

Board of Directors
Sheldon G. Berger President
Lynn E. Maulhardt, Vice President
Catherine P. Keeling, Secretary/Treasurer
Bruce E. Dandy
Mohammed A. Hasan
Gordon Kimball
Daniel C. Naumann

General Manager Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel David D. Boyer

# MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 12:00 p.m. Board Room, UWCD Headquarters 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Directors Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Vice President

Berger, and President Dandy

Absent: None

**1. FIRST OPEN SESSION:** 12:00 p.m.

1.1 Public Comments: None

**1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:** 12:05 p.m.

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

- 2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER: 1:32 p.m.
  - 2.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Director Berger
  - 2.2 Public Comment: Robert Eranio
  - 2.3 Election of Officers

Director Maulhardt nominated Director Berger as President.

Vote: Ayes: Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Berger, and

Dandy; Noes: None; Absent: None

Director Naumann nominated Director Maulhardt as Vice President.

Vote: Ayes: Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Berger, and

Dandy: Noes: None: Absent: None

Director Kimball nominated Director Keeling as Secretary/Treasurer.

Vote: Ayes: Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Berger, and

Dandy; Noes: None; Absent: None

#### 2.4 Approval of Agenda

Action: M/S/C (Naumann/Hasan) to approve the agenda.

Voice vote: All Ayes.

#### 2.5 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer stated there was no reportable action.

#### 2.6 Board Members' Activities Report

Received and filed.

#### 2.7 General Manager's Report

Received and filed.

#### 2.8 Resolution Setting the 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Action: M/S/C (Dandy/Naumann) to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01

setting the 2024 Board of Directors meeting schedule.

Vote: Ayes: Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Berger,

and Dandy; Noes: None; Absent: None

#### 2.9 Staff Service Awards

Service awards were presented to Chief Engineer Mary Bral for five years, Engineer Adrian Quiroz for five years, Control Systems Technician Any Camposagrado for 15 years, and Hydrologist Supervisor Murray McEachron for 25 years.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 3.1 Approval of the December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Maulhardt) to approve the agenda.

Voice vote: All Ayes.

#### 3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Reports

Receive and filed.

#### 3.3 Monthly Investment Reports for Month Ending December 31, 2023

Received and filed.

#### 3.4 Fiscal Year First Quarter 2023-2024 Financial Reports

Received and filed.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

#### 4.1 Operation and Maintenance Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Clayton Strahan gave the presentation.

#### 4.2 Park and Recreation Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Clayton Strahan gave the presentation.

## 4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)

Hydrogeologist Kathleen Kuepper and Principal Hydrologist Murray McEachron gave the presentation.

#### 4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report

Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez gave the presentation.

#### 4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report

Chief Engineer Maryam Bral gave the presentation.

#### 4.6 Environmental Services Department Report

No presentation given.

#### 5. MOTION ITEMS

#### Finance Department – Brian Zahn

# 5.1 Request from Pleasant Valley County Water District to Waive Charges for Late Payment

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Dandy) to approve a request from Pleasant Valley County Water District to waive penalties and interest charges of

\$5,684.32 for a late payment.

Vote: Ayes: Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Berger, and

Dandy; Noes: None; Absent: None

Finance Department - Brian Zahn and Marissa Caringella

5.2 Recommend the Authorization of a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds for Pleasant Valley Reservoirs Treatment Chemicals

Public Speaker: General Manager Jared Bouchard, Pleasant Valley County

Water District

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Maulhardt) to approve the authorization for a

supplemental appropriation of funds for Pleasant Valley Reservoirs

Treatment Chemicals.

Vote: Ayes: Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Berger, and

Dandy; Noes: None; Absent: None

Engineering Department - Maryam Bral

5.3 Authorize a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds for the Freeman Diversion Expansion Project (CIP 8001), Authorize approval of a Contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Hardened Ramp 90% Design

Action: M/S/C (Dandy/Naumann) to authorize a supplemental appropriation of

funds for the Freeman Diversion Expansion Project, CIP 8001, and consider approval of a Contract with GEI Consultants, Inc., for the

Hardened Ramp 90% Design.

Vote: Ayes: Hasan, Maulhardt, Kimball, Keeling, Naumann, Berger, and

Dandy: Noes: None; Absent: None

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of January 10, 2024.

ATTEST:

Catherine P. Keeling, Board Secretary

ATTEST

Tracy J. Oehler, Clerk of the Board

# EXHIBIT A EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA

#### 1. LITIGATION

- 1.1 Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation
  Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), two (2) cases.
- **1.2** Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
  - A. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District,
     U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.2:16-cv-03869 GHK (PLAx).
  - B. OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 56-2021-00555357-CU-PT-VTA; Complaint for Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication of the Oxnard Groundwater Subbasin (No. 4-004.02) and Pleasant Valley Subbasin (No. 4-006) Pursuant to Sections 830, *Et Seq.* of the Code of Civil Procedure; Declaratory Relief; Quiet Title; and Petition for Writs of Mandate.
  - C. <u>United Water Conservation District v United States</u>, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 22-542L; Complaint for Just Compensation under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment.



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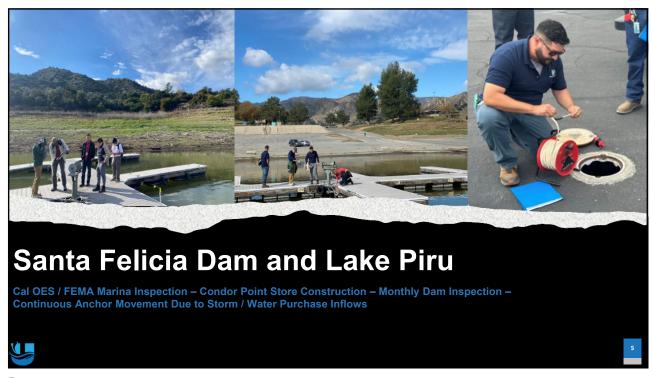
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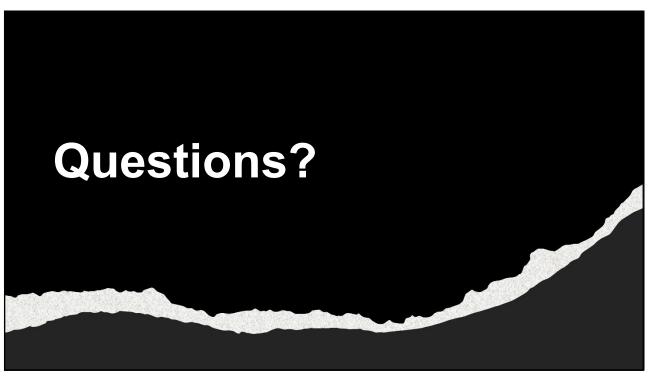
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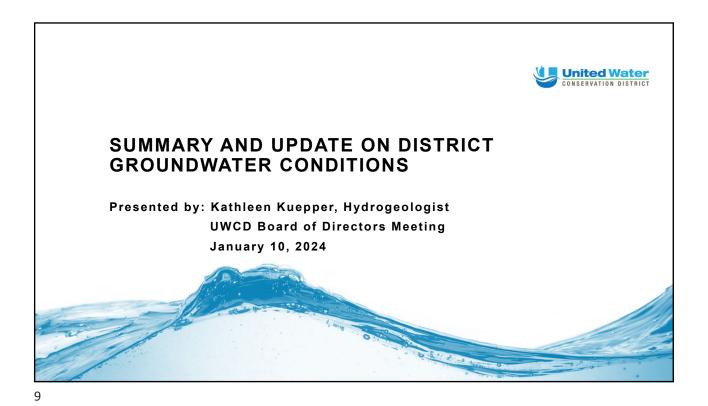






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# Outline







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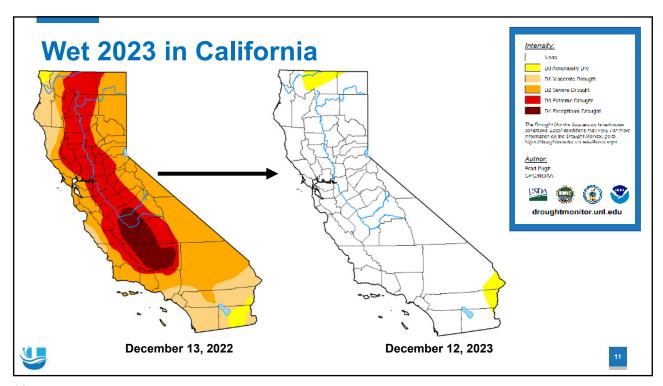


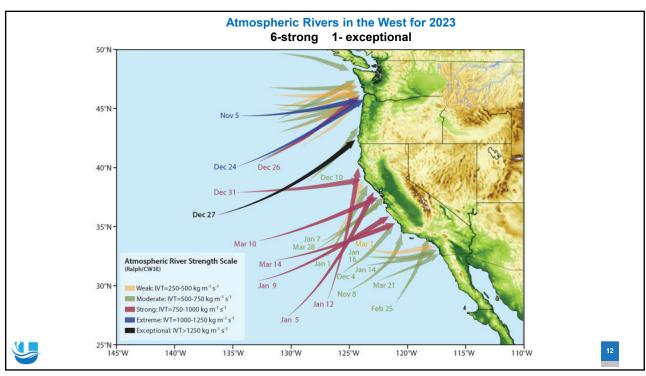
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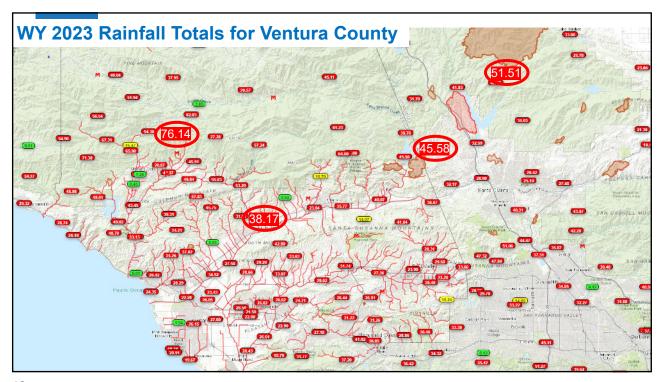


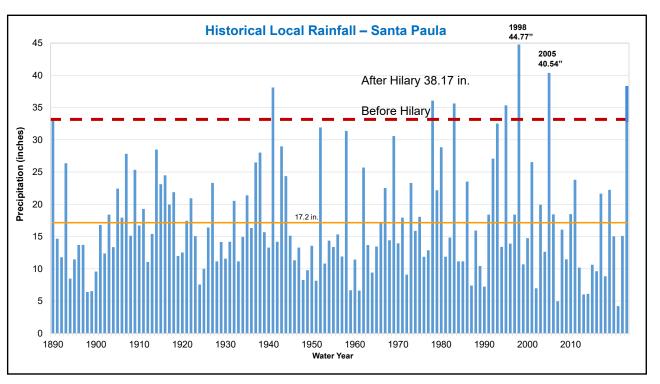
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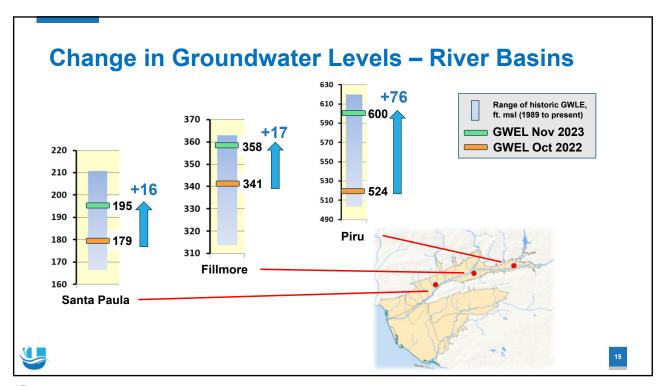


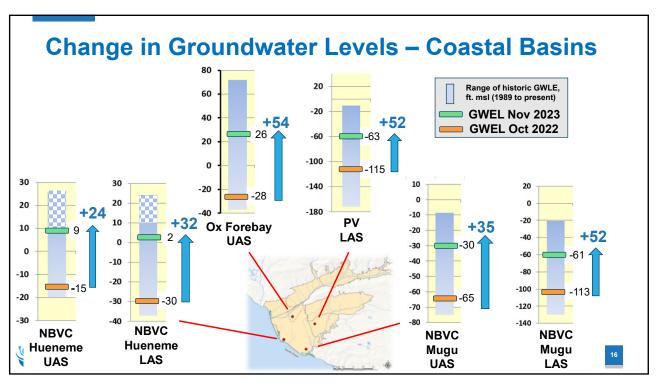


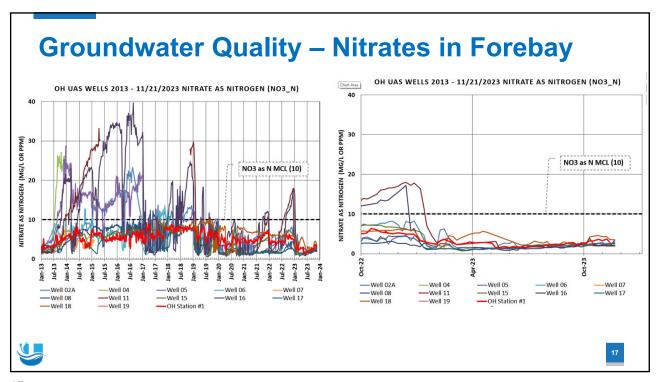


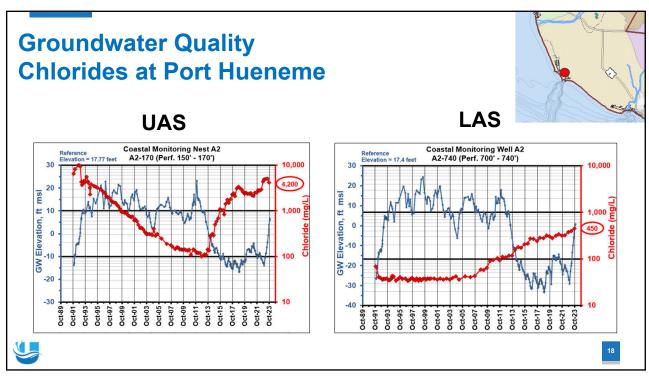


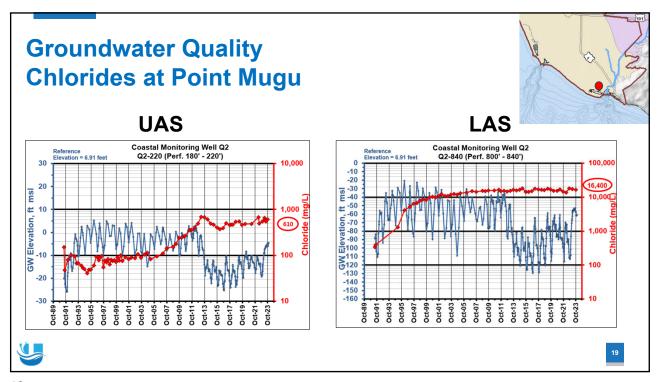


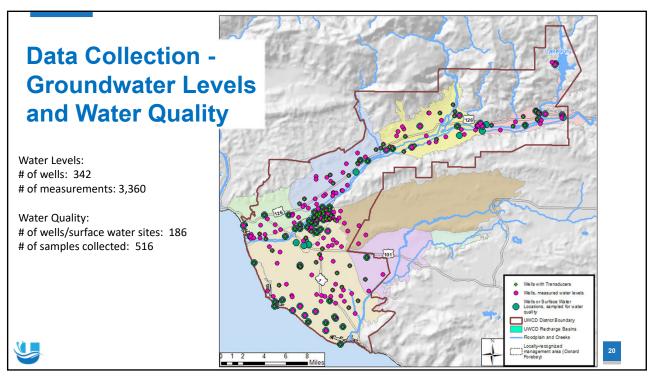












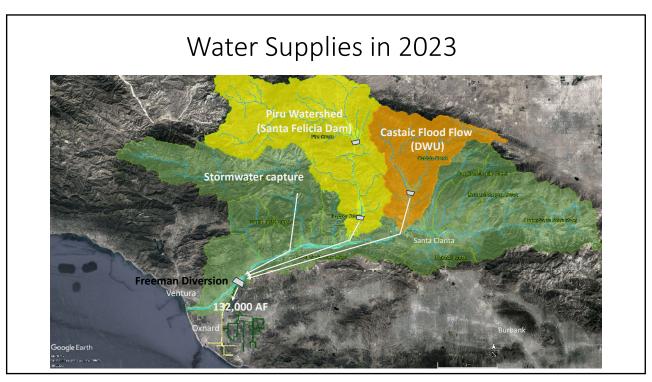
# **Questions?**

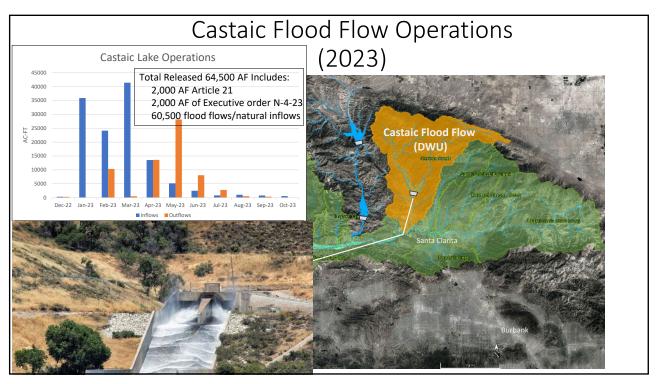


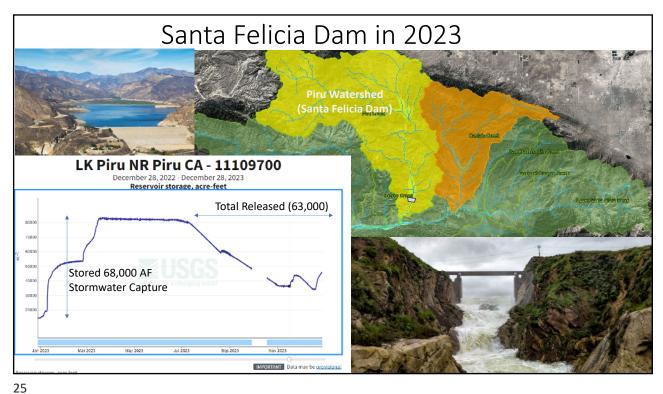
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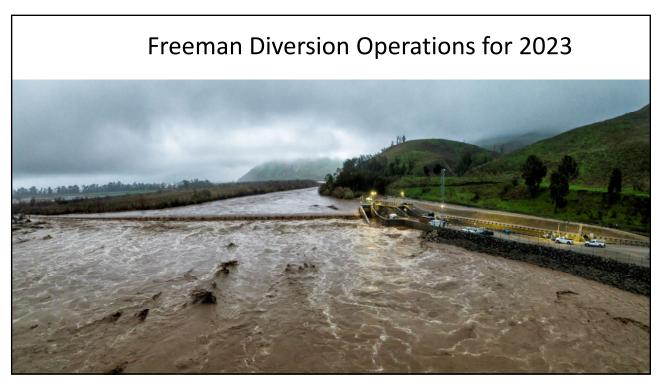
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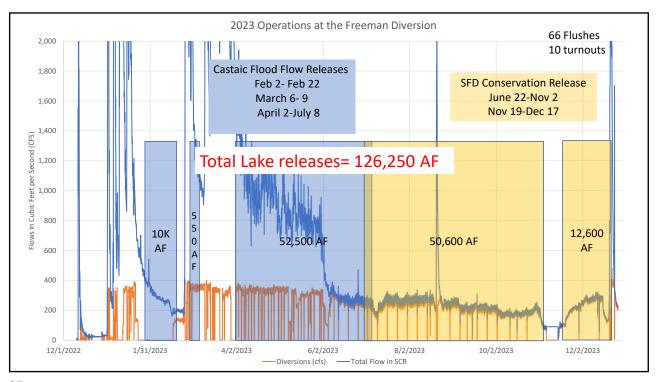
# 2023 Wet Season for the Santa Clara River Watershed January 2024 Saticoy Recharge Facility (January 2023)

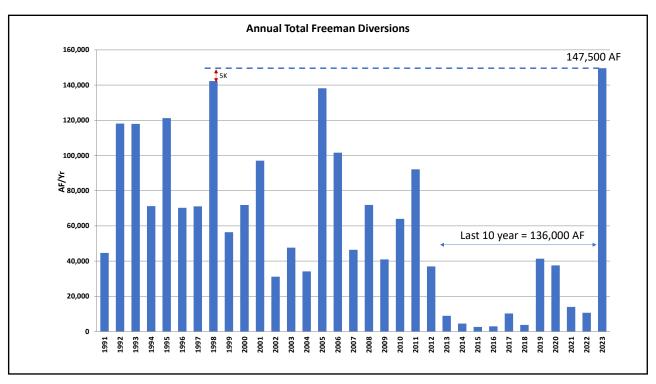




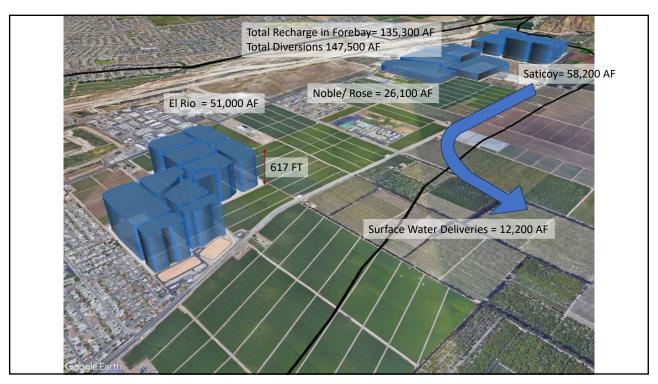








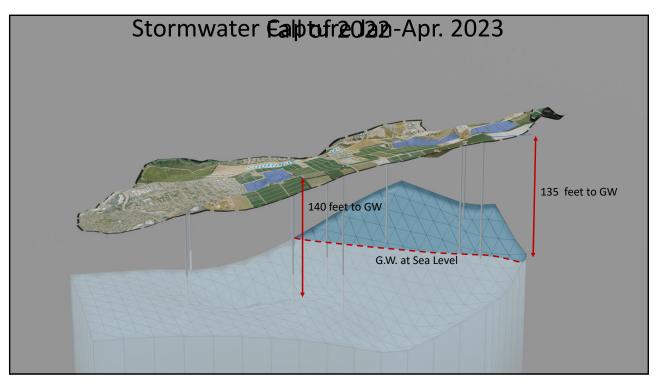


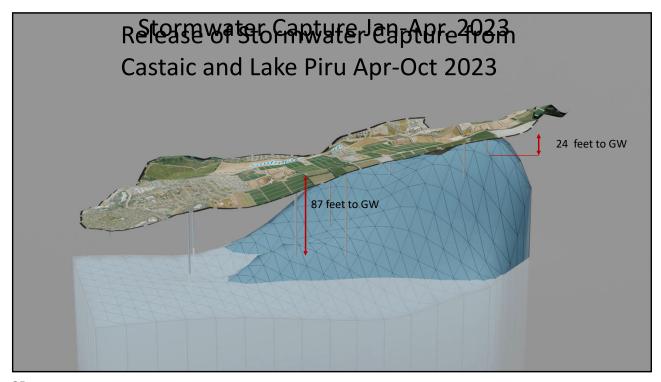


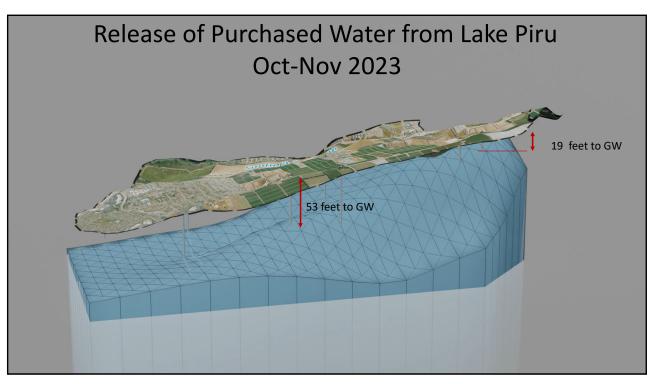




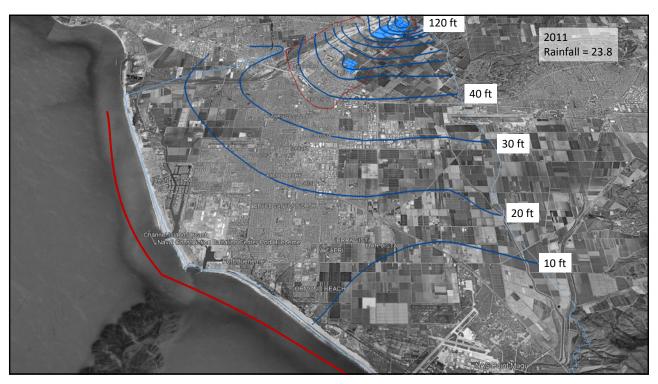


































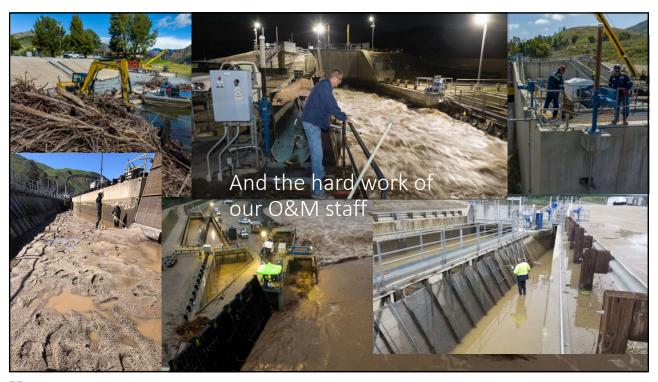








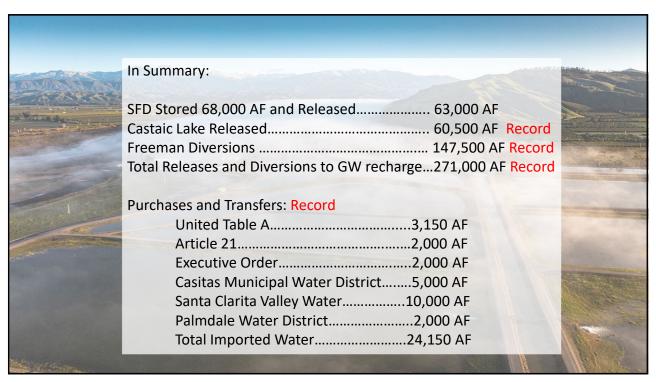


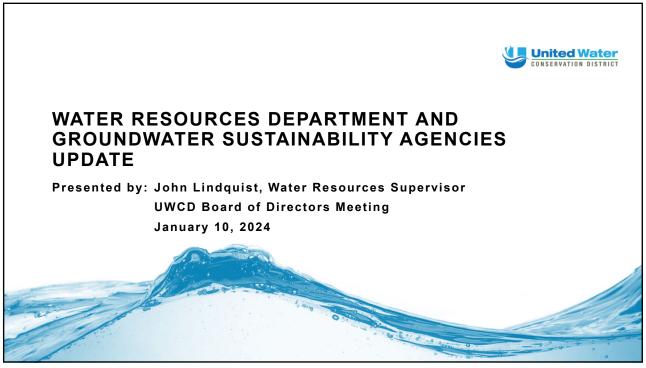


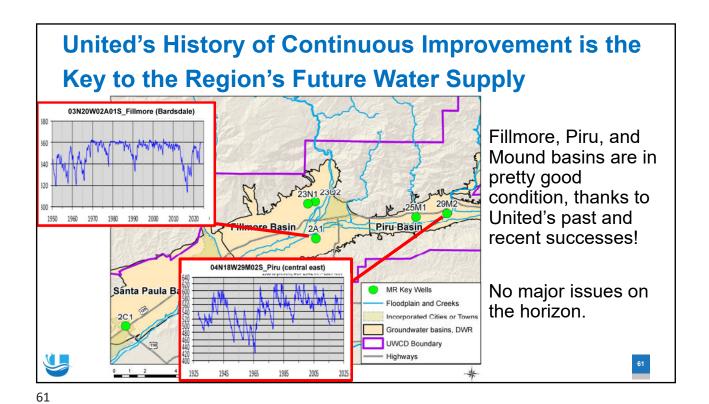










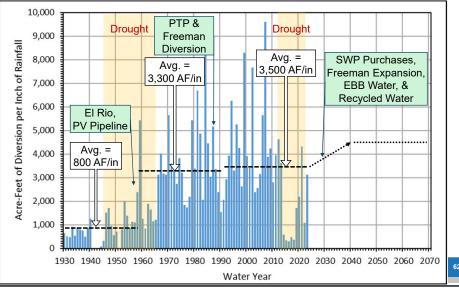


More Work is Needed to Achieve Sustainability in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Basins

United's past projects have helped immensely, but another round of projects is needed.

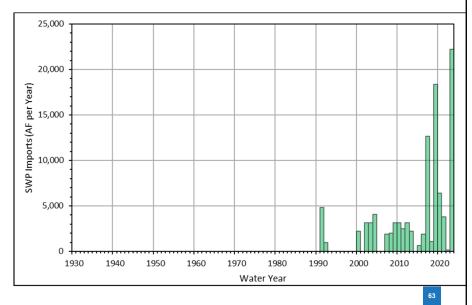
This has been known since at least 2007





### The Next Generation of Projects is Advancing Quickly!

- SWP Imports
- Recycled Water
- Freeman Expansion
  - Some components already complete
  - MSHCP
- EBB Water
  - MOA
  - · Mon. wells
  - · Ph. 1 ext. wells





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### **Natural Progression of New Water Supply Projects**

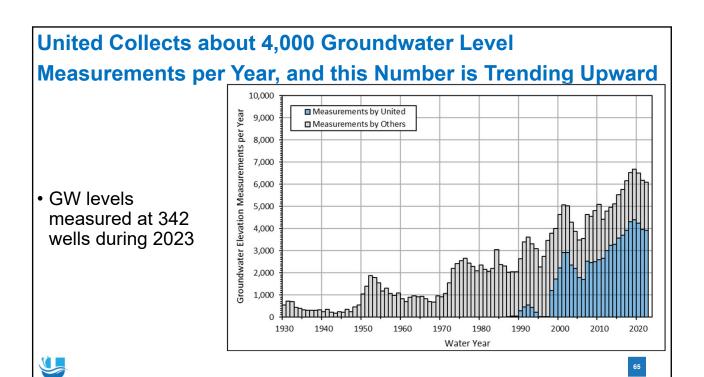
- 1. Conceptualize & Plan
- 2. Design & Build



- 3. Operate & Maintain
- 4. Evaluate Effectiveness and Modify (if appropriate)

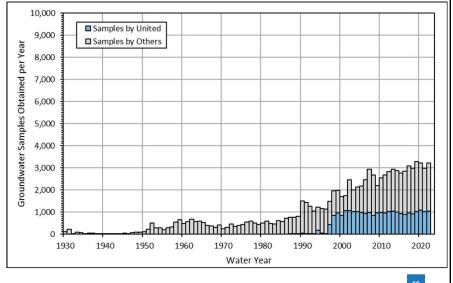






# United Collects about 1,000 Water Quality Samples per Year

- About half of these samples are collected by Water Resources (from 186 wells)
- The other half are collected by O&M from United's wells
- More data will be needed during planning and implementation of new projects!





### **Major Water Resources Efforts in 2024**

- 1. Continue collecting groundwater and surface water data
- 2. Support development and implementation of new projects
- Continue negotiating and planning for additional SWP imports
- 4. Provide modeling and project input to FCGMA for the 5-yr updates of the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basin GSPs
- 5. Provide data to support annual GSP updates in other basins
- 6. Continue support to other United departments and outreach to regional stakeholders





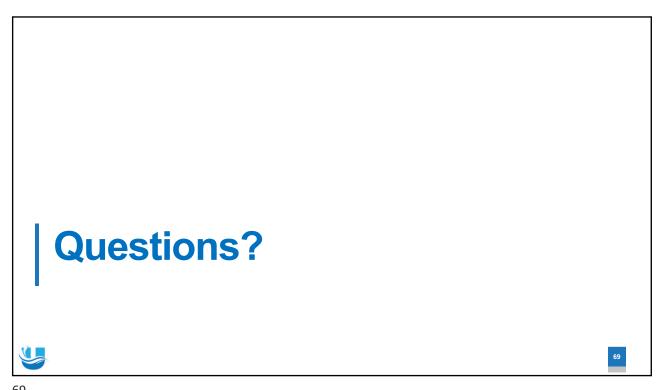
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## Major Concerns and Challenges for 2024

- FCGMA staffing challenges and workload
- NMFS bypass flow recommendations
- Adapting to the significant new monitoring, analysis, and reporting requirements associated with the EBB Water project





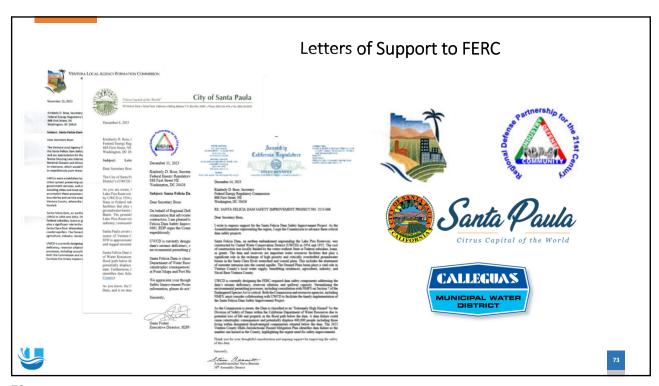


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# Santa Felicia Dam End of Year Reporting to FERC

- ✓ Annual Security Compliance Certification (ASCC)
- ✓ SFD EAP Status Report
- ✓ SFD Dam Safety and Surveillance and Monitoring Report (DSSMR)
- ✓ Owner Dam Safety Plan and Schedule (ODSP)
- ✓ SFD EAP Call-Down Drill report to CalOES

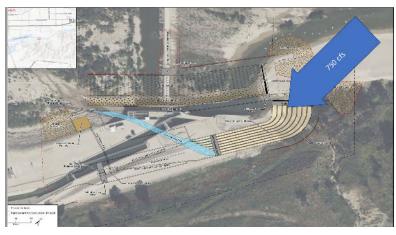


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### Freeman Diversion Expansion



- ✓ Selected Fish Passage Alternative
- ✓ Advanced the 60% Design of Hardened Ramp



### Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade



- ✓ Three Barrel Culvert Completed 90% design upgrade, reinitiated the permit process with Ventura County Watershed Protection
- ✓ Inverted Siphon Completed 100% Design and Released Bid Packet
- √ Vineyard Undercrossing Completed Preliminary Design Report

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## **OHP Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility**





March 2023

December 2023

- ✓ Substantial Completion of Construction Phase
- ✓ Successful 96-Hr Continuous Test with Iron and Manganese non-detect in Filtered Water







#### **EBB Water**

- ✓ EBB Water Phase 1 was selected for \$8.4 million grant funding by SWRCB
- ✓ Phase 1 A License Agreement
- ✓ Letter of Request was submitted to the Navy
- ✓ Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- ✓ Design of Discharge Alternatives
- ✓ Design of Piping Alignment
- ✓ Design of new Monitoring Wells
- ✓ Project Description as Part of CEQA
- ✓ NEPA process initiated





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### A. WATER SUPPLY

#### PTP Recycled Water Connection Laguna Rd Pipeline

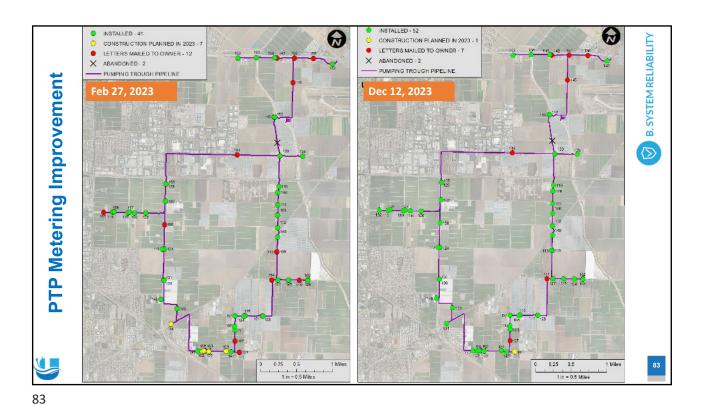


✓ Drafted RW Delivery Agreement with PVCWD

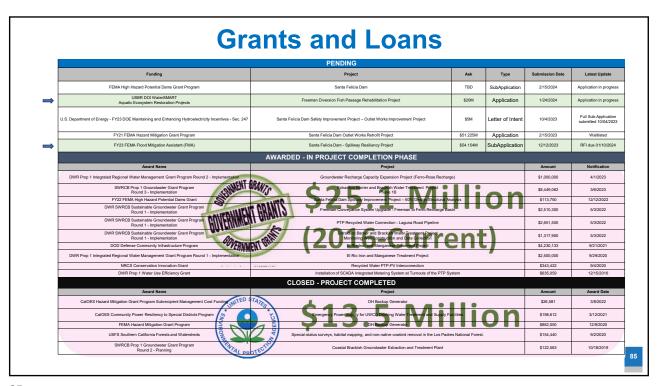
✓ Preliminary Design Report













# **Letters of Support**

#### **USBR Grant**

- Center for Biological Diversity
- NMFS
- Wishtoyo
- Steve Bennett

#### **FEMA FMA Grant**

- City of Santa Paula
- Central Coast Labor Council
- Carpenters Local 805
- LiUNA
- Regional Defense Partnership















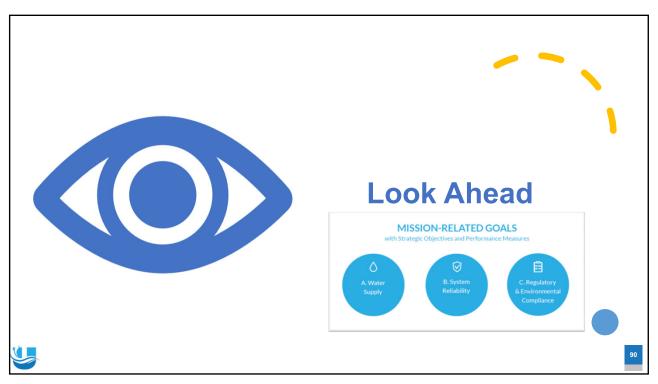












# **Key and Critical Projects**

Progress and Schedule									
				Estimated	Estimated				
		Planning	Design	Construction	Construction				
CIP No.	Project Name	Progress	Progress	Start	Completion				
8001	Freeman Diversion Expansion			Jun, 2026	Nov, 2028				
8002	SFD Outlet Works Rehabilitation			Jul, 2025	Mar, 2028				
8003	SFD Probable Maximum Flood Containment			Nov, 2027	Jul, 2031				
8018a	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Three Barrel Culvert			Feb, 2025	Mar, 2025				
8018b	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Inverted Siphon			Jun, 2024	Aug, 2024				
8018c	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Vineyard Crossing			Nov, 2024	Jan, 2025				
8019a	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Phase 1			Jan, 2025	Feb, 2026				
	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Monitoring Wells			May, 2024	Oct, 2024				
8019b	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Phase 2			Jan, 2028	Dec, 2030				
8043a	PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline - Phase 1			Oct, 2024	Mar, 2025				
8043b	PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline - Phase 2			Sep, 2025	Jun, 2026				
8055	Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations			Jul, 2026	Jun, 2030				
8060	OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades			Feb, 2025	Feb, 2026				



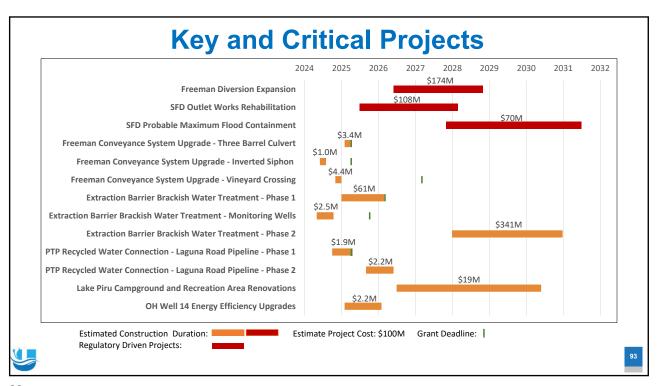
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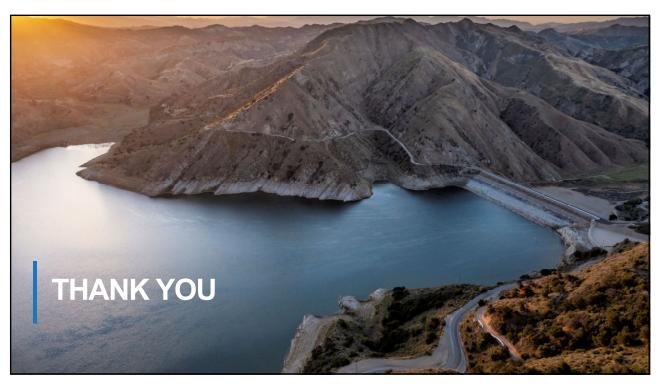
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# **Key and Critical Projects**

Cost and Funding							
		Total					
		Estimated	Spent	Grant	Grant		
CIP No.	Project Name	Cost	To Date	Funding	Deadline		
8001	Freeman Diversion Expansion	\$174M	\$13M				
8002	SFD Outlet Works Rehabilitation	\$108M	\$8M				
8003	SFD Probable Maximum Flood Containment	\$70M	\$5M				
8018a	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Three Barrel Culvert	\$3.4M	\$0.1M	\$1.3M	Mar, 2025		
8018b	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Inverted Siphon	\$1.0M	\$0.1M	\$1.3M	Mar, 2025		
8018c	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Vineyard Crossing	\$4.4M	\$0.1M	\$1.0M	Mar, 2027		
8019a	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Phase 1	\$61M	\$2M	\$8.4M	Feb, 2026		
	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Monitoring Wells	\$2.5M	\$0.05M	\$1.3M	Sep, 2025		
8019b	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Phase 2	\$341M	0				
8043a	PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline - Phase 1	\$1.9M	\$0.2M	\$3.0M	Mar, 2025		
8043b	PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline - Phase 2	\$2.2M	\$0.0M				
8055	Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations	\$19M	\$0.2M				
8060	OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$2.2M	0				
		\$791M	\$29M	\$16M			







#### Water Supply & Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

#### **Motion Item 5.3**

Authorization of a Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,100,000 for the Freeman Diversion Expansion Project (CIP 8001), and authorize approval of a contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Hardened Ramp 90% Design



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#### Water Supply & Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

#### Motion Item 5.3

- 1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation due to insufficient funds in FY23/24 Budget
  - On July 18, 2023, a joint stipulated order was written and delivered to the Federal Court. This joint stipulated order highlighted the selected fish passage alternative and called for the immediate forwarding of the design. United's FY 2023-2024 budget had already been finalized and this accelerated schedule was not included.
  - ❖ The supplemental appropriation would be funded from the Replacement, Capital Improvement and Environmental project reserves.
  - Breakdown of \$2,100,000:
    - ❖ GEI Consultants, Inc. design contract, \$1,999,810
    - NHC design contract, \$90,000
    - Staff time, special advisor time, \$10,190
- 2. Authorize the execution of a Contract for the Hardened Ramp 90% Design:
  - ❖ Federal Court mandated completion date of June 10, 2024



#### Water Supply & Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

### **Motion Item 5.3**

#### **Updated GEI Contract Fee:**

 60% Design Contract Amount:
 \$1,752,670

 90% Design Contract Amount:
 \$1,999,810

 Total Contract Fee to Date:
 \$3,752,480

#### **Updated NHC Contract Fee:**

60% Design Contract Amount: \$343,490 90% Design Contract Amount: \$90,000 Total Contract Fee to Date: \$433,490

