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District Committed to Fire Support Efforts as Ventura County Bravely Beats Back Hughes Fire

Ventura County, including large swaths of UWCD's service area, is currently battling another wildfire. The Hughes Fire broke out on Wednesday, January 22, north of Castaic. It quickly exploded to more than 10,000 acres and spurred thousands of evacuations.

UWCD extends its deepest gratitude to the firefighters who continue to safeguard our communities amidst a difficult fire month due to extreme weather conditions. They are making vital progress on containment that ensures our residents stay safe and assets such as Lake Piru are protected.



These fires are an enduring reality we must contend with in Ventura County. UWCD has developed key fire support resources to help local firefighters mount an effective response, including:

- Strong relationships with local fire personnel
- Lake Piru Reservoir access for water drops
- Water systems for fire suppression
- Fire safety training
- Emergency preparedness

Lake Piru has long served as a fire support resource, and we are grateful that our firefighters and emergency responders are helping preserve it for future use during this fire.

Our community is strong and will face this challenge as it has before, with courage and mettle. The District will always be here to assist in any way needed, as we move beyond water in our commitment to Ventura County.

New Board Member Joins United Water Conservation District Board of Directors

UWCD welcomes Rachel Jones, elected to represent Division 7, to its Board of Directors. Rachel represents portions of Port Hueneme



and South Oxnard.

Rachel will support the Board with her unique blend of technical expertise and commitment to the public. As a dedicated advocate for her community, Rachel serves on the boards of the Oxnard College Foundation, the Santa Paula Art Museum, and The Friends of Camarillo Library.

Rachel offers a robust industrial control system security background thanks to her career safeguarding critical infrastructure for water, gas, and energy systems. She has a master's in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University and is pursuing an MBA to deepen her leadership and strategic decision-making skills.

The District looks forward to seeing all that Rachel will accomplish for the region and how she will contribute to securing a reliable and sustainable water supply for all users.

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