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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**

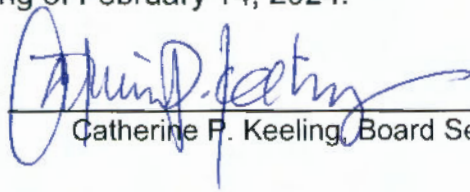
**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**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 F. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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



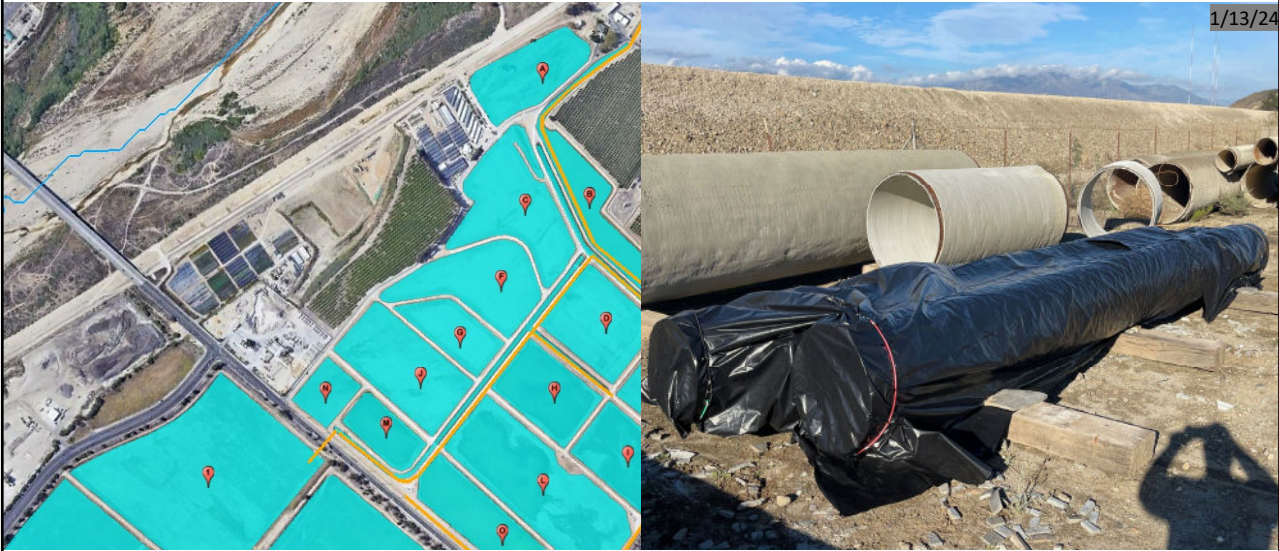
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### Saticoy Recharge Basins



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# El Rio Water Treatment Facility



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# PV Reservoir



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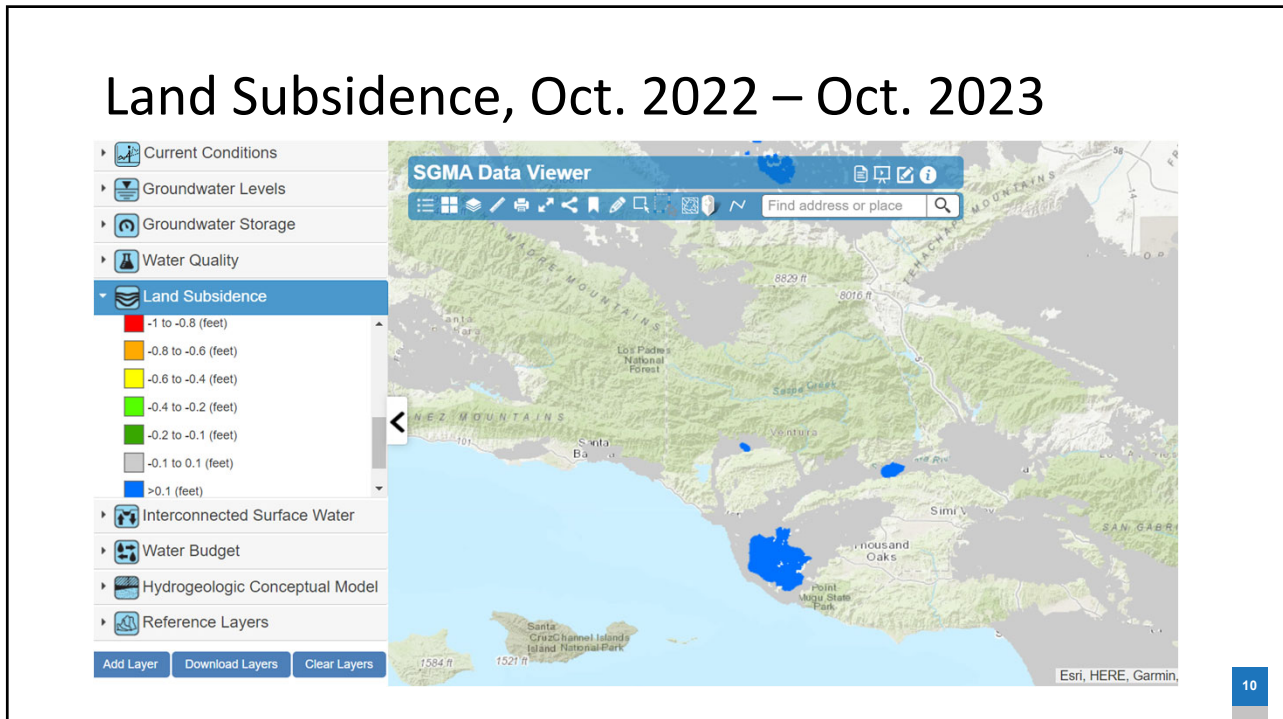
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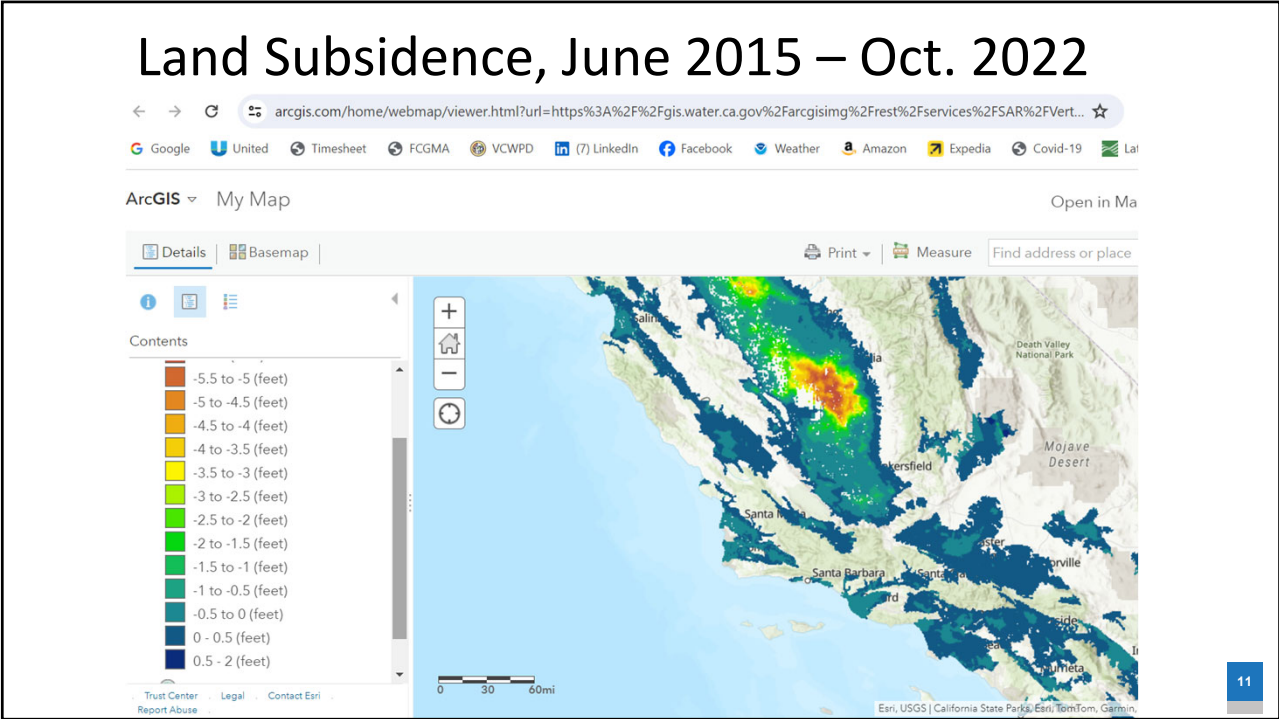
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**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
**Monthly Update**  
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## Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

### 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



## Lake Piru Reservoir Sediment Management



Limits of Sediment Removal

### Sediment Removal Feasibility Study (September 2022)

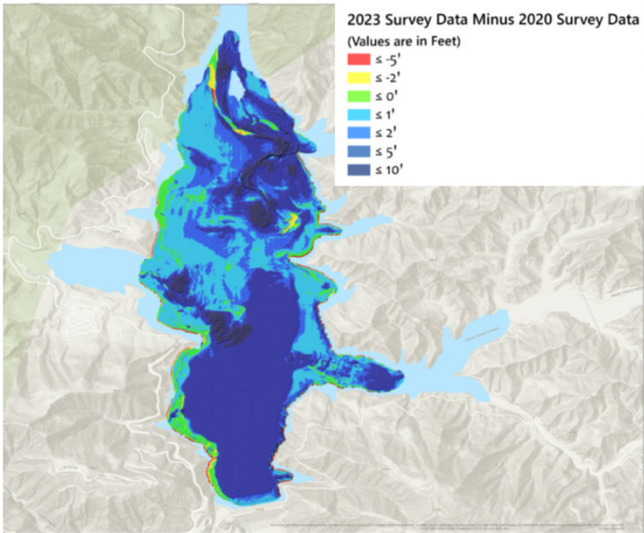
- Evaluated removal of sediment above El. 970
- Dry removal less expensive than dredging

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



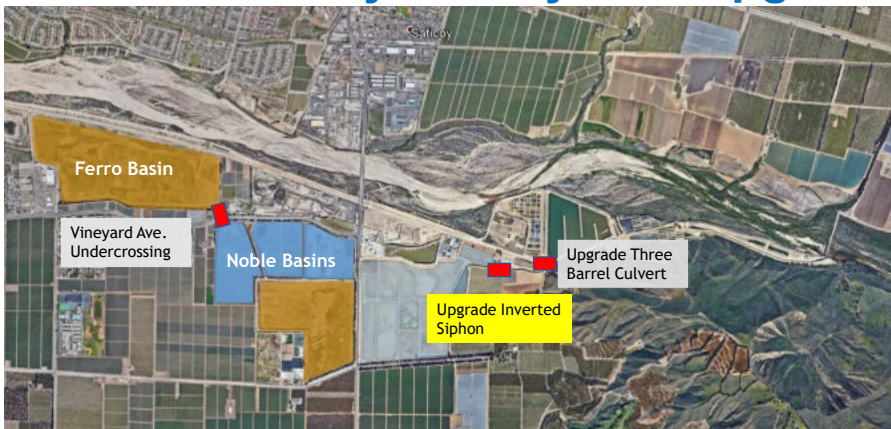
## 2023 Bathymetric Survey

- 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



 A. WATER SUPPLY

## Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade



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



# OHP Iron and Manganese Treatment Facility

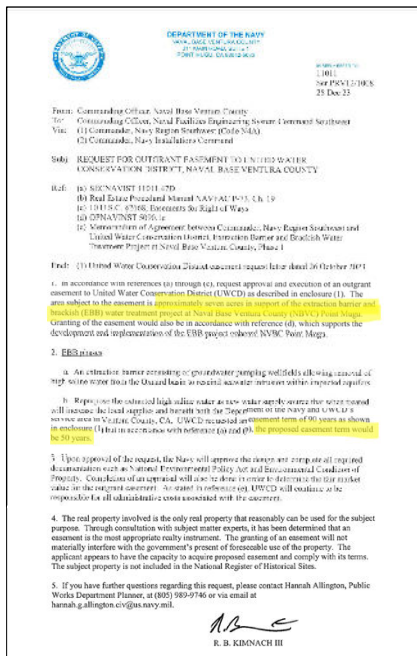


- A Three-Month continuous Operation starting in February
- 30-day Contractor On Call Support
- Daily, Weekly and Monthly Water Quality Sampling
- Monthly reporting to SWRCB Division of Drinking Water



# 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






# Project Overview



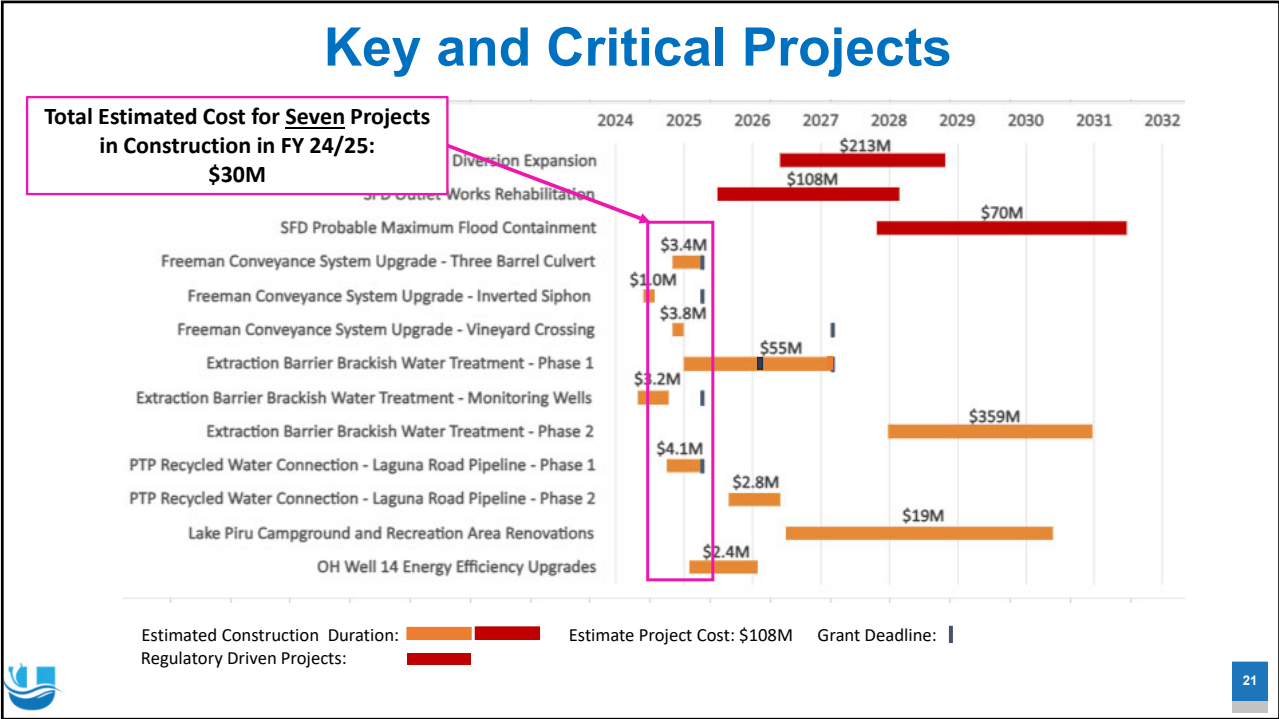
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## Key and Critical Projects

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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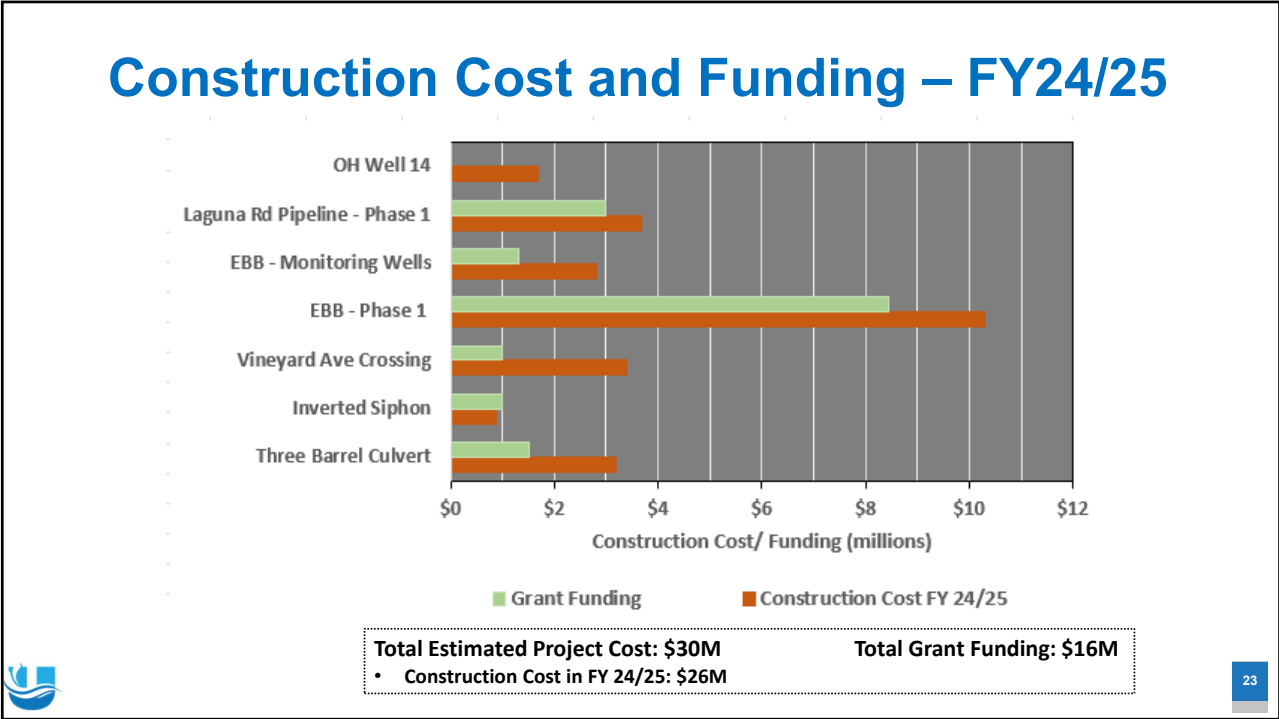


### Construction Projects Timeline

CIP #	Project	2023-2024			2024-2025												2025-2026			
		Q4			Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
8018a	Freeman Conveyance - Three Barrel Culvert																			
8018b	Freeman Conveyance - Inverted Siphon																			
8018c	Freeman Conveyance - Vineyard Crossing																			
8019a	EBB - Phase 1																			
	EBB - Monitoring Wells																			
8043	PTP RW - Laguna Road Pipeline - Phase 1																			
8060	OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades																			

FY24/25 Construction Projects







Freeman Jan 23, 2024

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE



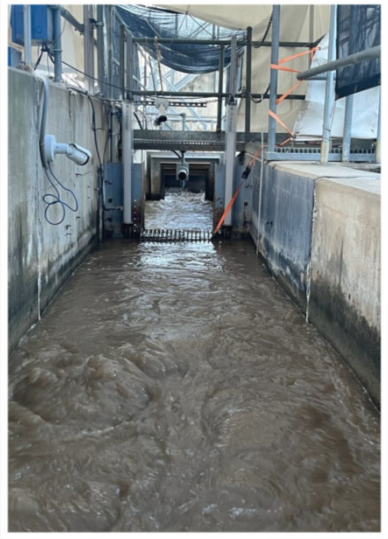
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## Freeman Diversion

- Fish ladder open
- MSHCP due date extension
- Grant application submitted




Freeman Diversion – Jan 23, 2024



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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!

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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



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