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David D. Boyer

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 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.

2.7 Recognition of Retiring Assistant General Manager Anthony Emmert
Ceremonial Item
Recognition of Assistant General Manager Anthony Emmert who is retiring on November 6, 2026, after 12 years of service.

2.8 Recognition of Retiring Dam Operator Greg DeJarnette
Ceremonial Item
Recognition of Dam Operator Greg DeJarnette who is retiring on October 24, 2026, after 16 years of service.

2.9 El Niño Forecast and District Preparedness
Informational Item
Receive a presentation from the Water Resources and Operations and Maintenance Departments regarding the forecast for the upcoming El Niño season and United Water Conservation District's preparations and readiness efforts.

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 Approval of September 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and September 22, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
Motion
Approve the minutes.

3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report
Information Item
Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

4.1 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)
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.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

4.5 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.

4.6 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.

4.7 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.
committees, and other regional stakeholders.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5.1 Conduct Board of Directors Division 4 Applicant Interviews and Select an Applicant for Appointment
Motion

a. Conduct interviews for the Board of Directors Division 4 vacancy.
b. Select an applicant to be appointed to fill the Board of Directors Division 4 vacancy with the term of office ending December 2028.

5.2 Improved Denil Professional Consulting Services Agreement for the 90% Design Milestone
Motion

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants Inc. to complete the 90% design milestone for the Improved Denil Project, which is part of CIP 8001 Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – Denil.

5.3 Upon Receiving the Chief Dam Safety Engineer's Annual Dam Safety Program Report, Adopt Resolution No. 2026-24 Approving the Revision of the Owner's Dam Safety Program and Overarching Dam Safety Program Policy

In accordance with the Santa Felicia Dam Owner's Dam Safety Program,

the Chief Dam Safety Engineer for UWCD shall prepare and deliver an Annual Comprehensive Dam Safety Program Report (Annual Report) and presentation to the UWCD Board of Directors. This Annual Report and presentation cover dam safety program activities from October 2025 through October 2026 (reporting period). *Per Government Code Title 18 § 388. 113 Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information, the Annual Report is a critical/confidential document. Board members only will be provided with hard copies.*

Motion

Upon receiving such report, adopt Resolution No. 2026-24 approving the revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner's Dam Safety Program, revision 12.0 dated October 2026, and the Overarching Dam Safety Program Policy. *Per Government Code Title 18 § 388. 113 Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information, the Owner's Dam Safety Program is a critical/confidential document. Board members only will be provided with hard copies.*

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. 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 Friday, October 9, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and 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

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): one potential case. Existing facts and circumstances consist of receipt of a Government Claims Act claim pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(e)(3), which is available for public inspection pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5

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.

D. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles (Central District), Case No. 22STCP04160; Verified Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Petition for Writ of Mandate under California Constitution Article X, section 2, the Public Trust Doctrine and Fish and Game Code sections 1602, 5901, 5948, 5935, 5937.

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

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

Date: **September 28, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

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

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 Due on last day of month

Activities and Expenses for Month 8 **Year** 26

Director: Mohammed Hasan, P.E.

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		**Date**	**Mileage**
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. Appointed representative 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.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	LAFCO Ventura	8-19	3.5
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, LAFCO, 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 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	**Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**

Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Per Diem and Expenses for Month 8 **Year** 26

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

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			$50.00
Total # of meetings**	1	x $260	$ 260
**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	3.5	x $0.725/mile	$ 2.54
Total other expenses			$ —
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$ 312.54

Director Signature Mohammed Hasan Date: 9/20/26

General Manager Signature [signature] Date: 9/27

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Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Activities and Expenses for Month August **Year** 2026

Director: S Huber

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		**Date**	**Mileage**
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**
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	ACWA Reg 5 Board/ Zoom	8/3	0
	Oxnard Chamber (WVCBA) Reception/CIMM Oxnard	8/19	10
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, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	Oxnard National Night Out/Cabrillo Oxnard	8/4	0
	ACWA Critical Infrastructure Comm/Zoom	8/5	0
	WVCBA Mil Mixer/ CIMM Oxnard	8/13	6
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 Due on last day of month

Per Diem and Expenses for Month August **Year** 2026

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.*	$

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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	16	x $0.725/mile	$ 11.60
Total other expenses			$ —
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$ 1,311.60

Director Signature [signature] Date: 8/31/26

General Manager Signature [signature] Date: 9/9/26

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Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Activities and Expenses for Month September **Year** 2026

Director: S Huber

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		**Date**	**Mileage**
		9/9 (Reg)	8
		9/21 (Spec)	8

2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	**Committee Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	Water Resources/ UCWD HQ	9/1	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**

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	ACWA Reg 5 Board Reception/ Herzog Oxnard	9/3	11
	ACWA Reg 5 Tour/ UCWD HQ	9/4	8
	RDP Mtg/ VC Hall of Justice VTA	9/10	10
	AWAVC Reception/ RR Library TO	9/17	24

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, LAFCO, RiverPark JPA, AWAVC BoD, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, ACWA, CSDA, GSA.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	ACWA Critical Infrastructure Comm/Zoom	9/16	0
	ACWA BOD Mtg / Sacramento	9/24	0
	ACWA BOD Mtg/ Sacramento	9/25	0

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 Due on last day of month

Per Diem and Expenses for Month September **Year** 2026

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	3
Lodging*	$
Meals*	$
Transportation*	$
Misc.*	$

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Phone Allowance			$50.00
Total # of meetings**	10	x $260	$ 2,600.00
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Total days of travel	3	x $125.00/day	375.00
Total # of miles	77	x $0.725/mile	$ 55.82
Total other expenses			$ 302.47
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$ 3,383.29

Director Signature S H Huber Date: 9/28/2026

General Manager Signature [signature] Date: 9/30/25

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From: Steve Huber
To: Steve Huber
Subject: Fwd: Your ride with Keyser on September 23
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 5:15:54 PM

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From: **Lyft Receipts** <no-reply@lyftmail.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 23, 2026, 4:45 PM
Subject: Your ride with Keyser on September 23
To: <[redacted]>

YOUR RIDE TO 2627 N HOLLYWOOD WAY ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 AT 3:02 PM

Thanks for riding with Keyser

Add tip 100% of tips go to drivers.

Visa *5058 **$72.54**

Standard fare (68.44mi, 1h 31m 34s)	$72.21
CA Driver Benefits Fee	$0.55
Clean Miles Standard Regulatory Fee	$0.09
Access For All Fee	$0.10
Tip	$14.59
Promotion	-$15.00

Your trip

- **Pickup** 3:02 PM
  1411 Ebony Dr, Oxnard, CA
- **Drop-off** 4:34 PM
  2627 N Hollywood Way,
  Burbank, CA



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San Francisco, CA 94104
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To: Steve Huber
Subject: Fwd: Your ride with Harpreet on September 23
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 8:56:07 PM

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Date: Wed, Sep 23, 2026, 7:48 PM
Subject: Your ride with Harpreet on September 23
To: <[redacted]>

YOUR RIDE TO 2101 RIVER PLZ DR ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 AT 7:24 PM

Thanks for riding with Harpreet

Add tip 100% of tips go to drivers.

Visa *5058 **$16.18**

Standard fare (9.92mi, 13m 49s)	$25.04
CA Driver Benefits Fee	$0.75
Access For All Fee	$0.10
Clean Miles Standard Regulatory Fee	$0.09
Tip	$5.20
Promotion	-$15.00

You've already paid for this ride.
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Your trip

Pickup 7:24 PM
6900 Airport Blvd, Sacramento, CA

Drop-off 7:38 PM
2101 River Plz Dr, Sacramento, CA



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To: Steve Huber
Subject: Fwd: Your ride with Erik on September 25
Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 6:01:21 PM

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From: **Lyft Receipts** <no-reply@lyftmail.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 25, 2026, 5:55 PM
Subject: Your ride with Erik on September 25
To: <[redacted]>

YOUR RIDE TO 1411 EBONY DR ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 AT 3:17 PM

Thanks for riding with Erik

Add tip 100% of tips go to drivers.

Visa *5058 **$180.80**

Standard fare (57.31mi, 2h 8m 28s)	$158.06
CA Driver Benefits Fee	$0.75
Clean Miles Standard Regulatory Fee	$0.09
Access For All Fee	$0.10
Tip	$31.80
Promotion	-$10.00

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Your trip

Pickup 3:17 PM
2627 N Hollywood Way,
Burbank, CA

Drop-off 5:26 PM
1411 Ebony Dr, Oxnard, CA



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Smooth ride summary

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Driver followed the expected route

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Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 12:50:49 PM

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Date: Fri, Sep 25, 2026, 12:19 PM
Subject: Your ride with Nikita on September 25
To: [redacted]

YOUR RIDE TO 6900 AIRPORT BLVD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 AT 11:37 AM

Thanks for riding with Nikita

Add tip 100% of tips go to drivers.

Visa *5058 **$32.95**

Standard fare (10.00mi, 18m 41s)	$32.01
CA Driver Benefits Fee	$0.75
Clean Miles Standard Regulatory Fee	$0.09
Access For All Fee	$0.10
Tip	$6.59
Promotion	-$6.59

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Your trip

Pickup 11:37 AM
2500 River Plaza Dr,
Sacramento, CA

Drop-off 11:56 AM
6900 Airport Blvd, Sacramento, CA



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23-Sep	Lyft - Home to Burbank Airport	$ 72.54
23-Sep	Lyft - Burbank Airport to Sacramento Lodging/Meeting	$ 16.18
25-Sep	Lyft - CA Farm Bureau to Sacramento Aiport	$ 32.95
25-Sep	Lyft - Burbank Airport to Home	$180.80
	Total	$302.47

Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Activities and Expenses for Month September **Year** 2026

Director: Keeling

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		Date	Mileage
		Special 9/3	N/A
		Duplicate mtg	

2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	Committee Name & Location	Date	Mileage
	Finance/Admin—HQ	8/31	28
	Engineering/Ops—HQ	9/3	28
	Executive—HQ	9/8	28

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. Appointed representative 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.	Entity Name & Location	Date	Mileage
	Mound Basin—Gov Center	09/28	22

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, LAFCO, 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 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	Meeting Description & Location	Date	Mileage

Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Per Diem and Expenses for Month September **Year** 2026

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

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			$50.00
Total # of meetings**	6	x $260	$ 1,560.00
**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	106	x $0.725/mile	$ 76.85
Total other expenses			$ —
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$ 1,636.85

Director Signature Catherine P. Keating Date: 09/28/2026

General Manager Signature [signature] Date: 10/7

Definitions
BoD: Board of Directors
BP: Board President
GM: General Manager

Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Activities and Expenses for Month 9 **Year** 26

Director: Mohammed Hasan, P.E.

1. UWCD Board Meetings Regular, special or emergency meetings.		**Date**	**Mileage**
		9-3	12
		9-9	12
		9-22	12

2. UWCD Committee/Advisory Body Meetings Environmental, Executive, Finance/Audit, Groundwater, Operations, Planning, Recreation and RiverPark JPA Committees.	**Committee Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	Water Resources	9-1	12

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**
	AWA Water issues	9-15	12
	AWA Reagan Lib	9-17	60

5. Appointed representative 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.	**Entity Name & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**
	ACWA tour of UWCD	9-4	12
	LAFCO Ventura	9-16	3.5
	~~Pres. Mulhardt Service, Oxnard~~	~~9-26~~	~~7~~
	Ventura Water Comission	9-28	15

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, LAFCO, 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 HCP, Vern Freeman Fish Panel.	**Meeting Description & Location**	**Date**	**Mileage**

Board of Directors Due on last day of month

Per Diem and Expenses for Month 9 **Year** 26

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

This section to be completed by Finance Department only			
Phone Allowance			$50.00
Total # of meetings**	9	x $260	$ 2,340.00
**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	150.5	x $0.725/mile	$ 109.11
Total other expenses			$ —
TOTAL MILEAGE AND OTHER EXPENSES			$ 2,449.11

Director Signature Mohammad Hasan Date: 10-1-25

General Manager Signature [signature] Date: 10/8/25

Definitions
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GM: General Manager

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

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

Date: **September 28, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

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

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.

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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: **September 28, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **2.7 Recognition of Retiring Assistant General Manager Anthony Emmert**
Ceremonial item

Recommendation:

Recognize Assistant General Manager, Anthony Emmert, upon retirement from United Water Conservation District after 12 years of dedicated service.

Discussion:

This ceremonial item provides the Board of Directors an opportunity to recognize Anthony Emmert for 12 years of dedicated service to United Water Conservation District. Anthony Emmert will retire from the District on November 6, 2026. The Board will present a ceremonial recognition in appreciation of his service and contributions to the District.

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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: **September 28, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **2.8 Recognition of Retiring Dam Operator Greg DeJarnette**
Ceremonial item

Recommendation:
Recognize Greg DeJarnette, Dam Operator, upon retirement from United Water Conservation District after 16 years of dedicated service.

Discussion:
This ceremonial item provides the Board of Directors an opportunity to recognize Greg DeJarnette for 16 years of dedicated service to United Water Conservation District. Greg DeJarnette will retire from the District on October 24, 2026. The Board will present a ceremonial recognition in appreciation of his service and contributions to the District.

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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: **October 6, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **2.9 El Niño Forecast and District Preparedness**
Information item

Recommendation:

Receive a presentation from the Water Resources and Operations and Maintenance Departments regarding the forecast for the upcoming El Niño season and United Water Conservation District's preparations and readiness efforts.

Discussion:

This Water Resources and Operations and Maintenance Departments will provide the Board of Directors with an informational presentation regarding the forecast for the upcoming El Niño season and potential conditions that may affect the District.

Staff will also provide an overview of United Water Conservation District's preparations and readiness efforts in anticipation of potential El Niño-related conditions.

This item is informational only: no Board action is required.

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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: **August 30, 2026 (September 9, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **3.1 Approval of the September 9,2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 22, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**
Motion

Recommendation:
Approve the minutes.

Attachment(s):
September 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

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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, September 9, 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, and Kimball

Absent: Jones, Keeling, and Maulhardt

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.

1.1 Appointment of President Pro Tempore for the September 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Action: **M/S/C** (Huber/Hasan) In the absence of the President and Vice President, appoint Secretary/Treasurer Gordon Kimball to serve as President Pro Tempore for the September 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

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

1.2 Public Comment: None

1.3 Executive (Closed) Session: 12:04 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: President Pro Tempore Director Kimball

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, and Kimball; Noes: None; Absent: Jones, Keeling, and Maulhardt

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 let the Board know that he was elected to be ACWA's Vice Chair of Region 5's Board of Directors.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Received and filed.

Legislative Task Force Report given to Board members.

The Grant Task Force presented a quarterly review. Received and filed.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

3.1 Approve the Minutes for July 8, 2026, Regular Meeting and the September 3, 2026 Special Meeting

Approved minutes.

3.2 Hydrologic Conditions Monthly Report

Received and filed.

3.3 Investment Monthly Reports for June and July 2026

Received and filed.

3.4 Approved the District's Conflict of Interest Code

Received, approved, and filed.

3.5 Consider Cancellation of August Board Meeting

Approved the cancelling of the regular August 2026 Board Meeting.

3.6 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-20 Approving A Revision of United Water Conservation District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Salary Chart

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-20 approving the District's revised Fiscal Year 2026-2027 UWCD Salary Chart to reflect changes in California Minimum Wage effective January 1, 2027, and to accommodate a title change related to an upcoming retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

4.1 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report

Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn and Josh Perez, Chief Human Resources Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

4.2 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report

Public Outreach and External Affairs Manager Tara Mullaly gave a PowerPoint presentation; received and filed.

Director Huber commented on the success of the Region 5 event and commended staff on their efforts.

4.3 Engineering Department Monthly Report

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

4.4 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report

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

4.5 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report

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

4.6 Recreation Department Monthly Report

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

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

Water Resources Supervisor, Dr. Bram Sercu gave PowerPoint presentations; received and filed.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5.1 Adopt a Resolution Determining that the Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Associated Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Associated Escrow Documents (collectively, the "Project") is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15301, and Approving the Project

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Ford) to adopt a resolution determining that the Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project and authorizing the General Manager to execute Associated Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Associated Escrow Documents (collectively "the Project") is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) and 15301, and approving the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22

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

5.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-19 Nominating Director Mohammed A. Hasan for Appointment as Independent Special District Alternate Member to the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for the Term January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2030, and authorizing submission of the nomination package to Ventura LAFCo.

Action: M/S/C (Huber/Ford) to adopt a Resolution nominating Director Mohammed A. Hasan for appointment as Independent Special District Alternate Member to the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for the Term January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2030, and authorizing submission of the nomination package to Ventura LAFCo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

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

5.3 Authorize Award of Agreement to Construct the Vineyard Avenue Crossing

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Huber) to authorize the General Manager to execute the construction agreement with Sam Hill & Sons, Inc. (Sam Hil l& Sons) in the amount of $6,106,190 for the construction of a conveyance beneath Vineyard Avenue to connect the Saticoy Recharge Facility to Ferro Basin (CIP 8018 Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – Conveyance).

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

5.4 Authorize Award of Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the Vineyard Avenue Crossing

Action: M/S/C (Huber/Hasan) to authorize the General Manager to execute the Professional Consulting Services Agreement for construction management and inspection related services with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of $539,900 to support the construction of Vineyard Avenue Crossing to connect the Saticoy Recharge Facility to Ferro Basin (CIP 8018 Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – Conveyance)

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

5.5 Authorize Award of Agreement with Rite-Way Roof Corporation for District Headquarters Roof Replacement

Action: M/S/C (Huber/Hasan) to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Rite-Way Roof Corporation (Rite-Way) in the amount of $360,000 to construct a roof replacement at the District Headquarters.

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

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

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

Directors meeting of September 9, 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).

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): one potential case. Existing facts and circumstances consist of receipt of a Government Claims Act claim pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(e)(3), which is available for public inspection pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5.

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.

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September 9, 2026

General Manager's Report

September 9, 2026

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Grant Funding Update

Funding Efforts

D. Fiscal Responsibility | A. Water Supply | B. System Reliability

- **FEMA 2024/2025 BRIC** (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program)
  - Sub-application submitted: June 5
  - Project: SFD Outlet Works Improvement Project
  - Award Ceiling: $20M
  - Ask: $20M

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- **FEMA FY26 National Dam Safety Program Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD)**
  - Part 1/NOI submitted: August 24
  - Part 2/full application due: December 31
  - Project: Risk Assessment Analysis related to SFD Safety Improvement Projects
  - Ask: $350,000
  - Federal Cost Share: Up to 65%

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- **OLDCC FY26 DCIP** (Defense Community Infrastructure Program)
  - Application submitted: June 25
  - Project: EBB Phase 1
  - Award Ceiling: $20M
  - Ask: $4M

OLDCC

- **DWR DSCR** (Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program)
  - NOFO estimated release date: September – December 2026
  - Project: SFD Outlet Works Improvement Project

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Administrative Services Department Monthly Update

September 9, 2026

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Finance Update

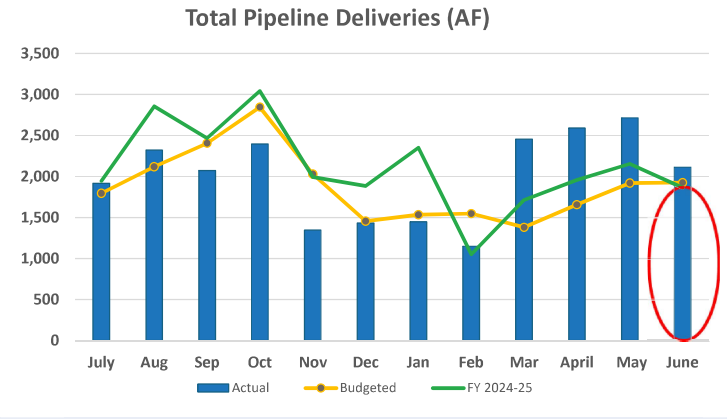


Brian H. Zahn
Chief Financial Officer

June 2026 Pipeline

	Actual AF	Budget AF	Variance AF	Actual $
OH	877	1030	-153	$1M
PTP	489	490	-1	$233K
PV	742	405	337	$33K

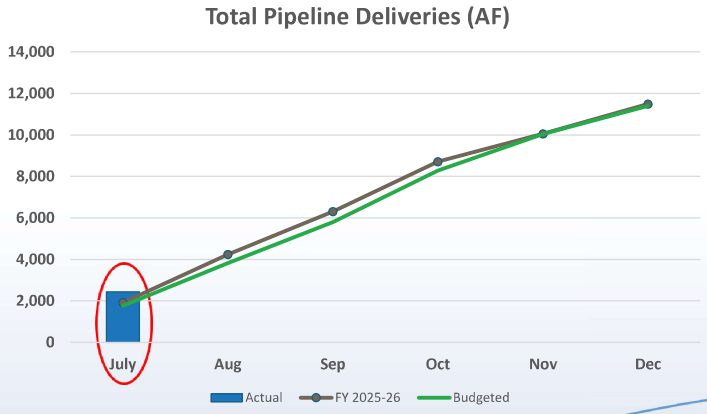
Fiscal Year 25-26 deliveries ended 6% above budget (FY25-26: 23,962 AF) and 5% below prior year (FY24-25: 25,286 AF).



July 2026 Pipeline

	Actual AF	Budget AF	Variance AF	Actual $
OH	1067	970	97	$1.3M
PTP	307	310	-3	$140K
PV	1,058	483	575	$378K

Year-to-date deliveries are 3% above budget (FY26-27: 2,432 AF) and 27% above prior year (FY25-26: 1,916 AF).



Finance Department



- District collections accounts accepted by the Ventura County Assessors office
- GASB's Proposed Infrastructure Assets Standard



Administrative Update

Josh Perez
Chief Human Resources Officer

Human Resources

- Attended CSDA Annual Conference in Palm Desert from August 24-27th
- Prepared annual open enrollment presentation for August 31st CalPERS medical overview
- Hiring Updates:
  - Facilities Maintenance Worker II
  - Water Resources Technician
  - Principal Water Systems Operator
  - Environmental Scientist
  - Environmental Services Field Assistant
- Upcoming Job Announcements:
  - *Assistant General Manager*
  - *Control Systems Programmer*
  - *Dam Operator*



CISA Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise
District Headquarters
August 18, 2026

Risk Management

- Updated existing Ventura County Fire Department Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in coordination with legal counsel and insurance provider
- Led the coordination of CISA Tabletop Exercise held at District HQ on August 18th and assisted with exercise development
- Supported Executive Management with procurement and legal review of Managed Security Services Provider as well as SCADA Consultant
- Conducted annual hearing tests as part of Hearing Conservation Program and reviewed results with audiologist
  - Presented hearing conservation mandatory and recommended best practices to staff in the monthly safety meeting
- Monitor intelligence reports on recent cyber-attacks on the water sector and participated in security briefing on America's Critical Water Infrastructure Under Pressure: Cyber Threats to Water Utilities and How to Respond



Risk & Safety Manager Tony Huynh administered OSHA-compliant audiology hearing test to Lead Recharge O&M Worker Kelly Johnson
July 16, 2026

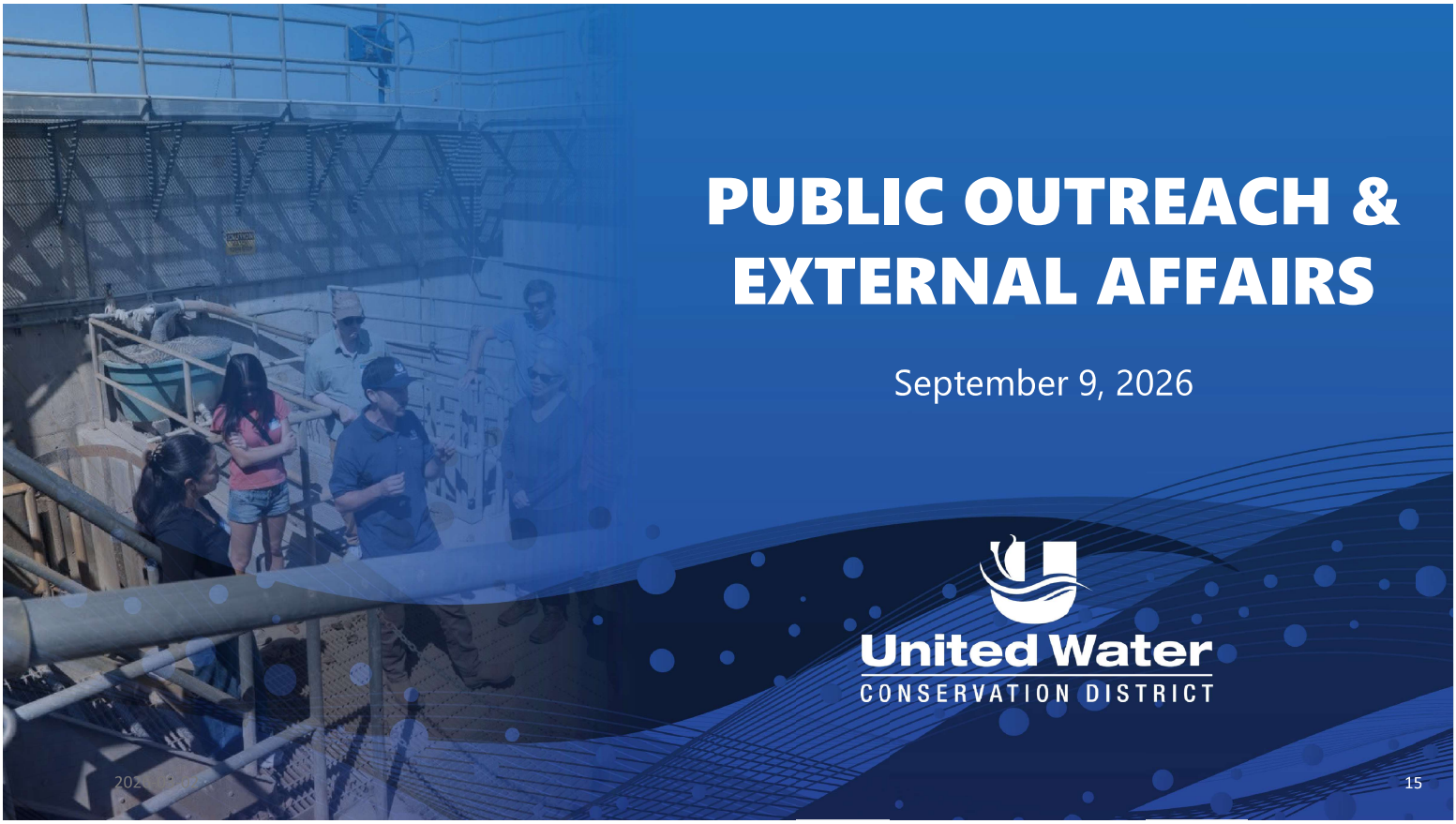
Technology Systems

- Positioned UWCD as a leader in emerging technology adoption by presenting at the California Data Collaborative Annual Summit on how artificial intelligence and advanced data tools are being used to convert District data into meaningful insights, improve information accessibility, and support operational decision-making
- Advanced District-wide e-waste cleanup and equipment lifecycle management by inventorying end-of-life technology equipment and coordinating a more consistent disposal process across District sites
- Improved District support coordination by consolidating IT and operational technology requests into one shared ticketing process, improving routing, visibility, reporting, and follow-up across teams









Recent Outreach Events

Tours

- Quarterly Tour (July 29)
- Grand Jury Tour (August 31)
- ACWA Region 5 Tour (September 4)

Events

- Oxnard's Stars, Stripes and Sounds (July 3)
- Hueneme Beach Festival (July 11)
- Moonlight Cinema (July 11)
- Boys & Girls Club STEM Day (July 17)
- Moonlight Cinema (July 25)
- Ventura County Fair (July 31-August 9)
- National Night Out (August 4)
- Downtown Oxnard Farmer's Market (August 20 & 27)
- Throwdown Cornhole Festival (August 21-23)
- Santa Paula Cruise Night (September 4)

Presentations

- Santa Paula City Council (July 15)
- VC Farm Bureau Presentation (July 16)
- AWA Presentations (July 21 & 22)
- Oxnard City Council Comment (July 30)
- WVCBA Presentation (August 10)
- Fillmore City Council (August 11)
- Ventura City Council (August 18)
- Piru Neighborhood Council (August 19)



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Upcoming Outreach Events

Tours

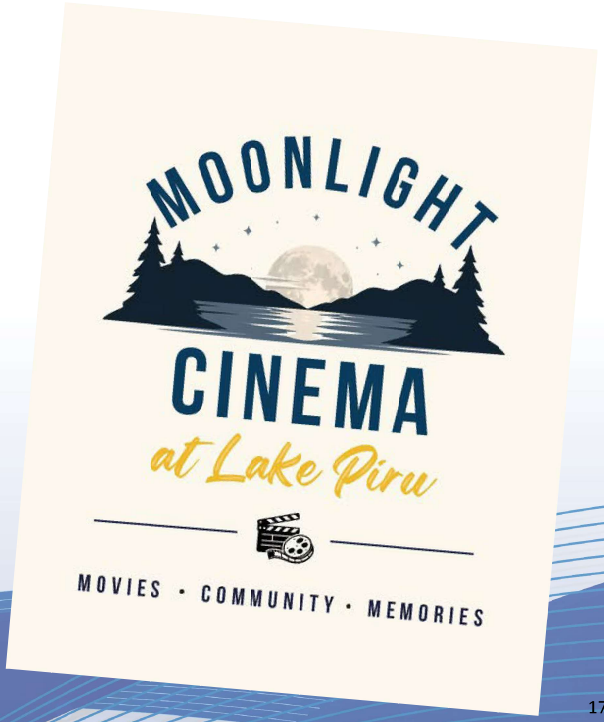
- Quarterly Tour (October 28)

Events

- Harvest Festival (September 11-13)
- Moonlight Cinema: Hook (September 12)
- VC Farm Bureau Agritech Fair (September 22)
- Banana Festival (September 26)

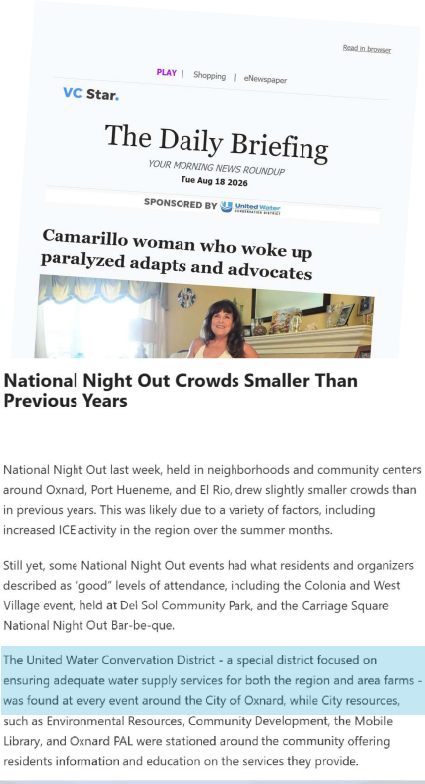
Presentations

- CoLAB Presentation (September 16)
- Port Hueneme Water Agency & City Council Presentations (September 21)
- Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum (September 22)



Successes

- Bond material available in English and Spanish
- Recognition in local publication for being at all 12 "National Night Out" events in Oxnard
- Video production for upcoming United Water Bond Documentary
- Sponsored VC Star Daily Briefing
- Updated projects and facilities pages – Completed major website update
- Outreach truck wrapped and billboards at Saticoy and El Rio installed


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The Daily Briefing

YOUR MORNING NEWS ROUNDUP

Tue Aug 18 2026

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Camarillo woman who woke up paralyzed adapts and advocates

National Night Out Crowds Smaller Than Previous Years

National Night Out last week, held in neighborhoods and community centers around Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and El Rio, drew slightly smaller crowds than in previous years. This was likely due to a variety of factors, including increased ICE activity in the region over the summer months.

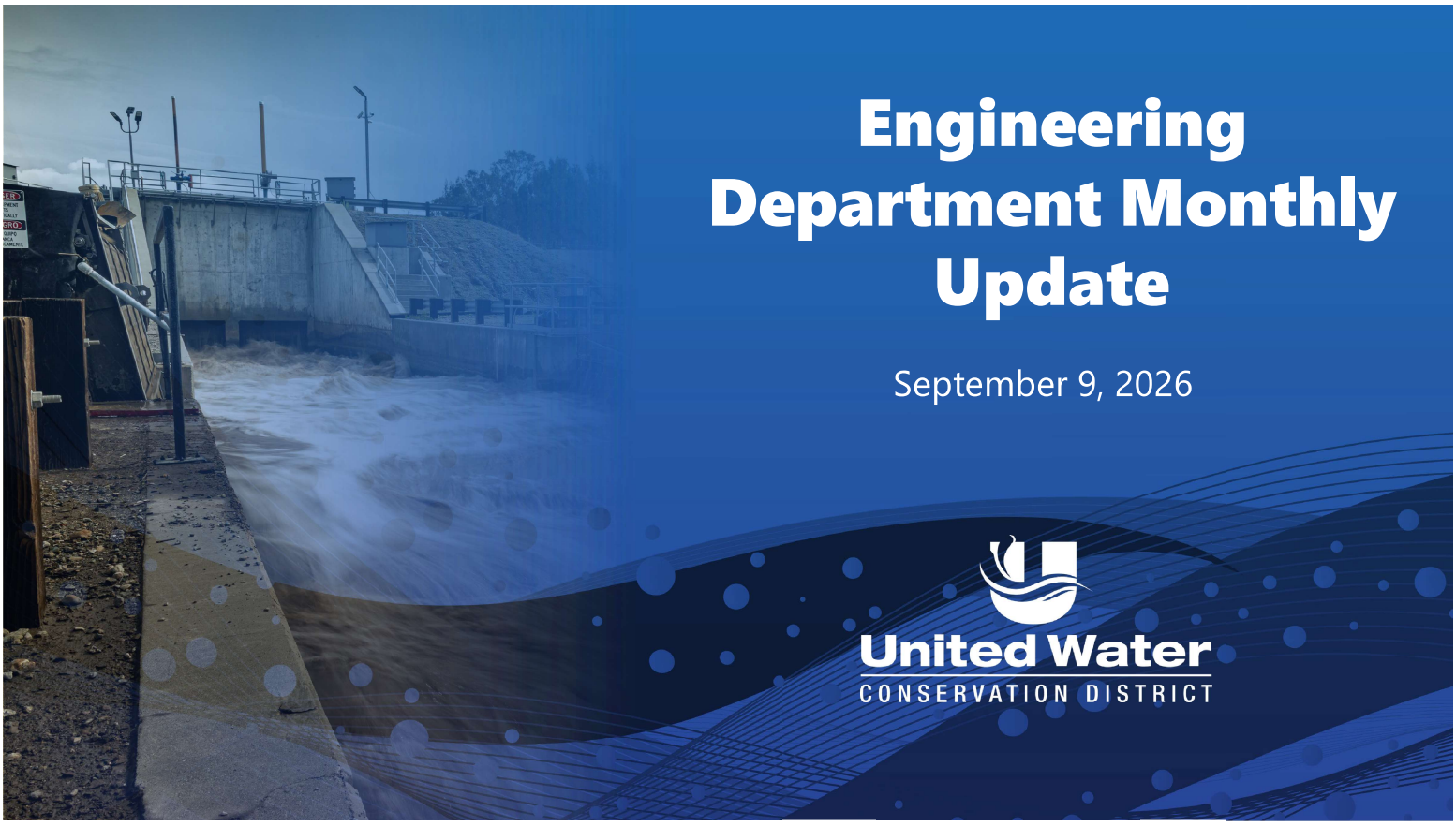
Still yet, some National Night Out events had what residents and organizers described as 'good" levels of attendance, including the Colonia and West Village event, held at Del Sol Community Park, and the Carriage Square National Night Out Bar-be-que.

The United Water Convervation District - a special district focused on ensuring adequate water supply services for both the region and area farms - was found at every event around the City of Oxnard, while City resources, such as Environmental Resources, Community Development, the Mobile Library, and Oxnard PAL were stationed around the community offering residents information and education on the services they provide.

Upcoming Initiatives

- Continue Bond Outreach and Presentations
- Organize Community Meetings & Open House
- Advance Water Sustainability Summit Experience Planning
- Support Moonlight Cinema Programming and Lake Piru Off-season Recreation Programming





Engineering Department Monthly Update

September 9, 2026

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Water Sustainability Project Status

Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement

- Outlet Works – Preparation for Construction Bidding
- Spillway Rehabilitation – 90% Design Complete

Freeman Diversion and Conveyance

- Denil Improvement Project – 60% Design Complete
- Vineyard Avenue Crossing (Noble 3 to Ferro Basin) – Construction Ready

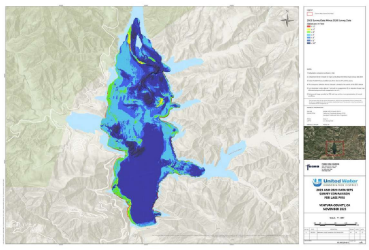
Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment

- Phase 1 – 60% Design Underway
- Outgrant Easement Acquisition Underway

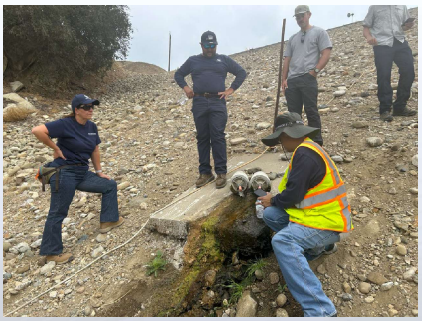
Santa Felicia Dam SIP

B. System Reliability

- A PCSA with DEA was executed in late July to conduct the 2026 Lake Piru Bathymetric Survey for $122,840
  - Last survey was conducted in December 2023
  - Special inspection of the Intake Tower
- FERC Dam Inspection on August 27



2023 LPRA Bathymetric Survey

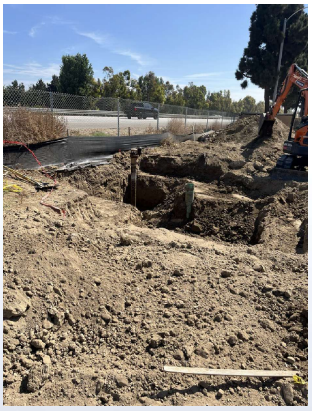


FERC Inspection on August 27, 2026

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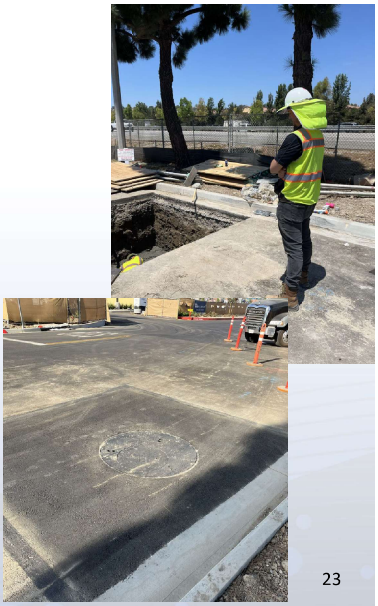
Pleasant Valley Pipeline

- On-site manhole work began August 20



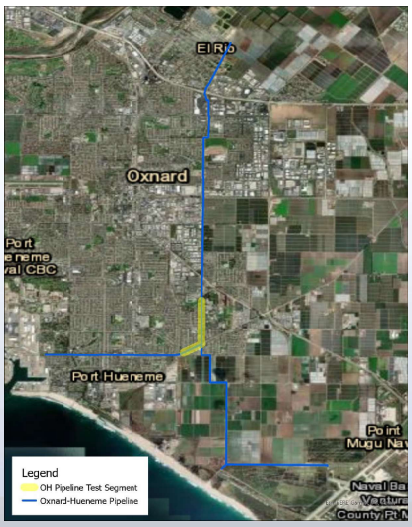


- Off-site manhole work completed August 14



Asset Management

- Field assessment of Cathodic Protection System in segment of OH Pipeline scheduled for October 5
- Primary test segment:





EBB Water Project Phase 1

A. Water Supply

B. System Reliability

- Potholing efforts have been completed
- Piezometer well work, starting TBD













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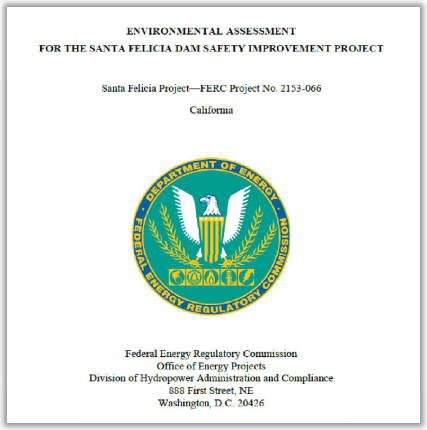
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SFDSIP Progress

In August FERC issued:

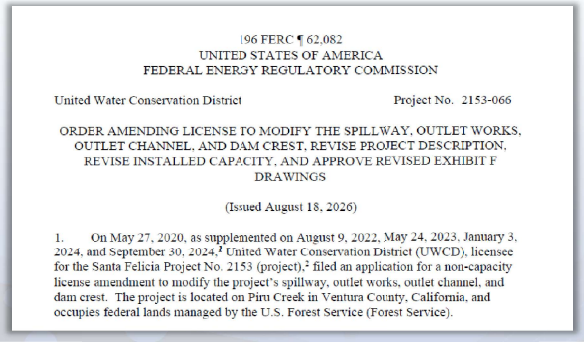
- Santa Felicia Project FERC license amendment
- Final NEPA Environmental Assessment
- Acknowledgement of proposed rule to revise designated critical habitat



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE SANTA FELICIA DAM SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Santa Felicia Project—FERC Project No. 2153-066
California

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of Energy Projects
Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426



196 FERC ¶ 62,082
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

United Water Conservation District — Project No. 2153-066

ORDER AMENDING LICENSE TO MODIFY THE SPILLWAY, OUTLET WORKS, OUTLET CHANNEL, AND DAM CREST, REVISE PROJECT DESCRIPTION, REVISE INSTALLED CAPACITY, AND APPROVE REVISED EXHIBIT F DRAWINGS

(Issued August 18, 2026)

1. On May 27, 2020, as supplemented on August 9, 2022, May 24, 2023, January 3, 2024, and September 30, 2024,[1] United Water Conservation District (UWCD), licensee for the Santa Felicia Project No. 2153 (project),[2] filed an application for a non-capacity license amendment to modify the project's spillway, outlet works, outlet channel, and dam crest. The project is located on Piru Creek in Ventura County, California, and occupies federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service).

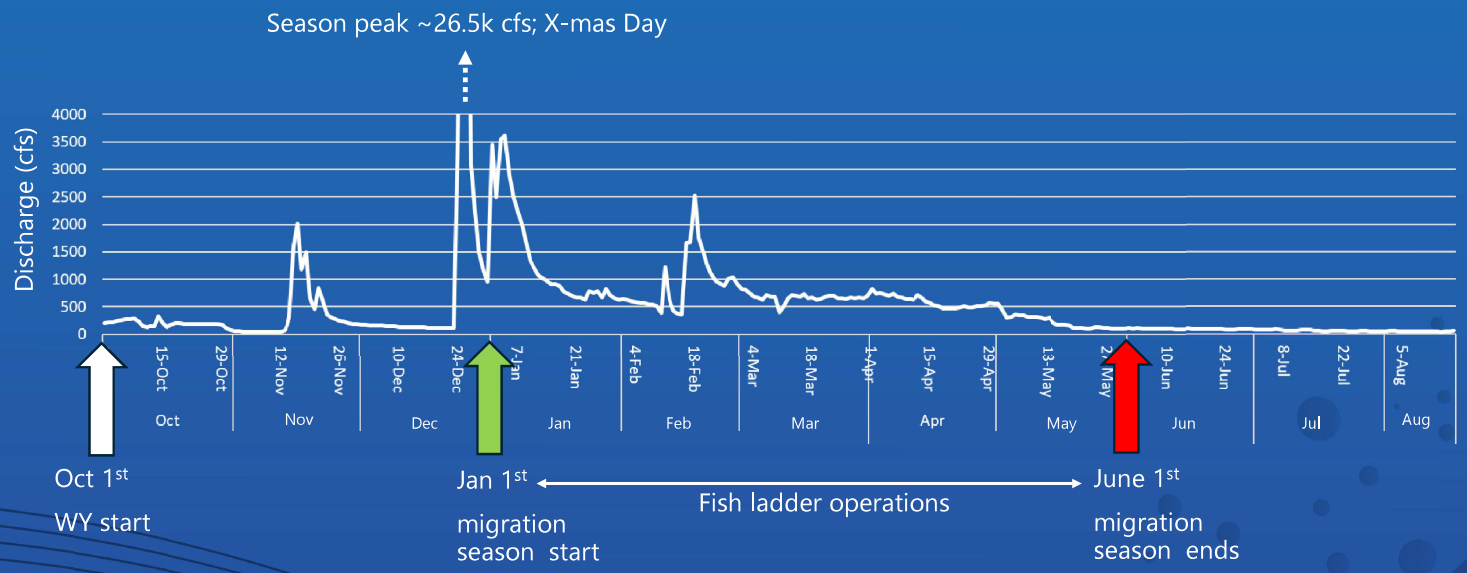
EBB Phase 1 – Environmental Status Update

Major Permits and Consultations

- NEPA – *Active, with the Navy*
  - CA Coastal Commission – *Navy Leading*
  - Wildlife Consultations – *Navy Leading*
    - ESA, MMPA, EFH – *Active, with Navy*
- *CEQA – In preparation*



WY 25-26 Santa Clara River Flows



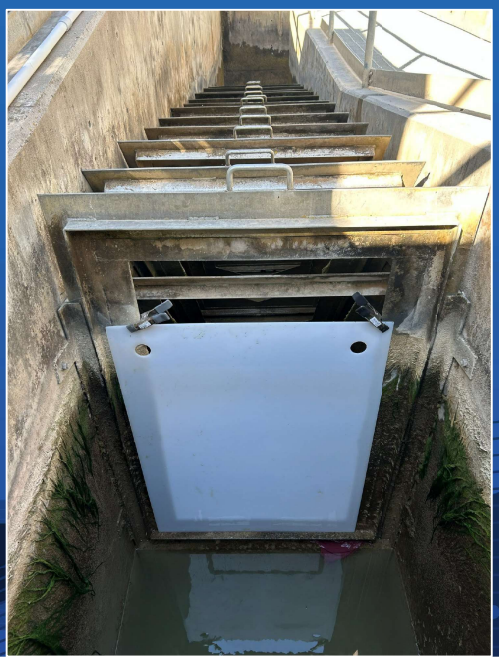
Freeman Diversion Daily Average Flows



Freeman Operations Improvements







Freeman Operations Improvements

Fish Ladder Supplemental Water Supply



Freeman Operations Improvements

Fish Ladder Supplemental Water Supply





April 13, 2026

- pilot pump installed

June 5, 2026

- permanent pump installed

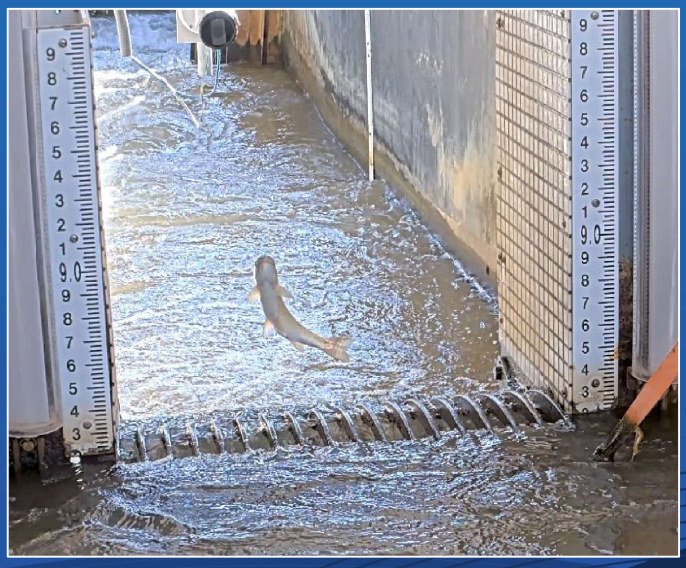
Fish Ladder Monitoring Results

Triggering Event	# Clips
O. mykiss	**11**
unidentified fish	1
bird	154
bug	74
debris	11
high water	289
no noticeable trigger	77
splashing water	169
cleaning/testing	228
Grand Total	**1014**



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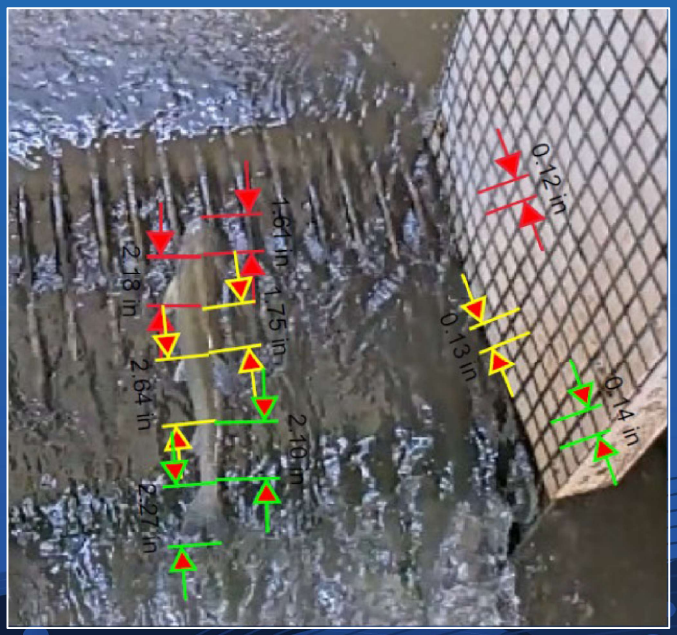
***O. mykiss* Events**	**# Clips**
4/23/2026	1
5/2/2026	3
5/3/2026	2
5/5/2026	2
5/6/2026	1
5/10/2026	1
5/12/2026	1
Grand Total	**11**



Fish Ladder Monitoring Results

Fish Ladder Monitoring Results





Pacific Lamprey

2024

- 24 adults
- 4 juveniles

2025

- 17 adults
- 110 juveniles

2026

- 21 adults
- 24 juveniles







THANK YOU



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Santa Felicia Dam and Lake Piru

Santa Felicia Dam



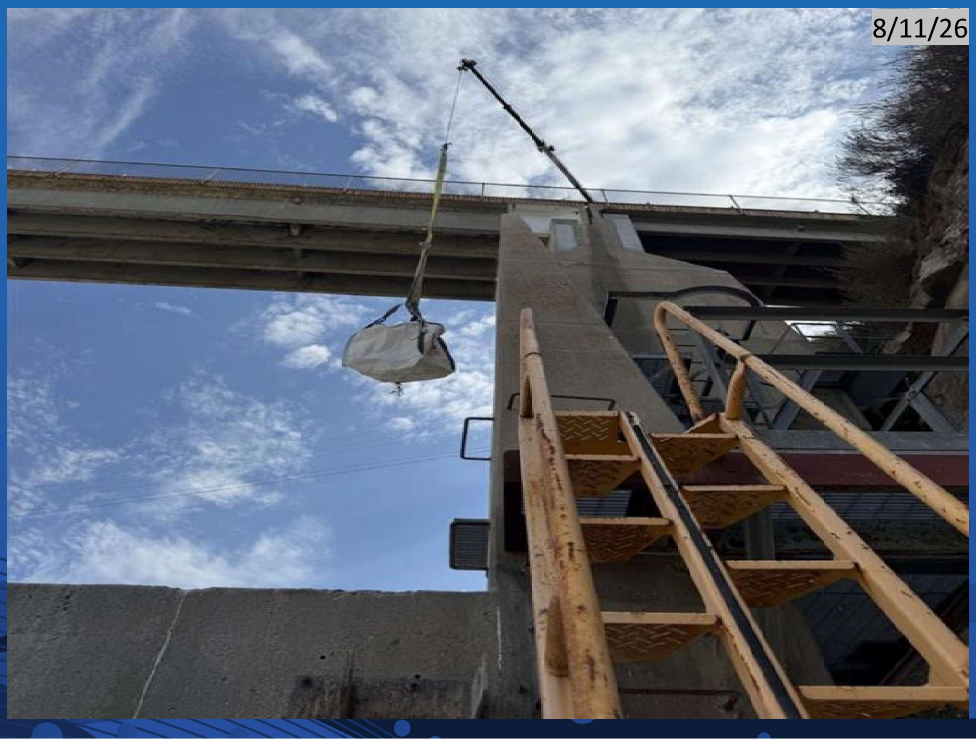
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Saticoy Recharge Basins



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El Rio



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Recreation Monthly Update

Bernard Riedel, Jr.
Senior Park Ranger

September 9, 2026

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Ventura County Fair



July 28, 2026



July 28, 2026

Holser Fire





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Holser Fire (continued)

- Started on the afternoon of 08/08/2026 at the gun range below the Santa Felicia Dam
- Spread northeast, burning 167+ acres
- IC issued a mandatory evacuation order, which included Lake Piru, so ranger team evacuated all campers and day use visitors
- Order was lifted late morning on 08/09/2026

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Additional Fishing Boats



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Rental Fleet

- Five (5) 20’ pontoon boats
- Seven (7) 16’ v-hull fishing boats
- Half of the fleet can be reserved in advance for all-day reservations, and the remaining boats are first come first served
- Reservation request form was created and added to the website

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August 15, 2026

Summertime overnight shifts - Rangers

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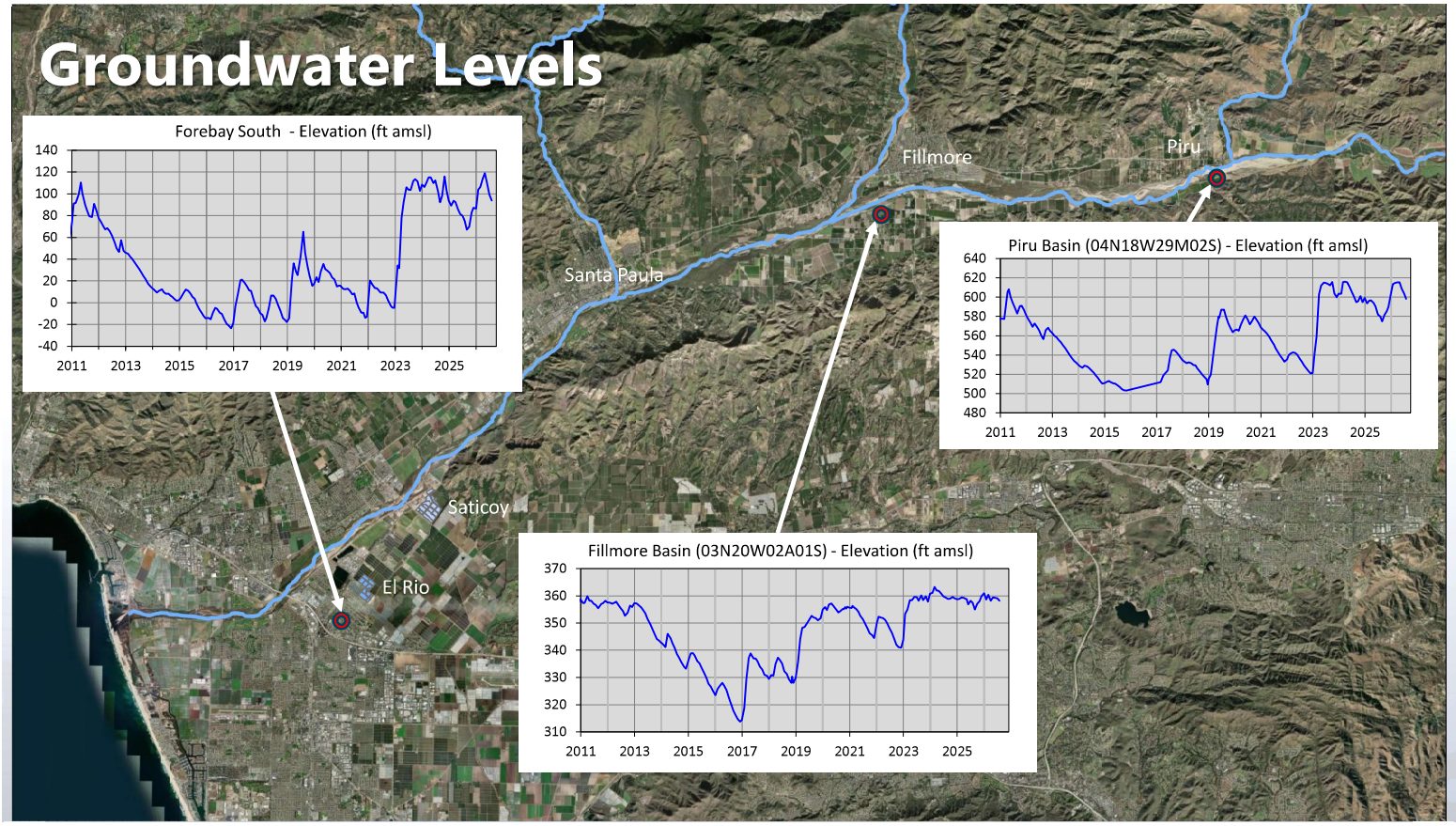
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Update on 2026 Conservation Release


Piru Basin Conditions
6 August 2026
Fillmore
Hopper Creek
Santa Clara River
Release: ~15 cfs
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Piru Basin Conditions
26 August 2026
Lake Piru
Release: 200 cfs
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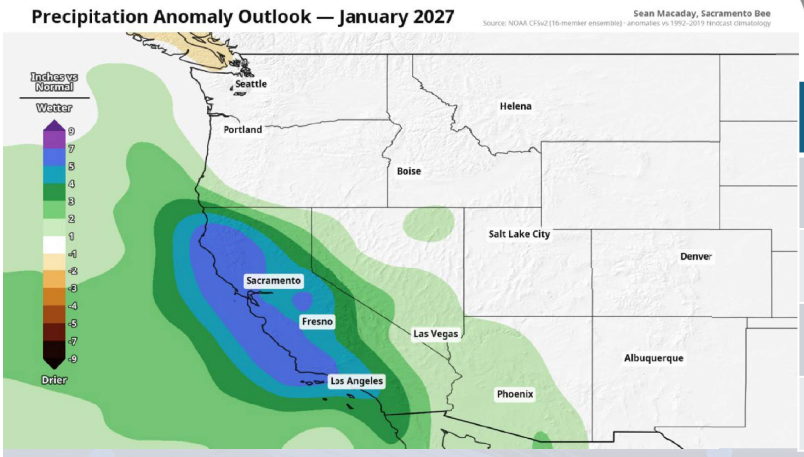
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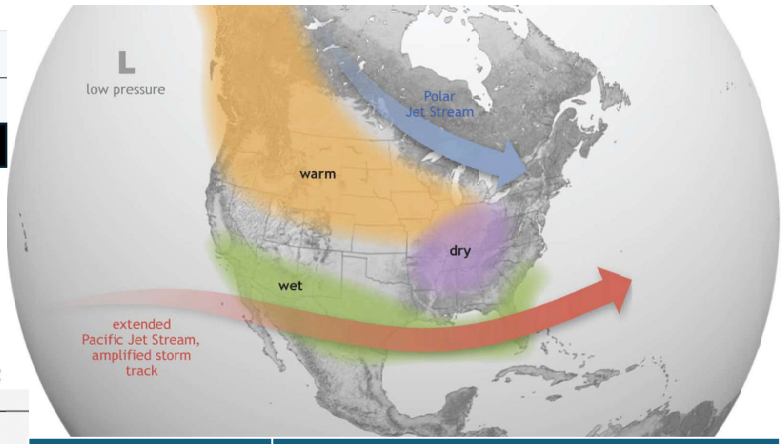
NEWS SPORTS POLITICS RESTAURANTS OPINION GAMES OBITUARIES FINANCE CLASSIFIEDS CAREERS

Super El Niño is projected to douse California. Here's how much extra rain to expect

By Sean Macaday

Updated August 19, 2026 8:58 AM | Gift Article





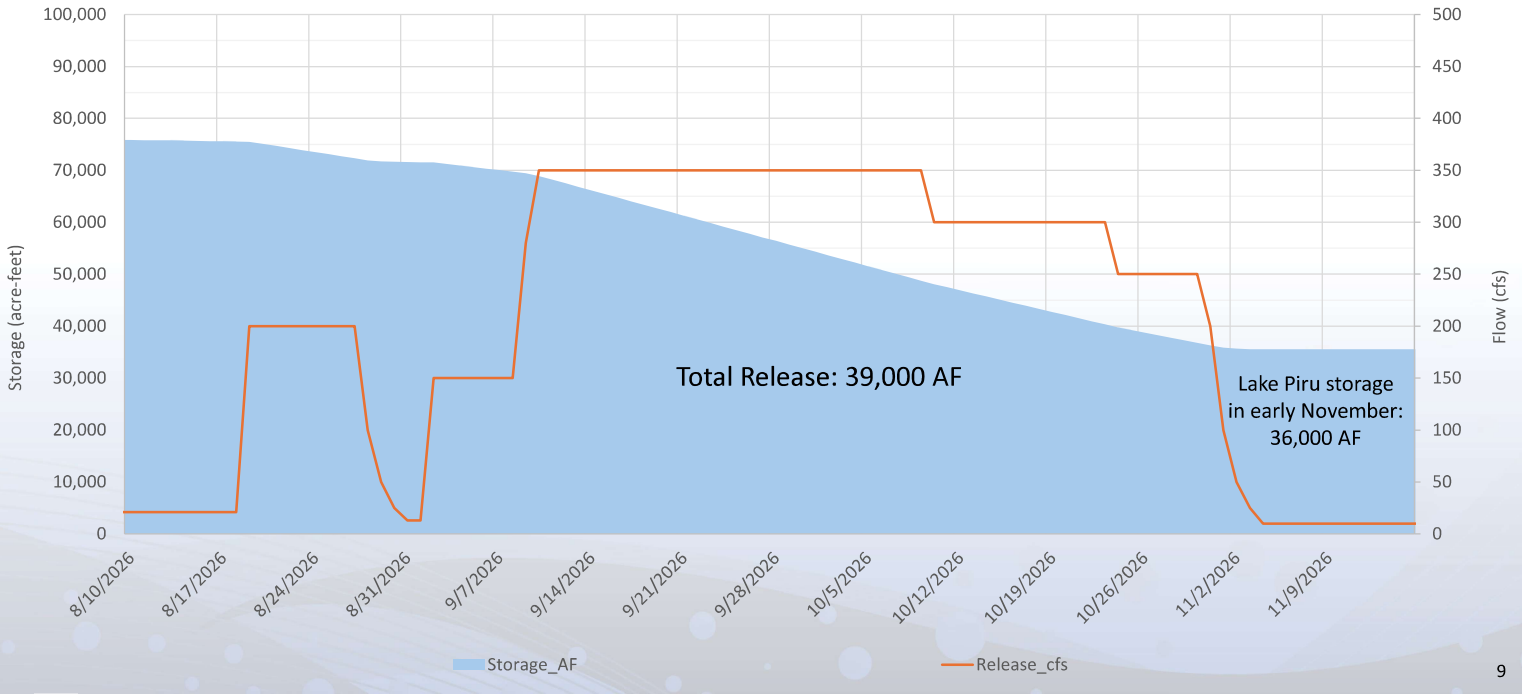
Water Year	Precipitation Total (inches)
1983	35.6
1998	44.8
2005	40.4
2016	9.6

Interdepartmental Coordination

- Baseflows not meeting surface water demands
  - Saticoy wells electricity and extraction fee costs
- SFD Valve Exercise: Aug 18
- Bathymetry Survey: Aug 31 – Sept 5
- Labor Day Weekend: Sept 4 – 7
  - Limit lake elevation decline rate
- Manage sediment flushing
- Algae accumulation on Micro Screens



2026 Conservation Release (in progress)



UWCD State Water to Remain in San Luis Reservoir

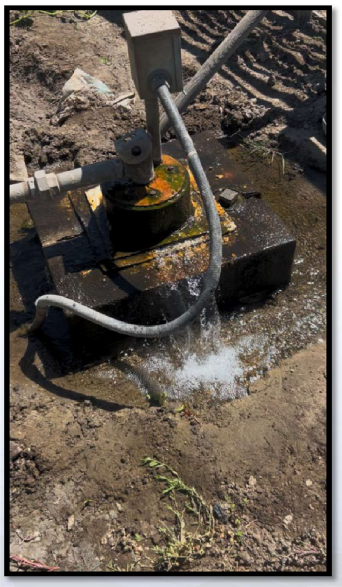
- San Luis projected to "spill" some carryover as early as December
- SFD more likely to spill
- Variance valid until February 28

State Water Sources	Acre-feet
SLOCFCWCD (potential)	500
Table A	1,418
Casitas transfer	2,250
Carryover (Table A from prior years not delivered)	1,035
Total UWCD State Water	**5,203**



Analyses, Findings, and Mitigation Options for Leaking Artesian Wells on the Oxnard Plain

Background and Study Objectives



Objectives:
- Evaluate extent
- Quantify leakage
- Potential solutions

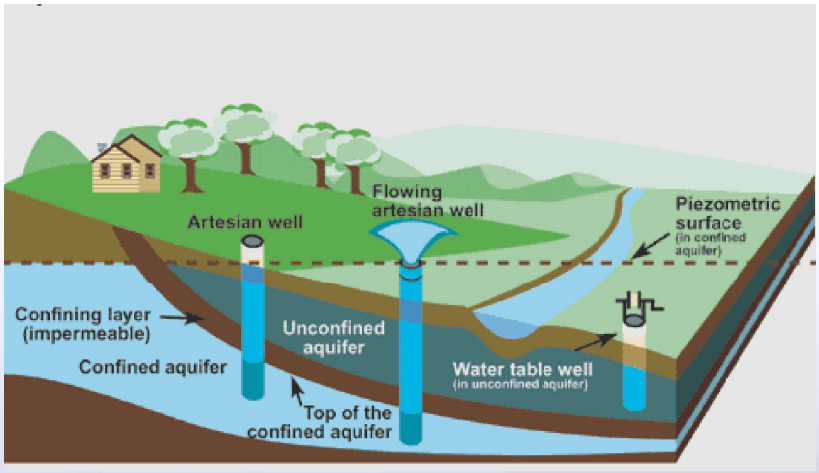
Field Investigation
- Well inspections
- Measure/estimate discharges

Analysis and Evaluation
- Evaluate leakage extent and magnitude
- Historic artesian conditions
- Primary well issues
- Mitigation/repair options
- Available funding opportunities
- County Well Ordinance

Potential Next Steps

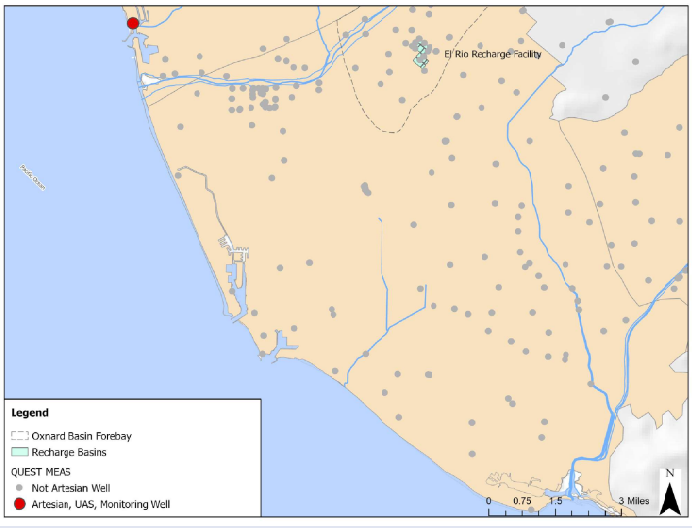
Share findings with stakeholders and partner agencies

Artesian wells can bring water to the land surface naturally



Source: Aquifers and wells | U.S. Geological Survey

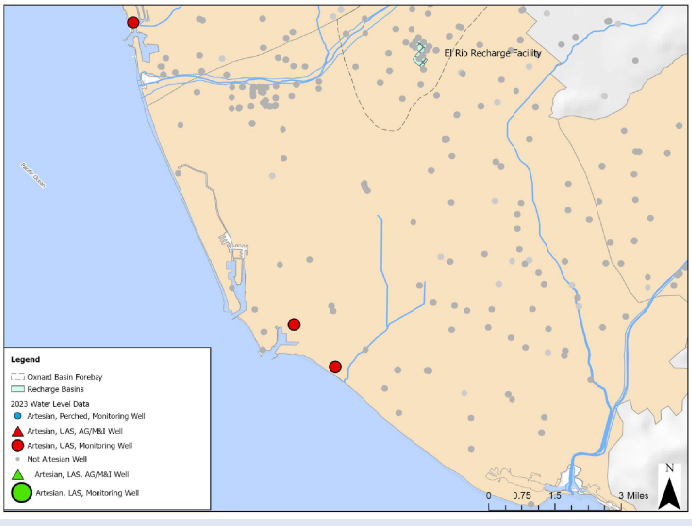
Current Period of Artesian Conditions



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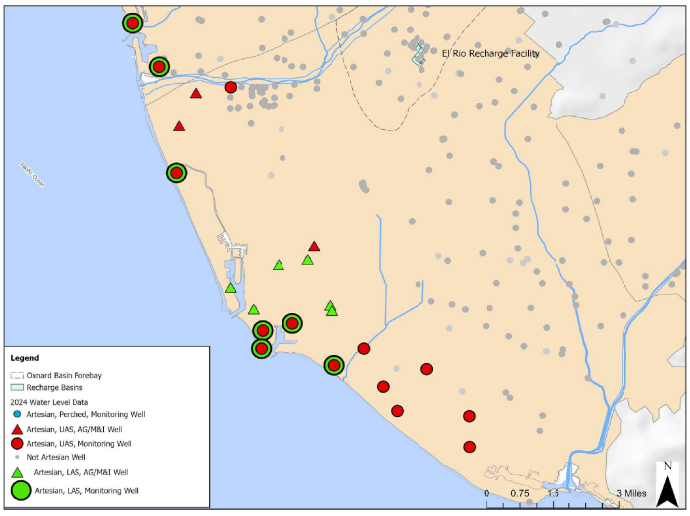
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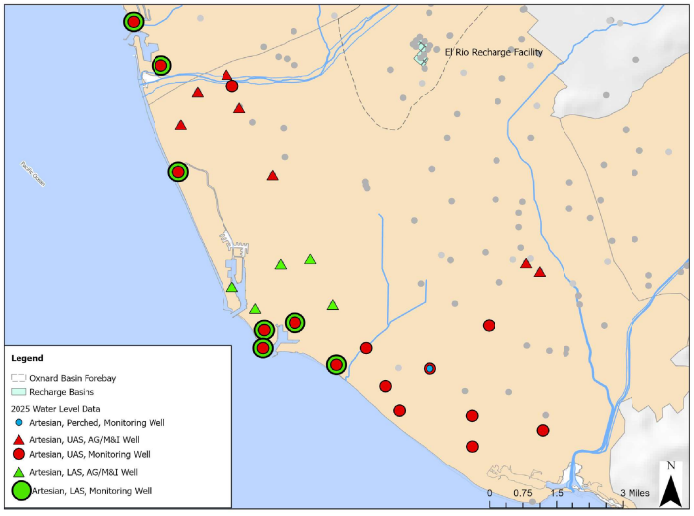
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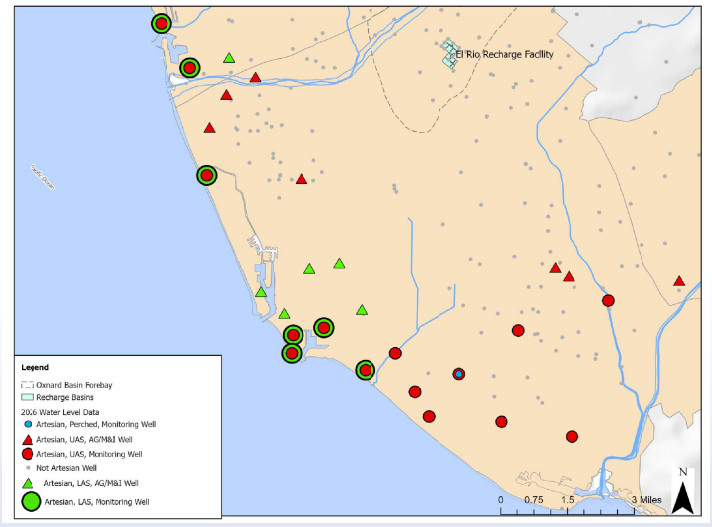
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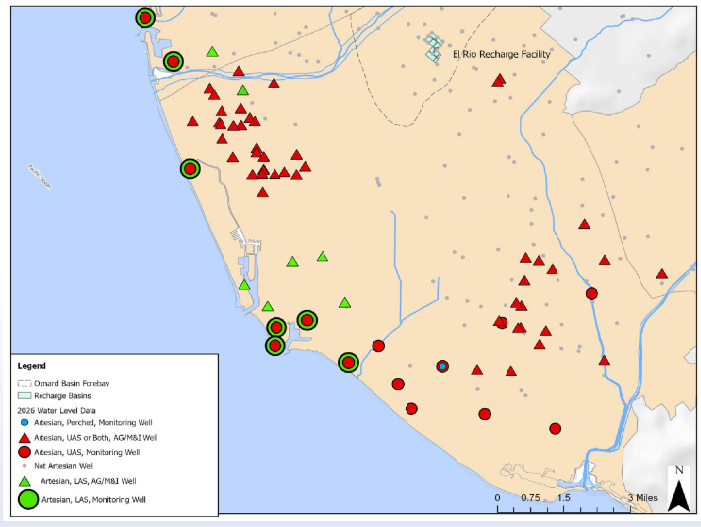
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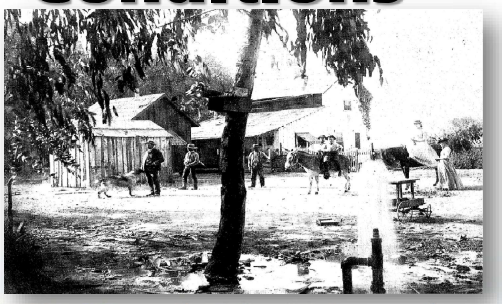
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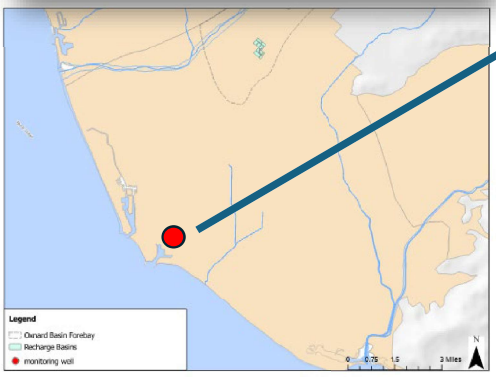
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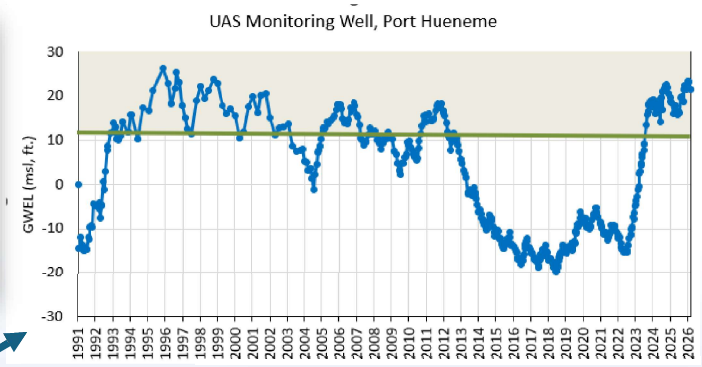


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Historic Periods of Artesian Conditions

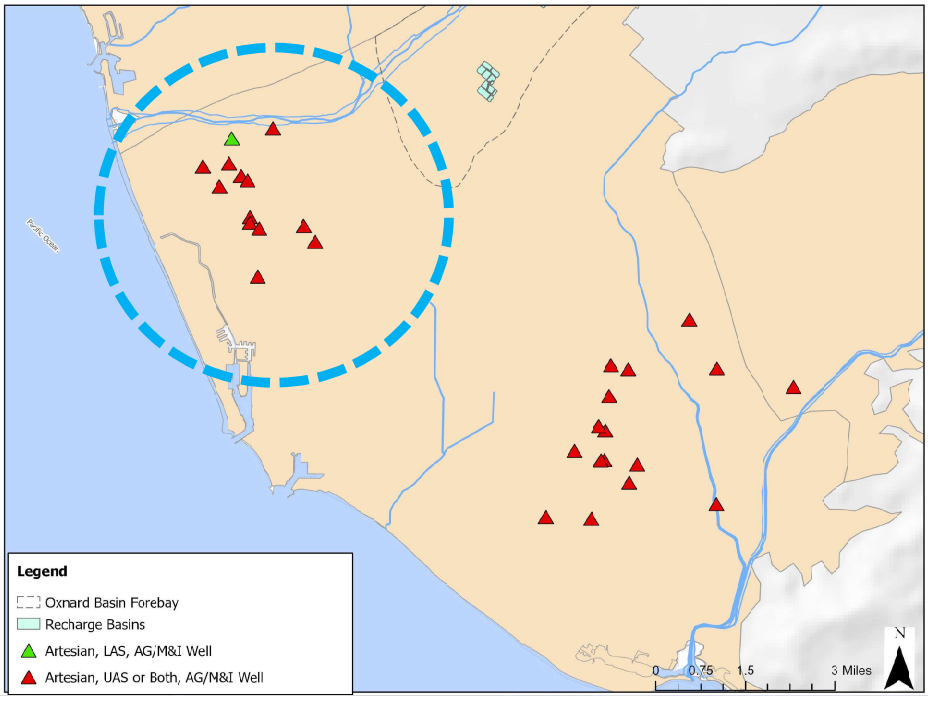




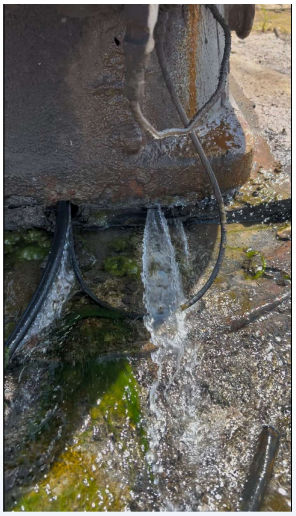


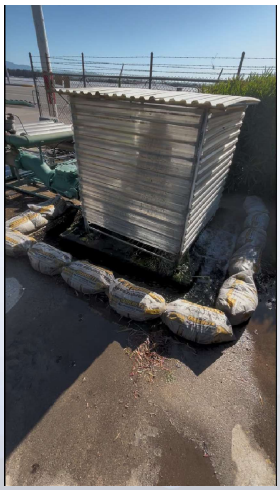


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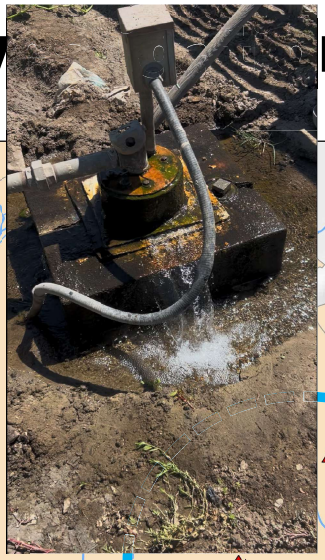
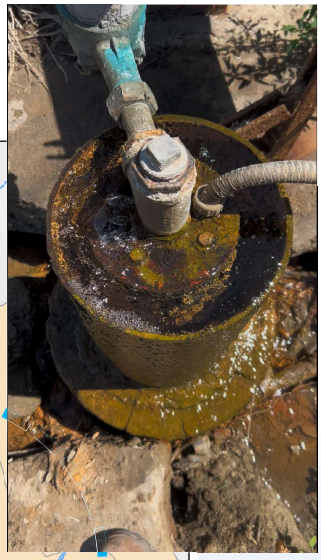









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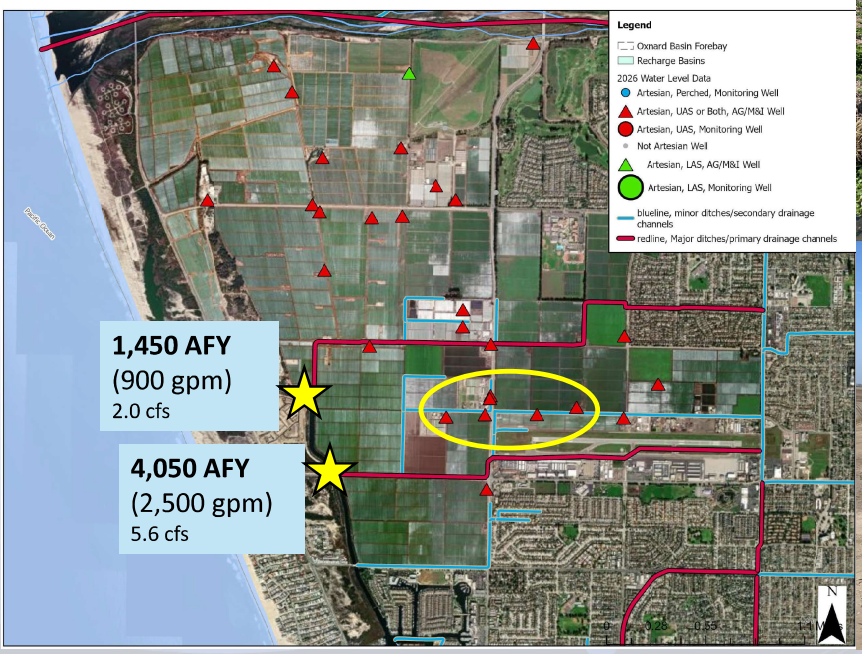

Legend
Oxnard Basin Forebay
Recharge Basins
Artesian, LAS, AG/M&I Well
Artesian, UAS or Both, AG/M&I Well
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Flow Measurements



Flow Measurements



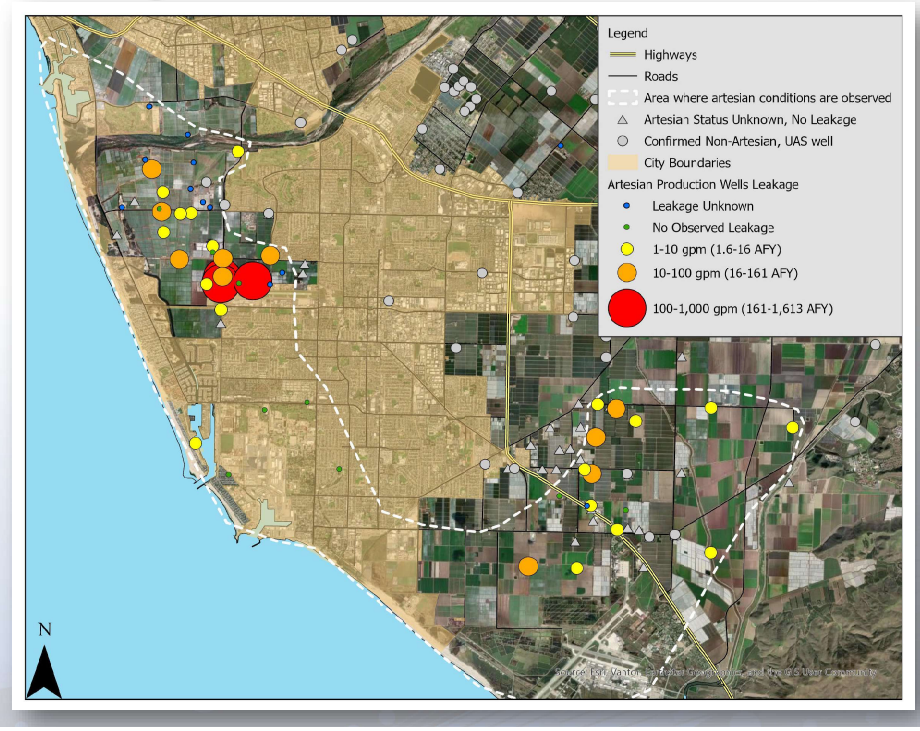




Total leakage from artesian wells is estimated at approximately 5,000 AFY to 7,000 AFY

About 60% of leaking wells were constructed before 1970, before the publication of California's first statewide water well standards (Bulletin 74).

<u>Groundwater losses</u>
5,000 AFY (artesian)
~2,000 AFY (avg)
~50,000 AFY recharge
~4% efficiency loss

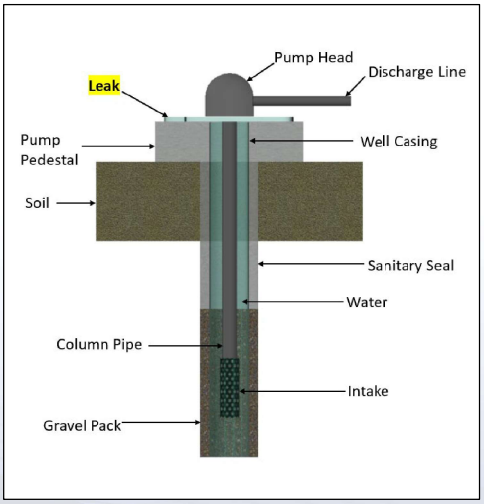


Ventura County Well Ordinance 4468

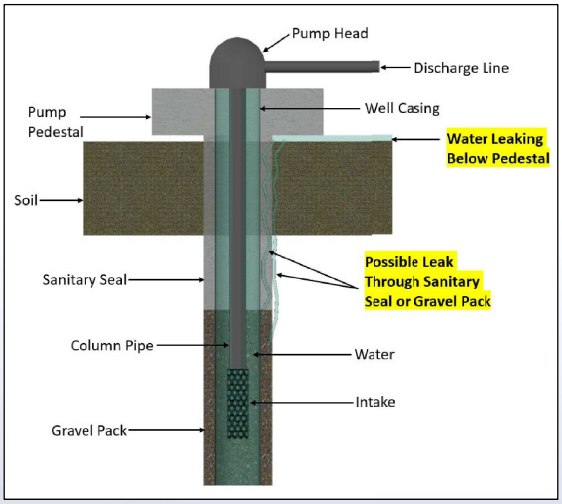
Sec. 4816 -- FLOW PREVENTION DEVICE

All wells having a history of flowing as a result of artesian pressure shall be maintained and equipped to prevent flowing due to pressure in the aquifer system. Wells without any history of flowing that begin to flow shall be repaired, or retrofitted as necessary to prevent flowing. Such repair or retrofit shall be completed within a period of thirty (30) days of notice by County. This includes flowing as a result of a failed casing or other deteriorated component, or the absence of a surface seal.

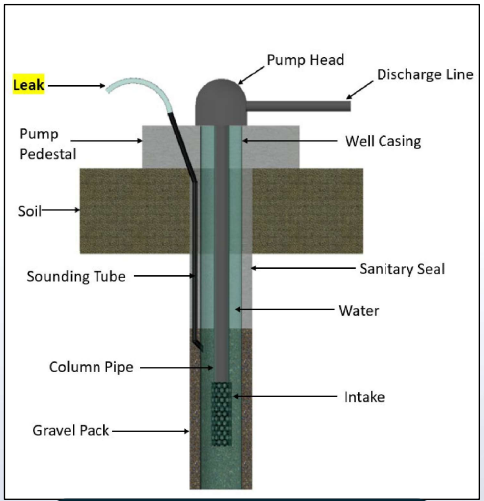
Primary Well Issues



Water leaking between pump pedestal and pump head



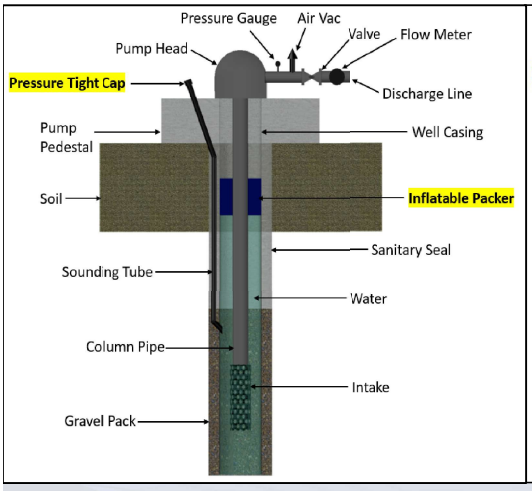
Water leaking below the pedestal



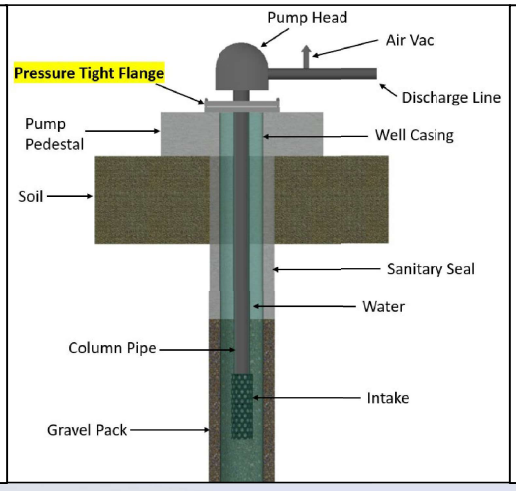
Water leaking through sounding tube

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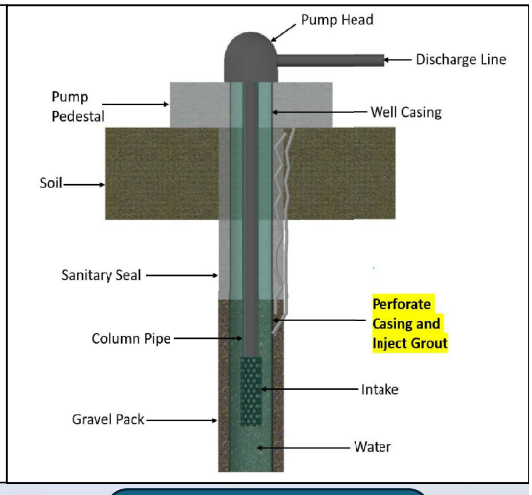
Mitigation Options for Leaking Wells



Pressure Tight Cap or Inflatable Packer



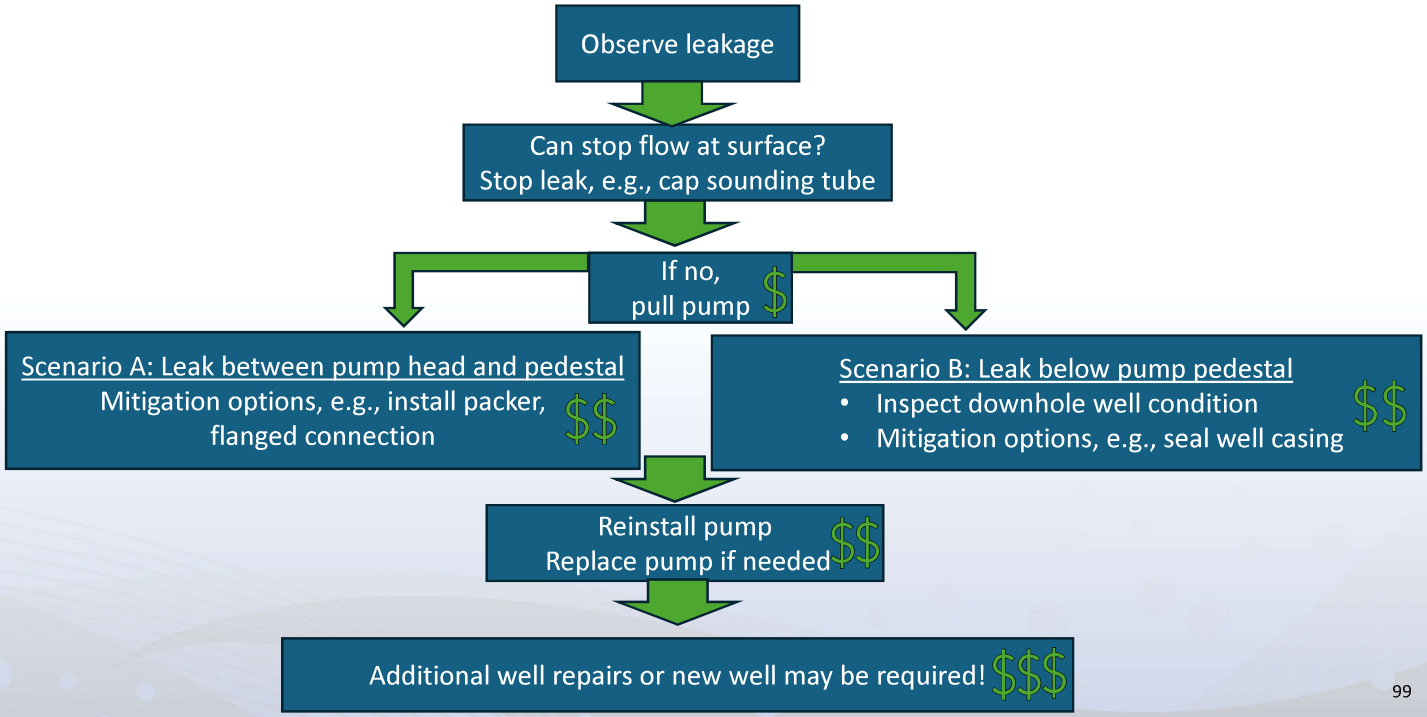
Pressure Tight Flange



Perforate Casing and Inject Grout

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Well Repair Process



Funding Opportunities



USDA EQIP

1) Pump and motor replacement:
   - Current payment rates for electric pumps ≥ 5HP
     - ➢ $6,451 base payment + $316/HP
   - Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)
     - ➢ $1,691 base payment + $75/HP
2) Well abandonment
   - $1,033 base payment + $1,164 per CY of material
   - Example: well 386 ft depth and 18" diameter ~30.4 CY = $36,000.

FCGMA Water Supply Sustainability Reserve?

- 1997-2001 FCGMA destroyed about 50 abandoned wells through Federal 319(h) Clean Water Act Wellhead Protection Grant, donated funds from other contributors, and supplemental funds from FCGMA.

What We Learned…

1. Artesian well leakage is widespread along the Oxnard Plain coastline, with the greatest impacting occurring in the northern Oxnard Plain.

2. Artesian conditions emerged following the exceptionally wet winter of 2023 but have occurred intermittently over the past several decades.

3. Estimated groundwater losses from leaking artesian wells range from 5,000 AFY to 7,000 AFY.

4. Most artesian discharge is concentrated in a small number of wells:
   - 13 wells (>10 gpm) account for approximately 95% of total discharge.
   - 3 wells (>100 gpm) account for approximately 70% of total discharge.

5. The Ventura County Well Ordinance prohibits uncontrolled well flows resulting from artesian conditions.

6. Mitigation options are available, but repair and implementation costs could be substantial.

Next steps?

- Coordinate presentation at FCGMA?
- Continued involvement or technical assistance?
- Other?

Water Resources Department and GSA Activities Update

SFD Safety Improvement Project

- HEC-HMS model calibration
- Hydrological Hazard Assessment
- Update Reservoir Operations
- Cost estimate for liquidated damages provision



Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment (EBB)

- Development of Monitoring and Reporting Plan ~ Prop 1
- Determine optimal pumping rates for EBB Phase 1 wells
- Researched geophysical data collection
- Compiled available land subsidence data and sources



Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA)

- Submitted request to receive adjusted allocation for the PTP wells
- July/August monthly coordination meetings
- July 22 Board Meeting
  - New staff engineer and two internal promotions
  - CMWD Regional Desalter Feasibility Study for East LPVB
  - Adopted FY 26-27 LPV Watermaster budget
    - $57.50 Basin Assessment
    - $14.38 (UWCD service area) and $41.50 (CMWD service area) for Basin Optimization Projects

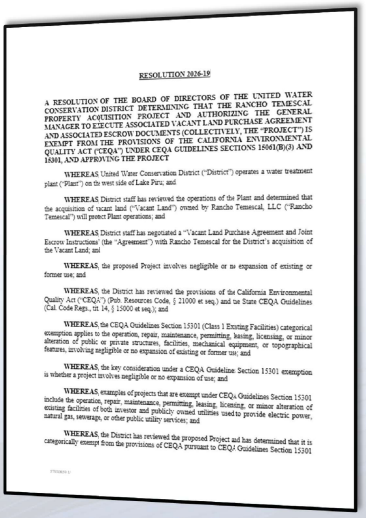


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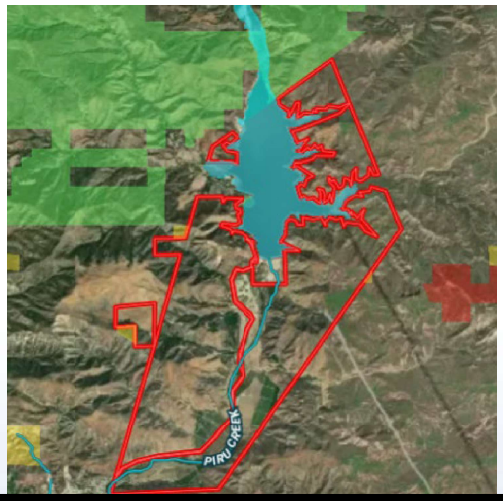
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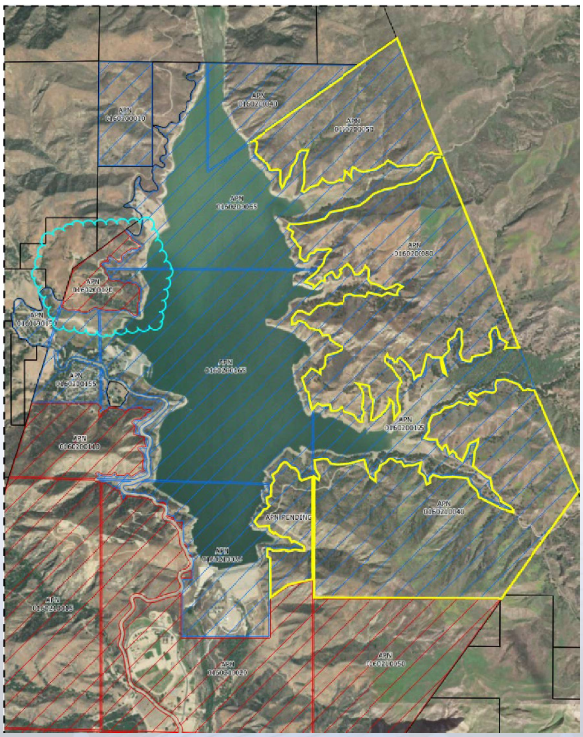
Rancho Temescal Sale Listing



Offer	Acreage	Unit Rate ($/Acre)	Tota Price
Initial Asking Price	1,292.06	$6,346.45	$8,200,000
Negotiated Price	1360.06	$5,514.46	$7,500,000
Final Price	**1378.00**	**$5,442.67**	**$7,500,000**

Property Acquisition Overview

- **Seller to Quitclaim Cattle Grazing Rights on APN 0160200170**
- **Seller to Retain Mineral Rights on Property**
- **Vacant Land Purchase Agreement**
- **Addendum (Exhibit No. 1) to Land Purchase Agreement with 14 Sections to Consider**



Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Escrow Instructions

- Vacant Land Purchase Agreement reviewed by Legal Counsel
- Mutually agreed-upon Exhibit No. 1 terms reviewed by Legal Counsel
- Rincon Consultants to perform Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment over a forty-five (45) day period
- Ventura County to complete the review of Legal Description and Certificate of Compliance in two weeks
- Escrow to be closed no later than Oct 30, 2026

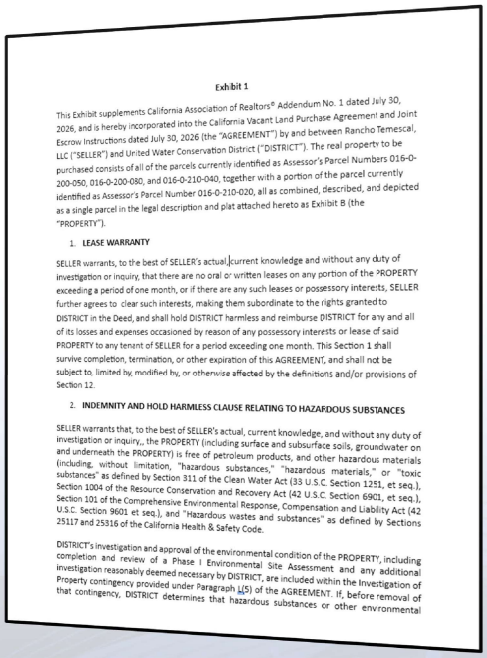


Exhibit 1

This Exhibit supplements California Association of Realtors® Addendum No. 1 dated July 30, 2026, and is hereby incorporated into the California Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions dated July 30, 2026 (the "AGREEMENT") by and between Rancho Temescal, LLC ("SELLER") and United Water Conservation District ("DISTRICT"). The real property to be purchased consists of all of the parcels currently identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 016-0-200-050, 016-0-200-080, and 016-0-210-040, together with a portion of the parcel currently identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 016-0-210-020, all as combined, described, and depicted as a single parcel in the legal description and plat attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "PROPERTY").

1. LEASE WARRANTY

SELLER warrants, to the best of SELLER's actual current knowledge and without any duty of investigation or inquiry, that there are no oral or written leases on any portion of the PROPERTY exceeding a period of one month, or if there are any such leases or possessory interests, SELLER further agrees to clear such interests, making them subordinate to the rights granted to DISTRICT in the Deed, and shall hold DISTRICT harmless and reimburse DISTRICT for any and all of its losses and expenses occasioned by reason of any possessory interests or lease of said PROPERTY to any tenant of SELLER for a period exceeding one month. This Section 1 shall survive completion, termination, or other expiration of this AGREEMENT, and shall not be subject to, limited by, modified by, or otherwise affected by the definitions and/or provisions of Section 12.

2. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE RELATING TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

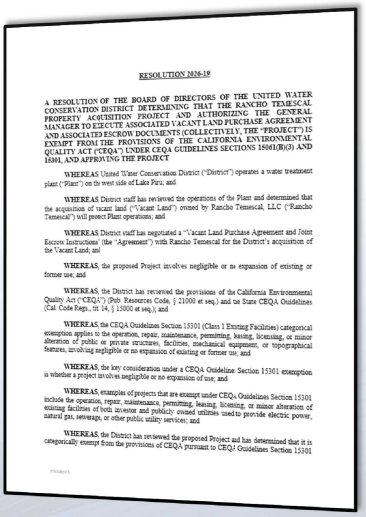
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DISTRICT's investigation and approval of the environmental condition of the PROPERTY, including completion and review of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and any additional investigation reasonably deemed necessary by DISTRICT, are included within the Investigation of Property contingency provided under Paragraph 14(5) of the AGREEMENT. If, before removal of that contingency, DISTRICT determines that hazardous substances or other environmental

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- Two – 60-Inch RCP from Noble 3 to Ferro
- 375 cfs Design Flow
- Estimated 2,000 to 3,000 AFY (Long-Term Average)
- $1M Grant Funding (IRWM Prop 1, Round 2)

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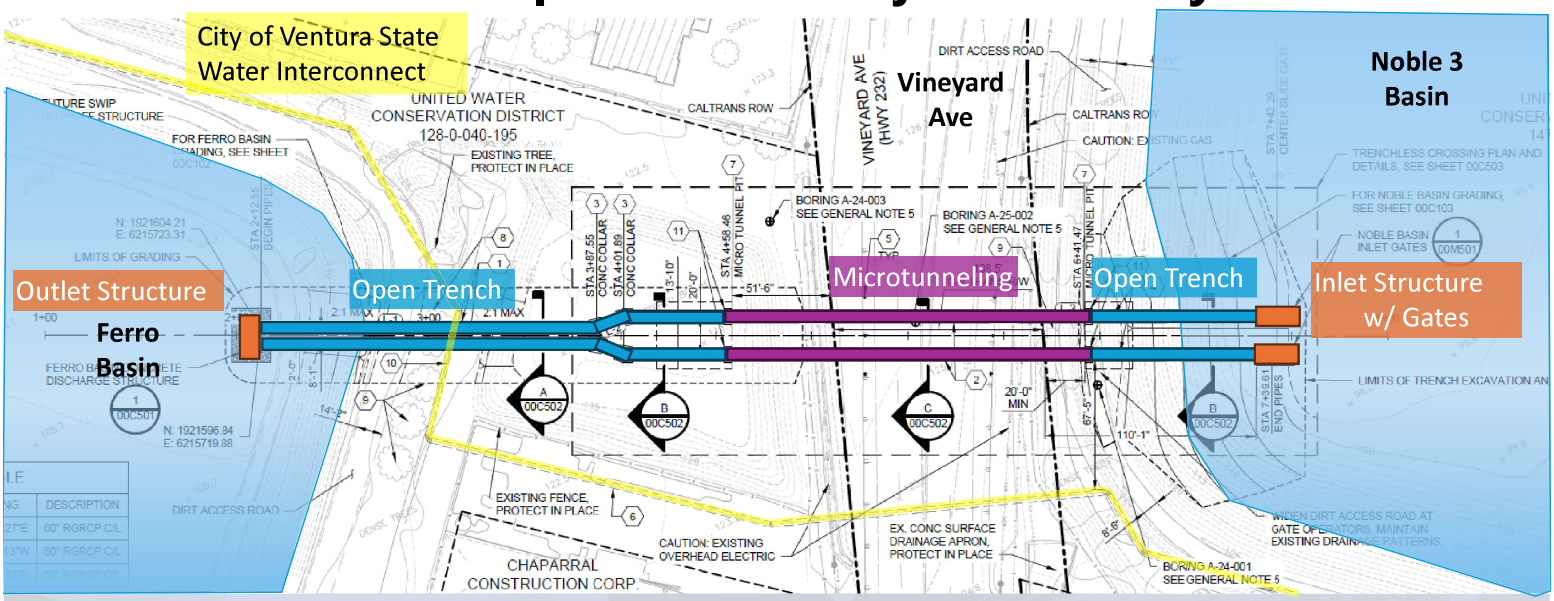
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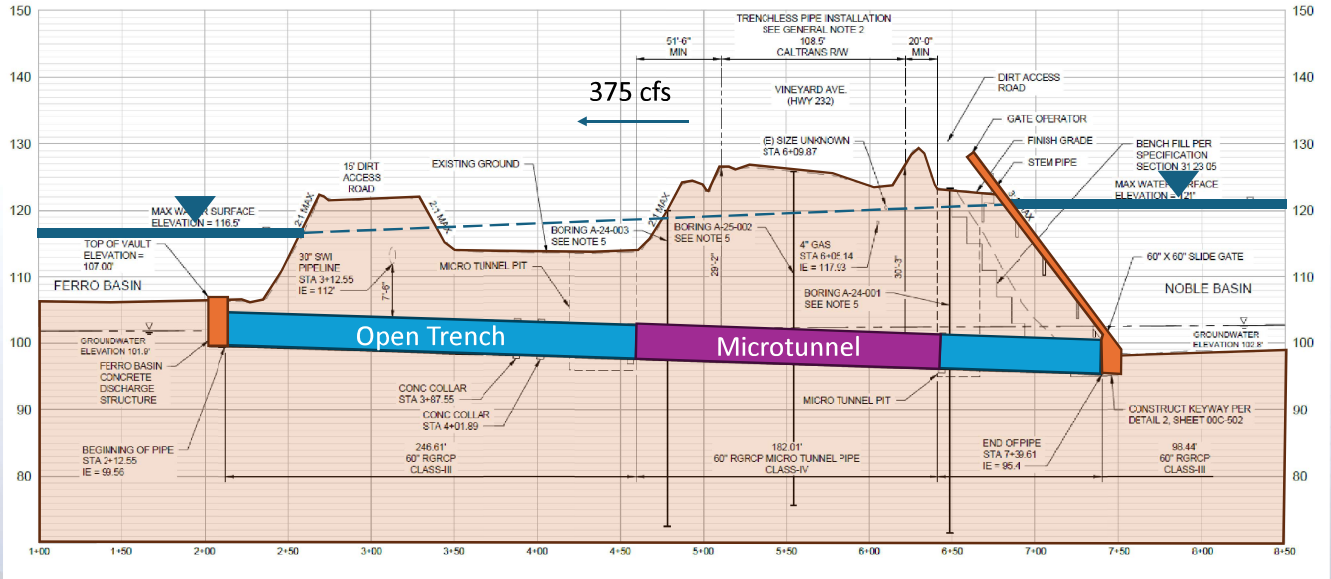
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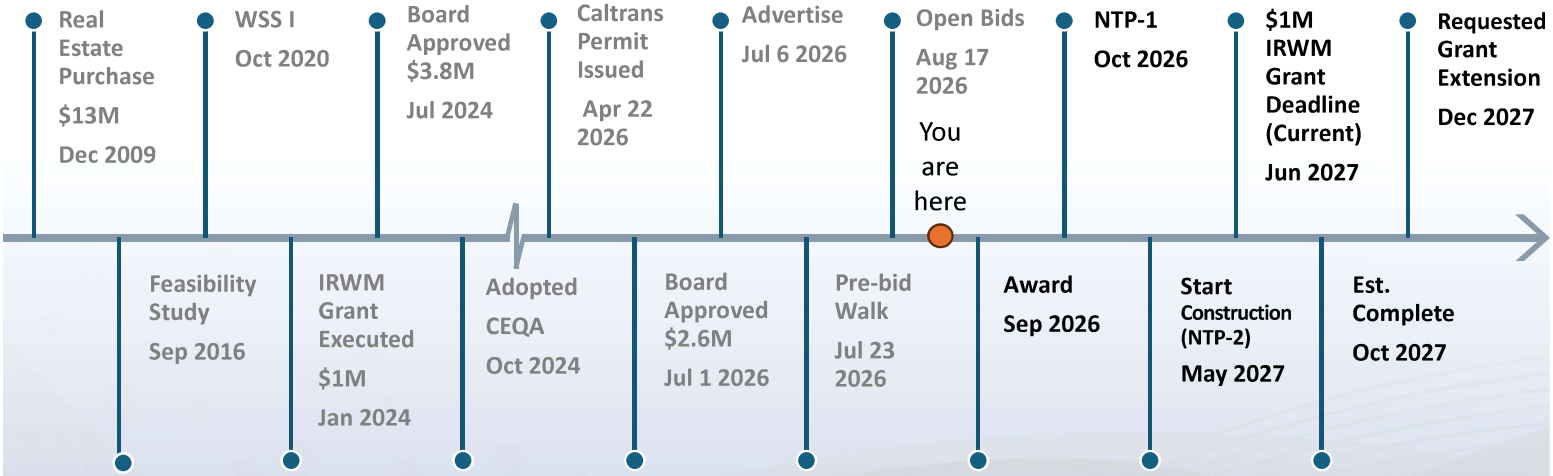
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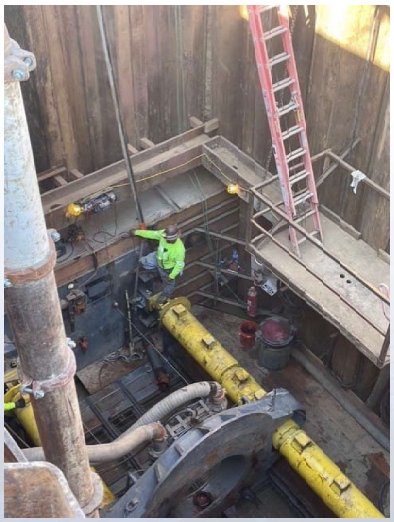
Authorizing the General Manager to execute the Professional Consulting Services Agreement for construction management and inspection related services with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of $539,900 to support the construction of Vineyard Avenue Crossing to connect the Saticoy Recharge Facility to Ferro Basin (CIP 8018 Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – Conveyance)

Cost

- Time and Materials not-to-exceed $539,900

Scope Includes

- Pre-Construction Support
- Construction Management
- Full-time Microtunneling inspection (Subject Matter Expert)
- Full-time General Inspection (Senior Inspector)
- Closeout Support



Motion Item 5.5

B. System Reliability

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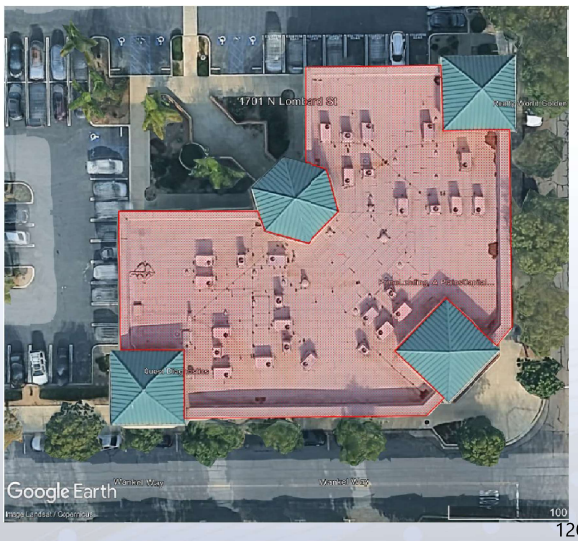
Cost:

- Time and Materials not-to-exceed - $360,000

Scope Includes:

- Remove existing Built-Up Roof (BUR) at vertical walls
- Mechanically fasten insulation cover boards
- Fully adhere new PVC membrane roof
- Flash around HVAC, drains, and pipe penetrations
- Seal and caulk around penetrations
- Install walk pad around HVAC units
- 2-year Contractor warranty for workmanship
- 25-year manufacturer's warranty

Budget: Included in FY 2026/27 budget



Motion Item 5.5

B. System Reliability





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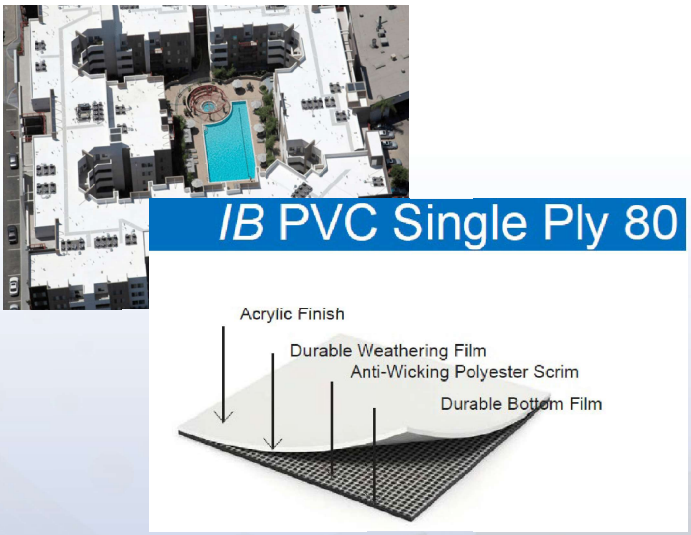
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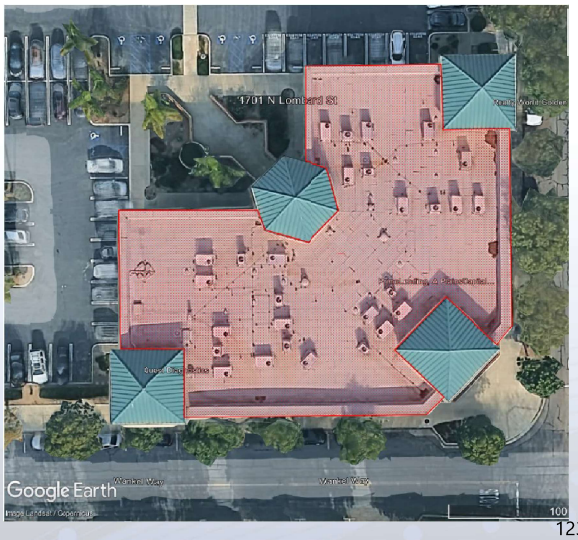
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MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
UWCD Headquarters, First Floor, Board Room
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

President Keeling presided over the meeting, marking her first meeting acting as President following the passing of President Lynn Maulhardt and her assumption of the duties of President.

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Ford, Hasan, Huber, Jones, Keeling, and Kimball

Absent: None

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 11:01 A.M.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Director Keeling

1.2 Public Comment:

Public Speakers:
Steve Nash

1.3 Authorize staff to open the recruitment process to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for Division 4.

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Huber) to authorize staff to open the recruitment process to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for Division 4.

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

2. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Special Board of Directors meeting of September 22, 2026.

ATTEST: _____

Gordon Kimball, Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

Tara Acosta, Clerk of the Board

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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: **September 30, 2026 (October 14, 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 August 2026.

Summary:

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

Activity	Amount (acre-feet)
Total Diversions at Freeman Diversion	2,471
Lloyd-Butler Mutual Water Company surface water use	NA
Recharge to Saticoy basins (metered + unmetered)	159
Recharge to Noble and Rose basins	0
Recharge to El Rio basins	549
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water diverted at Freeman	1,763
Total Ag Pipeline Deliveries of water pumped from Saticoy Well Field	159
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 August 2026

Basin	Available Storage (acre-feet)
Oxnard Forebay	15,100

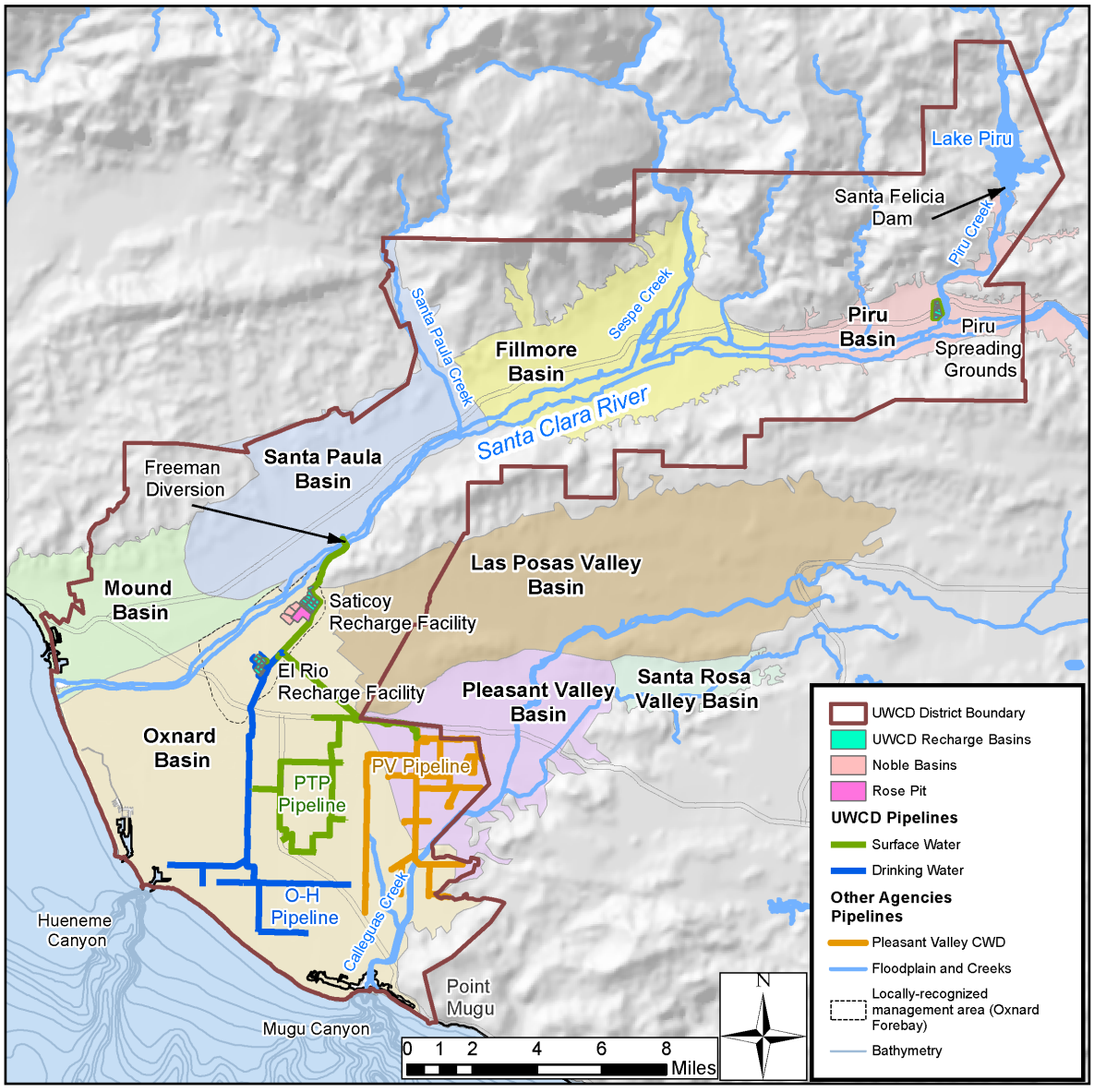
Precipitation for Month of August 2026

Location	Precipitation (inches)
Lake Piru	0.00
Santa Paula	0.00
El Rio	0.00

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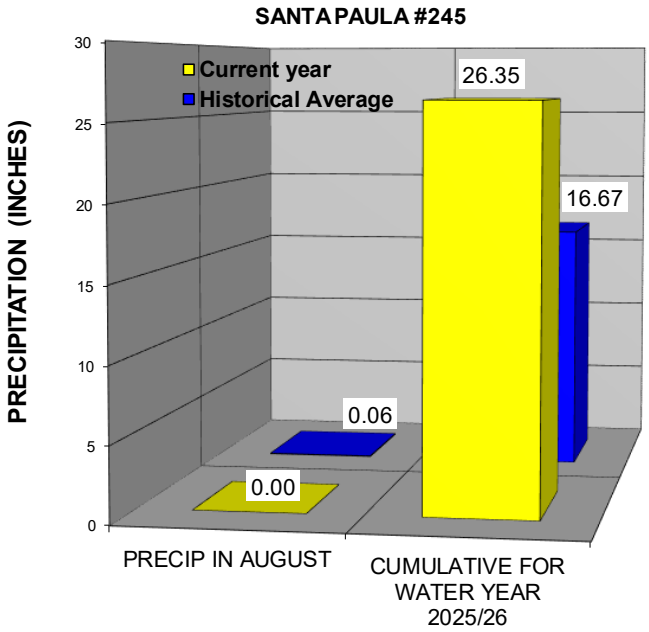
August 2026 Hydrologic Conditions Report
2025/26 Water Year

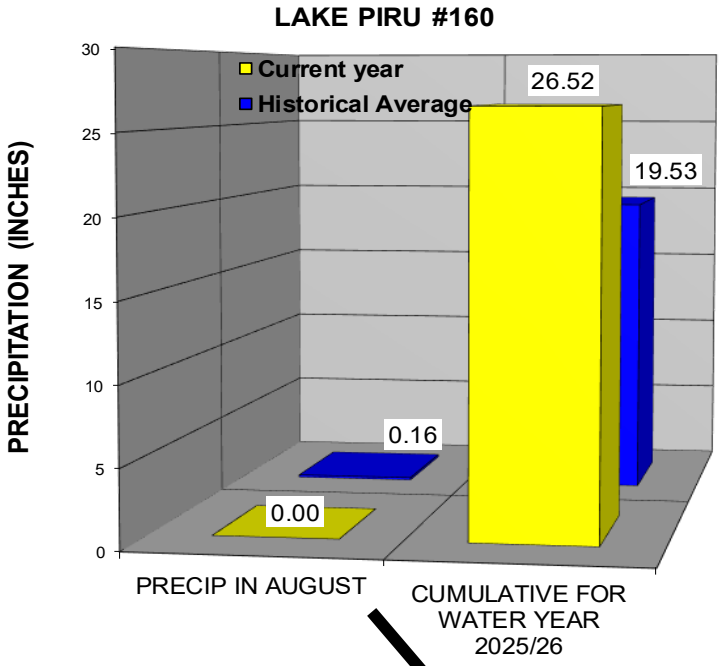
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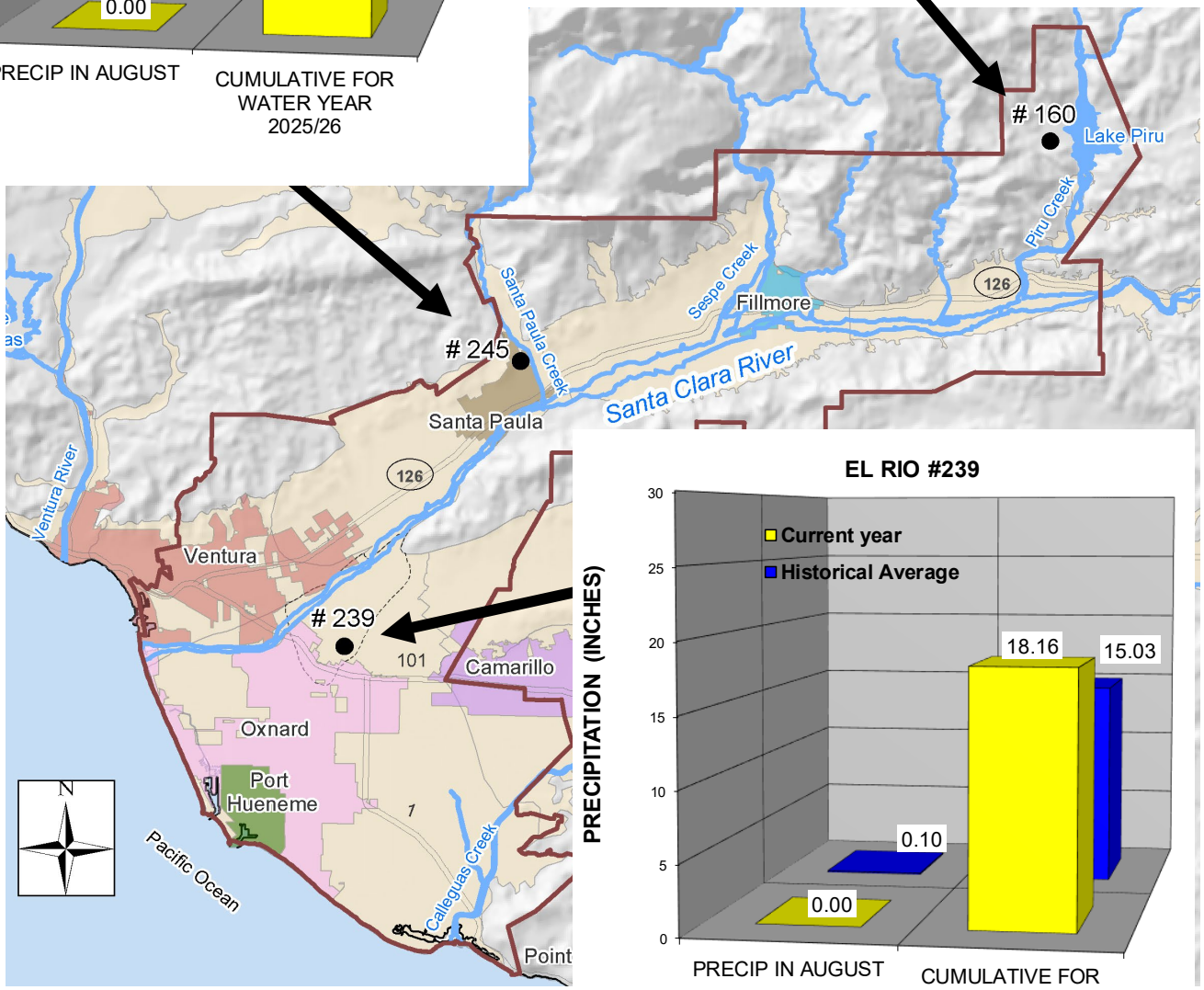


Note: This report may contain provisional data until final review at the end of the water year.

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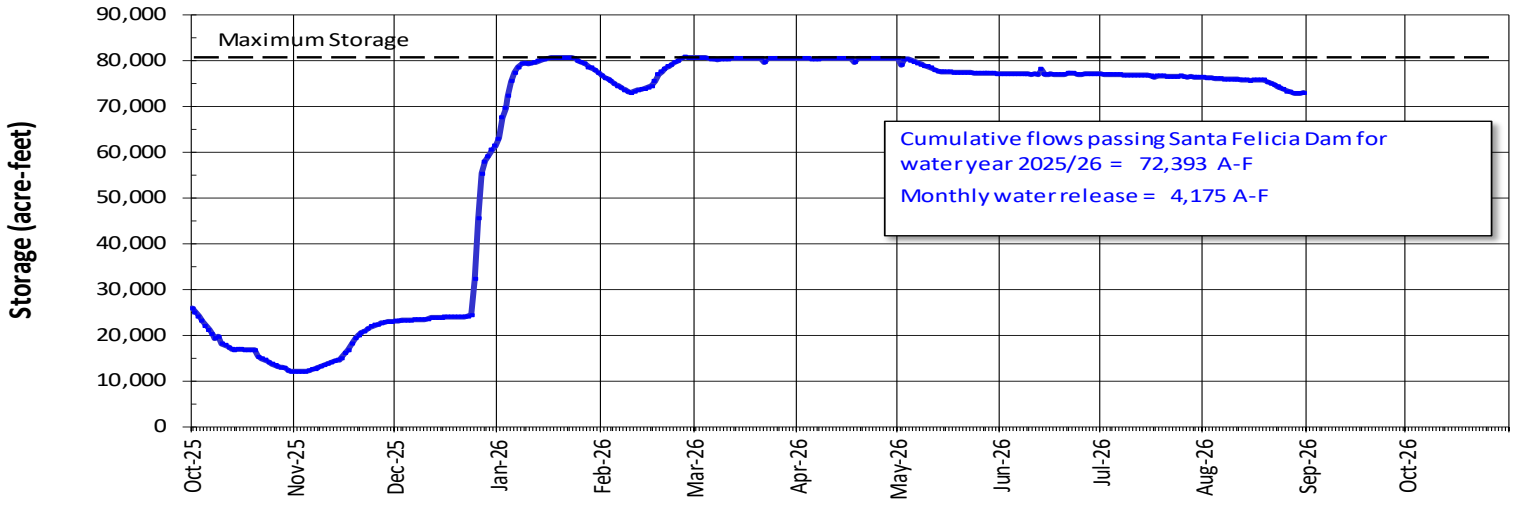






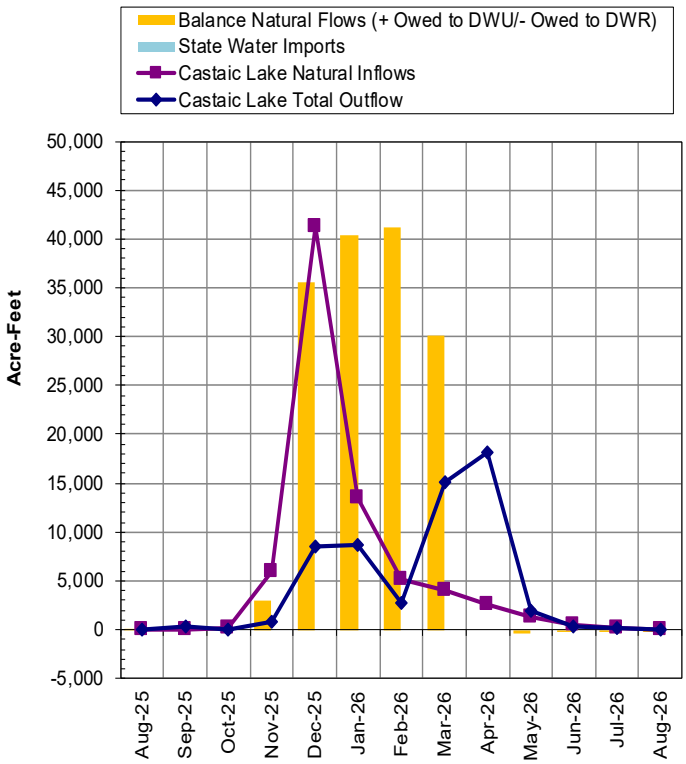
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Lake Piru Storage and Outflow

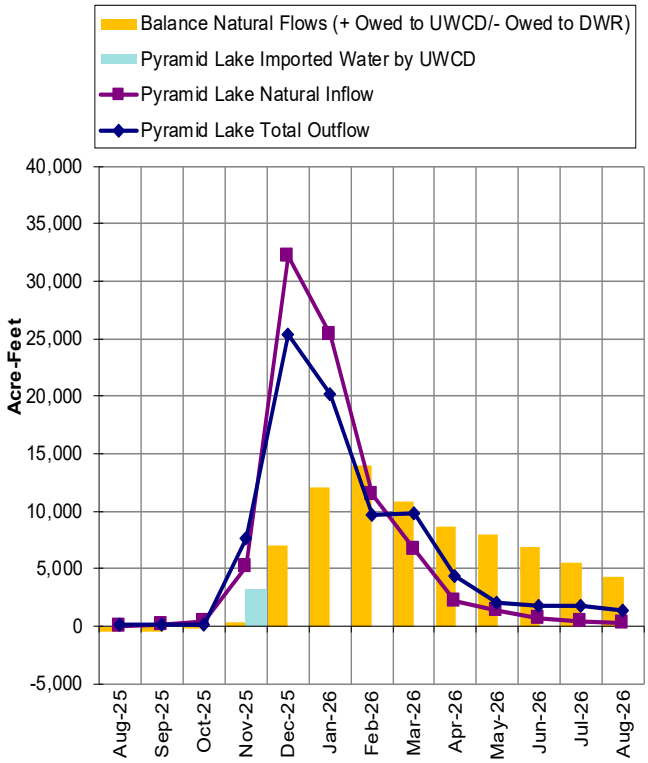


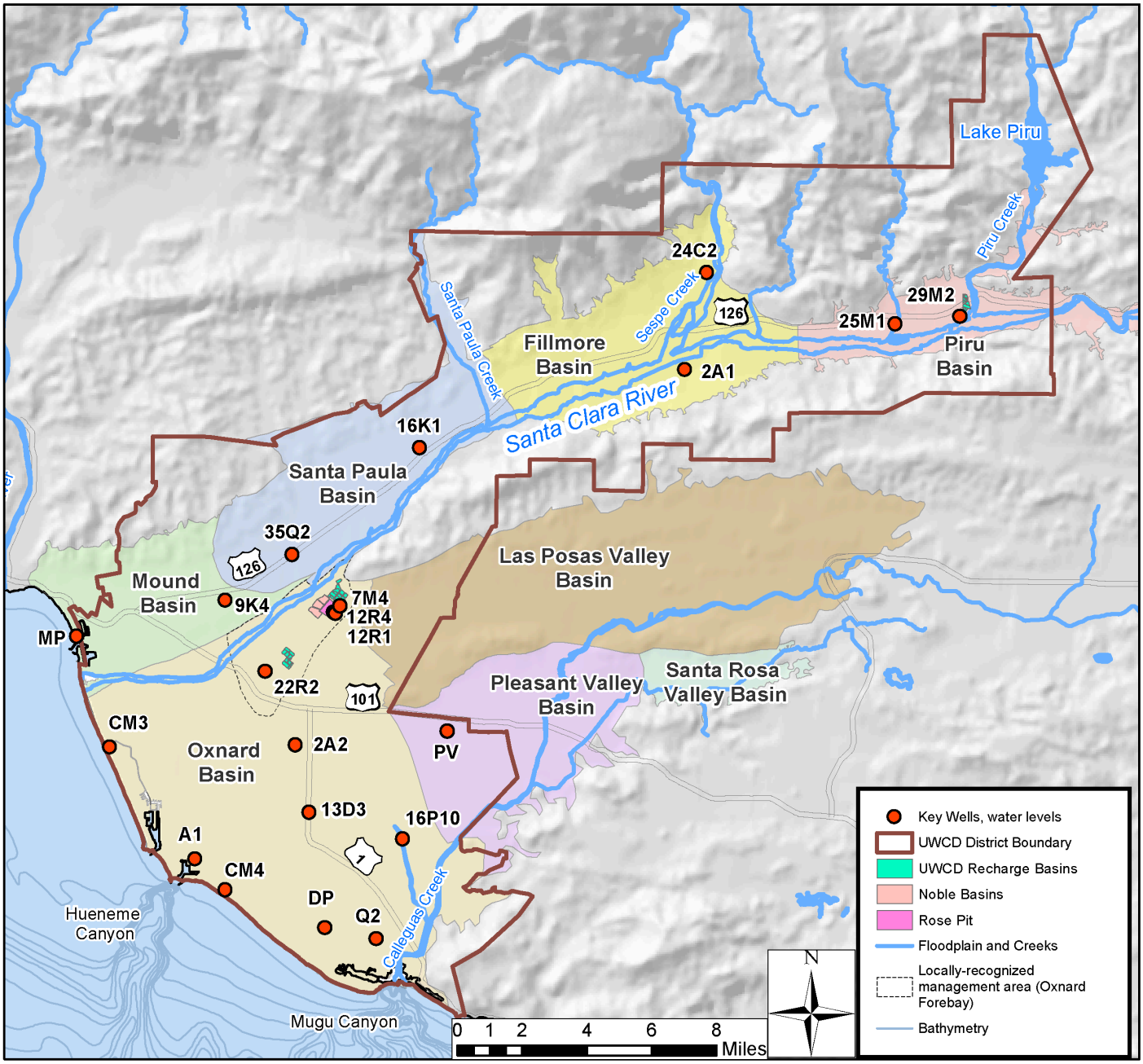
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Castaic Lake releases to downstream water users (DWU)



Pyramid Lake releases to UWCD

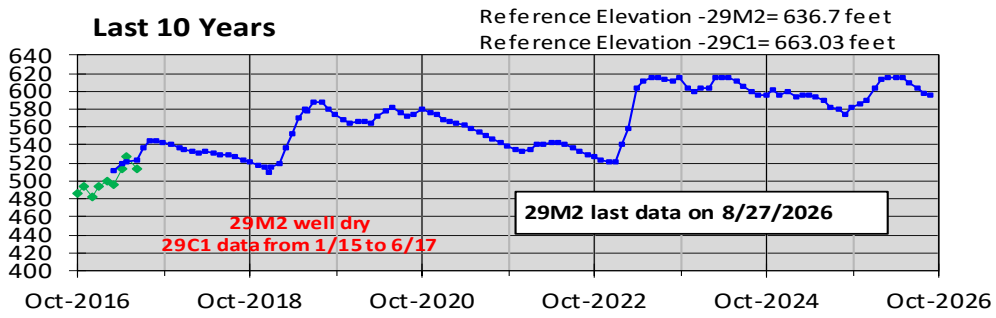


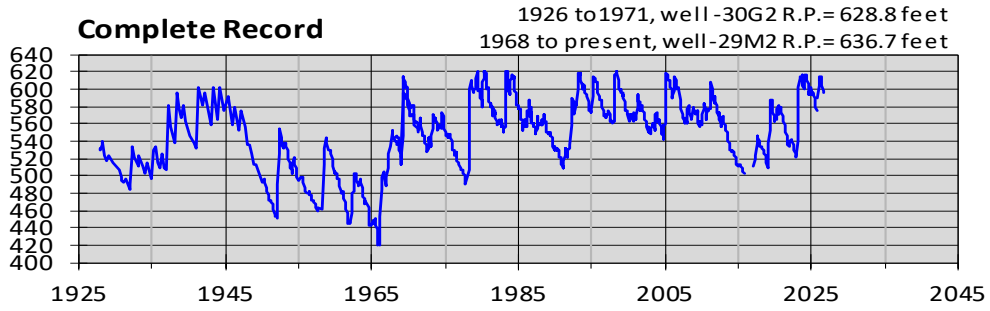


Locations of Key Wells, Monthly Groundwater Elevation Monitoring

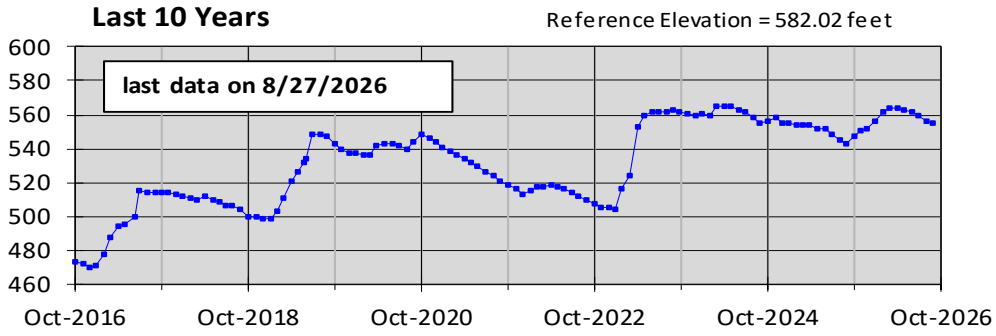
Groundwater Elevation Records – Piru Basin

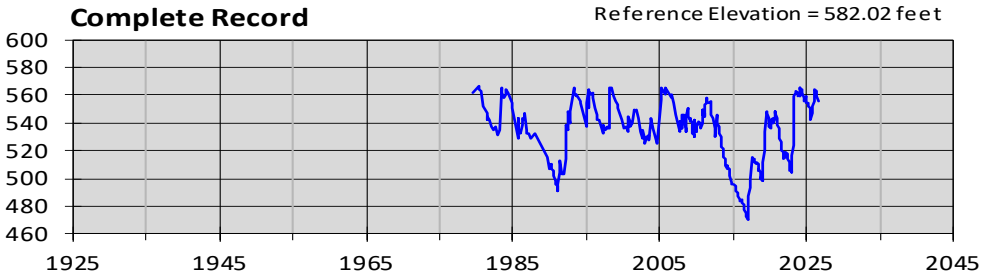
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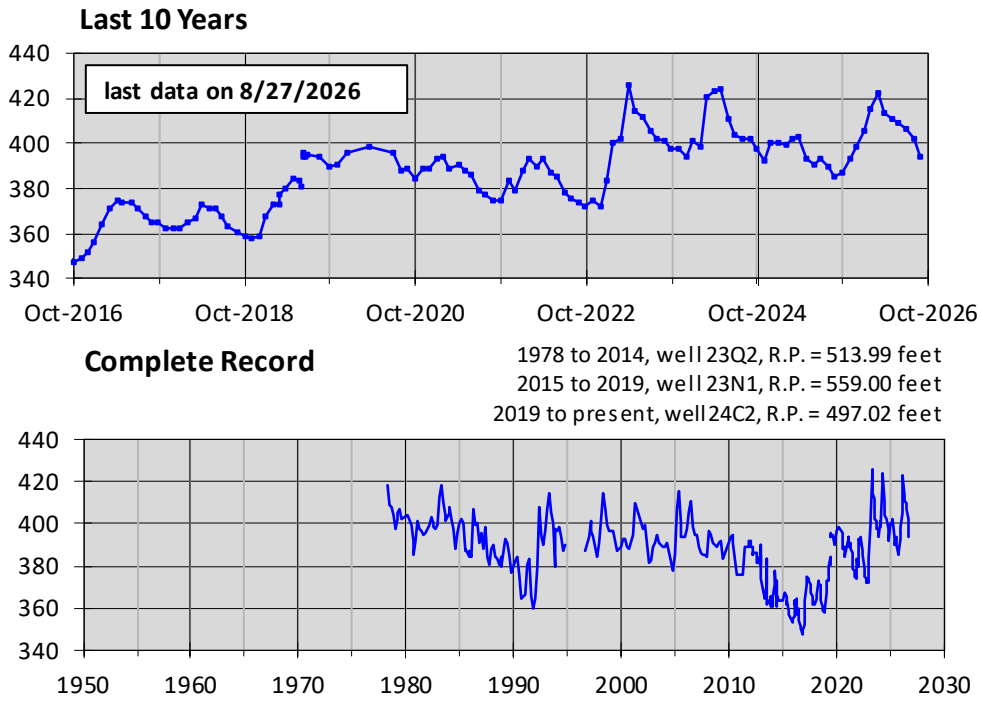
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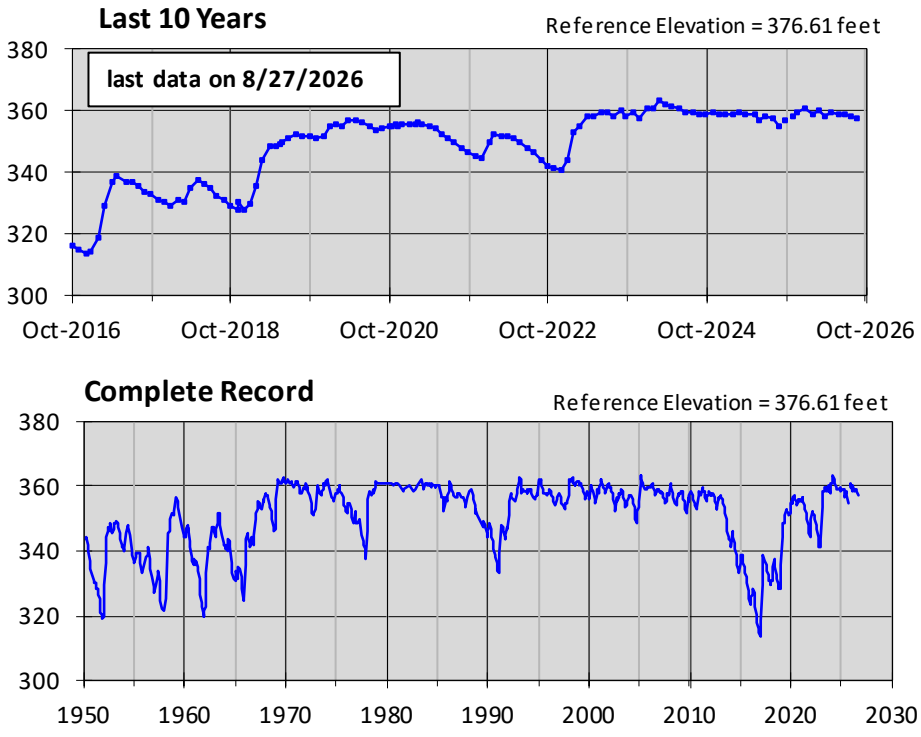


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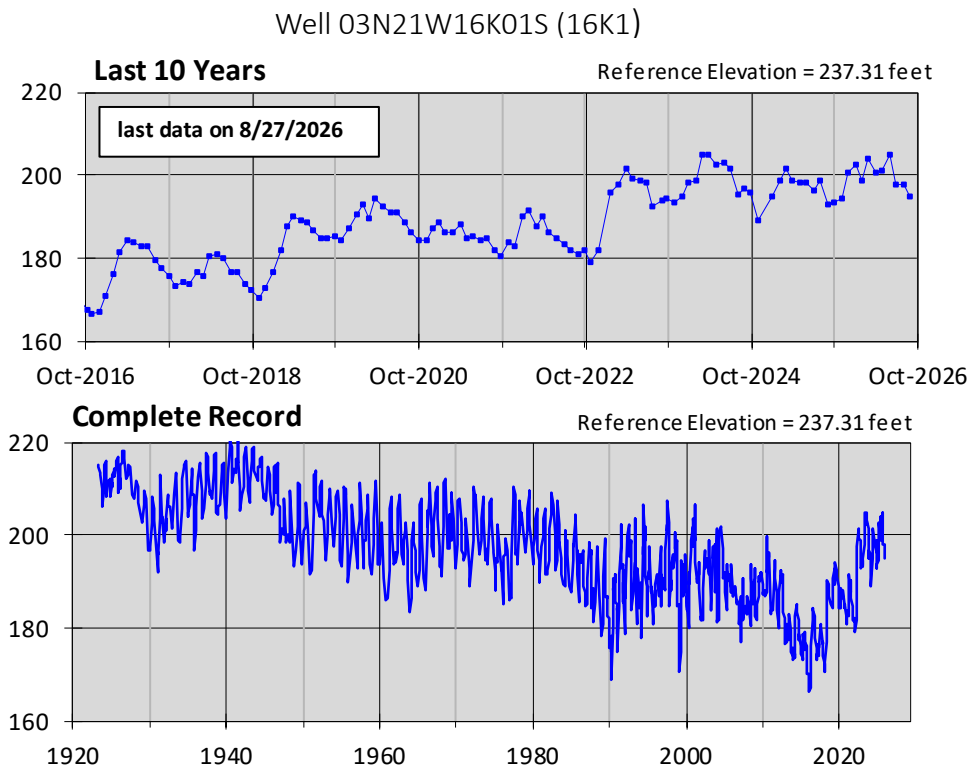
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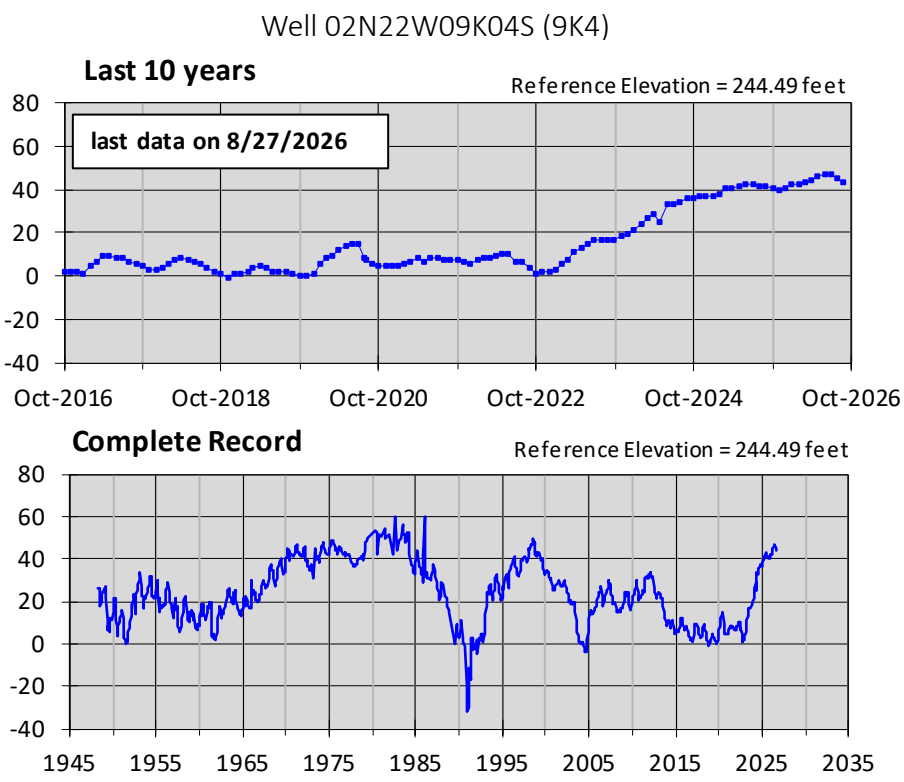
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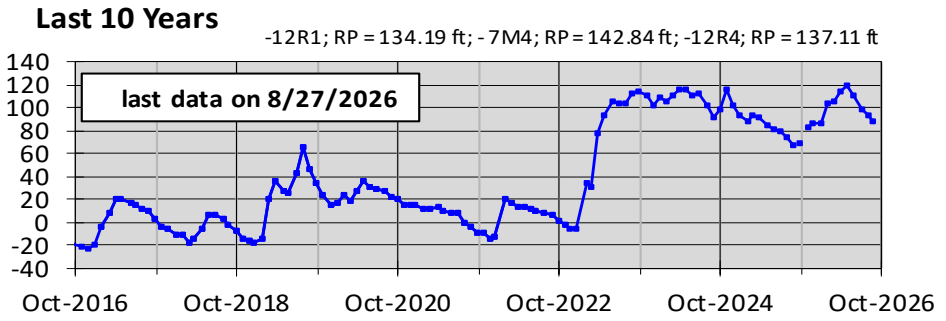


Groundwater Elevation Records – Mound Basin

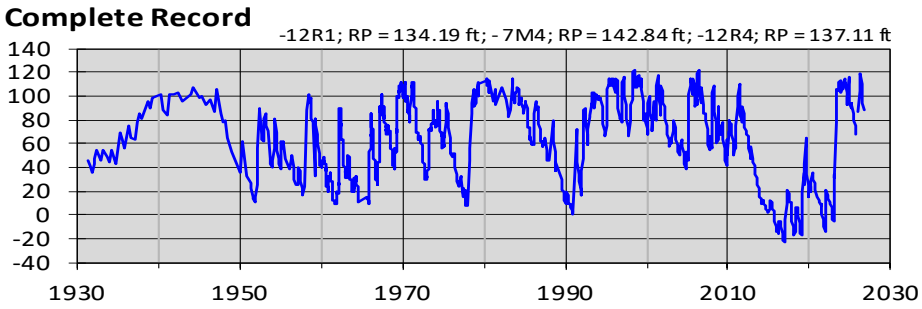


Groundwater Elevation Records – Oxnard Basin, Forebay

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

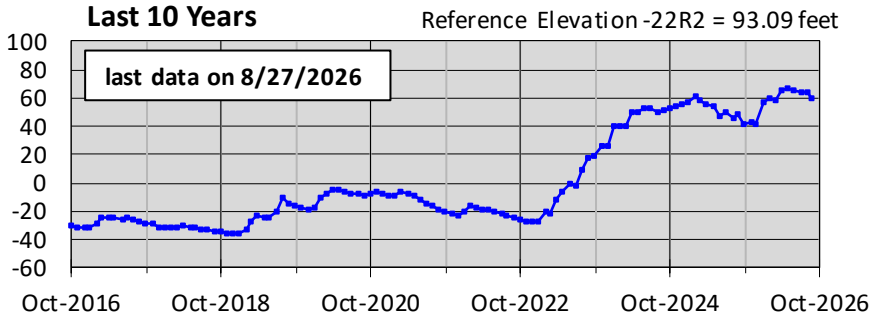


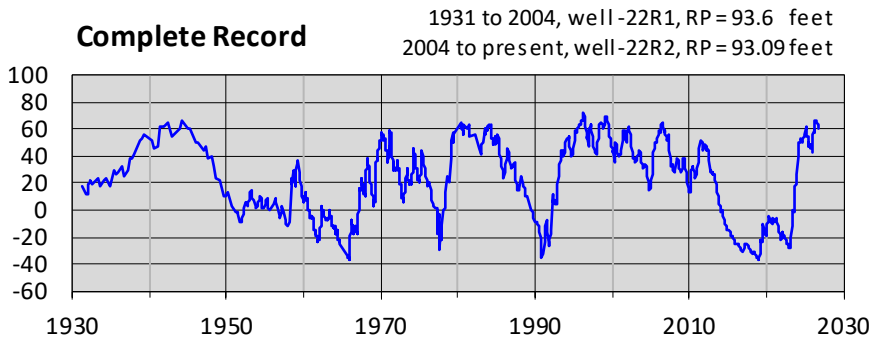
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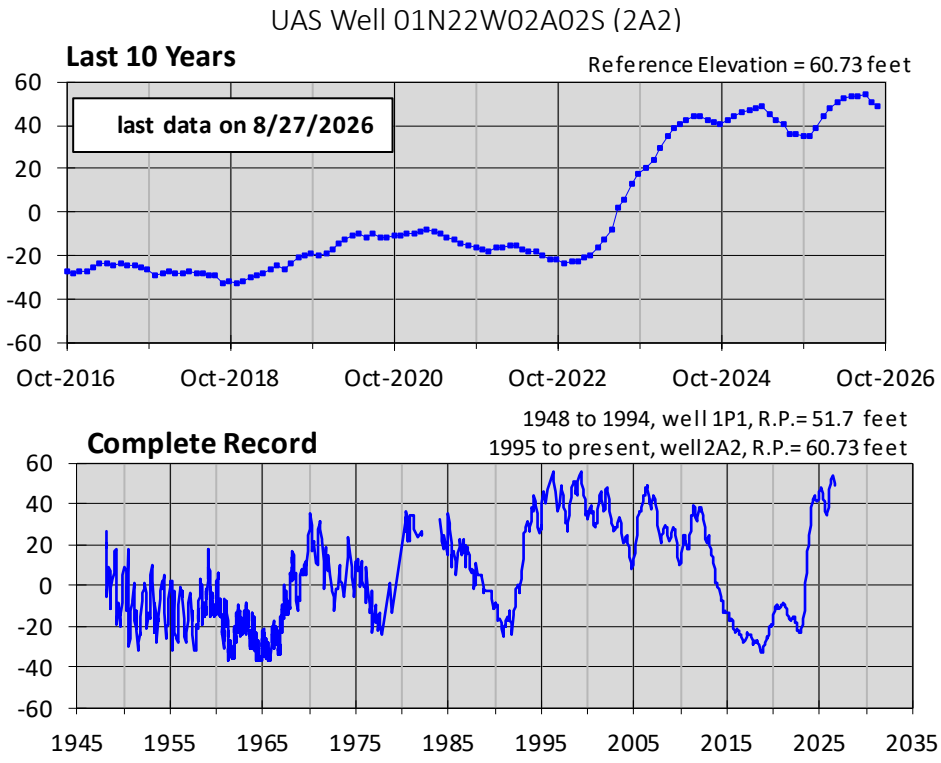
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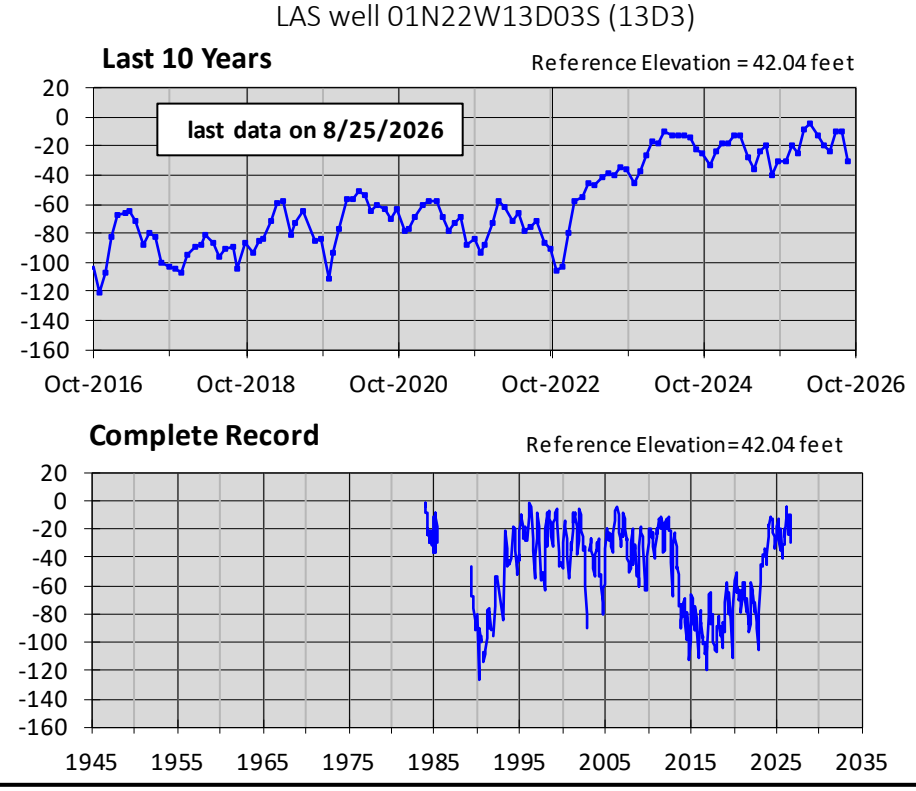
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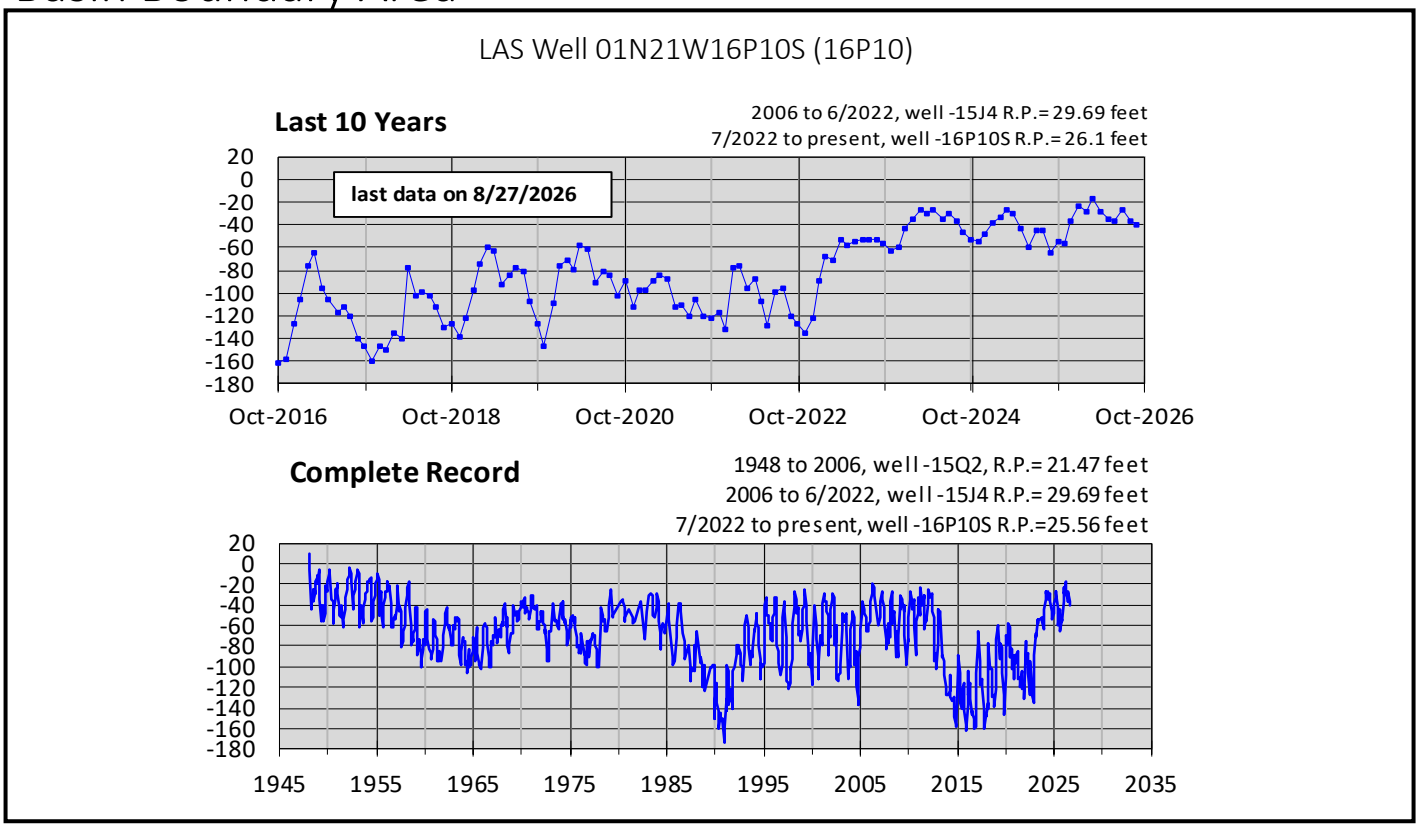


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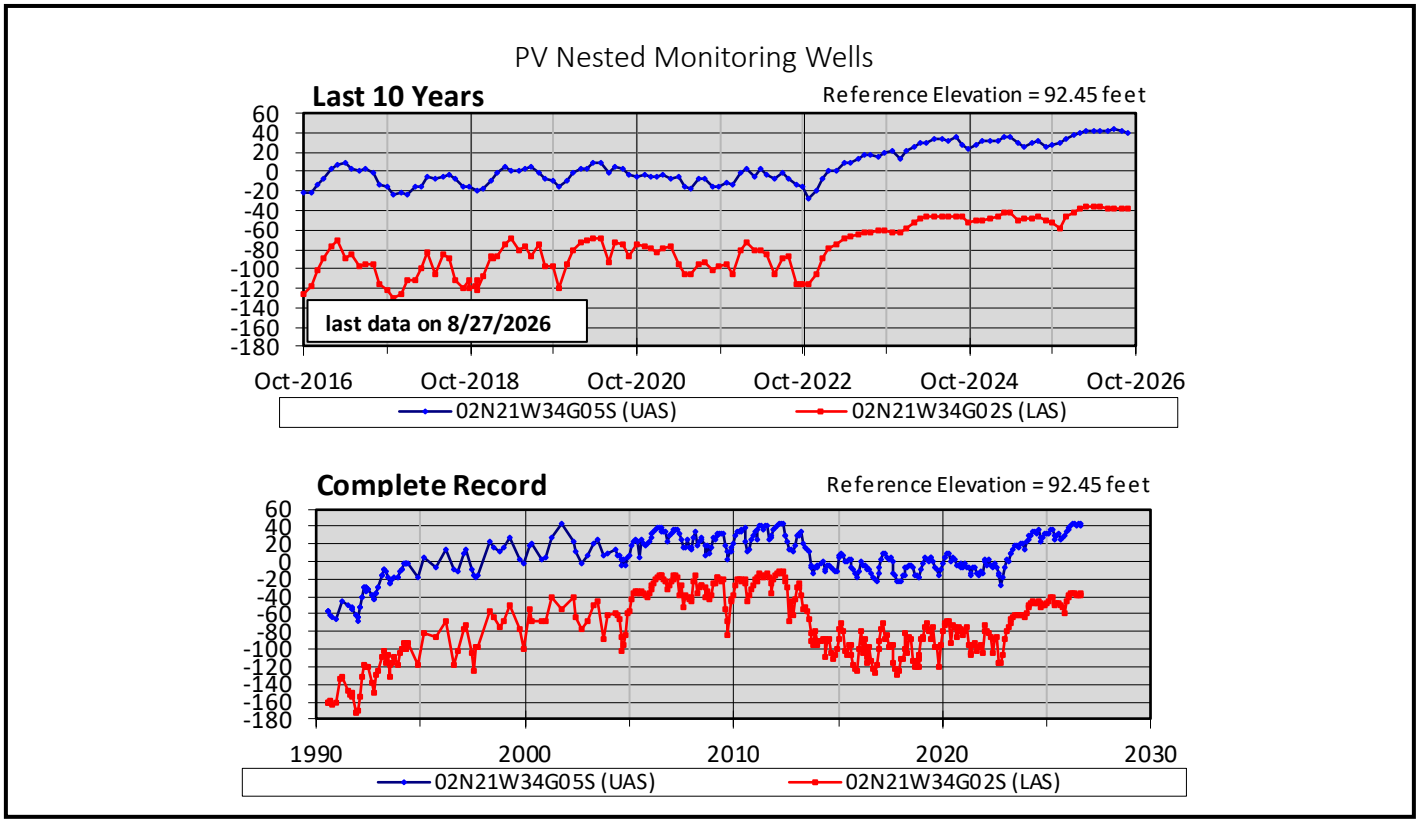




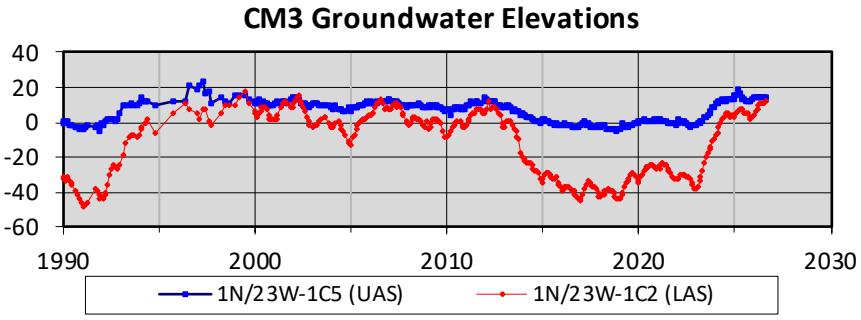
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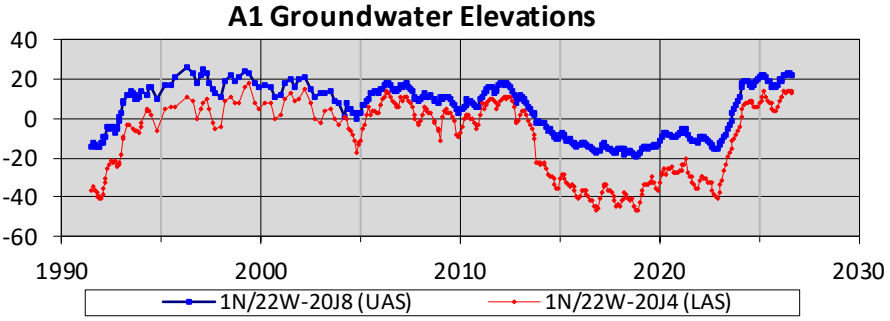


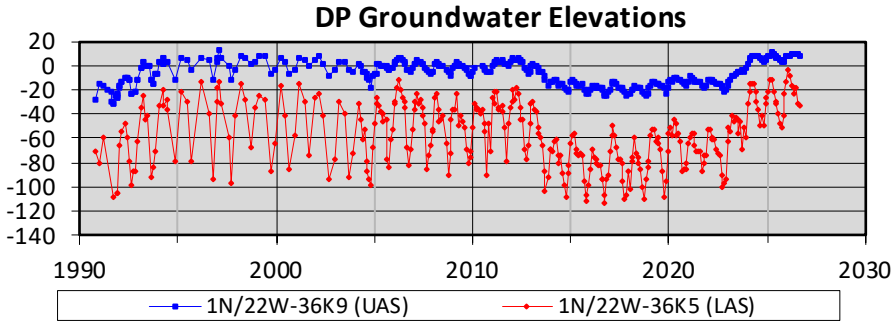
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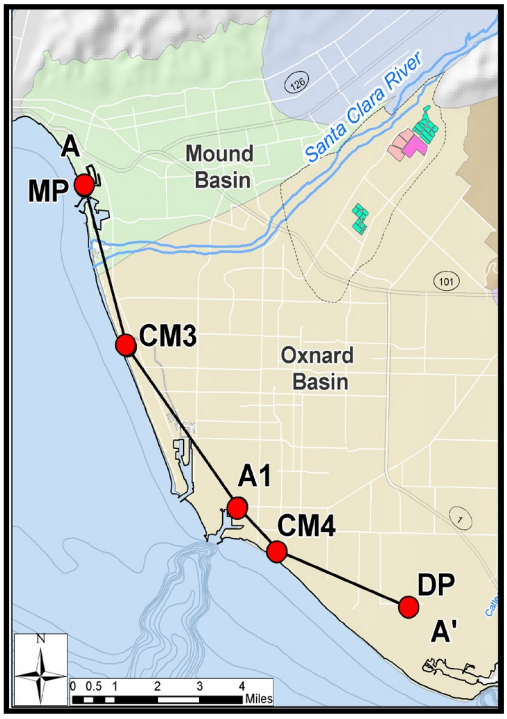


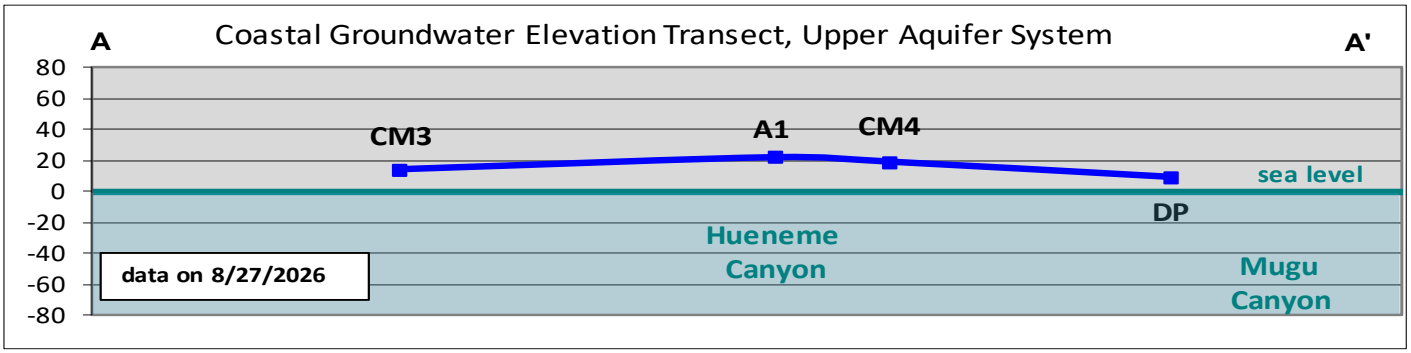
Groundwater Elevation Records – Coastal Nested Monitoring Wells

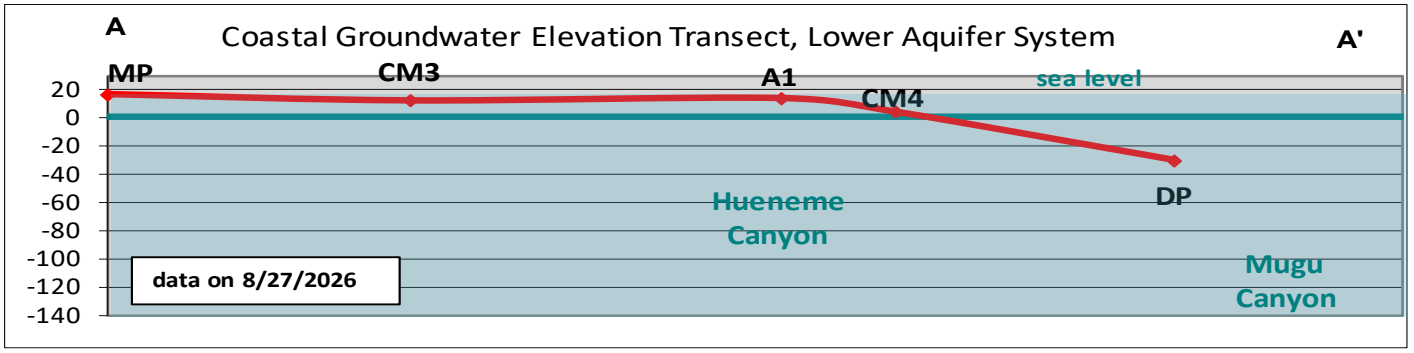












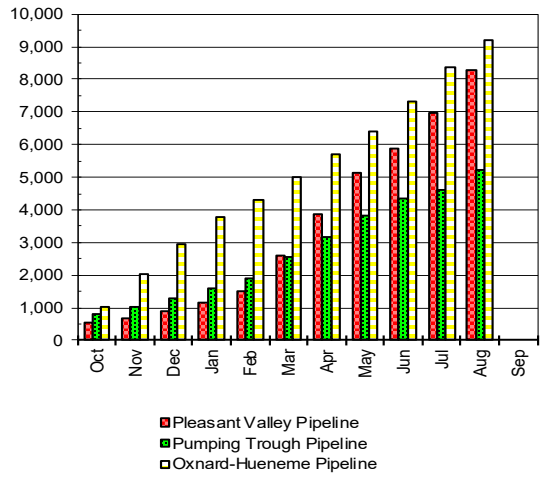
Monthly Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2025/26)

	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	1,111.2	1,278.0	1,093.5	734.5	981.6	1,224.7	
PV Pipeline (Saticoy well field)	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	183.0	7.4	72.7	105.7	
Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline	532.0	138.9	209.0	286.8	322.1	1,111.2	1,278.0	1,276.5	741.9	1,054.3	1,330.4	
PTP (surface water)	755.9	193.0	248.1	212.7	297.7	558.7	533.0	405.6	449.4	202.0	533.1	
PTP (PTP 1-5)	67.0	8.4	0.8	110.1	14.1	76.4	73.2	174.3	33.5	15.5	53.2	
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
PTP (Saticoy well field)	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	104.6	9.7	57.0	53.5	
Total PTP	825.8	201.4	248.9	323.2	311.7	635.1	606.3	684.4	492.6	274.5	639.7	
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	10.7	25.9	21.3	6.6	3.5	5.6	
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	4.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	287.6	17.1	129.7	159.2	
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,019.8	999.2	950.5	817.0	506.1	711.9	678.5	728.2	889.9	1,066.3	838.3	
Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP, PV, c-cust)	1,286.6	331.9	457.4	499.2	619.8	1,680.6	1,836.9	1,520.4	1,190.4	1,187.0	1,763.3	
Total Groundwater Delivery (PTP, OH, Sat)	1,091.1	1,007.6	951.3	928.4	520.2	788.3	751.7	1,190.1	940.5	1,211.5	1,050.7	
Total Delivery (surface water, groundwater)	2,377.6	1,339.5	1,408.7	1,427.6	1,140.0	2,468.9	2,588.7	2,710.4	2,131.0	2,398.5	2,814.0	

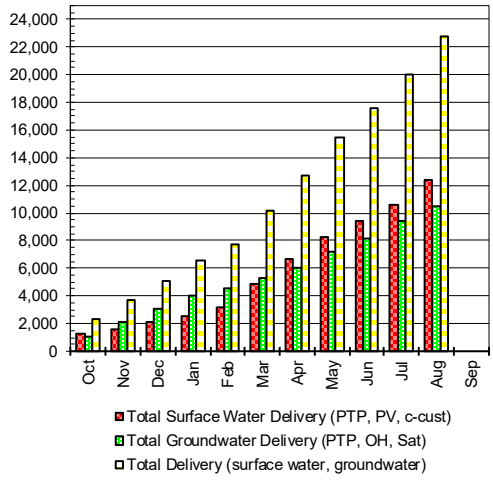
Cumulative Water Deliveries, acre-feet (Water Year 2025/26)

	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	2,597.8	3,875.8	4,969.2	5,703.7	6,685.3	7,910.0	
PV Pipeline (saticoy well field)	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	185.3	192.7	265.4	371.2	
Total to Pleasant Valley Pipeline	532.0	670.9	879.9	1,166.7	1,488.8	2,600.0	3,878.0	5,154.5	5,896.4	6,950.8	8,281.2	
PTP (surface water)	755.9	948.8	1,196.9	1,409.6	1,707.3	2,265.9	2,799.0	3,204.5	3,653.9	3,855.9	4,388.9	
PTP (PTP 1-5)	67.0	75.4	76.2	186.3	200.4	276.8	350.1	524.3	557.9	573.4	626.6	
PTP (OH-12/13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
PTP (Saticoy well field)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	107.9	117.6	174.6	228.0	
Total PTP	825.8	1,027.2	1,276.0	1,599.2	1,911.0	2,546.1	3,152.3	3,836.7	4,329.4	4,603.8	5,243.5	
C-customers (surface water)	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.0	11.7	37.6	59.0	65.5	69.0	74.6	
Saticoy Well Field (groundwater)	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	293.2	310.3	440.0	599.2	
O-H Pipeline (groundwater)	1,019.8	2,019.0	2,969.5	3,786.5	4,292.6	5,004.5	5,683.0	6,411.2	7,301.1	8,367.4	9,205.7	
Total Surface Water Delivery (PTP, PV, c-cust)	1,286.6	1,618.4	2,075.9	2,575.0	3,194.8	4,875.4	6,712.4	8,232.7	9,423.2	10,610.2	12,373.5	
Total Groundwater Delivery (PTP, OH, Sat)	1,091.1	2,098.7	3,050.0	3,978.4	4,498.6	5,286.9	6,038.7	7,228.7	8,169.3	9,380.8	10,431.5	
Total Delivery (surface water, groundwater)	2,377.6	3,717.1	5,125.9	6,553.4	7,693.4	10,162.3	12,751.0	15,461.4	17,592.4	19,991.0	22,805.0	

Cumulative deliveries by system



Cumulative deliveries by source/type



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

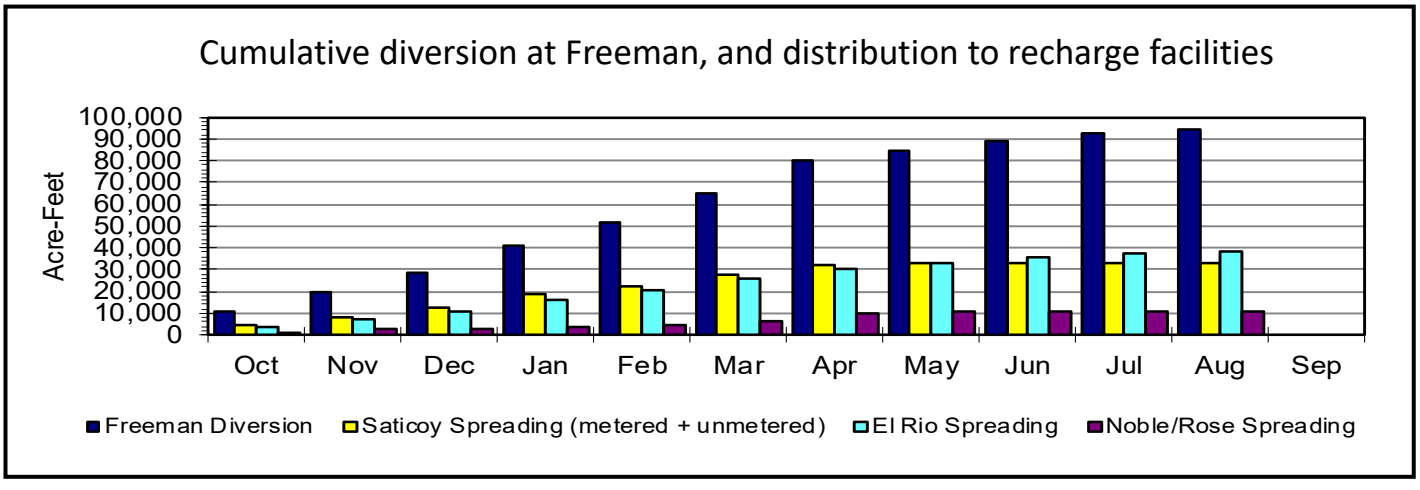
Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble/Rose Spreading	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	10,654	4,317	3,994	1,050	10
Nov	0	9,328	4,101	3,464	1,420	11
Dec	0	8,325	4,369	3,273	218	7
Jan	0	12,782	5,646	5,605	1,024	7
Feb	0	10,456	4,261	4,370	1,195	11
Mar	0	13,427	4,979	5,055	1,685	27
Apr	0	14,759	4,670	4,691	3,546	15
May	0	4,537	376	2,108	508	25
Jun	0	4,729	300	3,196	0	42
Jul	0	3,150	214	1,718	24	NA
Aug	0	2,471	159	549	0	NA
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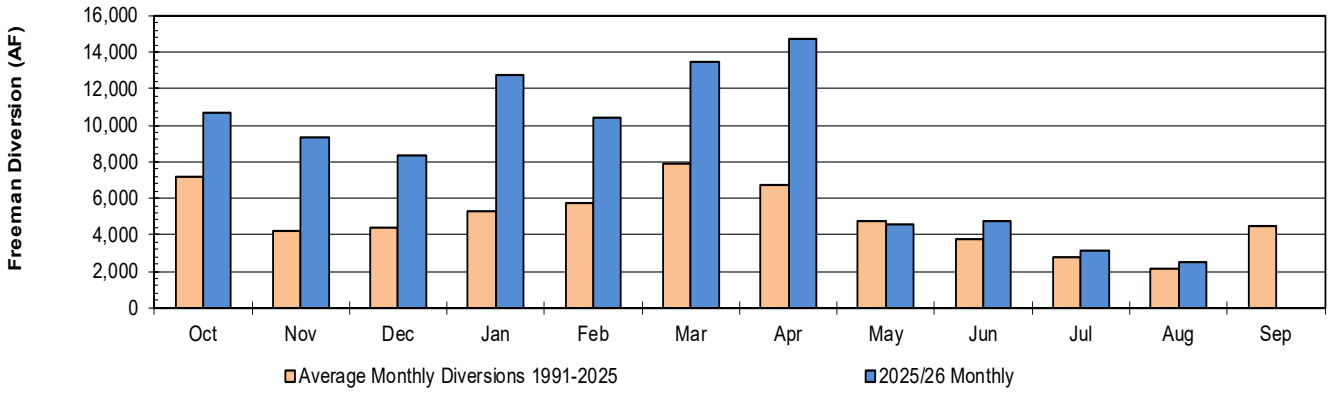
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Month	Piru Spreading	Freeman Diversion	Saticoy Spreading (metered + unmetered)	El Rio Spreading	Noble/Rose Spreading	LBMWC Water Use
Oct	0	10,654	4,317	3,994	1,050	10
Nov	0	19,981	8,418	7,458	2,469	21
Dec	0	28,306	12,787	10,731	2,688	28
Jan	0	41,088	18,433	16,336	3,712	35
Feb	0	51,545	22,694	20,706	4,907	45
Mar	0	64,972	27,673	25,761	6,592	73
Apr	0	79,731	32,343	30,452	10,139	87
May	0	84,268	32,719	32,559	10,647	113
Jun	0	88,997	33,019	35,756	10,647	154
Jul	0	92,146	33,234	37,473	10,670	NA
Aug	0	94,617	33,393	38,022	10,670	NA
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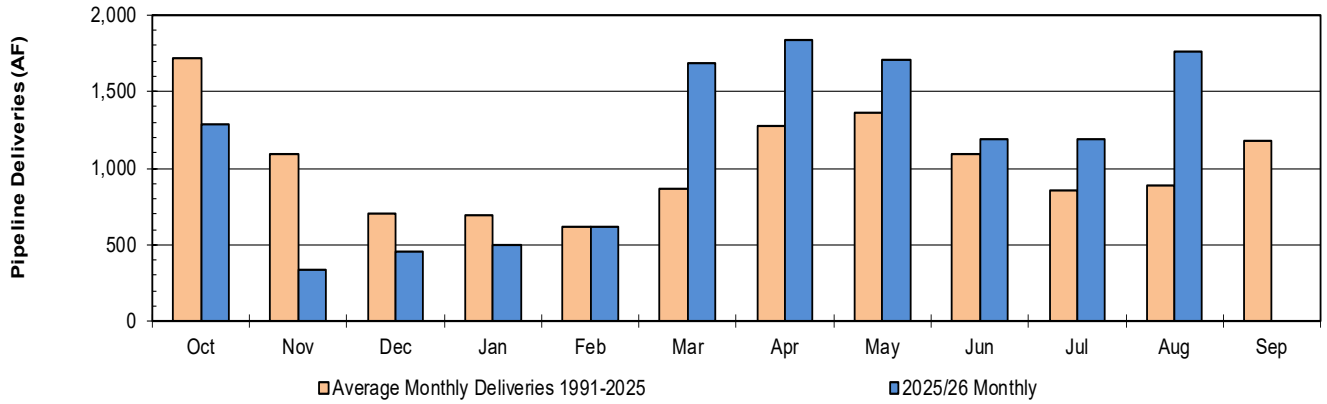
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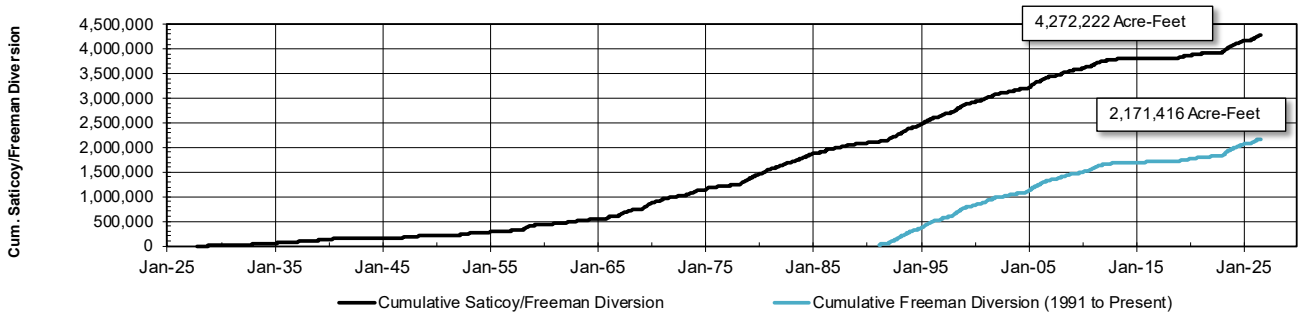
Monthly 2025/26 diversion at Freeman, compared to average monthly diversions (1991-2025)



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

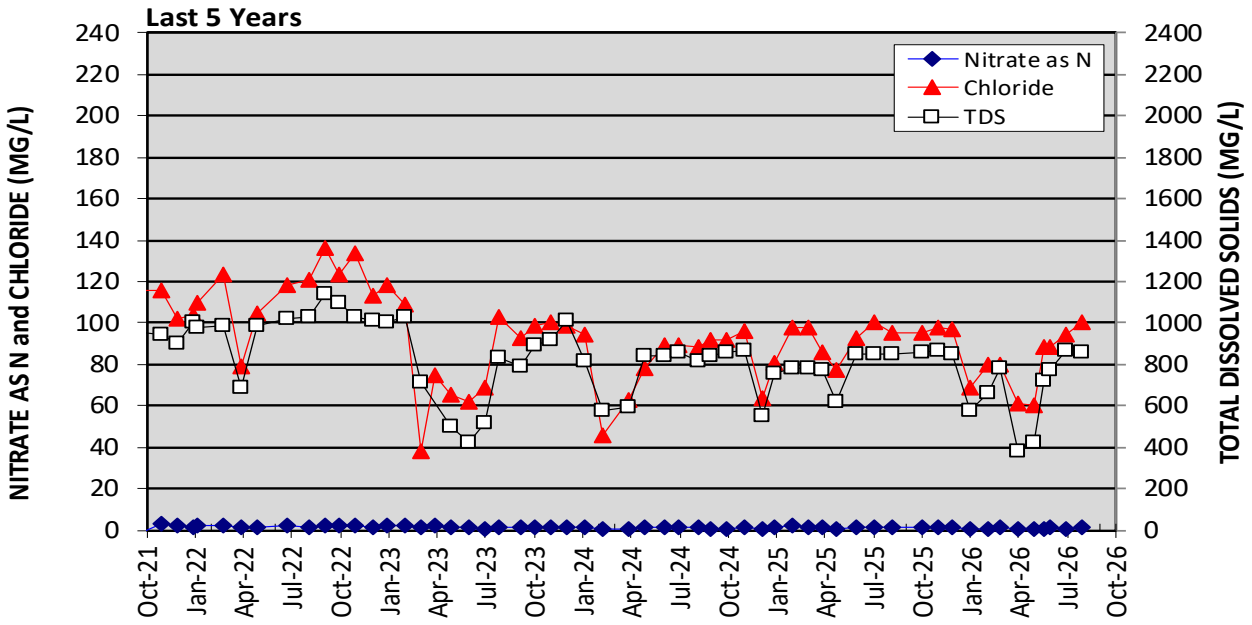


Cumulative diversion at Saticoy and Freeman Diversion, in acre-feet

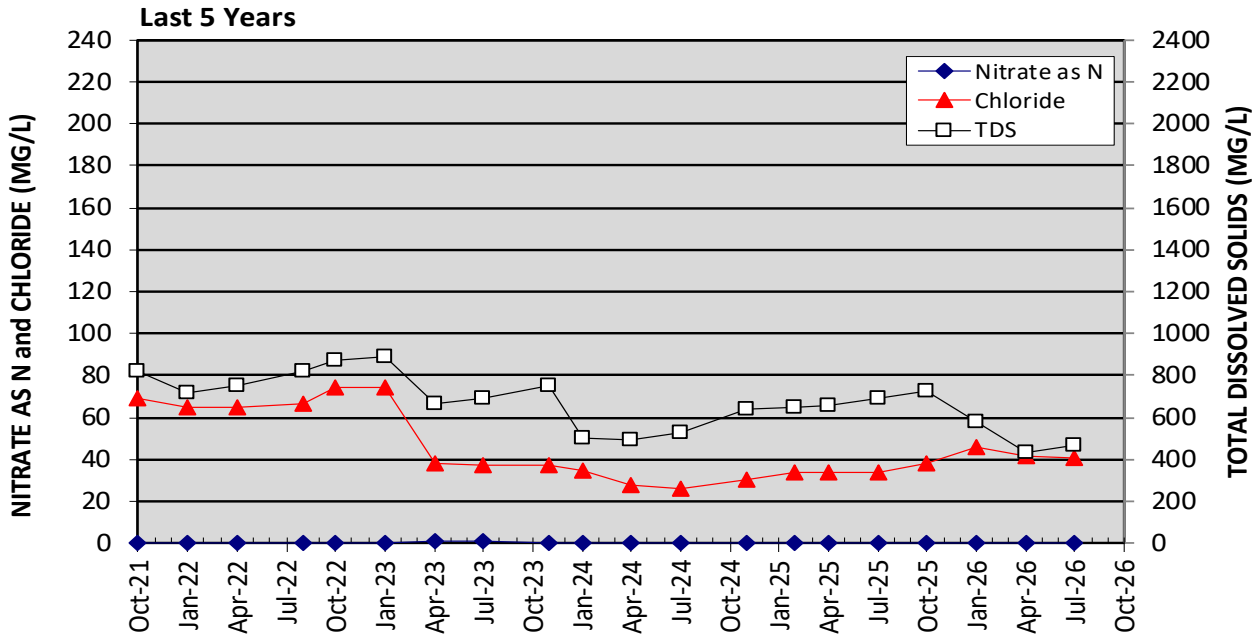


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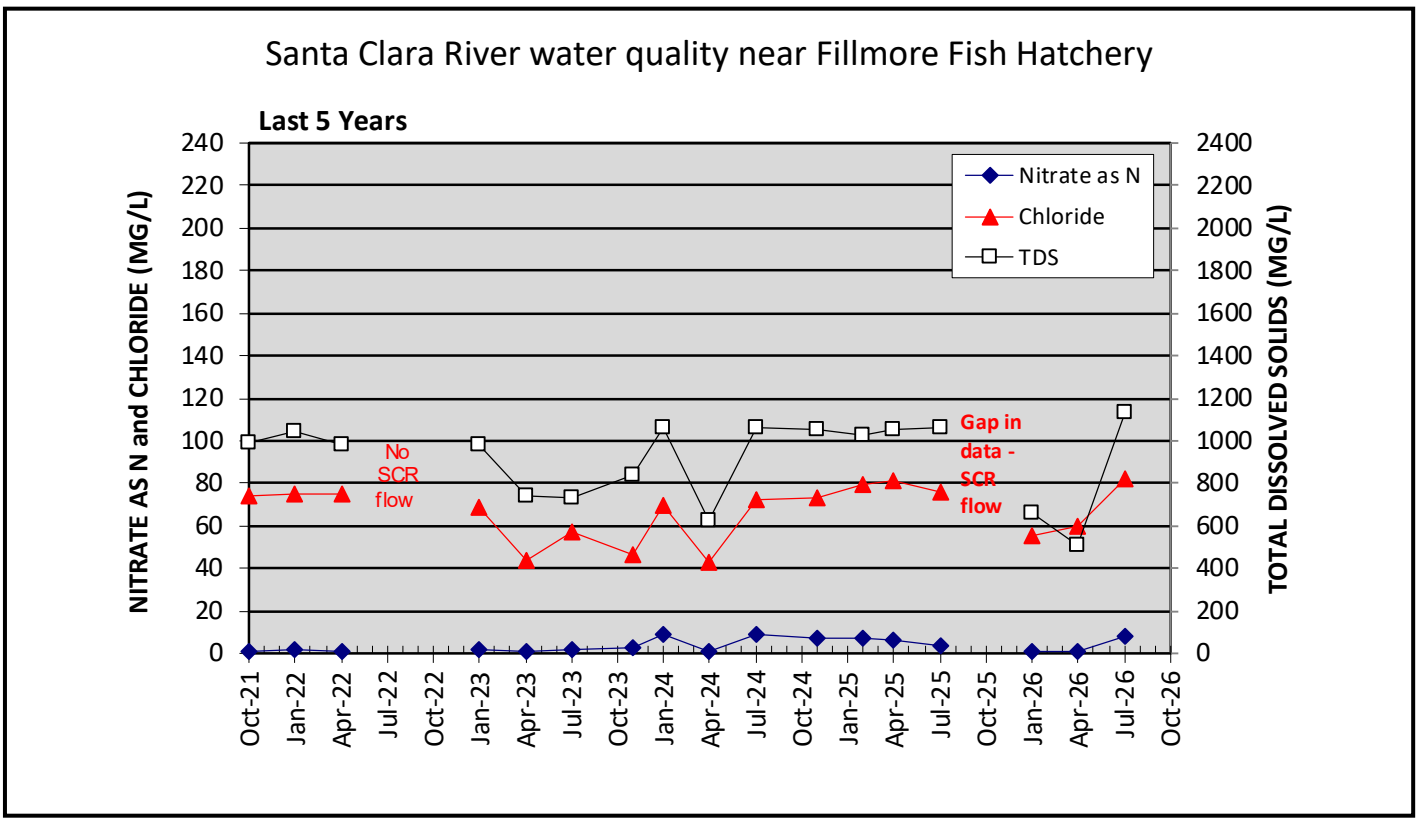
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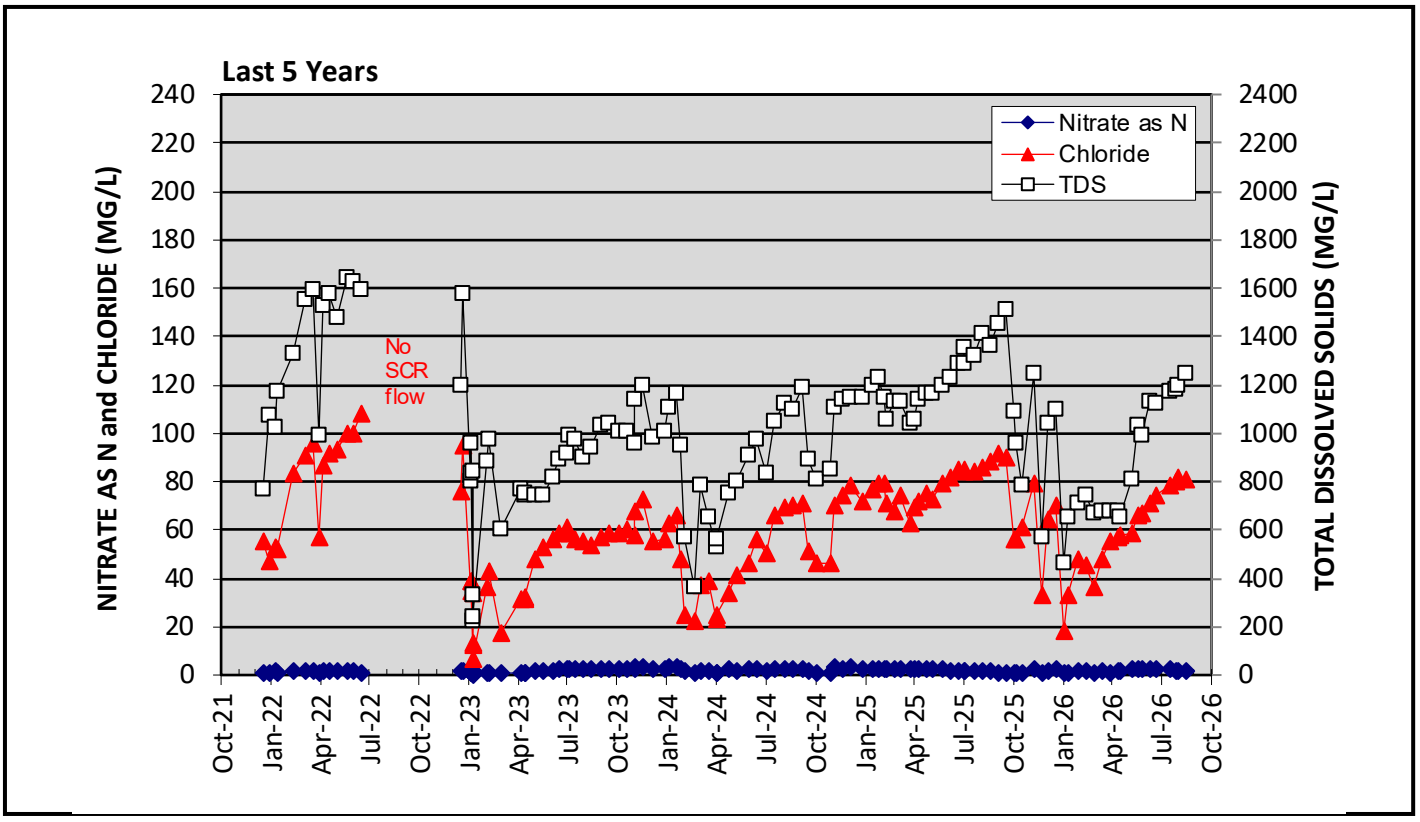


Piru Creek water quality below Santa Felicia Dam

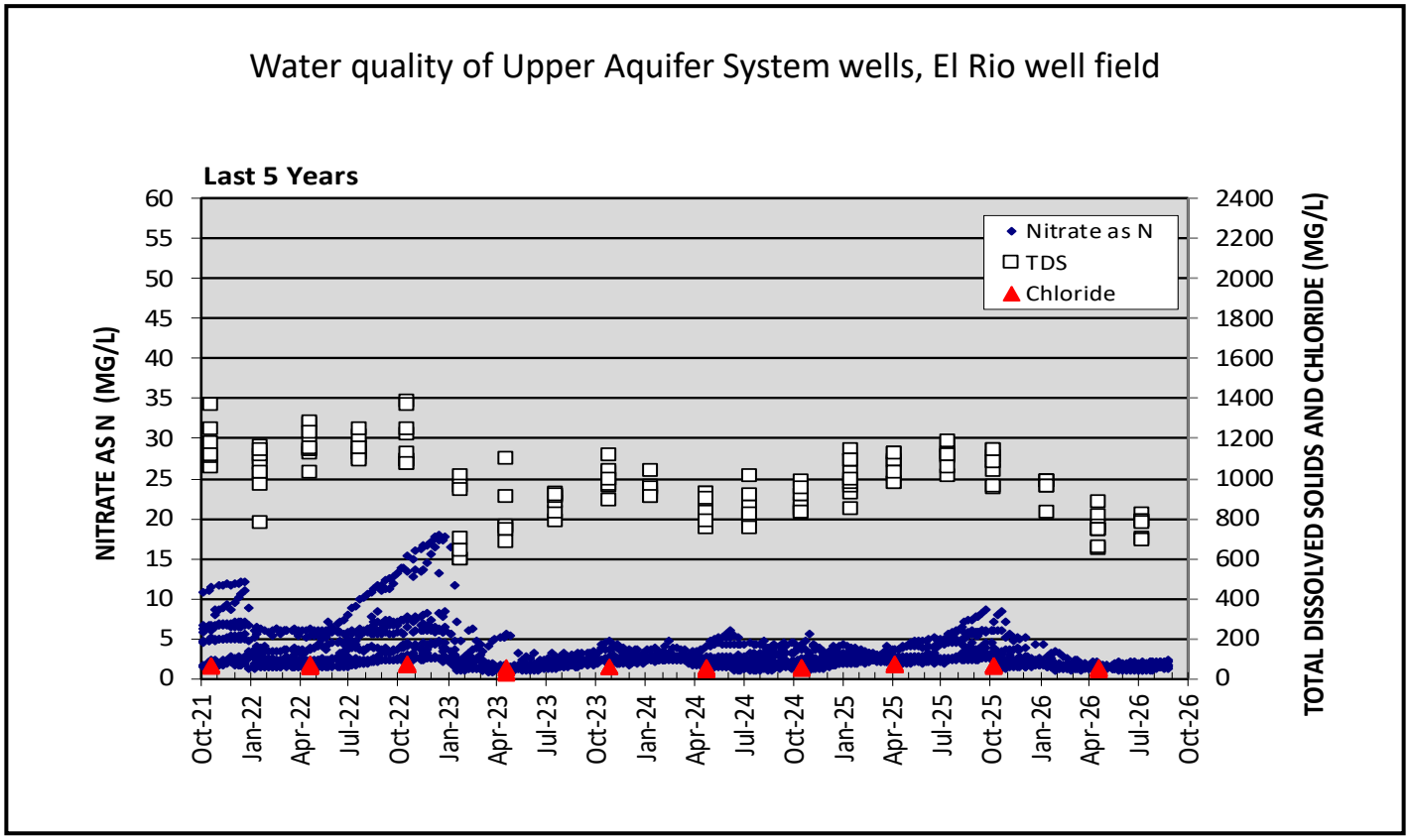


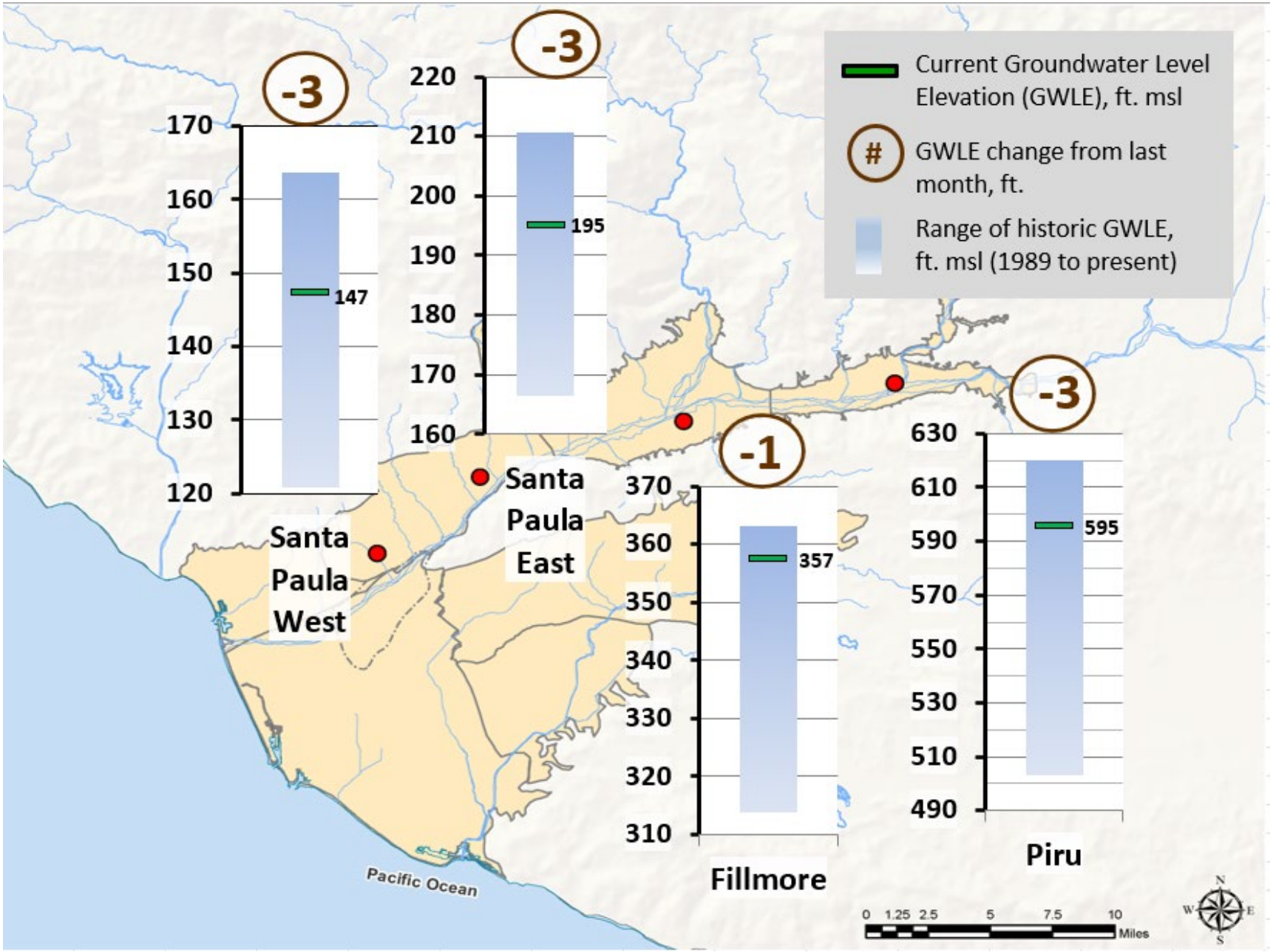
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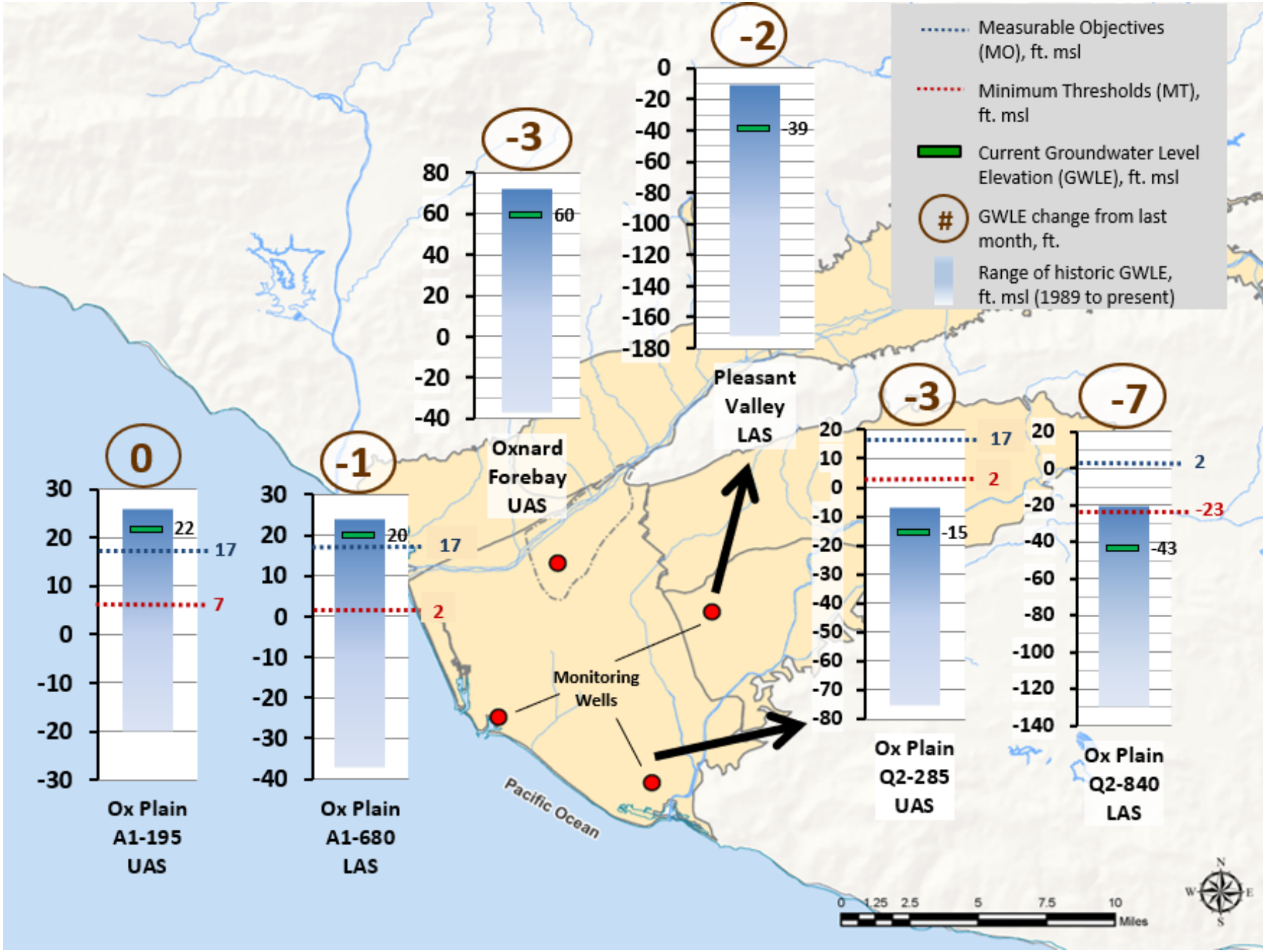


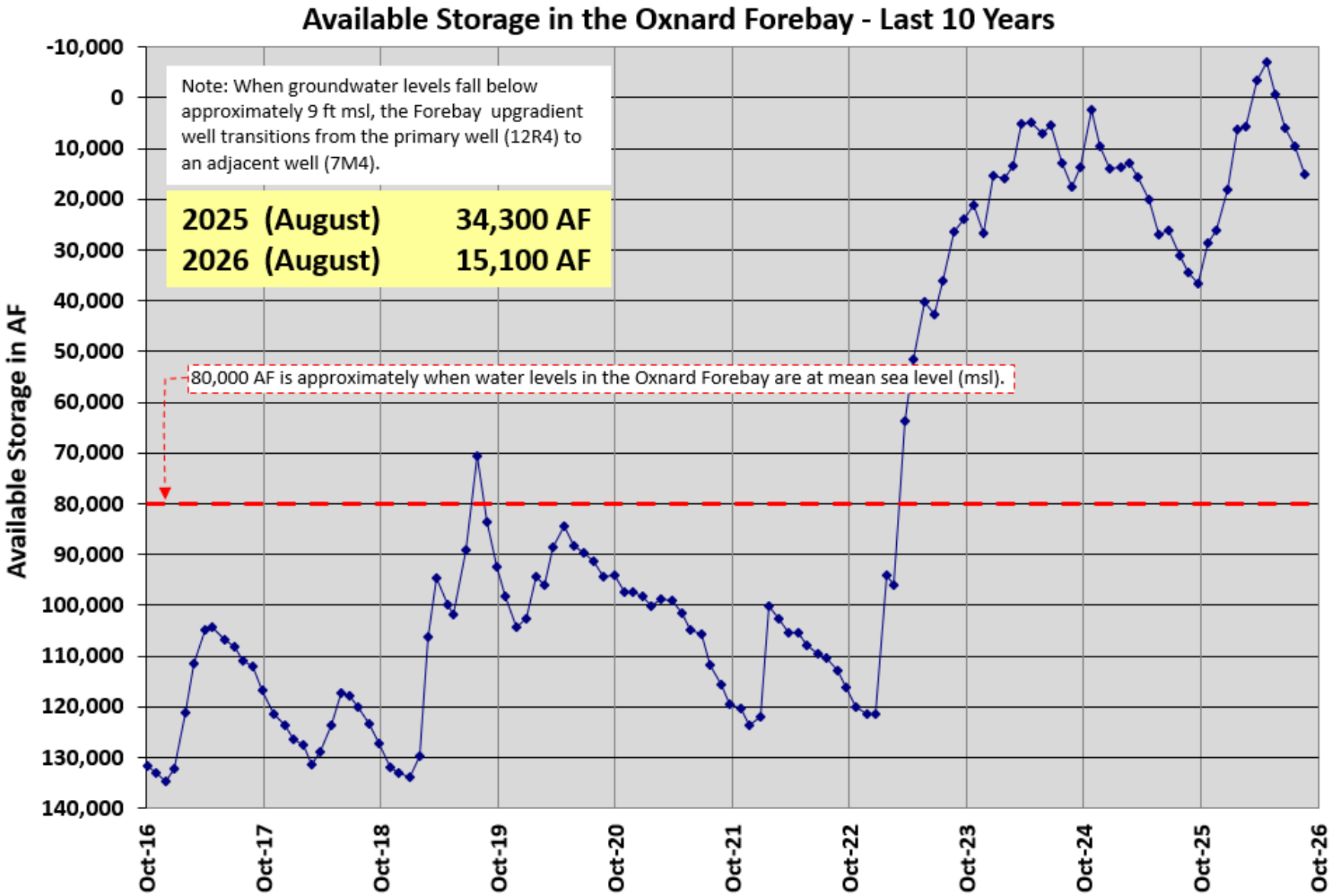


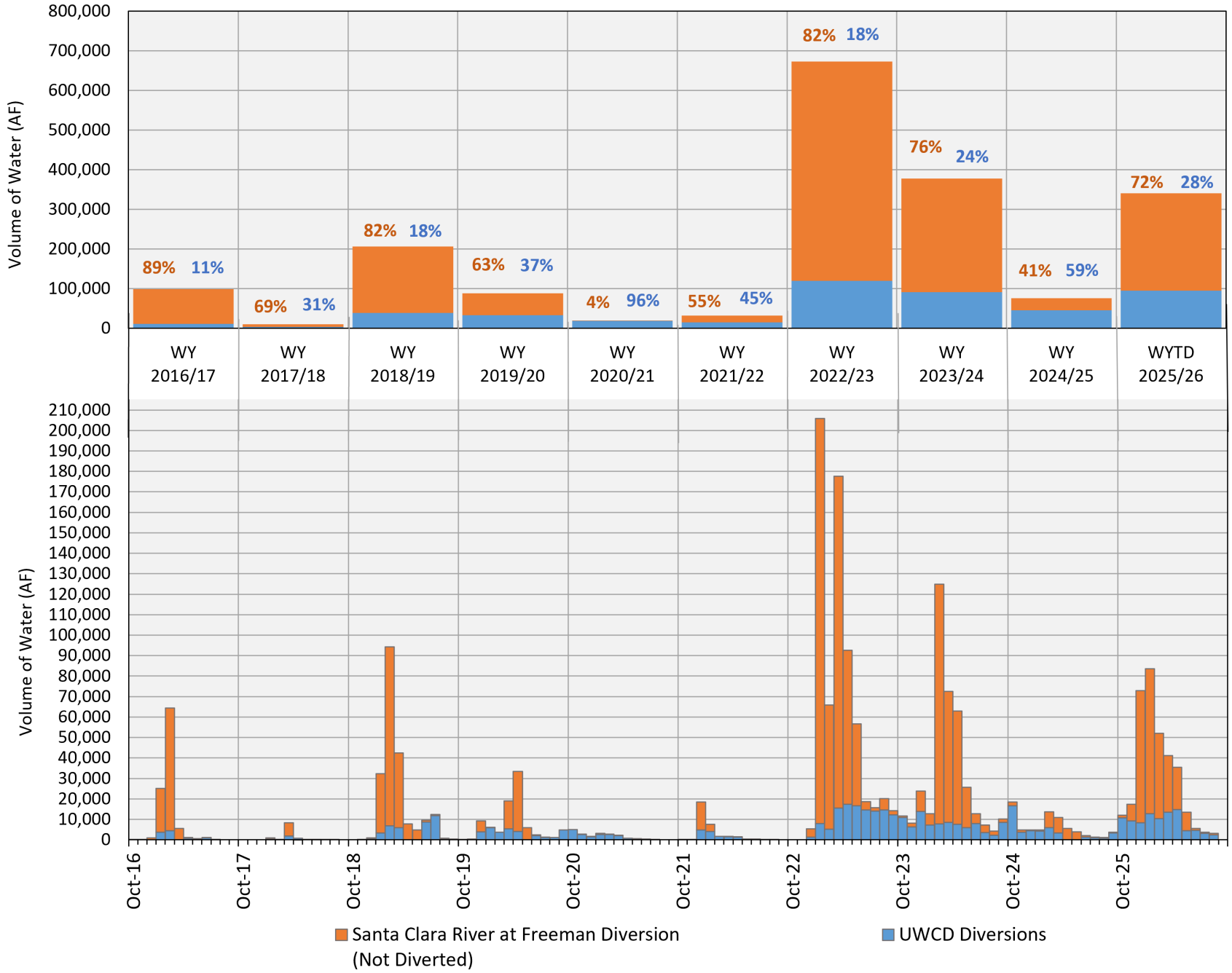
Water Quality




Current Groundwater Level Elevation (GWLE), ft. msl
#
GWLE change from last month, ft.
Range of historic GWLE, ft. msl (1989 to present)
-3
170
160
150
140
130
120
147
Santa Paula West
-3
220
210
200
190
180
170
160
195
Santa Paula East
-1
370
360
350
340
330
320
310
357
Fillmore
-3
630
610
590
570
550
530
510
490
595
Piru
Pacific Ocean
0 1.25 2.5 5 7.5 10
Miles
N
W
E
S


Measurable Objectives (MO), ft. msl
Minimum Thresholds (MT), ft. msl
Current Groundwater Level Elevation (GWLE), ft. msl
GWLE change from last month, ft.
Range of historic GWLE, ft. msl (1989 to present)
0
22
17
7
Ox Plain A1-195 UAS
-1
20
17
2
Ox Plain A1-680 LAS
-3
60
Oxnard Forebay UAS
-2
39
Pleasant Valley LAS
-3
17
2
-15
Ox Plain Q2-285 UAS
-7
2
-23
-43
Ox Plain Q2-840 LAS
Monitoring Wells
Pacific Ocean
0 1.25 2.5 5 7.5 10 Miles
N
W
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S


Available Storage in the Oxnard Forebay - Last 10 Years
Note: When groundwater levels fall below approximately 9 ft msl, the Forebay upgradient well transitions from the primary well (12R4) to an adjacent well (7M4).
2025 (August) 34,300 AF
2026 (August) 15,100 AF
80,000 AF is approximately when water levels in the Oxnard Forebay are at mean sea level (msl).
Available Storage in AF
-10,000
0
10,000
20,000
30,000
40,000
50,000
60,000
70,000
80,000
90,000
100,000
110,000
120,000
130,000
140,000
Oct-16
Oct-17
Oct-18
Oct-19
Oct-20
Oct-21
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Oct-24
Oct-25
Oct-26



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

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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: **October 1, 2026 (For October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: 4.1 **Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

Receive a report on Water Resources Department activities for the months of September 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 included the following:

- Groundwater Modeling:
  - Staff are conducting an analysis of shallow wells for FPBGSA.
  - Staff have completed a groundwater model report for FPBGSA.
  - Staff are reviewing groundwater model calibration in the West Las Posas area.
  - Staff are updating the density-dependent solute transport model for the EBB project.
  - Staff attended a MODFLOW-6 groundwater modeling workshop in Sacramento.
- Water Resources:
  - Staff participated in internal coordination activities related to the OPV adjudication lawsuit.

- Staff participated in a monthly coordination meeting regarding the Chiquita Canyon Landfill elevated temperature landfill event and continued to coordinate a response with local water agencies.
- Staff worked with IT to further United's Data Foundation Initiative Project.
- Staff developed aquifer profiles for a groundwater aquifer display exhibit in the District's future museum space.
- Staff finalized recruiting and began training the new Water Resources Technician.
- Staff participated in interview sessions with Jeff Crider to provide information related to United's history and operations.

- Hydrology:
  - Staff participated in internal coordination activities related to the Wishtoyo State lawsuit.
  - Staff met with DWR and the Castaic Lake Downstream Water Users to discuss renewal of the 1978 Castaic Flood Flow Storage Agreement.
  - Staff coordinated operations and performed field monitoring for the 2026 conservation release.
  - Staff measured diversion rates and river discharge at various locations in the river to support operations and compliance efforts.
  - Staff are coordinating with San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (SLOCFCWCD) and Ventura County Watershed Protection District to enter into a State Water transfer agreement with SLOCFCWCD for 2026.
  - Staff discussed potential opportunities for State Water transfers and water banking with Water Agencies.
  - Staff reviewed and updated simulations of diversion operations to support Freeman Diversion HCP efforts.
  - Staff reviewed and updated the reservoir drawdown operational scenarios to support the decision making framework for the SFD SIP.
  - Staff developed an initial methodology to quantify liquidated damages associated with impacts to water resource operations, resulting from contractor-caused delays during construction of the SFD Outlet Works Improvement project.
  - Staff attended the SFD SIP Board of Consultants Meeting No. 12.
  - Staff completed the summary of PTP metering project benefits to assist with the PTP grant closeout.

- Hydrogeology:
  - Staff participated in the planning and execution of the EBB Phase 1 Project at Navy Base Ventura County (NBVC) Point Mugu, including the following activities:
    - Reviewed and evaluated monitoring data collected to date.
    - Development of a Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP) for the Prop 1 Grant deliverable.
    - Development of sampling SOP for NPDES permitting and quarterly sampling.
    - Development of a Technical Memorandum on optimal pumping rates for EBB Phase 1 wells.
    - Reviewed and updated interpretation of lithological and geophysical logs for EBB monitoring wells.
    - Participated in updating the EBB Phase 1 Risk Registry.
    - Assisted with the review of construction management services proposals.
    - Developed a proposal for geophysical data collection to support the project.
    - Conducted bi-weekly check-in calls with DFA regarding the Prop 1 Grant.
    - Participated in the monthly check-in meeting with Navy
  - Staff conducted routine collection of groundwater elevations and quality data throughout the District's service area, followed by quality control, analysis, and reporting activities required to support water resources management by United and other entities within our service area.
  - Staff are implementing Field Maps to support electronic groundwater data collection.
  - Staff are re-organizing the department storage unit at Saticoy.
- Outreach and Education:
  - DWR California Water Plan (CWP) Advisory Committee Meeting, August 25-26
  - Grand Jury facilities tour, August 31
  - ACWA Region 5 facilities tour, September 4
  - CWEMF Workshop: Advanced Groundwater Modeling with MODFLOW, Sacramento, September 15-17
  - Seeing Through the Dam: Geophysics for Seepage Detection and Dam Safety Assessment", TAG Webinar Series, hosted by the Environmental and Engineering Geophysical Society (EEGS), September 22

- DWR Groundwater Recharge Working Group kick-off meeting (supporting development of the CWP), October 1

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

Staff attended the FCGMA Board meeting on September 23, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- The Board approved and authorized the Executive Officer or designee to execute a Professional Services Contract with Dudek to provide technical groundwater consulting services to support Implementation and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin and Las Posas Valley Basin, in the not-to-exceed amount of $2,743,590, effective for five years.
- The Board received a presentation on the Agency Civil Penalties and approved and authorized the Executive Officer to execute revised Civil Penalty collection procedures. The Board and public also engaged in discussions related to the difficulties in receiving responses from well operators and identifying well owners, and problems with using CombCodes.
- The Board approved and authorized the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract with VMA Communications, Inc. (VMA) to provide professional consulting services to support GSP implementation outreach, engagement and workshops, and other services as needed, for a not-to-exceed amount of $138,057.37 for the initial tasks. During subsequent discussions it was clarified that the services apply to outreach related to a wide range of Agency activities, including e.g. allocation updates and OPV adjudication.

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Notable activities include:

- Staff completed a technical memorandum on shallow groundwater data gap filling activities for the FPBGSA.
- Staff completed a technical memorandum describing the updates and calibration for the most recent groundwater flow model (Valley Basin Model).

Staff also attended the FPBGSA Board meeting on September 17, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates on the Agency's updated Subsidence Technical Memorandum.
- The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates and staff on potential Agency projects, programs, plans and studies for consideration for potential Proposition 4 funding.
- The Board considered alternatives for its Executive Director position.

4.1 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies
Information Item

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Staff attended the MPBGSA Board meeting on September 28, which included the following notable agenda topics:

- The Board held a public hearing and adopted Resolution 2026-05 approving the GSP Periodic Evaluation.

Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

No notable staff activities.

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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: **September 21, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.2 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
Review this monthly report from the Administrative Services Department for its activities in August (dark) and September, as well as receive a verbal presentation of its highlights.

Discussion:

Finance

- Preparing the fiscal year 2025-2026 financial reports
- Continuing to close-out fiscal year 2025-2026 capital improvement projects
- Audit: Pre-audit documentation request is being prepared
- Doubtful Accounts: Both dollar total and accounts totals up from 2025, primarily groundwater pumpers
- Construction portion of the WIFIA Loan initiated with Engineering
- Team working on requirements of the Quarterly Billing to be implemented in 2027
- Awaiting guidance from Board regarding Ventura Energy Battery Back-Up project(s)
- Continued work on GASB 103 requirements

Administrative Services

- Provided administrative assistance for drafting, finalizing, distributing, posting materials, and room set up for the following meetings: Finance and Administration Committee (Aug. 31), Water Resources Committee (Sep. 1), Engineering and Operations Committee (Sep. 3), Special Board of Directors (Sep. 3, Sep. 22), Executive Committee (Sep. 8), and Board of Directors (Sep. 9). In addition, the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Aug. 20, Sep. 17) at

the City of Fillmore and Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Sep. 28) at the County of Ventura.
- Provided logistical support and/or material preparation with room setup for the following District meetings and tour: Ventura County Resource District (Aug. 12), Cyber Tabletop Exercise with CISA (Aug. 18), ACWA Region 5 Tour (Sep. 4), and All Staff (Sep. 24).
- Coordinated logistical support with room setup for the following outside agency meetings: UCANR (Aug. 19, Sep. 10), CAC (Aug. 20), AWA Water Issues Committee (Sep. 15), CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture Citrus Division (Sep. 16), VC CWA (Sep. 17), and Avocado Inspection Committee (Sep. 22).

Human Resources

- Held medical enrollment discussion with staff 08/31/2026 to highlight CalPERS open enrollment and medical benefits changes for 2027.
- Coordinated a presentation with Prospera Financial Group/Lincoln Financial on the 457 Plan offered to employees sponsored by the District. Received excellent feedback on this presentation from staff in attendance.
- Coordinated the completion of annual reviews for all Step 5 personnel.
- Attended Artificial Intelligence Water District peer working group at Las Virgenes Water District.

Hiring Updates:
- Facilities Maintenance Worker II: Employee onboarded successfully on 09/14/2026
- Water Resources Technician: New employee onboarded successfully on 09/28/2026
- Facilities Maintenance Worker I: Posted, eight applicants thus far
- Principal Water Systems Operator: Second round of interviews concluded and finalists to meet with the General Manager
- Environmental Services Field Assistant: Selections pending and onboarding to be scheduled once approved by the General Manager
- Environmental Scientist: Interviews held on 09/22/2026, staff recommendation pending second interviews
- Senior Control Systems Programmer: Posted, closes 10/04/2026, seven applicants thus far (two truly local regional candidates), backgrounds that might prove suitable to the District
- Risk and Safety Manager: Posted, 12 applicants thus far of ranging qualifications and interviews are being scheduled

Upcoming Job Announcements:
- Dam Operator/Associate Dam Operator: As of the report date, staff are reviewing position description to incorporate and modernize the position description, to be posted once completed
- Hydrologist/Associate Hydrologist: To be posted once review of position description is complete

Risk and Safety Management

- Participated in A.I. Peer Working Group alongside CHRO and Technology Systems Associate at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.
- Conducted annual fire extinguisher training and coordinated annual servicing of fire extinguishers and inspections of building sprinkler systems.
- Participated in Principal Water Systems Operator panel interview alongside CHRO and O&M leadership.
- Assisted Engineering Department with updating SFD Security Plans and other regulatory compliance documents with security nexus.
- Trained Technology Systems Associates on security systems prior to impending departure.
- Debriefed internal project team on dam siren CIP project for smooth handoff.
- Supported GTF with SLGCP (cyber security) grant efforts (e.g. invoice identification and submissions).
- Submitted request for $1,000 from SDRMA Loss Prevention fund to offset cost of new AED system.

Information Technology

- Completed a planned cybersecurity infrastructure upgrade at a District facility to improve security, reliability, and long-term supportability.
- Continued cybersecurity awareness, asset management, patch management, and grant-related activities supporting the District's broader security program.
- Advanced infrastructure modernization planning, including system lifecycle, resiliency, backup and recovery, licensing, and future technology needs.
- Continued network and communications improvements supporting District facilities and operational areas.
- Improved operational technology support and coordination, including alarm notifications, system access, documentation, training, and support procedures.
- Continued support for operational software, monitoring, communications, and field technology projects while expanding internal knowledge and support capabilities.
- Worked with internal teams and external partners to improve technology support, system reliability, communications, and operational continuity.
- Continued strengthening coordination between Information Technology, Operations, and other technical teams through recurring meetings, service tracking, and clearer ownership of support requests.

Looking Ahead:

- Complete remaining cybersecurity and asset-management implementation activities.
- Continue operational technology training and notification improvements.
- Advance network resiliency and field communications projects.
- Continue planning for infrastructure modernization and long-term technology needs.

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: **September 24, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.3 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:

Review this monthly report, including a six-month review of the Visibility and Value campaign, from the Public Outreach and External Affairs Department of its activities for September 2026, as well as receive a verbal presentation of its highlights.

Discussion:

Outreach Events and Tours

In September the department kept up its strong community presence through the fall festival season. Staff took part in regional events across the service area, from the Harvest Festival at the Ventura County Fairgrounds to the Banana Festival in Port Hueneme. At these events staff shared information about the District's services and projects and gave residents factual information about Measure D ahead of the November 3, 2026, election.

The department also expanded direct community engagement. Staff presented to the East Village Neighborhood Council and the Port Hueneme City Council, and scheduled a series of community meetings in Piru, Fillmore, Port Hueneme and Santa Paula. The series ends with the Water Sustainability Summit Open House at District headquarters on October 15. These meetings give residents a place to ask questions directly of District staff about proposed projects, funding and potential impacts.

Completed Events and Tours

- RDP Presentation (September 10)
- Harvest Festival (September 11–13)
- Moonlight Cinema: Hook (September 12)

- East Village Neighborhood Council Presentation (September 14)
- CoLAB Presentation (September 16)
- Port Hueneme City Council Presentation (September 21)
- VC Farm Bureau Agri-tech Fair (September 22)
- Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum (September 22)
- Banana Festival (September 26)
- Community Meeting: Piru (September 30)
- Multicultural Festival (October 3)
- Community Meeting: Fillmore (October 5)
- Community Meeting: Port Hueneme (October 6)
- Community Meeting: Santa Paula (October 7)
- End of Season Staff Movie (October 7)
- Café de Olla Latina Summit Event (October 8)

Upcoming Tours

- NBVC Officer's Tour of UWCD Facilities (October 23)
- Quarterly Tour (October 28)
- AWA Water Supply Bus Tour (November 12)
- Stakeholder and Educational Tours (Scheduled as Requested)

Upcoming Events

- Water Sustainability Summit Open House (October 15)
- Santa Paula Spooktacular (October 21)
- Rio School District Board Meeting (October 21)
- CALAFCO Annual Conference, Sacramento (October 21)
- Lake Piru's Happy Halloweekend (October 24)
- Fillmore's Trunk or Treat (October 28)
- The Collection's Trick or Treat (October 28)
- Lake Piru Day Park After Dark (October 29)
- Election Day (November 3)

Annual Communications Plan

In September the Annual Communications Plan focused on giving voters clear, factual information about Measure D ahead of the November 3 election. The department moved from a mostly event-based approach toward District-hosted community meetings, direct responses to residents' questions, and wider notice through local media.

4.3 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report
Information Item

Significant progress continues across three core focus areas:

- **Public Visibility:** Staff attended major regional festivals and fairs. A community meeting notice was distributed by mail, email and placed in the Santa Paula Times (September 30 and October 7 editions), which will also share it on its Facebook page.

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Staff presented to city councils and neighborhood councils, took part in the Farm Bureau Agri-tech Fair and the Santa Paula Chamber Candidates Forum, and answered individual resident questions sent through the District's website.

- **Message Consistency:** All Measure D materials and presentations use content reviewed by District legal counsel, so information is consistent and factual across events, meetings and media.

August Progress and Milestones

- Scheduled the Measure D community meeting series (Piru, Fillmore, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula) and the Water Sustainability Summit Open House
- Distributed the community meeting notice by email and secured print placement in the Santa Paula Times
- Earned media coverage: a VC Reporter article on Measure D
- Completed Measure D Video
- Answered resident questions about Measure D submitted through the District website

Upcoming October Initiatives

- Final Measure D public information effort: In the weeks before the November 3 election, the department will run a coordinated round of factual outreach so voters in the service area can get clear, accurate information about Measure D. This includes:
    - Hosting the community meeting series (Piru, Fillmore, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula) and the Water Sustainability Summit Open House (October 15)
    - Releasing the informational documentary once legal review is complete
    - Distributing bilingual fact sheets at October community events
    - Sending a final email notice and making sure the website's Measure D information and FAQ are complete and current
    - Continuing to answer resident questions submitted through the District website
- Support Lake Piru off-season recreation programming (Happy Halloweekend, Day Park After Dark)
- Prepare for the Quarterly Tour and the AWA Water Supply Bus Tour

4.3 Public Outreach and External Affairs Department Monthly Report
Information Item

Social Media Analytics Brief, Findings and Considerations

In September, United Water's social media focused on factual Measure D information, community meeting notices and event coverage. Selective post boosting helped reach residents in the service area. Nextdoor impressions rose to 9,874, more than three times August's total. The increase came mainly from posts sharing local news coverage of Measure D and posts about the District's appearances at community events, including the Harvest Festival and Banana Festival. Lake Piru platforms kept growing as they shifted toward fall and Halloween programming.

United Water Conservation District Social Media Platforms

- Facebook Likes: 951 (Net Increase of 30 Followers)
- Instagram Followers: 443 (Net Increase of 89 Followers)
- LinkedIn Followers: 752 (Net Increase of 34 Followers)
- Nextdoor: 9,874 Impressions

Lake Piru Social Media Platforms

- Facebook Followers: 5,619 (Net Increase of 218 Followers)
- Instagram Followers: 4,077 (Net Increase of 175 Followers)

January Posting Plans and Tactics

United Water Conservation District

- Share a final round of factual Measure D content leading up to November 3, including the ballot date, the three capital projects, and links to the documentary and bilingual fact sheets
- Promote the community meeting series and the October 15 Open House
- Share factual information about the three capital projects and the November 3 ballot timeline
- Use selective post boosting for community meeting notices and bilingual informational materials in the service area

Lake Piru Recreation Area

- Promote Happy Halloweekend and Day Park After Dark
- Highlight the lake as a fall destination through event-focused stories
- Boost event posts as appropriate to reach regional audiences

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

From: Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager

Date: **September 18, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.4 Engineering Department Monthly Report**
Information item

Staff Recommendation:
Receive this summary report from the Engineering Department regarding its activities for the month of August-September 18, 2026, as well as a presentation of highlights. Please refer to the end of the report for a list of acronyms.

Discussion:

Santa Felicia Dam

- **Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition**
  - August 28 – OCS Task Order No. 1 with Rincon Consultants was executed for the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for the Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project.
  - September 3 – The Seller and UWCD agreed to terms on Addendum to Vacant Land Purchase Agreement for the Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project
  - September 9 – Rancho Temescal submitted a user questionnaire to Rincon for Phase 1 ESA.
  - September 10 – Rancho Temescal submitted a Title Report to Rincon for Phase 1 ESA.
  - September 11 – A wire transfer of the 3% deposit of $225,000 was received by the Escrow Company, Lawyers Title.
  - September 10 – The Seller fully executed the Vacant Land Purchase Agreement.
  - September 14 – Staff requested a proposal to support a quitclaim deed for grazing rights on property that Rancho Temescal is retaining.
  - September 16 – Staff responded to the Phase 1 ESA User Questionnaire.

- **Regulatory Compliance:**
  - August 6 – Task Order 1-1 was partially executed under the OCSA with HDR for additional testing for the SFD 60-Inch Penstock Thickness Testing for $11,800.
  - August 7 – Staff completed the data upload for SFD Monthly Inspection Report - July.
  - August 12 – Invitations were issued to external stakeholders for the SFD EAP Seminar on October 22, 2026.
  - August 14 – Requested revisions from Cal OES were implemented in SFD EAP, including updates to the notification charts and ensuring that the correct version of the Ventura County Emergency Plans is cross-referenced in the EAP. The EAP was submitted to CalOES for approval on August 17.
  - August 21 – Engineering Staff held a meeting to review the July SFD Monthly Inspection.
  - August 25 – A request for an extension of time to FERC was E-filed to repair a portion of drummy concrete on the Spillway with FERC. This is a result of FERC requesting stamped plans and specifications, a quality control plan, among other requirements for this concrete repair work.
  - August 27 – The Annual FERC Inspection of Santa Felicia Dam was conducted. The inspector found the dam to be in satisfactory condition and noted some debris on the upstream face of the dam that needs to be removed, noting that drummy concrete areas on the spill slab will need continuous monitoring, and also noting that the District needs to submit the updated Public Safety Plan.
  - September 14 – Staff received a 2026 FERC Inspection Follow-Up Letter from FERC which requested further evaluation of drummy concrete areas on SFD Spillway, submittal of an updated Public Safety Plan, Evaluation of Condition of East and West Heel Drains, and removal of woody debris on upstream sloped of SFD.
  - September 18 – Staff completed the first draft of the updated ODSP and Annual CDSE for management review.

- **General**
  - August 18 – Staff conducted the SFD Butterfly Valve Exercise and Cone Valves Exercise on August 18. Two 36-inch cone valves and the 72" Butterfly Valve were exercised satisfactorily.
  - August 27 – Staff attended a Piru Spreading Grounds site visit with Engineering, WR, O&M, and ESD to assess the current conditions and determine next steps for potential reactivation.
  - September 6 – David Evans and Associates completed the field program for the 2026 LP Bathymetric Survey and demobilized the survey vessel.

Safety Improvement Project

- **Outlet Works Improvement Project:**
  - Staff held weekly Front-end specifications workshops with B&V and GEI. Discussion topics included the District's QA obligations during construction, the submittal review process during construction, liquidated damages, and the schedule for completing Bid Documents prior to BOC No.13
  - August 20 – Staff held a contractor information-sharing meeting with Traylor Brothers, Ballard Marine, and Granite Construction.
  - August 27 – Staff received a letter from FERC indicating they have no further comments on the BOC Meeting No. 9 Packet (SFD OW Final Design Documents).
  - September 4 – Staff worked on refining list of contractor obligations based on permit conditions.
  - September 15 – Staff held a contractor information-sharing meeting with Barnard Construction (see **Figure 3**).
  - See Funding Efforts

- **Spillway Improvement Project**
  - August 4 – Review comments from GFT on GEI's Revised Watershed Model Calibration TM were received.
  - August 6 – Staff held a SFD Watershed Model Calibration review meeting with Water Resources, GEI, and GFT.
  - August 13 – An SFD HHA and SFD Watershed Model Calibration Review Meeting was held in which GEI, GFT, and UWCD continued to discuss the advancement and finalization of the two documents.
  - August 17 – Staff received the draft IC Review Letter on the SFD HHA from GFT.
  - August 26 – Staff submitted the BOC Meeting No. 12 Pre-Meeting Packet to FERC, BOC, and DSOD, including the SFD HHA, SFD Watershed Model Calibration, and IC Comment Letter.
  - September 9 – The SFD SIP BOC Meeting No. 12 was conducted in which GEI presented the updated SFD Hydrologic Hazard Analysis, SFD Watershed Model Calibration, and updated SFD HHA, including an Q/A Session with BOC.
  - September 10 – The SFD SIP BOC Meeting No.12 BOC Findings Meeting was held in which the BOC found the SFD HHA to be appropriate for determining flood frequencies for events that lead to reservoir elevations below 1084.5 (the top of the proposed parapet wall). The BOC also recommended that UWCD and GEI conduct a robustness study to determine how much water the SFD Spillway can pass safely (the current design basis is 205,000 cfs discharge with 5.5 feet of freeboard).

- *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

Lake Piru Recreation Area FIP

- **LOG Restroom Repair**
  - September 11 – Staff met onsite with MDJ and the Gordian group for repair of the restroom flooring system.

- **Water Treatment Plant Upgrades**
  - August 14 – Staff coordinated with EPD (current filter vessel manufacturer) for pricing on four (4) new filter vessels which includes two access hatches, four 2-inch anode ports, stainless steel flanged risers, NSF-61 internal coating, and filter internals.
  - September 11 – Staff provided comments on the revised 90% BODR prepared by Stantec.
  - September 14 – An electrical LPWTP site visit with Stantec and Wunderlich-Malec was held. (See **Figure 2**).

Freeman Diversion Expansion

- August 28 – Staff reviewed and provided the final version of the information submittal prepared by NHC to ES.
- September 10 – Staff completed their review of the 60% design milestone submittal of the Improved Denil project and provided a combined comment document to GEI and NHC.
- *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro

- **Vineyard Avenue Crossing**
  - August 17 – The VAC (Noble to Ferro) construction bid opening was held. UWCD received four (4) bids.
  - September 10 – Following the Board of Directors' award of a construction contract on September 9, Staff provided a notice of award to Sam Hill and Sons for $6,106,190 for the Vineyard Avenue Crossing construction.

El Rio Wellfield

- **Well 17**
  - Between August 14 and 26, Staff conducted site visits to inspect the discharge head and motor, and capture site photos to support competitive solicitation for equipping Well 17.

- **Well 14**
    - September 3 – Staff coordinated with the cross-departmental team to conduct an assessment (GPRS performed a pipeline camera inspection) of portions of the Well 14 discharge line in four (4) locations to prepare for the reimplementation of Well 14 into production and to investigate high energy costs that have been documented when running the well. (See **Figure 1**).

OH Pipeline

- August 31 – Staff met with NV5 to discuss the VAAMWC consolidation project, connection to OH pipeline, and next steps with County of Ventura. The County will be engaging LAFCO on including water service in CSA 34.
- September 15 – RCAC issued notices to nearby public water systems about the proposed Vineyard / El Rio Water Systems Consolidation Project which will supply 538 connections and five small water systems into a single water system owned by the County's CSA 34. RCAC requested written confirmation of systems not interested in participating in the proposed project.
- September 13 – Staff coordinated with Rio School District representatives related to its Rio Real Elementary School Expansion Project and water supply request.

Recycled Water

- August 19 – Held a recycled water tracer study planning meeting with DDW and LARWQCB staff. Presented proposed tracer injection in the Rose Basin. Will revisit plan and submit draft to DDW/LARWQCB.

LOSSAN-Leesdale Siding Extension Project

- August 5 – Kicked off an internal scoping meeting to address strengthening the 30-inch PTP in two locations that cross under the existing Union Pacific Railroad mainline track and future LOSSAN-Leesdale Siding Extension Project.
- September 3 – Received updated proposal from Kennedy Jenks for LOSSAN-Leesdale PTP casing extension.

Rice Avenue Overcrossing Project

- August 27 – Received an updated schedule from RVI CM related to approximately 800 LF of 30" PTP pipeline replacement on Rice Avenue. Potholing is scheduled to start in February 2027 followed by removal and disposal of pipeline between March and April 2027. Work is scheduled to be completed by Jun 2027.

PTP Turnout Metering

- September 18 – Staff discussed next steps with SCADA integration (consultant proposal expected in a few weeks) and a potential time extension request related to the DWR AgWUE grant set to expire Oct 31, 2026.

Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project

Meetings

- Continued to meet internally with design and environmental consultants, and grant agency (SWRCB).
- August 3 – Meetings with ESA and LWA to review current water quality data and discuss a new sampling SOP for the new monitoring well network.
- August 6 and 19 – Staff held a meeting with K/J and RCS to discuss Phase 1 extraction well pumping rates, with a groundwater flow model presentation by WR. The team concluded that weighted extraction rates would be favorable for the project.
- August 21 – Staff conducted an EBB WTP Introduction Meeting with new NBVC PWO, including the XO, ED, and APWO. The PWO is requesting an "Officers Tour" of UWCD facilities. Discussion topics included the 60% design workshop with NBVC, NBVC civil engineering review of the 60% design, MOA renewal, and outgrant easement. Discussed a potential IGSA related to NBVC water infrastructure.
- August 27 – The UWCD/NBVC Monthly Drumbeat meeting was held. Discussion topics included the draft Monitoring Plan, deconflicting a bridge repair/replacement project, temporary piezometer well installation, draft legal description and plat, 50-year outgrant easement, proposed 60% design workshop, EMR site approval, electric service MOA, NEPA status, and other misc. topics.
- August 28 – Staff held a meeting with BKF, NBVC's APWO, and the dig permit team to discuss the approval path for temporary piezometer wells.
- September 18 – Staff held a meeting with ESD to discuss EBB WTP Phase 1 NEPA final draft edits by ESA.

Design and Construction Readiness

- September 3 – Staff received and filed the approved dig permit from the APWO related to temporary piezometer well installation (to be performed by Earth Systems).
- September 4 – Staff reviewed, revised, and commented on potholing reports prepared by C-Below. Staff received the final draft and reviewed and commented on FE daily reports. Results were compared, and deliverables were sent to KJ.
- September 4 – The District solicited a RFQ/P for Phase 1 CM and Inspection Services. The RFQ/P included a request for constructability review services at the 60% design level. Four (4) proposals were received which are currently under review by the evaluation panel. Consultant interviews have been scheduled for October.
- September 15 – Received comments from NAVFAC SW on the draft legal description and plat for EBB WTP Phase 1 outgrant easement. Distributed to ECG for corrections.
- ***See Funding Efforts***

- *Please see the Monthly Environmental Services Department Report for updates on the Project's environmental compliance and permitting process.*

Utility Requests

- Throughout August and September, staff continued to respond to various Utility Requests for work that potentially impacts the PTP, PV, and the OH Pipelines:

    - **Costco – City of Camarillo**
        - August 6 – Staff responded to submittals and provided field observations as the Utility Owner Representative for construction of a manhole shaft in Overland Road for the PV Pipeline that is being constructed by the developer related to the Costco project in Camarillo.
        - August 10 – August 14 – Staff observed construction of a manhole access shaft added onto an existing buried access hatch on the PV Pipeline near the new Costco development. The work was completed by Toro and funded by the development team at no cost to United.
        - August 25 – Staff responded to Costco's submittal review requests and conducted a field visit to review damage to the air/vacuum release riser.

    - **City of Camarillo**
        - September 4 – Staff responded to two utility requests and reviewed loading calculations on the PV Pipeline related to the proposed Camarillo Bike Path project.
        - September 8 – Staff responded to a request for a potential connection at W Daily Drive in Camarillo to PV Pipeline and/or PTP Pipeline.

    - **Other**
        - September 10 – Staff responded to two utility requests regarding Oxnard Rose Resurfacing and VCTD Hueneme Road widening.

State Water Interconnection Project

- August 5 – Staff met with City of Ventura staff to discuss easements that are pending negotiation and recordation.

Asset Management/CMMS System

- August 5 – Fieldwork has been scheduled for October 5 to assess the cathodic protection system in a nearly mile-long segment of the OH pipeline near Bard St. in Oxnard.

- September 10 – Staff evaluated the remaining engineering project files to be scanned in the second portion of the Historical File Scanning project with the ARC representative.

Funding Efforts

- **Santa Felicia Dam**
  - August 24 – Staff submitted FEMA HHPD Part 1 Submittal/NOI to DWR.
  - September 8 – The IRT Public Notice was submitted for assistance with drainage improvements at the Dam Tenders' residence.
- **Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project**
  - Staff continued to coordinate with the OLDCC on UWCD's FY26 DCIP proposal status.

Professional Development (Conferences, Trainings, Webinars)

- August 14 – The Assistant General Manager and Engineering Manager attended the NCG1 Change of Command Ceremony at NBVC Port Hueneme (CAPT Santiago to CAPT Litteral). Staff met with the new NBVC Public Works Officer (Paul E. Simpson).
- August 31 – Staff provided an El Rio WTP & GWR Facility and SFD Tour to the VC Grand Jury.
- September 4 – Staff provided an El Rio WTP & GWR Facility and SFD Tour to ACWA Region 5.
- September 10 – Staff participated in the Seawater Intrusion Extraction Barrier (SWIEB) Working Group meeting (public outreach).
- September 16 – Engineering Staff participated in the Annual Safety Fire and Extinguisher Training (see **Figure 4**).

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***Figure 1**: September 3 - Associate Engineer Matt Wong attending the Well 14 discharge head and pipeline camera inspections by GPRS*



***Figure 2**: September 14 – Engineering Staff met with contractors for an LPWTP Site Visit*



***Figure 3**: September 15 – Staff met with Barnard Construction for an Information Sharing Meeting for the Outlet Works Project*



***Figure 4**: September 16 – Engineering staff participated in the Annual Safety and Fire Extinguisher Training*

Acronym Index

Acronym	Definition
ACWA	Association of California Water Agencies
AgWUE	Agricultural Water Use Efficiency
APWO	Assistant Public Works Officer
ARC	ARC Document Solutions, Inc.
B&V	Black & Veatch
BKF	BKF Engineers
BOC	Board of Consultants
BODR	Basis of Design Report
Cal OES	California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
CDSE	Chief Dam Safety Officer
cfs	Cubic Feet per Second
CM	Construction Manager
CMMS	Computerized Maintenance Management System
DCIP	Defense Community Infrastructure Program
DDW	Division of Drinking Water
DEA	David Evans and Associates, Inc.
DSOD	Division of Safety of Dams
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EAP	Emergency Action Plan
EBB	Extraction Barrier and Brackish
ECG	Encompass Consulting Group Inc.
ESA	Environmental Site Assessment
ESD	Environmental Services Department
FE Civil	Filippin Engineering
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC	Federal Regulatory Commission
FIP	Facility Improvement Project
GEI	GEI Consultants
GFT	GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
GPRS	Ground Penetrating Radar Systems
GWRWTP	Groundwater Recharge Water Treatment Plant
HDR	HDR Consultants, Inc.
HHA	Hydraulic Hazard Analysis
HHPD	High Hazard Potential Dam
IGSA	Intergovernmental Support Agreement
IRT	Innovative Readiness Training Program
K/J	Kennedy Jenks Consultants
LAFCo	Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission
LARWQCB	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Acronym	Definition
LOG	Lower Olive Grove
LOSSAN	Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo
LPWTP	Lake Piru Water Treatment Plant
LWA	Larry Walker Associates
MDJ	MDJ Management, LLC
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
NAVFAC	Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County
NCG1	Naval Command Group 1
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHC	Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
NOI	Notice of Intent/Interest
NV5	Nv5 Global, Inc.
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OCS	On-Call Services
ODSP	Owner's Dam Safety Plan
OH	Oxnard Hueneme
OLDCC	Office of Local Defense and Community Cooperation
PTP	Pumping Trough Pipeline
PV	Pleasant Valley
PWO	Public Works Officer
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corp
RCS	Richard Slade and Associates
RFQ/P	Request for Qualifications/Proposals
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SFD	Santa Felicia Dam
SIP	Safety Improvement Plan
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SWIEB	Seawater Intrusion Extraction Barrier
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TM	Technical Memorandum
VAC	Vineyard Ave Crossing
VC	Ventura County
VCTD	Ventura County Transportation Department
WR	Water Resources
WTP	Water Treatment Plant/Project
XO	Executive Officer (military usage)

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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: **September 21, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.5 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report**
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
Review this staff report from the Environmental Services Department (ES) staff regarding its activities for the months of August and September 2026.

Discussion:

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

Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

On August 18, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order amending United Water Conservation District's (United) FERC license for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project (SFDSIP). In the order, FERC noted the pending final rule revising designated critical habitat for southern California steelhead.

On September 8, 2026, ES staff submitted a Pre-Construction Notification under Nationwide Permit 17 (Hydropower Projects) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the SFDSIP. The Nationwide Permit is required under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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 (SFD) 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 total precipitation as of February 1, 2026, met the triggers for elevated habitat releases through October 1, 2026;

therefore, the minimum required habitat water release between June 1 through October 1, 2026, is nine cubic feet per second.

Lower Piru Creek Herpetological Monitoring Plan and Arroyo Toad Protection Plan

On August 24 and 25 and September 8, 2026, ES staff conducted exotic species eradication efforts in the spillway ponds as part of FERC compliance in accordance with the Revised Lower Piru Creek Herpetological Monitoring Plan and Arroyo Toad Protection Plan. A total of six bullfrogs were removed between the three outings.

Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Plan

On August 14, 2026, ES staff supported Recreation staff in submitting a fall conservation release notification to whitewater boating stakeholders in compliance with Article 408 of United's FERC license. Stakeholders were informed of United's plan to release 200 cfs from SFD between August 19 and 27, 2026, and 350 cfs beginning September 9, 2026. On September 14, 2026, Recreation staff sent a follow-up notification informing stakeholders that United increased releases from SFD to 350 cfs.

NMFS 2008 Biological Opinion Compliance

On August 7, 2026, ES staff received a Special Use Permit from the Los Padres U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to decommission the instream monitoring equipment from middle Piru Creek upstream of Lake Piru on USFS property. The field component of the Santa Felicia Dam Fish Passage Feasibility Study is now complete. ES staff will remove the equipment from the creek in fall 2026.

On September 2, 2026, ES staff and Cramer Fish Sciences (CFS) hosted a meeting with members of the Santa Felicia Fish Passage Science and Technology Panel (FPSTP), as requested by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and FERC. The meeting was attended by agency representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), NMFS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), FERC, and USFS. ES staff and CFS presented on field activities that were completed since the previous FPSTP meeting on November 7, 2023. ES staff will submit SFD Fish Passage Feasibility Study deliverables to FERC by December 1, 2026.

United Water Conservation District v. FERC, Court Case in Abeyance

On September 29, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals granted United a motion to hold the court case "United Water Conservation District v. FERC" in abeyance and directed United to file status reports every 60 days. United filed the court case to challenge the biological opinion issued by NMFS on FERC's issuance of a license for the Santa Felicia Project. On September 8, 2026, the ninety-sixth status update was filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit.

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

   On August 13, 2026, ES staff met with Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff regarding the temporary variance submittal status and timeline. DWR had reviewed materials provided by United on April 25, 2026, and requested that United make minor revisions. On August 25, 2026, ES staff provided a revised and updated package to DWR containing the draft FERC license temporary variance materials, Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification temporary amendment materials, and wildlife agency consultation materials. ES staff will continue to coordinate with DWR to secure the necessary approvals in advance of the November 2027 delivery window.

3. Petition to Revise Designated Critical Habitat for Southern California Steelhead

   On March 20, 2025, United submitted a petition to the Department of Commerce to revise designated critical habitat for southern California steelhead below Santa Felicia Dam. On July 11, 2025, NMFS published a 90-day finding that the petitioned action may be warranted; this initiated a public comment period and one-year formal review. On June 9, 2026, NMFS published a 12-month finding and proposed rule to remove this reach from the critical habitat designation for southern California steelhead. This finding initiated an additional public comment period, which closed on August 28, 2026; 496 comments were submitted. NMFS has until June 9, 2027, to publish the final rule.

4. Freeman Diversion Operations

   During the months of August and September 2026, ES staff continued to support Freeman Diversion operations and maintenance activities by coordinating with Water Resources (WR) and O&M staff, coordinating with resource agencies as needed, conducting pre-project surveys, and providing on-site biological monitoring. Specifically, ES staff supported ongoing flushing operations and planning for upcoming fall maintenance activities.

5. Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

   Following the January 8, 2026, submittal of the Freeman Diversion Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), incidental take permit (ITP) applications under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), and notifications of Lake and Streambed Alteration, United continues to communicate with federal and state agencies regarding review and processing of the subject applications for the Improved Denil fish passage improvement project. On June 17, 2026, United staff met with NMFS staff; NMFS requested follow-up information, which United provided during the months of June, July, and August. NMFS then requested an updated MSHCP project description, which ES staff developed and provided to NMFS on September 2, 2026.

   Throughout the months of August and September 2026, ES staff also continued to update the CESA ITP application materials for current and future operation of the Freeman Diversion.

In response to a request from Judge Smith and Wishtoyo at the status conference in Judge Carter's court on July 23, 2026, United staff compiled information regarding the benefits of the Improved Denil project including summaries of the project's consistency with fish passage objectives and criteria, the timely completion of the project, reliable and resilient fish passage, cost feasibility, and conservation benefits provided by the project. On August 13, 2026, United's legal counsel submitted the information to Judge Smith and Wishtoyo.

6. Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Project

On June 30, 2026, United submitted the draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) document to the U.S. Navy. On August 21, 2026, United received the Navy's comments on the draft NEPA EA. The draft EA will be updated and resubmitted to the Navy by the end of September 2026. To support the Navy's finalization of the NEPA process, ES staff prepared a federal biological resources assessment that addressed the ESA, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act regulatory processes. The federal biological resources assessment was sent to the Navy on August 18, 2026. The NEPA EA and federal biological resources assessment will facilitate finalization of the Navy's environmental review process for the Phase 1 project.

7. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

During the month of August 2026, the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency executed task orders for both United and Stillwater Sciences to continue ongoing work regarding Groundwater Sustainability Plan data gaps. Work planned for the 2026–2027 Fiscal Year includes collecting hydrological data around the Sespe Creek confluence and collecting biological data within the East Grove Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem.

8. Invasive Mussel Management

Throughout the months of August and September 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.

On July 27, 2026, United received a letter from CDFW requesting that United prepare and submit a revised Mussel Management and Control Plan to be inclusive of all species of invasive mussels (i.e., quagga, zebra, and golden mussels). The revised plan is due to CDFW by September 30, 2027.

9. Grant Efforts

On August 20, 2026, United staff met with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to discuss grant status. They confirmed United's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

(BRIC) grant program application, which covered the SFDSIP (Outlet Works Project) and requested $20 million, has been submitted to FEMA by Cal OES on the national priority list.

On September 9, 2026, ES staff and GTF submitted an application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) under the WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources grant program. The federal funding request of $310,566 would support invasive species removal along middle Piru Creek, Agua Blanca Creek, and the Pothole Trailhead. United received letters of support from County of Ventura District 3 Supervisor Kelly Long, the Ventura County Resource Conservation District, the Santa Clara River Watershed Committee, and the Piru Neighborhood Council.

On September 3 and 9, 2026, ES staff met with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation staff regarding the $20 million grant for the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Rehabilitation Project under the WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects program. ES and Reclamation staff discussed updated project materials and the next steps in the grant review process moving toward the issuance of a final grant agreement.

10. California Environmental Quality Act

During the months of August and September 2026, ES staff prepared a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Rancho Temescal Property Acquisition Project. The Project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) and under the Common Sense exemption Section 15061(b)(3). The NOE was filed with the Ventura County Clerk and State Clearinghouse on September 11, 2026.

11. Miscellaneous

During the month of August 2026, ES staff supported the General Manager in legislative efforts, including attending meetings and reviewing state and federal bills.

During the month of August, United posted an Environmental Scientist and part-time ES Field Assistant positions to Government Jobs. Interviews for both positions are being held in September 2026.

On August 3 and 5, 2026, ES staff participated in outreach at the Ventura County Fair.

On August 4, 2026, ES staff participated in outreach at the National Night Out events.

On August 7, 2026, ES and WR staff provided a tour of the Freeman Diversion to Danielle Bram, director of the Center for Geospatial Science & Technology at CSU Northridge. ES and WR staff are exploring opportunities for collaboration for research and technical support regarding GIS and geospatial data.

On August 11, 2026, ES staff attended a webinar from Dr. Daniel Swain (UCLA) regarding long-range El Niño forecasting.

On August 12, 2026, United staff met with the Santa Clara River Watershed Committee coordinators to provide an overview of United and discuss critical projects for the watershed.

On August 25 and 26, 2026, United staff attended the DWR Water Plan Advisory Committee meeting in Alhambra; the public meetings will continue to support development of the 2028 Water Plan.

August 26, 2026, was Environmental Scientist Tessa Lenz's last day with United after seven years. She accepted an Environmental Manager position with Waste Connections US Inc.

On August 27, 2026, ES staff participated in outreach at the Downtown Oxnard Farmer's Market.

On August 31, 2024, ES staff participated in the Grand Jury tour.

On September 4, 2026, ES staff participated in the Association of California Water Agencies tour.

On September 9, 2026, ES staff attended a webinar hosted by ICF focused on the implications of rule changes to the Endangered Species Act.

September 10, 2026, was part-time ES Field Assistant Lukas Capatosto's last day with United. He accepted a full-time position in his home state of Ohio.

On September 14, 2026, the final rule issued on July 14, 2026, by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS rescinding the regulatory definition of harm in ESA regulations went into effect.

On September 16, 2026, ES staff participated in the annual fire extinguisher training and monthly safety meeting.

During the month of September 2026, ES staff completed a Mitigation Measure Development and Monitoring course through the UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education program.

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager

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Date: **September 17, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **4.6 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report**
Information item

Staff Recommendation:
Receive this summary report from the Operations and Maintenance Department regarding its activities for mid-August to early September 2026, as well as a presentation of its highlights.

1. Major Facilities Update

- **Santa Felicia Dam**
  - On August 17, 2026, Lake Piru level was 1051.05'. As of September 17, 2026, Lake Piru level had dropped to 1042.40' due to the annual Conservation Release.
  - Santa Felicia Dam (SFD) outflows ranged from 9.97 CFS to 402.23 CFS between August 17 and September 17, 2026, as releases continue to be adjusted throughout the ongoing annual Conservation Release in accordance with operational requirements.
  - Santa Felicia Dam's monthly inspection for August was completed and submitted to the Engineering Department for review. The September monthly inspection is currently ongoing.
  - On August 18, 2026, SFD O&M and Engineering staff conducted an important operational procedure that included exercising the 72-inch butterfly valve and two 36-inch cone valves, as well as draining and inspecting the 60-inch penstock. This work was mandated by the Division of Safety of Dams during their recent dam inspection. All activities were completed successfully, and staff gained valuable hands-on experience operating and inspecting this critical infrastructure.

- SFD and Saticoy O&M staff teamed up to complete maintenance work along East Access Road in preparation for the upcoming wet season with potential for major storms. Work included grading and cleaning multiple debris basins, as well as grading and raising sections of the access road to improve drainage, access, and overall site readiness.
- SFD O&M staff assisted the Control Systems team with the installation of a new intercom system within the Penstock Tunnel to improve communication and operational safety.
- The monthly siren test was successfully conducted on September 4, 2026, to verify proper operation of the emergency notification system.

- **Freeman Diversion, Saticoy, and El Rio Recharge Facilities**
  - Various maintenance activities and inspections were conducted throughout the Saticoy Facility, ensuring reliable water diversions.
  - Staff performed routine screen bay maintenance between sediment flush operations to ensure continued functionality and reliable system performance.
  - Saticoy O&M staff completed a full exercise, pressure washing, and inspection of the Canal Gates. These gates are a critical component of the Freeman Diversion system and allow staff to harvest Santa Clara River flows. Overall conditions were satisfactory, with only minor maintenance items identified.
  - Saticoy O&M staff replaced the stop logs in the Canal Bay. These stop logs are critical to harvesting available flows while minimizing sediment entering the Canal Bay and Fish Screen Bay, protecting critical infrastructure.
  - Saticoy O&M staff completed the annual Trash Rack service at the Freeman Diversion in preparation for the upcoming storm season. Work included inspection and servicing of the Trash Rack and associated components to ensure reliable operation during storm events.
  - Saticoy O&M staff have developed methods to repair and replace various components of the Freeman fish wiper assembly while maintaining active diversions. Work includes brush maintenance and replacement, roller bearing replacement, gearbox oil changes, and other miscellaneous repairs, allowing staff to maximize productivity while minimizing impacts to water yield.
  - Various sediment flushes were conducted at the Freeman Diversion in response to increased river flows associated with the annual Conservation Release.
  - Saticoy O&M staff completed discing of the ponds in anticipation of the annual Conservation Release. This work supports weed abatement, fire prevention, and improved groundwater recharge conditions.
  - Discing of the Noble and Rose Basins is currently ongoing in preparation for the annual Conservation Release.
  - Saticoy O&M staff replaced the old and deteriorated oil containment fencing to improve site appearance and maintain the District's facility appearance standards.

- Saticoy O&M staff assisted the Public Outreach team with the installation of new Measure D signage at both the Saticoy and El Rio Facilities.
- Saticoy O&M staff are performing maintenance and touch-up grading on the base roads using the District-owned motor grader.
- Saticoy O&M staff are performing various maintenance and touch-up items at the vacant Saticoy residence to maintain the property and uphold a professional District appearance.
- Static groundwater levels (distance to water - from the well pad to the water table):

Facility	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Saticoy	51’	72’	47’	16’
El Rio	48’	82’	67’	79’
PTP	66’- 80’	82 - 143’	65 – 107’	76’ - 105’

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

- **Oxnard Hueneme Delivery System**
  - UWCD staff installed refurbished motor for OH Well 19.
  - El Rio operators made repairs to the aqua ammonia injection system and continuous monitoring analyzers.
  - UWCD staff made program adjustments to rpm settings for the El Rio VFD Booster Pumps and provided the output to NDI for fine tuning alternatives.
  - El Rio operators changed out the CL2 ton cylinders and accepted delivery of refill tanks.
  - El Rio operators changed out the bearing oil for OH, PTP, and Saticoy well motors.

- **Pleasant Valley County Water District**
  - Demand was met with surface water and supply from Saticoy wells.
  - Re-piped 4” supply to air vac. valve near Camarillo Costco site.

- **Pumping Trough Pipeline**
  - El Rio operators made repairs to the NaOCL injection system at PTP Reservoir.
  - El Rio operators uncovered and marked various isolation valves for PTP turnouts.
  - UWCD replaced a defective pressure transducer at the PTP Reservoir Fill Valve station.
  - UWCD staff supported the contractor as they began installing a new pump assembly at PTP Well 2.

- **Control Systems**
  - New flooring was installed in Saticoy’s Data Center container.

- Attended Ventura County Regional Radio System Subcommittee meeting.
- NDI introduction to UWCD's O&M staff and VFD repair.
- El Rio backup Genset has been repaired.
- Torrey Mountain radio link repair was 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 August.
  - 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.
  - Saticoy and SFD O&M staff performed various hose replacements on the pump barge to maintain equipment reliability and ensure continued operational readiness.

2. Operations and Maintenance Treatment Compliance Projects Update

- Performed monthly inspection of the OH clear wells.
- Completed and submitted the monthly DDW SWTR report for OH System.
- El Rio staff assisted DDW engineers in conducting the triennial sanitary survey of El Rio Treatment Plant.
- Obtained monthly static water levels for the OH, PTP, and Saticoy wells.
- Compiled data and completed the monthly UWCD surface water and pipeline usage reports.
- Conducted monthly test runs of the El Rio and PTP emergency generators.

3. Safety and Training

- Installed a new fire extinguisher at the PTP Reservoir site.
- Performed monthly calibrations on the El Rio CL2, aqua ammonia and natural gas leak detectors.

Attachment:
Operation Log for August 2026

OPERATIONS LOG 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	Cl2
	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.
A/F*		77033			119,997	68,218		26.52	337,428	92,146	30,060	41,639		37,474	44789		10670	0.0	10,324	3,786	6,935		0.0	440	8,356	78,319
8/1/26	1051.44	76264	1179	0.299	-381		0	0.00	47	36	10.7	0	0	0.08	9	0	0	0.0	54.2	13.5	40.7	0.57	0.0	0.0	37.1	285
8/2/26	1051.40	76216	1179	0.325	-16		0	0.00	53	42	10.7	0	0	29.44	6	0	0	0.0	12.9	8.6	4.3	0.05	0.0	0.0	32.2	257
8/3/26	1051.37	76181	1178	0.304	-10		0	0.00	52	42	10.4	0	0	25.76	-35	30.4	0	0.0	41.6	11.8	29.8	0.36	0.0	0.0	34.9	255
8/4/26	1051.28	76075	1178	0.291	-46		0	0.00	51	40	10.7	0	0	21.23	-2	0	0	0.0	42.2	16.7	25.5	0.32	0.0	0.0	34.2	349
8/5/26	1051.25	76039	1177	0.297	-11		0	0.00	44	34	10.5	0	0	3.6	-2	0	0	0.0	64.5	15.0	49.5	0.74	0.0	0.0	34.5	401
8/6/26	1051.20	75980	1177	0.296	-22		0	0.00	46	36	10.7	0	0	0.13	9	0	0	0.0	52.7	14.6	38.1	0.54	0.0	0.0	33.1	389
8/7/26	1051.17	75945	1177	0.210	-12		0	0.00	45	34	10.7	0	0	0.16	7	0	0	0.0	53.4	14.3	39.1	0.58	0.0	0.0	37.0	325
8/8/26	1051.16	75933	1177	0.320	2		0	0.00	43	32	10.5	0	0	13.14	0	0	0	0.0	37.8	1.2	36.6	0.57	0.0	0.0	31.2	241
8/9/26	1051.13	75898	1176	0.349	-9		0	0.00	49	38	10.7	0	0	28.21	7	0	0	0.0	6.5	5.3	1.2	0.02	0.0	0.0	28.8	233
8/10/26	1051.10	75863	1176	0.350	-9		0	0.00	51	40	10.7	0	0	15.77	-1	0	0	0.0	48.8	19.7	29.1	0.37	0.0	0.0	22.0	247
8/11/26	1051.08	75839	1176	0.314	-4		0	0.00	48	37	10.7	0	0	0.17	8	0	0	0.0	56.2	2.7	53.5	0.73	0.0	0.0	19.9	179
8/12/26	1051.05	75804	1176	0.300	-10		0	0.00	45	35	10.7	0	0	9.97	4	0	0	0.0	42.0	16.7	25.3	0.37	0.0	0.0	24.6	185
8/13/26	1051.02	75769	1175	0.306	-10		0	0.00	38	27	10.7	0	0	0.12	1	0	0	0.0	51.4	21.8	29.6	0.55	0.0	0.0	28.4	233
8/14/26	1050.99	75733	1175	0.276	-11		0	0.00	38	27	10.7	0	0	0.08	10	0	0	0.0	44.5	16.1	28.4	0.53	0.0	10.6	28.5	224
8/15/26	1050.90	75627	1174	0.275	-47		0	0.00	40	29	10.7	0	0	3.9	0	0	0	0.0	64.6	23.8	40.8	0.71	0.0	14.9	21.4	170
8/16/26	1050.94	75674	1175	0.271	30		0	0.00	49	38	10.7	0	0	9.38	4	0	0	0.0	63.9	16.1	47.8	0.63	0.0	14.9	18.5	136
8/17/26	1051.02	75769	1175	0.283	55		0	0.00	52	41	10.6	0	0	20.92	1	0	0	0.0	51.5	3.5	48.0	0.59	0.0	14.7	15.6	23.8
8/18/26	1050.98	75721	1175	0.306	-17		0	0.00	41	30	10.7	0	0	22.68	-9	0	0	0.0	44.9	18.1	26.8	0.45	0.0	12.5	29.6	312
8/19/26	1051.00	75745	1175	0.322	20		0	0.00	41	30	10.7	0	0	0.16	6	0	0	0.0	61.5	18.4	43.1	0.73	0.0	14.7	31.1	374
8/20/26	1050.66	75346	1172	0.354	-193		0	0.00	36	25	10.7	0	0	0.14	6	0	0	0.0	51.4	17.9	33.5	0.68	0.0	14.7	23.7	292
8/21/26	1050.32	74947	1170	0.255	-195		0	0.00	46	36	10.7	0	0	0.23	12	0	0	0.0	60.5	31.0	29.5	0.42	0.0	14.7	27.5	243
8/22/26	1050.09	74678	1168	0.310	-128		0	0.00	57	46	10.6	0	0	11.32	1	0	0	0.0	81.7	35.2	46.5	0.51	0.0	14.7	21.8	181
8/23/26	1049.79	74328	1165	0.344	-168		0	0.00	76	66	10.7	0	0	29.01	4	0	0	0.0	78.5	23.4	55.1	0.42	0.0	14.7	18.4	126
8/24/26	1049.45	73932	1162	0.327	-192		0	0.00	87	76	10.7	0	0	32.02	-44	64.66	0	0.0	57.0	19.7	37.3	0.25	0.0	11.2	24.6	191
8/25/26	1049.19	73629	1160	0.306	-146		0	0.00	75	65	10.3	0	0	27.28	-40	51.7	0	0.0	57.6	22.6	35.0	0.27	0.0	6.9	20.6	239
8/26/26	1048.91	73305	1158	0.306	-156		0	0.00	83	72	10.7	0	0	25.16	1	0	0	0.0	90.9	46.3	44.6	0.31	0.0	0.0	24.1	289
8/27/26	1048.66	73015	1156	0.322	-139		0	0.00	67	55	8.4	3.9	0	19.06	3	0	0	0.0	64.6	30.1	34.5	0.32	0.0	0.0	20.9	233
8/28/26	1048.52	72853	1155	0.324	-74		0	0.00	59	49	10.9	0	0	14.91	-3	0	0	0.0	72.2	28.6	43.6	0.45	0.0	0.0	20.6	169
8/29/26	1048.49	72819	1154	0.296	-10		0	0.00	43	32	10.9	0	0	0.13	8	0	0	0.0	45.9	19.7	26.2	0.42	0.0	0.0	21.5	153
8/30/26	1048.51	72842	1155	0.246	18		0	0.00	42	31	10.9	0	0	0.02	10	0	0	0.0	41.7	18.3	23.4	0.38	0.0	0.0	20.0	145
8/31/26	1048.55	72888	1155	0.276	30		0	0.00	39	29	10.6	0	0	0	4	0	0	0.0	49.0	12.6	36.4	0.64	0.0	0.0	30.9	211
TOTAL CFS					-1863	0		0.00	1581	1248	329	4	0	364	-14	147	0	0.0								
AVERAGE CFS					-60	#DIV/0!			51	40	11	0	0	12	0	5	0	0.0								
TOTAL A/F					-3689	0			3129	2471	651	8	0	721	-28	291	0	0.0	1646	563	1083		0	159.2	817	7291
MONTHLY REVENUE TO DATE (approx.)							$0	K																		
AVERAGE A/F					-119	#DIV/0!			101	80	21	0	0	23	-1	9	0	0.0	53	18	35	47%	0	5.1	26	235
WATER YEAR TOTALS A/F					116,308	68,218		26.52	340,557	94,617	30,711	41,647	0	38,195	45,052		10,670	0.0	11,970	4,350	8,018		0	600	9,173	85,610

* 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.

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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: **September 30, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: 4.7 Recreation Department Monthly Report
Information Item

Staff Recommendation:
Review this monthly report from the Recreation Department of its activities for August (dark), and September 2026, as well as receive a verbal presentation of its highlights.

Discussion:
Staff were busy ensuring the summer crowds at the Lake Piru Recreation Area (LPRA) had a safe and enjoyable experience during this last full month of the summer busy season.

Staff Tasks and Activity Highlights

- **July 29- August 9**: Full-time staff participated in staffing the United Water Conservation District booth at the Ventura Country Fair
- **August 15**: Fishing Tournament
- **August 22**: Fishing Tournament, new air conditioning installed in the gatehouse
- **August 29**: Family Fishing Clinic, Fishing Tournament, Twilight Fishing
- **September 12**: Movie night, Fishing Tournament
- **September 13**: Jesus ("Jesse") Ramirez onboarded as the Facilities Maintenance Worker II at the LPRA
- **September 16**: LPRA hosted Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) training
- **September 26**: Twilight Fishing

Staff Training/Meetings/Events

- **August 18**: Ranger Groeneveld attended the 72-inch butterfly and cone valve annual exercise at the Santa Felicia Dam.
- **September 15**: Senior Ranger Riedel attended the quarterly Ventura County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) coordination meeting.
- **September 23**: Ranger Groeneveld and Ranger White attended Channel Counties Water Utilities Committee (CCWUC) monthly educational training.

2026 Day Use/Other Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2026 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$654,274
2026 Boat Rental Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$131,147
2025 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$497,026
2025 Boat Rental Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$28,391
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	**$157,248**
Annual Increase/Decrease %	**31.6%**
2026 Camping Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2026 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$368,895
2025 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$316,297
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	**$52,598**
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	**16.6%**
Total Combined Revenue Current and Previous Year Comparison (2026 vs. 2025)	
2026 All Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$1,023,169
2025 All Revenue (Jan 1 – August 31)	$813,694
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	**$170,127**
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	**26%**

* *It should be noted that the above figures have not been verified by the District's Finance Department.*

2026 Total Visitation Figures				
Month	**# People**	**# Vehicles**	**# Vessels**	**Pets**
January	2,208	1,063	151	8
February	2,733	1,188	167	3
March	6,368	2,551	476	2
April	8,654	3,554	434	1
May	12,479	3,540	644	4
June	14,672	4,014	774	9
July	16,610	4,952	875	13
August	12,629	4,212	854	1
Total	**76,445**	**25,074**	**4,375**	**41**

Citations/Enforcement Summary

- Throughout August and September, 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 and ejected some individuals from the LPRA for violations of District ordinances and state laws.

Incidents

- **August 15**: Rangers responded to an emergency dispatch notification referencing a drowning victim. Rangers arrived on scene and found a responsive patient surrounded by bystanders. The victim was vomiting and responsive. VCFD Engine

28 and AMR 422 arrived on scene and patient was transported to a nearby hospital. No further incident.

- **September 5:** Rangers responded to an emergency dispatch notification referencing a drowning victim. Rangers arrived on scene and found a 20-year-old male out of the water surrounded by bystanders. Bystanders reported that the victim had been pulled out of the water and was unresponsive. Bystanders performed chest compressions for approximately one minute prior to Rangers' arrival and stopped once the victim showed signs of consciousness. Rangers monitored the patient until VCFD Engine 28 arrived on scene. Ultimately the patient was transported to a nearby hospital. No further incident.
- **September 5:** Rangers responded to an emergency dispatch notification referencing possible amputation. Rangers arrived on scene and found a 4-year-old male with a partially amputated finger. Patient was transported to VCMC via AMR. No further incident.
- **September 12:** Fall patient near condor point store. Patient refused to be transported to the hospital and signed out, against medical advice (AMA). No further incident.
- **September 19:** Rangers responded to an emergency dispatch notification referencing a Traffic Collision. Rangers responded and found a vehicle overturned in a ditch near Juan Fernandez with two occupants inside. VCFD responded, extricated and assessed victims. Both victims were transported to nearby hospitals. No further incident.

Grants

- Nothing to report.

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

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

Date: **September 28, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **5.1 Conduct Board of Directors Division 4 Interviews and Select an Applicant for Appointment**
Motion

Recommendation:

a. Conduct interviews for the Board of Directors Division 4 vacancy.
b. Select an applicant to be appointed to fill the Board of Directors Division 4 vacancy with the term of office ending in December 2028.

Discussion:

Effective September 10, 2026, a vacancy exists in Division 4 of the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District due to the passing of Director and Board President Lynn Maulhardt.

At the September 22, 2026 Special Board Meeting, the Board of Directors directed staff to open the recruitment process for appointing an individual to fill the vacancy beginning September 24, 2026 and closing the recruitment on October 9, 2026. The vacancy notice was published in the Ventura County Star, posted on United Water's website, as well as physically posted at the City of Oxnard and the Main Oxnard Library.

Four (4) applications were received by the District with all applicants qualified by the County Elections Office as being registered in Division 4.

Once the interviews are concluded, the public may make any public comments limited to three minutes each. Written comments are encouraged to be submitted before the meeting as to allow the Board to review public comments prior to the interview.

The President will open the floor for discussion and nominations. If there is a motion and a second on the applicant, the Clerk of the Board will conduct a roll call vote. If the applicant does not receive majority votes, the voting process may be repeated until a decision is made.

5.1 Conduct Board of Directors Division 4 Interviews and Select an Applicant for Appointment
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Following a majority vote, the applicant would then receive their Oath of Office administered by the Clerk of the Board, making the appointment effective immediately. The Clerk will notify the County Elections Office of the appointment within 15 days of the appointment (October 29, 2026).

The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of office, which expires December 1, 2028. (Government Code § 1780(d)(3).)

Attachment(s):

A – Applications

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RESUME FOR THE VACANT DISTRICT FOUR SEAT, UWCD

EXPERIENCE

City of Oxnard, Power Production Operator, 3/79 - 8/10

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara — BA Environmental Studies 1978

Ventura College — AS Water Science/Wastewater 1982

PUBLIC SERVICE

City of Oxnard Planning Commissioner, 2011 - 2017

City of Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commissioner, 2017 - 2018

City of Oxnard Chairman Ethics Advisory Subcommittee, 2015

The Clean Power Alliance Citizen Advisory Committee, 2018 - 2020

City of Oxnard Planning Commissioner, 2021 - current

Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee, 2018 - current

ELECTIONS

Ran for UWCD District Four Board seat, 2024, receiving 4,886 votes (third place).

Ran for Calleguas Municipal Water District Board seat, 2022, receiving 12,398 votes.

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HEATHER SCHMIDT,
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To:

October 5, 2026

United Water Conservation District

1701 N. Lombard Street, Ste 200
Oxnard, CA 93030

Dear UWCD Board and Staff,

I'm writing today to provide an expression of interest for the District 4 Director vacancy on the United Water Conservation Board of Directors. I had the great pleasure of running against the late Director Maulhardt in 2024, and was honored after the election to transition from "political opponent" to friend. Upon the completion of the vote tally in 2024, I came in second place to Director Maulhardt, among three contenders for the seat, earning 28.23% of the vote with 5,095 votes. I reside at 1623 Impatiens Drive, Oxnard, CA 93030, which is well within the boundaries of the district.

I continue to work today as a Public Policy Advisor, specializing in research and policy development. I hold a Masters of Public Administration, and numerous complimentary certifications that offer a specific skillset to the UWCD to both recommend and implement policy towards pursuit of the overarching goals and well-being of the organization.

The mission and direction of the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors is acutely aligned with my own personal, political, and philosophical framework. I have always felt called to public service, and so it is with this in mind that I respectfully request consideration for appointment to this vacancy. I have attached for your review: (1) my resume, and (2) a general overview of my policy positions relevant to the position.

Respectfully,

Heather Schmidt
Public Policy Advisor

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HEATHER SCHMIDT, M.PA, CYSA+, C.DA

Public Policy Advisor located in Oxnard, California. Specializations include evidence-based policy development; quantitative and qualitative research and data analysis; cybersecurity best practices; and modern governance standards.

Key Skills

- Quantitative, Qualitative Research
- Data Analysis, SQL
- Policy Development
- Modern Governance Standards
- Negotiations, Stakeholder Mediation

Hobbies

- Reading, Writing
- Fiber Arts
- Cooking, Baking
- Spending time with three children and family

Work Experience

Heather Christena Schmidt Community Consulting

Public Policy Advisor	February 2022-Present
Freelance Journalist	October 2009 - Present
Political Podcaster and Political Analyst	November 2020 - Present

VC Voter Edge

VC Voters Edge is a non-partisan organization committed to registering and educating voters in and around Ventura County.

President	March 2004 - Present

Education

Masters of Public Administration

Grand Canyon University

Bachelors of Arts - Philosophy, Political Science

California Lutheran University

Professional Certifications

Data Analyst - Google

Cybersecurity Analyst - CompTIA

Organizational Leadership - University of Baltimore

ADA Compliance - BlueDAG LLC

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Policy Positions and Priorities

Fiscal Responsibility

Critical to the long-term vitality and sustainability of the organization, fiscal responsibilty acts as the bedrock upon which all other operations depend.

Modernization of Infrastructure

Amidst a changing climate, the threat of sea level rise, and the degradation of aging infrastructure, it is essential that infrastructure be improved and modernized towards pursuit of climate change resiliency and hardening against mechanical failure. This is critical to ensure continuity of service, as well as protection against natural and man-made disasters.*

Jobs Creation

The creation of good paying jobs through infrastructure, maintenance, and improvements via bond- and grant-funded projects should be a priority for all public organizations.

Robust Support for Agriculture and Agri-tech

Agriculture accounts for nearly 5% of Ventura County's regional GDP. It is crucial this industry receive robust support to ensure farm productivity and output. Additionally, collaboration with regional partners, as well as the development of incentive programs, to identify unique ways for farms to implement modern agri-tech, and alternative farming philosophies (e.g. regenerative farming) is crucial for the long term sustainability of water supply and continuity of service.

Cybersecurity

Durable cybersecurity amidst today's threats local and abroad is especially important for the protection of the organization and region's water supply.

Assertion of Customer Rights

UWCD has an essential obligation to assert the rights of their customers, clients, and organization, including through the legal process where federal or state regulations violate fundamental (e.g. Constitutional) rights.

**Measure D - SUPPORT*



Letter of Interest – Division 4 Appointment

October 6, 2026

Dear Members of the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors:

I respectfully submit my interest in being appointed to fill the Division 4 vacancy on the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

As an active participant in Ventura County agriculture and a resident eligible to serve within Division 4, I have dedicated my professional career to balancing agricultural productivity, responsible water stewardship, land management, and long-term sustainability. For more than fifteen years, I have worked in leadership positions with Reiter Affiliated Companies, where I currently serve as Director of Partners, Growers and Resources. In the role, I oversee water resource planning, land stewardship, grower partnerships, and strategic resource management across thousands of acres of agricultural production.

My experience has provided firsthand exposure to the challenges facing our region, including groundwater sustainability, water reliability, agricultural viability, regulatory compliance, conservation, and stakeholder collaboration. I have represented agricultural interests in challenging regional water discussions while working to develop practical solutions that balance environmental responsibility with the economic needs of our communities.

Beyond my professional responsibilities, I have been committed to public service and agricultural leadership. I currently serve as Second VP of the Ventura County Farm Bureau, a Board Member of the Ventura County Agricultural Association, and a Board Member of Zone Mutual Water Company. These roles have strengthened my understanding of governance, fiduciary responsibility, public engagement, and effective policy development.

I believe my combination of water resource experience, business leadership, board governance, and agricultural background would allow me to contribute meaningfully to the District's mission of managing, protecting, conserving, and enhancing water resources for the benefit of current and future generations.

If appointed, I will bring a collaborative approach, thoughtful decision-making, and a commitment to representing all stakeholders within Division 4. I would be honored to serve the residents, agricultural community, businesses, and water users of our region.

Thank you for your consideration,
Luis Calderon

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Luis Calderon
Board Candidate Resume

Professional Profile

Ventura County agricultural and business leader with more than 15 years of strategic and operational leadership experience. Extensive background in water resource management, agricultural sustainability, land stewardship, strategic planning, board governance, and stakeholder engagement. Known for collaborative leadership, sound judgment, and building consensus among diverse interests.

Community & Board Leadership

Second VP, Ventura County Farm Bureau (2020-Present)
Board Member, Ventura County Agricultural Association (2024-Present)
Board Member, Zone Mutual Water Company (2025-Present)

Professional Experience

Director, Partners, Growers & Resources, Reiter Affiliated Companies (2018-Present)
Lead water resource strategy, land stewardship, grower relations, and resource management initiatives across a large agricultural enterprise.

Production Manager, Reiter Brothers, Inc. (2014-2018)
Managed large-scale berry production operations, budgets, personnel, and strategic planning efforts.

Ranch Manager (2012-2014)
Directed field operations, labor planning, irrigation coordination, and crop production programs.

Human Resources / Workers Compensation Specialist (2008-2012)
Supported workforce programs, compliance efforts, and organizational improvement initiatives.

Relevant Knowledge

Water resource planning and management
Groundwater and sustainability issues
Agricultural water use efficiency
Land use and resource stewardship
Public policy and stakeholder engagement
Financial oversight and budgeting
Long-range strategic planning

Board governance and fiduciary responsibilities
Bilingual in English and Spanish

Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA), California Lutheran University
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, California Lutheran University

Professional Development

California Agricultural Leadership Program, Class 49
Harvard Business School Online - Negotiation Mastery
Karrass Effective Negotiation

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To United County Water District,

My name is Tom Vujovich. I am from a long-time farming family in Ventura County. I have been a board member of Pleasant Valley County Water District for over fifty years. I am also a board member of Revlon Drainage that has dealt with many water use and preservation situations.

I understand that Luis Calderon would like to fill the vacancy on the United County Water District Board. I have worked with Luis Calderon, Director of Partners, Growers, and Resources of Reiter Affiliated Companies, for many years. I have found him to be a good person, easy to work with, and very knowledgeable about water issues. I would enthusiastically recommend Luis Calderon for your board position. He would be a great addition to your board, and any board for that matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Vujovich

Broome Management LLC
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Oxnard, CA 93033

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Re: Letter of Reference for Director Candidate Luis Calderon - United Water Conservation District

Dear Distinguished Board Members and United Water Conservation District Staff,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for Luis Calderon's appointment to the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District.

I have known and worked with Luis for many years and have consistently been impressed by his integrity, sound judgment, and commitment to responsible resource management. As a farmer and agricultural leader, he has demonstrated exceptional stewardship of farmland and a deep understanding of the importance of sustainable water use.

Throughout his career, he has maintained a strong interest in water efficiency, conservation, and management. His organic farming experience has put him on the leading edge of good agricultural practices. His time working as the Director of Production and Resources at Reiter Brothers Incorporated, a large, sophisticated, and international berry growing operation, has given him a broad understanding of the water and land use dynamics in Ventura County and beyond. I believe this practical experience, combined with his thoughtful approach to balancing agricultural and environmental needs, would make him a valuable asset to the District.

In addition, Luis has provided respected leadership through his service with the Ventura County Farm Bureau and as a Director of the Zone Mutual Water Company. These roles have given him significant experience working with diverse stakeholders and addressing the complex water issues facing our region.

I am confident that he will bring dedication, expertise, and a collaborative spirit to the United Water Conservation District Board and would serve the community with distinction.

Sincerely,

J. Alden Broome

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October 9, 2026

United Water Conservation District Board of Directors
1701 North Lombard Street, Suite 200
Oxnard, CA 93030

Re: Support for the Appointment of Luis Calderon to the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors

Dear Ms. Keeling and Honorable Members of the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors:

As President of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County, I support appointing Luis Calderon to the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

Luis is a long-standing, well-respected member of Ventura County's agricultural community. Through his work for Reiter Associates and his service alongside me on the Farm Bureau of Ventura County's Board of Directors, Luis brings a direct connection to the farming community. That perspective would be an asset as United considers investments and policies that will shape Ventura County's future water supply, infrastructure investment, and the costs borne by water users.

For Ventura County farmers, reliable and affordable water is essential to staying in business. Decisions about water availability and cost affect what farmers can grow, whether they can invest in their operations, and whether land remains in agricultural production. United needs directors who understand those consequences and can weigh them alongside the district's broader responsibilities.

I encourage you to appoint Luis Calderon to the United Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Jason Cole
President, Farm Bureau of Ventura County

FBVC Board of Directors

Jackson Dada • Luis Calderon • Jason Cole • Matt Conway • Ed Lorenzen
Scott Kamach • Lisa Lee • Helen Mercado • Melinda Reardon Morrow
Dawn Powers • Will Pribble • Chris Saxe • Will Tow

October 9, 2026



United Water Conservation District
c/o Tara Acosta, Clerk of the Board
1701 North Lombard Street, Suite 200
Oxnard, CA 93030

Re: UWCD Division 4 Vacancy Notice

Members of the United Water Conservation District Board:

I am writing to express my interest in the appointment to the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District Board representing Division 4 as an Oxnard resident and active participant in local government and community affairs. I have been serving on the Oxnard Planning Commission for the past six years: 2 as the Vice Chair and 4 as the Chair. I also serve on public oversight committees involving the municipal and school district revenues and expenditures as it relates to their voter-approved sales tax and general obligation bond, respectively. I would welcome the opportunity to bring my experience in public finance, analysis, governance, and community engagement to the UWCD.

My professional career has focused on helping public organizations make informed financial and operation decisions. In my current role as a Cost Analyst with NAWCWD Point Mugu, I perform cost analysis, life-cycle cost estimating, and financial modeling supporting planning, programming, budgeting, and management decisions. Previously, as a Financial Management Analyst, I managed multiple programs with annual budgets between $1 - $10 million per fiscal year preparing forecasts, financial reports, and funding recommendations.

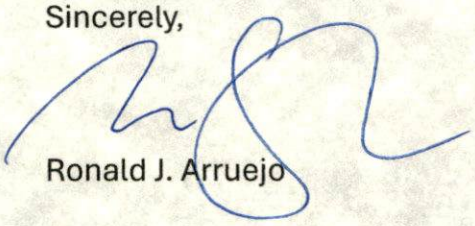
I also bring direct local-government experience during my time employed by the City of Altoona, Wisconsin. I supported the City Administrator with budget preparation, legislative analysis, and citywide projects. I frequently consolidated department fiscal trends and policies into information for the public and City Council.

My local civic service over the past decade has strengthened my understanding of public accountability, land-use issues, and collaborative decision-making. As a Planning Commissioner, I participate in decisions involving the General Plan, zoning, and the City's natural and built environments. Through my oversight committee service, I review public expenditures, financial audits, and assist in communicating findings and recommendations to governing bodies and the public.

I am interested in serving the UWCD because its responsibilities require thoughtful consideration of long-term investments, fiscal stewardship, and the sustainable management of an essential regional resource. My education in public financial administration and local government management, combined with my professional and civic experience, would allow me to contribute a financial and governance perspective to the Board.

I would be honored to be considered for appointment and welcome the opportunity to discuss how my experience and commitment to public service could contribute to the United Water Conservation District and the residents it serves.

Sincerely,



Ronald J. Arruejo

Enclosure: Resume

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Ronald James Arruejo

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NAWCWD Point Mugu — **Point Mugu, CA**

Cost Analyst *– Provides robust cost models* — **01/25 – present**

- *NAVAIR PMA Programs* — *01/25 – present*
  - Creates detailed long-term cost models with projected budgets of approximately $50 million to estimate end items over 1 – 30 years in the future.
  - Utilizes information from inflation, labor trends, and material prices to justify costs when the government is undergoing contract negotiations.
  - Incorporates life cycle cost estimate concepts to evaluate not just the purchase, but also the maintenance, repairs, and disposal of an asset.
  - Ad hoc projects informing stakeholders in key decisions to determine near-term actions with long-term consequences.

Financial Management Specialist *– Provided sound financial analysis* — **03/17 – 12/24**

- *Airborne Electronic Attack's (AEA) Integrated Product Team (IPT)* — *03/17 – 12/24*
  - Provided sound advice and guidance for several international cooperative programs with an approximately $3 million USD and $2 million AUD budget per fiscal year regarding AEA policies and procedures.
  - Executed the budget according to criteria promulgated by higher level of authorities to ensure funds were committed, obligated, and expended appropriately and in furtherance of the mission of the program despite sometimes overlapping and conflicting directives.
  - Coordinated multiple semi-annual and ad hoc events that involved several months of intense preparation, up to 70 participants from the United States and the Commonwealth of Australia, security and disclosure processing, and detailed event planning (semi-annually from 2017 – 2019).

Business Operations Specialist *– Provided sound business analysis* — **01/16 – 02/17**

- *ARM TPO (Code 471J00D):* — *07/16 – 02/17*
  - Analyzed, interpreted, and evaluated program funding plans, monitored execution, identified program funding issues, and monitored funding objectives.
- *International Enterprise Team:* — *03/16 – 06/16*
  - Assisted the International Enterprise Team Lead in ad hoc meetings with foreign nationals with preparation beforehand and follow-on action items as needed.
  - Attended an off-site DEA week-long meeting with a foreign country and compiled commentary and notes that will be helpful to future analysts in a similar position.

CITY OF ALTOONA — **Altoona, WI**

Management Analyst Fellow *– Integrated in municipal projects with various departments* — **07/14 – 12/15**

- Assisted the City Administrator through the preparation of letters and memorandums, completing research reports and legislative analysis, monitoring of fiscal plans, and handling of special projects.
- Researched, developed, and implemented new & revised personnel programs & policies.
- Selected Projects:
  - *Parking Ordinance Revamp:* Catalogued current municipal signage and procedures, managed the improvement process and development among the Police, Public Works, City Clerk, and City Engineer departments, and presented the final product for approval by the Common Council.

- *Recommended Strategies to Improve Election-Related Procedures:* Conducted a thorough review of Altoona-specific election procedure to improve efficiency by automating voter registration indexing, optimizing the voter precinct to make better usage of space constraints, and displaying information in a graphical representation for better comprehension.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

FILIPINO AMERICAN COUNCIL OF VENTURA COUNTY, INC. **07/25 – present**

Parliamentarian *07/25 – present*

- Founded in 1987 by the late Tony V. Grey, the Filipino American Council of Ventura County, Inc. is the umbrella organization for local Filipino groups, dedicated to fostering active participation in civic, cultural, social, and charitable life. At its core, the Council champions unity, advocacy, and service, engaging member organizations in projects that enhance the well-being of the Filipino American community while preserving its identity and ensuring its continued growth and prosperity in Ventura County.
- Supported the 128th Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony (2026) events by organizing the group to receive a proclamation from the city council and securing commitments from local elected officials to serve as public speakers for the actual ceremony.

CITY OF OXNARD

Planning Commission **03/21 – present**

Chair *01/23 – present*

Vice Chair *04/21 – 01/23*

- The Planning Commission's role is to make sound land use decisions supporting the mission statement to create, preserve and enhance the quality of the City's natural and built environments through implementation of the General Plan, zoning ordinance, adopted specific plans, Local Coastal Plan, and the coastal zoning ordinance.
- Selected as the Chair of the Bylaws Subcommittee, drafted the proposed bylaws, and brought it to the approval of the entire Planning Commission and the City Council for approval.
- Introduced the topic, drafted the resolution, and shepherded the proposal of a stipend for the commissioners through public comment, city council committee, and the city council.

Inter Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO) **05/17 – present**

East Village Neighborhood Vice Chair *01/26 – present*

East Village Neighborhood Chair *09/22 – 01/26*

East Village Neighborhood Secretary-Treasurer *05/17 – 09/22*

- The Oxnard City Council initiated the Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO) to give residents the opportunity to participate in governmental decision-making processes and encourages Oxnard residents to form neighborhood councils to address issues and needs that are important to community members.
- Successfully organized and managed the preparation of multiple municipal, special district, and county-wide level candidate forums which required constant communication with the candidates, managing the public relations and administrative process behind-the-scenes, and moderated the introduction and questioning of the candidates in a public, live, and recorded setting.

Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee **04/25 – Present**

Member *04/25 – present*

Chair *04/25 – 05/26*

- Review the use of Measure O revenues in conformance with allocations approved by the City Council.

- Serve as a liaison between the City Council and the community in matters related to Measure O issues.
- Receive, review, and recommend action on independent financial audit related to Measure O and on periodic reports and studies on the collection and use of Measure O sales tax responsible agencies.
- Present Committee recommendations, findings, and requests to the City Council and public in a formal audit report.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS **08/13 – present**

Secretary, California State Association *08/23 – present*
Treasurer, California State Association (Southern Region) *07/18 – present*
Member, National Youth Committee *08/23 – 08/25*
Secretary, California State Association (Southern Region) *07/16 – 07/18*
Secretary, Wisconsin State Association *08/14 – 12/15*
Registered Parliamentarian (RP) Credential *08/23 – present*
Member *08/13 – present*

- The National Association of Parliamentarians® (NAP) is the premier professional non-profit association of parliamentarians. NAP provides education and resources to individuals around the world on how to effectively participate in and manage meeting using parliamentary procedure.
- Continues providing parliamentary procedure workshops for community, non-profit, and governmental organizations on a volunteer and ad hoc basis.

OXNARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT **02/22 – present**

Member, Measure E Bond Oversight Committee *02/25 – present*
Member, Measure A Bond Oversight Committee *02/22 – 06/24*

- The purpose of the citizens' oversight committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues, actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction, and advise the public as to whether a school district or community college district is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University: School of Professional Studies (SPS), Evanston, Illinois
Certificate Program in the Fundamentals of Accounting, September 2017

- Select Courses: Income Tax, Intermediate Accounting, Managerial Cost Accounting

Indiana University – Bloomington (IUB): School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), Bloomington, Indiana
Masters of Public Affairs (M.P.A.) in Public Financial Administration & Local Government Management, May 2014

- Select Courses: Public Finance & Budgeting, Government Finance & Accounting, Revenue & Debt Theory

University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, California
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science & Scandinavian Languages and Cultures, June 2012

- Select Courses: Multivariable Calculus, Physics-Mechanics, Micro-/Macroeconomics, Statistics, Accounting

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Microsoft Excel (Intermediate to Advanced)
  - Interpreting data by translating into a visual illustration (e.g. column, bar, line, pie, etc.)
  - Frequently utilizing formulas (e.g. SUMIF, VLookup, etc.) to automate the calculation of important figures
- Microsoft Word (Intermediate), PowerPoint (Intermediate), & Outlook (Intermediate)
- Accounting Systems: Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (Intermediate)
- Detail-oriented, communicative, and responsive to the needs of the program and client

United Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Assistant General Manager
Suparna Jain, Partner, AALRR

From: Nathan Summerville, Senior Engineer
Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer
Robert Richardson, Engineering Manager

Date: **September 23, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

Agenda Item: **5.2 Improved Denil Professional Consulting Services Agreement for the 90% Design Milestone**
Motion

Staff Recommendation:
Authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) to complete the 90% design milestone for the Improved Denil Project, which is part of CIP 8001 Freeman Diversion Improvement Project - Denil.

Background:
The Freeman Diversion on the Santa Clara River is one of the District's most important operational assets. The facility captures stormwater flows for direct delivery and groundwater recharge, supporting water supply reliability across the region. Due to an October 2018 federal court judgment, Endangered Species Act compliance obligations, and mitigation requirements under the District's Habitat Conservation Plan, the District is required to construct an improved fish passage facility and complete associated facility updates.

The Improved Denil has been identified as a feasible alternative that will provide environmental and operational benefits in a shorter timeframe and at a reduced cost compared to other alternatives. In September 2025, GEI and Northwest Hydraulics Consultants (NHC) completed the conceptual design of the new alternative, which consists of improving the current fish passage and diversion facility. Following completion of the conceptual design, the District authorized development of the 30% design and subsequently the 60% design. The 60% design package was submitted to the District for review on August 31, 2026.

Discussion:
The Freeman Diversion Improvement Project has five primary goals: 1) improve fish passage compared to the current facility, 2) increase diversion capabilities, 3) reduce

construction impacts to fish passage and riparian habitat, 4) reduce construction interruption of water diversions, and 5) reduce construction costs.

The proposed Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI would advance the project from 60% design to 90% design. The scope includes continued civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic design development; advancement of the design drawings and technical specifications; preparation of an updated design report documenting the design basis, analyses, and key project features; development of an updated Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC), construction phasing plan, construction schedule, and constructability review; preparation of a comment response sheet; and continued development of the project three-dimensional model. The scope also includes continued refinement of the fish collection and relocation facility, primary fish screens, auxiliary water system expansion, fishway and ladder upgrades, maintenance access improvements, diversion structure refacing, and associated structural, mechanical, and electrical improvements. The consultant team is currently performing physical modeling of a representative portion of the Denil ladder under the 60% agreement, which will be performed concurrently with the 90% design effort and conclude in December 2026.

GEI will utilize several specialized subconsultants to support the 90% design effort. NHC will continue to provide hydraulic and fisheries engineering support, including computational fluid dynamics modeling, fish passage hydraulic evaluations, fish screen hydraulic analyses, operational evaluations, and preparation of supporting hydraulic documentation. Frisch Engineering will provide electrical engineering support, and Integrated Engineering Services will provide support for development of the OPCC, construction schedule, and constructability review.

Mission Goal:
The purpose of this agreement aligns with Goal A – Water Supply.

Fiscal Impact:
The not-to-exceed fee of $1,710,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget for CIP 8001 (421-400-81020-8001-815).

Attachment:
Attachment A – Professional Services Agreement with GEI for 90% Design of the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project - Denil

ATTACHMENT A

AGREEMENT FOR
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into on _____, 2026, by and between the **United Water Conservation District**, Ventura County, California, (hereinafter "**UNITED**"), and **GEI Consultants Inc.** (hereinafter "**CONSULTANT**").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, UNITED desires to obtain professional engineering consultation services in connection with the **Freeman Diversion Improvement Project - Denil** ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, UNITED has selected CONSULTANT to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT represents that it has the skills, experience, license, and expertise to perform these professional services for UNITED; and

WHEREAS, UNITED is desirous of engaging the services of CONSULTANT to perform these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the terms and covenants set forth herein, UNITED and CONSULTANT mutually agree as follows:

1. EMPLOYMENT

A. UNITED hereby employs CONSULTANT to perform and complete the professional engineering services as set forth in Exhibit "A" ("Scope of Work/Schedule of Charges"). CONSULTANT shall perform such professional services as set forth in Exhibit "A" and shall furnish or procure the use of incidental services, equipment, and facilities reasonably necessary for the completion of services.

B. Any extra work over and above that included in the Scope of Work included in Exhibit "A" shall be in compliance with Section 3D.

C. CONSULTANT represents that its services shall be performed, within the limits prescribed by UNITED, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other engineering professionals under similar circumstances at the time and in the vicinity its services are performed.

D. **Rich Sanchez** shall: (a) personally perform or supervise the performance of services on a day-to-day basis on behalf of CONSULTANT; and (b)

maintain direct communication with UNITED's **Craig Morgan** or designee in the performance of CONSULTANT's services.

E. CONSULTANT in the performance of services hereunder shall fully comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies applicable to its work, including any licensing laws applicable to CONSULTANT's profession and anti-discrimination laws pertaining to employment practices.

F. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit A (Scope of Work/Schedule of Charges) versus those terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shall govern and the conflicting terms and conditions in Exhibit A shall not apply.

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless otherwise earlier terminated as specified in Section 8, this Agreement shall commence on the date set forth above and shall expire on **June 30, 2027.**

3. COMPENSATION

Payment by UNITED for the consulting services shall be considered as full compensation for all personnel, materials, supplies, and equipment used in carrying out the work.

A. Compensation and payments to the CONSULTANT shall be as described below:

1. UNITED shall compensate CONSULTANT on a time and expenses basis not to exceed **one million seven hundred and ten Thousand dollars ($1,710,000)** for performing all services authorized and required by this Agreement and specified in Exhibit "A." UNITED shall compensate CONSULTANT only for actual costs incurred on a time and expenses basis, but in no event shall the total compensation be greater than the not to exceed amount above. However, the total amount paid on a time and expenses basis may be lower than the not to exceed amount above based on actual costs incurred. Payment shall be made in accordance with CONSULTANT's Schedule of Charges submitted to UNITED, included in Exhibit "A" attached and incorporated by reference herein.

2. CONSULTANT shall provide UNITED with monthly itemized invoices. Invoices shall include the categories and identities of CONSULTANT's employees performing services, a description of the services, the number of hours spent performing services, the hourly rate for each employee, CONSULTANT's actual costs and expenses, and the total amount of compensation requested by CONSULTANT for that month. Upon UNITED's request, CONSULTANT shall include with its monthly invoices a detailed verification, including accounting

records, of the work actually performed and costs and expenses incurred, along with any other documents or information reasonably requested by UNITED.

B. UNITED shall pay CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days after receipt of CONSULTANT's invoices, with the exception of any disputed amounts which shall be withheld until resolution of the dispute. If UNITED has reasonable grounds to believe that CONSULTANT will be unable to materially perform the services under this Agreement, or there exists or may exist a claim against CONSULTANT arising out of CONSULTANT's negligence or intentional acts , errors, omissions, or material breach of any provision of this Agreement, then UNITED may withhold payment of any reasonable amount due to CONSULTANT which is directly related to such negligence, intentional act, error, omission or material breach. No payment made under this Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of CONSULTANT's performance of the Agreement, either wholly or in part, and no payment shall be construed to be an acceptance by UNITED of CONSULTANT's work.

C. CONSULTANT shall notify UNITED in writing of the need for additional services required due to the circumstances beyond the CONSULTANT's control ("Additional Services"). The CONSULTANT shall obtain written authorization from UNITED before rendering any Additional Services. Compensation for all approved Additional Services shall be negotiated and approved in writing by UNITED before such Additional Services are performed by CONSULTANT. No compensation shall be paid to the CONSULTANT for any Additional Services that are not previously approved by UNITED in writing.

D. Reimbursable expenses, if applicable, are in addition to compensation for services outlined in the Scope of Work and Additional Services, and shall be paid to the CONSULTANT in accordance with the guidelines specified on Exhibit "B". Reimbursable expenses are paid at the actual costs, without mark-ups, incurred by the CONSULTANT and the CONSULTANT's employees in conduct of Agreement activities.

4. SCHEDULE OF WORK

CONSULTANT shall complete and deliver services and deliverables to UNITED in a diligent and professional manner, in accordance with the Project schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" attached and incorporated by reference herein. Time is of the essence in CONSULTANT's performance of services hereunder.

CONSULTANT's Project Manager shall keep UNITED's **Chief Operations Officer,** or designee informed as to the progress of work by informal reports. Neither party shall hold the other responsible for damages or delay in performance caused by acts of God, strikes, lockouts, accidents, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the other or the other's employees and agents.

5. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

This Agreement is a professional services contract. CONSULTANT shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of the work without the prior written approval of UNITED. Any such assignment without UNITED's prior written approval shall be void. UNITED may withhold such approval for any reason in its sole discretion.

6. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify and hold UNITED entirely harmless from all liability arising out of:

1. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability. Any and all claims under Workers' Compensation acts and other employee benefit acts with respect to CONSULTANT's employees or CONSULTANT's subconsultant's employees arising out of CONSULTANT's work under this Agreement; and

2. General Liability. To the extent arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT, the CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend and hold UNITED harmless from any liability for damages for (1) death or bodily injury to person; (2) injury to, loss or theft of property; (3) any failure or alleged failure to comply with any provision of law; or (4) any other loss, damage or expense arising under either (1), (2), or (3) above, sustained by the CONSULTANT or UNITED, or any person, firm or corporation employed by the CONSULTANT or UNITED upon or in connection with the Project, except for liability resulting from the sole or active negligence, or willful misconduct of UNITED, its officers, employees, agents, or independent consultants who are directly employed by UNITED. The CONSULTANT, at its own expense, cost, and risk, shall defend any and all claims, actions, suits, or other proceedings (other than professional negligence covered by Section A3 below) that may be brought or instituted against UNITED, its officers, agents, or employees, to the extent such claims, actions, suits, or other proceedings arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT, and shall pay or satisfy any judgment that may be rendered against UNITED, its officers, agents, or employees, in any action, suit or other proceedings as a result thereof. Any costs to defend under this Section A2 shall not exceed the CONSULTANT's proportionate percentage of fault; and

3. Professional Liability. To the extent arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT, the CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold UNITED harmless from any loss, injury to, death of persons, or damage to property caused by any act, neglect, default, or omission of the CONSULTANT, or any person, firm, or corporation employed by the CONSULTANT, either directly or by independent contract, including all damages due to loss or theft, sustained by any person, firm, or

corporation, including UNITED, arising out of, or in any way connected with, the Project, including injury or damage either on or off UNITED property; but not for any loss, injury, death, or damages caused by sole or active negligence, or willful misconduct of UNITED. With regard to the CONSULTANT's obligation to indemnify for acts of professional negligence, such obligation does not include the obligation to provide defense counsel or to pay for the defense of actions or proceedings brought against UNITED, but rather to reimburse UNITED for attorneys' fees and costs incurred by UNITED in defending such actions or proceedings brought against UNITED, and such fees and costs shall not exceed the CONSULTANT's proportionate percentage of fault.

7. INSURANCE

A. CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, and for injuries which occur and claims which are made after the services herein are provided, insurance policies in accordance with the requirements set forth in Exhibit "C" attached and incorporated by reference herein. CONSULTANT shall also provide UNITED with a certificate of insurance attesting to its professional liability (errors and omissions) coverage and all required additional insured endorsements.

B. Submission of insurance certificates or endorsements or other proof of insurance shall not relieve CONSULTANT from liability under the indemnification provisions of Section 6. CONSULTANT's obligations in accordance with Section 6 shall apply whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply to any of such claims, damage, lawsuits, losses or liabilities covered by Section 6.

C. By its signature hereto, CONSULTANT certifies that it is aware of the provisions of California Labor Code Section 3700 which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers compensation' or to undertake self-insurance as specified. CONSULTANT shall comply with these provisions before commencing work under this Agreement.

8. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Termination for Cause

1. UNITED may terminate CONSULTANT's services for cause, whereupon this Agreement shall terminate immediately. Termination may occur regardless of whether CONSULTANT's services are completed. Any termination or special instructions from UNITED shall be made in writing.

2. Termination for cause may occur upon any of the following events: (a) CONSULTANT's material breach of this Agreement; (b) abandonment or lack of diligence in performance of the work by CONSULTANT; (c) cessation, suspension,

revocation or expiration of any license needed by CONSULTANT to provide services hereunder; (d) failure of CONSULTANT to substantially comply with any local, state or federal laws, regulations, ordinances or policies applicable to its work hereunder; (e) filing by or against CONSULTANT of bankruptcy or any petition under any law for relief of debtors; or (f) conviction of CONSULTANT or its principal representative or personnel for any crime other than minor traffic offenses.

3. Subject to the provisions of Section 3.B herein, CONSULTANT shall be paid for all approved services performed and approved expenses incurred to the date of termination for cause supported by documentary evidence, including payroll records and expense reports, up to the date of the termination. In the event of termination for cause, all damages and costs associated with the termination, including increased consultant and replacement consultant costs, shall be deducted from any payments due to CONSULTANT.

4. In the event a termination for cause is determined to have been made wrongfully or without cause, then the termination shall be treated as a termination for convenience in accordance with Section 8.B below, and CONSULTANT shall have no greater rights than it would have had if a termination for convenience had been effected in the first instance. No other loss, cost, damage, expense or liability may be claimed, requested or recovered by CONSULTANT.

B. Termination Without Cause/For Convenience. This Agreement may be terminated without cause by UNITED or for UNITED's convenience upon fourteen (14) days' written notice to the CONSULTANT. In the event of a termination without cause, UNITED shall pay the CONSULTANT for all approved services performed and all approved expenses incurred under this Agreement supported by documentary evidence, including payroll records and expense reports, up until the date of the notice of termination. In addition, CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for reasonable termination costs through the payment of 3% beyond the sum due the CONSULTANT under this section through 50% completion of the CONSULTANT's portion of the Project and, if 50% completion is reached, payment of 3% of the unpaid balance of the contract to CONSULTANT as termination cost. This 3% is agreed to compensate the CONSULTANT for the unpaid profit CONSULTANT would have made under the Project on the date of termination and is consideration for entry into this termination for convenience clause.

C. In the event of termination with or without cause, CONSULTANT shall promptly provide to UNITED all Project Documents as defined in Section 9 below within five (5) calendar days from the effective date of termination. Failure to provide all Project Documents as required shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

D. In the event of a dispute as to the performance of the work or an interpretation of this Agreement, or payment or nonpayment for work performed or

not performed, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute. Pending resolution of the dispute CONSULTANT agrees to continue the work diligently to completion. If the dispute is not resolved, CONSULTANT agrees it will neither rescind the Agreement nor stop the progress of work, but CONSULTANT's sole remedy will be to submit such controversy to determination by a court having competent jurisdiction of the dispute as required by this Agreement after the Project has been completed and not before.

9. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A. The CONSULTANT is employed to render a professional service(s) only and any payments made to it are compensation solely for such services as it may render and recommendations it may make in the performance of services.

B. All plans, specifications, construction documents, data, records, files, communications, information, reports and/or other documents that are prepared, generated, reproduced, maintained and/or managed by the CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's subconsultants arising from or in any way related to the services provided under this Agreement (regardless of medium, format, etc.) shall be and remain the property of UNITED ("Project Documents"). UNITED may provide the CONSULTANT with a written request for the return of the Project Documents at any time. Upon CONSULTANT's receipt of UNITED's written request, CONSULTANT shall return the requested Project Documents to UNITED within five (5) calendar days. CONSULTANT may make copies of the work generated. Failure to comply with any such written request above shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed a waiver of any copyright in the Project Documents prepared by the CONSULTANT. Any unauthorized reuse or modification of such Project Documents other than for purposes intended by CONSULTANT or for the Project shall be at UNITED's risk and liability.

C. CONSULTANT agrees that all dealings of the parties under this Agreement shall be confidential and no Project Documents or information developed, prepared or assembled by CONSULTANT under this Agreement, or any information made available to CONSULTANT by UNITED, shall be revealed, disseminated or made available by CONSULTANT to any person or entity other than UNITED without the prior written consent of UNITED, unless otherwise required by subpoena or applicable law or regulatory authority.

10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

It is expressly understood between the parties that no employee/employer relationship is intended, the relationship of CONSULTANT to UNITED being that of an independent contractor. UNITED shall not be required to make any payroll deductions or provide Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage or health benefits to CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT is solely responsible for selecting the means,

methods and procedures for performing its services hereunder as assigned by the UNITED and for coordinating all portions of the work so the results will be satisfactory to UNITED. CONSULTANT will supply all tools and instruments required to perform its services under this Agreement.

11. ASSISTANCE BY UNITED

It is understood and agreed that the UNITED shall, to the extent reasonable and practicable, assist and cooperate with CONSULTANT in the performance of CONSULTANT's services hereunder. Such assistance does not include, in any manner, the exercise of professional judgment for which CONSULTANT is being retained herein. Such assistance and cooperation to be provided by UNITED as applicable includes, but shall not be limited to, providing right of access to work sites; providing material available from the UNITED's files such as maps, as-built drawings, records and operation and maintenance information; and rendering assistance in determining the location of existing facilities and improvements which may be affected by the Project. CONSULTANT shall otherwise be responsible for giving all notices and complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of any public authority relating to the work.

12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. Examination of Records

CONSULTANT agrees that UNITED shall have access to and the right to examine at any reasonable time and on reasonable notice CONSULTANT's documents, papers and records, including accounting records, relating to its performance under this Agreement.

B. Notice

All notices or other official correspondence relating to contractual matters between the parties shall be made by depositing the same as first-class, postage paid mail addressed as follows:

To CONSULTANT:
Rich Sanchez
Senior Vice President/Area Manager
GEI Consultants Inc.
35 N. Lake Avenue, Suite 220
Pasadena, CA 91101

To UNITED:
Craig Morgan
Chief Operations Officer
United Water Conservation District
1701 North Lombard Street, Suite 200
Oxnard, CA 93030

or such other address as either party may designate hereinafter in writing delivered to the other party. All notices shall be agreed to have been received three (3) days after mailing.

C. No Waiver

No failure or delay by UNITED in asserting any of UNITED's rights and remedies as to any default of CONSULTANT shall operate as a waiver of the default, of any subsequent or other default by CONSULTANT, or of any of UNITED's rights or remedies. No such delay shall deprive UNITED of its right to institute and maintain any actions or proceedings which may be necessary to protect, assert or enforce any rights or remedies arising out of this Agreement or the performance of this Agreement.

D. Integration

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereto, and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, and all prior or contemporaneous discussions or negotiations between the parties.

E. Modification

No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties.

F. Rules of Interpretation

The terms of this Agreement have been negotiated by the parties and the language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent. This Agreement shall be construed without regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction against the party causing such instrument to be drafted, or in favor of the party receiving a particular benefit under this Agreement. No rule of strict construction shall be applied against any party to this Agreement.

G. Partial Invalidity

If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby.

H. Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits

The foregoing recitals and exhibits are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

I. California Law; Dispute Resolution; Venue

This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of California, regardless of whether this Agreement is executed by any party in another state or otherwise. If a dispute arises between the parties related to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the parties shall first attempt in good faith to settle the matter through discussion, and if unsuccessful may in their discretion mutually agree to mediate the dispute prior to filing a judicial action. The costs of a third party mediator, if utilized, shall be borne equally by the parties. If either party elects to file an action in court, such action shall be filed and heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Ventura.

J. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, a complete set of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall comprise but a single document. Signatures may be given via facsimile transmission and shall be deemed given as of the date of facsimile transmittal of the executed Agreement by one party to the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By _____
Mauricio Guardado, General Manager

GEI Consultants Inc.

By _____Richard Sanchez, Senior Vice President

EXHIBIT "A" TO AGREEMENT FOR

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

CONSULTANT shall provide professional engineering consultation services under this Agreement in accordance with work described in the attached **Scope of Work** and **Schedule of Charges**.

September 21, 2026

Mr. Craig Morgan, P.E.
Chief Operations Officer
United Water Conservation District
1701 N Lombard St., Suite 200
Oxnard, CA 93030

Subject: **Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – 90% Design**
Ventura County, California

Dear Mr. Morgan:

GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) has prepared this scope of services, cost estimate, and schedule for the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project - 90% Design as requested by United Water Conservation District (UWCD). Our scope is based on discussions between GEI, UWCD, Northwest Hydraulics Consultants (NHC), Frisch Engineering, Inc. (Frisch), Integrated Engineering Services (IEC) and Latitude Surveying.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this proposed contract is to advance the 60% design drawings, technical specifications, Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC), and other associated deliverables to a 90% Design level.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

We propose to divide the scope of work for the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – 90% Design into the following tasks:

Task 1 – Project Management and Coordination

Task 2 – 90% Analyses and Design

Task 3 – 90% Design Drawings

Task 4 – Technical Specifications

Task 5 – 90% Design Criteria Technical Memorandum

Task 6 – 90% Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC), Preliminary Construction Schedule, and Constructability Assessment

Task 7 – Comment Response Sheet

Task 8 – Three-dimensional (3-D) AutoCAD Model Development

Task 9 – Refacing of Downstream Face of Existing Diversion Structure

The scope of work for each of these tasks is described in the sections below.

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Task 1 – Project Management and Coordination

This task includes internal coordination and management of the GEI team, contract administration, project controls, progress reporting, and coordination with UWCD, and other UWCD consultants. GEI's project manager will coordinate with UWCD throughout the duration of the work, with assistance as needed from task leads. The following activities are included in this task:

- Management and supervision of the GEI design team.
- Coordination meetings with UWCD, NHC, Frisch, and IEC.
- Management, coordination, and evaluation of subconsultant services.
- Management of the project scope, schedule, and budget.
- Progress report included with submittal of monthly invoices.

Coordination and communications with UWCD include one-hour progress meetings every two weeks (virtual) to discuss project issues and progress, one-hour meetings with NHC every two weeks, and periodic meetings with Frisch and IEC as needed.

Task 2 – 90% Analysis and Design

GEI will perform civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical analyses and evaluations to advance the improvement project design and plans to a 90% level of completion. The engineering design criteria will be compiled in an updated design criteria report. Some of the key improvements include:

- Phase work to be completed in the dry seasons to reduce environmental impact.
- Improvements to the fishway and Denil ladder area.
- Bypass Channel Slab and Gate Work.
- Expanding the Auxiliary Water Supply.
- Redesigned and expanded fish collection and relocation area located at the fish bypass.
- Fish screen bay upgrades including new fish screens.
- Improved maintenance equipment access across the Freeman Canal.
- Refacing downstream face of existing Diversion Structure

Support for hydraulic analyses, modeling, and evaluations will be provided by NHC as GEI's subconsultant. NHC will provide the appropriate sizing and spatial arrangements of the improvement elements to satisfy the hydraulic requirements of UWCD's operations and the standard criteria of the Agencies.

The electrical design will be supported by Frisch while the OPCC will continue to be supported and further developed by IEC.

Task 3 – 90% Design Drawings

GEI will advance the 60% design drawings to a 90% level of completion based on civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical design development. The deliverable will be the 90% design plan set.

Task 4 – Technical Specifications

Technical specifications for construction of the Project will be developed and prepared for the 90% design level. The technical specifications will be developed in draft form commensurate with a 90% design level.

Task 5 – 90% Design Criteria

GEI will advance the Design Criteria Memorandum (DCM) for the 90% design level. A draft 90% DCM will be submitted to UWCD for review, and a final 90% DCM will be prepared addressing UWCD comments.

Task 6 – 90% OPCC and Constructability Assessment

GEI and IEC will prepare an OPCC based on the 90% design information. The cost estimate will be generated in accordance with the guidelines established by AACE as a Class 2 estimate with an expected upper accuracy range (high) of +5% to +20%. The OPCC will be based on our evaluation of the major construction items appropriate to complete the work, and quantity estimates developed from the 90% design drawings.

GEI will also prepare an anticipated construction schedule based on a preliminary sequence of construction in addition to developing an approximate Project Impact Area Sheet.

A draft 90% OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area Sheet will be submitted to UWCD for review and a final version will be prepared to address and incorporate UWCD comments.

The OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area Sheet effort will continue to be supported by IEC as GEI's subconsultant.

Task 7 – Comment Response Sheet

GEI will compile comments on the 90% design plan set provided by UWCD after its review of the 90% design. GEI will prepare a Comment Response Sheet (CRS) to compile the comments and responses. A Draft CRS will be submitted to UWCD for review and finalized to address UWCD comments on GEI's responses.

Our cost estimate is based on receiving one round of comments from UWCD. Any changes resulting from the comments will be incorporated into the next phases of design, as appropriate.

Task 8 – 3-D AutoCAD Model Development of Existing and Proposed Facility

GEI will continue the development of the AutoCAD 3-D model rendering of the existing and proposed facilities as requested by UWCD. In this 90% design stage, the model development will incorporate the proposed design elements, including the updated Fish Relocation Facility, modifications to the fish

screens and fish screen bay for additional freeboard, Denil ladder updates, modifications to the Auxiliary Water Area, mechanical gates and valves throughout the facility, and final grading around the structure. The AutoCAD model will be refined and enhanced in the 100% design phase to add more detail and renderings for visual presentations.

Task 9 – Refacing of Downstream Face of Existing Diversion Structure

GEI will develop plans for refacing the downstream face of the existing diversion structure, designing the preferred alternative identified in the Alternatives Analysis Technical Memorandum. The work will include a site visit to observe existing conditions and to document pertinent existing features to support plan development, a survey to map the elevation of the downstream face for the base plan for the design package, engineering analyses and design required to develop the refacing improvements, and coordination and management of the related design activities. The design package will consist of construction plans with notes providing contractor requirements. No separate technical specifications will be produced. Deliverables for this task will consist of a draft submittal for UWCD review. GEI will incorporate UWCD comments and will submit the final design plans during the 100% design for the project.

COST ESTIMATE AND SCHEDULE

We developed our cost estimate based on a planned schedule of 27 weeks starting from September 1, 2026, through March 19, 2027. We developed this cost estimate by establishing a detailed list of estimated design drawings based on our prior experience working on this project, identifying design efficiencies that could be applied for the design from prior phases of the project, and formulating a budget to meet this anticipated level of effort within the agreed upon schedule. Our estimated cost to perform the above scope of work is $1,710,000 ($960,000 GEI+ $545,000 NHC +$15,000 IEC +$180,000 Frisch Electrical+ $10,000 Latitude Surveying). Please note that subconsultant costs are marked up by 15 percent. A detailed breakdown of the cost estimate is provided in Attachment A.

PROPOSED SUBCONSULTANTS

As requested by UWCD, GEI will engage NHC as a subconsultant to support the 90% Design effort to provide hydraulic analyses and evaluations including design support. NHC's proposed cost for this effort is included in GEI's cost estimate and a copy of NHC's proposal is included as Attachment B. In addition, GEI will engage Frisch to provide electrical design support and IEC to provide support in preparing the OPCC and constructability assessment. A copy of Frisch's proposal is included as Attachment C. Costs for these subconsultants have been included in GEI's cost estimate.

ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions were made in developing the scope of work and cost estimate for the 90% design of the Improved Denil Project:

1. UWCD will continue to provide additional as-built drawings, technical & operational information, and other needed documents for the existing facility.
2. No additional field subsurface explorations will be required for the 90% design of the facilities. The only survey to be performed will be mapping of the downstream face of the diversion structure and any additional confirmation points that may be needed as part of the 3D modeling

work being performed.

3. Hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) analyses are excluded from the downstream face refacing design scope.
4. All deliverables will be submitted in electronic format.

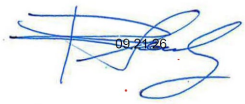
CLOSING

GEI is looking forward to continuing to assist UWCD with the Freeman Diversion Improvement Project – 90% Design. Please contact Iqbal Ahmed or Rich Sanchez if you have any questions or comments. Dr. Ahmed can be reach at 949.245.9326; iahmed@geiconsultants.com or Mr. Sanchez at 916.350.1769; rsanchez@geiconsultants.com.

Sincerely,

GEI Consultants, Inc.





Iqbal Ahmed, Ph.D., P.E., G.E.
Project Manager

Richard Sanchez, P.E.
Principal-in-Charge

Attachment A: Cost Estimate Freeman Diversion for 90% Design
Attachment B: Proposal from NHC for 90% Design
Attachment C: Proposal from Frisch Engineering, Inc.

ATTACHMENT A

Cost Estimate for 90% Design

ATTACHMENT A

September 1, 2026 to March 19, 2027

$1,710,000

Description	Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	CAD	Admin	Subtotals		Expenses				Total Cost
													Subs	Travel/ Mileage	ODCs and Other Expenses (hotel + perdiem)	Subtotal [1]	
	$370 /hr	$331 /hr	$278 /hr	$244 /hr	$207 /hr	$184 /hr	$168 /hr	$153 /hr	$184 /hr	$137 /hr	Hrs	Cost					
TASK 1 PROJECT MANAGEMENT																	
Coordination and Management	30										30	$11,100				$0	$11,100
Meetings	54	54		54	27						189	$56,619				$0	$56,619
Progress reports	6										6	$2,220				$0	$2,220
QA/QC Management	12										12	$4,440				$0	$4,440
Technical Advisor	12										12	$4,440				$0	$4,440
Administrative Support										32	32	$4,384				$0	$4,384
Task Totals	**114**	**54**	**0**	**54**	**27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**32**	**281**	**$83,200**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$83,200**
TASK 2 90% ANALYSES AND DESIGN																	
Civil	4	20		30							54	$15,420				$0	$15,420
Structural	4	40									44	$14,720				$0	$14,720
Geotechnical and geological	4			32							36	$9,288				$0	$9,288
Mechanical design	4	40									44	$14,720				$0	$14,720
Electrical	4	20									24	$8,100				$0	$8,100
Hydraulic Design - Subconsultant Northwest Hydraulic Consultants	8	12									20	$6,932	$545,000			$626,750	$633,682
Task Totals	**28**	**132**	**0**	**62**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**222**	**$69,200**	**$545,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$626,750**	**$695,900**
TASK 3 90% DESIGN DRAWINGS																	
Civil	8	40		40					100		188	$44,360				$0	$44,360
Structural	8	80		160	480				260		988	$215,680				$0	$215,680
Mechanical	8	100		40					160		308	$75,260				$0	$75,260
Electrical - Subconsultant Tom Frisch Engineers		24		4							28	$8,920	$180,000			$207,000	$215,920
Task Totals	**24**	**244**	**0**	**244**	**480**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**520**	**0**	**1,512**	**$344,200**	**$180,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$207,000**	**$551,200**
TASK 4 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS																	
General	2	20		8							30	$9,312				$0	$9,312
Civil	2	40		16							58	$17,884				$0	$17,884
Structural	2	20		80						4	106	$27,428				$0	$27,428
Mechanical	2	80		12							94	$30,148				$0	$30,148
Electrical	2	20		8							30	$9,312				$0	$9,312
Task Totals	**10**	**180**	**0**	**124**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**318**	**$94,100**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$94,100**
TASK 5 90% DESIGN CRITERIA																	
Draft Design Criteria Report	4	60		40							104	$31,100				$0	$31,100
Final Design Criteria Report	2	40		16							58	$17,884				$0	$17,884

September 1, 2026 to March 19, 2027

$1,710,000

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	$370 /hr	$331 /hr	$278 /hr	$244 /hr	$207 /hr	$184 /hr	$168 /hr	$153 /hr	$184 /hr	$137 /hr	Hrs	Cost					
Task Totals	**6**	**100**	**0**	**56**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**162**	**$49,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$49,000**
TASK 6 90% OPCC AND CONSTRUCTABILITY ASSESMENT																	
Draft OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area	12	24		40							76	$22,144				$0	$22,144
Final OPCC, Construction Schedule, and Project Impact Area	8	12		24							44	$12,788				$0	$12,788
Cost Estimate Support - Subconsultant Integrated Engineering Services	8			24							32	$8,816	$15,000			$17,250	$26,066
Task Totals	**28**	**36**	**0**	**88**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**152**	**$43,700**	**$15,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$17,250**	**$61,000**
TASK 7 COMMENT RESPONSE SHEET																	
Comment Response Sheet	4	12		8	12						36	$9,888				$0	$9,888
Task Totals	**4**	**12**	**0**	**8**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**36**	**$9,888**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$9,900**
TASK 8 3-D MODEL DEVELOPMENT																	
Advance 3D AutoCAD Model of Existing to Include Proposed Elements	4	20		8					200		232	$46,852				$0	$46,852
Follow up survey items	2			6							8	$2,204	$5,000			$5,750	$7,954
Task Totals	**6**	**20**	**0**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**200**	**0**	**240**	**$49,056**	**$5,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$5,750**	**$54,806**
TASK 9 REFACING D/S FACE OF EXISTING DIVERSION STRUCTURE																	
Site Visit	1			12	8						21	$4,954		$200		$230	$5,184
Perform Survey to Map Elevation D/S Face - Sub. Latitude Surveying	4			12							16	$4,408	$5,000			$5,750	$10,158
Analyses and Design (Draft and Final)	8	60		80	90				100	4	342	$79,918				$0	$79,918
Coordination and Management	16										16	$5,920				$0	$5,920
Task Totals	**29**	**60**	**0**	**104**	**98**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**	**4**	**395**	**$95,200**	**$5,000**	**$200**	**$0**	**$5,980**	**$101,180**
PROJECT TOTALS	**249**	**838**	**0**	**754**	**617**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**820**	**40**	**3,318**	**$837,544**	**$750,000**	**$200**	**$0**	**$862,730**	**$1,710,000**

Notes:
(1) Subconsultant costs include 15% mark-up

FEE SCHEDULE

Personnel Category	*Hourly Billing Rate* $ per hour
Staff Professional – Grade 1	$ 153
Staff Professional – Grade 2	$ 168
Project Professional – Grade 3	$ 184
Project Professional – Grade 4	$ 207
Senior Professional – Grade 5	$ 244
Senior Professional – Grade 6	$ 278
Senior Professional – Grade 7	$ 331
Senior Consultant – Grade 8	$ 370
Drafter / Designer and Senior Technician (CAD)	$ 184
Technician, Word Processor, Administrative Staff	$ 137
Office Aide	$ 103

These rates are billed for both regular and overtime hours in all categories.
Rates will increase up to 5% annually, at GEI's option, for all contracts that extend into the next calendar year. Rates for Deposition and Testimony increased 1.5 times.

OTHER PROJECT COSTS

Subconsultants, Subcontractors and Other Project Expenses - All costs for subconsultants, subcontractors and other project expenses will be billed at cost plus a 15% service charge. Examples of such expenses ordinarily charged to projects are subcontractors; subconsultants: chemical laboratory charges; rented or leased field and laboratory equipment; outside printing and reproduction; communications and mailing charges; reproduction expenses; shipping costs for samples and equipment; disposal of samples; rental vehicles; fares for travel on public carriers; special fees for insurance certificates, permits, licenses, etc.; fees for restoration of paving or land due to field exploration, etc.; state and local sales and use taxes and state taxes on GEI fees. *The 15% service charge will not apply to GEI-owned equipment and vehicles or in-house reproduction expenses.*

Field and Laboratory Equipment Billing Rates – GEI-owned field and laboratory equipment such as pumps, sampling equipment, monitoring instrumentation, field density equipment, portable gas chromatographs, etc. will be billed at a daily, weekly, or monthly rate, as needed for the project. Expendable supplies are billed at a unit rate. *The 15% service charge will not apply to this item.*

Transportation and Subsistence - Automobile expenses for GEI or employee-owned cars will be charged at the rate per mile set by the Internal Revenue Service for tax purposes plus tolls and parking charges or at a day rate negotiated for each project. When required for a project, four-wheel drive vehicles owned by GEI or the employees will be billed at a daily rate appropriate for those vehicles. Per diem living costs for personnel on assignment away from their home office will be negotiated for each project. *The 15% service charge will not apply to this item.*

ATTACHMENT B

Proposal from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Inc.

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northwest hydraulic consultants

NHC Ref. No. 5010592
27 August 2026

United Water Conservation District
1701 Lombard Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

Attention: **Craig Morgan, P.E.** Chief Operations Officer
Nathan Summerville, P.E. Senior Engineer
Rich Sanchez, P.E. Senior Project Manager
Iqbal Ahmed Ph.D, P.E Senior Project Manager

Via email: craigm@unitedwater.org
nsummerville@unitedwater.org
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iahmed@geiconsultants.com

Subject: **Freeman Diversion Improved Denil 90% Design Plans**

Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC) has provided support to United Water Conservation District (United) through several phases of design alternatives to upgrade the Freeman Diversion. This has included work on the Hardened Ramp up through development of the 100% hydraulic designs for the Hardened Ramp concept and hydraulic support for the 90% Design phase led by GEI. NHC also provided a review of the geomorphic processes in the system to support the potential adjustment of the downstream ramp invert elevation.

NHC recently performed concept design work on the Freeman Improved Denil Fish Passage and Diversion Improvement Project that utilizes the existing footprint and many features of the diversion facility (Canal Gates, Crest Gates, Fish Ladder and Ladder Entrance, Low Flow Bypass Gates, etc.) to maximize the diversion capacity and improve fish passage conditions. Fish passage features including the Denil ladder and entrance, auxiliary water system, fish trap/assessment facility and fish screens were analyzed and improved where feasible. NHC is currently documenting these concepts through an updated design development report (DDR) and supporting GEI's 60 percent design plans that are scheduled to be provided to United at the end of August 2026.

This task order will provide additional funding for NHC to advance the hydraulic and fisheries concept to the 90% Design Level. NHC's work will support GEI's 90% design plan set and cost submittal. The services to be provided can be described to some degree at present but will be adapted depending on needs identified by United and GEI moving forward. The work will be coordinated in regular meetings. A description of work tasks and budgets to support the expected level of effort are provided below.

TASKS

NHC has identified six primary tasks for completion of the work described below.

Task 1: Meetings, Support and Coordination
NHC has allocated time for coordination with the design team to refine features as well as regular interactions and meetings with GEI and United to coordinate on the project.

Assumptions: This scope assumes regular weekly meetings with United and GEI for 7 months (18) and up to 18 meetings with GEI for specific items. In this task, no time is allocated for discussions with regulatory agencies or to respond to their requests or additional time for any legal hearings or additional related items.

Task 2: Design of Intake and Auxiliary System and River Hydraulics
An expanded intake and auxiliary water system (AWS) design was developed in collaboration with United and GEI, which is being incorporated into the ongoing 60% plans. Hydraulic engineering work in this phase will primarily focus on detailed design of these features as it moves towards final design. Below are some areas where additional hydraulic analysis/design may occur at this phase:

- Review of 60% Design plans and identification of potential sedimentation areas.
- Review of potential options for reducing sedimentation to reduce diversion downtime post storm events.
- Update the existing reach wide HEC-RAS model to document the 100-year water levels for the 90% plans.
- Detailed design refinements for hydraulic features such as the pump system, fish relocation system, and gate structures.
- Hydraulic support for civil and mechanical designs.
- Detailed design of the hydraulics for the water return facility and AWS.
- Final modeling of approach conditions and documentation of NMFS compliance
- Provide hydraulic analysis and results to document the final GEI Fish Screen Design.
- Review of updated survey drawings and updates to features if required. Updated numerical model runs where changes in the design require additional analysis.
- Detailed review of potential operational scenarios with United/GEI.
- Detailed description of hydraulic operations for the range of operational flows.
- Site visit and review of downstream bank protection riprap.

Assumptions: The concept from the 60% design will be utilized for the 90% design. NHC will utilize the existing 2D and 3D CFD models to analyze the intake and AWS to assess local conditions as needed. Minimal changes/updates will be needed to the existing DEM's of

the facility to reflect any new topographic survey. Updated analysis for changes to the DEM will only be done as necessary for potential significant changes in topography identified from the survey. The existing HEC-RAS model will be utilized to assess the reach wide conditions. No changes will be made to the hydrology and only modifications to represent structures that are part of the project. The sediment review will be high level working off of existing materials from earlier iterations of the work and presentations from United. The design of large-scale sediment management features (crest gates, desander, etc.) is not part of the design. Documentation of analysis will be provided in updates via presentation during regular meetings and updates to the DDR at completion.

Task 3: Fish Passage Designs

The GEI/NHC team has developed an improved Denil fish ladder design based on a maximum river flow rate of 1800 cfs and with an attraction flow rate of 10%, to be split through the Fish Ladder (35 cfs) and expanded AWS (145 cfs). This task will advance this work further to support the 90% design plans and documentation. Work on this task may include:

- Development of Existing Conditions CFD models of the Denil Ladder, Fish Entrance and Fish Exit facilities, compare results between existing and proposed condition models to quantify fisheries improvements.
- Refinement and detailed design of the Improved Denil plates.
- Incorporation of physical model findings into design.
- Review and update to existing Lamprey Passage System.
- Refinement of CFD modeling for the proposed fish exit facility.
- Documentation of compliance with NMFS Criteria for Fisheries Features

Assumptions: The 60% design concepts will be used as a base for the Denil, Fish Relocation and Monitoring work. Detailed Design at 90% will be refinement of these concepts. This scope does not include coordination with agencies (CDFW/NMFS) or any analysis or modification of the concepts if they review earlier submittals. Physical modeling is not covered under this scope of work.

Task 4: Documentation and Support

This task will provide support for the 90% design plans and documentation.

An updated draft Development Design Report (DDR) is being developed as part of the 60% designs to serve as a hydraulic basis of design. In this task NHC will address any comments on the initial draft and provide an update to include features developed as part of the 90% plans. NHC will provide the hydraulic related components for the design to GEI as they are developed through draft model results and CAD drawings. NHC will provide support for detailed hydraulic related components of the design plans to a 90 percent level. Updates will be completed based on advanced hydraulic design to key features such as the typical

Denil fishway cross-sections, fish screens, evaluation station and gate configurations. NHC will provide hydraulic results (velocities, water levels) to GEI as requested to support their designs. NHC will review a draft of the 90% design plans for conformance with the supporting hydraulic analysis. NHC will provide feedback for the constructability assessment being led by GEI for any hydraulics related questions.

Assumptions: It is assumed that the 90% design will be a detailed refinement of the work done at the 60% design without any major changes. It is assumed that NHC will provide input on up to 8 sheets. NHC will provide an updated draft of the DDR to GEI for comment, those comments will be addressed prior to the initial draft to United. NHC will then provide a final version addressing United concepts. NHC will address one set of comments/questions on the plan features from GEI. NHC will address one set of United comments on the concepts NHC developed that were incorporated into the larger drawing set by GEI. GEI will be able to utilize results previously developed to estimate quantities for the cost estimate.

Task 5: Constructability Assessment and Value Engineering

NHC will work with GEI on their assessment of constructability of the proposed project. NHC will provide hydrologic and hydraulic input as needed for the constructability work being led by GEI. This task will also include time for periodic reviews to assist GEI in refining design elements for operational reliability and cost efficiency as directed starting with a review of the 60% design plans.

Assumptions: The information from the assessment and value engineering review will be provided to GEI to support their documentation.

Task 6: As-Directed Support Tasks

The needs for the project may change over time. This line item provides NHC a way to address hydraulics items and requests from United or GEI that were unforeseen but may come up as part of the agency (NMFS/CDFW) review or supporting the legal work.

Assumptions: Requests will come from GEI or United. NHC will assess if funds are available before completing the work. The use of these funds will be summarized in the monthly progress reports. Depending on the request, additional budget may be required, this will be requested prior to doing the task.

SCHEDULE

It is assumed that work will start after after contract execution and extend through submittal of the draft report and plans in alignment with GEI's schedule. The work will conclude with the submittal of the final 90% plans by GEI. This budget was developed,

assuming a time frame of 6 months from start of work to draft 90% plans expected submittal end of February 2027.

BUDGET

The costs for the tasks outlined above were estimated based on the expected level of effort for design and analysis of potential solutions that are presently anticipated. Depending on initial development and review of potential solutions with GEI and United team, cost allocations may need to be shifted between tasks. The hourly rates will be based on our 2026 rate tables. A cost breakdown by task is given below.

#	Task	Budget
1	Meetings, Support and Coordination	$63K
2	Intake, Aux System and River Hydraulics	$195K
3	Fish Passage Designs	$146K
4	Documentation and Support	$60K
5	Constructability Assessment and Value Engineering	$26K
6	As-Directed Support Tasks	$55K
	Amount Requested	**$ 545K**

CLOSURE

We hope the approach outlined above and the estimated schedule meets United's needs for contracting purposes. Please call or email with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Inc.





Brady McDaniel, P.E.
Principal

Barry Chilibeck, P Eng
Principal

NHC COST PROPOSAL - TASK BREAKDOWN BUDGET

PROJECT: Freeman 90% Design

CLIENT: United Water Conservation District

DATE: 27-Aug-26

BY: bjm/bmc

		NHC Personnel													
		PE2	PE2	PE2	PE3	SPE	SE1	SE2	SE2	GIS	GIS2				
		jav	bjm	BC	HF	AS	reo	rmg	DH/PRF	JDL	CZ	Labor	Direct	Task	
Task No	Task Description	317.00	317.00	317.00	295.00	256.00	224.00	208.00	208.00	164.00	153.00	Cost	Cost	Cost	
1	**Meetings, Support and Coordination**	40	58	46	0	0	40	40	0	0	0	**$62,928**		**$62,928**	$63,000
	Meetings with United and GEI, some prep (18 assumed)	22	22	22			22	22				$30,426			
	Meeting with GEI (14 assumed)	18	18	18			18	18				$24,894			
	General Support, Coordination and Invoicing		18	6								$7,608			
2	**Intake, Aux Water and Operations**	66	52	33	20	12	204	264	68	8	84	**$185,755**	**$9,000**	**$194,755**	$195,000
	Review of Sedimentation through System and Concepts	24	8	4			48	44				$31,316			
	Update DEM and 3D Model						12	12	16		32	$13,408			
	100yr HEC-RAS Modeling		2		20				8	8		$9,510			
	Detail design refinements (pump, fish relocation, gates0	6	6	6			20	80				$26,826			
	Hydraulic Support for Civil and Mechanical Design	6	8			12	12		12		12	$14,530			
	Aux System Detailed Design	2	2	2			8	40				$12,014	$2,500		
	Water Return Facility Design	2	2	2			8	40				$12,014			
	Approach Conditions and NMFS Compliance	2	6	6			20	20				$13,078			
	Update numerical models	16	2	3			16	16	32		32	$25,121	$5,000		
	Fish Screen Design			6				12				$4,398			
	Update Operational Model Scenarios	4	4	4			24					$9,180			
	Riprap and Bank Protection Design	2					24				8	$7,234			
	Site Visit	2	12				12					$7,126	$1,500		
3	**Fish Passage Designs**	82	24	72	0	0	104	116	116	0	40	**$134,098**	**$12,000**	**$146,098**	$146,000
	Development of Existing Conditions CFD Models (Denil, Entrance, Exit)	60	8	12			8	20	100		40	$58,232	$6,000		
	Refinement of Denil Design Analysis	12	2	24			16	12				$18,126	$2,000		
	Review and Updae to existing Lamprey System	8	8	8			32	32				$21,432			
	Fish Relocation Design and Transport			6			12	32				$11,246			
	Refinement of CFD Modeling for the proposed fish exit facility	2	6	6			16		16			$11,350	$4,000		
	Documentation of Compliance with NMFS Criteria			16			20	20				$13,712			
4	**Documentation and Support**	32	16	32	0	0	96	64	0	0	0	**$60,176**		**$60,176**	$60,000
	Address Question/Comments from DDR	2	2	2			16	4				$6,318			
	Update DDR with new analysis	24	8	24			60	40				$39,512			
	Design Hydraulics to GEI	4	4	4			8	8				$7,260			
	Review of 90% Design Plans	2	2	2			12	12				$7,086			
5	**Constructability Assessment and Value Engineering**	4	16	16	0	40	18	0	0	0	0	**$25,684**		**$25,684**	$26,000
	Site Assessment	2	8	8		20	12					$13,514			
	Value Engineering	2	8	8		20	6					$12,170			
6	**Legal/As-Directed Support Tasks**	40	40	40			40	40				**$55,320**		**$55,320**	$55,000
	Totals	*264*	*206*	*239*	*20*	*52*	*502*	*524*	*184*	*8*	*124*			***$ 544,961***	*$545,000*
	Average a month (over 6 months)	44	34	40	3	9	84	87	31	1	21				

Symbol	Classification	2023	2025	**2026**	2027
pe2	principal	$290.00	$308.00	$317.00	$327.00
pe3	principal engineer T3/ sr project engineer 1	$270.00	$286.00	$295.00	$304.00
spe	senior project engineer	$235.00	$249.00	$256.00	$264.00
se1	senior engineer/scientist 1	$205.00	$217.00	$224.00	$231.00
se2	senior engineer/scientist 2	$190.00	$202.00	$208.00	$214.00
e1	engineer/scientist 1	$170.00	$180.00	$185.00	$191.00
e2	engineer/scientist 2	$145.00	$154.00	$159.00	$164.00
je	junior engineer/scientist	$135.00	$143.00	$147.00	$151.00
gis1	gis analyst 1	$150.00	$159.00	$164.00	$169.00
gis2	gis analyst 2	$120.00	$127.00	$131.00	$135.00
set	senior cad designer	$165.00	$175.00	$180.00	$185.00
et	engineering technician 1	$140.00	$149.00	$153.00	$158.00
jet	engineering technician 2	$125.00	$133.00	$137.00	$141.00
	jr. engineering technician	$105.00	$111.00	$114.00	$117.00
sca	senior contract administrator	$190.00	$202.00	$208.00	$214.00
ste	senior technical editor	$150.00	$159.00	$164.00	$169.00
te	technical editor	$125.00	$133.00	$137.00	$141.00
oa	office administrator	$100.00	$106.00	$109.00	$112.00

Hourly Rate*

Brady McDaniel, Barry Chilibeck, Pepe Vasquez

Hank Fehlman, Ed Wallace

Andrey Shvidchenko

Rob Odell

Pablo Rodriguez, Reinaldo Morales Garcia, Dan Maldoff

Dawn Lasprugato

Cass Zhao

CFD / Technical Computer Charges: $25.00 per hour of model processing time

$	7	Months of wo
$	489,641	Total without
$	69,949	Average spen

ATTACHMENT C

Proposal from Frisch Engineering, Inc.

FRISCH ENGINEERING, INC.
Consulting Electrical Engineers and Programmers
13405 Folsom Blvd., Unit 600
Folsom, CA 95630

Electrical Contractor
C-10 Lic #1025671
Phone (916) 353-1025

August 4, 2026

Ahmed, Iqbal, PE
GEI Consultants
"Ahmed, Iqbal" <iahmed@geiconsultants.com>

Location: Freeman Diversion Improvement Project
Subject: Electrical Engineering Design Services

Mr. Iqbal,

Frisch Electrical Engineering Inc. is pleased to submit this proposal to perform the electric power and control system design services for this project. The following detail is provided in defining our proposed scope of work.

Design Services

The design will include electrical drawings and specifications for a complete new electrical and control system for the fish passage. The systems included in this quotation are as follows.

Common systems

- Utility Service entrance, meter/main switchboard, automatic transfer switch, distribution panel. Determine reuse of 208v power system and applicability to new equipment.
- Reuse or replace standby diesel generator, outdoor, with sub-base tank.
- Electrical Building electrical such as lights, receptacles, and grounding.
- Distribution to motors and actuators along the fish passage.
- Exterior area lighting (reconnect lighting, add additional where needed)
- Building intrusion alarms, PLC based
- Building HVAC power and control.
- Access controls for doors of building.
- Repower of existing building and equipment not being improved.

Mechanical Equipment

- Trash rack, refeed existing system.
- Canal inlet Gates, refeed existing sluice gates
- Flushing channel gate with electric actuator
- Fish ladder exit gate with electric actuator
- Fish counting weir with electric actuator
- Auxiliary Inlet gate with electric actuator
- Fish collector bypass gate with electric actuator
- Fish collector exit gate with electric actuator
- Overhead crane, Lift basket, fish crowder actuators

- Fish collection adjustable weir
- Vertical fish screen with cleaning mechanism, 2 motors.
- Vertical fish screen Slide gates for fish screen, 13 actuators

Instrumentation systems

- Various Instrumentation (level, flow, power monitoring)
- Approximately 8 water level systems

Automated Controls

- PLC control panel with operator interface utilizing existing radio communications system.
- Conduit and wire to instrumentation and controls along fish passage.
- Remote control of gate operators, trash racks, and cleaning equipment.
- SCADA system programming description for application to existing SCADA system.
- Remote and local operation, monitoring, and control of most equipment.

Video Monitoring

- Video server connection or local server and POE network distribution.
- Video cameras (approximately 20) for overview monitoring of gates, basins, and property.
- Video cameras (approximately 5) for specific areas in fish ladder area

The following drawings and specifications will be included in the design.

1. Electrical and Instrumentation Design
    A. Meetings and Field Investigations
        1. Site investigations to review site, utility services, existing equipment, and other items.
        2. Virtual meetings during design (10)
    B. Project coordination and Management
    C. Electrical Design Drawings
        1. Electrical and instrumentation symbols and abbreviations.
        2. Process and instrumentation diagrams (P&IDs)
        3. Single line diagram of power distribution with load calculations.
        4. Elevation layout drawing:
            a. Utility Metering Switchboard
            b. Transfer Switch
            c. Distribution Panels
            d. Control Panel with backpan layout
            e. Miscellaneous other panels
        5. Control panel wiring diagrams.
            a. PLC Control Panel.
            b. Control diagrams for Actuators
            c. Miscellaneous, lights, heaters, etc.
        6. Plan drawings:
            a. Building Power and Control Plan
            b. Building Lighting and Receptacle Plan
            c. Building Plans and multiple Site Electrical Plans
        7. Detail drawings:
            a. Pad mounted electrical equipment.
            b. Instrumentation (flowmeters, pressure transmitters, etc.)
            c. Underground conduit
            d. Conduit transition through grade
            e. Underground pull box installation.
            f. Pump motor connection.
            g. Ground system installation.
            h. Site lighting.
            i. Miscellaneous additional details
    D. Electrical schedules:

1. Conduit & wire
2. Panelboard
3. Instrumentation
4. Lighting Fixtures

E. Electrical specifications:

1. General Electrical Materials
2. Conduit and Boxes
3. Low Voltage Wire
4. Grounding
5. Diesel Generator
6. Automatic Transfer Switch
7. Low Voltage Switchboard
8. Panelboard and Power Transformer
9. Communications System, (antenna, cable, radio, etc.)
10. Factory and Field testing.
11. Control Panel Components
12. PLC and Operator Interface Hardware
13. PLC and Operator Interface Applications Programming
14. SCADA System Hardware and Software
15. SCADA System Programming Description
16. Security System
17. Access Control system
18. Video Monitoring System
19. Instrumentation (flowmeters, pressure transmitters, etc)
20. Other electrical components.

F. Electrical and Instrumentation construction cost estimate.

2. Bid services and addenda.

Assumptions

- We have assumed one design bid package, one project for construction, and a design period not to exceed 18 months. If the project is broken up into additional bid packages or design duration is exceeded for any reason, additional charges may apply.
- Design reviews are comprehensive and that information furnished at each design stage (design drawings, standards, methods, equipment tags, conventions) will be reviewed, commented, and/or approved when presented. Revisions to previously presented, yet uncommented, design information may create additional cost in Engineering for rework.
- Building Permit from AHJ and associated review / comment responses is not required for this project. Title 24 calculations not required.

- Our existing insurance coverage limits for general liability ($5M) and E&O liability ($3M/5M) are sufficient. Please request insurance certificate for details.
- Drawings and specifications can be completed by using our standards and templates created in AutoCad and MS Word using CSI format.
- We are assuming that the Radio will communicate by locating or reusing an antenna on project site. Radio repeaters, radio surveys, radio topography or other communications analysis is not included but can be provided for an additional fee.
- We have not included separate security systems (other than RTU intrusion monitoring) or video surveillance or automated access control systems.
- The project construction budget includes an industry standard 10% minimum contingency such that changes can be designed and implemented as deemed necessary by the Engineer or Owner during construction. This quotation does not include cost for construction changes regardless of initiating source.
- This quotation does not include Arc-Flash analysis (unless specifically stated) as required by the NFPA 70 electrical code. That analysis and associated equipment labeling can be provided for an additional fee.
- Electronic files (ACAD) for the siteplan, mechanical and building plan will be provided to us for our use as background files. If electronic files need to be generated for the site plan, additional charges may apply.
- Rate escalation of 5% per hour is scheduled for January 1, 2027 and each anniversary thereafter. Escalated rates will only apply to extra work performed after January 1, 2027.
- Hourly rates include overhead costs such as telephone, photocopies, computer costs, and insurance.
- Hourly rates do not include expenses such as mileage, rental equipment, airline tickets, rental vehicles, lodging, non-incidental photocopying and materials.
    - Travel time will be billed at hourly rate, plus current Federal mileage rate.
    - Per diem charge will be added based on half or full day of field work.
    - Actual travel expenses (airfare, ground transportation lodging, etc.) are billed at cost plus 10% for overhead and handling.

Deliverables

- Plans, specifications, and cost estimate, delivered PDF, at 60%, 90%, 100%, and Final design stages.

Terms

- As defined per contract, contract by Client.
- Attached quote is based on project scope as described. We anticipate that we can perform the scope as described within our budget. If the project changes, or work scope increases or decreases, we will make every effort to inform the Client in advance of work for authorization.
- Client will be invoiced monthly based on project progress.
- Changes to project scope may result in increased or reduced costs.

Electrical Engineering Costs

See attached Quotation

Frisch Engineering is pleased to offer this quotation for your consideration. This quotation is for design services only. We will gladly quote services during construction such as submittal review, electrical inspection, and management after the design is complete. Please give me a call or email if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Frisch, P.E.
Electrical Engineer
tfrisch@frischengineering.com

I agree to project scope, assumptions, deliverables and terms and authorize Frisch Engineering to proceed:

X _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

FRISCH ENGINEERING, INC.
Consulting Electrical Engineers and Programmers
13405 Folsom Blvd., Unit 600
Folsom, CA 95630

Electrical Contractor
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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES COST ESTIMATE

JOB TITLE: United Water, Freeman Diversion Improvement Project 8/4/2026
CLIENT: Ahmed, Iqbal <iahmed@geiconsultants.com>

Design Services Electrical Engineering Discipline

Task	Description	Principal Engineer	Senior Engineer	Senior Designer	Junior Designer	Associate Designer	Total hours per task	cost per task
1	60% Design P&S	60	60	75	135	30	360	$75,750.00
	90% Design PS&E	105	105	119	210	53	592	$125,145.00
	100% Design PS&E	23	23	26	45	12	129	$27,270.00
	Final Design PS&E	19	19	17	30	8	93	$19,960.00
2	Bid Services	0	16	16	0	0	32	$7,360.00
	Subtotal Hours	207	223	253	420	103	1206	
	Hourly rate per discipline	$260	$245	$215	$185	$145		Subtotal Costs
	Total cost per discipline	$53,820	$54,635	$54,395	$77,700	$14,935		$255,485.00
							Total Costs	**$255,485.00**

Individual tasks cost are approximate and some cost shifting between tasks or disciplines may be necessary

EXHIBIT "B" TO AGREEMENT FOR

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

CONSULTANT shall adhere to the following **Guidelines for Expense Reimbursement**:

Incidental expenditures incurred by CONSULTANT in the course of performing work under this Agreement and submitted for reimbursement by UNITED shall comply with the following guidelines.

Receipts are required for all reimbursable expenses (with an exception for meals and lodging) and shall be furnished with the invoice. Reimbursable expenditures shall not be subject to mark-up. Only actual costs of expenditures within the limits presented below are eligible for reimbursement.

1. Reimbursable Expenditures

A. Travel Expenses

Expenses for airfare or other travel accommodations shall not exceed costs that would reasonably be expected for comparable economy or coach class accommodations.

Personal vehicles may be used when appropriate and mileage will be reimbursed at the standard Internal Revenue Service (IRS) business mileage rate (e.g., 0.76 cents per mile for calendar year 2026, but for a total cost no greater than the cost that would reasonably be expected for round trip economy or coach class airfare. With the exception of extenuating circumstances (e.g. transport of specialized equipment), mileage for any trip over 500 miles shall be reimbursed at a total cost no greater than would reasonably be expected for round trip economy or coach class airfare. Extenuating circumstances shall be pre-approved by UNITED.

Rental vehicle costs are reimbursable when justified by the nature of the trip. With the exception of extenuating circumstances (e.g. transport of more than 4 people or excessive cargo) the total expense for the rental vehicle shall not exceed a cost that would reasonably be expected for a standard class vehicle. Insurance for rental vehicles is not reimbursable and must be in accordance with all insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement.

B. Lodging

The cost of lodging incurred on approved CONSULTANT business trips is reimbursable. UNITED will reimburse lodging at the standard U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) rate for Ventura County (e.g., $199.00 per night [excluding

taxes] for the months of October 2026 and January – September 2027). GSA rates are annually updated in October.

C. Meals

The cost of meals incurred on approved CONSULTANT Projects is reimbursable.

If UNITED is reimbursing the CONSULTANT for lodging, UNITED will reimburse for meals at the appropriate standard GSA rate for Ventura County (i.e., $64.50 (or 75% of a daily rate) per day for first and last calendar day of PROJECT work, and $86.00 per day for additional PROJECT workdays for calendar year 2026 and 2027.

If UNITED is not reimbursing the CONSULTANT for lodging, UNITED will not reimburse the CONSULTANT for meals.

D. Equipment

All reimbursable equipment must be purchased or rented at a reasonable cost, in accordance with industry standards.

E. Expendable Items

Items that are expendable (depleted) will not be returned to UNITED, as the items will be "used up" in the course of CONSULTANT's work.

F. Non-Expendable Items

Items that are non-expendable (not depleted) will be returned to UNITED upon completion of CONSULTANT's work.

EXHIBIT "C" TO AGREEMENT FOR

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, and for injuries that occur and claims which are made after the services herein are performed, insurance against claims or injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by CONSULTANT, its agents, representatives, or employees.

Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence Form CG 00 01 or its equivalent).

2. Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 00 01 covering Automobile Liability, Code 1 or its equivalent (any auto).

3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

4. Errors & Omissions Liability insurance appropriate to the CONSULTANT's profession. Architects' and engineers' coverage is to be endorsed to include contractual liability.

5. Valuable Document Insurance on all plans, specifications and other documents as may be required to protect UNITED in the amount of its full equity in such plans, specifications and other documents.

Minimum Limits of Insurance

CONSULTANT shall maintain limits no less than:

1.	General Liability: Including operations, products and completed operations, as applicable.	**$1,000,000** per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2.	Automobile Liability:	**$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3.	Employer's Liability:	**$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4.	Errors & Omissions Liability:	**$1,000,000** per claim.
5.	Valuable Document Insurance	**Full Equity of all Documents**

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by UNITED. At the option of UNITED, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects UNITED, its directors, officers, officials, employees and agents; or CONSULTANT shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to UNITED guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

Other Insurance Provisions

The commercial general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

6. For all policies required by this Agreement, UNITED and its directors, officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as additional named insureds as respects: liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the CONSULTANT.

7. For any claims related to this Project, the CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects UNITED and its directors, officers, officials, employees and agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by UNITED, its directors, officers, officials, employees or agents shall be excess of the CONSULTANT's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

8. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either party, except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been provided to UNITED (with the exception of ten (10) days for nonpayment of premium).

If General Liability, Contractors Pollution Liability and/or Asbestos Pollution Liability and/or Errors & Omissions coverages are written on a claims-made form:

9. The retroactive date must be shown, and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.

10. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.

11. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the contract effective date, the CONSULTANT must purchase an extended period coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

12. A copy of the claims reporting requirements must be submitted to UNITED for review.

13. If the services involve lead-based paint or asbestos identification/ remediation, the Contractors Pollution Liability shall not contain lead-based paint or asbestos exclusions. If the services involve mold identification/ remediation, the Contractors Pollution Liability shall not contain a mold exclusion and the definition of "Pollution" shall include microbial matter including mold.

Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers qualified to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to UNITED. Exception may be made for the State Compensation Insurance Fund when not specifically rated.

Verification of Coverage

CONSULTANT shall furnish UNITED with original certificates and amendatory/ additional insured endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The endorsements should be on forms provided by UNITED or on other than UNITED's forms provided those endorsements conform to UNITED requirements. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by UNITED before work commences. However, failure to do so shall not operate as a waiver of these insurance requirements. UNITED reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements effecting the coverage required by these specifications at any time.

Waiver of Subrogation

CONSULTANT hereby agrees to waive subrogation, which any insurer of contractor may acquire from vendor by virtue of the payment of any loss. CONSULTANT agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation.

The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the entity for all work performed by the CONSULTANT, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

United Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

To: **UWCD Board of Directors**

Through: Mauricio Guardado, General Manager
Suparna Jain, Partner, AALRR

From: Maryam Bral, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant General Manager Adrian Quiroz, Senior Engineer
Kaili Taniguchi, Senior Engineer
Kylie Kephart, Associate Engineer

Date: **September 17, 2026 (October 14, 2026, meeting)**

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Staff Recommendation:
In accordance with the Santa Felicia Dam Owner's Dam Safety Program, the Chief Dam Safety Engineer for UWCD shall prepare and deliver an Annual Comprehensive Dam Safety Program Report (Annual Report) and presentation to the UWCD Board of Directors. This Annual Report and presentation cover dam safety program activities from October 2025 through October 2026 (reporting period). *Per Government Code Title 18 § 388.113 Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information, the Annual Report is a critical/confidential document. Board members only will be provided with hard copies.*

Upon receiving such report, adopt Resolution No. 2026-24 approving the revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner's Dam Safety Program, revision 12.0 dated October 2026, and the Overarching Dam Safety Program Policy. *Per Government Code Title 18 § 388. 113 Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information, the Owner's Dam Safety Program is a critical/confidential document. Committee members only will be provided with hard copies.*

Discussion:
This action updates the District's Dam Safety Program documents and reaffirms the Board of Directors' ongoing commitment to dam safety in accordance with external audit recommendations and FERC guidance.

On October 10, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2012-15, establishing the Santa Felicia Dam (SFD) Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP) as a District policy to demonstrate its continued commitment to dam safety. The ODSP was prepared in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Engineering Guidelines and formalized existing practices into a District policy.

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FERC considers the ODSP a "living document" that must be continuously updated, including an independent external audit every five years. In 2022, the District retained Gannett Fleming, Inc. (GF), to conduct an external audit of the SFD ODSP. As a result of the audit, GF prepared a report, including sixteen (16) recommendations for improving the SFD ODSP.

External ODSP Audit Recommendation No. 2 recommended that the Board of Directors adopt an annual resolution each October affirming its commitment to dam safety. This resolution serves as that formal declaration, reaffirming the District's commitment to Dam Safety as policy and addressing the audit recommendation.

Additionally, external SFD ODSP Audit Recommendation No. 3 recommended expanding the ODSP to clarify that the document serves as the District's Overarching Dam Safety Program Policy. In response, the District developed a Policy Synopsis Document dated October 2024 that summarizes the principles and policies presented in the ODSP. On October 9, 2024, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2024-16, adopting the Santa Felicia Dam Owner's Dam Safety Program and the overarching Dam Safety Program Policy, dated October 2024, as District policy. This action addressed Recommendation No.3.

The ODSP and associated Policy Synopsis Document have been updated to reflect recent organizational changes, including the addition of the Public Relations and External Affairs Manager role, as well as other dam safety program improvements, including the updated SFD monthly visual inspection checklist. Provided as Attachment A is the resolution adopting the revised ODSP and Overarching Dam Safety Program Policy. A strikeout draft of the revised ODSP and Policy Synopsis Document, dated October 2026, are provided as Attachments B and C, respectively.

Fiscal Impact:
No additional fiscal impact at this time.

Attachments:
Attachment A – Resolution No. 2026-24 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District adopting the revised Owner's Dam Safety Program and Reaffirming the District's Commitment to Dam Safety as Policy.

Attachment B – Santa Felicia Dam, Owner's Dam Safety Program (October 2026) Rev. 11.0 *(Per Government Code Title 18 § 388.113 Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) this is a critical/confidential document. Board members will be provided hard copies.)*

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Attachment C - Santa Felicia Dam, Owner's Dam Safety Program, Policy Synopsis Document (October 2026) Rev 1.0 *(Per Government Code Title 18 § 388.113 Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) this is a critical/confidential document. Board members will be provided hard copies.)*

Attachment D – Chief Dam Safety Engineer's Annual Dam Safety Program Report *(Per Government Code Title 18 § 388.113 Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) this is a critical/confidential document. Board members only will be provided with hard copies.)*

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE REVISED OWNER'S DAM SAFETY PROGRAM AND REAFFIRMING THE DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO DAM SAFETY AS POLICY

WHEREAS, the United Water Conservation District ("District") owns and operates Santa Felicia Dam; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2012, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District adopted Resolution 2012-15, a formal declaration of the District's commitment to Dam Safety as policy; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2024, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District adopted Resolution 2024-16, a formal declaration of the District's commitment to Dam Safety as policy; and superseding Resolution 2012-15; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned Resolution 2024-16 included the adoption of the Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Safety Program and the overarching Dam Safety Program Policy, dated October 2024, as a policy of the District, living documents that must be continuously updated; and

WHEREAS, training, succession planning, program assessments, corporate accountability, and staff are some of the key elements of the Santa Felicia Owner Dam Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, recent organizational changes in District personnel warrant modification to the Santa Felicia Owner Dam Safety Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District as follows:

1. The District Board of Directors hereby approves the revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Safety Program and the overarching Dam Safety Program Policy, within, dated October 2026, as a policy of the District, a formal declaration reaffirming the District's commitment to Dam Safety as policy.

2. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

ATTEST:_____
Vice President acting as President Catherine P. Keeling

ATTEST:_____
Board Secretary Gordon Kimball