



Board of Directors  
Lynn E. Maulhardt, President  
Catherine Keeling, Vice President  
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer  
Keith Ford  
Mohammed Hasan  
Steve Huber  
Rachel Jones

General Manager  
Mauricio Guardado

Legal Counsel  
David D. Boyer

## AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

### BOARD MATTERS

*Normally, Action (Motion) Items will be considered and acted upon separately; Consent Items will be considered and acted upon collectively, although a Consent Item may be considered and acted upon separately; and Information Items will be considered separately without action. The Board of Directors in its discretion may change the order of agenda items.*

### ROLL CALL

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

##### 1.1 Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Executive (Closed) Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

##### 1.2 Executive (Closed) Session

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

#### 2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.

##### 2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

##### 2.2 Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the Consent Calendar or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

##### 2.3 Approval of Agenda Motion

##### 2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session Information Item

Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.

##### 2.5 Board Members' Activities Report Information Item

Receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board Members through Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports.

**2.6 General Manager's Report Information Item**

The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.

**2.7 Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Schedule Updates Information Item**

Receive an informational update from the Engineering Department regarding its activities in support of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

**3.1 Approve the Minutes for February 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Motion**

Approve the minutes.

**3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

**3.3 Investment Monthly Report (January 2026) Information Item**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending January 31, 2026.

**3.4 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Second Quarter Financial Report (October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025) Information Item**

Review the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2025 that is attached.

**3.5 Adopt a Resolution Determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Project Motion**

Adopt a resolution determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project (Project) is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the Project and directing staff to file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA.

**3.6 Request from Farmers Irrigation Company for a Payment Plan  
Motion**

Approve a request from Farmers Irrigation Company to enter a payment plan for groundwater production charges of \$556,416.06 incurred from the billing period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

**4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

**4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report  
Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation provide an overview of activities across the District's facilities, including Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant, Piru, Saticoy, and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities, Freeman Diversion, Pleasant Valley and Pumping Trough Pipeline systems, and the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline system. It covers operational plans, water diversion and delivery metrics, water quality, fish ladder operations, major maintenance and repairs, project updates, and safety and training matters.

**4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report  
Bernard Riedel Jr., Senior Park Ranger  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on monthly activities of the Recreation Department, including but not limited to the Lake Piru Recreation Area, encompassing camping and boating policies at the lake; operations and activities; financing and status of facility improvement projects; maintenance activities; security issues; and emergency response activities.

**4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on  
Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)  
Dr. Bram Sercu, Water Resources Supervisor  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation summarize key activities of the Water Resources Department, including groundwater modeling updates, reservoir releases, State Water Project imports, support for diversion and recharge operations, groundwater condition assessments, contributions to water supply and sustainability projects, and outreach efforts. It also highlights engagement with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, advisory committees, and other regional stakeholders.

**4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report  
Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer and Brian Zahn, Chief  
Financial Officer  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation outline key activities of the Administrative Services Department, including budget development, financial

performance, accounting procedures, potential debt issuance, and investment updates. It also covers capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, property and facility management, records administration, groundwater extraction statements, risk management, contract oversight, policy and governance matters, and support for Board and staff operations.

**4.5 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report  
Tara Mulally, Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation highlight key activities led by the Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager, including implementation of strategic communications plans, media and social media management, development of outreach materials, coordination of community events, stakeholder engagement, legislative and intergovernmental affairs, public education initiatives, brand and messaging oversight, and support for Board and staff outreach efforts.

**4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report  
Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to water resources, planning efforts and department programs impacting the District such as project design and construction; dam safety; FERC license compliance; Freeman Diversion; recycled water; pipeline operations and various engineering analysis.

**4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report  
Marissa Caringella, Environmental Services Manager  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentation cover the Environmental Services Department's key activities, including regulatory and environmental issues, monitoring programs, water releases and increased State Water imports, Freeman Diversion operations, FERC license compliance, Endangered Species Act actions, CEQA and NEPA compliance, and support for environmental and cultural permitting for District projects.

**5. MOTION ITEMS**

**5.1 2026 Richard V. Laubacher Water Conservation Award  
Motion**

Consider possible recipients for the Laubacher Award and conduct a vote to determine the 2026 recipient. Staff will present nominees for the award at the Board Meeting.

**5.2 Adopt a Resolution Supporting Scott Quady of Calleguas Municipal Water District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board – An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company**

**Motion**

Adopt a Resolution supporting the nomination of Scott Quady of Calleguas Municipal Water District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board – An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company.

**5.3 Approve Resolution 2026-04 Adopting the Proposed Financial Policy for the Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll**

**Motion**

Approve Resolution 2026-04 adopting the proposed financial policy entitled, “Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll.” This policy formalizes the District’s process for placing delinquent direct assessments on the Ventura County secured property tax roll, clarifies Board and management authority, and establishes a consistent governance framework for the placement, billing, collection, and financial reporting of direct assessments.

**5.4 Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project**

**Motion**

Authorize the General Manager to sign a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) for 60% design consulting services in connection with the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project (CIP 8001).

**5.5 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting Inc.**

**Motion**

Approve ratifying the General Manager entering into a purchase order agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting for lake debris removal services in connection with the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project.

**5.6 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc.**

**Motion**

Approve ratifying the General Manager entering into a purchase order agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc. for lake debris removal services in connection with the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

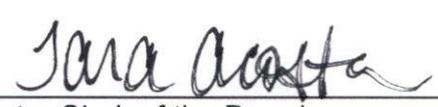
*All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded. Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at the District's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200, Oxnard CA 93030 during normal business hours.*

*The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, the District's services, programs or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, or if you require agenda materials in an alternative format, please contact the District Office at (805) 525- 4431. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make appropriate arrangements.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

This agenda was posted Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and [www.unitedwater.org](http://www.unitedwater.org).

  
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.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

**From:** Tara Acosta, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**Date:** March 2, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 2.5 **Board Members' Activities Reports**  
**Information item**

---

### **Recommendation:**

Receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board of Directors through monthly activities reports (per diems).

### **Discussion:**

This item is provided on the agenda of each regular meeting in order to allow Directors to report on non-agenda activities such as:

1. UWCD Committee Participation – Committee Chair to report on Committee's objectives and actions to the Board.
2. Meetings, workshops, conferences, and functions attended during the previous month on behalf of the District.
3. Possible conflicts the Directors might have with respect to issues on the agenda.

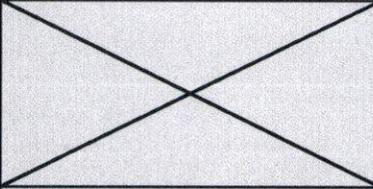
### **Attachment(s):**

Director's Monthly Activity Reports

**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month** Jan **Year** 2026

Due on last day of month

Director: Ford

<b>1. UWCD Board Meetings</b> Regular, special or emergency meetings.			<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
			1-14-26	0
			1-05-26	0
<b>2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings</b> Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	<b>Committee Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	Eng&Ops		1-08-26	0
<b>3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)</b>	<b>W/ GM or LC</b>	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
		Director Maulhard,LC	1-27-26	0
<b>4. Conferences/Trainings.</b> Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	<b>Event Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards.</b> Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	FCGMA		1-28-26	0
<b>6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM.</b> Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies.</b> Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters</b> Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>

**Board of Directors**  
**Per Diem and Expenses for Month** Dec. JAN **Year** 2026

Due on last day of month

9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities.  At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.	Official Name/Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

\* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			\$50.00
Total # of meetings**	5	x \$260	\$ 1,300.00
**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel		x \$100.00/day	
Total # of miles		x \$0.67/mile	\$ 0
Total other expenses	0.725		\$ 0
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$ 1,350.00</b>

Director Signature

*J. K. [Signature]*

Date:

*2-4*

General Manager Signature

*[Signature]*

Date:

*2/10/26*

Definitions

BoD: Board of Directors

BP: Board President

GM: General Manager

**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month** 1 **Year** 26

Due on last day of month

Director: Mohammed Hasan, P.E.

<b>1. UWCD Board Meetings</b> Regular, special or emergency meetings.		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
		1-5	12
		1-14	12
<b>2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings</b> Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	<b>Committee Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	Water resoures	1-6	12
<b>3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)</b>	<b>W/ GM or LC</b>	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>4. Conferences/Trainings.</b> Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	<b>Event Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	AWA waterwise	1-15	12
<b>5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards.</b> Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	LAFCO	1-21	3.5
<b>6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM.</b> Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies.</b> Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters</b> Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>

**Board of Directors**  
**Per Diem and Expenses for Month 1 Year 26**

Due on last day of month

9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities.  At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.	Official Name/Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage	

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

\* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			\$50.00
Total # of meetings**	5	x \$260	\$1,300.00
**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel		x \$125.00/day	
Total # of miles	51.5	x <del>\$0.70</del> /mile	\$37.33
Total other expenses	0.725		\$
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$ 1,387.33</b>

Director Signature

Muhammad Hassan Date: 2-23-26

General Manager Signature

LR Date: 3-2-26

Definitions

BoD: Board of Directors

BP: Board President

GM: General Manager

**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month** FEB **Year** 2025

Due on last day of month

Director: MAULHARDT

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
		02/11/26	2.1
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	<b>Committee Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	EXC COMMITTEE	02/09/28	2.1
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	<b>W/ GM or LC</b>	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
	GM	UWCD MEETING	02/04/2026
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	<b>Event Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	UWCD CSD Ethic Trg	02/03/26	0
5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	CAL LUTHERN EC FORUM	02/24/26	40.0
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	FCGMA	02/25/26	13.6
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>

**Board of Directors**  
**Per Diem and Expenses for Month** FEB **Year** 2025

Due on last day of month

<b>9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities.</b>  At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.	Official Name/Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage
	BOYS & GIRL CLUB FUNCTON	02/07/26	14
	GENE FISHER RETIREMENT	02/19/26	10

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

\* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			\$50.00
Total # of meetings**	8	x \$260	\$ 2080
**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel	0	x \$125.00/day	
Total # of miles	62.3	x \$0.725/mile	\$ 45.17
Total other expenses			\$ 0
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			\$ 2175.17

Director Signature

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 2/27/26

General Manager Signature

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 3/2/26

**Definitions**

BoD: Board of Directors

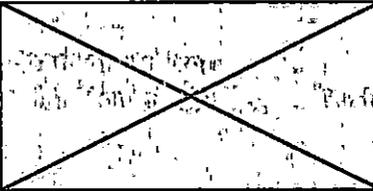
BP: Board President

GM: General Manager

**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month Feb Year 2026**

Due on last day of month

Director: Rachel Jones

<b>1. UWCD Board Meetings</b> Regular, special or emergency meetings.			<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
			2/11/26	5
<b>2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings</b> Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	<b>Committee Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)</b>	<b>W/ GM or LC</b>	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>4. Conferences/Trainings.</b> Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	<b>Event Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards.</b> Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
	AWA		2/17/26	0
<b>6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM.</b> Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies.</b> Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	<b>Entity Name &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
<b>8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters</b> Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>

Board of Directors  
Per Diem and Expenses for Month Feb Year 2026

Due on last day of month

	Official Name/Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage
<b>9. Meetings with state or federal legislators or officials or representatives from other entities.</b>  At the request of the BoD, BP or GM.			

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

\* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			\$50.00
Total # of meetings**	2	x \$260	\$ 520
**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel		x \$125.00/day	
Total # of miles	5	x \$0.725/mile	\$ 3.6
Total other expenses			\$
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$ 573.6</b>

Director Signature

Date: 3/2/2026

General Manager Signature

Date: 3/2/26

Definitions

BoD: Board of Directors

BP: Board President

GM: General Manager



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

**From:** Tara Acosta, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**Date:** March 2, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 2.6 **General Manager's Report**  
**Information item**

---

### **Recommendation:**

The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequences to the District.

### **Discussion:**

The General Manager's primary responsibility is to ensure that the policies and directions of the Board of Directors are adhered to as he oversees and manages the efforts of the department managers and their staff in the day-to-day operation and administration of the District. These efforts are to be consistent with the District's Mission Statement and within the fiscal constraints set by the Board of Directors.

The District's managers provide detailed monthly updates to the Board of Directors which outline projects' statuses, accomplishments, issues of concern, project planning, etc. The monthly General Manager's report provides an opportunity for the General Manager to discuss issues that may impact the efforts of the separate departments as they pursue their defined goals and objectives. The report also provides the Board with information on the District's efforts and involvement in local, regional and state-wide issues.

Finally, the monthly General Manager's report offers the Board of Directors an overview of how their policies and directions are being administered through discussion of the work plan and efforts of the General Manager.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager  
Adrian Quiroz, Senior Engineer  
Kaili Taniguchi, Senior Engineer

**Date:** February 18, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** **2.7 Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Schedule Updates**  
**Information Item**

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Receive an informational update from the Engineering Department regarding its activities in support of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project.

### **Background:**

Per the latest project schedule e-filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in May 2025, the contractor procurement phase for the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Improvement Project was to begin in September 2025, culminating in the award of a construction agreement in July 2026. However, because funding to support the estimated \$204 million construction cost has not been secured, and the required regulatory approvals were pending, the start of the contractor procurement phase and construction had to be postponed. This update was provided by Assistant General Manager, Dr. Maryam Bral, to the UWCD Board of Directors (Board) at the September 10, 2025, Board Meeting. This update was also provided to FERC on September 15, 2025, which resulted in FERC's request for an updated schedule and submission prior to the next Board of Consultants Meeting, currently scheduled for March 25-26, 2026.

### **Discussion:**

Staff have prepared an updated schedule for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project (SFD SIP). The updated schedule includes additional time to secure funding to support construction, obtain the required regulatory approvals, and prepare bid documents. The tentative major milestone dates included in the updated schedule are summarized below. For more details, please refer to Attachment A.

**Agenda Item: 2.7 Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Schedule Updates  
Information Item**

---

**Table 1 – Summary of Major Milestone Dates – SFD SIP Updated Project Schedule**

<b>Major Milestone Activity</b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date</b>
<b>SFD Outlet Works</b>	
Start of Contractor Procurement	March 2027
Award of Construction Agreement	July 2028
Construction Completion	October 2032
<b>SFD Spillway</b>	
Start of Contractor Procurement	May 2032
Award of Construction Agreement	April 2032
Construction Completion	August 2036
<b>Completion of SFD SIP</b>	<b>August 2036</b>

The updated schedule will be e-filed with FERC on March 10, 2026, and is subject to change.

**Attachment:**

Updated Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Simplified Schedule



# SFD SIP - Proposed Updated Project Timeline

**YOU ARE HERE**





**STAFF REPORT**

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

**From:** Tara Acosta, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**Date:** March 2, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 3.1 **Approve the Minutes for the February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Motion**

---

**Recommendation:**

Approve the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes



Board of Directors  
Lynn Maulhardt, President  
Catherine Keeling, Vice President  
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer  
Keith Ford  
Mohammed Hasan  
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 Kimball, Board Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

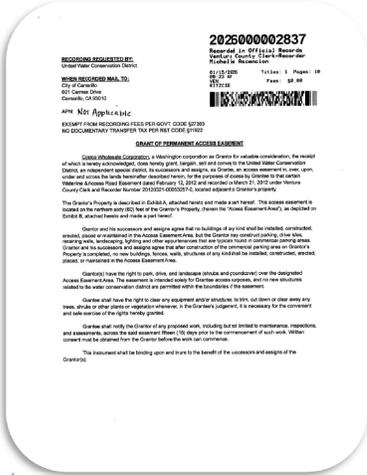
## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 11, 2026



### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT Monthly Update February 11, 2026

# Pleasant Valley Pipeline

- Grant of Permanent Access Easement recorded on January 15

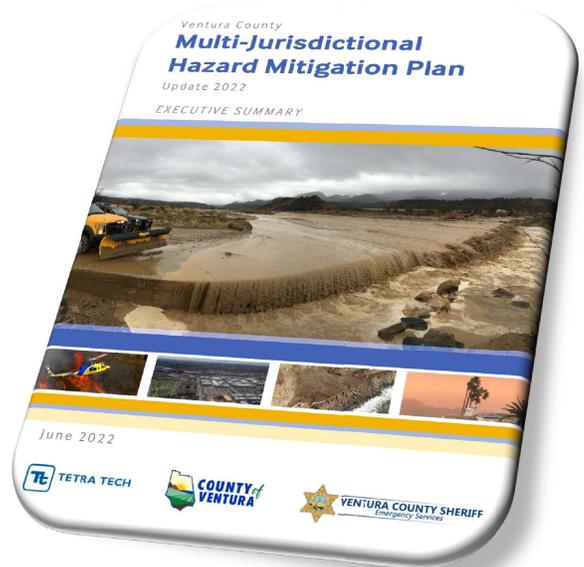


Faring Capital (Auto & Industrial)



## 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
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR</b>			<b>86,779</b>	<b>12,809</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>21,034</b>	<b>47,822</b>	<b>67,305</b>	<b>105,730</b>	<b>497,074</b>	<b>825,744</b>

Draft FY 2026-2027 CIP Budgets prepared

(adopted FY25-26 showing for reference only)

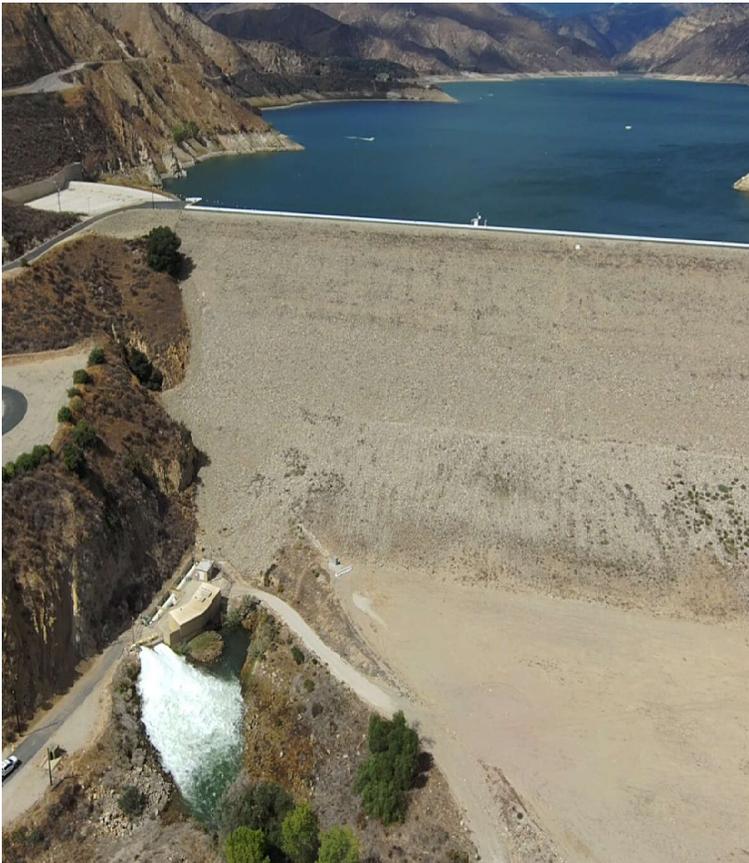


THANK YOU

# 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

## Freeman Diversion



# Freeman Diversion



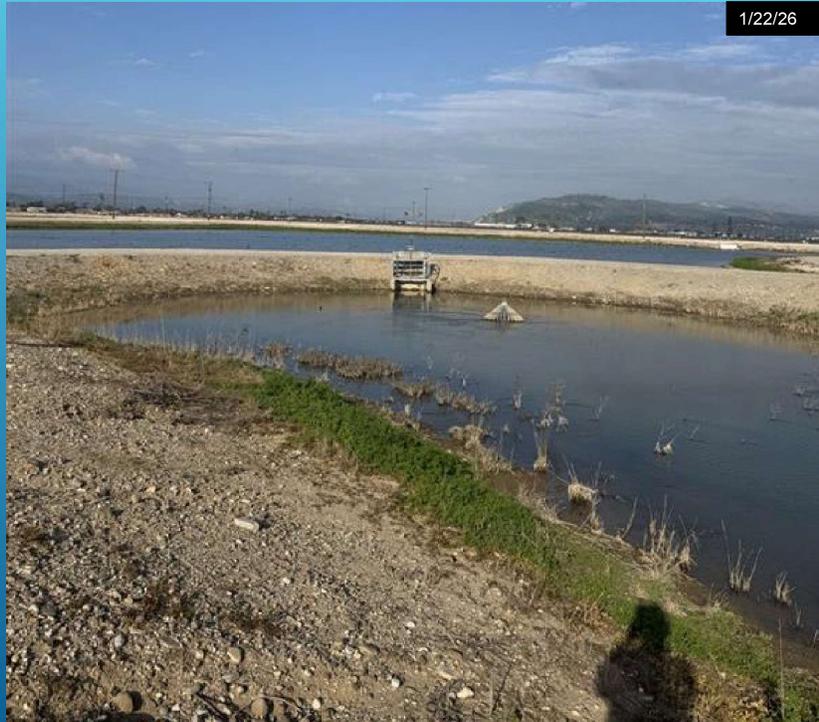
# Freeman Canal



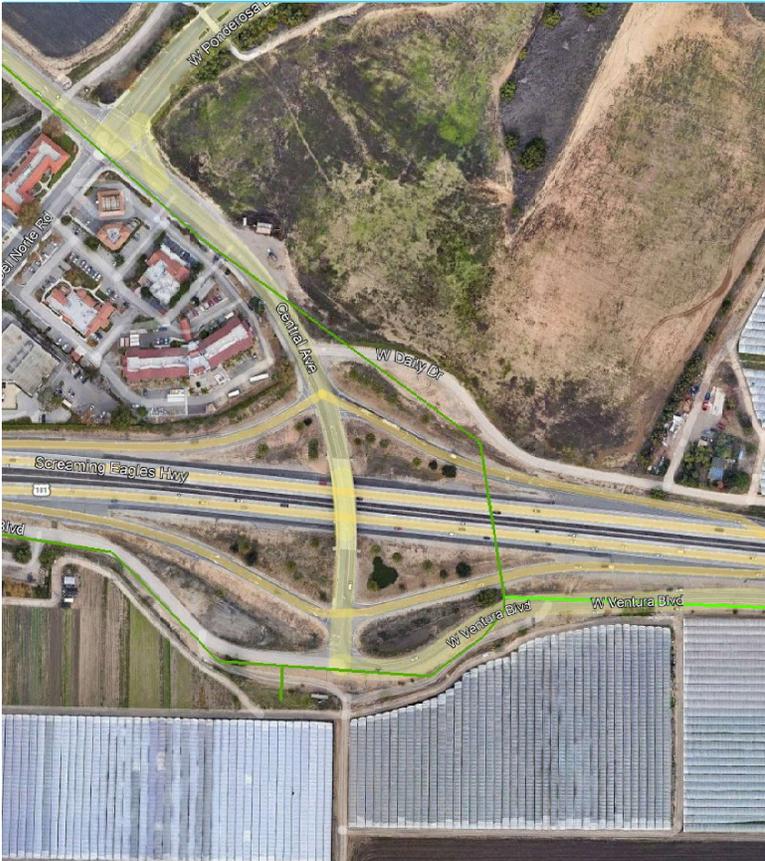


# El Rio

# El Rio Recharge Basins



# El Rio Recharge Basins



# Pleasant Valley Pipeline (PV)

# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



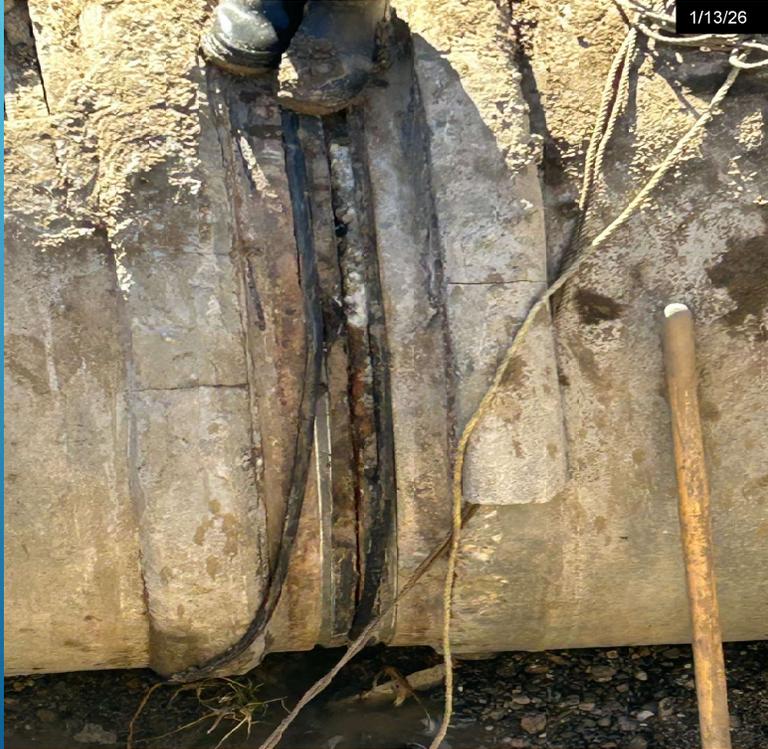
# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



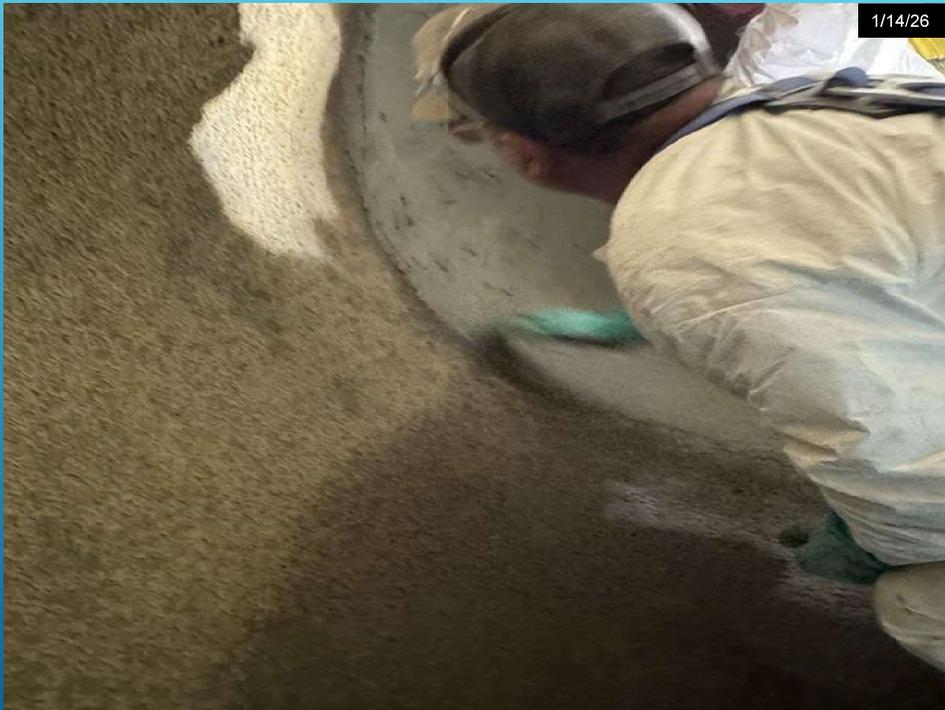
# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair



# PV Pipeline Repair

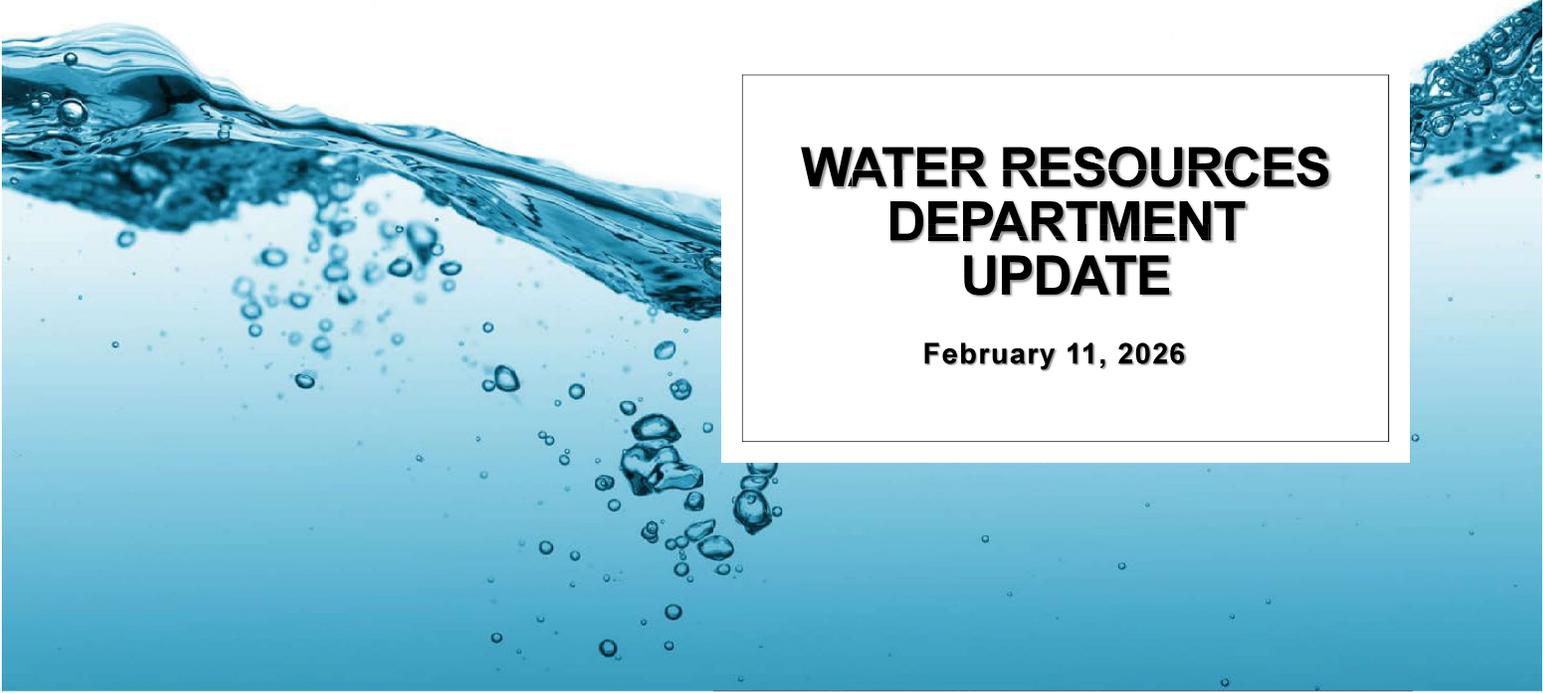


# PV Pipeline Repair



# Questions?

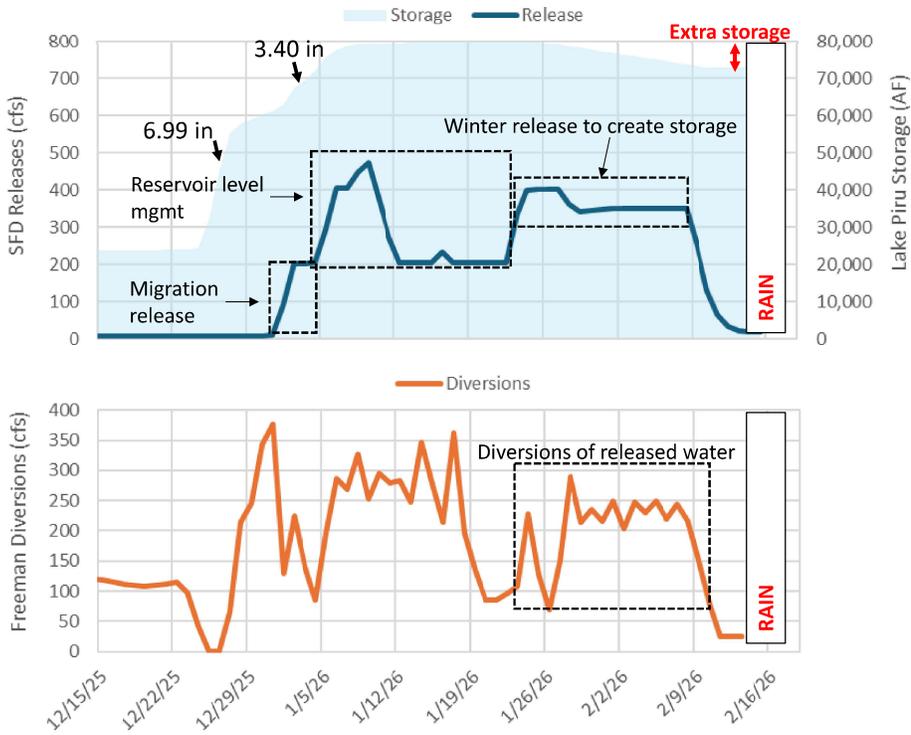




# WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

February 11, 2026

## Santa Felicia Dam Releases and Diversions

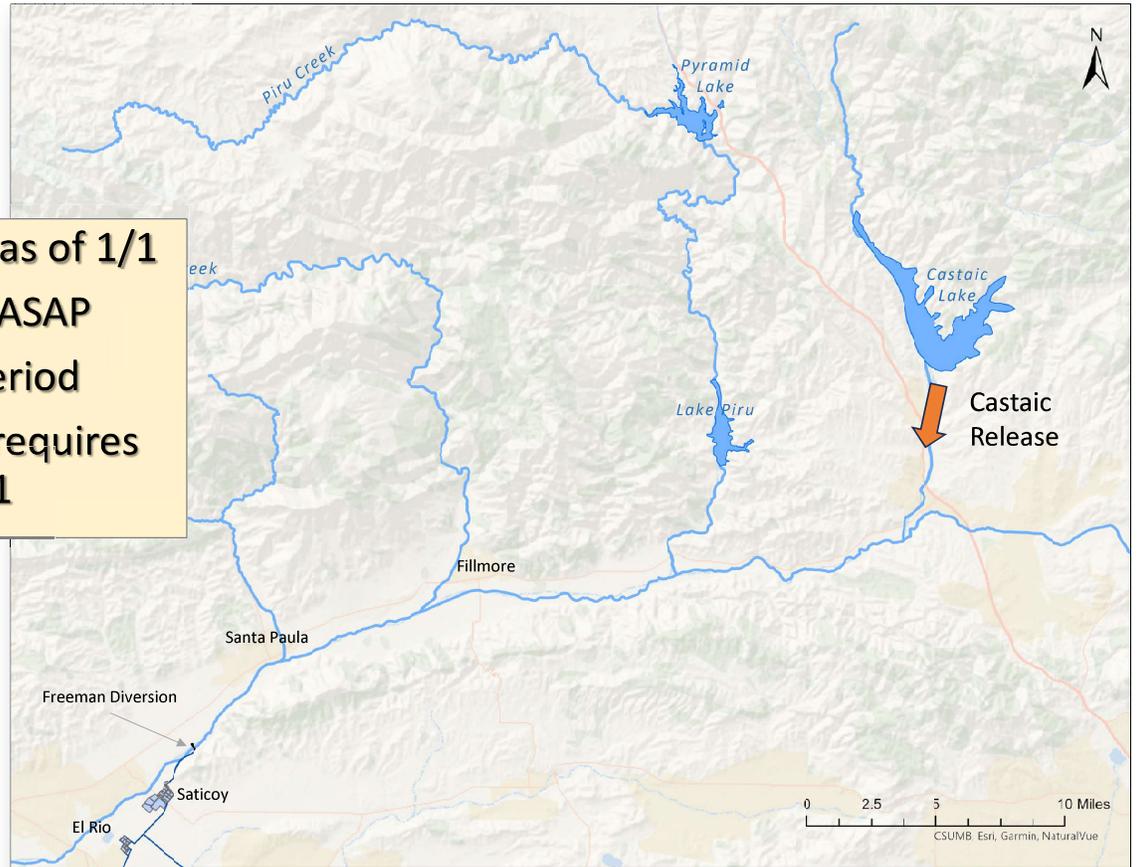


- Lake Piru filled very early
- Winter release created ~5,000 AF of storage
- All released water diverted at Freeman
- Forecasted rain expected to fill reservoir

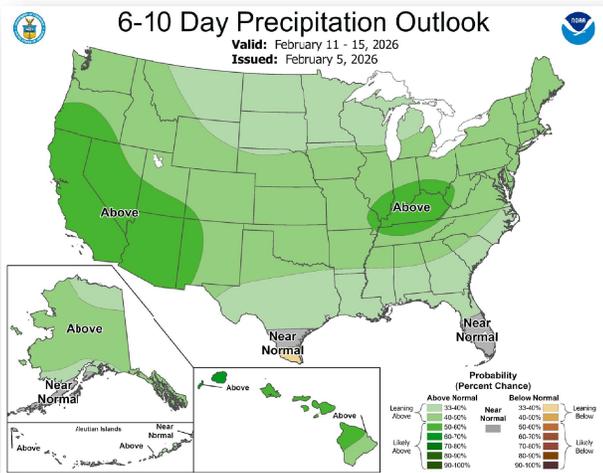


# Castaic Releases

- 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



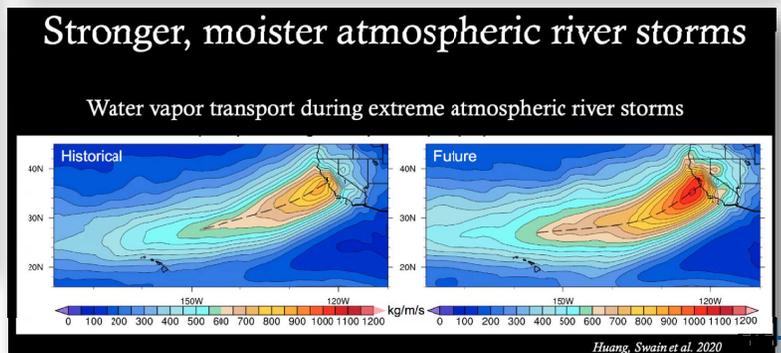
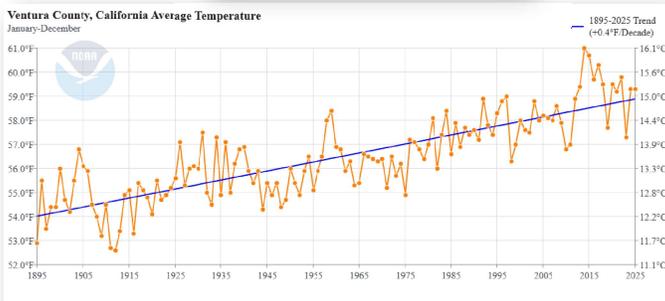
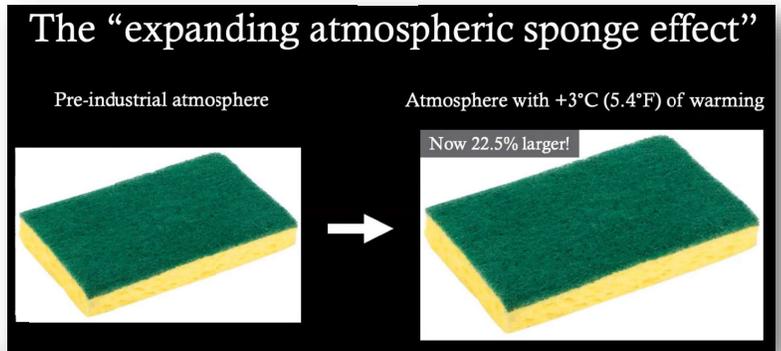
# WY2025 Water Diversions and Use Reports



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



## UC ANR Climate and Ag Workshop



# UC ANR Climate and Ag Workshop



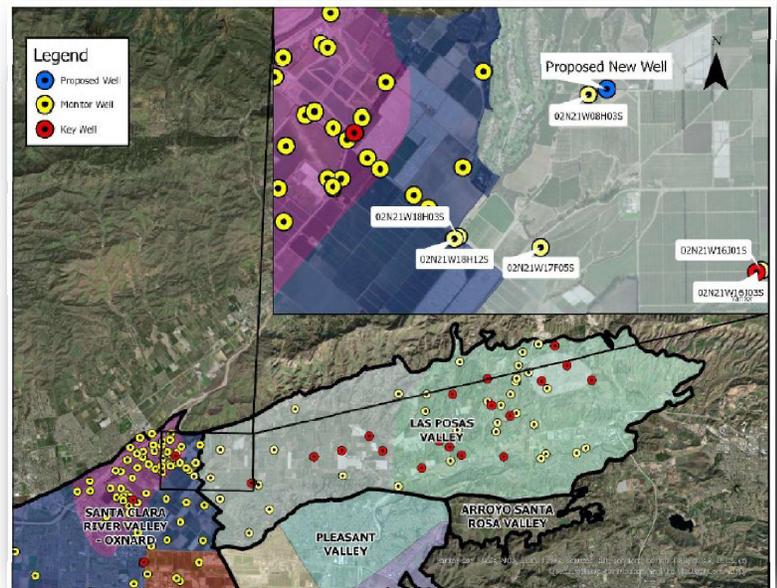
- Increased precip intensity *and* overall aridity
- Dramatic loss of mountain snowpack
- Increased wildfire risk
- Greater variability (“whiplash”)
- Drier dries & wetter wets
- Shorter rainy season/longer growing season



## 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?



47



**Recreation  
Department  
Monthly  
Update**

**Bernard Riedel, Jr.**  
Senior Park Ranger

February 11, 2026

The slide features a large aerial photograph of a reservoir nestled in a mountain valley, with a dam visible at the bottom. The right side of the slide is a dark grey curved area containing the title and presenter information. A decorative graphic of overlapping green, blue, and orange shapes is in the top right corner of this area.

# 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@statewaterboards.org](mailto:Jeremiah.McNeil@statewaterboards.org)

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

194 FERC ¶ 62,051  
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

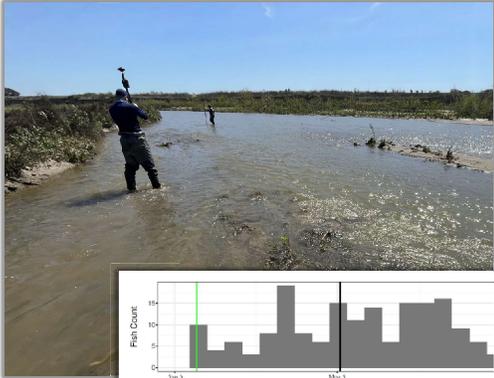
(Issued January 29, 2026)



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



# Publications in Progress



Critical riffle analysis methodology



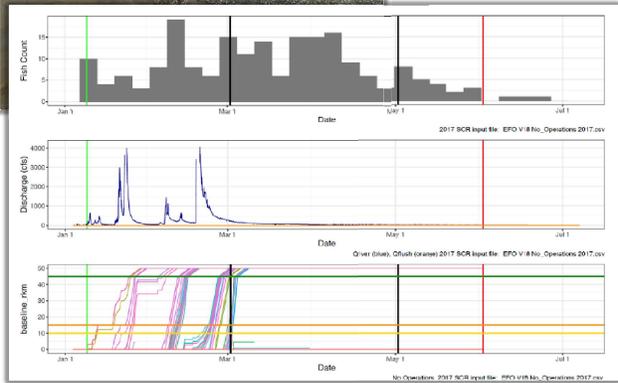
Adult steelhead agent-based migration (ABM) model



Smolt ABM model



Targeting three peer-reviewed journal submittals in 2026



# Thank You!





**STAFF REPORT**

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager  
Bram Sercu, Water Resources Supervisor

**From:** Kathleen Kuepper, Hydrogeologist  
Luke Bryden, Associate Hydrologist

**Date:** February 20, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 3.2 Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report  
Informational Item

**Staff Recommendation:**

The Board will receive and file the Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District for the month of January 2026.

**Summary:**

Diversions, Recharge and Ag Pipeline Deliveries for Month of January 2026\*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount (acre-feet)</b>
Total Diversions at Freeman Diversion	1,2782
Lloyd-Butler Mutual Water Company surface water use	NA
Recharge to Saticoy basins (metered + unmetered)	5,653
Recharge to Noble and Rose basins	1,024
Recharge to El Rio basins	5,605
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water diverted at Freeman	499
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water pumped from Saticoy Well Field	0
Recharge to Piru spreading grounds	0

\*Provisional data. Final data are made available in the September Hydrologic Conditions Report of each water year.

**Groundwater Basin Available Storage at End of Month of January 2026**

<b>Basin</b>	<b>Available Storage (acre-feet)</b>
Oxnard Forebay	6,400

**Precipitation for Month of January 2026**

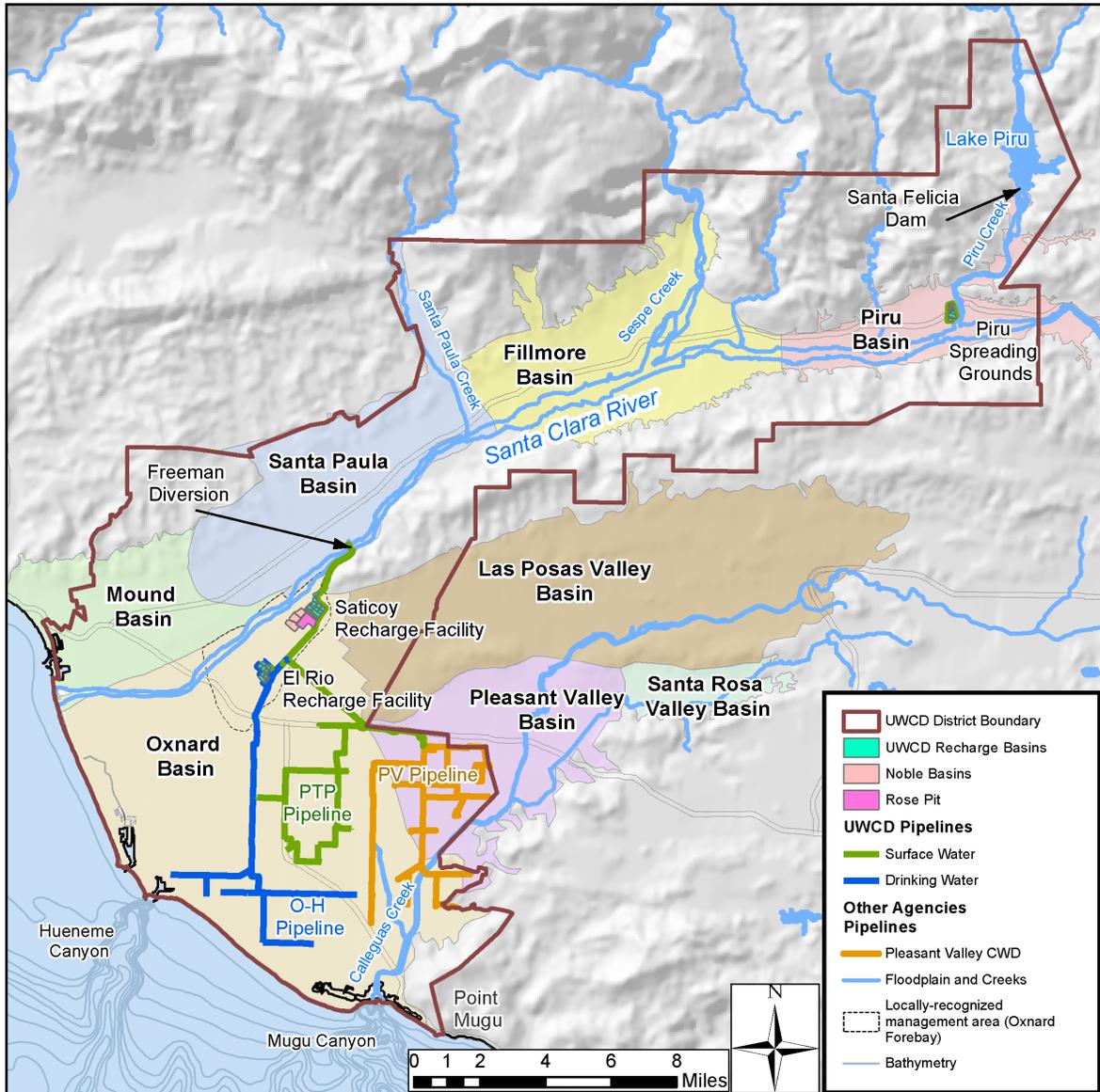
<b>Location</b>	<b>Precipitation (inches)</b>
Lake Piru	3.40
Santa Paula	3.63
El Rio	2.50



# United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

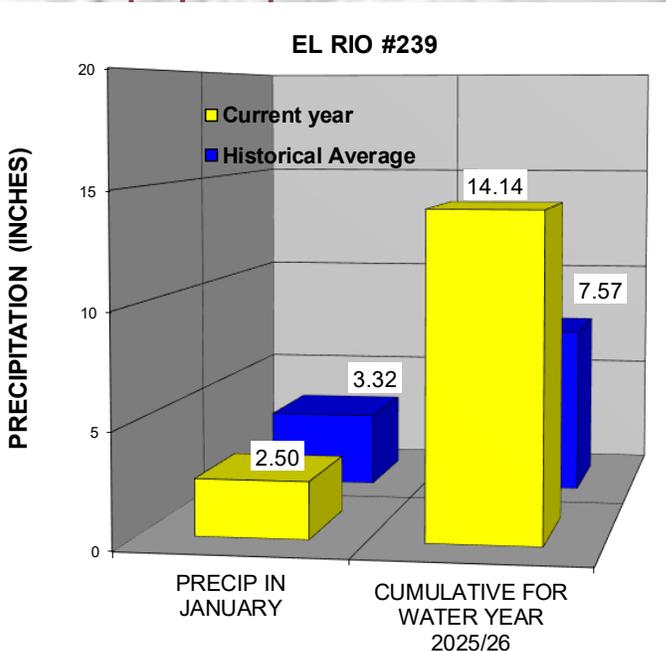
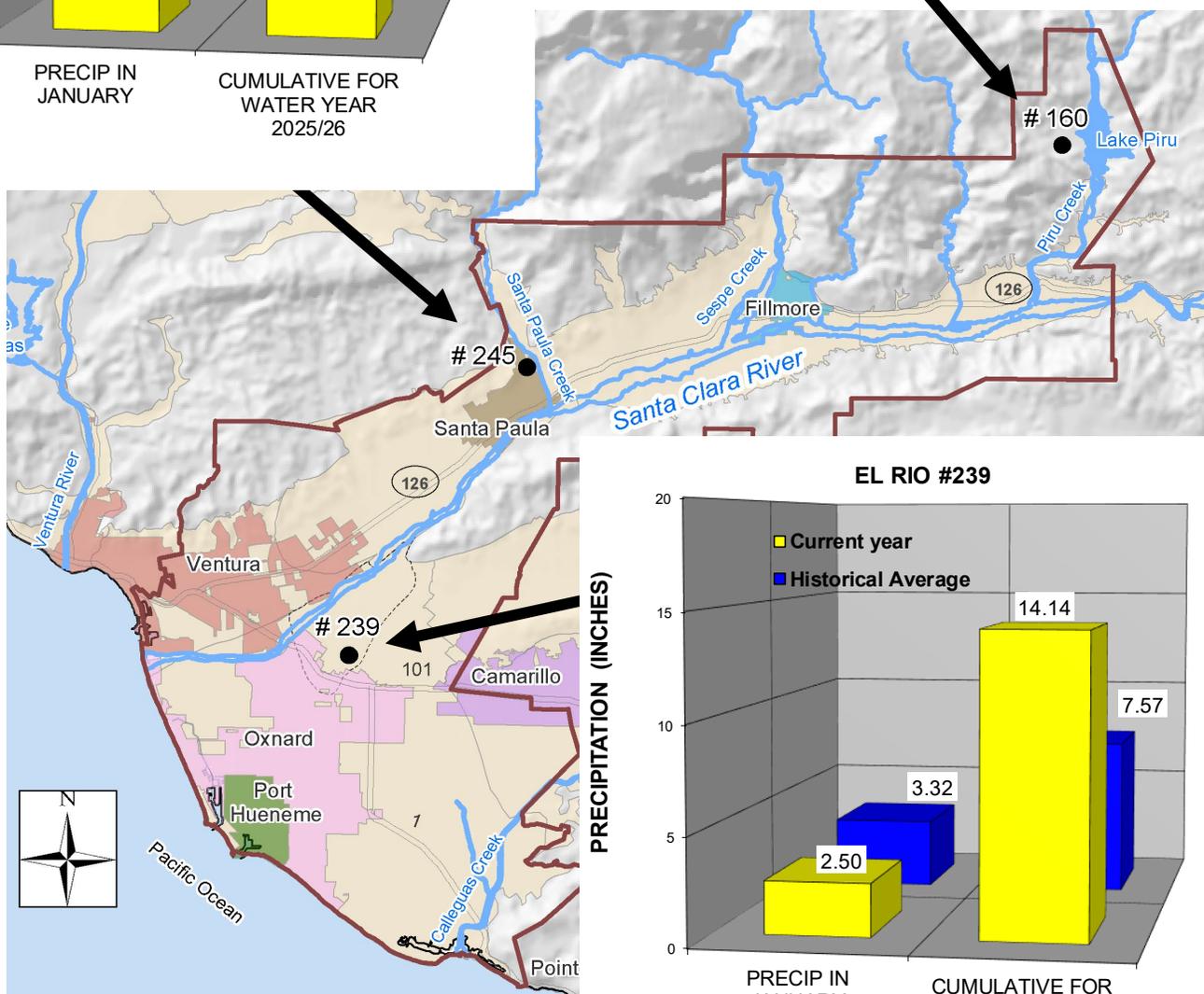
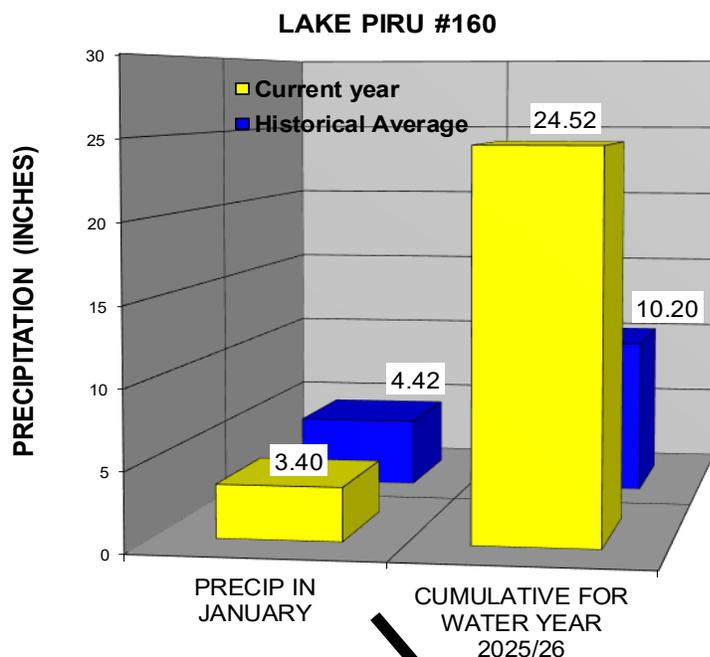
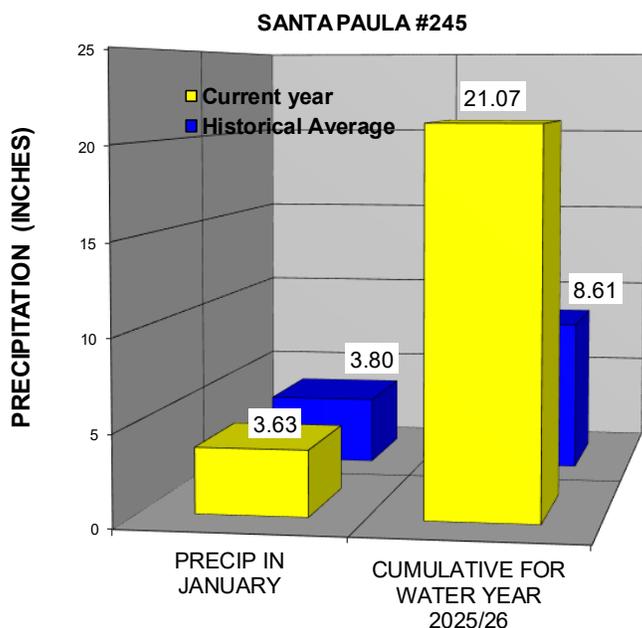
## January 2026 Hydrologic Conditions Report 2025/26 Water Year

February 20, 2026



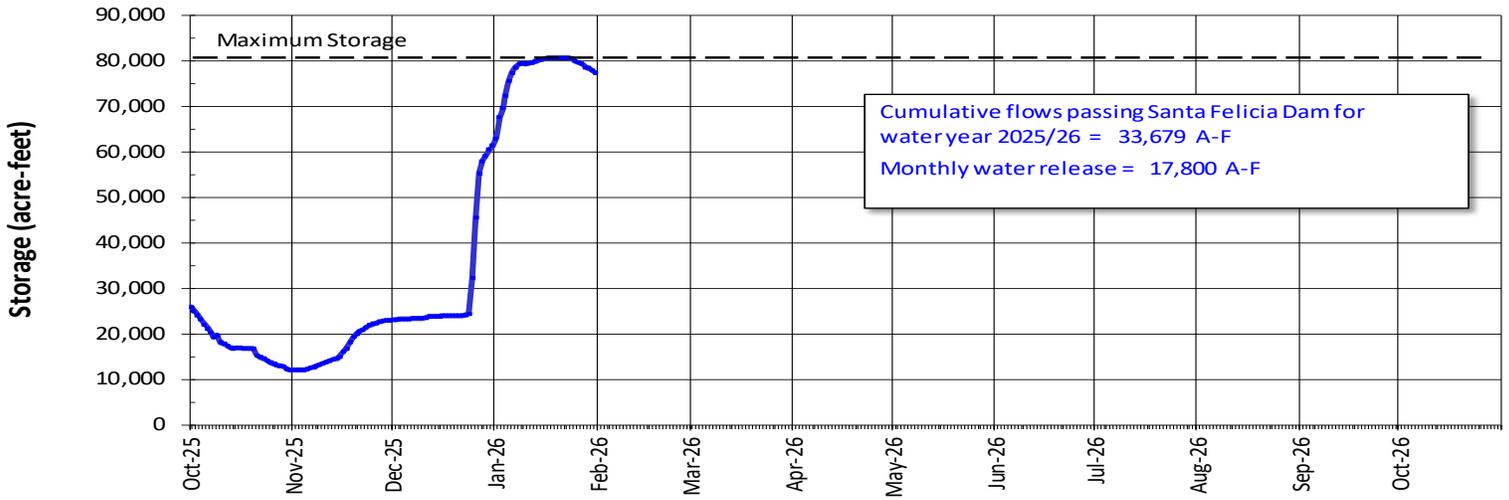
*Note: This report may contain provisional data until final review at the end of the water year.*

# Precipitation



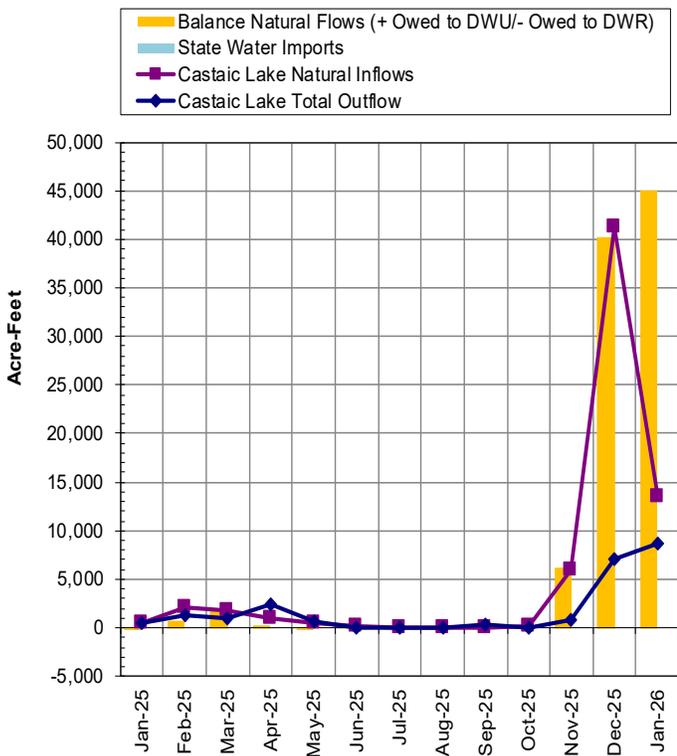
District-wide percent of normal precipitation = 226

## Lake Piru Storage and Outflow

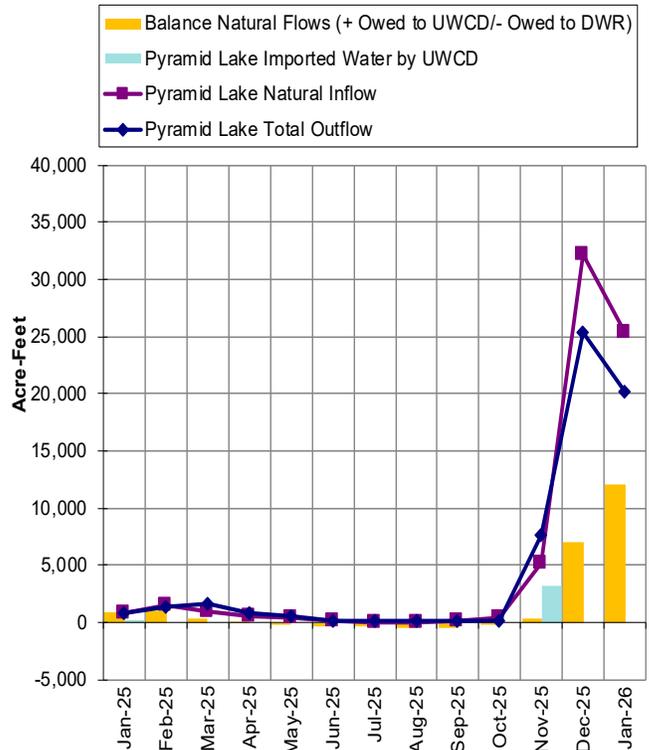


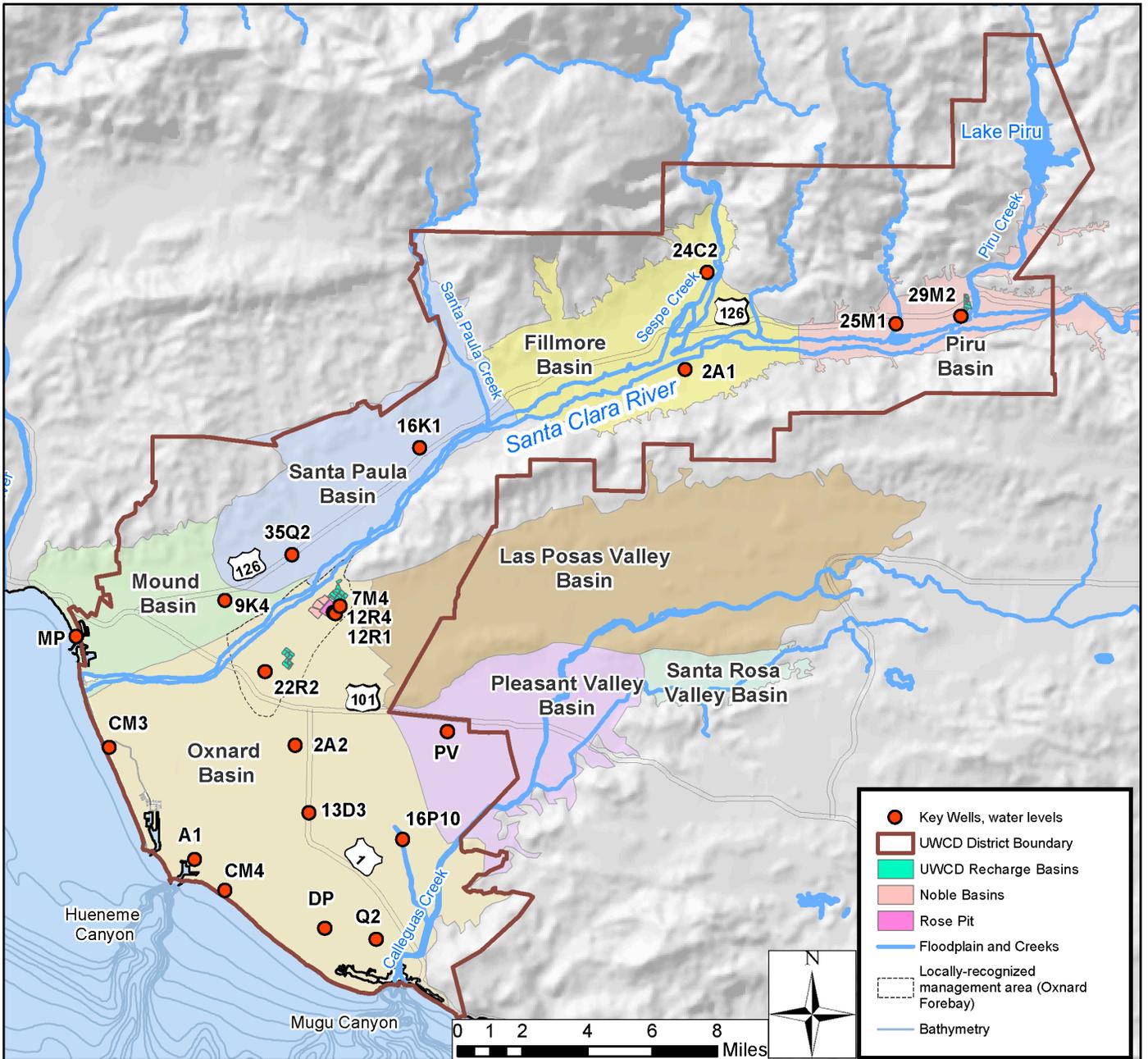
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Hydro Plant Outflow (Acre-Feet)	0	0	0	0								
Cumulative Hydro Plant Outflow (A-F)	0	0	0	0								

### Castaic Lake releases to downstream water users (DWU)



### Pyramid Lake releases to UWCD

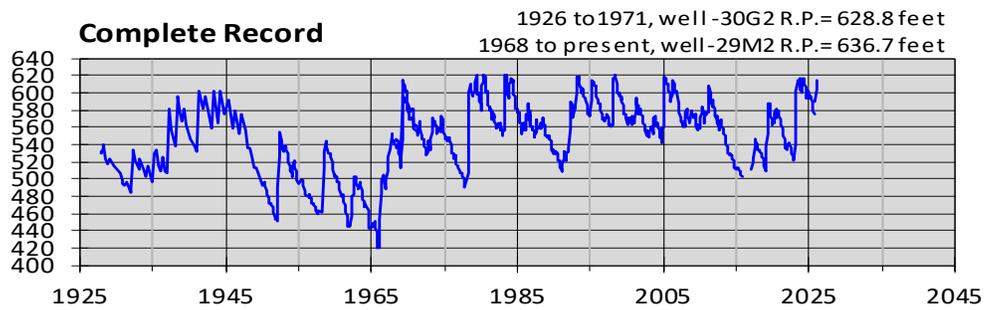
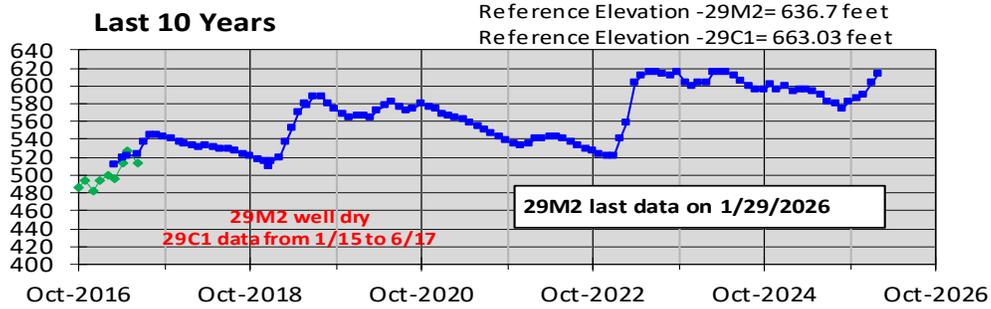




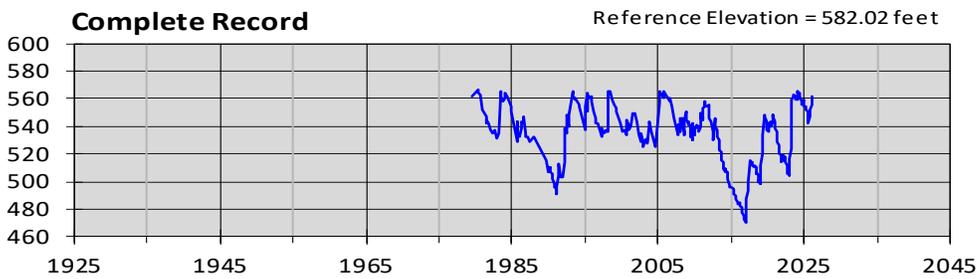
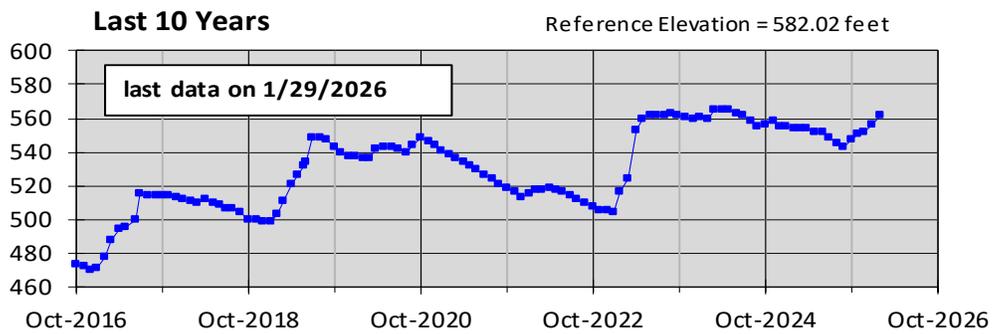
## Locations of Key Wells, Monthly Groundwater Elevation Monitoring

# Groundwater Elevation Records – Piru Basin

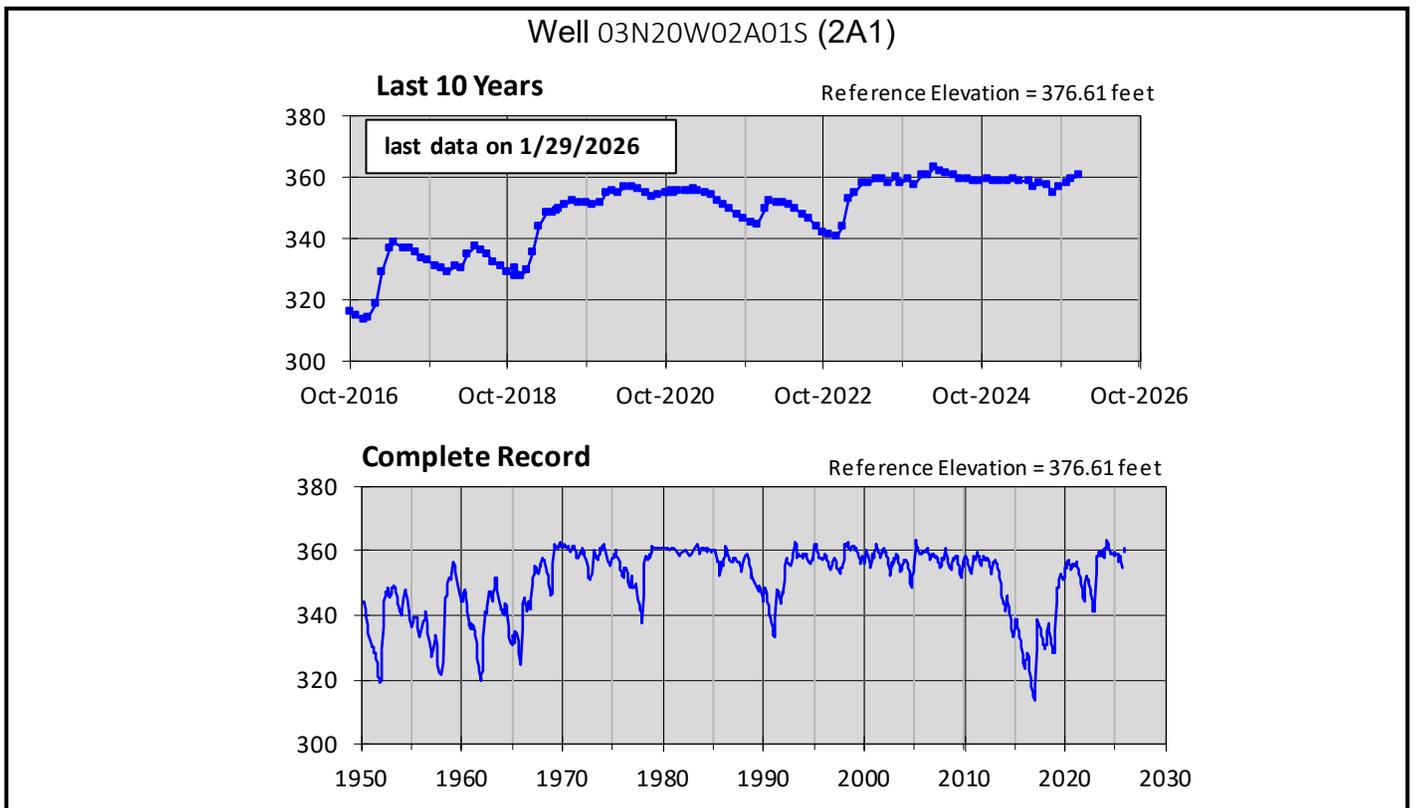
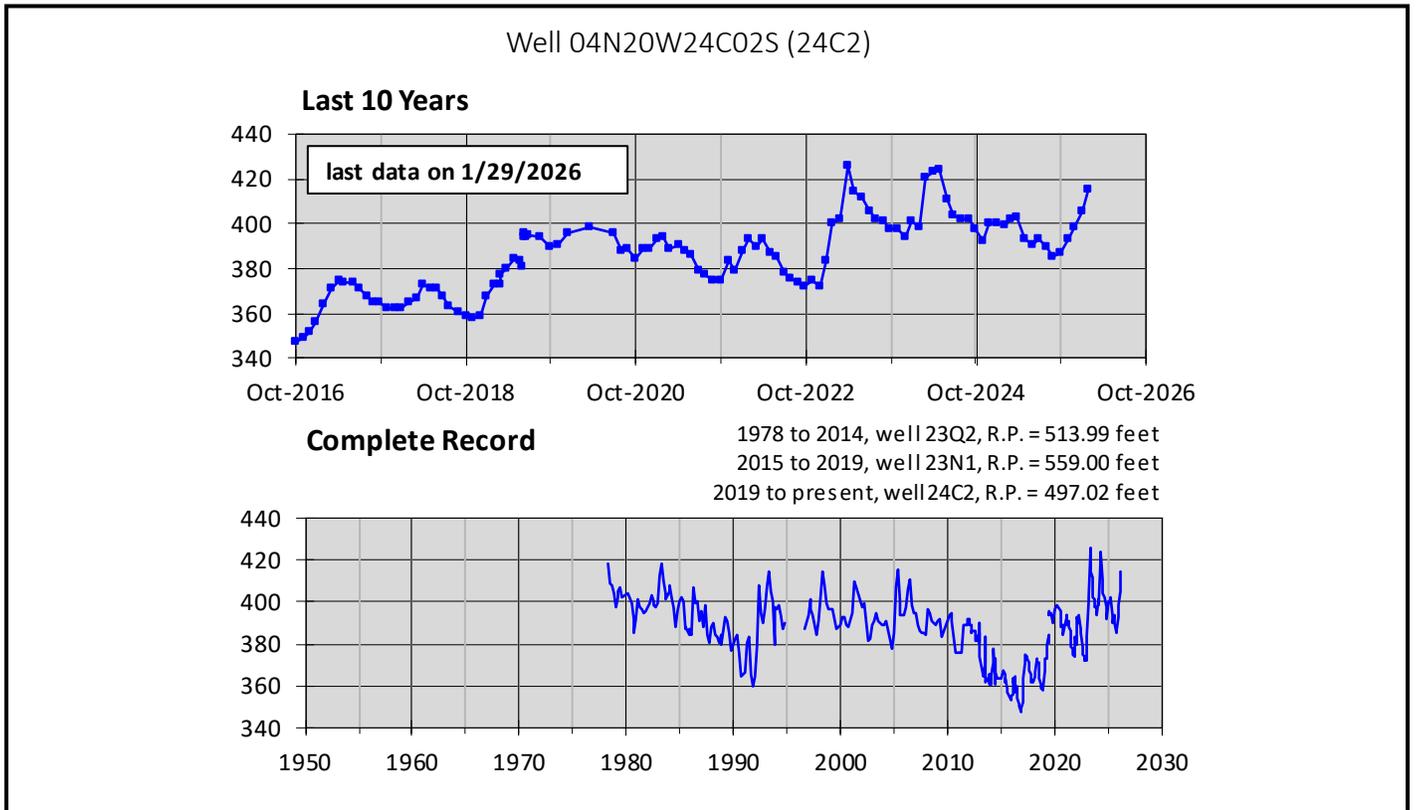
Well 04N18W29M02S (29M2)



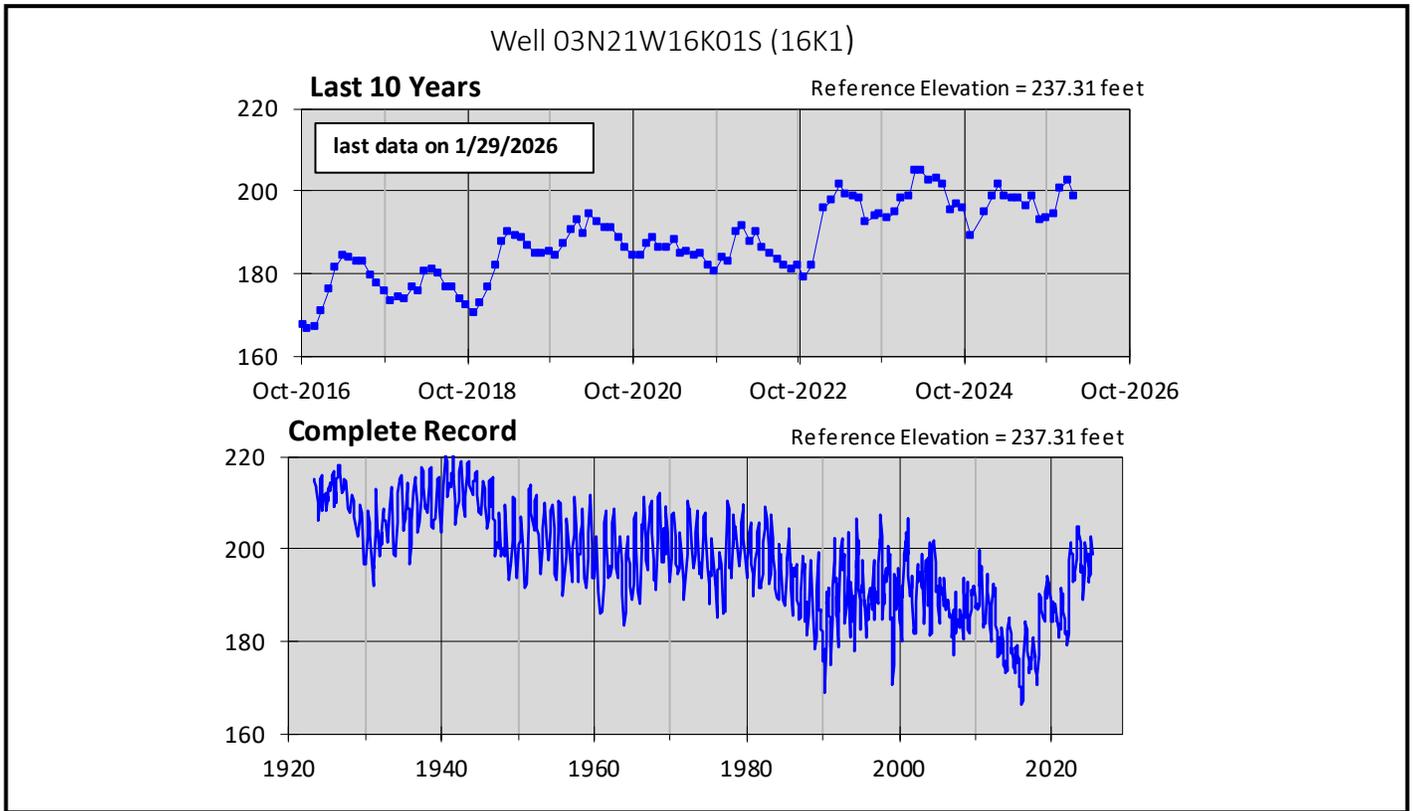
Well 04N19W25M01S (25M1)



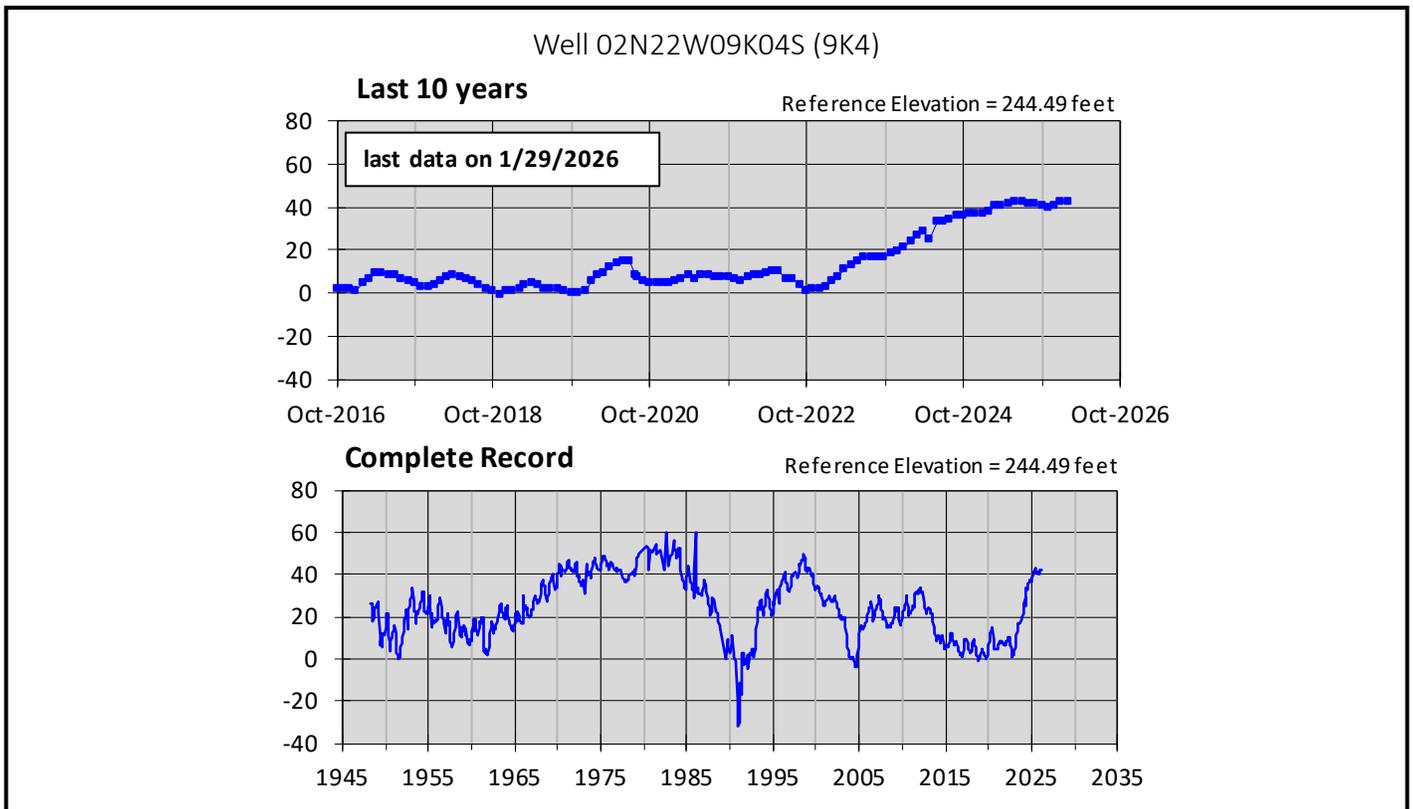
# Groundwater Elevation Records – Fillmore Basin



# Groundwater Elevation Records – Santa Paula Basin



# Groundwater Elevation Records – Mound Basin

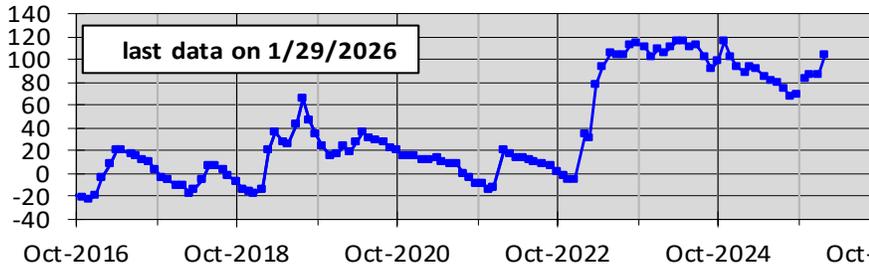


# Groundwater Elevation Records – Oxnard Basin, Forebay

Wells 02N22W12R01S (12R1), 02N22W12R04S (12R4), and 02N21W07M04S (7M4)

## Last 10 Years

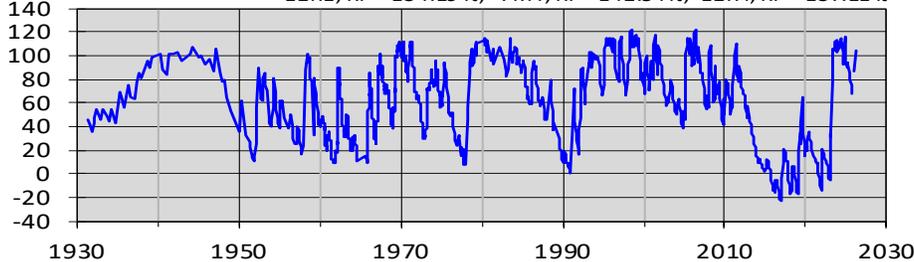
-12R1; RP = 134.19 ft; -7M4; RP = 142.84 ft; -12R4; RP = 137.11 ft



Note: Well 12R1 was destroyed in 2014 and replaced with well 12R4. When well 12R4 goes dry at approximately 9 ft msl, well 7M4 is used to measure groundwater level.

## Complete Record

-12R1; RP = 134.19 ft; -7M4; RP = 142.84 ft; -12R4; RP = 137.11 ft

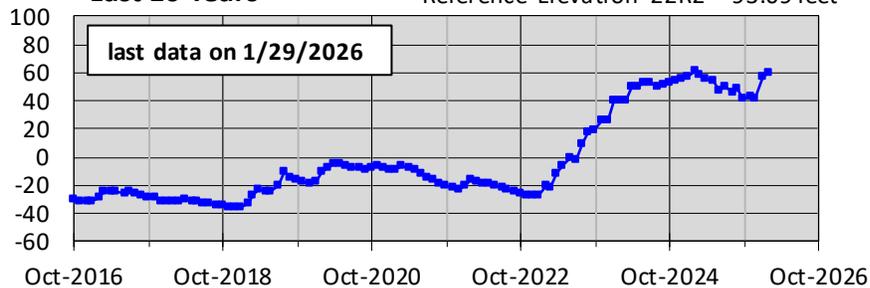


Note: Well 12R1 was destroyed in 2014 and replaced with well 12R4. When well 12R4 goes dry at approximately 9 ft msl, well 7M4 is used to measure groundwater level.

Well 02N22W22R02S (22R2)

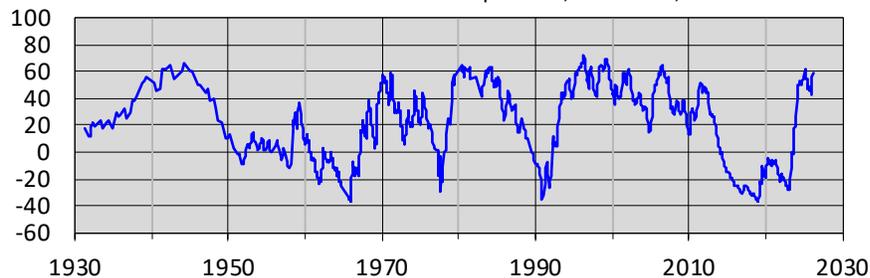
## Last 10 Years

Reference Elevation -22R2 = 93.09 feet

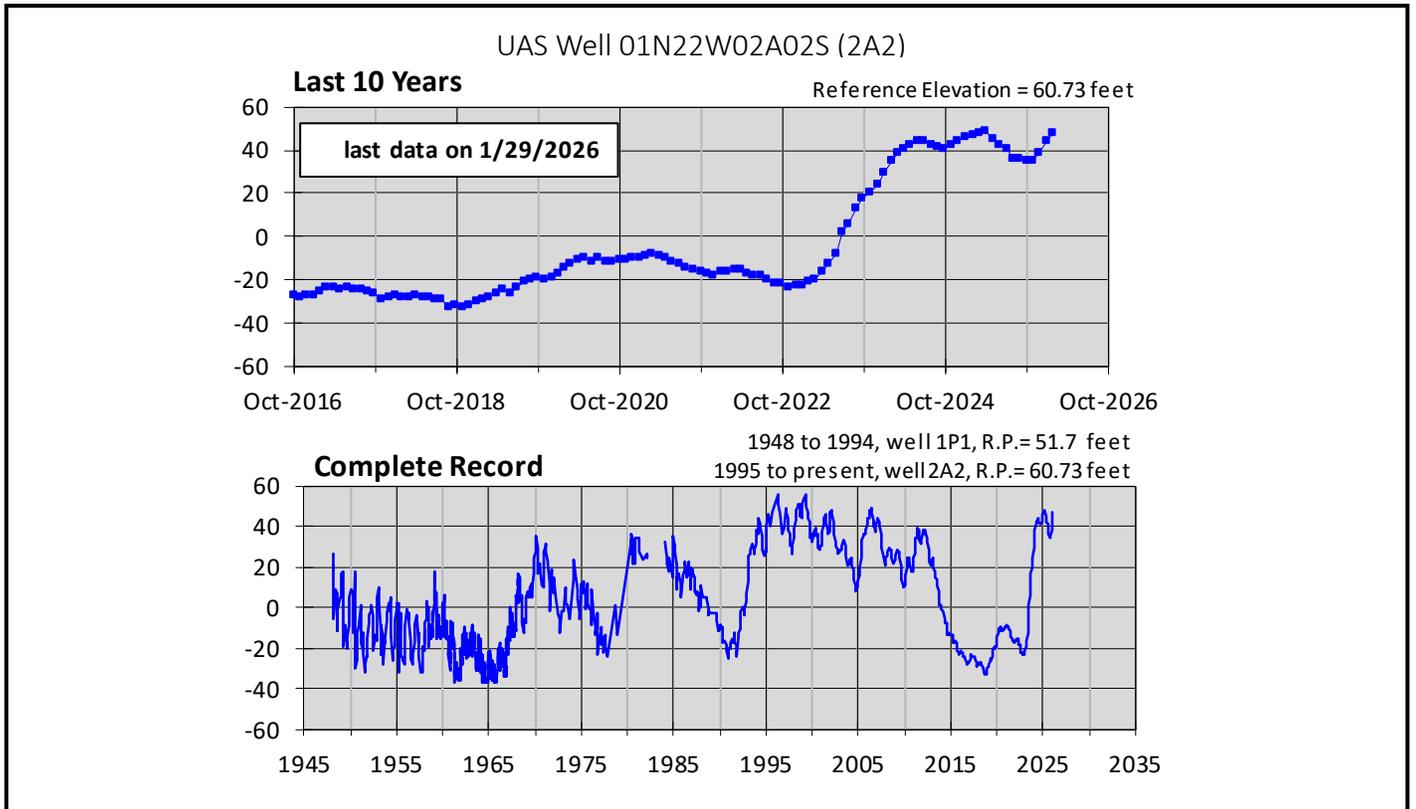


## Complete Record

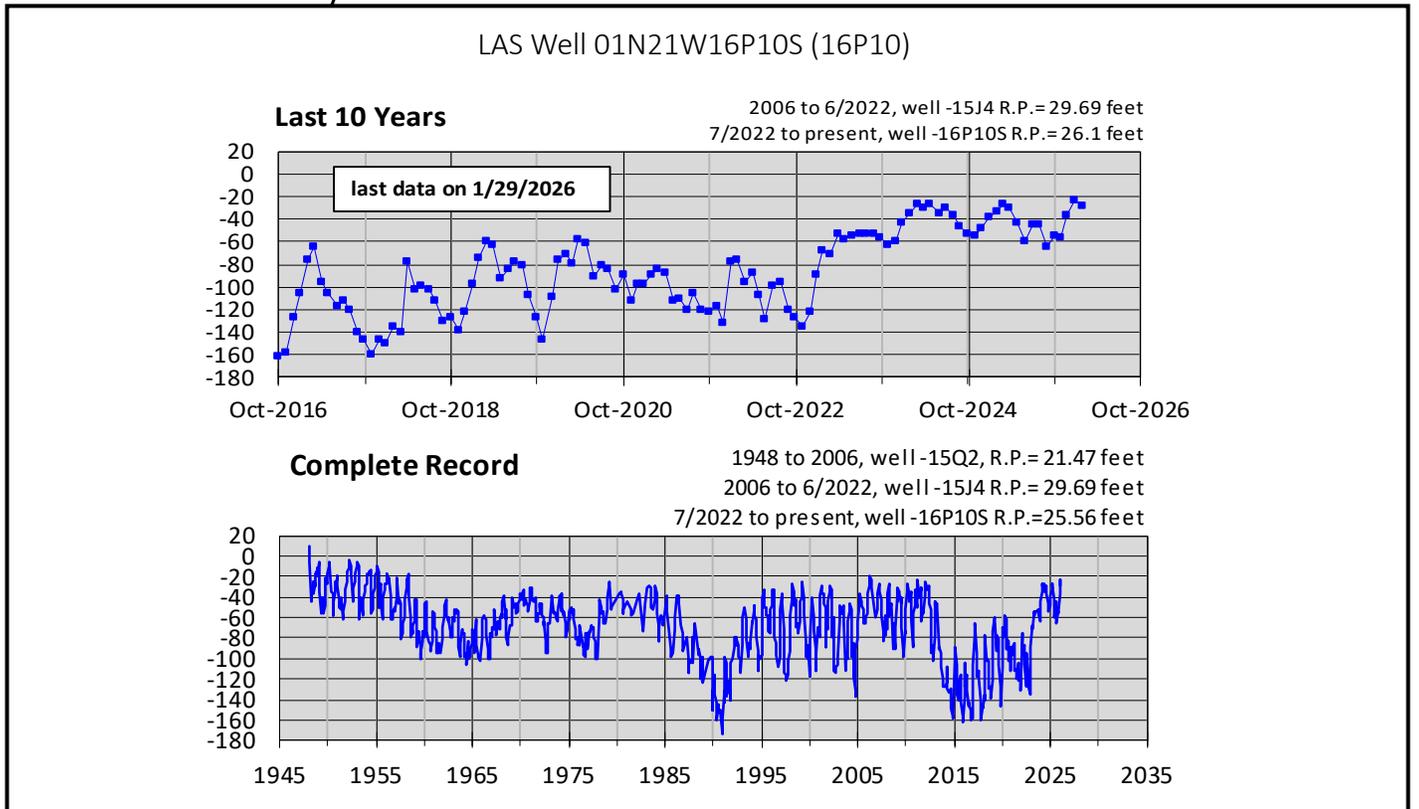
1931 to 2004, well -22R1, RP = 93.6 feet  
2004 to present, well -22R2, RP = 93.09 feet



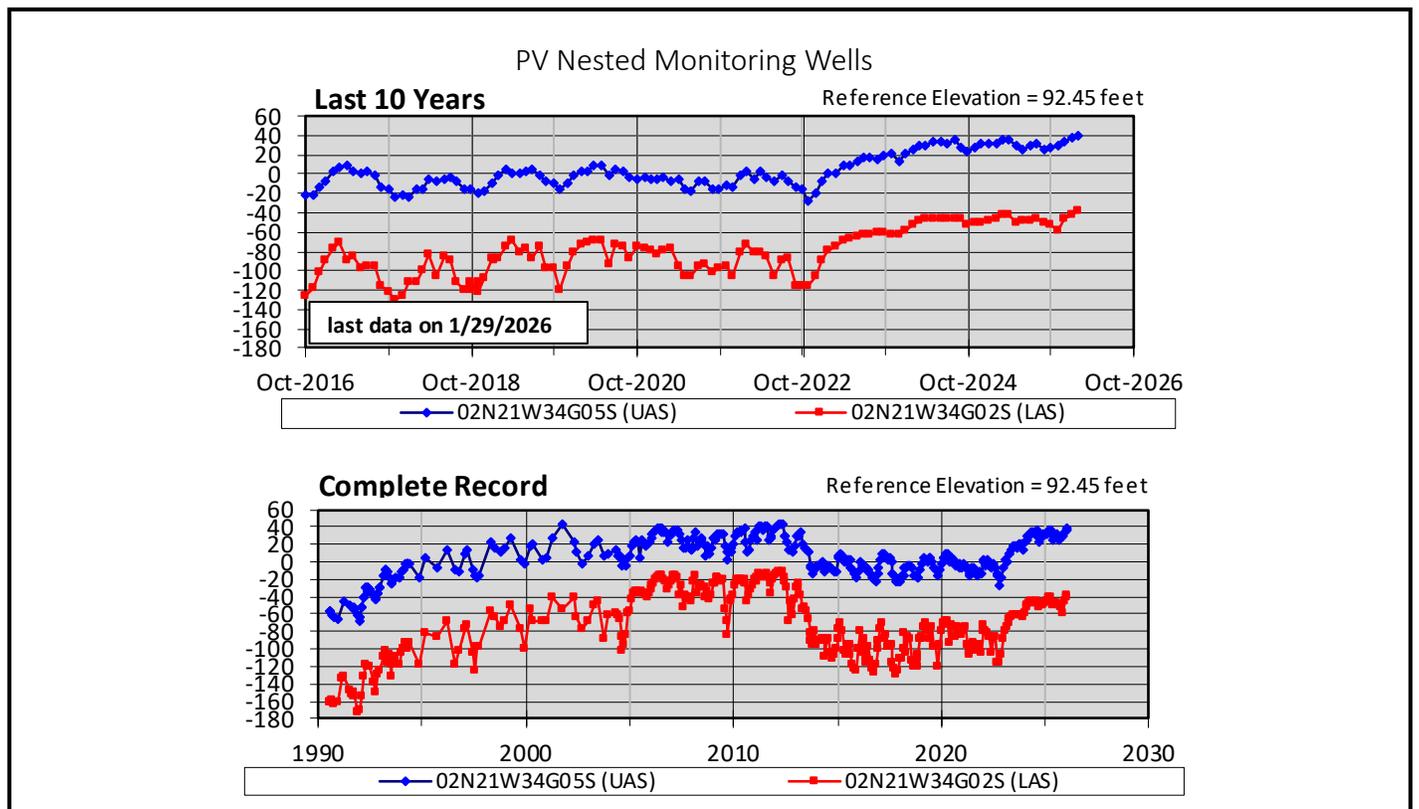
# Groundwater Elevation Records – Oxnard Basin



# Groundwater Elevation Records – eastern Oxnard/Pleasant Valley Basin Boundary Area

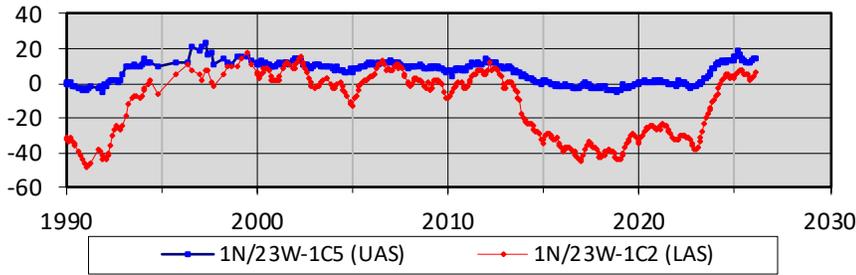


# Groundwater Elevation Records – Pleasant Valley Basin

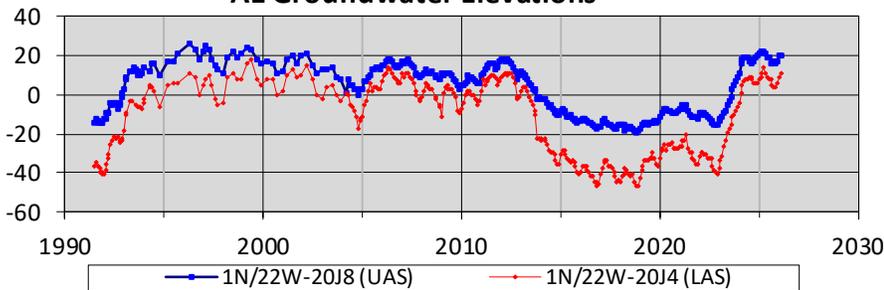


# Groundwater Elevation Records – Coastal Nested Monitoring Wells

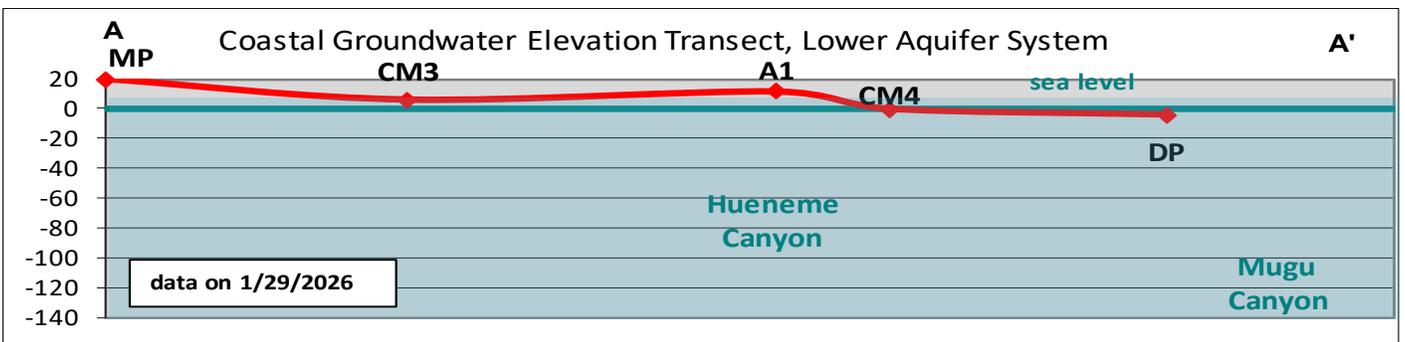
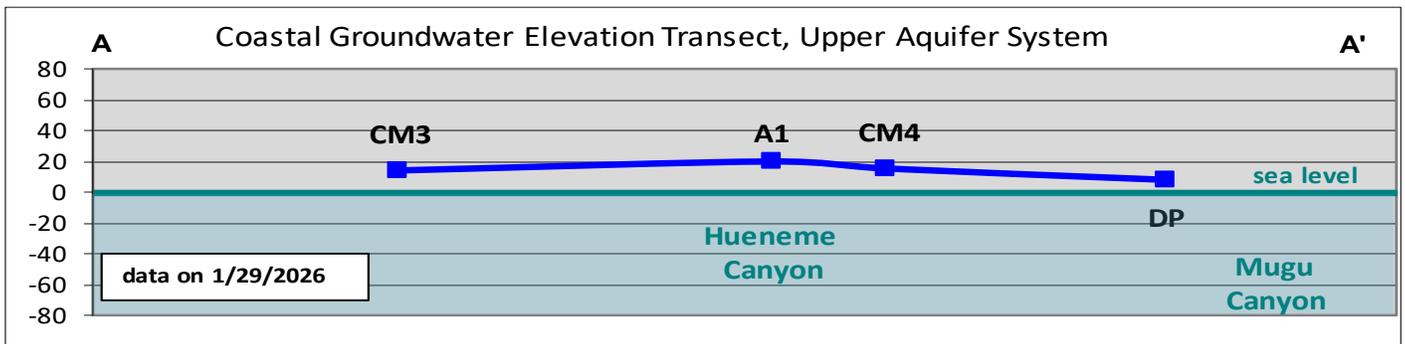
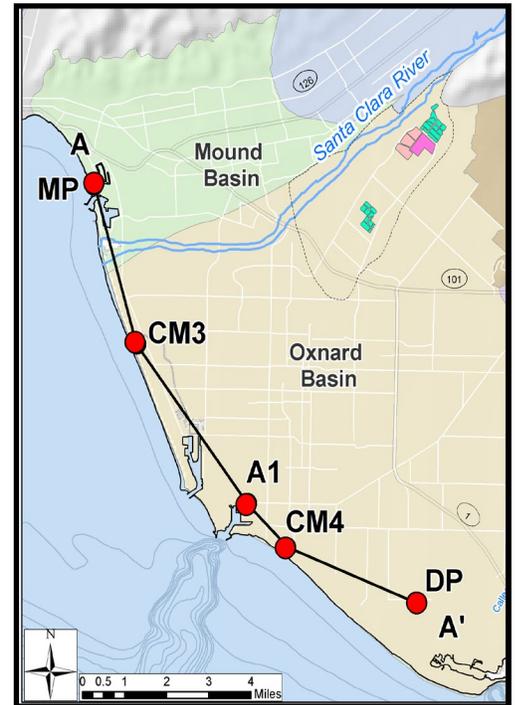
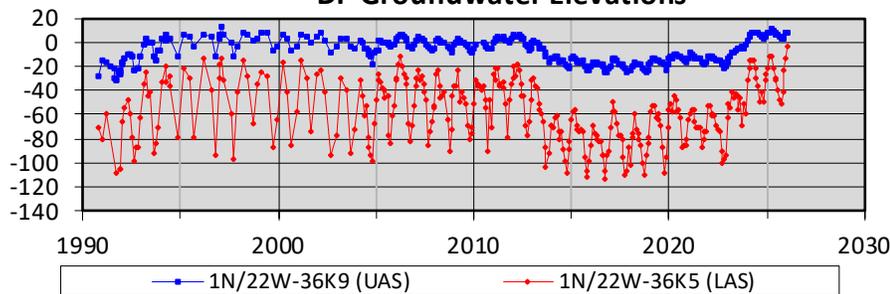
**CM3 Groundwater Elevations**



**A1 Groundwater Elevations**



**DP Groundwater Elevations**



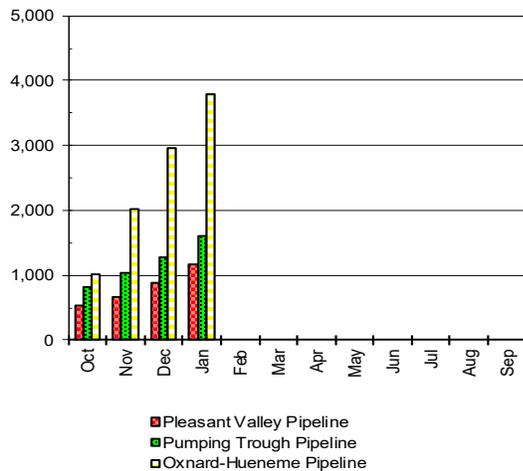
## Monthly Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2025/26)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
PV Pipeline (surface water)	530.7	138.9	209.0	285.9								
PV Pipeline (Saticoy well field)	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.9								
<b>Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline</b>	<b>532.0</b>	<b>138.9</b>	<b>209.0</b>	<b>286.8</b>								
PTP (surface water)	755.9	193.0	248.1	212.7								
PTP (PTP 1-5)	67.0	8.4	0.8	110.1								
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0								
PTP (Saticoy well field)	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4								
<b>Total PTP</b>	<b>825.8</b>	<b>201.4</b>	<b>248.9</b>	<b>323.2</b>								
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6								
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	4.3	0.0	0.0	1.3								
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,019.8	999.2	950.5	817.0								
<b>Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP, PV, c-cust)</b>	<b>1,286.6</b>	<b>331.9</b>	<b>457.4</b>	<b>499.2</b>								
<b>Total Groundwater Delivery (PTP, OH, Sat)</b>	<b>1,091.1</b>	<b>1,007.6</b>	<b>951.3</b>	<b>928.4</b>								
<b>Total Delivery (surface water, groundwater)</b>	<b>2,377.6</b>	<b>1,339.5</b>	<b>1,408.7</b>	<b>1,427.6</b>								

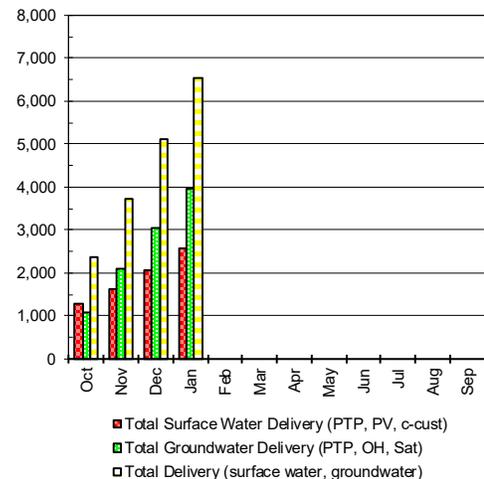
## Cumulative Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2025/26)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
PV Pipeline (surface water)	530.7	669.6	878.6	1,164.5								
PV Pipeline (saticoy well field)	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.3								
<b>Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline</b>	<b>532.0</b>	<b>670.9</b>	<b>879.9</b>	<b>1,166.7</b>								
PTP (surface water)	755.9	948.8	1,196.9	1,409.6								
PTP (PTP 1-5)	67.0	75.4	76.2	186.3								
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0								
PTP (Saticoy well field)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.3								
<b>Total PTP</b>	<b>825.8</b>	<b>1,027.2</b>	<b>1,276.0</b>	<b>1,599.2</b>								
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.0								
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	4.3	0.0	0.0	1.3								
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,019.8	2,019.0	2,969.5	3,786.5								
<b>Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP, PV, c-cust)</b>	<b>1,286.6</b>	<b>1,618.4</b>	<b>2,075.9</b>	<b>2,575.0</b>								
<b>Total Groundwater Delivery (PTP, OH, Sat)</b>	<b>1,091.1</b>	<b>2,098.7</b>	<b>3,050.0</b>	<b>3,978.4</b>								
<b>Total Delivery (surface water, groundwater)</b>	<b>2,377.6</b>	<b>3,717.1</b>	<b>5,125.9</b>	<b>6,553.4</b>								

**Cumulative deliveries by system**



**Cumulative deliveries by source/type**



Monthly diversion and recharge totals by facility, 2025/26, in acre-feet

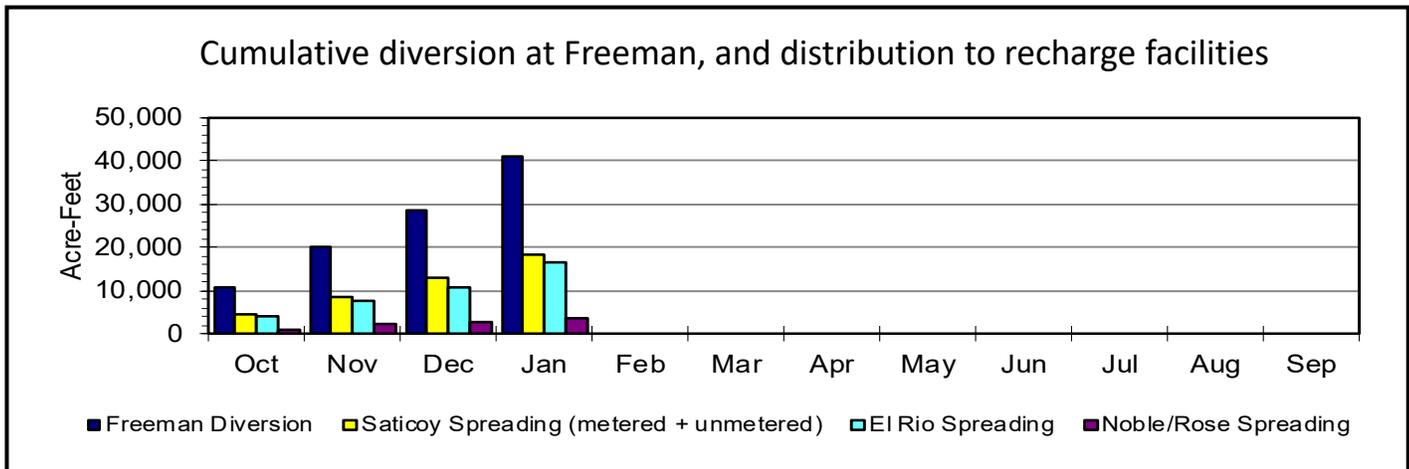
Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble/Rose Spreading	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	10,654	4,313	3,994	1,050	10
Nov	0	9,328	4,112	3,464	1,420	NA
Dec	0	8,325	4,376	3,273	218	NA
Jan	0	12,782	5,653	5,605	1,024	NA
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						

NA = Not Available

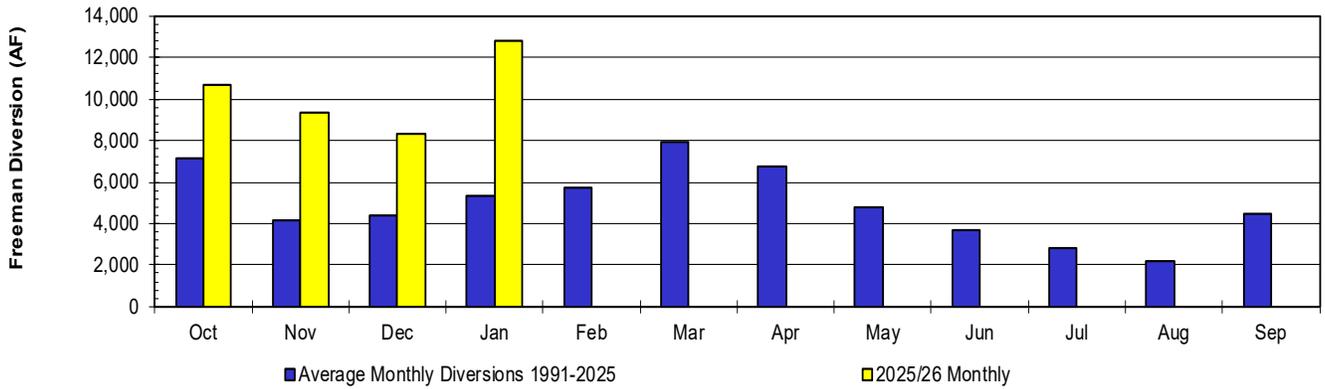
Cumulative diversion and recharge totals by facility, 2025/26, in acre-feet

Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble/Rose Spreading	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	10,654	4,313	3,994	1,050	10
Nov	0	19,981	8,425	7,458	2,469	NA
Dec	0	28,306	12,801	10,731	2,688	NA
Jan	0	41,088	18,454	16,336	3,712	NA
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						

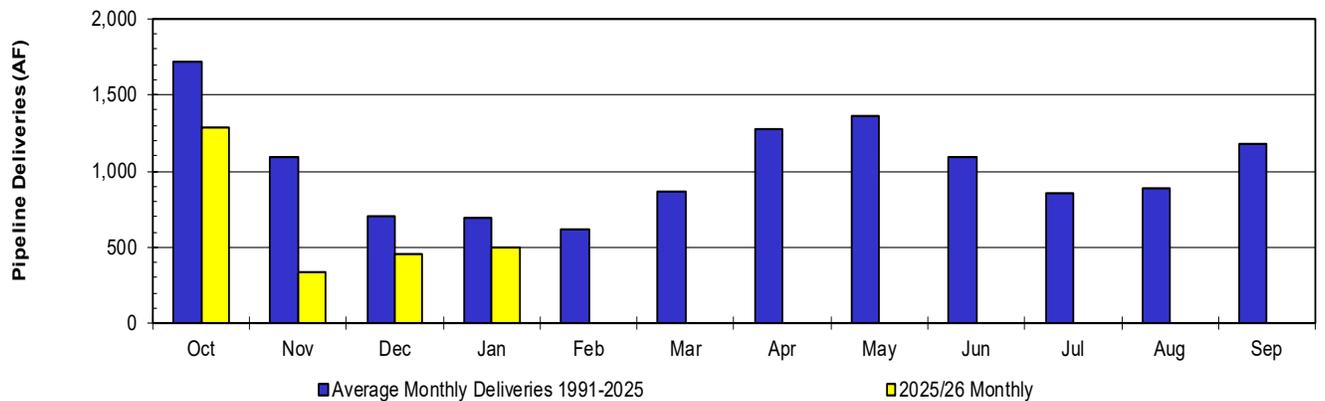
NA = Not Available



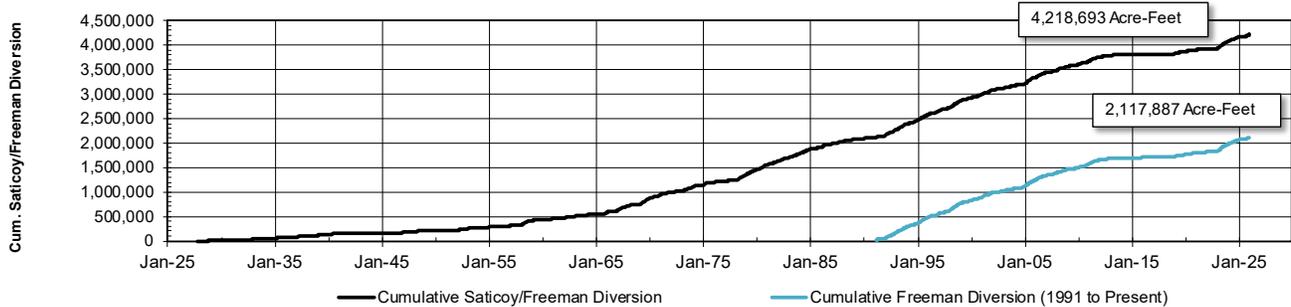
Monthly 2025/26 diversion at Freeman,  
compared to average monthly diversions (1991-2025)



Monthly 2025/26 pipeline deliveries (surface water deliveries),  
compared to average monthly pipeline deliveries (1991-2025)

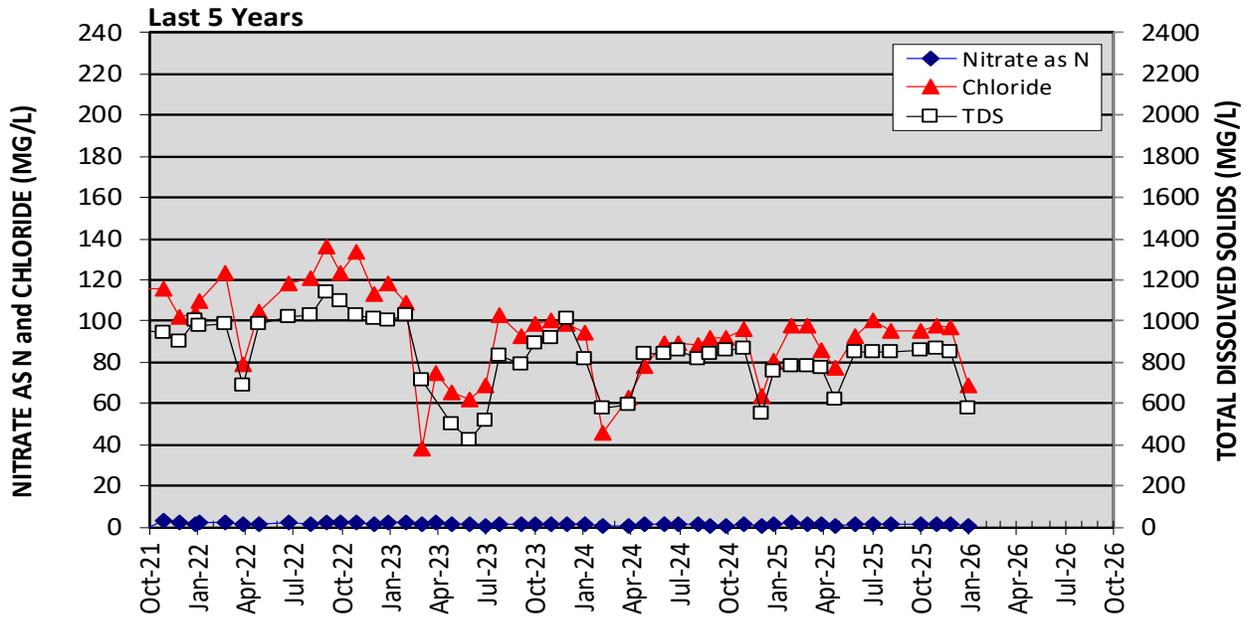


Cumulative diversion at Saticoy and Freeman Diversion, in acre-feet

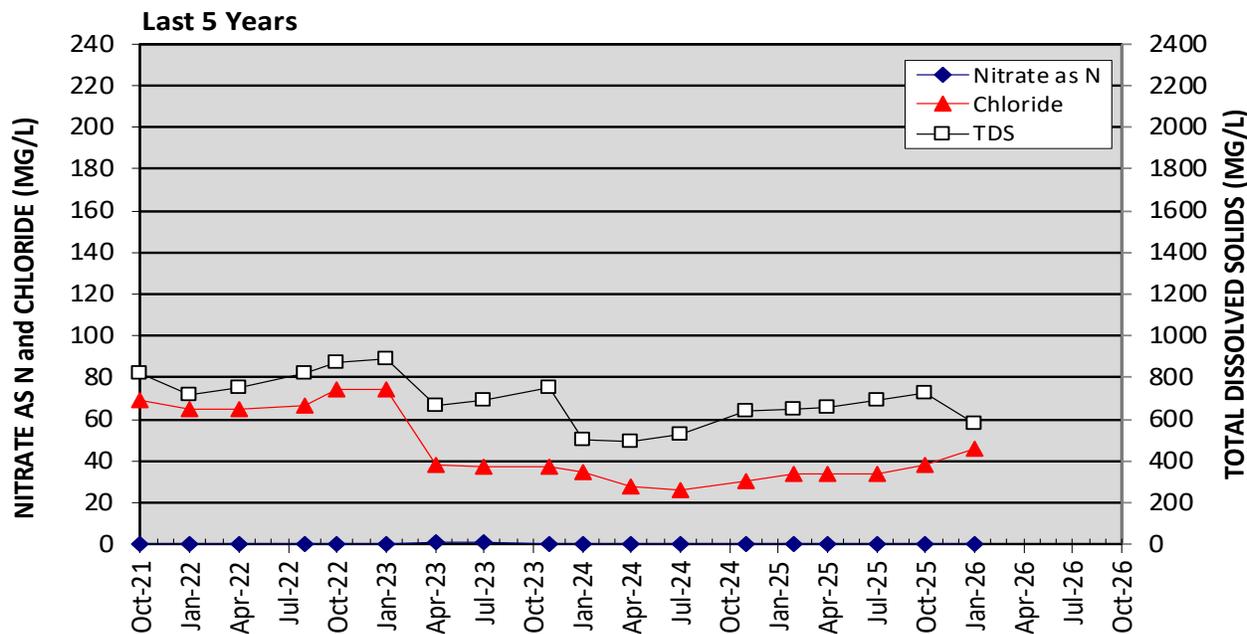


# Water Quality

Santa Clara River water quality near Los Angeles/Ventura County line

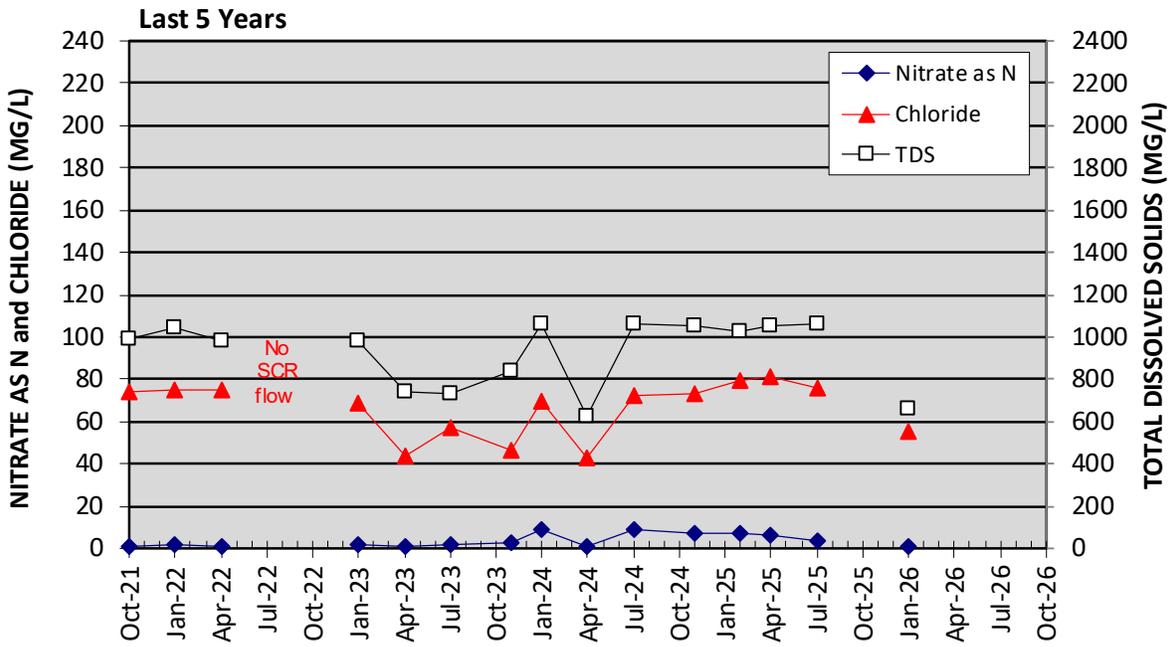


Piru Creek water quality below Santa Felicia Dam

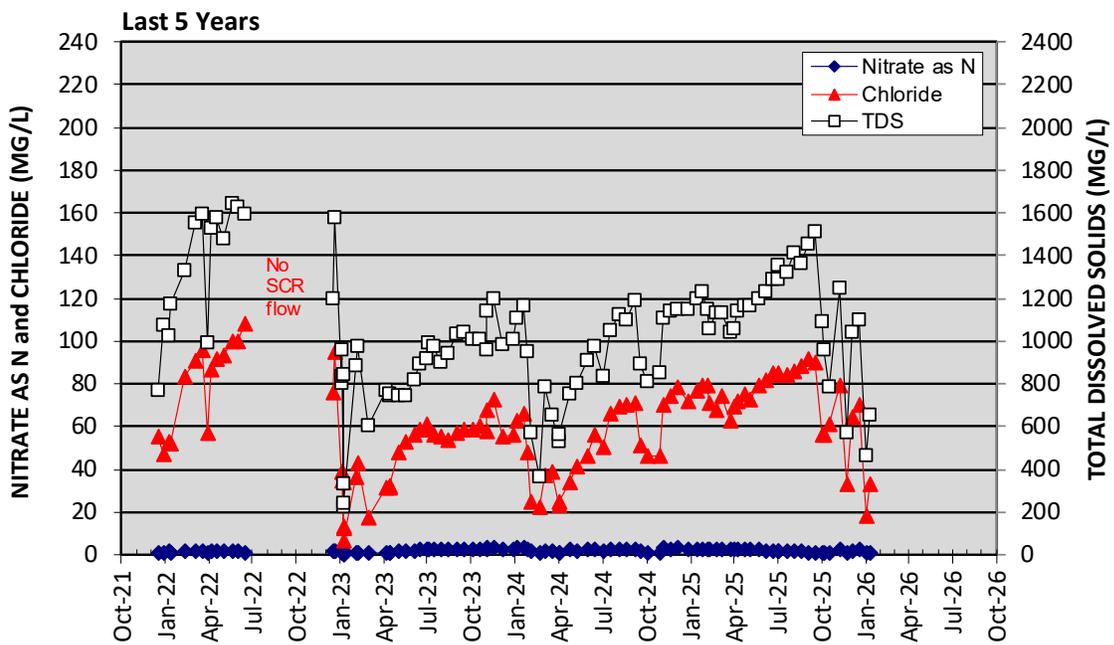


# Water Quality

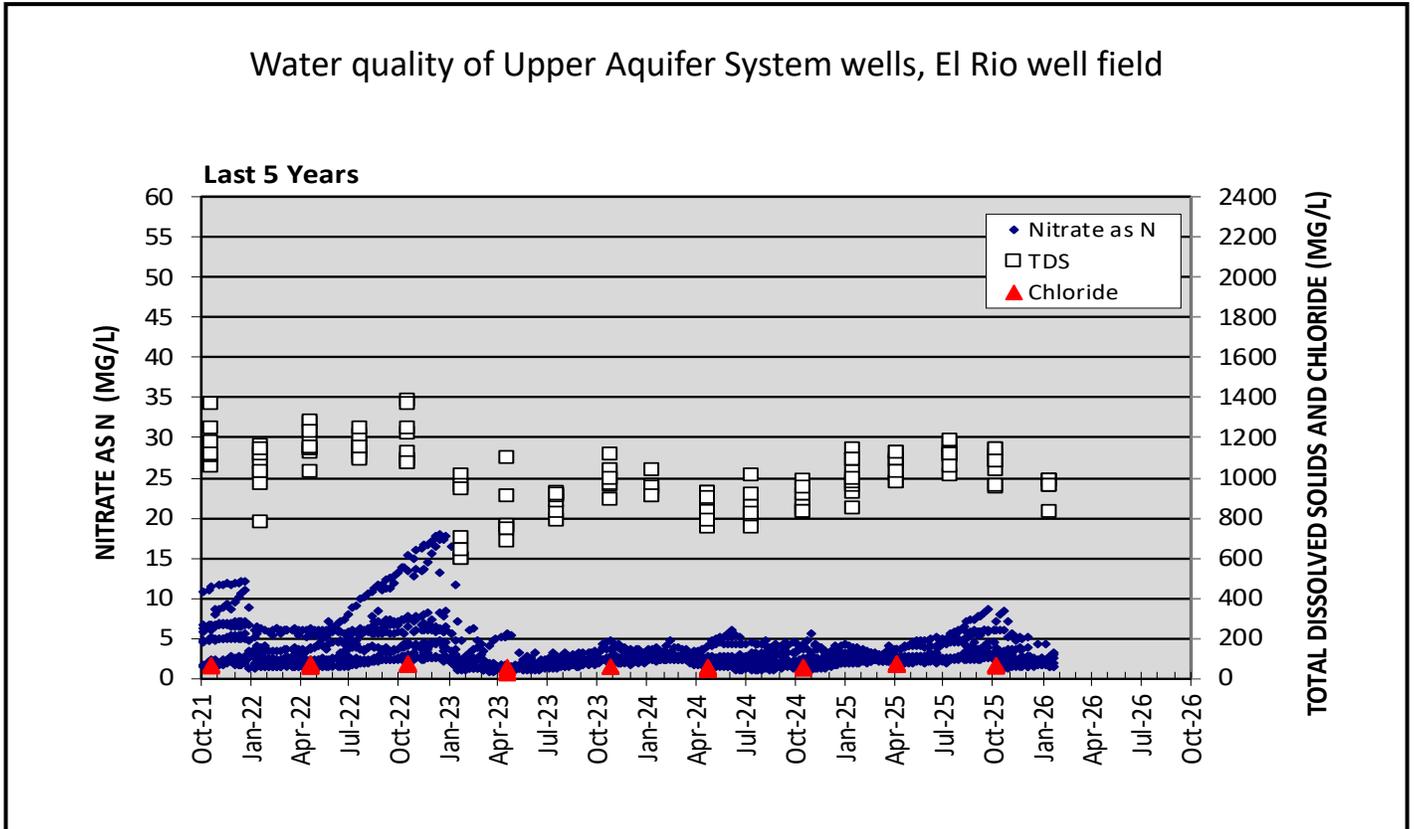
Santa Clara River water quality near Fillmore Fish Hatchery

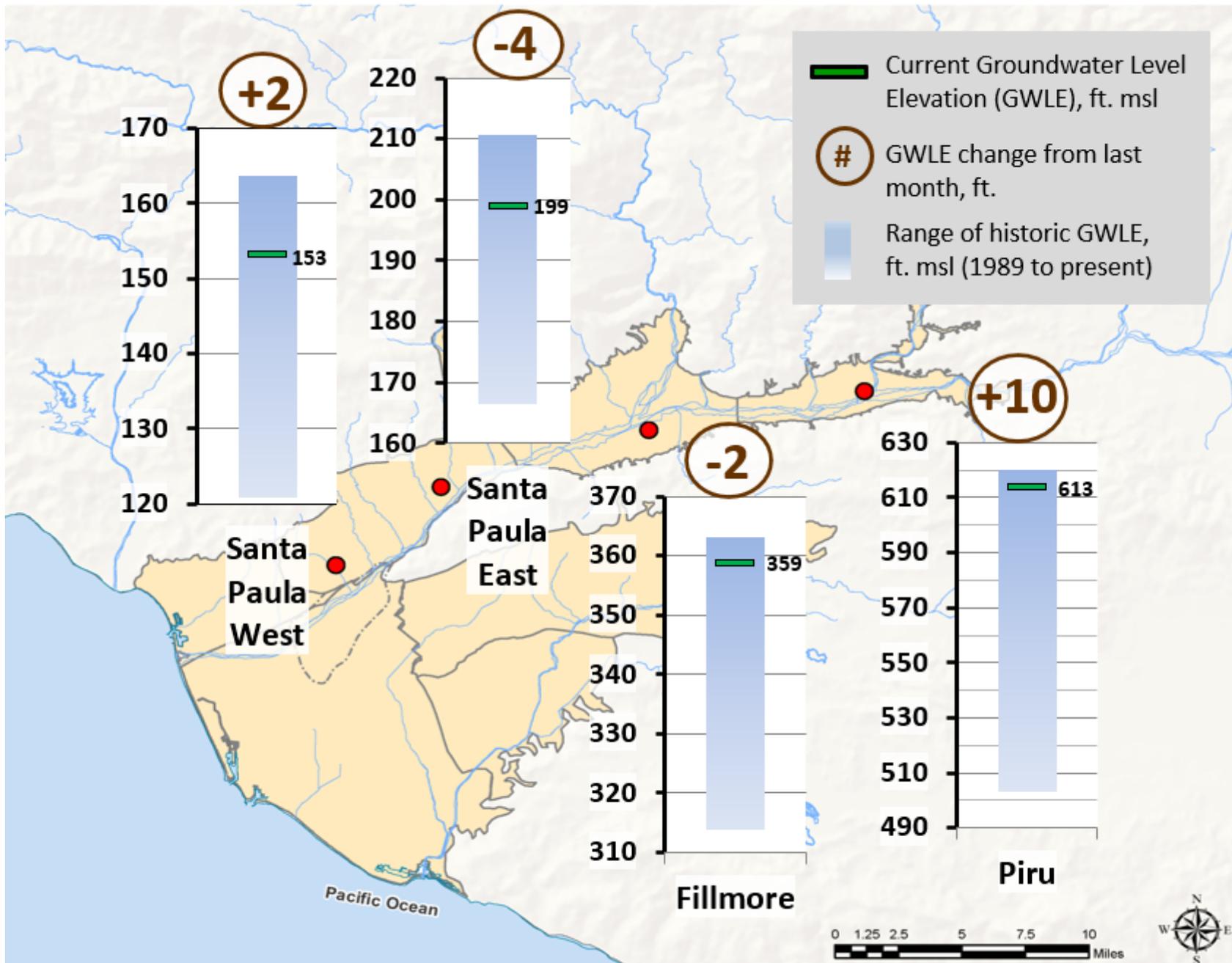


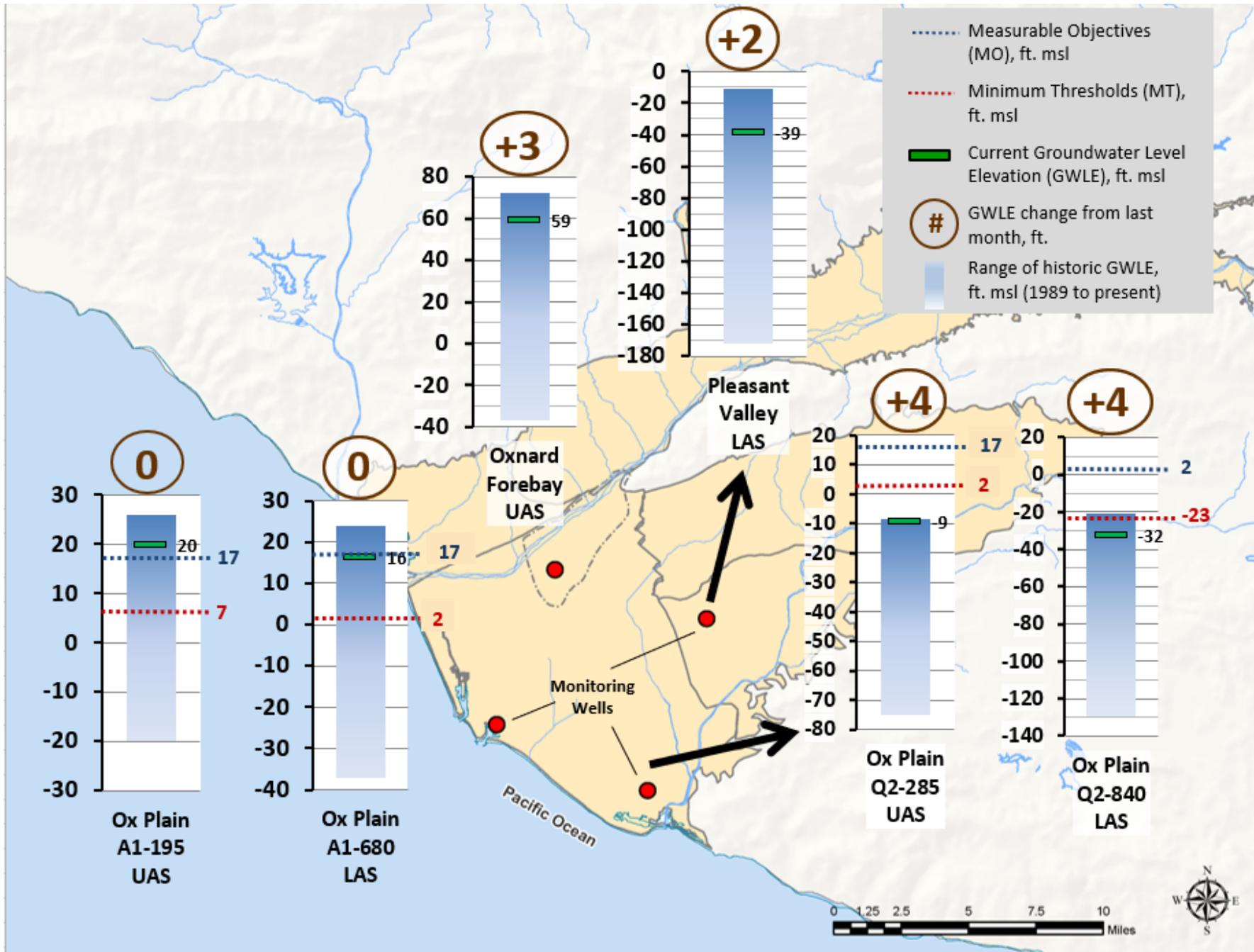
Santa Clara River water quality at Freeman Diversion



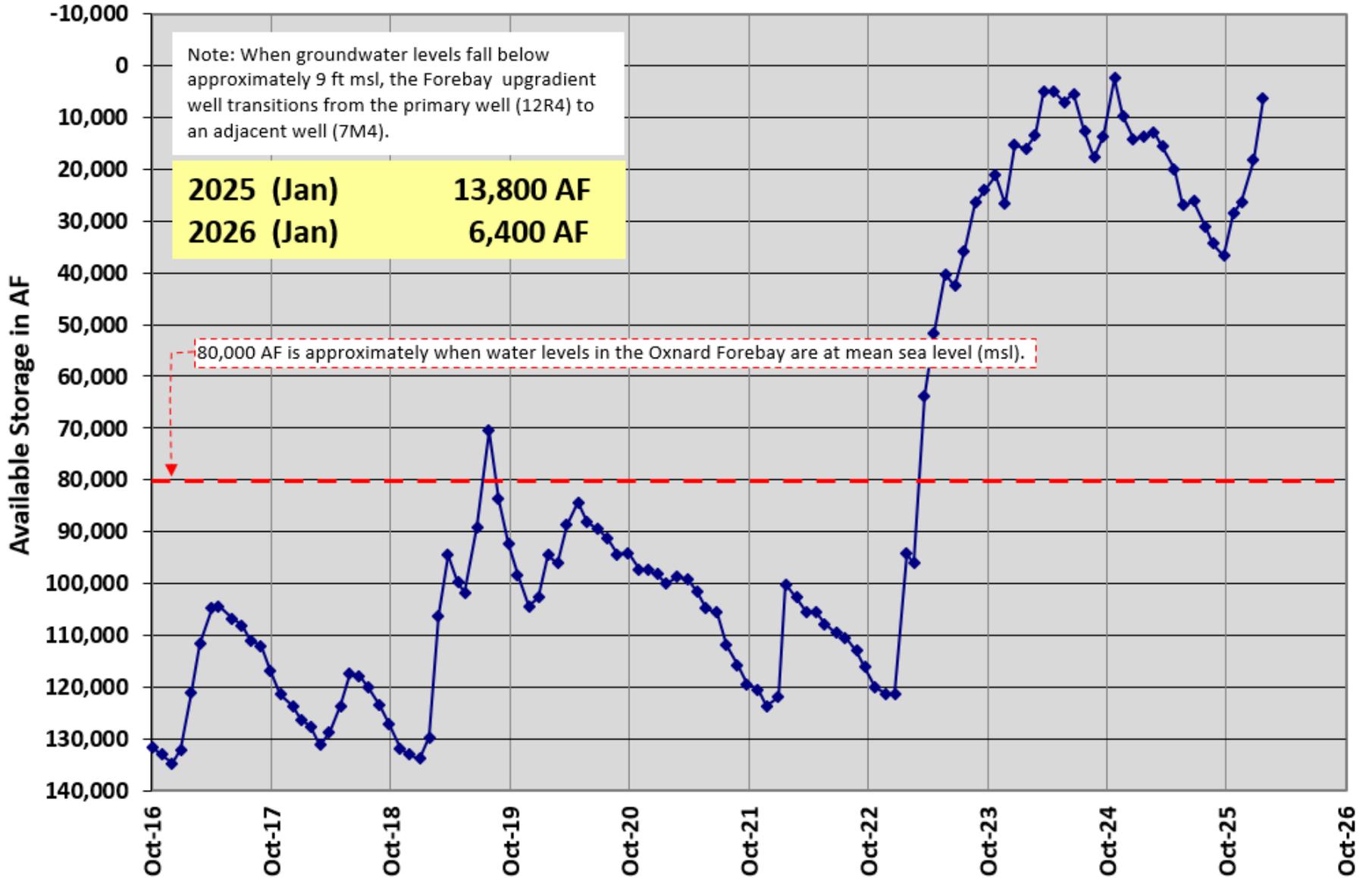
# Water Quality

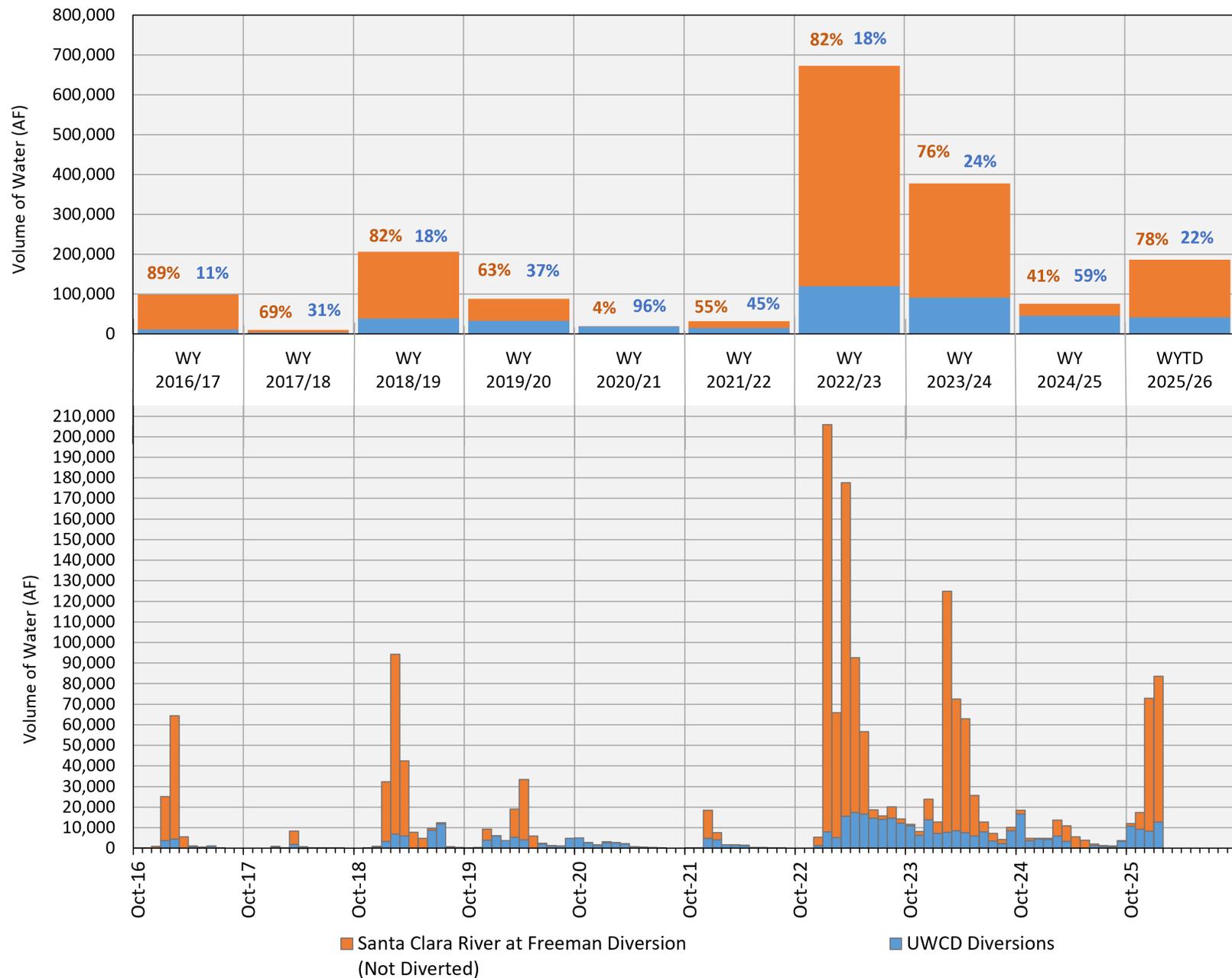






## Available Storage in the Oxnard Forebay - Last 10 Years





Water Year (WY) = October 1 to September 30; WYTD = Water Year To Date



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer  
Sara Guzman, Finance Supervisor

**Date:** February 23, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 3.3 **Investment Monthly Report for January 2026**  
**Information Item**

---

**Staff Recommendation:**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending January 31, 2026.

**Discussion:**

None. Informational only.

**Fiscal Impact:**

As shown.

**Attachments:**

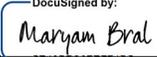
Combined Investment Monthly Report for January 2026

**United Water Conservation District  
Monthly Investment Report  
January 31, 2026**

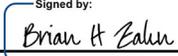
<b>Investment Recap</b>	<b>G/L Balance</b>	<b>Weighted Avg Days to Maturity</b>	<b>Diversification Percentage of Total</b>
Citizens Business Bank	9,916,822	1	15.67%
Petty Cash	5,400	1	0.01%
County Treasury	4,415	1	0.01%
LAIF Investments	53,368,094	1	84.31%
<b>Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Securities</b>	<b>63,294,731</b>		<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Investment Portfolio w/o Trustee Held Funds</b>	<b>63,294,731</b>		
<b>Trustee Held Funds</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>63,294,731</b>		

<b>Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Deposits (Disbursements)</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
	48,368,095	5,526,618	53,894,713
	<b>Interest Earned YTD</b>	<b>Interest Received YTD</b>	<b>Qtrly Yield</b>
	1,051,701	1,560,465	4.20%

|| District investments are shown above and conform to the District's Investment Policy. All investment transactions during this period are included in this report. Based on budgeted cash flows the District appears to have the ability to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months.

DocuSigned by:  <small>3E43B7C67E77483...</small>	On behalf of Mauricio Guardado	2/25/2026
_____ <b>Mauricio Guardado, General Manager</b>		_____ <b>Date Certified</b>

DocuSigned by:  <small>70D59ECF0D8D48E...</small>		2/23/2026
_____ <b>Anthony Emmert, Assistant General Manager</b>		_____ <b>Date Certified</b>

Signed by:  <small>6685D83E2A674A3...</small>		2/23/2026
_____ <b>Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer</b>		_____ <b>Date Certified</b>

<b>United Water Conservation District</b>			
<b>Cash Position</b>			
<b>January 31, 2026</b>			
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Composition</b>	<b>Restrictions/Designations</b>
<b>General/Water Conservation Fund:</b>			<b>Revenue collected for district operations</b>
General/Water Conservation	(822,157)	(18,523,665)	Includes General, Rec & Ranger, Water Conservation
		4,962,000	Reserved for legal expenditures
		4,280,257	Designated for replacement, capital improvements, and environmental projects
		8,459,252	Supplemental Water Purchase Fund
General CIP Funds	22,862,881	22,862,881	Appropriated for capital projects
	15,167,274	15,167,274	Reserved for CIP Projects
<b>Special Revenue Funds:</b>			<b>Revenue collected for a special purpose</b>
State Water Project Funds	8,952,752	8,952,752	Procurement of water/rights from state water project
<b>Enterprise Funds:</b>			<b>Restricted to fund usage</b>
Freeman Fund	(2,103,504)	(2,103,504)	Operations, Debt Service and Capital Projects
		-	Designated for replacement and capital improvements
		-	Reserved for legal expenditures
Freeman CIP Fund	6,034,894	6,034,894	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Fund	3,038,012	3,038,012	Delivery of water to OH customers
OH CIP Fund	3,293,954	3,293,954	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Well Replacement Fund	215,409	215,409	Well replacement fund
PV Pipeline Fund	1,109,271	1,109,271	Delivery of water to PV customers
PV CIP Fund	259,956	259,956	Appropriated for capital projects
PT Pipeline Fund	8,323,800	8,323,800	Delivery of water to PTP customers
PT CIP Fund	(3,037,810)	(3,037,810)	Appropriated for capital projects
<b>Total District Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>63,294,731</b>	<b>63,294,731</b>	



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

**Date:** February 25, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 3.4 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Second Quarter Financial Report  
(October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)  
Information Item

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Review the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2025, that is attached.

### **Discussion:**

The District prepares quarterly financial reports for each quarter which provide an analysis of District operations through the end of each quarter to highlight variances and for fiscal accountability.

This report represents six months of financial information for District operations for Q2 fiscal year 2025-26 (50 percent of the total fiscal year). Included in this report are budget to actual comparisons to date for District revenues, expenditures, and water deliveries, as well as discussion of any significant variances. This report is based on unaudited financial data and, therefore, is subject to revision as staff makes any necessary adjustments that may occur during the year.

While some funds appear to have some savings potential, adjustment recommendations may not be made at this time because the potential savings may be the result of delays in timing and, therefore, may not materialize.

Staff currently offer no recommendations for budget adjustments.

### **Attachments:**

- A – CIP Status FY2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Reports
- B – FY2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Reports



Board of Directors  
Lynn E. Maulhardt, President  
Catherine P. Keeling, Vice President  
Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer  
Keith Ford  
Mohammed A. Hasan  
Steve Huber  
Rachel Jones

General Manager  
Mauricio Guardado

Legal Counsel  
David D. Boyer

March 2, 2026

Board of Directors  
United Water Conservation District

**Subject: Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Financial Reports**

Dear Board Members:

Enclosed for your review are the United Water Conservation District's (District) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Second Quarter Financial Reports. These reports represent six months of financial information for District operations as well as Capital Improvement Project (CIP) updates (October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025).

The report focuses primarily on the operating funds of the District and corresponding CIP funds:

- General/Water Conservation Fund
- Recreation and Ranger Activities Sub-fund
- Freeman Fund
- Oxnard/Hueneme Pipeline (OHP) Fund
- Pleasant Valley Pipeline (PVP) Fund
- Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP) Fund
- State Water Import Fund
- Overhead Fund

Staff provides the Board's Finance and Audit Committee with monthly cash position and pipeline delivery activities reports throughout the fiscal year. Quarterly financial reports are submitted to the Board to provide information on the financial status of the District and to assure the Directors and District customers that staff is operating within the parameters of the annual adopted budget, including any supplemental appropriations. At the end of each fiscal year, an outside certified public accounting firm performs an independent financial audit to test staff's financial reporting accuracy and internal controls. It is staff's responsibility to ensure that the Board has received adequate financial information throughout the year so that there are no surprises, and so that fiscally prudent decisions can be made when the Board is asked to consider approval of budgeted and unbudgeted expenditure requests.

This report compares the revenues and budget appropriations for the fiscal year-to-date with data to provide the Board and District customers with a preliminary financial view (subject to audit adjustments at year-end). The following discussion will provide a summary of the District's projected revenues and approved spending plan compared to what actually occurred throughout the fiscal year. It also provides an update on approved and funded CIPs.



## **OPERATING FUNDS**

Narrative and graphical analyses are provided by fund (and the Recreation sub-fund) on the pages following the CIP Status.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS**

A one-page summary of the District's current five-year CIP appears along with Benchmark Interest Rates as part of Attachment B. As of December 31, 2025, all CIP expenditures are within the total amount appropriated by the Board.

The majority of the CIPs that have been funded are currently underway, either in the planning, design, or construction stages of the project. Please refer to the end of the CIP status section for a list of acronyms.

- ***Well Replacement Program (CIP # 8000)***

- On November 5, a Professional Services Agreement for Hydrogeologic and Field Oversight Services in Connection with the Rehabilitation and Redevelopment of Wells El Rio Nos. 17, 13, and 14 was executed with KYLE Groundwater, Inc.
- The District's consultant, KYLE Groundwater, Inc., prepared a workplan for redevelopment of Well No. 17 to address high turbidity in produced water.

- ***Freeman Diversion Expansion (CIP # 8001)***

- Staff coordinated with the design team (NHC and GEI) and technical advisors on the preliminary design and cost estimates for the Improved Denil. On November 13, Staff conducted a site visit with GEI to support the 30% design effort for the Improved Denil. Six key staff members from GEI joined four United staff members for an extensive site walk of the existing Freeman Facility and related infrastructure. In early December, Staff provided a workshop to Recharge Operators to discuss proposed changes to the Freeman facility and to obtain feedback from frontline operators.
- On November 6, Legal counsel submitted an ex parte application to Judge Carter to extend all deadlines in the September 10, 2025, Opinion (Dkt 693) by 60 days due to the federal government shutdown. Wishtoyo opposed United's application and on November 10, 2025, Judge Carter issued an order denying the application. Due to the denial of the ex parte application, and in accordance with the requirements of the September 10, 2025, Court Order, on November 10, 2025, United submitted a request to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for initiation of ESA Section 7 consultation for construction of the Hardened Ramp fish passage design.
- On December 9, 2025, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) issued the final grant agreement for the WaterSMART Environmental Water Resource Projects program award to the Freeman Diversion Fish Screen and Fish Bypass System project. The grant award totals \$3 million for construction.
- On December 16, 2025, United staff met with NMFS West Coast Region staff to discuss the Improved Denil fish passage project, and on December 17, 2025, United staff met with CDFW staff to present the project. Additionally, on December 30, 2025, United staff met with CDFW staff to discuss permitting processes to support the



January 8, 2026, permit deadlines outlined in Judge Carter's September Opinion, as a follow-up to a November 13, 2025, meeting on the same subject.

- ***Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Rehabilitation (CIP # 8002)***
  - On October 3, GEI submitted the Intake Control Facility Structural Analysis TM which was reviewed by the District and BV. On December 22, Staff submitted the Updated Kinematic and Structural Stability Analysis of Sloping Intake Structure to FERC and DSOD.
  - In October through December, Staff received multiple RFIs from Cal OES related to the HMGP sub-application for the SFD OW Improvement Project. Staff prepared and submitted responses in coordination with BV and GEI to Cal OES.
  - On November 18, Staff presented to the VC Board of Supervisors on the SFD SIP, during which the Board adopted a resolution supporting the project.
  - On November 25, Staff e-filed a request with FERC for an extension of time to close any remaining BOC comments on the SFD OW Project by BOC Meeting No. 11, which had been rescheduled from November 3-4, 2025, to March 25–26, 2026.
  
- ***Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin (CIP # 8018)***
  - Three Barrel Culvert Replacement:
    - There are no updates for this time period.
  
  - Inverted Siphon Replacement:
    - This project is complete, and there are no updates for this time period.
  
  - Vineyard Avenue Crossing:
    - On October 28, Staff submitted Progress Report/Invoice No. 8 to DWR for the IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 grant.
    - On December 31, the Caltrans encroachment permit application was officially accepted for the Vineyard Ave Crossing.
  
- ***Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment (CIP # 8019)***
  - Staff continued coordination with NBVC Environmental, Public Works, and Real Property Management Staff on Site Approval Requests (SAR) for the Phase 1 project. On December 5, Staff received the fully executed Navy approval for Phase 1A SAR (remaining field activities related to design). Staff provided responses to multiple Navy RFIs related to the Phase 1B SAR (30% design).
  - In October, Staff received sieve analyses for the EBB-2 and EBB-4 exploratory borings. The information will be used by the well design subconsultant (RCS) in the well gravel pack design. In October, K/J's electrical engineer reviewed and provided comments on the power monitoring study prepared by P2S, Inc. Additionally, K/J's structural engineer reviewed and provided comments on the draft geotech report prepared by Earth Systems.



- On November 12, Staff submitted the SWRCB invoice and progress report No. 5 and the revised labor certification on November 18 related to the SWRCB GWGP grant.
- On November 19, Staff held a meeting with NBVC's Leadership. Staff provided project background, project status, and a financial summary. NBVC's Leadership agreed to elevate the priority of review and approval of the Phase 1A and 1B SARs.
- On November 3, Staff received a request from NBVC regarding the expiring Phase 1A license agreement which authorizes access for land surveying, geotechnical exploration, and environmental surveying. Staff discussed a potential two-year extension with NBVC Staff. On December 5, Staff issued a Letter of Request to CNRSW for a Phase 1A license extension for 2 years (February 2026 to February 2028).
- On December 3, Staff as well as Director Huber met with Commander Navy Region Southwest Rear Admiral Rich Jared in San Diego to provide a debrief on the Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment project and to confirm the Navy's continuous support of the project.
- Throughout December, Staff updated the water quality database for reporting EBB sampling data to the State, planned for geotechnical site work and installation of piezometers, and conducted quarterly sampling for monitoring wells.
- ***Rice Avenue Grade Separation Project (CIP # 8021)***
  - Staff continued to monitor construction progress. The Contractor continues to build the earthen embankment east of PTP Well No. 4 and anticipates constructing piles for the bridge embankment supports over Fifth Street between late 2025 and early 2026. District Staff anticipate conducting a land survey in 2026 of the area south of PTP Well No. 4, which the County identified as the parcel to be incorporated into the PTP Well No. 4 site and transferred to the District upon completion of construction to ensure ease of access to the well site in the future.
- ***Pumping Trough Pipeline Metering Improvement Project (CIP # 8022)***
  - Staff continued to work with the property owner at PTP Turnout No. 156 for final signatures on the proposed easement deed.
  - On October 9, Staff received an executed copy of Amendment No. 5 providing a descoping from sixty-two (62) to fifty-seven (57) PTP turnout meters and a time extension through January 31, 2026, for the Prop 1 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grant.
- ***State Water Interconnection (CIP # 8025)***
  - There are no updates for this time period.
- ***Asset Management System – CMMS System (CIP # 8041)***
  - After completion of an Asset Management Program pilot project related to the El Rio Disinfection Facility and OH Pipeline, Staff worked with its consultant (HDR) to



- develop a scope of work for the next stage of OH Pipeline condition assessments and cathodic protection system improvements.
- In early December, Staff completed the PV asset registry and utility binder.
  - ***Pumping Trough Pipeline Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline (CIP # 8043)***
    - Staff continued planning and coordination efforts with the City of Oxnard and PVCWD for short-term operational testing for recycled water deliveries through the new Laguna Road Recycled Water Pipeline. Staff continued to update the LARWQCB on the short-term operational testing planning efforts.
    - Staff continued to work with Toro Enterprises, Inc. on a pressure testing plan of the newly installed flow meter. Staff closed out VCWPD permit (2024-029) related to the construction of the Laguna Road Pipeline on December 18.
  - ***SCADA Hardware Update (CIP # 8046)***
    - Staff completed the project to move the SCADA alarm notification system from WIN-911 to the Ignition platform. The project was successful and is ready for implementation and deployment. Staff has successfully completed a PLC upgrade at the Freeman Diversion, going from PLC technology to EPIC (Edge Programmable Industrial Controller) technology by OPTO22.
  - ***Lake Piru Recreation Area Pavement Maintenance Program (CIP # 8047)***
    - On November 7, Staff submitted a CDFW Boating Access Grant Program application and 65% design documents for pavement rehabilitation in the Marina area requesting a grant amount of \$363,000 to partially cover a total estimated project cost of \$484,000. There is a 25% local cost match requirement for the grant. Award announcements are anticipated in Summer 2026.
  - ***Main Supply Pipeline Sodium Hypochlorite Injection Facility (CIP # 8053)***
    - This project has been postponed until further notice.
  - ***Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations (CIP # 8055)***
    - Staff consulted with prospective consultants in the development of a scope of work to improve the LPRA Water Treatment Plant operations which is currently operated in a manual batch process mode due to a lack of automation and encounters operational issues with changing source water quality.
    - Staff coordinated with environmental testing companies to receive quotations for hazardous material testing for the LOG and Oak Lane restrooms in preparation of bid documents for a restroom repair project.
  - ***Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Low-Flow Upgrade (CIP # 8056)***
    - This project has been postponed until further notice.



- ***Piru Early Warning System Replacement (CIP # 8058)***
  - The contractor completed the physical installation of the new replacement siren at Fire Station 28 in Piru. This siren matches the new siren that was installed at the Piru Spreading Grounds in Q1 FY 2025-2026.
  
- ***Oxnard Hueneme Well No. 13 Rehabilitation (CIP # 8059)***
  - On November 5, a Professional Services Agreement for Hydrogeologic and Field Oversight Services in Connection with the Rehabilitation and Redevelopment of Wells El Rio #17, #13, and #14 was executed with KYLE Groundwater, Inc.
  
- ***OH Well 14 Energy Efficiency Upgrades (CIP # 8060)***
  - On November 5, a Professional Services Agreement for Hydrogeologic and Field Oversight Services in Connection with the Rehabilitation and Redevelopment of Wells El Rio #17, #13, and #14 was executed with KYLE Groundwater, Inc.
  
- ***El Rio Office Rehabilitation (CIP # 8061)***
  - There are no updates for this time period.
  
- ***OHP Gas Booster Replacement Project A (CIP # 8062)***
  - This project is on hold.

[This space is intentionally left blank.]



### Acronym Index

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
BOC	Board of Consultants
BV	Black & Veatch Corporation
Cal OES	California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CIP	Capital Improvement Project
CMMS	Computerized Maintenance Management System
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EBB	Extraction Barrier and Brackish
ESA	Environmental Science Associates; or Endangered Species Act
GEI	GEI Consultants, Inc.
GWGP	Groundwater Grant Program
HDR	HDR Consultants, Inc.
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
IRWM	Integrated Water Management Plan
K/J	Kennedy Jenks Consultants
LOG	Lower Olive Grove
LPRA	Lake Piru Recreation Area
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NHC	Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Inc.
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OH	Oxnard Hueneme
OHP	Oxnard-Hueneme Pipeline
OW	Outlet Works
PLC	Programmable Logic Controller
PTP	Pumping Trough Pipeline
PVCWD	Pleasant Valley County Water District
PVP	Pleasant Valley Pipeline
RFI	Request for Information
SAR	Site Approval Request
SFD	Santa Felicia Dam
SIP	Safety Improvement Plan
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
USBR	United States Bureau of Reclamation
WTP	Water Treatment Plant/Project
VCWPD	Ventura County Watershed Protection District



**CASH POSITION AND INVESTMENTS OF THE DISTRICT**

As of December 31, 2025, the District had a total of \$63.3M in cash and investments. As noted in the cash position report, some of the District’s resources are readily available for use, while other funds have restrictions that limit how they can be used. The District must adhere to any legal, bond, or contractual restrictions placed on funds. However, some restrictions are based on Board designations and can be redirected for other uses if the Board so determines.

The District’s cash, cash equivalents and securities held in the various accounts as compared to the prior year are as follows:

	<b>Dec-25</b>	<b>Dec-24</b>
Citizens Business Bank	\$ 9,916,822	\$ 9,286,066
Petty Cash	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400
County Treasury	\$ 4,415	\$ 3,217
LAIF Investments	\$ 53,368,094	\$ 24,612,033
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 63,294,731</b>	<b>\$ 33,906,716</b>

Any restrictions on the remaining \$63.3M are listed in this report. If you have any questions regarding this report on the financial position, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian H. Zahn  
 Chief Financial Officer



**FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

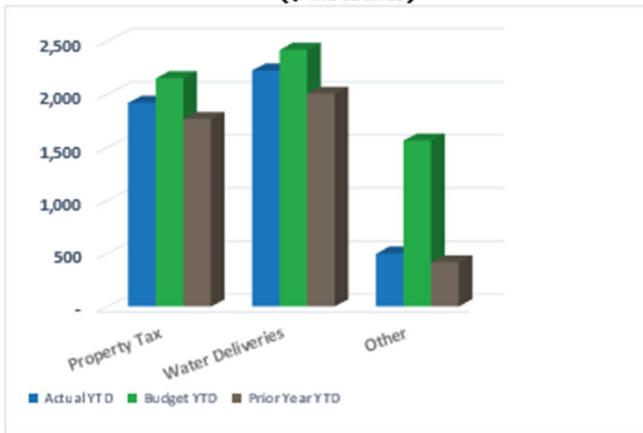
July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

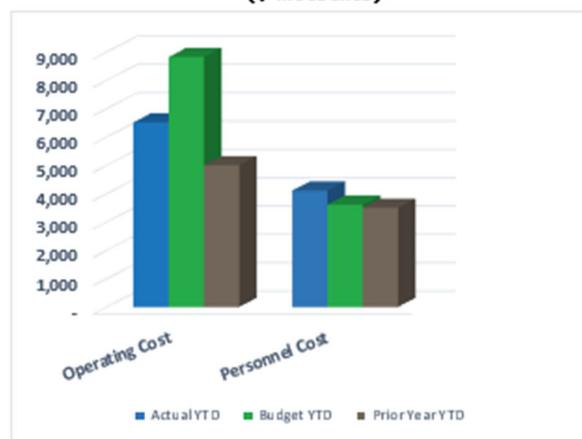
**General/Water Conservation Fund**

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenues</b>							
Water Delivery	2,224	2,419	(195)	-8%	2,004	220	11%
Groundwater	(28)	0	(28)	0%	552	(580)	-105%
Supplemental Water	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Property Taxes	1,919	2,151	(232)	-11%	1,766	153	0%
Earnings on Investments	167	286	(119)	-42%	420	(253)	-60%
Other	987	5,319	(4,331)	-81%	3,851	(2,864)	-74%
Transfers in	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>10,176</b>	<b>(4,906)</b>	<b>-48%</b>	<b>8,594</b>	<b>(3,324)</b>	<b>-39%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	4,109	3,615	494	14%	3,503	606	17%
Operating Expenditures	6,517	8,823	(2,306)	-26%	5,004	1,513	30%
Capital Outlay	401	427	(26)	-6%	547	(146)	-27%
Transfers out	10,799	13,341	(2,541)	-19%	6,969	3,830	55%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>21,827</b>	<b>26,206</b>	<b>(4,378)</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>16,024</b>	<b>5,803</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(16,557)</b>	<b>(16,030)</b>	<b>(527)</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>(7,430)</b>	<b>(9,127)</b>	<b>123%</b>

**Revenues (\$ thousands)**



**Expenses (\$ thousands)**



**Revenue Status v. Budget**

- Revenue received through the Second Quarter totals \$5.3M, which is \$4.9M (48%) below plan. This shortfall is predominantly due to delayed receipt of awarded grant funding but is expected to meet projections by the end of the fiscal year.
- Groundwater Revenue reflects adjustments from the prior fiscal year. The first billing of FY 2025-26 was completed in February 2026.
- Water Delivery totaled \$2.2M, \$195K (8%) below Plan, can be attributed to deliveries of 1164 AF under projection, driven by weather conditions.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Earnings on Investments are \$119K (42%) below Budget, due to market adjustments and an interfund loan coming out of Fund 050.
- Grant Revenue shortfall of \$3.3M (100%) from delayed SCRCB Grant payment for the Phase 1 Pumping of Coastal Brackish Groundwater Wells Project.
- Property Taxes received in the second quarter are under plan by \$232K due to timing differences but are expected to pick up later in the fiscal year.
- Recreation Activities Revenue is higher than budgeted by \$18K (3%).

### ***Revenue Status v. Prior Year***

- Second quarter revenue was \$3.3M (39%) higher than the previous fiscal year, primarily due to receipt of the grant payments in the 2024-25 FY.
- Grant Revenue in the second quarter is \$2.9M lower than the prior fiscal year, mainly due to delayed Grant reimbursements and the initiation of two additional grants for Phase 1 Pumping Coastal Brackish GW Project and Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Project.
- Water Delivery Revenue is \$220K (11%) higher in the current fiscal year, mainly due to an increase in rates. However, there were 2,705 (19%) AF less delivered in 2025-26.

### ***Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget***

- Total Expenditures were \$21.8M, \$4.4M (17%) under Plan, largely due to Transfers out for CIP of \$10.8M, (\$2.5M) 19% under plan due to Wifia Loan proceeds.
- Operating Expenditures also contributed to the savings, being \$2.3M (26%) below Budget. This is largely attributed to decreased expenses in Professional Fees.
- Overall Professional Fees were \$582K under Budget, mainly due to savings in Environmental Services (\$751K) from delays in studies for State Water Import and reduced activity in other professional services. These savings were partially offset by higher legal services costs related to OPV, FERC, and Takings Claim, with total legal expenses reaching \$2.5M, \$891K over plan for appointed legal counsel.
- Public Relations Outreach and Education was less than projected by \$217K in Fund 010. Outreach efforts should increase throughout the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Maintenance Expenditures reflect \$408K in underspending, with savings resulting from FEMA reimbursement in Fund 020.
- Salaries and Benefits (\$4.2M) are over plan (\$494K) due to upfront payments for CALPERS unfunded liability and payroll liabilities for the 2025-26 fiscal year.
- Budgeted Principal (\$184K) and Interest payments (\$178K) related to 2020 COP Payments are budgeted as expenses but paid directly to liability.

### ***Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year***

- Expenditures are \$5.8M (36%) higher in the current fiscal year largely due to higher Transfers-Out (\$3.8M) for Capital Improvement Projects.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Personnel Cost are also \$606K greater in the current fiscal year, stemming from a Board approved 3% COLA increase, annual merit increase and an increase in CalPers unfunded liability payments.
- Operating Expenditures in the second quarter are up \$1.5M (30%) compared to last year. Largely attributed to higher general and administrative expenses, totaling \$957K.
- Maintenance Costs in the current fiscal year are \$178K lower than FY 2024-25. This is due in part to funds received from FEMA for the damage at Lake Piru.
- Higher Insurance Expense (\$182K) in current fiscal year compared to FY 2024-25.
- Capital Outlay is also lower in the current fiscal year by \$146K, which is attributed to traveling screens rebuild that occurred last year.

### ***Fund Balance***

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 25-26 is approximately \$1.449M.
- The District's reserve policy requires an undesignated balance of \$4M for this fund, which is not expected to be met.

## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

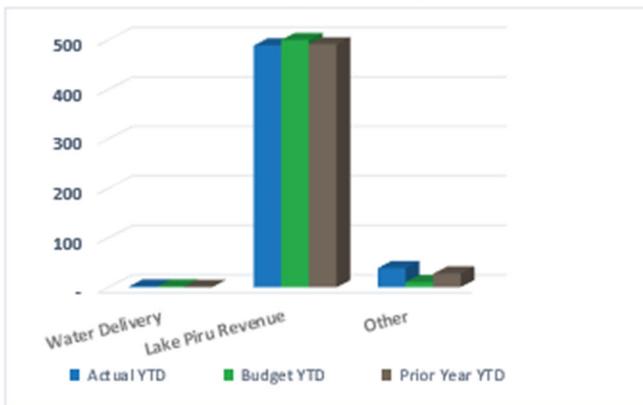
July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

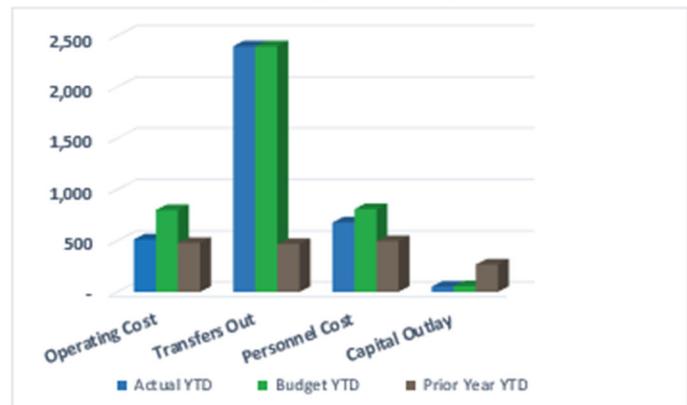
### Recreation Sub-Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenues</b>							
Water Delivery	2	1	0	18%	1	1	134%
Earnings on Investments	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Lake Piru Revenue	489	500	(11)	-2%	491	(2)	0%
Other	39	10	28	277%	28	11	39%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	680	808	(128)	-16%	495	185	37%
Operating Expenditures	512	799	(286)	-36%	477	35	7%
Capital Outlay	53	57	(5)	-8%	268	(215)	-80%
Transfers out	2,396	2,396	0	0%	467	1,929	413%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,641</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>113%</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(3,111)</b>	<b>(3,548)</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>(1,187)</b>	<b>(1,924)</b>	<b>162%</b>

**Revenues**  
(\$ thousands)



**Expenses**  
(\$ thousands)



#### Revenue Status v. Budget

- Operational Revenue in the Second Quarter is above plan by \$18K (3%), which is mainly due to higher than anticipated Vehicle Passes Revenue.

#### Revenue Status v. Prior Year

- Compared to the Second Quarter of FY 2024–25, revenues increased by nearly \$10K (2%), due to increased camping reservations and filming fees revenue in Current Year.

#### Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget

- Total Expenditures were \$3.6M, \$419K (10%) under Budget due to lower Operating Expenditures (\$286K), and Personnel Costs (\$128K).



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Salary (\$90K) and Benefits (\$38K) Costs savings are due to temporary staffing being utilized for Landscaping and Social Media functions. Vacancies in the Park Ranger positions are expected to be filled, leaving underspent costs in regular salaries (\$60K) to be utilized by fiscal year end.
- Professional Fees (\$5K) resulted in savings of \$51K from less than expected use of legal services (\$20K), Sheriffs Department Contract Services being under-utilized during the slow season and Marketing & Advertising savings due to new in-house Outreach position.
- Overall Maintenance costs (\$166K) are still below Plan due to offset from reimbursement payment received from FEMA (\$332K).
- Vehicle Maintenance costs (\$47K) are over plan by \$33K due to increased repairs for Recreation Utility vehicles and operated trucks.
- Savings are slightly offset by insurance costs (\$57K) due to increased liability premiums for the year occurring after the purchase of new rental boats for Recreation use.

### ***Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year***

- Expenditures are \$1.9M (113%) higher in the current fiscal year, predominantly due to Transfers out for CIP projects (\$2M).
- Contributing to increase is Miscellaneous Expense (\$42K), mainly related to Costs of Goods Sold, which was higher in FY 2025-26 due to purchases of ice, merchandise, and inventory for Condor Point Store.
- Personnel Costs (\$680K) also are higher (\$185K) in the current fiscal year compared to the second quarter of FY 2024-25.
- Capital Outlay for Capital Improvement Projects is (\$215K) lower in fiscal year 2025-26 due to FEMA reimbursements, slightly offsetting the increase.

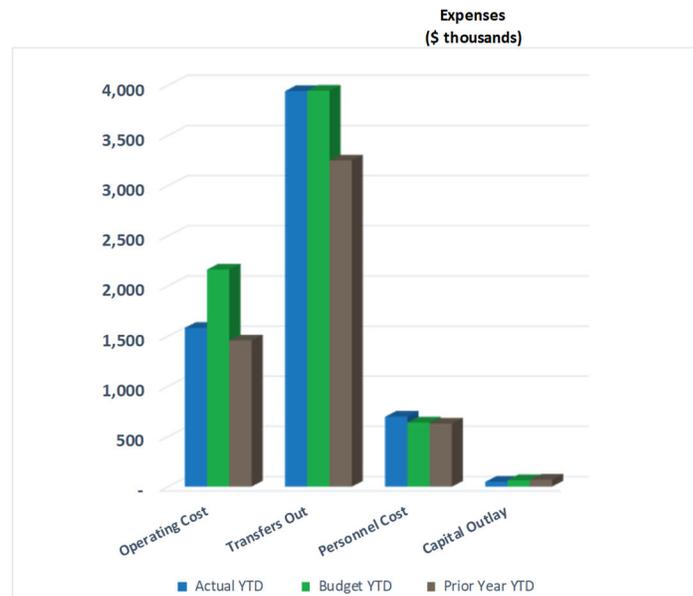
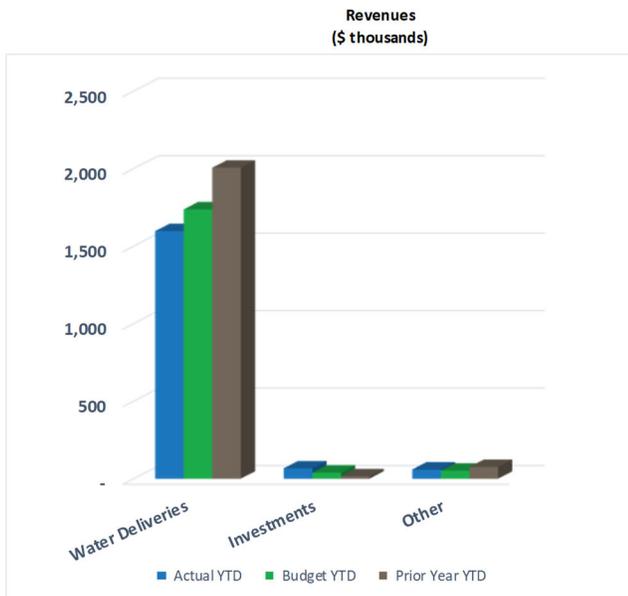
## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

### Freeman Diversion Fund (Zone B)

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenues</b>							
Groundwater	(37)	0	(37)		(62)	25	-40%
Water Delivery	1,597	1,737	(140)	-8%	2,006	(409)	-20%
Earnings on Investments	66	39	27	70%	15	51	346%
Other	59	83	(24)	-29%	76	(17)	-22%
Transfers in	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>(174)</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>(350)</b>	<b>-17%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	698	639	59	9%	628	70	11%
Operating Expenditures	1,582	2,163	(581)	-27%	1,456	126	9%
Capital Outlay	49	64	(16)	-24%	68	(20)	-29%
Transfers out	3,942	3,945	(3)	0%	3,249	693	21%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,270</b>	<b>6,811</b>	<b>(540)</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>5,402</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(4,585)</b>	<b>(4,952)</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>(3,367)</b>	<b>(1,218)</b>	<b>36%</b>



### Revenue Status v. Budget

- Revenue for the Second Quarter was \$1.69M, which is under the plan \$174K (9%). This was primarily due to a decrease of \$140K (1,164 AF) in water deliveries to the three pipelines. Additionally, contributing to the lower revenue was \$38K in groundwater adjustments and delayed grant revenue of \$30K related to a Cal OES State and Local Cybersecurity grant which is expected to be invoiced later in the fiscal year.



## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Offsetting the decrease in revenue was the increase of \$27K (70%) in Earning on Investments due to higher LAIF interest rates. Also \$7K (14%) additional revenue in late fees, rents and leases.

### **Revenue Status v. Prior Year**

- FY 2025-26 Second Quarter is \$350K (17%) lower than the prior year, primarily due to a \$409K (2,706 AF) decrease in water deliveries. Additional contributing factor is a \$17K (22%) reduction in late fee charges compared to last year.
- In contrast, investment earnings increased by \$51K (346%) due to higher LAIF interest rates this year.

### **Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget**

- Total year-to-date expenditure is \$6.3M, which is \$540K (8%) below budget. Primarily attributed to the underutilization of operating expenditures totaling \$581K (27%) and capital outlay of \$16K (24%).
- The major contributor of underutilization are Principal payments related to the 2020 COP and the Interfund Loan are below plan by \$207K, as these items are budgeted as expenses but paid directly to liabilities. Followed by overhead cost of \$182K that is expected to pick up next quarter. Savings also in maintenance expenditure, which shows savings of \$107K, partially due to FEMA reimbursement assistance and delays in equipment maintenance.
- Additional savings in permits and licenses by \$31K, chemical treatment by \$19K, and other miscellaneous expenses by \$25K.
- Interest Expense is \$40K lower due to the timing of the second bond payment, which is scheduled to be posted in the third quarter.
- Professional fees are under \$18K due to delayed billing for legal, consulting, and environmental services. These costs are expected to catch up in the next quarter.
- Operational savings are partially offset by insurance expenses that are \$60K higher. Also, fuel expenses are up by 9K due to higher gas prices.
- Benefits are over budget by \$52K. This variance is primarily driven by higher retirement costs: CalPERS Classic (\$67K) and Pepra (\$3K). While Workers' Compensation expense shows a savings of \$9K, and medical insurance coverage shows a savings of \$7K.
- Salary is also over plan by \$7K due to FY 2025-26 Board-approved 2% COLA increase and annual merit increases.

### **Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year**

- Compared to prior fiscal year, total expenditure in the current fiscal year increased by \$869K (16%).
- The major contributor to the increase is Transfers-Out for Capital Improvement Projects \$693K (21%) in the current fiscal year. Followed by Salaries and Benefits of \$70K.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Also, Operational Expenditure up this year by \$126K (9%) attributed to the increase in insurance expenses of \$31K. Current maintenance expenses are \$23K higher due to the delayed processing of FEMA reimbursement assistance.
- Additional higher utilization compared to last year in fuel expenses by \$7K, permits/licenses of \$4K, and safety supplies for \$4K.
- These increases were partially offset by lower professional fees this fiscal year by \$65K, mostly related to delayed billings expected to be received next quarter. Miscellaneous expenses are also \$54K lower due to delayed projects and billing. Other areas reflecting savings this fiscal year include small tools (\$6K) and office expenses (\$3K).

### ***Fund Balance***

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 2025-26 is approximately \$1.5M.
- The District's reserve policy requires an undesignated balance of \$1.5M which is expected to be met.

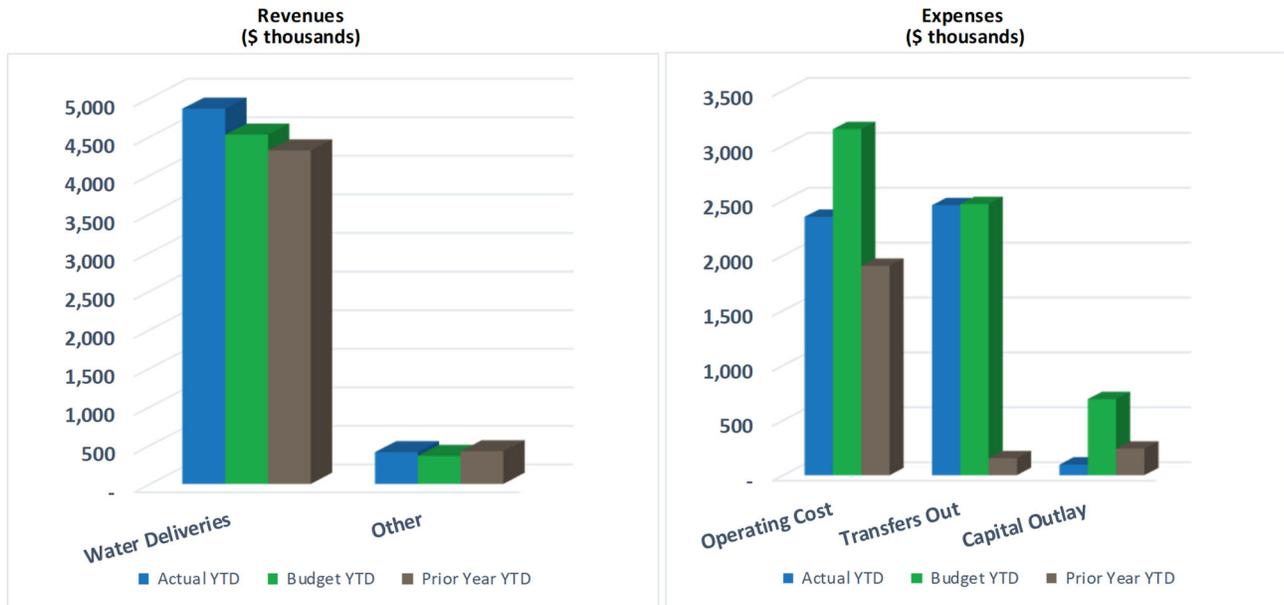
## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

### Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline Fund

In \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Revised Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenues</b>							
Water Delivery	4,863	4,525	337	7%	4,321	541	13%
Earnings on Investments	58	17	42	248%	53	5	10%
Grants	0	50	(50)	-100%	0	0	
Other	353	346	7	2%	370	(17)	-5%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,273</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	821	549	272	50%	720	101	14%
Operating Expenditures	1,532	2,603	(1,071)	-41%	1,187	345	29%
Capital Outlay	96	693	(596)	-86%	242	(146)	-60%
Transfers out	2,459	2,469	(10)	0%	154	2,305	1500%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>6,313</b>	<b>(1,406)</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>2,606</b>	<b>113%</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>(1,376)</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>-127%</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>(2,077)</b>	<b>-85%</b>



#### Revenue Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total Q2 Revenue reached \$5.3M, exceeding budget by \$336K (7%).
- Water Deliveries drove the surplus, outperforming budget by \$337K (7%) and 562 AF. Year-over-year growth of \$541K (13%) reflects rate increases and an additional 299 AF of deliveries.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Earnings on Investments generated a \$42K favorable variance, up \$5K (10%) compared to last year as a result of increased LAIF deposits.
- Fox Canyon revenue tracked closely to projection at \$314K. However, compared to prior year, revenue decreased by \$15K due to reduced GMA fees.
- Additional revenue from Late Fees contributed \$8K to the budget surplus.

### ***Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year***

- Total Q2 Expenditures of \$4.9M came in \$1.4M (22%) below the budgeted amount.
- Utilities were down by \$285K due to a timing delay in Edison invoices, though still higher than last year by \$142K.
- Maintenance costs were under plan by \$188K from reduced equipment and structure upkeep expenses, however, this is expected to pick up later in the year. A year-over-year decline of \$24K reflects deferred chlorine purchases and motor maintenance services.
- Fox Canyon expenses were also down by \$103K. This is due to an invoicing timing difference and is expected to realign later in the year.
- Water Chemicals expenses had a \$97K favorable variance from reduced treatment chemical purchases, reflecting a \$18K decline year-over-year.
- Insurance costs saw savings of \$31K. This was attributable to lower premiums and represents a \$67K reduction from last year.
- Miscellaneous expenses came in \$19K under budget, mainly due to a prorated software refund and savings in rental equipment for the relocation of a container. The refund resulted in a \$16K decline compared to last year.
- Permit and Licensing expenses were \$4K below plan in the second quarter, but \$26K up from last year due to an earlier Annual Water Systems Fees payment.
- Fuel expenses continue to rise, coming in over budget by \$5K for Q2 and with an increase of \$7K from last year.
- Contractual Services reflected a \$19K favorable variance. This was due to lower Water Quality Analysis expenses along with reduced demand for IT Consulting, which was driven by savings in alarm software licensing fees.
- Overhead costs were \$113K down and decreased by \$95K year-over-year.
- Principal payments were under budget \$129K as 2020 COP payments were applied directly against liability.
- Capital Outlay underperformed budget by \$596K (86%) due to deferred projects, including OH Pipeline valve replacements, gas engine piping improvements, and OH Structures and Improvements acquisitions. This represents a \$146K year-over-year decline as the construction of a new pressure relief station along with accelerated OH Pipeline and El Rio Fe/Mn Plant work was completed in the prior-year period.
- Personnel Costs were over plan by \$272K (50%), primarily from the July 2025 CalPERS unfunded liability payment, which is allocated evenly throughout the year and from increased work on the OH Pipeline system.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Total Expenditures increased \$2.6M (113%) from prior year, predominantly driven by \$2.3M in Transfers-Out for Capital Improvement Projects.

### ***Fund Balance***

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 25-26 is approximately \$1.2M.
- The District's reserve policy requires an undesignated balance of \$1.2M for this fund which is expected to be met.

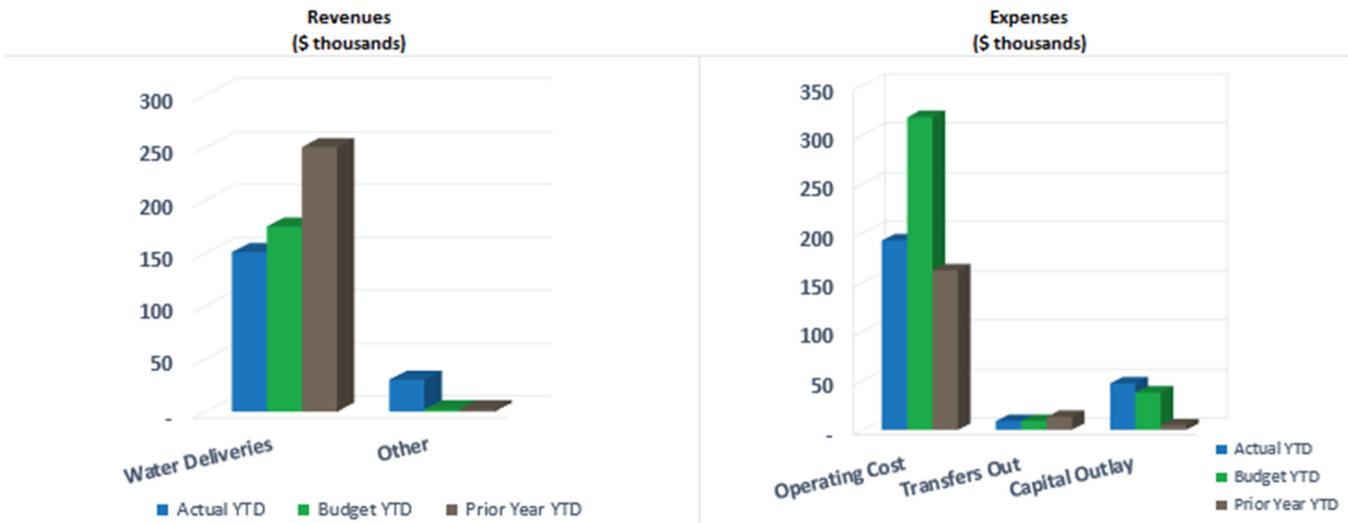
## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

### Pleasant Valley Pipeline Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenues</b>							
Water Delivery	151	175	(24)	-14%	250	(99)	-40%
Earnings on Investments	13	16	(3)	-17%	30	(16)	-54%
Other	30	9	22	249%	2	28	1120%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	70	186	(116)	-62%	59	11	19%
Operating Expenditures	122	132	(10)	-7%	103	19	19%
Capital Outlay	47	38	9	25%	5	43	929%
Transfers out	9	9	0	0%	13	(4)	-32%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>(116)</b>	<b>-32%</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(54)</b>	<b>(165)</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>-67%</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>(157)</b>	<b>-153%</b>



#### Revenue Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Revenue for the second quarter totaled \$195K, which is \$5K (3%) under the year-to-date budget. Primarily driven by Water Delivery for the second quarter which totaled 2,734 AF versus the budgeted 3,951 AF, a difference of 1,217 AF, resulting in \$24K variance (14%) below budget. Grants were also under plan by \$6K, due to a delay in the request for reimbursement from the Cal OES State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, however, invoicing is expected to pick up in the next quarter. LAIF investment earnings were also under plan by \$3K, reflecting a (17%) variance due to lower interest rates and less than budgeted fund balances throughout the year.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Other Revenue in the second quarter is up by \$28K (1,119%) driven primarily by Fox Canyon GMA Charges due to pumping at the Saticoy Well Field.
- Compared to the prior fiscal year, overall revenue is down \$88K (31%), driven primarily by a \$99K decrease in Water Delivery revenue—a difference of 2,471 AF less water being delivered in the current fiscal year. Other variances include a year-over-year decrease in investment earnings of -\$16K (54%), contributing to the overall revenue decline.

### ***Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year***

- Total expenditures through Q2 were \$249K, coming in \$116K (32%) under budget. The main contributor to this positive variance was that Personnel Costs were \$116K (62%) under budget, driven by staff vacancies, lower benefit costs, and payroll savings due to timing and classification differences.
- Operating Expenditures under budget by \$10K (7%), largely due to savings in maintenance which is expected to pick up later in the year.
- Capital Outlay came in over budget by \$9K (25%), due to additional Structures and Improvements expenditures related to the El Rio steel storage building.
- Transfers Out remained aligned with budget at \$9K, supporting planned capital projects and infrastructure reserves.
- Compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year, total expenditure is up by \$69K (38%), driven primarily by additional Capital Outlay expenditures in the current fiscal year (\$43K), Operating Expenses (\$19K) and Personnel Costs (\$11K).

### ***Fund Balance***

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 25-26 is approximately \$692K.
- The district's reserve policy requires a \$329K minimum undesignated balance which is expected to be met.



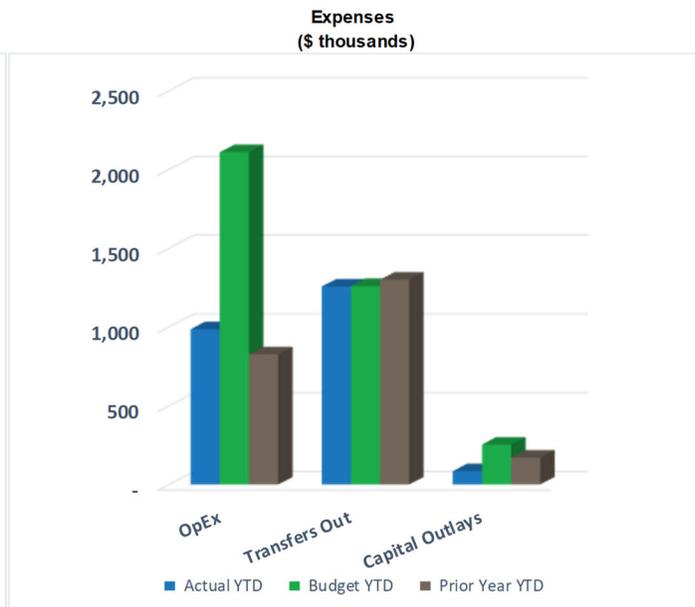
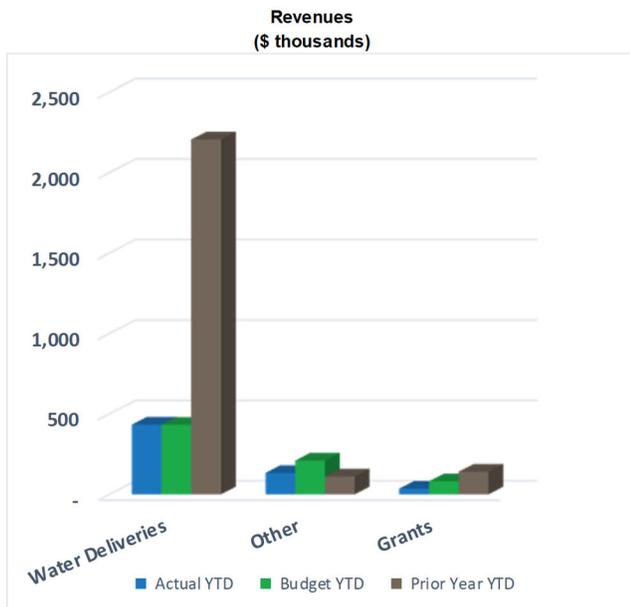
## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

### Pumping Trough Pipeline Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenues</b>							
Water Delivery	433	432	0	0%	2,205	(1,773)	-80%
Earnings on Investments	67	35	31	89%	62	5	8%
Grants	36	80	(45)	-56%	141	(105)	-75%
Other	66	174	(109)	-62%	49	17	34%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>(122)</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>(1,856)</b>	<b>-76%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	255	361	(106)	-29%	259	(4)	-2%
Operating Expenditures	731	1,750	(1,019)	-58%	568	163	29%
Capital Outlay	85	254	(169)	-67%	171	(86)	-50%
Transfers out	1,258	1,261	(3)	0%	1,301	(44)	-3%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>3,626</b>	<b>(1,297)</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(1,728)</b>	<b>(2,903)</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>-40%</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>(1,886)</b>	<b>-1195%</b>



#### Revenue Status v. Budget

- Second Quarter revenue totaled \$601K, under plan by \$122K (17%). This variance is primarily due to lower Fox Canyon GMA revenue, resulting from reduced water deliveries through the PTP System. Of the 2,471 AF delivered in the second quarter, 1,442 AF was from surface water.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

- Grant revenue was also \$45K below budget due to a delay in funding for the PTP Recycled Water Connection Project, with anticipated receipt within this fiscal year.
- Offsetting the decrease in revenue is increased Earnings on Investments of \$31K (89%) due to higher LAIF interest rates.
- Water deliveries totaled \$433K and aligned with the budgeted figures for the Second Quarter.

### ***Revenue Status v. Prior Year***

- FY 2025-26 Second Quarter revenue decreased by \$1.9M (76%) compared to the prior fiscal year. Primarily decrease is from \$1.7M (80%) less in water deliveries due to significant PTP O&M fee decrease in current fiscal year.
- Grant revenue declined by \$105K compared to the second quarter of the prior year, due to timing differences in grant reimbursements.
- The \$21K increase in Fox Canyon GMA revenue partially offset underrun in the second quarter of FY 2025–26. This increase is the result of higher pumped water deliveries (985 AF) compared to the prior fiscal year. Additionally, investment earnings increased by \$5K (8%) due to higher LAIF interest rates.

### ***Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget***

- Total Expenditures were \$2.3M, coming in \$1.3M (36%) below plan. Largely due to operating expenditures \$1M (58%) below budget.
- The largest variance was in principal payments (\$440K) related to the 2020 COP which is budgeted as expenses but applied directly to liabilities.
- This variance is also contributed to by a decrease in Capital Outlay cost (\$169K), mainly due to delays in replacing the El Rio Pond inlet piping and moss screens.
- Maintenance expenses were also \$161K under budget due to delays in repairs and maintenance of the PTP line. In addition, Fox Canyon GMA expenses were \$131K below budget due to delayed payment processing.
- Utilities were \$130K lower than projected due to a delay in Southern California Edison invoicing and reduced pumping on PTP wells due to surface water deliveries.
- In addition, Overhead Costa are \$78K under plan and interest expense was \$97K below plan due to the timing but is scheduled to be posted in third quarter.
- Offsetting these savings in the operations expenditure are insurance expenses over budget by \$14K, primarily due to SDRMA premium payment made in July 2025 but budgeted across the full fiscal year.
- Other variances include in Water Chemical over budget of \$13K, due to increased purchase of Hypochlorite solution for the Moss Screens and the PTP Reservoir
- Permits and Licenses exceeded budget by \$6K, and Fuel expense was also \$6K higher.
- Personnel Costs reflect total salary savings of \$102K largely from less than anticipated workload related to PTP activities. Additional savings were in benefits, including Medical



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

Insurance Coverage (\$18K), Workers' Compensation (\$8K), and Social Security (\$7K), below budget.

### ***Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Prior Year***

- Total Expenditures FY 2025-26 decreased \$30K (1%) compared to the last fiscal year, primarily due to \$86K (50%) reduction in Capital Outlay. The decline reflects PTP turnout valve replacements completed in Q1 of the prior year.
- Transfers-Out for Capital Improvement Projects decreased \$44K (3%) from FY 2024-25.
- Personnel Costs decreased \$4K, as salaries decreased \$15K due to reduced PTP Pipelines' activity, and additional savings (\$1.4K) resulting from lower Workers' Comp Expenses. Offsetting these savings are higher expenses in FY 2025-26, in Retirement-Classic \$12K and PEPRAs for \$1.2K.
- Offsetting savings are operating expenditures for FY 2025-26 \$163K (29%) higher than the prior fiscal year. The primary driver is the higher interest expense of \$47K due to interfund loan followed by increased overhead costs of \$46K. Utilities rose by \$40K due to higher electricity rates and an increase in usage. Fox Canyon GMA expenses increased by \$30K due to higher water production from the PTP wells. Additional increases include permit/license (\$26K), Safety Supplies (\$3K), and Fuel (\$3K).
- Counteracting the higher operating expenses are savings in miscellaneous expenses (\$10K) brought by an Electrical and DMV refund. Followed by Water Quality Analysis, it reduced \$8K due to delayed invoice processing this year. Additional savings are in Water chemical \$5K and Professional fees \$1.2K.

### ***Fund Balance***

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 2025-26 is (\$115K).
- The District's reserve policy requires an undesignated balance of \$1M for this fund which is not expected to be met.



## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

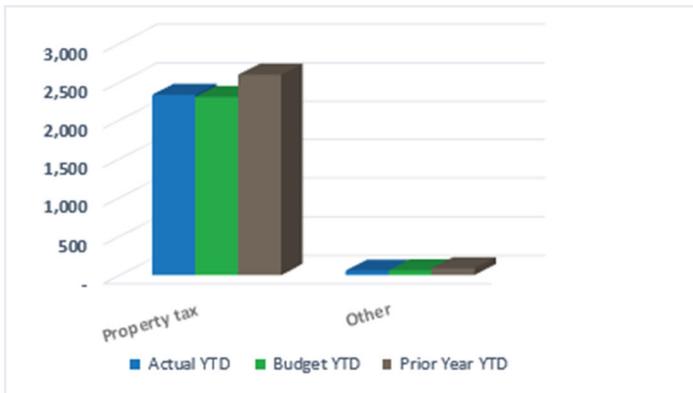
July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

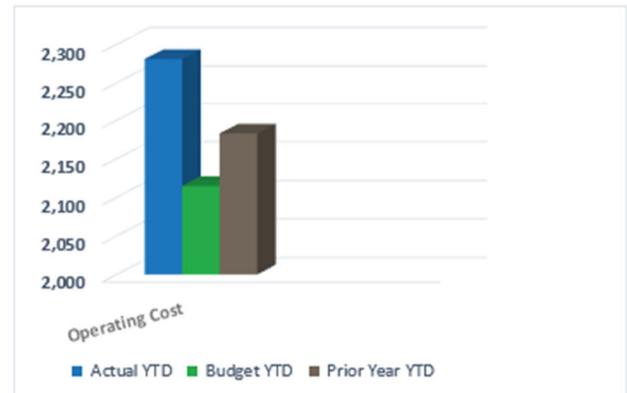
### State Water Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Revenues</b>							
Earnings on Investments	58	61	(3)	-6%	87	(30)	-34%
Property Taxes	2,336	2,308	29	1%	2,597	(260)	-10%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>(290)</b>	<b>-11%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Operating Expenditures	2,281	2,115	166	8%	2,183	98	4%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Debt Service	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Transfers out	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>(141)</b>	<b>-56%</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>(388)</b>	<b>-77%</b>

**Revenues**  
(\$ thousands)



**Expenses**  
(\$ thousands)



#### Revenue Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Revenue for the second quarter was \$2.4M, over budget by \$25K (1%) due to \$29K in property taxes received over plan. Slightly offsetting increase are earnings on LAIF investment which were under plan by \$3K (6%), influenced by the GAAP market value adjustment.
- Compared to FY 2024-25, overall revenue is down by \$290K (11%), due to property taxes down by \$260K (10%) and Earnings on Investments down \$89K (30%).

#### Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total expenditure for the second quarter was \$2.2M, being over budget by \$166K (8%). This overage is mainly driven by increased variable costs from State Water Purchases, including a contract for additional Table A water paid in July but budgeted throughout the full year.
- Compared to prior year, expenditures increased by \$98K (4%), this came from an increase in Table A and supplemental water purchases in FY 2025-26.



## **FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review**

**July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**

*50% of Fiscal Year Completed*

### ***Fund Balance***

- The projected ending undesignated working capital balance for FY 25-26 is approximately \$5.7M, which is within the District's fund reserve maximum of \$7.3M.
- The entire fund balance is designated for the fixed and variable costs related to the District's State Water Project allocation of 5,000 acre feet per year plus allowable Table A water.

## FY 2025-26 Second Quarter Financial Review

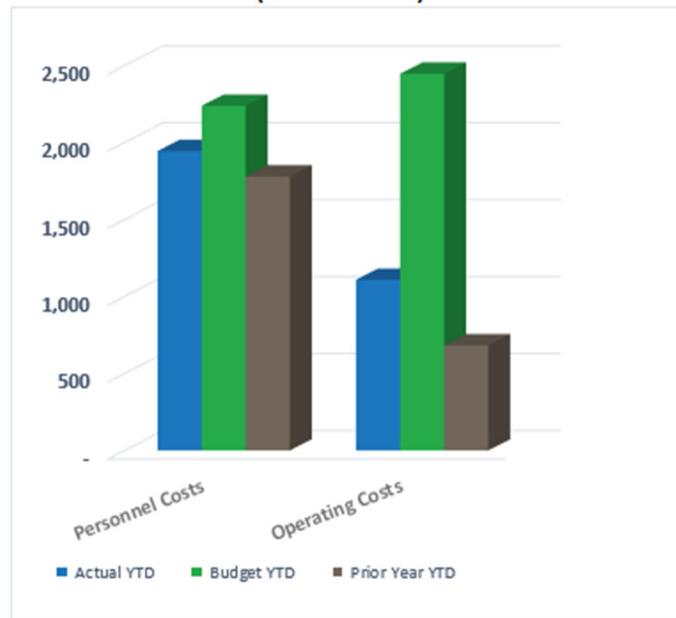
July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

50% of Fiscal Year Completed

### Overhead Fund

in \$ thousands	CY Actuals	CY Budget	Variance	% Variance	PY Actuals	Variance	% Variance
<b>Expenses</b>							
Personnel Costs	1,945	2,239	(294)	-13%	1,779	165	9%
Operating Expenditures	1,108	2,447	(1,338)	-55%	683	425	62%
Capital Outlay	0	28	(28)	0%	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,053</b>	<b>4,714</b>	<b>(1,661)</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>24%</b>

**Expenses**  
(\$ thousands)



### Appropriation/Expenditure Status v. Budget and v. Prior Year

- Total Expenditures through Q2 amount to \$3M, which is \$1.6M (35%) under budget.
- Total Personnel Cost was under projection by \$294K (13%) due to several positions hired at a lower range than anticipated.
- The largest savings were in Professional Fees \$1.2M primarily due to hiring in house Public Outreach External Affairs Manager, delayed specialized services and a lower than anticipated Legal Counsel usage, both expected to increase later in the fiscal year.
- Contributing to the variance, Safety Supplies are down (\$65K) from a delay in Santa Clara Riverbed security enhancements.
- Also, under budget includes Maintenance (\$38K), Travel Expense (\$31K) and Utilities (\$18K) that are expected to be fully utilized later in the fiscal year.
- Slightly offsetting the savings are Office Expenses (\$29K).



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager  
Marissa Caringella, Environmental Services Manager

**From:** Haven Whipple, Environmental Scientist  
Nathan Summerville, Senior Engineer

**Date:** February 23, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** **3.5 Adopt a Resolution Determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Project Motion**

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project (Project) is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the Project and directing staff to file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA.

### **Discussion:**

United Water Conservation District (District) is the lead agency for the proposed Project under CEQA. The proposed Project will be located in the District's Lake Piru Recreation Area Lower Olive Grove Campsite. The Project consists of repairs to the restroom facility to restore the original functionality of the facility. Repairs include replacing nine wall-mounted toilets and repairing damaged wall connections, replacing cast iron drainpipes within the floor slab, and replacing approximately 25 feet of sewer pipe and 11 feet of sidewalk outside of the facility. The proposed Project involves no expansion of existing use and no expansion of capacity.

The Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) Section 15301 "Existing Facilities" (Class 1).

Section 15301 (a) pertains to "interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances." Section 15301 (b) pertains to "existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services". The District has reviewed the proposed Project and has determined that none of the exceptions to categorical exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

**Agenda Item: 3.5 Adopt a Resolution Determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Project Motion**

---

**Mission Goal:**

Meets mission-related Goal B (System Reliability) and Goal F (Communications and Community Outreach).

**Fiscal Impact:**

The County Clerk and Recorder's Office filing fee for the CEQA NOE is \$50.00 which is included in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget under project account 051-400-81060; 8055-835.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Resolution

Attachment B – Notice of Exemption

**RESOLUTION 2026-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DETERMINING THAT THE LOWER OLIVE GROVE RESTROOM REPAIR PROJECT (“PROJECT”) IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the proposed Project the United Water Conservation District (“District”) intends to repair and restore the original functionality of the restrooms located within the Lower Olive Grove Campsite at the Lake Piru Recreation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project will consist of replacing all wall-mounted toilets and repairing the damaged wall connections; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project will excavate and replace the original cast iron drainpipes within the bathroom facility floor slab; and

**WHEREAS**, for the proposed Project, approximately 25 feet of sewer pipe and 11 feet of sidewalk outside of the facility will be impacted to accommodate pipeline replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reviewed the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) categorical exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and

**WHEREAS**, the key consideration under a CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 exemption is whether a project involves negligible or no expansion of use; and

**WHEREAS**, examples of projects that are exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 include the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reviewed the proposed Project and has determined that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) because the proposed Project involves the operation, repair,

maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of District facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and

**WHEREAS**, CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 sets forth the following exceptions to categorical exemptions:

“(a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located--a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource”; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reviewed the proposed Project and has determined that none of the exceptions to categorical exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The District’s Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Specifically, the Board of Directors finds and determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt pursuant to the Class 1 Existing Facilities exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301) because the proposed Project involves the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of District facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

2. The District's Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that none of the exceptions to categorical exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

3. The District's Board of Directors hereby approves the proposed Project and authorizes its implementation when deemed appropriate by the General Manager.

4. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the District's Environmental Services Manager to file a Notice of Exemption for the Project in accordance with CEQA.

5. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Gordon Kimball, Board Secretary/Treasurer

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:**  
United Water Conservation District  
1701 North Lombard Street, Suite 200  
Oxnard, CA 93030

Ventura County Clerk  
800 South Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Project Title:** Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project

**Project Location:** Lower Olive Grove Campsite, Lake Piru Recreation Area, 4780 Piru Canyon Road, Piru, California, 93040 (34.475362, - 118.765248)

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency):** United Water Conservation District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** United Water Conservation District

**Project Description:** The Lower Olive Grove Restroom at the Lake Piru Recreation Area, owned and operated by United Water Conservation District (District), needs repair to restore the original functionality of the facility. The drain system within the restroom regularly backs up and floods the restroom. The existing wall-mounted toilets are damaged at the connection to the wall. To address these deficiencies, a repair project has been proposed to repair the facility. Constructed in 1970, the restroom is situated within the Olive Grove campsite and is one of two restrooms and shower facilities serving the site. The work will consist of replacing all nine wall-mounted toilets and repairing the damaged wall connections. In addition, the original cast iron drainpipes within the floor slab will be excavated and replaced. Most of the drainpipe requiring replacement is located within the existing structure and approximately 25 feet of sewer pipe and 11 feet of sidewalk outside the facility also require replacement. The restroom repair will not increase the capacity of the existing facility. These repairs are restricted to restoring the original functionality of the restroom.



Figure 1. Project Location and Site Access Map



Figure 2. Lower Olive Grove Restrooms

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
  - Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
  - Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
  - Categorical Exemptions: Class 1, Guidelines § 15301 – Existing Facilities
  - Statutory Exemption
- 

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1).

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) categorical exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration under a CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 exemption is whether a project involves negligible or no expansion of use. Examples of projects that are exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 include the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services and also the addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing facilities. The District reviewed the Project and determined that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) because the Project involves the repair or maintenance of District facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 sets forth the following exceptions to categorical exemptions:

“(a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located--a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.”

The District determined that none of the exceptions to categorical exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Nathan Summerville, Senior Engineer  
Telephone: 805-525-4431  
Email: NathanS@unitedwater.org

---

Marissa Caringella  
Environmental Services Manager  
United Water Conservation District

Date

Date OPR received for filing: \_\_\_\_\_



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer  
Sara Guzman, Finance Supervisor

**Date:** February 10, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 3.6 Request from Farmers Irrigation Company for a Payment Plan Motion

---

### **Recommendation:**

Approve a request from Farmers Irrigation Company to enter a payment plan for groundwater production charges of \$556,416.06 incurred from the billing period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

### **Discussion:**

On January 15, 2026, Mr. Barney Caudill, a representative of the Company (Company), contacted the District informing staff that the Company would face difficulty meeting the deadline for full payment of its production charges due to considerable expenses incurred from damage sustained during the December 2025 storms. Following calculation of the Company's production charges, totaling \$741,888.07, Mr. Caudill requested a payment plan.

Mr. Caudill proposed paying the balance in four quarterly installments of \$185,472.02 each. To demonstrate the Company's commitment, payment was submitted for the first installment on February 2, 2026, leaving a remaining balance of \$556,416.06. He also expressed confidence that the Company may be able to satisfy the balance ahead of schedule. The Company has not had a payment plan in the past three years. Therefore, staff recommend that the Board approve the proposed payment plan.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Minimal fiscal impact, General Water Conservation Funds will receive funds for Fiscal Year 25-26 later than anticipated.

### **Attachments:**

- A – UWCD Payment Plan Request and Payment Schedule
- B – Email Request from Mr. Barney Caudill
- C – Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statements for July to December 2025



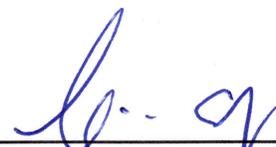
**United Water**  
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
**PAYMENT PLAN  
 REQUEST**

On January 15, 2026, Farmers Irrigation Company contacted the district requesting a payment plan for production charges totaling \$741,888.07 for the billing period of July 1, 2025 though December 31, 2025 due to financial difficulties from December storm damage. They proposed four quarterly installments of \$185,472.02 each and submitted the first payment on February 2, 2026, leaving a remaining balance of \$556,416.06. Mr. Caudill expressed confidence they may satisfy the balance ahead of schedule. The company has not requested a payment plan in the past three years. Staff recommends Board approval of the payment plan.

Entered payment plan within the last three years: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Payment Plan Amount: \$ 556,416.06

Approved X Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:  Date 2/17/26  
 Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

Signature:  Date 2/11/26  
 Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

Operator: Farmers Irrigation Co  
 Amount: \$556,416.06

Schedule of Payment Plan for remaining balance of 25-2

Due Date	Amount Due
4/30/2026	185,472.02
7/31/2026	185,472.02
10/31/2026	185,472.02
<b>Total: \$</b>	<b>556,416.06</b>

Account Number	Well Number	Total Balance Due	Installment 1 Amount Paid 2/2/2026	Installment 2 Amount Due 4/30/2026	Installment 3 Amount Due 7/31/2026	Installment 4 Amount Due 10/31/2026
300-00290	03N21W19G04S	86,104.85	21,526.22	21,526.21	21,526.21	21,526.21
300-00240	03N21W09R04S	9,345.80	2,336.45	2,336.45	2,336.45	2,336.45
300-00280	03N21W16K03S	95,423.72	23,855.93	23,855.93	23,855.93	23,855.93
300-00270	03N21W16K02S	29,831.93	7,457.99	7,457.98	7,457.98	7,457.98
300-00260	03N21W16K01S	14,981.36	3,745.34	3,745.34	3,745.34	3,745.34
200-03340	03N21W12F07S	335,319.79	83,829.94	83,829.95	83,829.95	83,829.95
300-00298	03N21W12F06S	55.78	13.93	13.95	13.95	13.95
300-00296	03N21W12F03S	161,354.03	40,338.50	40,338.51	40,338.51	40,338.51
300-00295	03N21W12E04S	9,470.82	2,367.72	2,367.70	2,367.70	2,367.70
<b>Total: \$</b>		<b>741,888.08</b>	<b>185,472.02</b>	<b>185,472.02</b>	<b>185,472.02</b>	<b>185,472.02</b>



---

**RE: First Reminder: 2025-2 Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statement**

---

From Barney Caudill [REDACTED]  
Date Wed 1/21/2026 8:58 AM  
To Wendy Sandoval <WendyS@unitedwater.org>

Proceed with caution. This email originated from outside the District.

Hi Wendy,

I would like to request a Quarterly Plan, with payments to be \$185,472.02. However, our Board of Directors met yesterday and approved an assessment for the emergency work. Therefore, once that money comes in, I think we will just go ahead and pay off the balance. So, I don't think it will take 4 quarters but would like to be on the safe side. It is just the immediate needs that are complicated.

Does this sound OK?

Kind regards,

Barney Caudill  
**Farmers Irrigation Company**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Wendy Sandoval <WendyS@unitedwater.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 1:45 PM  
**To:** Barney Caudill [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: First Reminder: 2025-2 Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statement

Hi Barney,

Thank you for sending the statements and photos. I have reviewed everything, and it all appears to be in order.

Regarding the payment plan, I would be happy to work with you to establish a schedule. Could you please let me know what installment arrangement would work best for you? Specifically, it would be helpful to know:

- How frequently you would be able to make payments (monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- What amount per installment would be manageable for your budget

Once I understand your preferences, we can formalize a payment plan to present to the Board.

Best regards,

Wendy Sandoval | Accountant  
Main: (805) 525-4431 DL: (805) 317-8974



---

**From:** Barney Caudill <[Barney@farmersirrigation.org](mailto:Barney@farmersirrigation.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 12:02 PM  
**To:** Wendy Sandoval <[WendyS@unitedwater.org](mailto:WendyS@unitedwater.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: First Reminder: 2025-2 Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statement

Proceed with caution. This email originated from outside the District.

Hi Wendy,

Please see attachments.

The amount is \$741,888.07.

Kind regards,

Barney Caudill  
Farmers Irrigation Company

**From:** Wendy Sandoval <[WendyS@unitedwater.org](mailto:WendyS@unitedwater.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 9:24 AM  
**To:** Barney Caudill [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: First Reminder: 2025-2 Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statement

Good morning Barney,

We understand that circumstances can be challenging and would be happy to set up a payment plan to help make this more manageable. To begin this process, I will need to determine the total amount owed. Could you please send me copies of the completed statements and the meter photos at your earliest convenience?

Once the amount is confirmed I will need to know how much you can pay and how often (monthly, bi-weekly, etc...).

Best regards,

Wendy Sandoval | Accountant  
Main: (805) 525-4431 DL: (805) 317-8974



---

**From:** Barney Caudill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 9:05 AM  
**To:** Wendy Sandoval <[WendyS@unitedwater.org](mailto:WendyS@unitedwater.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: First Reminder: 2025-2 Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statement

Proceed with caution. This email originated from outside the District.

Good morning, Wendy.

We (Farmers Irrigation Company) have suffered from a natural disaster during the late December storms. We have considerable costs to mitigate damage from the Santa Clara River upon our property.

This is going to affect our ability to pay the pumping assessment on time. I've talked to Tony E. about the disaster.

I am writing in hopes that UWCD can work with us to get through this. I am available to discuss with your anyone else at United.

Kind regards,

Barney Caudill  
Farmers Irrigation Company

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

**ATTACHMENT C**

02 FEB 2026

\$21,526.22

**SCANNED**

CHECK AMOUNT

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

300 00290 1002630 FAR0008

State Well Number: 03N21W19G04S  
 State Recordation Number 561640  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

JAN 15 2026

United Water  
 Conservation District

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO  
 Name of Well: OLIVELANDS #3  
 Well Use: AG  
 Acres Irrigated: 600.00  
 Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026.** Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: WTR SPECIALTIES #885348-10 Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 285893 - Beginning: 241126 = Total Units: 44767 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 447.67

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meter photo required.**

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 447.67

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = **Total Domestic Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = **Total Non-AG Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 447.67 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 86,104.85

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHARGES:**

Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ 0.00

Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 86,104.85

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

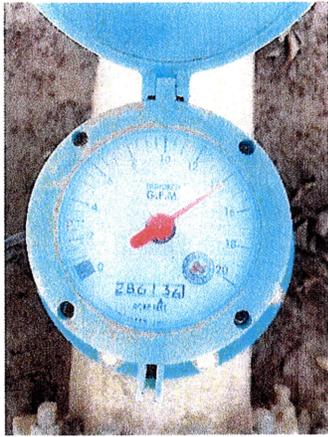
Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

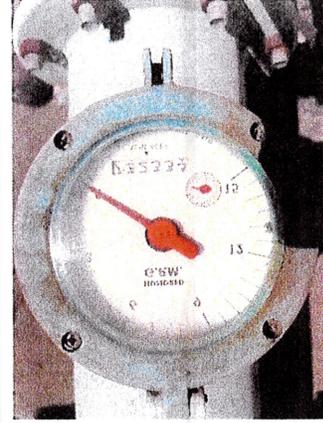
The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.



FICO OLIVELANDS 3



FICO-TB2



CITY 2

FICO-

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2026

\$ 2336.45  
777

SCANNED

300 00240 1002580 FAR0003

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

State Well Number: 03N21W09R04S  
 State Recordation Number: 561335  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

JAN 15 2026

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO  
 Name of Well: #10  
 Well Use: AG  
 Acres Irrigated: 600.00  
 Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

United Water

Conservation District

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026. Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: WATER SPECIALTIES #912042 Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 12903 - Beginning: 8044 = Total Units: 4859 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 48.59

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_ Meter photo required.

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx): 48.59

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = Total Domestic Usage: \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = Total Non-AG Usage: \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 48.59 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 9,345.80

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHARGES:**

Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ 0.00

Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 9,345.80

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2026  
 \$23,855.93

**SCANNED**

CHECK ABOVE  
 Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025 7171

300 00280 1002620 FAR0007

State Well Number: 03N21W16K03S  
 State Recordation Number: 560010  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

JAN 15 2026

United Water  
 Conservation District

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO  
 Name of Well: REESE #5  
 Well Use: AG  
 Acres Irrigated: 600.00  
 Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026.** Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: MCCROMETER S/N 12-02511-10 Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 4159848 - Beginning: 3663724 = Total Units: 496124 x Multiplier: 0.0010 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 496.12

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_ **Meter photo required.**

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 496.12

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = **Total Domestic Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = **Total Non-AG Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

<b>TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:</b>	Total Production	<u>496.12</u>	x Rate: \$192.34 =	\$ <u>95,423.72</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:</b>	Total Production	_____	x Rate: \$214.22 =	\$ _____

**CURRENT CHARGES:**

Previous Balance Due(Add)	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Previous Credit(Subtract)	\$	<u>0.00</u>

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 95,423.72 ✓

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceeding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2026

\$ 1457.99

SCANNED

CHECK AMOUNT: 777

300 00270 1002610 FAR0006

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

State Well Number: 03N21W16K02S  
 State Recordation Number: 560008  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO

Name of Well: REESE #2

Well Use: AG

Acres Irrigated: 600.00

Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

JAN 15 2026

United Water

Conservation District

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026. Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: 12 WTR SPECIALTIES 912041 " Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 73219 - Beginning: 57709 = Total Units: 15510 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 155.10

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

Meter photo required.

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 155.10

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = **Total Domestic Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = **Total Non-AG Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 155.10 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 29,831.93

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHARGES:**

Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ 0.00

Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 29,831.93

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2023

**SCANNED**

CHECK AMOUNT: \$3745.34

300 00260 1002600 FAR0005

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

State Well Number: 03N21W16K01S  
 State Recordation Number: 560007  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO  
 Name of Well: REESE #1  
 Well Use: AG  
 Acres Irrigated: 600.00  
 Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

7171

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

JAN 15 2026  
 United Water  
 Conservation District

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026. Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: 10 WTR SPECIALTIES #902100 " Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 123182 - Beginning: 115393 = Total Units: 7789 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 77.89

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_ **Meter photo required.**

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 77.89 ✓

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = **Total Domestic Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = **Total Non-AG Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 77.89 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 14,981.36

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHARGES:**

Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ 0.00

Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 14,981.36 ✓

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2026

\$83,829.49

SCANNED

CHECK AMOUNT: \$83,829.49  
 7171

200 03340 1011740 FAR0017

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

State Well Number: 03N21W12F07S  
 State Recordation Number: 562570  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO  
 Name of Well: FARMERS IRRIGATION WELL #12  
 Well Use: AG  
 Acres Irrigated: 6.00  
 Crops Grown: CITRUS-AVOCADO-ROW-BERRIES

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

JAN 15 2026

United Water  
 Conservation District

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026. Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: MCCROMETER 12 SER# 20120455 " Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 3419395 - Beginning: 3245058 = Total Units: 174,337 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 1743.37

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_ **Meter photo required.**

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 1743.37  
 \*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = **Total Domestic Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = **Total Non-AG Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 1743.37 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 335,319.79

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURR** *[Signature]*  
 Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00  
 Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 335,319.79

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: *Barney Caudill*

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2026

**SCANNED**

300 00298 1002638 FAR0014

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

CHECK AMOUNT: \$13.93  
 CHECK NO: 1171

State Well Number: 03N21W12F06S  
 State Recordation Number 562302  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

JAN 15 2026

United Water  
 Conservation District

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO

Name of Well: WELL #11

Well Use: AG

Acres Irrigated: 600.00

Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026.** Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: 16 WTR SPEC 20012443-16 " Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 610896 - Beginning: 610867 = Total Units: 29 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 0.29

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meter photo required.**

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 0.29

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = **Total Domestic Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = **Total Non-AG Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 0.29 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 55.78

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHARGES:**

Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ 0.00

Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 55.78

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

**This Statement is not complete unless signed.**

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceeding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2023

CHECK AMOUNT \$ 40338.50  
 77-1

300 00296 1002636 FAR0012

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

State Well Number: 03N21W12F03S  
 State Recordation Number: 560020  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

SCANNED

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO  
 Name of Well: #9  
 Well Use: AG  
 Acres Irrigated: 600.00  
 Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

JAN 15 2026

United Water

Conservation District

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026. Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: WATER SPECIALTIES #2013599-10 Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 617890 - Beginning: 534000 = Total Units: 83,890 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 838.90

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_ Meter photo required.

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx): 838.90

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = Total Domestic Usage: \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = Total Non-AG Usage: \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** Inactive Well

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 838.90 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 161,354.03

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHARGES:**

Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ 0.00

Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 161,354.03

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: Barney Caudill

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceeding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 Phone: (805) 317-8974 | Email: gwreporting@unitedwater.org  
**SEMI-ANNUAL GROUND WATER PRODUCTION STATEMENT**

02 FEB 2026

\$ 2367.72

CHECK AMOUNT:  
CHECK NO: 7171

SCANNED

JAN 15 2026

United Water  
Conservation District

300 00295 1002635 FAR0011

Reporting Period: 07/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

State Well Number: 03N21W12E04S  
 State Recordation Number: 560019  
 Well Operator (Mailing Address)

FARMERS IRRIGATION CO.  
 133 N 10TH ST  
 SANTA PAULA, CA 93060-2802

Well Owner: FARMERS IRRIGATION CO  
 Name of Well: #8  
 Well Use: AG  
 Acres Irrigated: 600.00  
 Crops Grown: CITRUS, AVOCADO

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signed statement with payment due on or before: 01/31/2026. Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: 10 #902101 " Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read: Ending: 324605 - Beginning: 319681 = Total Units: 4924 x Multiplier: 0.0100 ÷ Divider: 1 = Production: 49.24

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_ **Meter photo required.**

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read: Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRIC POWER METHOD:** Meter Type/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 49.24

\*For changes to account see back side.

**NON-AG/DOMESTIC USE**

Number of People:  x 0.2 per person or .50 minimum = **Total Domestic Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head ÷ 325,851(gallons in an AF) = **Total Non-AG Usage:** \_\_\_\_\_ AF

**EXEMPTIONS:** *Inactive Well*

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:** Total Production 49.24 x Rate: \$192.34 = \$ 9,470.82

**TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:** Total Production \_\_\_\_\_ x Rate: \$214.22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CHARGES:**  
 Previous Balance Due(Add) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00  
 Previous Credit(Subtract) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00

**DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:** *If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 9,470.82

I DECLARE under the penalties of perjury that this water production statement has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement.

Date: 1/15/2026

Signature: Barney Caudill

Barney Caudill

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.*

Please Print Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The production charge determined in this statement represents a charge for pumping ground water. United Water uses these funds in its' mission to replenish groundwater throughout the District. Section 74508 of the California Water Code grants a Water Conservation District the right to charge for groundwater production as a means to cover the cost of groundwater replenishment and Section 75611 requires each operator of each water production facility (well) to file with the District a statement providing production in the preceeding six month period. There is no additional filing fee to file this statement with United Water pursuant to California Water Code 5009. Upon good cause shown, an amended statement of water production may be filed or a correction of the records may be made at any time prior to the final date for filing the next semi-annual water production statement pursuant to California Water Code 75618.



FICO Reese 1



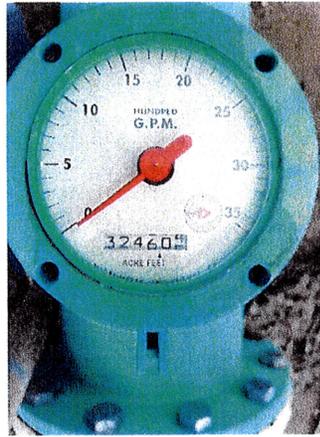
FICO Reese 2



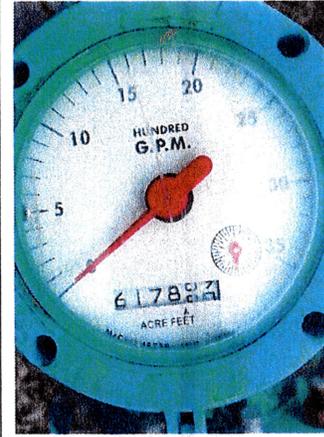
FICO Reese 5



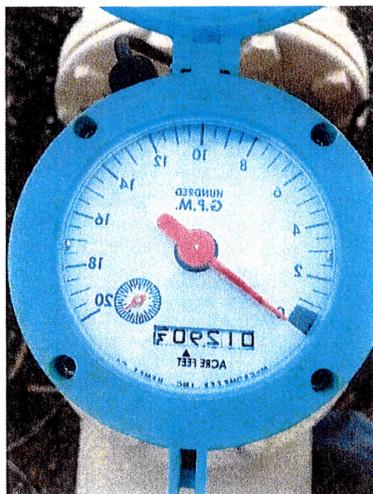
FICO W7



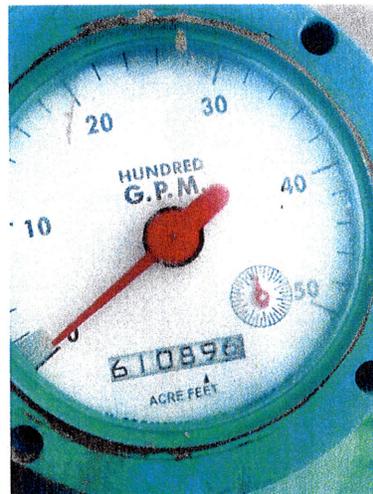
FICO W8



FICO W9



FICO W10



FICO W11



FICO W12



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer  
Randy Castañeda, Operations Supervisor - Water Treatment  
Ed Reese, Control Systems Supervisor  
J.D. Smallwood, Operations Supervisor - Water Distribution

**Date:** February 16, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report  
Information item

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Receive this summary report from the Operations and Maintenance Department regarding its activities for January 2026, as well as a presentation of its highlights.

### **1. Major Facilities Update**

- **Santa Felicia Dam**
  - Elevation of lake level when full:1055.0'. On January 1, 2026, Lake Piru level was 1039.70' and peaked on January 23, 2026, with a lake level of 1055.10'. On January 31, 2026, the lake level then rested at 1052.30'. These changes were due to increased inflows caused by the 3.40" of rain, along with various ramping operations within January.
  - Santa Felicia Dam outflows varied between 15 cfs and 400 cfs due to minimum habitat flows, migration flows, and various releases in coordination with water conservation activities at the Freeman Diversion.
  - SFD's monthly inspection for January was completed and submitted to Engineering for review.
  - Interdepartmental coordination has been ongoing to support the debris removal process at Lake Piru, ensuring efficient planning and execution of cleanup efforts.
  
- **Freeman Diversion, Saticoy, and El Rio Recharge Facilities**
  - Various maintenance activities and inspections were conducted throughout the Saticoy Facility, ensuring reliable storm preparedness and responses.
  - Staff performed routine screen bay maintenance between sediment flush operations to ensure continued functionality and reliable system performance.
  - Storm diversions were conducted at the Freeman Diversion in response to storm events.

#### 4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report Information Item

---

- Sediment flush operations were conducted at the Freeman Diversion in response to multiple storm events occurring throughout January.
- Static groundwater levels (distance to water - from the well pad to the water table):

<b>Facility</b>	<b>2026*</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Saticoy	20'	51'	25'	63'
El Rio	53'	62'	63'	130'
PTP	51'-93'	60'-100'	59'-97'	100'-119'

*\* Static groundwater levels are typically recorded in the last week of the month.  
This table represents data for the month of January.*

- **Oxnard Hueneme Delivery System**

- El Rio operators assisted with maintenance activities at Freeman Diversion.
- El Rio staff worked through flow meter issues at OH Well 16.
- El Rio staff de-energized the electrical supply to OH Well 19 so the defective motor could be removed and sent in for repairs.
- El Rio staff assisted Sparling Co. with an accuracy-and verification test of the flow meter that registers incoming water to El Rio Spreading Grounds.
- El Rio operators continued with installation of the 6" water line along southeast side of OH Clear Well 2.
- El Rio operators adjusted the OH disinfection process due to a decrease in demand from the City of Oxnard.

- **Pleasant Valley County Water District**

- Demand was met primarily with surface water delivery from Freeman Diversion.
- UWCD staff responded to and assisted with the repair and inspection of the PV 54" pipeline off Central Ave.

- **Pumping Trough Pipeline**

- El Rio staff worked through issues with the VFD and motor for PTP Well 3.
- El Rio staff responded to and repaired multiple electrical issues at various PTP well sites.

- **Control Systems**

- Wired the new VFD's at PTP Well 3, PTP Well 4, and PTP Well 5.
- Worked with the manufacturer to minimize the fluctuating readings of the SQ flowmeter on the Freeman Canal and implemented a solution that resolved the issue. .

- **Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant**

- All the chlorine residuals and turbidity readings for the Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant (LPWTP) were within proper ranges in January.

#### **4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

- Monthly pH, turbidity, and coliform samples were obtained from the treatment plant as part of the Long-Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule compliance monitoring. The results were favorable, with another passing grade.

#### **2. Operations and Maintenance Treatment Compliance Projects Update**

- Completed monthly El Rio SWTR report and emailed to DDW and OH customers.
- El Rio staff completed quarterly FCGMA flow meter documentation and filed the updates.
- Completed and emailed quarterly NPDES reports to LARWQCB.
- El Rio operators completed the monthly inspection of the OH Clear Wells.
- El Rio operators performed verifications and calibrations on CL2, NH3 analyzers, and natural gas leak detectors.

#### **3. Safety and Training**

- O&M staff attended the monthly safety meeting on January 27.

#### **Attachment:**

Operation Log for January 2026





## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Bernard Riedel Jr., Senior Park Ranger

**Date:** February 25, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 4.2 **Recreation Department Monthly Report**  
**Information Item**

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Review this monthly report from the Recreation Department of its activities for January 2026, as well as receive a verbal presentation of its highlights.

### **Discussion:**

January is the middle of the slow season for the Lake Piru Recreation Area (LPRA), so visitation is low. Revenues for January 2026 were higher than those from January 2025, likely due to higher lake levels this year and a wildfire during the same period in 2025. A rainstorm beginning on December 24, 2025, filled the reservoir to capacity, but also brought in a significant amount of woody debris from middle Piru Creek.

### **Staff Tasks and Activity Highlights**

Recreation staff have been coordinating with Engineering, Finance, O&M, Environmental Services, and Water Resources to develop a debris cleanup plan and procure suitable contractors to remove the floating debris brought into Lake Piru by the December storms.

### **Staff Training/Meetings/Events**

- **January 19:** Park Ranger Spencer attended a Public Safety First Aid Responder refresher training. PSFA Refresher Safety Training is an 8-hour course designed for public safety personnel. The training covers essential topics and includes the American Heart Association BLS (Basic Life Support) CPR/AED course completion certificate.
- **Various dates:** Rangers completed training in case law, law enforcement policies and procedures, from District vendor Lexipol.
- **Various dates:** Rangers completed safety training from District vendor Target Solutions.

**4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report  
Information Item**

<b>2026 Day Use/Other Revenue Recap and Comparison</b>	
2026 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)	\$26,254
2026 Boat Rental Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)	\$ 2,855
2025 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)	\$14,858
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$11,396
Annual Increase/Decrease %	<b>77.0%</b>
<b>2026 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)</b>	
2026 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)	\$29,364
2025 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)	\$17,401
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$11,963
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	<b>69.0%</b>
<b>2026 All Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)</b>	
2026 All Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)	\$55,618
2025 All Revenue (Jan 1 – Jan 31)	\$32,259
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	\$23,359
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	<b>72.5%</b>

\* It should be noted that the above figures have not been verified by the District's Finance Department.

<b>2026 Total Visitation Figures</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b># People</b>	<b># Vehicles</b>	<b># Vessels</b>	<b>Pets</b>
January	2,208	1,063	151	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>8</b>

**Incidents**

- Nothing to report

**Citations/Enforcement Summary**

- No citations were issued. It should be noted that Ranger staff issued verbal warnings for violations of District ordinances and state laws.

**Grants**

- Nothing to report.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Dr. Bram Sercu, Water Resources Supervisor  
Dr. Jason Sun, Supervisory Water Resources Engineer

**Date:** February 27, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item: 4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) Information Item**

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Receive a report on Water Resources Department activities for the month of February 2026, including a summary of the activities of the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee and three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA): Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA (FPBGSA), and Mound Basin GSA (MBGSA).

### **Discussion:**

#### **Staff Activities**

Notable activities conducted by staff during the month included the following:

- Groundwater Modeling:
  - Staff are supporting the GSP modeling simulations for FPBGSA
  - Staff are importing the FPBGSA groundwater model into MODFLOW-USG to improve computational efficiency.
  - Staff are converting the implementation of the recharge package from Fortran to Python.
  - Staff are updated modeling particle tracks for tracer testing at Rose basin.
- Water Resources:
  - Staff supported the Finance Department with developing guidelines for the District's groundwater customer metering policy.

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

---

- Staff prepared the 2025-2026 Annual Groundwater Conditions Report and are coordinating the public hearing schedule.
- Staff are finalizing the 5-year update to United's Santa Clara River Watershed Sanitary Survey, as required by the State Division of Drinking Water (DDW).
- Staff continued preparation of the 2026 Urban Water Management Plan for OH System.
- Hydrology:
  - Staff assisted with planning and coordination of reservoir releases, diversions and recharge operations.
  - Staff measured diversion rates and river discharge at various locations to support operations and compliance efforts.
  - Staff continued to explore and coordinate supplemental SWP purchase opportunities.
  - Staff are coordinating real-time access to PTP turnout metering data (flows and conductivity) for PTP users.
  - Staff are working with IT/OT teams to enhance both access to and the utility of SCADA historian data.
  - Staff assisted with evaluating operations modeling for the HCP.
  - Staff provided data and evaluations to support the SFD Safety Improvement Project.
- Hydrogeology:
  - Staff participated in the planning and execution of Phase 1 of the EBB Water Project at Navy Base Ventura County (NBVC) Point Mugu, including the following activities:
    - Coordinated SWRCB grant deliverables and prepared progress reports.
    - Phase 1 design support regarding piezometers.
    - Implementing new WQ Access Database to archive EBB monitoring data and reviewing EBB monitoring data collected to date.
  - Staff are preparing a work plan for a groundwater transport study at the Rose recharge basin, including tracer testing and groundwater modeling.
  - Staff conducted routine collection of groundwater elevation and quality data throughout the District's service area, following up with quality control, analysis, and reporting activities required to support water resources management by United and other entities within our service area.

### **4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies** **Information Item**

---

- Staff is training ES part-time staff to assist with collecting groundwater elevation data.
- Outreach and Education: AWA symposium planning committee, AWA Water Issues Committee presentation on groundwater conditions within the District, facility tour with SBVWCD and CBWCD, staff attended in-house training session on the use of AI tools to enhance productivity.

#### **Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency**

Notable activities include:

- Staff continue to evaluate the FCGMA's proposed updates to the OPV Allocation Ordinance and its potential impacts on long-term pumping and PTP conjunctive use.

Staff also attended the FCGMA Board meeting on February 25, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- FCGMA is holding an informal workshop on FCGMA reporting on Tuesday, March 10, 5:30- 6:45 P.M., intended to streamline communication between stakeholders and the FCGMA.
- Board received a presentation from EO Demers who presented additional revisions to "An Ordinance to Establish an Allocation System for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basins" to comply with the decision in *City of Oxnard v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*. EO Demers highlighted unresolved comments related to in-lieu deliveries and the demonstration of the "availability" of substitute water. The City of Oxnard provided verbal comments indicating it cannot support the current version of the Ordinance.

#### **Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Notable staff activities:

- Submitted pumping data for WY 2025
- Supported data collection and evaluation of domestic well data gaps

Staff also attended the FPBGSA Board meeting on February 25, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- The FPBGSA is updating its schedule for GW modeling and submitting 5-Year GSP Evaluations, due to DWR next year, January 2027.
- The Board reviewed the draft Annual Reports and plans to approve them for submission to DWR at the next Board meeting in March.
- The GSA is working on addressing DWR's recommended corrective actions regarding GDE, ISW and domestic well construction data gaps.

#### **Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

No MBGSA activities this month.

### **4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Information Item**

---

*Board of Directors meeting* – The MBGSA regular Board meeting for February was cancelled.

#### **Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

Notable staff activities include:

- Prepared the Santa Paula Basin annual report for CY and WY 2024 and submitted it to the Technical Advisory Committee for review.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer  
Tony Huynh, Risk and Safety Manager  
Zachary Plummer, Technology Systems Manager  
Jackie Lozano, Senior Administrative Assistant

**Date:** February 23, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 4.4 **Administrative Services Department Monthly Report**  
**Information Item**

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Review this monthly report from the Administrative Services Department for its activities for January 2026, as well as receive a verbal presentation of its highlights.

### **Discussion:**

#### **Finance**

- Finalized policy and processes for Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll
- Compiling FY2026-27 budget information for review with the District's General Manager and Assistant General Managers
- Completed period 25-2 Groundwater billing on February 20, 2026

#### **Administrative Services**

- Provided administrative assistance for drafting, finalizing, distributing/posting materials, and room set up for the following committee meetings: Finance and Audit (Jan. 5), Water Resources (Jan. 6), Engineering and Operations (Jan. 8), Executive Committee (Jan. 12), as well as Special Board of Directors (Jan. 5) and regular Board of Directors (Jan. 14).
- Provided internal support for the UWCD quarterly tour (Jan. 28).
- Coordinated logistical support with room and beverage setup for the following outside agency meetings: AWA Board/Executive Committee (Jan. 8), AWA WaterWise Breakfast (Jan. 15), VC-CWA (Jan. 15), and Water Issues Committee (Jan. 20).
- Working on conceptual ideas for the UWCD museum and axillary room.

#### **4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

##### **Human Resources**

- Working on recruitment for the following positions:
  - Senior Accountant, interviews held February 10
  - Public Outreach and External Affairs Intern, initial interviews held February 11 – 23, selection pending GM approval
  - Senior Hydrogeologist, additional interviews being conducted February 18
  - Seasonal Park Ranger Assistant, initial interviews scheduled for week of February 23
  - Park Ranger I, application process closed – interviews being scheduled
- Working on recruitment for the following positions:
- Completed processing of the 2025 1094C and 1095C for full-time employees required by the Department of Treasury
- Posted annual OSHA Form 300A and Regulatory Compliance posters at all District facilities in collaboration with Risk Management staff
- CHRO attended Express Employment – 2026 Employment Law Update on January 29, 2026
- Hosted Special Session – Enhancing Productivity with the Use of AI hosted by Dr. Frank Olmos on February 19, 2026
- Registered to attend Ventura College Career Tech Education fair on March 10, 2026
- Human Resources and Risk and Safety staff are also scheduled to attend the SDRMA Spring Education Day on March 18, 2026, as part of ongoing safety training and specialization efforts designed to maximize insurance savings.

##### **Risk and Safety Management**

- Activated District Emergency Operation Center to coordinate storm preparedness and recovery activities.
- Covered Valley Fever at monthly safety meeting as part of annual compliance requirement.
- Supported monthly dam siren test on the ground in Piru.
- Continued to respond to RFIs from Cal OES Audit on Winter Storm Disaster Recovery Project with support from Finance.
- Supported internal working group on contractor selection efforts and strategy for December 2025 Winter Storms debris removal.
- Received \$120,309 as reimbursement from CAL OES regarding damage sustained in the 2023 winter storms.

##### **Information Technology**

**Total Tickets (February): 32**

## **4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

### **Tickets Priority Breakdown (February)**

- High: 0
- Medium: 0
- Low: 32

### **Top Themes (February)**

As of the date of this report, 51 service tickets were closed in February. Resolution time on average was about 4 days for all the tickets that were closed in the period. Ticket activity primarily reflected routine operational support and user assistance.

### **System Maintenance and Cybersecurity**

- Completed password anniversary audit and coordinated required resets for staff with access to critical systems to maintain policy compliance.
- Delivered Operator-Specific Cybersecurity Training during the regularly scheduled District Safety Meeting to reinforce secure operational practices.
- Continued active threat monitoring and filtering of phishing attempts, malicious websites (anti-bot protections), and malware.
- Weekly average: ~6,000 inbound emails; ~1,400 (23%) identified and filtered as spam.
- Supported LPRA with PCI DSS compliance coordination and validation of required security controls.

### **Infrastructure and Systems**

- Coordinated remediation of a Wide Area Network interruption affecting Lake Piru Recreation and Dam Maintenance locations. Restoration required multi-site equipment repair (LP Rangers Office, Water Treatment Plant, Torrey Mountain, and Dam Communications Building) following a power equipment failure after planned utility maintenance.
- Conducted SCADA reporting software suite demonstration with Control Systems and gathered cross-team feedback to evaluate modernization of reporting capabilities.
- Resolved LPRA Wi-Fi access code expiration issue and adapted to updated website inventory management procedures.

### **Meeting and Event Support**

- Provided hybrid and in-person IT coordination for multiple district and partner meetings, including Farm Bureau (50+ participants), California Avocado Commission (full-day session), University Extended Education, and AWA sessions at Hopper Creek and Main Conference Center.
- Supported Emergency Operations Center activation in preparation for storm readiness.
- Conducted staff consultations to improve utilization of Microsoft 365 tools (Outlook, Teams, SharePoint, and M365 groups).
- Assisted Public Outreach with procurement of a new Lake Piru promotional web domain.

#### **4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

- Initiated research into updated watershed relief model options using modern fabrication technologies.
- Performed ongoing offsite network equipment upgrades and workstation deployments, including support at the SFD location.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Tara Mulally, Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager

**Date:** February 25, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 4.5 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report  
Information Item

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Review this monthly report from the Public Outreach and External Affairs Department of its activities for February 2026, as well as receive a verbal presentation of its highlights.

### **Discussion:**

#### **Outreach Events and Tours**

United Water Conservation District continues to use tours, presentations, and community events as key opportunities to strengthen relationships, increase transparency, and highlight the District's work throughout the region. February activities focused on engagement with regional partners, community leaders, and stakeholders, while upcoming events will expand educational outreach and agency collaboration.

#### **Recent Events and Presentations**

##### **Grand Jury Presentation – February 18**

District staff provided an overview of United Water's operations, priorities, and regional role in water management.

##### **CoLAB WHEEL Meeting Update – February 18**

Staff shared updates with regional business and community leaders, continuing ongoing coordination with partners across Ventura County.

##### **Gene Fisher Retirement Celebration – February 19**

Staff and partners gathered to recognize Gene Fisher's contributions and service.

## 4.5 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report Information Item

---

### Upcoming Tours and Events

- **Ventura County Conservation Districts Tour** (March 3)
- **CSU Channel Islands Tour** (March 11)
- **Piru Power Run 5K & 1K Fun Run/Walk** (March 28)
- **Ventura County Farm Day** (April 11)
- **Quarterly Tour** (April 29)

### Annual Communications Plan

Implementation of the Annual Communications Plan continued to progress in February, with efforts focused on strengthening message consistency, expanding public-facing materials, and supporting the District's broader Visibility and Value communications initiative.

### Completed Items

- **Updated Talking Points** developed to ensure consistent messaging across staff, leadership, and public engagements
- **District Commercial Completed**, creating a new storytelling tool that highlights United Water's regional role, infrastructure, and public value
- **District Presentation Updated** to create consistency in brand, thereby increasing credibility
- **Website Updates in Progress** to improve clarity, accessibility, and organization of key District information
- **Fleet Logos in Progress**, increasing everyday visibility of the District throughout the service area

### Upcoming March Initiatives

- Brand Assessment
- Style Guide Development
- Updated Legislative Platform Document
- Legislative Support Form Letters
- Board Media and Outreach Training One-on-Ones (Scheduled)
- Continued Website Refresh Progress, including:
  - Legislative Website Page
  - Funding Website Page
  - FAQs
  - Interactive Project Map
  - Updated Content Throughout

## **4.5 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

### **Social Media Analytics Brief, Findings and Considerations**

United Water Conservation District's social media platforms serve as an important tool for increasing public awareness, sharing timely updates, and reinforcing the District's role in regional water management. During February, content remained focused on supporting the Visibility and Value initiative while highlighting District activities, infrastructure, and community engagement.

Recent efforts have emphasized consistent posting, strategic message amplification, and clear storytelling about the District's work. Select posts continue to be boosted to expand visibility beyond existing followers and reach residents throughout the service area. This approach allows the District to maximize the impact of key announcements, educational content, and community updates.

Content highlighting projects, tours, and staff expertise continues to generate strong engagement, reinforcing that audiences respond well to posts that show how the District's work connects directly to the community.

#### **United Water Conservation District Social Media Platforms**

Facebook Likes: 866 (Net Increase of 1 Follower)  
LinkedIn Followers: 567 (Net Increase of 40 Followers)  
Instagram Followers: 22 (Net Increase of 6 Followers)  
Nextdoor Interactions: 5,086 Impressions

#### **Lake Piru Social Media Platforms**

Facebook Followers: 3,257 (Net Increase of 268 Followers)  
Instagram Followers: 1,694 (Net Increase of 102 Followers)

#### **January Posting Plans and Tactics**

##### **United Water Conservation District**

- Continue advancing Visibility and Value Campaign messaging across platforms, showcase commercial video
- Highlight United Water's role in regional water reliability, groundwater recharge, and infrastructure stewardship
- Use selective post boosting to expand visibility of high-value content within the District's service area
- Promote upcoming tours and stakeholder engagement opportunities
- Feature staff expertise, operations, and facilities to reinforce transparency and public understanding

#### **4.5 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

- Maintain consistent posting cadence to strengthen recognition of the District's work and impact

##### **Lake Piru**

- Continue promotion of the Lake Piru 5K and 1K, increasing awareness as the event approaches
- Highlight Lake Piru as an active outdoor recreation destination through seasonal content
- Showcase scenic visuals, visitor experiences, and recreational opportunities
- Support event and recreation messaging with targeted boosted posts where appropriate
- Maintain regular posting to encourage visitation and community engagement

**STAFF REPORT**

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager

**Date:** February 16, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report  
Information item

---

**Staff Recommendation:**

Receive this summary report from the Engineering Department regarding its activities for January 2026, as well as receive a presentation of its highlights. Please refer to the end of the report for a list of acronyms.

**Discussion:**

**Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project**

- **FERC Compliance:**
  - January 8: Staff received a proposal from GEI for Amendment No. 2 to the SFD HHA and PSHA PCSA. The scope includes an update to SFD HHA to address FERC Comments. On January 30, a meeting with FERC and GEI was held to discuss their comments on the SFD HHA.
  - January 14: Staff met with the FERC Office of Energy Infrastructure Security to discuss potential Security Exercise Support to United. Staff are targeting holding a tabletop exercise sometime in August 2026.
  - January 26: Staff received a proposal from HDR to conduct a thickness inspection of the penstock required by FERC.
  - At the end of January, Staff held a review of and uploaded the SFD January Monthly inspection data.
  
- **Outlet Works Improvement Project:**
  - January 7: Staff conducted Part 1 of a front-end specifications workshop with BV and GEI to discuss insurance coverage requirements, liquidated damages, and Project Labor Agreements. Part 2 of the Front-End Specifications workshop continued on January 13, with discussion topics including groundwater treatment and disposal, bid escrow documents,

#### **4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

formal partnering, and project labor agreements. Part 3 of the workshop was held on January 30.

- *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

#### **Lake Piru Recreation Area FIP**

- Lake Piru Campground and Recreation Area Renovations:
  - Restroom Rehabilitation
    - Throughout January, Staff prepared bid documents and prepared the project description for CEQA purposes.
    - January 16: Titan Environmental conducted lead and asbestos testing on the LOG and Oak Lane bathrooms to determine waste disposal requirements.
    - January 23: GPRS conducted a video survey at LOG, Upper Olive Grove, and Oak Lane restrooms. Staff reviewed videos received from GPRS of bathroom piping.
  - Water Treatment Plant Upgrades
    - In January, Staff coordinated with Stantec on the scope of work for the LPWTP Improvement Project. The design work is on track to start in March 2026 and be completed by late 2026. Construction of the improvements is anticipated to take place in early 2027.
- Lake Piru Asphalt
  - In late January, Staff surveyed distressed pavement areas at the Marina and Piru Canyon Road and prepared the FY 2026-2027 budget for the LPRA Pavement Maintenance Program.

#### **Lake Piru Debris Clean-Up**

- In January, Engineering Staff supported this effort by holding coordination meetings and scoping job walks with Recreation Staff and prospective contractors regarding the debris clean-up efforts for SFD and LPRA.

#### **Freeman Diversion Expansion**

- Throughout January, Staff met with NHC, GEI, and special advisors to advance the 30% design.
- January 25: Staff received the 60% Design proposal from GEI, which included NHC as one of the main subconsultants.
- *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

#### **Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro**

- January 7: Staff conducted a survey to support the high flow measurements taken in October 2025.
- January 6: Caltrans provided preliminary comments on the encroachment permit application for the Vineyard Avenue Crossing project. United has 30 days to

#### **4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

respond, or the application will be deleted, and the funds returned. The main item Caltrans requested is a supplemental environmental form which is anticipated to be completed in the required response period.

- January 15: Staff provided all requested information, and design consultant, HDR resubmitted the updated package to Caltrans. Updates to the package were minor and primarily consisted of supplemental forms and environmental information to assist Caltrans in their review.

#### **State Water Interconnection Project**

- January 25: Staff received 100% Plans and Specs from the City of Ventura. Bidding is on hold to complete easement negotiations.

#### **OH Pipeline**

- Throughout January, Staff updated figures and collected datasets for the UWMP. On January 12, the first UWMP notification letter was sent out to stakeholders.
- In early January, Staff coordinated with NV5 (design consultant for the Vineyard MWC Consolidation effort) regarding RFIs pertaining to the OH Pipeline.
- Engineering Staff assisted O&M Staff in observing construction of a 6-inch water line adjacent to Clearwell No. 2 to be used for maintenance of the clearwell cover and future storage building.
- January 20: Staff participated in a field visit with a prospective consultant to discuss the OH Wellfield generator and analysis and control upgrades needed to avoid line/ground faults. A draft proposal was received on January 23.

#### **Pleasant Valley Pipeline**

- Between January 14-16, Engineering Staff observed excavation and dewatering activities at the PV Pipeline leak area located east of Central Ave and north of HWY 101. Engineering Staff worked with O&M Staff to develop a repair plan for the replacement of the steel band with a new band fitted for compression, and installation of a reinforced concrete collar.

#### **Recycled Water Planning Activities**

- On January 6: Staff received and started to review the draft Title 22 Engineering Report prepared by Carollo Engineers from the City of Oxnard.
- On January 9: Staff held a meeting with the City of Oxnard and PVCWD regarding the status of AWP operations and short-term recycled water deliveries, the draft Title 22 Engineering Report, and the FATW Agreement questionnaire.
- On January 15: Staff held a meeting with PVCWD and MKN to discuss the revised short-term recycled water delivery plan received on January 2.
- On January 21: Staff held a check-in Meeting with LARWQCB Staff regarding the status of short-term recycled water deliveries.

#### **Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project**

#### **4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

- Throughout January, Staff held check-in meetings with KJ (design consultant) and ESA (environmental services consultant).
- January 13: Staff provided an updated project timeline for the draft succeeding Phase 1A license agreement and sent it to the Navy for approval.
- January 14: Staff received the draft NBVC water security problem statement provided by COMNAVREG SW.
- January 15: Staff received RFI #5 related to Phase 1B SAR requesting a slight relocation of extraction well site EBB1.

#### **Asset Management/CMMS System**

- January 16: an opportunistic inspection using a robotic camera crawler was conducted in an 870-ft section of the PV pipeline while it was undergoing repair.

#### **Engineering File Digitization**

- January 16: ARC Document Solutions picked up 11 boxes of Engineering historical files for scanning/indexing and 1 box for destruction.

#### **Utility Requests**

- January 15: Staff recorded a permanent access easement from Costco Wholesale Corporation for the Pleasant Valley Pipeline with the VC Recorder's Office.

#### **On-Call Services Agreements**

- January 14: three (3) On-Call Services Agreements (valid between 2025-2030) were executed with Stantec, Kyle Groundwater, and GSI Water Solutions.

#### **Professional Development (Conferences, Trainings, Webinars)**

- January 21: Staff attended the Employee Brown Bag Session - What Public Relations Is and Why It Matters to You as an Employee.
- January 28: Staff attended the Employee Brown Bag Session – Coding, Requisitions, and Financial Compliance Tracking.
- January 28: Staff attended the AWA CCWUC training “Protecting System Performance - Pump Curve Analysis for Critical Water Operations”.

#### **Public Outreach Support Activities**

- January 8: Staff attended the RDP Regular Meeting “NBVC Annual Update, CAPT Dan Brown, Commanding Officer NBVC.”
- January 15: Robert R., Adrian Q., Kaili T., Matthew W., Greg D., and Thomas G. toured Casitas MWD's Dam, sloping intake facility, and Marion Walker Pressure Filtration Plant (See *Figure 1*).
- January 15: Staff participated in the AWA Waterwise Breakfast “Recap of the Current Weather Year to Date” featuring a presentation from the NWS on the weather forecast for the remainder of the water year.

#### 4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report Information Item

---

- January 20: Staff attended the AWA Water Issues Committee meeting and provided a State legislative update for UWCD.
- January 28: Staff participated in the UWCD Quarterly Tour and led the tours of SFD and the El Rio WTP.



**Figure 1** - O&M and Engineering staff visiting Casitas Municipal Water District's Dam, sloping intake facility, and Marion Walker Pressure Filtration Plant.

**5.1 Engineering Department Monthly Report  
Information Item**

---

**Acronym Index**

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
AWA	Association of Water Agencies
AWPF	Advanced Water Purification Facility
BV	Black & Veatch
CAD	Computer-Aided Design
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CCWUC	Channel Counties Water Utilities Committee
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
COMNAVREG SW	Command Navy Region Southwest
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EBB	Extraction Barrier and Brackish
ESA	Environmental Science Associates
ESD	Environmental Services Department
FATW	Full Advanced Treatment Water
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FIP	Facility Improvement Project
FY	Fiscal Year
GEI	GEI Consultants
GM	General Manager
GPRS	Ground Penetrating Radar Systems, LLC
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
HDR	HDR Consultants, Inc.
HHA	Hydraulic Hazard Analysis
I&C	Instrumentation and Control
LARWQCB	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
LOG	Lower Olive Grove
LPRA	Lake Piru Recreation Area
LPWTP	Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant
MKN	MKN & Associates
MWC	Mutal Water Company
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County
NHC	Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
NV5	Nv5 Global, Inc.
NWS	National Weather Service
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OH	Oxnard Hueneme
PCSA	Professional Consulting Services Agreement
PSHA	Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis
PV	Pleasant Valley

## 5.1 Engineering Department Monthly Report Information Item

---

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
PVCWD	Pleasant Valley County Water District
RDP	Regional Defense Partnership
RFI	Request for Information
SFD	Santa Felicia Dam
UWCD	United Water Conservation District
UWMP	Urban Water Management Plan
VC	Ventura County
WTP	Water Treatment Plant/Project



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager  
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Marissa Caringella, Environmental Services Manager

**Date:** February 23, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report  
Information Item

---

### Staff Recommendation:

Review this staff report from the Environmental Services Department (ES) staff regarding its activities for the month of January 2026, as well as receive a presentation of its highlights.

### Discussion:

1. Santa Felicia Project Operations and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission License Support

#### *Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project*

On January 26, 2026, ES staff submitted the 2025 Project Activity Progress Report to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in accordance with Condition 8 of the Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project.

#### *Water Release Plan and Water Release and Ramping Rate Implementation Plan*

Under the Water Release Plan and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for the Santa Felicia Project, United Water Conservation District (United) is required to make certain water releases from the Santa Felicia Dam for steelhead habitat and migration when specific triggers are met. Triggers for habitat water releases are based on cumulative rainfall within the water year. United evaluates whether the trigger is met on the first day of each month, between January and June. The table below presents trigger criteria for each month and minimum required releases if triggers are met. Each month the trigger is not met, the minimum required habitat water release is seven (7) cubic feet per second (cfs). The total precipitation as of January 1, 2026, has met the triggers for elevated habitat releases through May 31, 2026. The minimum required habitat water release for the month of January is 15 cfs.

**4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report  
Information Item**

Habitat water release trigger date	Trigger criteria (total cumulative precipitation on trigger date)	Minimum required water release if trigger is met	2026 Measured cumulative precipitation	Actual minimum required habitat water release for month
<b>January 1</b>	4.80 inches	15 cfs	16.53 inches	15 cfs
<b>February 1</b>	8.10 inches	20 cfs	TBD	20 cfs
<b>March 1</b>	12.00 inches	20 cfs	TBD	20 cfs
<b>April 1</b>	14.90 inches	20 cfs	TBD	20 cfs
<b>May 1</b>	16.30 inches	10 cfs	TBD	10 cfs
<b>June 1</b>	17.50 inches	9 cfs*	TBD	TBD

\*If triggered, the minimum required water release will remain at nine (9) cfs through October 1, at which time, minimum required water release will be seven (7) cfs through January 1 of next calendar year.

*General Maintenance at Lake Piru and Santa Felicia Project – Section 404 Clean Water Act*

On January 15, 2026, ES staff submitted the 2025 Annual Report for General Maintenance Activities at Lake Piru and Santa Felicia Project to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as required by the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit.

*Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access – Lake Piru Recreation Area*

On January 15, 2026, ES staff filed the 2025 Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Annual Report with FERC. Previously, the Annual Report was submitted to stakeholders on December 10, 2025, for a 30-day comment period. No comments were received.

*Santa Felicia Recreation Trail Plan – Pothole Trail*

On January 15, 2026, ES staff submitted the 2025 Annual Monitoring Report for the Santa Felicia Recreation Trail Plan and Pothole Trailhead Parking Area Project to FERC, the Los Padres National Forest District Ranger, and the Angeles District Park Maintenance Supervisor.

During the month of January, ES staff continued to support and coordinate with the Los Padres National Forest Association regarding the development of the grant funded reroute of the U.S. Forest Service Pothole Trail. The trail reroute will increase accessibility and recreational value. The new trailhead will start at United’s Pothole Trailhead parking lot facility.

*United Water Conservation District v. FERC, Court Case in Abeyance*

On September 29, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals granted United a motion to hold the court case “United Water Conservation District v. FERC” in abeyance and directed United to file status reports every 60 days. United filed the court case to challenge the biological opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on FERC’s issuance of a license for the Santa Felicia Project. On January 6, 2026, the ninety-second status update was filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit.

## 4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report Information Item

---

### 2. Increased State Water Project Imports from Pyramid Lake to Lake Piru

On June 30, 2025, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted United's requests for a variance to DWR and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) FERC license for Pyramid Lake and for a temporary amendment to the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the SWRCB, to allow increased State Water Project (SWP) imports from Pyramid Dam to Lake Piru.

On January 23, 2026, the SWRCB issued a temporary amendment to the 401 WQC. FERC subsequently issued a temporary variance to the DWR and LADWP FERC license for Pyramid Lake on January 29, 2026. With the approved temporary variance, United has regulatory approval to release up to 25,000 acre-feet of SWP water to Lake Piru in the November to February delivery window through the end of February 2027. ES staff continues to develop materials needed for continued increased importation of SWP water beyond February 2027, including future temporary variance and permanent license amendment requests.

### 3. Freeman Diversion Operations

During the month of January 2026, ES staff supported Freeman Diversion operations and maintenance activities by coordinating with Water Resources and Operations and Maintenance staff, coordinating with resource agencies as needed, conducting pre-project surveys, and providing on-site biological monitoring.

ES staff initiated fish ladder operations on January 1, 2026, and has continued operating the fish ladder to date. A wet start to the water year (i.e., October through early January) resulted in substantial and sustained flows at the Freeman Diversion throughout the month of January. ES staff have assisted with conducting regular flushing operations. Several adult pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) have been observed in or near the facility. No *O. mykiss* have been observed.

On December 30, 2025, ES staff submitted the 2025 Annual Report for routine maintenance activities conducted at the Freeman Diversion to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), as required by Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement EPIMS-VEN-41964-R5. Additionally, on January 21, 2026, ES staff submitted a 2026 Notification of Work Plan to CDFW for Freeman Diversion routine maintenance activities.

On January 26, 2026, ES staff submitted the Year 5 Annual Report for the Restoration and Revegetation for the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility Geotechnical Exploration Project to CDFW. This was the final report for the Project.

### 4. Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

On September 10, 2025, Judge Carter issued an Opinion in the Wishtoyo et al. v. United Water case which requires submittal of the Freeman Diversion Multiple Species Habitat

#### 4.7 **Environmental Services Department Monthly Report** **Information Item**

---

Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and incidental take permit (ITP) application under the federal Endangered Species Act, and state ITP and LSA notifications, by January 8, 2026.

On January 8, 2026, pursuant to the requirements of the Court Opinion, United staff completed and submitted the MSHCP to NMFS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and an ITP application and LSA notifications to CDFW for the hardened ramp fish passage facility. Additionally, United staff also completed and submitted a separate MSHCP, ITP application, and LSA notifications for the Improved Denil fish passage facility. On January 12 and 13, 2026, United staff attended a hearing with Judge Carter regarding attorney fees; a decision is pending.

Following the January 8, 2026, submittal, ES staff coordinated with the USACE, USFWS, and CDFW regarding the submitted materials and the next steps in the regulatory review process for their respective agencies. Additionally, ES staff collected data at several critical riffle sites in the lower Santa Clara River, downstream of the Freeman Diversion, in support of the critical riffle study.

#### 5. Extraction Barrier and Brackish (EBB) Water Treatment Project

On January 8, 2026, United staff met with the U.S. Department of the Navy's biological subject matter experts to discuss technical aspects of the state and federal biological consultations for Phase 1 of the EBB Water Treatment Project. United and Navy staff continue to have productive collaborative meetings in support of advancing the project.

#### 6. Quagga Mussel Management

Throughout the month of January 2026, ES staff continued to conduct quagga mussel monitoring activities on Lake Piru, lower Piru Creek, and the spillway pool in accordance with the Quagga Mussel Monitoring and Control Plan.

ES staff also continued quagga mussel veliger (larva) sampling in United's lower system and continues to coordinate regularly with Pleasant Valley County Water District. No veligers were detected in the lower system throughout the month of January.

#### 7. Grant Efforts

On January 21, 2026, ES and Grant Task Force staff met with representatives from Cal Fire to receive feedback on United's application to the Wildfire Prevention FY 2025-2026 grant program that was not selected for funding. In addition, ES staff began gathering pertinent project information to start the state and federal budget appropriations process.

#### 8. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

On January 12, 2026, ES staff received the preliminary results of eDNA sample analysis collected on November 6, 2025, in East Grove in accordance with the Aquatic Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Study Plan on behalf of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater

## 4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report Information Item

---

Sustainability Agency. Additional eDNA sampling and fieldwork in East Grove is planned for spring 2026.

### 9. Miscellaneous

On January 7, 2026, ES staff attended a meeting for the Santa Clara River Arundo Management Working Group.

On January 15, 2026, ES staff attended the AWA Waterwise Meeting titled, “Recap of the Current Water Year” presented by NOAA.

On January 21, 2026, ES staff attended United’s brown bag presentation, “What is Public Relations?” presented by Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager Tara Mulally.

On January 24, 2026, ES staff hosted a booth at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Plant Fest at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

On January 28, 2026, ES staff participated in the public quarterly tour of United’s facilities.

On January 28, 2026, ES staff attended United’s brown bag presentation, “Coding, Requisitions, and Financial Compliance Tracking” presented by the Finance Department.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

**From:** Tara Acosta, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**Date:** February 24, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 5.1 **2026 Richard V. Laubacher Water Conservation Award**  
**Motion**

---

### **Recommendation:**

Consider possible recipients for the Laubacher Award and conduct a vote to determine the 2026 recipient. Staff will present nominees for the award at the Board Meeting.

### **Discussion:**

The District established the Richard V. Laubacher Water Conservation Award in 1997 to honor the memory of deceased Director Richard Laubacher. The award is to be presented to an individual or organization that has demonstrated leadership and innovation in water conservation in agriculture, business, or educational fields in Ventura County. It should be awarded in recognition of a body of work over a long period of time, taking particular note of the recipient's longevity in Ventura County water resources leadership. Additionally, consideration shall be given to a nominee's contributions specifically to the mission of United Water Conservation District. Finally, the award shall not be presented to a current staff member or Director of the District.

If the Board decides to present an award at the 2026 Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County Symposium on April 16, 2026, a decision must be made at this Board meeting in order to prepare the award and to ensure attendance of the recipient.

Nominee(s) will be presented to the Directors at the Board meeting. A vote on the recipient will be conducted by having a Director make a motion by referencing the letter before the nominee's name (e.g. A) John Jones, B) Jane Smith) on the list provided to the Directors. This is to prevent that award recipient from learning about the award until the day of the AWA Symposium. However, any member of the public upon request may receive a copy of the list of nominees. A list of previous recipients is attached.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

There are sufficient funds in the budget to cover the cost of the plaque that will be presented to the award winner.

## **4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report Information Item**

---

### **Richard V. Laubacher Water Conservation Award Recipients**

**1997 – Supervisor John Flynn  
1998 – Calleguas Municipal Water District  
1999 – Lee Miller  
2000 – Port Hueneme Water Agency  
2001 – Thomas P. Vujovich  
2002 – Kelle Pistone, AWA VC  
2003 – Camrose Water District  
2004 – Lynn Maulhardt, GMA  
2005 – Irv Wilde  
2006 – Steve Bachman  
2007 – Ted Grandsen  
2008 – Dana Weishart  
2009 – Kathy Long  
2010 – John Mathews  
2011 – Bill Hair  
2012 – Rob Roy  
2013 – Sam McIntyre  
2014 – Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County  
2015 – Phil Drescher  
2016 – City of Oxnard  
2017 – Calleguas Municipal Water District  
2018 – Joe Gibson  
2019 – CoLAB Ventura County  
2020 and 2021 – no award presented  
2022 – Eugene West, Fox Canyon GMA  
2023 – Congresswoman Julia Brownley  
2024 – Ann DeMartini  
2025 – The Regional Defense Partnership (RDP)**



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

**From:** Tara Acosta, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**Date:** March 2, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 5.2 **Adopt a Resolution Supporting Scott Quady of Calleguas Municipal Water District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board - An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company Motion**

---

### **Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution supporting the nomination of Scott Quady of Calleguas Municipal Water District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board - An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company.

### **Discussion:**

Director Scott Quady has been involved in ACWA JPIA for much of his 17-year tenure on the Calleguas Board. He has served as Calleguas' Voting Member ACWA JPIA for 12 years and was recently selected by the Calleguas Board to continue to serve in that role for the next 2 years. Additionally, he previously served for five years on the ACWA JPIA's California Water Insurance Fund (CWIF). Director Quady has expressed continued interest in serving on the California Water Insurance Fund Board – An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company. A more detailed statement of qualifications for Director Quady is attached.

To run for the CWIF, a candidate must be nominated by their own agency, must adopt a nominating resolution and three other member districts must adopt concurring resolutions. As the Calleguas Board of Directors have adopted Resolution No. 2121 nominating Scott Quady at their February 18, 2026 Board meeting, they are requesting UWCD Board of Directors' support of his nomination.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None.

### **Attachment(s):**

**A – Resolution**

**B – Calleguas Request dated February 6, 2026**

**5.2 Adopt a Resolution Supporting Scott Quady of Calleguas Municipal Water District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board – An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company  
Motion**

---

**C – Scott Quady Bio**

# ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE  
CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND BOARD  
AN ACWA JPIA CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, this district is a member district of the ACWA JPIA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nominating Procedures for the **California Water Insurance Fund** Board provide that in order for a nomination to be made to the **California Water Insurance Fund** Board, three member districts must concur with the nominating district, and

**WHEREAS**, another ACWA JPIA member district, the CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT has requested that this district concur in its nomination of its member of the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors to the **California Water Insurance Fund** Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT that this district concur with the nomination of SCOTT QUADY of CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT to the **California Water Insurance Fund** Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

**ADOPTED** this 11 day of MARCH, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

# ATTACHMENT B



---

## Request for ACWA JPIA CWIF Nomination Concurring Resolution

---

From Kristine McCaffrey [REDACTED]

Date Fri 2/6/2026 12:37 PM

To Mauricio Guardado [REDACTED]

Cc Tara Acosta [REDACTED]

2 attachments (317 KB)

Resolution\_Concurring\_Captive\_2026.pdf; SQ Bio\_02-04-2026.pdf;

**Proceed with caution.** This email originated from outside the District.

Hi Mauricio-

I have a request for you: Scott Quady, a longtime Board member and Calleguas representative to ACWA JPIA, would like to again serve on ACWA JPIA's Captive Water Insurance Fund (CWIF). To run for the CWIF, a candidate must be nominated by their agency and receive three concurring resolutions from other ACWA JPIA members. More information about the process can be found here: <https://www.acwajpia.com/election/>

The concurring resolution template is attached, as is a brief bio of Director Quady. Concurring nominations are due to ACWA JPIA by April 4.

I would greatly appreciate if United would adopt the concurring nomination. Please let me know if that will be possible and if you have any questions or need any additional information from me or Director Quady to do so.

Thanks.

-Kristine

Kristine McCaffrey, P.E.  
General Manager  
Calleguas Municipal Water District  
2100 E. Olsen Rd.  
Thousand Oaks CA 91360  
(805) 579-7173  
[REDACTED]

This message was scanned by Microsoft.

RESOLUTION NO. 2121

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
NOMINATING ITS ACWA JPIA BOARD MEMBER TO THE  
CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND BOARD  
AN ACWA JPIA CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Calleguas Municipal Water District is a member district of the ACWA JPIA that participates in the JPIA's Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Procedures for the California Water Insurance Fund Board provide that, in order for a nomination to be made to the California Water Insurance Fund Board, the member district must place into nomination its member of the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors for such open position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District that its member of the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors, Scott H. Quady, be nominated as a candidate for the California Water Insurance Fund Board for the election to be held on May 4, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ACWA JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of three other member districts, to affect such nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Board is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to ACWA JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this eighteenth day of February 2026.

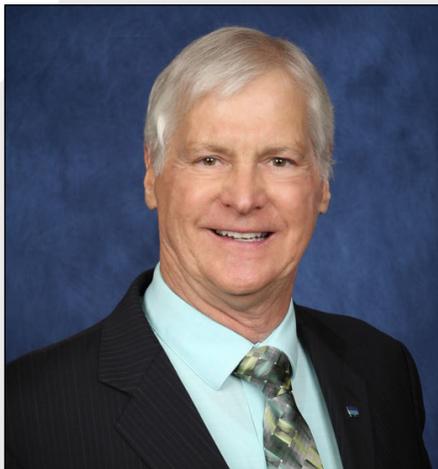
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Raúl Avila, President  
Board of Directors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District held on February 18, 2026.

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
for Reddy Pakala, Secretary  
Board of Directors

RES NO. 2121



# SCOTT QUADY

## Candidate Statement of Qualifications: ACWA-JPIA California Water Insurance Fund, Captive

Seventeen years as a water district board member

Forty-year career as a water industry professional: private, municipal, and non-profit organizations

Retired Environmental Resource Analyst

### PROFILE

Master of Science Degree,  
Environmental Science (LMU)

Bachelor of Science Degree,  
Biochemistry (Cal Poly, SLO)

Engineer-In-Training (EIT),  
California Department of  
Consumer Affairs

Water Treatment Operator (2),  
State Water Resources Control  
Board Division of Drinking Water

Environmental Compliance  
Inspector and Laboratory Analyst  
(4), California Water Environment  
Association

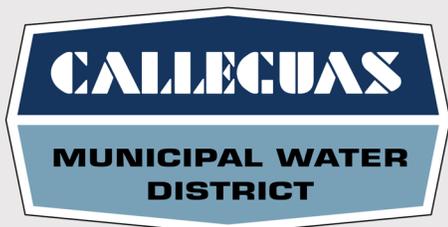
Member: American Water Works  
Association

### CONTACT

PHONE:  
805-579-7111

WEBSITE:  
[www.calleguas.com](http://www.calleguas.com)

EMAIL:  
[squady@calleguas.com](mailto:squady@calleguas.com)



2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

### ACWA-JPIA

#### Voting Board Member since 2012

- Workers' Compensation Committee since 2018
- CWIF (California Water Insurance Fund, Captive) Board 2019-2024: 2019 (3 yrs), re-elected 2022 (2 yrs)

#### ACWA

- Region 8, Vice-Chair 2026-27
- Energy Committee
- Water Quality Committee
- Prior/continuing interests: Water Quality and Water Management Committees

### CALLEGUAS BOARD HISTORY

- First elected, 2008
- Board President, 2013-16, 2023-24
- Treasurer, 2017-22

### CALLEGUAS COMMITTEES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (HISTORICAL/CURRENT)

- Chair, Operations & Organization Committee
- Member, Finance Committee
- Member, Water Supply, Storage, and Partnership Development Committee
- Alternate member, Engineering & Construction Committee
- Alternate member, Public Engagement, Communication and Legislative Affairs Committee
- Chair, Finance Committee, 2017-2022
- Chair, Water Quality Committee, 2012
- Alternate, Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors (Director, 2016- 2024)

Serves as an advocate and co-benefactor for **Emmett R. Quady Foundation - Cal Poly Scholars**, a program under the Cal Poly Foundation/Bailey School of Science & Mathematics, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.



# United Water

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

**Date:** February 26, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 5.3 Approve Resolution 2026-04 Adopting the Proposed Financial Policy for the Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll  
Motion

---

#### **Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution 2026-04 adopting the proposed Financial Policy entitled “**Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll.**” The policy formalizes the District’s process for placing delinquent direct assessments on the Ventura County secured property tax roll, clarifies Board and management authority, and establishes a consistent governance framework for the placement, billing, collection, and financial reporting of direct assessments.

#### **Background:**

United Water Conservation District’s (UWCD) Finance Department currently has limited tools available to collect delinquent amounts from non-paying accounts. Existing efforts are largely restricted to collection calls, emails, written notices, or, in limited circumstances, seeking a cease-pumping order through Board action.

The proposed policy enables the District to utilize the existing Ventura County program that allows eligible delinquent amounts to be collected through placement on the Ventura County secured property tax roll. This mechanism provides a structured, enforceable, and legally supported method for improving collection outcomes on delinquent accounts.

The proposed policy operates at a governance level and **does not** establish new assessments, modify assessment methodologies, or change existing billing or collection practices. Rather, it documents the authority structure, roles, and responsibilities associated with the placement of direct assessments on the secured property tax roll.

**Agenda Item: 5.3 Approve Resolution 2026-04 Adopting the Proposed Financial Policy for the Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll  
Motion**

---

Key provisions of the proposed policy include:

- **Board Authorization:** Confirms that direct assessments placed on the secured property tax roll require formal approval by the Board of Directors through adoption of a resolution.
- **Management Administration:** Assigns responsibility to the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer for administering assessments, coordinating with Ventura County agencies, and ensuring accurate financial reporting and reconciliation.
- **County Coordination:** Acknowledges the respective roles of the Ventura County Auditor-Controller and Tax Collector in reviewing assessment submittals, billing assessments, collecting revenues, and remitting proceeds to the District.
- **Internal Controls and Reporting:** Establishes expectations for reconciliation of collections, monitoring of delinquencies, and appropriate disclosure in the District's financial statements.

Adoption of the policy enhances transparency, strengthens internal controls, and provides a clear reference document for Board members, auditors, and external stakeholders.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with adoption of the proposed policy. The policy does not authorize new assessments, increase assessment rates, or create additional administrative costs. However, it is expected to improve the District's ability to collect delinquent amounts.

**Attachments:**

- A. Resolution 2026-04
- B. Proposed Policy
- C. Direct Assessments - Secured Property Tax Roll Process Flow

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ADOPTING A BOARD POLICY  
ENTITLED  
“PLACEMENT OF DIRECT ASSESSMENTS ON THE VENTURA COUNTY  
SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL”**

**WHEREAS**, the United Water Conservation District (“District”) is authorized under applicable provisions of California law to levy direct assessments against real property for authorized District purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, when authorized by law and approved by the Board of Directors, such direct assessments may be collected through placement on the Ventura County secured property tax roll; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has historically administered direct assessments in coordination with Ventura County in accordance with statutory requirements and established County procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors desires to formalize existing practices through adoption of a Board policy establishing governance, accountability, and financial control expectations; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the policy does not authorize any new assessment, modify existing rates, or change current billing practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The Board hereby adopts the Board Policy entitled “Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll,” attached as Exhibit A.
2. The policy establishes Board-level governance for the placement and administration of direct assessments on the Ventura County secured property tax roll.
3. The Board delegates authority to the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer to administer and implement the policy in coordination with Ventura County.
4. Adoption of this resolution results in no fiscal impact and authorizes no specific new assessments.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11th day of March 2026.

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

**ATTEST:**

---

Lynn E. Maulhardt, President

---

Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer

# Placement of Direct Assessments on the Ventura County Secured Property Tax Roll

Effective March 11, 2026

## OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE

The United Water Conservation District (UWCD) utilizes direct assessments to collect on delinquent accounts in a lawful, transparent, and controlled manner by placing such assessments on the Ventura County secured property tax roll when approved by the Board of Directors.

This policy establishes the governance framework, authority, and accountability for the placement, collection, and financial reporting of direct assessments.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- This policy applies to all direct assessments levied by UWCD that are authorized to be collected through the Ventura County secured property tax roll, including delinquent extraction and delivery charges.
- Direct assessments are imposed pursuant to applicable provisions of California law and formal action by UWCD's governing body. Placement on the secured property tax roll is subject to acceptance and processing by Ventura County.

## Definitions

- **Direct Assessment:** A charge levied against specific parcels of real property and collected as a lien through the secured property tax roll.
- **Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):** The unique identifier assigned to each parcel of real property.
- **Secured Property Tax Roll:** The annual property tax roll for secured real property maintained by Ventura County.

## Responsibilities

### **Board of Directors**

**Responsibilities:** Conduct required public hearings and protest proceedings, adopt resolutions approving and confirming assessments and authorize placement of assessments on the secured property tax roll.

**Control Requirement:** Resolutions must clearly identify the assessment year, affected parcels, assessment amounts, and authorized method of collection.

### **General Manager**

**Responsibilities:** Ensure statutory and procedural compliance, designate responsible staff for assessment administration and execute or authorize official submittals to Ventura County, as required.

### **Finance Department**

**Responsibilities:** Coordinate assessment development and certification, prepare parcel-level assessment roll data, submit assessment packages to Ventura County and record, reconcile, and report assessment revenues.

**Control Requirement:** Verify parcel data accuracy and reconcile assessment totals to Board-adopted amounts.

### **Ventura County Auditor-Controller**

**Responsibilities:** Review assessment resolutions for legal sufficiency, validate parcel data, totals, and formatting and post approved assessments to the secured property tax roll.

### **Ventura County Assessor/Tax Collector**

**Responsibilities:** Bill assessments on secured property tax statements, collect payments, penalties, and interest, enforce delinquent collections and remit net proceeds to UWCD.

## **Administrative Implementation**

### **Assessment Roll Preparation**

**Responsible Party:** Finance Department

**Timeline:** Within 10–15 business days prior to Board action

1. Compile parcel-level assessment data, including APN, situs address, and assessment amount
2. Prepare a certification summary for Board approval
3. Assemble the assessment package, including:
  - Resolution
  - Parcel-level data file
  - Authorized signatory documentation

### **Assessment Authorization**

**Responsible Party:** Governing Board

**Timeline:** January–May (or as required by statute)

1. Conduct noticed public hearings and protest proceedings

2. Adopt a final resolution confirming:
  - Assessment year
  - APNs subject to assessment
  - Assessment amounts
  - Collection through the secured property tax roll

### **Submittal to Ventura County**

**Responsible Party:** Finance Department

**Timeline:** By Ventura County secured roll submission deadline (typically June–July)

1. Submit the complete assessment package to the Ventura County Auditor-Controller
2. Respond to County review comments and correction requests
3. Obtain confirmation of acceptance for secured roll placement

**Control Point:** Late or incomplete submissions may result in deferral of assessments to a subsequent tax year.

### **Placement on Secured Property Tax Roll**

**Responsible Party:** Ventura County Auditor-Controller

**Timeline:** July–August

1. Load approved assessments into the County property tax system
2. Associate assessments with individual APNs
3. Establish assessment liens effective January 1 of the assessment year

### **Billing and Collection**

**Responsible Party:** Ventura County Tax Collector

**Timeline:** Secured tax bills issued: October - Installment due dates: December 10 and April 10

1. Include assessments on annual secured property tax bills
2. Collect payments, penalties, and interest
3. Apply statutory enforcement measures for delinquent accounts

### **Revenue Remittance**

**Responsible Party:** Ventura County Tax Collector

**Timeline:** Periodic distributions, typically December through June

1. Deduct authorized County administrative fees
2. Remit net collections to the District
3. Provide remittance detail and collection reports

## **Accounting and Reconciliation**

**Responsible Party:** Finance Department

**Timeline:** Ongoing; formal reconciliation at fiscal year-end

1. Record assessment revenue in the general ledger
2. Reconcile County remittances to adopted assessment totals
3. Track delinquencies and unpaid balances
4. Record allowances for doubtful accounts, if applicable
5. Disclose assessment revenue in the Agency's financial statements

## **Ongoing Administration (Multi-Year Assessments)**

**Responsible Party:** Finance Department

**Timeline:** Annually

1. Confirm continuing assessment authority
2. Update parcel data for parcel changes, appeals, or cancellations
3. Submit updated assessment rolls for subsequent tax years

## **Internal Control Principles**

- Board-approved resolution review prior to County submission
- Independent reconciliation of parcel totals to certified assessment roll
- Segregation of duties between assessment preparation and accounting
- Monitoring of County reports for delinquencies and discrepancies

## **Records Retention**

All assessment-related records, including resolutions, parcel files, County correspondence, and remittance reports, shall be retained in accordance with UWCD's records retention policy and applicable state law.

## **Policy Review and Amendment**

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated as statutory requirements, County procedures, or District practices change.

## Direct Assessments – Secured Property Tax Roll Process Flow

### 1. Board Authorization

Board of Directors adopts resolution approving assessment, parcels, amounts, and secured roll collection.

### 2. Administrative Preparation

Finance Department prepares parcel data, reconciles totals and assembles County submittal.

### 3. County Review and Acceptance

Auditor-Controller reviews legal sufficiency, validates data and accepts assessment.

### 4. Secured Roll Placement

Assessment loaded to County system and lien established as of January 1.

### 5. Billing and Collection

Tax Collector bills assessment on secured tax bills and collects payments.

### 6. Revenue Remittance

County remits net revenues to UWCD with reports.

### 7. Accounting and Reconciliation

Finance records revenue, reconciles collections, and reports in financial statements.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer  
Nathan Summerville, Senior Engineer

**Date:** February 25, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 5.4 Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project  
Motion

---

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Authorize the General Manager to sign a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) for 60% design consulting services in connection with the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project (CIP 8001).

### **Background:**

The Freeman Diversion Improvement Project has been identified as a feasible alternative at the Freeman Diversion facility that will provide environmental and operational benefits in a shorter timeframe and at a reduced cost compared to other alternatives. In September 2025, GEI and Northwest Hydraulics Consultants (NHC) completed the conceptual design of the new alternative, which consists of improving the current fish passage and diversion facility. After the conceptual design, the team immediately began the 30% design, which is scheduled for completion on February 27, 2026.

### **Discussion:**

The Freeman Diversion Improvement Project has five primary goals: 1) improve fish passage compared to the current facility, 2) increase diversion capabilities, 3) reduce construction impacts to fish passage and riparian habitat, 4) reduce construction interruption of water diversions, and 5) reduce construction costs.

The proposed Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI would advance the 30% design to a 60% design level. The scope includes analysis, design, and plans; a memorandum documenting design criteria; and development of construction cost, scheduling, and constructability. NHC is included as a subconsultant to GEI and would continue to provide hydraulic design. Additional hydraulic design will include additional computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling of critical elements of the design.

**Agenda Item: 5.4 Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI  
Consultants, Inc. for the Freeman Diversion Improvement  
Project  
Motion**

---

The scope also includes limited survey work to resolve known discrepancies in control points and to better establish the as-constructed layout of the facility. The results of the survey task will be important during detailed design and eventual construction.

**Mission Goal:**

This contract meets mission-related Goal A (Water Supply) and Goal C (Regulatory and Environmental Compliance).

**Fiscal Impact:**

The contract fee is \$1,268,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget for CIP 8001 (421-400-81020-8001-8015).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Professional Services Contract with GEI for 60% Design of the Freeman Fish Passage and Diversion Improvement Project

**AGREEMENT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between the **United Water Conservation District**, Ventura County, California, (hereinafter “**UNITED**”), and **GEI Consultants Inc.** (hereinafter “**CONSULTANT**”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, UNITED desires to obtain professional engineering consultation services in connection with the **Freeman Diversion Improvement Project** (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, UNITED has selected CONSULTANT to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT represents that it has the skills, experience, license, and expertise to perform these professional services for UNITED; and

WHEREAS, UNITED is desirous of engaging the services of CONSULTANT to perform these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the terms and covenants set forth herein, UNITED and CONSULTANT mutually agree as follows:

**1. EMPLOYMENT**

A. UNITED hereby employs CONSULTANT to perform and complete the professional engineering services as set forth in Exhibit “A” (“Scope of Work/Schedule of Charges”). CONSULTANT shall perform such professional services as set forth in Exhibit “A” and shall furnish or procure the use of incidental services, equipment, and facilities reasonably necessary for the completion of services.

B. Any extra work over and above that included in the Scope of Work included in Exhibit “A” shall be in compliance with Section 3D.

C. CONSULTANT represents that its services shall be performed, within the limits prescribed by UNITED, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other engineering professionals under similar circumstances at the time and in the vicinity its services are performed.

D. **Rich Sanchez** shall: (a) personally perform or supervise the performance of services on a day-to-day basis on behalf of CONSULTANT; and (b)

maintain direct communication with UNITED's **Craig Morgan** or designee in the performance of CONSULTANT's services.

E. CONSULTANT in the performance of services hereunder shall fully comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies applicable to its work, including any licensing laws applicable to CONSULTANT's profession and anti-discrimination laws pertaining to employment practices.

F. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit A (Scope of Work/Schedule of Charges) versus those terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shall govern and the conflicting terms and conditions in Exhibit A shall not apply.

## **2. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

Unless otherwise earlier terminated as specified in Section 8, this Agreement shall commence on the date set forth above and shall expire on **December 31, 2026**.

## **3. COMPENSATION**

Payment by UNITED for the consulting services shall be considered as full compensation for all personnel, materials, supplies, and equipment used in carrying out the work.

A. Compensation and payments to the CONSULTANT shall be as described below:

1. UNITED shall compensate CONSULTANT on a time and expenses basis not to exceed **one million two hundred sixty eight thousand dollars (\$1,268,000)** for performing all services authorized and required by this Agreement and specified in Exhibit "A." UNITED shall compensate CONSULTANT only for actual costs incurred on a time and expenses basis, but in no event shall the total compensation be greater than the not to exceed amount above. However, the total amount paid on a time and expenses basis may be lower than the not to exceed amount above based on actual costs incurred. Payment shall be made in accordance with CONSULTANT's Schedule of Charges submitted to UNITED, included in Exhibit "A" attached and incorporated by reference herein.

2. CONSULTANT shall provide UNITED with monthly itemized invoices. Invoices shall include the categories and identities of CONSULTANT's employees performing services, a description of the services, the number of hours spent performing services, the hourly rate for each employee, CONSULTANT's actual costs and expenses, and the total amount of compensation requested by CONSULTANT for that month. Upon UNITED's request, CONSULTANT shall include with its monthly invoices a detailed verification, including accounting

records, of the work actually performed and costs and expenses incurred, along with any other documents or information reasonably requested by UNITED.

B. UNITED shall pay CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days after receipt of CONSULTANT's invoices, with the exception of any disputed amounts which shall be withheld until resolution of the dispute. If UNITED has reasonable grounds to believe that CONSULTANT will be unable to materially perform the services under this Agreement, or there exists or may exist a claim against CONSULTANT arising out of CONSULTANT's negligence or intentional acts, errors, omissions, or material breach of any provision of this Agreement, then UNITED may withhold payment of any reasonable amount due to CONSULTANT which is directly related to such negligence, intentional act, error, omission or material breach. No payment made under this Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of CONSULTANT's performance of the Agreement, either wholly or in part, and no payment shall be construed to be an acceptance by UNITED of CONSULTANT's work.

C. CONSULTANT shall notify UNITED in writing of the need for additional services required due to the circumstances beyond the CONSULTANT's control ("Additional Services"). The CONSULTANT shall obtain written authorization from UNITED before rendering any Additional Services. Compensation for all approved Additional Services shall be negotiated and approved in writing by UNITED before such Additional Services are performed by CONSULTANT. No compensation shall be paid to the CONSULTANT for any Additional Services that are not previously approved by UNITED in writing.

D. Reimbursable expenses, if applicable, are in addition to compensation for services outlined in the Scope of Work and Additional Services, and shall be paid to the CONSULTANT in accordance with the guidelines specified on Exhibit "B". Reimbursable expenses are paid at the actual costs, without mark-ups, incurred by the CONSULTANT and the CONSULTANT's employees in conduct of Agreement activities.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF WORK**

CONSULTANT shall complete and deliver services and deliverables to UNITED in a diligent and professional manner, in accordance with the Project schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" attached and incorporated by reference herein. Time is of the essence in CONSULTANT's performance of services hereunder.

CONSULTANT's Project Manager shall keep UNITED's **Chief Operations Officer**, or designee informed as to the progress of work by informal reports. Neither party shall hold the other responsible for damages or delay in performance caused by acts of God, strikes, lockouts, accidents, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the other or the other's employees and agents.

## 5. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

This Agreement is a professional services contract. CONSULTANT shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of the work without the prior written approval of UNITED. Any such assignment without UNITED's prior written approval shall be void. UNITED may withhold such approval for any reason in its sole discretion.

## 6. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify and hold UNITED entirely harmless from all liability arising out of:

1. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability. Any and all claims under Workers' Compensation acts and other employee benefit acts with respect to CONSULTANT's employees or CONSULTANT's subconsultant's employees arising out of CONSULTANT's work under this Agreement; and

2. General Liability. To the extent arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT, the CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend and hold UNITED harmless from any liability for damages for (1) death or bodily injury to person; (2) injury to, loss or theft of property; (3) any failure or alleged failure to comply with any provision of law; or (4) any other loss, damage or expense arising under either (1), (2), or (3) above, sustained by the CONSULTANT or UNITED, or any person, firm or corporation employed by the CONSULTANT or UNITED upon or in connection with the Project, except for liability resulting from the sole or active negligence, or willful misconduct of UNITED, its officers, employees, agents, or independent consultants who are directly employed by UNITED. The CONSULTANT, at its own expense, cost, and risk, shall defend any and all claims, actions, suits, or other proceedings (other than professional negligence covered by Section A3 below) that may be brought or instituted against UNITED, its officers, agents, or employees, to the extent such claims, actions, suits, or other proceedings arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT, and shall pay or satisfy any judgment that may be rendered against UNITED, its officers, agents, or employees, in any action, suit or other proceedings as a result thereof. Any costs to defend under this Section A2 shall not exceed the CONSULTANT's proportionate percentage of fault; and

3. Professional Liability. To the extent arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT, the CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold UNITED harmless from any loss, injury to, death of persons, or damage to property caused by any act, neglect, default, or omission of the CONSULTANT, or any person, firm, or corporation employed by the CONSULTANT, either directly or by independent contract, including all damages due to loss or theft, sustained by any person, firm, or

corporation, including UNITED, arising out of, or in any way connected with, the Project, including injury or damage either on or off UNITED property; but not for any loss, injury, death, or damages caused by sole or active negligence, or willful misconduct of UNITED. With regard to the CONSULTANT's obligation to indemnify for acts of professional negligence, such obligation does not include the obligation to provide defense counsel or to pay for the defense of actions or proceedings brought against UNITED, but rather to reimburse UNITED for attorneys' fees and costs incurred by UNITED in defending such actions or proceedings brought against UNITED, and such fees and costs shall not exceed the CONSULTANT's proportionate percentage of fault.

## **7. INSURANCE**

A. CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, and for injuries which occur and claims which are made after the services herein are provided, insurance policies in accordance with the requirements set forth in Exhibit "C" attached and incorporated by reference herein. CONSULTANT shall also provide UNITED with a certificate of insurance attesting to its professional liability (errors and omissions) coverage and all required additional insured endorsements.

B. Submission of insurance certificates or endorsements or other proof of insurance shall not relieve CONSULTANT from liability under the indemnification provisions of Section 6. CONSULTANT's obligations in accordance with Section 6 shall apply whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply to any of such claims, damage, lawsuits, losses or liabilities covered by Section 6.

C. By its signature hereto, CONSULTANT certifies that it is aware of the provisions of California Labor Code Section 3700 which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers compensation' or to undertake self-insurance as specified. CONSULTANT shall comply with these provisions before commencing work under this Agreement.

## **8. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

### **A. Termination for Cause**

1. UNITED may terminate CONSULTANT's services for cause, whereupon this Agreement shall terminate immediately. Termination may occur regardless of whether CONSULTANT's services are completed. Any termination or special instructions from UNITED shall be made in writing.

2. Termination for cause may occur upon any of the following events: (a) CONSULTANT's material breach of this Agreement; (b) abandonment or lack of diligence in performance of the work by CONSULTANT; (c) cessation, suspension,

revocation or expiration of any license needed by CONSULTANT to provide services hereunder; (d) failure of CONSULTANT to substantially comply with any local, state or federal laws, regulations, ordinances or policies applicable to its work hereunder; (e) filing by or against CONSULTANT of bankruptcy or any petition under any law for relief of debtors; or (f) conviction of CONSULTANT or its principal representative or personnel for any crime other than minor traffic offenses.

3. Subject to the provisions of Section 3.B herein, CONSULTANT shall be paid for all approved services performed and approved expenses incurred to the date of termination for cause supported by documentary evidence, including payroll records and expense reports, up to the date of the termination. In the event of termination for cause, all damages and costs associated with the termination, including increased consultant and replacement consultant costs, shall be deducted from any payments due to CONSULTANT.

4. In the event a termination for cause is determined to have been made wrongfully or without cause, then the termination shall be treated as a termination for convenience in accordance with Section 8.B below, and CONSULTANT shall have no greater rights than it would have had if a termination for convenience had been effected in the first instance. No other loss, cost, damage, expense or liability may be claimed, requested or recovered by CONSULTANT.

B. Termination Without Cause/For Convenience. This Agreement may be terminated without cause by UNITED or for UNITED's convenience upon fourteen (14) days' written notice to the CONSULTANT. In the event of a termination without cause, UNITED shall pay the CONSULTANT for all approved services performed and all approved expenses incurred under this Agreement supported by documentary evidence, including payroll records and expense reports, up until the date of the notice of termination. In addition, CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for reasonable termination costs through the payment of 3% beyond the sum due the CONSULTANT under this section through 50% completion of the CONSULTANT's portion of the Project and, if 50% completion is reached, payment of 3% of the unpaid balance of the contract to CONSULTANT as termination cost. This 3% is agreed to compensate the CONSULTANT for the unpaid profit CONSULTANT would have made under the Project on the date of termination and is consideration for entry into this termination for convenience clause.

C. In the event of termination with or without cause, CONSULTANT shall promptly provide to UNITED all Project Documents as defined in Section 9 below within five (5) calendar days from the effective date of termination. Failure to provide all Project Documents as required shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

D. In the event of a dispute as to the performance of the work or an interpretation of this Agreement, or payment or nonpayment for work performed or

not performed, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute. Pending resolution of the dispute CONSULTANT agrees to continue the work diligently to completion. If the dispute is not resolved, CONSULTANT agrees it will neither rescind the Agreement nor stop the progress of work, but CONSULTANT's sole remedy will be to submit such controversy to determination by a court having competent jurisdiction of the dispute as required by this Agreement after the Project has been completed and not before.

## **9. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

A. The CONSULTANT is employed to render a professional service(s) only and any payments made to it are compensation solely for such services as it may render and recommendations it may make in the performance of services.

B. All plans, specifications, construction documents, data, records, files, communications, information, reports and/or other documents that are prepared, generated, reproduced, maintained and/or managed by the CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's subconsultants arising from or in any way related to the services provided under this Agreement (regardless of medium, format, etc.) shall be and remain the property of UNITED ("Project Documents"). UNITED may provide the CONSULTANT with a written request for the return of the Project Documents at any time. Upon CONSULTANT's receipt of UNITED's written request, CONSULTANT shall return the requested Project Documents to UNITED within five (5) calendar days. CONSULTANT may make copies of the work generated. Failure to comply with any such written request above shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed a waiver of any copyright in the Project Documents prepared by the CONSULTANT. Any unauthorized reuse or modification of such Project Documents other than for purposes intended by CONSULTANT or for the Project shall be at UNITED's risk and liability.

C. CONSULTANT agrees that all dealings of the parties under this Agreement shall be confidential and no Project Documents or information developed, prepared or assembled by CONSULTANT under this Agreement, or any information made available to CONSULTANT by UNITED, shall be revealed, disseminated or made available by CONSULTANT to any person or entity other than UNITED without the prior written consent of UNITED, unless otherwise required by subpoena or applicable law or regulatory authority.

## **10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

It is expressly understood between the parties that no employee/employer relationship is intended, the relationship of CONSULTANT to UNITED being that of an independent contractor. UNITED shall not be required to make any payroll deductions or provide Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage or health benefits to CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT is solely responsible for selecting the means,

methods and procedures for performing its services hereunder as assigned by the UNITED and for coordinating all portions of the work so the results will be satisfactory to UNITED. CONSULTANT will supply all tools and instruments required to perform its services under this Agreement.

**11. ASSISTANCE BY UNITED**

It is understood and agreed that the UNITED shall, to the extent reasonable and practicable, assist and cooperate with CONSULTANT in the performance of CONSULTANT's services hereunder. Such assistance does not include, in any manner, the exercise of professional judgment for which CONSULTANT is being retained herein. Such assistance and cooperation to be provided by UNITED as applicable includes, but shall not be limited to, providing right of access to work sites; providing material available from the UNITED's files such as maps, as-built drawings, records and operation and maintenance information; and rendering assistance in determining the location of existing facilities and improvements which may be affected by the Project. CONSULTANT shall otherwise be responsible for giving all notices and complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of any public authority relating to the work.

**12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**A. Examination of Records**

CONSULTANT agrees that UNITED shall have access to and the right to examine at any reasonable time and on reasonable notice CONSULTANT's documents, papers and records, including accounting records, relating to its performance under this Agreement.

**B. Notice**

All notices or other official correspondence relating to contractual matters between the parties shall be made by depositing the same as first-class, postage paid mail addressed as follows:

To CONSULTANT: Rich Sanchez  
Senior Vice President/Area Manager  
GEI Consultants Inc.  
35 N. Lake Avenue, Suite 220  
Pasadena, CA 91101

To UNITED: Craig Morgan  
Chief Operations Officer  
United Water Conservation District  
1701 North Lombard Street, Suite 200  
Oxnard, CA 93030

or such other address as either party may designate hereinafter in writing delivered to the other party. All notices shall be agreed to have been received three (3) days after mailing.

C. No Waiver

No failure or delay by UNITED in asserting any of UNITED's rights and remedies as to any default of CONSULTANT shall operate as a waiver of the default, of any subsequent or other default by CONSULTANT, or of any of UNITED's rights or remedies. No such delay shall deprive UNITED of its right to institute and maintain any actions or proceedings which may be necessary to protect, assert or enforce any rights or remedies arising out of this Agreement or the performance of this Agreement.

D. Integration

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereto, and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, and all prior or contemporaneous discussions or negotiations between the parties.

E. Modification

No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties.

F. Rules of Interpretation

The terms of this Agreement have been negotiated by the parties and the language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent. This Agreement shall be construed without regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction against the party causing such instrument to be drafted, or in favor of the party receiving a particular benefit under this Agreement. No rule of strict construction shall be applied against any party to this Agreement.

G. Partial Invalidity

If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby.

H. Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits

The foregoing recitals and exhibits are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

I. California Law; Dispute Resolution; Venue

This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of California, regardless of whether this Agreement is executed by any party in another state or otherwise. If a dispute arises between the parties related to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the parties shall first attempt in good faith to settle the matter through discussion, and if unsuccessful may in their discretion mutually agree to mediate the dispute prior to filing a judicial action. The costs of a third party mediator, if utilized, shall be borne equally by the parties. If either party elects to file an action in court, such action shall be filed and heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Ventura.

J. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, a complete set of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall comprise but a single document. Signatures may be given via facsimile transmission and shall be deemed given as of the date of facsimile transmittal of the executed Agreement by one party to the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Sanchez, Senior Vice President

**EXHIBIT “A” TO AGREEMENT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES**

CONSULTANT shall provide professional engineering consultation services under this Agreement in accordance with work described in the attached **Scope of Work** and **Schedule of Charges**.

February 17, 2026

Mr. Craig Morgan, P.E.  
Chief Operations Officer  
United Water Conservation District  
1701 N Lombard St., Suite 200  
Oxnard, CA 93030

**Subject: Freeman Fish Passage Improvement Project – 60% Design  
Freeman Diversion, Ventura County, California**

Dear Mr. Morgan:

GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) has prepared this scope of services, cost estimate, and schedule for the Freeman Fish Passage Improvement Project - 60% Design as requested by United Water Conservation District (UWCD). Our scope is based on discussions between GEI, Northwest Hydraulics Consultants (NHC), and UWCD.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this proposed contract is to advance the 30% design drawings developed to a 60% Design level.

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

We propose to divide the scope of work for the Freeman Fish Passage Improvement Project – 60% Design into the following tasks:

- Task 1 – Project Management and Coordination
- Task 2 – 60% Analyses and Design
- Task 3 – 60% Design Drawings
- Task 4 – Technical Specifications
- Task 5 – 60% Design Criteria Technical Memorandum
- Task 6 – 60% Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC), Preliminary Construction Schedule, and Constructability Assessment
- Task 7 – Comment Response Sheet
- Task 8 – Survey of Existing Facility and three-dimensional (3-D) AutoCAD Model Development

The scope of work for each of these tasks is described in the sections below.

### Task 1 – Project Management and Coordination

This task includes internal coordination and management of the GEI team, contract administration, project controls, progress reporting, and coordination with UWCD, and other UWCD consultants. GEI's project manager will coordinate with UWCD throughout the duration of the work, with assistance as needed from task leads. The following activities are included in this task:

- Management and supervision of the GEI design team.
- Coordination meetings with UWCD and NHC.
- Management, coordination, and evaluation of subconsultant services.
- Management of the project scope, schedule, and budget.
- Progress report included with submittal of monthly invoices.

Coordination and communications with UWCD include one-hour progress meetings every two weeks (virtual) to discuss project issues and progress, and one-hour meetings with NHC every two weeks.

### Task 2 – 60% Analysis and Design

GEI will perform civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical analyses and evaluations to advance the improvement project design and plans to a 60% level of completion. The engineering design criteria will be compiled in an updated design criteria memorandum. Some of the key improvements include modifications in:

- Fish passage and Denil ladder area including changing one entry gate and one exit gate.
- Flushing channel modifications including changing the roller gate.
- Auxiliary Water System changes.
- Screen bay changes including providing additional freeboard and upgrading of fish screens.
- Adding a Fish Relocation Facility at the bypass location.
- Phase work to be completed in the dry seasons to reduce impact and cost.

Support for hydraulic analyses and evaluations will be provided by NHC as GEI's subconsultant. NHC will provide the appropriate sizing and spatial arrangements of the improvement elements to satisfy the hydraulic requirements of UWCD's operations and the standard criteria of the Agencies.

### Task 3 – 60% Design Drawings

GEI will update the 30% design drawings to bring them to a 60% level of completion. Updates will be based on the results of the design development including civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical design. The deliverable will be the 60% design plan set.

#### Task 4 – Technical Specifications

Technical specifications for construction of the Freeman Fish Passage Improvement Project will be developed and prepared for the 60% design level. The technical specifications will be developed in draft form commensurate with a 60% design level.

#### Task 5 – 60% Design Criteria

GEI will prepare a Design Criteria Memorandum (DCM) for the 60% design level project. A draft 60% DCM will be submitted to UWCD for review, and a final 60% DCM will be prepared addressing UWCD comments.

#### Task 6 – 60% OPCC and Constructability Assessment

GEI will prepare an OPCC based on the 60% design information. The cost estimate will be generated in accordance with the guidelines established by AACE as a Class 3 estimate with an expected upper accuracy range (high) of +10% to +30%. The OPCC will be based on our evaluation of the major construction items appropriate to complete the work, and quantity estimates developed from the 60% design drawings.

GEI will also prepare an anticipated construction schedule based on a preliminary sequence of construction in addition to developing an approximate Project Impact Area Sheet.

A draft 60% OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area Sheet will be submitted to UWCD for review and a final version will be prepared to address and incorporate UWCD comments.

The OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area Sheet effort will be supported by Integrated Engineering and Construction (IEC) as GEI's subconsultant.

#### Task 7 – Comment Response Sheet

GEI will compile comments on the 60% design plan set provided to them by UWCD after review of the 60% design. GEI will prepare a Comment Response Sheet (CRS) to compile the comments and responses. A Draft CRS will be submitted to UWCD for review and finalized to address UWCD comments on GEI's responses.

Our cost estimate is based on receiving one round of comments from UWCD. Any changes resulting from the comments will be incorporated into the next phases of design, as appropriate.

#### Task 8 – Survey and 3-D AutoCAD Model Development of Existing Facility

GEI will engage a surveyor to conduct a survey of the existing facility along with confirming survey control points' locations and elevations under this task. The surveyor will be required to survey the corner locations of the main walls of the intake area, the screen bay area, and other parts of the facility to generally confirm the as-built drawings. The surveyor will be required to produce a drawing showing the location of the control points and existing facility features. This survey information will be incorporated in the design effort.

This task also includes the development of an AutoCAD 3-D model rendering of the existing facility as requested by UWCD. In this 60% design stage, the model development will be started and progressed produce a 3D-pdf of the existing facility. The AutoCAD model will be refined and enhanced in subsequent design phases to add more detail and renderings for visual presentations.

## COST ESTIMATE AND SCHEDULE

We developed our cost estimate based on a planned schedule of 24 weeks starting from March 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026. We developed this cost estimate by establishing a detailed list of estimated design drawings based on our prior experience working on this project, identifying design efficiencies that could be applied for the design from prior phases of the project, and formulating a budget to meet this anticipated level of effort within the agreed upon schedule. Our estimated cost to perform the above scope of work is \$1,267,436 (\$773,436 GEI+ \$429,000 NHC +\$30,000 Surveyor +\$15,000 IEC +\$20,000 Frisch Electrical). A detailed breakdown of the cost estimate is provided in Attachment A.

## PROPOSED SUBCONSULTANTS

As requested by UWCD, GEI will engage NHC as a subconsultant to support the 60% Design effort to provide hydraulic analyses and evaluations including design support. NHC's proposed cost for this effort is included in GEI's cost estimate and a copy of NHC's proposal is included as Attachment B. In addition, GEI plans to engage Frisch Engineering to provide electrical design support and IEC to provide support in preparing the OPCC and constructability assessment. Costs for these subconsultants have been included in GEI's cost estimate.

## ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions were made in developing the scope of work and cost estimate for the 60% design of the Freeman Fish Passage and Diversion Optimization Project:

1. Hydraulic analyses and evaluations will be provided by NHC for the 60% Design to be completed under a subcontract with GEI. NHC will provide GEI with the appropriate sizing and spatial arrangements of the improvement elements to satisfy the hydraulic requirements and address the issues identified by the Agencies.
2. UWCD will provide all available as-built drawings, technical information, and documents for the existing facility.
3. No additional field subsurface explorations will be required for the 60% design of the facilities.
4. All deliverables will be submitted in electronic format.

## CLOSING

GEI is looking forward to continuing to assist UWCD with the Freeman Fish Passage Improvement Project – 60% Design. Please contact Rich Sanchez or Iqbal Ahmed if you have any questions or comments. Mr. Sanchez can be reached at 916.350.1769; rsanchez@geiconsultants.com or Dr. Ahmed at 818.552-6400; iahmed@geiconsultants.com.

Sincerely,

**GEI Consultants, Inc.**



Iqbal Ahmed, Ph.D., P.E., G.E.  
Project Manager



Richard Sanchez, P.E.  
Principal-in-Charge

Attachment A: Cost Estimate Freeman Diversion  
Attachment B: Proposal from NHC for 60% Design

March 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026

\$1,267,436

Subconsultant costs include 15% mark-up

Description												Expenses				Total Cost	
	Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	CAD	Admin	Subtotals		Subs	Travel/ Mileage	ODCs and Other Expenses (hotel + perdiem)		Subtotal
											Hrs	Cost					
	\$370 /hr	\$331 /hr	\$278 /hr	\$244 /hr	\$207 /hr	\$184 /hr	\$168 /hr	\$153 /hr	\$184 /hr	\$137 /hr							
<b>TASK 1 PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b>																	
Coordination and Management	24				40						64	\$17,160				\$0	\$17,160
Meetings	48	30	30								108	\$36,030				\$0	\$36,030
Progress reports	6										6	\$2,220				\$0	\$2,220
QA/QC Management	12										12	\$4,440				\$0	\$4,440
Technical Advisor	12										12	\$4,440				\$0	\$4,440
Administrative Support										32	32	\$4,384				\$0	\$4,384
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>\$68,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$68,700</b>
<b>TASK 2 60% ANALYSES AND DESIGN</b>																	
Civil	8	24									32	\$10,904				\$0	\$10,904
Structural	8	80	80		160						328	\$84,800				\$0	\$84,800
Geotechnical and geological	8										8	\$2,960				\$0	\$2,960
Mechanical design	8	120									128	\$42,680				\$0	\$42,680
Electrical -Tom Frisch Engineers											0	\$0				\$0	\$0
Hydraulic Design-NHC											0	\$0	\$429,000			\$493,350	\$493,350
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>\$141,300</b>	<b>\$429,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$493,350</b>	<b>\$634,700</b>
<b>TASK 3 60% DESIGN DRAWINGS</b>																	
Civil	8	120							120		248	\$64,760				\$0	\$64,760
Structural	8	120			120				300		548	\$122,720				\$0	\$122,720
Mechanical	8	160							200		368	\$92,720				\$0	\$92,720
Electrical	16										16	\$5,920	\$15,000			\$17,250	\$23,170
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>\$286,100</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$17,250</b>	<b>\$303,400</b>
<b>TASK 4 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>																	
General	4	24	20		10						58	\$17,054				\$0	\$17,054
Civil	4	16	20		10						50	\$14,406				\$0	\$14,406
Structural	4	24	20		10						58	\$17,054				\$0	\$17,054
Mechanical	4	24	20		10						58	\$17,054				\$0	\$17,054
Electrical	4										4	\$1,480	\$5,000			\$5,750	\$7,230
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>\$67,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,750</b>	<b>\$72,800</b>
<b>TASK 5 60% DESIGN CRITERIA</b>																	
Draft Technical Memorandum	12	40			40					20	112	\$28,700				\$0	\$28,700
Final Technical Memorandum	8	16			16					20	60	\$14,308				\$0	\$14,308
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>\$43,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$43,000</b>
<b>TASK 6 60% OPCC AND CONSTRUCTABILITY ASSESMENT</b>																	

Draft OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area Sheet	4	40	40		10					10	104	\$29,280				\$0	\$29,280
Final OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area Sheet	4	24	24		10					8	70	\$19,262				\$0	\$19,262
Cost Estimate Support-Subconsultant IEC											0	\$0	\$15,000			\$17,250	\$17,250
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>\$48,500</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$17,250</b>	<b>\$65,800</b>
<b>TASK 7 COMMENT RESPONSE SHEET</b>																	
Comment response sheet	4	8			12						24	\$6,612				\$0	\$6,612
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$6,612</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>
<b>TASK 8 Survey and 3-D Model Development</b>																	
Engage and manage Surveyor	4				8						12	\$3,136				\$0	\$3,136
Perform Survey	4				12						16	\$3,964	\$30,000	\$500		\$35,000	\$38,964
Develop 3D AutoCAD Model of Existing Facility	8	16							120		144	\$30,336				\$0	\$30,336
<b>Task Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>\$37,436</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$72,436</b>
<b>PROJECT TOTALS</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>698,648</b>	<b>\$494,000</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$568,600</b>	<b>\$1,267,436</b>

Notes:

1. Task 4 Technical Specifications includes a first draft of approximately sixty (6) Division 01 and above General and Technical Requirements specifications.
2. Task 6 includes expansion of the 30% Preliminary Construction Schedule and OPCC and adjustments to the Project Impact Area if needed.

**FEE SCHEDULE**

<u>Personnel Category</u>	<i>Hourly Billing Rate</i> \$ per hour
Staff Professional – Grade 1	\$ 153
Staff Professional – Grade 2	\$ 168
Project Professional – Grade 3	\$ 184
Project Professional – Grade 4	\$ 207
Senior Professional – Grade 5	\$ 244
Senior Professional – Grade 6	\$ 278
Senior Professional – Grade 7	\$ 331
Senior Consultant – Grade 8	\$ 370
-----	
Drafter / Designer and Senior Technician (CAD)	\$ 184
Technician, Word Processor, Administrative Staff	\$ 137
<u>Office Aide</u>	<u>\$ 103</u>

These rates are billed for both regular and overtime hours in all categories. Rates will increase up to 5% annually, at GEI’s option, for all contracts that extend into the next calendar year. Rates for Deposition and Testimony increased 1.5 times.

**OTHER PROJECT COSTS**

**Subconsultants, Subcontractors and Other Project Expenses** - All costs for subconsultants, subcontractors and other project expenses will be billed at cost plus a 15% service charge. Examples of such expenses ordinarily charged to projects are subcontractors; subconsultants: chemical laboratory charges; rented or leased field and laboratory equipment; outside printing and reproduction; communications and mailing charges; reproduction expenses; shipping costs for samples and equipment; disposal of samples; rental vehicles; fares for travel on public carriers; special fees for insurance certificates, permits, licenses, etc.; fees for restoration of paving or land due to field exploration, etc.; state and local sales and use taxes and state taxes on GEI fees. *The 15% service charge will not apply to GEI-owned equipment and vehicles or in-house reproduction expenses.*

**Field and Laboratory Equipment Billing Rates** – GEI-owned field and laboratory equipment such as pumps, sampling equipment, monitoring instrumentation, field density equipment, portable gas chromatographs, etc. will be billed at a daily, weekly, or monthly rate, as needed for the project. Expendable supplies are billed at a unit rate. *The 15% service charge will not apply to this item.*

**Transportation and Subsistence** - Automobile expenses for GEI or employee-owned cars will be charged at the rate per mile set by the Internal Revenue Service for tax purposes plus tolls and parking charges or at a day rate negotiated for each project. When required for a project, four-wheel drive vehicles owned by GEI or the employees will be billed at a daily rate appropriate for those vehicles. Per diem living costs for personnel on assignment away from their home office will be negotiated for each project. *The 15% service charge will not apply to this item.*



NHC Ref. No. 5010592  
16 February 2026

**United Water Conservation District**

1701 Lombard Street  
Oxnard, CA 93030

**Attention:** **Craig Morgan, P.E.** Chief Operations Officer  
**Nathan Summerville, P.E.** Senior Engineer  
**Rich Sanchez, P.E.** Senior Project Manager  
**Iqbal Ahmed Ph.D, P.E** Senior Project Manager

**Via email:** [craigm@unitedwater.org](mailto:craigm@unitedwater.org)  
[nsummerville@unitedwater.org](mailto:nsummerville@unitedwater.org)  
[rsanchez@geiconsultants.com](mailto:rsanchez@geiconsultants.com)  
[iahmed@geiconsultants.com](mailto:iahmed@geiconsultants.com)

**Subject: Freeman Diversion Denil Optimization 60% Design Plans**

Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC) has provided support to United Water Conservation District (United) through several phases of design alternatives to upgrade the Freeman Diversion. This has included work on the Hardened Ramp up through development of the 100% hydraulic designs for the Hardened Ramp concept and hydraulic support for the 90% Design phase led by GEI. NHC also provided a review of the geomorphic processes in the system to support the potential adjustment of the downstream ramp invert elevation.

NHC recently performed concept design work on the Freeman Fish Passage and Diversion Improvement Project that utilizes the existing footprint and many features of the diversion facility (Canal Gates, Crest Gates, Fish Ladder and Ladder Entrance, Low Flow Bypass Gates, etc.) to maximize the diversion capacity and improve fish passage conditions. Fish passage features including the Denil ladder and entrance, auxiliary water system, fish trap/assessment facility and fish screens were analyzed and improved where feasible. NHC is currently documenting these concepts through a design development report (DDR) and supporting GEI's 30 percent design plans that are scheduled to be provided to United at the end of February 2026.

This task order will provide additional funding for NHC to advance the hydraulic and fisheries concept to the 60% Design Level. NHC's work will support GEI's larger 60% design plan set and cost submittal. The services to be provided can be described to some degree at present but will be adapted depending on needs identified by United and GEI moving forward. The work will be coordinated in regular meetings. A description of work tasks and budgets to support the expected level of effort are provided below.

## TASKS

NHC has identified five primary tasks for completion of the work described below.

### **Task 1: Meetings, Support and Coordination**

NHC has allocated time for coordination with the design team on specific items as well as regular interactions and meetings with GEI and United to coordinate on the project. Includes time to review the development of a scope for survey at the site.

**Assumptions:** This scope assumes regular weekly meetings with United and GEI for 6 months (28) and up to 14 meetings with GEI for specific items. No time is allocated for discussions with regulatory agencies or to respond to their requests. This scope does not include additional time for any legal hearings or additional related items.

### **Task 2: Design of Intake and Aux System and River Hydraulics**

A preliminary intake design and auxiliary (aux) water layout was developed in collaboration with United and GEI, which is being incorporated into the 30% plans. Hydraulic engineering work in this phase will primarily focus on refinement of these designs. Below are some areas where additional hydraulic analysis/design may occur at this phase:

- Review of sedimentation throughout the system (existing issues and proposed features) and identification of potential concepts to address them.
- Incorporate updated Freeman Diversion facility survey data and re-align design elements to match.
- Update the existing reach wide HEC-RAS model to document the 100-year water levels.
- Evaluate need for additional scour protection upstream and downstream of the facility.
- Further analysis of gate operations and impacts to diversions and fisheries. Investigate when the system can run based just on the head gates and when the canal gates would be used and the impacts to sedimentation/fisheries/diversions
- Further hydraulic analysis on the Aux Water System (AWS), to support the Gate in Gate and/or expanded/alternative AWS.
- Provide input on maintenance, access, and operational components of the design to address questions from United.
- Updated numerical model runs where changes in the design require additional analysis, update to match new surface developed from survey to be done by others.
- Evaluate drainage of main fish bay area for cleaning and repairs.

**Assumptions:** The basic concept from the 30% design will be utilized for the 60% design. NHC will utilize the existing 2D and 3D CFD models to analyze the intake and AWS to assess local conditions as needed. The models will be updated to reflect any new survey to be collected by others. Minimal changes/updates will be needed to the existing DEM's of the facility to reflect any new topographic survey. Updated analysis for changes to the DEM will only be done as necessary for potential significant changes in topography identified from the survey. The existing HEC-RAS model will be utilized to assess the reach wide conditions. No changes will be made to the hydrology and only modifications to represent structures that are part of the project. Tailwater review will utilize previous work done in the Geomorphic Assessment (2024) and data collected over varying conditions in 2023 through 2025. The sediment review will be high level working off of existing materials from earlier iterations of the work and presentations from United. The design of large-scale sediment management features (specific gates, desander, etc.) is not part of the design. Documentation of analysis will be provided in updates via presentation during regular meetings and updates to the DDR at completion.

### **Task 3: Fish Passage Designs**

The NHC team has developed a concept for an optimized Denil fish ladder on the existing footprint along with a preliminary bypass pipe system and fish relocation facility which are being brought to the 30% level through the existing work. The fish passage designs are based on a maximum river flow rate of 1800cfs and with an attraction flow rate of 10%, to be split through the Fish Ladder and Aux Water (Intake AWS and Gate in Gate). This task will advance this work further to support the 60% design plans and documentation.

Work on this task may include:

- Refine details on the primary fish screen system (screen, baffle, cleaning options, etc.) and hydraulic design conditions. GEI will lead the mechanical and civil design components of the screen based on the hydraulic recommendations.
- Hydraulic Analysis and design for the false weir/fish monitoring system
- Refinement of the Denil Design/Analysis including the development of a 3D surface and hydraulic modeling to analyze the function of the structure.
- Advancement of the fish relocation design and transport system.
- CFD Modeling to refine fish passage components.
- Evaluate impact of operating flushing channel on the fish passage system.
- Evaluate dewatering of fish passage system.
- Evaluate orifice flows in Denil baffles for lamprey passage.

**Assumptions:** The 30% design concepts will be used as a base for the Denil, Fish Relocation and Monitoring work. Modifications at 60% will be refinement of these concepts. This scope does not include coordination with agencies (CDFW/NMFS) or any analysis or

modification of the concepts if they review the DDR and 30% Design Plan Submittal. The level of hydraulic modeling of the Denil will vary depending on needs at this phase, CFD modeling may wait to 90% depending on initial results and discussions.

#### **Task 4: Documentation and Support**

This task will provide support for the 60% design plans and documentation. A draft Development Design Report (DDR) is being developed as part of the 30% designs to serve as a hydraulic basis of design. In this task NHC will address any comments on the initial draft and provide an update to include features developed as part of the 60% plans.

NHC will provide the hydraulic related components for the design to GEI as they are developed through draft model results and CAD drawings. NHC will provide support for hydraulic related components of the design plans to a 60 percent level. Updates will be completed based on advanced hydraulic design to key features such as the typical Denil fishway cross-sections, fish screens, evaluation station and gate configurations. NHC will provide hydraulic results (velocities, water levels) to GEI as requested to support their designs. NHC will review a draft of the 60% design plans for conformance with the supporting hydraulic analysis. NHC will provide feedback for the constructability assessment being led by GEI for any hydraulics related questions.

**Assumptions:** It is assumed that the 60% design will be a refinement and further development of the work done at the 30% level without any major changes. It is assumed that NHC will provide input on up to 8 sheets. NHC will provide an updated draft of the DDR to GEI for comment, those comments will be addressed prior to the initial draft to United. NHC will then provide a final version addressing United concepts. NHC will address one set of comments/questions on the plan features from GEI. NHC will address one set of United comments on the concepts NHC developed that were incorporated into the larger drawing set by GEI. GEI will be able to utilize results previously developed to estimate quantities for the cost estimate. Does not include addressing any CDFW/NMFS comments

#### **Task 5: As-Directed Support Tasks**

The needs for the project may change over time. This line item provides NHC a way to address hydraulics items and requests from United or GEI that were unforeseen but may come up as part of the technical project or supporting the legal work.

**Assumptions:** Requests will come from GEI or United. NHC will assess if funds are available before completing the work. The use of these funds will be summarized in the monthly progress reports. Depending on the request, additional budget may be required, this will be requested prior to doing the task.

## SCHEDULE

It is assumed that work will start after board approval and extend through submittal of the draft report and plans in alignment with GEI’s schedule. The work will conclude with the submittal of the final 60% plans by GEI. This budget was developed, assuming a time frame of 5 months from start of work to draft 60% plans (end of July), with an additional month to address comments.

## BUDGET

The costs for the tasks outlined above were estimated based on the expected level of effort for design and analysis of potential solutions that are presently anticipated. Depending on initial development and review of potential solutions with GEI and United team, cost allocations may need to be shifted between tasks. The hourly rates will be based on our 2026 Table. A cost breakdown by task is given below.

#	Task	Budget
1	Meetings, Support and Coordination	\$74K
2	Intake, Aux System and River Hydraulics	\$134K
3	Fish Passage Designs	\$130K
4	Documentation and Support	\$71K
5	As-Directed Support Tasks	\$20K
	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$429K</b>

## CLOSURE

We hope the approach outlined above and the estimated schedule meets United’s needs for contracting purposes. Please call or email with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

**Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Inc.**

Brady McDaniel, P.E.  
Principal

Barry Chilibeck, P Eng  
Principal

**NHC COST PROPOSAL - TASK BREAKDOWN BUDGET**

PROJECT: Freeman 60% Design  
 CLIENT: United Water Conservation District  
 DATE: 13-Feb-26  
 BY: bjm/bmc

Task No	Task Description	NHC Personnel										GIS2 CZ 131.00	Labor Cost	Direct Cost	Task Cost
		PE2 jav 317.00	PE2 bjm 317.00	PE2 BC 317.00	PE3 HF 295.00	SE1 reo 224.00	SE2 rmg 208.00	SE2 PRF 208.00	GIS JDL 164.00	GIS2 CZ 131.00	GIS2 CZ 131.00				
<b>1</b>	<b>Meetings, Support and Coordination</b>	46	72	52	0	56	38	0	0	0		<b>\$74,338</b>		<b>\$74,338</b>	\$74,000
	Meetings with United and GEI, some prep (24 assumed)	32	32	32		34	34					\$45,120			
	Survey Scoping		8			8						\$4,328			
	Meeting with GEI (14 assumed)	14	14	14		14	4					\$17,282			
	General Support, Coordination and Invoicing		18	6								\$7,608			
<b>2</b>	<b>Intake, Aux Water and Operations</b>	106	34	21	16	142	76	88	12	48		<b>\$129,933</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$133,933</b>	\$134,000
	Review of Sedimentation through System	32	8			24	24					\$23,048			
	Update Models/DEM to Survey					16		12		32		\$10,272			
	100yr HEC-RAS Modeling		2		16			8	12			\$8,986			
	Evaluate Need for Scour Protection	2	2	4		16		24				\$11,112			
	Gate Operations	6	8			24		12		8		\$13,358			
	Aux System Detailed Design	40	4			24	40					\$27,644	\$2,500		
	Input on Maintenance, access, operations	6	6	12		12	12					\$12,792			
	Update numerical models	12	2	3		16		32		8		\$16,677	\$1,500		
	Evaluate Drainage of Main Fish Bay	8	2	2		10						\$6,044			
<b>3</b>	<b>Fish Passage Designs</b>	84	16	82	0	108	112	76	0	0		<b>\$120,990</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$129,990</b>	\$130,000
	Refine Primary Fish Screen System	2	2	32		24	24					\$21,780			
	Hydraulic Analysis of False Weir/Monitoring System	6	2	12		16	20					\$14,084			
	Refinement of Denil Design Analysis/3D/CFD	40	2	8		16	32					\$26,090	\$5,000		
	CFD Modeling of Fish Passage Components	32	2	2		4	4	76				\$28,948	\$4,000		
	Fish Relocation Design and Transport			6		16	32					\$12,142			
	Impact of Flushing Channel on fish passage	2	6	6		16						\$8,022			
	Evaluate dewatering of Fish Passage System	2	2	8		8						\$5,596			
	Evaluate Orifice Flows in Denil for Lamprey			8		8						\$4,328			
<b>4</b>	<b>Documentation and Support</b>	49	23	25	0	98	88	0	0	0		<b>\$71,005</b>		<b>\$71,005</b>	\$71,000
	Address Question/Comments from DDR	4	4	4		16	6					\$8,636			
	Update DDR with new analysis	32	8	8		48	48					\$35,952			
	Design Hydraulics to GEI	6	6	6		14	14					\$11,754			
	Review of 60% Design Plans	3	3	3		12	12					\$8,037			
	Constructability Assessment Support	4	2	4		8	8					\$6,628			
<b>5</b>	<b>Legal/As-Directed Support Tasks</b>	8	8	8		32	24					<b>\$19,768</b>		<b>\$19,768</b>	\$20,000
	Totals	293	153	188	16	436	338	164	12	48				<b>\$ 429,034</b>	\$429,000

Symbol	Classification	2023	2025	2026	Hourly Rate*
pe2	principal	\$290.00	\$308.00	\$317.00	Brady McDaniel, Barry Chilbeck, Pepe Vasquez
pe3	principal engineer T3/ sr project engineer 1	\$270.00	\$286.00	\$295.00	Hank Fehlman, Ed Wallace
spe	senior project engineer	\$235.00	\$249.00	\$256.00	Andrey Shvidchenko
se1	senior engineer/scientist 1	\$205.00	\$217.00	\$224.00	Rob Odell
se2	senior engineer/scientist 2	\$190.00	\$202.00	\$208.00	Pablo Rodriguez, Reinaldo Morales Garcia, Dan Maldoff
e1	engineer/scientist 1	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$185.00	
e2	engineer/scientist 2	\$145.00	\$154.00	\$159.00	
je	junior engineer/scientist	\$135.00	\$143.00	\$147.00	
gis1	gis analyst 1	\$150.00	\$159.00	\$164.00	Dawn Lasprugato
gis2	gis analyst 2	\$120.00	\$127.00	\$131.00	Cass Zhao
set	senior cad designer	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	
et	engineering technician 1	\$140.00	\$149.00	\$153.00	
jet	engineering technician 2	\$125.00	\$133.00	\$137.00	
jr.	engineering technician	\$105.00	\$111.00	\$114.00	
sca	senior contract administrator	\$190.00	\$202.00	\$208.00	
ste	senior technical editor	\$150.00	\$159.00	\$164.00	
te	technical editor	\$125.00	\$133.00	\$137.00	
oa	office administrator	\$100.00	\$106.00	\$109.00	

**EXHIBIT “B” TO AGREEMENT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES**

CONSULTANT shall adhere to the following **Guidelines for Expense Reimbursement**:

Incidental expenditures incurred by CONSULTANT in the course of performing work under this Agreement and submitted for reimbursement by UNITED shall comply with the following guidelines.

Receipts are required for all reimbursable expenses (with an exception for meals and lodging) and shall be furnished with the invoice. Reimbursable expenditures shall not be subject to mark-up. Only actual costs of expenditures within the limits presented below are eligible for reimbursement.

**1. Reimbursable Expenditures**

A. Travel Expenses

Expenses for airfare or other travel accommodations shall not exceed costs that would reasonably be expected for comparable economy or coach class accommodations.

Personal vehicles may be used when appropriate and mileage will be reimbursed at the standard Internal Revenue Service (IRS) business mileage rate (e.g., 72.5 cents per mile for calendar year 2026, but for a total cost no greater than the cost that would reasonably be expected for round trip economy or coach class airfare. With the exception of extenuating circumstances (e.g. transport of specialized equipment), mileage for any trip over 500 miles shall be reimbursed at a total cost no greater than would reasonably be expected for round trip economy or coach class airfare. Extenuating circumstances shall be pre-approved by UNITED.

Rental vehicle costs are reimbursable when justified by the nature of the trip. With the exception of extenuating circumstances (e.g. transport of more than 4 people or excessive cargo) the total expense for the rental vehicle shall not exceed a cost that would reasonably be expected for a standard class vehicle. Insurance for rental vehicles is not reimbursable and must be in accordance with all insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement.

B. Lodging

The cost of lodging incurred on approved CONSULTANT business trips is reimbursable. UNITED will reimburse lodging at the standard U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) rate for Ventura County (e.g., \$191.00 per night [excluding

taxes] for the months of October 2025 and January – September 2026). GSA rates are annually updated in October.

C. Meals

The cost of meals incurred on approved CONSULTANT Projects is reimbursable.

If UNITED is reimbursing the CONSULTANT for lodging, UNITED will reimburse for meals at the appropriate standard GSA rate for Ventura County (i.e., \$64.50 (or 75% of a daily rate) per day for first and last calendar day of PROJECT work, and \$86.00 per day for additional PROJECT workdays for calendar year 2026.

If UNITED is not reimbursing the CONSULTANT for lodging, UNITED will not reimburse the CONSULTANT for meals.

D. Equipment

All reimbursable equipment must be purchased or rented at a reasonable cost, in accordance with industry standards.

E. Expendable Items

Items that are expendable (depleted) will not be returned to UNITED, as the items will be “used up” in the course of CONSULTANT’s work.

F. Non-Expendable Items

Items that are non-expendable (not depleted) will be returned to UNITED upon completion of CONSULTANT’s work.

**EXHIBIT “C” TO AGREEMENT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES**

CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, and for injuries that occur and claims which are made after the services herein are performed, insurance against claims or injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by CONSULTANT, its agents, representatives, or employees.

*Minimum Scope of Insurance*

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence Form CG 00 01 or its equivalent).
2. Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 00 01 covering Automobile Liability, Code 1 or its equivalent (any auto).
3. Workers’ Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.
4. Errors & Omissions Liability insurance appropriate to the CONSULTANT’s profession. Architects’ and engineers’ coverage is to be endorsed to include contractual liability.
5. Valuable Document Insurance on all plans, specifications and other documents as may be required to protect UNITED in the amount of its full equity in such plans, specifications and other documents.

*Minimum Limits of Insurance*

CONSULTANT shall maintain limits no less than:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. General Liability:<br>Including operations, products and completed operations, as applicable. | <b>\$1,000,000</b> per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. |
| 2. Automobile Liability:   | <b>\$1,000,000</b> per accident for bodily injury and property damage.  |

- |    |                               |   |
|----|-------------------------------|---|
| 3. | Employer's Liability:         | <b>\$1,000,000</b> per accident for bodily injury or disease. |
| 4. | Errors & Omissions Liability: | <b>\$1,000,000</b> per claim.                                 |
| 5. | Valuable Document Insurance   | <b>Full Equity of all Documents</b>                           |

*Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions*

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by UNITED. At the option of UNITED, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects UNITED, its directors, officers, officials, employees and agents; or CONSULTANT shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to UNITED guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

*Other Insurance Provisions*

The commercial general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

6. For all policies required by this Agreement, UNITED and its directors, officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as additional named insureds as respects: liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the CONSULTANT.
7. For any claims related to this Project, the CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects UNITED and its directors, officers, officials, employees and agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by UNITED, its directors, officers, officials, employees or agents shall be excess of the CONSULTANT's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
8. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either party, except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been provided to UNITED (with the exception of ten (10) days for nonpayment of premium).

If General Liability, Contractors Pollution Liability and/or Asbestos Pollution Liability and/or Errors & Omissions coverages are written on a claims-made form:

9. The retroactive date must be shown, and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
10. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.

11. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the contract effective date, the CONSULTANT must purchase an extended period coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
12. A copy of the claims reporting requirements must be submitted to UNITED for review.
13. If the services involve lead-based paint or asbestos identification/ remediation, the Contractors Pollution Liability shall not contain lead-based paint or asbestos exclusions. If the services involve mold identification/ remediation, the Contractors Pollution Liability shall not contain a mold exclusion and the definition of "Pollution" shall include microbial matter including mold.

#### *Acceptability of Insurers*

Insurance is to be placed with insurers qualified to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to UNITED. Exception may be made for the State Compensation Insurance Fund when not specifically rated.

#### *Verification of Coverage*

CONSULTANT shall furnish UNITED with original certificates and amendatory/ additional insured endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The endorsements should be on forms provided by UNITED or on other than UNITED's forms provided those endorsements conform to UNITED requirements. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by UNITED before work commences. However, failure to do so shall not operate as a waiver of these insurance requirements. UNITED reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements effecting the coverage required by these specifications at any time.

#### *Waiver of Subrogation*

CONSULTANT hereby agrees to waive subrogation, which any insurer of contractor may acquire from vendor by virtue of the payment of any loss. CONSULTANT agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation.

The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the entity for all work performed by the CONSULTANT, its employees, agents and subcontractors.



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Bernard Riedel, Senior Park Ranger  
J.D. Smallwood, Operations Supervisor – Water Supply & Distribution  
Adrian Quiroz, Senior Engineer

**Cc:** Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

**Date:** February 23, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 5.5 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting Inc.  
Motion

---

### **Recommendation:**

Approve ratifying the General Manager entering into a purchase order agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting Inc. for lake debris removal services in connection with the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project.

### **Discussion:**

On February 19, 2026, the General Manager executed the attached Purchase Order – Construction Work with Aquatic Harvesting Inc. (Attachment A) for a not-to-exceed fee of \$475,000.

Per the Proclamation of Local Emergency at Lake Piru Recreation Area, ratified by the UWCD Board of Directors on January 5, 2026, the significant storms events of December 2025 brought about numerous floating debris fields to Lake Piru. Due to the fluctuations in reservoir elevation since the storms, some of the debris has been deposited onto the lake shoreline at numerous locations as well as the upstream face and spillway of Santa Felicia Dam. The presence of this debris at the Lake Piru Recreation Area continues to pose a significant threat to public safety, operations, and recreation management.

To initiate the debris removal efforts, Staff conducted numerous site visits and solicited proposals from eight (8) contractors and two (2) construction inspection and observation firms. After careful consideration of each proposal, it was determined that the preferred approach to the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project was to utilize two (2) water-side contractors to remove floating debris from the lake. One primary water-side contractor will be collecting and removing the majority of the floating debris from the lake, while a

**Agenda Item: 5.5 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting Inc.**

**Motion**

---

secondary water-side contractor would be supporting with the removal of the large-sized logs on an as-needed basis. The water-side contractors would then deliver the debris to the Lake Piru Marina where a land-side contractor would load the debris onto hauling equipment. The material would then be hauled off site and delivered to the Piru Spreading Grounds where the woody debris material would be allowed to dry out and subsequently processed (shredded or chipped). The land-side contractor would also be staged at a second location at the crest of the Santa Felicia Dam, where they would utilize a crane to facilitate removal of debris from the face of the dam, spillway and directly from Lake Piru with support from the water-side contractors. A construction observation and inspection firm would be on site full time to document the time and materials employed by the three (3) contractors as well as the total number of loads of material removed from the site. This documentation will be used for payment tracking purposes as well as for supporting a potential reimbursement request application for California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding.

Aquatic Harvesting Inc. was the contractor selected to perform the primary water-side contractor work described above. The proposed maximum not-to-exceed fee for their scope of work is \$475,000 which will be compensated on a time and material reimbursement basis. This work is expected to begin in early March and be completed within 20 working days. Following completions of the work, Staff will potentially seek reimbursement for this work through CDAA funding, if available.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funds will be appropriated to Account No. 020-200-52290, to cover the \$475,000 fee associated with this Purchase Order, from reserves or the recently received FEMA reimbursement funds.

**Attachment:**

Executed Purchase Order – Construction Work with Aquatic Harvesting Inc.

**PURCHASE ORDER – CONSTRUCTION WORK  
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

1701 N. Lombard St., Suite 200  
Oxnard, CA 93030  
Telephone (805) 524-4431

Important terms of this **Purchase Order – Construction Work** (“Agreement”) are printed on the following pages. For your protection, make sure that you read and understand all provisions before signing. The terms and conditions are incorporated in this document and will constitute a part of the contract between the parties when signed.

**TO:** Aquatic Harvesting Inc.  
232 Amigo Rd.  
Danville, CA 94526

**DATE:** February 19, 2026  
**P.O. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

United Water Conservation District (“UWCD”) retains Contractor, and Contractor agrees to perform the following work per its attached proposal (incorporated herein under Exhibit A) dated **February 19, 2026**.

**2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project**

Contract price: \$475,000.00 (Time and Materials) (Maximum Not-to-Exceed))  
Completion date: 20 Working Days

**Instructions:** Please sign and return both originals along with appropriate insurance documentation. Upon acceptance by UWCD, a copy will be signed and promptly returned to you. Insert below the names of your authorized on-site representatives.

**Accepted: United Water Conservation District**

**Contractor: Aquatic Harvesting Inc.**

By:   
Title: General Manager  
Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_

By:   
Title: President  
Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
PURCHASE ORDER – CONSTRUCTION WORK  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Scope of Construction Work** - Contractor shall diligently undertake and perform the construction work described in its proposal referenced above. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain in good standing the contractor(s) license(s) required by the State of California for the work to be performed in accordance with this Agreement.

**Term of Agreement** - Unless otherwise earlier terminated as specified elsewhere herein, this Agreement shall commence on the date first set forth above and shall expire on the completion date set forth above.

**Authorized Representatives** - Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than UWCD's General Manager or any UWCD authorized representative(s) listed on the signature page hereto.

**Payment Terms** - UWCD shall pay compensation to Contractor on a time and material reimbursement basis for a maximum not-to-exceed amount of **Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00)** in accordance with Contractor's proposal referenced above. UWCD shall pay Consultant within thirty (30) days after receipt of Consultant's invoice(s), with the exception of any disputed amount(s) which may be withheld until resolution of the dispute. If there exists or may exist a claim against Contractor or UWCD arising out of the negligence or intentional acts of Contractor, or Contractor's material breach of any provision of this Agreement, then UWCD may withhold payment of any amount payable to Consultant which is directly related to such negligence or breach. No payment made pursuant to this Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of Contractor's performance of the Agreement, either wholly or in part, and no payment shall be construed to be an acceptance of Contractor's work.

**Changes To Work, Method, Cost, etc.** - Any change in the scope of work, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the work, will not be paid for or accepted unless such change, deletion or addition is approved in advance, in writing, or by a supplemental or amended change order executed by UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative listed hereto.

**Prevailing Wages** – In accordance with California law, Contractor shall pay prevailing wages to its workers employed on the work.

**Independent Contractor** - In the performance of services under this Agreement, the parties will be acting in an independent contractor relationship and not as agents, employees, or partners of one another. It is the express intention of the parties that Contractor is an independent contractor and not UWCD's employee; and that the employees of Contractor, and Contractor's subcontractors and their respective employees, are not UWCD employees and are not entitled to any of the rights, benefits or privileges attributable to UWCD employees. Contractor shall have control of the means, methods and details of performance of its work and services and shall only be subject to the general direction and supervision of UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative listed hereto to ensure the results contracted for are achieved.

**Termination of Agreement** - During its term, this Agreement may be sooner terminated by written notice of termination as follows:

A. By either party, in the event the defaulting party fails to cure a material breach of this Agreement within five (5) days of receipt of a written notice from the non-defaulting party of such material breach.

B. By UWCD, without cause and without penalty or cost to UWCD, immediately upon written notice, given in the sole discretion of UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative. Termination without cause does not excuse UWCD's obligation to compensate Contractor for work performed up until termination.

C. In the event of termination as provided in this section, UWCD without penalty may relet the work to another Contractor or perform such work itself.

**Indemnification** - To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold UWCD and its directors, officers, employees and agents, from and against:

A. Any and all claims, damages, lawsuits, actions, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees and costs incurred in litigation (hereinafter collectively "claims"), in law or equity, of every kind or nature whatsoever, but not limited to injury or death of any person or damage to or the destruction of any property of any person, including UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, or agents, or Contractor or its employees or its subcontractors or their employees, arising out of or in any manner directly or indirectly related to the work to be performed under this Agreement, however caused, except and only to the extent caused by the active negligence, sole negligence or willful misconduct of UWCD, its directors, officers, employees or agents.

B. Any and all actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, penalties, fines, or liabilities, in law or equity, of every kind and nature whatsoever, arising out of, resulting from, or on account of any violation of any applicable federal, state or local governmental law, ordinance, rule or regulation, compliance with which is Contractor's responsibility.

C. Submission of insurance certificates or other proof of insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from liability under these provisions. Contractor's indemnification obligations herein shall apply whether or not Contractor's insurance policies shall have been determined to apply to any such claims. These indemnification obligations shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**Laws, Regulations and Permits** – At its expense, Contractor shall give all notices and (unless otherwise provided herein) obtain all permits for the work required by law, and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of the work. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of the law in connection with work furnished by Contractor. If Contractor observes that any drawings or specifications are at variance with any law or ordinance, rule or regulation, Contractor shall promptly notify UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative in writing and any necessary changes shall be made by written instruction or change order. If Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules or regulations and without giving notice to the UWCD General Manager or authorized representative, Contractor shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

**Safety** - Contractor shall execute and maintain his/her work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. Contractor shall designate, in writing, a responsible representative at the worksite whose duty

shall be the prevention of accidents, and the maintenance and supervision of safety precautions and programs. This person shall be Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by Contractor.

In carrying out its work, Contractor shall at all times exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed, and it shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutory and regulatory requirements including California Department of Industrial Relations (Cal/OSHA) regulations; and the U.S. Department of Transportation Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act. Safety precautions, as applicable, shall include but shall not be limited to: adequate life protection and life saving equipment; first aid; adequate illumination; instructions in accident prevention for all employees, such as the use of machinery guards, safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection, ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, and other safety devices; equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents, injuries, or illnesses; and adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

Contractor shall be responsible for the safeguarding of all utilities. At least two working days before beginning work, Contractor shall call the Underground Service Alert (USA) in order to determine the location of sub-structures. Contractor shall immediately notify UWCD and the utility owner if he/she disturbs, disconnects, or damages any utility.

In accordance with Section 6705 of the California Labor Code, Contractor shall submit to UWCD specific plans to show details of provisions for worker protection from caving ground during excavations of trenches of five feet or more in depth. The excavation/trench safety plan shall be submitted to and accepted by UWCD prior to starting excavation. The trench safety plan shall have details showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping or other provisions to be made for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground. If such a plan varies from the shoring system standards established by the Construction Safety Orders of the California Department of Industrial Relations (Cal/OSHA), the plan shall be prepared by a California registered civil or structural engineer. As part of the plan, a note shall be included stating that the registered civil or structural engineer certifies that the plan complies with the Cal/OSHA Construction Safety Orders, or that the registered civil or structural engineer certifies that the plan is not less effective than the shoring, bracing, sloping or other provisions of the Safety Orders. In no event shall Contractor use a shoring, sloping, or protective system less effective than that required by said Construction Safety Orders. Submission of the plan in no way relieves Contractor of the requirement to maintain safety in all areas. If excavations or trench work requiring a Cal/OSHA permit are to be undertaken, Contractor shall submit his/her permit with the excavation/trench work safety plan to UWCD before work begins.

Contractor shall also comply with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 7104, which pertains to the digging of trenches or other excavations extending deeper than four feet below the surface and the discovery of hazardous waste or subsurface or unknown latent physical conditions differing materially from those ordinarily encountered. The provisions of Section 7104 are incorporated by reference herein as if set forth in full.

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 6708, each Contractor and subcontractor shall maintain or make available adequate emergency first aid treatment for its employees, agents and representatives, sufficient to comply with the Federal Occupational Safety & Health Act (P.L. 91-596; OSHA). The names and telephone numbers of at least two medical doctors practicing in the vicinity and the telephone number of the local ambulance service shall be prominently displayed adjacent to telephones.

**Safety Measures and Public Convenience** - Contractor shall provide for the protection of all persons and property as herein specified. Attention is called to "Construction Safety Orders: and General Safety Orders" of the California State Industrial Accident Commission to which Contractor is required by law to conform.

**Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance** - Contractor shall provide and maintain at all times during the performance of this agreement, the following commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance:

**Coverage** - Coverage for commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance shall be at least as broad as the following:

1. Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability Coverage (Occurrence Form CG 0001)
2. Insurance Services Office (ISO) Business Automobile Liability Coverage (Form CA 0001), covering Symbol 1 (any auto)

**Limits** - The Contractor shall maintain limits no less than the following:

1. General Liability - Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit or products-completed operations aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the project/location (with the ISO CG 2503, or ISO CG 2504, or insurer's equivalent endorsement provided to UWCD) or the general aggregate limit and products-completed operations aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. Automobile Liability - One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage each accident limit.

**Required Provisions** - The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. UWCD, its directors, officers, employees and agents are to be given insured status (via ISO endorsement CG 2010, CG 2033, or insurer's equivalent for general liability coverage) as respects: liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by Contractor; and automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to UWCD, its directors, employees, or agents.
2. For any claims related to the work, Contractor's insurance shall be primary insurance as respects UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, or agents. Any insurance, self-insurance, or other coverage maintained by UWCD, or its directors, officers, employees, or agents shall not contribute to it.

3. Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, or agents.
4. Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
5. Each insurance policy required by this Agreement shall state, or be endorsed to state, that coverage shall not be canceled by the insurance carrier or Contractor, except after thirty (30) days (10 days for non-payment of premium) prior written notice by U.S. mail has been given to UWCD.

Such liability insurance shall indemnify Contractor and its subcontractors against loss from liability imposed by law upon, or assumed under contract by, Contractor or its subcontractors for damages on account of such bodily injury (including death), property damage, personal injury, completed operations, and products liability.

The general liability policy shall cover bodily injury and property damage liability, owned and non-owned equipment, blanket contractual liability, completed operations liability, explosion, collapse, underground excavation, and removal of lateral support.

The automobile liability policy shall cover all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles.

All of the insurance shall be provided on policy forms and through companies satisfactory to UWCD.

**Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions** - Any deductible or self-insured retention must be declared to and approved by UWCD. At the option of UWCD, the insurer shall either reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects UWCD, its directors, officers, employees and agents; or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

**Acceptability of Insurers** - Insurance is to be placed with insurers meeting current A.M. Best rating of no less than A- VII or equivalent or as otherwise approved by UWCD.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance** - By its signature hereunder, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and Contractor will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement.

**Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance** - Contractor and all subcontractors shall insure (or be a qualified self-insured) under the applicable laws relating to workers' compensation insurance, all of their employees working on or about the construction site, in accordance with the "*Workers' compensation and Insurance Act*," Division IV of the Labor Code of the State of California and any Acts amendatory thereof. Contractor shall provide employer's liability insurance in the amount of, at least, \$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 disease policy limit, and \$1,000,000 disease each employee.

**Responsibility for Work** - Until the completion and final acceptance by UWCD of all the work under and

implied by this Agreement, the work shall be under Contractor's responsible care and charge. Contractor shall rebuild, repair, restore and make good all injuries, damages, re-erections, and repairs occasioned or rendered necessary by causes of any nature, except those beyond Contractor's control.

Contractor shall waive all rights of subrogation against UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, and agents.

**Evidence of Insurance** - Prior to execution of the agreement, Contractor shall file with UWCD a certificate of insurance (Acord Form 25-S or equivalent) signed by the insurer's representative evidencing the coverage required by this Agreement. Such evidence shall include an additional insured endorsement signed by the insurer's representative and evidence of waiver of rights of subrogation against UWCD (if builder's risk insurance is applicable). Such evidence shall also include confirmation that coverage includes or has been modified to include Required Provisions 1-5.

Contractor shall, upon demand of UWCD, deliver to UWCD such policy or policies of insurance and the receipts for payment of premiums thereon.

**Continuation of Coverage** - If any of the required coverages expire during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall deliver the renewal certificate(s) including the general liability additional insured endorsement and evidence of waiver of rights of subrogation against UWCD (if builder's risk insurance is applicable) to UWCD at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.

**Subcontractors** - In the event that (with UWCD's approval) Contractor employs other contractors (subcontractors) as part of the work covered by this Agreement, it shall be Contractor's responsibility to require and confirm that each subcontractor meets the minimum insurance requirements specified above.

**Notices** - All notices, requests, demands and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date of service if personally served or on the second day after mailing if mailed by first-class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the signatories of the parties as set forth above. Any party may change their address for the purpose of this paragraph by giving the other party written notice of the new address in the above manner.

**Anti-Discrimination** - Contractor shall not exclude from its employment in the performance of this Agreement any person on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or place of national origin. Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws relating to equal employment opportunity rights.

**Subcontractors and Assigns; Subcontracting** - Contractor shall not assign this Agreement, or utilize subcontractors in the performance of the work, without the written consent of UWCD's General Manager. UWCD may withhold such consent in its sole discretion.

**No Waiver** - No failure by UWCD in asserting any of its rights or remedies as to any default of Contractor shall operate as a waiver of the default, or any subsequent or other default by Contractor, or of any of UWCD's rights or remedies. No such delay shall deprive UWCD of its right to institute and maintain any actions or proceedings which may be necessary to protect, assert, or enforce any rights or remedies arising out of this Agreement or the performance thereof.

**Partial Invalidity** - If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of

competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

**Integration** - No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties.

**California Law** - This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of California. Any provisions of law which are applicable to this Agreement, even if not specifically included herein, are incorporated by reference herein as if set forth in full, and Contractor shall comply with such provisions.

**Disputes** - Any dispute between the parties shall be filed and heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Ventura.

**UWCD Employees** - Contractor agrees that no employee of UWCD shall be employed by Contractor during the period this Agreement is in effect.

**Guarantee** - Contractor hereby guarantees that the entire work constructed and/or performed by it under this Agreement will meet fully all requirements thereon as to quality of workmanship and of materials furnished by Contractor. If UWCD notifies Contractor of any defects in quality of workmanship or materials within one (1) year following the completion of work, Contractor at its expense, with no charge to UWCD, shall repair such work and/or replace such materials.

**Payment Bond** - If the cost of the construction work exceeds \$25,000.00, Contractor shall furnish to UWCD a payment bond, in a form satisfactory to UWCD, from a surety insurer admitted in California. Premiums for the payment bond shall be compensable to Contractor (without markup).

**This document shall become a valid contract only when accepted by Contractor, and subsequently by UWCD, and together with the Contractor's Proposal shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties.**

# **EXHIBIT A – PROPOSAL**



February 19, 2026

Re: Quote for removal of floating debris at Lake Piru.



**Quote For Debris Removal:**

Aquatic Harvesting inc. will utilize aquatic weed harvesters, AVC and pontoon boats to collect floating debris at Lake Piru. Debris will be removed from the water and placed at boat ramp.

Target start date is March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026.

Minimum of 20 working days.

Price will be \$23,000 per day.

Payment bond \$15,000 (Surety company estimated fee: 3% of \$460,000)

UWCD will obtain all permits required at no expense to Aquatic Harvesting inc.

All equipment, fuel, lodging, food are included.

No charge for equipment delivery or removal.

Crew will work eight hours per day. Five days per week is typical.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Hatton".

Rick Hatton

Aquatic Harvesting Inc.

925-786-0095

rick@aquaticharvesting.com



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
Anthony A. Emmert, Assistant General Manager

**From:** Bernard Riedel, Senior Park Ranger  
J.D. Smallwood, Operations Supervisor – Water Supply & Distribution  
Adrian Quiroz, Senior Engineer

**cc:** Brian H. Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

**Date:** February 23, 2026 (March 11, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 5.6 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc.  
Motion

---

### **Recommendation:**

Approve ratifying the General Manager entering into a purchase order agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc. for lake debris removal services in connection with the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project.

### **Discussion:**

On February 19, 2026, the General Manager executed the attached Purchase Order – Construction Work with Quality Ag, Inc. (Attachment A) for a not-to-exceed fee of \$301,424.

Per the Proclamation of Local Emergency at Lake Piru Recreation Area, ratified by the UWCD Board of Directors on January 5, 2026, the significant storms events of December 2025 brought about numerous floating debris fields to Lake Piru. Due to the fluctuations in reservoir elevation since the storms, some of the debris has been deposited onto the lake shoreline at numerous locations as well as the upstream face and spillway of Santa Felicia Dam. The presence of this debris at the Lake Piru Recreation Area continues to pose a significant threat to public safety, operations, and recreation management.

To initiate the debris removal efforts, Staff conducted numerous site visits and solicited proposals from eight (8) contractors and two (2) construction inspection and observation firms. After careful consideration of each proposal, it was determined that the preferred approach to the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project was to utilize two (2) water-side contractors to remove floating debris from the lake. One primary water-side contractor will be collecting and removing the majority of the floating debris from the lake, while a

**Agenda Item: 5.6 Ratify Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc.**  
**Motion**

---

secondary water-side contractor would be supporting with the removal of the large-sized logs on an as-needed basis. The water-side contractors would then deliver the debris to the Lake Piru Marina where a land-side contractor would load the debris onto hauling equipment. The material would then be hauled off site and delivered to the Piru Spreading Grounds where the woody debris material would be allowed to dry out and subsequently processed (shredded or chipped). The land-side contractor would also be staged at a second location at the crest of the Santa Felicia Dam, where they would utilize a crane to facilitate removal of debris from the face of the dam, spillway and directly from Lake Piru with support from the water-side contractors. A construction observation and inspection firm would be on site full time to document the time and materials employed by the three (3) contractors as well as the total number of loads of material removed from the site. This documentation will be used for payment tracking purposes as well as for supporting a potential reimbursement request application for California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding.

Quality Ag, Inc. was the contractor selected to perform the primary land-side contractor work described above. The proposed maximum not-to-exceed fee for their scope of work is \$301,424 which will be compensated on a time and material reimbursement basis. This work is expected to begin in early March and be completed within 20 working days. Following completions of the work, Staff will potentially seek reimbursement for this work through CDAA funding, if available.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funds will be appropriated to Account No. 020-200-52290, to cover the \$301,424 fee associated with this Purchase Order, from reserves or the recently received FEMA reimbursement funds.

**Attachment:**

A – Executed Purchase Order – Construction Work with Quality Ag, Inc.

**PURCHASE ORDER – CONSTRUCTION WORK  
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

1701 N. Lombard St., Suite 200  
Oxnard, CA 93030  
Telephone (805) 524-4431

Important terms of this **Purchase Order – Construction Work** (“Agreement”) are printed on the following pages. For your protection, make sure that you read and understand all provisions before signing. The terms and conditions are incorporated in this document and will constitute a part of the contract between the parties when signed.

**TO:** Quality Ag, Inc.  
PO Boc 989  
Fillmore, CA 93016

**DATE:** February 19, 2026  
**P.O. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

United Water Conservation District (“UWCD”) retains Contractor, and Contractor agrees to perform the following work per its attached proposal (incorporated herein under Exhibit A) dated **January 14, 2026**.

**2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project**

Contract price: \$301,424.00 (Time and Materials) (Maximum Not-to-Exceed))  
Completion date: 20 Working Days

**Instructions:** Please sign and return both originals along with appropriate insurance documentation. Upon acceptance by UWCD, a copy will be signed and promptly returned to you. Insert below the names of your authorized on-site representatives.

**Accepted: United Water Conservation District**

**Contractor: Quality Ag, Inc.**

By:   
Title: General Manager  
Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Mike Richardson  
Title: PRESIDENT  
Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
PURCHASE ORDER – CONSTRUCTION WORK  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Scope of Construction Work** - Contractor shall diligently undertake and perform the construction work described in its proposal referenced above. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain in good standing the contractor(s) license(s) required by the State of California for the work to be performed in accordance with this Agreement.

**Term of Agreement** - Unless otherwise earlier terminated as specified elsewhere herein, this Agreement shall commence on the date first set forth above and shall expire on the completion date set forth above.

**Authorized Representatives** - Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than UWCD's General Manager or any UWCD authorized representative(s) listed on the signature page hereto.

**Payment Terms** - UWCD shall pay compensation to Contractor on a time and material reimbursement basis for a maximum not-to-exceed amount of **Three Hundred One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$301,424.00)** in accordance with Contractor's proposal referenced above. UWCD shall pay Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt of Contractor's invoice(s), with the exception of any disputed amount(s) which may be withheld until resolution of the dispute. If there exists or may exist a claim against Contractor or UWCD arising out of the negligence or intentional acts of Contractor, or Contractor's material breach of any provision of this Agreement, then UWCD may withhold payment of any amount payable to Contractor which is directly related to such negligence or breach. No payment made pursuant to this Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of Contractor's performance of the Agreement, either wholly or in part, and no payment shall be construed to be an acceptance of Contractor's work.

**Changes To Work, Method, Cost, etc.** - Any change in the scope of work, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the work, will not be paid for or accepted unless such change, deletion or addition is approved in advance, in writing, or by a supplemental or amended change order executed by UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative listed hereto.

**Prevailing Wages** – In accordance with California law, Contractor shall pay prevailing wages to its workers employed on the work.

**Independent Contractor** - In the performance of services under this Agreement, the parties will be acting in an independent contractor relationship and not as agents, employees, or partners of one another. It is the express intention of the parties that Contractor is an independent contractor and not UWCD's employee; and that the employees of Contractor, and Contractor's subcontractors and their respective employees, are not UWCD employees and are not entitled to any of the rights, benefits or privileges attributable to UWCD employees. Contractor shall have control of the means, methods and details of performance of its work and services and shall only be subject to the general direction and supervision of UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative listed hereto to ensure the results contracted for are achieved.

**Termination of Agreement** - During its term, this Agreement may be sooner terminated by written notice of termination as follows:

A. By either party, in the event the defaulting party fails to cure a material breach of this Agreement within five (5) days of receipt of a written notice from the non-defaulting party of such material breach.

B. By UWCD, without cause and without penalty or cost to UWCD, immediately upon written notice, given in the sole discretion of UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative. Termination without cause does not excuse UWCD's obligation to compensate Contractor for work performed up until termination.

C. In the event of termination as provided in this section, UWCD without penalty may relet the work to another Contractor or perform such work itself.

**Indemnification** - To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold UWCD and its directors, officers, employees and agents, from and against:

A. Any and all claims, damages, lawsuits, actions, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees and costs incurred in litigation (hereinafter collectively "claims"), in law or equity, of every kind or nature whatsoever, but not limited to injury or death of any person or damage to or the destruction of any property of any person, including UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, or agents, or Contractor or its employees or its subcontractors or their employees, arising out of or in any manner directly or indirectly related to the work to be performed under this Agreement, however caused, except and only to the extent caused by the active negligence, sole negligence or willful misconduct of UWCD, its directors, officers, employees or agents.

B. Any and all actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, penalties, fines, or liabilities, in law or equity, of every kind and nature whatsoever, arising out of, resulting from, or on account of any violation of any applicable federal, state or local governmental law, ordinance, rule or regulation, compliance with which is Contractor's responsibility.

C. Submission of insurance certificates or other proof of insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from liability under these provisions. Contractor's indemnification obligations herein shall apply whether or not Contractor's insurance policies shall have been determined to apply to any such claims. These indemnification obligations shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**Laws, Regulations and Permits** – At its expense, Contractor shall give all notices and (unless otherwise provided herein) obtain all permits for the work required by law, and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of the work. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of the law in connection with work furnished by Contractor. If Contractor observes that any drawings or specifications are at variance with any law or ordinance, rule or regulation, Contractor shall promptly notify UWCD's General Manager or authorized representative in writing and any necessary changes shall be made by written instruction or change order. If Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules or regulations and without giving notice to the UWCD General Manager or authorized representative, Contractor shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

**Safety** - Contractor shall execute and maintain his/her work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. Contractor shall designate, in writing, a responsible representative at the worksite whose duty

shall be the prevention of accidents, and the maintenance and supervision of safety precautions and programs. This person shall be Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by Contractor.

In carrying out its work, Contractor shall at all times exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed, and it shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutory and regulatory requirements including California Department of Industrial Relations (Cal/OSHA) regulations; and the U.S. Department of Transportation Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act. Safety precautions, as applicable, shall include but shall not be limited to: adequate life protection and life saving equipment; first aid; adequate illumination; instructions in accident prevention for all employees, such as the use of machinery guards, safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection, ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, and other safety devices; equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents, injuries, or illnesses; and adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

Contractor shall be responsible for the safeguarding of all utilities. At least two working days before beginning work, Contractor shall call the Underground Service Alert (USA) in order to determine the location of sub-structures. Contractor shall immediately notify UWCD and the utility owner if he/she disturbs, disconnects, or damages any utility.

In accordance with Section 6705 of the California Labor Code, Contractor shall submit to UWCD specific plans to show details of provisions for worker protection from caving ground during excavations of trenches of five feet or more in depth. The excavation/trench safety plan shall be submitted to and accepted by UWCD prior to starting excavation. The trench safety plan shall have details showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping or other provisions to be made for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground. If such a plan varies from the shoring system standards established by the Construction Safety Orders of the California Department of Industrial Relations (Cal/OSHA), the plan shall be prepared by a California registered civil or structural engineer. As part of the plan, a note shall be included stating that the registered civil or structural engineer certifies that the plan complies with the Cal/OSHA Construction Safety Orders, or that the registered civil or structural engineer certifies that the plan is not less effective than the shoring, bracing, sloping or other provisions of the Safety Orders. In no event shall Contractor use a shoring, sloping, or protective system less effective than that required by said Construction Safety Orders. Submission of the plan in no way relieves Contractor of the requirement to maintain safety in all areas. If excavations or trench work requiring a Cal/OSHA permit are to be undertaken, Contractor shall submit his/her permit with the excavation/trench work safety plan to UWCD before work begins.

Contractor shall also comply with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 7104, which pertains to the digging of trenches or other excavations extending deeper than four feet below the surface and the discovery of hazardous waste or subsurface or unknown latent physical conditions differing materially from those ordinarily encountered. The provisions of Section 7104 are incorporated by reference herein as if set forth in full.

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 6708, each Contractor and subcontractor shall maintain or make available adequate emergency first aid treatment for its employees, agents and representatives, sufficient to comply with the Federal Occupational Safety & Health Act (P.L. 91-596; OSHA). The names and telephone numbers of at least two medical doctors practicing in the vicinity and the telephone number of the local ambulance service shall be prominently displayed adjacent to telephones.

**Safety Measures and Public Convenience** - Contractor shall provide for the protection of all persons and property as herein specified. Attention is called to "Construction Safety Orders; and General Safety Orders" of the California State Industrial Accident Commission to which Contractor is required by law to conform.

**Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance** - Contractor shall provide and maintain at all times during the performance of this agreement, the following commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance:

**Coverage** - Coverage for commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance shall be at least as broad as the following:

1. Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability Coverage (Occurrence Form CG 0001)
2. Insurance Services Office (ISO) Business Automobile Liability Coverage (Form CA 0001), covering Symbol 1 (any auto)

**Limits** - The Contractor shall maintain limits no less than the following:

1. General Liability - Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit or products-completed operations aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the project/location (with the ISO CG 2503, or ISO CG 2504, or insurer's equivalent endorsement provided to UWCD) or the general aggregate limit and products-completed operations aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. Automobile Liability - One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage each accident limit.

**Required Provisions** - The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. UWCD, its directors, officers, employees and agents are to be given insured status (via ISO endorsement CG 2010, CG 2033, or insurer's equivalent for general liability coverage) as respects: liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by Contractor; and automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to UWCD, its directors, employees, or agents.
2. For any claims related to the work, Contractor's insurance shall be primary insurance as respects UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, or agents. Any insurance, self-insurance, or other coverage maintained by UWCD, or its directors, officers, employees, or agents shall not contribute to it.

3. Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, or agents.
4. Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
5. Each insurance policy required by this Agreement shall state, or be endorsed to state, that coverage shall not be canceled by the insurance carrier or Contractor, except after thirty (30) days (10 days for non-payment of premium) prior written notice by U.S. mail has been given to UWCD.

Such liability insurance shall indemnify Contractor and its subcontractors against loss from liability imposed by law upon, or assumed under contract by, Contractor or its subcontractors for damages on account of such bodily injury (including death), property damage, personal injury, completed operations, and products liability.

The general liability policy shall cover bodily injury and property damage liability, owned and non-owned equipment, blanket contractual liability, completed operations liability, explosion, collapse, underground excavation, and removal of lateral support.

The automobile liability policy shall cover all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles.

All of the insurance shall be provided on policy forms and through companies satisfactory to UWCD.

**Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions** - Any deductible or self-insured retention must be declared to and approved by UWCD. At the option of UWCD, the insurer shall either reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects UWCD, its directors, officers, employees and agents; or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

**Acceptability of Insurers** - Insurance is to be placed with insurers meeting current A.M. Best rating of no less than A- VII or equivalent or as otherwise approved by UWCD.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance** - By its signature hereunder, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and Contractor will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement.

**Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance** - Contractor and all subcontractors shall insure (or be a qualified self-insured) under the applicable laws relating to workers' compensation insurance, all of their employees working on or about the construction site, in accordance with the "*Workers' compensation and Insurance Act*," Division IV of the Labor Code of the State of California and any Acts amendatory thereof. Contractor shall provide employer's liability insurance in the amount of, at least, \$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 disease policy limit, and \$1,000,000 disease each employee.

**Responsibility for Work** - Until the completion and final acceptance by UWCD of all the work under and

implied by this Agreement, the work shall be under Contractor's responsible care and charge. Contractor shall rebuild, repair, restore and make good all injuries, damages, re-erections, and repairs occasioned or rendered necessary by causes of any nature, except those beyond Contractor's control.

Contractor shall waive all rights of subrogation against UWCD, its directors, officers, employees, and agents.

**Evidence of Insurance** - Prior to execution of the agreement, Contractor shall file with UWCD a certificate of insurance (Acord Form 25-S or equivalent) signed by the insurer's representative evidencing the coverage required by this Agreement. Such evidence shall include an additional insured endorsement signed by the insurer's representative and evidence of waiver of rights of subrogation against UWCD (if builder's risk insurance is applicable). Such evidence shall also include confirmation that coverage includes or has been modified to include Required Provisions 1-5.

Contractor shall, upon demand of UWCD, deliver to UWCD such policy or policies of insurance and the receipts for payment of premiums thereon.

**Continuation of Coverage** - If any of the required coverages expire during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall deliver the renewal certificate(s) including the general liability additional insured endorsement and evidence of waiver of rights of subrogation against UWCD (if builder's risk insurance is applicable) to UWCD at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.

**Subcontractors** - In the event that (with UWCD's approval) Contractor employs other contractors (subcontractors) as part of the work covered by this Agreement, it shall be Contractor's responsibility to require and confirm that each subcontractor meets the minimum insurance requirements specified above.

**Notices** - All notices, requests, demands and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date of service if personally served or on the second day after mailing if mailed by first-class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the signatories of the parties as set forth above. Any party may change their address for the purpose of this paragraph by giving the other party written notice of the new address in the above manner.

**Anti-Discrimination** - Contractor shall not exclude from its employment in the performance of this Agreement any person on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or place of national origin. Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws relating to equal employment opportunity rights.

**Subcontractors and Assigns; Subcontracting** - Contractor shall not assign this Agreement, or utilize subcontractors in the performance of the work, without the written consent of UWCD's General Manager. UWCD may withhold such consent in its sole discretion.

**No Waiver** - No failure by UWCD in asserting any of its rights or remedies as to any default of Contractor shall operate as a waiver of the default, or any subsequent or other default by Contractor, or of any of UWCD's rights or remedies. No such delay shall deprive UWCD of its right to institute and maintain any actions or proceedings which may be necessary to protect, assert, or enforce any rights or remedies arising out of this Agreement or the performance thereof.

**Partial Invalidity** - If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of

competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

**Integration** - No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties.

**California Law** - This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of California. Any provisions of law which are applicable to this Agreement, even if not specifically included herein, are incorporated by reference herein as if set forth in full, and Contractor shall comply with such provisions.

**Disputes** - Any dispute between the parties shall be filed and heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Ventura.

**UWCD Employees** - Contractor agrees that no employee of UWCD shall be employed by Contractor during the period this Agreement is in effect.

**Guarantee** - Contractor hereby guarantees that the entire work constructed and/or performed by it under this Agreement will meet fully all requirements thereon as to quality of workmanship and of materials furnished by Contractor. If UWCD notifies Contractor of any defects in quality of workmanship or materials within one (1) year following the completion of work, Contractor at its expense, with no charge to UWCD, shall repair such work and/or replace such materials.

**Payment Bond** - If the cost of the construction work exceeds \$25,000.00, Contractor shall furnish to UWCD a payment bond, in a form satisfactory to UWCD, from a surety insurer admitted in California. Premiums for the payment bond shall be compensable to Contractor (without markup).

**This document shall become a valid contract only when accepted by Contractor, and subsequently by UWCD, and together with the Contractor's Proposal shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties.**

**EXHIBIT A – PROPOSAL**



**Quality Ag, Inc.**  
 Contractor Rooted in California's Growth

1026-1048

**To:** United Water Conservation District  
**Attention:** Bernard Ridel and JD Smallwood  
**Address:** 1701 N. Lombard St., Suite 200, Oxnard, CA 93036  
**Phone:** (805) 790-4311 and (805) 954-1963  
**Email:** [bernardr@unitedwater.org](mailto:bernardr@unitedwater.org) and [jsmallwood@unitedwater.org](mailto:jsmallwood@unitedwater.org)

**Date:** January 14, 2026

**PROJECT:** Lake Piru Debris Removal

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

- Remove debris from Lake Piru, as directed

<b>DAILY RATES:</b>	<b>3-Man Crew (3 Laborers)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,224.00</b>
	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,240.00</b>
	<b>JD644 Loader and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,064.00</b>
	<b>JD544 Loader and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,016.00</b>
	<b>JD210 Excavator and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,240.00</b>
	<b>JD85 Excavator and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,016.00</b>
	<b>JD50 Excavator and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,872.00</b>
	<b>JD323 Skid steer and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,872.00</b>
	<b>End dump and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,688.00</b>
	<b>Water Truck and Operator</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,688.00</b>
	<b>Crane w/Trash Bin</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>
	<b>Crane w/Clamshell*</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,887.50</b>
	<b>*Clamshell Mobilization/Demobilization</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>460.00/ea</b>

**Specific Exclusions/Qualifications**

- Quality Ag is not responsible for acquiring any permits required in conjunction with this project. Acquisition of all permits is the sole responsibility of the property owner.
- Quality Ag will take extreme care to protect any utilities, including but not limited to oil lines, water lines & gas lines from damage, but in the unfortunate event that damage does occur, it remains the sole responsibility of the property owner.
- No liability for damage from wind, rain, erosion, Acts of God, animals or vandalism.
- Liability for, and removal/relocation of, concealed obstructions, improvements, or ground water is excluded from this bid and shall remain the responsibility of others.
- Unforeseen terrestrial obstructions on site are subject to additional charges.
- Bid pricing reflects labor rates at 8 hours per day/5 days per week. Incurred overtime is subject to additional charges.
- Adequate access to work areas shall be provided at all times to allow completion of work within a time schedule deemed adequate and accepted by Quality Ag, Inc.
- For good and valuable consideration the undersigned hereby indemnifies and saves harmless Quality Ag, Inc. from and against any claims, demands, actions, suits, losses, costs, charges, expenses, damages and liabilities whatsoever which the property owner may pay, sustain, suffer or incur by reason of or in connection with water contamination, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all costs and expenses (including legal expenses) incurred in connection with any such loss or damage.
- This proposal is good for 30 days.
- Proposal is inclusive of Prevailing Wage rates.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and are looking forward to working with you in the future. Please call with any and all questions.

Respectfully submitted – Adam Ruiz, Quality Ag, Inc.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby approve of the conditions outlined in the above proposal.  
 (Print Name)

Proposal Authorized: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box 989, Fillmore, CA 93016-0989 P: 805.524.9800 F: 805.524.9828 [info@qualityag.net](mailto:info@qualityag.net)  
**Agriculture Construction Oil & Gas Water & Drainage**

2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project - Quality Ag, Inc. Budget Estimate Breakdown				
Activity	Days/EA	Rate		Total
Crane Mobilization/Take Down	2	\$ 800.00	\$	1,600.00
Clamshell Mobilization/Demobilization	2	\$ 460.00	\$	920.00
Dam Work - Crane w/Trash Bin/Clamshell	10	\$ 4,887.50	\$	48,875.00
Dam Work - 3-Man Crew (3 Laborers)	10	\$ 3,224.00	\$	32,240.00
Supervisor	20	\$ 1,240.00	\$	24,800.00
Dam Work - Two End Dumps and Operators	10	\$ 3,376.00	\$	33,760.00
Marina Work - JD 544 Loader and Operator	10	\$ 2,016.00	\$	20,160.00
Marina Work - JD210 Excavator and Operator	10	\$ 2,240.00	\$	22,400.00
Marina Work - One End Dump and Operator	10	\$ 1,688.00	\$	16,880.00
Marina Work - 3 Man Crew	10	\$ 3,244.00	\$	32,440.00
Shredding - Assuming 80 Loads Total - Dam and Marina	80	\$ 700.00	\$	56,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>Rate</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>290,075.00</b>
Bond Premium	1	\$11,349	\$	11,349.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>301,424.00</b>