

**MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
UWCD Headquarters, First Floor, Board Room
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030**

OPEN SESSION

Chair Gordon Kimball called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Roll Call

Present: Directors Hasan, Huber, and Kimball

Absent: None.

1. Public Comments: None.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Action: M/S/C (Hasan, Huber) approved the September 2, 2025, minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Huber, Kimball and Hasan; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**3. Summary of District Hydrological Conditions and Operations for Water Year 2025
Information Item**

Staff presented a summary of hydrologic conditions, reservoir releases, diversions and water deliveries during WY 2025 and answered questions from both directors and public. Presentation attached.

**4. Status Update and Planning Efforts for State Water Project Imports and Reservoir Releases for Water Year 2026.
Information Item**

Staff presented a status update and summary of planning efforts related to State Water Project Imports, Reservoir Releases for Water Year 2026 and answered questions from both directors and public. Presentation attached.

**5. Presentation of the District Groundwater Sustainability Implementation Plan (GSIP)
Information Item**

Staff presented a summary of the District Groundwater Sustainability Implementation Plan (GSIP) and answered questions from both directors and public. Presentation attached.

**6. Water Resources Department and GSA Activities Update
Information Item**

Staff responded to comments on the most recent Water Resources Department staff report. Presentation attached.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Kimball polled the Directors for any future agenda items they would like to see at a future Committee meeting. None were offered.

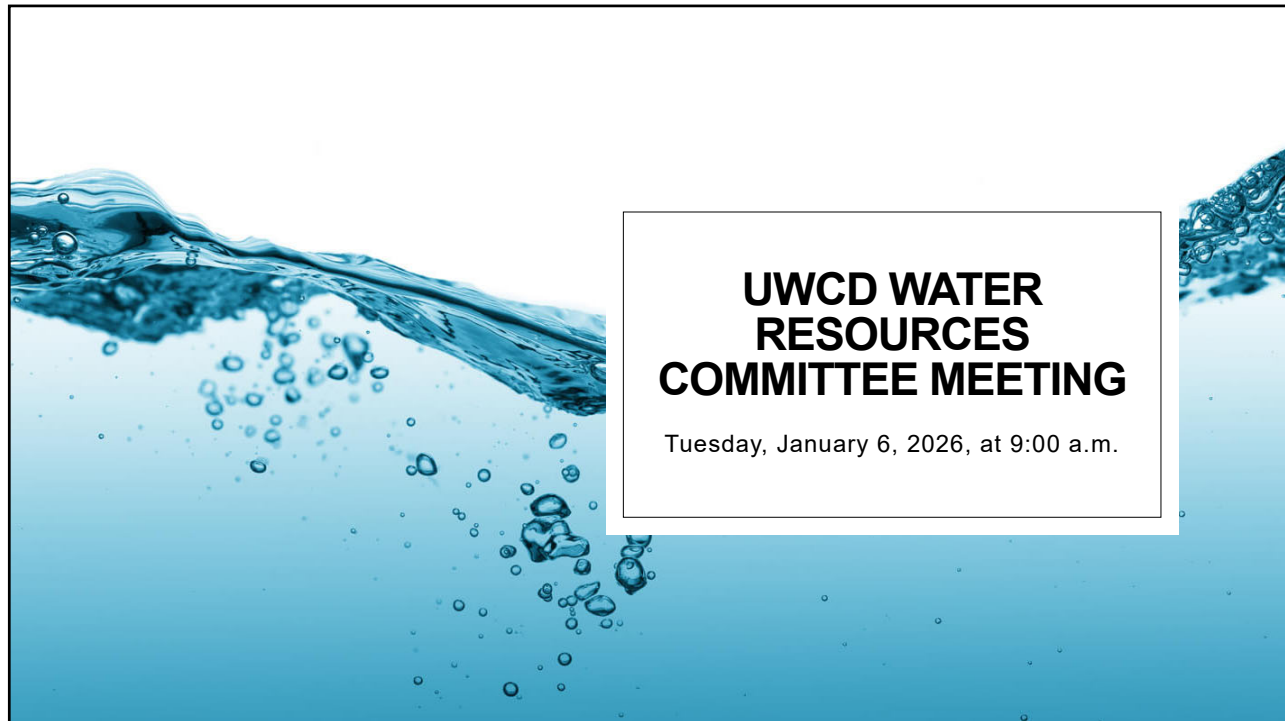


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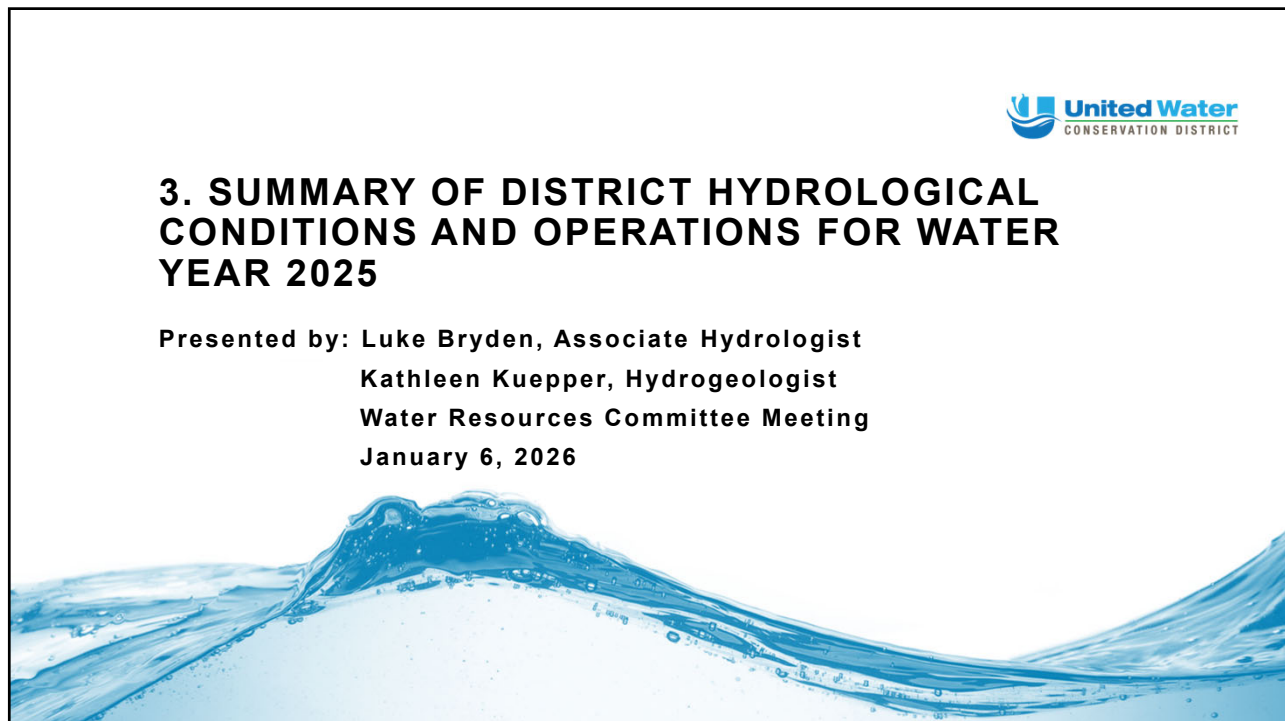
Chair Kimball adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Water Resources Committee Meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Chair

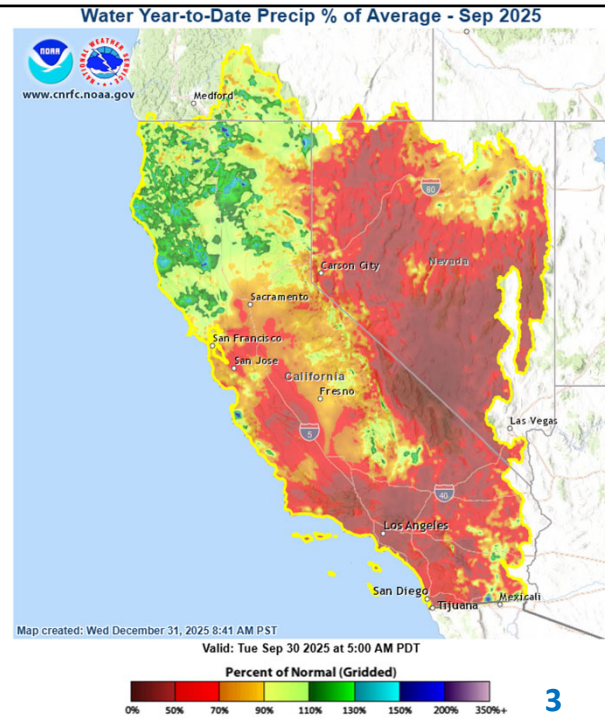
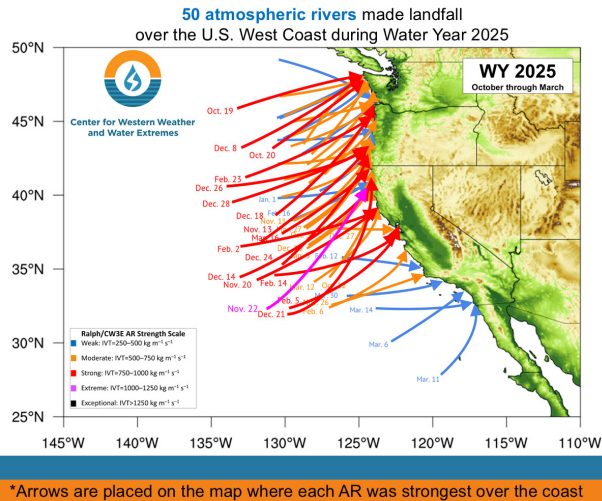


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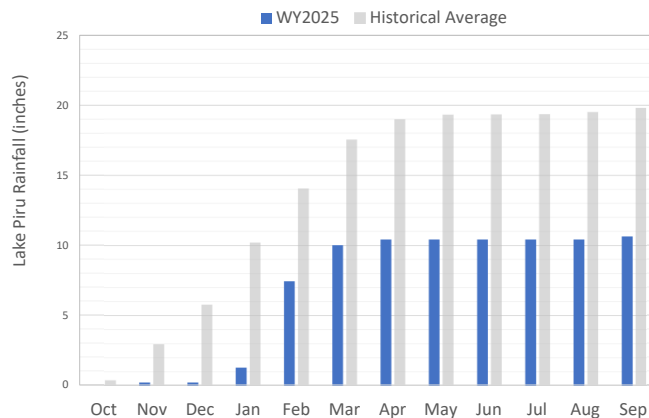
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2025 Rainfall (state)



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2025 Rainfall (local)



District Wide: 45% below historical average

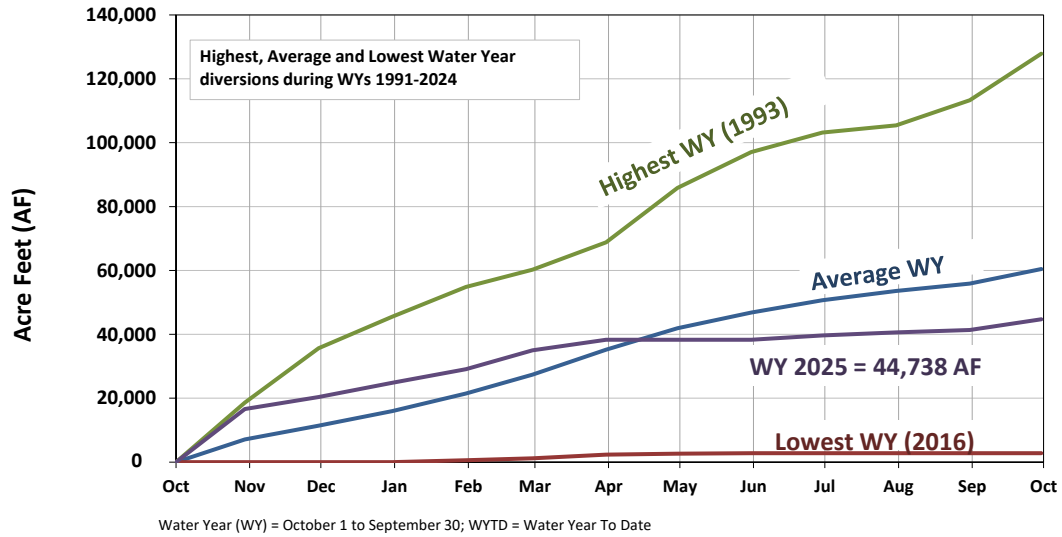
	WY 2025 Total
Lake Piru:	10.64 "
Santa Paula:	7.30 "
El Rio:	5.36 "



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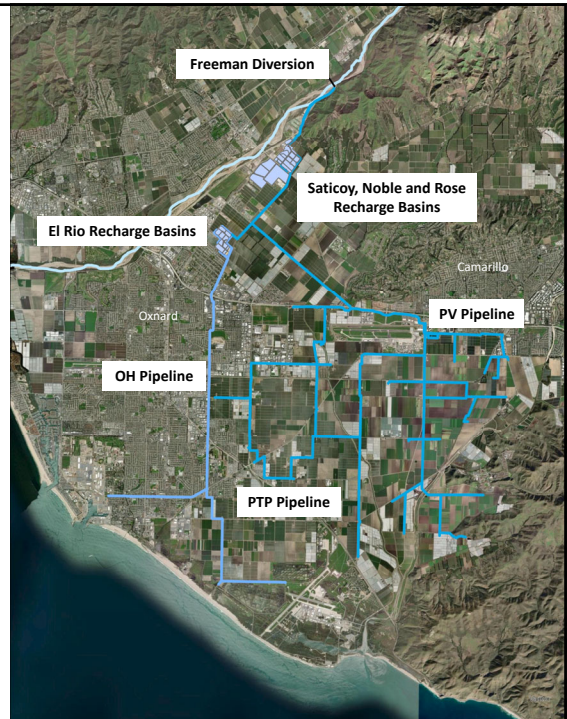
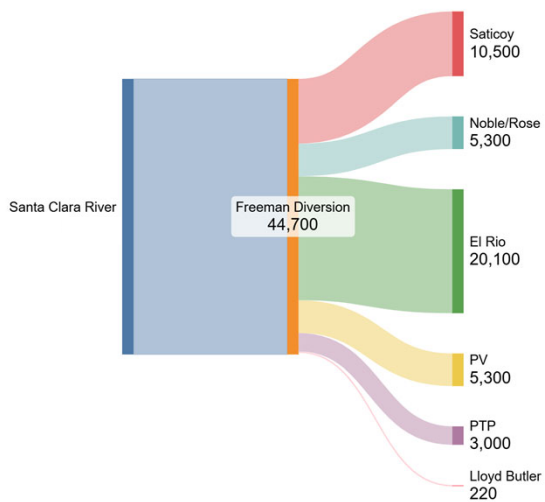
Diversions



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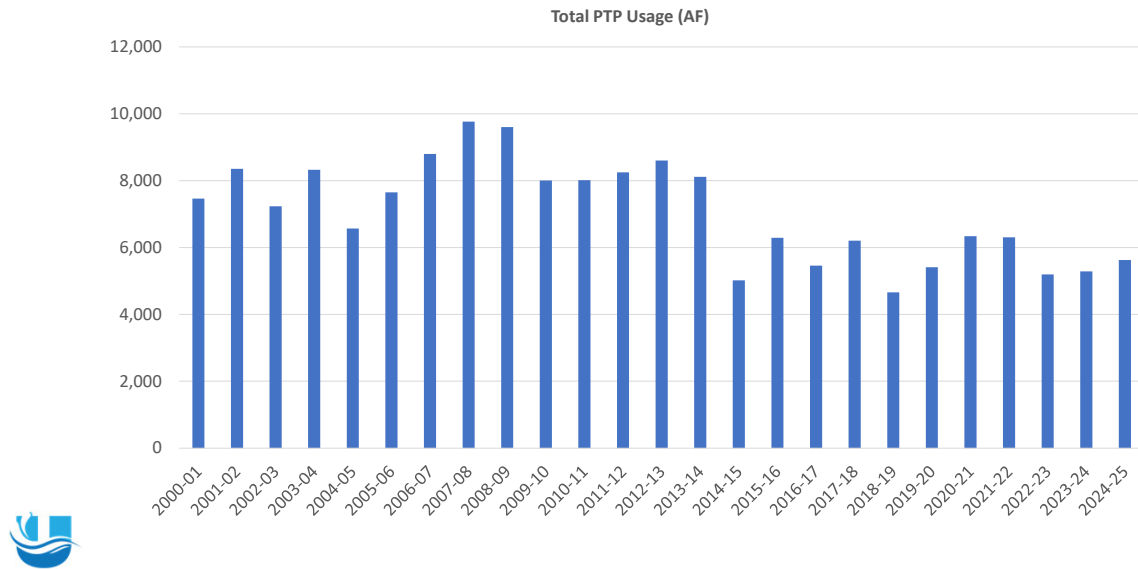
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Recharge and Deliveries



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PTP Trends

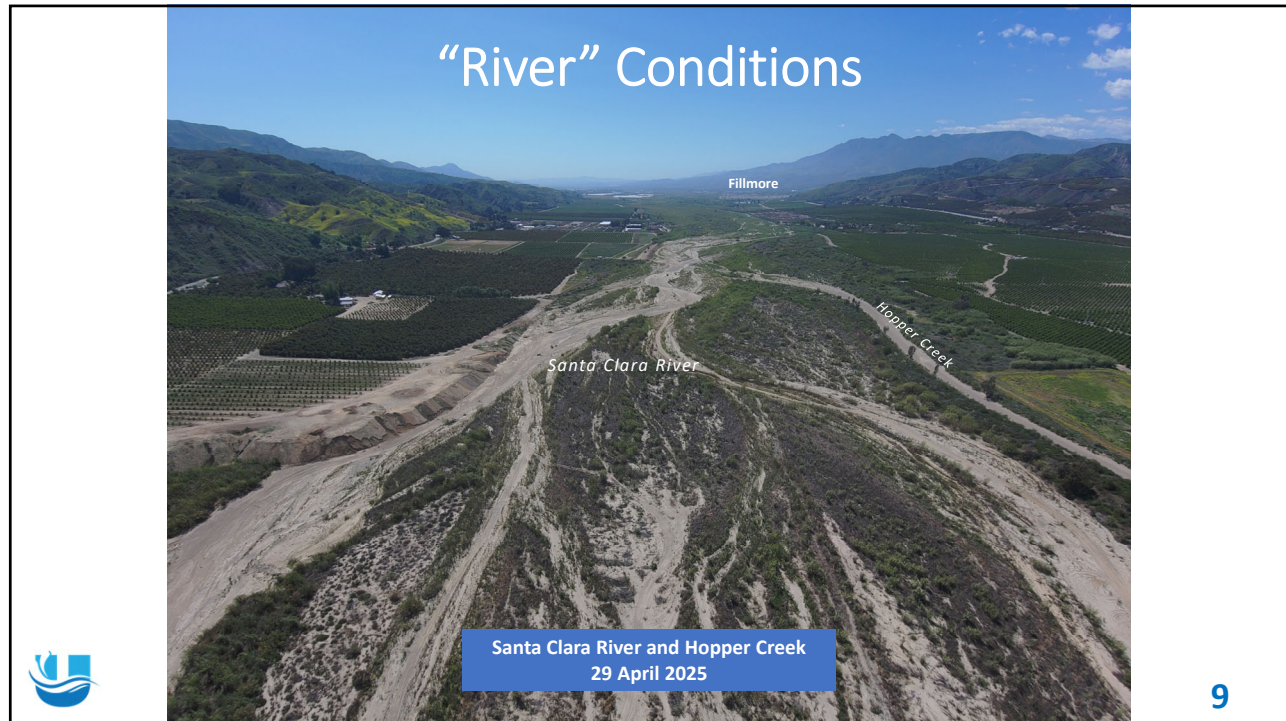


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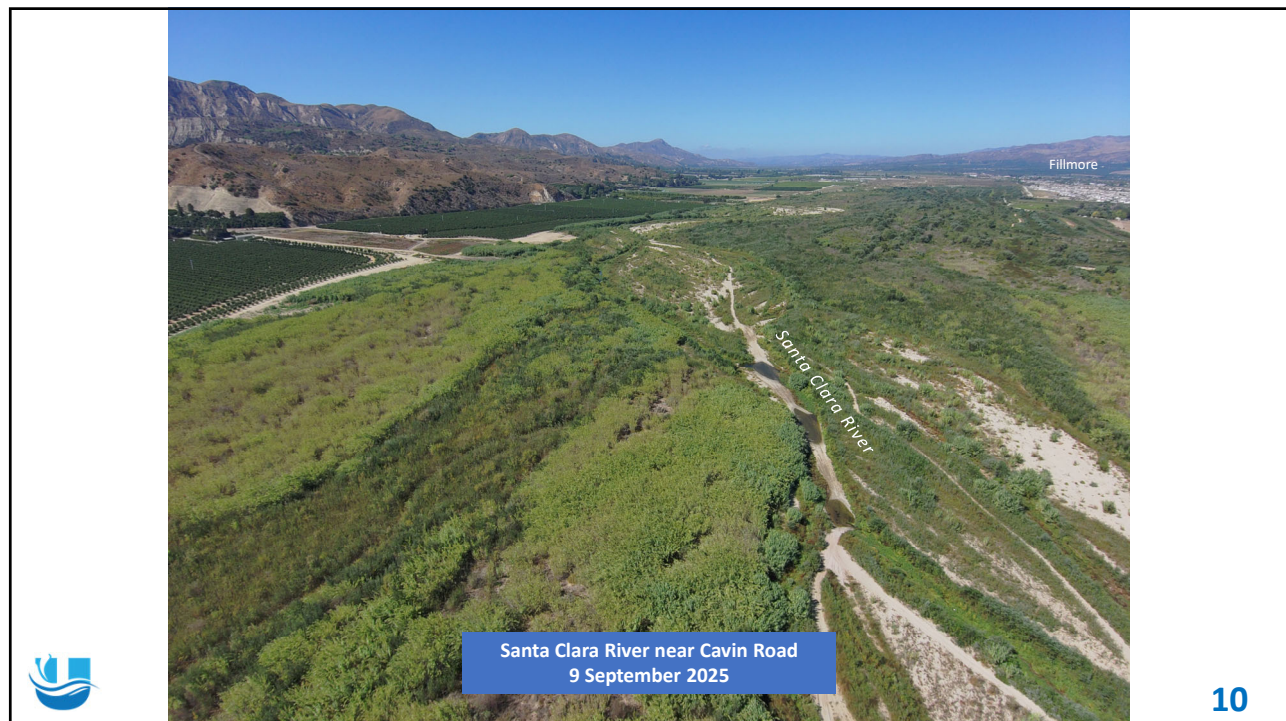
Santa Clara River Watershed



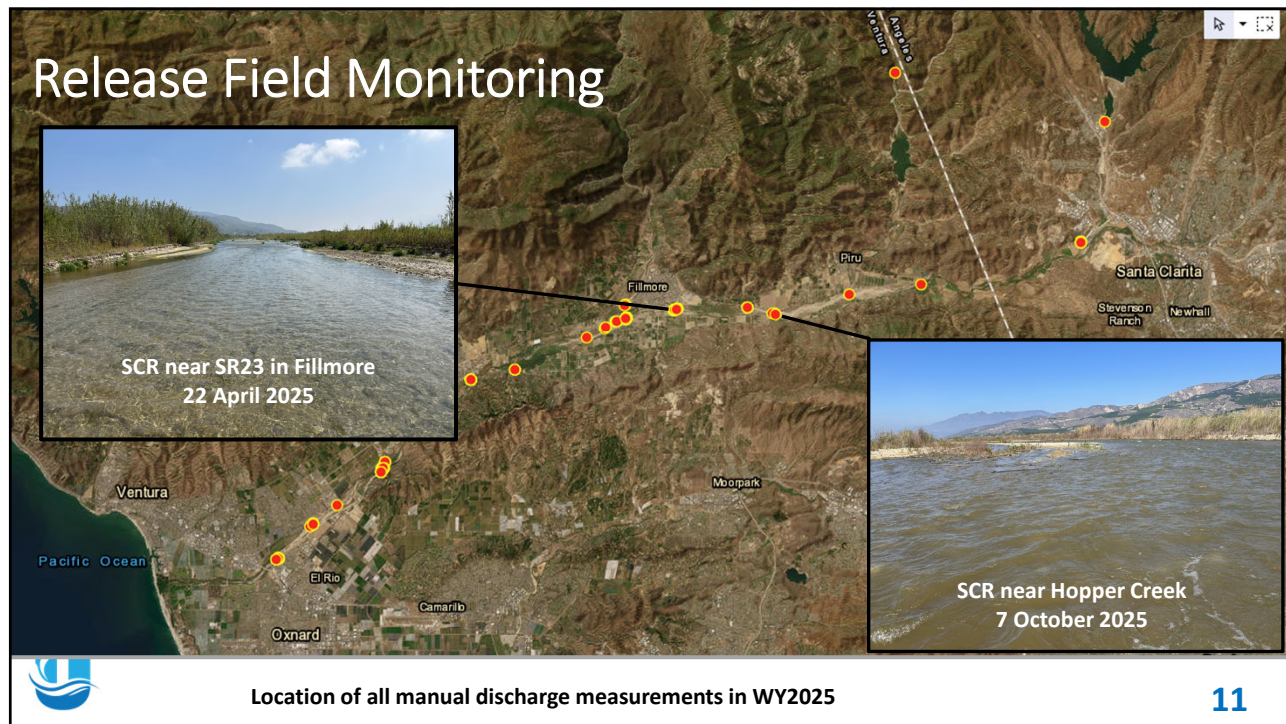
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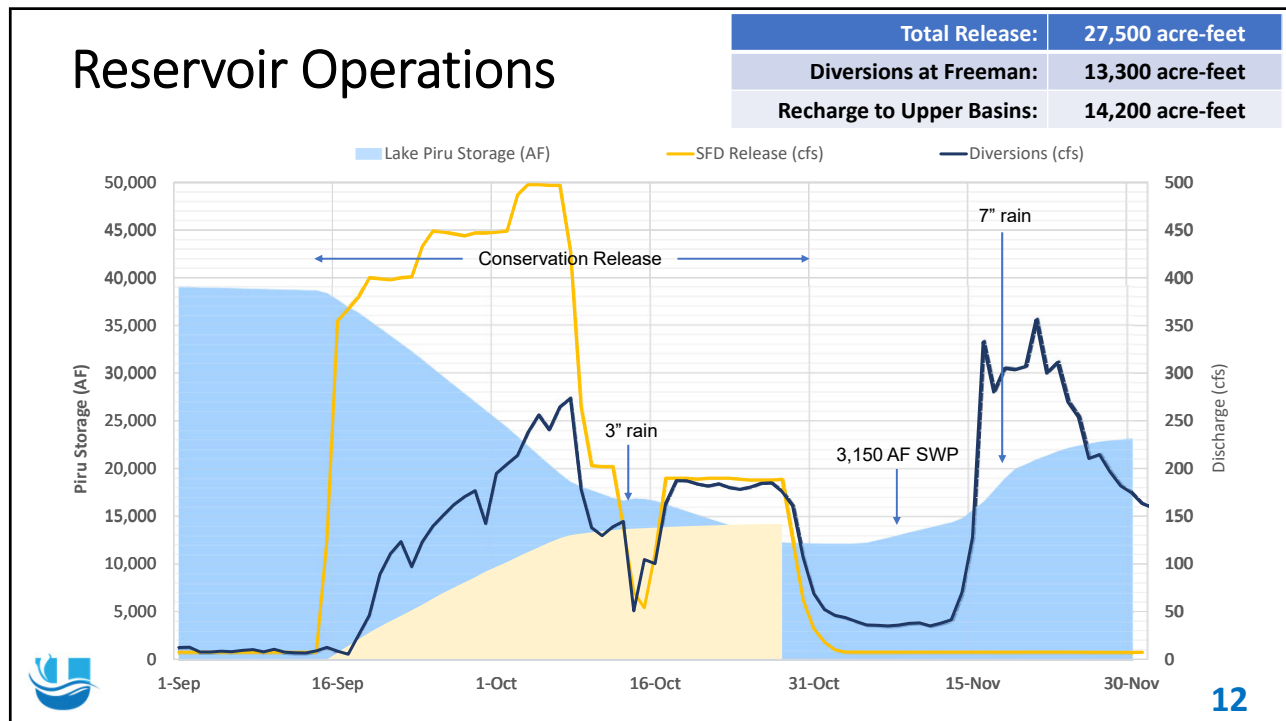
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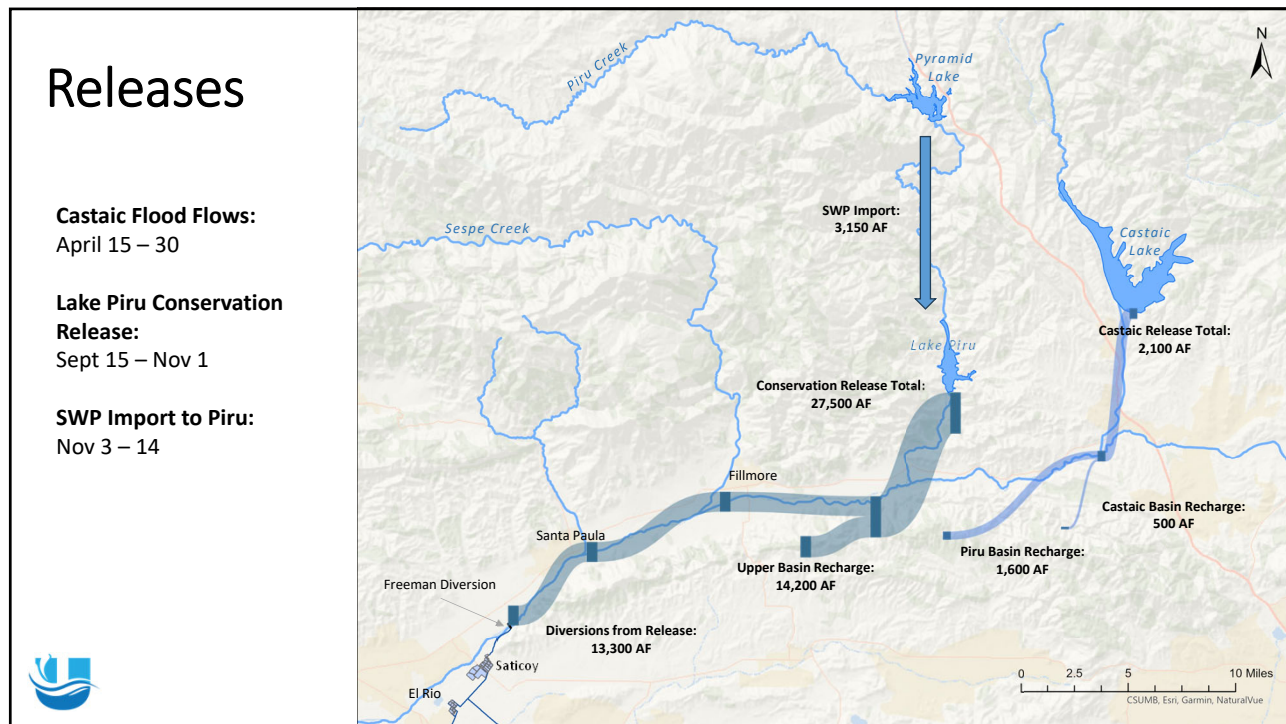
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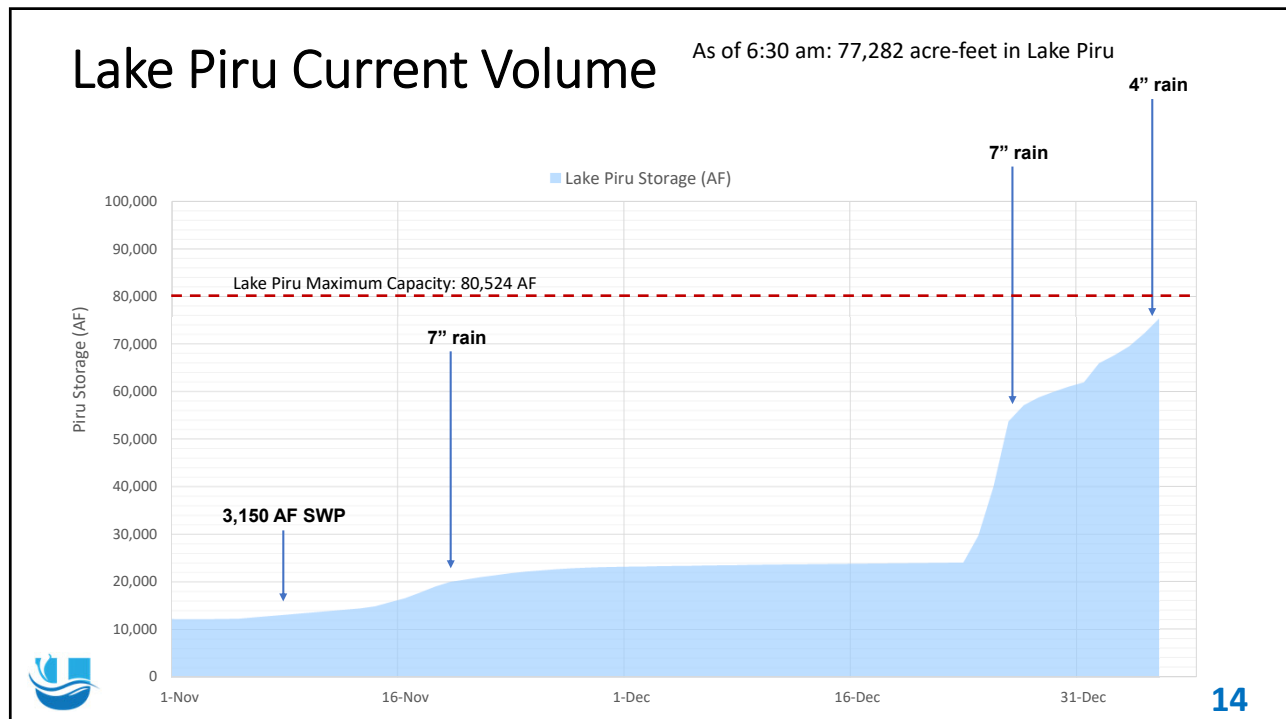
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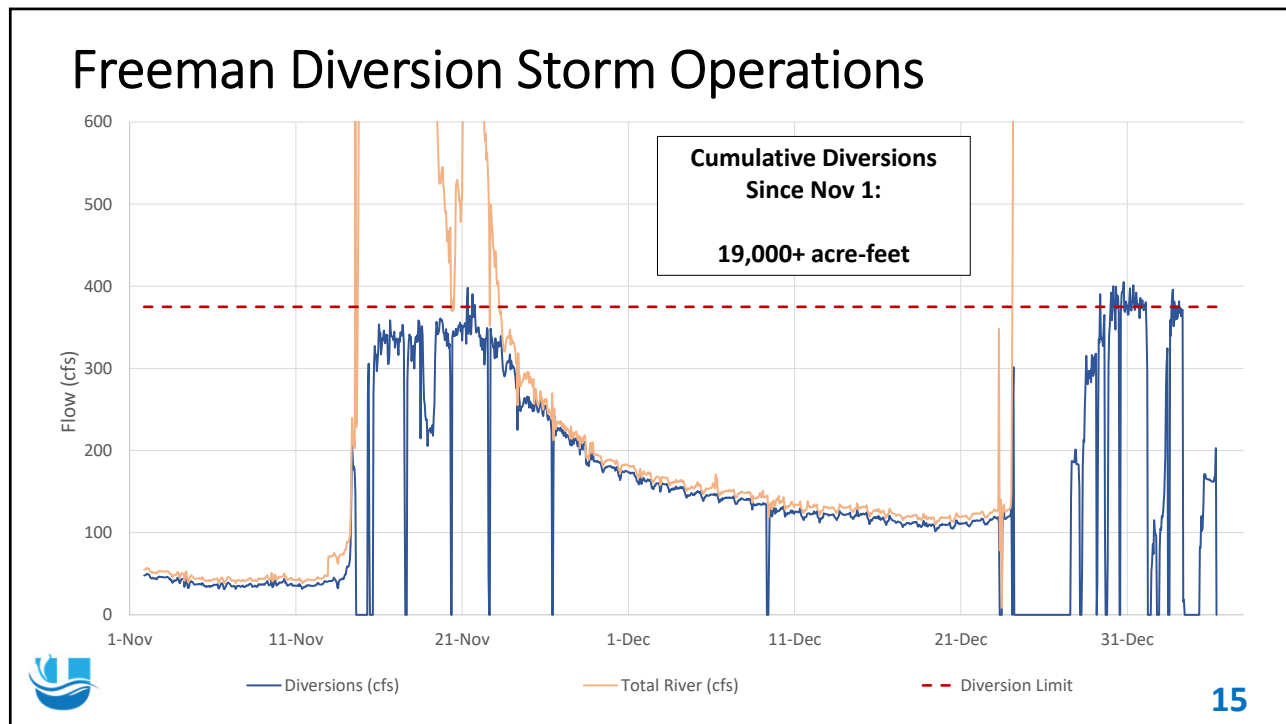
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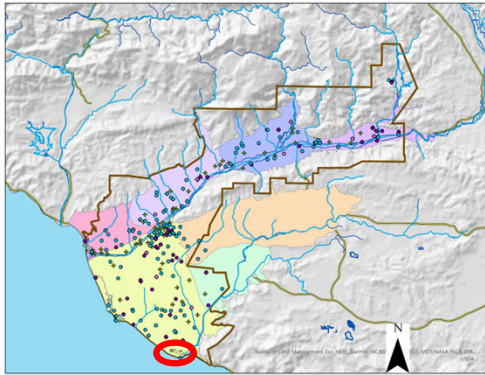
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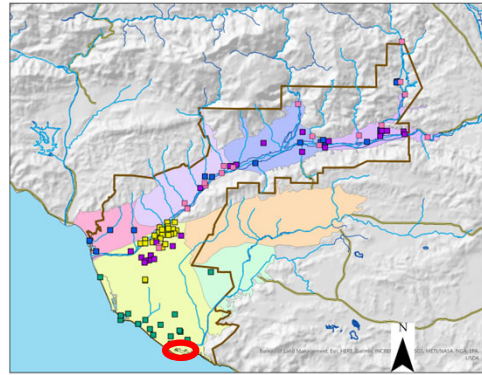
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Groundwater Monitoring Network

Water Levels



Water Quality



Water Level Network

- Wells measured Bimonthly
- Wells measured Monthly
- Key wells
- Wells with Transducers

Water Quality Network

- Surface Water Locations
- Production Wells
- Non-Coastal, Monitoring Wells
- Forebay, Monitoring Wells
- Coastal, Monitoring Wells



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Groundwater Monitoring Network

Repairs

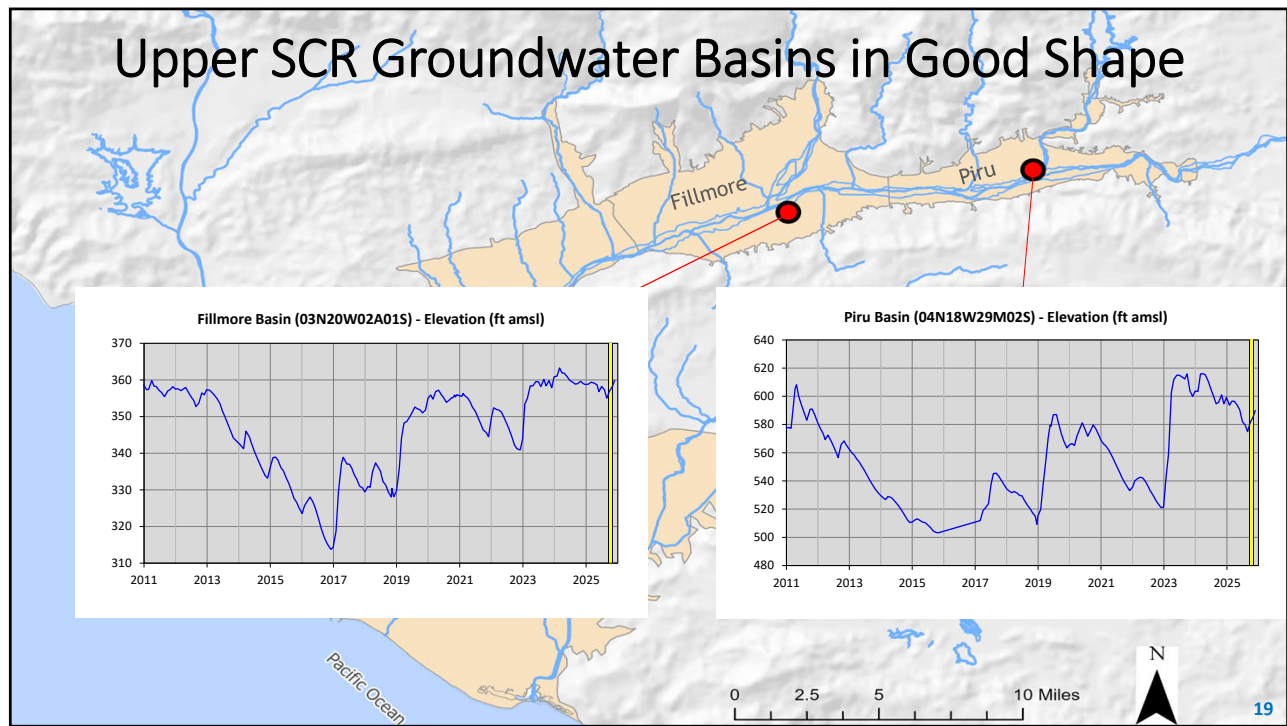


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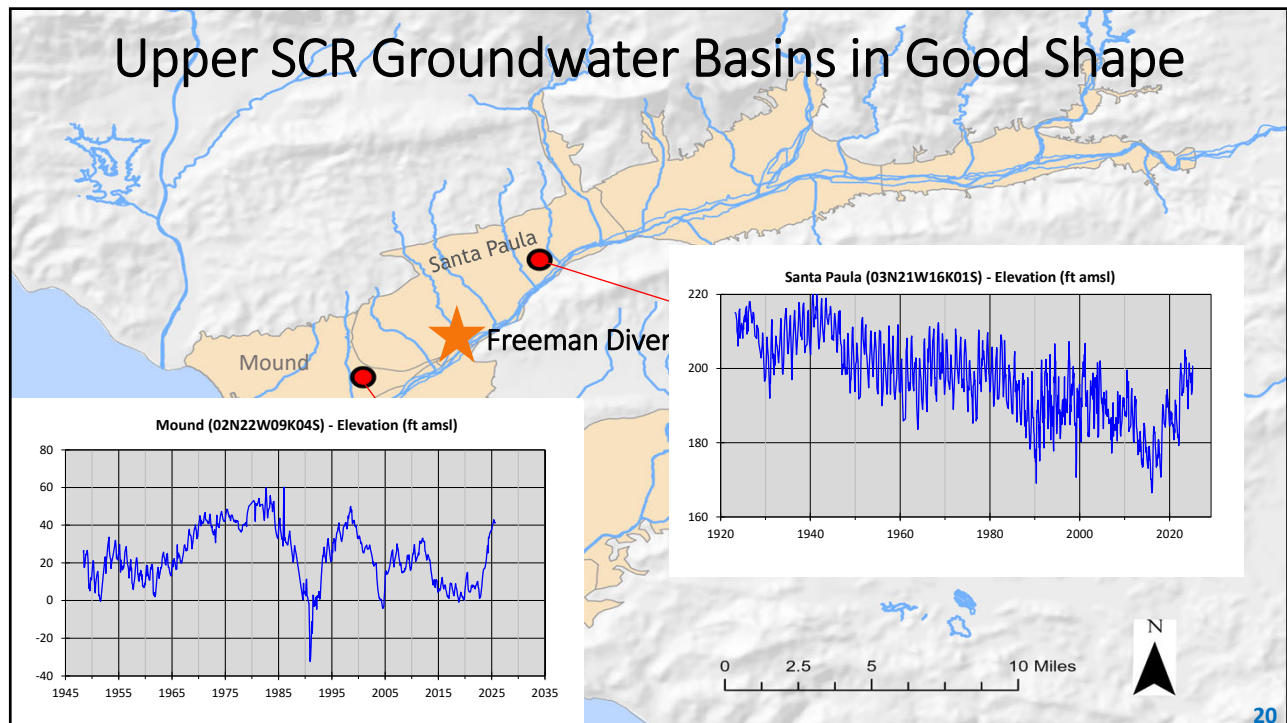


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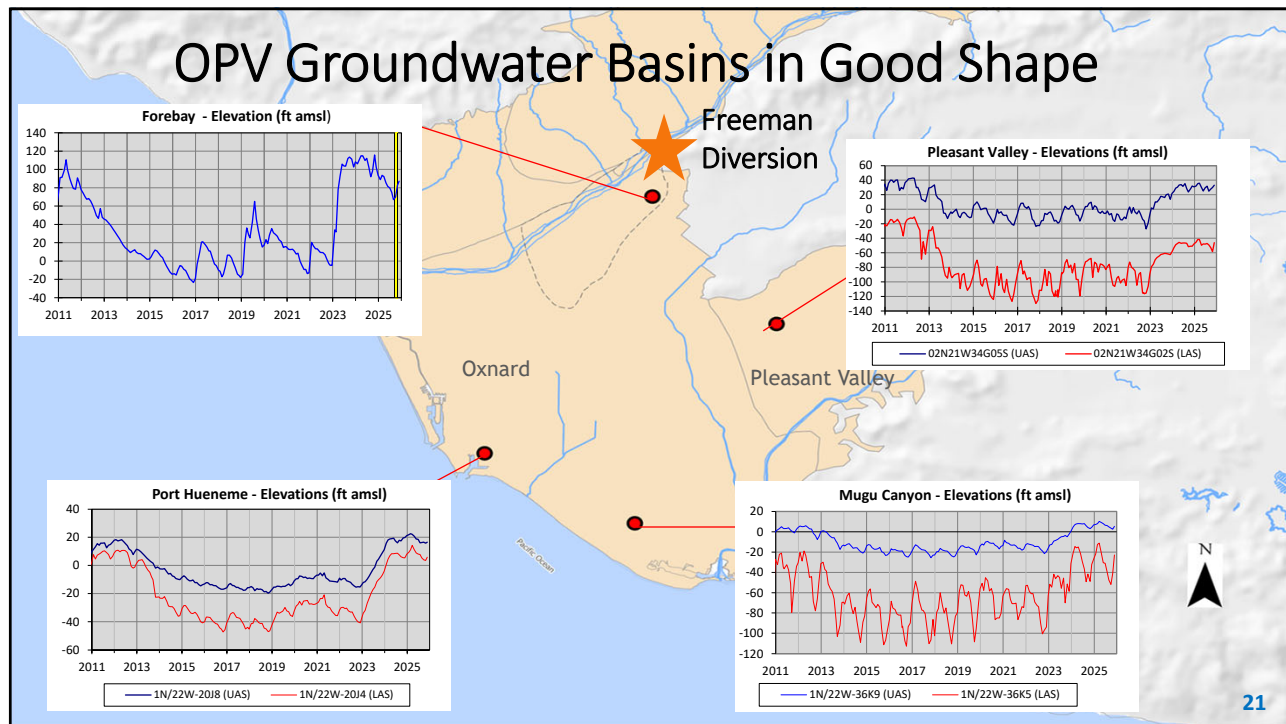
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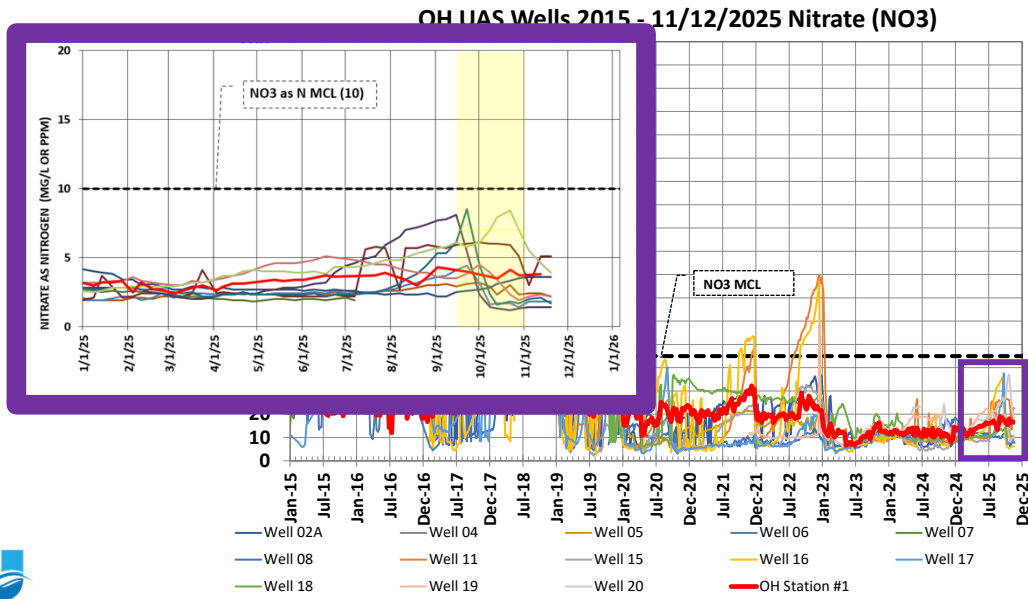


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Nitrates at El Rio are below MCL

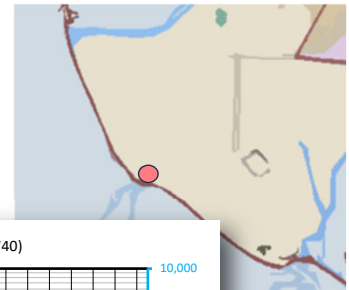
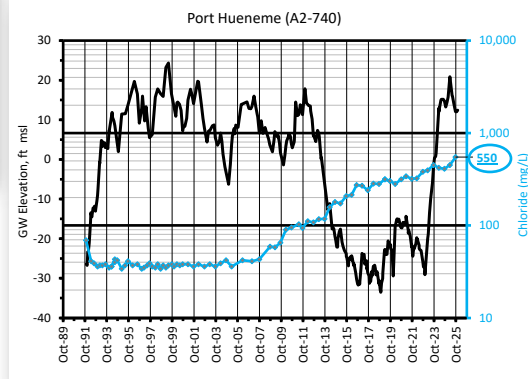
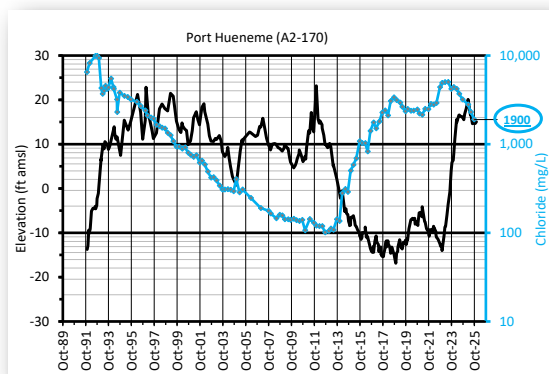


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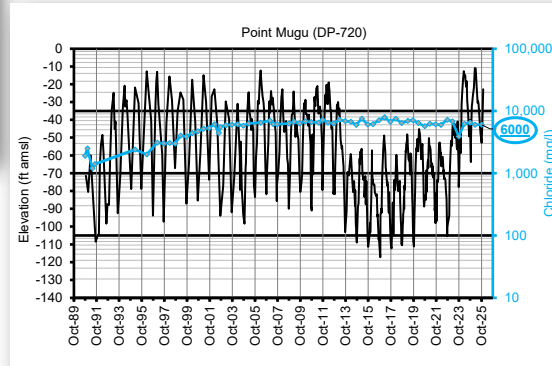
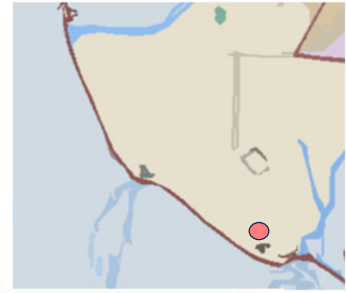
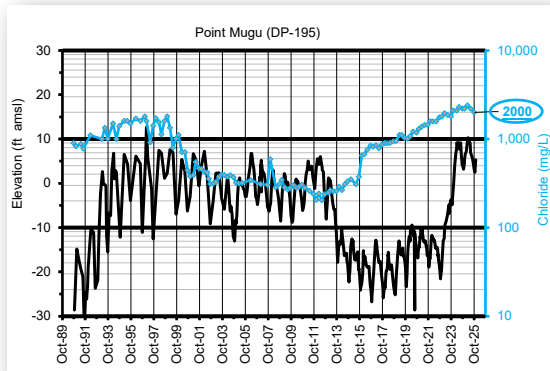
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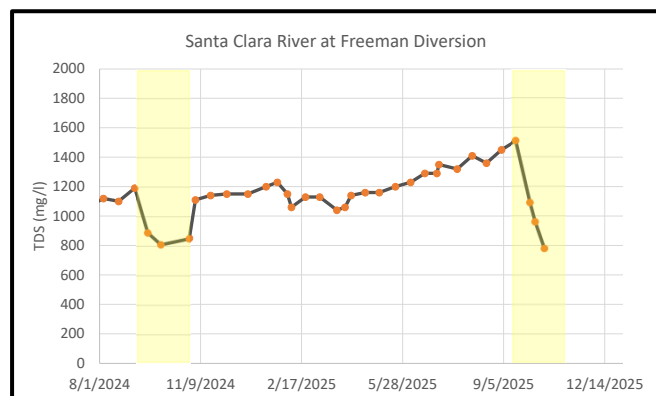
Chlorides at Point Mugu



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Surface Water Quality at Freeman Diversion



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4. STATUS UPDATE AND PLANNING EFFORTS FOR STATE WATER PROJECT IMPORTS AND RESERVOIR RELEASES FOR WY 2026

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Conveyance of water to UWCD

1. SWP Pyramid

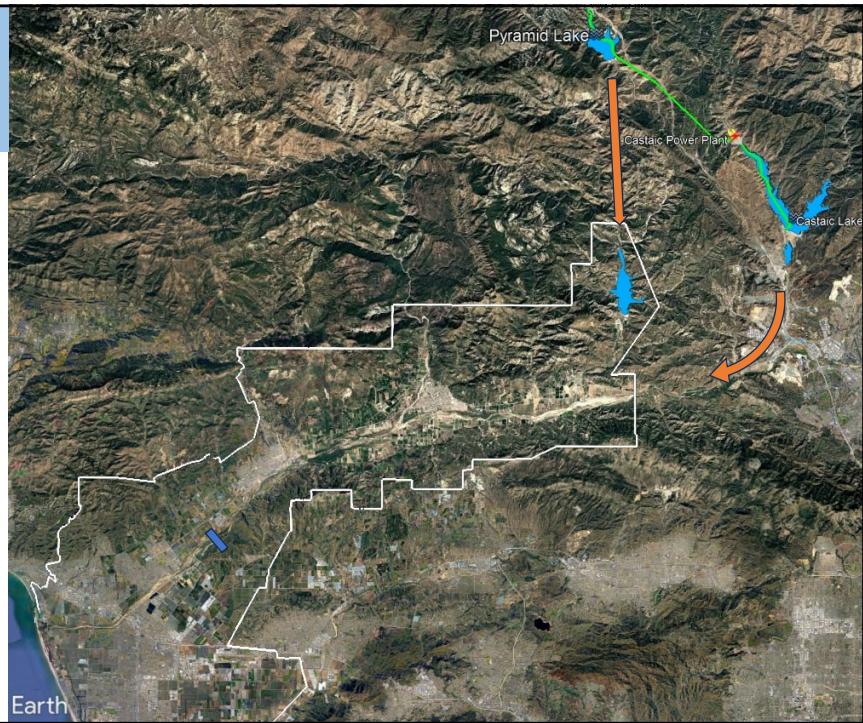
- ✓ Conveyance limitations
- ✓ Storage opportunity
- ✓ Conservation release

2. SWP Castaic Lake

- ✓ No storage
- ✓ Less efficient

3. Flood Flows Castaic

- ✓ Agreement DWU-DWR
- ✓ Winter runoff
- ✓ Release before May 1



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Currently available for releasing

Source	Volume (AF)	Status
2025 Carryover	110	Available
UWCD Table A	925	Available (650 AF import in November)
Casitas Table A	0	Already imported (2,500 AF in November)
San Geronio Return Water	1,275	Available
Carpinteria Valley WD	2,000	Available ~Jan 15*
Castaic Flood Flows	6,221**	Available
TOTAL	10,531	



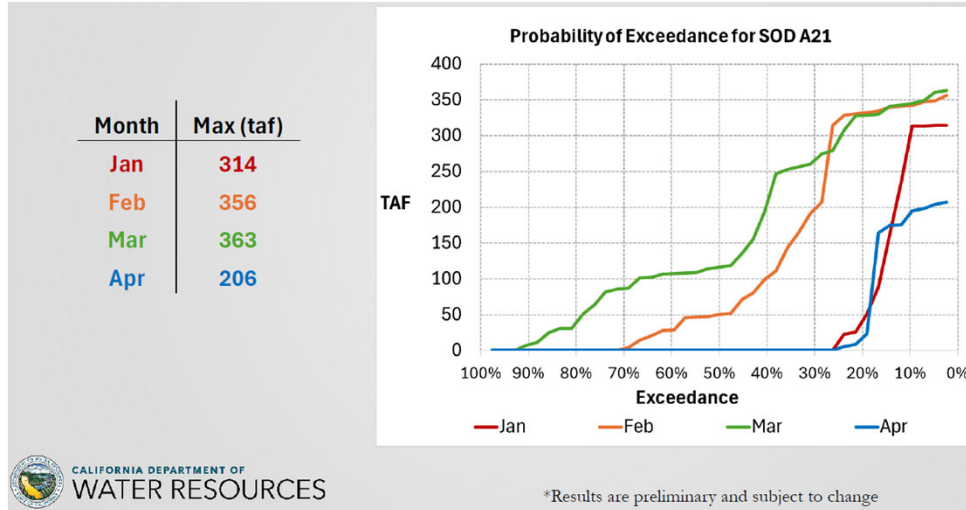
*Agreement being finalized

**As of December 1, 2025

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Article 21 availability likely Feb-Mar



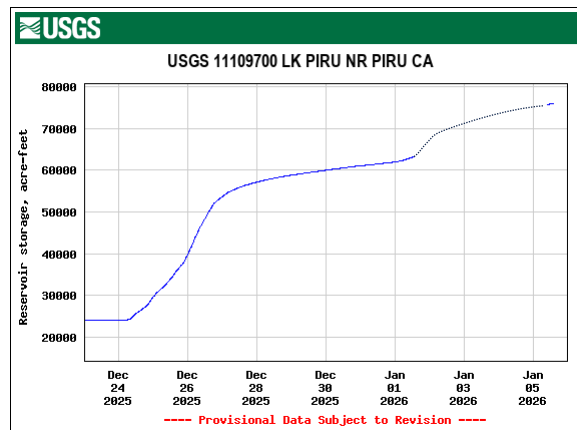
Source: DWR Water Year Position Analysis, December 18, 2025

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No SWP Release from Pyramid to Piru

- Up to 4,310 AF SWP + Art. 21
- Variance approval anticipated mid-January
- Piru near capacity
- No available storage for water imports



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Release from Castaic

Source	Volume (AF)
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UWCD Table A	925
Casitas Table A	0
San Geronio Return Water	1,275
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Castaic Flood Flows	6,221*

*As of December 1, 2025

Release at earliest opportunity

Postpone purchase until
release opportunity

Release at earliest opportunity
(> 20 days @ 200 cfs)

+ Plan for Feb-Mar Art. 21



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Questions?



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5. PRESENTATION OF THE DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (GSIP)

Presented by: Dr. Bram Sercu, Water Resources Supervisor
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What is Groundwater Sustainability Implementation Plan (GSIP)?

- Expands on Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) and 5-Yr Periodic Evaluations
- Identifies suite of United projects that support sustainability for United's service area
- No pumping cutbacks
- Includes Updated Allocation Ordinance
- Includes construction timeline
- Estimates cost and rate impacts



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United Projects

Existing

- PTP system/SCR Flex Allocation
- Saticoy Storage Program
- Supplemental SWP water purchasing

Capital Improvement Projects

- Santa Felicia Dam Rehabilitation (outlet works, spillway)
- Freeman Diversion Improvements (ladder, intake, conveyance)
- Iron and Manganese Treatment Plant
- Recycled Water
- Extraction Barrier Brackish Water Treatment (EBB)

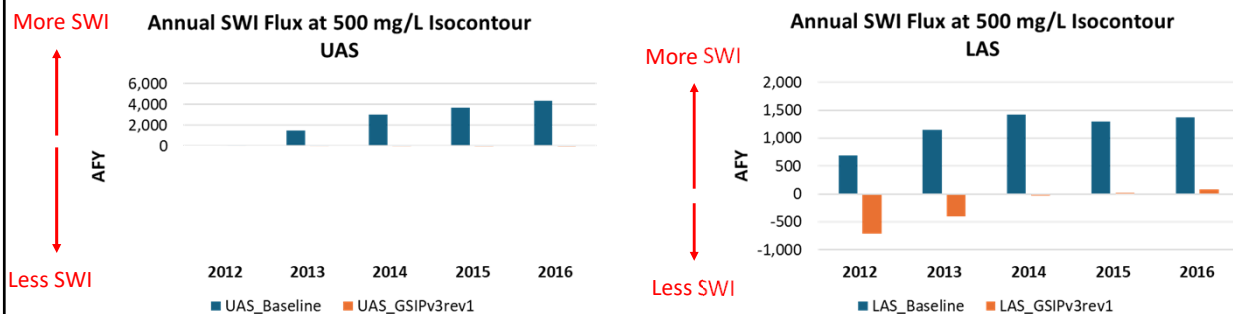


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Sustainability

- OPV GSPs demonstrated that projects meet predicted pumping demand
- GSIP modeling confirms and shows sustainable conditions during recent drought



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Allocation Plan

- United's allocation proposal has been circulated since April 2025
- Wellhead based
- 2005-2014 Base Period
- In-lieu program for all operators
- Two-year true-up period, automatic transfers



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Projects Schedule

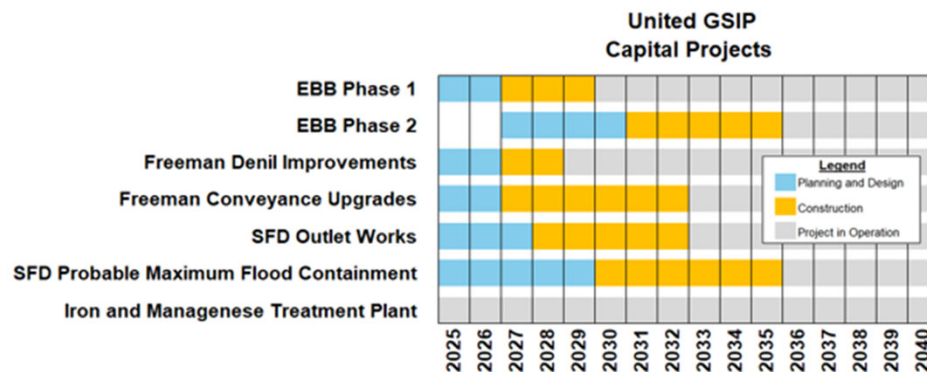


Figure 6-1 - Sequencing of United's major capital improvement projects. To reduce rate spikes, United has planned to stagger the most capital-intensive phases of major projects. Projects will still be completed in time for sustainability deadlines with the staggered schedule.



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Projects Cost

CIP Project Number	Description	Current Estimated Total (2025 dollars)	Construction Duration (years)
8001	Freeman Denil Improvements	\$63M	2
8018	Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade	\$10M	6
8002	SFD Outlet Works Rehabilitation	\$206M	5
8003	SFD Probable Maximum Flood Containment	\$109M	6
8019.1	EBB - Phase 1	\$53M	3
8019.2	EBB Phase 2 - Well Field Expansion	\$38M	5
8019.3	EBB Phase 2 - Water Treatment Plan	\$334M	5
NA	Supplemental State Water Purchases	\$5M	NA
TOTAL		\$770M	

Table 6-1: Major Capital Costs and Construction Schedule Estimates. Supplemental state water costs are estimated using current cost and availability.



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Projects – Grant Funding

Total Amount
\$47,198,368



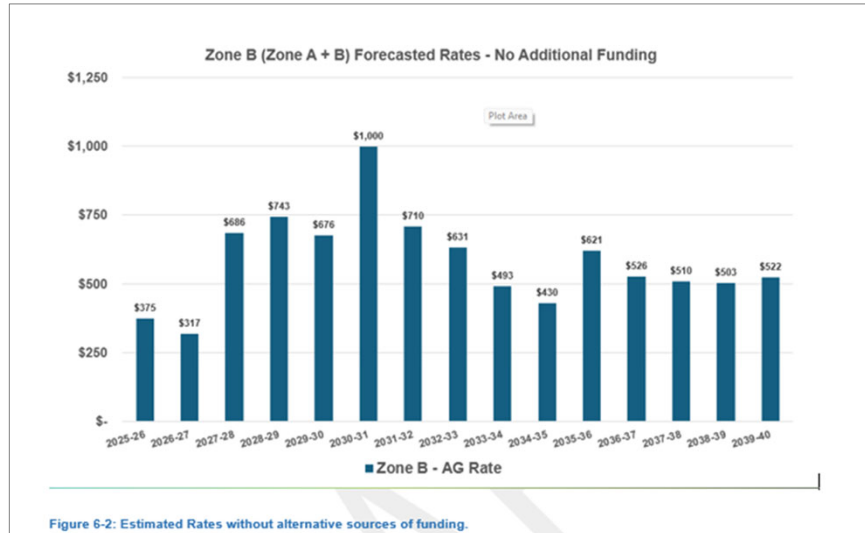
Project	Grant	Award Amount
EBB Phase 1 - Implementation	SWRCB Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program Round 3 - Implementation	\$8,449,062
EBB Phase 1 - Monitoring Well Construction and Data Collection	DWR Sustainable Groundwater Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation	\$1,317,900
Freeman Denil Improvements	FY24 USBR DOI WaterSMART: Environmental Water Resource Projects - Round 1	\$3,000,000
Freeman Denil Improvements	FY23 USBR DOI WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects	\$20,000,000
Freeman Conveyance System Upgrades	DWR Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Round 2 - Implementation	\$1,000,000
Freeman Conveyance System Upgrades	DWR Sustainable Groundwater Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation	\$1,010,300
SFD Maximum Flood Containment	FY22 FEMA High Hazard Potential Dams Grant	\$113,750
El Rio Iron and Manganese Treatment Project	DOD Defense Community Infrastructure Program	\$4,230,133
El Rio Iron and Manganese Treatment Project	DWR Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation	\$3,120,887
PTP Recycled Water Interconnection	DWR Sustainable Groundwater Grant Program Round 1 - Implementation Round 1 - Implementation	\$4,615,856
PTP Recycled Water Interconnection	NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant	\$340,480

Table 6-2: Grants received for sustainability projects. This table includes grant awards for United's Sustainability Projects

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Estimated rate trends – Pay as you go



* Assumes EBB phase 2 funded from non-rate sources

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Estimated rate trends – Pay as you go



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Alternative Scenarios

GSIP

- CIP cost \$770M
- Maintain/exceed current demands

Status Quo

- UWCD funds SFD rehab and Freeman Improvements to maintain current yields (~ safe yield of 57,250 AFY)
- CIP cost = \$383M
- Zone B + 43% compared to pumping at SY
- Zone B + 28% compared to current pumping

No Action

- UWCD assets fail and basins rely mostly only native yield (~ 21,500 AFY)
- Major changes in United operations and expenses



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Allocations Exceed Sustainable Yield!

- GSP 5-Yr Period Evaluation Sustainable Yield = 82,000 AFY
- FCGMA Allocation Ordinance Total Allocations = 91,114 AFY
- Potential solutions:
 - Adjust allocation down (rely on decreasing water use trends)
 - Simulate increased pumping stresses to increase SY
 - Include additional projects to increase SY



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Path Forward

- Make GSIP available to FCGMA and stakeholders
- FCGMA amends Allocation Ordinance to include United's proposal
- UWCD continues progress with funding and implementation of projects
- Update GSIP with projects by other agencies
- Garner regional support for GSIP
- Disengage from OPV basin adjudication process



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Questions?



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