



ABOUT US

United Water Conservation District protects the water resources of the Santa Clara River Valley and Oxnard Coastal Plain, which are utilized by the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, and Fillmore, several mutual water districts and numerous farms and individual pumpers. Headquartered in Oxnard, California, the District is the wholesale supplier of treated drinking water for the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme and provides surface water for agricultural irrigation across Ventura County.

The District is committed to providing for local demand while trying to reverse groundwater overdraft and seawater intrusion into coastal aquifers, and to balance this demand with increased need to provide water for environmental purposes.

At-A-Glance



Established: 1927



Governance: The District is governed by seven directors, one elected from each of the seven divisions of the District and each serving four-year staggered terms



Service area: 335 square miles in central Ventura County



Population served: More than 400,000 people



Farmland served: More than 71,600 acres



Conservation: The District conserves runoff from all major tributaries of the Santa Clara River within the District, including Piru, Hopper, Sespe and Santa Paula creeks



Employees: Approximately 79



Operating Budget: \$75.5M for FY 2025-2026



District Facilities



Santa Felicia Dam and Hydroelectric Facility – The dam creates Lake Piru, an 80,500 acre-foot drinking water reservoir, and generates 1.42 megawatts of electricity that is sold to Southern California Edison.



Lake Piru Recreation Area – The recreation area created by the lake provides year-round camping, boating, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities for the public.



Groundwater recharge facilities – United Water maintains more than 700 acres of spreading grounds at the Saticoy and El Rio Groundwater Recharge Facilities. The basins facilitate a natural percolation process, allowing water to seep through layers of sand and gravel to replenish the underground supply.



Freeman Diversion Facility – Constructed in 1991, The Freeman Diversion has diverted an average of approximately 60,000 acre-feet, or around 19.5 billion gallons, per year for groundwater recharge and surface-water deliveries directly to agricultural users.



Oxnard- Hueneme Pipeline – United Water's Oxnard-Hueneme Pipeline system supplies water to the City of Oxnard, Port Hueneme Water Agency, multiple mutual water companies and a school district on the Oxnard Plain, reducing their reliance on groundwater pumping close to the coastline, decreasing seawater intrusion.



Pumping Trough Pipeline and Pleasant Valley Pipeline and Reservoir – These facilities deliver surface water directly from the Santa Clara River to agriculture on the Oxnard Plain and Pleasant Valley to reduce pumping in the lower aquifer system.



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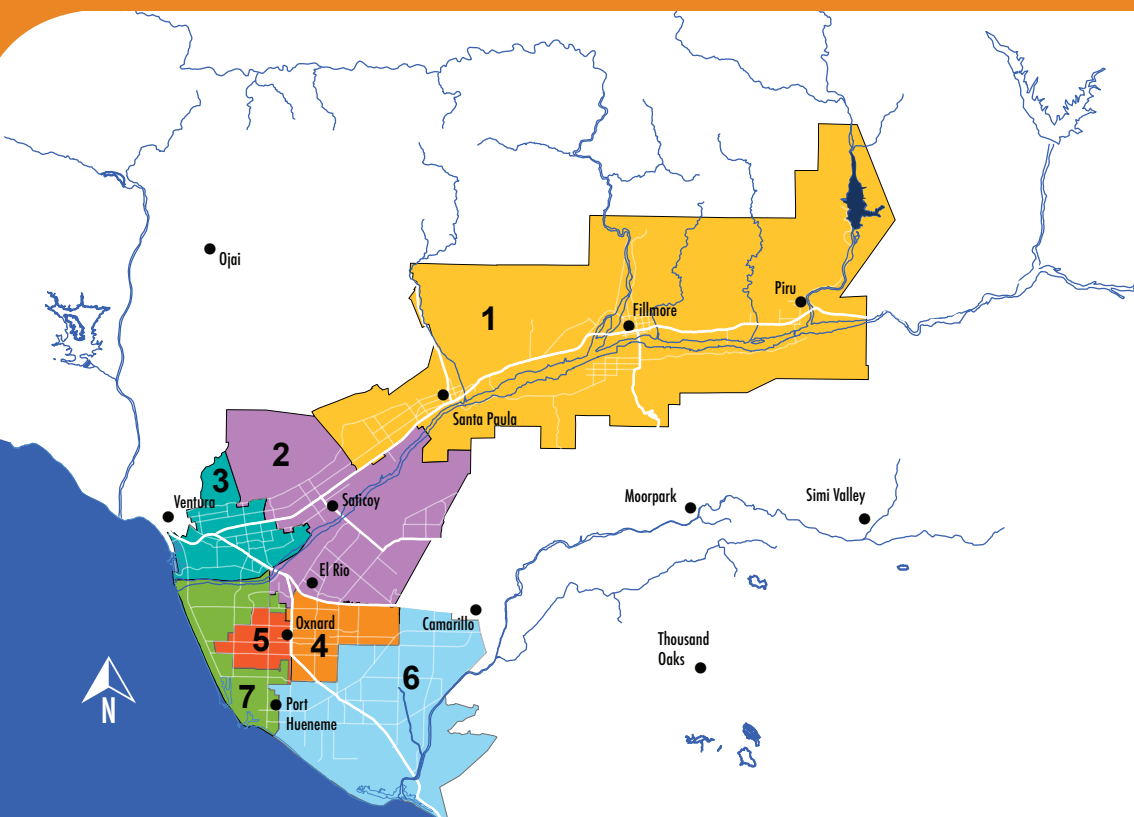


SERVING VENTURA COUNTY

For nearly a century, United Water Conservation District has been managing, protecting, conserving and enhancing water resources and ecosystems across a 335-square-mile service area in central Ventura County.

The District plays a vital role in preserving a dependable supply of high-quality water and ensuring future sustainability through careful planning, regional collaborations and shrewd investments in facilities and projects.

Over its history, the District has captured more than 4 million acre-feet of water or 1.3 trillion gallons – enough to supply the entire City of Oxnard for the next 100 years – that would otherwise have flowed out to sea.



Divisions/Board of Directors

- 1. Gordon Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer
- 2. Catherine Keeling, Vice President
- 3. Mohammed Hasan, Board Member
- 4. Lynn E. Maulhardt, President
- 5. Steve Huber, Board Member
- 6. Keith Ford, Board Member
- 7. Rachel Jones, Board Member

Markers

- Lake Piru
- Cities/Towns
- Floodplain

General Manager

Mauricio E. Guardado Jr.

Since joining the District in 2015, Mr. Guardado has focused on building cooperative relationships with neighboring agencies and stakeholders to affect change and find solutions to the region's water challenges. He has taken the lead in diversifying and maximizing supply, pursuing sustainable projects and prioritizing stewardship in Ventura County. Prior to joining the District, Mr. Guardado served in management positions at other Southern California water agencies. He holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from California State University, Northridge and a master's degree from USC's Executive Master of Leadership Program and is a registered civil engineer in the state of California.

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