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## AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 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.

**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 March 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 (February 2026) Information Item**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending February 28, 2026.

**3.4 Waiver of Penalty and Interest Request from Fillmore Irrigation Company in the Amount of \$9,617.98 Motion Item**

Approve a request from Fillmore Irrigation Company to waive penalty and interest charges of \$9,617.98 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. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**5.1 Opening of Annual Groundwater Hearing to Accept Comment on Groundwater Conditions within the District**

In accordance with the District's principal act in the California Water Code, the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of groundwater resources within the District. An "Annual investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions" was submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board on March 3, 2026, and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing will be opened and continued to the regular May 13, 2026, and June 10, 2026, Board meetings. At this meeting, staff will give a report about current groundwater conditions, and members of the public will be permitted to give testimony. At its June 10, 2026, meeting, the Board may choose to close the hearing and consider the establishment of zones and the levying of groundwater extraction charges in those zones.

Public comment will be accepted at this time and at each of the public hearing dates.

No Board decisions will be made until the final hearing on June 10, 2026.

**5.2 Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution No. 2026-07 Confirming Direct Assessments for Delinquent Groundwater Charges**  
**Motion**

The Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the matter of confirming direct assessments against parcels associated with delinquent groundwater

production accounts and authorizing their collection. After receiving public comment and testimony, the Board will close the Public Hearing and consider adopting Resolution No. 2026-07 confirming direct assessments for delinquent groundwater charges and authorizing placement of said assessments on the Ventura County secured property tax roll.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. 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.*

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



Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

This agenda was posted Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and [www.unitedwater.org](http://www.unitedwater.org).

  
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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. 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.

**1.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: General Manager

Authority: Government Code Section 54957



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

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

**Date:** March 23, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **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.

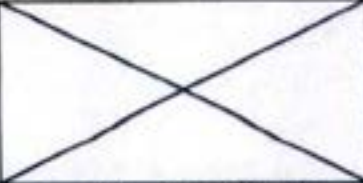
### **Attachment(s):**

Director's Monthly Activity Reports

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

Due on last day of month

Director: S Huber

<b>1. UWCD Board Meetings</b> Regular, special or emergency meetings.			<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
			2/11 (Reg)	8
<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>
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	CDSA ETHICS 1234 Trng/ Zoom		2/3	0
	CDSA Sexual Harassment Trng/Zoom		2/4	0
	AWAVC Waterwise/CMWD TOaks		2/19	56
<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>
	RDP/County Gov Ctr		2/5	10
	AWAVC Board/UWCD 2/5 NA			
	ACWA Region 5 Board/Zoom		2/9	0
	AWAVC Board/Zoom		2/10	0
AWAVC WaterWise/Zoom 2/17 NA				
<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>
	Cabrillo Neighborhood Council/Oxn		2/11	
	Via Marina Neighborhood Council/Oxn		2/12	6
<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>
	Santa Clara Valley BGC/Saltcoy		2/7 NA	
	Farm Bureau Mixer/Cam		2/17 NA	
<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** February **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
		ACWA DC Conference/DC	2/24 - 2/26

Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	4
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

\* attach all receipts

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			\$50.00
Total # of meetings**	10	x \$260	\$ 2,600.00
**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel	4	x \$125.00/day	500.00
Total # of miles	80	x \$0.725/mile	\$ 58.00
Total other expenses			\$ 299.81
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$ 3,407.81</b>

Director Signature



Date: 2/27/2026

General Manager Signature



Date: 3/10/26

Definitions

BoD: Board of Directors

BP: Board President

GM: General Manager

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**DIR HUBER DC ACWA 2026 REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

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From Steve Huber <SteveH@unitedwater.org>

Date: Fri 2/27/2026 2:33 PM

To: Tara Acosta <TAcosta@unitedwater.org>

6 attachments (1 MB)

DC WMATA Metro Pass Receipt Feb 2026.pdf; 26 Feb Uber Receipt from LAX to Home.pdf; 26 Feb Uber Tip Receipt.pdf; Dir Huber Marriott Receipt Destination Fees 26 Feb 2026.pdf; Dir Huber DC ACWA 2026 Receipt Matrix 23 Feb thru 26 Feb 2026.xlsx; 23 Feb Uber Receipt from Home to LAX.pdf;

Hi Tara,

Attached and below is a list of my expenses for the trip to the DC ACWA conference in Washington, DC during the period February 23 through February 26, 2026. Flights and Hotel were paid by UWCD. Attached are receipts from transportation and the hotel destination fees added to my personal credit card.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>23-Feb</b>	<b>Uber Ride &amp; Tip - Home to LAX</b>	<b>\$ 111.52</b>
	<b>\$.48 to the YMCA is not be included</b>	
<b>23-Feb</b>	<b>DC Metro - transport to/fm meetings</b>	<b>\$ 35.75</b>
<b>26-Feb</b>	<b>Marriott Destination Fee</b>	<b>\$ 121.74</b>
<b>26-Feb</b>	<b>Uber Ride - LAX to Home</b>	<b>\$ 109.00</b>
<b>26-Feb</b>	<b>Uber Tip - LAX to Home</b>	<b>\$ 21.80</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 399.81</b>

I am requesting reimbursement for travel related expenses paid by me with my personal credit card.

Thank you,

Steve Huber

Director, Division 5

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Order 0000000BCGRT

Order Placed: 01/23/26

SmartTrip Card Or CharmCard: 01771583296749246836

Order Summary

Products

	Product/SKU	Price	Quantity	Total
1	SmartTrip vCard Fee - Full Fare	\$2.00	1	\$2.00

Stored Value / Passes

	Product	Price	Quantity	Total
1	3-Day Unlimited Pass	\$33.75	1	\$33.75

Total for this order: \$35.75

Payment Information

Name On Card: Stephen H Huber  
Card Type: Visa  
Card Number: Ending in 4299  
Authorization Code: 069271

Payment Total: \$35.75

Billing Address: Stephen Huber  
fife4ever@gmail.com  
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To: life4ever@gmail.com

Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 9:29 PM



YOUR RIDE TO 1411 EBONY DR ON FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 8:12 PM

### Thanks for riding with Armen

Add tip: 100% of tips go to drivers.

 Visa \*4299

# \$109.00

Standard fare (63.20mi, 1h 11m 35s)	\$108.16
CA Driver Benefits Fee	\$0.75
Clean Miles Standard Regulatory Fee	\$0.09

You've already paid for this ride.

This total may not match the charge on your account statement. The payment for this ride might be combined with any other rides you took on February 26, 2026. Keep in mind that the cost of this ride and the total charge may not reflect refunds, credits, or other changes.

### Your trip

- **Pickup** 8:12 PM  
9851 S Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA
- **Drop-off** 9:23 PM  
1411 Ebony Dr, Oxnard, CA



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To: fife4ever@gmail.com

Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 9:55 PM



Tip added for Armen

Ride with Armen ending February 26 at 9:23 PM

Added tip	\$21.80
Charges to Visa *4299	\$21.80

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 WASHINGTON DC

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ROOM	NAME	RATE	DEPART	TIME		ACCT#
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200		PASSPORT				
ROOM		VSXXXXXXXXXXXX4299				MDV# XXXXX3776
CLERK	ADDRESS	INVENT				

DATE	REFERENCES	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCES DUE
02/23	DEST FEE	DEST FEE	35.00	
02/23	DESTFTAX	DEST FEE	5.58	
02/24	DEST FEE	\$35 DEST	35.00	
02/24	DESTFTAX	\$35 DEST	5.58	
02/25	DEST FEE	\$35 DEST	35.00	
02/25	DESTFTAX	\$35 DEST	5.58	
02/26	CCARD-VS			121.74

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 \*\*\*\*\* AUTHORIZATION \*\*\*\*\*  
 APPROVED  
 Total: \$1.00 Card Type: VISA Card Entry, CHIP Acct #: \*\*\*\*\*4299 Approval Code: 090351  
 \*\*\*\*\* EMV AUTHORIZATION \*\*\*\*\*  
 App Label: VISA CREDIT Mode: Issuer  
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\*\*\*\*\* EXP. REPORT SUMMARY \*\*\*\*\*

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	DESTFTAX		5.58	
02/24	DEST FEE		35.00	
	DESTFTAX		5.58	
02/25	DEST FEE		35.00	
	DESTFTAX		5.58	

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Signature X

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YOUR RIDE TO 300 WORLD WAY ON FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 4:21 AM

### Thanks for riding with Bibekananda

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# \$112.00

Standard fare (62.96mi, 59m 52s)	\$92.29
CA Driver Benefits Fee	\$0.55
Clean Miles Standard Regulatory Fee	\$0.09
Tip	\$18.59
<del>LyftUp Donation—The-Y-For-a-better-us.</del>	<del>\$0.48</del>

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**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month** 2 (revised) **Year** 26

Due on last day of month

Director: Mohammed Hasan, P.E.

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	B&G Santa Clara		2-7	15.5
	CERF Forecast		2-24	46
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	CSDA		2-3	11
	Ventura Water Comm.		2-23	15
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	<del>Meeting Dir. Cole, Casites MWD</del>		<del>2-12</del>	<del>12</del>
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Board of Directors  
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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	99.50	x \$0.725/mile	\$ 72.14
Total other expenses			\$
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$ 1,422.14</b>

Director Signature

Mohammed Hasan Date: 3-2-26

General Manager Signature

[Signature] Date: 3-19-26

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12 miles

**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month** February **Year** 2028

Due on last day of month

Director: FORD

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.	X	Date	Mileage	
		2-11-28	0	
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning & Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	Committee Name & Location	Date	Mileage	
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	W/ GM or LC	Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	Event Name & Location	Date	Mileage	
5. <u>Appointed representative</u> to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCD, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	Entity Name & Location	Date	Mileage	
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	Entity Name & Location	Date	Mileage	
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCD, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	Entity Name & Location	Date	Mileage	
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 MCP, Vera Freeman Fish Panel.	Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage	

**Board of Directors**  
**Per Diem and Expenses for Month** February **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

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Total # of meetings**	1	x \$260	\$ 260.00
**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		x \$0.70/mile	\$
Total other expenses			\$ 0
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			\$ <b>310.00</b>

Director Signature

*Neil W. F. L.*

Date: 03-17-2026

General Manager Signature

*[Signature]*

Date: 3/25/26

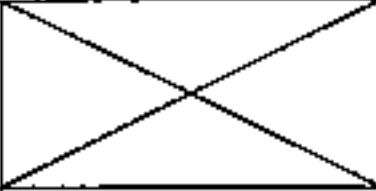
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**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month** March Year 2026

Due on last day of month

Director: S Huber

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.			Date	Mileage
			3/11 (Reg)	8
2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark IPA Committees.	Committee Name & Location		Date	Mileage
	Finance/Audit/HQ UWCD		3/2	8
	Finance/Audit/HQ UWCD		3/30	8
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	W/ GM or LC	Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage
4. Conferences/Trainings. Includes conferences or educational activities organized by ACWA, AWAVC & CSDA.	Event Name & Location		Date	Mileage
	ACWA Reg 5 Outreach Training/ Zoom		3/4	8
	AWAVC Waterwise/ HQ United		3/9	8
	UWCD Media Training/ HQ United		3/24	8
5. Appointed representative to meetings of other entities' Boards. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark IPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA and GSA. Or preparatory meetings with GM regarding above meetings.	Entity Name & Location		Date	Mileage
	RDP/County Gov Ctr		3/5	10
	AWAVC Board/UWCD 3/5 NA			
	RDP Mtg to discuss DC Imp/ UWCD		3/31	8
6. Meetings of other government entities at request of BoD, BP or GM. Such as PVCWD, FCGMA or Oxnard City Council.	Entity Name & Location		Date	Mileage
	Oxnard City County Mtg/ Oxnard		3/7	6
7. Meetings with board members or executive management of other agencies. Includes FCGMA, LAFCO, RiverPark IPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	Entity Name & Location		Date	Mileage
	AWAVC BoD mtg with County Supv/VC HOA		3/3	10
8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 10 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	Meeting Description & Location		Date	Mileage

**Board of Directors**  
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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

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Total # of meetings**	<u>10</u>	x \$260	\$ <u>2,600.00</u>
**not to exceed 10 meetings and \$2,600. per month or 1 meeting per day			
Total days of travel	<u>0</u>	x \$125.00/day	\$ <u>0</u>
Total # of miles	<u>82</u>	x \$0.725/mile	\$ <u>59.45</u>
Total other expenses			\$ <u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			\$ <u>2,709.45</u>

Director Signature

S. H. H. H. H.

Date: 3/31/2026

General Manager Signature

J. B. L.

Date: 4/1/26

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**Board of Directors**  
**Activities and Expenses for Month** MAR **Year** 2028

Due on last day of month

Director: MAULHARDT

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
		3/11/28	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>
	EXECUTIVE COMM	3/17/28	2.1
3. Meeting with GM or District Legal Counsel (LC)	<b>GM/ LC</b>	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
	GM/ LC	FCGMA STAFF & G WEST	3/10/28
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>
	MEDIA TRAINING	3/23/28	2.1
5. Appointed representatives 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>
	FCGMA BOARD MTG	3/25/28	13.5
	AWA WATER WISE	3/18/28	2.1
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>
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8. Public meetings hosted by District regarding District matters Such as Section 30 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Pond.	<b>Meeting Description &amp; Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mileage</b>

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Other Expenses	Total
Days of out of town travel	0
Lodging*	\$
Meals*	\$
Transportation*	\$
Misc.*	\$

\* attach all receipts

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Total # of meetings**	8	x \$260	\$ 1560.00
**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	24.1	x \$0.725/mile	\$ 17.47
Total other expenses			\$
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>			\$ 1627.47

Director Signature

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 3/30/26

General Manager Signature

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 4/1/26

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## STAFF REPORT

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

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

**Date:** March 23, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **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

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

**Date:** March 23, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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**Recommendation:**

Approve the minutes.

**Attachment(s):**

March 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, March 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 1:02 P.M.

2.1 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Maulhardt

2.2 **Public Comment:** None.

2.3 **Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** M/S/C (Keeling/Ford) 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.

Director Huber thanked staff for all they did to prepare he and the General Manager on their recent trip to Washington DC.

**2.6 General Manager’s Report**

Received and filed.

The General Manager shared the award that United Water received at the ACWA DC Conference. United Water Conservation District was awarded the Most Effective Agency on a Federal Issue Award.

The Grant Task Force presented their first quarterly review. It was received and filed.

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

Received and filed.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

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

Approved minutes.

**3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report**

Received and filed.

**3.3 Investment Monthly Reports for January 2026**

Received and filed.

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

Received and filed.

**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**

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-05 Determining that the lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and approving the project.

**RESOLUTION 2026-05**

#### **4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

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

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

President Maulhardt proposed a reserve fund from people who are affected by the Moss Screen Facility.

Director Jones asks about using water pressure from the dam for recharge injections.

Craig Morgan responded that it is something that United will consider.

##### **4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report**

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

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

Water Resources Supervisor Dr. Bram Sercu 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.

##### **4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report**

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

Director Hasan had a question regarding the OH Pipeline agreement regarding Emergency Connections and thinks it should be revisited to see if United is getting enough connection fee.

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

Environmental Services Manager Marissa Caringella and Environmental Scientist Evan Lashly gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

## 5. MOTION ITEM

### 5.1 2026 Richard V. Laubacher Water Conservation Award

The Board approved the nominees and conducted a vote to determine the winner.

**Action:** M/S/C (Keeling/Jones) nominating Option A – Kelly Long as the recipient of the 2026 Richard V. Laubacher Water Conservation Award.

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

### 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

**Action:** M/S/C (Hasan/Ford) to 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.

**RESOLUTION 2026-06**

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

### 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

**Action:** M/S/C (Kimball/Ford) to adopt a Resolution adopting the proposed Financial Policy for the placement of direct assessments on the Ventura County Secured Tax Roll.

**RESOLUTION 2026-04**

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

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

**Action:** M/S/C (Hasan/Jones) to 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 Project (CIP 8001).

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

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

**Action:** M/S/C (Huber/Ford) to 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

**Vote:** Ayes: Ford, Hasn, Huber, Jones, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None; Absent: None

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

**Action:** M/S/C (Huber/Keeling) to approve ratifying the General Manager entering into a purchase agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc. for lake debris removal services in connection with the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project.

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

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Hasan asked about the status of the AI policy that he mentioned in the previous Board meeting.

Josh Perez responded that United has a complete draft that should come back to the Board in the next 60 days.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of March 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

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## CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## March 11, 2026



### General Manager's Report

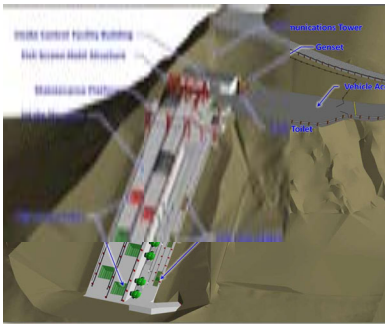
## Grant Task Force Quarterly Update



### Activity Summary | 2024 – 2025

Grant Applications Submitted	Awarded Funds	Letters of Support Received
2024	2024	2024
9	\$21,106,066	42
2025	2025	2025
5	\$3,247,500	23





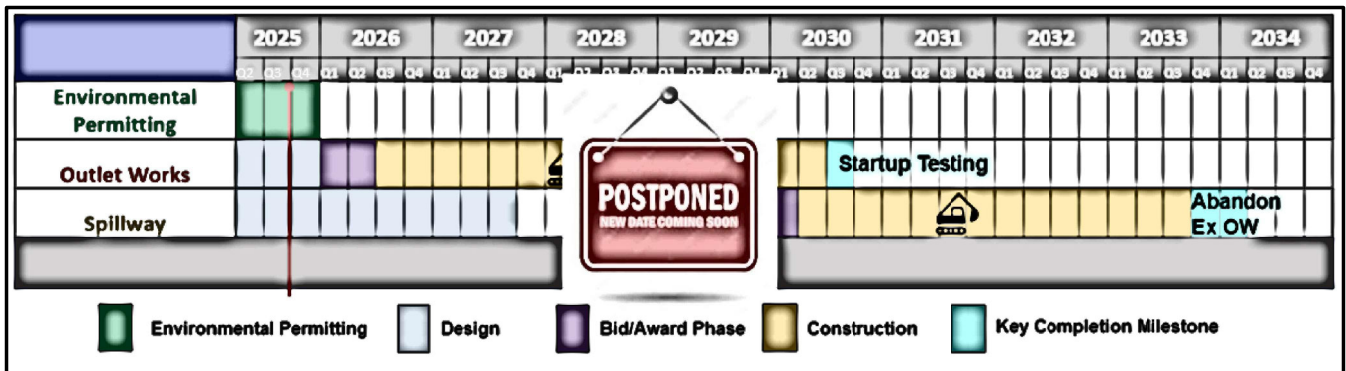
# SFD SIP Updated Project Schedule

UWCD Board of Directors Meeting  
 March 11, 2026



## Previously....

September 2025 - UWCD Board of Directors Meeting



### Primary Drivers for Postponing Schedule

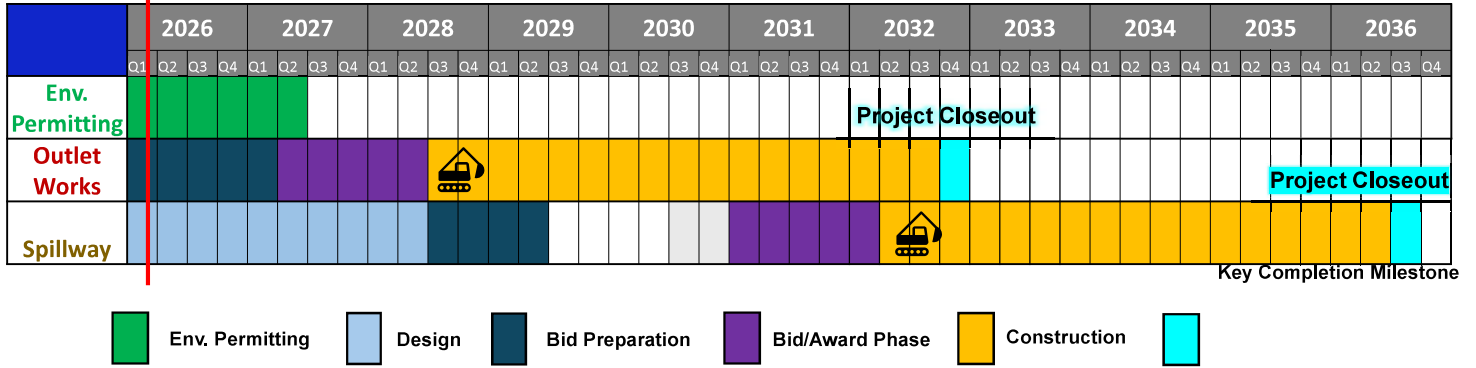
- Need to Secure \$314M in Funding for Construction





# SFD SIP - Proposed Updated Project Timeline

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# Agency Consultation Overview





# Santa Felicia Dam - Outlet Works Improvement Project Roadmap to Construction

SFD OW Improvement Project	2026												2027												2028												2029											
	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D				
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## Questions?





# Operations and Maintenance Department Update

March 11, 2026



## Santa Felicia Dam and Lake Piru

# Lake Piru Debris Cleanup

2/20/26



# Lake Piru Debris Cleanup



# Santa Felicia Dam



# Freeman Diversion and Saticoy

# Freeman Diversion



# Freeman Diversion



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# Moss Screen Facility



# El Rio

# El Rio Recharge Basins



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# El Rio Recharge Basins



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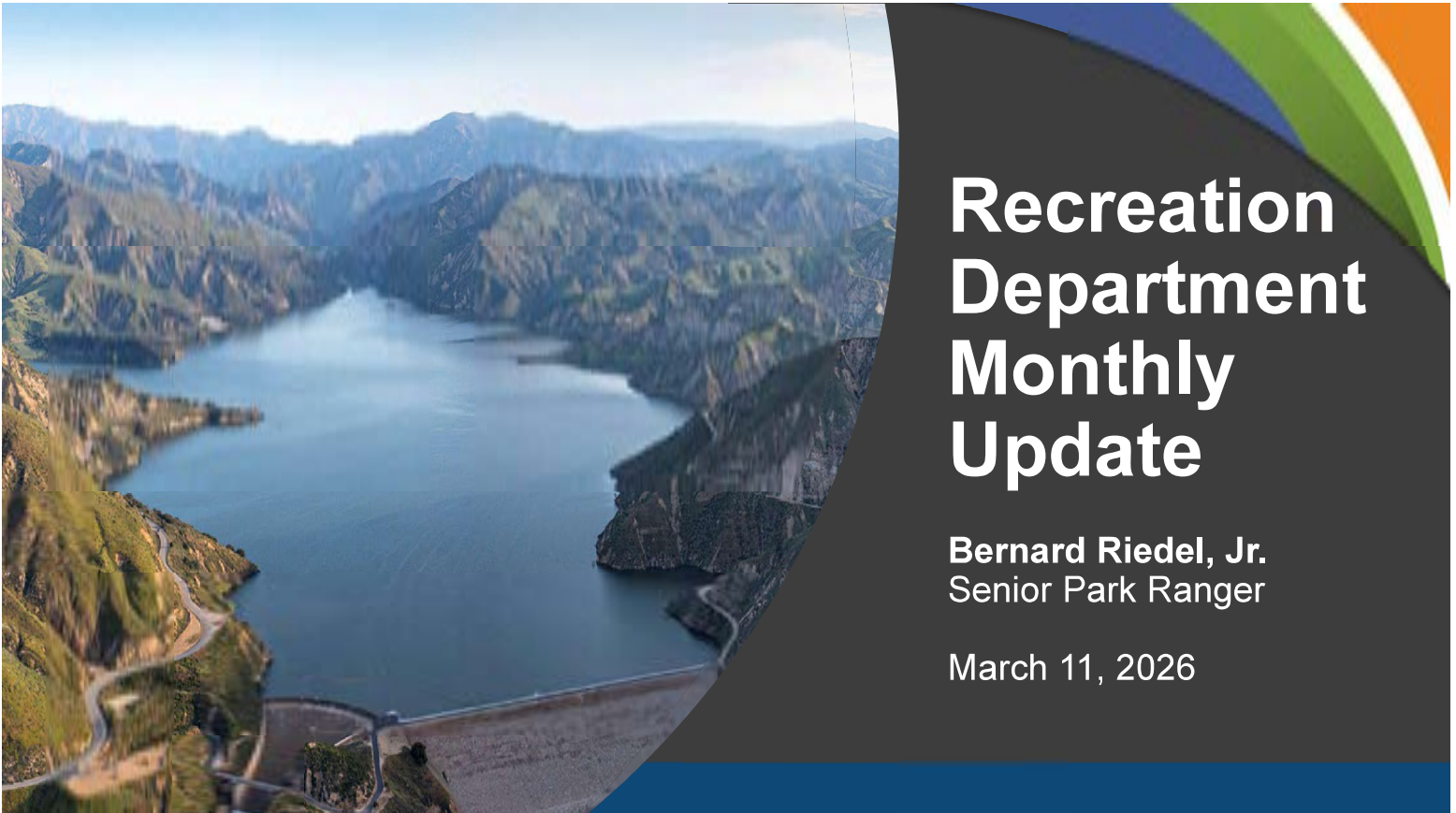
# El Rio Recharge Basins



# El Rio




# Questions?




## Recreation Department Monthly Update

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

March 11, 2026



# Storm Debris



# Storm Debris





# Storm Debris



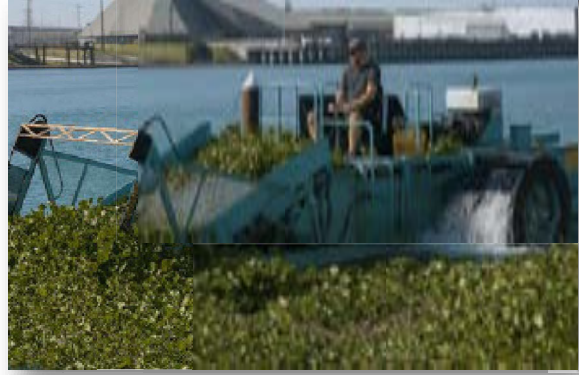
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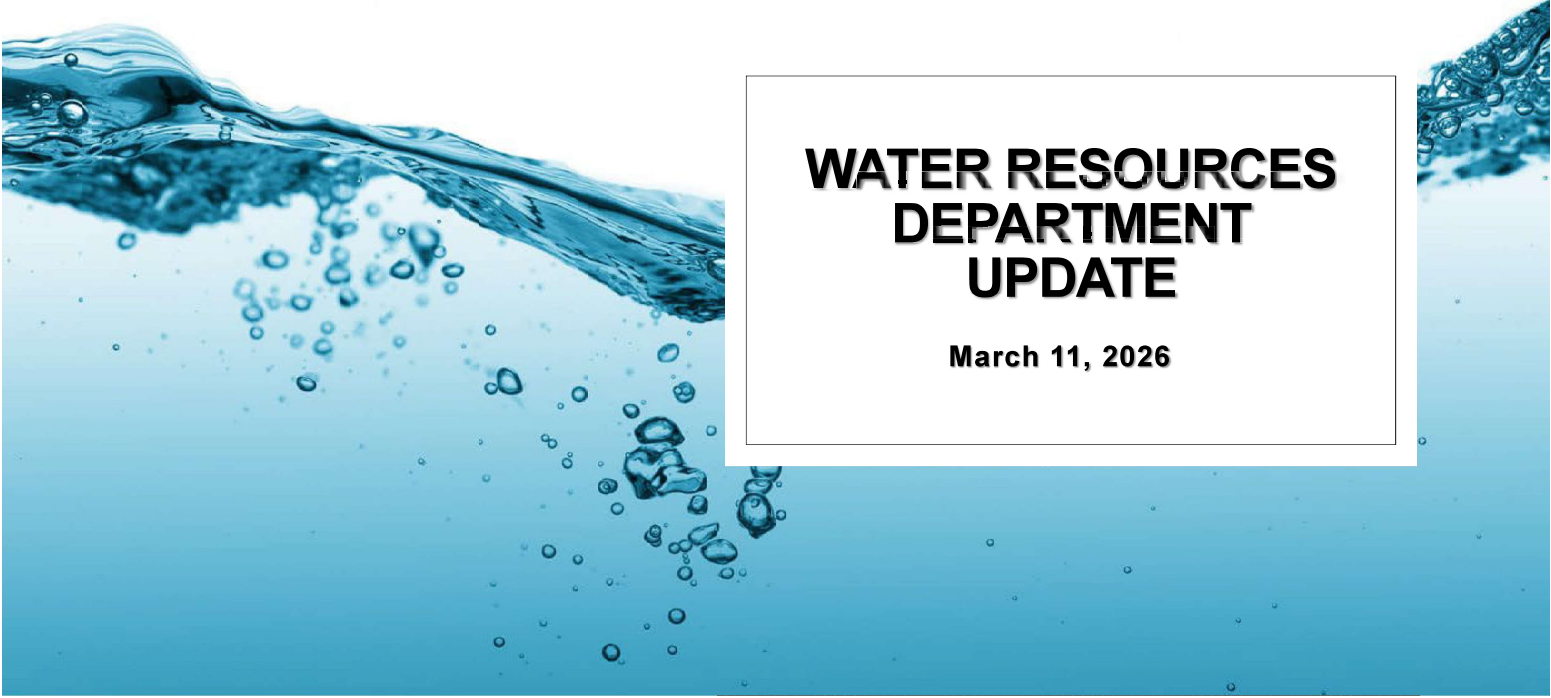
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## Strategy for 2026



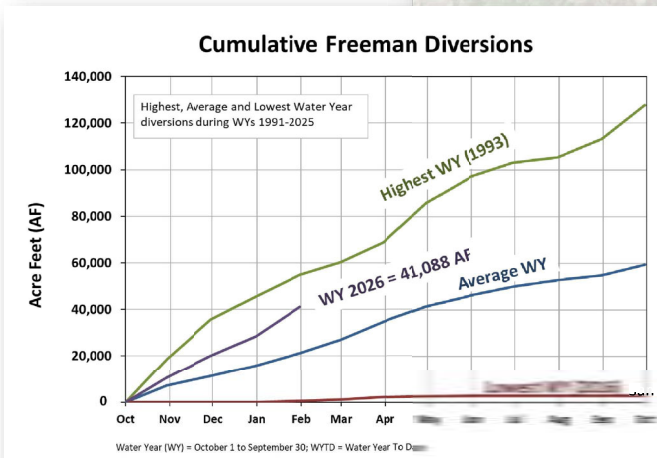
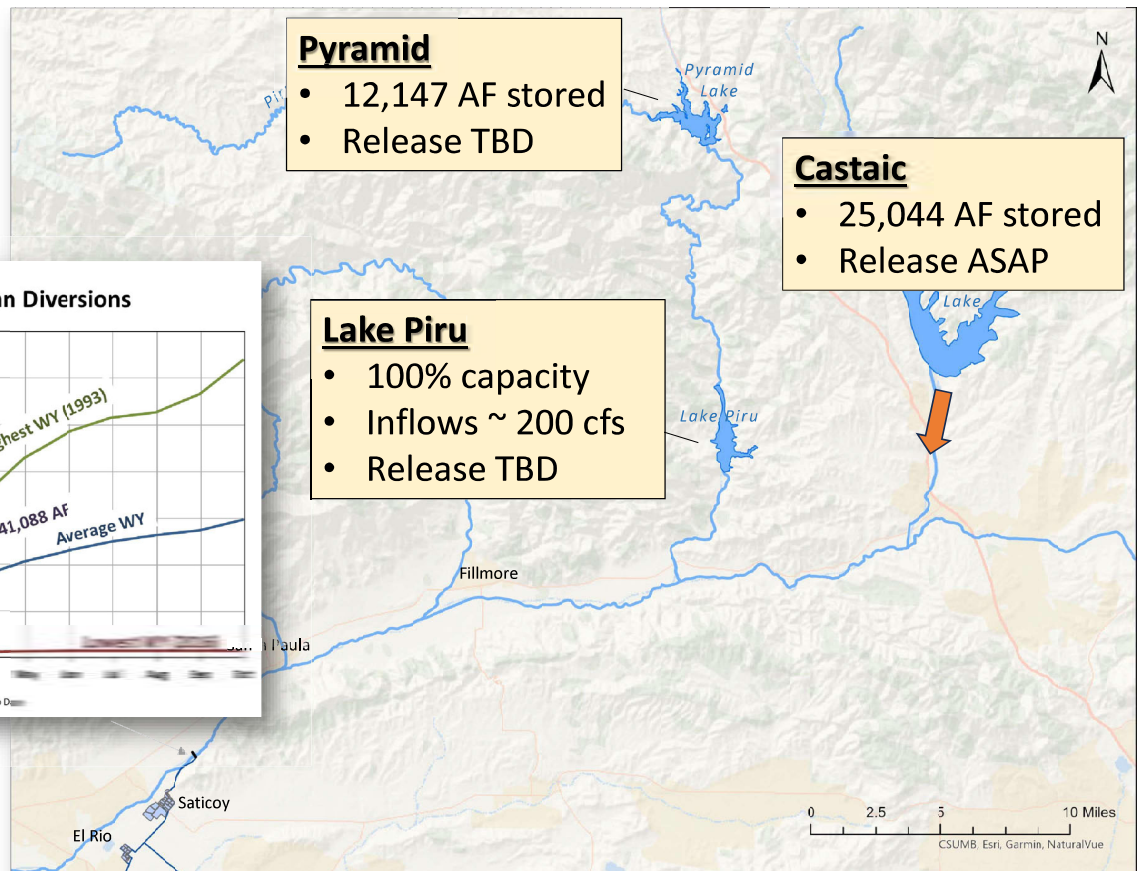
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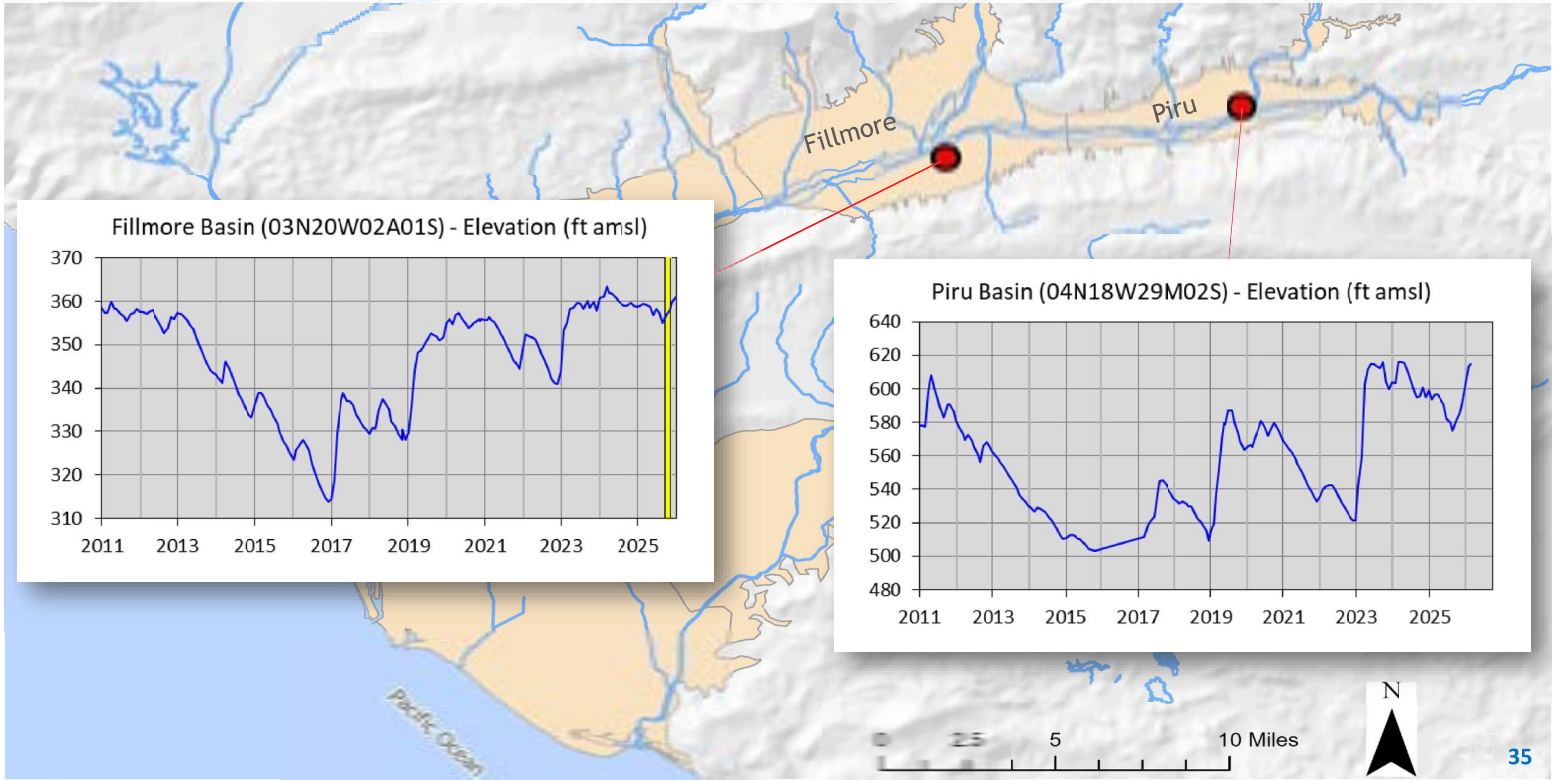
# WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

March 11, 2026

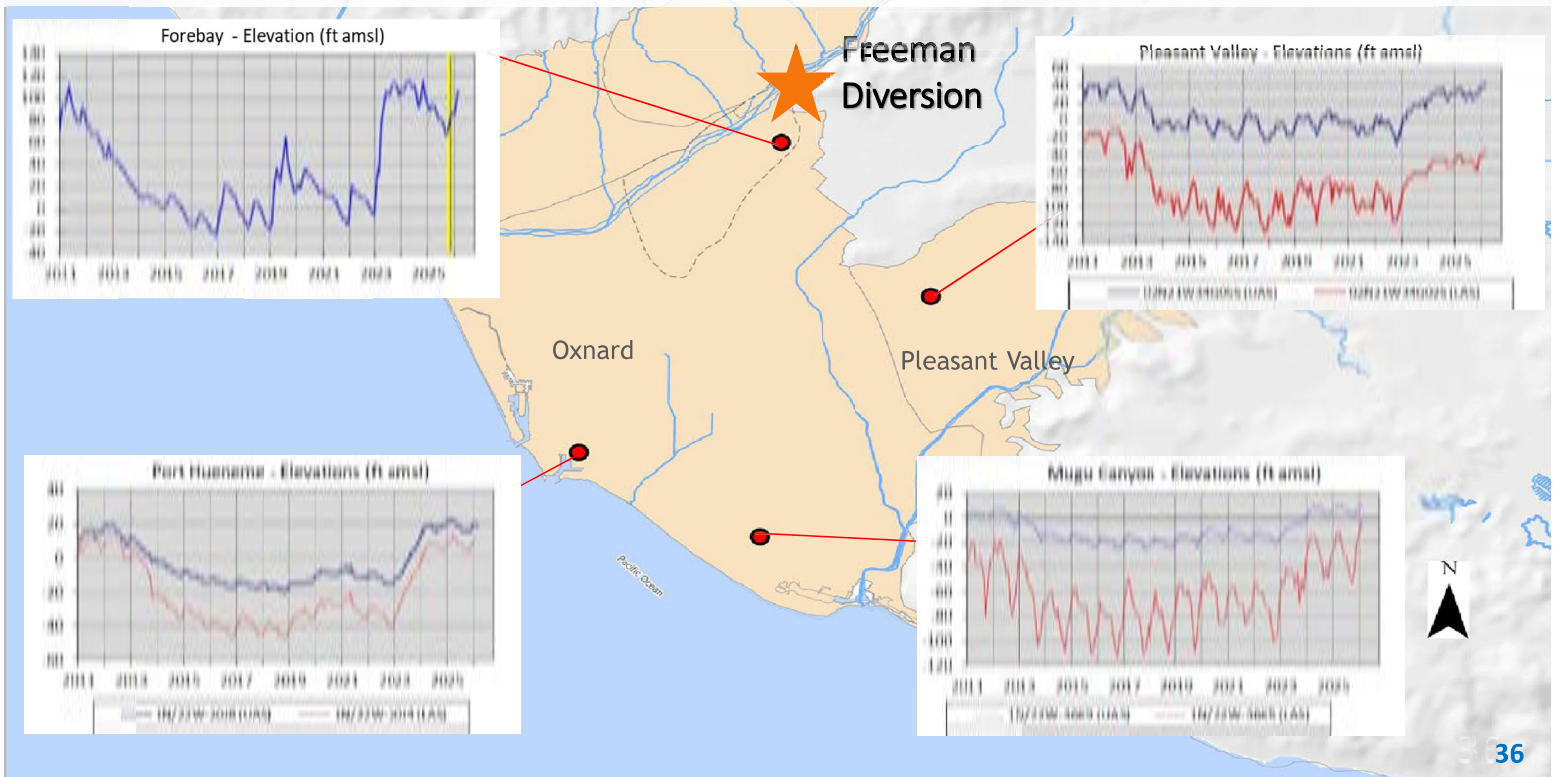
## Hydrology Status



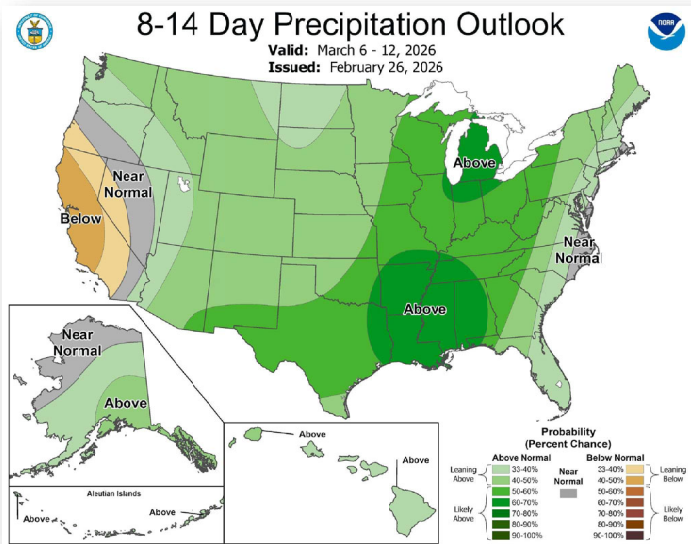
# Fillmore-Piru Basins Water Levels Near Maximum



# OPV Groundwater Basins Mostly Recovered



# 2026 Water Year Outlook



- SWP Art. 21 likely available in March, no opportunity for United
- Castaic releases will guarantee high diversions through at least April (even if little rain)
- Opportunity for large conservation release



## Report Submittals

- **Santa Paula Basin Annual Report**
  - ✓ Submitted to TAC in February
  - ✓ Submittal to DWR by April 1
- **Annual Groundwater Conditions Report**
  - ✓ Received by Board Secretary March
  - ✓ Public hearing opens at April Board Meeting
  - ✓ Public hearing concludes at June Board Meeting
- **Urban Water Management Plan**
  - ✓ Notices provided on January 12
  - ✓ User coordination on February 20
  - ✓ Public draft available by end of March
  - ✓ Public hearing at May Board Meeting



# Questions?



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A presentation slide for the Administrative Services Department. The background is a photograph of a water treatment facility with a large circular tank and a central channel. The slide is framed by colorful curved borders in orange, green, and blue. The United Water Conservation District logo is in the top right corner. The title "Administrative Services Department Monthly Update" is centered in white text. The date "March 11, 2026" is in the bottom left corner.

 **United Water**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Administrative Services Department Monthly Update

March 11, 2026

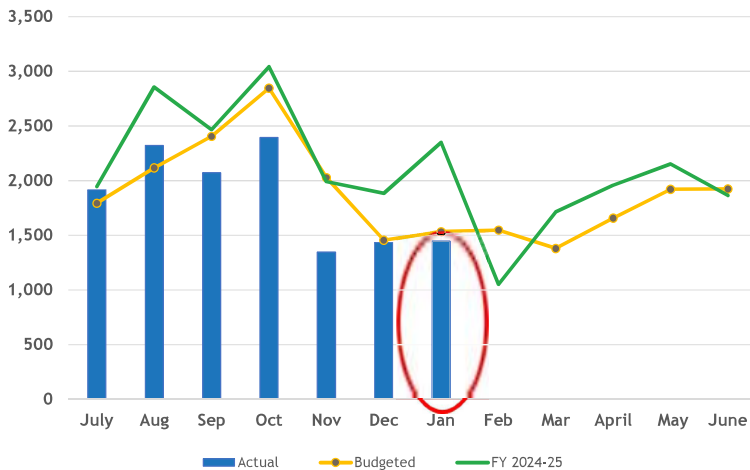


# Finance Update

**Brian H. Zahn**  
Chief Financial Officer

## January 2026 Pipeline

Total Pipeline Deliveries (AF)



	Actual AF	Budget AF	Variance AF	Actual \$
OH	821	770	51	\$1.0M
PTP	338	300	38	\$186K
PV	287	465	(177)	\$115K

Year-to-date deliveries are 9% below budget and 22% below prior year.



# Finance Department



- 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 GM and AGM's
- Completed period 25-2 Groundwater billing February 20, 2026



## Administrative Update

**Josh Perez**  
Chief Human Resources Officer

# Human Resources

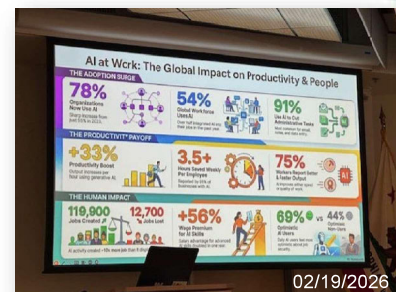
Working on recruitment for the following positions:

- [Senior Accountant](#): Interviews held February 10th, selection pending GM discussion and approval
- [Public Outreach and External Affairs Intern](#): Initial interviews held February 11 – 24, selection pending GM discussion and approval
- [Seasonal Park Ranger Assistant](#): Initial interviews scheduled for week of February 23rd
- [Senior Hydrogeologist](#): Additional interviews being conducted March 5th with finalists
- [Park Ranger I](#): Application process closed – interviews being scheduled



## Human Resources (continued)

- Attended Express Employment's 2026 Employment Law Update on January 29, 2026
- Hosted special session for District employees entitled "Enhancing Productivity with the Use of AI" presented 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



## Risk 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 the City of Piru
- Continued to respond to Requests for Information related to a standard Cal OES Audit on 2023 Winter Storm Disaster Recovery Project
- 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

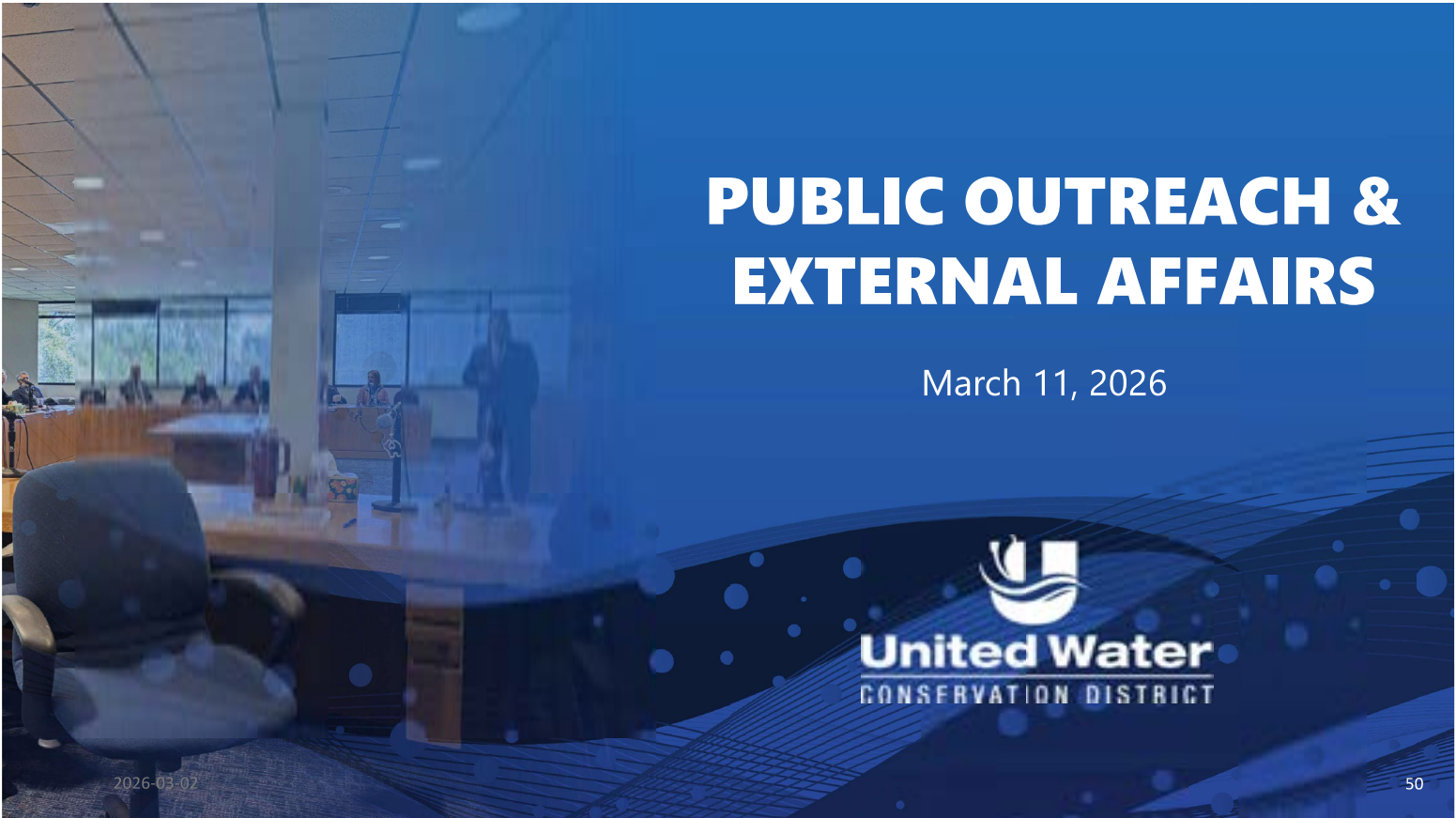
- As of the date of this report:
  - 32 tickets have been received in February
  - 51 service tickets have also been closed in the same time frame
- Completed password anniversary audit and coordinated required resets for staff with access to critical systems
- Delivered Operator-specific Cybersecurity Training
- 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 Lake Piru Recreation Area with PCI DSS compliance coordination and validation of security controls
- Provided hybrid and in-person IT coordination for multiple external meetings





# Questions

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## PUBLIC OUTREACH & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

March 11, 2026

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# Outreach Events

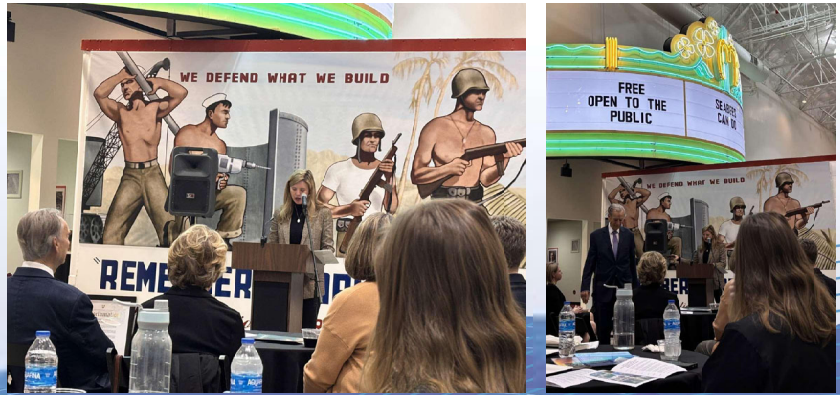
## Events Attended

- Grand Jury Presentation – February 18
- CoLAB WHEEL Meeting Update – February 18
- Gene Fisher Retirement Celebration – February 19



## Upcoming Tours

- Ventura County Conservation Districts Tour (March 3)
- CSU Channel Islands Tour (March 11)
- Quarterly Tour (April 29)



## Upcoming Events

- Piru Power Run 5K (March 28)
- Ventura County Farm Day (April 11)

# Successes

- Updated Talking Points
- Visibility and Values Campaign Progress
  - District Commercial Completed
  - Eblast launched to VC Star Subscribers
  - Insert in VC Star March 8
- District Presentation Template
- Website Updates in Progress
- Fleet Logos in Progress



# VIDEO

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## Upcoming 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



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# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

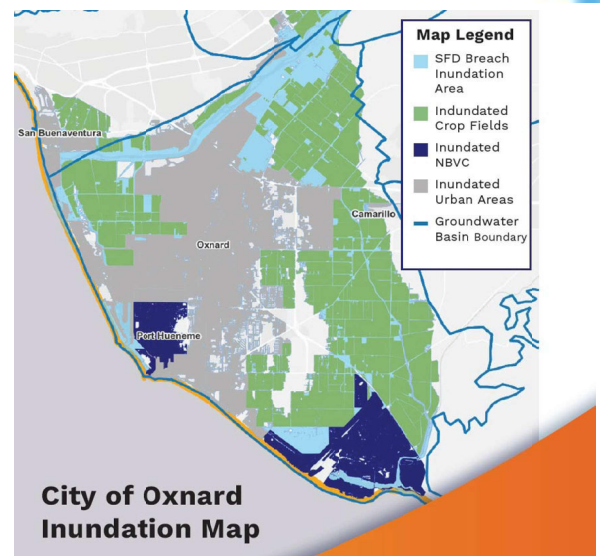
## Monthly Update

March 11, 2026

## SFD SIP and Regulatory Compliance



- **SFD SIP BOC Meeting No.11**
  - March 25-26, 2026
  - Focus on SFD Outlet Works Improvement
- **DSOD Proposed Rulemaking on Application Fees for Dam Modification Projects**
  - UWCD submitted request for clarification on February 24, 2026.
  - Fee structure for SFD SIP application fees will remain fixed.
- **City of Oxnard Council Meeting Presentation**
  - March 17, 2026
  - City Council to consider issuing a support letter for the SFD SIP



*SFD Inundation Map for City of Oxnard to be presented on March 17, 2026, at City of Oxnard Council Meeting*



# Lake Piru Recreation Area Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair (8055)

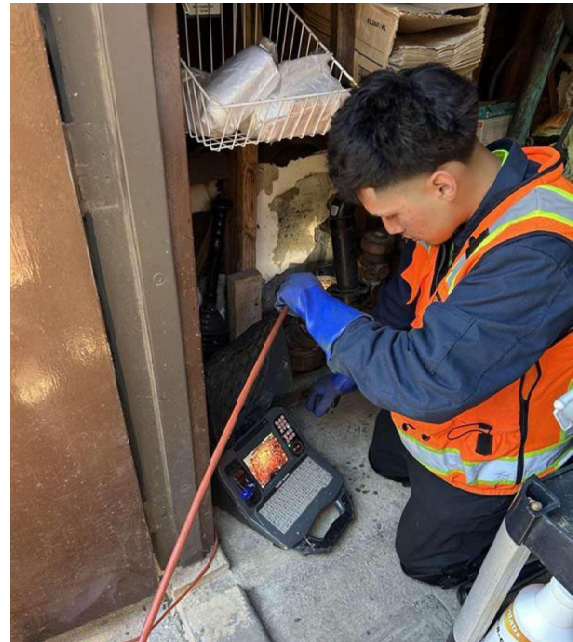


### Objective:

- Replace major drain lines
- Repair Toilets
- Repair finishes and return to service

### Key Dates:

- Hazardous Materials Survey - January 13
- Drain Video Inspections - January 23
- Request for Bids - February 5
- Contractor Site Visits - February 13 - 18
- Bids Received - February 26



Drain Video Inspection by GPRS – January 23



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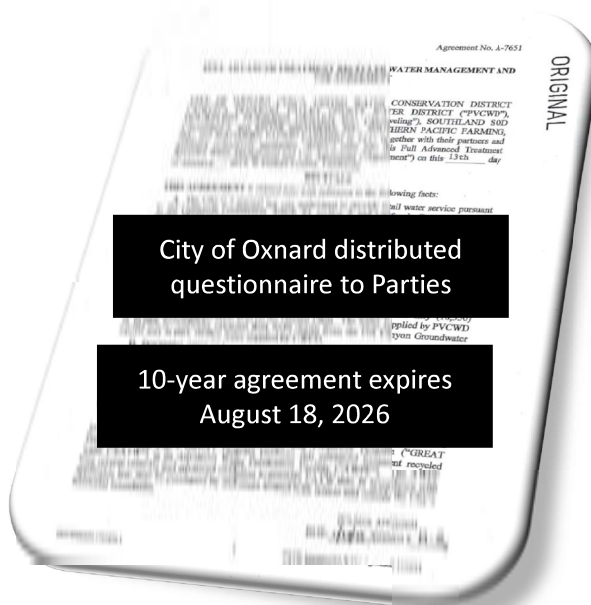
### Preliminary Bids

Contractor	Bid Amount
Ghazal Construction, Inc.	\$234,080
MDJ Management, LLC	\$253,564
JG Contracting	\$282,720
Quincon, Inc.	\$628,387

*\*Bid reviews ongoing.*



# Recycled Water



**Full Advanced Treatment Recycled Water Management and Use Agreement**

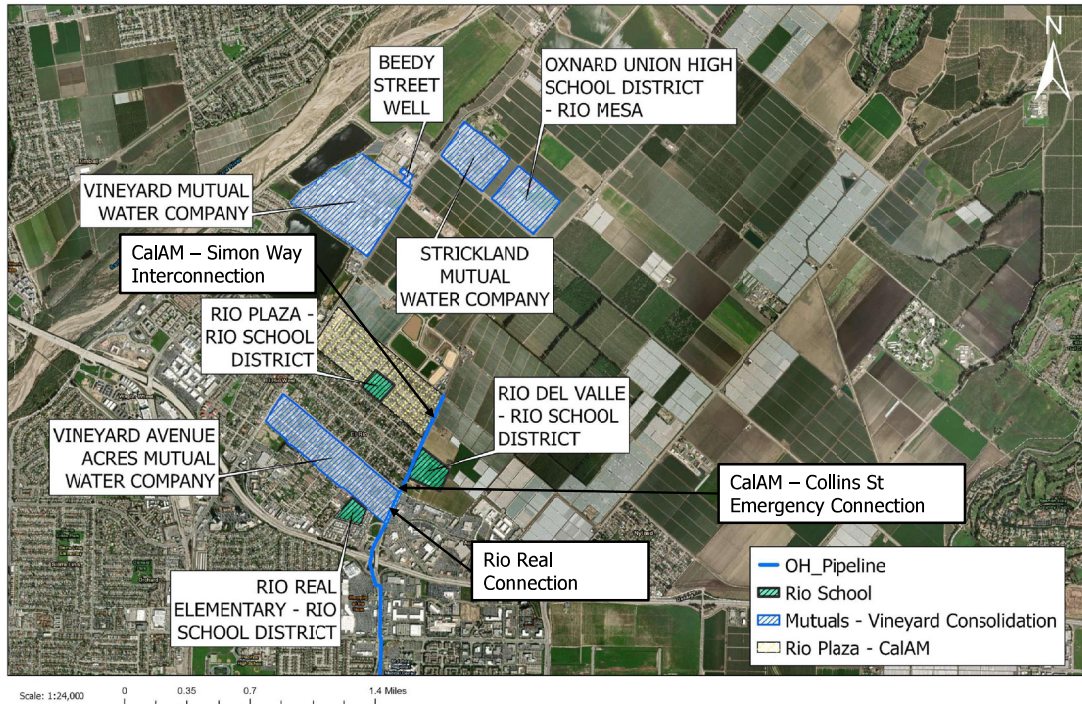


**Title 22 Engineering Report**



# Current and Future OH Pipeline Contractors

- Vineyard Mutual Water Company consolidation
- Rio School District Expansion





## FEMA Audit of OH Wellfield Generator Project

- Pursuant to Section 6(a)(ii) of the January 27, 2026 Executive Order, FEMA is conducting a Federal review of California's use of HMGP funding.
- Request for documents received on February 18, 2026.
- All documentation submitted to CalOES on February 25, 2026.



January 19, 2022

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## CalOES Audit of OH Wellfield Generator Project



Documentation included:

- Financial system records and proof of payment (invoices, cancelled checks)
- Procurement documentation (bid documents, contracts, cost/price analysis)
- Payroll records (timesheets, personnel activity reports)
- Performance reports, site inspection records, project maintenance records (daily reports, final inspection, maintenance commitment letters), and
- Any other documentation necessary to substantiate that project costs are allowable, allocable, and reasonable.



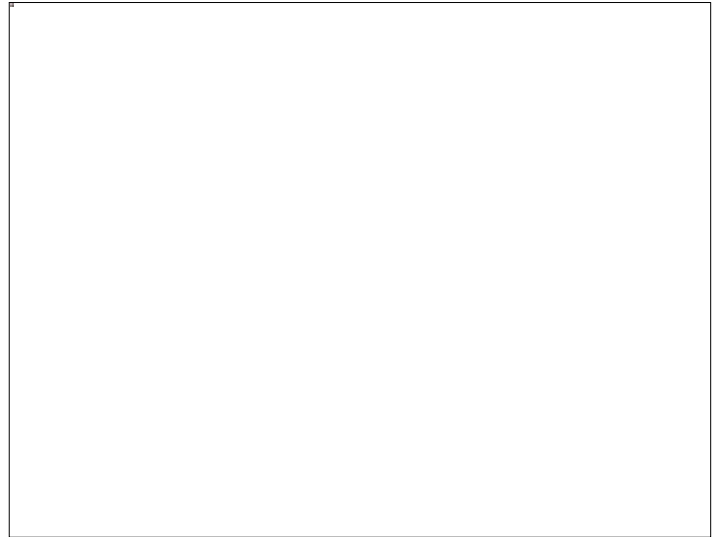
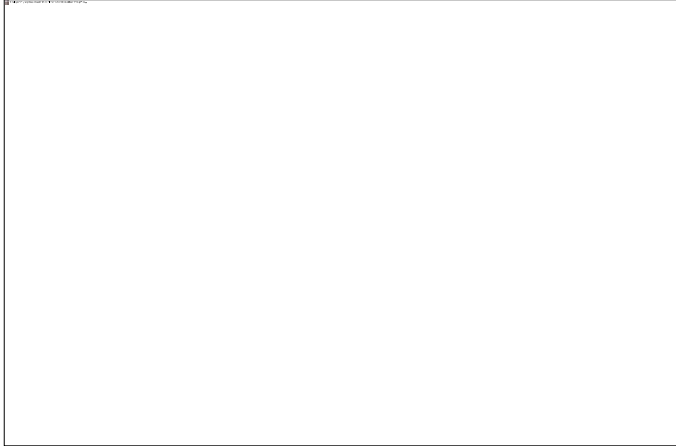
February 1, 2022

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# Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



- Road Closure/Detours February 24 through March 20 for construction activities



# Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



February 27, 2026

# Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



Rice Avenue

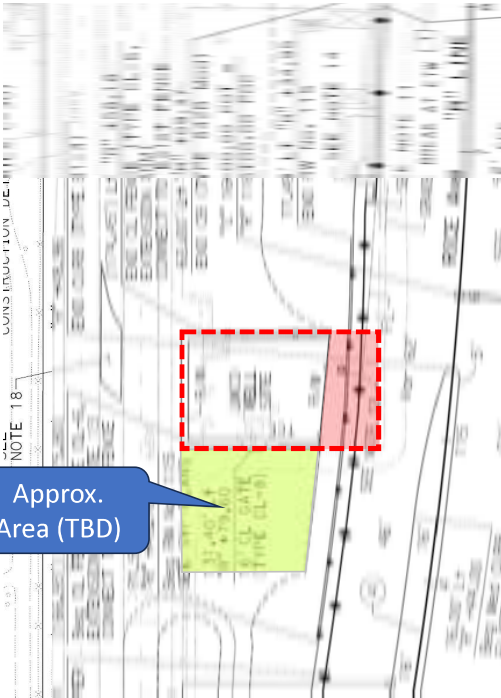
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PTP Well No. 4



# Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



Approx. Area (TBD)



EXISTING UWCD PUMP STATION

Letter of Intent July 6, 2021

THE AREA OF PROPERTY WHICH THE COUNTY INTENDS TO RELINQUISH TO UWCD

# Phase 1A Site Approval Request – EBB WTP

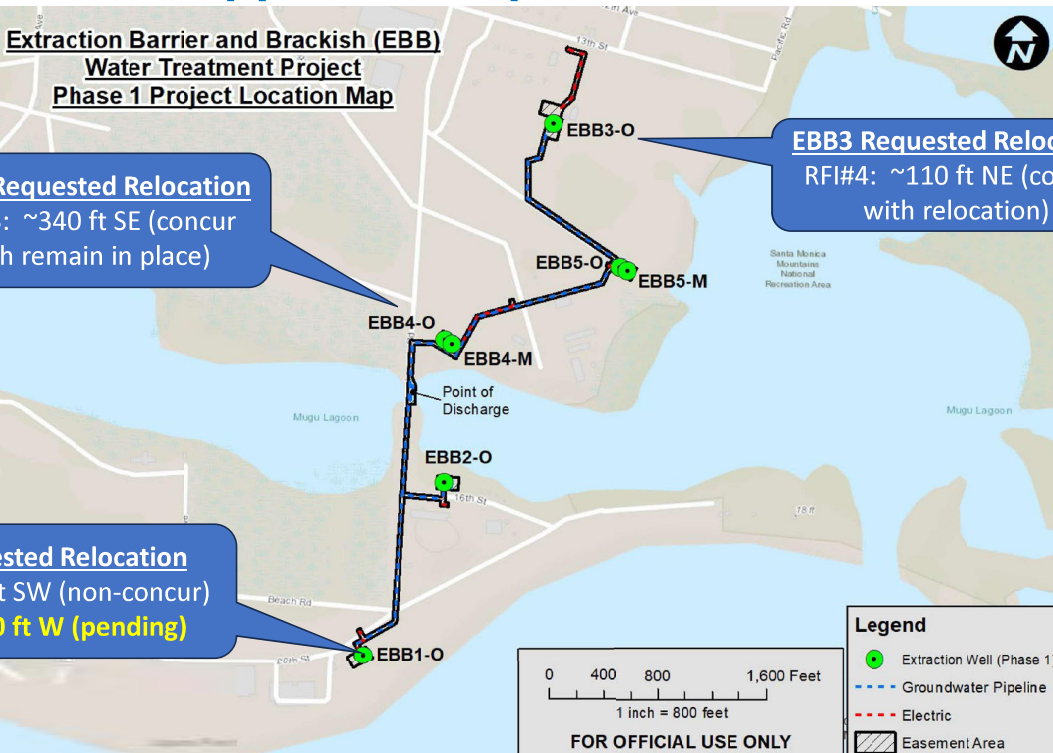


- Nov 21, 2025 - Phase 1A SAR approved
- Feb 20, 2026 – Succeeding Phase 1A license agreement fully executed (2-year term)

Remaining Field Activity	Contractor/Consultant
Potholing	Certerra (formerly C-Below)
Waste Management	Black Gold Industries (BGI)
Construction Management	Filippin Engineering
Surveying	Encompass Consulting Group (ECG)
Soil Resistivity Testing	RF Yeager Engineering
Temporary Piezometer Wells	Earth Systems



# Phase 1B Site Approval Request – EBB WTP





# 2026 CalDesal Annual Conference





# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

March 11, 2026



## Updates



**Freeman Fish Ladder  
Operations**



**Navy Collaboration  
on Sediment Removal**



**Lower System Quagga  
Mussel Veliger Monitoring:  
No Detections**



# Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

## Four proposed rules to clarify and update Endangered Species Act regulations

- **USFWS and NMFS** – comments due Dec 2025
- **Revisions to provide transparency** in critical habitat designations, listing criteria, interagency cooperation, and species protections.

## Two proposed rules to clarify and increase consistency of Clean Water Act regulations

- **USACE and EPA** – comments due Jan and Feb 2026
- **Revisions to define the scope** of “Waters of the US” and **limit review time and scope** of 401 certification.



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# Thank You!

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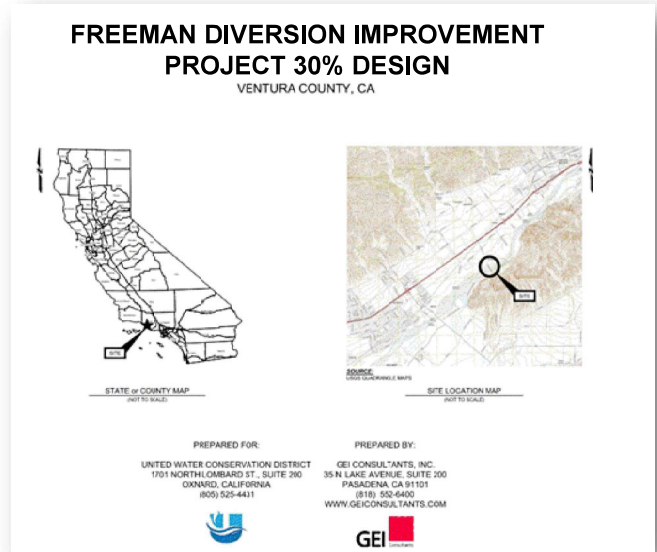


## Motion Item 5.4

### Authorize the General Manager to Sign an Agreement with GEI for Design Consulting Services in Connection with the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project

#### Overview:

- GEI completed 30% design of the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project on February 27, 2026.
- NHC conducted the hydraulic analysis and design



## Motion Item 5.4

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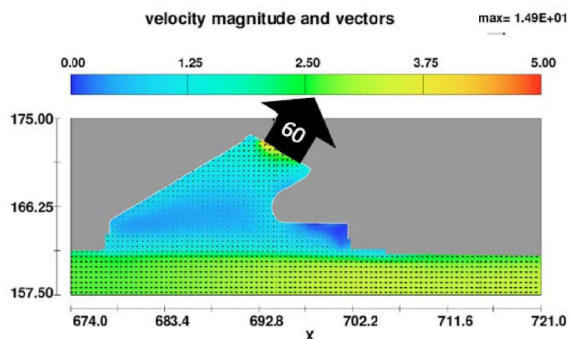
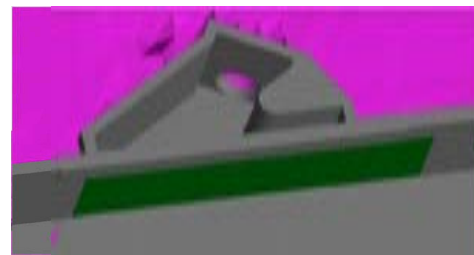
#### GEI's Scope:

- Analysis and design (60% milestone)
- Design criteria documentation
- Construction cost estimate
- Constructability assessment and schedule
- Survey and 3D rendering

#### Subconsultants Scope:

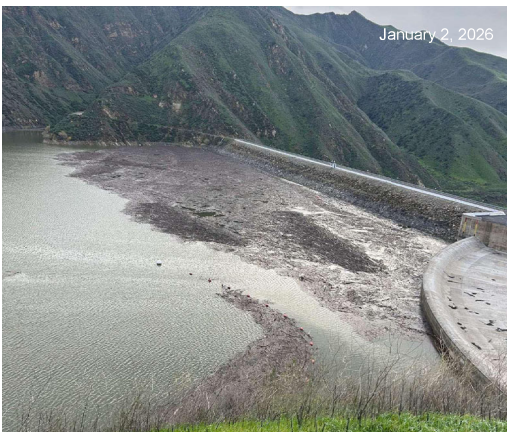
- NHC – Hydraulic Analysis and Design
- Frisch Electrical – Electrical Design
- IEC – Construction Sequence

**Contract Cost: \$1,268,000**



# 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project

UWCD Board of Directors Meeting  
March 11, 2026



# Motion Item 5.5: Ratification of General Manager Entering into Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Aquatic Harvesting Inc.



- **Purchase Order executed on February 19, 2026**
- **Not to exceed fee of \$475,000**
- **Scope of work to be completed in 20 working days from date outlined in NTP.**



**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. DATE: February 19, 2026  
232 Amigo Rd. P.O. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Danville, CA 94526

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: [Signature] By: [Signature]  
Title: General Manager Title: President  
Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_ Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_

# Motion Item 5.6: Ratification of General Manager Entering into Purchase Order Agreement between UWCD and Quality Ag, Inc.



- **Purchase Order executed on February 19, 2026**
- **Not to exceed fee of \$301,424**
- **Scope of work to be completed in 20 working days from date outlined in NTP.**



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**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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Oxnard, CA 93030  
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TO: Quality Ag, Inc. DATE: February 19, 2026  
10000 S. Main St. P.O. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chico, CA 95926

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**2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project**

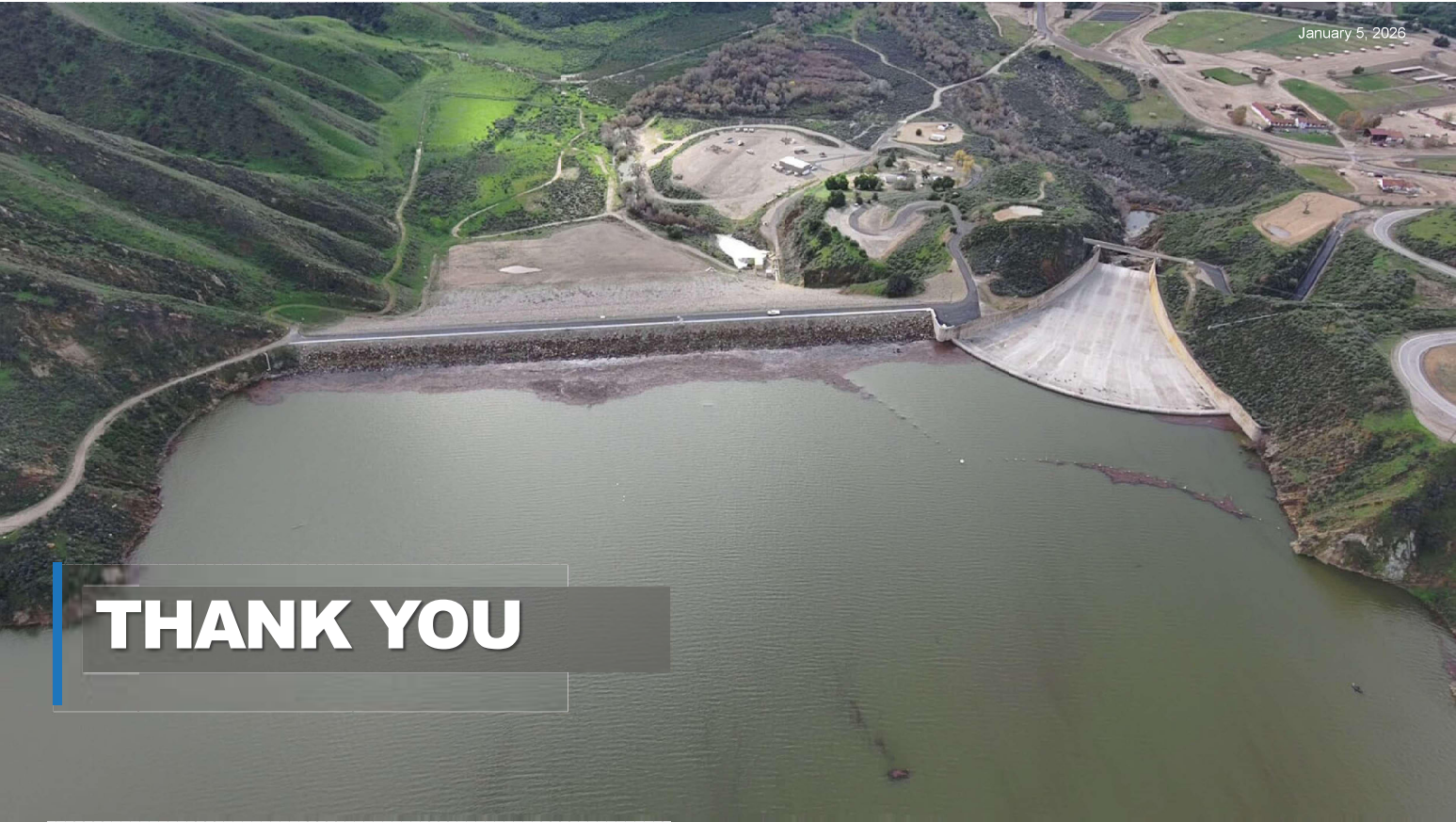
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Completion date: 20 Working Days

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Accepted: United Water Conservation District Contractor: Quality Ag, Inc.

By: [Signature] By: [Signature]  
Title: General Manager Title: President  
Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_ Other authorized representatives: \_\_\_\_\_

January 5, 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:** March 25, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

**Staff Recommendation:**

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

**Summary:**

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

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount (acre-feet)</b>
Total Diversions at Freeman Diversion	10,456
Lloyd-Butler Mutual Water Company surface water use	NA
Recharge to Saticoy basins (metered + unmetered)	4,271
Recharge to Noble and Rose basins	1,195
Recharge to El Rio basins	4,370
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water diverted at Freeman	620
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 February 2026

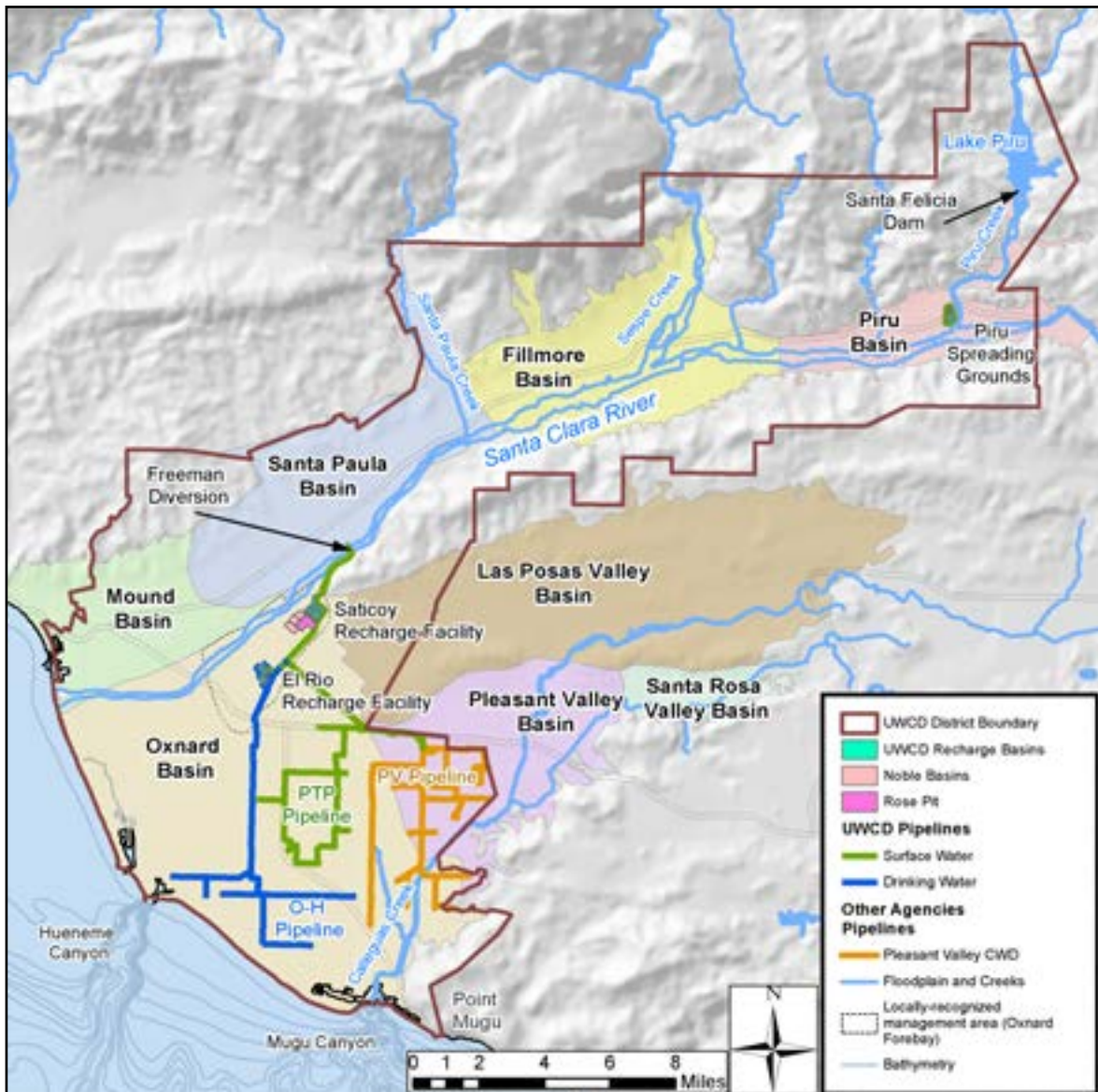
<b>Basin</b>	<b>Available Storage (acre-feet)</b>
Oxnard Forebay	5,800

Precipitation for Month of February 2026

<b>Location</b>	<b>Precipitation (inches)</b>
Lake Piru	4.69
Santa Paula	4.47
El Rio	3.44

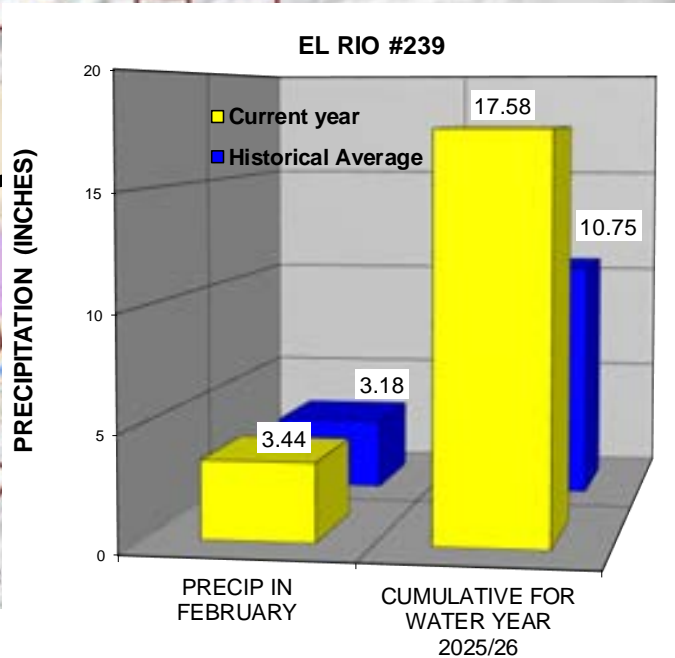
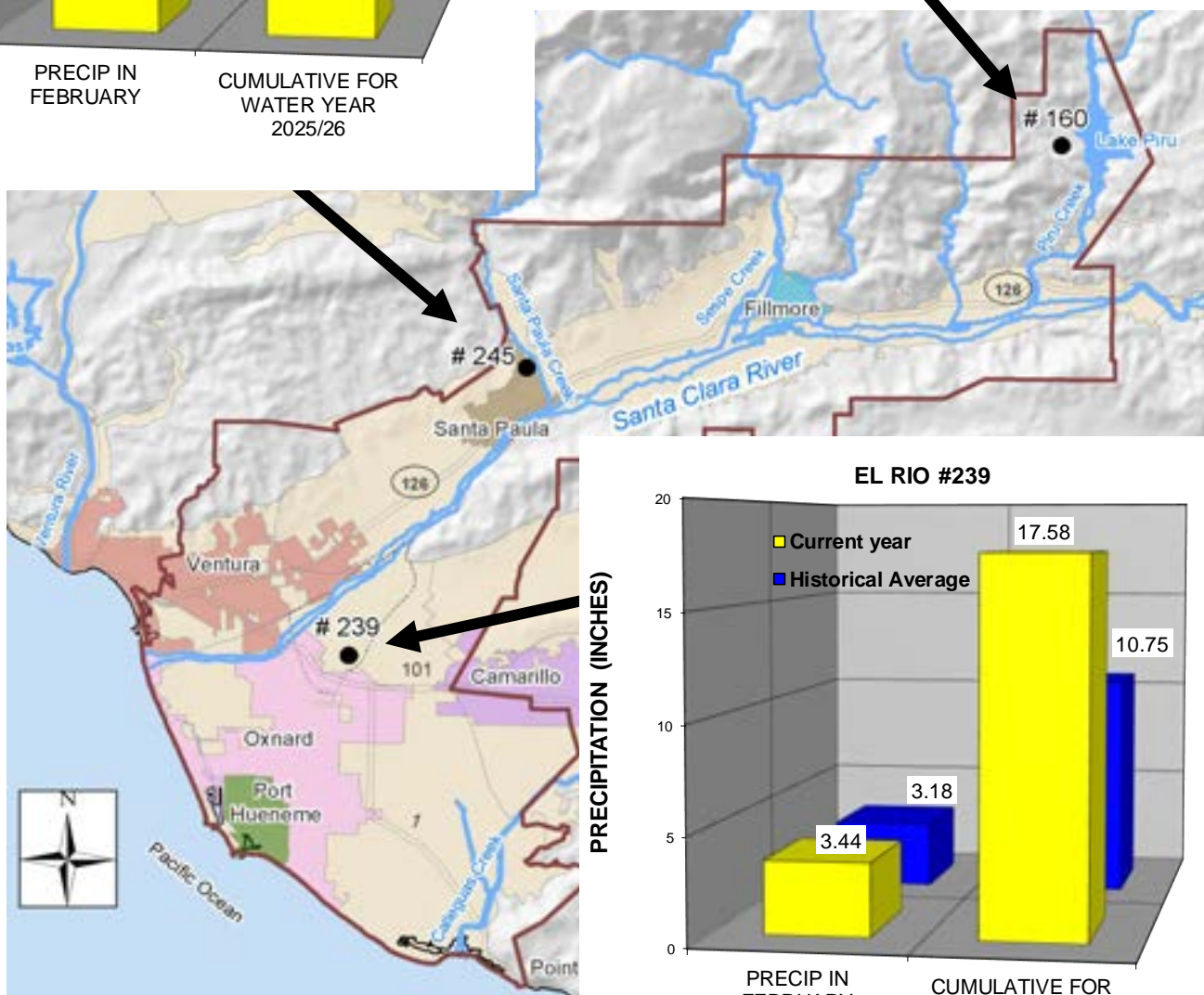
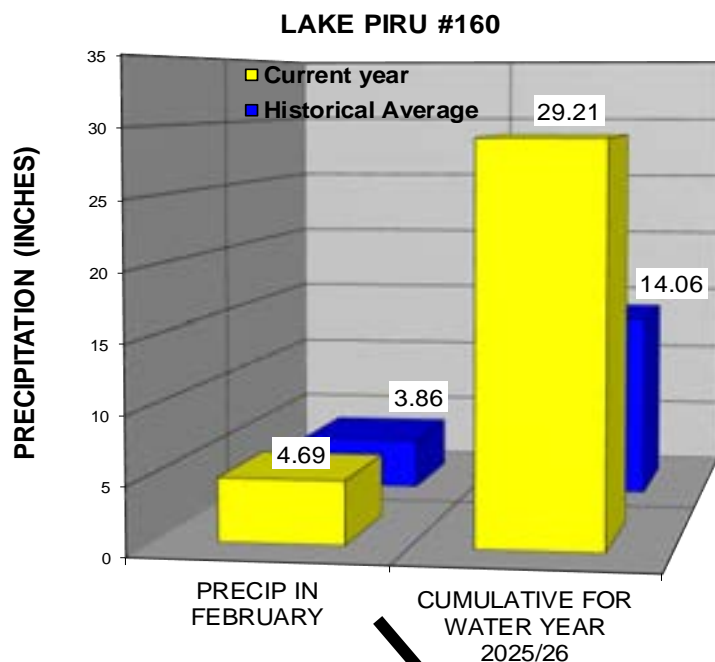
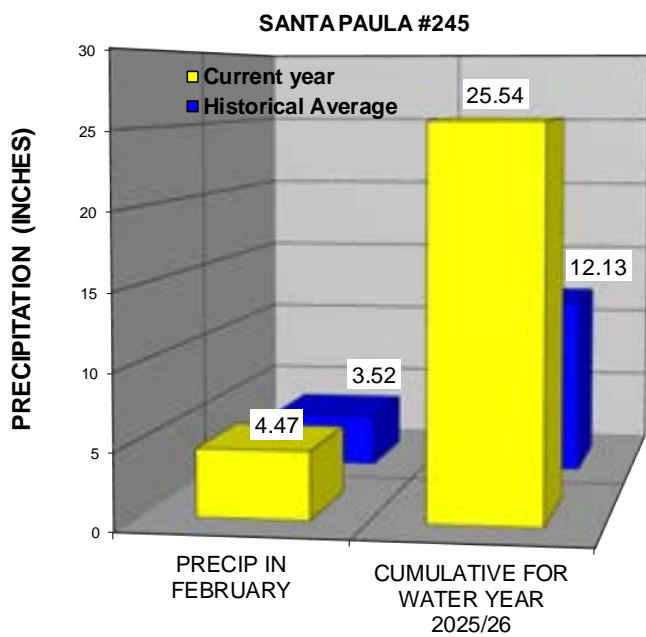
February 2026 Hydrologic Conditions Report  
2025/26 Water Year

March 25, 2026



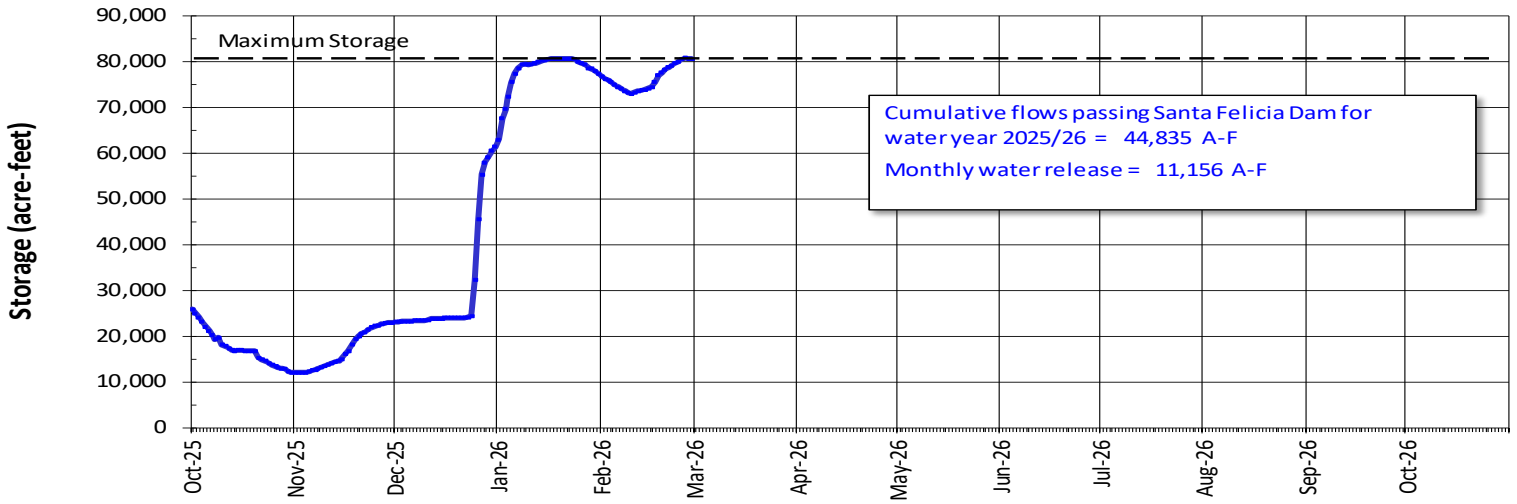
*Note: This report may contain provisional data until final review at the end of the water year.*

# Precipitation



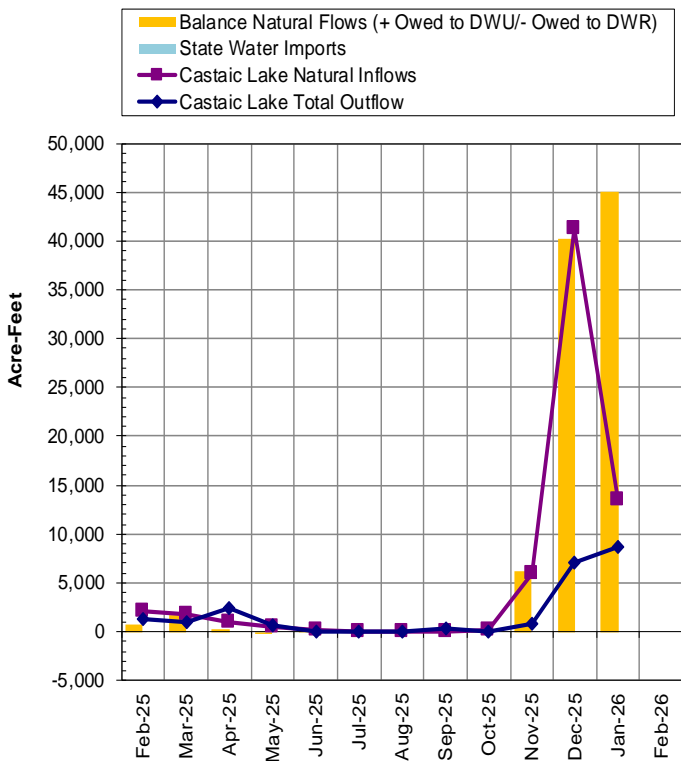
District-wide percent of normal precipitation = 196

## Lake Piru Storage and Outflow

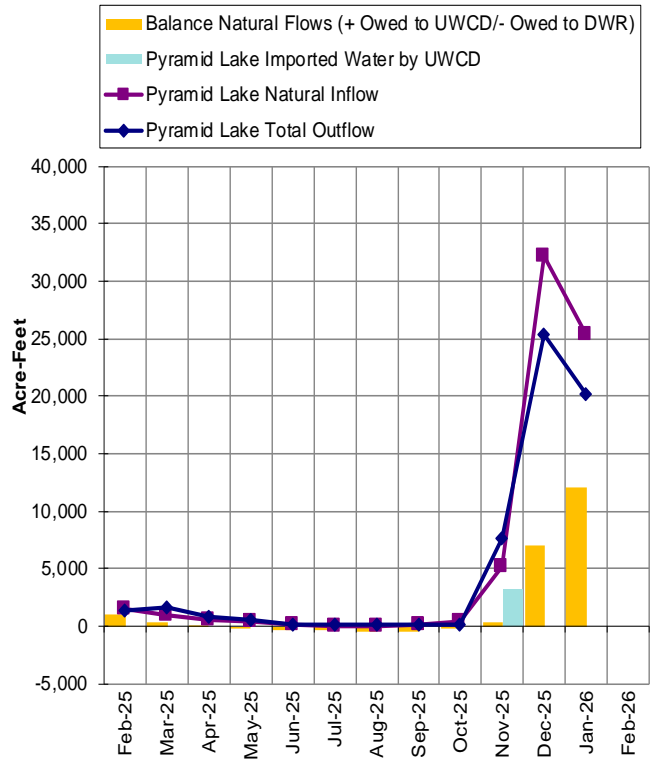


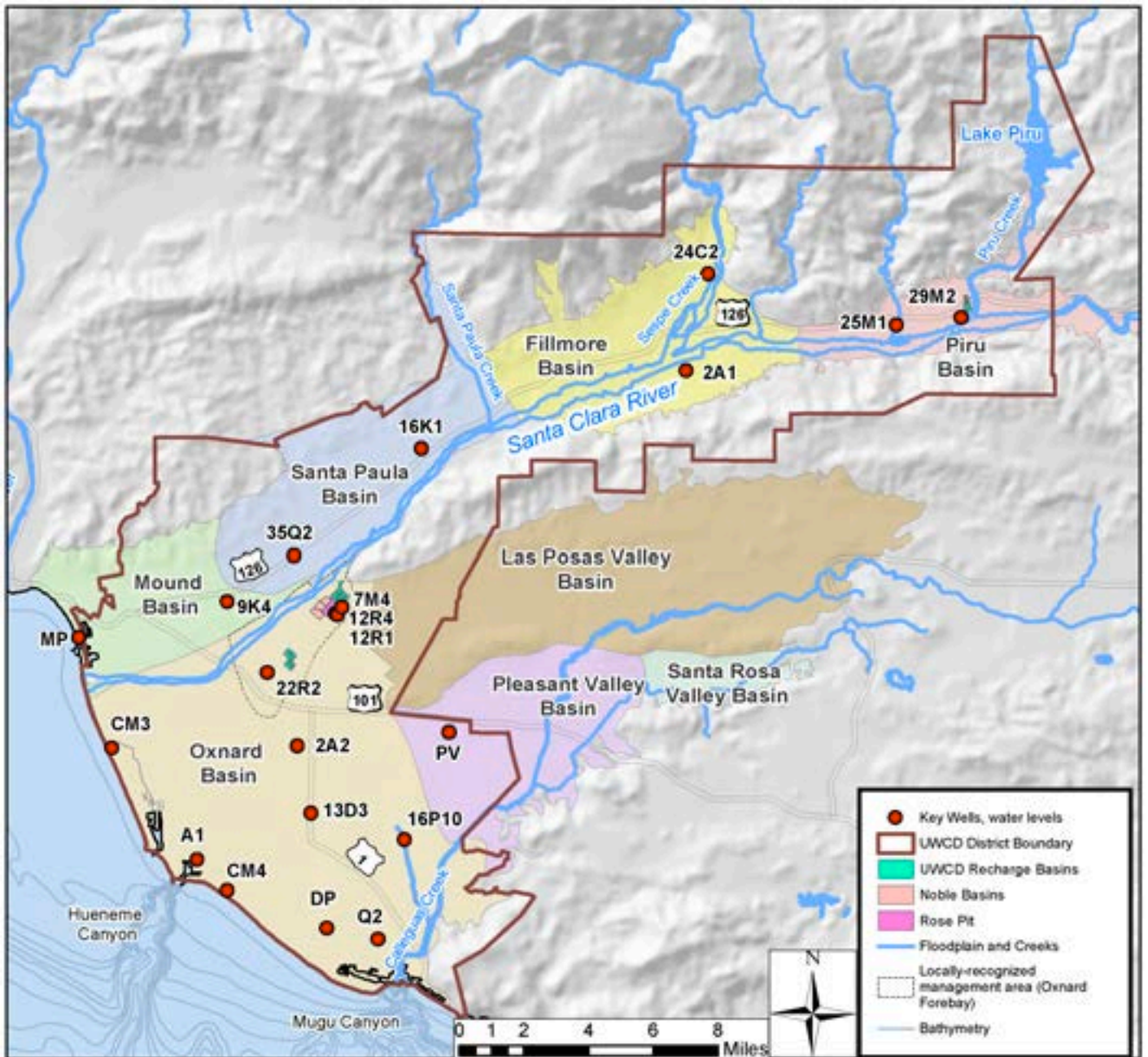
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Hydro Plant Outflow (Acre-Feet)	0	0	0	0	0							
Cumulative Hydro Plant Outflow (A-F)	0	0	0	0	0							

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



### Pyramid Lake releases to UWCD

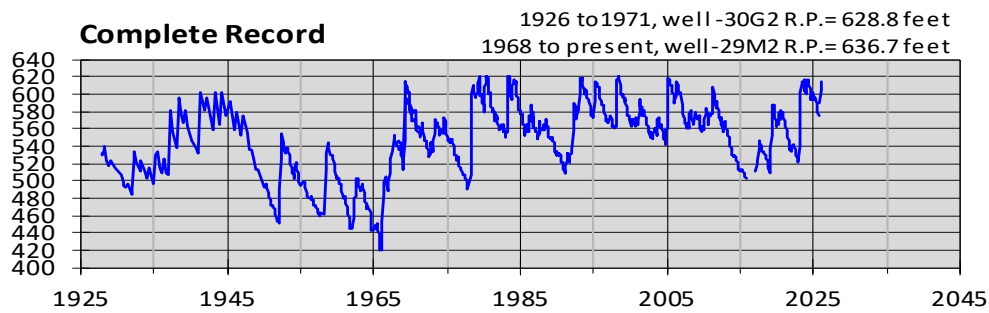
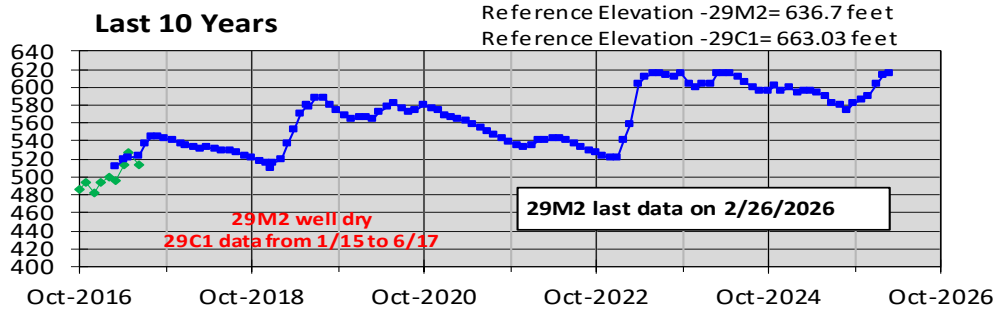




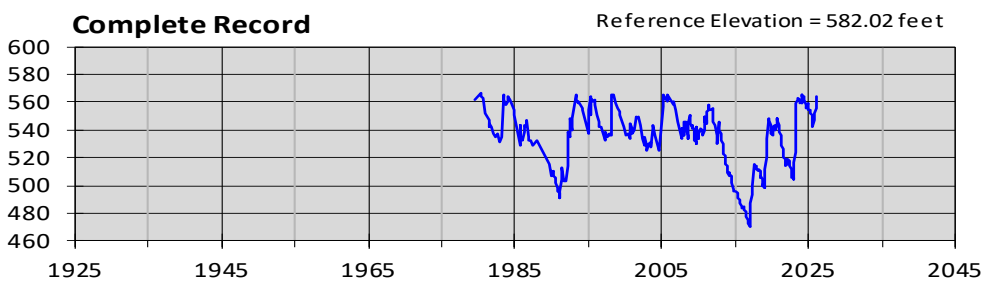
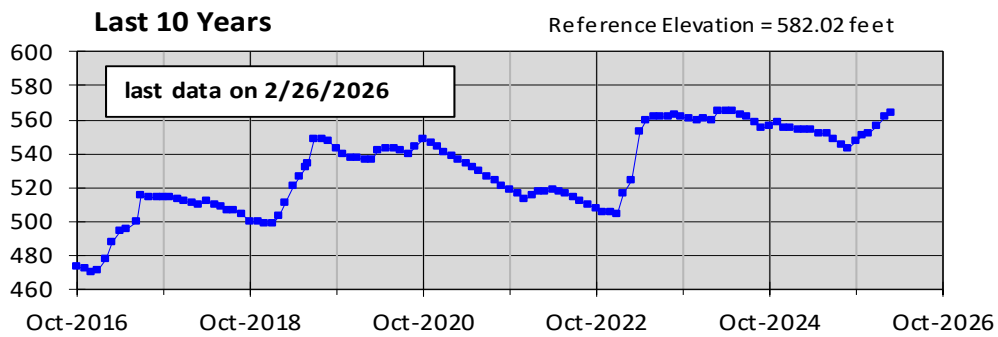
## Locations of Key Wells, Monthly Groundwater Elevation Monitoring

# Groundwater Elevation Records – Piru Basin

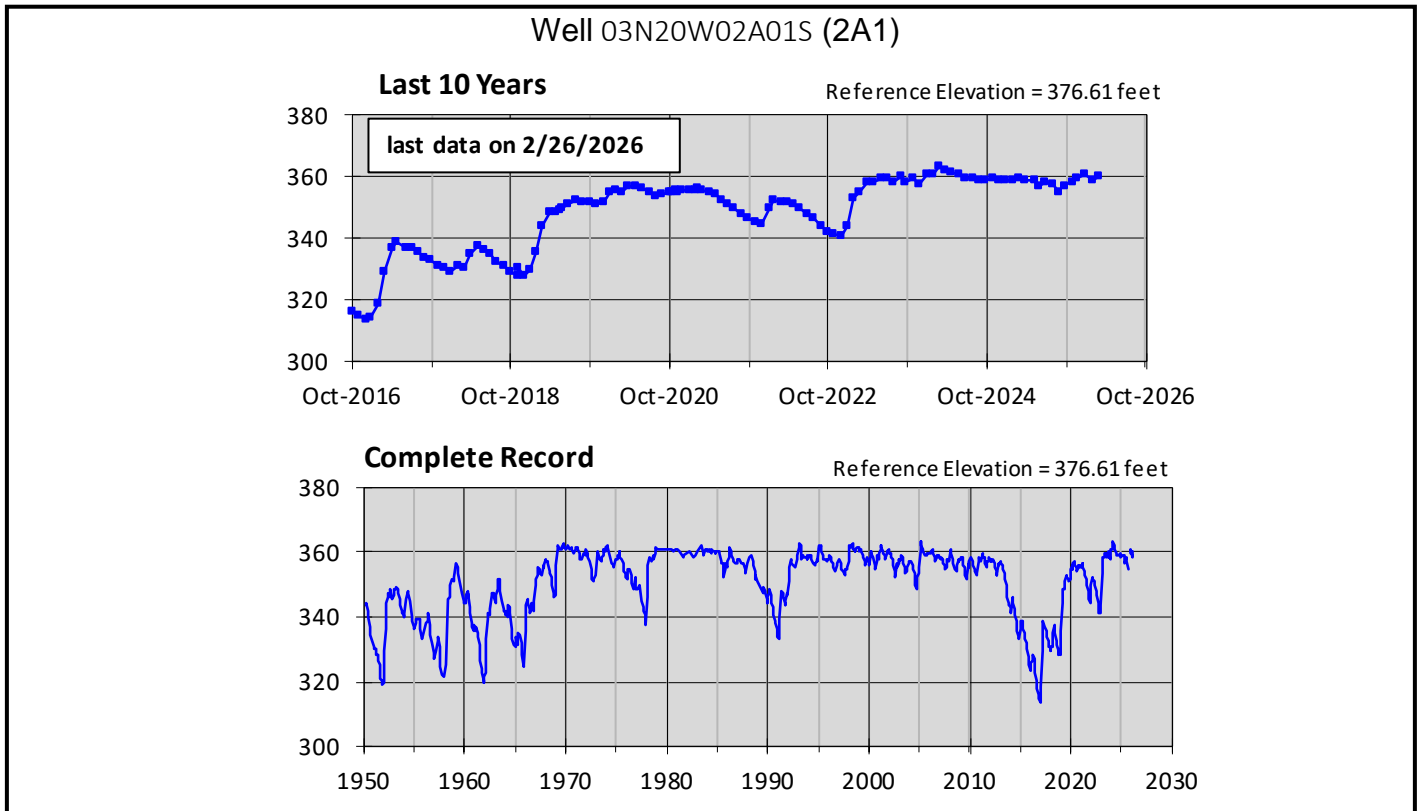
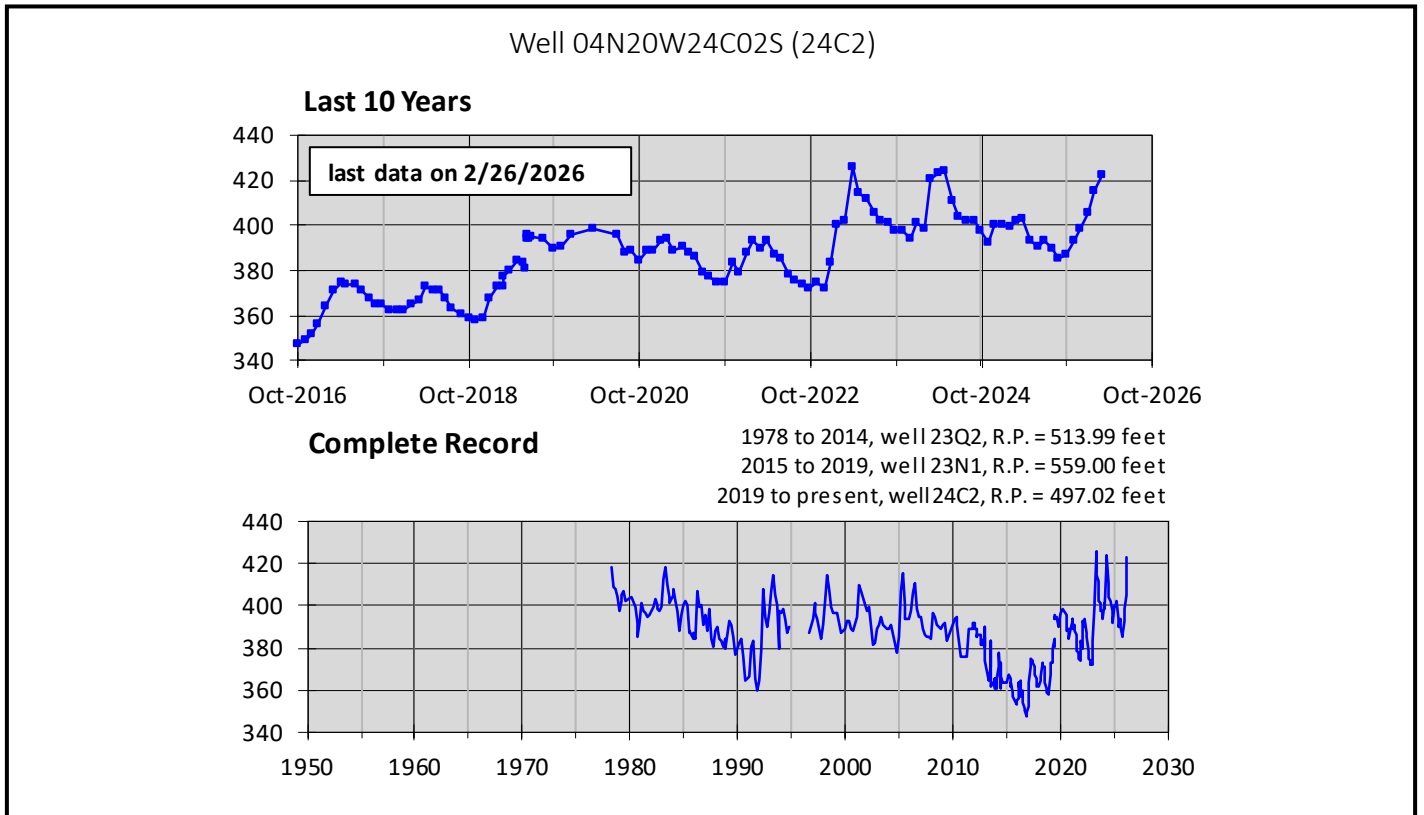
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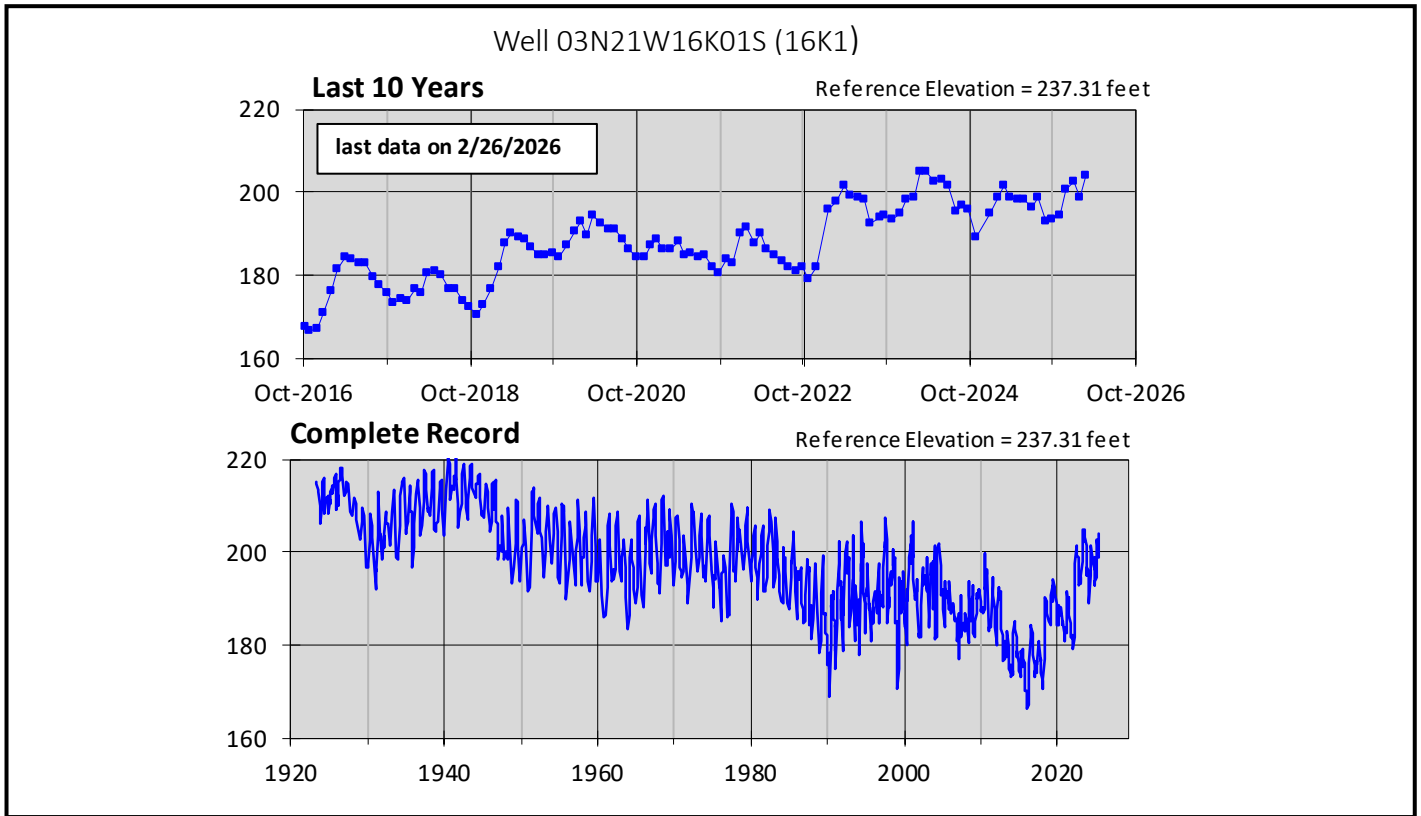
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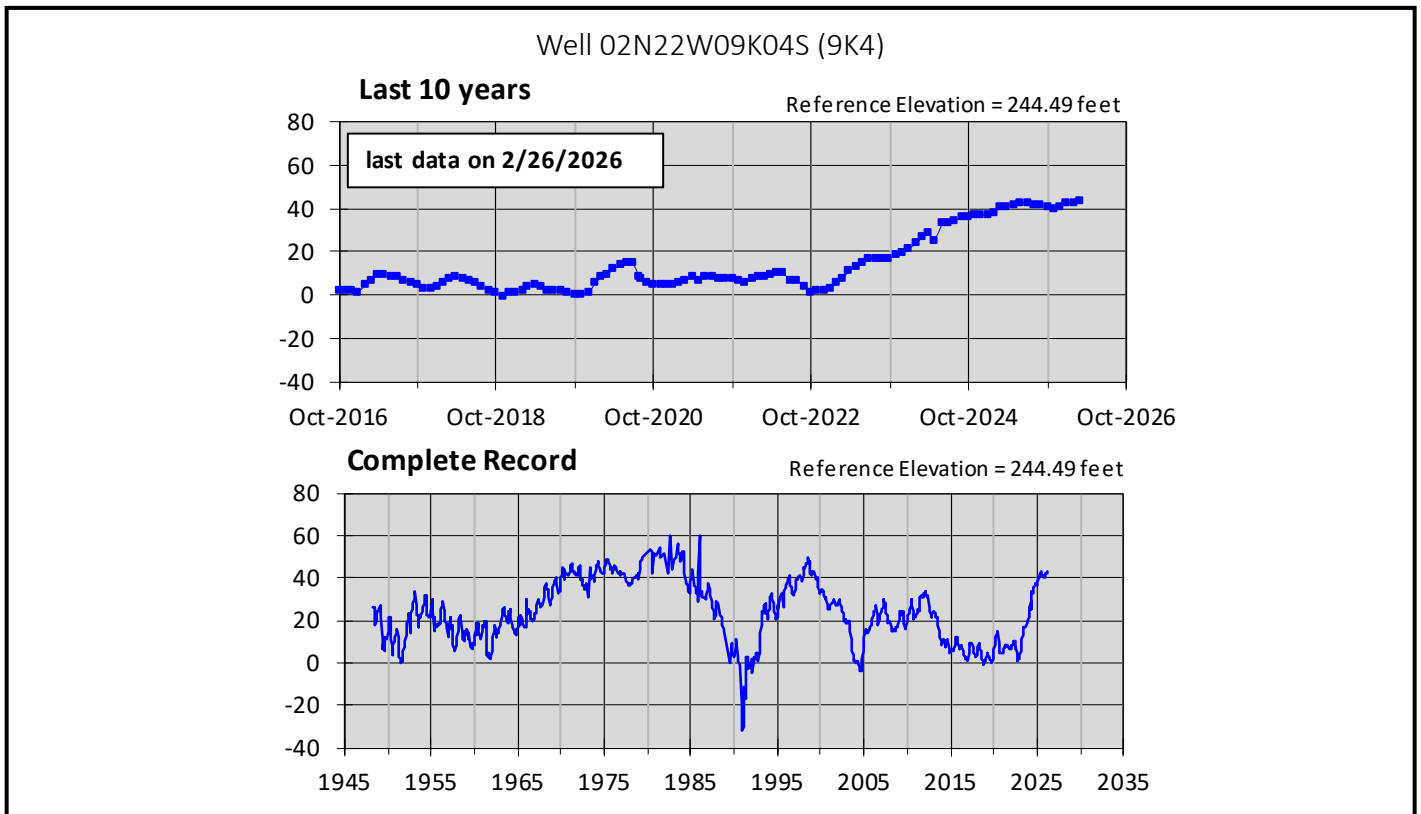
# Groundwater Elevation Records – Fillmore Basin



# Groundwater Elevation Records – Santa Paula Basin



# Groundwater Elevation Records – Mound Basin

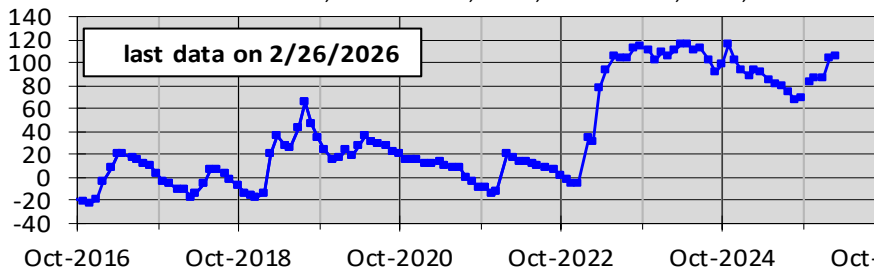


# Groundwater Elevation Records – Oxnard Basin, Forebay

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

## Last 10 Years

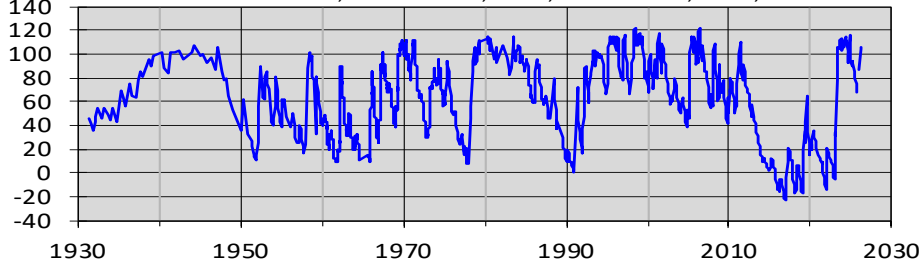
-12R1; RP = 134.19 ft; -7M4; RP = 142.84 ft; -12R4; RP = 137.11 ft



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

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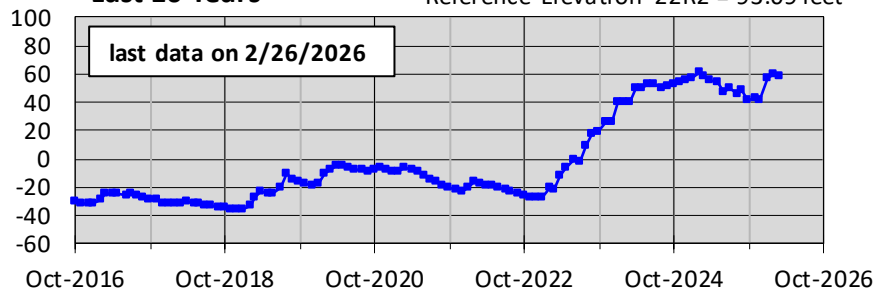


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Well 02N22W22R02S (22R2)

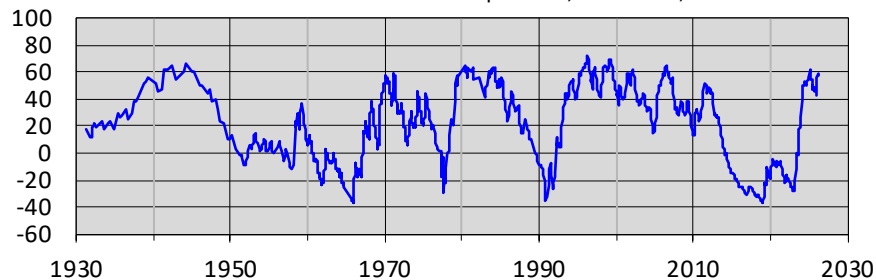
## Last 10 Years

Reference Elevation -22R2 = 93.09 feet

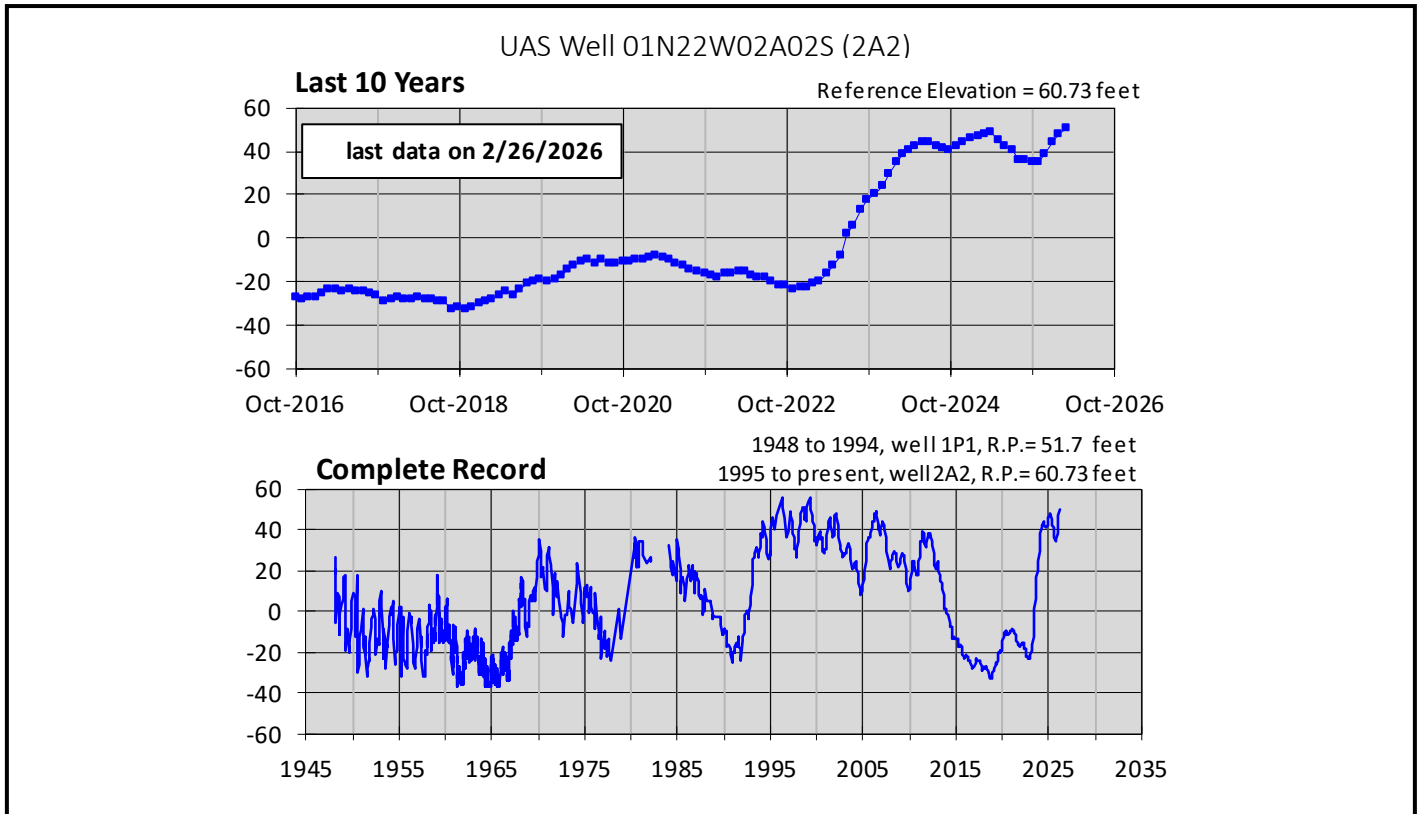


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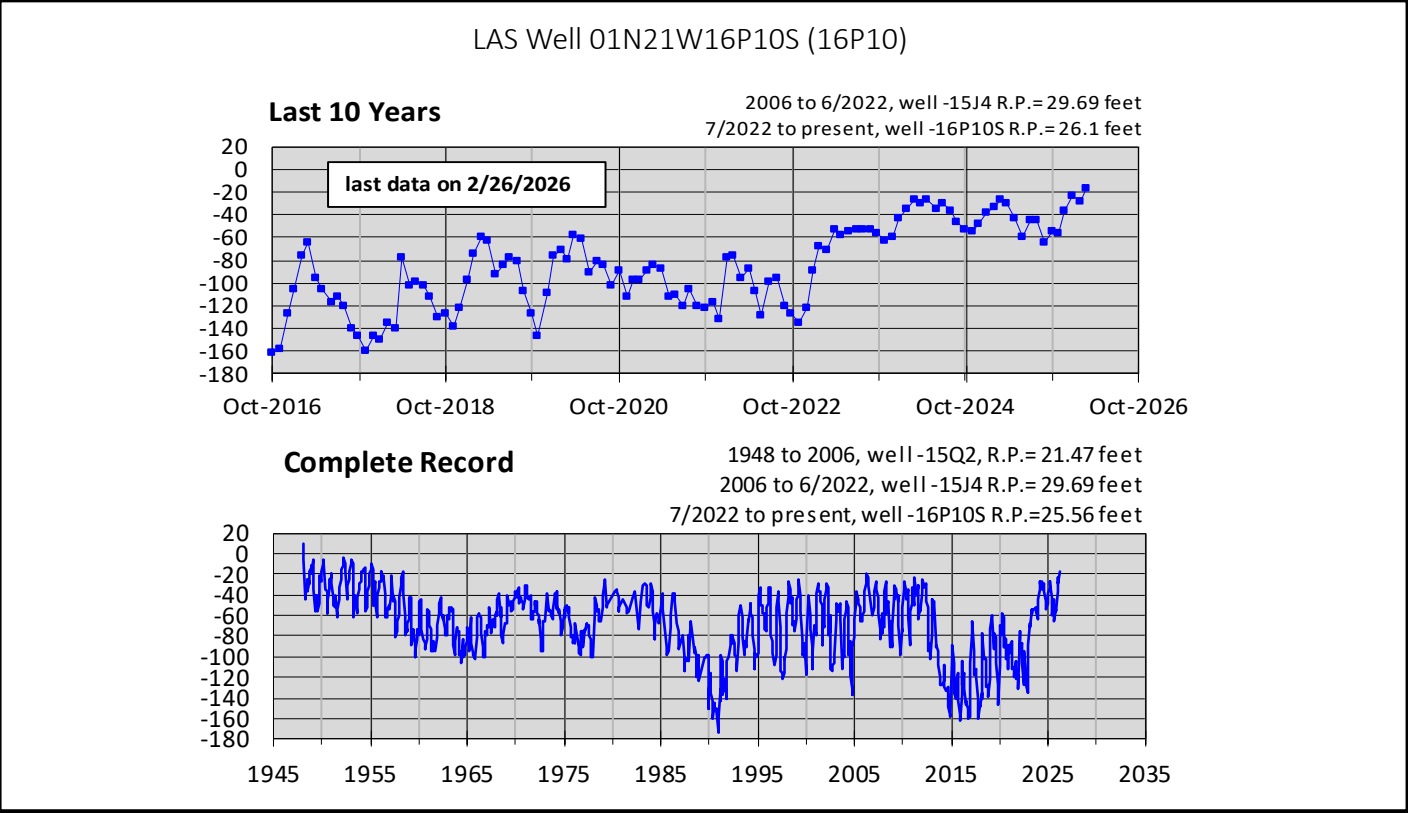
1931 to 2004, well -22R1, RP = 93.6 feet  
2004 to present, well -22R2, RP = 93.09 feet



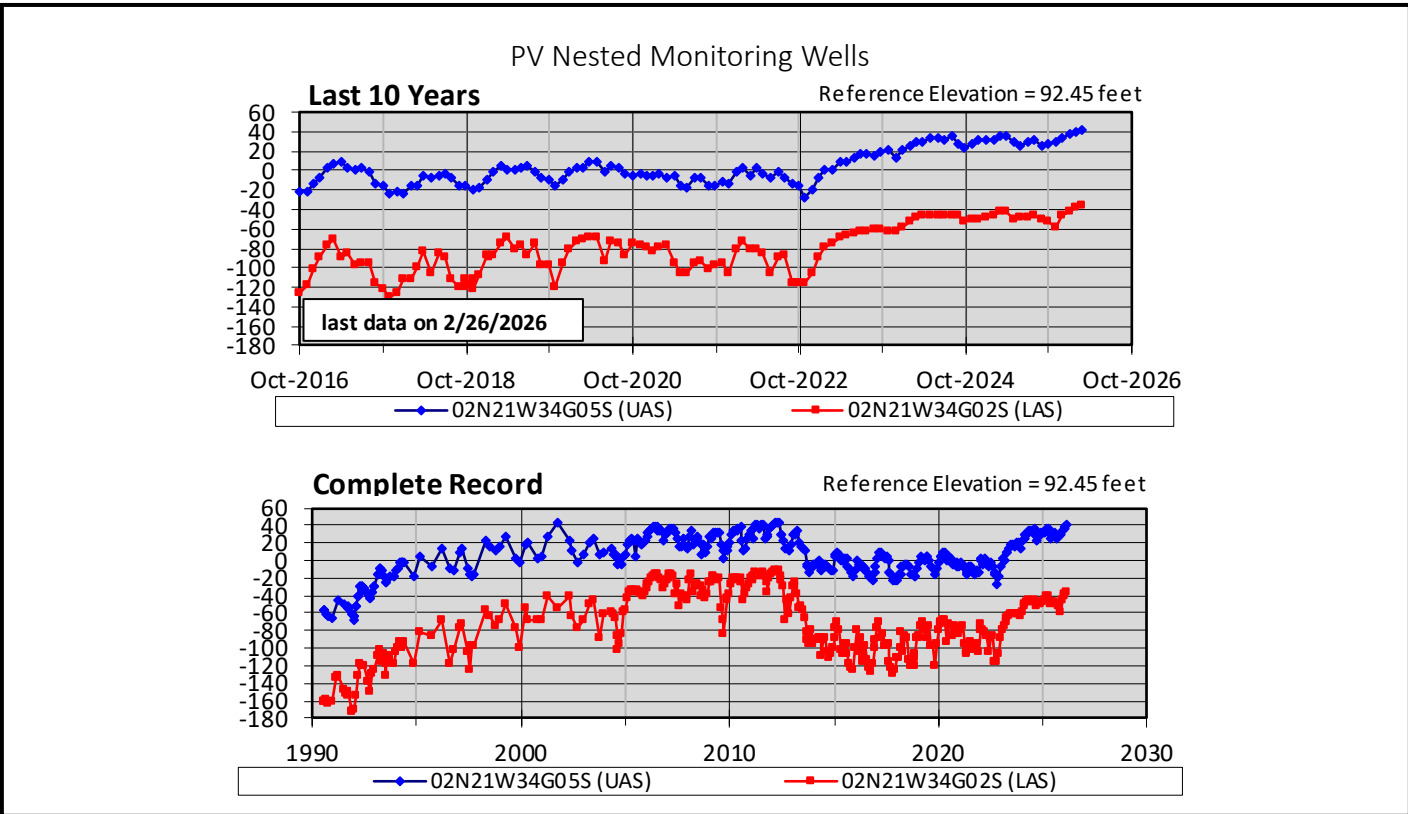
# Groundwater Elevation Records – Oxnard Basin



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

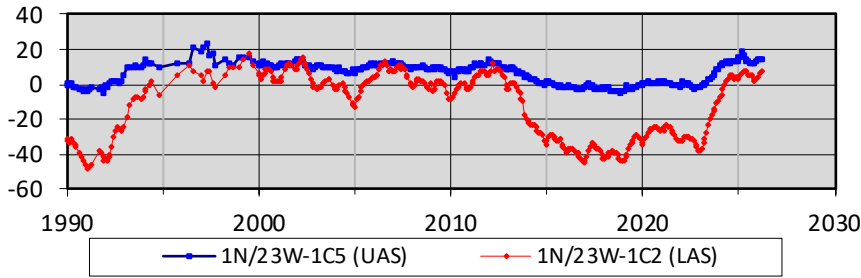


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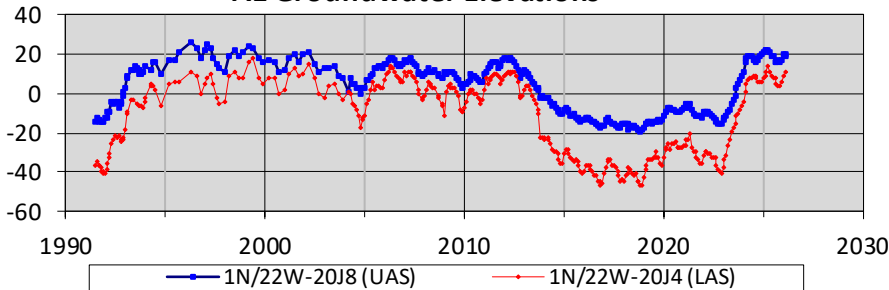


# Groundwater Elevation Records – Coastal Nested Monitoring Wells

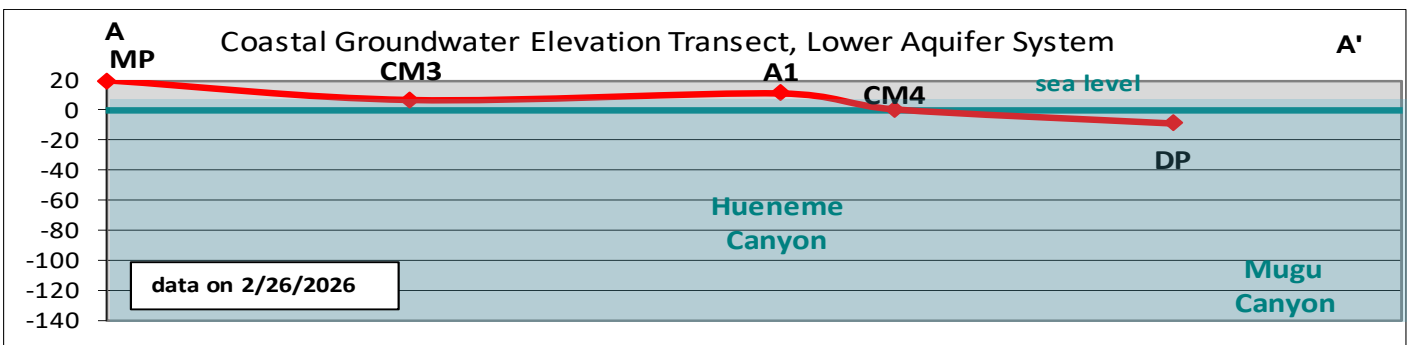
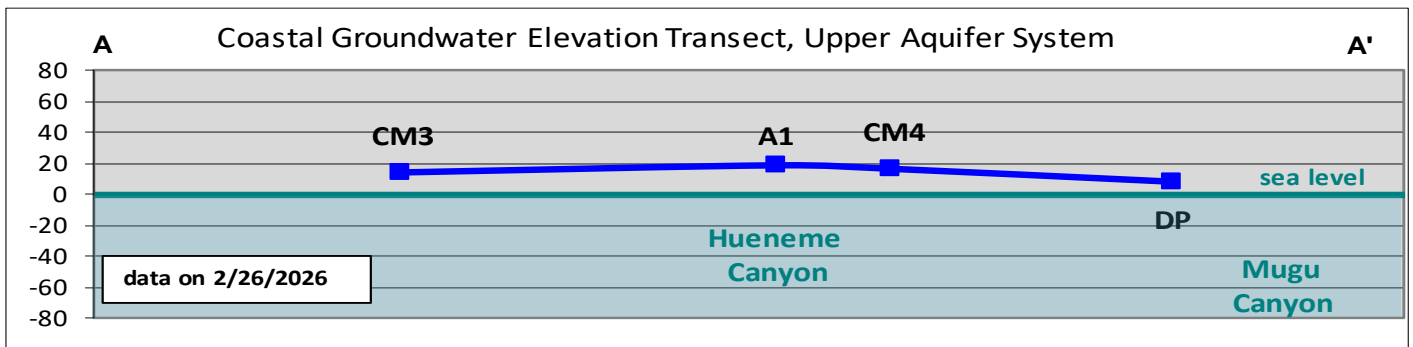
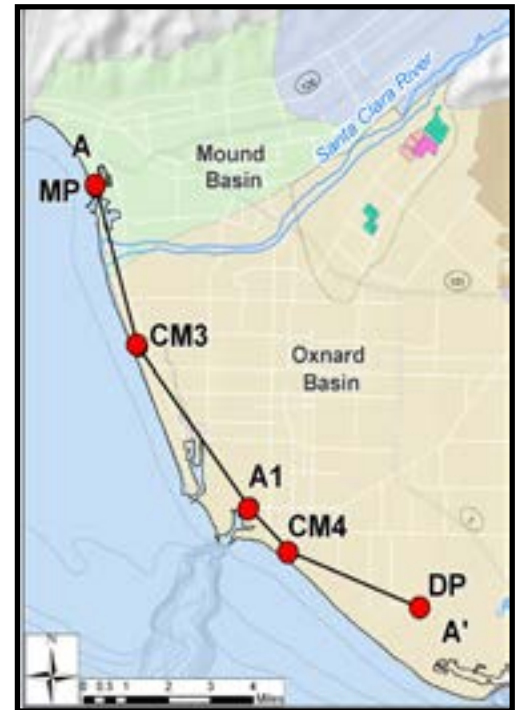
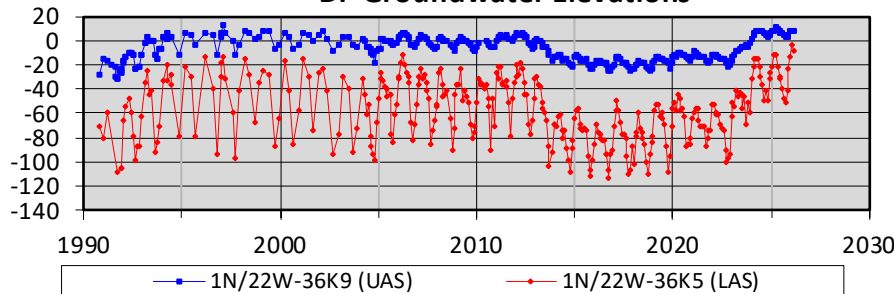
**CM3 Groundwater Elevations**



**A1 Groundwater Elevations**



**DP Groundwater Elevations**



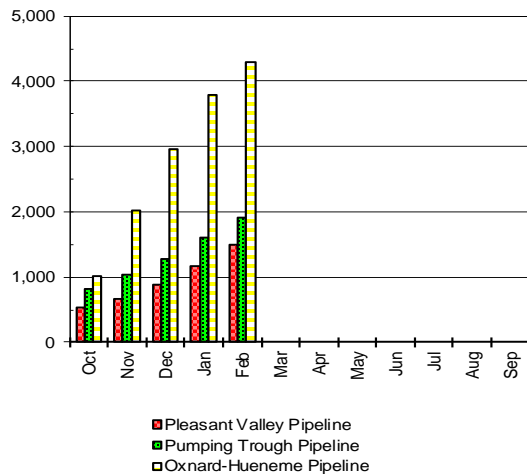
## Monthly Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2025/26)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
PV Pipeline (surface water)	530.7	138.9	209.0	285.9	322.1							
PV Pipeline (Saticoy well field)	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0							
<b>Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline</b>	<b>532.0</b>	<b>138.9</b>	<b>209.0</b>	<b>286.8</b>	<b>322.1</b>							
PTP (surface water)	755.9	193.0	248.1	212.7	297.7							
PTP (PTP 1-5)	67.0	8.4	0.8	110.1	14.1							
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0							
PTP (Saticoy well field)	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0							
<b>Total PTP</b>	<b>825.8</b>	<b>201.4</b>	<b>248.9</b>	<b>323.2</b>	<b>311.7</b>							
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0							
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	4.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0							
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,019.8	999.2	950.5	817.0	506.1							
<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>619.8</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>520.2</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>	<b>1,140.0</b>							

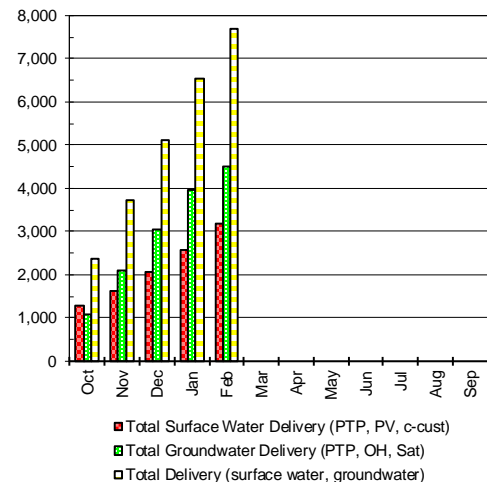
## Cumulative Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2025/26)

	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	1,486.6							
PV Pipeline (saticoy well field)	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.3	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>	<b>1,488.8</b>							
PTP (surface water)	755.9	948.8	1,196.9	1,409.6	1,707.3							
PTP (PTP 1-5)	67.0	75.4	76.2	186.3	200.4							
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0							
PTP (Saticoy well field)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.3	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>	<b>1,911.0</b>							
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.0							
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.6	5.6							
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,019.8	2,019.0	2,969.5	3,786.5	4,292.6							
<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>3,194.8</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>4,498.6</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>	<b>7,693.4</b>							

### Cumulative deliveries by system



### Cumulative deliveries by source/type



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

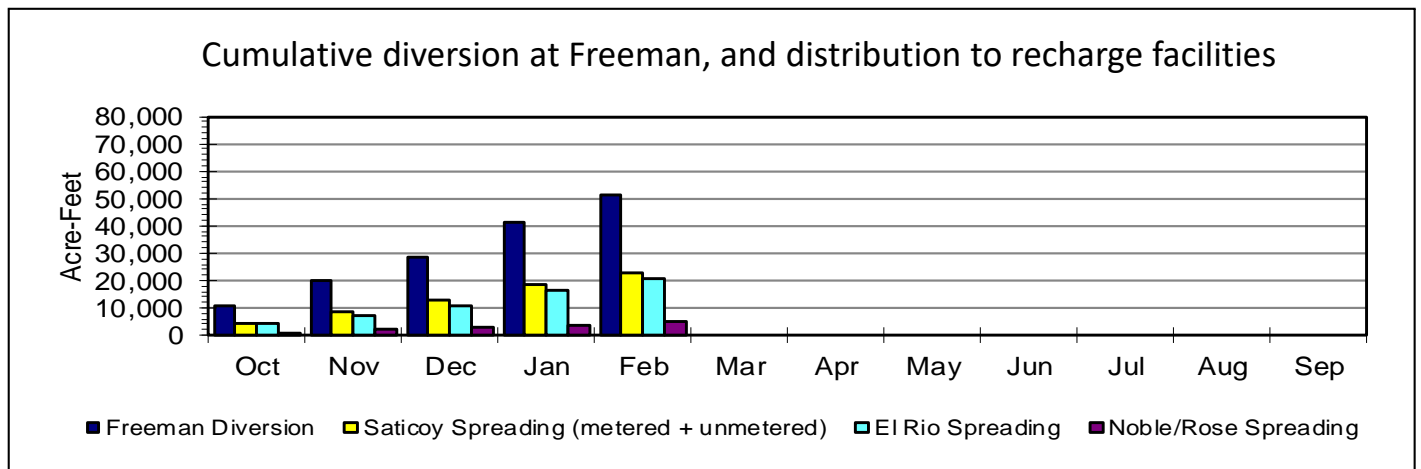
Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble/Rose Spreading	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	10,654	4,313	3,994	1,050	10
Nov	0	9,328	4,112	3,464	1,420	NA
Dec	0	8,325	4,376	3,273	218	NA
Jan	0	12,782	5,653	5,605	1,024	NA
Feb	0	10,456	4,271	4,370	1,195	NA
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NA = Not Available

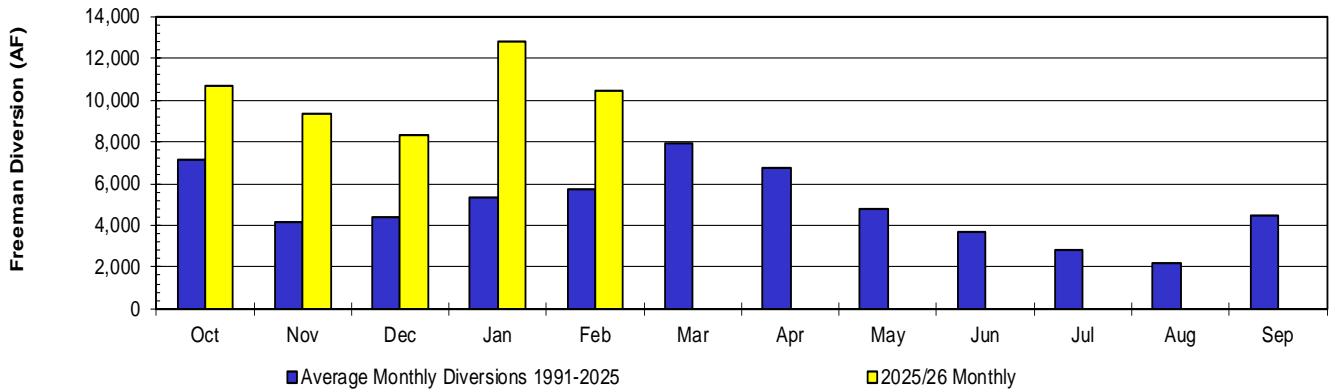
Cumulative diversion and recharge totals by facility, 2025/26, in acre-feet

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	0	51,545	22,725	20,706	4,907	NA
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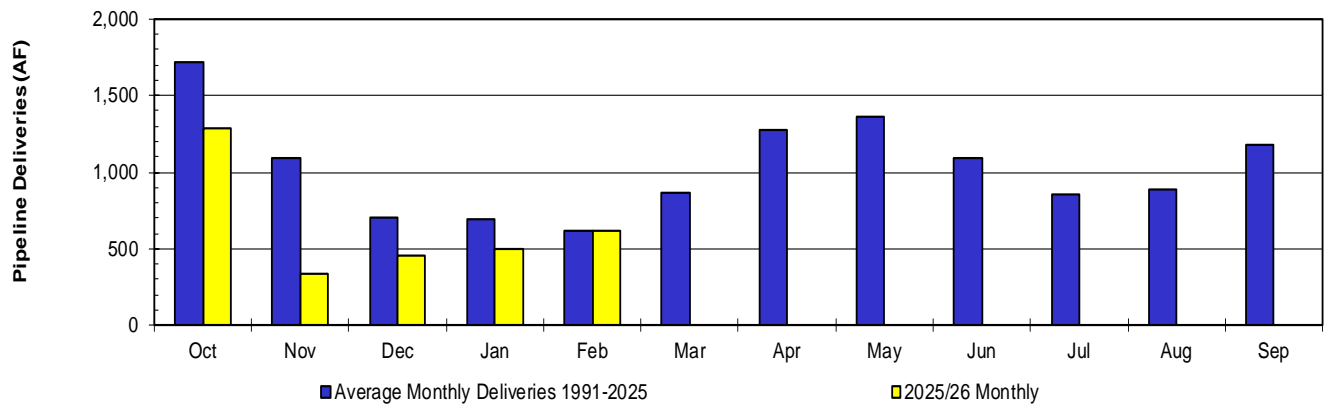
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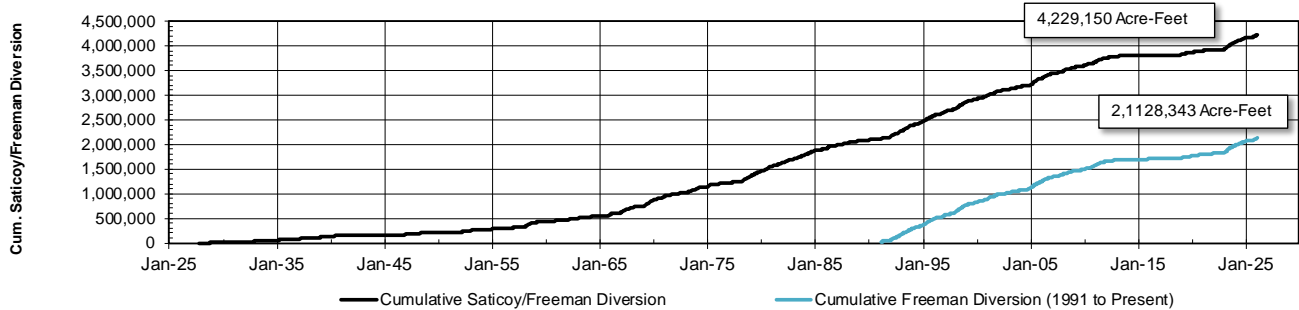
Monthly 2025/26 diversion at Freeman,  
compared to average monthly diversions (1991-2025)



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

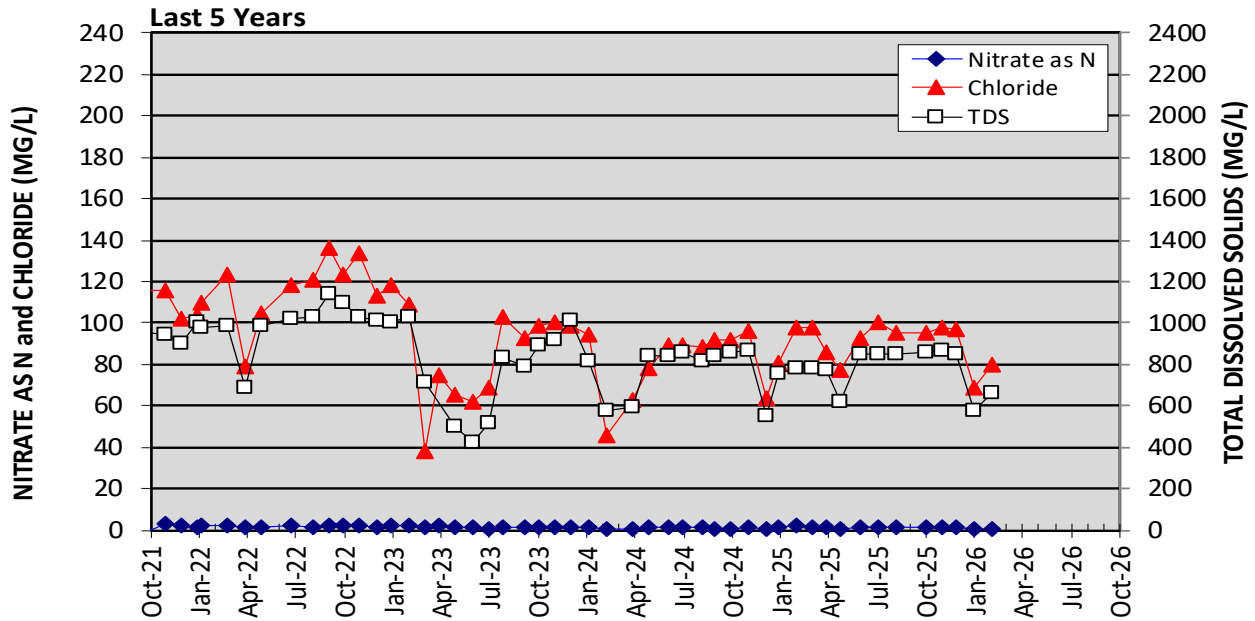


Cumulative diversion at Saticoy and Freeman Diversion, in acre-feet

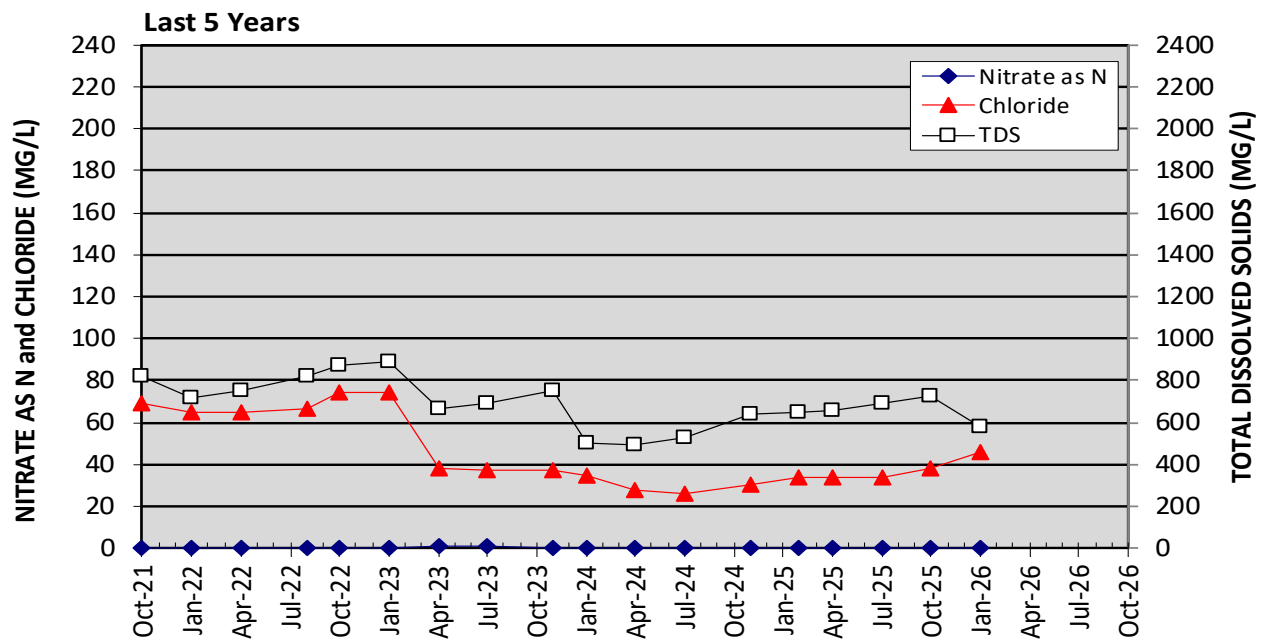


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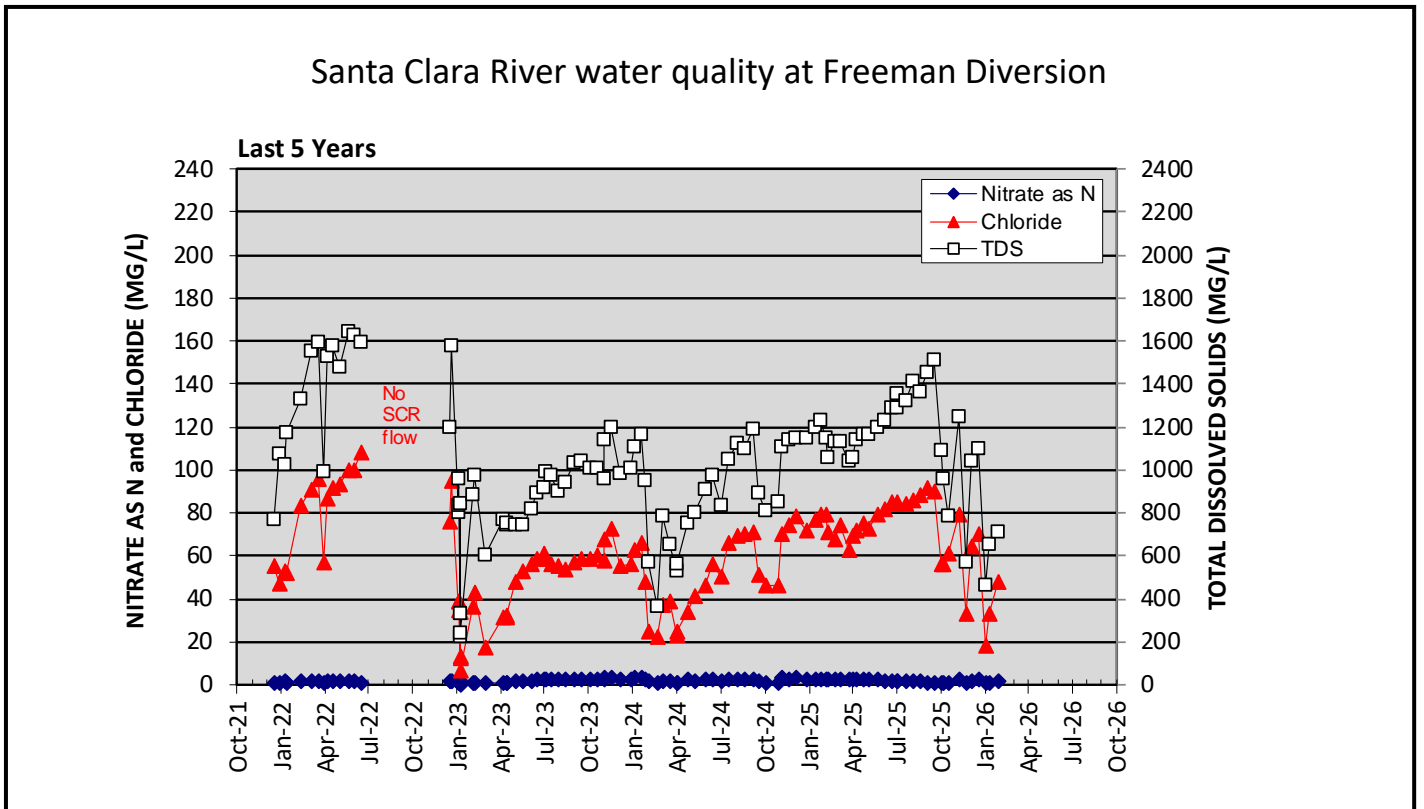
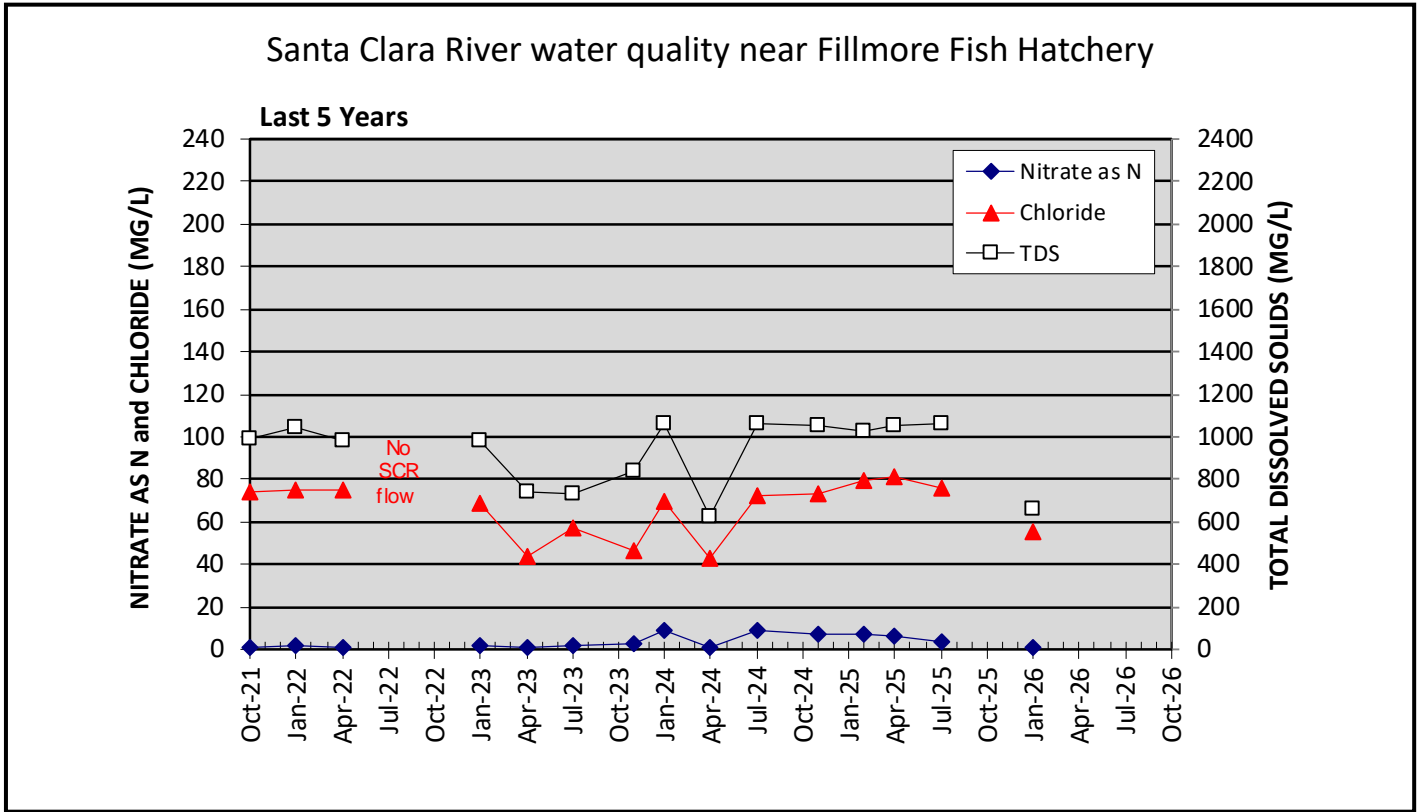
Santa Clara River water quality near Los Angeles/Ventura County line



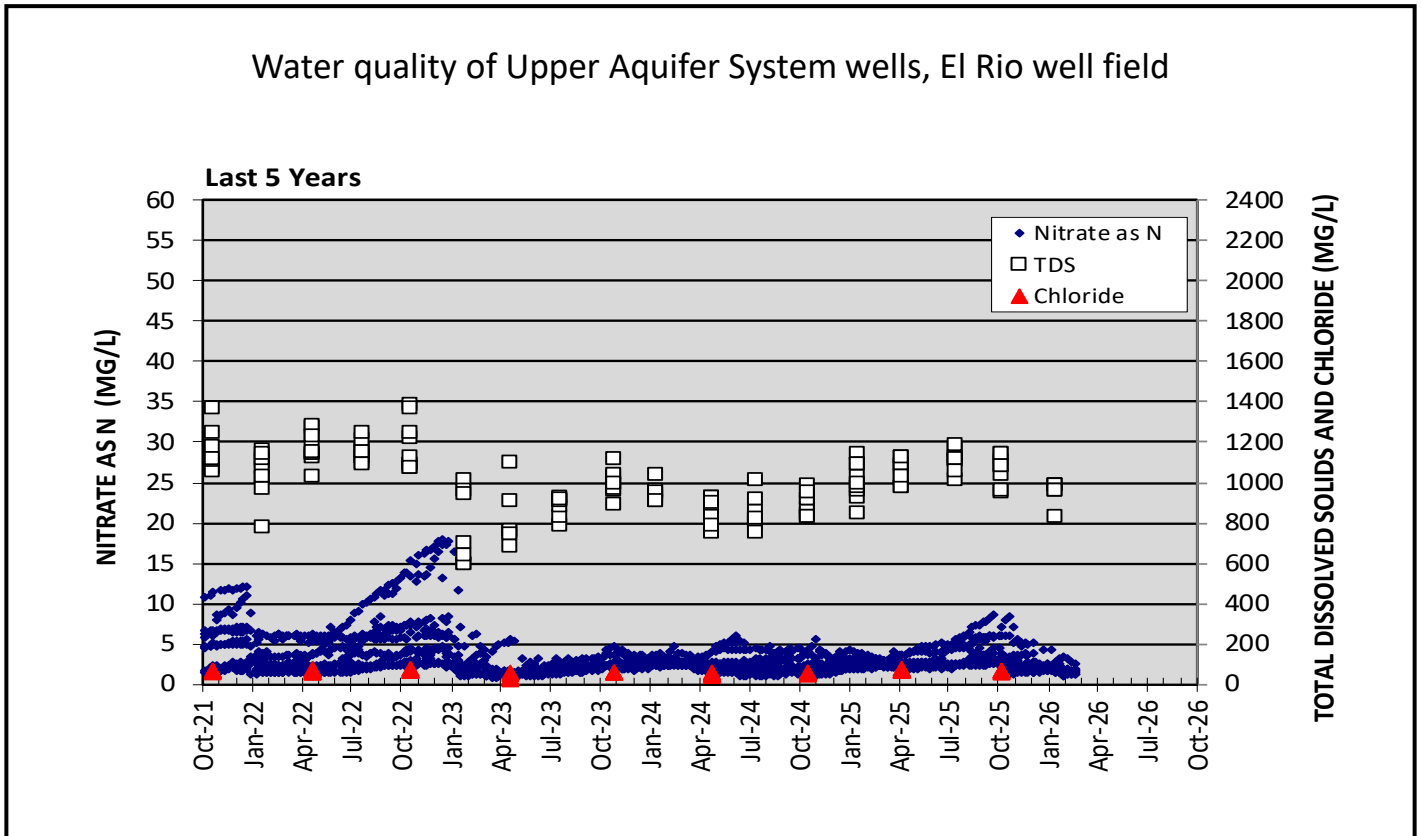
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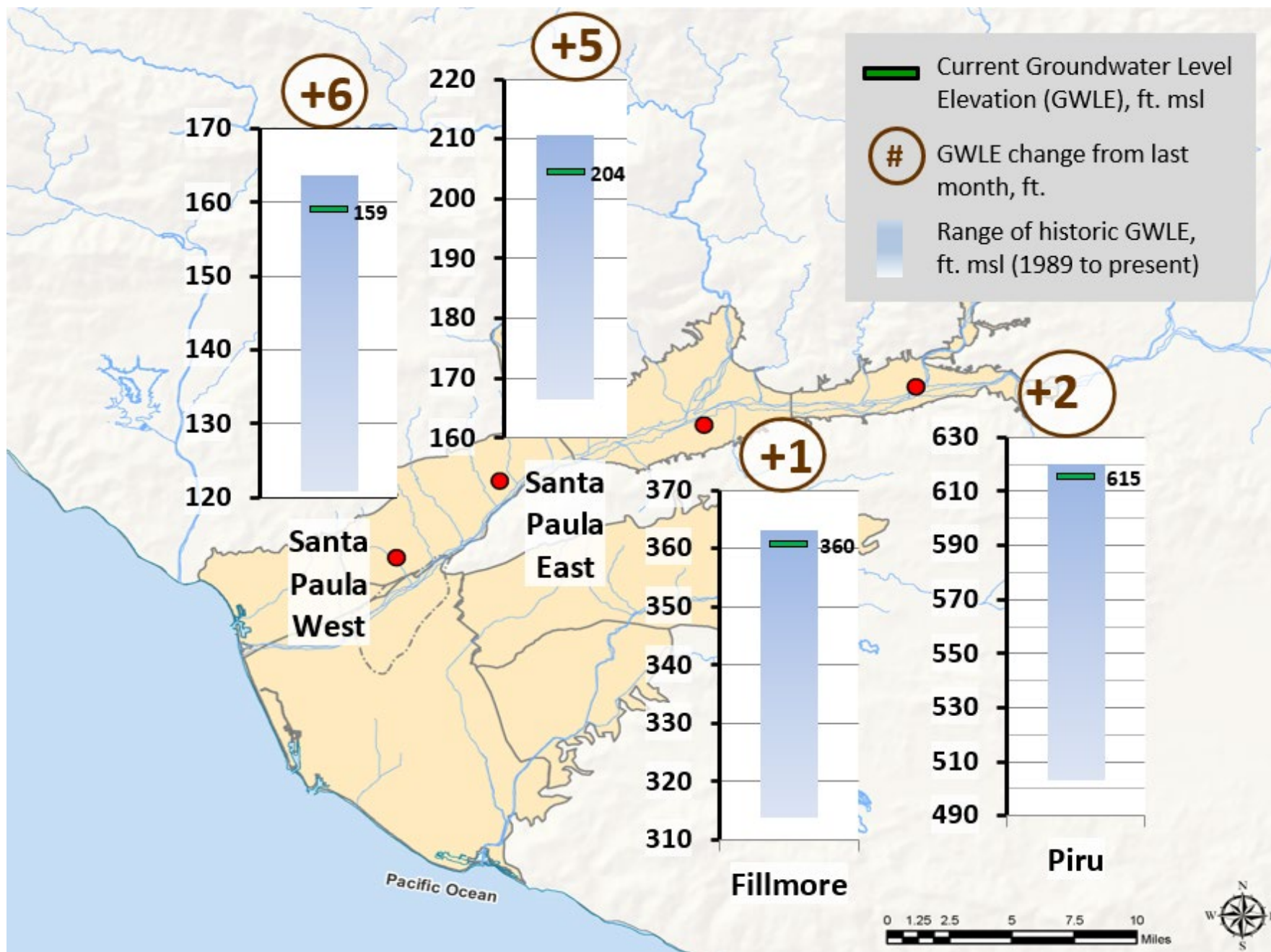


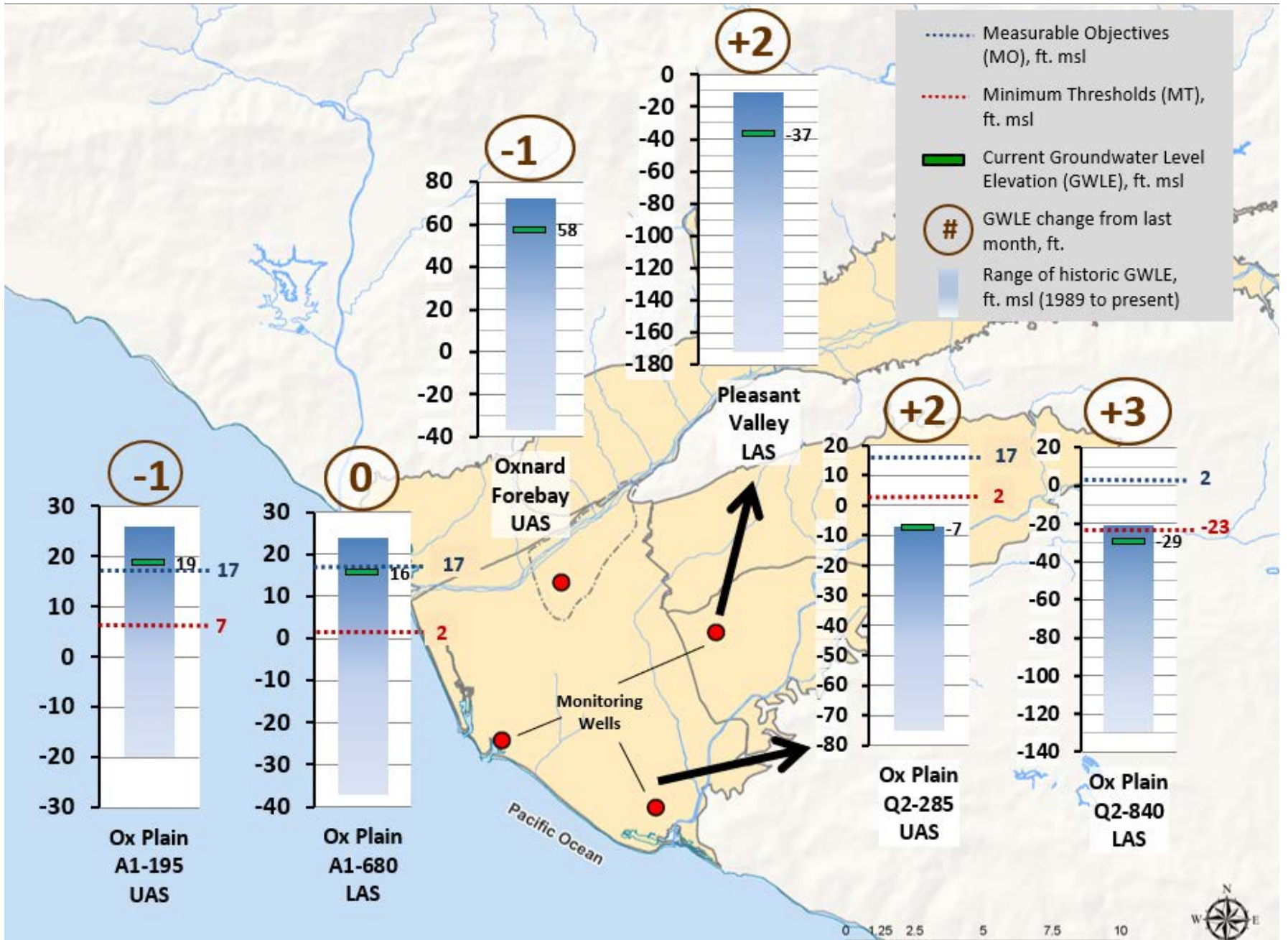
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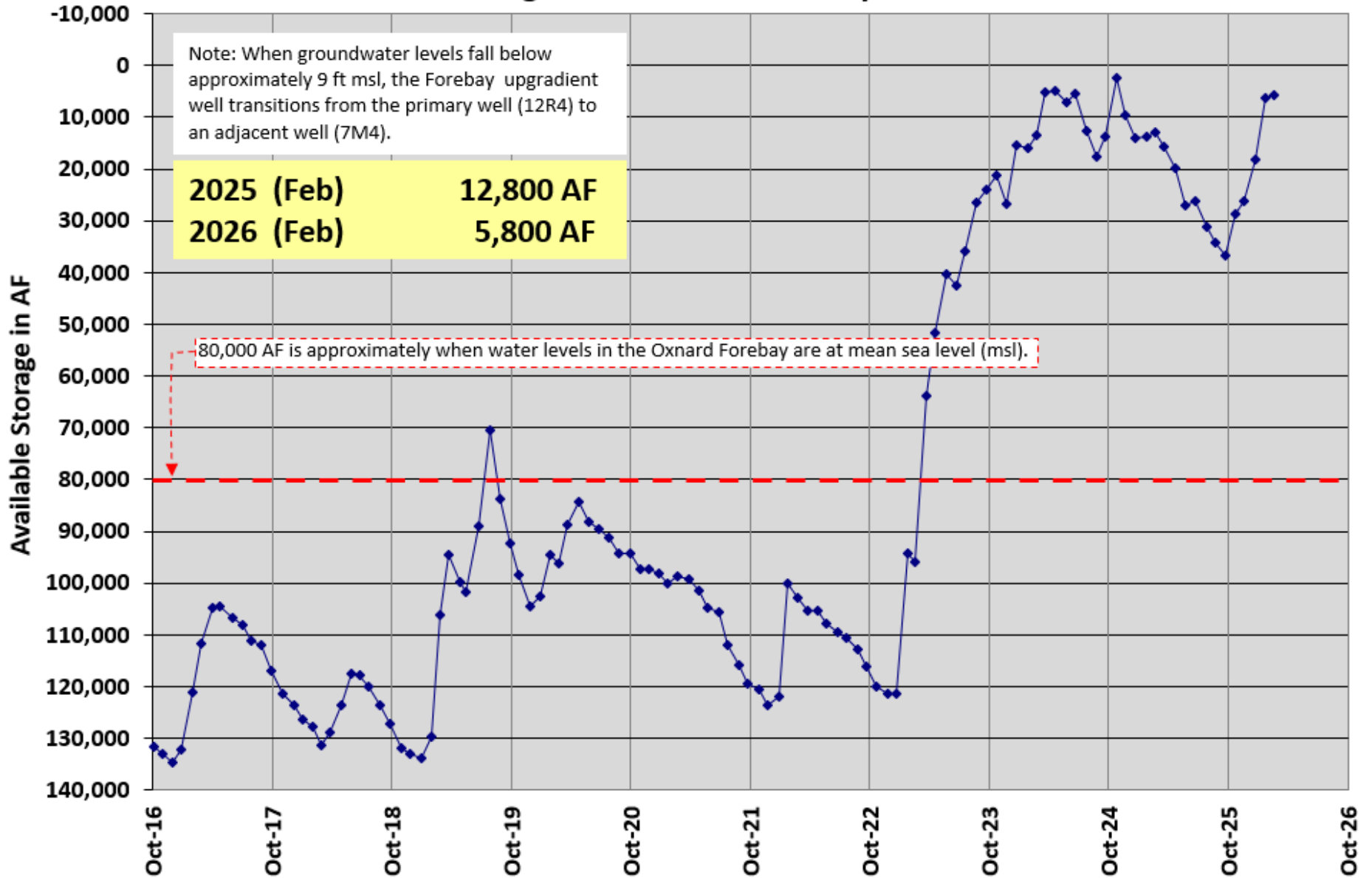
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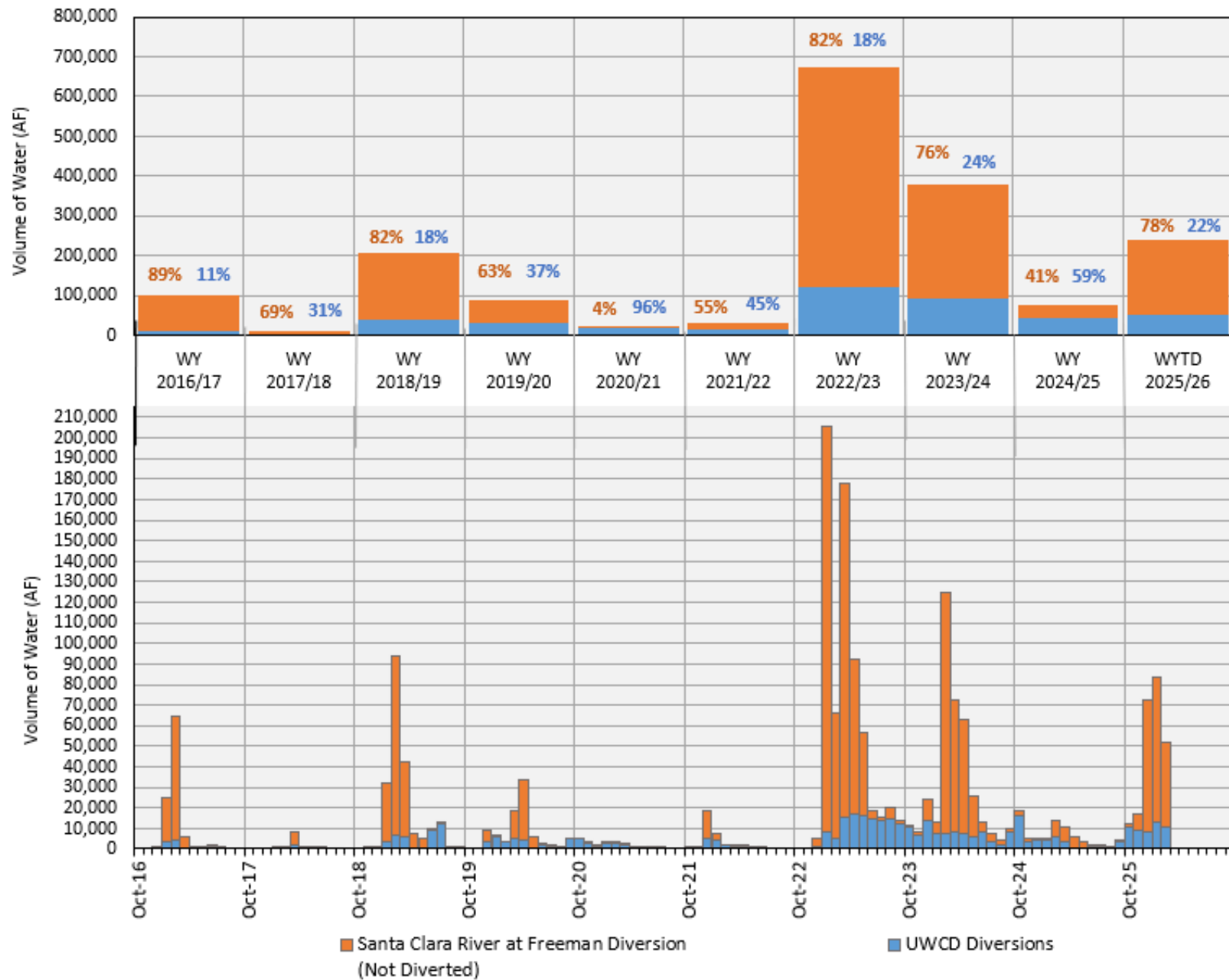






## Available Storage in the Oxnard Forebay - Last 10 Years





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:** March 23, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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**Staff Recommendation:**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending February 28, 2026.

**Discussion:**

None. Informational only.

**Fiscal Impact:**

As shown.

**Attachments:**

Combined Investment Monthly Report for February 2026

**United Water Conservation District  
Monthly Investment Report  
February 28, 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	11,355,275	1	16.16%
Petty Cash	5,400	1	0.01%
County Treasury	4,415	1	0.01%
LAIF Investments	58,894,713	1	83.81%
<b>Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Securities</b>	<b>70,259,803</b>		<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Investment Portfolio w/o Trustee Held Funds</b>	<b>70,259,803</b>		
<b>Trustee Held Funds</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>70,259,803</b>		

<b>Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Deposits (Disbursements)</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
	53,894,713	5,000,000	58,894,713
	<b>Interest Earned YTD</b>	<b>Interest Received YTD</b>	<b>Qtrly Yield</b>
	1,051,701	1,560,465	4.20%

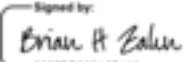
..ll District investments are shown above and conform to the District's Investment Policy. All investment transactions during this period are included in this repor  
Based on budgeted cash flows the District appears to have the ability to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months.

  
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**Mauricio Guardado, General Manager**

3/23/2026  
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**Date Certified**

  
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**Anthony Emmert, Assistant General Manager**

3/22/2026  
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**Date Certified**

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

3/18/2026  
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**Date Certified**

<b>United Water Conservation District</b>			
<b>Cash Position</b>			
<b>February 28, 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	2,739,214	(15,867,615)	Includes General, Rec & Ranger, Water Conservation
		4,962,000	Reserved for legal expenditures
		4,280,257	Designated for replacement, capital improvements, and environmental projects
		9,364,572	Supplemental Water Purchase Fund
General CIP Funds	22,707,717	22,707,717	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	9,119,111	9,119,111	Procurement of water/rights from state water project
<b>Enterprise Funds:</b>			<b>Restricted to fund usage</b>
Freeman Fund	1,354,493	1,354,493	Operations, Debt Service and Capital Projects
		-	Designated for replacement and capital improvements
		-	Reserved for legal expenditures
Freeman CIP Fund	5,892,597	5,892,597	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Fund	3,134,529	3,134,529	Delivery of water to OH customers
OH CIP Fund	3,290,797	3,290,797	Appropriated for capital projects
OH Pipeline Well Replacement Fund	230,030	230,030	Well replacement fund
PV Pipeline Fund	1,117,360	1,117,360	Delivery of water to PV customers
PV CIP Fund	259,892	259,892	Appropriated for capital projects
PT Pipeline Fund	8,291,743	8,291,743	Delivery of water to PTP customers
PT CIP Fund	(3,044,955)	(3,044,955)	Appropriated for capital projects
<b>Total District Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>70,259,803</b>	<b>70,259,803</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  
Sara Guzman, Finance Supervisor

**Date:** March 23, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 3.4 Penalty and Interest Waiver Request from Fillmore Irrigation Company  
Motion

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### **Recommendation:**

Approve a request from Fillmore Irrigation Company to waive penalty and interest charges of \$9,617.98 incurred from the billing period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

### **Discussion:**

On February 26, 2026, Noah Arca, the newly appointed Superintendent of Fillmore Irrigation Company, contacted United Water Conservation District (District) in response to a communication regarding an unsubmitted Groundwater Production Statement. Mr. Arca explained that, as he had only recently assumed his position, he was not yet familiar with the required statements and District procedures. After a discussion clarifying these requirements, Mr. Arca indicated he would make every effort to compile and submit the necessary statements. After calculating the production charges, he respectfully requested consideration for a waiver of the penalty and interest charges.

The District received full payment of the principal balance in the amount of \$87,436.18 on March 6, 2026. Additionally, Fillmore Irrigation Company has not requested a penalty and interest waiver within the past three years. Staff recommend that the Board approve the penalty and interest waiver request.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Because the District does not budget for interest and penalty revenues, approval of this penalty waiver request will have no fiscal impact on the District's current-year budget.

### **Attachments:**

- A - Request for Waiver of Penalty & Interest Charges
- B - Summary of Penalty and Interest Charges
- C - Request from Noah Arca and Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statements for July to December 2025



REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PENALTY & INTEREST CHARGES

Fillmore Irrigation Company requested a waiver of \$9,617.98 in penalty and interest charges incurred from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. On February 26, 2026, Noah Arca, the newly appointed Superintendent, responded to the District's notice of the unsubmitted Groundwater Production Statement. Mr. Arca explained that he was unfamiliar with the requirements due to his recent transition but, after clarification, committed to submitting the necessary statements. After calculating the production charges, he respectfully requested the waiver. The District received full payment of the principal balance, totaling \$87,436.18, on March 6, 2026. Fillmore Irrigation Company has not requested a waiver in the past three years, and staff recommends Board approval of the request.

Waived within the last three years: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Waiver request: \$ 9,617.98

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

Signature [Signature] Date 3/23/26  
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

Signature [Signature] Date 3/16/26  
Brian Zahn, Chief Financial Officer

Summary of Penalty and Interest Charges  
Fillmore Irrigation Company

Account Number	Well Number	GW 25-2 Penalty	GW 25-2 Interest	Total P&I
200-00835	04N20W24E01S	7,899.71	789.97	8,689.68
200-00840	04N20W25D01S	843.91	84.39	928.30
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$ 8,743.62</b>	<b>\$ 874.36</b>	<b>\$ 9,617.98</b>



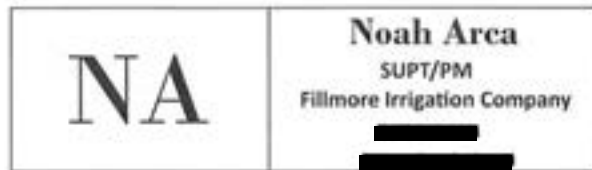
Re: UWCD 25-2 GW Production Statements

From Noah Arca [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 3/2/2026 12:21 PM  
To Wendy Sandoval <WendyS@unitedwater.org>

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

Wendy,  
Confirmation received for the email address update in your system.  
I've forwarded the total principle charges you sent in your last email to the accountant to cut the check to send to the provided address. She works Tuesdays and Thursdays, so it will be sent out tomorrow!  
Yes, please submit a request for a penalty and interest waiver.

Thanks so much for your help!



From: Wendy Sandoval <WendyS@unitedwater.org>  
Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 8:53 AM  
To: Noah Arca [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: UWCD 25-2 GW Production Statements

Good morning Noah,

Thank you for completing the statements and providing the meter photos. Please note that your email on file has been updated; please disregard the email address listed on the statements, as they were generated prior to this update.

I would be pleased to submit a request on your behalf to waive the penalties and interest. As the total amount requires Board approval, the principal charges must be paid in full before the request can be presented. At this time, please submit payment for the principal charges. Additionally, please confirm if you would like to proceed with the request to have the penalty and interest charges waived.

Total Principal Charges for 25-2: \$87,439.18  
UWCD Mailing Address:

1701 N Lombard St, Suite 200  
Oxnard, CA 93030

Best regards,

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



<https://www.unitedwater.org>

From: Noah Arca [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 6:50 AM  
To: Wendy Sandoval <WendyS@unitedwater.org>  
Subject: Re: UWCD 25-2 GW Production Statements

Oops, I forgot to attach these to my last email.

**From:** Noah Arca <FICArca@outlook.com>  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2026 at 5:43 PM  
**To:** Wendy Sandoval <WendyS@unitedwater.org>  
**Subject:** Re: UWCD 25-2 GW Production Statements

Wendy,

I called and spoke with a woman from United Water, she said I would have to calculate the production charges from 7/1/2025 through the day I filled my statement out on (2/26/2026).

I asked her if my late fee penalties would also have to be calculated from the totality of those months vs just the production numbers between the reporting period of 7/1/2025 – 12/31/2025. She claimed I should calculate the fee for the totality of the months including the months in between 12-31-2025 and 2/26/2026; so that's what I did.

She said I could send you my report electronically- then the payment via check. I won't be able to get the office to cut a check since the 1<sup>st</sup> of march lands on a Sunday unfortunately, so I also added the 1% fee on top of the total after the 10% fee added.

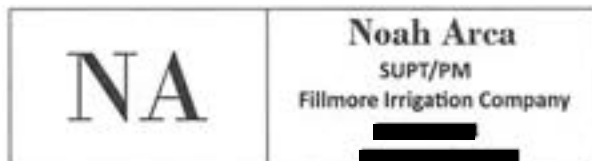
She also said that considering my case, I could apply to have the late fees potentially waived- hopefully that is a real option!

I'll get the checks cut and sent out on Tuesday when my office lady is back in.

May I please have the mailing address where I am to send the check, since this time around we didn't receive the letter that includes the statement paperwork and return envelope?

Also, the email shown in the statements ([ficwoodard@att.net](mailto:ficwoodard@att.net)) is the old superintendent's email address which is no longer active and not checked. Please delete it and replace it with mine only moving forward if you haven't already done so, to ensure that no correspondence goes to his email regarding any of these matters.

Please see attached and thank you so much!



**From:** Noah Arca [Redacted]  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 5:15 PM  
**To:** Wendy Sandoval <WendyS@unitedwater.org>  
**Subject:** Re: UWCD 25-2 GW Production Statements

Hi Wendy,

I called, but it must be passed business hours.

Since now I know the semi-annual water statement for Fillmore Irrigation Co is late (thanks again for calling and sending it over, otherwise I wouldn't have even known about it), and photos of the meters are required, how does this work? I can't go back in time to get photos of the well meters to prove our readings from back in December as much as I wish I could.

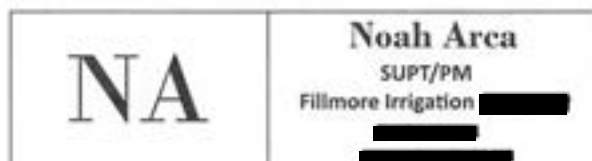
Would I need to take a photo of the meters now, and calculate the charges and late fees up to today? I'm trying to figure this out asap because now that I am aware of this statement and its due date as a newly-appointed superintendent, I see that I only have until tomorrow to get this submitted correctly and a check cut and sent out until an additional 1% fee is applied.

This water company is disadvantaged as is, and the last thing this company needs is to accrue even more fees on top of a \$15,000 + late fee for this small water company, that I wasn't even aware was due.

Now that I'm aware of the quarterly statements, semi-annual statements, and annual (right?) statements, are there any other documents that need to be completed during the upcoming year?

My apologies for the long email, I'm trying to keep it together, and figure this out moving forward- thanks for hearing me out!

Please advise and thanks.



**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**

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

State Well Number <u>04N20W24E01S</u> State Recordation Number <u>561835</u> Well Operator (Mailing Address)  FILLMORE IRRIGATION CO 540 SESPE AVE SUITE # 2 FILLMORE, CA 93015-1983	Well Owner: <u>FILLMORE IRRIGATION CO</u> Name of Well: <u>GRAND AVE WELL #3</u> Well Use: <u>AG&amp;M</u> Acres Irrigated: <u>212.00</u> Crops Grown:  Telephone: <span style="background-color:black; color:black;">XXXXXXXXXX</span>  Email: <u>ficwoodard@att.net</u>
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Conservation District

Signed statement with payment due on or before 02/10/2026. Late filings and payments subject to delinquent charges. Please make a copy for your records.

**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: FlowComMcCrometer 20083086-12 Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read Ending: 441285 - Beginning: 400880 - Total Units: 40405 x Multiplier: 0.0100 - Divider: 1 = Production: 404.05

Date of last flow meter calibration test: 7/1/2024 Meter photo required:

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: X Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ - Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: 01 - Divider: 1 = Production: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Handwritten:* Noah Area requested P21 waiver

Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF XXX.XX): 404.05

\*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: 58.60 AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head + 325,851(gallons in an AF) = Total Non-AG Usage: 58.60 AF

EXEMPTIONS: *Inactive Well*

<b>TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:</b>	Total Production <u>345.45</u> x Rate: \$192.34 =	\$ <u>66,443.85</u>
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<b>TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:</b>	Total Production <u>58.60</u> x Rate: \$214.22 =	\$ <u>12,553.29</u>
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**CURRENT CHARGES:** 78,997.14

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* \$ 7,899.71

**DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:** *If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due* \$ 888.97 *789.97*

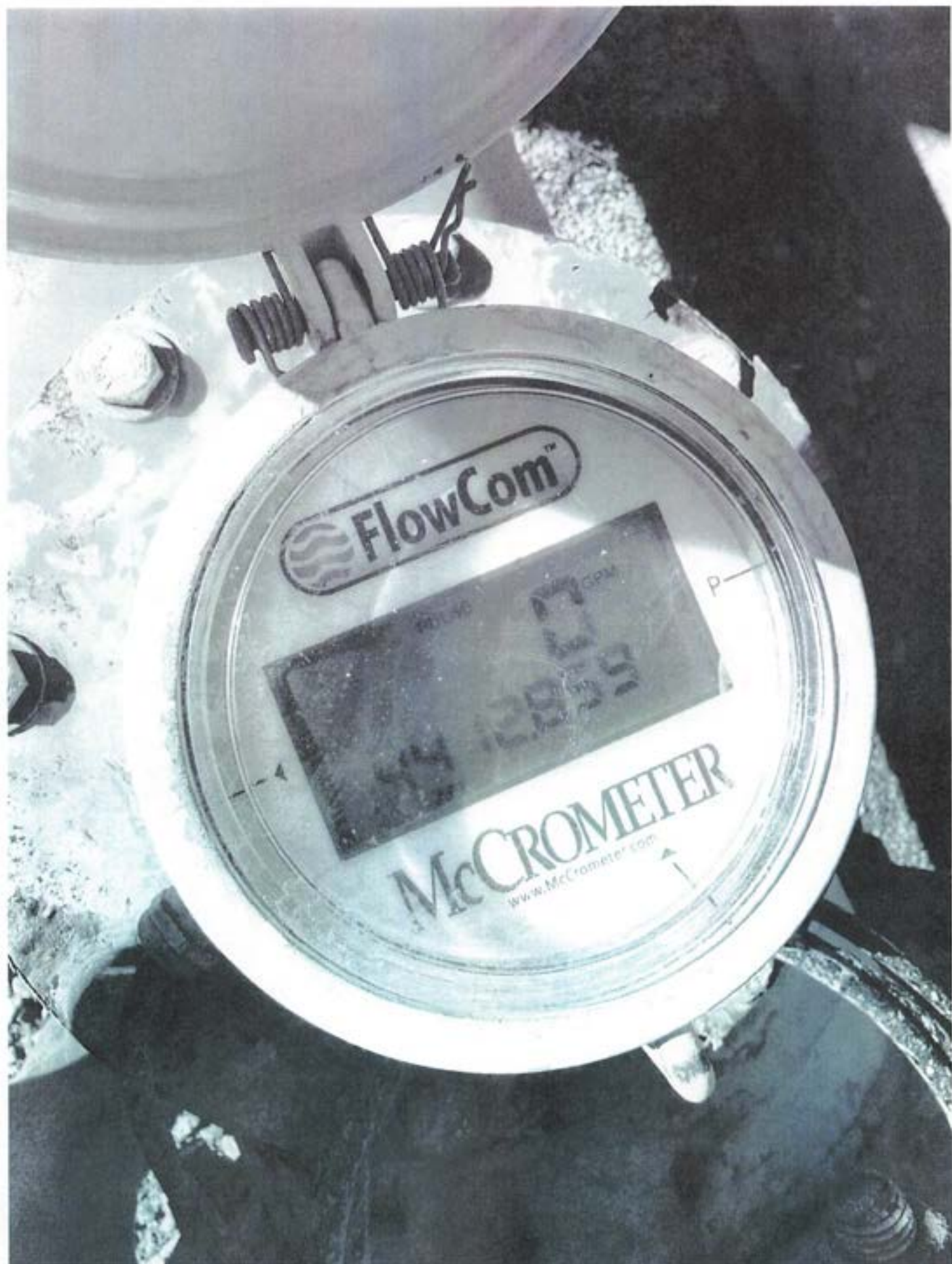
**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:** UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$ 87,765.82

I DO 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: 2/26/2026 Signature: Noah Area

*This Statement is not complete unless signed.* Please Print Signature: Noah Area

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.





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COLLECTOR  
LINE - NO 50MA  
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DO NOT  
REMOVE  
SCREWS

McGraw-Hill		E20-0594	
FC101-01-R		DATE 11/2020	
SERIAL NO. 30003086	TOTALIZER	RANGE 0.001 AFT	
FULL SCALE DIA. 3000 GPM	TOTALIZER		0.001 AFT

**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**

200 00840 1002730 F1L0011

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

State Well Number <u>04N20W25D018</u> State Recordation Number <u>560591</u> Well Operator (Mailing Address)  FILLMORE IRRIGATION CO 540 SESPE AVE SUITE # 2 FILLMORE, CA 93015-1983	Well Owner: <u>FILLMORE IRRIGATION CO</u> Name of Well: <u>GRAND AVE/OLD TELEGRAPH WELL #2</u> Well Use: <u>AG</u> Acres Irrigated: <u>147.00</u> Crops Grown: <u>CITRUS</u>  Telephone: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">XXXXXXXXXX</span>  Email: <u>ficwoodard@att.net</u>
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**WATER METER #1:** Meter Type/Serial #: FlowComMcCROMETER 10-063550-12 Unit of Measure: AF  
 Meter Read Ending: 45219 - Beginning: 40942 - Total Units: 4277 x Multiplier: 0.0100 - Divider: 1 - Production: 42.77  
 Date of last flow meter calibration test: 7-1-2024 Meter photo required.

**WATER METER #2:** Meter Type/Serial #: x Unit of Measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meter Read Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ - Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ - Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: 01 - Divider: 1 - Production: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of last flow meter calibration test: \_\_\_\_\_

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 KWH for six-month period (enclose copy of SCE statement): Total Units: \_\_\_\_\_ x Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_ - Divider: \_\_\_\_\_ - Production: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of last Southern California Edison Efficiency Test: \_\_\_\_\_

*North Area requested PEI waiver*

**Total Production (Round to the nearest hundredth AF xxx.xx):** 42.77

\*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:** 9.72 AF

Livestock(number of head):  x 2,760 gallons per head = 325,851(gallons in an AF) - **Total Non-AG Usage:** 9.72 AF

<b>EXEMPTIONS:</b> <i>Inactive Well</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WATER USAGE:</b>	Total Production <u>33.05</u> x Rate \$192.34 = <u>\$ 6,356.83</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-AG/DOMESTIC WATER USAGE:</b>	Total Production <u>9.72</u> x Rate \$214.22 = <u>\$ 2,082.22</u>
<b>CURRENT CHARGES:</b>	<u>8,439.05</u>
	Previous Balance Due/Add: \$ <u>0.00</u>
	Previous Credit/Subtract: \$ <u>-0.01</u>
<b>DELINQUENT PENALTY CHARGES:</b> <i>If statement is postmarked after 02/10/2026 add 10% of Current Charges</i>	\$ <u>843.90</u> <i>843.90</i>
<b>DELINQUENT INTEREST CHARGES:</b> <i>If payment is postmarked after 03/01/2026 add 1% of Total Charges for each month the statement is past due</i>	\$ <u>92.82</u> <i>94.39</i>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO:</b> <u>UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	\$ <u>9375.76</u>

I HEREBY 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: 2/26/2026 Signature: Noah Arca  
 This Statement is not complete unless signed. Please Print Signature: Noah Arca

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OPEN COLLECTOR  
WASH WITH WATER  
THOROUGHLY &  
DRAIN

DO NOT REMOVE  
6 SCREWS

**MCCROMETER**  
MODEL FC100-01-K  
SERIAL E20-05135  
DATE 10/20/20

FULL SCALE 4000 GPM  
TOTALIZER X0.001 AET  
SCALE 10.06350

DANGER  
DO NOT OPEN  
UNDER PRESSURE



## 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:** March 25, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **Staff Recommendation:**

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

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

- **Santa Felicia Dam**
  - On February 1, 2026, Lake Piru level was 1051.9'. By February 28, 2026, the lake level had risen to 1055.15' due to inflows from Pyramid Lake.
  - Santa Felicia Dam outflows varied between 25 cfs and 350 cfs due to minimum habitat flows, spillway flow mitigation, and various releases in coordination with water conservation activities at the Freeman Diversion.
  - SFD's monthly inspection for February 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.
  - Saticoy staff participated in cross-training at Santa Felicia Dam, focusing on release operations, monthly inspections, and first-check inspection procedures to enhance operational knowledge and consistency across facilities.
  
- **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.
  - Headbay sediment removal operations are ongoing to maintain system capacity and support efficient water conveyance.

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- Santa Felicia Dam staff participated in cross-training at the Saticoy Facility, with a focus on Freeman Diversion storm operations, data collection and reporting, heavy equipment operations, and routine maintenance activities to enhance operational coordination and readiness.
- Staff replaced a failing AUX screen pump at the Freeman Diversion with a service-ready spare to maintain continuous operation and system reliability.
- Staff replaced a failed microscreen trough pump with a service-ready spare to ensure continued system functionality and operational reliability.
- Storm diversions were conducted at the Freeman Diversion in response to storm events.
- Static groundwater levels (distance to water - from the well pad to the water table):

Facility	2026*	2025*	2024	2023
Saticoy	18'	28'	37'	28'
El Rio	54'	69'	56'	71'
PTP	46'-87'	62'-105'	65'-105'	80'-111'

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

- **Oxnard Hueneme Delivery System**

- El Rio operators completed installation of a new 6" water line along eastern edge of OH Clear Well 2. They also attached a wharf head and air/vacuum breaker valve at endpoint of this water line.
- El Rio operators performed repairs and pump change out for OH pre-CL2 injection sample return station.
- El Rio staff replaced faulty dewatering pumps for OH Clear Wells.
- El Rio staff made multiple repairs to online analyzer for monitoring of OH monochloramines.
- El Rio operators switched out empty CL2 ton cylinders and received delivery of replacement tanks.
- El Rio operators assisted with maintenance duties at Freeman Diversion and SFD.

- **Pleasant Valley County Water District**

- Demand was met primarily with surface water from Freeman Diversion.
- El Rio staff performed confined space entry to access and open electronic valve for increase of flow rate to PV system.

- **Pumping Trough Pipeline**

- Monthly start-up testing of emergency generators for all five PTP well and reservoir booster station.
- El Rio operators made repairs to leaking shaft on PTP Reservoir booster pump.

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- El Rio staff performed diagnostic check and repair of flow meter for PTP turnout 111.
- El Rio staff made modifications and repairs to VFD at PTP well 4.
- El Rio operators made repairs to broken air vacuum valve on Sturgis Rd.
  
- **Control Systems**
  - Conducted Chlorinator PLC troubleshooting and replacement
  - Operator/Control Systems SCADA needs meeting
  - 03/09 - 03/12 - Opto22 groove EPIC system premium factory training
  - PTP 3 New Yaskawa Drive installation completed
  - PTP Res New Yaskawa Drive installation completed
  
- **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 February.
  - 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.
  - Staff participated in various meetings with the Engineering Department and contractors regarding the Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant improvement project, supporting coordination, planning, and project development efforts.

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

- El Rio staff completed annual testing of backflow devices at Lake Piru sites.
- El Rio operators performed monthly inspection of OH Clear Wells.
- El Rio operators obtained monthly static water levels for OH, PTP and Saticoy wells.
- El Rio staff completed annual SWRCB DDW electronic Annual Report (eAR).
- El Rio staff completed monthly reports regarding UWCD surface water distribution and OH, PTP, PV usage.
- El Rio staff completed monthly DDW Surface Water Treatment Rule Report for OH System.

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

- El Rio operators completed monthly calibrations of CL2, aqua ammonia and natural gas leak detectors. They also performed an internal check of CL2 scrubber chamber.
- El Rio staff assisted with driving duties for UWCD tour of EL Rio, Saticoy and Lake Piru facilities.

#### **Attachment:**

Operation Log for February 2026

**OPERATIONS LOG - FEBRUARY 2026 v 10/7/21**

**ATTACHMENT**

DATE	SANTA FELICIA DAM								FREEMAN DIVERSION**					RECHARGE				IRRIGATION					O-H								
	SFD El.	Stor.	Surface	Evap.	Inflow Balance	Outflow USGS	Hydro	Rain 106E	River	Diverted	Fish*** Facility	Bypass Channel	Crest	El Rio	Saticoy Facility		Noble/Rose	Piru	T.I.D.	P.T.P.	PVCWD	L.P.	Saticoy Wells	Total	C12						
	Ft.	A/F	Acres	Inches	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Kw	Inches	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	Misc CFS†	Weir CFS	Av. CFS	Av. CFS	A/F	A/F	A/F	%	A/F	A/F	A/F	Lbs.					
<b>A/F*</b>	77282				84,559	33,679		20.95	185,839	41,088	6,471	27,333		16,336	22251		3712	0.0	2,506	1,122	1,456		0.0	6	3,785	35,227					
2/1/26	1051.90	76807	1183	0.099	111	351	0	0.000	643	250	101.6	0	292.1	98.17	25	114.08	0	0.0	23.7	17.3	16.9	0.03	0.0	0.0	16.2	136					
2/2/26	1051.41	76228	1179	0.094	59	351	0	0.000	626	203	81.3	102.4	239.5	89.36	7	88.53	0	0.0	34.5	5.7	19.6	0.05	0.0	0.0	20.9	153					
2/3/26	1051.11	75874	1176	0.058	172	351	0	0.000	600	259	101.4	0	239.4	91.71	32	116.37	0	0.0	37.6	19.4	17.7	0.03	0.0	0.0	22.5	253					
2/4/26	1050.70	75392	1173	0.128	109	352	0	0.000	588	224	80.6	110.4	173.7	85.44	27	91.36	0	0.0	39.1	20.5	17.0	0.04	0.0	0.0	26.5	297					
2/5/26	1050.29	74912	1169	0.093	109	351	0	0.000	576	264	101.1	0	210.6	100.47	31	104.93	50.22	0.0	54.9	19.2	18.9	0.04	0.0	0.0	21.7	240					
2/6/26	1049.92	74479	1166	0.056	131	350	0	0.000	563	218	81.9	85.8	177.1	97.97	-2	82.36	0	0.0	79.1	15.7	62.9	0.15	0.0	0.0	20.5	172					
2/7/26	1049.54	74036	1163	0.062	128	352	0	0.000	543	251	101.8	0	190.8	102.39	27	92.57	0	0.0	57.7	20.8	66.9	0.13	0.0	0.0	22.8	210					
2/8/26	1049.10	73525	1159	0.071	94	352	0	0.000	548	221	90.4	55	181.8	101.13	21	95.97	3.71	0.0	6.0	9.4	26.9	0.06	0.0	0.0	17.3	146					
2/9/26	1048.78	73154	1157	0.096	66	253	0	0.000	517	163	102.5	0	251.3	78.84	-33	108.56	5.04	0.0	16.2	9.4	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	22.9	203					
2/10/26	1048.63	72980	1156	0.068	39	127	0	0.000	387	25	94.2	0	268.3	25.66	-9	0	1.02	0.0	16.1	9.5	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	17.6	190					
2/11/26	1048.90	73293	1158	0.030	248	64.4	0	1.030	1222	87	86.7	426.7	621.5	77.83	-57	61.84	2.9	0.0	6.8	5.9	17.7	0.10	0.0	0.0	16.2	144					
2/12/26	1049.10	73525	1159	0.068	153	35.9	0	0.000	624	71	90	69.8	393.1	59.36	-75	81.78	2.61	0.0	10.3	1.9	0.1	0.00	0.0	0.0	14.7	141					
2/13/26	1049.27	73722	1161	0.060	130	30.3	0	0.000	430	36	102.8	0	291.4	21.27	7	0	0	0.0	13.6	11.5	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	16.0	121					
2/14/26	1049.30	73757	1161	0.072	48	30.3	0	0.000	374	25	103	0	245.9	14.49	7	0	0	0.0	7.9	14.5	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	15.5	149					
2/15/26	1049.61	74118	1164	0.074	213	30.3	0	0.000	355	18	103.1	0	233.9	15.39	0	0	0	0.0	3.4	5.9	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	14.0	107					
2/16/26	1049.84	74386	1165	0.080	183	30.3	0	0.690	1706	10	62.7	864.1	769.2	13.7	-3	0	0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	14.7	123					
2/17/26	1050.77	75475	1173	0.069	596	26.9	0	0.780	1718	88	55.4	954	621	76.28	-51	61.99	0	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	13.8	184					
2/18/26	1051.96	76878	1184	0.103	831	87.7	0	1.400	2577	18	48.5	1610.7	900	14.45	-23	23.37	0	0.0	5.9	1.1	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	17.6	288					
2/19/26	1052.54	77567	1189	0.061	552	204	0	0.020	1818	150	84.3	333.8	1250.2	101.57	-4	49.97	0	0.0	3.9	8.5	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	15.6	177					
2/20/26	1053.12	78259	1194	0.079	573	204	0	0.770	1631	178	86.4	325.1	1041.9	89.41	14	71.41	0	0.0	5.5	2.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	17.6	155					
2/21/26	1053.53	78750	1198	0.075	452	204	0	0.000	1285	260	93.8	121.2	810	108.32	22	119.18	0	0.0	19.3	5.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	17.6	149					
2/22/26	1053.87	79159	1201	0.082	410	203	0	0.000	1129	342	102.5	0	685	121.13	29	190.1	67.29	0.0	1.8	19.3	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	17.7	146					
2/23/26	1054.20	79556	1205	0.129	404	203	0	0.000	988	284	89.4	139.5	474.7	112.81	13	153.62	55.79	0.0	8.8	6.9	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	15.5	149					
2/24/26	1054.48	79894	1207	0.071	311	140	0	0.000	946	321	86.7	81.5	456.4	110.53	19	183.55	78.06	0.0	15.2	10.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	16.1	213					
2/25/26	1054.95	80463	1212	0.064	378	91	0	0.000	900	293	85.1	138.7	383.2	103.74	0	180.73	73.84	0.0	16.1	8.1	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	17.6	272					
2/26/26	1055.15	80706	1214	0.054	394	271	0	0.000	1034	366	102.3	0	565.8	96.5	24	227.33	90.84	0.0	35.1	15.5	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	17.5	184					
2/27/26	1055.02	80548	1213	0.112	217	297	0	0.000	1063	301	85.8	183	493.4	96.78	3	175.35	79.13	0.0	50.8	14.4	23.0	0.04	0.0	0.0	19.4	186					
2/28/26	1055.03	80560	1213	0.079	297	291	0	0.000	946	359	101.9	0	484.8	102.25	16	215.57	93.3	0.0	50.5	22.0	39.2	0.06	0.0	0.0	19.3	155					
<b>TOTAL CFS</b>					7406	5634		4.69	26336	5281	2507	5602	12946	2207	70	2691	604	0.0													
<b>AVERAGE CFS</b>					264	201			941	189	90	200	462	79	3	96	22	0.0													
<b>TOTAL A/F</b>					14663	11156			52145	10456	4964	11091	25633	4370	139	5327	1195	0.0	621	303	327		0	0.0	505	5043					
<b>MONTHLY REVENUE TO DATE (approx.)</b>																															
<b>AVERAGE A/F</b>										524	398			1862	373	177	396	915	156	5	190	43	0.0	22	11	12	3%	0	0.0	18	180
<b>WATER YEAR TOTALS A/F</b>					99,222	44,835		25.64	237,985	51,545	11,435	38,424	25,633	20,706	27,717		4,907	0.0	3,127	1,425	1,782		0	6	4,291	40,270					
* Input total A/F previous month																															
** Daily averages imported from Ranch Systems																															
***Fish facility flows include Denil fishladder, aux pipe and smolt bypass pipe																															
† Includes Ponds A, C, E, and I overflows, temporary storage in the desilting basin and Pond B, JLB diversions, losses between meters. Negatives mean prior storage from pond B or desilting basin is discharging to other metered sources.																															



## 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:** March 25, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **Staff Recommendation:**

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

### **Discussion:**

February was likely the final shoulder month as visitation continues to gradually increase each week. The Piru area received 3.81 inches of rainfall.

Staff have been preparing for the upcoming 5K/1K race at Lake Piru on March 28 and additionally preparing the recreation area for the upcoming busy season. Staff from all UWCD departments have been coordinating with each other and the contractors on the storm debris removal project. Cleanup operations began on March 10, 2026.

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

- **February 13:** A four-hour scheduled power outage for system maintenance caused an extended network connectivity disruption between the Oxnard office and Lake Piru. Backup systems were successfully activated and used while Control Systems and Information Technology Department personnel investigated and resolved the issues.

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

- **February 10-12:** Ranger Groeneveld attended virtual training on the invasive quagga mussels and how to prevent the spread to other water bodies.
- **February 15,18:** Ranger Groeneveld attended an EMT skills refresher training and testing to reinforce critical skills necessary for operational readiness.
- **February 16:** Ranger Groeneveld attended CPR training.
- **February 19:** Rangers Riedel, Reynoso, and Groeneveld attended JRIC training titles Targeting, Sabotage, and Disruption of Critical Infrastructure. The course focused on helping first responders recognize indicators of sabotage or intentional disruption that might otherwise be mistaken for routine vandalism. With Santa

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Felicia Dam located within the Rangers' area of responsibility, this training is critical to maintaining public safety in the region.

- **February 25:** Rangers Riedel, Spencer, and Groenveld attended DART training provided through JRIC. This course is to help frontline first responders and emergency management personnel to recognize and assess potential threats by drones.

<b>2026 Day Use/Other Revenue Recap and Comparison</b>	
2026 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)	\$45,418
2026 Boat Rental Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)	\$ 5,542
2025 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)	\$31,227
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	<b>\$14,191</b>
Annual Increase/Decrease %	<b>45.5%</b>
<b>2026 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)</b>	
2026 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)	\$48,612
2025 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)	\$38,338
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	<b>\$10,274</b>
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	<b>26.8%</b>
<b>2026 All Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)</b>	
2026 All Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)	\$94,030
2025 All Revenue (Jan 1 – Feb 28)	\$69,565
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	<b>\$24,465</b>
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	<b>35.2%</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
February	2,733	1,188	167	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>11</b>

### Incidents

- No incidents to report.

### Citations/Enforcement Summary

- Throughout February, no citations were issued for violations of District Ordinance 15 or for violations of the California Penal Code of the California Harbors and Navigation Code. It should be noted that Ranger staff issued verbal warnings for violations of District ordinances and state laws.

### Grants

- No grants 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:** March 30, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **Staff Recommendation:**

Receive a report on Water Resources Department activities for the month of March 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 completed the conversion of the FPBGSA groundwater model into MODFLOW-USG and are evaluating the unstructured grid to improve computational efficiency.
  - Staff completed an evaluation of subsidence for the EBB Phase 1 project.
- Water Resources:
  - Staff finalized the document Guidance on Flowmeter Selection, Installation and Testing, in support of the District's new financial policies (Resolution No. 2025-15).

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- Staff prepared the 2025-2026 Annual Groundwater Conditions Report and are coordinating the public hearing schedule.
- Staff continued preparation and internal review of the 2026 Urban Water Management Plan for the OH System.
- Staff reviewed the City of Oxnard's draft Title 22 report.
- Staff reviewed groundwater and surface water quality data from Chiquita Canyon Landfill and met with local regulators to discuss the response and potential implications of the elevated temperature landfill event.
- 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 reviewing use alternatives for Rose basin.
  - 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 prepared and submitted the annual Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Report to California Department of Water Resources.
  - Staff attended the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Board of Consultants meeting No. 11.
- 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.
    - Implementing new WQ Access Database to archive EBB monitoring data and reviewing EBB monitoring data collected to date.
    - Attended monthly meeting with NBVC
  - Staff are preparing a work plan for a groundwater transport study at the Rose recharge basin, including tracer testing and groundwater modeling.

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- 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.
- Staff are working on implementation of Field Maps for electronic groundwater data collection
- Staff are training ES part-time staff to assist with collecting groundwater elevation data.
- Outreach and Education: AWA symposium planning committee, Facility tour with CSUCI.

#### **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 conjunctive use.
- Staff are preparing the Annual Monitoring Report on Oxnard Forebay Groundwater Conditions for Water Year and Calendar Year 2025 (supporting FCGMA Resolutions 2011-02 and 2023-02).

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

- Receive and File a Presentation on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Report for the Las Posas Valley Basin for Water Year 2025 and authorize the Executive Director to Submit the Annual Report to the DWR.
- Receive and File a Presentation on the Las Posas Valley Draft Basin Optimization Yield Study.

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

Notable staff activities:

- Coordinated updating FPBGSA pumping records for groundwater modeling
- Supported data collection and evaluation of domestic well data gaps

Staff also attended the FPBGSA Board meeting on March 19, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- The Board approved the Water Year 2024-2025 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources for the Fillmore subbasin and Piru subbasin

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

Staff attended the MBGSA Board meeting on March 23, which included the following notable agenda topics:

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- The Board approved the Mound Basin Annual Report for Water Year 2025 for submittal to the California Department of Water Resources pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

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

Notable staff activities include:

- Finalized the Santa Paula Basin annual report for CY and WY 2024, incorporating comments from the TAC, and submitted the report to California Department of Water Resources.



## 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:** March 23, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **Staff Recommendation:**

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

### **Discussion:**

#### **Finance**

- Rate study wrapped up and presentation being prepared
- Finalized Initial FY2026-27 Budget
- Reviewing Ventura Energy Contracts with Districts' legal counsel
- Preparing FY2026-27 Proposed Budget book for release (including rates) in late April

#### **Administrative Services**

- Provided administrative assistance for drafting, finalizing, distributing, posting materials, and room set up for the following meetings: Executive Committee (Feb. 9) and Board of Directors (Feb. 11), as well as a Special Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting held at City Hall in Fillmore (Feb. 26).
- Coordinated logistical support with room and beverage setup for the following outside agency meetings: UCANR (Feb. 10), Farm Bureau (Feb. 12), Water Issues Committee (Feb. 17), CAC (Feb. 18), Farm Bureau (Feb. 25), and Santa Clara River Watershed Committee (Feb. 26).

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### **Human Resources**

- Working on recruitment for the following positions:
  - Senior Hydrogeologist – trying to finalize agreement with preferred candidate
  - Seasonal Park Ranger Assistant – finalizing selection and background of candidates
  - Finalizing selection of Public Outreach Intern staff
- Attended the Ventura College Career Tech Education fair on March 10, 2026.
- Attended SDRMA Day and received specialized Safety Certification accreditation which also helps reduce insurance costs to the District and its ratepayers.

### **Risk and Safety Management**

- Maintained situational awareness and threat intelligence reporting on geopolitical situation in the Middle East and its potential regional impact along with sharing appropriate intelligence with internal stakeholders.
- Along with O&M and Engineering, successfully conducted a monthly dam siren test in the town of Piru and addressed questions and received feedback from the local community.
- Conducted annual respirator fit testing.
- Initiated CPR/AED/First Aid recertification efforts for staff.
- Attended SDRMA Education Day with HR in Sacramento, including annual Cal/OSHA and Worker's Comp updates.
- Coordinated Annual Fire Sprinkler Inspection as required by Oxnard Fire Department.
- Received \$1,000 from SDRMA Loss Prevention Fund to reimburse official UWCD Hard Hats.

### **Information Technology**

#### **Helpdesk and End-User Support**

- A total of 43 new service tickets were opened during March, while 51 tickets were resolved from the overall queue. Most requests continued to reflect routine operational support activities. Of the tickets recorded, 42 were classified as Low priority and one ticket designated as a medium priority
- Service activities primarily involved workstation support, application troubleshooting, account administration, and routine infrastructure configuration tasks.

#### **Cybersecurity and Access Control**

- The Technology Systems team continued active monitoring of security alerts through enterprise security monitoring platforms.
- This monitoring included review of endpoint protection alerts and ransomware-related signals to support early identification of potential threats.
- Email security controls detected approximately 20,300 malicious or suspicious messages during the reporting period, including spam, phishing attempts, and graymail messages.

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- Security filtering systems identified 1,069 phishing attempts and 24 malware-related messages, all of which were successfully remediated through automated filtering and quarantine processes.
- In addition, protection systems executed more than 6,200 automated spam filtering actions and over 500 quarantine events, preventing potentially harmful content from reaching staff inboxes.
- The team also maintained coordination with external cybersecurity partners regarding threat intelligence updates and ongoing evaluation of enterprise security platform capabilities.

##### Infrastructure and Systems

- Staff participated in ongoing IT–OT coordination meetings focused on improving network architecture resilience. Discussions included wide-area network reliability planning and strategies for operational network traffic segmentation to strengthen system stability and security.
- The team also supported enterprise licensing and platform management initiatives, including continued evaluation of productivity platform licensing alignment and early planning discussions related to AI-assisted productivity tools.
- Additional technical support included troubleshooting ERP and database connectivity issues with external vendors and assisting with credential validation and system access.
- Routine monitoring and maintenance of core network and system infrastructure continued throughout the month to ensure reliable service availability across District facilities.

##### Operations and Project Support

- The department provided hybrid and in-person technical coordination for multiple district governance and operational meetings, including Board-related sessions, leadership meetings, and partner coordination events.
- Staff coordinated workstation refresh activities and laptop deployment logistics to support device lifecycle management and maintain staff productivity.
- The Technology Systems team also assisted personnel with mobile device management issues, including field tablet support and troubleshooting secure access to enterprise device management systems.
- Additional efforts included vendor coordination related to infrastructure planning, enterprise security platform evaluations, and broader IT modernization initiatives.
- Lastly, the Technology Systems staff also contributed technical input during IT–OT governance discussions, helping leadership evaluate operational trade-offs between system availability, cybersecurity protections, and overall infrastructure resilience.



## 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:** March 25, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **Staff Recommendation:**

Review this monthly report from the Public Outreach and External Affairs Department of its activities for March 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 United Water's work throughout the region. March activities focused on community engagement, educational outreach, and legislative advocacy, while upcoming events will expand stakeholder collaboration and agency partnerships.

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

**AWA Waterwise Breakfast – March 19** Staff delivered a legislative update titled "Connected at the Source: Water, Policy & Our Community," providing an accessible overview of current legislation, budget priorities, and regulatory challenges and what it all means for water in our community.

**Ventura County Science Fair – March 20** A member of our Environmental Services team volunteered as a judge, supporting STEM education in the community.

**CSU Channel Islands Tour – March 25** Geomorphology and Hydrology classes visited the Freeman Diversion, offering students a firsthand look at water rights and distribution in the region.

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**Piru Power Run 5K & 1K Fun Run/Walk – March 28** United Water supported this community event at Lake Piru. Additional coverage will be provided by the Lake Piru team.

### Upcoming Tours and Events

- **City of Ventura Operators Tour** (April 7)
- **Ventura Missionary School Tour** (April 9)
- **Ventura County Farm Day** (April 11)
- **AWA Ventura County 2026 Annual Symposium** (April 16)
- **CoLab 2026 Annual Spring Fling** (April 25)
- **Quarterly Tour** (April 29)

### Annual Communications Plan

Implementation of the Annual Communications Plan continued to advance in March, with significant progress made across branding, legislative communications, and public-facing materials, while supporting United Water's broader Visibility and Value communications initiative.

### Completed Items

- **Board Media and Outreach Training One-on-Ones** completed, strengthening board members' capacity for media engagement and public outreach
- **Two Press Releases Distributed:**
  - From Ventura County to Capitol Hill (March 16): Announced that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) named United Water its Most Effective Agency on a Federal Issue, recognizing the district's leadership in national water policy
  - Ventura County Agency Recognized Among California's Top Special Districts (March 23): Announced United Water's designation as a District of Distinction by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), affirming United Water's commitment to strong governance, fiscal discipline, and public accountability
- **Branded Content** developed to strengthen visual consistency and message alignment
- **Newspaper Insert** completed, expanding United Water's reach to print audiences throughout the service area
- **Fleet Logo Installation** completed, increasing everyday visibility of the District throughout the service area

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- **E-Blast Distributed** promoting the upcoming Quarterly Tour (April 29), driving awareness and encouraging stakeholder participation

### In Progress

- **Brand Assessment** underway to evaluate new opportunities and create a consistent voice
- **Style Guide Development** in progress to ensure consistent use of District branding across all materials
- **Updated Legislative Platform Document** in development to reflect current priorities and advocacy positions
- **Website Refresh** continuing, with progress on the Interactive Project Map, and updated content throughout

### Upcoming March Initiatives

- Shift Visibility and Value Campaign focus toward groundwater management effectiveness and environmental stewardship
- Continue Brand Assessment and Style Guide Development
- Complete Legislative Support Form Letters
- Continue Website Refresh progress

### Social Media Analytics Brief, Findings and Considerations

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

The District's two press releases generated notable visibility opportunities, reinforcing United Water's reputation for leadership in governance and federal advocacy. Lake Piru platforms saw significant follower growth, reflecting strong community interest surrounding the Piru Power Run event.

### United Water Conservation District Social Media Platforms

Facebook Likes: 869 (Net Increase of 3)

LinkedIn Followers: 592 (Net Increase of 25)

Instagram Followers: 22 (No Change)

Nextdoor Interactions: 5,130 Impressions (Net Increase of 44)

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##### Lake Piru Social Media Platforms

Facebook Followers: 4,301 (Net Increase of 1,044)

Instagram Followers: 2,639 (Net Increase of 945)

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### April Posting Plans and Tactics

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

- Advance updated Visibility and Value Campaign messaging focused on groundwater management effectiveness and environmental stewardship
- Amplify press recognition and awards coverage to reinforce District credibility and public trust
- Promote upcoming tours and stakeholder engagement opportunities
- Feature staff expertise, operations, and facilities to reinforce transparency and public understanding
- Use selective post boosting to expand visibility of high-value content within United Water's service area
- Maintain consistent posting cadence to strengthen recognition of United Water's work and impact

#### **Lake Piru**

- Highlight post-event momentum from the Piru Power Run with community photos and recaps
- Continue promoting 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:** March 19, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 4.6 Engineering Department Monthly Report  
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### **Staff Recommendation:**

Receive this summary report from the Engineering Department regarding its activities for February 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**

- **SFD General**
  - Staff supported efforts with LPFA to discuss the ongoing Pothole Trail realignment project.
  
- **FERC Compliance:**
  - Staff reviewed a proposal received for the inspection of the 60-inch diameter penstock for approximately \$75k.
  - On February 19, Staff e-filed a request for exemption to complete the 2027 Part 12D (18 CFR Part 12 Subpart D) with FERC.
  - On February 27, Staff e-filed a response letter regarding a plan and schedule to address comments on the SFD HHA with FERC. Staff reviewed a proposal from GFT for their third-party review of the SFD HHA for approximately \$28k.
  - Staff reviewed the monthly inspection report and prepared updates for the DSSMR.
  
- **Outlet Works Improvement Project:**
  - In February, Staff conducted several key activities, including amendments to the BOC member contracts, in preparation for BOC Meeting No. 11 scheduled for March 25-26. In preparation for the construction phase, on February 13, a standing front-end specifications workshop was held with BV

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and GEI and on February 21, Staff received the Draft Soils and Groundwater Management Plan from BV. As part of the efforts to finalize the design, on February 16, Staff received the updated GDR from GEI, and on February 26, Staff received backcheck comments from DSOD regarding the 100% design.

- On February 24, Staff provided public review comments on the DWR's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1 requesting clarification regarding Article 8 – Adjustment to Application Fees applied to previously submitted applications and existing fee schedule. DWR clarified that Article 8 does not apply to previously submitted applications and the fee schedule which application was filed remains in effect until the application is closed out or terminated. This confirms that SFD SIP is exempt from the proposed rulemaking.
- *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
    - On February 5, the project team released a request for bid proposals to nine (9) general contractors for the repair of the LOG Restroom. Site visits with potential contractors took place in mid-February (See **Figure 1**). On February 26, Staff received four (4) bids from contractors including: Ghazal Construction (\$234,080), JG Contracting (\$282,720), MDJ Management, LLC (\$253,564), and Quincon, Inc. (\$628,387). Staff reviewed the bids and performed reference checks to determine the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
  - Water Treatment Plant Upgrades
    - In early February, Staff discussed potential changes to the existing garnet sand vessels with the manufacturer, EPD. Additionally, Staff completed a second round of water sampling to inform design efforts to capture water quality conditions following storms days earlier.
    - Two contracts for the LPWTP Improvement Project Design were in progress throughout the month. One contract was executed with Stantec for design services in the amount of \$169,070 on February 11, while a proposal was received from Wunderlich-Malec for I&C services on February 18. Staff attended site visits with these consultants throughout the month and a design kick-off meeting was scheduled for March 10 with both consultants.

#### Lake Piru Debris Clean-Up

- In February, Engineering staff assisted in preparing purchase orders for Aquatic Harvesting and Venture Pacific Equipment Corp for the 2026 Lake Piru Debris Removal Project. A task order was issued to FE Civil under their OCS agreement

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for construction management, observation, and documentation support for this project.

##### **Freeman Diversion Expansion**

- Throughout February, Staff met with NHC and GEI to discuss the 30% design. To continue advancing the design, award of the 60% design contract will be recommended to the BOD on March 11.
- *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

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

- On February 5, Caltrans notified HDR that United's application was accepted and has proceeded to the next step of review.

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

- On February 19, Staff spoke with City of Ventura Staff about the upcoming schedule for the SWI Project. The City informed the District that City plans to solicit construction bids for the project in March 2026.

##### **OH Pipeline**

- In early February, Staff responded to five (5) RFIs from NV5 related to the Vineyard Avenue MWC Consolidation project and potential connection to the OH Pipeline. Staff attended the Vineyard Avenue MWC Consolidation Monthly Project Meeting hosted by RCAC on February 11.
- Throughout the month, Engineering Staff coordinated with O&M and provided construction observation and post-construction inspection for the new 6" waterline constructed adjacent to Clearwell No. 2.
- On February 20, Staff sent an update email to OH System Users (City of Oxnard, PHWA, and MWCs) regarding preparation of the 2025 UWMP and United's projection of full pumping allocation during the water supply period consistent with FCGMA's Periodic Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin. Staff also received notifications from neighboring agencies regarding their efforts to prepare their 2025 UWMPs.
- On February 25, Staff participated in a meeting with Rio School District representatives, their consultants, Cal Am, and Ventura County Fire Department representatives. The meeting was focused on plans to satisfy fire flow requirements for the Rio Plaza and Rio Real School Expansion Projects. Cal Am is planning on expanding storage capacity for the Rio Plaza system. Staff presented the OH Pipeline background and agreement, including Rio Real's existing connection information.

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### **OH Well Replacement**

- In February, Staff received an updated quote from LO Lynch for the rehabilitation of Well 17 which is consistent with Staff's expectations.

### **Pleasant Valley Pipeline**

- On February 25, Staff provided an invoice to Costco Wholesale for reimbursement of a pre-condition video inspection of the PV Pipeline which occurred in September 2025 prior to construction activities related to the new Costco in the City of Camarillo.

### **Recycled Water Planning Activities**

- In February, Engineering and WR Staff met regarding a planned tracer study in the Oxnard Forebay to confirm the viability of groundwater recharge using recycled water. Additionally, Staff continued their review of the City of Oxnard's draft Title 22 Engineering Report for recycled water distribution and use and prepared responses to the City's End-of-Term FATW Agreement Questionnaire.

### **PTP Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline Project**

- Staff received Toro's post-construction HDD survey data on February 13 and found no results that were outside of allowable ranges.

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

- In February, Staff updated the Phase 1 milestone schedule for the SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance and NBVC.
- On February 15, Staff received revised 30% design drawings prepared by K/J with relocations of extraction well sites EBB1 and EBB3 as requested by NBVC.
- Staff continued to work with the contractor (C-Below, BGI) and the consultants (FE Civil, ECG) to initiate planned potholing activities at NBVC Point Mugu. Staff continued to coordinate with NBVC Staff. Additionally, Staff continued to work with Earth Systems on the planned installation of temporary piezometer wells at NBVC Point Mugu. Staff coordinated with the County of Ventura on permitting requirements for temporary piezometer wells.
- Staff continued to respond to NBVC RFIs related to the Phase 1B SAR that seeks to authorize the construction of the Phase 1 project on specific property at NBVC.

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

- On February 17, Staff held a kick-off meeting with HDR for condition assessment work of the OH pipeline.
- On February 25, Staff held the first recurring monthly meeting with O&M and Engineering to procure Professional Consulting Services for the selection of a CMMS vendor.

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### Engineering File Digitization

- Staff continue to work with the District’s consultant, ARC on digitization of historical hard copy files.

### On-Call Services Agreements

- In February, OCS agreements were executed with MNS, HDR, GEI, GFT, Catalyst Environmental, Beacon West Energy Group, and Trussell.

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

- February 11 – Staff attended the National Hydropower Association Advocacy Training Webinar that discussed their VoterVoice Platform and pending legislation that could impact the operation of SFD.
- February 12-13 – Staff attended the 2026 CalDesal Annual Conference, and Robert Richardson presented the EBB WTP at the 2026 CalDesal Annual Conference under Session 6: "How Now Brackish Desal!?!!" (See **Figure 2**).
- February 19 – Staff participated in a Brown Bag Special Session “Enhancing Productivity with the Use of AI” presented by Dr. Frank Olmos.
- February 24 – Staff attended the Monthly Safety Training – “Valley Fever, Environmental, and Cybersecurity”.
- February 25 – Staff attended the CCWUC Asset Management lunch training.

### Public Outreach Support Activities

- February 19 – Staff attended a retirement ceremony for Gene Fisher (RDP) at the NBVC Port Hueneme Seabee Museum.



**Figure 1** - Nathan Summerville provides a site tour to prospective contractors for the LPRA LOG Restroom Repair Project.

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**Figure 2** - Robert Richardson presenting the EBB WTP Project at CalDesal's Annual Conference on February 12, 2026.

**Acronym Index**

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
AI	Artificial Intelligence
ARC	ARC Document Solutions, Inc.
BGI	Black Gold Industries
BOC	Board of Consultants
BOD	Board of Directors
BV	Black & Veatch
C Below	C Below, Inc.
Cal Am	California American Water
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CMMS	Computerized Maintenance Management System
CCWUC	Channel Counties Water Utilities Committee
DSOD	Division of Safety of Dams
DSSMR	Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report
EBB	Extraction Barrier and Brackish
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EPD USA	EPD USA, Inc.
FATW	Full Advanced Treatment Water
FE Civil	Filippin Engineering
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Acronym	Definition
AI	Artificial Intelligence
GDR	General Design Report
GEI	Geotechnical Engineers Inc.
GFT	Gannett Fleming TranSystems
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
HDR	Henningson, Durham and Richardson, Inc.
HHA	Hydraulic Hazard Analysis
I&C	Instrumentation and Control
K/J	Kennedy Jenks Consultants
LO Lynch	L O Lynch Quality Wells & Pumps Inc
LOG	Lower Olive Grove
LPFA	Los Padres Forest Association
LPRA	Lake Piru Recreation Area
LPWTP	Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant
MNS	MNS Engineers, Inc.
MWC	Mutual Water Company
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHC	Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
NV5	Nv5 Global, Inc.
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OCS	On-Call Services
OH	Oxnard-Hueneme
P&ID	Piping and Instrumentation Diagram
PHWA	Port Hueneme Water Agency
PTP	Pumping Trough Pipeline
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corp
RFI	Request for Information
SAR	Site Approval Request
SFD	Santa Felicia Dam
SWI	State Water Interconnect
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
Toro	Toro Enterprises, Inc.
Trussell	Trussell Technologies, Inc.
UWMP	Urban Water Management Plan
VFD	Variable Frequency Drive
WR	Water Resources
WTP	Water Treatment Plant



## 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:** March 23, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

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

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### **Staff Recommendation:**

Review this staff report from the Environmental Services Department (ES) staff regarding its activities for the month of February 2026.

### **Discussion:**

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

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

During the month of February 2026, ES staff reviewed several project plans ahead of the Board of Consultants Meeting scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2026. ES staff reviewed the Quality Control and Inspection Program, a plan required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). ES staff also reviewed the Soil and Groundwater Management Plan, a plan required by Mitigation Measure HZ-2 under the United Water Conservation District's (United) California Environmental Quality Act Environmental Impact Report.

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

Under the Water Release Plan and FERC license for the Santa Felicia Project, 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. The total precipitation as of February 1, 2026, has met the triggers for elevated habitat releases through October 1, 2026. The minimum required habitat water release for the month of February was 20 cfs.

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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	19.84 inches	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	9 cfs

\*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.

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

As previously reported, on January 29, 2026, FERC issued a temporary variance to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s (LADWP) FERC license for Pyramid Lake to allow increased State Water Project (SWP) imports from Pyramid Dam to Lake Piru. The variance allows United to import additional SWP water during 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. On February 12, 2026, ES staff met with the FERC Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance Aquatic Resources Branch to confirm future variance and amendment options. Based on feedback received, ES staff will coordinate with DWR and will pursue the necessary approvals well in advance of the November 2027 delivery window.

**3. Freeman Diversion Operations**

During the month of February 2026, ES staff supported Freeman Diversion operations and maintenance activities by coordinating with Water Resources and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) 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. Additionally, ES staff have assisted with conducting regular flushing operations. On February 11, 2026, ES and O&M staff completed installation and testing of a new replacement surveillance camera within the fish ladder. As of the end of February, the surveillance system has not yet recorded any *O. mykiss* moving upstream through the ladder; 18 adult and six juvenile Pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) have been observed in or near the facility.

On February 18, 2026, ES staff submitted the 2025 Cowbird Trapping Report (2025 Report) to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2021 Freeman Diversion Sediment Management Lake and Streambed

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Alternation Agreement (LSAA). The 2025 Report outlines brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*; cowbird) trapping activities completed throughout the year and documents the third and final year of the cowbird trapping program fulfilling the mitigation requirements under the agreement. In 2026, United will continue to operate a single cowbird trap as the first year of a five-year mitigation requirement under the Freeman Diversion Routine Maintenance LSAA.

Cowbird trapping operations near the Freeman Diversion have been successful in removing female cowbirds; between 2023 and 2025, United has removed 44 male and 24 female (68 total) cowbirds from riparian habitat in the Santa Clara River. Cowbirds are an invasive species that parasitize the nests of native songbirds, including the endangered least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), by removing and replacing the host's eggs with their own. The host bird then unknowingly incubates the cowbird eggs. Cowbird chicks hatch and mature faster than the host's chicks and typically outcompete all other chicks that may remain in the nest. A single female cowbird can lay between 40–60 eggs per year. Therefore, the removal of 24 female cowbirds may have precluded between 960 and 1,440 parasitism events and allowed the production of between 2,880 and 4,320 native songbird chicks (3 per parasitized nest).

### 4. Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

Following January 8, 2026, submittal of the Freeman Diversion Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) under the federal Endangered Species Act, incidental take permit (ITP) applications under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), and notifications of Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA), United continues communication with federal and state agencies regarding review and processing of the subject applications.

In February 2026, United staff discussed CESA ITP applications and LSA notifications with CDFW, which led to the decision to temporarily withdraw the CESA ITP application for the operation of the Improved Denil and re-submit within 90 days. The updated CESA ITP application will incorporate the current operations of the Freeman Diversion to cover the interim period between permit issuance and operation of the Improved Denil. A substantive response from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on the MSHCP has not yet been received; however, management remains in communication with NMFS. Additionally, ES staff continued collecting critical riffle data at several sites in the lower Santa Clara River to support the critical riffle study.

### 5. Quagga Mussel Management

Throughout the month of February 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 during the month of February.

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### 6. Grant Efforts

On February 18, 2026, ES staff submitted a concept proposal under CDFW's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) for the Lower Santa Clara River Arundo Removal Project. The full application due date is on hold, pending federal funding availability.

### 7. Miscellaneous

In February 2026, ES staff completed an Overview of California Water Law and Policy course through the UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education program.

On February 5, 2026, ES staff submitted an application to the U.S. Army Corps Engineers (USACE) for an emergency permit for Lake Piru storm debris cleanup. Sediment discharge was calculated at <1 cubic yard and USACE responded that a permit was not necessary. United retained the written determination from USACE as documentation.

During the week of February 9, 2026, staff reviewed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed rule to revise the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification regulations.

On February 12 and 13, 2026, Tessa Lenz attended the 2026 CalDesal Conference in Sacramento with the EBB Project team.

On February 12, 2026, the California Fish and Game Commission approved listing mountain lion populations in southern California as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act, as the Southern California/Central Coast ESU.

On February 18, 2026, ES staff participated in a Southwestern Pond Turtle working group meeting hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On February 19, 2026, ES staff attended the training, "Enhancing Productivity with the Use of AI", presented by Dr. Frank Olmos.

On February 24, 2026, ES staff provided a Worker Environmental Awareness Training and Permit Overview to United staff at the monthly safety meeting.

On February 25, 2026, ES staff attended a webinar hosted by Environmental Science Associates titled, "Federal Budget, Permitting Policy, and Technology Solutions."

On February 26, 2026, ES staff attended the Santa Clara River Watershed Committee Meeting and Executive Committee meeting.



**STAFF REPORT**

**To:** UWCD Board of Directors

**Through:** Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

**From:** Bram Sercu, PhD, Water Resources Supervisor  
Maryam Bral, PhD, Assistant General Manager *MB*

**Date:** April 08, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5.1. PUBLIC HEARING Opening of Annual Groundwater Hearing to Accept Public Comment on Groundwater Conditions within the District

**Staff Recommendation:**  
Open Annual Groundwater Hearing.

**Discussion:**  
In accordance with the California Water Code, the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of groundwater resources within the District. An Annual Engineering Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions within the United Water Conservation District was submitted to the Board's Secretary/Treasurer on March 03, 2026, and has been available for public review and comment. It is suggested that this hearing be opened and continued through each regular Board meeting through June. During its June meeting, the Board may choose to close the hearing and consider the establishment of zones and the levying of groundwater extraction charges in those zones.

Staff will present a summary of the groundwater conditions detailed in the 2026 Annual Report. The Water Code Section 75574 uses specific definitions for terms such as "overdraft" and "total of annual overdrafts"; these terms will be explained in the context of their use in the Annual Report.

	<b>2024-2025 (previous year)</b>	<b>Water Year 2025-2026 (current year)</b>	<b>2026-2027 (ensuing year)</b>
<b>Annual Overdraft</b>	51,000 AF	-52,000 AF (projected surplus)	0 – 22,000 AF
<b>Accumulated Overdraft*</b>	35,400 AF	35,400 AF	-
<b>Total of Annual Overdrafts</b>	1,114,000 AF	-	-

\*Estimate updated this year, reflecting recent estimates reported in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluations for Oxnard subbasin.

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	<b>2024-2025 (previous year)</b>	<b>Water Year 2025-2026 (current year)</b>	<b>2026-2027 (ensuing year)</b>
<b>Estimated Groundwater Pumping for Agriculture</b>	112,000 AF	-	112,000 AF
<b>Estimated Groundwater Pumping for M&amp;I</b>	39,000 AF	-	39,000 AF
<b>Estimated Surface Water Distribution</b>	60,000 AF	-	60,000 AF
<b>Total Water Distribution</b>	151,000 AF	-	151,000 AF

The Forebay area of the Oxnard groundwater sub-basin is an important element of the water resources management program implemented by the District. Staff calculate the available storage in the Forebay on a monthly basis. The available storage, as of the end of February 2026, is approximately 5,800 AF. For reference, an available storage value of about 80,000 AF means that water levels in the Forebay area are at about sea level and these lower water levels cannot provide the positive pressures on the seawater intruded aquifers at the coast to impede landward migration of saline waters. The current high groundwater levels are helping to provide positive pressures on the seawater-intruded aquifers at the coast, impeding landward migration of saline waters to some degree. The current high groundwater levels are the result of two recent consecutive water years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024) with above-average rainfall and record-setting diversions of surface and imported water to United’s Saticoy and El Rio recharge facilities in the Forebay. These wet years were followed by water year 2024-2025, with below-average precipitation, and a very wet start of water year 2025-2026. Given a full Lake Piru reservoir, favorable water supply conditions are expected for the near-term future, but drier conditions can be expected to return in the longer term, consistent with historical patterns of rainfall in the region. During these potential dry years, available storage in the Forebay will increase, groundwater elevations in the District will decrease, and landward seawater intrusion will continue, unless the projects planned by United and others are implemented to provide additional sources of supply and create a seawater-intrusion barrier.

**Public comments will be accepted at this time.** This hearing will be continued until Wednesday, May 13, 2026. No Board decisions will be made until the final hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Attachment A: Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions within the United Water Conservation District, Water Year 2025-2026

**ATTACHMENT A**

*Annual Investigation and Report  
of  
Groundwater Conditions Within  
United Water Conservation District*



*A summary of findings for the previous water year (2024-2025),  
current water year (2025-2026), and ensuing water year (2026-2027)*

**Prepared by  
Water Resources Department**

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**March 2026**

**ANNUAL INVESTIGATION AND REPORT  
OF  
GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS WITHIN  
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**A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOR THE  
PREVIOUS WATER YEAR (2024-2025),  
CURRENT WATER YEAR (2025-2026),  
AND ENSUING WATER YEAR (2026-2027)**

**PREPARED BY  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Cover Photo: Santa Clara River near Cavin Road, looking downstream toward area of rising groundwater near Piru and Fillmore Basin boundary.

Photo by Luke Bryden, September 09, 2025

**MARCH 02, 2026**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Background**

United Water Conservation District (UWCD or the District) is organized and operates pursuant to the Water Conservation District Law of 1931, which is set forth in Division 21 of the Water Code. [Section 74000 et seq.]

The District may establish and levy groundwater extraction charges against persons operating groundwater producing facilities within zone(s) of the District. Such groundwater charges are in furtherance of the District's activities in the protection and augmentation of the water supplies for users within the District or its zone(s) which are necessary for the public health, welfare and safety of the people of the State of California. In connection with the establishment and levying of such charges, Section 75560 of the Water Code provides that "The district shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon the groundwater conditions of the district." The annual groundwater conditions report is provided to the District's Board of Directors (Board) to assist the Board in evaluating the nature and extent of groundwater overdraft within the District.

### **Definitions**

Several terms are defined here to minimize confusion as to their meaning within the context of this report. The following definitions are provided from the California Water Code:

*Water Year* means July 1st of one calendar year to June 30th of the following calendar year. (§ 75507)

*Annual Overdraft* means the amount, determined by the Board, by which the production of water from groundwater supplies within the district or any zone or zones thereof during the water year exceeds the natural replenishment of such groundwater supplies in such water year. (§ 75506)

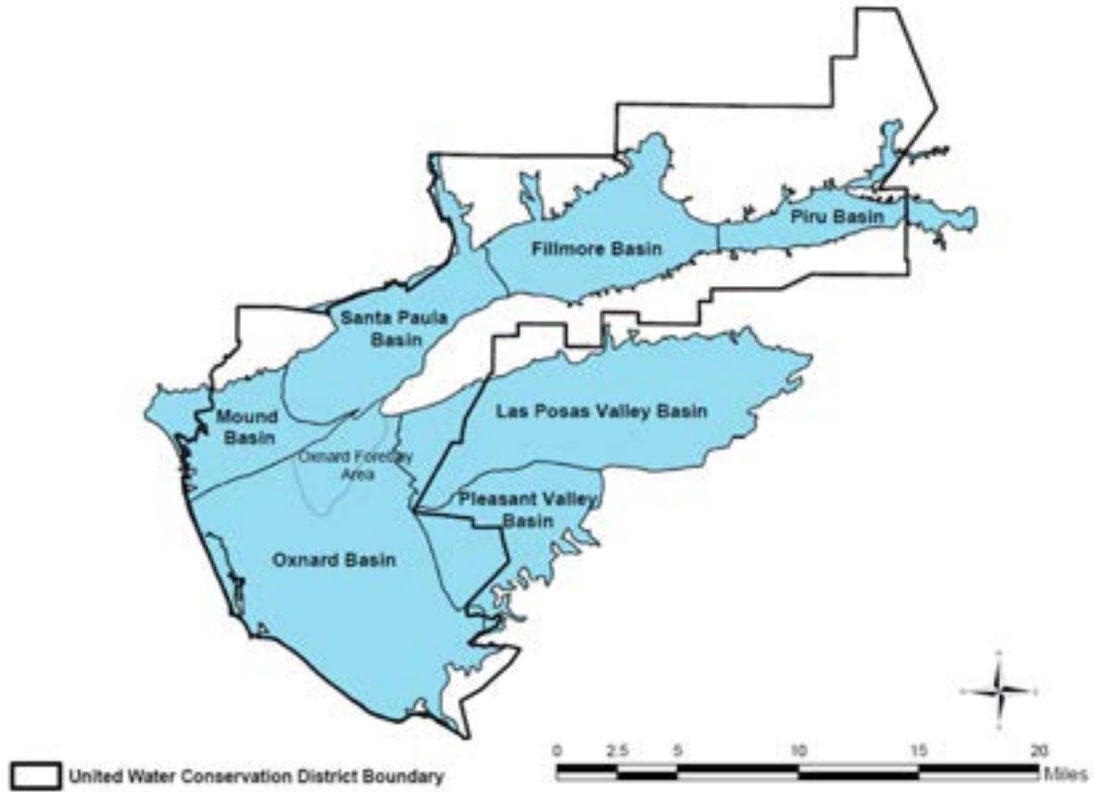
*Accumulated Overdraft* means the amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the groundwater basins within the district or any zone or zones thereof to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh groundwater body, or to prevent subsidence of the land within the district or any zone or

zones thereof, as determined by the Board from time to time.  
(§ 75505)

The management of the basins within the District has required artificial recharge to be an integral part of annual replenishment. Therefore, this report includes both artificial recharge and natural recharge in all calculations of overdraft. The above definition of "accumulated overdraft" for water conservation districts differs significantly from the definition in the Water Code used for water replenishment districts, where "accumulated overdraft" is an accumulated total of annual overdrafts. The District has historically tracked this accumulated total of annual overdrafts. Data analysis via the District's Geographic Information System (GIS) and use of the modified Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (UWCD, 2006; as adapted from the USGS RASA Model, [Hanson et. al, 2003]) has informed previous calculation of "accumulated overdraft" under the meaning of Section 75505; however, though these calculated figures were informed by the older Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model, it was not specifically used in calculating the figures presented in this report. In this report, we use the term "**total of annual overdrafts**" for the running total of accumulated annual overdrafts, and the term "**accumulated overdraft**" for the long-term increase of the average annual replenishment that is necessary to prevent landward movement of salt water and to prevent land subsidence. Techniques for these calculations and differences between the overdraft totals are described in the sections "Data and Methods" and "Discussion".

### **Groundwater Basins of the District**

All or portions of seven groundwater basins lie within the District. These basins are defined by their hydrologic, geologic and physiographic interconnectivity, which influence the quantity and quality of groundwater available in each of the basins. Three ground water basins are located completely or almost completely within the boundaries of the District. These three basins include two along the upstream reaches of the Santa Clara River (Fillmore and Santa Paula basins), as well as one basin in the coastal plain area (Oxnard basin). In addition to these three groundwater basins, most of the Mound Basin in the Ventura area and portions of the Pleasant Valley and Las Posas Valley groundwater basins also lie within the District. A majority of the Piru basin is within the District; however, some eastern areas of the Piru basin with minimal groundwater pumping extend beyond the boundaries of the District. The locations of these basins are shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1. Groundwater basins of United Water Conservation District.**

## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF REPORT**

This report provides the Board with updated information on groundwater overdraft so that the Board may consider that information when deciding: 1) whether to levy a groundwater charge or charges, and 2) whether a zone or zones should be established within which groundwater charges should be levied.

The District compiles and evaluates hydrologic data to promote efficiency in its water conservation operations and to assist in planning for future water needs. The District also uses these data to prepare a district-wide water balance to evaluate the occurrence and extent of groundwater overdraft. This report presents those findings concerning the occurrence and extent of groundwater overdraft, and other related issues, as outlined in section 75574 of the Water Code.

## **DATA AND METHODS**

The methods used by the District to estimate “Annual Overdraft” were modified in the water year 2022-2023 annual report. The District has invested significant time and effort in developing and refining a number of modeling tools and methods in recent years, and these tools provided an opportunity to improve the calculations within this report. The overall methodology and approach remained similar to before; the updates were largely related to the calculation of basin recharge from surface water percolation in the upper Santa Clara River basins (UWCD, 2021c) and the Forebay Area of the Oxnard basin (R2 Resource Consultants, 2016). The method compares estimates of annual recharge to reported groundwater extractions. Precipitation and surface water data compiled by federal, state, and local agencies are used to evaluate groundwater recharge. Appendix A includes details regarding the updated methodology.

The methods used by the District to compute “Annual Overdraft” have been updated over time as new data and technologies have become available. Prior to 1991 it was assumed that overdraft only occurred in the Oxnard basin, and the amount of overdraft was calculated using groundwater elevation data. Beginning in 1991, the District began using a District-wide water balance method to evaluate and report “Annual Overdraft”. The annual overdraft calculations were then updated beginning in the reporting for water year 2022-2023 that maintained a similar approach for the District-wide calculations as before, but the tools for estimating basin inflows and outflows were improved, and the improvements were incorporated into the updated methodology (see Appendix A).

## Annual Groundwater Conditions Report, Water Year 2025-2026

Utilizing the recent Coastal Plain Model, a version of the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (UWCD, 2018; FCGMA, 2024a and 2024b), Geographic Information System (GIS) and its extensive historic data bases of groundwater levels, groundwater extractions, artificial recharge and water chemistry, local water resource managers have been able to document and model the response of the hydrologically interconnected basins to varying climatic cycles and, subsequently, to variations in the seasonal amounts of natural and artificial groundwater recharge. The District relies on that analysis to help inform the "Accumulated Overdraft" estimate which is the long-term increase of the average annual replenishment that is necessary to prevent landward movement of salt water and to prevent subsidence (see FCGMA, 2024a and 2024b).

**FINDINGS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 75574 OF WATER CODE**

- (a) The average annual overdraft for the immediate past 10 water years is estimated to be approximately **22,000 acre-feet**.
- (b) The annual overdraft for the current water year is estimated to range up to **-52,000 acre-feet**. This **negative** number implies that replenishment will exceed extractions for the District, as a whole for this current water year, ending on June 30, 2026.
- (c) The annual overdraft for the ensuing water year is estimated to be between **0 and 22,000 acre-feet**.
- (d) The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2025, is estimated to be **35,400 acre-feet**.
- (e) The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2026, is estimated to be **35,400 acre-feet**.
- (f) The estimated amount of agricultural water to be withdrawn from the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year is approximately **112,000 acre-feet**.
- (g) The amount of water for municipal and industrial (M&I) purposes to be pumped from the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year is estimated to be approximately **39,000 acre-feet**.
- (h) The estimated amount of water necessary for surface distribution for the ensuing water year is expected to be at least the long-term average of **60,000 acre-feet**.
- (i) The amount of water, which is necessary for the replenishment of the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing year, is estimated to be at least **849,000 acre-feet**, as of the last day of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2026.
- (j) The District is not obligated by contract to purchase any amount of water for the ensuing water year, from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, except State Water Project water, ordered for and reimbursed by the Port

Annual Groundwater Conditions Report, Water Year 2025-2026

Hueneme Water Agency. This amount of water is not to exceed **1,850 acre-feet** per year.

- (k) The total production of water from the groundwater supplies of the District during the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2025, was approximately **151,000 acre-feet** [WC Section 75561 (c)].

An additional finding, which was incorporated in the required findings, is that the “total of annual overdrafts” for the District as of the end of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2026, is estimated to be approximately **1,062,000 acre-feet**. For completeness, the “total of annual overdrafts” for the District as of the end of the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2025, is estimated to have been approximately **1,114,000 acre-feet**.

These findings have also been included in tabular format on Table 1.

**Table 1: Findings as Required by Section 75574 of Water Code**

<b>Finding Item</b>	<b>Value (acre-feet)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Water Code Reference</b>
a	22,000	The average annual overdraft for the immediate past 10 water years. Positive value means overdraft; negative value means surplus.	Section 75574 (a)
b	-52,000	The estimated annual overdraft for the current water year.	Section 75574 (b)
c	0 - 22,000	The estimated annual overdraft for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (c)
d	35,400	The accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding water year.	Section 75574 (d)
e	35,400	The estimated accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the current water year.	Section 75574 (e)
f	112,000	The estimated amount of agricultural water to be withdrawn from the ground water supplies of the District for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (f)
g	39,000	The amount of water other than agricultural water (i.e. municipal and industrial) to be drawn from the ground water supplies of the District for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (g)
h	60,000	The estimated amount of water necessary for surface distribution for the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (h)
i	849,000	The amount of water which is necessary for the replenishment of the ground water supplies of the District for the ensuing water year, as of the end of the current year.	Section 75574 (i) Section 75561 (e)
j	1,850	The amount of water the District is obligated by contract to purchase during the ensuing water year.	Section 75574 (j) Section 75561 (e)
k	151,000	The total production of water from the ground water supplies of the District for the preceding water year.	Section 75561 (c)
Additional	1,114,000	The estimated "total of annual overdrafts" of the District for the current water year, as of the end of the preceding water year.	Section 75574 (b, i) Section 75561 (e)
Additional	1,062,000	The estimated "total of annual overdrafts" of the District for the ensuing water year, as of the end of the current year.	Section 75574 (b, i) Section 75561 (e)

**Notes:**  
**Preceding Water Year:** July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (Water Code Section 75507 (c))  
**Current Water Year:** July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (Water Code Section 75507 (b))  
**Ensuing Water Year:** July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 (Water Code Section 75507 (d))  
**"Annual overdraft":** The amount, determined by the board, by which the production of water from ground water supplies within the District or any zone or zones thereof during the water year exceeds the natural replenishment of such ground water supplies in such water year. (Water Code Section 75505) Positive value means overdraft, negative value means surplus.  
**"Accumulated overdraft":** The amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the ground water basins within the District or any zone or zones thereof to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh ground water body, or to prevent subsidence of the land within the District or any zone or zones thereof, as determined by the board from time to time. (Water Code Section 75506)  
**"Total of Annual Overdrafts":** This additional finding is a cumulative total of each water year's annual overdraft (item b), up to the last day of the preceding and current water year.

## Description of Findings as Required by Section 75574 of Water Code

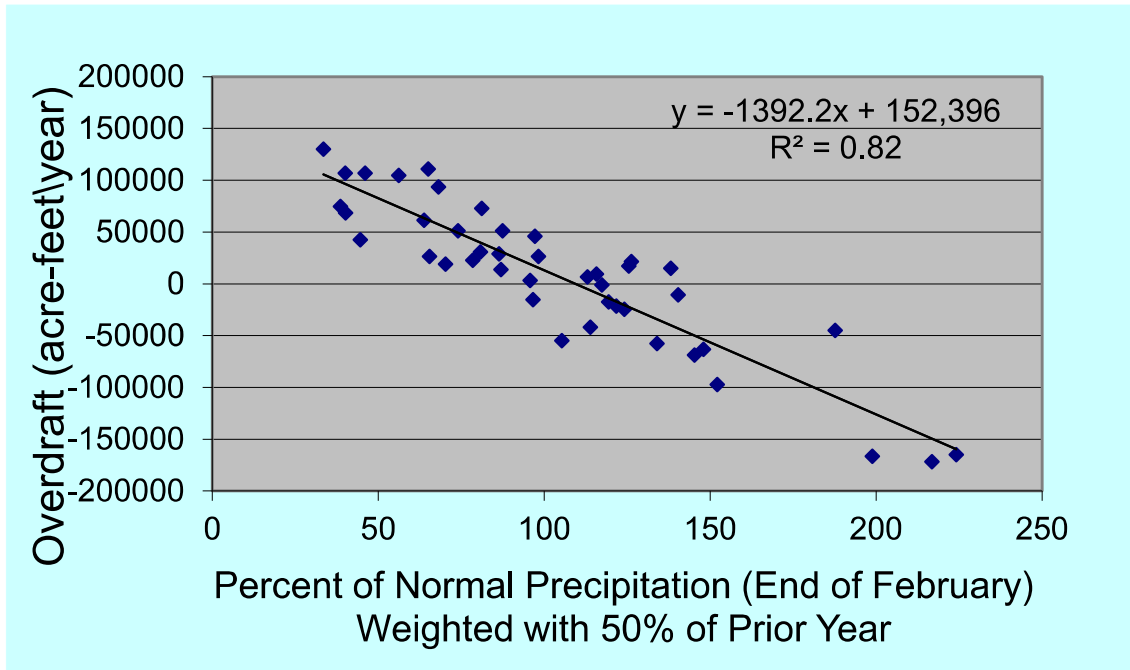
(a) The annual overdraft (explained in item b below) of the preceding ten years is averaged to derive the average annual overdraft. The average annual overdraft of **22,000 acre-feet** means that over the last ten years the average pumping has exceeded the average recharge, both natural and artificial, on a District-wide basis.

(b) Although the annual overdraft for the previous year can be calculated, the **annual overdraft** for the current water year must be estimated. This is because only a portion of the year has passed. At best, the appropriate data are available for the period July 1 through February 28/29 of the current water year. To standardize this prediction for current year overdraft, water resources staff developed a regression curve fit that compares overdraft for previous years to rainfall through February for each of the years 1982-1983 through 2024-2025 (Figure 2). The goal is to be able to predict the annual overdraft for the current year, based on the percentage of normal rainfall as of the end of February. Normal rainfall refers to the updated long-term average from 1890-1891 through the previous year (2024-2025). The prediction is considerably improved by weighting in the prior year precipitation<sup>i</sup>. This regression methodology serves to recognize antecedent conditions, which influences how readily the Santa Clara River, streams, and precipitation can recharge to groundwater.

As of February 28, of this current water year (2025-2026), precipitation was approximately **203%** of normal. The previous year (2024-2025) precipitation was approximately **36%** of normal at the end of February. The overdraft for the current water year is predicted to be approximately **-52,000 acre-feet**. The **negative** number implies a net **surplus** to the aquifers. A review of overdraft data from 1982-1983 to 2024-2025 suggests that a net District-wide surplus of water will occur when the weighted precipitation, of the current year through February and the prior year, equals or exceeds approximately **109%** of normal (Figure 2). For the 2025-2026 water year the weighted precipitation is **147%**, therefore suggesting the estimated surplus for the current year.

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<sup>i</sup> Weighted percent of normal precipitation = [(current year \* 1.0) + (previous year \* 0.5)]/1.5



**Figure 2. District-Wide Overdraft vs. Percent of Normal Precipitation.**

The prior year overdraft is calculated once all the data are available for the period July 1 to June 30. In this manner, the actual overdraft is calculated approximately eight months in arrears. This calculated overdraft for the prior year is then used with the nine preceding years to determine the ten-year average annual overdraft.

In last year’s report (Water Year 2024-2025), the regression correlation was used to predict an overdraft District-wide of approximately **30,000 acre-feet** (deficit) for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. After receiving data for the entire year, the actual annual overdraft was determined to be approximately **51,000 acre-feet** (deficit). Therefore, the projected deficit was underestimated by approximately **21,000 acre-feet**. During the current analysis, District Staff also found a calculation error in the upper basins percolation for the previous water years of 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 that overestimated previously calculated surplus conditions. The surplus volumes have been revised to lower values from -75,500 to -63,000 acre-feet for water year 2022-2023 and from -91,500 to -45,000 acre-feet for water year 2023-2024. Those revised estimates were updated in the regression analysis for the current water year estimate. A basic summary of the methodology for determining the hydrologic balance for the groundwater basins is included in Appendix A of this report.

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(c) The annual overdraft for the ensuing water year is difficult to forecast. It projects the hydrologic balance 16 months in advance. The projected District-wide overdraft is assumed to be between 0 acre-feet and the ten-year average annual overdraft, which is approximately 22,000 acre-feet from water years 2015-2016 to 2024-2025.

(d) “Accumulated Overdraft” means the amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the groundwater basins within the District to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh groundwater body, or to prevent subsidence of the land within the District or any zone(s) thereof (§ 75505, California Water Code).

Past efforts to estimate long-term overdraft utilized the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model and Best Management Objective (BMO) groundwater level goals to inform the calculation of “Accumulated Overdraft”. Groundwater modeling efforts for the 2007 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Management Plan update included simulating pumping reductions in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins. Modeling efforts included calculating the amount of pumping reduction in the southern Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins required to raise groundwater levels so that on average over a complete hydrologic cycle (1944 to 1998) there would not be net landward movement of seawater (FCGMA and others, 2007). The necessary pumping reduction from that analysis was estimated to be 20,000 to 25,000 acre-feet, mostly in the Lower Aquifer System (LAS).

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plans in December 2019 for the Oxnard basin (FCGMA, 2019a) and Pleasant Valley basin (FCGMA, 2019b). The plans were prepared in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and based upon estimated sustainable yield for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins that were developed using an updated and improved numerical groundwater flow model and scenario simulations representing updated conditions of use, management actions, and developed water supply projects. From that effort, the necessary reduction in pumping, if no new water supply projects were to be completed was estimated to be as high as 40,000 acre-feet to 45,000 acre-feet, mostly within the LAS.

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency adopted First Periodic Evaluations of their Groundwater Sustainability Plans in December 2024 (FCGMA, 2024a and 2024b). The evaluations were prepared in compliance with SGMA and based upon estimated sustainable yield for the Oxnard and Pleasant

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Valley basins that were developed using an updated and improved numerical groundwater flow model and scenario simulations representing updated conditions of use, management actions, and developed water supply projects since the adoption of the initial GSPs. The “Accumulated Overdraft” presented in this report is based on the estimated values of overdraft presented in the FCGMA First Periodic Evaluations, which most recently estimated that the necessary reduction in pumping, based on existing water supply projects, may be approximately 35,400 acre-feet or more, again, mostly within the LAS. This estimated value was lower than the estimate derived from the initial GSPs due to updated conditions and developed projects.

**(e)** The “Accumulated Overdraft” does not change from year to year unless new water supply projects are brought online or unless there is a long-term change in pumping or climate.

**(f)** The amount of agricultural water likely to be withdrawn for the ensuing water year should be reported as the same as the previous year unless there is overriding information that pumping will change. Because the Annual Groundwater Conditions Report is finished in early March before the year’s rainfall can be accurately predicted, it is more conservative to use the previous year’s pumping. The number comes from semi-annual groundwater extraction statements reported by well owners to the District’s Finance Department, where the water usage is reported as either agricultural or M&I and extraction fees are calculated.

**(g)** As in (f), it is more conservative to use the previous year’s pumping. The amount of M&I water likely to be withdrawn for the ensuing water year should be reported as the same as the previous year unless there is overriding information that pumping will change. The number comes from the previous year’s semi-annual groundwater extraction statements.

**(h)** The estimated amount of water necessary for surface distribution for the ensuing water year is estimated to be at least the long-term average diversion rate for the Freeman Diversion. From January 1991 to June 2025, this long-term average is approximately 60,000 acre-feet per year.

**(i)** The total replenishment necessary for replenishment of groundwater supplies of the District comes from the equation: Total Replenishment = 0.80 \* Total Annual Overdrafts. The 80% factor comes from the USGS RASA groundwater flow model simulation results (Hanson et. al., 2003), which estimated that about 20% of the annual overdraft is water derived from the

compaction and dewatering of fine-grained sediments (and subsequent subsidence). Water cannot be forced back into the sediments, the storage space lost forever, and thus should be subtracted from the total water needed to replenish the aquifer. However, thick deposits of fine-grained sediments are not common to all the basins within District boundaries, and the 20% reduction in all the basin storage capacity based on presumed subsidence may be excessive.

(j) The District is not obligated by contract to purchase any amount of water, except State Project water, ordered for and reimbursed by the Port Hueneme Water Agency. This amount of water is not to exceed 1,850 acre-feet per year.

(k) The preceding year's water production comes from the District's Finance Department records of reported pumping from the semi-annual statements of groundwater extraction and pumping charges.

**“Total of Annual Overdrafts”** – this additional finding is a cumulative total of each year's annual overdraft (item b). It is derived through multiple steps that are informed by the finalized annual overdraft for the previous year as well as the estimated annual overdraft for the current year. First, once all complete records are available for the previous water year, the annual overdraft for the previous water year is finalized and added to last year's “total of annual overdrafts” at the end of the preceding water year. Then, to estimate the “total of annual overdrafts” for the ensuing water year, the estimated annual overdraft of the current year is added to the recently finalized “total of annual overdrafts” for the preceding year. In the wettest years when there is a surplus of water, this total will be reduced. In average and dry years, the total will increase. Even in some wetter-than-average years, there exists a District-wide overdraft and the total will increase, as discussed in (b). In 2022-2023, when a revised methodology used to calculate annual overdraft for the period since 1992-1993, the annual overdrafts and the “total of annual overdrafts” were recalculated for each year, and the “total of annual overdrafts” at the end of 2020-2021 was estimated to be 1,109,000 acre-feet. The “total of annual overdrafts” as of the end of the preceding water year, ending on June 30, 2025, has now been updated to be approximately **1,114,000 acre-feet**. With the annual overdraft of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2026, estimated to be **-52,000 acre-feet** (surplus), the “total of annual overdrafts” as of the end of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2026, is estimated to be approximately **1,062,000 acre-feet**.

## DISCUSSION

The occurrence of overdraft in a groundwater basin is often controversial. This is due in part to the definition of the term. Overdraft has been defined as “*the condition of a groundwater basin or aquifer in which the amount of water extracted exceeds the amount of water that recharges the basin over a period of many years (during which hydrologic conditions do not significantly change)*” (Bachman et al., 2005). Within the District, the withdrawal of groundwater is known through reporting by pumpers. The recharge within the District by artificial means is also known through measurements of diversions, spreading, and pipeline deliveries (including State water deliveries and Conejo Creek diversions as discussed in Appendix B). Natural recharge, however, must be determined through indirect measurements. This natural recharge occurs primarily along the rivers and streams within the District, but also occurs by direct infiltration from rainfall and by leakage through adjacent bedrock and alluvial units.

The District calculates the natural recharge in its basins using measured data for precipitation, stream flow, and groundwater elevations. The value reported as annual overdraft compares the natural and artificial annual recharge to annual groundwater withdrawals. The average annual overdraft varies over the long-term with fundamental changes in both historic pumpage and artificial recharge facilities. Year-to-year, however, the annual District-wide overdraft varies widely with the climatic cycle. Wet years may produce a surplus of replenishment whereas average and dry years result in an overdraft.

Long-term overdraft is more serious than an annual overdraft. Long-term overdraft occurs when recharge is less than extraction over a period of many years. Long-term overdraft has resulted in both landward migration of saline ocean water in the Oxnard basin and dewatering of salt-rich clays surrounding the aquifers; this dewatering has resulted in saltwater moving from the clays to the aquifer and in compaction of the clays (UWCD, 2016). The majority of the saline ocean water is likely contained in the extensive offshore portions of the aquifers of the Oxnard basin. It is in the areas of the submarine canyons that this seawater is drawn into onshore portions of the aquifer and poses a hazard. It is also in these areas where it is imperative that an offshore gradient be maintained to prevent further intrusion. Thus, the calculation of “accumulated overdraft” for water conservation districts in the Water Code is appropriate to the District’s situation – it is the replenishment water necessary to prevent landward movement of saltwater and to prevent subsidence. This is an inherently important aspect of

the District's efforts to protect and augment water supplies for users within the District or its zone(s) which are necessary for public health, welfare and safety.

Two calculated values related to long-term overdraft are presented in this report: 1) the amount of water necessary for the total replenishment of the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year, which is calculated from the total of annual overdrafts, with a value of **849,000 acre-feet** estimated as of the end of the current water year, ending on June 30, 2026; and 2) the accumulated overdraft, as per the Water Code, which represents the amount of additional replenishment water that is needed on a continuing basis in the future to prevent further salt water intrusion. Past estimates suggest that a minimum of approximately 20,000 to 25,000 acre-feet per year of additional replenishment water or reduction in groundwater pumping per year is required to prevent further saltwater intrusion (FCGMA and others, 2007); however, more recent and appropriate estimates indicate as much as **35,400 acre-feet per year** may be required (FCGMA, 2024a and 2024b). A large proportion of this saltwater intrusion is associated with seawater intrusion of the offshore extension of the aquifers and onshore seawater intrusion in the vicinity of Port Hueneme and Point Mugu. The remainder is potentially from poor-quality water derived from the compaction of clays.

There is evidence for the occurrence of long-term overdraft in at least two of the groundwater basins of the District. Groundwater levels have generally been declining or depressed for periods of several decades in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins. While the factors causing declining groundwater trends may have varied among these two basins, long-term replenishment rates have not kept up with long-term extraction rates in either of them. Thus, these basins are considered by the District to be in the condition of long-term overdraft.

In the past, the Santa Paula basin had been considered in a state of potential long-term overdraft. A basin yield study (UWCD, 2003) by experts for the City of Ventura, Santa Paula Basin Pumpers Association, and the District suggested that the yield of the basin is probably near the historic pumping amount. In 2017, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., estimated that safe yield of the Santa Paula basin is in the range from 24,000 to 25,500 acre-feet per year, slightly less than the long-term-average pumping rate of 25,800 acre-feet per year (Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, 2017).

The stresses that cause long-term overdraft in a particular basin may be occurring only within that basin, or they may be occurring in several connected basins. For example, the seawater intrusion that has occurred in a portion of the

Oxnard basin can be aggravated by increases in pumping from that basin, but it can also be aggravated by decreases in the replenishment supply coming from the upstream basins. This is caused by the hydraulic continuity between the aforementioned groundwater basins.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) recognized the hydraulic continuity of the District's several groundwater basins, and in 1980 DWR concluded that these basins should be considered as one groundwater basin, the Ventura Central Basin (DWR, 1980). The Ventura Central Basin was identified by the DWR as "subject to critical conditions of overdraft." The Bulletin 118 Update (DWR, 2003) did not re-evaluate the conditions of critical overdraft in the Ventura Central Basin and other California groundwater basins because the task was not identified by the State Legislature, nor was there sufficient funding. More recently, DWR has confirmed that all the groundwater basins within the District boundaries are high-priority basins, with the exception of the Santa Paula basin, which is adjudicated (DWR, 2021). DWR has also confirmed that the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley basins remain subject to critical overdraft (DWR, 2021).

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## Appendix A

### Methodology for Hydrologic Balance

United Water Conservation District prepares an Annual Investigation and Report of the Groundwater Conditions within the United Water Conservation District. The report is specifically written to meet the requirements included in the Water Code 75560-75561.

In reporting for the water year 2022-2023, staff improved the methodology for determining the groundwater conditions within the District's boundaries. The updated methodology determined annual hydrologic balance in a similar, and relatively simple, manner to the prior methodology. However, the calculated components to the hydrologic balance were informed with improved modeling tools. The hydrologic balance incorporates precipitation, streamflow percolation, artificial recharge and extracted groundwater return flows as recharge components and groundwater extraction and phreatophyte consumptive use as discharge components.

The District has invested significant efforts in developing multiple models in recent years that have been used for water resource planning by both the District and other local agencies and consultants. These models have been used in this methodology to inform recharge and discharge components of the hydrologic balance.

The calculated balance for each component is determined individually for each basin, where possible. The hydrologic balance for the entire District is the net sum of the balance for each basin (a total of seven basins). The data acquired for each basin, where applicable, includes:

- Annual rainfall (ft);
- Total area of each basin (acres); the calculated area of each basin has been updated in this report to reflect the more recent California Department of Water Resources (DWR) basin boundary modifications (2019).
- Mean daily surface flows (cfs);
- Daily artificial recharge (ac-ft);
- Mean daily diversions (cfs);
- Consumptive use rate (percent of groundwater pumping);
- Annual groundwater extractions (ac-ft); and
- Modeled average phreatophyte consumptive use over 30-year period (1985-2015) (ac-ft).

### **Precipitation**

Recharge by precipitation on valley alluvium or aquifer outcrop is held constant at 10% for all the unconfined groundwater basins. Rain gauges at Lake Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula, and El Rio are used to calculate the amount of recharge to the corresponding basin. Final data approved for publication are used, when possible, but due to the timing of this report, some provisional data are included.

### **Area**

The areas for the unconfined groundwater basins (Piru basin, Fillmore basin, Santa Paula basin, and the Forebay area of the Oxnard basin) were calculated using a Geographic Information System and were based on recently updated (2019) DWR basin boundaries (DWR, 2021). The updated basin boundaries resulted in an increase in areal extent of approximately 33% for the unconfined basin compared methodology used previously to the 2023 report, and this increase was largely due to the addition of outcrop areas of the production formations.

### **Surface Flows**

Infiltration and percolation of surface flows was estimated using the Upper Basins Surface Water Model (UWCD, 2021c). This model, developed by United, calculates surface flows, recharge, and rising groundwater for the Santa Clara River reaches overlying the Piru, Fillmore, and Santa Paula basins. Model inputs include gaged flow in the Santa Clara River and its tributaries and historical available storage in the Piru and Fillmore basins; final data approved for publication are used, when possible, but due to the timing of this report, some provisional data are included. The model also includes estimates for surface flow losses in Santa Paula basin. Available data suggest that water percolation rates from the Santa Clara River within the Santa Paula basin are limited and difficult to quantify (UWCD, 2013). For this report, 12% of estimated Santa Clara River losses within the Santa Paula basin were estimated as recharge (percolation) to groundwater, on an annual basis, based on the model outputs from the Upper Basins Surface Water Model. From 1992-1993 to 2021-2022, this method results in an average annual percolation total of approximately 2,180 acre-feet per year. Additionally, the streamflow percolation within the Oxnard Forebay area was estimated using the Hydrological Operations Simulations System (HOSS; R2 Resource Consultants, 2016), which uses correlations between groundwater elevations in nearby monitoring wells and observed percolation rates within the portion of the Santa Clara River of the Oxnard Forebay area.

### **Artificial Recharge**

The off-channel annual recharge to the District's Recharge Facilities (Piru, Saticoy, Noble, Rose and El Rio basins) are allocated to respective groundwater basins. It is assumed that there exists 100% efficiency in the recharge (i.e., no losses).

### **Groundwater Extractions**

The groundwater extractions for each basin within the District boundaries are tabulated through pumping reported to the District by well owners and operators.

### **Consumptive Use**

A consumptive use factor is used for all the unconfined groundwater basins. Pressure basins have 0% return flow that effectively recharges the Upper Aquifer System (UAS). However, within the pressure groundwater basins, leakage from the Semi-perched aquifer to the UAS is considered using the previously estimated 1985-2015 average values (UWCD, 2021a), and adjusting for areal extent of the basin that is within the District boundaries.

The estimation of return flow from groundwater pumped in the unconfined basins is based on a representative three-year period as calculated by United (UWCD, 2013). This report accounts for "typical" return flows of over-application of water for salt-leaching requirements, as well as special-use cases by particular pumpers (i.e., recycled water percolation from Municipal and Industrial pumping) within the basins.

The three-year average (2010, 2011, and 2012) was chosen as a reasonable period of climatically wet and dry years. Climatic conditions in 2011 were slightly wetter than normal, 2012 was drier than normal, and 2010 is believed to be more representative of "normal climatic conditions" (UWCD, 2013). The average percentage of agricultural pumping as return flow was calculated as 40.8%, and the average of the percent of municipal and industrial pumping as return flow was calculated as 64.4% for the unconfined basins. Some pumped groundwater is exported from the Forebay area via pipeline to users in the confined Oxnard basin, and as such they are not included in estimates of return flows (i.e., they are considered in this report as 100% consumptive use).

Phreatophyte consumptive use is estimated in this report using the more recently updated Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (UWCD, 2021a) modeled average riparian evapotranspiration over the period from calendar years 1985-2015, adjusted for the extent of the simulated riparian vegetation within the District boundaries. This period captures various climatic and riparian conditions, and the annual average evapotranspiration was used to estimate the District phreatophyte consumptive use.

**Groundwater Basin Water Balance**

Groundwater Basin Water Balance =

[(Groundwater Extractions Consumptive Use + Phreatophyte Consumptive Use) –

(Total Percolated Rainfall + Percolated Surface Water + Artificial Recharge + Return Flow + Leakage)]

Note: Positive values represent overdraft and negative values represent surplus

## **Appendix B**

### **Additional Water Resources Utilized within the District**

#### **State Water**

The District has a State Water Project maximum annual Table A amount of 5,000 acre-feet. The District contracts out 1,850 acre-feet of this amount to Port Hueneme Water Agency where it displaces an equal amount of groundwater pumping on the Oxnard Plain. The District also has access to Article 21 State Water Project water and participates in State Water transfers to increase the total volume of State Water Project water imports beyond its Table A allocation. The District prefers to take delivery of its Table A and supplemental State Water Project from Pyramid Lake to Lake Piru, but can also receive State Water from Castaic Lake. Following a conservation release from Lake Piru, any State Water stored in the reservoir flows down the Santa Clara River within the District where it contributes to groundwater recharge and diversions at the Freeman Diversion Facility.

The California Department of Water Resources determines what percentage of the annual Table A amount is allocated to State Water Contractors each year, based on hydrological conditions and project water use. During most years, the Table A allocation is less than 100%, and it has been as low as 5% during periods of drought. The District historically has not always purchased its full allocation of State water in very wet years due to the lack of available storage.

#### **Conejo Creek Diversion**

The Conejo Creek diversion, located near U.S. Highway 101 and operated by Camrosa Water District (Camrosa), was used for diversion of approximately 8,500 acre-feet per year of water from Conejo Creek on average from March 2002 – September 2022. Over that same period, approximately 4,500 acre-feet per year of diverted water was delivered by Camrosa to Pleasant Valley County Water District, where it replaces groundwater pumping in the Pleasant Valley basin. The remaining diversion volumes are provided to Camrosa customers for non-potable agricultural and landscaping uses, with a portion being in Pleasant Valley basin, and the remainder within Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley basin. This water is a combination of natural runoff and discharged recycled water from Thousand Oaks' Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant, who coordinates with Camrosa related to their diversion operations and deliveries.

#### **Recycled Water**

Various regional partners have more recently developed and implemented projects for distributing recycled water for non-potable agricultural and landscaping use. The use of recycled water can partly offset the need for groundwater extractions for demand. Recent recycled water projects include: Camrosa Water Reclamation Facility and Camarillo Sanitary District (CamSan; deliveries wheeled through Camrosa) currently

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supply recycled water to PVCWD in combination with the Conjeo Creek Diversions noted above. These projects have been operating since November 2019 with averaged deliveries to PVCWD approximately 500 AFY and 1,300 acre-feet per year for Camrosa and CamSan recycled water, respectively; The City of Oxnard's Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) has also been delivering approximately 1,000 acre-feet per year to agricultural users in the southern portion of the Oxnard basin and Pleasant Valley basin since 2016. Since 1985, CamSan has delivered approximately 1,500 acre-feet per year to nearby agricultural (non-PVCWD) users and landscaping (minor). Lastly, the City of Ventura has historically delivered approximately 500 acre-feet per year to nearby city-owned golf courses for application.

Recycled water continues to be a potential source for water supply development and expansion within the District to offset needs for groundwater extractions.



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I, Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District, do certify that I am in receipt of the Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions within United Water Conservation District – *A summary of findings for the previous water year (2024-2025), current water year (2025-2026), and ensuing water year (2026-2027).*

*Gordon E. Kimball*  
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## 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:** April 1, 2026 (April 8, 2026, meeting)

**Agenda Item:** 5.2 Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution No. 2026-07 Confirming Direct Assessments for Delinquent Groundwater Charges.  
Motion

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### Staff Recommendation:

That the Board conduct a Public Hearing on the subject of confirming direct assessments against parcels associated with delinquent groundwater production accounts and authorizing their collection. After receiving public comment and testimony, the Board should close the Public Hearing and consider adopting Resolution No. 2026-07 confirming direct assessments for delinquent groundwater charges and authorizing placement of said assessments on the Ventura County secured property tax roll.

### Background:

The United Water Conservation District (District) is authorized under Division 21 of the California Water Code to levy, collect, and enforce groundwater charges and related assessments necessary to support groundwater management and District operations.

From time to time, certain groundwater production accounts become delinquent despite the District's standard billing and collection efforts. To ensure equitable cost recovery and maintain fiscal integrity, the District utilizes direct assessments as an enforcement mechanism to recover unpaid charges.

Consistent with statutory requirements and due process:

- Written notices were mailed to affected property owners on March 12, 2026.
- Public notice of the proposed assessments was provided.
- A public hearing is scheduled to be conducted on April 8, 2026.

The attached resolution reflects the Board's consideration of all testimony and formalizes the confirmation of the delinquent amounts.

**Agenda Item: 5.2 Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution No. 2026-07 Confirming Direct Assessments for Delinquent Groundwater Charges**  
**Motion**

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**Discussion:**

The proposed action confirms direct assessments against parcels associated with delinquent groundwater production accounts, as detailed in Exhibit A of the resolution.

Key elements of the program include:

- **Equitable Cost Recovery:** Ensures that all groundwater users pay their proportional share and that compliant customers are not subsidizing delinquencies.
- **Efficient Collection Mechanism:** Placement on the Ventura County secured property tax roll significantly improves collection rates and reduces administrative burden.
- **Legal Compliance:** The process complies with applicable provisions of the California Water Code and Government Code, including required noticing and hearing procedures.
- **Lien Authority:** Once confirmed, each assessment becomes a lien against the subject property until paid.

The resolution also authorizes administrative actions necessary to implement the program, including preparation and certification of the assessment roll and coordination with the Ventura County Auditor-Controller and Tax Collector.

Importantly, these assessments are **not subject to Proposition 218**, as they represent the recovery of previously incurred charges rather than the imposition of a new special benefit assessment.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Adoption of the resolution will:

- Improve recovery of delinquent groundwater charges, including penalties, interest, and administrative costs
- Strengthen the District's cash flow and financial position
- Reduce bad debt exposure and the need for write-offs
- Minimize administrative collection costs over time

There is no additional budget appropriation required to implement this action, as administrative activities are included within the District's existing operating budget.

**Attachments:**

A – Resolution No. 2026-07

B – Exhibit A – Final Direct Assessment Roll (APNs and amounts)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07

**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
CONFIRMING DIRECT ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT GROUNDWATER  
CHARGES AND AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS  
ON THE VENTURA COUNTY SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL**

**WHEREAS**, the United Water Conservation District (“District”) is a water conservation district organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California, including Division 21 of the California Water Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce charges and assessments for groundwater management and other lawful District purposes and to recover delinquent amounts owed to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, certain groundwater production accounts within the District are delinquent, and the District has determined that the most effective and equitable method of collection is through the levy of a direct assessment against the real property associated with the delinquent accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2026, the District caused written notice to be mailed to the record owners of affected parcels and provided public notice of a public hearing regarding the proposed direct assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (“Board”) conducted a duly noticed public hearing on April 8, 2026, at which all interested persons were given the opportunity to appear and be heard and to submit written and oral testimony regarding the proposed assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered all protests, comments, and evidence presented at the hearing and desires to confirm the assessments and authorize their collection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of the District as follows:

**Section 1. Findings**

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of the Board.

**Section 2. Confirmation of Assessments**

The Board hereby confirms and levies the direct assessments for delinquent groundwater charges against the parcels identified in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Each assessment amount set forth in Exhibit A constitutes the amount owed to the District as of the date of this resolution, including applicable penalties, interest, and administrative costs as authorized by law.

**Section 3. Lien**

Each confirmed assessment shall constitute a lien against the respective parcel upon recordation and/or enrollment on the tax roll and shall remain a lien until paid in full.

**Section 4. Placement on the Secured Property Tax Roll**

The Board hereby authorizes and directs that the confirmed assessments be transmitted to the Ventura County Auditor-Controller for placement on the **Ventura County secured property tax roll** and for collection in the same manner as ordinary ad valorem property taxes.

**Section 5. County Collection**

The Ventura County Tax Collector is authorized to collect the assessments, together with applicable penalties and interest, and to enforce collection in the same manner as property taxes in accordance with California law.

**Section 6. Administrative Authorization**

The General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, or their designees are authorized and directed to:

1. Prepare and certify the assessment roll
2. Submit the assessment file to Ventura County
3. Execute any required County forms or agreements
4. Make non-substantive corrections to parcel information
5. Take all administrative actions necessary to implement this Resolution

**Section 7. Not a Proposition 218 Assessment**

The assessments confirmed by this Resolution are imposed to recover delinquent charges owed to the District and are not special benefit assessments subject to Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

**Section 8. Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of April 2026.

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

**ATTEST:**

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Lynn E. Maulhardt, President

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Gordon Kimball, Secretary

**Exhibit A**

Final Direct Assessment Roll (APN and Amounts)

APN	Situs City, State Zip	Balance	Account Number	Well #
201-0-230-120	Oxnard, CA 93032-1352	\$ 285,589.88	601-00320	01N22W03R01S
055-0-160-450	Piru, CA 93040	\$ 108,416.74	100-00360	04N19W26H01S
046-0-100-170	Fillmore, CA 93015	\$ 85,349.47	200-02760	04N20W36N05S
046-0-100-170	Fillmore, CA 93015	\$ 85,349.47	200-02760	04N20W36N05S
055-0-170-130	Fillmore, CA 93015	\$ 73,555.73	100-00260	04N18W30D01S
046-0-226-050	Fillmore, CA 93015	\$ 24,516.83	200-02255	03N19W06D04S
232-0-051-065	Oxnard, CA 93033	\$ 9,699.67	600-02470	01N21W29K02S
056-0-200-160	Fillmore, CA 93015	\$ 5,926.83	100-00400	04N18W30F03S
		<b>\$ 678,404.62</b>		