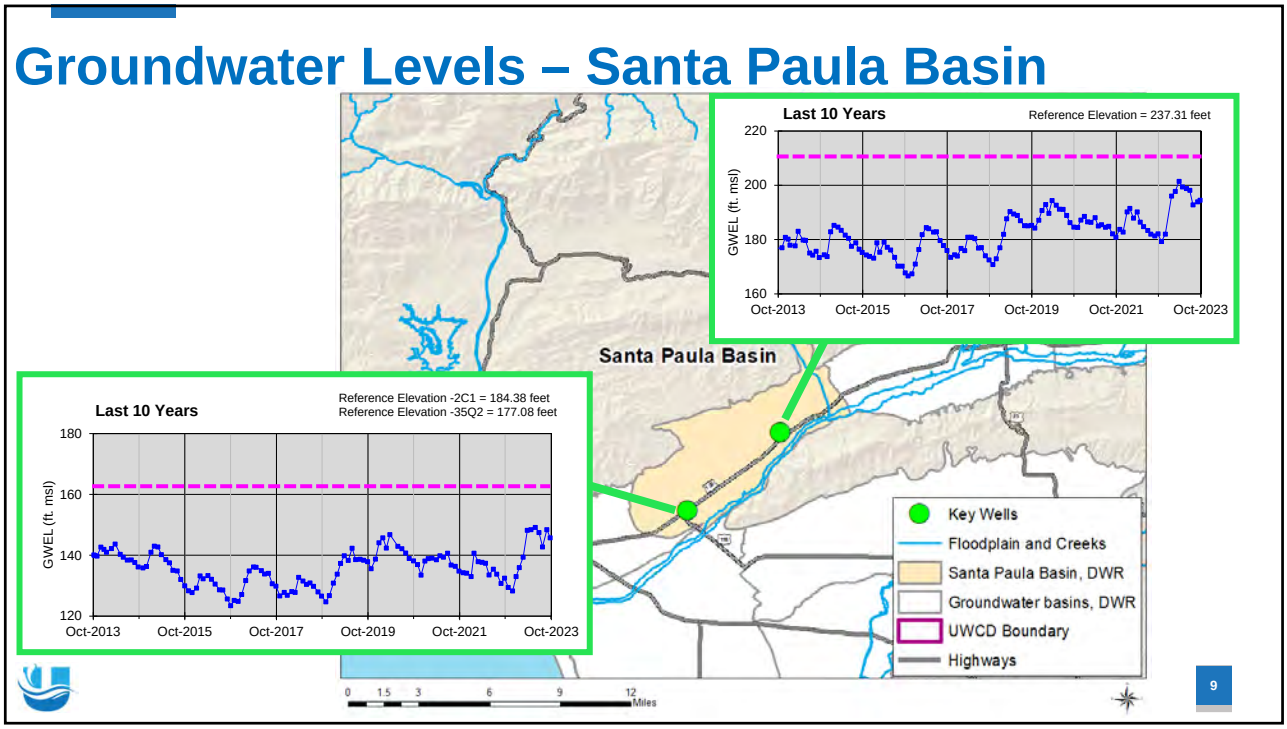
Groundwater Levels – Santa Paula Basin
Last 10 Years
Reference Elevation = 237.31 feet
GWEL (ft. msl)
220
200
180
160
Oct-2013
Oct-2015
Oct-2017
Oct-2019
Oct-2021
Oct-2023
Santa Paula Basin
Last 10 Years
Reference Elevation -2C1 = 184.38 feet
Reference Elevation -35Q2 = 177.08 feet
GWEL (ft. msl)
180
160
140
120
Key Wells
Floodplain and Creeks
Santa Paula Basin, DWR
Groundwater basins, DWR
UWCD Boundary
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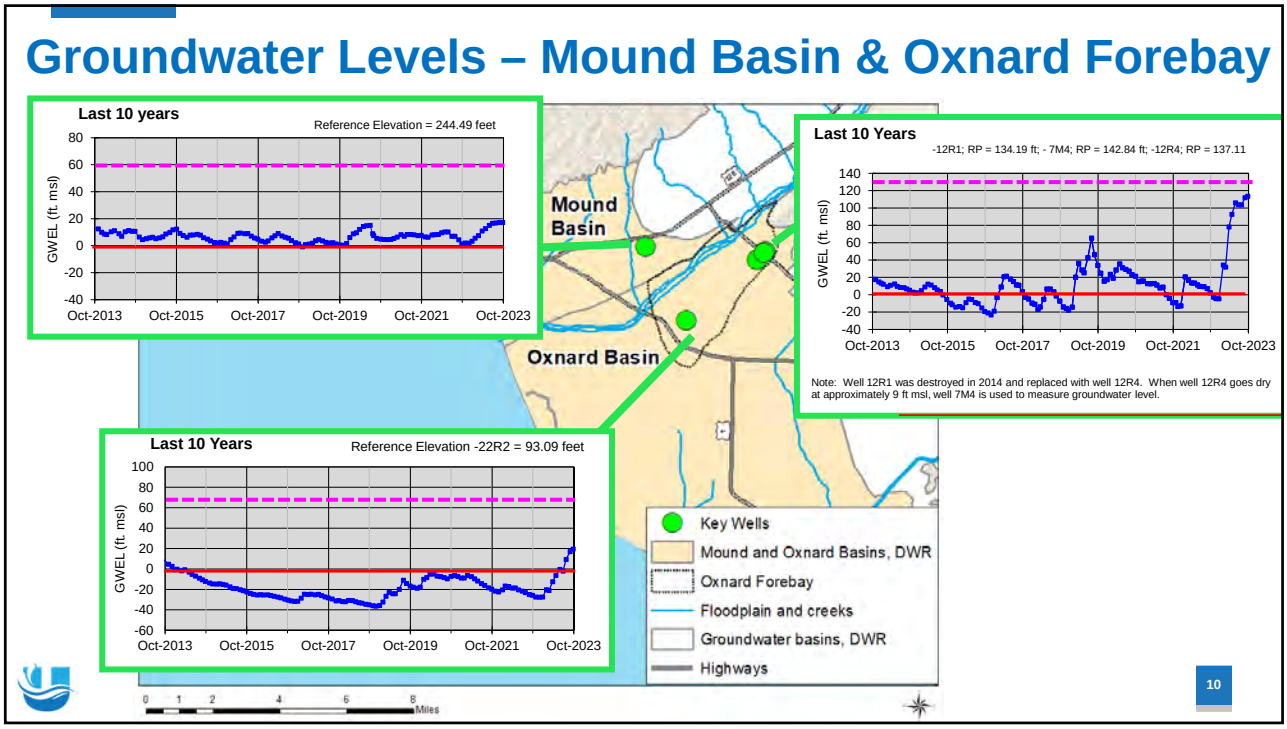
Groundwater Levels – Mound Basin & Oxnard Forebay
Last 10 years
Reference Elevation = 244.49 feet
GWEL (ft. msl)
80
60
40
20
0
-20
-40
Oct-2013
Oct-2015
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Oct-2023
Mound Basin
Last 10 Years
-12R1; RP = 134.19 ft; - 7M4; RP = 142.84 ft; -12R4; RP = 137.11
GWEL (ft. msl)
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
-20
-40
Oct-2013
Oct-2015
Oct-2017
Oct-2019
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Oct-2023
Note: Well 12R1 was destroyed in 2014 and replaced with well 12R4. When well 12R4 goes dry at approximately 9 ft msl, well 7M4 is used to measure groundwater level.
Oxnard Basin
Last 10 Years
Reference Elevation -22R2 = 93.09 feet
GWEL (ft. msl)
100
80
60
40
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-20
-40
-60
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Key Wells
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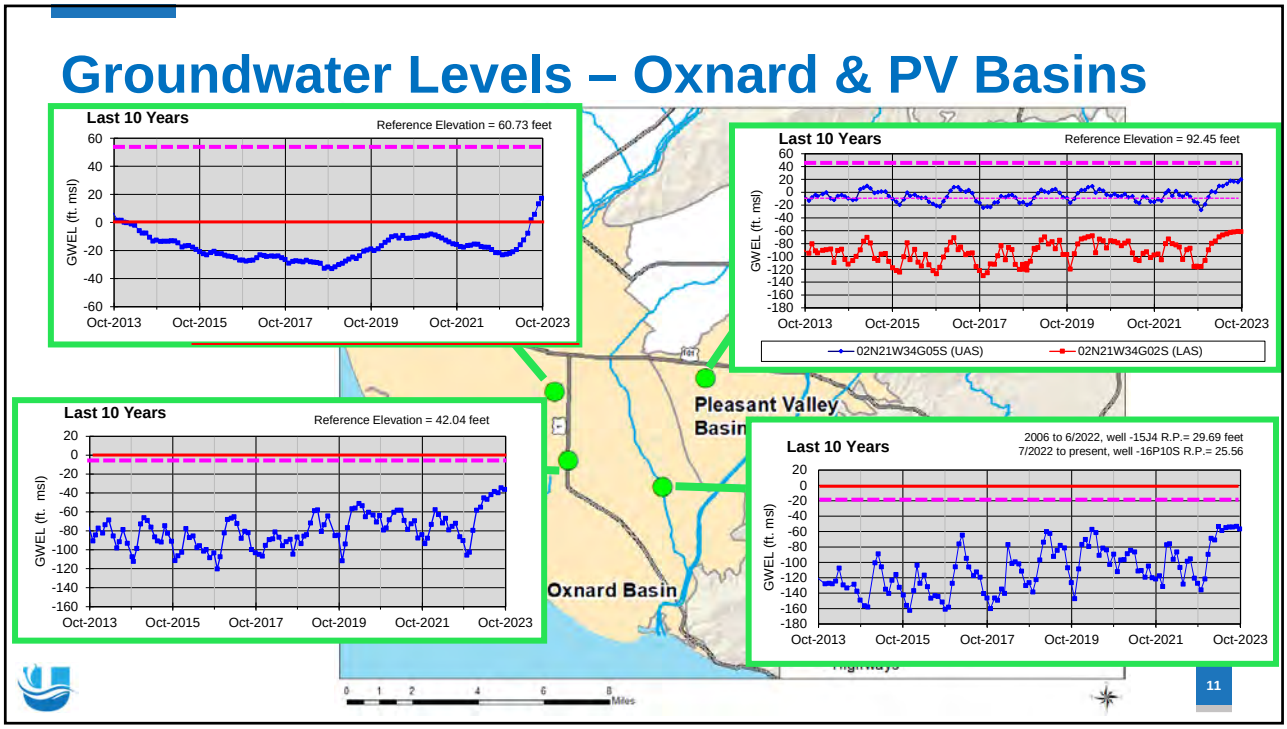
Groundwater Levels – Oxnard & PV Basins
Last 10 Years
Reference Elevation = 60.73 feet
GWEL (ft. msl)
Last 10 Years
Reference Elevation = 92.45 feet
02N21W34G05S (UAS)
02N21W34G02S (LAS)
Last 10 Years
Reference Elevation = 42.04 feet
Last 10 Years
2006 to 6/2022, well -15J4 R.P.= 29.69 feet
7/2022 to present, well -16P10S R.P.= 25.56
Pleasant Valley Basin
Oxnard Basin
Oct-2013
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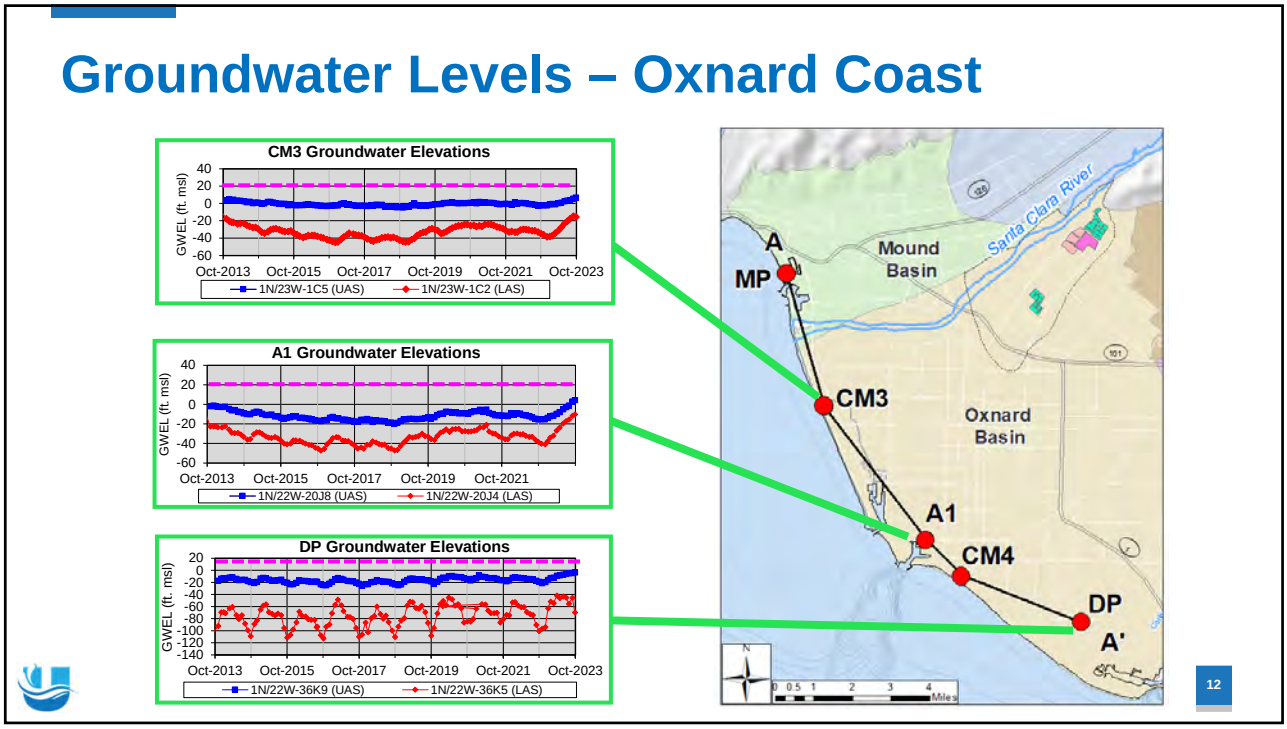
Groundwater Levels – Oxnard Coast
CM3 Groundwater Elevations
1N/23W-1C5 (UAS)
1N/23W-1C2 (LAS)
A1 Groundwater Elevations
1N/22W-20J8 (UAS)
1N/22W-20J4 (LAS)
DP Groundwater Elevations
1N/22W-36K9 (UAS)
1N/22W-36K5 (LAS)
GWEL (ft. msl)
Oct-2013
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Santa Clara River
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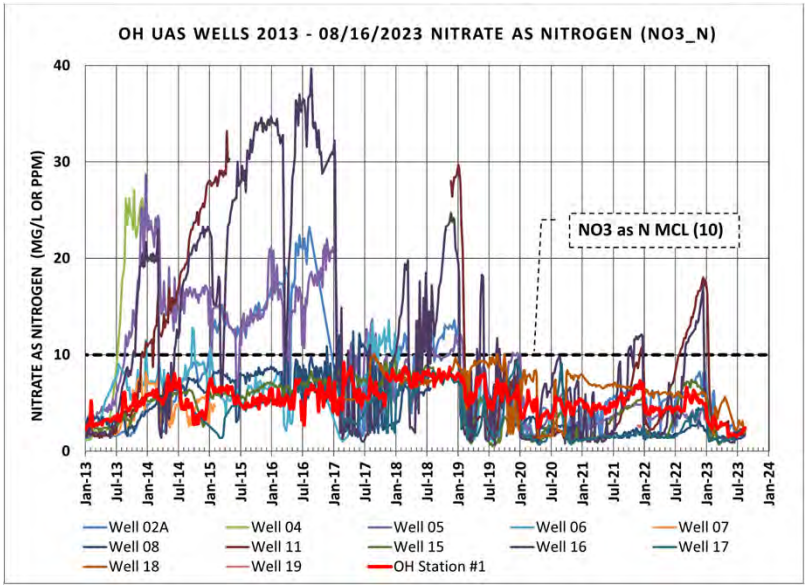
Groundwater Quality – Nitrates



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United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUMMARY OF THE UPDATED RECYCLED WATER PUMPING ALLOCATION (RWPA) IMPACT ANALYSIS

Presented by Jason Sun, Ph.D., P.E., Supervisory Water Resources Engineer

October 3rd, 2023

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Background

- The City of Oxnard's Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment Program (GREAT Program):

  Supply recycled water from the City of Oxnard's Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) for agricultural and landscape irrigation, and injection into the groundwater basin.

- Fox Canyon Groundwater Agency (FCGMA) passed Resolution 2013-02 designed to reduce pumping along the coast:
  - Reduce pumping by applying the City of Oxnard's recycled water to agricultural users.
  - City of Oxnard accrues recycled water pumping allocation.

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Resolution 2013-02

- The City of Oxnard accrues pumping allocation (1:1 ratio to recycled water sent to agricultural users)
- RWPA extraction can occur at
  - City's Water Yard,
  - City's Rice Ave. Facility
  - El Rio Facility owned by United
- RWPA extraction subject to the Forebay groundwater conditions

- Implementation so far:
  City has not been able to access RWPA water (6,600 acre-ft) due to multi-year drought and low Forebay groundwater conditions until 2023.

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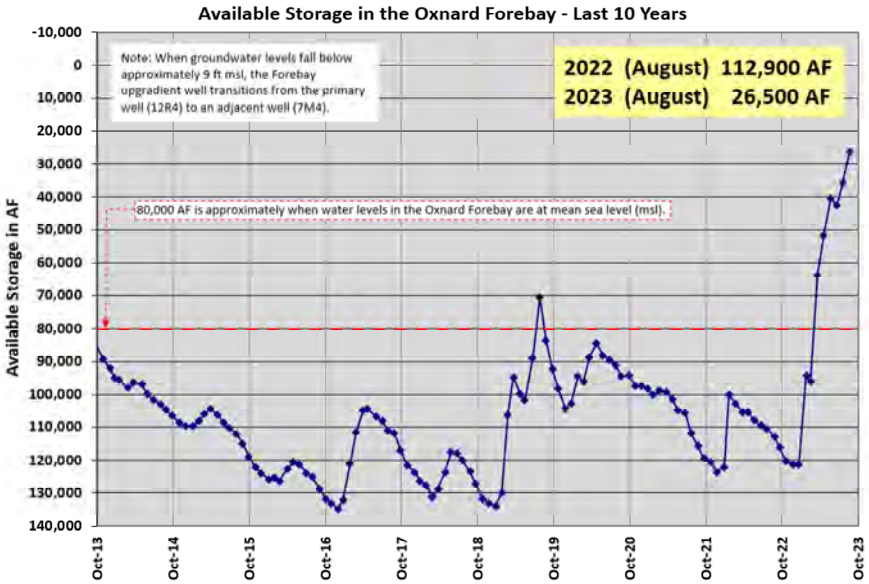
Forebay Available Storage



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Forebay Available Storage

The Forebay available storage (measured in acre-ft) is calculated based on the Forebay representative water level (measured in ft) with the following formula:

$$\textbf{Forebay Available Storage} = (87.0 - \textbf{Forebay Representative Water Level}) \times 1176.4706$$

where the Forebay representative water level is determined based on the average water level at two wells (02N22W12R01S and 02N22W22R01S) located in the Forebay.

When the Forebay representative water level is 19 ft, the Forebay available storage is calculated to be 80,000 acre-ft. When the Forebay representative water level falls below 19 ft a.m.s.l. or the Forebay available storage exceeds 80,000 acre-ft, there might be potential seawater intrusion due to a landward gradient.

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New Resolution in Preparation

- The City of Oxnard seeks to extract in dry years
- RWPA extraction can occur at
  - City's Water Yard,
  - City's Rice Ave. Facility
  - OH wells owned by United
- United updated the RWPA impact analysis
  - Dr. Steve Bachman prepared the impact analysis in 2013 to support Resolution 2013-02 and linked the extraction condition to the Forebay available storage.
  - This time United employs a numerical groundwater model.

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UWCD Groundwater Model

Coastal Plain Model	Regional Model	Coastal Plain Model Upgrade	Unstructured Grid Model
Flow (MODFLOW-NWT)	Flow (MODFLOW-NWT)	Flow (MODFLOW-NWT)	Flow + **Transport** + **Density** **(MODFLOW-USG-Transport)**
GSPs for FCGMA	GSPs for Fillmore, Piru and Mound		Brackish water
Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Monthly
1985-2015	1985-2019	1985-2019	1985-2019
Jun-2018	Aug-2020	Mar-2022	Completed/Ongoing

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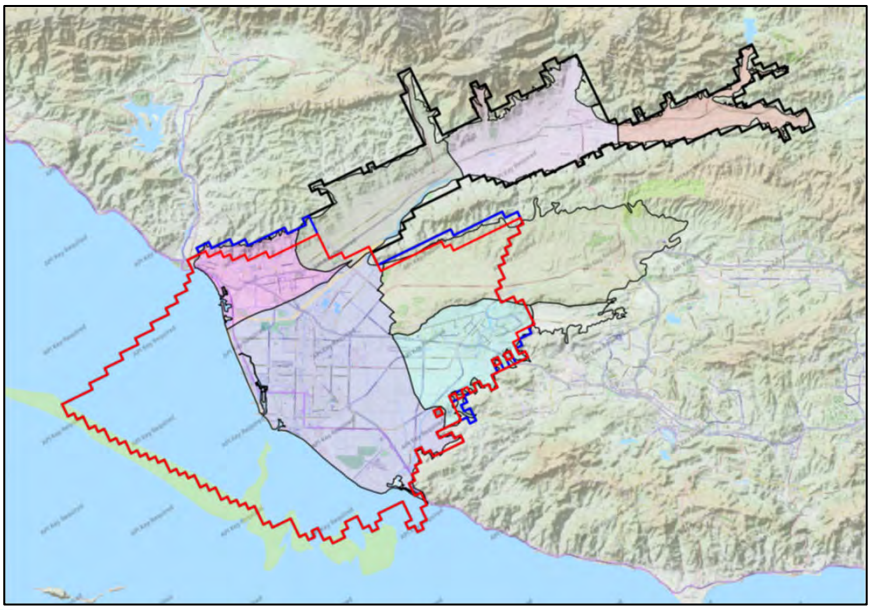

- Coastal Plain Model in **red line**
- Regional Model in **black line**
- Upgraded Coastal Plain Model in **blue line**

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Model Scenarios

- The City of Oxnard annually provides 1,000 or 2,000 acre-ft of advanced treated recycled water from the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) to agricultural users.
- RWPA extraction, 3,000 or 6,000 acre-ft/yr in dry years, occurs at the City's Water Yard and Rice Avenue Facility, or the OH wells owned by UWCD.
- FCGMA's baseline GSP scenario is based on the 1930-1979 hydrologic condition adjusted by 2070 climate factor – no pumping cutback and no projects.

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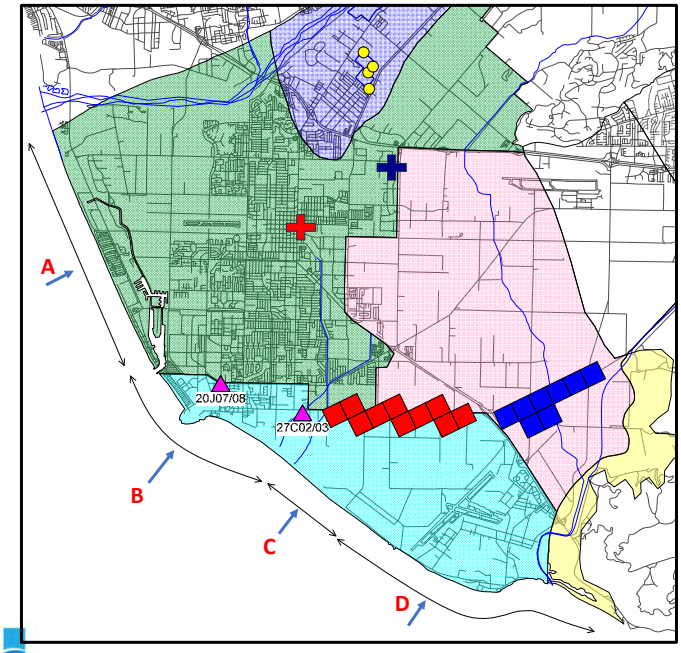

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- OH Wells owned by UWCD
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  27C02/03: Wells 01N22W27C02S/03S

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Scenario	Extraction Well Location	Maximum Annual Extraction (acre-ft)	Annaul AWPF Recycled Water Delivered (acre-ft)	Percentage of AWPF Recycled Water Delivery	
				to Saline Intrusion Management Area	to Pumping Depression Management Area
P1	City of Oxnard's Water Yard	3,000	1,000	25%	75%
S1	City of Oxnard's Water Yard	3,000	1,000	75%	25%
P1R	City of Oxnard's Rice Avenue Facility	3,000	1,000	25%	75%
P1RC	City of Oxnard's Water Yard and Rice Avenue Facility	3,000	1,000	25%	75%
P1F	OH Wells in Forebay	3,000	1,000	25%	75%
P2	City of Oxnard's Water Yard	6,000	2,000	25%	75%
S2	City of Oxnard's Water Yard	6,000	2,000	75%	25%
P2R	City of Oxnard's Rice Avenue Facility	6,000	2,000	25%	75%
P2RC	City of Oxnard's Water Yard and Rice Avenue Facility	6,000	2,000	25%	75%
P2F	OH Wells in Forebay	6,000	2,000	25%	75%

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RWPA Extraction at 3,000 acre-ft/yr in Dry Years

WY	WYT	SP Precip	Credit	Accrual	Extraction	WY	WYT	SP Precip	Credit	Accrual	Extraction
				6000		1955	Below Normal	13.38	1000	3000	0
1930	Dry	11.59	1000	4000	3000	1956	Below Normal	15.33	1000	4000	0
1931	Dry	14.19	1000	2000	3000	1957	Below Normal	11.91	1000	5000	0
1932	Below Normal	20.54	1000	3000	0	1958	Wet	31.37	1000	6000	0
1933	Below Normal	11.15	1000	4000	0	1959	Above Normal	6.67	1000	7000	0
1934	Dry	14.94	1000	2000	3000	1960	Critical	11.43	1000	5000	3000
1935	Below Normal	21.39	1000	3000	0	1961	Critical	6.62	1000	3000	3000
1936	Below Normal	16.32	1000	4000	0	1962	Above Normal	25.7	1000	4000	0
1937	Wet	26.49	1000	5000	0	1963	Below Normal	13.69	1000	5000	0
1938	Wet	28.02	1000	6000	0	1964	Dry	9.42	1000	6000	0
1939	Wet	15.68	1000	7000	0	1965	Dry	13.46	1000	4000	3000
1940	Dry	13.29	1000	5000	3000	1966	Above Normal	17.24	1000	5000	0
1941	Wet	38.11	1000	6000	0	1967	Wet	22.52	1000	6000	0
1942	Wet	14.19	1000	7000	0	1968	Above Normal	14.42	1000	7000	0
1943	Wet	28.98	1000	8000	0	1969	Wet	30.58	1000	8000	0
1944	Wet	24.37	1000	9000	0	1970	Wet	13.95	1000	9000	0
1945	Above Normal	15.13	1000	10000	0	1971	Below Normal	17.93	1000	7000	3000
1946	Below Normal	11.32	1000	11000	0	1972	Dry	9.11	1000	5000	3000
1947	Below Normal	13.29	1000	10000	2000	1973	Above Normal	23.32	1000	6000	0
1948	Critical	8.27	1000	8000	3000	1974	Wet	15.88	1000	7000	0
1949	Critical	9.79	1000	6000	3000	1975	Above Normal	18.06	1000	8000	0
1950	Critical	13.57	1000	4000	3000	1976	Below Normal	11.87	1000	6000	3000
1951	Critical	8.15	1000	2000	3000	1977	Dry	12.88	1000	4000	3000
1952	Wet	31.91	1000	3000	0	1978	Wet	36.08	1000	5000	0
1953	Above Normal	10.82	1000	4000	0	1979	Wet	22.17	1000	6000	0
1954	Dry	14.37	1000	2000	3000	SUM			50000		50000

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RWPA Extraction at 6,000 acre-ft/yr in Dry Years

WY	WYT	SP Precip	Credit	Accrual	Extraction	WY	WYT	SP Precip	Credit	Accrual	Extraction
				6000		1955	Below Normal	13.38	2000	0	4000
1930	Dry	11.59	2000	2000	6000	1956	Below Normal	15.33	2000	2000	0
1931	Dry	14.19	2000	4000	0	1957	Below Normal	11.91	2000	4000	0
1932	Below Normal	20.54	2000	0	6000	1958	Wet	31.37	2000	6000	0
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1944	Wet	24.37	2000	12000	0	1970	Wet	13.95	2000	12000	0
1945	Above Normal	15.13	2000	14000	0	1971	Below Normal	17.93	2000	8000	6000
1946	Below Normal	11.32	2000	16000	0	1972	Dry	9.11	2000	4000	6000
1947	Below Normal	13.29	2000	12000	6000	1973	Above Normal	23.32	2000	6000	0
1948	Critical	8.27	2000	8000	6000	1974	Wet	15.88	2000	8000	0
1949	Critical	9.79	2000	4000	6000	1975	Above Normal	18.06	2000	10000	0
1950	Critical	13.57	2000	0	6000	1976	Below Normal	11.87	2000	6000	6000
1951	Critical	8.15	2000	2000	0	1977	Dry	12.88	2000	2000	6000
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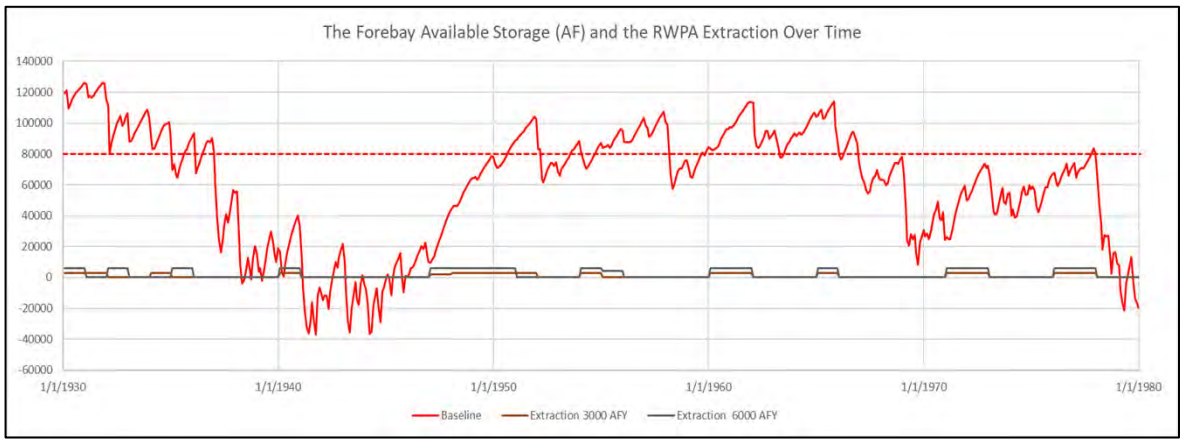

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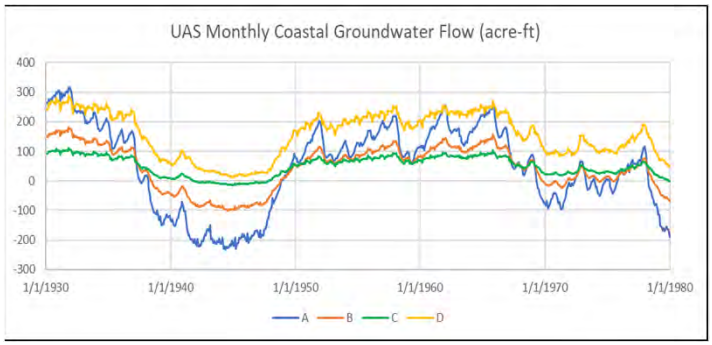

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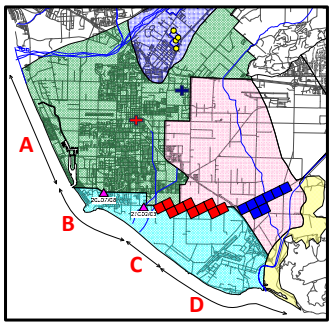

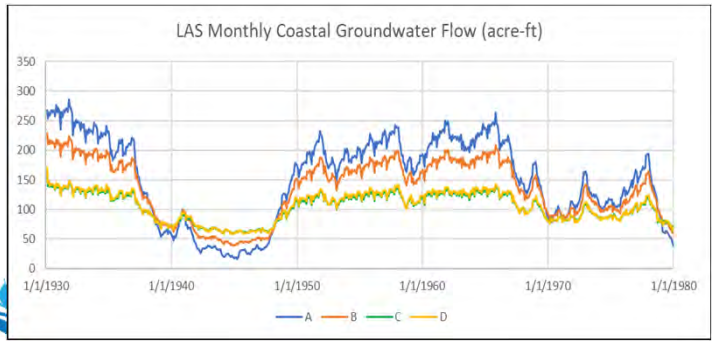

Annual Coastal flow (acre-ft) from the 1930-1979 Baseline GSP Scenario						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	553.9	544.0	601.3	1877.1	3022.4	3576
LAS	1824.4	1618.1	1248.9	1267.8	4134.9	5959
SUM	2378	2162	1850	3145	7157	9535

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Coastal Groundwater Flow

Extraction: 3,000 acre-ft/yr at the City's Water Yard and/or Rice Avenue Facility

Annual Coastal flow (acre-ft) from the 1930-1979 Baseline GSP Scenario						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	553.9	544.0	601.3	1877.1	3022.4	3576
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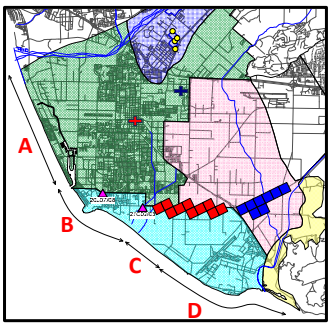

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Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)	Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	74.0	29.7	-9.9	-72.4	-52.7	21	UAS	52.9	14.0	-12.4	-70.7	-69.2	-16
LAS	11.2	-16.8	-32.0	-41.9	-90.7	-80	LAS	8.1	-17.7	-31.4	-41.1	-90.2	-82
SUM	85	13	-42	-114	-143	-58	SUM	61	-4	-44	-112	-159	-98
S1							P1RC						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)	Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	72.1	25.8	-16.8	-67.8	-58.8	13	UAS	63.4	21.8	-11.2	-71.6	-60.9	3
LAS	4.2	-33.3	-54.1	-40.7	-128.0	-124	LAS	9.7	-17.3	-31.7	-41.5	-90.5	-81
SUM	76	-8	-71	-108	-187	-111	SUM	73	5	-43	-113	-151	-78

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Coastal Groundwater Flow

Extraction: 6,000 acre-ft/yr at the City's Water Yard and/or Rice Avenue Facility

Annual Coastal flow (acre-ft) from the 1930-1979 Baseline GSP Scenario						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	553.9	544.0	601.3	1877.1	3022.4	3576
LAS	1824.4	1618.1	1248.9	1267.8	4134.9	5959
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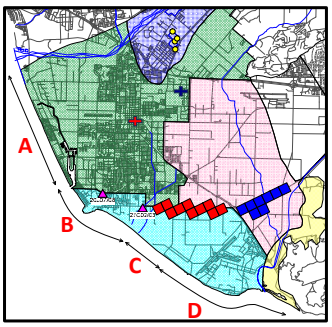

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Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)	Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	146.6	58.7	-20.1	-145.6	-107.0	40	UAS	104.3	27.2	-25.2	-142.4	-140.4	-36
LAS	21.9	-33.9	-64.1	-84.1	-182.2	-160	LAS	15.7	-35.8	-63.0	-82.5	-181.3	-166
SUM	168	25	-84	-230	-289	-121	SUM	120	-9	-88	-225	-322	-202
S2							P2RC						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)	Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	142.7	50.8	-33.8	-136.3	-119.3	23	UAS	125.4	42.9	-22.7	-144.0	-123.7	2
LAS	7.9	-66.9	-108.4	-81.5	-256.8	-249	LAS	18.8	-34.9	-63.6	-83.3	-181.7	-163
SUM	151	-16	-142	-218	-376	-226	SUM	144	8	-86	-227	-305	-161

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Coastal Groundwater Flow

Extraction: 3,000 or 6,000 acre-ft/yr

Annual Coastal flow (acre-ft) from the 1930-1979 Baseline GSP Scenario						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	553.9	544.0	601.3	1877.1	3022.4	3576
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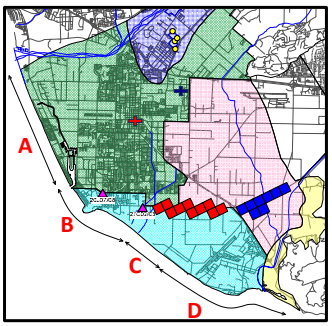

Extraction at OH wells in the Forebay

Extraction at the City's Water Yard

P1F							P2F						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)	Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	60.1	12.5	-15.3	-77.3	-80.1	-20	UAS	118.5	24.2	-31.0	-155.5	-162.4	-44
LAS	-1.6	-25.2	-34.2	-43.3	-102.7	-104	LAS	-3.8	-50.7	-68.7	-86.8	-206.2	-210
SUM	58	-13	-50	-121	-183	-124	SUM	115	-27	-100	-242	-369	-254
P1							P2						
Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)	Aquifer System	A	B	C	D	B+C+D	SUM (A+B+C+D)
UAS	74.0	29.7	-9.9	-72.4	-52.7	21	UAS	146.6	58.7	-20.1	-145.6	-107.0	40
LAS	11.2	-16.8	-32.0	-41.9	-90.7	-80	LAS	21.9	-33.9	-64.1	-84.1	-182.2	-160
SUM	85	13	-42	-114	-143	-58	SUM	168	25	-84	-230	-289	-121

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Reduction in Groundwater Level in the Forebay

Scenario	Forebay Management Area						
	Areal Average Monthly Groundwater Level Drawdown (ft) over 50 Years			Cell-Based Monthly Groundwater Level Drawdown (ft) Over 50 Years			Impact
	Mean	Maximum	Standard Deviation	Mean	Maximum	Standard Deviation	
P1	0.52	1.64	0.42	0.81	2.30	0.62	I
S1	0.51	1.63	0.42	0.81	2.28	0.62	I
P1R	0.70	2.02	0.51	0.99	2.58	0.67	I
P1RC	0.61	1.83	0.46	0.89	2.40	0.64	I
P1F	1.11	3.17	0.78	1.63	4.58	1.18	II
P2	1.02	3.04	0.76	1.60	4.42	1.16	II
S2	1.01	3.01	0.75	1.59	4.37	1.15	II
P2R	1.38	3.73	0.92	1.95	4.89	1.25	II
P2RC	1.20	3.39	0.84	1.75	4.56	1.18	II
P2F	2.20	5.86	1.43	3.24	8.53	2.21	III

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Conclusions

- The RWPA program has a net benefit in reducing the coastal seawater flow.
- Extraction at 3,000 acre-ft/yr in dry years has minimal impact on the Forebay groundwater elevation except extracting in the Forebay.
- Extraction at 6,000 acre-ft/yr in dry years has moderate to significant impact on the Forebay groundwater elevation.
- The extraction in the Forebay reduces coastal seawater flow more significantly with a more pronounced effect on the Forebay groundwater level.

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Questions / Comments

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Staff Report

To: **Water Resources Committee Members**

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer

From: John Lindquist, Water Resources Supervisor
Dr. Jason Sun, Supervisory Water Resources Engineer
Murray McEachron, Hydrologist Supervisor

Date: **December 27, 2023 (January 2, 2024, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **5. Monthly Water Resources Department Report and Update on Activities of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

The Committee will receive a report on Water Resources Department activities for the month of December 2023, including a summary of the activities of the Santa Paula Basin (adjudicated) Technical Advisory Committee and three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA, and Mound Basin GSA.

Discussion:

Staff Activities

Notable efforts and activities conducted by staff during September included the following:

- Groundwater Modeling:
  - Staff collected and processed diverse datasets, encompassing precipitation, water level measurements, pumping records, stream flow, and surface water-related data spanning from 2016 to 2022. This effort represents a crucial step in the preparation for extending the UWCD flow model to September 2022.
  - Staff are converting diverse datasets into the model input files. It is estimated that the process of extending the UWCD flow model to September 2022 will be completed by December 31, 2023.
  - Staff conducted two meetings, the first on November 15 and the second on December 13, 2023, with FCGMA staff and their consultant, DUDEK, on the

modeling support efforts utilizing the updated Coastal Plain Model. Several action items were discussed including hydrological data, modeling data requirements and deliverables.

  - Staff are working on the subsidence model calibration.

- Hydrology:
  - Staff continued to assist with planning and coordination for the purchase and release of Table A water and supplemental State Water Project (SWP) water acquired from other SWP contractors.
  - Staff continued to provide input on operational decisions at Freeman Diversion to manage sediment accumulation near the intake structure, maximize diversions, and comply with regulatory requirements.
  - Staff continued to assist the Environmental Services and Engineering Departments in evaluating fish passage design modifications under consideration for United's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP),
  - Staff continued to coordinate with recharge operators at Saticoy and El Rio to maintain optimum percolation rates for the facilities.
  - Staff has continued to monitor the Conservation Release from Santa Felicia Dam performing frequent discharge measurement at the groundwater basin boundaries to determine the benefits of the release to each groundwater basin.
  - Staff continued to assist the Engineering Department in developing a reservoir operations plan and hydrological risk assessment for Lake Piru prior and during the construction of the new outlet works as part of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement project.
  - Staff participated in the annual State Water Contractors meeting in Sacramento.

- Hydrogeology:
  - Staff continued routine groundwater elevation and quality monitoring and reporting activities within the District.
  - Staff participated in meetings of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) within the District, as detailed subsequently in this report.
  - Staff began reviewing available data for per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in the Forebay following reported detections of PFAS and PFOA at wells operated by Strickland Mutual Water Company. These wells are located near Vineyard Avenue approximately halfway between United's Saticoy and El Rio spreading grounds.
  - Staff assisted with review of requirements for offering sediments removed from the Saticoy desilting basin and United's recharge basins to

organizations interested in using these sediments as fill materials for grading projects.

- Staff met with representatives from the City of Oxnard and United's Engineering Department to begin exploring potential expanded use of Oxnard's recycled water for recharge or irrigation supply.
- Staff met with representatives from the Pleasant Valley County Water District (PVCWD) to consider potential operational changes in delivery of surface water along the PV Pipeline to optimize storage of surface water in private reservoirs within PVCWD's service area.
- Staff estimated carryover from unused United's 2023 groundwater allocations at our PTP and El Rio well fields and began preparing the annual report required to be submitted to the FCGMA for the Santa Clara River flex allocation. Staff also coordinated with the Finance Department to distinguish United's carryover from its El Rio allocation to credits available to OH Pipeline contractors based on water deliveries in 2023.
- Staff continued to assist the Engineering Department and their consultant with design of Phase 1 of the EBB Water Project, including providing guidance and input on development of specifications for extraction wells, as well as support in planning and contracting for a geotechnical investigation at the project site.
- Staff are working with United's consultant and the U.S. Navy to develop specifications and plan for installation of EBB Water Project Phase 1 groundwater monitoring wells. Staff are also coordinating with the U.S. Navy and the FCGMA to plan for EBB Water extraction well permits in 2024.
- Staff continued working with the State Water Resources Control Board to develop an appropriate scope of work for the Prop 1, Round 3 grant in support of the EBB Water Project. The grant is expected to be finalized and signed early in 2024.
- Staff began reviewing recent downscaled climate-model results for selected locations to update forecasts developed by the State for future rainfall amounts within the District's service area.
- Staff continued review of construction, lithologic, and geophysical data for selected wells in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins to determine if there may be data gaps that can be filled that could result in improvement in calibration of the coastal-plain groundwater flow model.

- Outreach and Education
  - Selected staff attended a webinar hosted by the California DWR on their new "Weather Generator" tool.
  - Staff gave a tour of Freeman Diversion and Saticoy Spreading Grounds to Orange County Water District.

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA)

Staff continue to monitor and, where appropriate, participate in the FCGMA's groundwater sustainability planning and implementation efforts in the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley, and Las Posas Valley Basins. United staff continued to meet periodically with FCGMA staff and other stakeholders to analyze benefits and impacts of water-supply projects in support of developing a sustainable, resilient water-supply portfolio for the service areas of both agencies. United staff also attended and, where appropriate, contributed to, FCGMA Board and Committee meetings, as follows:

Board of Directors meetings – The FCGMA held special Board meetings on December 1 and 15, as follows:

- The sole regular agenda item at the December 1 special meeting was "Discussion of Future Staffing Needs of the Agency." Most comments made at the meeting or submitted to the FCGMA Board prior to the meeting requested the Board to further consider an "independent staffing model," rather than continue to staff the agency primarily with Ventura County personnel.
- The December 6 regular meeting included the following notable agenda items:
    - "Las Posas Valley Initial Watermaster Budget and Basin Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-24," which was continued to December 15 due to concerns about notification of some stakeholders.
    - A request for a new domestic well and allocation (including a reduced allocation from an existing well, for no net increase in pumping) from the Oxnard basin, which was approved by the Board.
    - Review and approval of the proposed Board and Committee meeting schedules for 2024.
- The sole regular agenda item at the December 15 special meeting was "Las Posas Valley Initial Watermaster Budget and Basin Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-24," which was continued from the December 6 regular Board meeting. The Board adopted the proposed budget and an assessment of $64 per acre-foot of annual allocation.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Operations Committee meetings – The FCGMA's Operations Committee meeting originally scheduled for December 4 was cancelled, with no date set for the next meeting. The primary agenda topic for this meeting was stakeholder input on the strawman ranking of new water-supply projects discussed at the previous Operations Committee meeting (November 1).

Executive Committee meetings – The FCGMA's Executive Committee met on December 21. The following notable agenda items were discussed:

- Options for contracting with an attorney or law firm for preparation of a legal opinion by outside counsel on available options for FCGMA staffing.
- How best to agendize and hold hearings on LPV Watermaster items when the FCGMA Board is acting in its role as LPV Watermaster.

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (FPBGSA)

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

Board of Directors meetings – The FPBGSA held a special Board meeting on December 14, which included the following notable agenda items:

- The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, legal counsel, and staff regarding the development of the Agency's well permitting review process.
- The Board scheduled its regular meetings for calendar year 2024.

The next FPBGSA Board meeting is scheduled for January 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA)

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

Board of Directors meetings – The MBGSA cancelled its regular Board meeting scheduled for December 21.

The next MBGSA Board meeting is scheduled for January 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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

- Staff responded to comments on the draft Annual Report for Santa Paula Basin for 2022 and met with the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to present a summary of the report.

State Water Table A Water

UWCD has purchased and received 20,150 Acre-Feet of State Water this year. With 100% of the State Table A water allocations available this year, United received its full allocation of 3,150 AF. The full 5,000 AF of water contracted with Casitas Municipal Water District has also been received at Lake Piru. In addition, the district also arranged a transfer agreement of 2,000 AF of water from Palmdale Water District and 10,000 AF of Santa Clarita Valley Water. In total United has taken delivery of the 20,150 AF of Table A water. The district is intermittently between storms releasing the State Water from Lake Piru to the Freeman Diversion. Staff have been monitoring this release to determine the benefits to each of the downstream groundwater basins.