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Legal Counsel  
David D. Boyer

## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 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, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt

**Absent:** Jones

#### 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 1:08 P.M.

2.1 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Maulhardt

2.2 **Public Comment:** None.

2.3 **Approval of Agenda**

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

**Vote:** Ayes: Ford, Hasan, Huber, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;  
Absent: Jones; 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.

**2.6 General Manager's Report**

Received and filed.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Action:** M/S/C (Ford/Keeling) to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

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

Approved minutes.

**3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report**

Received and filed.

**3.3 Investment Monthly Reports for February 2026**

Received and filed.

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

**Motion Item**

Approved the waiver of penalty and interest request from Fillmore Irrigation Company.

**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.

**4.2 Recreation Department Monthly Report**

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

President Maulhardt commended United for the idea of creating the 5K/1K run/walk event at Lake Piru. He suggested that in the future if there could be more of a clear understanding in the marketing that it is okay to either run or walk the 5K/1K.

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

Water Resources Supervisor, Dr. Bram Sercu and Associate Hydrologist, Luke Bryden gave PowerPoint presentations; 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**

Assistant General Manager, Maryam Bral and Engineering Manager Robert Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

**4.7 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report**

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

**5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

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

The Public Hearing was opened.

No public speakers were present.

The Public Hearing was continued to the May 13, 2026 Board Meeting.

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

The Public Hearing was opened.

No public speakers were present.

The Public Hearing was closed.

**Action:** M/S/C (Hasan/Keeling) to adopt a Resolution confirming direct assessments for delinquent groundwater charges.  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07**

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

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Hassan inquired about the timing of the AI policy. The General Manager advised that it will be addressed as part of the Technology Policy currently under development.

Director Hassan also further inquired regarding the OH Pipeline Agreement, specifically related to emergency connections and whether United Water Conservation District is receiving adequate connection fees. The General Manager responded that staff will review the matter and return to the Board with an update.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of April 8, 2026.

ATTEST: Gordon E. Kimball

Gordon Kimball, Board Secretary

ATTEST: Tara Acosta

Tara Acosta, Clerk of the Board

**EXHIBIT A**  
**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA**

**1. LITIGATION**

**1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) (two matters).

**1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

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

- A. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.2:16-cv-03869 GHK (PLAx).
- B. OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 56-2021-00555357-CU-PT-VTA; Complaint for Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication of the Oxnard Groundwater Subbasin (No. 4-004.02) and Pleasant Valley Subbasin (No. 4-006) Pursuant to Sections 830, *Et Seq.* of the Code of Civil Procedure; Declaratory Relief; Quiet Title; and Petition for Writs of Mandate.
- C. United Water Conservation District v. 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



**United Water**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**April 8, 2026**



**Operations and  
Maintenance  
Department  
Update**

April 8, 2026



**United Water**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



# Santa Felicia Dam and Lake Piru

## Lake Piru (video)



# Santa Felicia Dam



# Santa Felicia Dam



# Santa Felicia Dam



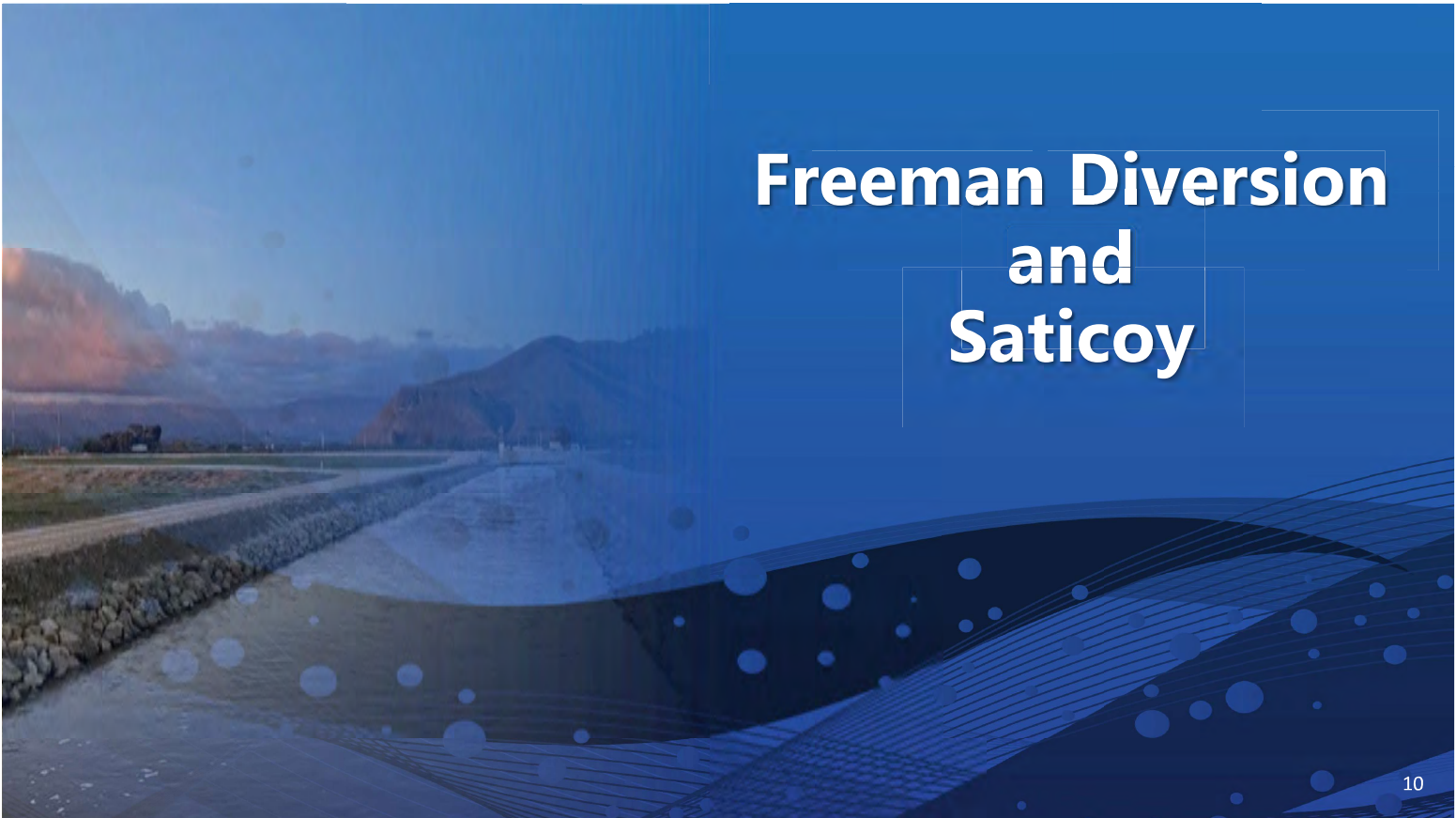
# Santa Felicia Dam



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# Freeman Diversion and Saticoy



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# El Rio

# 6-inch Water Supply



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# Access Road Asphalt (video)



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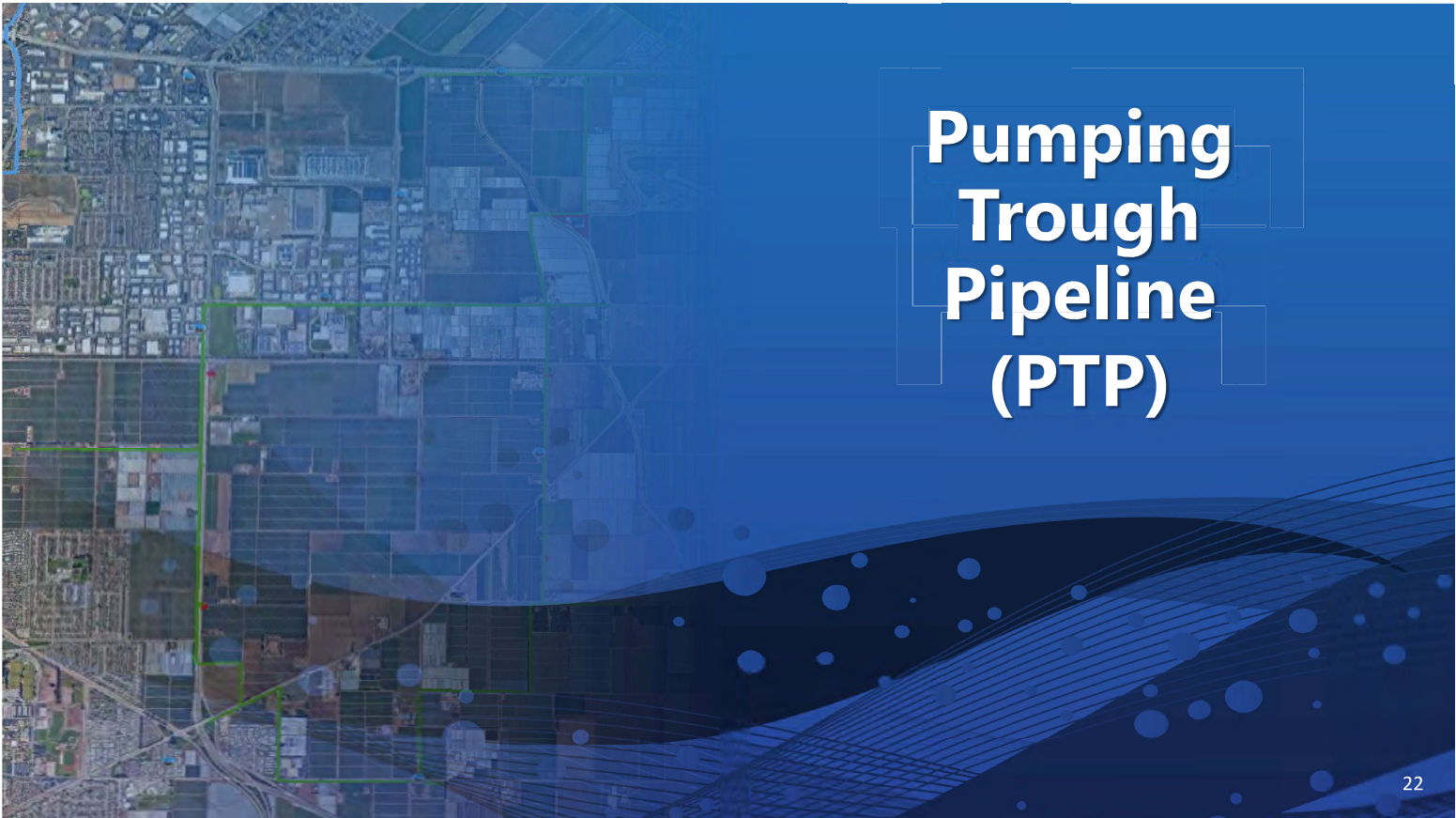
# Access Road Asphalt



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# Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP)



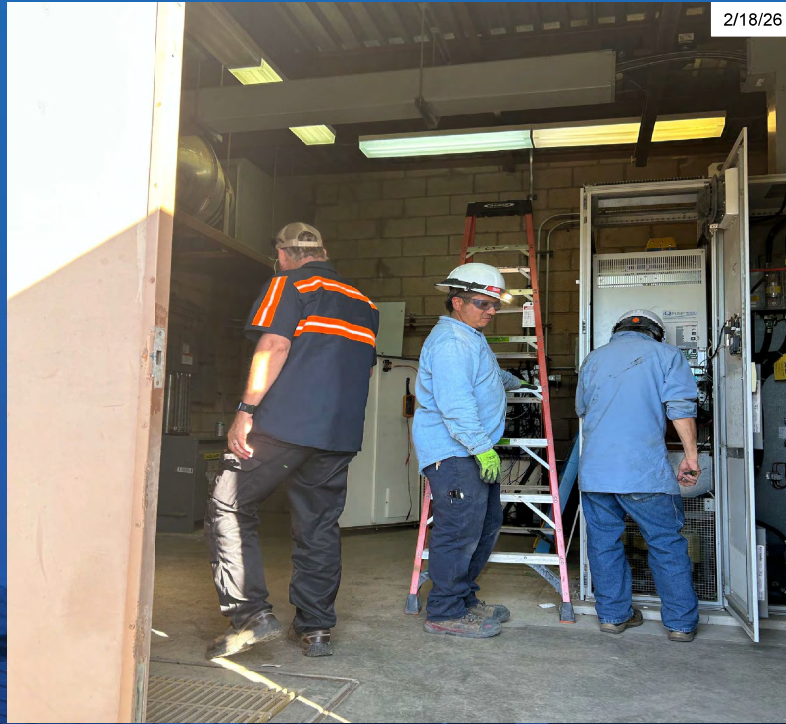
# PTP 3



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# Questions?



**United Water**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



# Recreation Monthly Update

Bernard Riedel, Jr.  
Senior Park Ranger  
April 8, 2026

## First Annual Lake Piru 5K Power Run and 1K Fun Run/Walk (video)







## Harvester Boat Sinks (video)

February 26, 2026



January 8, 2026

STOCK IMAGE



March 1, 2026

## Ventura County Sheriff's Office Dive Team



March 1, 2026

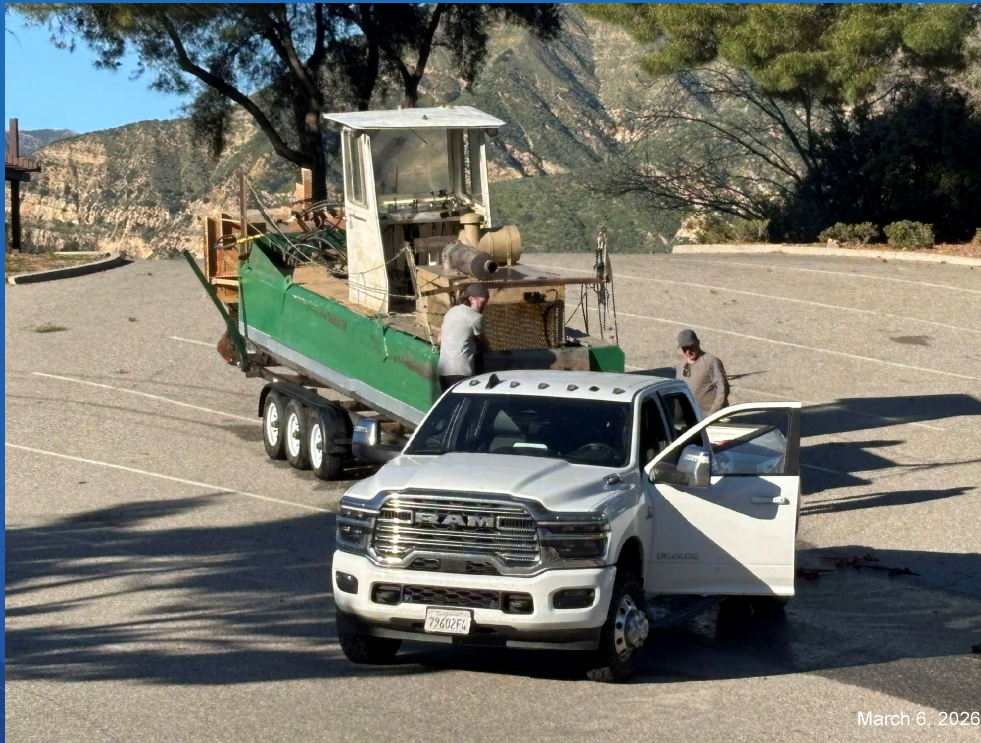


March 6, 2026

## Private Salvage Company

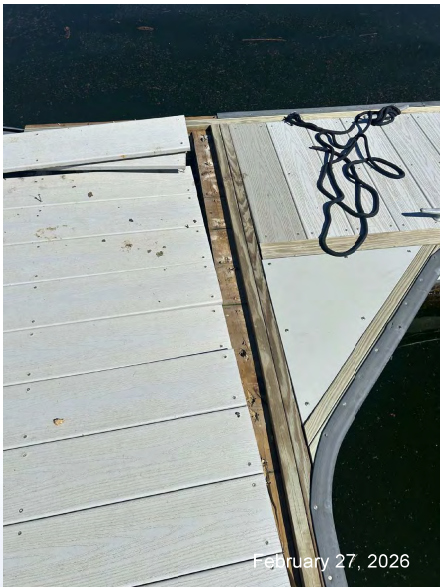


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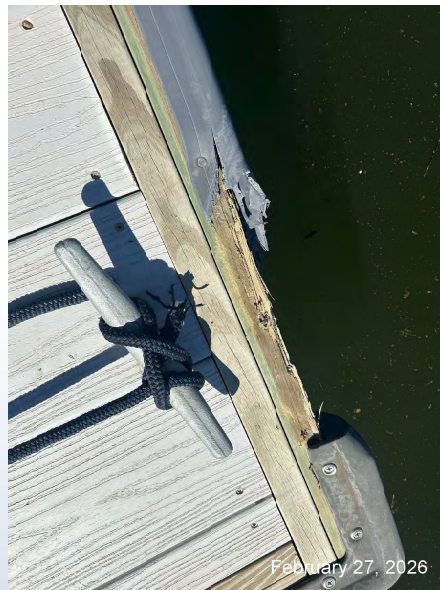


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**Fully Operational  
One week Later**



February 27, 2026



February 27, 2026

**Damage to Marina**



February 27, 2026



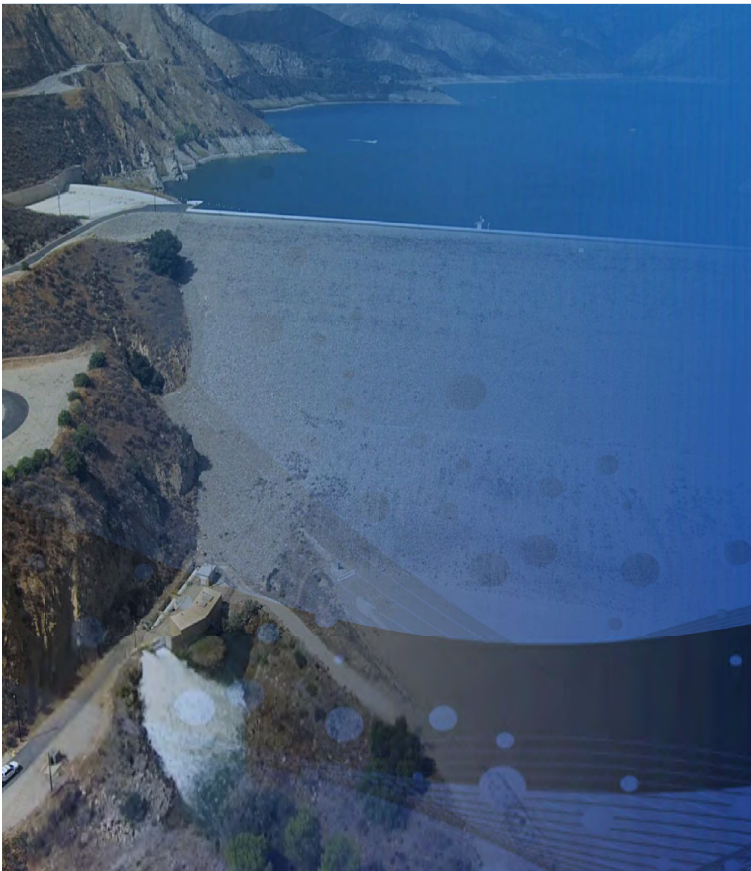
## Cleanup Operation on Dam Crest



## Cleanup Operation at Marina



## Staging Material Removed



# Questions

# Water Resources Department Monthly Update

April 8, 2026



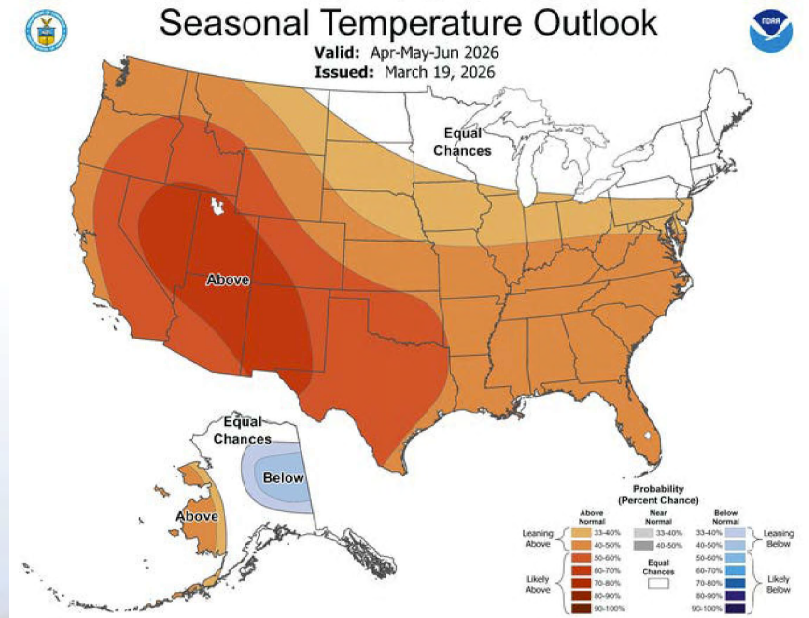
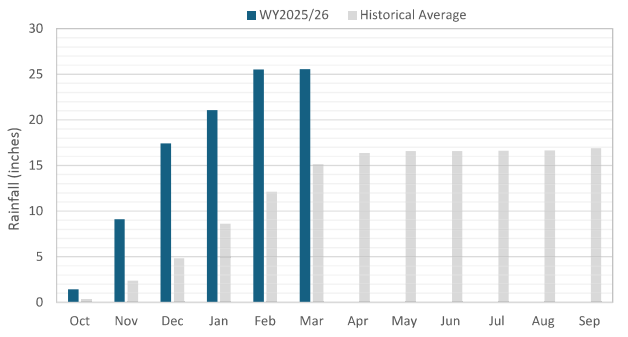
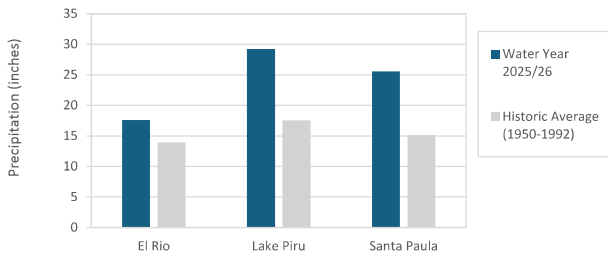
## UPDATE ON DISTRICT SURFACE WATER CONDITIONS, RESERVOIR RELEASES AND DIVERSION OPERATIONS

**Water Resources Committee Meeting**  
**April 07, 2026**  
**Presented By: Luke Bryden**

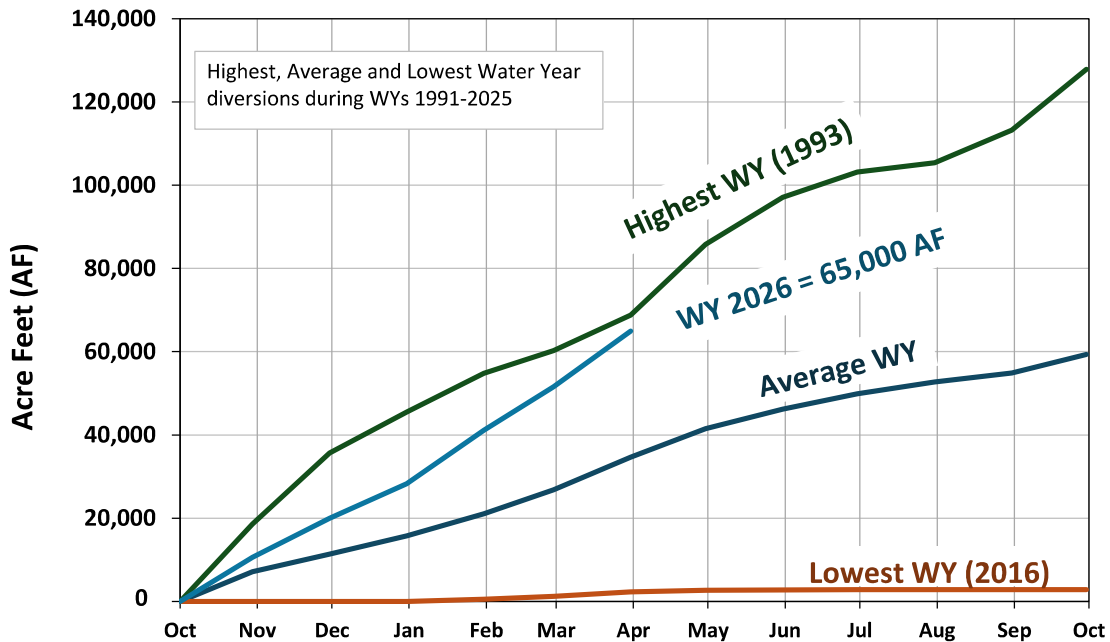
# Precipitation and Forecast

District-wide Cumulative Precipitation

March = 155% of average

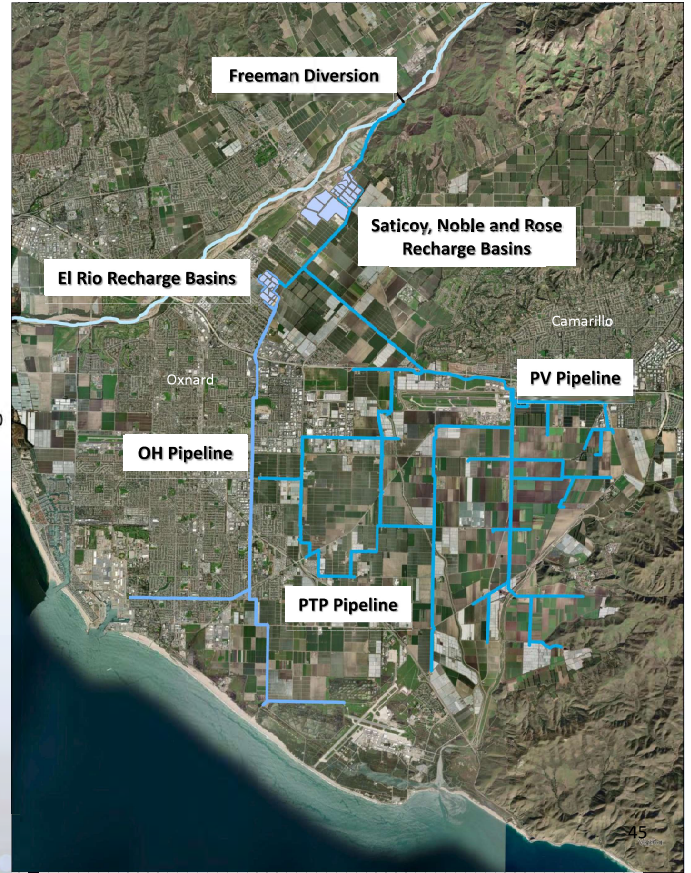
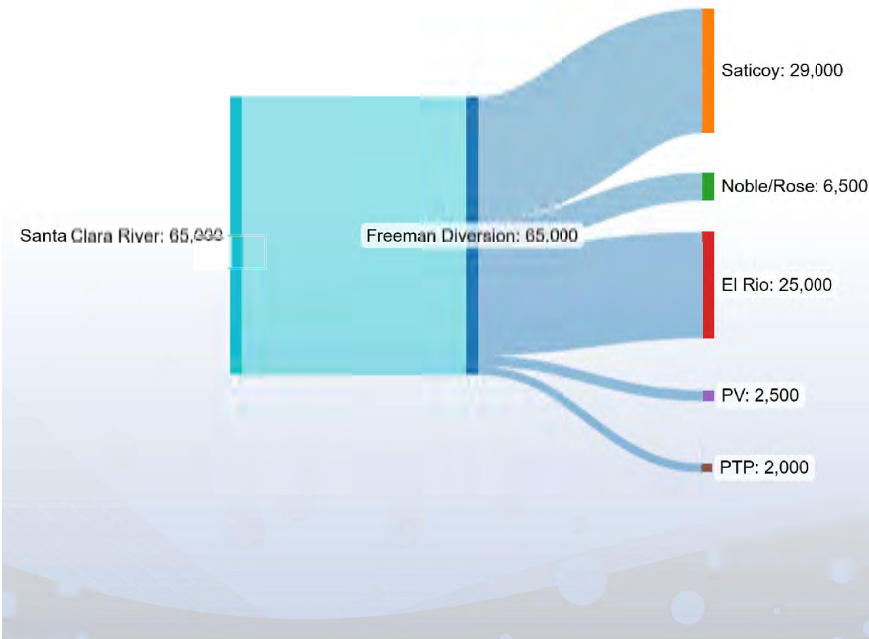


## Cumulative Freeman Diversions

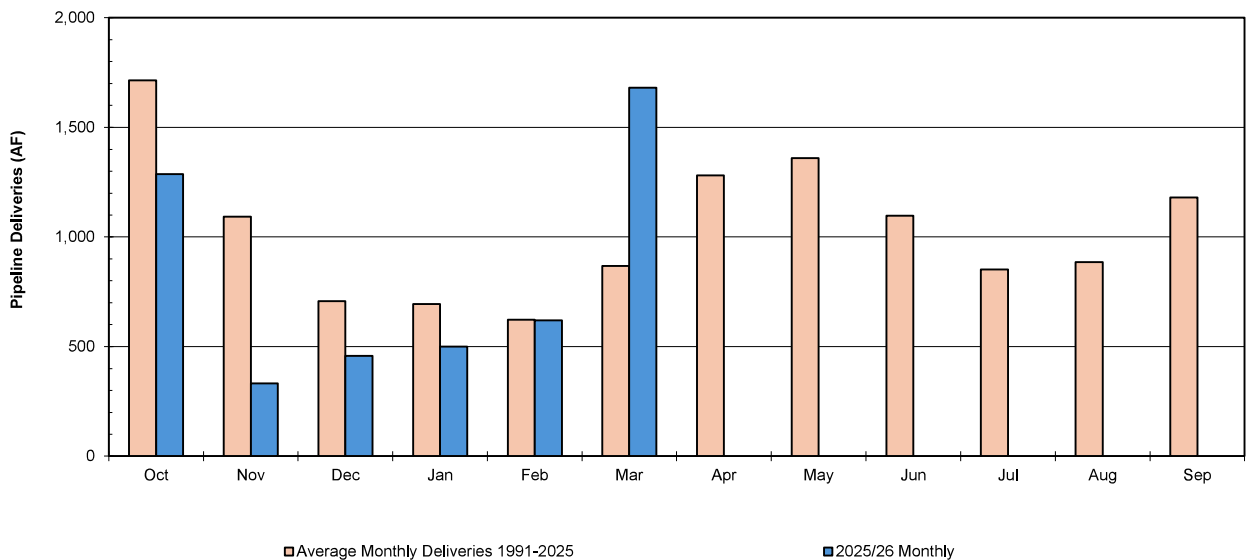


Water Year (WY) = October 1 to September 30; WYTD = Water Year To Date

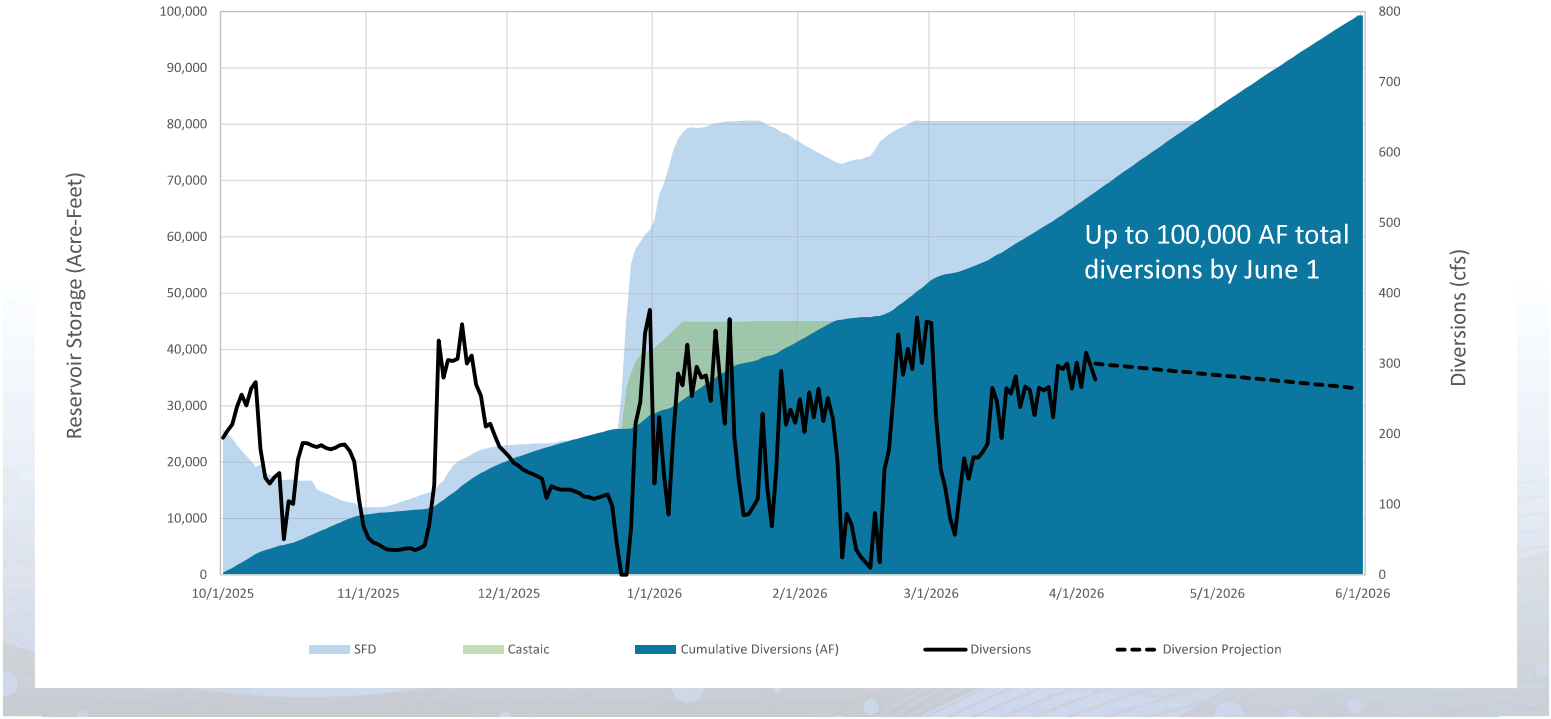
# Recharge and Deliveries



# Deliveries to PTP and PV



# Reservoir Releases and Diversions



## Castaic Release Field Monitoring



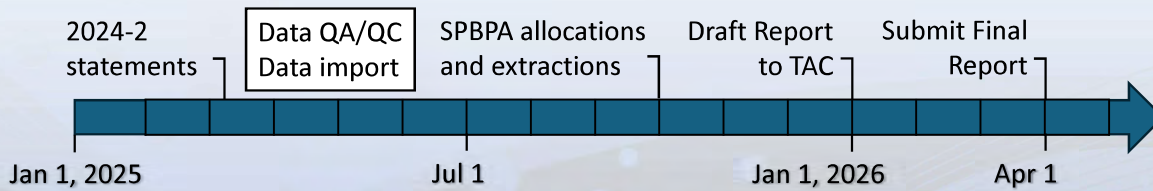


# **PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 SANTA PAULA BASIN ANNUAL REPORT**

**Water Resources Committee Meeting  
April 07, 2026  
Presented By: Dr. Bram Sercu**

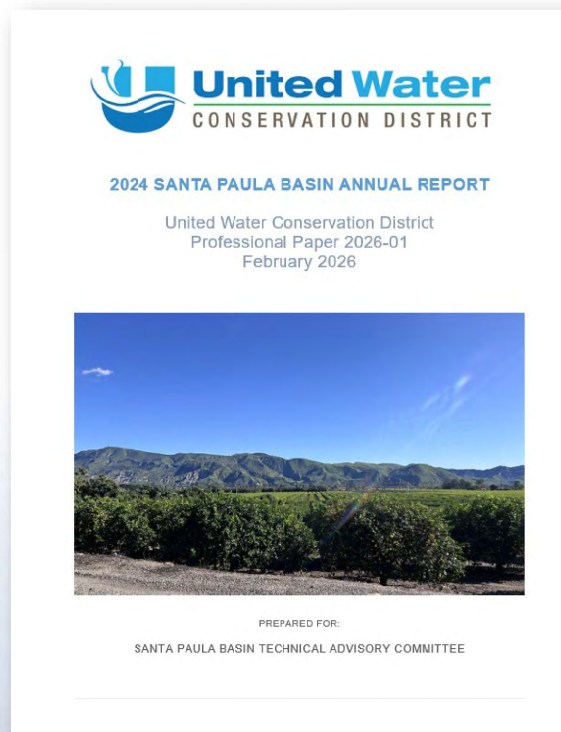
# Santa Paula Basin Annual Report

- Basin adjudicated in 1996
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
  - Monitoring
  - Studies
  - Annual reporting
- Annual Report on basin conditions to Court/DWR by April 1

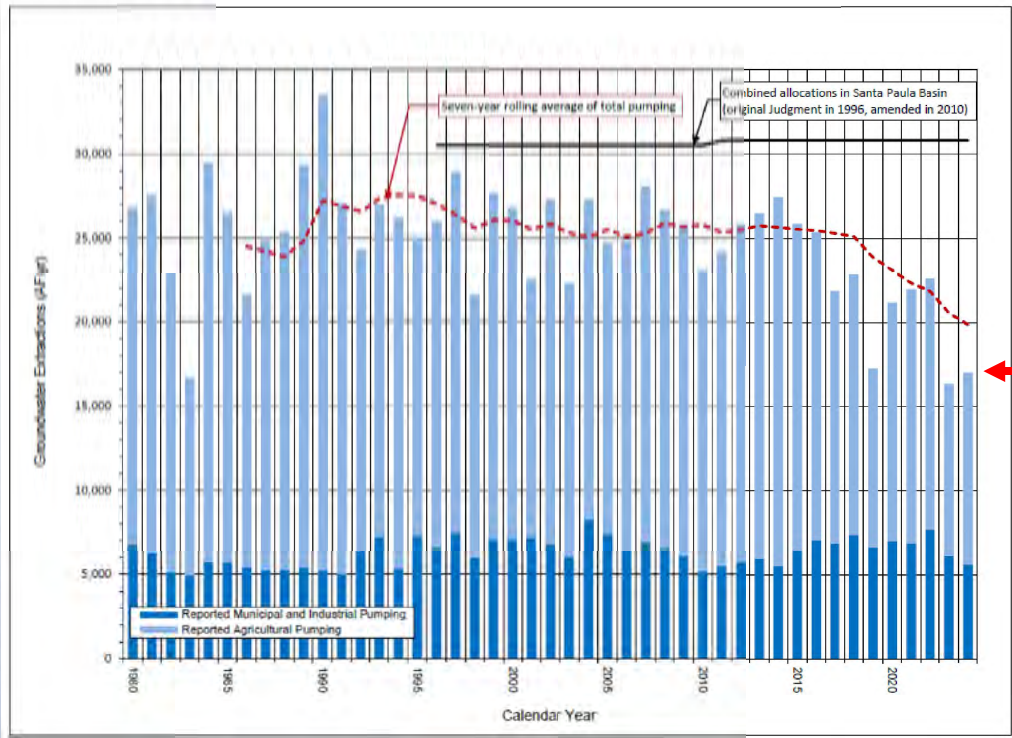


## Report Outline

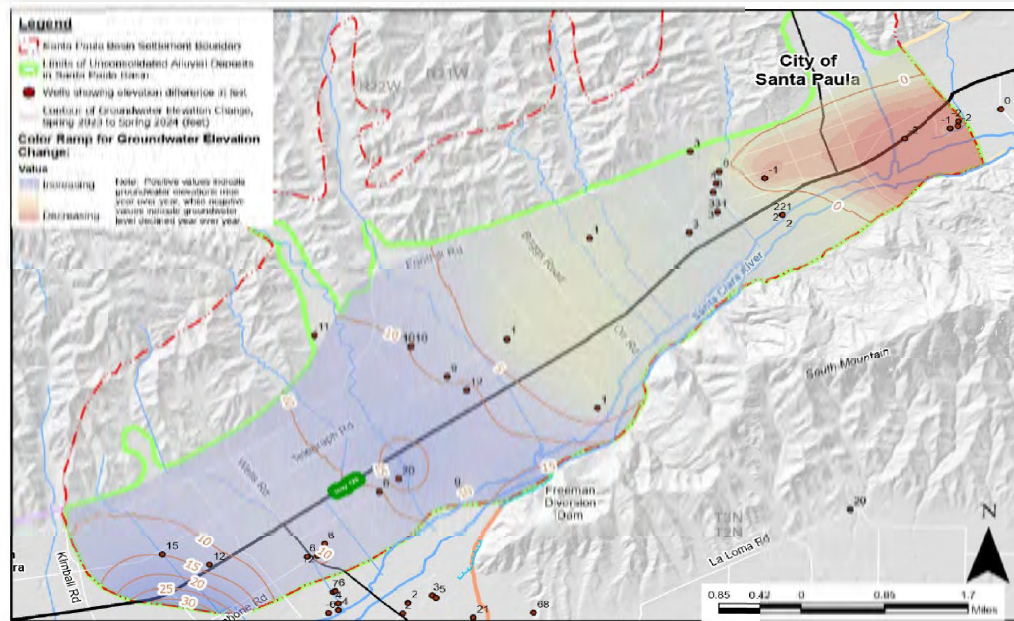
- a) Rainfall
- b) Surface Water
  - i. Flow
  - ii. Water Quality
- c) Groundwater
  - i. Pumping
  - ii. Water Levels
  - iii. Change in Storage
  - iv. Water quality



# Groundwater Pumping



# Change in Storage (Spring 2023 – Spring 2024)



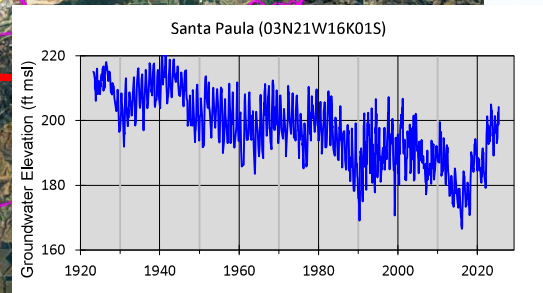
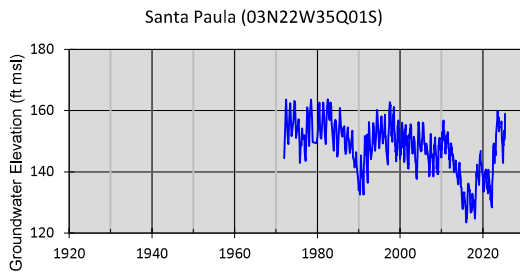
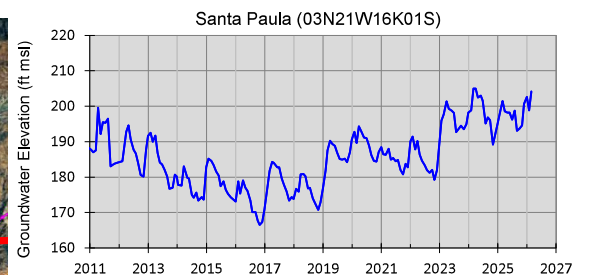
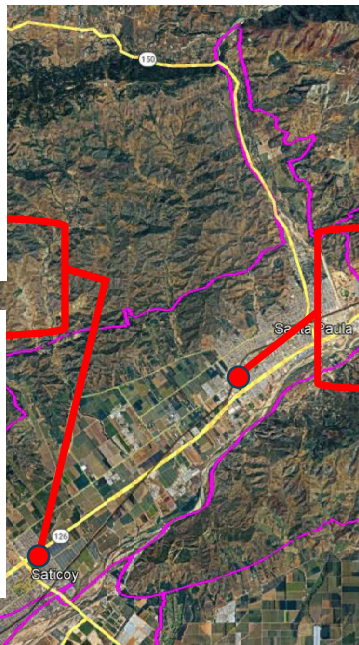
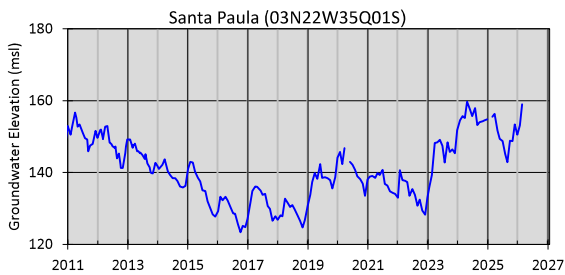
# Groundwater Quality Summary

Statistic	Concentration (mg/L)			
	Chloride	Nitrate	TDS	Sulfate
CY 2024 Minimum	34	ND	810	347
CY 2024 Maximum	170	39	2,630	1,260
<b>CY 2024 Average</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>604</b>
Long-Term Average	70	10	1,312	546

Notes:

ND = not detected; MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level; MCLR = Maximum Contaminant Level Range

# Groundwater Levels



# SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL INVESTIGATION AND REPORT OF GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS WITHIN UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Water Resources Committee Meeting**  
**April 07, 2026**  
**Presented By: Dr. Bram Sercu**

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## Annual Investigation and Report Background

- United Water Conservation 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.
  - *The district shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon ground water conditions of the district. (Water Code 75560)*
  - The engineering investigation and report shall include all of the following... (Water Code 75561)
- “**Water year**” means July 1st of one calendar year to June 30th of the following calendar year.
- Requires annual investigation and report upon the groundwater conditions of the district
  - **Previous Water Year** (July 2024- June 2025)
  - **Current Water Year** (July 2025 – June 2026)
  - **Ensuing Water Year** (July 2026 – June 2027)

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# Annual Overdraft

- **“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.  
(Water Code § 75506)

- **Calculated annually, District-wide Annual Overdraft Water Balance**

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# District-wide Annual Overdraft Water Balance Methodology

- **District-wide water balance calculation**

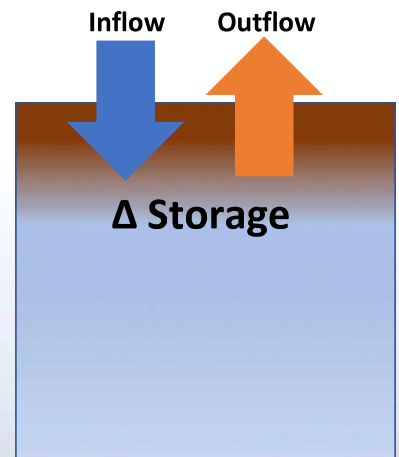
- District Water Balance = Outflows – Inflows
  - Positive value = **Overdraft**
  - Negative value = **Surplus**

- **Inflows**

- Percolated Surface Water (Upper basins, Forebay)
- Artificial Recharge (Upper basins, Forebay)
- Percolated Rainfall (Upper basins, Forebay)
- Return Flow (Ag, M&I) (Upper basins, Forebay)
- Leakage from Semi-Perched (Confined basins)

- **Outflows**

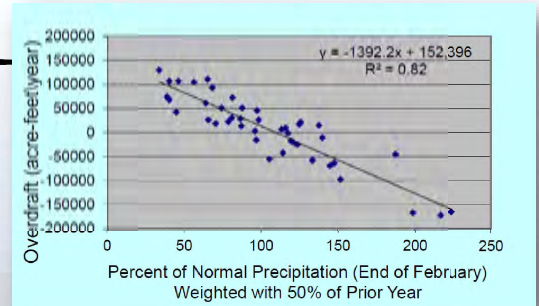
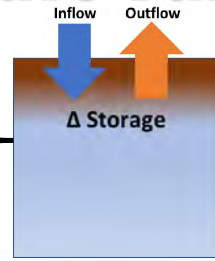
- Groundwater Extractions (All Basins)
- Riparian Evapotranspiration (Upper Basins, Forebay)



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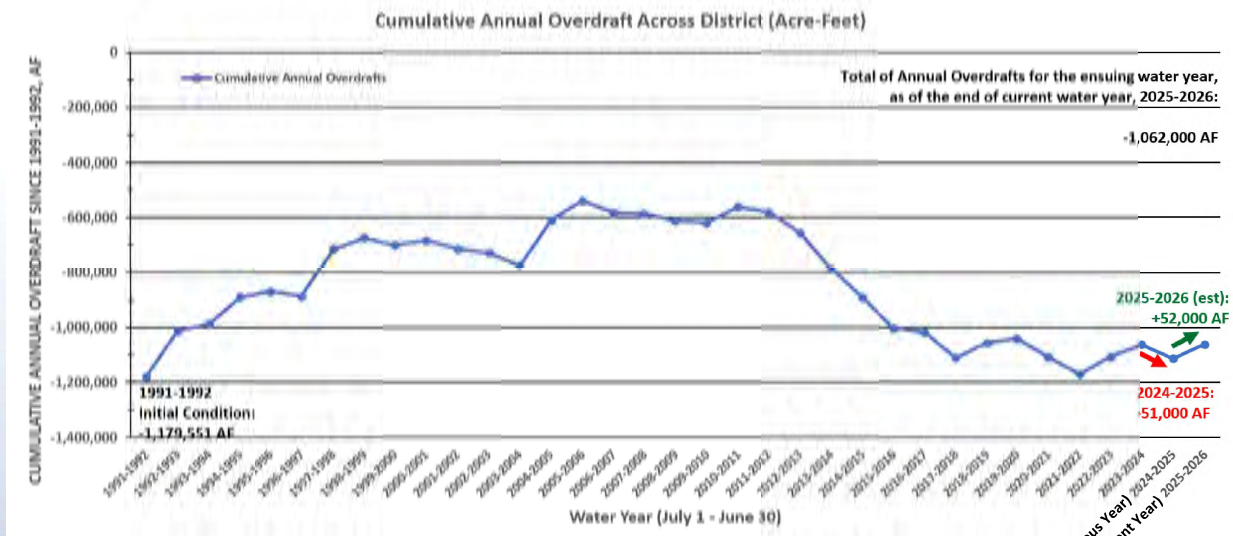
# A Summary of Findings for the Estimated Annual Overdraft Values

- Previous Water Year (July 2024- June 2025): 51,000 AF Overdraft
  - District-wide Annual Overdraft Water Balance
  
- Current Water Year (July 2025 – June 2026): -52,000 AF Surplus
  - Using precipitation through February of the current year (2026), estimation of overdraft is made from regression with past precipitation and overdraft data
  
- Ensuing Water Year (July 2026 – June 2027): 0 to 22,000 AF Overdraft
  - Estimated as value between 0 AF and the calculated past 10-year average overdraft



## Updated “Total of Annual Overdrafts” with Previous Year Appended

- Previous Water Year (July 2024 - June 2025): -51,000 AF Overdraft



(Note: sign change for graphical purposes [negative = overdraft, positive = surplus])

(Previous Year) 2024-2025  
(Current Year) 2025-2026

# Summary of Findings

(Report Table 1)

Finding Item	Value (acre-feet)	Description	Water Code Reference
	22,000	The average annual overdraft for the immediate past 10 water years.	Section 75574 (a)
b	-52,000	The estimated annual overdraft for the current water year. Positive value means overdraft and negative value means surplus.	Section 75574 (b)
c	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 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 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.	Section 75574 (i)
j	1,850	The amount of water the district is obligated by contract to purchase.	Section 75574 (j)
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 "total of annual overdrafts" for the District as of the end of the preceding water year.	Section 75574 (b, i)
Additional	1,062,000	The "total of annual overdrafts" for the District as of the end of the current water year.	Section 75561 (e) Section 75574 (b, i)

Notes:  
Preceding Water Year: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (Water Code Section 75507 (b))  
Current Water Year: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (Water Code Section 75507 (b))  
Ensnuing Water Year: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 (Water Code Section 75507 (b))  
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)  
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 75505)  
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 water year.

## Accumulated Overdraft

- **“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 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. (§ 75505)
  - Reported annually, based on previous calculations published within FCGMA documents (FCGMA, 2007; FCGMA/Dudek, 2019; FCGMA/Dudek, 2024)

# Report is available

<https://www.unitedwater.org/key-documents/#groundwater-conditions>

## ▪ **Path Forward**

- ✓ *Report shall be delivered to Secretary in writing (WC 75570)*
  - ✓ *March 3, 2026*
- ✓ *Report will be made available at office (and online) (WC 75572)*
  - ✓ *March 12, 2026*
- ✓ *Secretary will publish notice of receipt of report (WC 75571)*
  - ✓ *March 20, 2026*
- ✓ *Report overview presented*
  - ✓ *Today, April 7, 2026*
- *Board will open public hearing at April Board Meeting (WC 75573)*
  - *Tomorrow, April 8, 2026*
  - *To be continued at May 2026 Board Meeting*
- *Hearing concludes at June Board Meeting, where the Board will determine the findings (WC 75574)*

## *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**

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# WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND GSA ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Water Resources Committee Meeting  
April 07, 2026  
Presented By: Dr. Bram Sercu**

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# Administrative Services Department Monthly Update

April 8, 2026

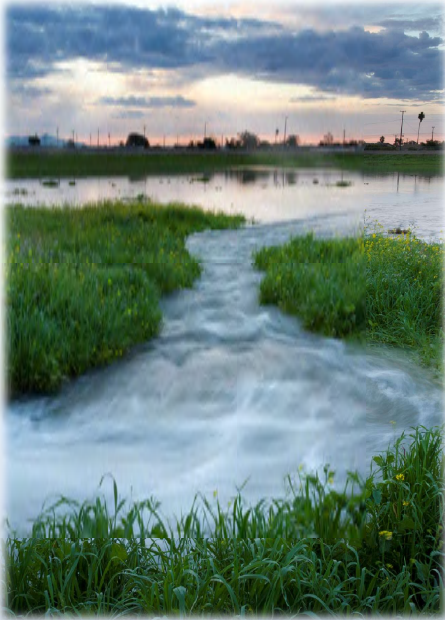
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## Finance Update

**Brian H. Zahn**  
Chief Financial Officer



# Finance Department



- Finalizing Initial FY2026-27 Budget
- Rate study completed and presentation being prepared
- Reviewing Ventura Energy contracts with legal counsel
- Preparing FY2026-27 Proposed Budget book for release in late April including rates



## Administrative Update

**Josh Perez**  
Chief Human Resources Officer

## Human Resources



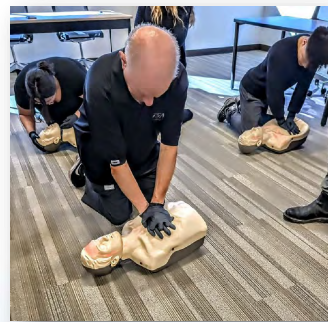
**Ventura College Career Fair**  
March 10, 2026

- Working on recruitment for the following positions:
  - Senior Hydrogeologist – finalize agreement with preferred candidate
  - Seasonal Park Ranger Assistant – finalizing selection and background of candidates
  - Public Outreach Intern staff – finalizing selection
- 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

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## Risk 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
- Initiated CPR/AED/First Aid recertification efforts for staff
- Conducted annual respirator fit testing
- Coordinated Annual Fire Sprinkler Inspection as required by Oxnard Fire Department



**CPR Recertification**  
March 2, 2026

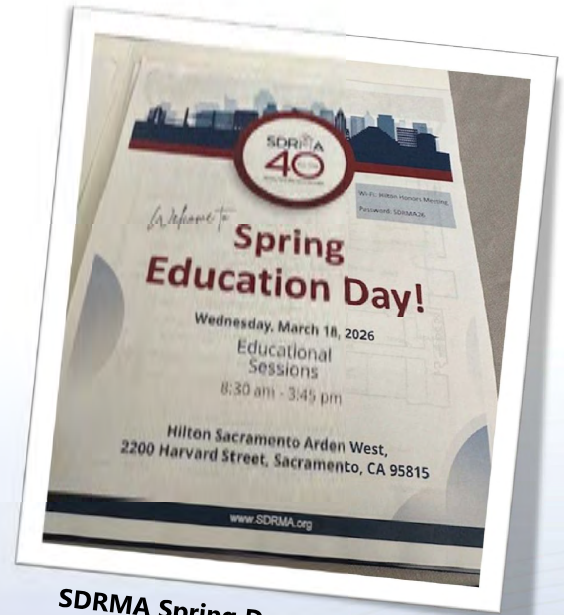
**Annual Respiratory  
FIT Testing**



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## Risk Management (continued)

- Attended SDRMA Education Day with HR in Sacramento, including annual Cal/OSHA and Workers' Compensation updates
- Received \$1,000 from SDRMA Loss Prevention Fund to reimburse for official UWCD hard hats
- SDRMA Spring Day participation
  - The incentive credits awarded by SDRMA will save the District approximately \$54,000 in insurance proceeds once the renewal packet is completed in April



SDRMA Spring Day, Sacramento  
March 18, 2026

## Technology Systems

- As of the date of this report:
  - **43** tickets have been received in March
  - **51** service tickets have also been closed in the same time frame
- Continued active monitoring of security alerts through enterprise security monitoring platforms
  - Email security controls detected approximately 20,300 malicious or suspicious messages during the reporting period



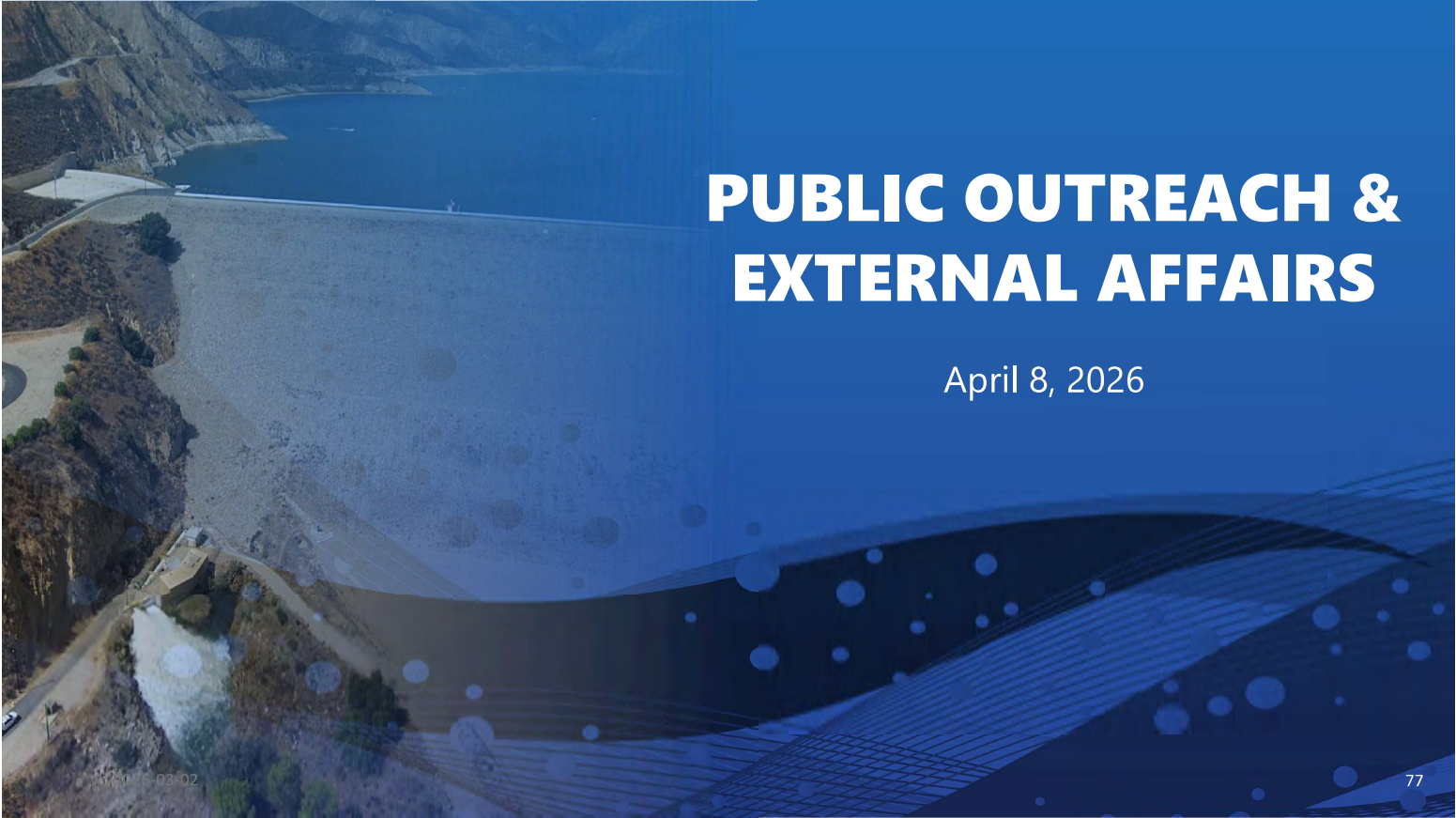
March SDRMA Advertisement

## Technology Systems (continued)

- 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
- Participated in ongoing IT–OT coordination meetings focused on improving network architecture resilience

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# PUBLIC OUTREACH & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

April 8, 2026

## Outreach Events

### Recent Tours & Events

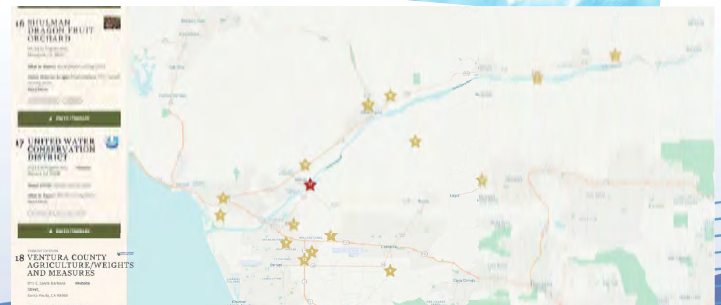
- AWA Waterwise Breakfast – March 19
- Ventura County Science Fair – March 20 (Staff volunteer judge)
- CSU Channel Islands Tour – March 25
- Piru Power Run 5K & 1K Fun Run/Walk – March 28

### Upcoming Tours

- City of Ventura Operators Tour – April 7
- Ventura Missionary School Tour – April 9
- Quarterly Tour – April 29

### Upcoming Events

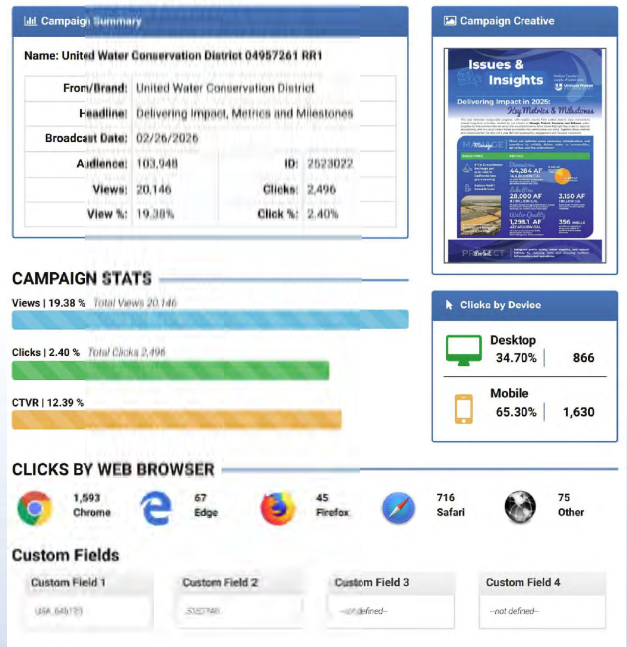
- Ventura County Farm Day – April 11
- AWA Ventura County 2026 Annual Symposium – April 16
- CoLab 2026 Annual Spring Fling – April 25



# Successes

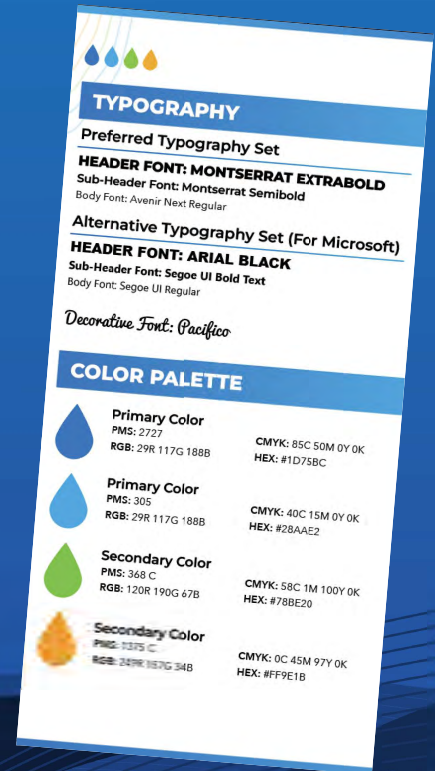
- Two Press Releases (with media coverage pending)
- Board Media and Outreach Training One-on-Ones
- E-Blast for Quarterly Tour
- Newspaper Insert and Branded Content
- Website Refresh progress
- Fleet Logos (Complete)

## CAMPAIGN REPORT



# Upcoming Initiatives

- Shift Visibility and Value Campaign to groundwater management effectiveness and environmental stewardship
- Brand Assessment and Style Guide Development
- Legislative Support Form Letters and Platform
- Website Refresh: Legislative Page, Funding Page, FAQs, Interactive Project Map





# Engineering Department Monthly Update

April 8, 2026

## SFD SIP and Regulatory Compliance



### Board of Consultants Meeting No. 11



March 25 and 26, 2026

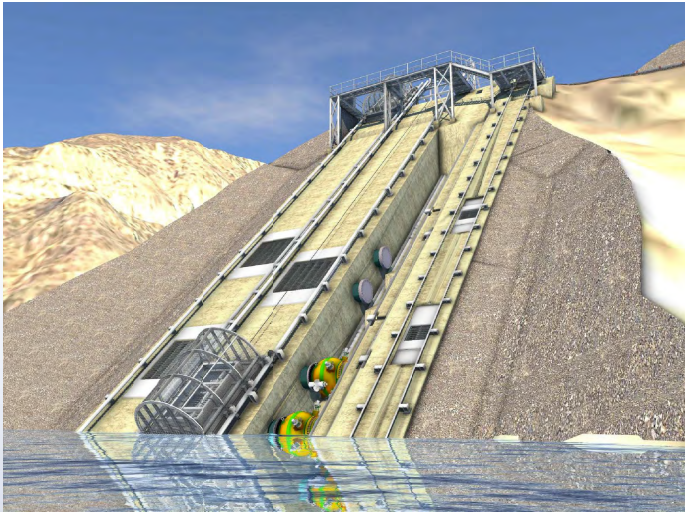
### Attendees (43):

- BOC (4)
- FERC (7)
- DSOD (3)
- GEI (7)
- Black & Veatch (2)
- Rincon (2)
- UWCD (18)

# SFD SIP and Regulatory Compliance



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- Sloping intake structure structural analysis
- Tunnel design revisions
- Draft Soil and Groundwater Management Plan (SGMP)
- Draft Quality Control & Inspection Program (QCIP)

# SFD SIP and Regulatory Compliance



## City of Oxnard Council Meeting



Letter of Support



March 17, 2026

# Project Activities

- **Lake Piru Recreation Area**
  - Water Treatment Plant Improvements - Design
  - Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair – Construction
- **SFD**
  - 60" Penstock Inspection
  - Updates to Hydraulic Hazard Analysis (HHA)
- **Freeman Diversion Improvement**
  - Denil Improvement – 60% Design
- **Freeman Conveyance**
  - Vineyard Avenue Crossing – Final Design and Permitting
- **State Water Interconnection**
  - City of Ventura – Bid Process

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# Project Activities

- **Recycled Water**
  - Tracer Study - Planning
  - FATW Agreement - Coordination with City of Oxnard
- **OH Pipeline**
  - 2026 Urban Water Management Plan – Draft
  - Well 17 Redevelopment - Construction
  - Well 13 and 14 Rehabilitation - Design
- **PTP System**
  - Metering Improvement Project - Closeout
- **EBB Water Treatment Project**
  - Phase 1A Field Activities - Potholing and Temporary Piezometer Wells
  - Phase 1B Site Approval Request

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**United Water**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



# Environmental Services Department Update

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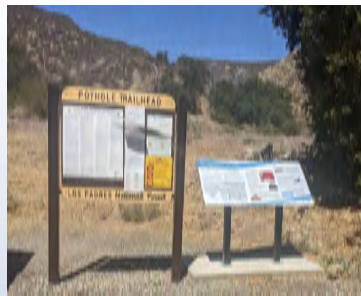
# Ongoing Efforts

- Annual Quagga Mussel Monitoring Report
- FERC compliance reporting including USFS annual consultation
- FPB GSA field support on hydrologic data gaps
- Critical riffle data collection
- Working with agencies to move forward Freeman permits



# Project Collaborations

- Pothole Trail work nearly complete! Joint opening with Los Padres Forest Association
- Fourth year of partnering with USFWS to survey for endangered Least Bell's Vireo



# THANK YOU

