



Board of Directors
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Mohammed A. Hasan
Gordon Kimball
Daniel C. Naumann

General Manager
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 14, 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: 12:01 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: 1:01 p.m.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Director Berger

2.2 Public Comment: Don Villafana

2.3 Approval of Agenda

Action: M/S/C (Dandy/Kimball) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Dandy, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, and Berger; Noes: None; Absent: None

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer stated that on Closed Session Agenda Item 1.2D, State of California Department of Transportation v. Santa Elena Farms, LLC, the Board unanimously, 7-0, directed AALRR to file an answer on behalf of the District in that matter. No other action was taken in closed session reportable under the Brown Act.

2.5 Board Members' Activities Report

Received and filed.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Received and filed.

2.7 Standing Committee Assignments and Appointments of Board Representation to Outside Agencies

President Berger designated the 2024 Standing Committee assignments to the Board.

2.8 Proclamation Presentation to Director Dandy

A proclamation was presented to Director Bruce Dandy in recognition of 20 years of service to the United Water Conservation District in his role as Director of Division 5 and as Board President for six years, Board Vice President for six years, and Board Secretary/Treasurer for three years.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval of the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Dandy) to approve the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Dandy, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, and Berger; Noes: None; Absent: None

3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Reports

Receive and filed.

3.3 Monthly Investment Reports for Month Ending December 31, 2023

Receive and filed.

3.4 Fiscal Year First Quarter 2023-2024 Financial Reports

Receive and filed.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

4.1 Operation and Maintenance Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Craig Morgan gave the presentation.

4.2 Park and Recreation Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Craig Morgan gave the presentation.

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

Water Resources Supervisor John Lindquist gave the presentation.

4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report

Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn and 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 Monthly Report

Environmental Services Manager Marissa Caringella gave the presentation.

5. MOTION ITEMS

Administration Services Department – Tracy Oehler

5.1 Director Vacancy – Division 5

Motion

Open the recruitment process to have an individual fill the Division 5 vacancy or call for a special election.

Action: M/S/C (Dandy/Maulhardt) to open the recruitment process to have an individual fill the Division 5 vacancy.

Vote: Ayes: Dandy, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, and Berger; Noes: None; Absent: None

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.2 Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin – Inverted Siphon Replacement Project Construction Contract in the Amount of \$891,000

Motion

Authorize the General Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Granite Construction, in the amount of \$891,000 for the construction of the Inverted Siphon Replacement Project, a component of the Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin Project.

Action: M/S/C (Naumann/Hasan) to approve staff's recommendation.

Vote: Ayes: Dandy, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, and Berger; Noes: None; Absent: None

Finance Department – Brian Zahn

5.3 Approve the Purchase of Two New Vehicles for the Operations and Maintenance Department

Motion

Approve the procurement of two new Operations and Maintenance vehicles in the amount of \$86,000 for both vehicles.

Action: M/S/C (Maulhardt/Hasan) to approve staff's recommendation.

Vote: Ayes: Dandy, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, Maulhardt, Naumann, and Berger; Noes: None; Absent: None

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

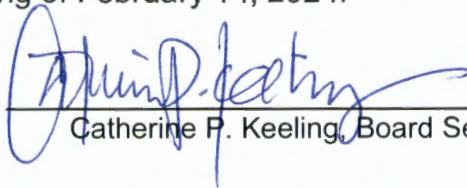
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of February 14, 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. United Water Conservation District v United States, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 22-542L; Complaint for Just Compensation under the 5th Amendment.
- D. State of California Department of Transportation v. Santa Elena Farms, LLC, County of Ventura, Case No. 2024CUE1019827 (assigned to Department 41); Complaint in Eminent Domain (Parcels 81213-1, 81213-2, and 81213-3).




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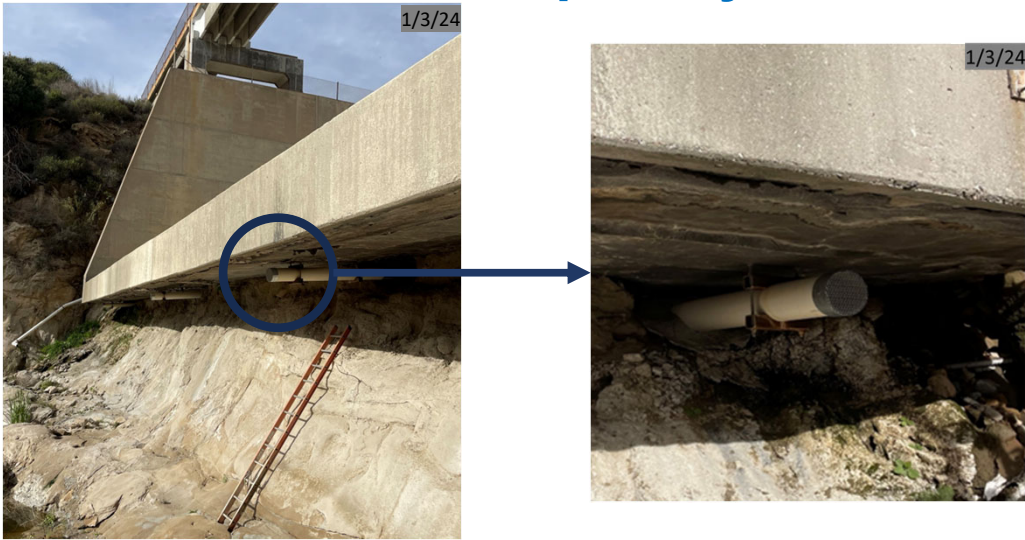
**OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**



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Santa Felicia Spillway Drain



Saticoy Recharge Basins



Dos Diegos



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El Rio Water Treatment Facility



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PV Reservoir

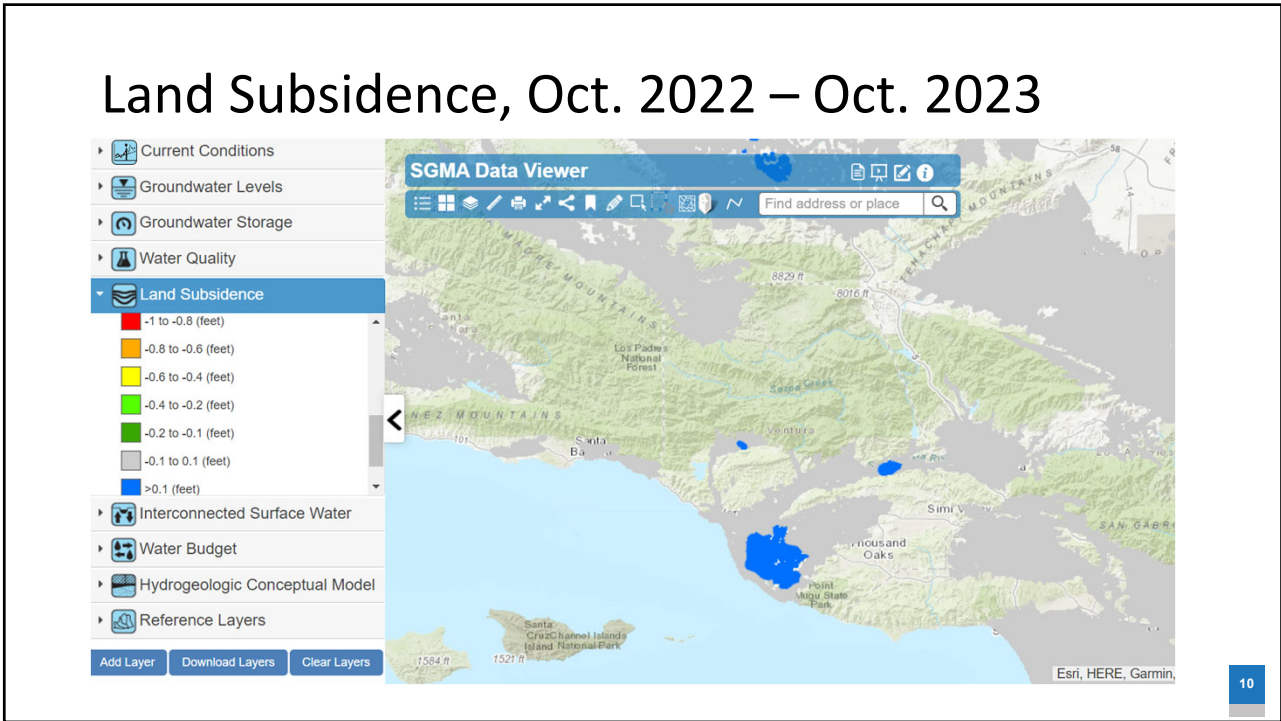


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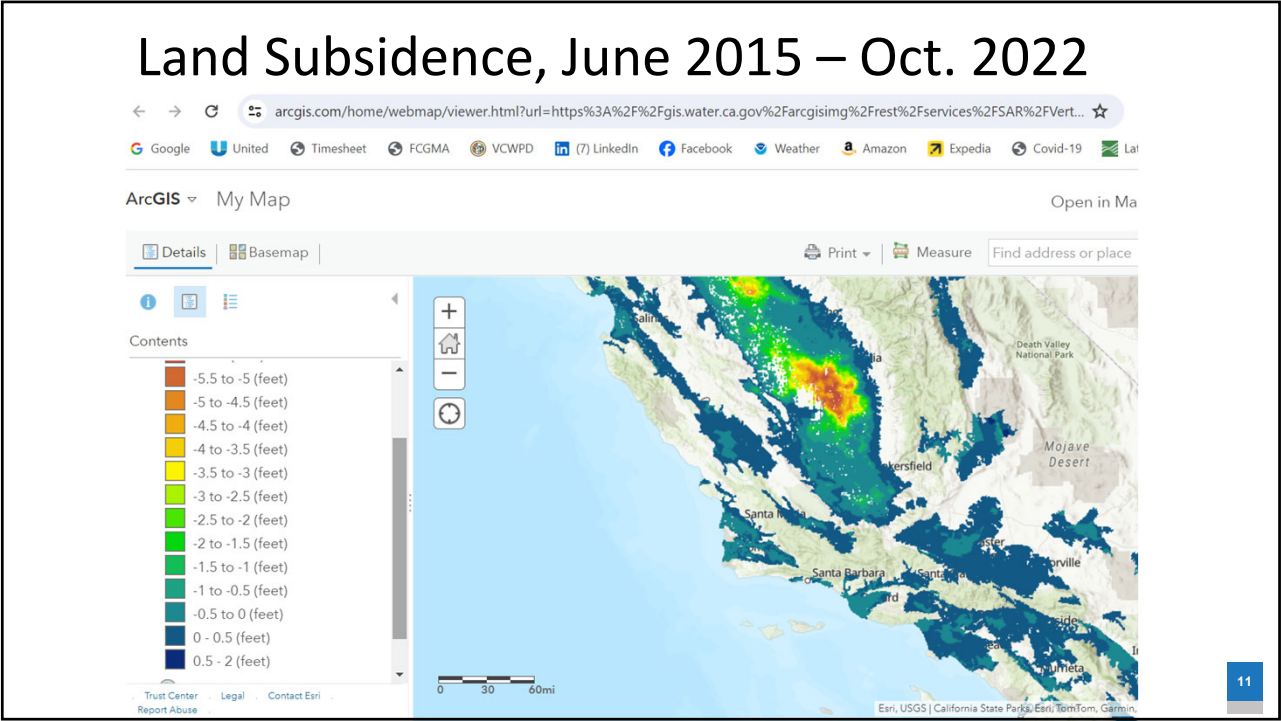





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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Monthly Update

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C. REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE


Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project


Design PFMA Workshop

- ❑ A hybrid meeting January 22-25
- ❑ Two virtual meetings on February 2 and February 5 completed
- ❑ FERC, DSOD, GEI, BV, SMEs and Eng, OPS and WR Staff in attendance
- ❑ Final report due to FERC by April 2024


A PFMA is an exercise to identify all potential failure modes under normal, flood, earthquake, and other (ice, reservoir sedimentation, etc.) loading conditions, including all external loading conditions for water retaining and conveying structures, and to assess those potential failure modes that are significant enough to warrant continued awareness and attention to visual observation, monitoring, and remediation, as appropriate.

- FERC Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects, Chapter 17






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A. WATER SUPPLY



B. SYSTEM RELIABILITY


Lake Piru Reservoir Sediment Management



Sediment Removal Feasibility Study (September 2022)

- ❑ Evaluated removal of sediment above El. 970
- ❑ Dry removal less expensive than dredging

Evaluation Results	
Sediment Removed	Engineering Estimate
2,743 AF	\$296 million



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2023 Bathymetric Survey

☐ Survey conducted November 27-29, 2023

☐ Reservoir Storage Capacity

2015 – 81,986 AF

2020 – 82,067 AF


2023 – 80,524 AF

☐ Sediment at Intake Tower


- 1.5 feet from intake at El. 932.5

2023 Survey Data Minus 2020 Survey Data
(Values are in Feet)

- ≤ -5'
- ≤ -2'
- ≤ 0'
- ≤ 1'
- ≤ 2'
- ≤ 5'
- ≤ 10'



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A. WATER SUPPLY

Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade

Ferro Basin

Vineyard Ave. Undercrossing


Noble Basins

Upgrade Inverted Siphon

Upgrade Three Barrel Culvert

Salicoy

☐ Inverted Siphon – Construction to Start in June 2024 – 90 Calendar Days to Complete Construction



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C. REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

OHP Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility


December 2023



- ❑ A Three-Month continuous Operation starting in February
- ❑ 30-day Contractor On Call Support
- ❑ Daily, Weekly and Monthly Water Quality Sampling
- ❑ Monthly reporting to SWRCB Division of Drinking Water




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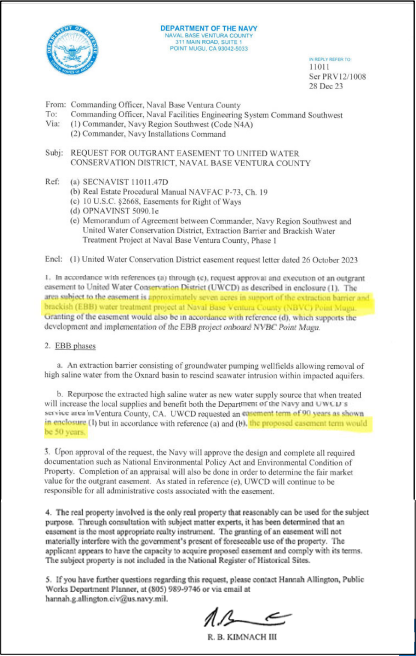
A. WATER SUPPLY

EBB Water – Phase 1

- ❑ **Land Surveying Services**
 - Two proposals were received in January
 - Surveyor selection by February
 - Works to start in March
- ❑ **Geotechnical Services**
 - Contract for \$249,047
 - Fieldwork to start in March
- ❑ **License Agreement 1A**
 - Extension for a full year through February 20, 2025
- ❑ **Monitoring Wells Construction**
 - Bids due date- February 8
- ❑ **Outgrant Easement**
 - Endorsement letter from NBVC CO to CNRSW for an outgrant easement



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Project Overview



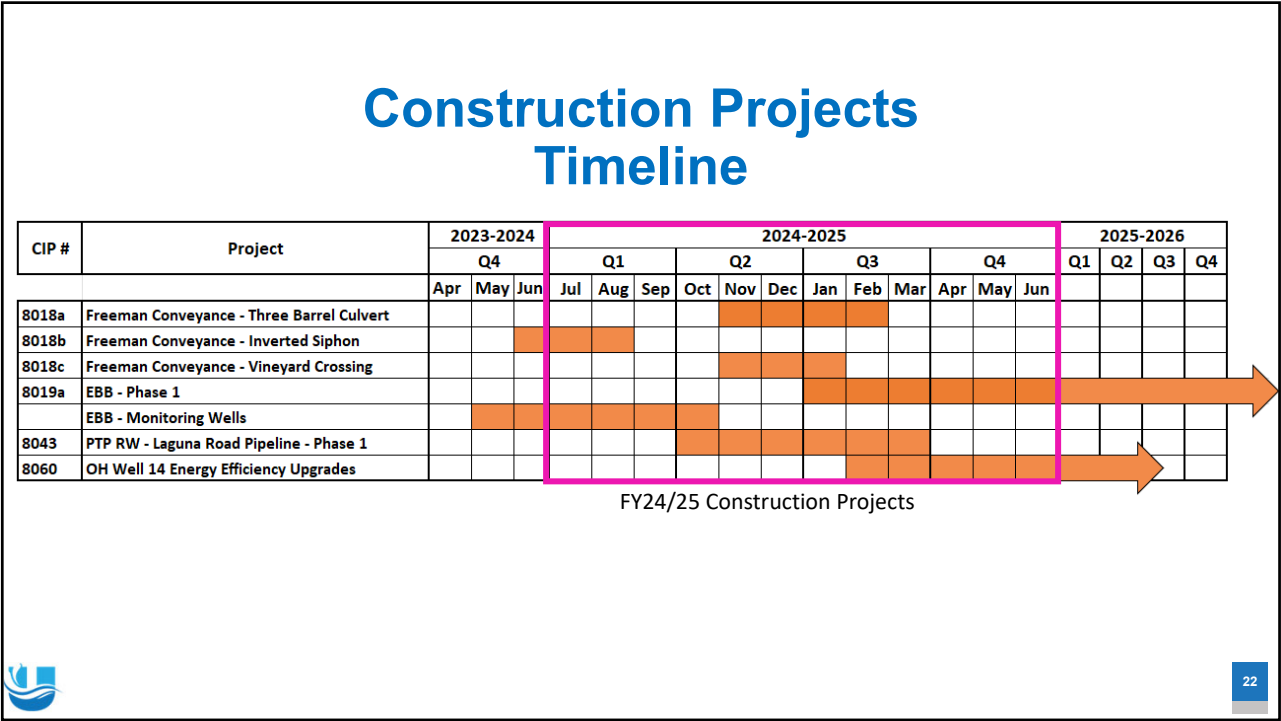
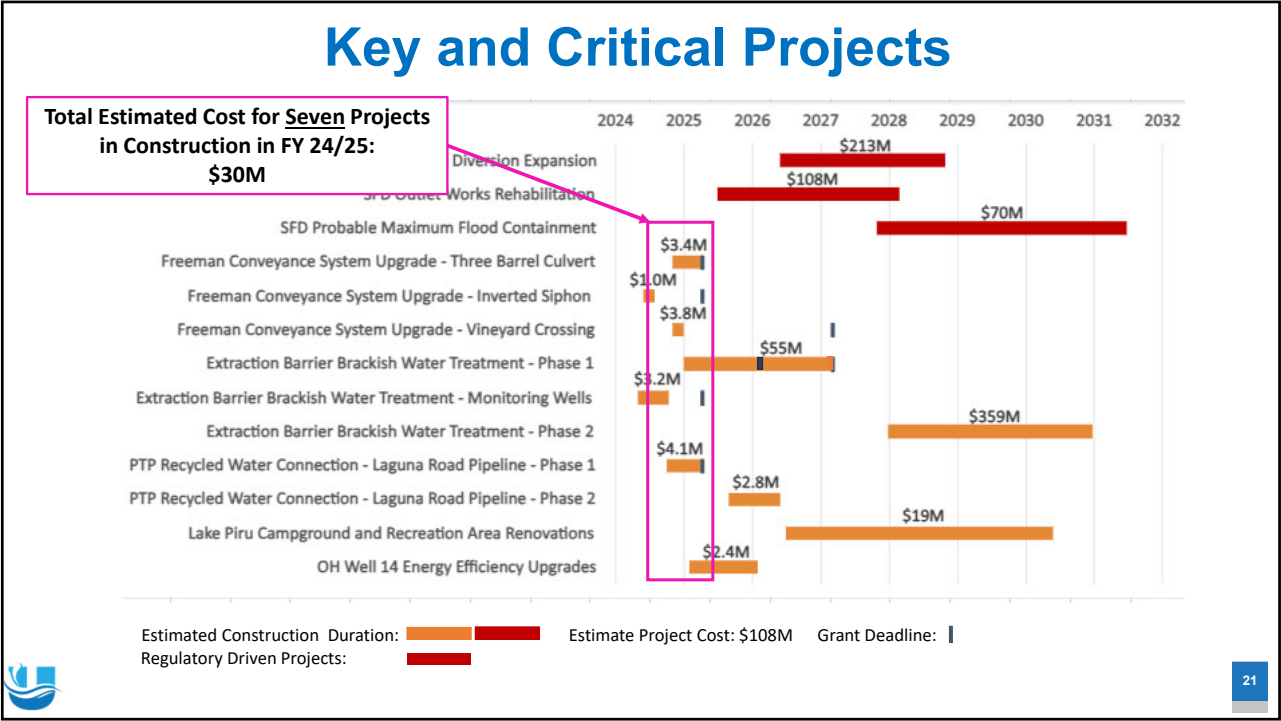
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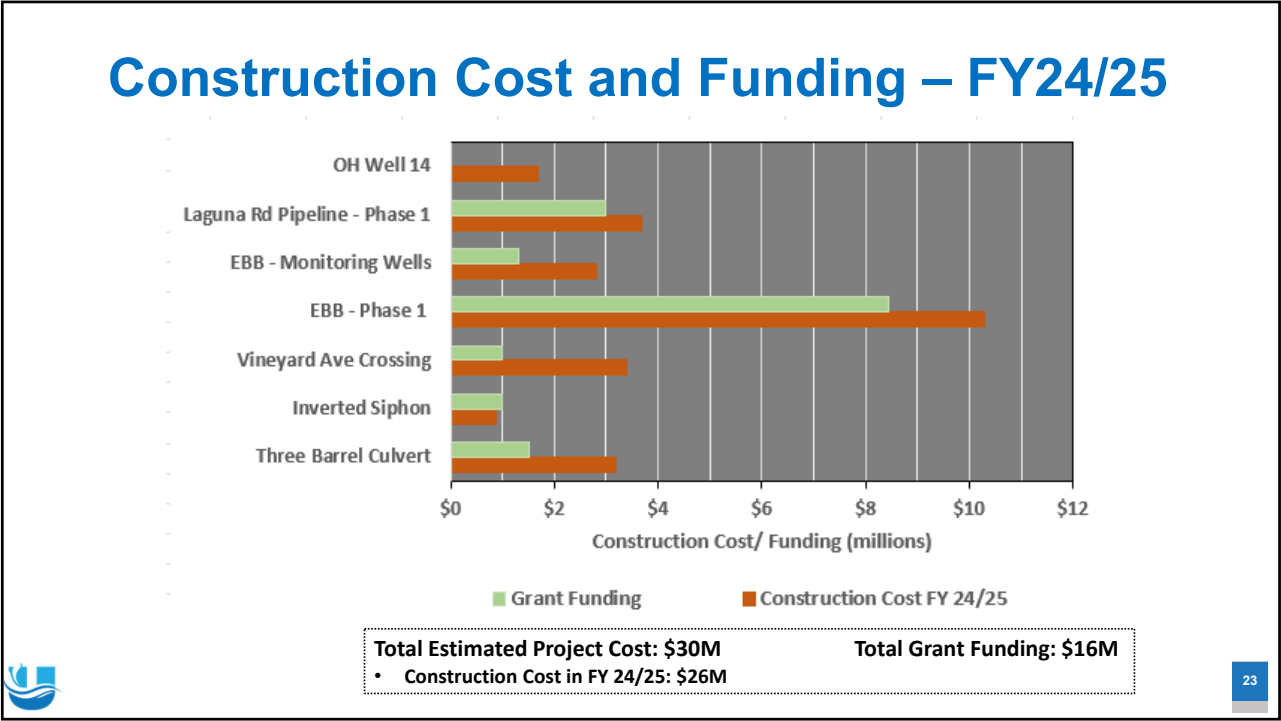
Key and Critical Projects

Cost and Funding					
CIP No.	Project Name	Total Estimated Cost	Spent To Date	Grant Funding	Grant Deadline
8001	Freeman Diversion Expansion	\$213M	\$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	\$1.5M	Mar, 2025
8018b	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Inverted Siphon	\$1.0M	\$0.1M	\$1.0M	Mar, 2025
8018c	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Vineyard Crossing	\$3.8M	\$0.1M	\$1.0M	Mar, 2027
8019a	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Phase 1	\$55M	\$2M	\$8.4M	Feb, 2026
	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Monitoring Wells	\$3.2M	\$0.05M	\$1.3M	Mar, 2025
8019b	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment - Phase 2	\$359M	0		
8043a	PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline - Phase 1	\$4.1M	\$0.2M	\$3.0M	Mar, 2025
8043b	PTP Recycled Water Connection - Laguna Road Pipeline - Phase 2	\$2.8M	\$0.0M		
8055	Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations	\$19M	\$0.2M		
8060	OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$2.4M	0		
		\$844M	\$29M	\$16M	



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Freeman Jan 23, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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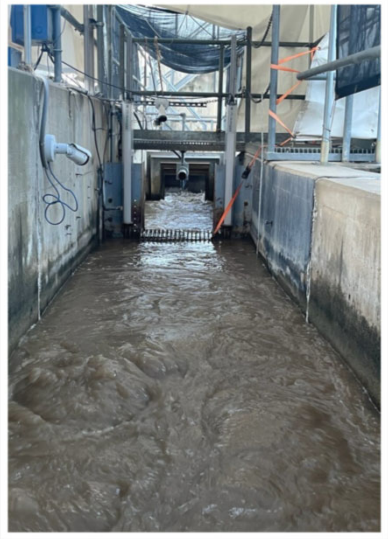


Freeman Diversion



Fish ladder open

MSHCP due date extension

Grant application submitted




Freeman Diversion – Jan 23, 2024





Letters of support for the Freeman hardened ramp fish passage project from...

Fox Canyon GMA	U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler	California Senator Monique Limon
California Assemblymember Steve Bennett	City of Ventura	National Marine Fisheries Service
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Wishtoyo Foundation	Center for Biological Diversity
The Nature Conservancy	CalTrout	Port Hueneme Water Agency
Pleasant Valley County Water District	Southland Sod	Ventura Coalition of Labor, Ag, & Business



Thank You!



Water Supply Reliability

Motion Item 5.2

Approval of the motion authorizing the General Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Granite, in the amount of \$891,000 for the construction of the Inverted Siphon Replacement Project.

Construction Contract for the Inverted Siphon Replacement - CIP 8018 - Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin)

Bid Results:

Granite Construction	\$891,000
Taylor Jane Construction	\$912,978
Sam Hill & Sons Inc.	\$966,999
Toro Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,221,485
Union Engineering	\$1,398,333

Grant Funding:

DWR SGM Grant Program’s	
SGMA Implementation Funding	\$1,000,000

