

**MINUTES
ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
UWCD Headquarters, First Floor, Board Room
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030**

OPEN SESSION

Chair Catherine Keeling called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Committee Members Roll Call

Present: Directors Keeling and Kimball

Absent: Director Keith Ford

1. **Public Comments:** None were offered.

2. **Approval of Minutes
Motion**

Action: M/S/C (Kimball, Keeling) to approve January 8, 2026, minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Kimball and Keeling; Noes: None; Absent: Ford.

3. **March 11, 2026, UWCD Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Items**

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

Motion

Operations Supervisor (Water Supply and Distribution) JD Smallwood summarized and presented this motion to the Committee for their consideration to the full Board of Directors for approval, presentation attached.

Action: M/S/C (Kimball, Keeling) recommending that the full Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for 60% design consulting services in connection with the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project (CIP 8001).

Vote: Ayes: Kimball and Keeling; Noes: None; Absent: Ford.

3.2 **A Resolution Determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Project**

Motion



Environmental Scientist Haven Whipple summarized and presented this motion to the Committee for their consideration to the full Board of Directors for approval, presentation attached.

Action: M/S/C (Kimball, Keeling) recommending approval to the full Board of Directors of a resolution determining that the Lower Olive Restroom Repair Project (Project) is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the Project and directing staff to file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA.

Vote: Ayes: Kimball and Keeling; Noes: None; Absent: Ford.

4. Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project Schedule Updates
Information Item

Senior Engineer Adrian Quiroz provided an update from the Engineering Department regarding its activities in support of the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project, presentation attached.

5. Monthly Department Updates
Information Items

5.1 Engineering Department

Engineering Manager Robert Richardson presented department highlights to the Committee, presentation attached.

5.2 Environmental Services Department

Environmental Services Manager Marissa Caringella presented department highlights to the Committee, presentation attached.

5.3 Operations and Maintenance Department

Mr. Smallwood presented department highlights to the Committee, presentation attached.

6. Future Agenda Items

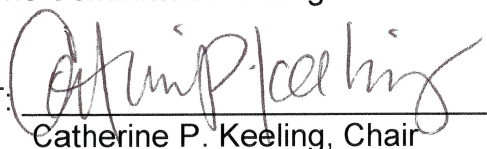
No future agenda items were offered by the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keeling adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of March 5, 2026.

ATTEST:


Catherine P. Keeling, Chair

A.
Water
Supply

Motion Item 3.1



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

C.
Environmental
+ Regulatory
Compliance

Overview:


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

**FREEMAN DIVERSION IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT 30% DESIGN**
VENTURA COUNTY, CA


PREPARED FOR:

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1701 NORTH LOMBARD ST., SUITE 200
CONRAD, CALIFORNIA
(805) 525-4431



PREPARED BY:

GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.
35 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 200
PASADENA, CA 91101
(818) 552-6400
WWW.GEICONSULTANTS.COM



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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

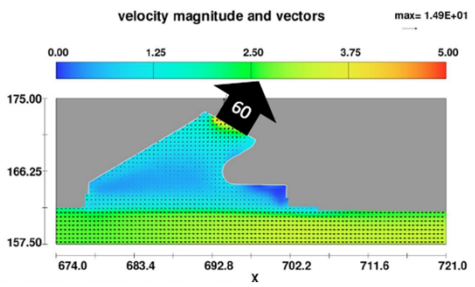
Subconsultants Scope:

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

Contract Cost: \$1,268,000



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B. SYSTEM RELIABILITY



F. COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Motion Item 3.2

Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption

About the Project:

- Replace nine wall-mounted toilets
- Replace cast iron drainpipes within floor slab
- Replace approximately 25 feet of sewer pipe and 11 feet of sidewalk

Status:

- Project Status: Contractor Selection Phase
- CEQA Notice of Exemption - In Progress
 - Categorically Exempt Under Class 1 Guidelines § 15301 – Existing Facilities



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Request to the Engineering and Operations Committee:

Recommend this item go to the Board to consider adoption of a Resolution determining that the Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA and approving the Project.

Questions

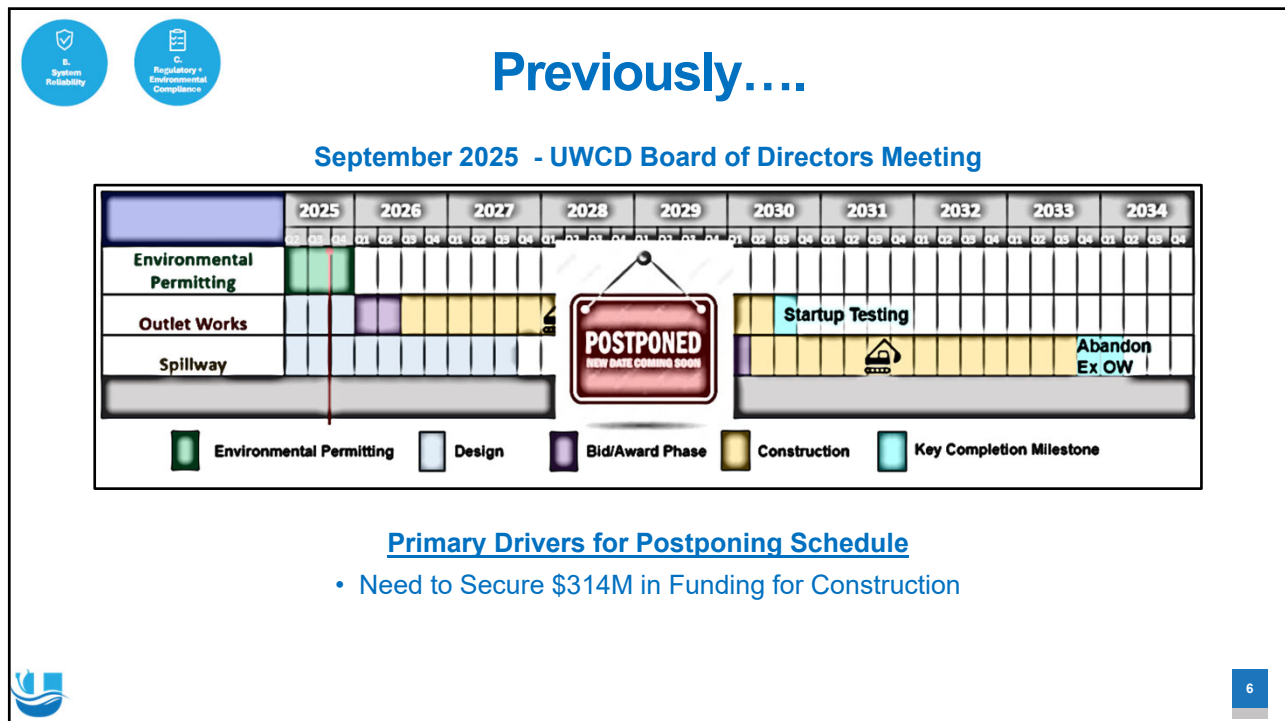


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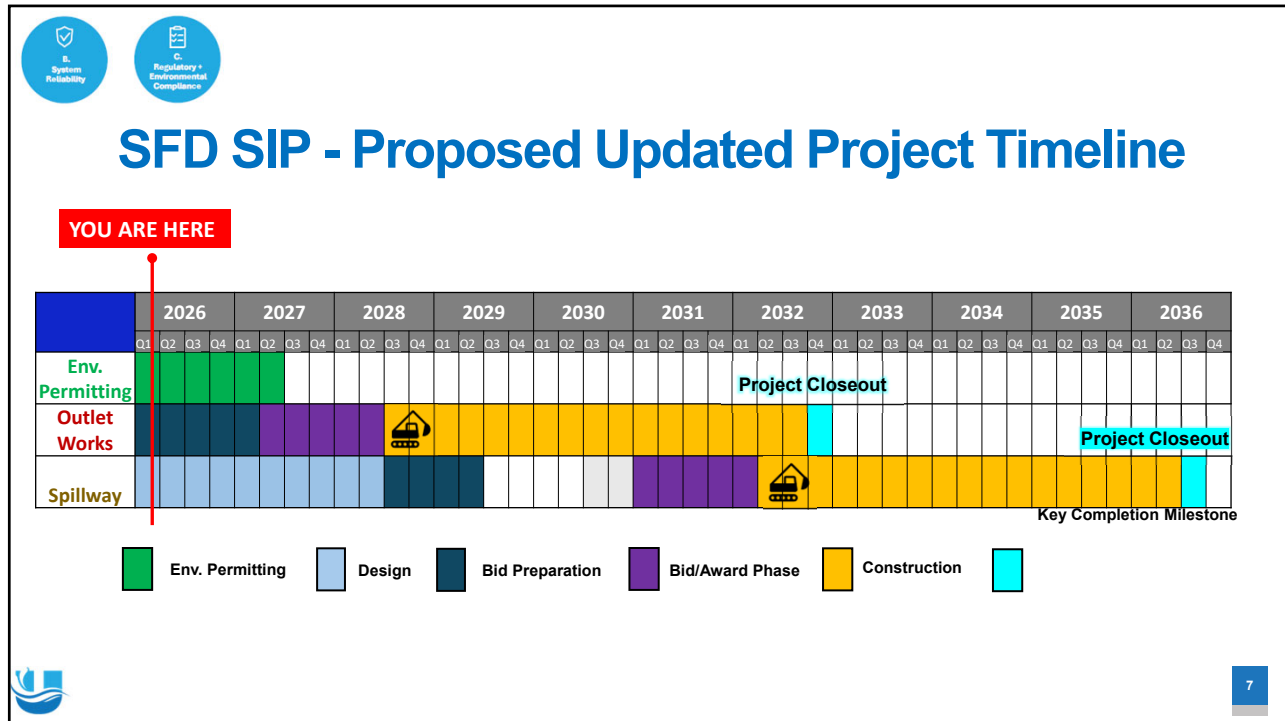
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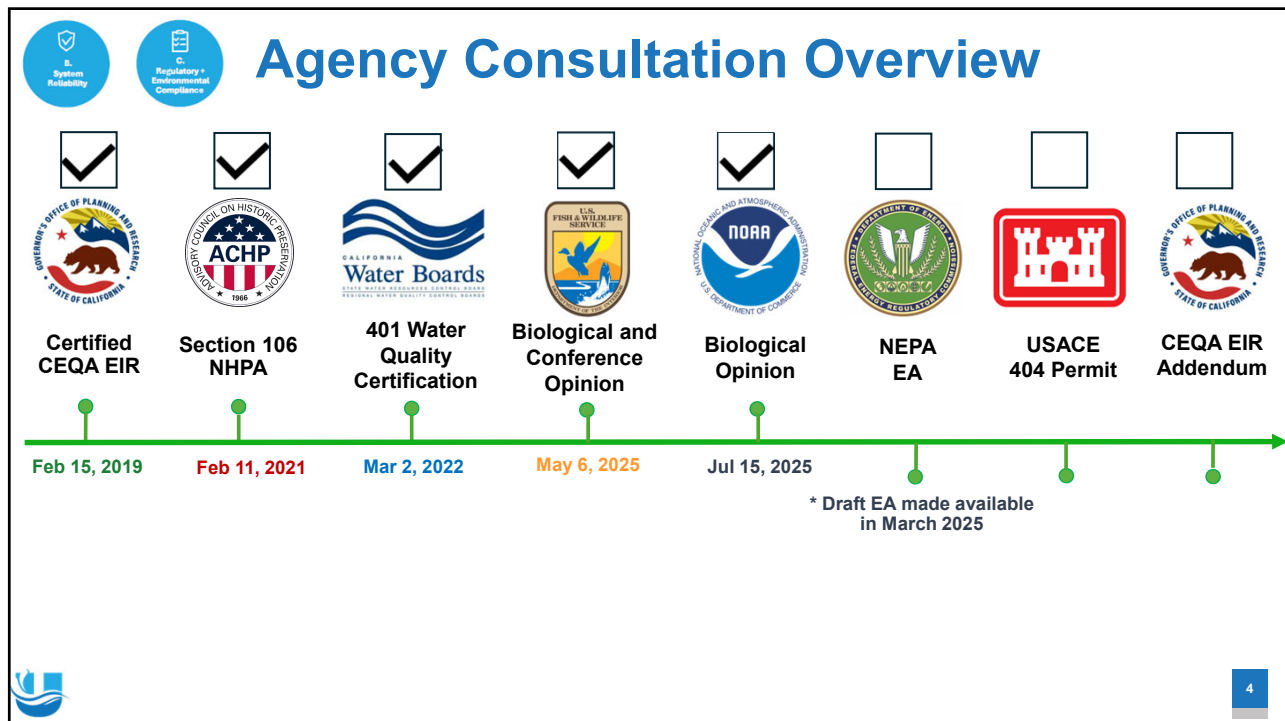
This slide, titled 'Previously....', shows a Gantt chart for the project schedule from 2025 to 2034. The chart is divided into three main sections: Environmental Permitting (2025-2026), Design (2026-2028), and Construction (2028-2034). A red 'POSTPONED' sign with the text 'NEW DATE COMING SOON' is placed over the Design and Construction phases. A 'Key Completion Milestone' is marked in 2031. The chart also includes a legend for the phases and a note about 'Abandon Ex OW' in 2034. The subtitle 'September 2025 - UWCD Board of Directors Meeting' is at the top. Two circular icons for 'B. System Reliability' and 'C. Regulatory + Environmental Compliance' are in the top left. The text 'Primary Drivers for Postponing Schedule' is followed by a bullet point: 'Need to Secure \$314M in Funding for Construction'. A small blue square with the number '6' is in the bottom right corner.

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Environmental Permitting	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4																	
Design					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4									
Bid/Award Phase																					
Construction													Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
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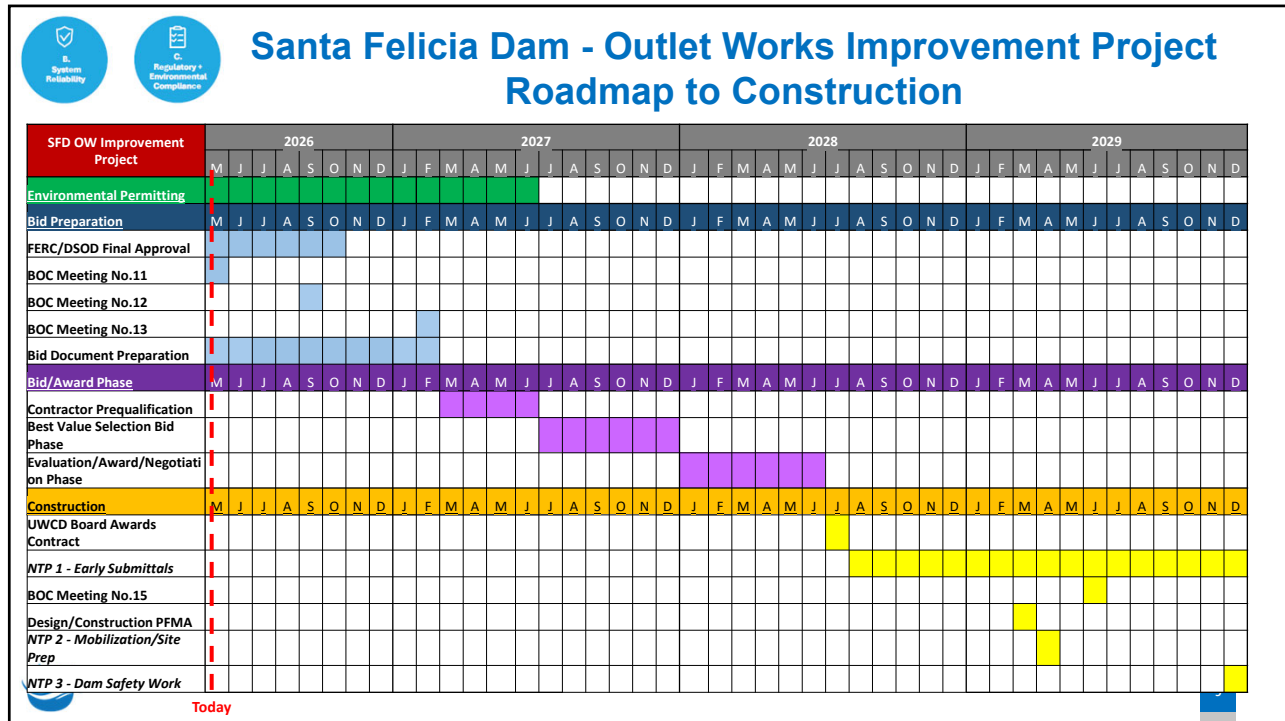
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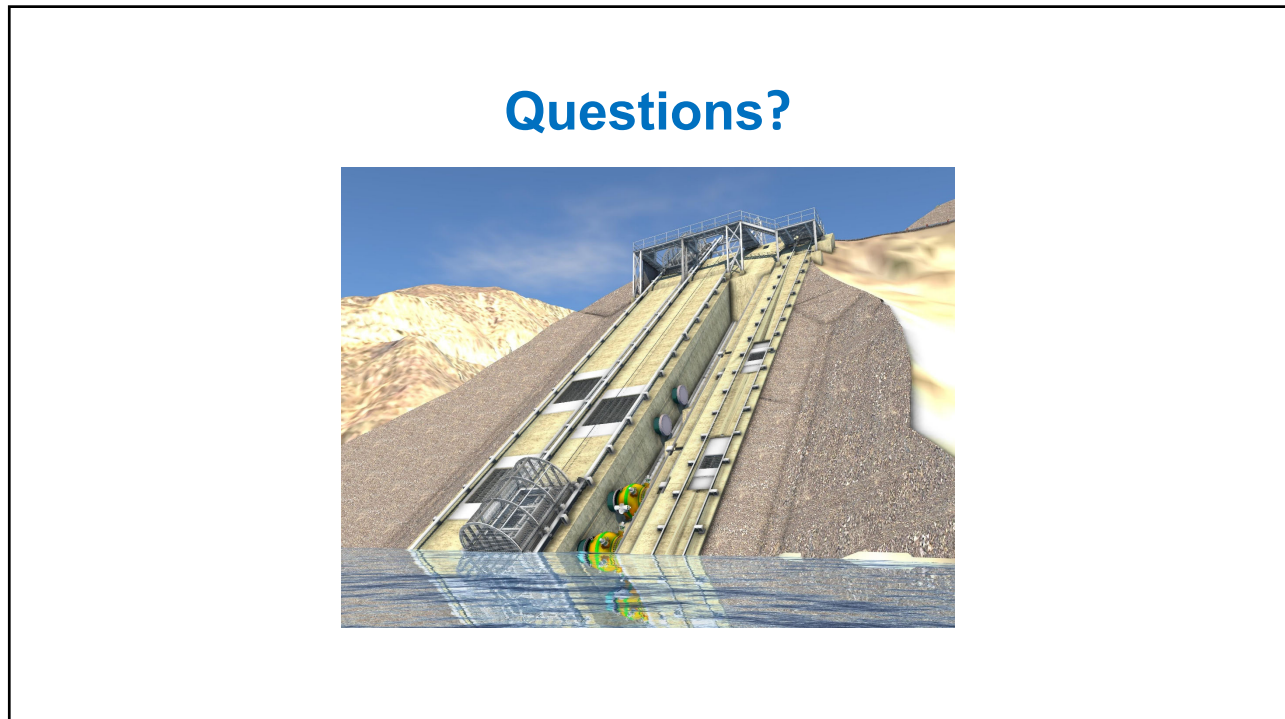
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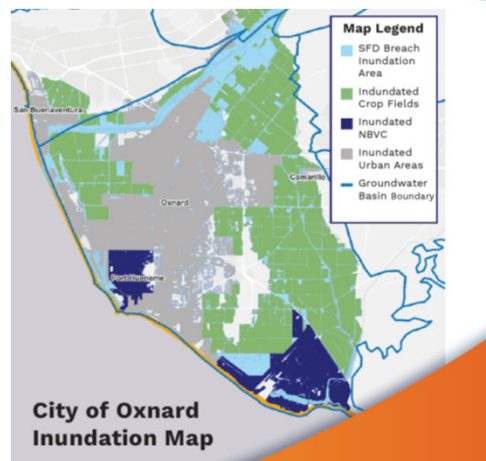
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 Monthly Update
 March 5, 2026

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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



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

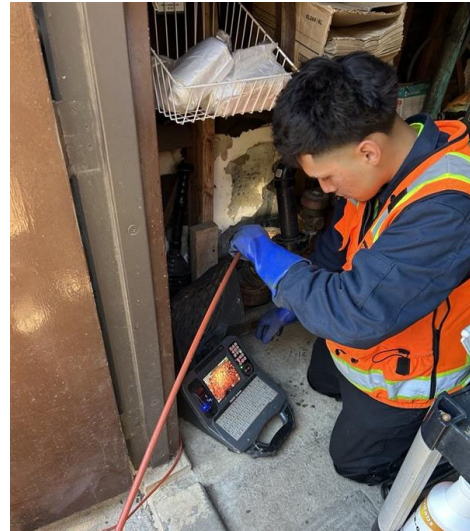


Objective:

- 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



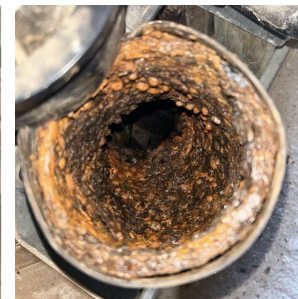
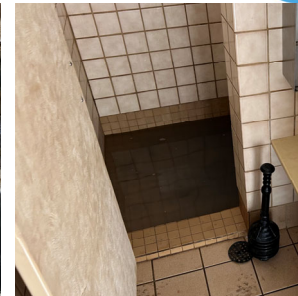
Lake Piru Recreation Area Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair (8055)



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

A. Water Supply

B. System Reliability

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Current and Future OH Pipeline Contractors

- Vineyard Mutual Water Company consolidation
- Rio School District Expansion

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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

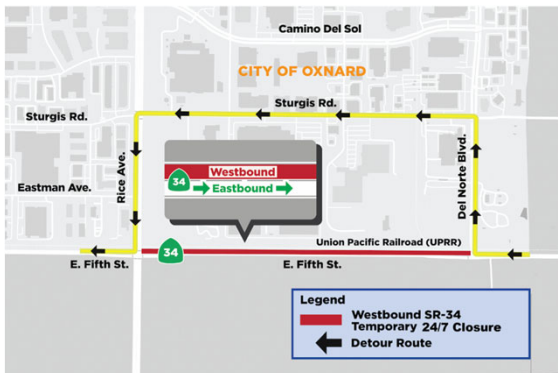
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Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



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



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Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



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Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



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Rice Avenue

November 21, 2025


PTP Well
No. 4



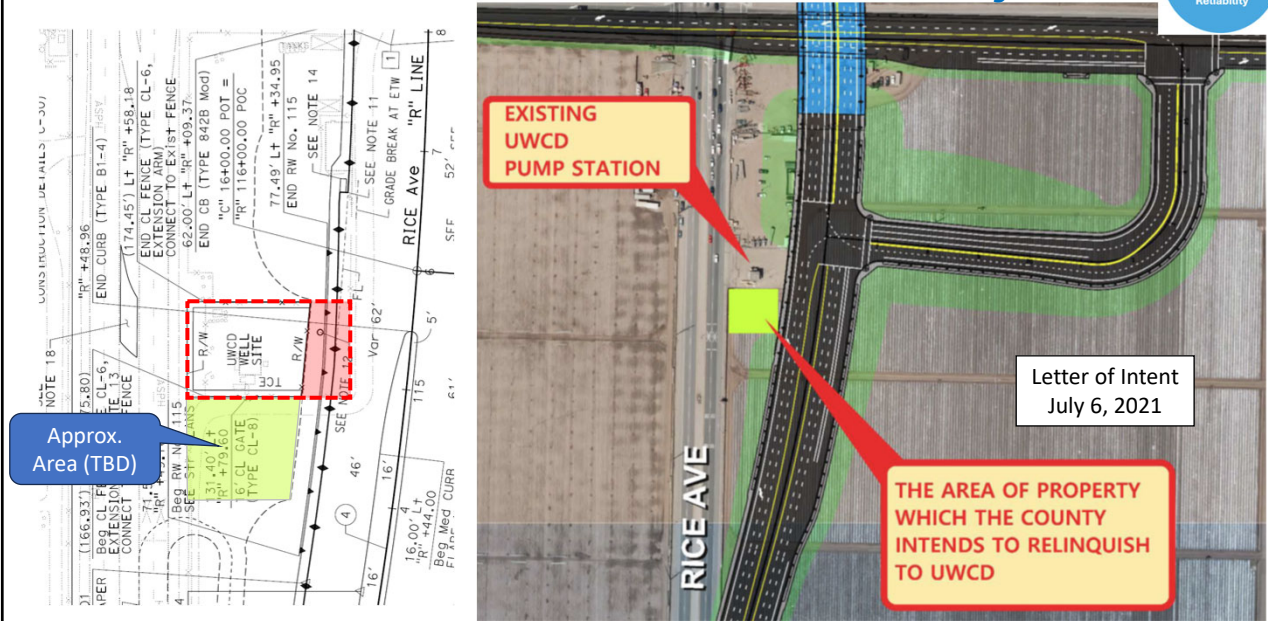
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Rice Avenue/Fifth Street/SR-34 Project



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Reliability



RICE AVE


RICE AVE "R" LINE

EXISTING
UWCD
PUMP STATION

Letter of Intent
July 6, 2021

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

Approx.
Area (TBD)



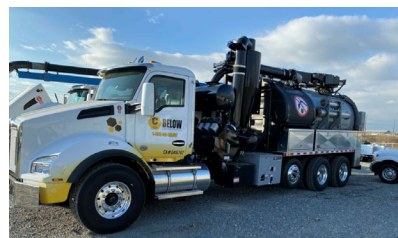
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Phase 1A Site Approval Request – EBB WTP

- 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



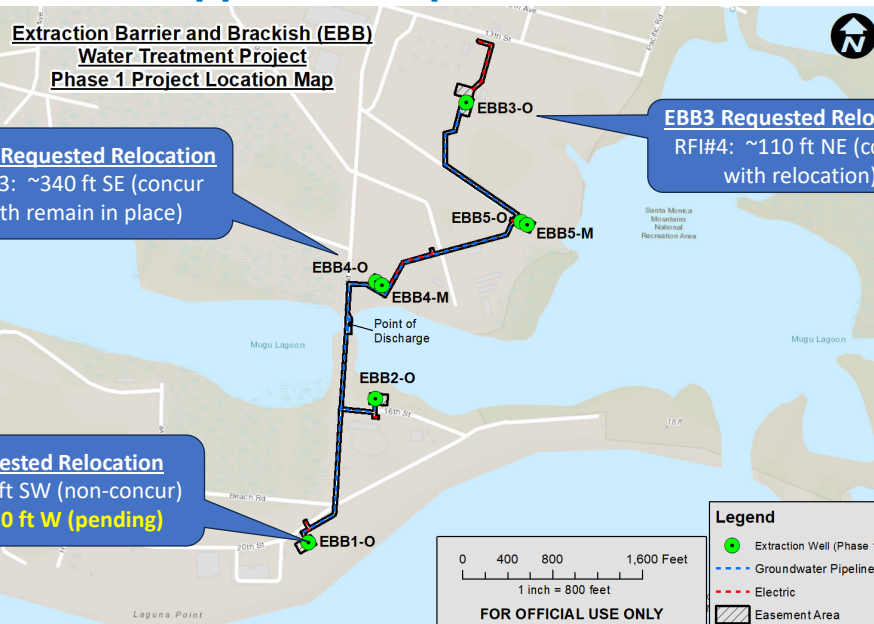
A. Water Supply

B. System Reliability

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Phase 1B Site Approval Request – EBB WTP



A. Water Supply

B. System Reliability

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

March 5, 2026



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Updates



Freeman Fish Ladder Operations



Navy Collaboration on Sediment Removal



Lower System Quagga Mussel Veliger Monitoring: No Detections



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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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Operations and Maintenance Department Update

March 5, 2026



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Santa Felicia Dam and Lake Piru



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Santa Felicia Dam



A photograph showing a man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a grey hoodie, standing in profile and operating a large blue industrial control panel. The panel has various buttons, switches, and a red emergency stop button. In the background, there are other pieces of equipment, including a grey electrical cabinet with a 'No Open Flame' sign and a 'Butterfly Valve' label. A date stamp '2/18/26' is visible in the top right corner of the photo. The entire slide has a blue background with white diagonal lines on the right side.

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Freeman Diversion and Saticoy

A landscape photograph of a long, straight concrete-lined canal filled with water. The canal is flanked by stone-lined embankments. In the background, there are rolling hills under a sky with soft, colorful clouds from a sunset or sunrise. The entire slide has a blue background with white diagonal lines on the right side.

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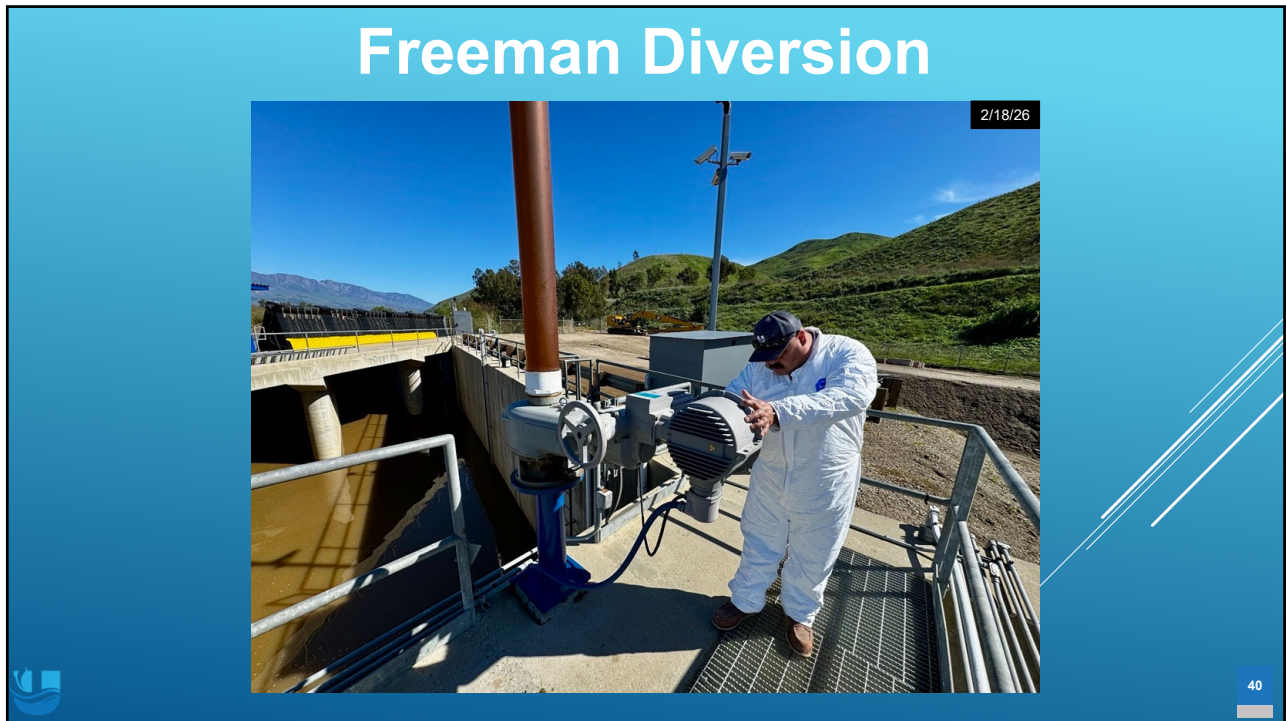
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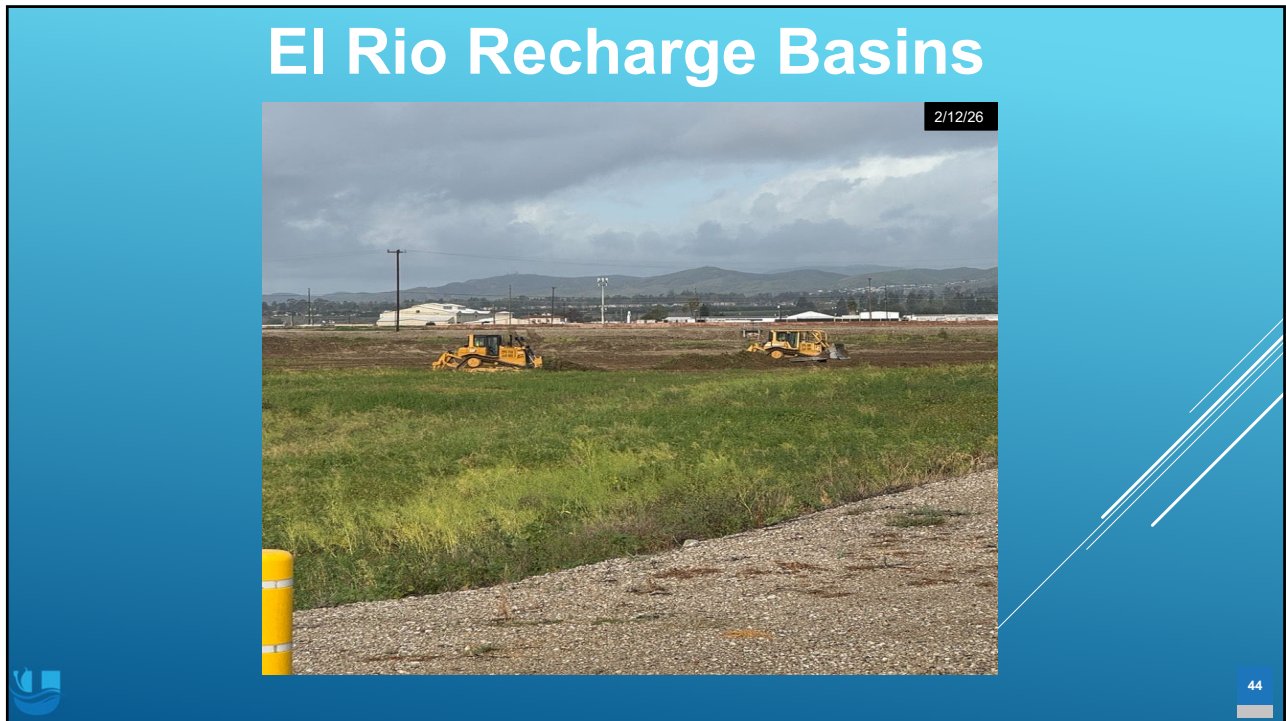
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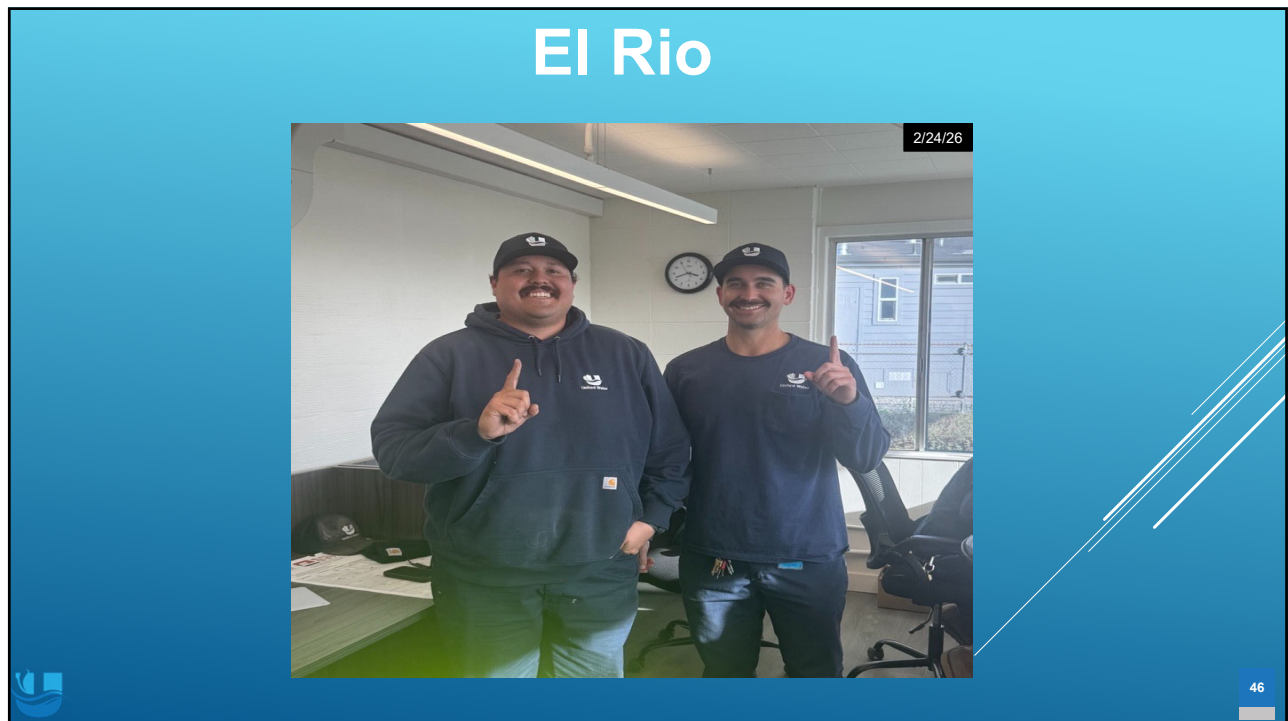
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