



Board of Directors
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Keith Ford
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Steve Huber
Rachel Jones

General Manager
Mauricio Guardado

Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 12:00 p.m.
UWCD Headquarters, First Floor, Board Room
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Ford, Hasan, Huber, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt

Absent: None.

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.

1.1 **Public Comment:** 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 1:05 P.M.

2.1 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Maulhardt

2.2 **Public Comment:** None.

2.3 **Approval of Agenda**

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Jones) to approve the Agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Hasan, Huber, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None.

2.4 **Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session**

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

2.5 **Board Members' Activities Report**

Received and filed.

President Maulhardt reminded the Board of the adopted Board Norms.

Director Huber announced that he was elected to the ACWA Region 5 Board.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Received and filed.

The General Manager announced that speakers had been added to the Board room over the dais. This was a prior Board recommendation.

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

President Maulhardt stated that a copy of the 2026 standing committee assignments and appointments of the Board to outside agencies was included in the Board packet.

2.8 Proclamation Presentation to Gene Fisher

Director Huber spoke to Gene Fisher's accomplishments and contributions to United Water Conservation District.

2.9 Update on Lake Piru Cleanup Efforts

Brian Zahn gave an update on the estimated costs and reimbursements for the floating debris cleanup of Lake Piru.

2.10 Presentation on Changes to the Brown Act, SB 707

Legal Counsel presented on the changes to the Brown Act, SB 707.

Received and filed.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Jones/Kimball) to approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Hasan, Huber, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;
Noes: None.

3.1 Approve the Minutes for January 14, 2026, Regular Meeting

Approved minutes.

3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report

Received and filed.

3.3 Investment Monthly Reports for December 2025

Received and filed.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

President Maulhardt stated that the order for the Monthly Department Updates would be revised for this one meeting, noting that the new sequence would be as follows: (4.6)Engineering, (4.1)Operations, (4.3)Water Resources, (4.2)Recreation, (4.4)Administrative Services, (4.5)Public Outreach and External Affairs, (4.7)Environmental Services.

4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report

Engineering Manager Robert Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Craig Morgan gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

Director Kimball expressed the Board's appreciation for United's staff for their work during holidays and nighttime hours. He noted that staff voluntarily stepped in, recognizing the opportunity to maximize water resources, and stated that this effort reflects the high level of quality and commitment in meeting the agency's obligations. He added that he was particularly impressed and wanted this acknowledgement to be noted.

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

Dr. Bram Sercu, gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report

Senior Park Ranger Bernard Riedel, Jr. gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report

Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn and Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.5 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report

Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager Tara Mullaly gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

President Maulhardt commented on the success of the recent Quarterly Tour, noting that United's staff represented the agency well, effectively answered questions, and clearly explained United's work. He added that the tour also highlighted areas for improvement and congratulated staff on a job well done.

It was also called out by President Maulhardt that the Flyer for the 5K Piru run should more clearly state that there is a 1K as well for people who are not able to do 5K.

4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report

Environmental Services Manager Marissa Caringella and Principal Environmental Scientist Randall McInvale gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

President Maulhardt complimented staff on their growing expertise and acknowledged the quality of the reports presented in the "Publications in Progress" slide.

Assistant General Manager, Tony Emmert noted that this item reflects a prior Board recommendation that United has been committed to completing.

5. MOTION ITEM

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The General Manager mentioned one future agenda item:

- ACWA JPIA Captive Water Insurance Fund Nomination Resolution for Scott Quady.

Director Huber mentioned the District's Laubacher award.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 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 11, 2026.

ATTEST: Gordon E. Kimball

Gordon Kimball, Board Secretary

ATTEST: Tara Acosta

Tara Acosta, 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) and Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) (two matters).

1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) (four matters).

- 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. United Water Conservation District v. California Fish and Game Commission, a California Public Agency, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County (Central District), Case No. 25STCP01671; Petition for Writ of Mandate challenging the Commission's determination to list O'mykiss as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.



United Water

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

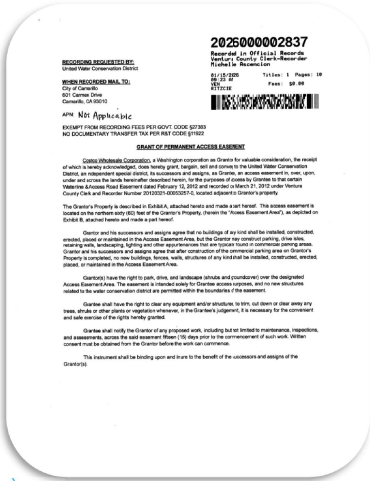
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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT Monthly Update February 11, 2026

Pleasant Valley Pipeline

- Grant of Permanent Access Easement recorded on January 15

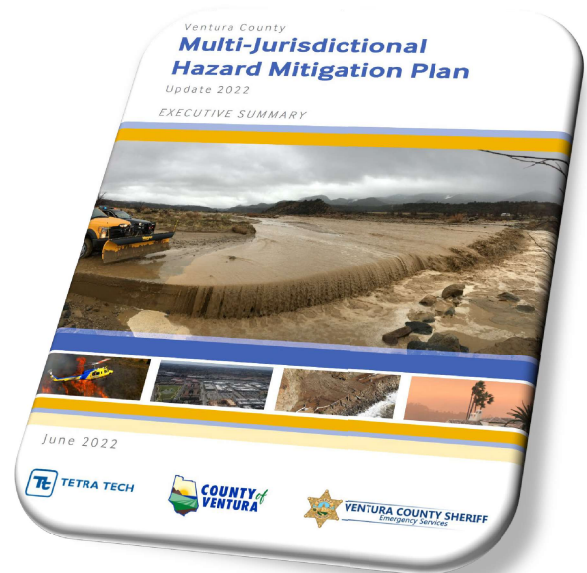


Faring Capital (Auto & Industrial)



Reports

- Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Year 3 (2024-25) Annual Progress Report - submitted
- Santa Clara River Watershed 2021-2025 Sanitary Survey Update
- 2025 Urban Water Management Plan



Ongoing Project Status Updates

- **Lake Piru Recreation Area**
 - Restroom Repairs
 - Water Treatment Plant upgrades
- **Santa Felicia Dam**
 - Outlet Works bid document preparation
- **Freeman Diversion**
 - 30% design of Improved Denil
- **PTP System**
 - Metering Improvement Grant Close-out
 - Recycled Water Short-term Deliveries
- **EBB Water Treatment Plant**
 - Site Approvals
 - Navy Problem Statement
 - USBR Desalination and Water Purification Research Program



Lake Piru, December 30, 2025



Industry Outreach



January 15 – Casitas Municipal Water District Tour



Capital Improvement Projects

United Water Conservation District
FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLAN

(\$ thousands)

Project #	Fund	Description	Allocations To Date	Allocations Remaining	Salary Carryover	Budget FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-thereafter	Total Project Cost
8000	452	Well Replacement Program	2,740	324	74	9	1,210	-	-	-	3,959
8001	421	Freeman Diversion Expansion	23,455	767	323	3,806	2,400	13,200	30,800	-	73,661
8002	051	SFD Outlet Works Rehabilitation	17,538	598	80	6,488	11,757	28,113	57,248	38,048	159,192
8003	051	SFD Probable Maximum Flood Containment	10,397	1,900	212	851	621	1,050	1,110	74,873	88,901
8018	E1	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade - Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin	7,085	3,705	14	96	4,835	4,755	-	-	16,771
8019	051	Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment	10,966	2,391	454	2,972	15,066	19,047	6,572	384,154	448,780
8021	471	Rice Avenue Overpass PTP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	781
8022	471	PTP Metering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,901
8025	051	State Water Interconnection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	359
8041	Multiple	Asset Management/CMMS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,288
8043	471	PTP Recycled Water Connection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,015
8046	Multiple	SCADA Hardware Update	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	869
8047	051	Lake Piru Recreation Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,225
8053	Multiple	Main Supply Pipeline Sodium Hypochlorite Injection Facility	618	616	58	-	-	-	-	-	618
8055	E1	Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations	1,533	679	55	1,974	1,500	-	-	-	5,007
8056	451	OHP Low-Flow Upgrades	207	206	4	-	-	-	-	-	207
8058	051	Piru Early Warning System Replacement	98	31	-	150	150	-	-	-	398
8059	451	OH Well 13 Rehabilitation	56	56	9	742	150	-	-	-	948
8060	451	OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades	479	200	82	1,055	360	-	-	-	1,894
8061	Multiple	El Rio Office Rehabilitation	95	95	-	-	330	-	-	-	425
8062	451	OHP Gas Booster Replacement Project	-	-	-	545	4,000	-	-	-	4,545
TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR			86,779	12,809	1,933	21,034	47,822	67,305	105,730	497,074	825,744

Draft FY 2026-2027 CIP Budgets prepared

(adopted FY25-26 showing for reference only)



THANK YOU

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



February 11, 2026



Santa Felicia Dam and Lake Piru

Lake Piru Recreation Area



Santa Felicia Dam



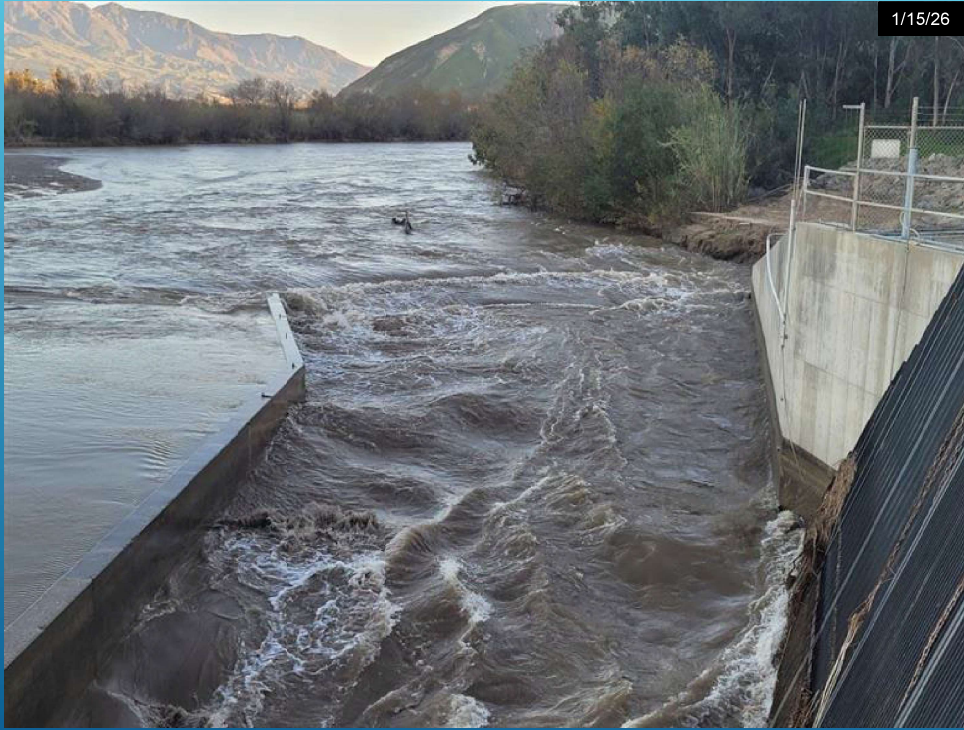


Freeman Diversion and Saticoy

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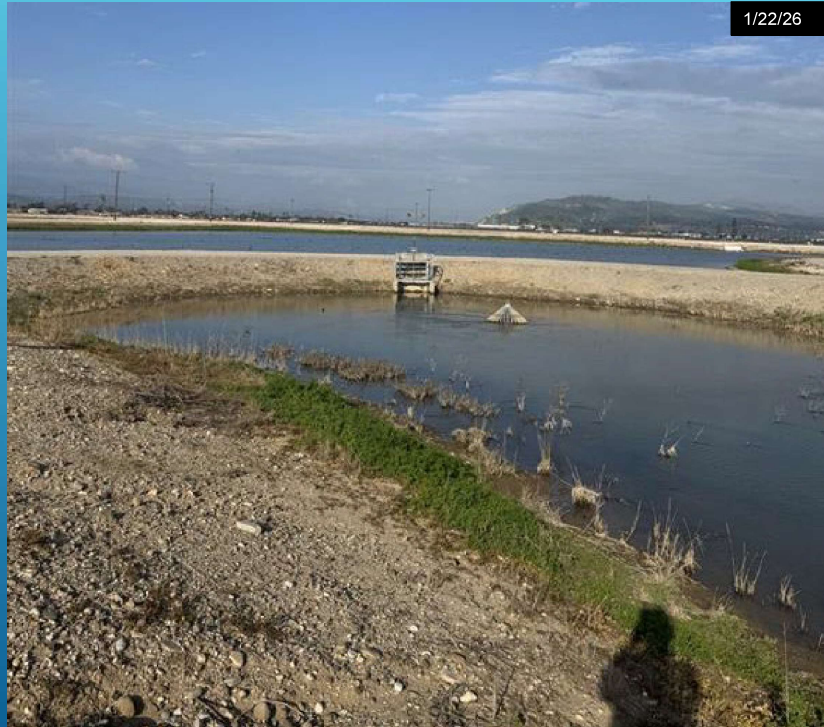
Freeman Canal



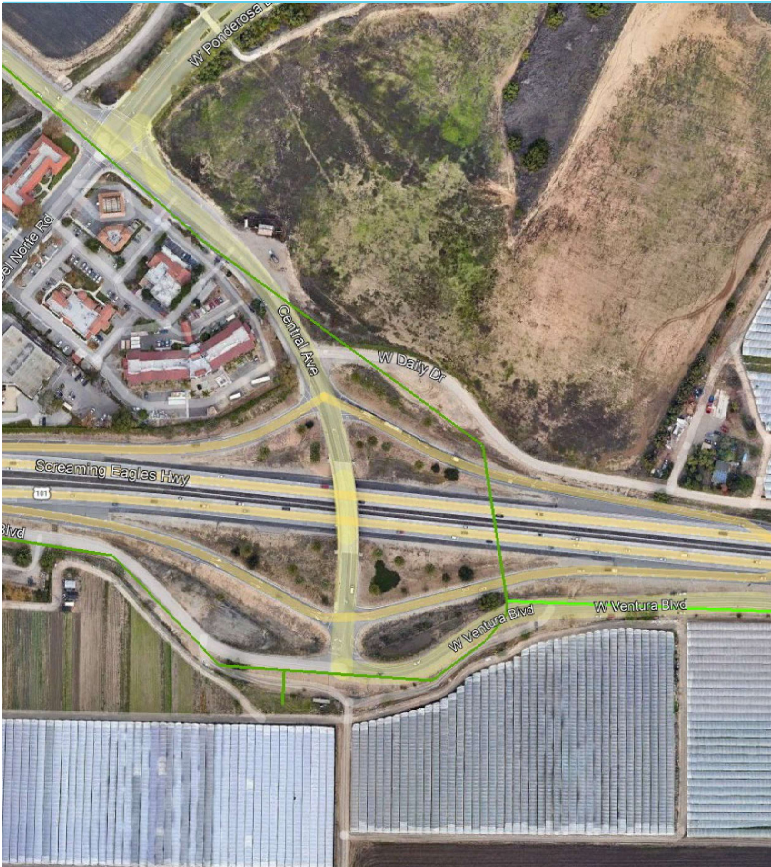


El Rio

El Rio Recharge Basins



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Pleasant Valley Pipeline (PV)

PV Pipeline Repair



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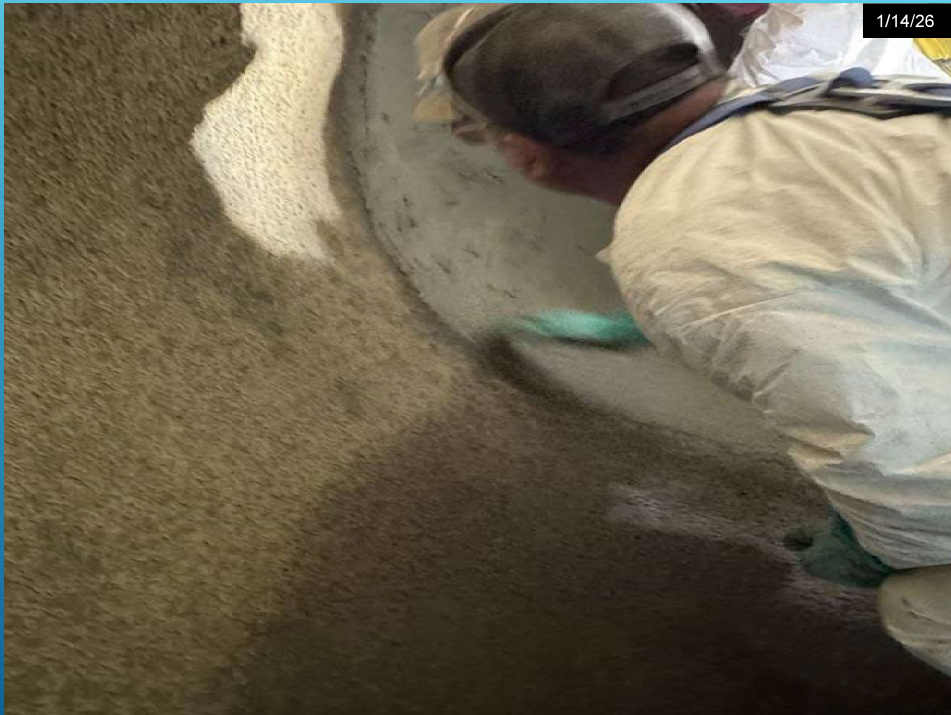
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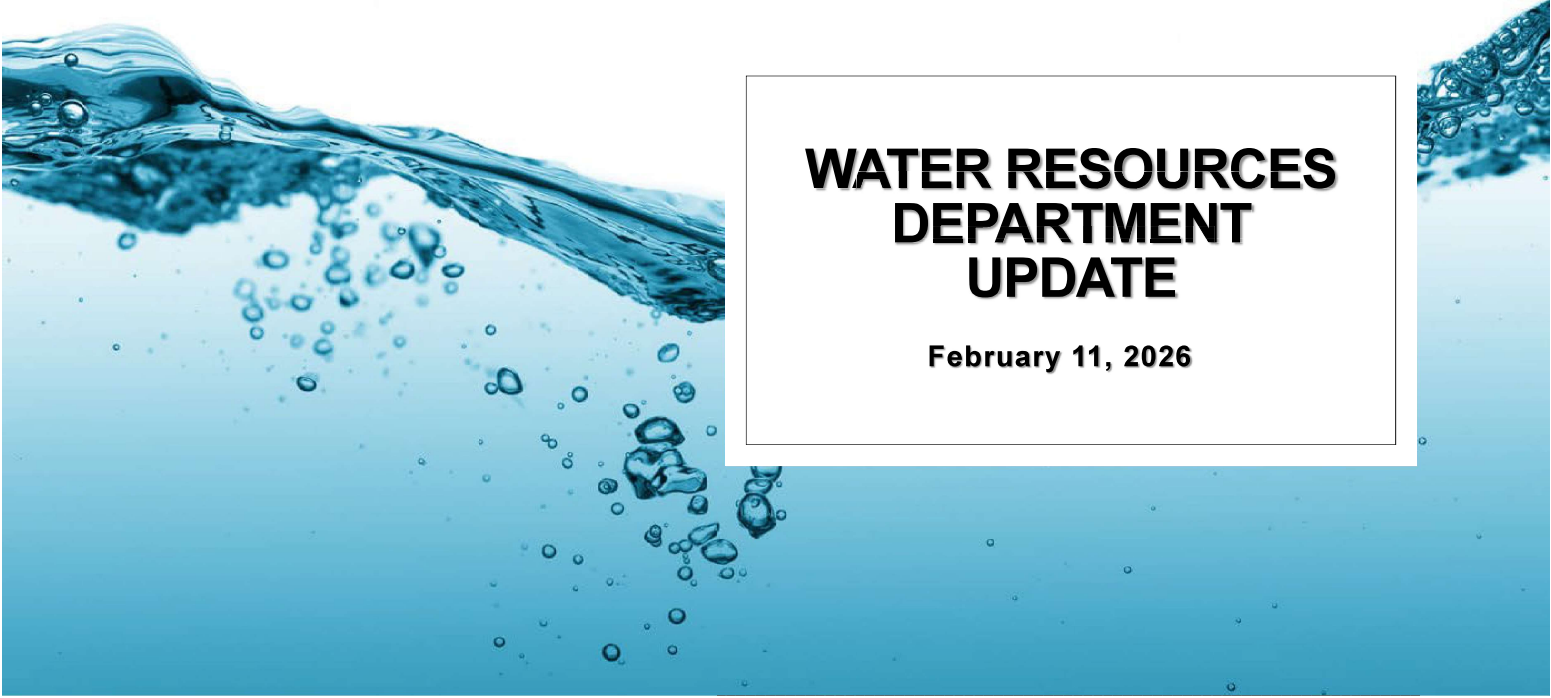


PV Pipeline Repair



Questions?

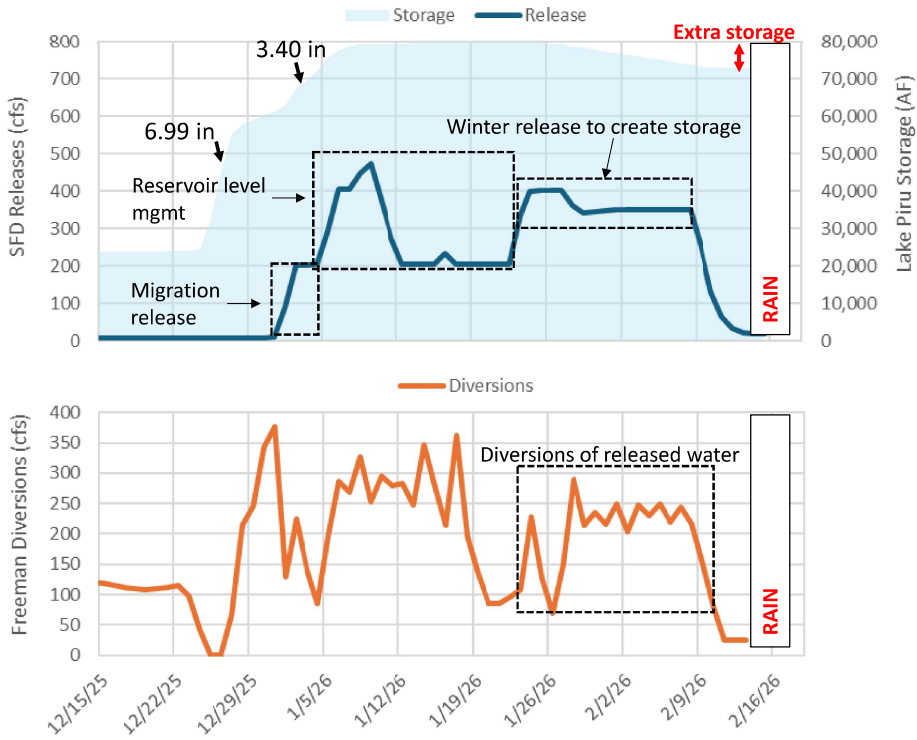




WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

February 11, 2026

Santa Felicia Dam Releases and Diversions

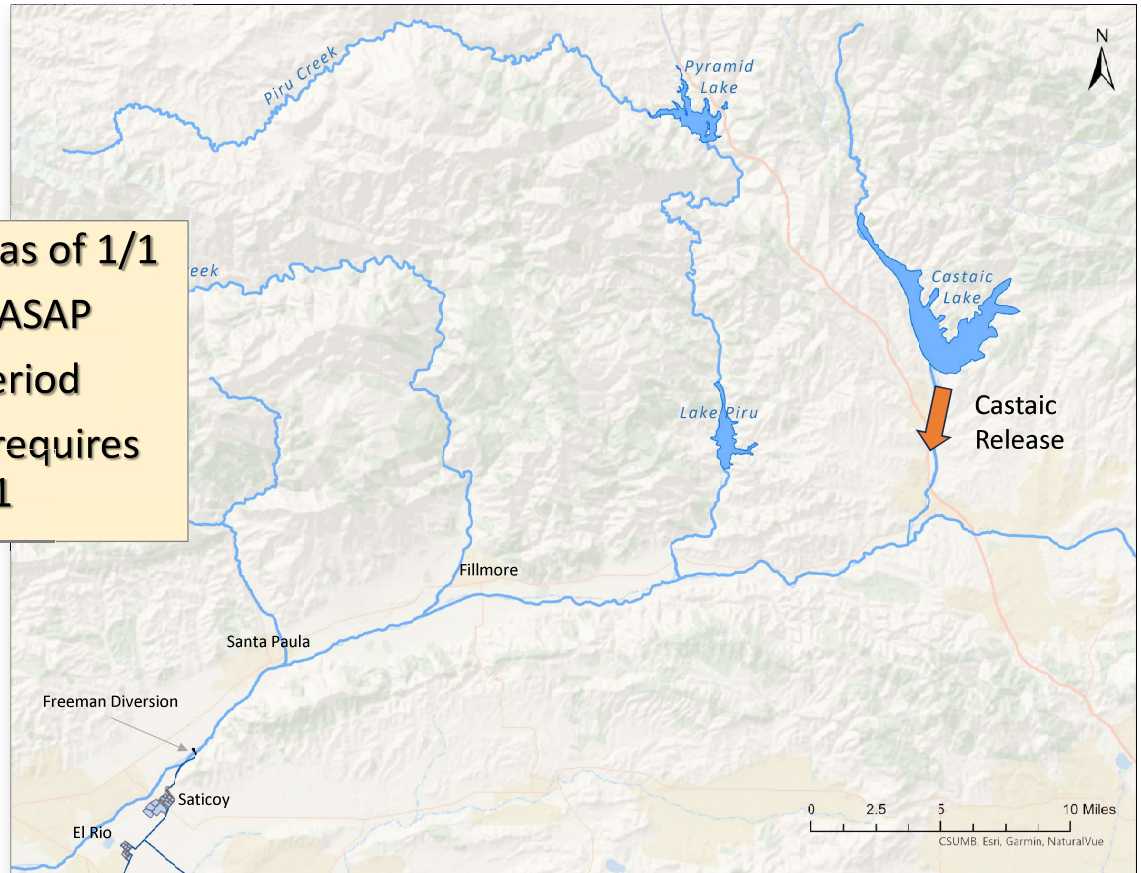


- Lake Piru filled very early
- Winter release created ~5,000 AF of storage
- All released water diverted at Freeman
- Forecasted rain expected to fill reservoir

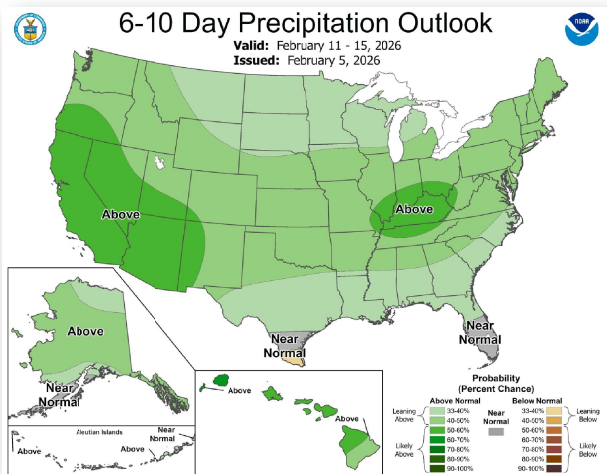


Castaic Releases

- 40,266 AF stored as of 1/1
- Release will start ASAP
- Waiting for dry period
- DWR agreement requires release before 5/1



2026 Water Year Outlook



- Reservoir releases will guarantee high diversions through April (even if little rain)
- No State Water transfers planned for this winter, discussions for transfers during late 2026 continue
- Opportunity for large conservation release



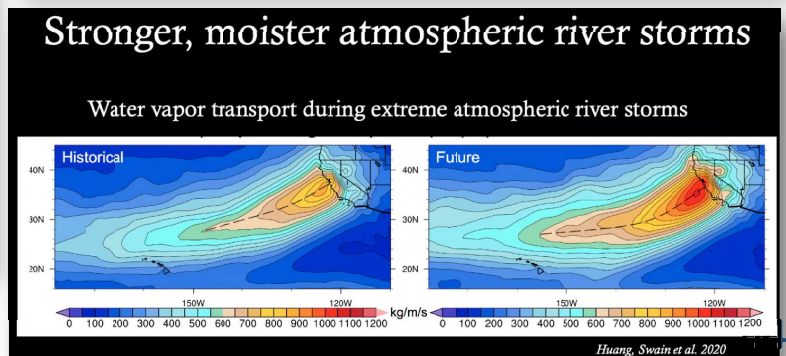
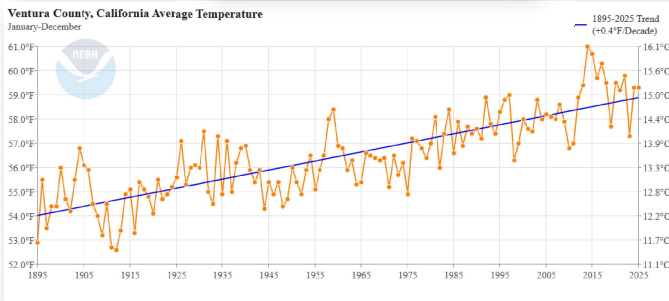
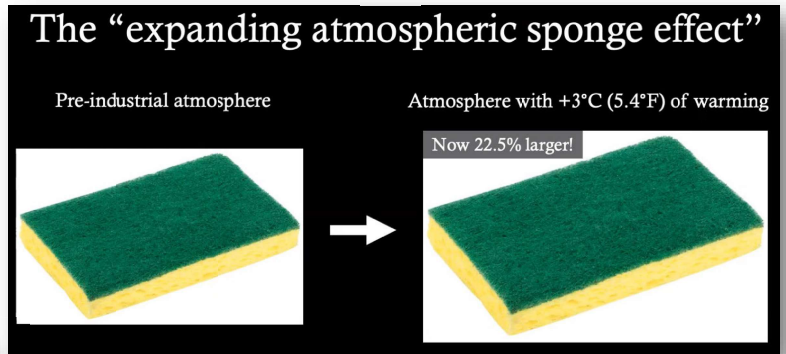
WY2025 Water Diversions and Use Reports



- License 10173 – SFD and Freeman Diversion
- Permit 18908 – Freeman Diversion
- License 13445 – Hydropower



UC ANR Climate and Ag Workshop



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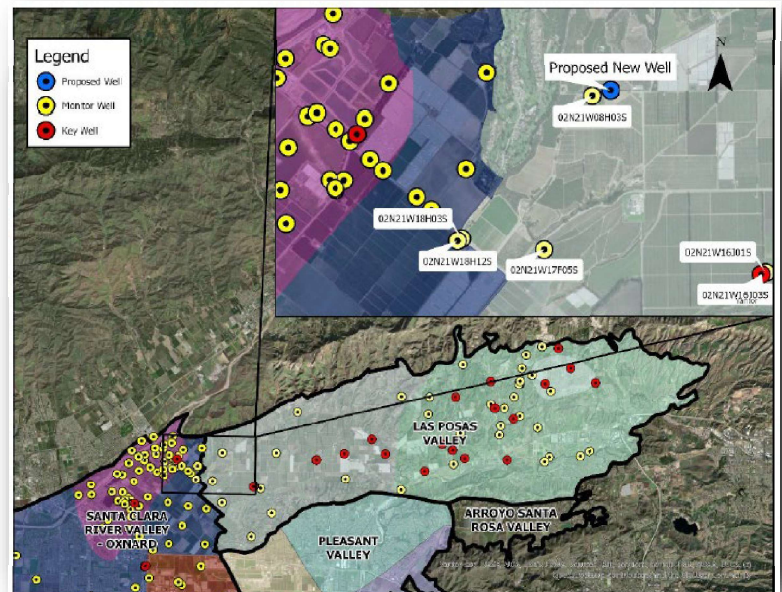
- Increased precip intensity *and* overall aridity
- Dramatic loss of mountain snowpack
- Increased wildfire risk
- Greater variability (“whiplash”)
- Drier dries & wetter wets
- Shorter rainy season/longer growing season



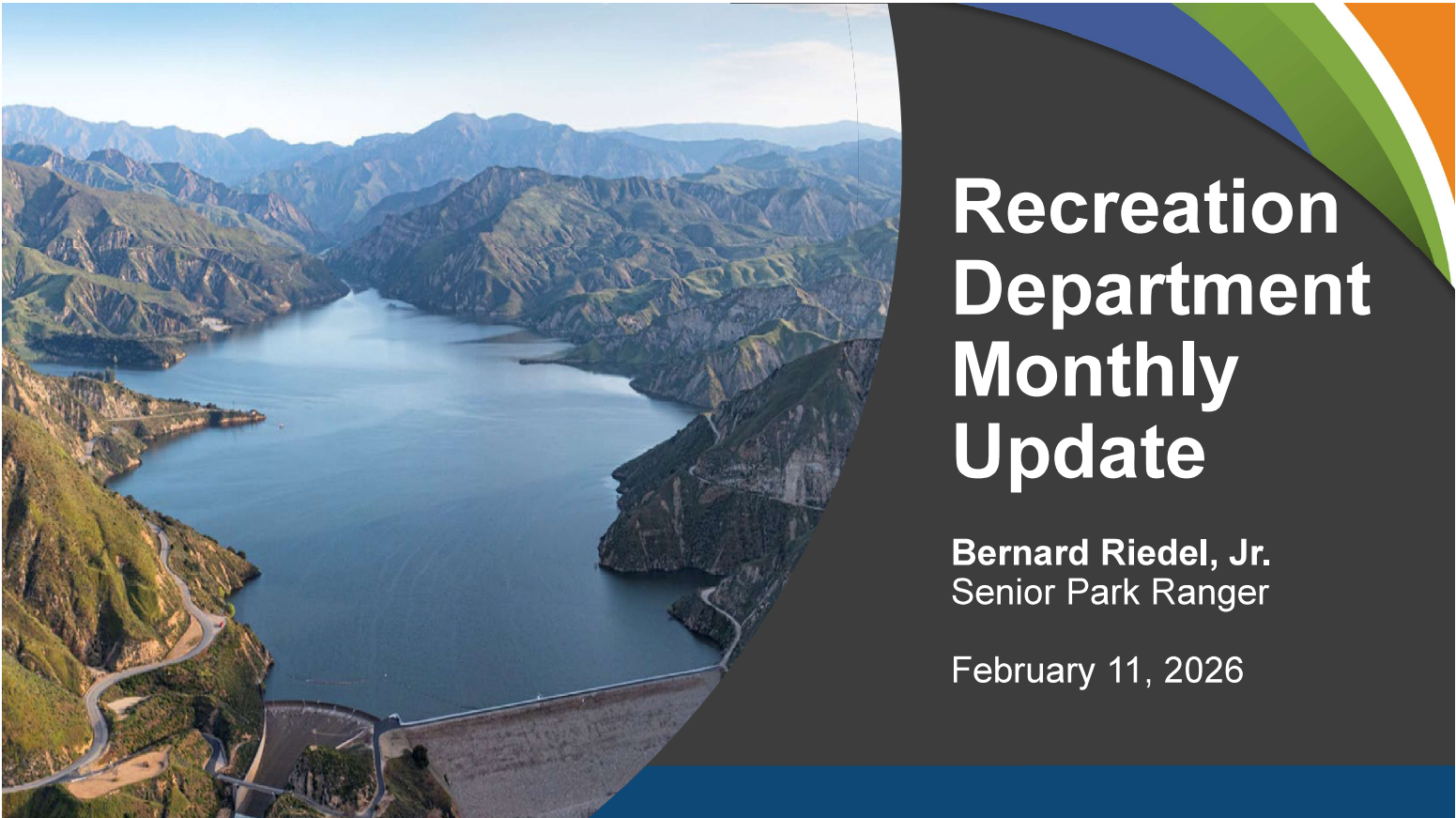
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

January 27 Board Meeting

- Proposed update to OPV Allocation Ordinance
- Configuration and implementation of Groundwater Accounting Platform
- Public hearing on the Green Hills Ranch Well Permit



Questions?



Recreation Department Monthly Update

Bernard Riedel, Jr.
Senior Park Ranger

February 11, 2026

Storm Debris







January 5, 2026



January 20, 2026






Cleanup Strategy

- On-water contractors
- Land-based contractors
- Ranger team





Questions



Administrative Services Department Monthly Update



February 11, 2026



Finance Update

Brian H. Zahn
Chief Financial Officer

Finance Department

- FY2026-27 Budget currently being compiled
- Wrapping up rate consultant analysis





Administrative Update

Josh Perez
Chief Human Resources Officer

Human Resources

Working on recruitment for the following positions:

- Senior Hydrogeologist
 - Public Outreach and External Affairs Intern
 - Senior Accountant
 - Seasonal Park Ranger Assistant
- Initiated processing the 2025 1094C and 1095C for full time employees required by the Department of Treasury
 - Participated at Ventura College Water Science special event held on Jan 31 which is a water industry and student focused event
 - Met with departments impacted by Labor Law changes for 2026



January 31, 2026



Risk Management

- Received formal notification of District of Distinction accreditation from the Special District Leadership Foundation of CSDA
- In coordination with Finance, addressed Requests for Information from Cal OES as part of Compliance Review Entrance Meeting related to our 2023 Winter Storms Disaster Recovery efforts
- Received \$482,838 in checks related to reimbursement from the 2023 storms



Risk Management (continued)

- Coordinated initial planning of Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise with CISA on the Technology Systems and functional exercise planning with FERC OIS on the Operational Technology side
 - **Saving the District approximately \$75,000 - \$80,000 combined** while receiving high level support from subject matter experts



America's Cyber Defense Agency
NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AND RESILIENCE



Information Technology

Total Tickets in January: 46

- **Top Themes of Tickets**

- Password resets and access coordination for District applications
- General technology systems services and user support
- Hardware troubleshooting and meeting / AV support

- **System Maintenance and Cybersecurity Efforts**

- Advanced conference room technology enhancements with additional audio improvements were completed in early February
- Conducted regular on-site visits to remote District locations, averaging one visit per week
- Coordinated password updates and access changes for multiple software applications used by District operators throughout the month
 - Support provided through a combination of remote assistance and on-site visits to remote facilities, ensuring continuity of access while minimizing operational disruption



Questions



Public Outreach and External Affairs

Tara Mulally
Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager

February 11, 2026

Outreach Events

Tours Provided

- Quarterly Tour (January 28)

Events Attended

- Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) Quarterly Luncheon (January 23)
- Native Plant Fest (January 24)

Upcoming Tours

- Quarterly Tour (April 29)

Upcoming Events

- Boys and Girls Club Annual Auction and Dinner (February 7)
- Piru Power Run 5K (March 28)



Successes

- **Quarterly Tour Launch**
 - Attendees: 33
 - Survey Results: 15 Total Responses
 - Excellent: 12
 - Very Good: 3
 - Upcoming Improvements:
 - Lunch at Condor Point
 - Portable PA System
- **Visibility and Value Campaign Launch**
- **United Social Media Analytics**
 - Facebook: 865 Followers (49% Increase)
 - LinkedIn: 527 Followers (16% Increase)
 - Instagram: 16 Followers
 - Nextdoor: 8,120 Impressions
- **Lake Piru Social Media Analytics**
 - Facebook: 2,989 Followers (23% Increase)
 - Instagram: 1,592 Followers (23% Increase)



Upcoming Initiatives

- Ongoing Website Updates
- Intern Hiring and Onboarding
- District Presentation
- Piru Power Run 5K Outreach
- Quarterly Tour Prep
- Water Sustainability Summit Prep





Jan 3, 2026

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

February 11, 2026



Updates

Up to 25,000 AF from Pyramid to Piru through 2027

Water Boards
State Water Resources Control Board

January 23, 2026

Mr. Jeremiah McNeil, Manager
Hydropower License Planning
Executive Division
California Department of Water Resources
Sent via Email: Jeremiah.McNeil@waterboards.ca.gov

Re-Operation of Pyramid Dam
South State Water Project
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
Pyramid Lake and Piru Creeks

TEMPORARY AMENDMENT

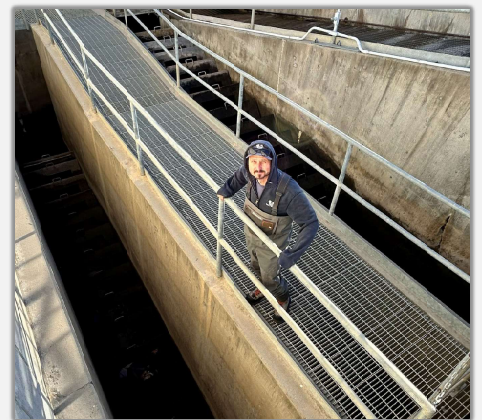
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

California Department of Water Resources and
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Project No. 2426-239

ORDER MODIFYING AND APPROVING TEMPORARY FLOW VARIANCE
UNDER LICENSE ARTICLE 52

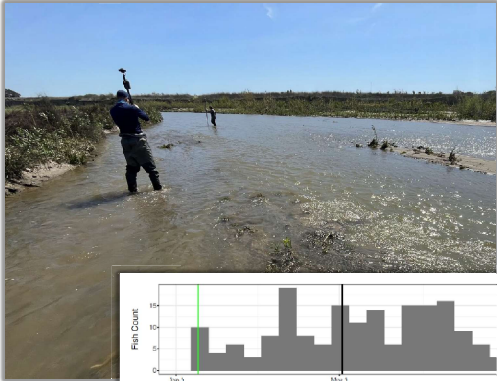
(Issued January 29, 2026)



**Freeman fish ladder in
operation since Jan 1, 2026**



Publications in Progress



Critical riffle analysis methodology



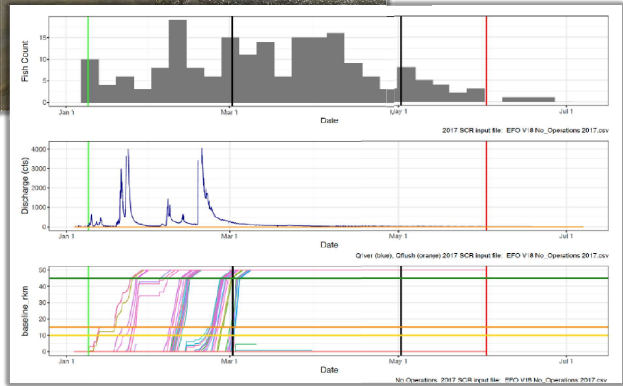
Adult steelhead agent-based migration (ABM) model



Smolt ABM model



Targeting three peer-reviewed journal submittals in 2026



Thank You!

