

NOTICE AND AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1

will be held at **3:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

In-Person - 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, CA - Conference Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTION VIA TELECONFERENCE

TELECONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER: 1-669-900-9128

MEETING ID: 929 0039 9487#

PARTICIPANT ID No.: 180175#

MEETING PASSCODE: 180175#

Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in This Meeting: For those who may not attend the meeting in person or teleconference but wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, please submit any and all comments and written materials to the District via electronic mail at general@syrwd.org. All submittals should indicate **"May 16, 2023 Board Meeting"** in the subject line. Public comments and materials received by the District will become part of the post-meeting Board packet materials available to the public and posted on the District's website. In the interest of clear reception and efficient administration of the meeting, all persons participating via teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their voices after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA**
4. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-Agenda matter within the District's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The District is not responsible for the content or accuracy of statements made by members of the public. No action will be taken by the Board on any public comment item.
6. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2023**
7. **CONSENT AGENDA** - All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be approved or rejected in a single motion without separate discussion. Any item placed on the Consent Agenda can be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion and possible action upon the request of any Trustee.
CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report
CA-2. Central Coast Water Authority Update
8. **MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
 - A. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**
 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters
 - a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses
 - b) Approval of Accounts Payable
 2. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Preliminary Budget
 3. Setting the Appropriation Limit for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year - Article XIII B (Proposition 13)
 - a) California Department of Finance Calculations for 2023/2024 Appropriation Limitations and Authorization to Post Notice and make Public the 2023/2024 Appropriation Limitation Calculation

- b) Review of Draft Resolutions to be presented for adoption at the June 20, 2023 Board Meeting
 - 1. Draft Resolution: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Establishing the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution
 - 2. Draft Resolution: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Requesting an Assessment Levy Required to Collect \$875,000
- 4. Alamo Pintado Pedestrian Bridge Water Line Construction Project
 - a) Bid Results Summary
 - b) Award of Contract and Authorization to Execute Contract Documents

9. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

A. STATEWIDE STORM EVENTS AND RELATED PROJECT CONDITIONS

- 1. Cachuma Project Update
- 2. State Water Project Update

B. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

- 1. Eastern Management Area (EMA) Update

10. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

11. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS

12. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: Any member of the Board of Trustees may request to place an item on the Agenda for the next regular meeting. Any member of the public may submit a written request to the General Manager of the District to place an item on a future meeting Agenda, provided that the General Manager and the Board of Trustees retain sole discretion to determine which items to include on meeting Agendas.

13. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **June 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

14. CLOSED SESSION:

To accommodate the teleconferencing component of this meeting, the public access line will be closed for up to sixty (60) minutes while the Board of Trustees conducts closed session. Upon conclusion of the closed session, the public teleconference line will be reopened for the remaining Agenda Items.

The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following items:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

[Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 2 Cases]

- 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests
- 2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 21CV02432

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

[Subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – Significant Exposure to Litigation Against the Agency – One Matter]

15. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]

16. ADJOURNMENT

This Agenda was posted at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, California, and notice was delivered in accordance with Government Code Section 54950 et seq., specifically Section 54956. This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Board reserves the right to change the order in which items are heard. Copies of any staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business on the Agenda are on file with the District and available for public inspection during normal business hours at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez. Such written materials will also be made available on the District's website, subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the regularly scheduled meeting. Questions concerning any of the Agenda items may be directed to the District's General Manager at (805) 688-6015. If a court challenge is brought against any of the Board's decisions related to the Agenda items above, the challenge may be limited to those issues raised by the challenger or someone else during the public meeting or in written correspondence to the District prior to or during the public meeting. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any individual needing special assistance to review Agenda materials or participate in this meeting may contact the District Secretary at (805) 688-6015. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will best enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
APRIL 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in-person at 1070 Faraday Street and via teleconference.

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| Trustees Present: | Jeff Clay Brad Joos | Michael Burchardi |
| Trustees Absent: | Nick Urton | Jeff Holzer |
| Others Present: | Paeter Garcia Karen King Gary Kvistad | Mary Martone Eric Tambini |

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., he stated that this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported that three Trustees were present, and Trustees Holzer and Urton were absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Clay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA:

Ms. Martone presented the affidavit of posting the Agenda, along with a true copy of the Agenda for this meeting. She reported that the Agenda was posted in accordance with the California Government Code commencing at Section 54953, as well as District Resolution No. 340.

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating remotely and offered time for members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the Agenda. There was no public comment. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2023:

The Special Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2023 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Special Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2023. There were no changes or additions requested.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 3-0-0 voice vote, with Trustees Holzer and Urton absent, to approve the March 28, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

1 7. CONSENT AGENDA:

2 The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board Packet.

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4 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of March.

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6 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 3-0-0 voice vote,
7 with Trustees Holzer and Urton absent, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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9 8. MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING
10 SUBJECTS:

11 A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

12 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

13 a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses

14 Ms. Martone announced that the Financial Statements were provided to the Board in
15 the handout materials and posted on the District's website in the Board packet
16 materials for any members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.

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18 Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of
19 March. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense
20 transactions that occurred during the month and also referenced the Fiscal-Year-to-
21 Date Statement of Revenues and Expenses that provides a budget to actual snapshot
22 from July to March. Ms. Martone reported that District expenses exceeded revenues
23 by \$59,078.47 for the month of March and the year-to-date net income was
24 \$2,177,098.72, a portion of which will be earmarked and utilized for the District's
25 annual State Water Project payment due in June 2023.

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27 b) Approval of Accounts Payable

28 Ms. Martone announced that the Warrant List was provided to the Board in the
29 handout materials and posted on the District's website in the Board packet materials
30 for any member of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.

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32 The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 25046 and 25104
33 through 25147 in the amount of \$317,696.25.

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35 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 3-0-
36 0 voice vote, with Trustees Holzer and Urton absent, to approve the Warrant List for
37 March 29, 2023 through April 18, 2023.

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39 9. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

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41 A. STATEWIDE STORM EVENTS AND RELATED PROJECT CONDITIONS

42 1. Cachuma Project Update

43 The Board packet included the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Lake Cachuma Daily
44 Operations Report for the months of March and April, and correspondence regarding the
45 Cachuma Project Water Year 2022/2023 Mid-Year Allocation Request.

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47 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Lake Cachuma Daily Operations Reports and current Cachuma
48 reservoir conditions for the months of March and April. He referred to the Board packet
49 materials and stated that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has officially announced that the
50 Cachuma Project Member Units will receive a 100% allocation for the federal water year
51 2022/2023, which equates to 2,651 acre-feet for ID No.1. Mr. Garcia reported that the
52 reservoir remains at full capacity and spill operations will be administered to manage
53 remaining inflows into the Lake.

1 2. State Water Project Update

2 The Board packet included the Department of Water Resources Current and Historical
3 Reservoir Conditions, a March 24, 2023 Department of Water Resources Notice to State
4 Water Project Contractors regarding an Increase of the 2023 State Water Project Allocation
5 to 75%, and a Current News Article relating to the California Record Snowpack.
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7 Mr. Garcia reviewed the board packet materials and reported that DWR has increased the
8 2023 State Water Project Table A allocation from 35% to 75%. He indicated that recent
9 snowpack reports show snow levels of 200-250% above normal in some areas which could
10 translate into flooding risks for parts of California. Mr. Garcia reported that Governor
11 Newsom has rescinded many portions of the Executive Orders issued during the drought
12 emergency conditions related to mandatory water conservation.
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14 **B. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

15 1. Eastern Management Area (EMA) Update

16 The Board packet included an Agenda for the March 23, 2023 meeting of the EMA GSA, a
17 Notice for the April 27, 2023 meeting of the GSA, a letter from the Santa Barbara County
18 Farm Bureau dated April 5, 2023, and a March 13, 2023 email from Circle Vision, LLC
19 President, Mr. Doug Circle, regarding governance of the Santa Ynez River Valley
20 Groundwater Basin.
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22 Mr. Garcia stated that the EMA GSA met on March 23, 2023 and he summarized the topics
23 discussed at the meeting. Mr. Garcia explained that the last several GSA meetings have
24 focused on the draft policy options for administering well verification requests, which has
25 delayed negotiations for the terms of a new Joint Powers Authority (JPA). He stated that
26 the EMA GSA is currently organized under a 2017 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
27 which has a weighted voting structure where the County Water Agency and the SYRWCD
28 have more voting power than ID No.1 and the City of Solvang, and where landowners in
29 the EMA do not have a seat on the GSA. Mr. Garcia explained that the 2017 MOA
30 expressly states that the parties agree to renegotiate a more comprehensive governance
31 structure and that various issues would be renegotiated, including the voting structure.
32 Mr. Garcia referred to two letters included in the Board packet from the Santa Barbara
33 County Farm Bureau and Circle Vision, LLC (speaking for the Santa Ynez Water Group)
34 regarding requests for agriculture/landowner representation on the GSA governing
35 boards for each Management Area of the Basin, with all GSAs utilizing an equal voting
36 structure. Mr. Garcia noted that ID No.1 has consistently requested and advocated for an
37 equal form of voting for the EMA GSA, where each Director will have one vote and not
38 wield more power than other Directors. He stated that the two agencies which currently
39 have the weighted votes have expressed a desire to leave the voting structure unchanged
40 and are reluctant to transition to a "one Director, one vote" system of decision making.
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42 On another topic, Mr. Garcia referred to a comment letter recently submitted to DWR by
43 the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the EMA Groundwater Sustainability
44 Plan. He indicated that the comment letter is being reviewed by the member agencies of
45 the GSA and will likely require a response to DWR. Mr. Garcia reported that the next
46 meeting of the EMA GSA is scheduled for April 27, 2023.
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1 **10. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS,**
2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS**
3 **NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:**

4 The Board packet included the April 2023 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing.
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6 Trustee Burchardi reported that the District has an opportunity to be involved with an upcoming
7 community event known as "Airport Day" to be held at the Santa Ynez Airport on May 20, 2023.
8 Mr. Garcia agreed that the District would be interested in participating in the event, as it did last
9 year, and would coordinate with Trustee Burchardi.
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11 Trustee Burchardi stated that he had attended the April 12th meeting of the Los Olivos
12 Community Services District.
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14 **11. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS:**

15 The Correspondence List was received by the Board.
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17 **12. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

18 There were no requests from the Board.
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20 **13. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

21 President Clay stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for May
22 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
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24 **14. CLOSED SESSION:**

25 The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:20 p.m.
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27 **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

28 [Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 2 Cases]

29 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources
30 Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of
31 Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests
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33 2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood
34 Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court
35 Case No. 21CV02432
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37 **B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

38 [Subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - Significant Exposure to
39 Litigation Against the Agency - One Matter]
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41 **15. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**

42 [Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]
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44 The public participation phone line was re-opened, and the Board reconvened to open session
45 at approximately 5:20 p.m.
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47 Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in closed session concerning Agenda Items 14.A.1,
48 14.A.2, and 14.B and that there was no reportable action from the closed session.
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16. ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 3-0-0 voice vote, with Trustees Holzer and Urton absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:21 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board

ATTEST: _____
Jeff Clay, President

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Karen King, Board Administrative Assistant

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
May 16, 2023**

Consent Agenda Report

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report. Total water production in **April 2023 (202 AF)** was approximately 103 AF higher than total production in March 2023 (99 AF), 71 AF below the most recent 3-year running average (2020-2022) for the month of **April (273 AF)**, and 142 AF less than the most recent 10-year running average (2013-2022) for the month of **April (344 AF)**. Notably, with the exception of the year 2020, total production in April 2023 was the lowest April production over the last 10 years, which have ranged from 262 to 565 AF for the month. As with February and March conditions, remarkably low April production is attributable to the extraordinary rain events that occurred this year. Generally speaking, however, the District's overall demands and total production have been trending well below historic levels for domestic, rural residential, and agricultural water deliveries due to water conservation, changing water use patterns, and private well installations.

For the month of **April 2023**, approximately **66 AF** was produced from the Santa Ynez Upland wells, and approximately **136 AF** was produced from the 6.0 cfs well field in the Santa Ynez River alluvium. As reflected in the Monthly Water Deliveries Report from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), the District did not request or take any SWP supplies for the month. Direct diversions to the County Park and USBR were **1.85 AF**.

The USBR Daily Operations Report for Lake Cachuma in **April** (ending April 30, 2023) recorded the end of month reservoir elevation at **753.71'** with the end of month storage of **195,523 AF**. USBR recorded total precipitation at the lake of **0.03 inches** for the month. Due to spill conditions occurring from Bradbury Dam, no SWP deliveries were made to the reservoir for South Coast entities. Reported reservoir evaporation in **April** was **1,025.5 AF**.

Based on the updated maximum storage capacity of 192,978 AF (previously 193,305 AF), as of **May 8, 2023** Cachuma reservoir was reported at **101.4%** of capacity, with then-current storage of **195,649 AF** (Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, Rainfall and Reservoir Summary). At a point when reservoir storage exceeds 100,000 AF, the Cachuma Member Units typically have received a full allocation. Conversely, a 20% pro-rata reduction from the full allocation is scheduled to occur in Water Years beginning at less than 100,000 AF, where incremental reductions may occur (and previously have occurred) at other lower storage levels. For the federal WY 2021-2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022), USBR issued a 70% allocation, equal to 18,000 AF. ID No.1's 10.31% share of that allocation was 1,855 AF.

In the Fall of 2022 when reservoir conditions were low, the Cachuma Member Units initially requested an approximate 15% Cachuma Project allocation for federal WY 2022-2023. **By letter dated September 30, 2022, USBR issued an initial 0% allocation for WY 2022-2023. Based on extraordinary rain conditions that have since filled and spilled the reservoir, on February 28, 2023 USBR issued a revised 100% Project allocation for WY 2022-2023.** ID No.1's share of that allocation is 2,651 AF.

Water releases for the protection of fish and aquatic habitat are made from Cachuma reservoir to the lower Santa Ynez River pursuant to the 2000 Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the 2019 Water Rights Order (WR 2019-0148) issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). These releases are made to Hilton Creek and to the stilling basin portion of the outlet works at the base of Bradbury Dam. The water releases required under the NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion to avoid jeopardy to steelhead and adverse impacts to its critical habitat are summarized as follows:

NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion

- *When Reservoir Spills and the Spill Amount Exceeds 20,000 AF:*
 - 10 cfs at Hwy 154 Bridge during spill year(s) exceeding 20,000 AF
 - 1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge when spill amount exceeds 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach
 - 1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge in the year immediately following a spill that exceeded 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach
- *When Reservoir Does Not Spill or When Reservoir Spills Less Than 20,000 AF:*
 - 5 cfs at Hwy 154 when Reservoir does not spill and Reservoir storage is above 120,000 AF, or when Reservoir spill is less than 20,000 AF
 - 2.5 cfs at Hwy 154 in all years when Reservoir storage is below 120,000 AF but greater than 30,000 AF
 - 1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge if the Reservoir spilled in the preceding year and the spill amount exceeded 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach
 - 30 AF per month to "refresh the stilling basin and long pool" when Reservoir storage is less than 30,000 AF

The water releases required under the SWRCB Water Rights Order 2019-0148 for the protection of fish and other public trust resources in the lower Santa Ynez River and to prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water are summarized as follows:

SWRCB Order WR 2019-0148

- *During Below Normal, Dry, and Critical Dry water years (October 1 – September 30), releases shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion as set forth above.*
- *During Above Normal and Wet water years, the following minimum flow requirements must be maintained at Hwy 154 and Alisal Bridges:*
 - 48 cfs from February 15 to April 14 for spawning
 - 20 cfs from February 15 to June 1 for incubation and rearing
 - 25 cfs from June 2 to June 9 for emigration, with ramping to 10 cfs by June 30
 - 10 cfs from June 30 to October 1 for rearing and maintenance of resident fish
 - 5 cfs from October 1 to February 15 for resident fish
- *For purposes of SWRCB Order WR 2019-0148, water year classifications are as follows:*
 - Wet is when Cachuma Reservoir inflow is greater than 117,842 AF;
 - Above Normal is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 117,842 AF or greater than 33,707 AF;
 - Below Normal is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 33,707 AF or greater than 15,366 AF;
 - Dry is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 15,366 AF or greater than 4,550 AF
 - Critical Dry is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 4,550 AF

As of the end of **December 2022**, a total of approximately **49,653.3 AF** of Cachuma Project water had been released under regulatory requirements for the protection of fish and fish habitat below Bradbury Dam since the year after the 2011 spill. **For the months of January through April 2023, water releases for fishery requirements, spill conditions, and other operational purposes have been made from the Cachuma Project. Reclamation is expected to provide an accounting of those releases in the near future.**

CA-2. State Water Project (SWP) and Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Updates.

In 2022 the SWP Table A allocation for SWP Contractors was only 5 percent, which translated to 35 AF for ID No.1's share of Table A supplies through CCWA. As previously reported, by Notice to the SWP Contractors dated December 1, 2022, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued an initial 2023 SWP Table A Allocation of 5 percent, along with a provisional allocation of additional SWP supplies to certain Contractors to ensure the needs for human health and safety. **In response to this year's hydrologic conditions and resulting storage increases in Lake Oroville, on January 26, 2023 DWR increased the 2023 SWP Table A allocation to 30 percent. On February 22, 2023 the allocation was increased to 35 percent. On March 24, 2023 the Table A allocation was increased to 75 percent. By notice dated April 20, 2023 the 2023 Table A allocation has now been increased to 100 percent for the first time since 2006!** For ID No.1, the increase to 100 percent translates to a current 2023 Table A allocation of 2,200 AF. Of that amount, 700 AF is available to ID No.1 and the remaining 1,500 AF is contracted to the City of Solvang.

As reflected in the April 27, 2023 meeting agenda for the CCWA Board of Directors, CCWA remains engaged in a variety of matters relating to the SWP, including but not limited to: SWP supplies and increased Table A allocations; related SWP operations; potential water banking and management programs; and CCWA's final budget for FY 2023/2024. CCWA and its member agencies also remain engaged in their pending litigation against the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to maintain CCWA sovereignty over important decisions pertaining to SWP supplies. The next regular meeting of the CCWA Board of Directors is scheduled for May 25, 2023.



— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION

Historical Archive and Report Database

Lake Cachuma Daily Operations

Run Date: 5/3/2023

April 2023

| DAY | STORAGE ACRE-FEET | | COMPUTED* INFLOW AF. | CCWA INFLOW AF. | PRECIP ON | | RELEASE - AF. | | | EVAPORATION | | PRECIP INCHES | |
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| | ELEV | IN LAKE | | | CHANGE | RES. SURF. AF. | TUNNEL | HILTON CREEK | OUTLET | SPILLWAY | AF. | | INCH |
| | 751.48 | 188,611 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 751.62 | 189,038 | 427 | 4,793.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 29.0 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 4,270.0 | 16.3 | 0.080 | 0.00 |
| 2 | 751.77 | 189,500 | 462 | 4,510.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.1 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,936.0 | 32.7 | 0.160 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 751.85 | 189,747 | 247 | 4,290.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.6 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,943.0 | 20.5 | 0.100 | 0.00 |
| 4 | 751.82 | 189,654 | -93 | 3,942.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34.4 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 3,944.0 | 5.7 | 0.028 | 0.00 |
| 5 | 751.77 | 189,500 | -154 | 3,912.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.7 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,942.0 | 36.8 | 0.180 | 0.00 |
| 6 | 751.68 | 189,223 | -277 | 3,751.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 37.2 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,937.0 | 2.5 | 0.012 | 0.00 |
| 7 | 751.51 | 188,703 | -520 | 3,531.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.6 | 8.6 | 43.0 | 3,928.0 | 34.7 | 0.170 | 0.00 |
| 8 | 751.25 | 187,910 | -793 | 3,254.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 43.2 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 3,917.0 | 36.6 | 0.180 | 0.00 |
| 9 | 751.14 | 187,575 | -335 | 3,473.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 42.2 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,682.0 | 32.5 | 0.160 | 0.00 |
| 10 | 750.92 | 186,904 | -671 | 3,079.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 52.5 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 3,610.0 | 36.5 | 0.180 | 0.00 |
| 11 | 750.97 | 187,057 | 153 | 2,713.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48.1 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 2,481.0 | 22.3 | 0.110 | 0.00 |
| 12 | 751.14 | 187,575 | 518 | 2,771.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 52.8 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 2,192.0 | 0.0 | 0.000 | 0.00 |
| 13 | 751.29 | 188,032 | 457 | 2,717.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 53.3 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 2,198.0 | 0.0 | 0.000 | 0.00 |
| 14 | 751.58 | 188,916 | 884 | 2,412.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.2 | 13.1 | 196.0 | 1,220.0 | 42.9 | 0.210 | 0.00 |
| 15 | 751.85 | 189,747 | 831 | 1,188.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 55.8 | 12.2 | 260.0 | 0.0 | 28.7 | 0.140 | 0.00 |
| 16 | 752.09 | 190,455 | 708 | 1,079.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 58.2 | 12.3 | 264.0 | 0.0 | 41.0 | 0.200 | 0.02 |
| 17 | 752.32 | 191,195 | 740 | 1,135.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.9 | 12.3 | 263.0 | 0.0 | 61.7 | 0.300 | 0.00 |
| 18 | 752.54 | 191,873 | 678 | 1,016.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.5 | 12.3 | 232.0 | 0.0 | 37.1 | 0.180 | 0.00 |
| 19 | 752.76 | 192,556 | 683 | 968.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.7 | 12.3 | 171.0 | 0.0 | 43.4 | 0.210 | 0.00 |
| 20 | 752.92 | 193,055 | 499 | 925.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 65.2 | 12.4 | 303.0 | 0.0 | 45.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 |
| 21 | 753.04 | 193,430 | 375 | 863.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.5 | 12.4 | 361.0 | 0.0 | 45.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 |
| 22 | 753.16 | 193,804 | 374 | 869.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.2 | 12.4 | 361.0 | 0.0 | 51.9 | 0.250 | 0.00 |
| 23 | 753.27 | 194,147 | 343 | 842.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.9 | 12.5 | 366.0 | 0.0 | 49.9 | 0.240 | 0.00 |
| 24 | 753.35 | 194,397 | 250 | 741.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.2 | 12.5 | 367.0 | 0.0 | 41.6 | 0.200 | 0.00 |
| 25 | 753.43 | 194,646 | 249 | 736.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.5 | 12.4 | 365.0 | 0.0 | 39.6 | 0.190 | 0.00 |
| 26 | 753.51 | 194,896 | 250 | 724.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 55.0 | 12.5 | 369.0 | 0.0 | 37.6 | 0.180 | 0.00 |
| 27 | 753.57 | 195,083 | 187 | 704.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 70.7 | 12.5 | 382.0 | 0.0 | 54.3 | 0.260 | 0.01 |
| 28 | 753.60 | 195,177 | 94 | 616.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 72.4 | 12.5 | 391.0 | 0.0 | 46.0 | 0.220 | 0.00 |
| 29 | 753.66 | 195,365 | 188 | 655.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.7 | 12.5 | 344.0 | 0.0 | 41.8 | 0.200 | 0.00 |
| 30 | 753.71 | 195,523 | 158 | 622.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.4 | 12.5 | 342.0 | 0.0 | 39.7 | 0.190 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | | | 6,912 | 62,831.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 1,613.7 | 322.2 | 5,763.0 | 47,200.0 | 1,025.5 | 4.970 | 0.03 |
| AVERAGE | | 191,156 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Comments: *Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases and evaporation minus precip on the reservoir surface and ccwa inflow.
Indicated outlet release includes leakage from outlet valves and spillway gates.
Data based on a 24 hour period ending 0800.



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RECLAMATION

Historical Archive and Report Database

Lake Cachuma Daily Operations

Run Date: 5/9/2023

May 2023

| DAY | ELEV | STORAGE ACRE-FEET | | COMPUTED* INFLOW AF. | CCWA INFLOW AF. | PRECIP ON | | | RELEASE - AF. | | | EVAPORATION | | PRECIP INCHES | |
|----------------|--------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|--|
| | | IN LAKE | CHANGE | | | RES. SURF. AF. | TUNNEL | HILTON CREEK | OUTLET | SPILLWAY | AF. | INCH | | | |
| | 753.71 | 195,523 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 753.74 | 195,617 | 94 | 558.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.8 | 12.4 | 340.0 | 0.0 | 42.4 | 0.200 | 0.00 | | |
| 2 | 753.63 | 195,271 | -346 | 216.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 59.2 | 12.5 | 342.0 | 0.0 | 148.1 | 0.700 | 0.00 | | |
| 3 | 753.69 | 195,460 | 189 | 636.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 49.1 | 12.5 | 343.0 | 0.0 | 42.3 | 0.200 | 0.00 | | |
| 4 | 753.77 | 195,712 | 252 | 628.0 | 0.0 | 73.2 | 47.0 | 12.5 | 375.0 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 0.070 | 0.28 | | |
| 5 | 753.82 | 195,869 | 157 | 623.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 44.0 | 12.5 | 391.0 | 0.0 | 23.3 | 0.110 | 0.02 | | |
| 6 | 753.85 | 195,964 | 95 | 583.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.2 | 12.5 | 391.0 | 0.0 | 40.3 | 0.190 | 0.00 | | |
| 7 | 753.86 | 195,995 | 31 | 529.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 43.9 | 12.6 | 395.0 | 0.0 | 46.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 | | |
| 8 | 753.86 | 195,995 | 0 | 490.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 42.8 | 12.5 | 388.0 | 0.2 | 46.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 | | |
| TOTALS | | | 472 | 4,263.0 | 0.0 | 78.4 | 399.0 | 100.0 | 2,965.0 | 0.2 | 404.4 | 1.910 | 0.30 | | |
| AVERAGE | | 195,735 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Comments: *Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases and evaporation minus precip on the reservoir surface and ccwa inflow.
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Santa Barbara County - Flood Control District

130 East Victoria Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 - 805.568.3440 - www.countyofsb.org/pwd

Rainfall and Reservoir Summary

Updated 8am: 5/8/2023

Water Year: 2023

Storm Number: NA

Notes: Daily rainfall amounts are recorded as of 8am for the previous 24 hours. Rainfall units are expressed in inches. All data on this page are from automated sensors, are preliminary, and subject to verification.

*Each Water Year (WY) runs from Sept 1 through Aug 31 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends
County Real-Time Rainfall and Reservoir Website link: <http://www.countyofsb.org/hydrology>

| Rainfall | ID | 24 hrs | Storm 0day(s) | Month | Year* | % to Date | % of Year* | AI |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------|------------|-----|
| Buellton (Fire Stn) | 233 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.36 | 29.09 | 180% | 177% | |
| Cachuma Dam (USBR) | 332 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 38.31 | 199% | 196% | |
| Carpinteria (Fire Stn) | 208 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.93 | 28.22 | 169% | 166% | |
| Cuyama (Fire Stn) | 436 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 13.79 | 189% | 182% | |
| Figueroa Mtn. (USFS Stn) | 421 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.75 | 42.52 | 206% | 202% | 7.0 |
| Gibraltar Dam (City Facility) | 230 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 61.28 | 239% | 235% | 7.2 |
| Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Cameros) | 440 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.67 | 30.11 | 168% | 165% | |
| Lompoc (City Hall) | 439 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.95 | 33.62 | 237% | 233% | 7.0 |
| Los Alamos (Fire Stn) | 204 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.29 | 32.09 | 216% | 212% | |
| San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn) | 212 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.12 | 79.52 | 241% | 237% | |
| Santa Barbara (County Bldg) | 234 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.20 | 36.04 | 202% | 198% | |
| Santa Maria (City Pub.Works) | 380 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.36 | 25.17 | 195% | 190% | |
| Santa Ynez (Fire Stn/Airport) | 218 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 32.92 | 215% | 212% | |
| Sisquoc (Fire Stn) | 256 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.32 | 25.41 | 174% | 171% | |

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : **202%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : **198%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2023 (End of WY2023).

AI (Antecedent Index / Soil Wetness)

6.0 and below = Wet (min. = 2.5)
6.1 - 9.0 = Moderate
9.1 and above = Dry (max. = 12.5)

Reservoirs

Reservoir Elevations referenced to NGVD-29.

**Cachuma is full and subject to spilling at elevation 750 ft. However, the lake is surcharged to 753 ft. for fish release water. (Cachuma water storage based on Dec 2021 capacity revision)

| | Spillway Elev. (ft) | Current Elev. (ft) | Max. Storage (ac-ft) | Current Storage (ac-ft) | Current Capacity (%) | Storage Change Mo.(ac-ft) | Storage Change Year*(ac-ft) |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Click on Site for Real-Time Readings | | | | | | | |
| <u>Gibraltar Reservoir</u> | 1,400.00 | 1,399.99 | 4,693 | 4,691 | 100.0% | 0 | 3,391 |
| <u>Cachuma Reservoir</u> | 753.** | 753.85 | 192,978 | 195,649 | 101.4% | 754 | 124,979 |
| <u>Jameson Reservoir</u> | 2,224.00 | 2,223.94 | 4,848 | 4,841 | 99.9% | -2 | 2,015 |
| <u>Twitchell Reservoir</u> | 651.50 | 624.05 | 194,971 | 110,535 | 56.7% | 2,038 | 110,535 |

[Previous Rainfall and Reservoir Summaries](#)

CIMIS Daily Report

Rendered in ENGLISH Units.

Saturday, April 1, 2023 - Sunday, April 30, 2023

Printed on Monday, May 1, 2023

Santa Ynez - Central Coast Valleys - Station 64

| Date | ETo (in) | Precip (in) | Sol Rad (Ly/day) | Avg Vap Pres (mBars) | Max Air Temp (°F) | Min Air Temp (°F) | Avg Air Temp (°F) | Max Rel Hum (%) | Min Rel Hum (%) | Avg Rel Hum (%) | Dew Point (°F) | Avg Wind Speed (mph) | Wind Run (miles) | Avg Soil Temp (°F) |
|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 4/1/2023 | 0.15 | 0.00 | 568 | 10.1 | 69.9 | 37.2 | 50.1 | 100 | 53 | 82 | 44.9 | 3.0 | 71.2 | 55.9 |
| 4/2/2023 | 0.16 R | 0.00 | 600 | 10.5 | 66.7 | 37.2 | 50.8 | 100 | 61 | 83 | 45.9 | 3.9 | 93.5 | 56.3 |
| 4/3/2023 | 0.19 | 0.00 | 627 R | 7.6 | 58.7 | 42.0 | 50.5 | 89 | 36 | 61 | 37.5 | 8.3 Y | 199.4 Y | 56.8 |
| 4/4/2023 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 614 R | 7.1 | 62.7 | 38.9 | 48.8 | 95 | 34 | 61 | 35.9 | 5.6 | 134.9 | 56.5 |
| 4/5/2023 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 607 | 8.2 | 65.7 | 33.7 | 48.0 | 100 | 38 | 72 | 39.5 | 3.0 | 72.3 | 56.2 |
| 4/6/2023 | 0.18 R | 0.00 | 613 | 8.9 | 74.4 | 34.5 | 52.5 | 100 | 22 | 66 | 41.6 | 2.7 | 64.1 | 56.4 |
| 4/7/2023 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 584 | 11.8 | 70.4 | 44.3 | 55.7 | 100 | 50 | 78 | 48.9 | 2.9 | 69.0 | 57.2 |
| 4/8/2023 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 606 | 12.9 | 71.7 | 40.8 | 56.3 | 100 | 57 | 83 | 51.3 | 3.3 | 78.8 | 58.2 |
| 4/9/2023 | 0.18 R | 0.00 | 599 | 14.5 | 81.8 | 48.9 | 62.5 | 100 | 40 | 75 | 54.4 | 2.4 | 56.6 | 59.3 |
| 4/10/2023 | 0.20 R | 0.00 | 626 | 14.4 | 81.8 | 45.6 | 61.0 | 100 | 46 | 79 | 54.4 | 3.2 | 76.6 | 60.8 |
| 4/11/2023 | 0.13 R | 0.00 | 470 | 13.8 | 69.9 | 50.1 | 56.6 | 100 | 68 | 88 | 53.1 | 2.9 | 70.2 | 61.8 |
| 4/12/2023 | 0.11 R | 0.00 | 421 | 11.5 | 65.6 | 46.9 | 52.7 | 100 | 58 | 85 | 48.2 | 3.6 | 86.5 | 62.0 |
| 4/13/2023 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 582 | 9.7 | 69.1 | 41.1 | 52.9 | 98 | 38 | 71 | 43.7 | 2.9 | 70.0 | 61.6 |
| 4/14/2023 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 637 | 10.1 | 67.5 | 37.8 | 50.5 | 100 | 48 | 81 | 44.8 | 3.5 | 83.4 | 61.7 |
| 4/15/2023 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 593 | 12.1 | 73.0 | 46.2 | 54.7 | 100 | 54 | 83 | 49.7 | 3.0 | 73.1 | 61.7 |
| 4/16/2023 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 447 | 11.9 | 66.0 | 46.6 | 52.7 | 100 | 66 | 88 | 49.2 | 2.3 | 56.3 | 62.2 |
| 4/17/2023 | 0.15 R | 0.00 | 542 | 11.5 | 66.7 | 47.7 | 53.9 | 100 | 58 | 81 | 48.3 | 3.6 | 86.2 | 62.2 |
| 4/18/2023 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 660 R | 9.3 | 68.8 | 41.8 | 54.7 | 93 | 45 | 63 | 42.5 | 4.7 | 111.8 | 62.4 |
| 4/19/2023 | 0.22 | 0.00 | 676 R | 7.5 | 73.3 | 37.0 | 55.7 | 100 | 21 | 50 | 37.2 | 4.3 | 102.0 | 62.5 |
| 4/20/2023 | 0.22 | 0.00 | 674 R | 8.7 | 81.9 | 37.5 | 59.2 | 100 | 25 | 50 | 40.8 | 3.4 | 81.2 | 62.6 |
| 4/21/2023 | 0.23 | 0.00 | 673 R | 10.6 | 90.0 | 40.9 | 65.2 | 100 | 21 | 50 | 46.0 | 3.0 | 72.4 | 63.3 |
| 4/22/2023 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 667 | 13.4 | 81.1 | 44.2 | 61.4 | 100 | 45 | 72 | 52.4 | 3.2 | 76.6 | 64.5 |
| 4/23/2023 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 665 | 14.2 | 73.6 | 49.4 | 58.4 | 100 | 62 | 85 | 53.9 | 3.9 | 93.1 | 65.5 |
| 4/24/2023 | 0.18 R | 0.00 | 610 | 13.2 | 75.1 | 48.5 | 57.9 | 100 | 50 | 80 | 51.9 | 3.0 | 72.4 | 66.0 |
| 4/25/2023 | 0.18 R | 0.00 | 620 | 13.2 | 76.2 | 47.3 | 57.5 | 100 | 54 | 82 | 51.9 | 2.8 | 67.3 | 66.3 |
| 4/26/2023 | 0.20 R | 0.00 | 640 | 14.4 | 80.5 | 48.6 | 60.8 | 100 | 51 | 79 | 54.3 | 2.7 | 64.2 | 66.6 |
| 4/27/2023 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 658 | 15.0 Y | 85.4 | 47.9 | 61.8 | 100 | 49 | 79 Y | 55.4 Y | 2.7 | 65.1 | 67.3 |
| 4/28/2023 | 0.19 R | 0.00 | 637 | 15.7 Y | 79.9 | 49.6 | 60.5 | 100 | 61 | 87 Y | 56.7 Y | 2.8 | 67.3 | 68.0 |
| 4/29/2023 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 593 | 16.9 Y | 79.1 | 50.6 | 59.3 | 100 | 77 | 98 Y | 58.8 Y | 2.5 | 59.9 | 68.4 |
| 4/30/2023 | 0.13 R | 0.00 | 500 | 15.7 Y | 70.2 | 50.8 | 56.1 | 100 | 99 | 100 Y | 56.1 Y | 3.4 | 81.2 | 68.6 |
| Tots/Avg | 5.30 | 0.00 | 600 | 11.8 | 73.2 | 43.8 | 56.0 | 99 | 50 | 76 | 48.3 | 3.4 | 81.9 | 62.0 |

| Flag Legend | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A - Historical Average | I - Ignore | R - Far out of normal range |
| C or N - Not Collected | M - Missing Data | S - Not in service |
| H - Hourly Missing or Flagged Data | Q - Related Sensor Missing | Y - Moderately out of range |
| Conversion Factors | | |
| Ly/day/2.065=W/sq.m | inches * 25.4 = mm | (F-32) * 5/9 = c |
| mph * 0.447 = m/s | mBars * 0.1 = kPa | miles * 1.60934 = km |



CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Stokes, Executive Director
Dessi Mladenova, Controller

FROM: Christine Forsyth, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Monthly Water Deliveries

May 4, 2023

According to the CCWA revenue meters at each turnout, the following deliveries were made during the month of April 2023:

| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chorro | 153.81 |
| López..... | 7.10 |
| Shandon..... | 0.00 |
| Guadalupe..... | 48.37 |
| Santa Maria..... | 396.38 |
| Golden State Water Co..... | 0.41 |
| Vandenberg..... | 173.64 |
| Buellton | 16.71 |
| Solvang | 44.84 |
| Santa Ynez ID#1..... | 0.00 |
| Bradbury..... | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 841.25 |

In order to reconcile these deliveries with the DWR revenue meter, which read 861 acre-feet, the following delivery amounts should be used for billing purposes:

| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chorro | 157 |
| López | 7 |
| Shandon..... | 0 |
| Guadalupe..... | 50 |
| Santa Maria..... | 400* |
| Golden State Water Co..... | 6* |
| Vandenberg | 178 |
| Buellton | 17 |
| Solvang | 46 |
| Santa Ynez ID#1 | 0 |
| Bradbury | 0 |
| TOTAL | 861 |

*Golden State Water Company delivered 6 acre-feet into its system through the Santa Maria turnout. This delivery is recorded by providing a credit of 6 acre-feet to the City of Santa Maria and a charge in the same amount to the Golden State Water Company.

Notes: Santa Ynez ID#1 water usage is divided into 0 acre-feet of Table A water and 0 acre-feet of exchange water.

The exchange water is allocated as follows


| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Exchange Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Goleta | 0 |
| Santa Barbara | 0 |
| Montecito | 0 |
| Carpinteria | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 |

Bradbury Deliveries into Lake Cachuma are allocated as follows:

| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Carpinteria | 0 |
| Goleta | 0 |
| La Cumbre | 0 |
| Montecito | 0 |
| Morehart | 0 |
| Santa Barbara | 0 |
| Raytheon | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 |

cc: Tom Bunosky, GWD
Mike Babb, Golden State WC
Rebecca Bjork, City of Santa Barbara
Janet Gingras, COMB
Craig Kesler, San Luis Obispo County
Paeter Garcia, Santa Ynez RWCD ID#1
Shad Springer, City of Santa Maria
Shannon Sweeney, City of Guadalupe
Robert MacDonald, Carpinteria Valley WD
Mike Alvarado, La Cumbre Mutual WC
Pernell Rush, Vandenberg AFB
Nick Turner, Montecito WD
Jose Acosta, City of Solvang
Rose Hess, City of Buellton

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF
DELIVERY RECORDS AND ASSOCIATED
CALCULATIONS**



John Brady
Deputy Director, Operations and Engineering
Central Coast Water Authority



A Meeting of the
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 OF THE
 CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2023
 at 255 Industrial Way, Buellton, California 93427

Members of the public may participate by video call or telephone via
 URL: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1474902791>
 or by dialing (623)404-9000 and entering access Code/Meeting ID: 147 490 2791 #

Public Comment on agenda items may occur via video call or telephonically, or by submission to the Board Secretary via email at lfw@ccwa.com no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. In your email, please specify (1) the meeting date and agenda item (number and title) on which you are providing a comment and (2) that you would like your comment read into the record during the meeting. If you would like your comment read into the record during the meeting (as either general public comment or on a specific agenda item), please limit your comments to no more than 250 words.

Every effort will be made to read comments into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Please also note that if you submit a written comment and do not specify that you would like this comment read into the record during the meeting, your comment will be forwarded to Board members for their consideration.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available on the CCWA internet web site, accessible at <https://www.ccwa.com>.

- Eric Friedman
Chairman
- Jeff Clay
Vice Chairman
- Ray A. Stokes
Executive Director
- Brownstein Hyatt
Farber Schreck
General Counsel
- Member Agencies*
- City of Buellton
- Carpinteria Valley
Water District
- City of Guadalupe
- City of Santa Barbara
- City of Santa Maria
- Goleta Water District
- Montecito Water District
- Santa Ynez River Water
Conservation District,
Improvement District #1
- Associate Member*
- La Cumbre Mutual
Water Company

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
 Government Code section 54956.9(d) (1)
 Name of case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al. (Case No. 21CV02432)
- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Government Code Section 54957
 Title: Executive Director
- C. Conference with Labor Negotiator - Government Code Section 54957.6
 Name of Negotiator: Jeffrey Dinkin
 Unrepresented Employees: Executive Director, Deputy Director

Agenda Item II, the Closed Session, is anticipated to take 30 minutes. The remainder of the Meeting will start no earlier than 9:30 am.

III. Return to Open Session

- A. Report on Closed Session Actions (if any)
- B. CCWA Board Consideration of Executive Director and Deputy Director Compensation Adjustments
Staff Recommendation: Consider matter.

IV. Public Comment – (Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any matter within the Board’s jurisdiction. Individual Speakers may be limited to five minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)

V. Consent Calendar

- * A. Minutes of the March 23, 2023 Regular Meeting
- * B. Bills
- * C. Controller’s Report
- * D. Operations Report
- * E. Budget Transfer
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Consent Calendar

* Indicates attachment of document to original agenda packet.

VI. Executive Director's Report

- A. Water Supply Situation Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- * B. Bulk Chemical Contracts – Estimated Contract Value \$803,626.35
Staff Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to award numerous chemical contracts to responsive low bidders, to reject a non-responsive bid, and to develop a revised Chlorine Request for Bids form, all as further specified in the Staff Report.
- * C. Proposal to Eliminate the CCWA Finance Committee
Resolution No. 23-04 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority Eliminating the Finance Committee
Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 23-04.
- * D. Personnel Committee
 - 1. 2023 Review of Personnel Policy Manual
Staff Recommendation: Approve the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy Manual as outlined in Personnel Counsel's memo dated March 30, 2023.
- * E. FY 2022/23 Third Quarter Investment Report
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Third Quarter FY 2022/23 Investment Report.
- * F. Annual Review of the CCWA Investment Policy
Staff Recommendation: Approve the proposed amendment to the CCWA Investment Policy.
- * G. Adoption of Final CCWA FY 2023/24 Budget
Staff Recommendation: Adopt Final CCWA FY 2023/24 Budget.
- * H. Authorizing Teleconferencing for Special Meetings of the Board of Directors and Subordinate Committees
Resolution No. 23-05 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority Authorizing Remote Teleconference Special Meetings of the Board Under the Ralph M. Brown Act
Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 23-05.
- I. State Water Contractors Update
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- * J. Legislative Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.

VII. Reports from Board Members for Information Only

VIII. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda

IX. Date of Next Regular Meeting: May 25, 2023

X. Adjournment

NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**Date:** 4/20/2023**Number:** 23-08**Subject:** Increase of State Water Project 2023 Allocation to 100 Percent

From: Ted Craddock
Ted Craddock
Deputy Director, State Water Project
Department of Water Resources

We are pleased to announce that the wet winter and near-record snowpack in the Sierra Nevadas combined with careful operations management will allow the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to increase the State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 75 to 100 percent of SWP contractors' Maximum Annual Table A amounts.

In determining available SWP supplies, DWR has considered several factors including SWP contractors' projected 2023 demands, existing storage in SWP conservation facilities, estimates of future runoff, SWP operational and regulatory requirements from the federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act, and water rights obligations under the State Water Resources Control Board's authority. DWR may revise the SWP allocation if warranted depending on the rest of the year's hydrologic conditions and available SWP water supplies.

DWR will utilize the 100 percent water delivery schedules submitted by the Contractors in October 2022 (as part of initial requests), including any subsequent updates that may have been provided to DWR. If a contractor foresees any changes to their water delivery schedule, please communicate such changes to DWR in a timely manner.

With the 2023 SWP allocation above 40 percent, according to the "Draft Guidelines for State Water Project Allocation for Human Health and Safety Need Pursuant to Article 18a of Water Supply Contracts," dated March, 28, 2022, SWP contractors with a 2022 SWP HH&S balance shall schedule a portion of their 2023 Table A allocation as payback to DWR of their 2022 SWP HH&S balance.

State of California

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
CALIFORNIA STATE WATER PROJECT

California Natural Resources Agency

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Leahigh, Assistant Division Manager, Water Management, SWP Division of Operations and Maintenance, at (916) 902-9876.

Attachment A: Updated 2023 SWP Allocation Table

Attachment A
2023 STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION
Updated
4/20/2023

| SWP Contractors | Maximum Table A Amount (Acre-Feet) | Initial Table A Request Amount (Acre-Feet) | Approved Table A Allocation (Acre-Feet) | Approved Allocation as a Percentage of Initial Request |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) = (3)/(2) |
| <u>FEATHER RIVER</u> | | | | |
| County of Butte | 27,500 | 27,500 | 27,500 | 100% |
| Plumas County FC&WCD | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 100% |
| City of Yuba City | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,600 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 39,800 | 39,800 | 39,800 | |
| <u>NORTH BAY</u> | | | | |
| Napa County FC&WCD | 29,025 | 29,025 | 29,025 | 100% |
| Solano County WA | 47,756 | 47,756 | 47,756 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 76,781 | 76,781 | 76,781 | |
| <u>SOUTH BAY</u> | | | | |
| Alameda County FC&WCD, Zone 7 | 80,619 | 80,619 | 80,619 | 100% |
| Alameda County WD | 42,000 | 42,000 | 42,000 | 100% |
| Santa Clara Valley WD | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 222,619 | 222,619 | 222,619 | |
| <u>SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY</u> | | | | |
| Oak Flat WD | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 100% |
| County of Kings | 9,305 | 9,305 | 9,305 | 100% |
| Dudley Ridge WD | 41,350 | 41,350 | 41,350 | 100% |
| Empire West Side ID | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 100% |
| Kern County WA | 982,730 | 982,730 | 982,730 | 100% |
| Tulare Lake Basin WSD | 87,471 | 87,471 | 87,471 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 1,129,556 | 1,129,556 | 1,129,556 | |
| <u>CENTRAL COASTAL</u> | | | | |
| San Luis Obispo County FC&WCD | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 100% |
| Santa Barbara County FC&WCD | 45,486 | 45,486 | 45,486 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 70,486 | 70,486 | 70,486 | |
| <u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u> | | | | |
| Antelope Valley-East Kern WA | 144,844 | 144,844 | 144,844 | 100% |
| Santa Clarita Valley WA | 95,200 | 95,200 | 95,200 | 100% |
| Coachella Valley WD | 138,350 | 138,350 | 138,350 | 100% |
| Crestline-Lake Arrowhead WA | 5,800 | 5,800 | 5,800 | 100% |
| Desert WA | 55,750 | 55,750 | 55,750 | 100% |
| Littlerock Creek ID | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 100% |
| Metropolitan WDSC | 1,911,500 | 1,911,500 | 1,911,500 | 100% |
| Mojave WA | 89,800 | 89,800 | 89,800 | 100% |
| Palmdale WD | 21,300 | 21,300 | 21,300 | 100% |
| San Bernardino Valley MWD | 102,600 | 102,600 | 102,600 | 100% |
| San Gabriel Valley MWD | 28,800 | 28,800 | 28,800 | 100% |
| San Geronio Pass WA | 17,300 | 17,300 | 17,300 | 100% |
| Ventura County WPD | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 2,633,544 | 2,633,544 | 2,633,544 | |
| TOTAL | 4,172,786 | 4,172,786 | 4,172,786 | 100% |

Paeter Garcia

From: Lisa F. Watkins <lfw@ccwa.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:04 PM
Cc: Ray Stokes; Stephanie Hastings; John L. Brady
Subject: Increase of State Water Project 2023 Allocation to 100 Percent (NTC 23-08)
Attachments: NTC_23-08_SWP_2023Alloc100%_20230420.pdf

Via bcc: CCWA Board of Directors and Alternates
CCWA Water Operations Group

Attached is the Notice to State Water Project Contractors **No. 23-08 "Increase of State Water Project 2023 Allocation to 100 Percent."**



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**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1**

**FY 2023/2024
PRELIMINARY
BUDGET**





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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the residential and agricultural customers in the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 service area with reasonably priced, reliable, high quality water supply, and efficient and economical public services.

DISTRICT OVERVIEW, STRUCTURE AND STAFFING

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) was formed in 1959 under the Water Conservation District Law of 1931, Division 21, Section 74000 et seq. of the California Water Code (the Act) for the purpose of furnishing water and related water supply services within the District's boundaries. The District has operated continuously since 1959.

Located in the central portion of Santa Barbara County, the District serves the communities of Santa Ynez, Los Olivos, Ballard, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and the City of Solvang on a limited basis. With a service area population of approximately 7,022 (excluding the City of Solvang), the District currently provides water directly to approximately 2,624 municipal and industrial customers (including domestic/residential, commercial, institutional, rural residential, and fire service) and approximately 97 agricultural customers. The District encompasses an area of approximately 10,850 acres (including approximately 1,300 acres within Solvang).

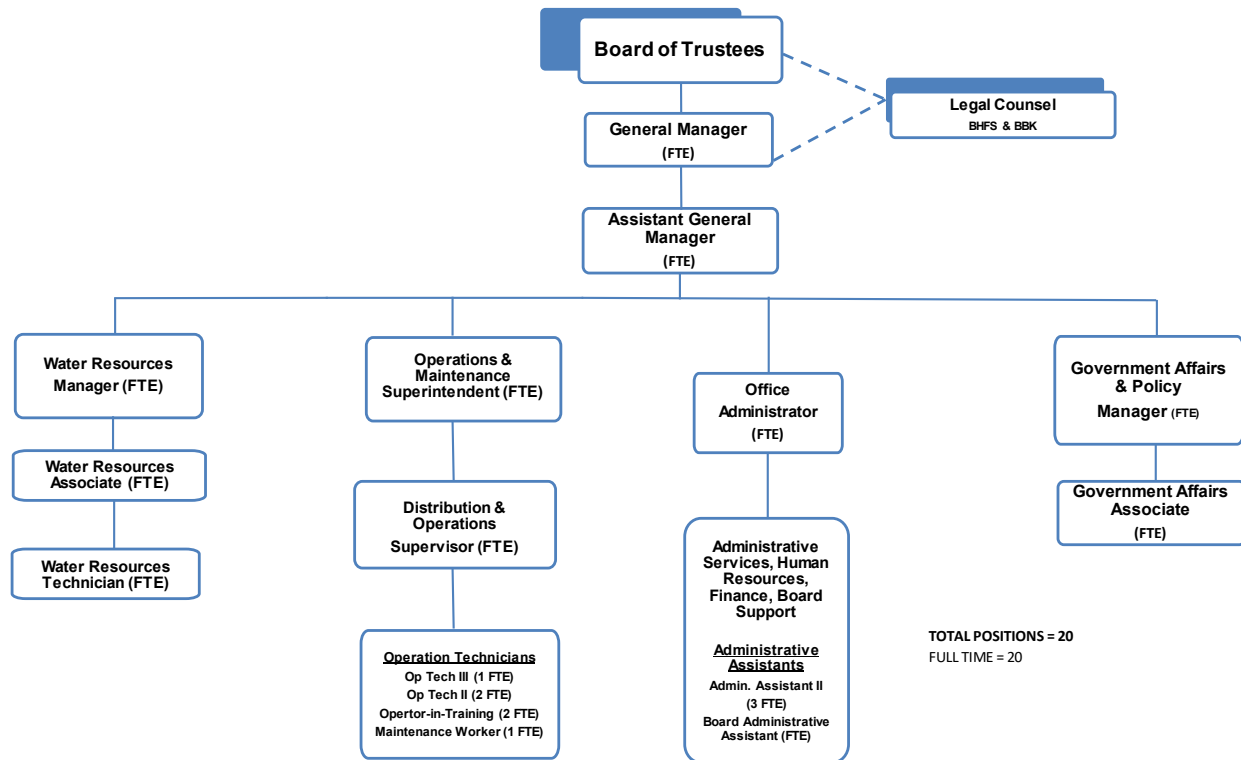
The District obtains its water supplies from the Cachuma Project/State Water Exchange, direct diversions from the Cachuma Project (as needed), contractual deliveries from the State Water Project as a member agency of the Central Coast Water Authority, production from the Santa Ynez Uplands Groundwater Basin, and diversions from the Santa Ynez River alluvium. The District's major activities include acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance of works and facilities for the development and use of water resources and water rights, including without limitation, works and facilities to divert, store, pump, treat, deliver, and sell water for reasonable and beneficial uses by the District's customers.

Operational Information

- District Pipelines (in miles) = 92
- Number of Booster Pump Stations = 5 with 11 pumps
- Number of Active Wells = 19
- SWP/ID No.1 Turnout = 5 pumps
- Number of water storage reservoirs/tanks = 4 with a total capacity of 16.7 million gallons
- Current number of approved, funded full-time equivalent (FTE) positions = 20

ORGANIZATION CHART

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2023/24

BUDGET PROCESS

The District's fiscal year budget is one of the most important documents prepared by management for the Board of Trustees. The financial accounts and line items reflected in this document and the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget describe the annual fiscal year budget beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.

The development and adoption of the District's annual budget is based on projected revenues and expenditures, as well as identified projects and programs which provide the financial foundation for District activities. The budget serves as a roadmap for ensuring reasonable costs and predictable customer rates. The budget blends advanced revenue forecasting and effective expenditure management with the infrastructure investment needed to deliver safe, reliable, cost-effective, and sustainable water supplies to the communities served by the District.

Through the process of planning and preparing the budget, management compared the 2016 Water Rate Study results with the prior year financial conditions and year-end estimated outcomes, then forecasted the funding needs of the District in order to continue to provide high levels of water service, meet regulatory requirements, and comply with applicable financial obligations throughout the fiscal year and beyond.

To determine the annual operating budget and capital costs necessary to provide water service, the General Manager and Assistant General Manager work with the Water Resources Manager and the Operations & Maintenance Superintendent to identify and prioritize estimated operating expenditures and capital improvement projects. Once a Preliminary Budget is prepared, it is presented to the Board of Trustees at a public meeting to provide an opportunity for questions, modifications, and direction to staff to finalize the budget for Board approval at a subsequent public meeting. The Final Budget provides a necessary foundation for the District's administrative, operations, and maintenance programs, debt service obligations, and other financial commitments and service objectives for the coming year.

REPORTING BASIS

The District utilizes the accrual basis for budgeting purposes and for accounting and financial reporting. The accrual method recognizes revenues and expenses in the period in which they are earned and incurred. The accrual method is the Generally Accepted Accounting Principal (GAAP) for financial reporting.

The District reports its activities as an enterprise fund. This method of reporting is used to account for operations that are financed and administered in a manner similar to a private business enterprise. The costs of providing water and services to customers on a continuing basis (including replacement of existing assets) should be financed or recovered primarily through user charges and the costs are borne by the customers who are receiving the benefit of the assets.

The FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget was developed from the Uniform System of Accounts for Water Utilities which includes a set of tables providing details for revenue and expenditure categories of the District. **The tables contained in this Report are intended to be reviewed in connection with the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget document.**

The accounting for the budget is supported by the QuickBooks accounting system which is verified annually by an independent audit performed by Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf. The budget tables show categories of the operating revenues as compared to operating expenditures along with debt service and special studies expenditures, including but not limited to compliance with various state and federal regulatory requirements applicable to fisheries protection in the Lower Santa Ynez River, compliance with water rights orders issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, and implementation of contractual requirements. Historically, the District's operating expenses and Capital Improvement Project program are to be fully funded by operating revenues, and as necessary and appropriate from reserve funds. The Capital Improvement Project expenditures can be funded by a combination of operating revenues and reserves.

BUDGET AND RESERVE FUND BACKGROUND

The District's 2016 Water Rate Study, inclusive of the approved Water Rate Schedule, was adopted by the District's Board of Trustees on December 13, 2016 and became effective on February 1, 2017. The Water Rate Study and Schedule provide the foundation for incrementally increased revenues over a five-year period. Rates were developed to meet operating expenses, debt service obligations, capital improvement projects (partially), and other planned expenditures. The Water Rate Study also includes a Reserves analysis and a plan for adding to the District's reserve funds over time to allow for recovery of reserve deficits that occurred over the previous six-year period. The last rate adjustment pursuant to the Water Rate Schedule went into effect on July 1, 2021 and remains in effect for the FY 2023/24 budget cycle. The FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget proposes to fully fund all expense categories, including Operations and Maintenance (O&M), General and Administrative (G&A), Debt Service, Other Expenses and Special Studies, and Capital Improvement Project program costs, leaving a net balance of \$1,194,397 which will be added to the District's reserves.

Below are the past fiscal year and the most current fiscal quarter-end Reserve balances based on actual accounting and audit information.

Table 1

RESERVE BALANCES

| | June 30, 2022 | March 31, 2023¹ |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>BOARD RESERVED</u> | | |
| Debt Repayment Obligation | \$1,667,537 | \$866,405 ² |
| Repair & Replacement | \$4,353,712 | \$6,054,018 |
| Plant Expansion | \$5,636,144 | \$7,336,450 |
| Subtotal | \$11,657,393 | \$14,256,873 |
| <u>RESTRICTED RESERVE</u> | | |
| Dev. Fee; SY Septic | \$109,212 | \$109,212 |
| State Water Project Reserve ³ | \$3,000,000 | \$3,000,000 |

1. Amounts reflected in this column represent the reserve balance at 9-months of current FY 2022/23. The year-end reserve amount will change at June 30, 2023 to reflect a balance based on actual accounting for projects and debt service expenditures.
2. This amount represents a Debt Payment Obligation reserve balance at 9-months of current FY 2022/23. The year-end reserve amount in this category will change at June 20, 2023 to reflect payments for the SWP payment due on June 1, and the USBR Safety of Dams Repayment Contract payment.
3. One year set aside payment established to guarantee ID No.1's contractual debt obligation in the event of a default by the City of Solvang.

BUDGET IN DETAIL

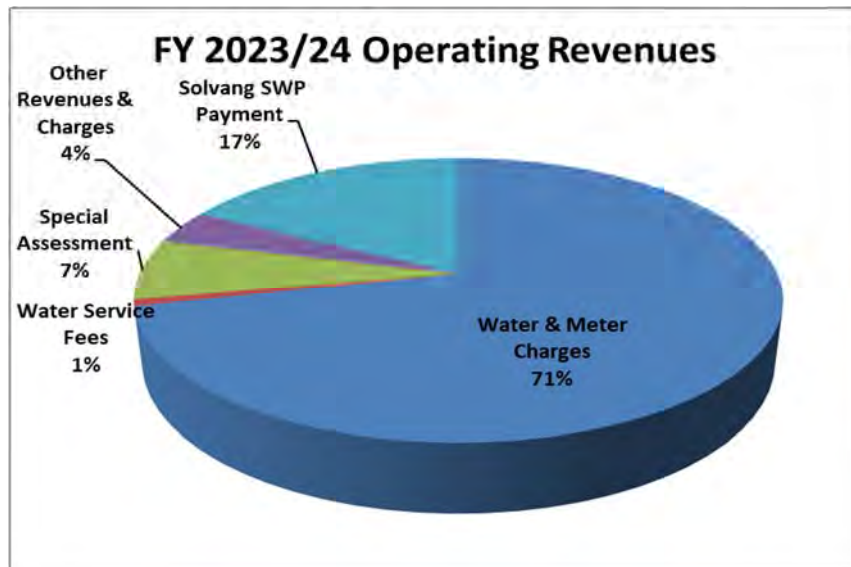
The specific revenue and expenditure categories of the budget account for the adopted water rates and revenues, prior year audit data, and financial account information. The categories are displayed using actual 9-month revenue and expenditure data from the current fiscal year, and are also projected to show the fiscal year-end figures (June 30, 2023). This information is used as part of the evaluation to develop the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget.

The FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget of \$12,520,163 reflects an overall 0.81% decrease compared to the projected June 30, 2023 year-end results, and is 2.6% less than the financial projections adopted as part of the 2016 Water Rate Study. As noted above, the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget assumes that water rates remain static based upon the last rate increase that went into effect July 1, 2021. The water rates are applied to forecasted water sales and meter charges in FY 2023/24 based on actual sales and charges in the current and prior fiscal years. The budget also assumes no increase in the \$875,000 Special Assessment/Ad Valorem Tax, even though the authorized limit for FY 2023/24 is \$2,388,353. Other factors such as capital facilities charges and interest income are integral parts of the forecast. The information below shows that budgeted revenues will meet projected operating expenditures and debt service obligations, and result in a projected net revenue balance of \$3,861,627. This revenue balance will fund the Other Expenses and Special Studies categories as further detailed in the Preliminary Budget, leaving a balance of \$3,175,127 in net operating revenues, which will fully fund the proposed \$1,980,730 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Program for FY 2023/24, leaving a net balance of \$1,194,397 which will contribute to the District's reserves.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

The District operates according to cost of service, with revenues derived primarily from water sales, the special tax assessment, fixed monthly service charges, and other water services. For the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget, the total operating revenues are projected at \$12,520,163 including the SWP revenue of \$2,143,283 from the City of Solvang. Actual projected total revenues are \$10,376,880 without the SWP pass-through payment. Table 2 below summarizes the distribution of the District's projected revenue sources for FY 2023/24.

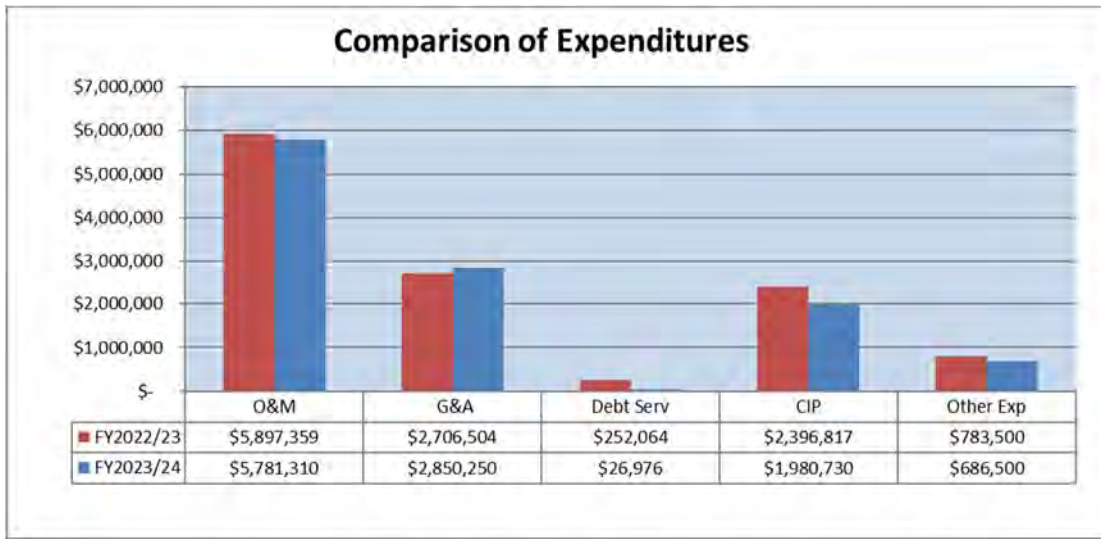
Table 2



SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Based on the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget, the District’s projected water sales and other operating revenues, including the FY 2023/24 special tax assessment, will fully fund the overall operating expenditures, including all categories of Operation & Maintenance, General & Administrative, and Debt Service, and result in a net revenue balance of \$3,861,627. This net balance of operating revenues is proposed to fund the District’s Other Expenses and Special Studies categories as further detailed in the Preliminary Budget. Thereafter, a net revenue balance of \$3,175,127 is proposed to fully fund the District’s FY 2023/24 CIP program. Table 3 below shows all expenditure categories for FY 2023/24 in comparison to the previous fiscal year.

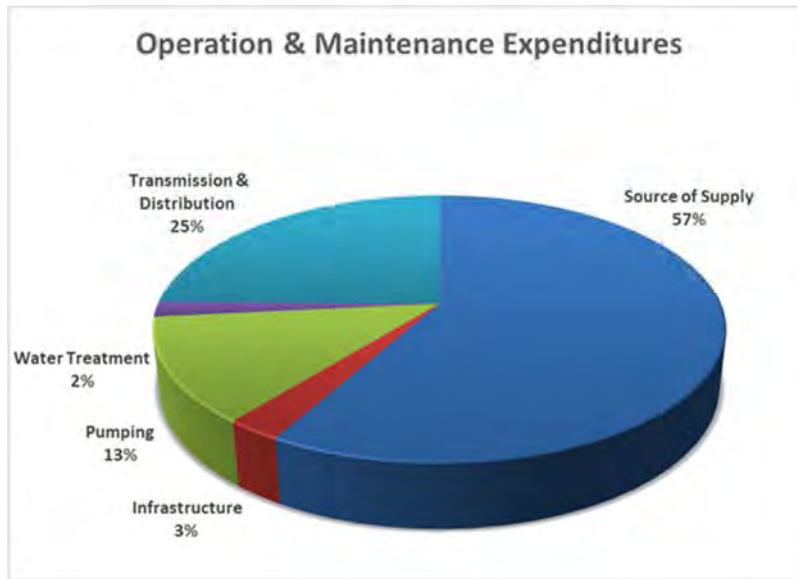
Table 3



EXPENDITURES - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M)

The overall budget for O&M expenditures for FY 2023/24 is 2% (\$116,049) less than last year’s FY 2022/23 budget, with the Source of Supply category having the single largest decrease totaling \$311,984. This is directly attributable to a decrease in fixed CCWA costs, as well as CCWA O&M credits used to offset ID No.1’s gross amount due which resulted in a reduction of \$199,611 in the ID No.1’s State Water Project costs for FY 2022/23 and \$97,279 for the City of Solvang’s passthrough expenses for the year. Additionally, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) charges for Cachuma Project supplies and Renewal/Environmental Fund reflects a \$28,594 overall reduction in the coming fiscal year. The main reason for the decrease is the elimination of the USBR deficit repayment obligation. The Infrastructure category reflects an increase attributable to Santa Barbara County’s Pavement Rehabilitation Project, which is slated to be completed in FY 2023/24 and will affect 26 of the District’s valves. Funding for this is estimated at \$39,000 (\$1,500 per valve box) for the County’s contractor to lower and raise the valve boxes to finished grade. Other categories of Pumping and Transmission & Distribution all realized increases based on inflationary and vendor increases. Table 4 on the next page illustrates the distribution of costs for the O&M expense categories.

Table 4



EXPENDITURES - GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION (G&A)

The overall budget for G&A expenditures for FY 2023/24 increased 5% (\$143,746) compared to last year's FY 2022/23 budget.

Administrative expenses, including dues and subscriptions, miscellaneous service contracts, various utilities, and liability insurance are projected to increase slightly due to inflationary and vendor cost increases related to the current economic climate.

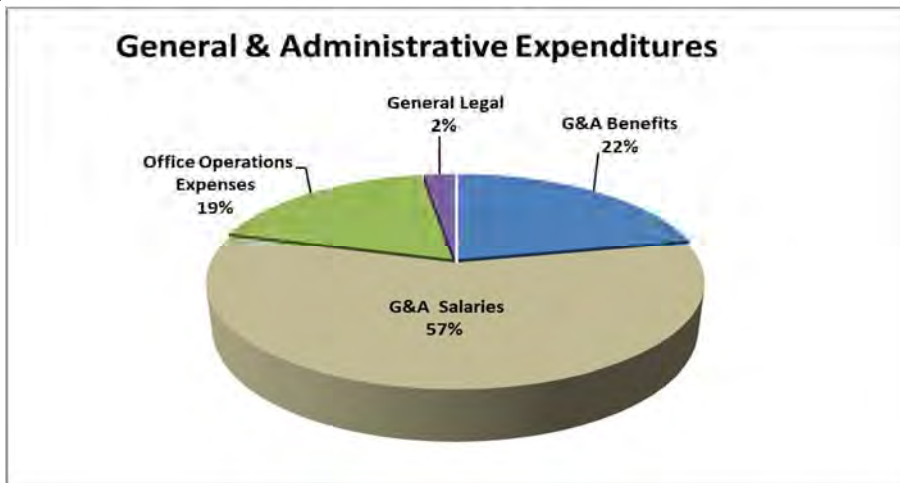
Other increases to this category are tied to Cost of Living (COLA) and merit increases to employee salaries in accordance with the District's adopted Personnel Policy and Salary Schedule, which in turn affect retirement and payroll tax expenses. The District-wide COLA adjustment is being proposed at 7%. The COLA is consistent with industry standards and is based upon the Consumer Price Index 12-month calculation data (March-February). The COLA adjustment is obtained by averaging the most recent 12-month indexes for all urban wage earners and clerical workers and comparing that average to the previous 12-month averaged data for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area of California.

Additionally, premiums for health, dental, and vision coverage are anticipated to have an inflationary increase of 10%, 2%, and 2% respectively according to ACWA JPIA. The FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget also includes a proposed modification to the District's current dental benefit and the proposed addition of standard life insurance to be included in the District's employee benefits package. With regard to dental coverage, staff reviewed the District's plan and found that it is not comparable to what other local agencies are providing to their employees. Currently the District provides the most basic plan, with the lowest coverage thresholds, which results in the highest out-of-pocket employee cost for dental procedures. When reviewing other plan offerings, enhanced features include a higher annual maximum benefit threshold, increased coverage for basic fillings, root canals, and oral surgery, and partial coverage for orthodontics (which is not provided in the District's current plan). By offering a more comprehensive plan, inclusive of the enhanced features, the District's benefit package will be more comparable to other agencies and will help ID No.1 employees manage increasing out-of-pocket expenses for dental care. The

annual cost increase from the current plan to the enhanced plan is \$13,980. The addition of a basic life insurance policy is also being proposed to bring the District's overall benefits package more in-line with industry standard and comparable to what other agencies are offering. The District polled nine local water agencies and all of them provide life insurance to their employees. The annual cost for a basic life insurance policy to be provided through ACWA JPIA for each District employee (1 x annual salary, maximum of \$150,000) is \$7,260. Overall, the two proposed modifications to ID No.1's benefits package is \$21,240 or 0.17% of the overall budget. These enhancements are designed to reflect the District's commitment to personnel, consistent with industry trends, and to support the District's efforts in successful employee recruitment and retention.

Table 5 below illustrates the distribution of costs for the G&A expense categories.

Table 5



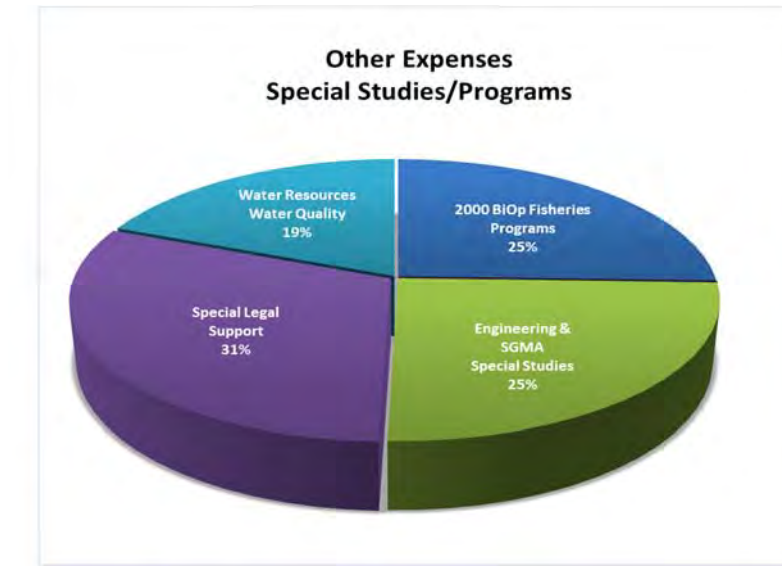
DEBT SERVICE

The District's Debt Service category for FY 2023/24 includes the USBR Safety of Dams repayment (principal and interest) which remains constant for the 50-year term at \$26,976 per year. The 2023/24 Preliminary Budget reflects a 89% decrease in Debt Service as a result of the District satisfying its Series 2004A Bond debt (principal and interest) during FY 2022/23 in accordance with the repayment terms. As detailed above, the FY 2023/24 operating revenues, inclusive of the special tax assessment, are projected to fully fund the District's operating expenses plus debt service.

OTHER EXPENSES

For FY 2023/24, the budgeted amount of \$686,500 in the Other Expenses category will be funded by the net revenue balance of \$3,861,627. The FY 2023/24 budget for Other Expenses is \$97,000 less than what was budgeted in FY 2022/23. As fully detailed in the 2023/24 Preliminary Budget, the primary cost categories reflect ongoing work related to the 2019 State Water Resource Control Board Order and related studies for the Cachuma Project, the ongoing federal Endangered Species Act Section 7 re-consultation process for the Cachuma Project, ongoing water right proceedings in the Lower Santa Ynez River, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, among other matters. Table 6 below illustrates the distribution of costs for the Other Expenses and Special Studies categories.

Table 6



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

Infrastructure planning and investment is critical to the ongoing reliability of the District’s water production and distribution system. In years past, the District’s CIP program was seriously compromised by shortfalls in operating revenues caused by outdated water rates and a multi-year suspension on the levy of a special tax assessment. Those shortfalls required incremental drawdowns of District reserves simply to meet annual operating expenses and debt service. Consequently, monies were not available to fund the CIP program, and needed capital improvements to the District’s aging water system were deferred.

On the other hand, when operating revenues are healthy and able to meet and exceed operating expenses, net revenues are available to fund the District’s Debt Service and Other Expenses (including Special Studies) and then contribute to building reserves and/or funding the CIP program. In FY 2018/19, revenues began to stabilize, allowing for net revenues to be added to reserves for capital improvements. In FY 2021/22 and 2022/23, the District was able to budget for important infrastructure investments. While many of those CIP projects were undertaken and completed, several of them were suspended or delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related orders and restrictions issued by federal, state, and local authorities, as well as production halts, shipping delays, and inventory shortfalls for various parts and materials. These delays again affected progress or completion of several CIP projects during FY 2022/23, and as a result they have been rolled into the FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget.

For FY 2023/24, a total of \$1,980,730 is budgeted for the CIP program. This amount is \$416,087 less than the \$2,396,817 CIP budget in FY 2022/23. Of particular note, the entire CIP program for FY 2023/24 will be funded from the District’s net revenues of \$3,175,127 (after funding Other Expenses and Special Studies) and will not require funding from District reserves. The CIP items include projects needed for replacements, betterments, upgrades, and repairs of the District water supply, production, and distribution system. Projects that were not completed during FY 2022/23 are identified as “Rollforward Projects” below.

Account 900332 (\$125,000) – Water Treatment Plant/Building (Rollforward Project) – This account was originally budgeted to include a combination steel building to house a water treatment and control system for the District’s office wells, along with a garage bay for District equipment and needed expansion and upgrade of field crew quarters. Preliminary architectural and engineering design work has been completed. The budgeted amount for FY 2023/24 remains unchanged from the FY 2022/23 amount. All funds will be directed to design modifications to incorporate a District-designated Board Room, finalizing the building design, and initial permitting costs and processing.

900333 (\$285,000) – Cr6 Blending Station/Facilities (Rollforward Project) – With the resurgence of a new Cr6 water quality standard (10 ppb MCL) that is expected to be re-adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in the coming fiscal year. Funds are budgeted for engineering and design of treatment and distribution facilities to comply with the new regulation.

900372 (\$36,500) – Office Computers, Furniture & Equipment (Partial Rollforward) – This account includes rollforward funds (\$30,000) that will be utilized for the initial phase of implementing a Laserfiche Enterprise Document Management System. Since the District’s formation, the District continues to maintain much of its documentation in original form. Limited space has become a factor in meeting document storage needs, and a Laserfiche Document Management System will modernize the business operations of the District and provide more efficiency for searching, locating, and storing documents. Completion of this project was slated for FY 2022/23; however, the completion of other IT projects (i.e., new server) were prioritized to ensure compatibility with a new Laserfiche System.

Additional funds will be utilized for the replacement of three office computers as part of the District’s routine computer replacement program. Costs include the purchase of equipment, software, and network set-up by the District’s IT vendor, estimated at \$6,500.

900318 (\$10,000) – Meter Replacement/Utility Billing – The Districtwide meter replacement program began in FY 2019/20. This multi-phase replacement program consists of purchasing and installing new meters to replace existing ones that have been in service for approximately 20 years and have diminished capabilities to provide accurate accounting of water use. During FY 2022/23, a total of 981 meters were budgeted and installation is anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2023. The FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget amount (\$10,000) is for program implementation, technical support, and residual meter inventory necessary to be retained on-hand.

900371 (\$26,000) – Office Building/Shop Improvements – This account includes construction of an open-sided carport to house the District’s fleet and equipment to mitigate weather damage currently being incurred for lack of protective cover (\$10,000). Additional funds will be utilized for the demolition and installation of a new cedar fence located at the District office (\$6,000). The remaining \$10,000 will be utilized for upgrades to the shop area, including secured shelving for tools and equipment, workbenches, security, required electrical upgrades, and related work stationing for the field crew, which was a recommendation from the District’s recent site visit by ACWA JPIA.

900181 (\$1,000) – CAD-GIS – This account includes \$1,000 for equipment needs and/or software upgrades necessary to continue operation of the District’s GIS system that is used to maintain the District’s digital atlas.

900378 (\$102,230) – Major Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment – Funds will be utilized to purchase a compact track loader with forks, bucket, and mowing/brush cutter attachments. This piece of equipment will enhance field efficiency and be utilized on a regular basis for a variety of applications, such as grading and dirt work associated with mainline repairs and service installations, moving materials and equipment at various District sites, and routine weed abatement at several District locations, which is typically completed by outside contractors at a significant cost.

900350 (\$328,200) – Upland Wells (Partial Rollforward Project) – Funds will be used to upgrade the electrical panels at Well Nos. 7 and 28 for a total of \$253,129. The work associated with these two well sites are Rollforward Projects from FY 2022/23 due to lengthy fabrication time extending over 50 weeks and significant delays in the availability of parts and materials. The current electrical panels are substantially obsolete and pose potential safety hazards. The panel components need to be improved to current day standards, which will improve efficiency and operational safety. Costs to complete this task include materials, construction, and installation.

New project work under this line-item (\$75,000) includes costs for rehabilitation or replacement of a well pump and motor in the Santa Ynez Uplands.

900106 (134,400) – Rehabilitation/Replacement of Mains/Laterals/Valves (Rollforward Projects) – Funds will be used for the replacement of five (5) mainline valves that are broken or inoperable, plus valve insertions at various locations within the District (\$30,000). This work was budgeted for FY 2022/23, yet not fully completed due to workload prioritization.

Additionally, \$104,000 will be utilized to replace the District's water main that is currently located on the old Highway 154 bridge spanning Alamo Pintado Creek in Los Olivos (now used as a pedestrian bridge). Because Caltrans is demolishing the old bridge and installing a new one, the District must replace its water main to span the Creek as part of the new bridge. Expenses include engineering services at \$8,400, contractor labor and equipment costs at \$70,000, and materials costs of \$26,000.

900170 (\$219,200) – 6 CFS Well Field (Rollforward Project) – Funds will be used to upgrade the electrical panels at the 6 CFS Well Field. The work associated with this site is a Rollforward Project from FY 2022/23 due to lengthy fabrication time extending over 50 weeks and significant delays in the availability of parts and materials. The current electrical panels are substantially obsolete and pose potential safety hazards. The panel components need to be improved to current day standards, which will improve efficiency and operational safety. Costs to complete this task include materials, construction, engineering, and installation.

900373 (\$47,000) – Fleet Vehicle Replacement – This account includes funds for the purchase of one replacement fleet vehicle (field truck). This vehicle will replace an existing 2012 model with approximately 131,000 miles. The vehicle slated for replacement is beginning to incur ongoing repair costs and its reliability is diminishing.

900171 (\$70,400) – 4 CFS Well Field (Rollforward Project) – Funds will be utilized to complete the installation of a manual transfer switch for emergency generator use at the 4 CFS well field. Additionally, a voltage monitor will be installed within the existing electrical panels due to voltage fluctuations delivered by PG&E at this location. Delivery and

equipment delays have resulted in the project work being rolled into FY 2023/24. Estimated costs include all materials and labor (\$64,269). Additional engineering services for construction support and an arc flash analysis are estimated at \$6,131.

900195 (\$44,400) – Refugio 2 Booster Pump Station (Rollforward Project) – Funds will be utilized to complete the installation of a manual transfer switch for emergency generator use at the Refugio 2 Booster Pump Station. Additionally, a voltage monitor will be installed within the existing electrical panels due to voltage fluctuations delivered by PG&E at this location. Delivery and equipment delays have resulted in the project work being rolled into FY 2023/24. Estimated costs include all materials and labor (\$38,265). Additional engineering services for construction support and an arc flash analysis are estimated at \$6,135.

900196 (\$164,700) – Alamo Pintado Booster Pump Station (Partial Rollforward Project) – Funds will be used to upgrade the electrical panels at the Alamo Pintado Booster Pump Station. The work associated with this site is a Rollforward Project from FY 2022/23 due to lengthy fabrication time extending over 50 weeks and significant delays in the availability of parts and materials. The current electrical panels are substantially obsolete and pose potential safety hazards. The panel components need to be improved to current day standards, which will improve efficiency and operational safety. Costs to complete this task include materials, construction, engineering, and installation.

900197 (\$59,900) – Refugio 3 Booster Pump Station (Rollforward Project) – Funds will be used to upgrade the electrical panels at the Refugio 3 Booster Pump Station. The work associated with this site is a Rollforward Project from FY 2022/23 due to lengthy fabrication time extending over 50 weeks and significant delays in the availability of parts and materials. The current electrical panels are substantially obsolete and pose potential safety hazards. The panel components need to be improved to current day standards, which will improve efficiency and operational safety. Costs to complete this task include materials, construction, engineering, and installation.

900198 (\$308,800) – Meadowlark Booster Pump Station (Partial Rollforward Project) – Funds from this account will be used for two projects. First is the construction of an open sided pole barn structure to house the District's large equipment, trailers, and materials to mitigate weather damage currently being incurred for lack of protective cover. Costs for this project are approximately \$10,000 and construction work will be completed by the District's field team.

The remaining \$298,800 will be used to upgrade the electrical panels at the Meadowlark Booster Pump Station. The work associated with this site is a Rollforward Project from FY 2022/23 due to lengthy fabrication time extending over 50 weeks and significant delays in the availability of parts and materials. The current electrical panels are substantially obsolete and pose potential safety hazards. The panel components need to be improved to current day standards, which will improve efficiency and operational safety. Costs to complete this task include materials, construction, engineering, and installation.

If additional CIP expenditures are needed, funding will come from the Repair and Replace and/or Plant Expansion Reserves. Alternatively, the projects could be deferred or re-prioritized.

FY 2023/24 PRELIMINARY BUDGET CONCLUSION

The FY 2023/24 Preliminary Budget revenues of **\$12,520,163** are projected to be sufficient to meet total O&M expenses, G&A expenses, and Debt Service obligations of **\$8,658,536** with a net revenue balance of **\$3,861,627**. This net revenue balance of \$3,861,627 will be used to fund the \$686,500 of Other Expenses for special studies, engineering, design, legal, and consulting work to maintain protection and preservation of the District's water rights and to ensure compliance with various regulatory orders and requirements applicable to the District's rights and water supply portfolio, including but not limited to state-mandated water quality standards and fishery protections applicable to the Cachuma Project in accordance with State Water Resources Control Board Orders and the federal Endangered Species Act. The remaining net revenue balance of **\$3,175,127** will be used to fully fund the District's FY 2023/24 CIP program as detailed above in the amount of **\$1,980,730**. The remaining net revenue balance of **\$1,194,397** will be added to the District's Reserves.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees review the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Preliminary Budget and provide desired comment or direction to management for potential revisions. Approval of the FY 2023/24 Final Budget by Resolution will be recommended and considered for action by the Board at the June 20, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.



Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1
PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY 2023-24

| REVENUE | | FY 22/23 | FY 22/23 | | Preliminary Budget | Variance from |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Account No. | Service & Sales | Budget | 9-Month Revenues | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | FY23/24 | 2022/23 Budget |
| 601000 | Agriculture Water Sales & Meter Charges | \$ 1,344,337 | \$ 882,558 | \$ 1,311,905 | \$ 1,352,413 | \$ 8,076 |
| 602000 | Domestic Water Sales & Meter Charges | \$ 4,631,353 | \$ 3,586,838 | \$ 4,916,984 | \$ 4,809,941 | \$ 178,588 |
| 602100 | Rural Res/Lmt'd Ag Sales & Meter Charges | \$ 2,458,811 | \$ 1,769,452 | \$ 2,490,686 | \$ 2,486,242 | \$ 27,431 |
| 602200 | Cachuma Park Water Sales | \$ 19,575 | \$ 12,247 | \$ 17,357 | \$ 19,575 | \$ - |
| 606000 | Water Sales to City of Solvang | \$ 279,725 | \$ 44,143 | \$ 57,930 | \$ 77,553 | \$ (202,172) |
| 608000 | Water Sales - On-Demand | \$ 36,018 | \$ 12,982 | \$ 25,958 | \$ 27,442 | \$ (8,576) |
| 611500 | Fire Service Charges | \$ 111,719 | \$ 102,535 | \$ 133,863 | \$ 135,539 | \$ 23,820 |
| 604000 | Temporary Water Sales | \$ 20,175 | \$ 8,163 | \$ 8,571 | \$ 20,175 | \$ - |
| | Subtotal Water Sales | \$ 8,901,713 | \$ 6,418,918 | \$ 8,963,254 | \$ 8,928,880 | \$ 27,167 |
| 611100 | New Services Fees | \$ 40,000 | \$ 29,606 | \$ 45,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ - |
| 611200 | Activation/Reconnection Fees | \$ 20,000 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ (5,000) |
| 611900 | New Fire Service Fees | \$ 8,000 | \$ 3,200 | \$ 3,200 | \$ 6,000 | \$ (2,000) |
| 612400 | Penalties | \$ 35,000 | \$ 22,518 | \$ 30,024 | \$ 31,000 | \$ (4,000) |
| | Subtotal Service | \$ 103,000 | \$ 64,324 | \$ 90,224 | \$ 92,000 | \$ (11,000) |
| Assessments, Fees & Other Revenue | | | | | | |
| 627000-627200 | Special Assessment | \$ 875,000 | \$ 471,030 | \$ 875,000 | \$ 875,000 | \$ - |
| 628000-630300 | Interest Income | \$ 55,000 | \$ 248,461 | \$ 423,461 | \$ 350,000 | \$ 295,000 |
| 625200 | Application Fees/Special Services | \$ 13,000 | \$ 8,925 | \$ 10,925 | \$ 13,000 | \$ - |
| 611600 | Capital Facilities Charges | \$ 70,000 | \$ 61,150 | \$ 76,100 | \$ 70,000 | \$ - |
| 620006 | Reimbursed Field Labor | \$ 15,000 | \$ 5,011 | \$ 9,318 | \$ 10,000 | \$ (5,000) |
| 620008 | Reimbursed Admin. Labor | \$ 5,000 | \$ 157 | \$ 205 | \$ 1,000 | \$ (4,000) |
| 624000 | Other Misc Revenues | \$ 35,000 | \$ 21,317 | \$ 33,317 | \$ 35,000 | \$ - |
| 634100 | Insurance Claims | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ - |
| 890100 | Solvang SWP Payment | \$ 2,240,562 | \$ 2,013,374 | \$ 2,141,668 | \$ 2,143,283 | \$ (97,279) |
| | Subtotal Assessment & Fees | \$ 3,310,562 | \$ 2,829,425 | \$ 3,569,993 | \$ 3,499,283 | \$ 188,721 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 12,315,275 | \$ 9,312,667 | \$ 12,623,472 | \$ 12,520,163 | \$ 204,888 |

EXPENDITURES OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

| Account No. | Source of Supply | FY 22/23 | FY 22/23 | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget | Variance from |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Budget | 9-Month Expenditures | | FY23/24 | 2022/23 Budget |
| 703000 | Cachuma Project (USBR) Water Purchase | \$ 254,502 | \$ 198,389 | \$ 272,006 | \$ 234,080 | \$ (20,422) |
| 703200 | Cachuma Project Renewal/Environmental Fund | \$ 16,055 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,883 | \$ (8,172) |
| 704000 | State Water Charge- District Payment | \$ 1,091,490 | \$ 703,817 | \$ 941,879 | \$ 891,879 | \$ (199,611) |
| 860000 | State Water Project - City of Solvang pymt | \$ 2,240,562 | \$ 2,013,374 | \$ 2,141,668 | \$ 2,143,283 | \$ (97,279) |
| 705000 | Ground Water Charges | \$ 47,000 | \$ 25,176 | \$ 56,426 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| 706000 | Cloudseeding Program | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ 10,915 | \$ 12,500 | \$ 7,500 |
| 707000 | River Well Field Licenses (4.0cfs, 6.0cfs, Gallery) | \$ 18,000 | \$ 19,982 | \$ 19,982 | \$ 21,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| | Subtotal Source of Supply | \$ 3,672,609 | \$ 2,960,739 | \$ 3,442,877 | \$ 3,360,625 | \$ (311,984) |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| 711000 | Maintenance of Wells | \$ 50,000 | \$ 39,739 | \$ 44,739 | \$ 50,000 | \$ - |
| 712000 | Maintenance of Mains | \$ 45,000 | \$ 32,953 | \$ 35,453 | \$ 85,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| 713000 | Maintenance of Reservoirs | \$ 15,000 | \$ 2,086 | \$ 7,086 | \$ 15,000 | \$ - |
| 714000 | Maintenance of Structures | \$ 5,000 | \$ 3,440 | \$ 3,940 | \$ 5,000 | \$ - |
| | Subtotal Infrastructure | \$ 115,000 | \$ 78,217 | \$ 91,217 | \$ 155,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| Pumping | | | | | | |
| 726000 | Pumping Expense - Power | \$ 710,000 | \$ 477,356 | \$ 713,356 | \$ 720,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| 730000 | Maintenance of Pump Structures/Stations/Equip | \$ 10,000 | \$ 3,512 | \$ 7,512 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 732000 | Maintenance of Equipment | \$ 1,500 | \$ 52 | \$ 52 | \$ - | \$ (1,500) |
| | Subtotal Pumping | \$ 721,500 | \$ 480,920 | \$ 720,920 | \$ 730,000 | \$ 8,500 |
| Water Treatment | | | | | | |
| 744000 | Chemicals | \$ 84,732 | \$ 55,506 | \$ 80,926 | \$ 85,000 | \$ 268 |
| 748000 | Maintenance of Treatment Structures/Equipment | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,713 | \$ 2,213 | \$ 3,000 | \$ - |
| 748100 | Water Treatment/Sampling/Monitoring Equipment | \$ 10,000 | \$ 1,800 | \$ 3,800 | \$ 5,000 | \$ (5,000) |
| 749000 | Water Analysis | \$ 14,000 | \$ 5,670 | \$ 8,670 | \$ 14,000 | \$ - |
| | Subtotal Water Treatment | \$ 111,732 | \$ 64,689 | \$ 95,609 | \$ 107,000 | \$ (4,732) |
| Transmission & Distribution | | | | | | |
| 751000 | Field Service Labor | \$ 686,278 | \$ 533,107 | \$ 682,378 | \$ 752,950 | \$ 66,671 |
| 775000 | PERS - Retirement | \$ 179,486 | \$ 157,370 | \$ 179,415 | \$ 189,700 | \$ 10,214 |
| 775401 | ACWA - Health Benefits | \$ 213,853 | \$ 157,141 | \$ 207,127 | \$ 280,000 | \$ 66,147 |
| 775201 | ACWA - Delta Dental | \$ 9,215 | \$ 6,904 | \$ 9,205 | \$ 14,600 | \$ 5,385 |
| 775301 | ACWA - Vision | \$ 1,660 | \$ 1,239 | \$ 1,652 | \$ 1,700 | \$ 40 |
| 775501 | ACWA - Standard Life | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,810 | \$ 2,810 |
| 799500 | Uniforms | \$ 18,000 | \$ 15,671 | \$ 20,671 | \$ 22,000 | \$ 4,000 |
| 752000 | Work Materials & Supplies | \$ 10,000 | \$ 3,930 | \$ 5,502 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 752100 | Safety Equipment | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,385 | \$ 3,385 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| 753000 | SCADA Maintenance | \$ 10,500 | \$ 8,314 | \$ 11,427 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 4,500 |
| 754000 | Small Tools | \$ 10,000 | \$ 6,651 | \$ 9,651 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 754100 | Small Tool Repair | \$ 1,500 | \$ 707 | \$ 884 | \$ 1,500 | \$ - |
| 755000 | Transportation (Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel) | \$ 70,000 | \$ 49,611 | \$ 61,611 | \$ 70,000 | \$ - |
| 756000 | Meter Service (New) | \$ 20,000 | \$ 5,856 | \$ 7,320 | \$ 15,000 | \$ (5,000) |
| 756100 | Meter and Service Repair | \$ 15,000 | \$ 8,425 | \$ 9,925 | \$ 12,000 | \$ (3,000) |
| 757000 | Road Contracts | \$ 2,500 | \$ 64 | \$ 2,740 | \$ 2,800 | \$ 300 |
| 758100 | Meter Reading System (Sensus) (Neptune) | \$ 8,400 | \$ 14,919 | \$ 14,919 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 1,600 |
| 759000 | Maintenance of Structures and Improvements | \$ 5,000 | \$ 295 | \$ 1,795 | \$ 2,500 | \$ (2,500) |
| 760000 | Fire Hydrants Maintenance | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ - |
| 761000 | Back Flow Devices Testing | \$ 125 | \$ 14 | \$ 114 | \$ 125 | \$ - |
| 762000 | Backhoe/Generators Maintenance | \$ 10,000 | \$ 4,758 | \$ 8,497 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| | Subtotal Transmission & Distribution | \$ 1,276,518 | \$ 978,361 | \$ 1,238,217 | \$ 1,428,685 | \$ 152,167 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 5,897,359 | \$ 4,562,926 | \$ 5,588,840 | \$ 5,781,310 | \$ (116,049) |

| EXPENDITURES G&A | | FY 22/23 | FY 22/23 | | Preliminary Budget | Variance from |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Account No. | General & Administrative | Budget | 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | FY23/24 | 2022/23 Budget |
| 773000 | Elections | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (20,000) |
| 6560 | Payroll Expenses | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,167 | \$ 1,467 | \$ 2,100 | \$ 900 |
| 774000 | ACWA Workers Comp Ins | \$ 27,000 | \$ 18,448 | \$ 24,648 | \$ 27,000 | \$ - |
| 775000 | PERS - Retirement | \$ 248,989 | \$ 177,076 | \$ 208,949 | \$ 259,800 | \$ 10,811 |
| 775400 | ACWA - Health Benefits | \$ 299,354 | \$ 142,000 | \$ 189,495 | \$ 294,900 | \$ (4,454) |
| 775200 | ACWA - Delta Dental | \$ 11,218 | \$ 5,792 | \$ 7,745 | \$ 20,100 | \$ 8,882 |
| 775300 | ACWA - Vision | \$ 2,283 | \$ 1,220 | \$ 1,632 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 217 |
| 775500 | ACWA - Standard Life | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,450 | \$ 4,450 |
| 777100 | Management & Administrative Salaries | \$ 1,403,360 | \$ 732,913 | \$ 916,142 | \$ 1,533,200 | \$ 129,840 |
| 778000 | Education, Training & Travel | \$ 20,000 | \$ 7,801 | \$ 9,361 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - |
| 779000 | Dues & Subscription | \$ 34,000 | \$ 34,803 | \$ 35,403 | \$ 39,200 | \$ 5,200 |
| 780000 | Office Maintenance | \$ 12,000 | \$ 4,450 | \$ 5,785 | \$ 8,000 | \$ (4,000) |
| 799525 | Gardening Service | \$ 3,000 | \$ 2,160 | \$ 2,700 | \$ 3,000 | \$ - |
| 781000 | Office Supplies | \$ 15,500 | \$ 7,556 | \$ 15,500 | \$ 15,500 | \$ - |
| 781100 | Computer Supplies, Software, Training | \$ 6,000 | \$ 1,399 | \$ 1,888 | \$ 6,000 | \$ - |
| 782000 | Postage & Printing | \$ 56,000 | \$ 39,950 | \$ 49,938 | \$ 56,000 | \$ - |
| 783000 | Utilities | \$ 16,000 | \$ 12,770 | \$ 16,370 | \$ 17,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| 784000 | Telephone | \$ 18,600 | \$ 13,672 | \$ 18,772 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 1,400 |
| 785000 | Services(USA, Website, Security, Answering Services) | \$ 19,000 | \$ 15,618 | \$ 19,523 | \$ 21,000 | \$ 2,000 |
| 785100 | Government Fees (County, State, Local) | \$ 16,000 | \$ 6,839 | \$ 7,337 | \$ 16,000 | \$ - |
| 786000 | ACWA Liability Insurance | \$ 78,000 | \$ 56,747 | \$ 76,284 | \$ 80,000 | \$ 2,000 |
| 787000 | Payroll Taxes - Federal and State | \$ 145,000 | \$ 87,537 | \$ 121,537 | \$ 153,000 | \$ 8,000 |
| 788000 | Audit & Accounting | \$ 39,500 | \$ 39,681 | \$ 39,681 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 500 |
| 789000 | Legal - General | | | | | |
| | BHFS | \$ 55,000 | \$ 42,889 | \$ 50,889 | \$ 55,000 | \$ - |
| | Stradling | \$ 10,000 | \$ 2,765 | \$ 5,765 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 790000 | Consulting - General/Professional | \$ 18,000 | \$ 8,754 | \$ 10,943 | \$ 15,000 | \$ (3,000) |
| 791000 | Consulting - Planning/Research | \$ 10,000 | \$ 1,345 | \$ 2,018 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 792000 | Customer Debt - Write Offs | \$ 1,500 | \$ 2,772 | \$ 3,502 | \$ 1,500 | \$ - |
| 793000 | Office Equipment/Computer Service Contracts | \$ 50,000 | \$ 34,452 | \$ 48,944 | \$ 50,000 | \$ - |
| 797000 | Trustee Fees | \$ 29,000 | \$ 16,910 | \$ 19,910 | \$ 29,000 | \$ - |
| 799000 | Processing Fees, Admin. Expenses, Medical Costs | \$ 40,000 | \$ 31,913 | \$ 40,013 | \$ 40,000 | \$ - |
| 799600 | Customer Refunds | \$ 1,000 | \$ 373 | \$ 500 | \$ 1,000 | \$ - |
| | Subtotal General & Administrative | \$ 2,706,504 | \$ 1,551,771 | \$ 1,952,638 | \$ 2,850,250 | \$ 143,746 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 2,706,504 | \$ 1,551,771 | \$ 1,952,638 | \$ 2,850,250 | \$ 143,746 |

| SUBTOTAL EXPENDITURES | | FY 22/23 | FY 22/23 | | Preliminary Budget | Variance from |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| G&A/O&M | TOTAL | Budget | 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | FY23/24 | 2022/23 Budget |
| | | \$ 8,603,863 | \$ 6,114,697 | \$ 7,541,478 | \$ 8,631,560 | \$ 27,697 |

DEBT SERVICE

| Account No. | Debt Service | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 717000 | USBR SOD Repayment (Principal & Interest) | \$ 26,976 | \$ 26,976 | \$ 26,976 | \$ 26,976 | \$ - |
| 794000 | Series 2004 A Repayment (Bond Interest) | \$ 5,088 | \$ 5,085 | \$ 5,085 | \$ - | \$ (5,088) |
| 218200 | Series 2004 A Repayment (Bond Principal) | \$ 220,000 | \$ 220,000 | \$ 220,000 | \$ - | \$ (220,000) |
| | Subtotal Debt Service | \$ 252,064 | \$ 252,061 | \$ 252,061 | \$ 26,976 | \$ (225,088) |
| TOTAL | | \$ 252,064 | \$ 252,061 | \$ 252,061 | \$ 26,976 | \$ (225,088) |

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

| | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| G&A/O&M/DEBT SERVICE TOTAL | \$ 8,855,927 | \$ 6,366,758 | \$ 7,793,538 | \$ 8,658,536 | \$ (197,391) |

SUBTOTAL REVENUE BALANCE

| | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Actual | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURES | \$ 3,459,348 | \$ 2,945,909 | \$ 4,829,933 | \$ 3,861,627 | \$ 402,279 |

OTHER EXPENSES

| Account No. | Special Studies/Programs | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fisheries Program | | | | | | |
| 825800 | BiOp Implementation | \$ 60,000 | \$ 45,000 | \$ 60,000 | \$ 60,000 | \$ - |
| 825401 | BiOp Studies/Consultation (Stetson/Hanson) | \$ 50,000 | \$ 23,599 | \$ 29,498 | \$ 50,000 | \$ - |
| 800201 | BiOp/Reconsultation/ESA (BBK) | \$ 35,000 | \$ 29,247 | \$ 35,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| 826101 | SWRCB Order/Studies (Stetson/Hanson) | \$ 15,000 | \$ 1,400 | \$ 1,750 | \$ 15,000 | \$ - |
| 826201 | SWRCB Order/Studies (BBK) | \$ 10,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 825402 | SWRCB Hearings Support (Stetson/Hanson) | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,000) |
| 800101 | SWRCB Hearings Support (BBK) | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,750 | \$ - | \$ (1,000) |
| Special Programs | | | | | | |
| 825500 | Hydrology SYR; Cachuma Water, RiverWare (Stetson) | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (5,000) |
| 825601 | Integrated Regional Water Management Plan | \$ 1,500 | \$ 158 | \$ 758 | \$ 1,500 | \$ - |
| 825600 | Water Conservation Program/RWEP | \$ 5,000 | \$ 4,155 | \$ 4,155 | \$ 5,000 | \$ - |
| Subtotal Studies/Programs | | \$ 183,500 | \$ 103,558 | \$ 132,911 | \$ 181,500 | \$ (2,000) |
| Legal & Engineering Services | | | | | | |
| Legal | | | | | | |
| 800202 | Interagency Involvement | \$ 20,000 | \$ 3,870 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - |
| 800205 | SWP Water Management Case | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 60,000 | \$ - |
| 800500 | Unanticipated or Extraordinary Special Legal BHFS | \$ 230,000 | \$ 81,800 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 35,000 | \$ (195,000) |
| | BBK | \$ 15,000 | \$ 117 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ - |
| Engineering Services | | | | | | |
| 800301 | Downstream Water Rights & Studies | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000 | \$ - |
| 800300 | Easements, Survey & Water Projects | \$ 10,000 | \$ 1,095 | \$ 1,369 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 800102 | Sustainable Groundwater Management Act | \$ 60,000 | \$ 25,003 | \$ 39,999 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| 800103 | SGMA Reimbursable Cost Shares | \$ 50,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ - | \$ 50,000 | \$ - |
| Subtotal Legal/Engineering | | \$ 390,000 | \$ 117,885 | \$ 148,367 | \$ 295,000 | \$ (95,000) |
| Non Recurring Expenses/Projects | | | | | | |
| 826000 | CR6 Implementation Plan/Other Treatment Projects | \$ 30,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30,000 | \$ - |
| 825700 | Water Rate Study | \$ 75,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 75,000 | \$ - |
| 850500 | USBR Cachuma Project Contract/Studies | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 15,000 | \$ (5,000) |
| 800203 | River Water Right Proceedings (BHFS) | \$ 40,000 | \$ 14,102 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| 800204 | River Water Right Proceedings (Stetson/Hanson) | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| 825900 | Water System Study Updates (Stetson) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 1,363 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ (15,000) |
| Subtotal Non-Annual | | \$ 210,000 | \$ 15,465 | \$ 45,000 | \$ 210,000 | \$ - |
| | | \$ 783,500 | \$ 236,908 | \$ 326,278 | \$ 686,500 | \$ (97,000) |

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES

| | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TOTAL | \$ 783,500 | \$ 236,908 | \$ 326,278 | \$ 686,500 | \$ (97,000) |

BUDGET BALANCE

| | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Actual | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$ 12,315,275 | \$ 9,312,667 | \$ 12,623,472 | \$ 12,520,163 | \$ 204,888 |
| TOTAL O&M EXPENDITURES | \$ (5,897,359) | \$ (4,562,926) | \$ (5,588,840) | \$ (5,781,310) | \$ (116,049) |
| TOTAL G&A EXPENDITURES | \$ (2,706,504) | \$ (1,551,771) | \$ (1,952,638) | \$ (2,850,250) | \$ 143,746 |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | \$ (252,064) | \$ (252,061) | \$ (252,061) | \$ (26,976) | \$ (225,088) |
| Subtotal Revenue Balance | \$ 3,459,348 | \$ 2,945,909 | \$ 4,829,933 | \$ 3,861,627 | \$ 402,279 |
| TOTAL Other Expenses (Spec Study/Legal/Eng/NARES) | \$ (783,500) | \$ (236,908) | \$ (326,278) | \$ (686,500) | \$ (97,000) |
| Sub Total Balance | \$ 2,675,848 | \$ 2,709,001 | \$ 4,503,655 | \$ 3,175,127 | \$ 499,279 |
| Budget Balance | \$ 2,675,848 | \$ 2,709,001 | \$ 4,503,655 | \$ 3,175,127 | \$ 499,279 |

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

| Account No. | Plant Expansion | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 900332 | Water Treatment/District Building | \$ 125,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 125,000 | \$ - |
| 900333 | Cr6 Treatment Station/Facilities | \$ 285,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 285,000 | \$ - |
| 900372 | Office Computers, Furniture & Equipment | \$ 65,750 | \$ 37,064 | \$ 37,064 | \$ 36,500 | \$ (29,250) |
| 900318 | Meter Replacement/Utility Billing | \$ 710,000 | \$ 392,999 | \$ 710,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ (690,000) |
| 900371 | Office Bldg/Shop Improvements | \$ 61,250 | \$ 19,905 | \$ 29,905 | \$ 26,000 | \$ (35,250) |
| 900376 | Communication/telemetry Equipment (SCADA) | \$ 20,000 | \$ 12,867 | \$ 14,367 | \$ - | \$ (20,000) |
| 900181 | ESRI CAD-GIS System; Equipment | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000 | \$ - |
| 900378 | Major Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment | \$ 10,000 | \$ 5,997 | \$ 9,997 | \$ 102,230 | \$ 92,230 |
| 900350 | Uplands Wells | \$ 332,781 | \$ 42,187 | \$ 49,587 | \$ 328,200 | \$ (4,581) |
| Sub-Total - Plant Expansion Projects | | \$ 1,610,781 | \$ 511,019 | \$ 850,920 | \$ 923,930 | \$ (686,851) |
| Account No. | Repair & Replace | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
| 900106 | Rehab/Replace/New-Trans. Mains/Laterals/Valves | \$ 60,000 | \$ 7,395 | \$ 27,395 | \$ 134,400 | \$ 74,400 |
| 900170 | 6.0 CFS Well Field | \$ 96,522 | \$ 742 | \$ 874 | \$ 219,200 | \$ 122,678 |
| 900335 | SWP Pump Station/Pipeline | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ 4,500 | \$ - | \$ (5,000) |
| 900373 | Fleet Vehicle Addition & Replacement | \$ 47,000 | \$ 47,287 | \$ 47,287 | \$ 55,000 | \$ 8,000 |
| 900.171 | 4.0 CFS Well Field | \$ 102,313 | \$ 565 | \$ 565 | \$ 70,400 | \$ (31,913) |
| 900.195 | Refugio 2 BPS | \$ 50,313 | \$ 165 | \$ 6,965 | \$ 44,400 | \$ (5,913) |
| 900.196 | Alamo Pintado BPS | \$ 174,573 | \$ 12,898 | \$ 13,498 | \$ 164,700 | \$ (9,873) |
| 900.197 | Refugio 3 BPS | \$ 63,793 | \$ 4,403 | \$ 5,529 | \$ 59,900 | \$ (3,893) |
| 900.198 | Meadowlark BPS | \$ 76,522 | \$ 1,486 | \$ 13,884 | \$ 308,800 | \$ 232,278 |
| 900.102 | Zone 1, 2, 3 Reservoirs | \$ 110,000 | \$ 179,221 | \$ 179,221 | \$ - | \$ (110,000) |
| Subtotal Repair & Replace Projects | | \$ 786,036 | \$ 254,161 | \$ 299,717 | \$ 1,056,800 | \$ 270,764 |
| Grand Total Capital Improvement Projects | | \$ 2,396,817 | \$ 765,180 | \$ 1,150,638 | \$ 1,980,730 | \$ (416,087) |

TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

| | FY 22/23 Budget | FY 22/23 9-Month Expenditures | Projected Yr-End 6/30/2023 | Preliminary Budget FY23/24 | Variance from 2022/23 Budget |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TOTAL | \$ 2,396,817 | \$ 765,180 | \$ 1,150,638 | \$ 1,980,730 | \$ (416,087) |

| RESERVE BALANCE | | FY 22/23 | FY 22/23 | Projected Yr-End | Preliminary Budget | Variance from |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Account No. | | Budget | 9-Month Actual | 6/30/2023 | FY23/24 | 2022/23 Budget |
| DISBURSEMENT OF REMAINING BUDGET BALANCE | | \$ 2,675,848 | \$ 2,709,001 | \$ 4,503,655 | \$ 3,175,127 | \$ 499,279 |
| 271800 | Repair & Replace Reserve | \$ (786,036) | \$ (254,161) | \$ (299,717) | \$ (1,056,800) | \$ 270,764 |
| 272000 | Plant Expansion Reserve | \$ (1,610,781) | \$ (511,019) | \$ (850,920) | \$ (923,930) | \$ (686,851) |
| | Sub Total CIP Reserves | \$ (2,396,817) | \$ (765,180) | \$ (1,150,638) | \$ (1,980,730) | \$ (416,087) |
| | Funding from Reserves | \$ 279,031 | \$ 1,943,821 | \$ 3,353,018 | \$ 1,194,397 | |
| | Funding to Reserves | | | | | |

| TOTAL BUDGET | | FY 22/23 | FY 22/23 | Projected Yr-End | Preliminary Budget | Variance from |
|--------------|--|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | | Budget | 9-Month Actual | 6/30/2023 | FY23/24 | 2022/23 Budget |
| TOTAL | | \$ 12,315,275 | \$ 9,312,667 | \$ 12,623,472 | \$ 12,520,163 | \$ 204,888 |



May 2023

Gavin Newsom ■ Governor

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Dear Fiscal Officer:

Subject: Price Factor and Population Information**Appropriations Limit**

California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2227 requires the Department of Finance (Finance) to transmit an estimate of the percentage change in population to local governments. Each local jurisdiction must use their percentage change in population factor for January 1, 2023, in conjunction with a change in the cost of living, or price factor, to calculate their appropriations limit for fiscal year 2023-24. Attachment A provides the change in California's per capita personal income and an example for utilizing the price factor and population percentage change factor to calculate the 2023-24 appropriations limit. Attachment B provides the city and unincorporated county population percentage change. Attachment C provides the population percentage change for counties and their summed incorporated areas. The population percentage change data excludes federal and state institutionalized populations and military populations.

Population Percent Change for Special Districts

Some special districts must establish an annual appropriations limit. California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2228 provides additional information regarding the appropriations limit. Article XIII B, section 9(C) of the California Constitution exempts certain special districts from the appropriations limit calculation mandate. The code section and the California Constitution can be accessed at the following website: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>.

Special districts required by law to calculate their appropriations limit must present the calculation as part of their annual audit. Any questions special districts have on this requirement should be directed to their county, district legal counsel, or the law itself. No state agency reviews the local appropriations limits.

Population Certification

The population certification program applies only to cities and counties. California Revenue and Taxation Code section 11005.6 mandates Finance to automatically certify any population estimate that exceeds the current certified population with the State Controller's Office. **Finance will certify the higher estimate to the State Controller by June 1, 2023.**

Please Note: The prior year's city population estimates may be revised. The per capita personal income change is based on historical data.

If you have any questions regarding this data, please contact the Demographic Research Unit at (916) 323-4086.

JOE SPEPHENSHAW

Director

By:

Erika Li
Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

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- A. **Price Factor:** Article XIII B specifies that local jurisdictions select their cost of living factor to compute their appropriation limit by a vote of their governing body. The cost of living factor provided here is per capita personal income. If the percentage change in per capita personal income is selected, the percentage change to be used in setting the fiscal year 2023-24 appropriation limit is:

| Per Capita Personal Income | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fiscal Year (FY) | Percentage change over prior year |
| 2023-24 | 4.44 |

- B. Following is an example using sample population change and the change in California per capita personal income as growth factors in computing a 2023-24 appropriation limit.

2023-24:

Per Capita Cost of Living Change = 4.44 percent
 Population Change = -0.35 percent

Per Capita Cost of Living converted to a ratio: $\frac{4.44 + 100}{100} = 1.0444$

Population converted to a ratio: $\frac{-0.35 + 100}{100} = 0.9965$

Calculation of factor for FY 2023-24: $1.0444 \times 0.9965 = 1.0407$

Fiscal Year 2023-24

Attachment B
Annual Percent Change in Population Minus Exclusions*
January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 and Total Population, January 1, 2023

| County City | <u>Percent Change</u> | <u>--- Population Minus Exclusions ---</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| | 2022-2023 | 1-1-22 | 1-1-23 | 1-1-2023 |
| Santa Barbara | | | | |
| Buellton | -1.26 | 5,007 | 4,944 | 4,944 |
| Carpinteria | -1.20 | 12,866 | 12,711 | 12,711 |
| Goleta | 0.21 | 32,375 | 32,442 | 32,442 |
| Guadalupe | 0.57 | 8,467 | 8,515 | 8,515 |
| Lompoc | -1.21 | 40,967 | 40,473 | 43,493 |
| Santa Barbara | -1.00 | 86,259 | 85,398 | 85,418 |
| Santa Maria | -0.13 | 109,617 | 109,477 | 109,477 |
| Solvang | -0.44 | 5,694 | 5,669 | 5,669 |
| Unincorporated | -0.72 | 135,873 | 134,888 | 137,888 |
| County Total | -0.60 | 437,125 | 434,517 | 440,557 |

*Exclusions include residents on federal military installations and group quarters residents in state mental institutions, state and federal correctional institutions and veteran homes.

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION LIMITATION CALCULATION

Population and California per capita personal income change data provided by the State of California Department of Finance effective January 1, 2023 are used in computing the 2023/2024 Appropriation Limitation Calculation as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2022/23 Appropriation Limit | \$2,300,918 |
| Per Capita Personal Income Percentage Change over Prior Year | 4.44 percent |
| Population Change over Prior Year Santa Barbara County | -0.60 percent |
| Per Capita converted to a ratio: | $\frac{4.44 + 100}{100} = 1.0444$ |
| Population converted to a ratio: | $\frac{-0.60 + 100}{100} = 0.994$ |
| CPI Factor | 1.0444 |
| Population Factor | 0.994 |
| CPI Factor X Population Factor | 1.038 |
| $1.038 \times \$2,300,918 =$ | <u>\$2,388,353</u> |

A Resolution will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, for adoption of the 2023/2024 Appropriation Limit at a Regular Meeting on June 20, 2023.

Mary Martone - Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Posted: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the District Office and on the District Website www.syrwd.org
Newspaper Publication Dates: Thursday, June 1, 2023 and Thursday, June 8, 2023

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
3622 SAGUNTO STREET - P.O. BOX 157
SANTA YNEZ, CA 93460
(805) 688-6015

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 will consider adopting a Resolution setting the limit of appropriations pursuant to Article XIII B of the Constitution of the State of California for fiscal year 2023/2024 at a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Documentation used in determining said limit is available to the public at the District office located at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, and on the District's website as of the date of this notice.

Mary Martone
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Dated: May 17, 2023

Posted: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the District Office

Newspaper Publication Dates:

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Thursday, June 8, 2023

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. XXX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 ("District"), Santa Barbara County, California, that:

WHEREAS, the District is required pursuant to Government Code Section 7910 to establish by Resolution its appropriation limit for the 2023/2024 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the documentation used in the determination of said limit has been available to the public at the District office and on the District website for at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of this Resolution, and was published in a newspaper of general circulation within the District on June 1, 2023 and on June 8, 2023.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in accordance with information published by the California Department of Finance, the appropriation limit of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, for the 2023/2024 fiscal year is established at \$2,388,353.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being duly qualified President and Secretary, of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees of said District at a Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Trustees:

NOES, Trustees:

ABSENT, Trustees:

Jeff Clay, President

ATTEST:

Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. XXX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024
AND REQUESTING AN ASSESSMENT LEVY REQUIRED TO COLLECT \$875,000**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 ("District"), Santa Barbara County, California, that:

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1960 a Special Election was held and voters approved a contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Contract No. 14-06-200-8253 ("Contract"), for the purpose of providing an adequate system of water supply, storage and distribution facilities, mains and appurtenances, and lands and easements necessary presently and prospectively for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Article 18(b) of the Contract requires the District to cause to be levied ad valorem taxes and assessments to fulfill its contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 74630, provides the statutory basis which authorizes the District to levy annual assessments to meet its obligations under a voter-approved contract, including the Contract debt obligations, and the continuing operation and maintenance of such project works; and

WHEREAS, the District continues to incur and pay the costs of the continuing operations, maintenance, repair, replacement, and betterment of the project works; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, is required to forward to the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor of the County of Santa Barbara an estimate, in writing, of the amount of ad valorem tax assessment money needed for the purposes of the District for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and any reserve funds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with information published by the California Department of Finance, the appropriation limit of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 for fiscal year 2023/2024 is established at \$2,388,353 and the District adopted Resolution No. 8xx on June 20, 2023 establishing said appropriation limit for fiscal year 2023/2024 pursuant to Government Code Section 7910; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the District's fiscal year 2023/2024 appropriation limit of \$2,388,353, and notwithstanding the financial projections from the District's 2016 Water Rate Study that the District would collect an assessment levy in the amount of \$875,000 in fiscal year 2017/2018, and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2018/2019, and \$1,125,000 in fiscal year 2019/2020, and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2020/2021, and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2021/2022, \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2022/2023, and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2023/2024, the District has limited its assessment amount to \$875,000 for fiscal years 2017/2018 through 2022/2023, and it has been determined that an assessment levy of \$875,000 for fiscal year 2023/2024 will provide sufficient funds to meet the needs of the District as stated above; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has considered a budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, that the Secretary to the Board is hereby authorized and directed to forward to the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor of the County of Santa Barbara, in writing, a request for an assessment levy of \$875,000 for the fiscal year 2023/2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Final Budget as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by this reference is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being duly qualified and acting President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees of said District at a Regular Meeting held on the 20th day of June 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Trustees:

NOES, Trustees:

ABSENT, Trustees:

Jeff Clay, President

ATTEST:

Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board of Trustees



To: Board of Trustees
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1

From: Paeter Garcia, General Manager
Eric Tambini, Water Resources Manager

Date: May 16, 2023

Subject: Alamo Pintado Pedestrian Bridge Water Line Construction
Project Description and Bid Results

Staff Report

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is scheduled to remove the Alamo Pintado Creek Pedestrian Bridge (i.e., old Highway 154 bridge), located on the south side of State Route 154 in the town of Los Olivos. Recent investigation of the bridge structure, originally built in 1912, identified critical scour of the pile and pier foundation and settlement of the bridge deck. Caltrans has determined that the bridge is no longer stable with respect to gravity load and must be removed for safety reasons. Due to use of the existing bridge for pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian travel, Caltrans will be installing a new pedestrian bridge across Alamo Pintado Creek. Since the early 1960's, the District has utilized the existing bridge to support the creek crossing of a 6-inch water line. The District's replacement of the water line has been incorporated into the new bridge design and the Caltrans bridge construction project, scheduled for the fall of this year.

PROJECT SCOPE

The water line construction project will include the installation of approximately 250 feet of 8-inch water line, appurtenances, and fittings to replace the existing 6-inch water line that will be removed as part of the old bridge demolition. The District has decided to supply all construction materials for the project to avoid the potential for supply chain delivery delays.

PROJECT BIDDING AND RESULTS

The Request for Bids for the water line construction project was posted on the District website and advertised in the Santa Barbara News Press on April 1, 2023. Three contractors attended the mandatory project pre-bid meeting on April 14, 2023. Two contractors provided bids on the bidding date deadline of April 28, 2023. Bid results are as follows:

| Description/Contractor | Tierra Contracting | Joseph Engineering | Hanly General Engineering |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Bid | \$82,215 | No Bid | \$61,250 |

The bid results have been evaluated and all requirements have been met by the low bidder.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize award of the Alamo Pintado Pedestrian Bridge Water Line Construction project to Hanly General Engineering as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the General Manager to execute applicable contract documents with Hanly General Engineering in the amount of \$61,250.



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| | | IN LAKE | CHANGE | | | RES. SURF. AF. | TUNNEL | HILTON CREEK | OUTLET | SPILLWAY | AF. | INCH | | |
| | 751.48 | 188,611 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 751.62 | 189,038 | 427 | 4,793.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 29.0 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 4,270.0 | 16.3 | 0.080 | 0.00 | |
| 2 | 751.77 | 189,500 | 462 | 4,510.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.1 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,936.0 | 32.7 | 0.160 | 0.00 | |
| 3 | 751.85 | 189,747 | 247 | 4,290.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.6 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,943.0 | 20.5 | 0.100 | 0.00 | |
| 4 | 751.82 | 189,654 | -93 | 3,942.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34.4 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 3,944.0 | 5.7 | 0.028 | 0.00 | |
| 5 | 751.77 | 189,500 | -154 | 3,912.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.7 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,942.0 | 36.8 | 0.180 | 0.00 | |
| 6 | 751.68 | 189,223 | -277 | 3,751.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 37.2 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,937.0 | 2.5 | 0.012 | 0.00 | |
| 7 | 751.51 | 188,703 | -520 | 3,531.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.6 | 8.6 | 43.0 | 3,928.0 | 34.7 | 0.170 | 0.00 | |
| 8 | 751.25 | 187,910 | -793 | 3,254.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 43.2 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 3,917.0 | 36.6 | 0.180 | 0.00 | |
| 9 | 751.14 | 187,575 | -335 | 3,473.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 42.2 | 8.5 | 43.0 | 3,682.0 | 32.5 | 0.160 | 0.00 | |
| 10 | 750.92 | 186,904 | -671 | 3,079.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 52.5 | 8.5 | 42.0 | 3,610.0 | 36.5 | 0.180 | 0.00 | |
| 11 | 750.97 | 187,057 | 153 | 2,713.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48.1 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 2,481.0 | 22.3 | 0.110 | 0.00 | |
| 12 | 751.14 | 187,575 | 518 | 2,771.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 52.8 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 2,192.0 | 0.0 | 0.000 | 0.00 | |
| 13 | 751.29 | 188,032 | 457 | 2,717.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 53.3 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 2,198.0 | 0.0 | 0.000 | 0.00 | |
| 14 | 751.58 | 188,916 | 884 | 2,412.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.2 | 13.1 | 196.0 | 1,220.0 | 42.9 | 0.210 | 0.00 | |
| 15 | 751.85 | 189,747 | 831 | 1,188.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 55.8 | 12.2 | 260.0 | 0.0 | 28.7 | 0.140 | 0.00 | |
| 16 | 752.09 | 190,455 | 708 | 1,079.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 58.2 | 12.3 | 264.0 | 0.0 | 41.0 | 0.200 | 0.02 | |
| 17 | 752.32 | 191,195 | 740 | 1,135.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.9 | 12.3 | 263.0 | 0.0 | 61.7 | 0.300 | 0.00 | |
| 18 | 752.54 | 191,873 | 678 | 1,016.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.5 | 12.3 | 232.0 | 0.0 | 37.1 | 0.180 | 0.00 | |
| 19 | 752.76 | 192,556 | 683 | 968.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.7 | 12.3 | 171.0 | 0.0 | 43.4 | 0.210 | 0.00 | |
| 20 | 752.92 | 193,055 | 499 | 925.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 65.2 | 12.4 | 303.0 | 0.0 | 45.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 | |
| 21 | 753.04 | 193,430 | 375 | 863.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.5 | 12.4 | 361.0 | 0.0 | 45.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 | |
| 22 | 753.16 | 193,804 | 374 | 869.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.2 | 12.4 | 361.0 | 0.0 | 51.9 | 0.250 | 0.00 | |
| 23 | 753.27 | 194,147 | 343 | 842.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.9 | 12.5 | 366.0 | 0.0 | 49.9 | 0.240 | 0.00 | |
| 24 | 753.35 | 194,397 | 250 | 741.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.2 | 12.5 | 367.0 | 0.0 | 41.6 | 0.200 | 0.00 | |
| 25 | 753.43 | 194,646 | 249 | 736.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.5 | 12.4 | 365.0 | 0.0 | 39.6 | 0.190 | 0.00 | |
| 26 | 753.51 | 194,896 | 250 | 724.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 55.0 | 12.5 | 369.0 | 0.0 | 37.6 | 0.180 | 0.00 | |
| 27 | 753.57 | 195,083 | 187 | 704.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 70.7 | 12.5 | 382.0 | 0.0 | 54.3 | 0.260 | 0.01 | |
| 28 | 753.60 | 195,177 | 94 | 616.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 72.4 | 12.5 | 391.0 | 0.0 | 46.0 | 0.220 | 0.00 | |
| 29 | 753.66 | 195,365 | 188 | 655.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.7 | 12.5 | 344.0 | 0.0 | 41.8 | 0.200 | 0.00 | |
| 30 | 753.71 | 195,523 | 158 | 622.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.4 | 12.5 | 342.0 | 0.0 | 39.7 | 0.190 | 0.00 | |
| TOTALS | | | 6,912 | 62,831.0 | 0.0 | | 7.7 | 1,613.7 | 322.2 | 5,763.0 | 47,200.0 | 1,025.5 | 4,970 | 0.03 |
| AVERAGE | | 191,156 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Comments: *Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases and evaporation minus precip on the reservoir surface and ccwa inflow.
 Indicated outlet release includes leakage from outlet valves and spillway gates.
 Data based on a 24 hour period ending 0800.



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May 2023

| DAY | ELEV | STORAGE ACRE-FEET | | COMPUTED* INFLOW AF. | CCWA INFLOW AF. | PRECIP ON | | | RELEASE - AF. | | | EVAPORATION | | PRECIP INCHES | |
|----------------|--------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|--|
| | | IN LAKE | CHANGE | | | RES. SURF. AF. | TUNNEL | HILTON CREEK | OUTLET | SPILLWAY | AF. | INCH | | | |
| | 753.71 | 195,523 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 753.74 | 195,617 | 94 | 558.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.8 | 12.4 | 340.0 | 0.0 | 42.4 | 0.200 | 0.00 | | |
| 2 | 753.63 | 195,271 | -346 | 216.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 59.2 | 12.5 | 342.0 | 0.0 | 148.1 | 0.700 | 0.00 | | |
| 3 | 753.69 | 195,460 | 189 | 636.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 49.1 | 12.5 | 343.0 | 0.0 | 42.3 | 0.200 | 0.00 | | |
| 4 | 753.77 | 195,712 | 252 | 628.0 | 0.0 | 73.2 | 47.0 | 12.5 | 375.0 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 0.070 | 0.28 | | |
| 5 | 753.82 | 195,869 | 157 | 623.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 44.0 | 12.5 | 391.0 | 0.0 | 23.3 | 0.110 | 0.02 | | |
| 6 | 753.85 | 195,964 | 95 | 583.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.2 | 12.5 | 391.0 | 0.0 | 40.3 | 0.190 | 0.00 | | |
| 7 | 753.86 | 195,995 | 31 | 529.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 43.9 | 12.6 | 395.0 | 0.0 | 46.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 | | |
| 8 | 753.86 | 195,995 | 0 | 490.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 42.8 | 12.5 | 388.0 | 0.2 | 46.6 | 0.220 | 0.00 | | |
| TOTALS | | | 472 | 4,263.0 | 0.0 | 78.4 | 399.0 | 100.0 | 2,965.0 | 0.2 | 404.4 | 1.910 | 0.30 | | |
| AVERAGE | | 195,735 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Comments: *Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases and evaporation minus precip on the reservoir surface and ccwa inflow.
Indicated outlet release includes leakage from outlet valves and spillway gates.
Data based on a 24 hour period ending 0800.



Santa Barbara County - Flood Control District

130 East Victoria Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 - 805.568.3440 - www.countyofsb.org/pwd

Rainfall and Reservoir Summary

Updated 8am: 5/8/2023

Water Year: 2023

Storm Number: NA

Notes: Daily rainfall amounts are recorded as of 8am for the previous 24 hours. Rainfall units are expressed in inches. All data on this page are from automated sensors, are preliminary, and subject to verification.

*Each Water Year (WY) runs from Sept 1 through Aug 31 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends
County Real-Time Rainfall and Reservoir Website link: <http://www.countyofsb.org/hydrology>

| Rainfall | ID | 24 hrs | Storm 0day(s) | Month | Year* | % to Date | % of Year* | AI |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------|------------|-----|
| Buellton (Fire Stn) | 233 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.36 | 29.09 | 180% | 177% | |
| Cachuma Dam (USBR) | 332 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 38.31 | 199% | 196% | |
| Carpinteria (Fire Stn) | 208 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.93 | 28.22 | 169% | 166% | |
| Cuyama (Fire Stn) | 436 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 13.79 | 189% | 182% | |
| Figueroa Mtn. (USFS Stn) | 421 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.75 | 42.52 | 206% | 202% | 7.0 |
| Gibraltar Dam (City Facility) | 230 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 61.28 | 239% | 235% | 7.2 |
| Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Cameros) | 440 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.67 | 30.11 | 168% | 165% | |
| Lompoc (City Hall) | 439 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.95 | 33.62 | 237% | 233% | 7.0 |
| Los Alamos (Fire Stn) | 204 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.29 | 32.09 | 216% | 212% | |
| San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn) | 212 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.12 | 79.52 | 241% | 237% | |
| Santa Barbara (County Bldg) | 234 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.20 | 36.04 | 202% | 198% | |
| Santa Maria (City Pub.Works) | 380 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.36 | 25.17 | 195% | 190% | |
| Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport) | 218 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 32.92 | 215% | 212% | |
| Sisquoc (Fire Stn) | 256 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.32 | 25.41 | 174% | 171% | |

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : 202%

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : 198%

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2023 (End of WY2023).

AI (Antecedent Index / Soil Wetness)

6.0 and below = Wet (min. = 2.5)
6.1 - 9.0 = Moderate
9.1 and above = Dry (max. = 12.5)

Reservoirs

Reservoir Elevations referenced to NGVD-29.
**Cachuma is full and subject to spilling at elevation 750 ft.
However, the lake is surcharged to 753 ft. for fish release water.
(Cachuma water storage based on Dec 2021 capacity revision)

| Click on Site for Real-Time Readings | Spillway | Current | Max. | Current | Current | Storage | Storage |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | Elev. (ft) | Elev. (ft) | Storage (ac-ft) | Storage (ac-ft) | Capacity (%) | Change Mo.(ac-ft) | Change Year*(ac-ft) |
| <u>Gibraltar Reservoir</u> | 1,400.00 | 1,399.99 | 4,693 | 4,691 | 100.0% | 0 | 3,391 |
| <u>Cachuma Reservoir</u> | 753.** | 753.85 | 192,978 | 195,649 | 101.4% | 754 | 124,979 |
| <u>Jameson Reservoir</u> | 2,224.00 | 2,223.94 | 4,848 | 4,841 | 99.9% | -2 | 2,015 |
| <u>Twitchell Reservoir</u> | 651.50 | 624.05 | 194,971 | 110,535 | 56.7% | 2,038 | 110,535 |

[Previous Rainfall and Reservoir Summaries](#)

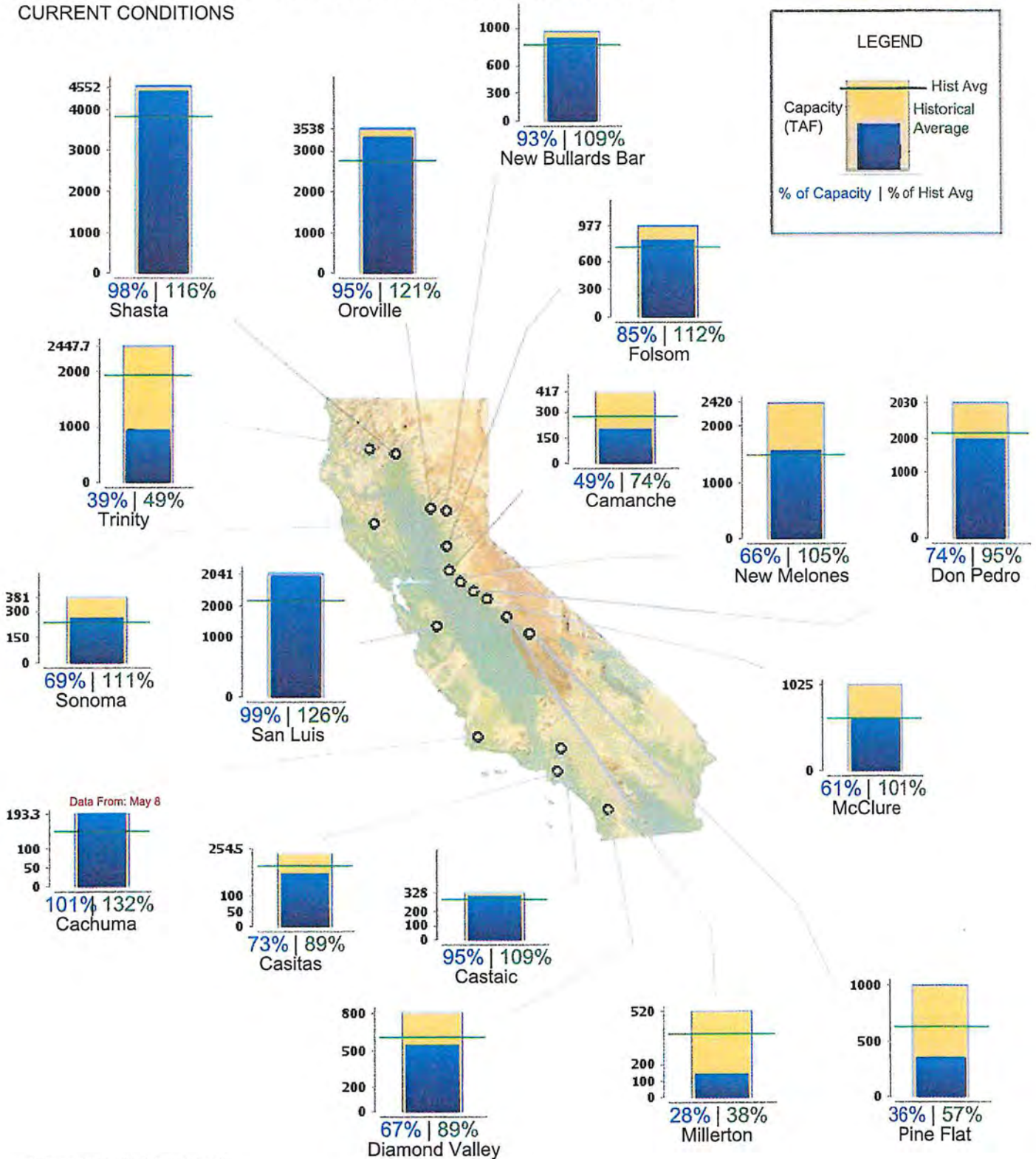
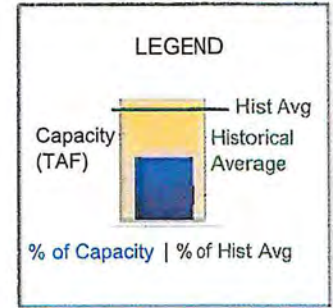


CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS

CALIFORNIA MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS

Midnight - May 9, 2023

CURRENT CONDITIONS

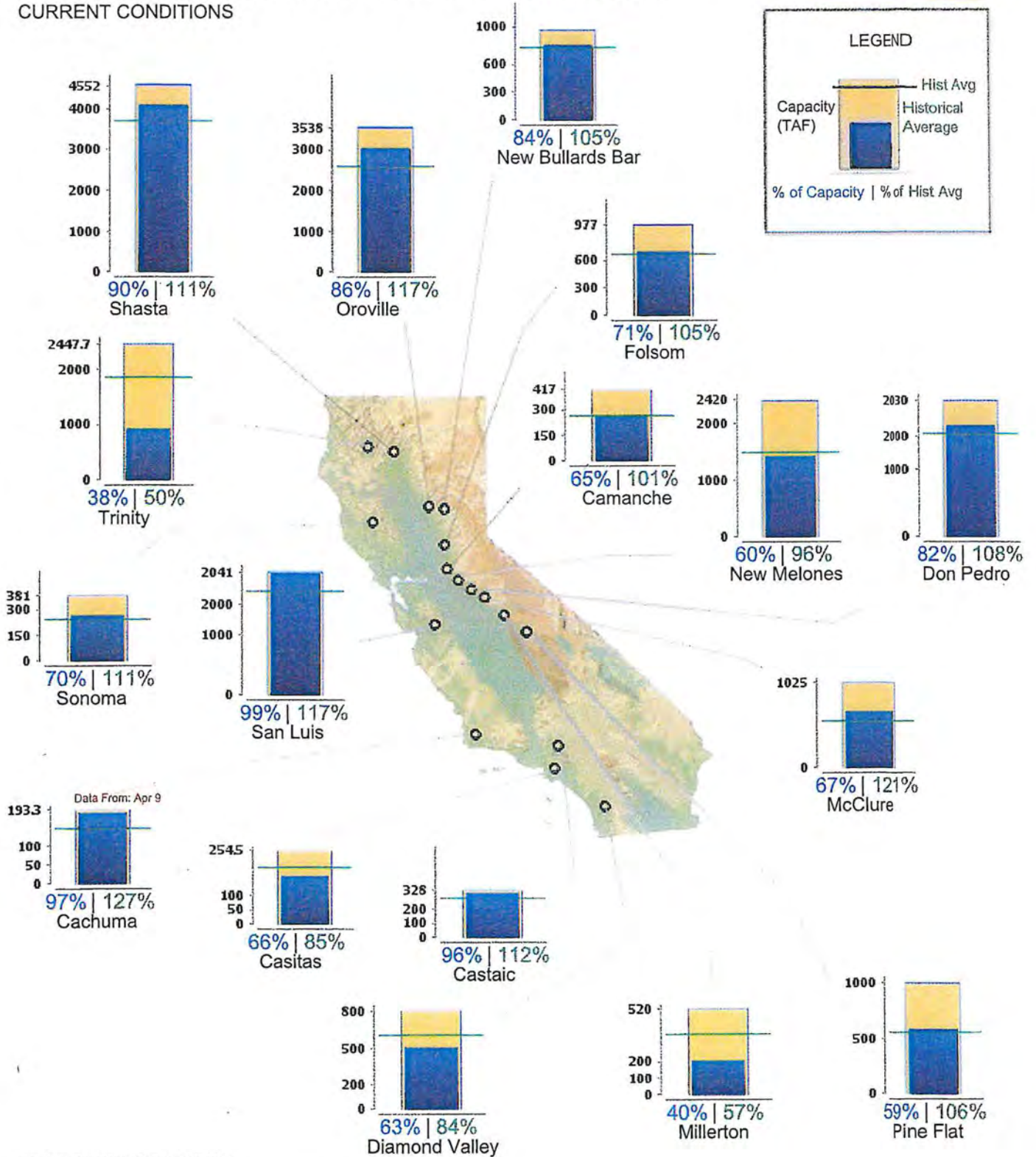




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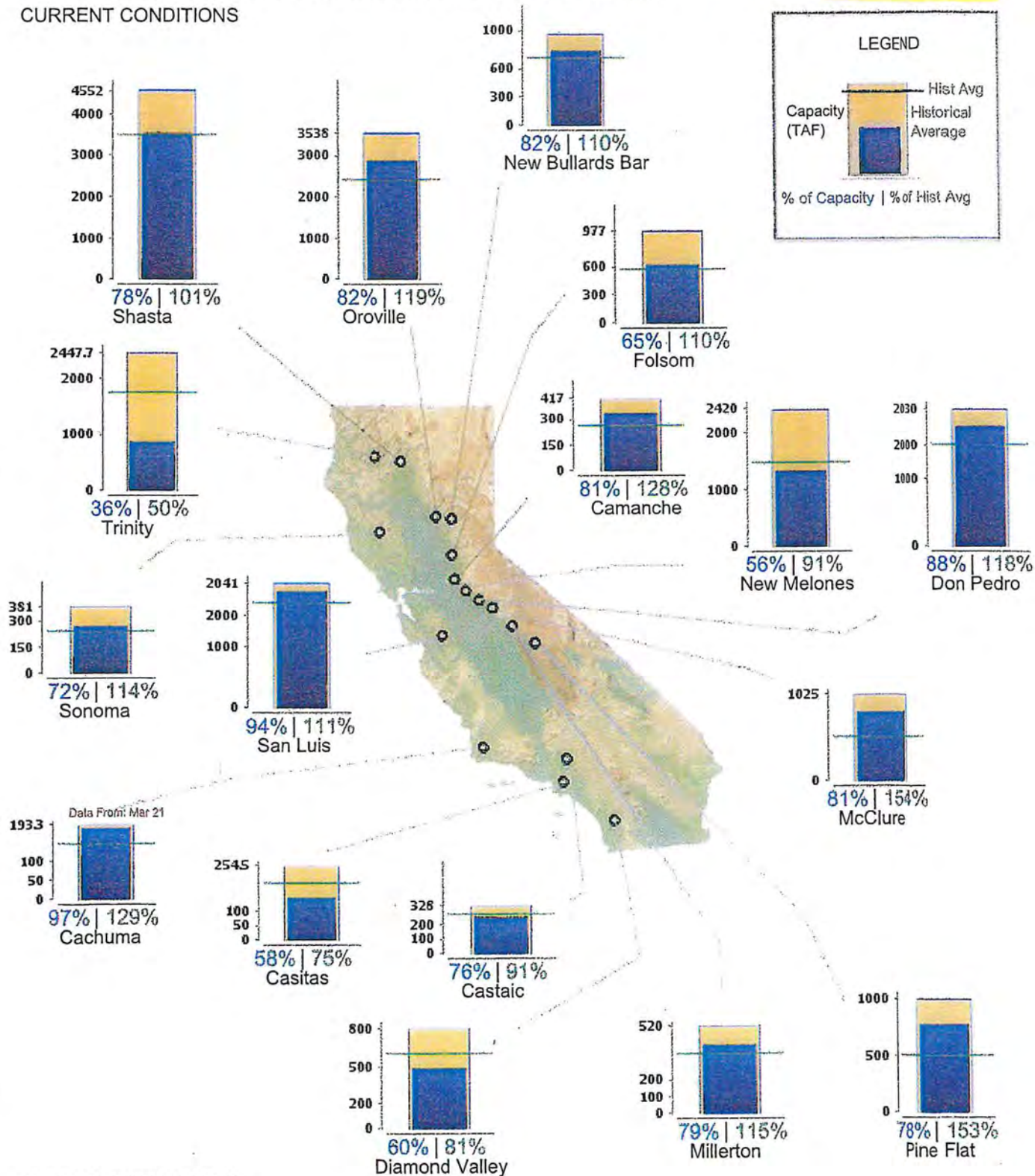


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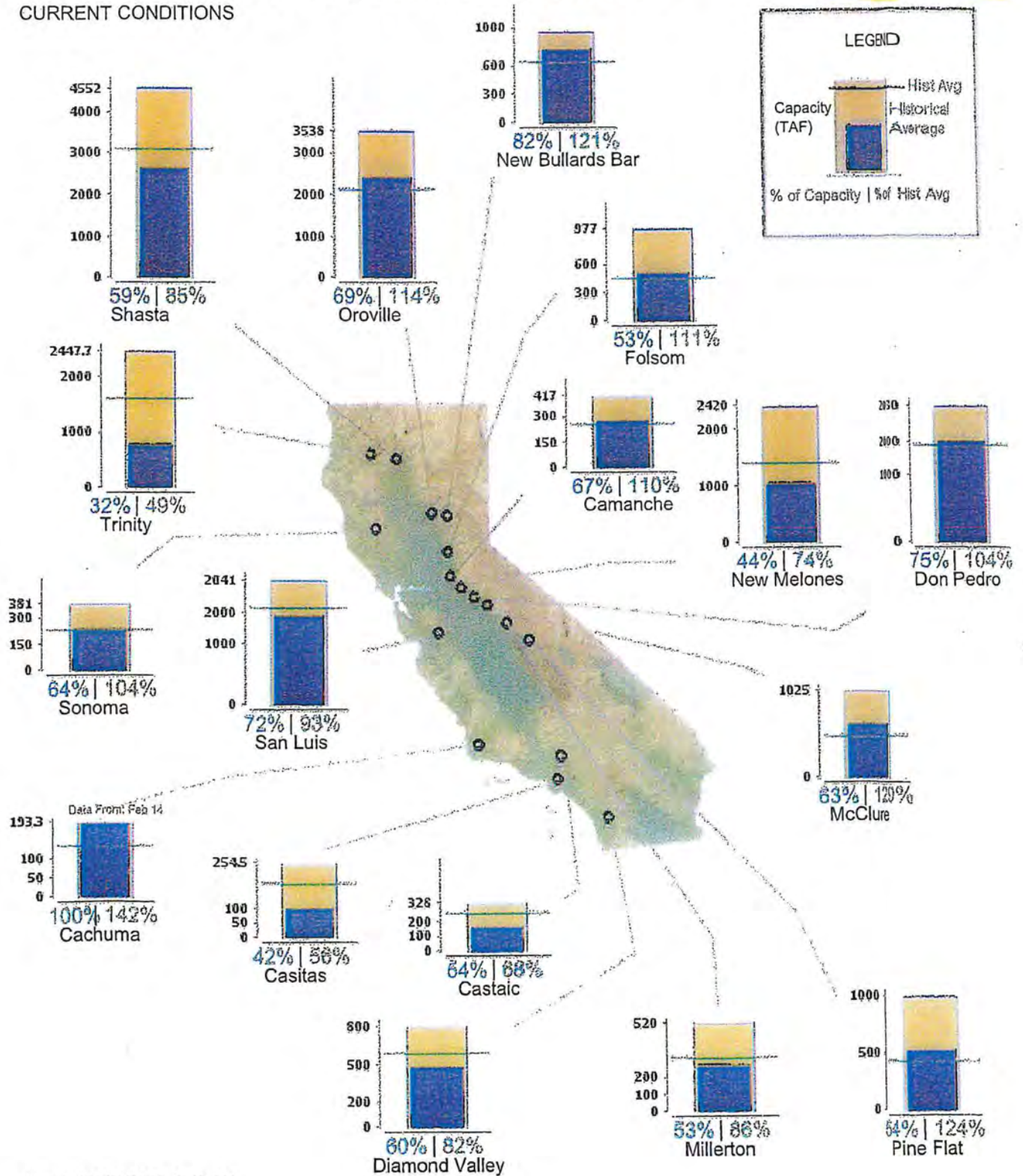


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Midnight February 15, 2023

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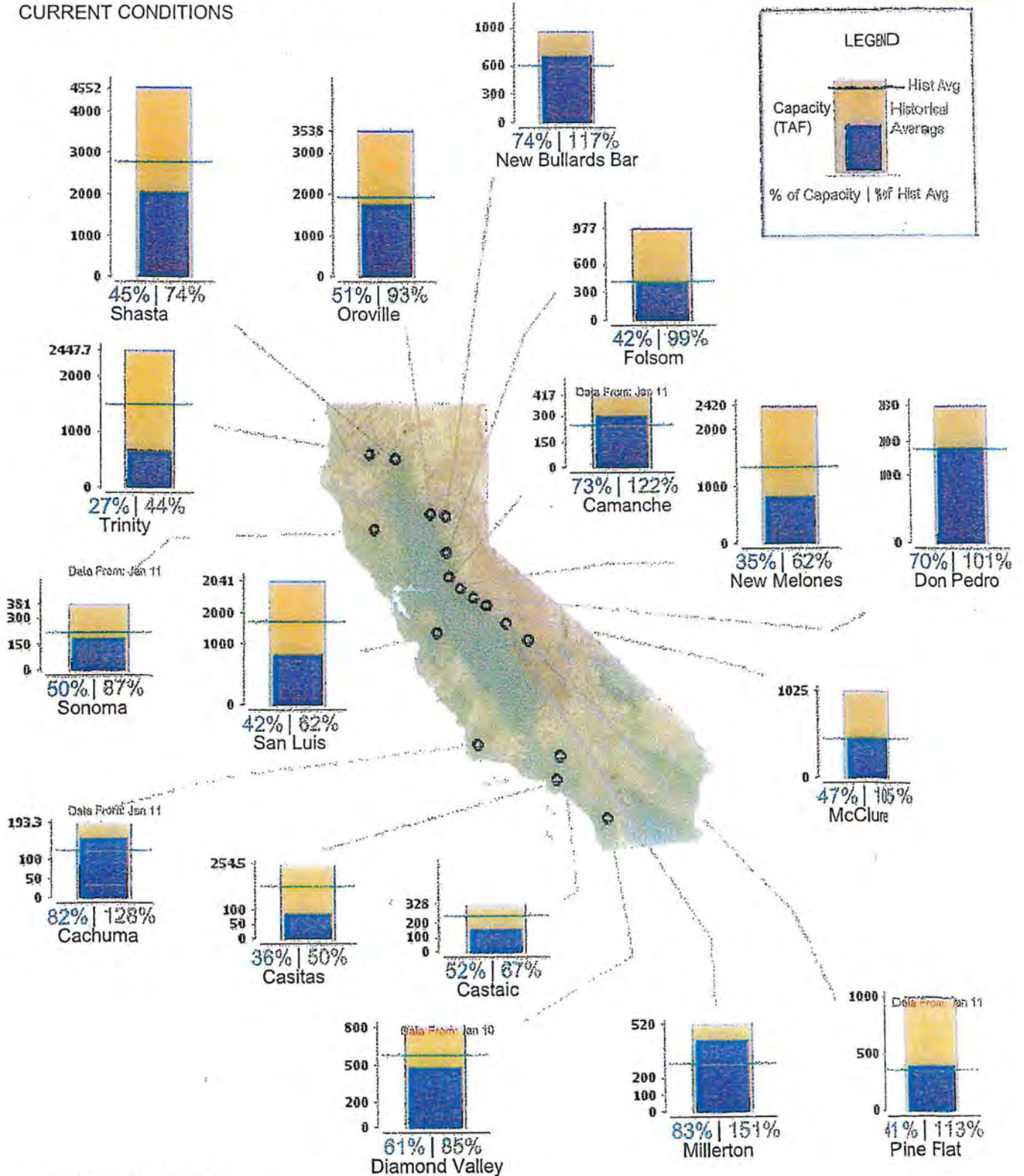




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CALIFORNIA MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS CURRENT CONDITIONS

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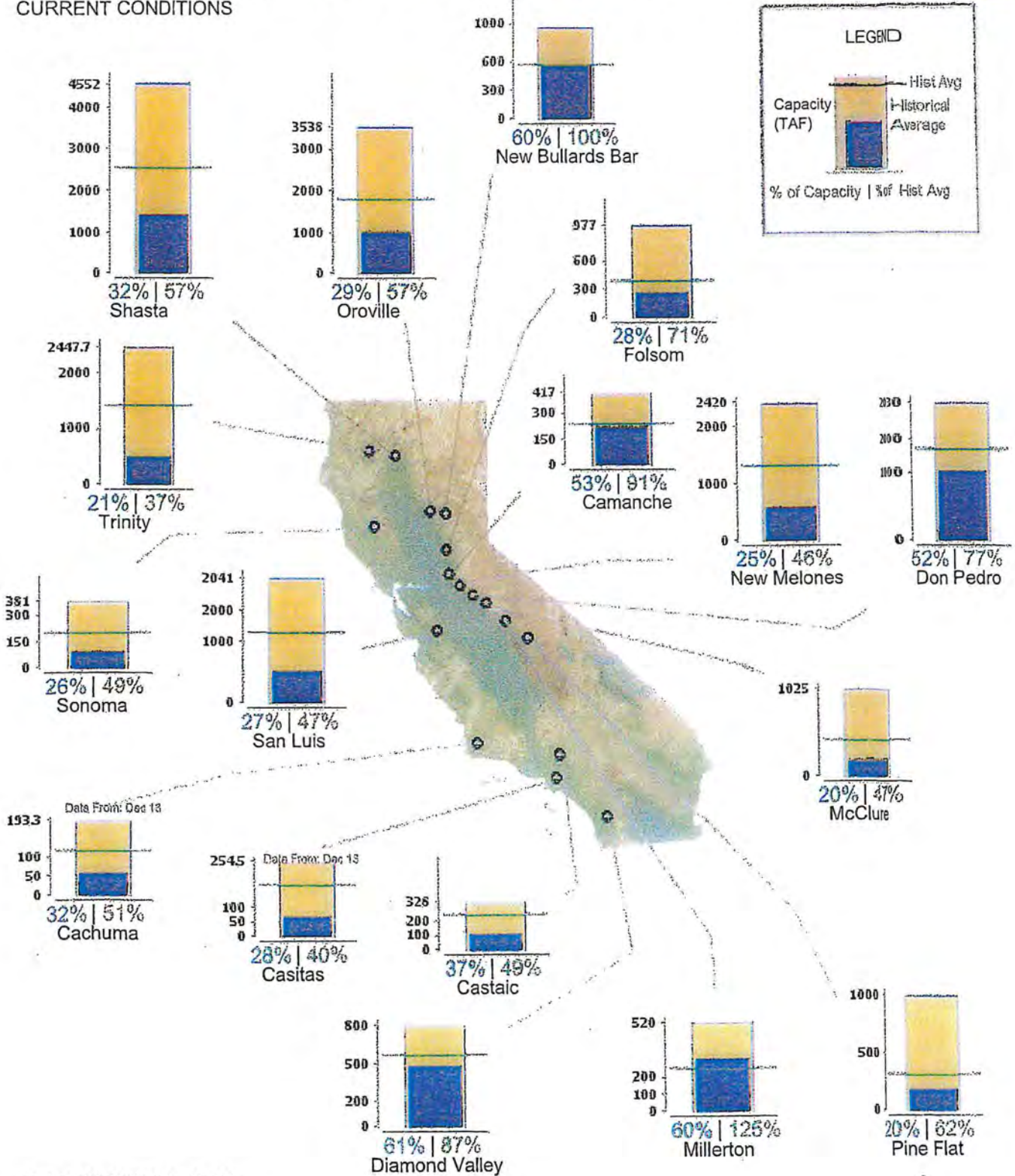
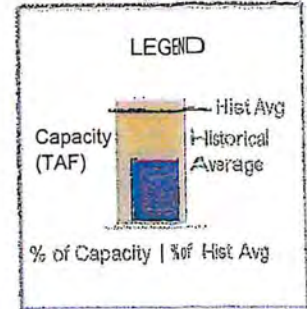


CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS

CALIFORNIA MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS

Midnight - December 14, 2022

CURRENT CONDITIONS



NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**Date:** 4/20/2023**Number:** 23-08**Subject:** Increase of State Water Project 2023 Allocation to 100 Percent

From: Ted Craddock
Ted Craddock
Deputy Director, State Water Project
Department of Water Resources

We are pleased to announce that the wet winter and near-record snowpack in the Sierra Nevadas combined with careful operations management will allow the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to increase the State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 75 to 100 percent of SWP contractors' Maximum Annual Table A amounts.

In determining available SWP supplies, DWR has considered several factors including SWP contractors' projected 2023 demands, existing storage in SWP conservation facilities, estimates of future runoff, SWP operational and regulatory requirements from the federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act, and water rights obligations under the State Water Resources Control Board's authority. DWR may revise the SWP allocation if warranted depending on the rest of the year's hydrologic conditions and available SWP water supplies.

DWR will utilize the 100 percent water delivery schedules submitted by the Contractors in October 2022 (as part of initial requests), including any subsequent updates that may have been provided to DWR. If a contractor foresees any changes to their water delivery schedule, please communicate such changes to DWR in a timely manner.

With the 2023 SWP allocation above 40 percent, according to the "Draft Guidelines for State Water Project Allocation for Human Health and Safety Need Pursuant to Article 18a of Water Supply Contracts," dated March, 28, 2022, SWP contractors with a 2022 SWP HH&S balance shall schedule a portion of their 2023 Table A allocation as payback to DWR of their 2022 SWP HH&S balance.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Leahigh, Assistant Division Manager, Water Management, SWP Division of Operations and Maintenance, at (916) 902-9876.

Attachment A: Updated 2023 SWP Allocation Table

Attachment A
2023 STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION
Updated
4/20/2023

| SWP Contractors | Maximum Table A Amount (Acre-Feet) | Initial Table A Request Amount (Acre-Feet) | Approved Table A Allocation (Acre-Feet) | Approved Allocation as a Percentage of Initial Request |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) = (3)/(2) |
| <u>FEATHER RIVER</u> | | | | |
| County of Butte | 27,500 | 27,500 | 27,500 | 100% |
| Plumas County FC&WCD | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 100% |
| City of Yuba City | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,600 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 39,800 | 39,800 | 39,800 | |
| <u>NORTH BAY</u> | | | | |
| Napa County FC&WCD | 29,025 | 29,025 | 29,025 | 100% |
| Solano County WA | 47,756 | 47,756 | 47,756 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 76,781 | 76,781 | 76,781 | |
| <u>SOUTH BAY</u> | | | | |
| Alameda County FC&WCD, Zone 7 | 80,619 | 80,619 | 80,619 | 100% |
| Alameda County WD | 42,000 | 42,000 | 42,000 | 100% |
| Santa Clara Valley WD | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 222,619 | 222,619 | 222,619 | |
| <u>SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY</u> | | | | |
| Oak Flat WD | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 100% |
| County of Kings | 9,305 | 9,305 | 9,305 | 100% |
| Dudley Ridge WD | 41,350 | 41,350 | 41,350 | 100% |
| Empire West Side ID | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 100% |
| Kern County WA | 982,730 | 982,730 | 982,730 | 100% |
| Tulare Lake Basin WSD | 87,471 | 87,471 | 87,471 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 1,129,556 | 1,129,556 | 1,129,556 | |
| <u>CENTRAL COASTAL</u> | | | | |
| San Luis Obispo County FC&WCD | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 100% |
| Santa Barbara County FC&WCD | 45,486 | 45,486 | 45,486 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 70,486 | 70,486 | 70,486 | |
| <u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u> | | | | |
| Antelope Valley-East Kern WA | 144,844 | 144,844 | 144,844 | 100% |
| Santa Clarita Valley WA | 95,200 | 95,200 | 95,200 | 100% |
| Coachella Valley WD | 138,350 | 138,350 | 138,350 | 100% |
| Crestline-Lake Arrowhead WA | 5,800 | 5,800 | 5,800 | 100% |
| Desert WA | 55,750 | 55,750 | 55,750 | 100% |
| Little Rock Creek ID | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 100% |
| Metropolitan WDSC | 1,911,500 | 1,911,500 | 1,911,500 | 100% |
| Mojave WA | 89,800 | 89,800 | 89,800 | 100% |
| Palmdale WD | 21,300 | 21,300 | 21,300 | 100% |
| San Bernardino Valley MWD | 102,600 | 102,600 | 102,600 | 100% |
| San Gabriel Valley MWD | 28,800 | 28,800 | 28,800 | 100% |
| San Geronimo Pass WA | 17,300 | 17,300 | 17,300 | 100% |
| Ventura County WPD | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 100% |
| Subtotal | 2,633,544 | 2,633,544 | 2,633,544 | |
| TOTAL | 4,172,786 | 4,172,786 | 4,172,786 | 100% |

State Water Project to Further Increase Water Supply Allocation to 100%

Published: Apr 20, 2023

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced another increase in the forecasted State Water Project (SWP) deliveries this year. With reservoirs nearing capacity and snowmelt runoff starting to occur, DWR now expects to deliver 100 percent of requested water supplies, up from 75 percent announced in March. This water will be delivered throughout the year to the SWP's 29 public water agencies that serve 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. The last time the SWP allocated 100 percent was in 2006.

San Luis Reservoir in Merced County, which holds water supply for both the SWP and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project (CVP), is now full. Additionally, Lake Oroville, the SWP's largest reservoir, and SWP reservoirs in Southern California are expected to be full by the end of May. Statewide, reservoir storage is at 105 percent of average for this date.

"Water supply conditions and careful management of reservoir operations during this extreme winter allows DWR to maximize water deliveries while enhancing protections for the environment," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "DWR is moving and storing as much water as possible to the benefit of communities, agriculture, and the environment."

This wet winter and strong runoff conditions has allowed the SWP to make additional water available to any contractor that has the ability to store the water in its own system, including through groundwater recharge. DWR is maximizing the capture and storage of this abundance of snowpack across the state. Formally known as [Article 21 water](#), this additional water does not count toward SWP allocation amounts. Since March 22, the SWP has delivered 228,000 acre-feet of Article 21 water to local water agencies with 37,000 acre-feet planned for next week.

The SWP typically evaluates the allocation forecasts monthly using the latest snow survey data, reservoir storage and spring runoff forecasts. The 100 percent forecasted allocation announced today takes into account that data from April. Runoff analysis will continue, and an additional snow survey will be conducted in May.

While California's surface water conditions have greatly improved this year following three years of historic drought, several water supply challenges remain in the northern part of the state and in over-drafted groundwater basins that are slow to recover. Millions of Californians rely on groundwater supplies as a sole source of water.

The Colorado River Basin, which is a critical water supply source for Southern California, is still in the midst of a 23-year drought. Californians should continue to use water wisely to help the state adapt to a hotter, drier future.

Additional Resources

- [Track Statewide Water Conditions on California Water Watch](#)
- [Current Statewide Reservoir Conditions](#)
- [Bulletin 120 Seasonal Runoff Forecasts](#)

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STATE WATER PROJECT

Historical Table A Allocations

Water Years 1996-2023 ¹

| YEAR | DATE | ALLOCATION |
|-------------|------------|------------------|
| <i>1996</i> | 12/1/1995 | 75% |
| | 3/4/1996 | 90% |
| | 3/8/1996 | 100% |
| <i>1997</i> | 12/2/1996 | 70% |
| | 2/11/1997 | 100% |
| <i>1998</i> | 12/1/1997 | 40% |
| | 1/26/1998 | 60% |
| | 2/11/1998 | 80% |
| | 3/11/1998 | 100% |
| <i>1999</i> | 11/24/1998 | 55% |
| | 2/10/1999 | 60% |
| | 3/10/1999 | 100% |
| <i>2000</i> | 11/30/1999 | 50% |
| | 2/25/2000 | 70% |
| | 3/10/2000 | 100% |
| | 4/20/2000 | 90% |
| <i>2001</i> | 12/1/2000 | 40% |
| | 1/31/2001 | 20% |
| | 3/6/2001 | 25% |
| | 3/15/2001 | 30% |
| | 5/4/2001 | 33% |
| | 5/17/2001 | 35% |
| | 8/16/2001 | 39% |
| <i>2002</i> | 11/30/2001 | 20% |
| | 1/11/2002 | 45% |
| | 3/22/2002 | 55% |
| | 3/28/2002 | 60% |
| | 5/14/2002 | 65% |
| | 8/23/2002 | 70% |
| <i>2003</i> | 12/3/2002 | 20% |
| | 1/16/2003 | 45% |
| | 3/26/2003 | 50% |
| | 4/24/2003 | 70% |
| | 5/16/2003 | 90% |
| <i>2004</i> | 12/1/2003 | 35% |
| | 1/15/2004 | 50% |
| | 3/1/2004 | 65% |
| <i>2005</i> | 12/1/2004 | 40% |
| | 1/14/2005 | 60% |
| | 4/1/2005 | 70% |
| | 4/21/2005 | 80% |
| | 5/27/2005 | 90% |
| <i>2006</i> | 11/22/2005 | 55% |
| | 12/14/2005 | 65% |
| | 1/17/2006 | 70% |
| | 3/23/2006 | 80% |
| | 4/18/2006 | 100% |
| <i>2007</i> | 11/30/2006 | 60% ² |

| YEAR | DATE | ALLOCATION |
|------|------------|------------|
| 2008 | 11/21/2007 | 25% |
| | 2/1/2008 | 35% |
| 2009 | 10/29/2008 | 15% |
| | 3/18/2009 | 20% |
| | 4/15/2009 | 30% |
| | 5/20/2009 | 40% |
| 2010 | 11/30/2009 | 5% |
| | 2/23/2010 | 15% |
| | 3/30/2010 | 20% |
| | 4/22/2010 | 30% |
| | 5/3/2010 | 40% |
| | 5/20/2010 | 45% |
| | 6/22/2010 | 50% |
| 2011 | 11/22/2010 | 25% |
| | 12/16/2010 | 50% |
| | 1/20/2011 | 60% |
| | 3/15/2011 | 70% |
| | 4/20/2011 | 80% |
| 2012 | 11/18/2011 | 60% |
| | 2/21/2012 | 50% |
| | 4/16/2012 | 60% |
| | 5/23/2012 | 65% |
| 2013 | 11/29/2012 | 30% |
| | 12/21/2012 | 40% |
| | 3/22/2013 | 35% |
| 2014 | 11/19/2013 | 5% |
| | 1/31/2014 | 0% |
| | 4/18/2014 | 5% |
| 2015 | 12/1/2014 | 10% |
| | 1/15/2015 | 15% |
| | 3/2/2015 | 20% |
| 2016 | 12/1/2015 | 10% |
| | 1/26/2016 | 15% |
| | 2/24/2016 | 30% |
| | 3/17/2016 | 45% |
| | 4/21/2016 | 60% |
| 2017 | 11/28/2016 | 20% |
| | 12/21/2016 | 45% |
| | 1/18/2017 | 60% |
| | 4/14/2017 | 85% |
| 2018 | 11/29/2017 | 15% |
| | 1/29/2018 | 20% |
| | 4/24/2018 | 30% |
| | 5/21/2018 | 35% |
| 2019 | 11/30/2018 | 10% |
| | 1/25/2019 | 15% |
| | 2/20/2019 | 35% |
| | 3/20/2019 | 70% |
| | 6/19/2019 | 75% |

| YEAR | DATE | ALLOCATION |
|------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2020 | 12/2/2019 | 10% |
| | 1/24/2020 | 15% |
| | 5/22/2020 | 20% |
| 2021 | 12/1/2020 | 10% |
| | 3/23/2021 | 5% |
| 2022 | 12/1/2021 | 0% ³ |
| | 1/20/2022 | 15% |
| | 3/18/2022 | 5% ⁴ |
| 2023 | 12/1/2022 | 5% ⁵ |
| | 1/26/2023 | 30% |
| | 2/22/2023 | 35% |
| | 3/24/2023 | 75% |
| | 4/20/2023 | 100% |

¹ Presents all allocation announcements for water years 1996 to the present. Data for earlier years can be found in Bulletin 132 or the 1967-1995 summary.

² The 11/29/06 initial allocation of 60% for 2007 remained unchanged for that year, as documented in Notice to Contractors (NTC) 07-06.

³ The 2022 initial allocation is 0% of Table A; however, DWR is committed to supply contractor's unmet minimum health and safety needs, per NTC 21-07.

⁴ The 2022 final allocation is 5% of Table A, and supplying contractors unmet human health and safety needs, per NTC 22-03.

⁵ The 2023 initial allocation is 5% plus health and safety, per NTC 22-04.

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN

HELD AT

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
1070 FARADAY STREET, SANTA YNEZ, CALIFORNIA
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

Optional remote participation is available via Telephone or ZOOM

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- III. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction. The total time for all public comment shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public comment item.)
- IV. Review and Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2023
- V. Review Revised Draft Policy Options and Scenarios for Well Verification Requests
- VI. Consider Approving Resolution EMA-2023-001 A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING EMA WELL VERIFICATION PROCESS IN THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN
- VII. Review and Consider Request for EMA GSA Written Verification under Executive Order N-5-23 in the EMA for APN 137-390-025 Osberg
- VIII. Received Written Communications
 - a. Letter to Committee Chairs of the EMA, CMA and WMA from Sheldon Bosio, President, Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, dated April 5, 2023

- b. Letter to DWR from Natalie Stork, Supervising Engineering Geologist, Groundwater Management Program, Office of Research Planning and Performance, California State Water Resources Control Board, dated April 14, 2023
 - c. E-Mail to Staff and Committee members of the EMA, CMA and WMA from Alison Laslett, CEO, Santa Barbara Vintners, dated April 24, 2023
- IX. Next EMA GSA Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Santa Ynez Community Services District Community Room, 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, CA
 - X. EMA GSA Committee Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items
 - XI. Adjournment

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EMA WELL VERIFICATION POLICY OPTION 4

POLICY OPTION 4 OVERVIEW

- Based on SGMA, core "**Sustainability**" factors contained in the EMA GSP can be used to evaluate requests for written verifications and whether production from a proposed well is consistent with Sustainable Groundwater Management as set forth in the GSP.
 - A. Undesirable Results** – Presence/Imminence/Absence
 - B. Water Budget Parameters** – Short and Long-Term Land and Water Use Assumptions
 - C. Projects and Management Actions** – Programs/Water Savings/Priorities

HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL LAND USE CHANGE

Table 3-33. Summary of Historical and Projected Irrigated Agricultural Acreage, Outside of Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

(Values in acres)

| Crop Group | Recent Trend | 1996 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2042 (Projected) | 2072 (Projected) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Deciduous Fruit and Nuts | Modest increase | 37 | 93 | 93 | 74 | 130 | 199 |
| Field Crops | Rising (+ 4.5% / year) | 267 | 273 | 812 | 1,090 | 1,752 | 2,581 |
| Ornamentals | Unchanged | 5 | 29 | 21 | 3 | 14 | 28 |
| Pasture | Declining | 1,350 | 839 | 858 | 747 | 500 | 500 |
| Truck, Nursery, and Berry Crops | Declining | 141 | 714 | 675 | 498 | 300 | 300 |
| Vineyards | Very modest increase | 944 | 1,804 | 1,932 | 1,828 | 1,900 | 1,990 |
| Cannabis | Large increase expected | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 1,000 |
| | Total | 2,743 | 3,752 | 4,390 | 4,241 | 5,096 | 6,598 |
| | | | | | | Change Since 2018 | +2,357 |
| | | | | | | Annual Increase | + 45 |
| | | | | | | Annual Change, Percent | + 0.82 % |

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PROJECTED IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL PUMPING

Table 3-35. Summary of Projected Irrigated Agricultural Pumping (Excluding Climate Change), Santa Ynez Uplands

(Values in acre-feet per year)

| Crop Group | 2018 | 2042 (Projected) | 2072 (Projected) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Deciduous Fruit and Nuts | 159 | 277 | 425 |
| Field Crops | 1,143 | 1,838 | 2,707 |
| Ornamentals | 10 | 43 | 85 |
| Pasture | 2,615 | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| Truck, Nursery, and Berry Crops | 1,550 | 933 | 933 |
| Vineyards | 2,925 | 3,040 | 3,184 |
| Cannabis | 0 | 750 | 1,500 |
| SYRWCD | 2,900 | 2,497 | 2,270 |
| Total | 11,301[‡] | 11,129 | 10,584 |
| | Change | - 172 | - 717 |
| | Annual Change | -7 | -13 |
| | Annual Change, Percent | - 0.06 % | - 0.12 % |

Note

[‡] Agricultural pumping from Santa Ynez Uplands between 1982 and 2018 averaged 11,700 AFY

SYRWCD = Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

SCENARIO 1

- An applicant is proposing to drill a 100 AFY well to irrigate 50 acres of field crops.
- This is the first above average precipitation water year in 3 years.
- The proposed well is located in the northern Paso Robles formation.
- No nearby monitoring wells are below Minimum Thresholds.
- The GSP projects an average 4.5% increase of field crops (~28 acres/year).
- A total of 390 AF of new production have been approved in the basin in the past 6 months.
- Should the EMA GSA issue a well verification?

SCENARIO 1 CONT'D

- Staff recommendation: **issue well verification**
- Nearby representative wells are not below minimum thresholds, no reports of nearby dry wells.
- Proposed new field crop production is within the projected GSP land use and water budget parameters.
- First field crop well application in the EMA since March of 2022.
- Project and management actions are planned for implementation.

SCENARIO 2

- An applicant is proposing to drill a 600 AFY well to convert 400 acres of non-irrigated grazing land to irrigated vineyards during drought conditions.
- This is the third consecutive below average precipitation water year.
- The proposed well is located in the eastern Paso Robles formation.
- Two nearby monitoring wells are 7 ft and 14 ft below Minimum Thresholds, and more than 50% of representative wells have been below minimum thresholds for one year.
- A total of 390 AF of new production have been approved in the basin in the past 6 months, roughly consistent with land use change projections in GSP.
- Should the GSA issue a well verification?

SCENARIO 2 CONT'D

- Staff recommendation: **denial of well verification**
- 9 of the 14 wells are below Minimum Thresholds in the Paso Robles formation, including near the proposed new well.
- The GSP only projects a 0.2% annual growth for vineyards, and declines in water use from other land uses have not been realized.
- Project and management actions are planned for implementation.

REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGMENT UNDER POLICY OPTION 4

- Applicant agrees to register their well with and report production semi-annually to the EMA GSA.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-001

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EMA WELL VERIFICATION POLICY
FOR ADMINISTERING REQUESTS FOR WRITTEN VERIFICATIONS
IN THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“EMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated April 27, 2017 (“EMA MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Eastern Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”);

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), on January 6, 2022, the EMA GSA adopted the EMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Plan”) that establishes the EMA GSA’s groundwater management program and sustainability goal for the EMA;

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a local GSA to manage a groundwater basin in a sustainable manner pursuant to its groundwater sustainability plan;

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10725.2 authorizes the EMA GSA to adopt rules, regulations, ordinances, and resolutions for the purpose of complying with SGMA, and to perform any act necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of SGMA;

WHEREAS, On July 21, 2022 the EMA GSA approved a document entitled “Process and Criteria for Administering Written Verifications Per Executive Order N-7-22” (“Process and Criteria”) for the implementation of Executive Order N-7-22, as amended under Executive Order N-5-23 (“Order”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order and certain exceptions specified therein, the Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Department (County) is prohibited from approving a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in the EMA without first obtaining written verification from the EMA GSA that groundwater extraction by the proposed well (1) would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the EMA GSP, and (2) would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin;

WHEREAS, in addition to utilizing the previously approved Process and Criteria, the EMA GSA desires to establish supplemental criteria for evaluating all new requests for written verifications under the Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE EMA GSA COMMITTEE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals Incorporated

The above recitals are supported by substantial evidence, incorporated herein by reference and each relied upon independently by the EMA GSA governing Committee in its adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. EMA GSA Supplemental Well Verification Policy

The EMA GSA governing Committee adopts the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Policy for Administering Requests for Written Verifications (“EMA Well Verification Policy”),

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attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, and finds the EMA Well Verification Policy is consistent with the Plan and will promote implementation of the Plan in accordance with SGMA.

SECTION 3. Amendment

This Resolution may be added to, amended, and/or repealed at any time by adoption of a subsequent resolution of the EMA GSA governing Committee.

SECTION 4. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. EMA-2023-001 was duly adopted and passed by the governing Committee of the EMA GSA at a meeting held on April 27, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Brett Marymee, Chair

William J. Buelow, Secretary

DRAFT

EXHIBIT A

Exhibit A

Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Policy for Administering Requests for Well Verifications

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1. **Undesirable Results** – The planned production and use of groundwater from the proposed well must be evaluated against the presence, imminence, or absence of undesirable results as described in the EMA GSP. The supplemental criteria for evaluating undesirable results will include the following:
 - a. Most recently reported groundwater levels compared to Minimum Thresholds (MTs) and definition of undesirable result established by the GSP. Determine whether more than 50% of the representative wells exceed MTs after two consecutive years of average or above average precipitation.
 - b. If MTs exceeded, consider the magnitude of exceedances.
 - c. Consider reported impacts to other wells in the area.
 - d. Consider other undesirable result criteria (e.g., water quality).
2. **Water Budget Parameters** – The planned production and use of groundwater from the proposed well must be consistent with the current and long-term water budget parameters in the GSP (Section 3). Water budget parameters to consider may include:
 - a. Projected land-uses
 - b. Total irrigated acreage
 - c. Cropping distribution
 - d. Water duty factors for different crop types.
3. **Projects and Management Actions** – The planned production and use of groundwater from the proposed well must be compliant with any implemented projects or management actions of the EMA GSA, and as a condition for issuance of a written verification the applicant must agree to register the well with and report production semi-annually to the EMA GSA.



May 3, 2023

Brett Marymee, Chairman EMA GSA
Art Hibbits, Chairman CMA GSA
Chris Brookes, Chairman WMA GSA

c/o William (Bill) Buelow
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
3669 Sagunto St. Suite 101
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Re: GSA Committee Agricultural representation

Dear Gentlemen,

The Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association, a nonprofit California corporation representing approximately 125 agricultural and associated members in Santa Barbara County, is concerned with the lack of agricultural representation on all 3 GSA committees representing the Santa Ynez River Water Basin. Members of the Cattlemen's Association currently own and/or manage nearly 360,000 acres of grazing land in the County.


Ranching has been an integral part of Santa Barbara County's community since the first Spanish, and later, Mexican Land Grants. Many of these Land Grants have been handed down from generation to generation, continuing the ranching heritage.

Ranchlands are vital to the bucolic atmosphere that is greatly cherished by all who those who both live and visit our County. Agriculture feeds our local economy. "Open space, wildlife corridors, carbon sinks" – all exist because of our Santa Barbara County ranches. Groundwater has always been essential to our livestock operations. Landowner overlying water rights are critical for our ranches to continue. Ranchers know the importance of sustainable land stewardship.

Given agriculture's vested interest in maintaining a sustainable water supply in the Santa Ynez River Basin, we believe it is imperative that a representative from agriculture serves on each of the three current, and future GSA Committees, with all members utilizing an equal voting structure.

We understand the Santa Ynez Water Group (SYWG) has been actively involved in this process to date and we support candidates vetted by SYWG to serve on the 3 GSA committees.

Sincerely,



Billy King, Jr.

Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association

From: [Alison Laslett](#)
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Subject: GSA Committee Agricultural Representation
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April 24, 2023

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Matt Young, Santa Barbara County Water Agency Manager
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RE: GSA Committee Agricultural Representation

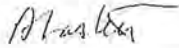
Dear All,

The Santa Barbara Vintners is a 501(c)6 California nonprofit corporation. We are the trade association for the wine industry of Santa Barbara County, representing approximately 140 grape growers, vintners, and associate members. Our industry farms over 17,000 acres of winegrapes and has an estimated \$1.7B economic impact in our county. We are concerned with the lack of agricultural representation on all 3 GSA committees representing the Santa Ynez River Water Basin.

Our members rely on groundwater that is integral to their operations and the local economy. Our winegrape growers lead in adoption of low volume irrigation methods, such as drip, subsurface and micro irrigation systems, and dry farm as much as possible. However, it is estimated that in a wet year with above average precipitation, agriculture uses 30% of the available groundwater for irrigation, while in a dry year that share could increase to 50%.

Given agriculture's vested interest in maintaining a sustainable water supply in the Santa Ynez River Basin, we believe it is imperative that a representative from agriculture serves on each of the three current GSA Committees, with all members using an equal voting structure. We understand the Santa Ynez Water Group has been actively involved in this process to date and would support candidates vetted by them to serve on the three GSA committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Laslett".

Alison Laslett, CEO
Santa Barbara Vintners



Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

Affiliated with the California Farm Bureau Federation and the American Farm Bureau Federation

April 5, 2023

Brett Marymee, Chairman EMA GSA
Art Hibbits, Chairman CMA GSA
Chris Brooks, Chairman WMA GSA

c/o William (Bill) Buelow
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Re: GSA Committee Agricultural Representation

Gentlemen,

The Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau, a nonprofit California corporation representing approximately 500 agricultural and associate members in Santa Barbara County, is concerned with the lack of agricultural representation on all 3 GSA committees representing the Santa Ynez River Water Basin.

Our members grow a wide variety of crops along with livestock operations within the basin that rely on groundwater that is integral to their operations and the local economy. Our farmers lead in adoption of low volume irrigation methods, such as drip, subsurface and micro irrigation systems.

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Sincerely,

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Sheldon Bosio, President.
Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

Paeter Garcia

From: Doug Circle <Doug@circlevision.com>
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Subject: Santa Ynez Water Group Representation
Attachments: SYWG Member List for GSA (2023.03.13).pdf

Over the past several months, the Santa Ynez Water Group (SYWG) has been working with individual GSA Committee member agencies regarding the overall governance of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). As part of that work, it has been requested that the SYWG inform each of the GSAs within the Basin regarding SYWG's membership.

Attached, you will find a list of SYWG's members. While this list does not include each member's name, it does include each member's acreage, crop type, and location in the Basin. You will see that our membership includes a vast majority of the agricultural landowners who rely on groundwater throughout the Basin. And these numbers are only growing.

SYWG believes that the Basin will be best served by including an agricultural representative in a participatory roll in governance.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Stay Healthy, Hungry, Humble, and Hopeful!

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Acres of Pasture:

6300

Coastal Vineyard Care Associates is a member of SYWG and is authorized to act on behalf of the following parcels:

| Acres | Crop Type | GSA Area |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| 40.42 | Vine | EMA |
| 11.21 | Vine | EMA |
| 7.07 | Vine | EMA |
| 43.94 | Vine | EMA |
| 36.32 | Vine | EMA |
| 31.99 | Vine | EMA |
| 11.76 | Vine | EMA |
| 204.78 | Vine | EMA |
| 91.43 | Vine | EMA |
| 18.04 | Vine | EMA |
| 1.87 | Vine | EMA |
| 45.43 | Vine | EMA |
| 97.63 | Vine | EMA |
| 14.6 | Vine | EMA |
| 116.48 | Vine | EMA |
| 326.09 | Vine | EMA |
| 26.14 | Vine | EMA |
| 14.74 | Vine | EMA |
| 33.96 | Vine | EMA |
| 19.58 | Vine | EMA |
| 59.18 | Vine | EMA |
| 18.58 | Vine | EMA |
| 3 | Vine | EMA |
| 6.82 | Vine | EMA |
| 81.57 | Vine | EMA |
| 22.57 | Vine | EMA |
| 18.95 | Vine | EMA |
| 33.45 | Vine | EMA |
| 18.06 | Vine | EMA |
| 26.03 | Vine | EMA |
| 22.3 | Vine | EMA |
| 200 | Vine | EMA |
| 84.95 | Vine | EMA |
| 9.78 | Vine | EMA |
| 8.04 | Vine | EMA |
| 5.87 | Vine | EMA |
| 16.83 | Vine | EMA |
| 18.76 | Vine | EMA |
| 12.17 | Vine | EMA |
| 12.36 | Vine | EMA |
| 5.72 | Vine | EMA |
| 13.65 | Vine | EMA |
| 7.24 | Vine | EMA |

Santa Ynez Water Group

Grand Total Acres

17,772.82

Total EMA Acres

11,689.18

Total CMA Acres

1,162.08

Total WMA Acres

4,921.56

Monthly Briefing

A Summary of the Alliance's Recent and Upcoming Activities and Important Water News

Colorado River Supplies Get a Boost Long-Term Solutions Still Remain Elusive

Above-average snowpack and projected runoff will send more water from the Colorado River Basin's Lake Powell to Lake Mead this year, but federal officials warned that hard decisions still loom when they rolled out long-term alternatives to managing the river last month.

"We've had other good precipitation years during this 23-year drought, and yet the downward trajectory of the system has worsened," Interior Deputy Secretary Tommy Beaudreau said last month at Hoover Dam. "We cannot kick the can on finding solutions."

Overuse, driven in part by unfettered urban development, and a 23-year-long drought made worse by climate change have threatened water and power supply reliability across the 7 Western states served by the Colorado River. The river supplies drinking water to 40 million Americans and two states in Mexico and irrigates 5.5 million agricultural acres. The electricity generated by dams

on the river's two main reservoirs, Lake Mead and Lake Powell, powers millions of homes and businesses.

24-Month Study Predicts Higher-Than Expected Runoff

Reclamation last month released its April 24-Month Study, which includes an increase to downstream flows from Lake Powell to Lake Mead of up to 9.5 million acre-foot (MAF) this water year (Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2023).

Glen Canyon Dam's annual release volume for water year 2023 was initially set at 7.0 MAF, based on the study, and is now projected to increase to up to 9.5 MAF because of high snowpack this winter and projected runoff in the Colorado River Basin this spring.

While this water year's projections are above average, the Colorado River Basin is experiencing severe drought conditions and



Water intakes on Lake Mead behind Hoover Dam on the Colorado River. Photo by Bureau of Reclamation.

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system reservoirs remain at historically low levels.

"This winter's snowpack is promising and provides us the opportunity to help replenish Lakes Mead and Powell in the near-term — but the reality is that drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin have been more than two decades in the making," said Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton.

BOR Tees Up Long-Term Management Alternatives

Reclamation last month released their draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), the Biden Administration's plan to overhaul the 2007 Colorado River Interim Guidelines, rules that dictate how much water is withdrawn from the Lake Powell and Lake Mead reservoirs based on their current surface elevations.

The draft SEIS is available for public comment for 45 calendar days.

The SEIS is an attempt by the Administration to save hydropower production on the river by raising water levels in Lake Powell and Lake Mead and protecting downstream water deliveries from "dead pool" levels, which have been dropping precipitously during recent drought years. The Department of the Interior began working on this plan in October 2022 after the seven Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming — missed a deadline to propose their own cuts.

Since last June, the Biden Administration has pressed the seven basin states to outline their own solution. Commissioner Touton at a Senate hearing first announced that between 2-4 million acre-feet of "conservation and demand management" actions would be needed in the Colorado River Basin, starting in 2023.

"Let's get to the table, and let's figure this out by August," Commissioner Touton said at the time. "That's what we're working towards."

August came and went, and no consensus solution was reached between the states, who also missed a January 31 deadline set by the Biden Administration.

Ahead of Reclamation's release of the draft SEIS, six states agreed on a plan that would put the basin's most senior water user, California, on par with the most junior users, Arizona and Nevada in spreading out the necessary cuts in water deliveries from the river. In contrast, California offered its own plan adhering to water right seniority on the river.

In addition to the "no action" alternative, the SEIS released last month proposes two alternatives similar to the two proposals put forward by the states. Action Alternative 1 addresses Colorado River Basin shortages based on the priority of water rights. Alternative 2 looks at addressing incremental additional shortages by distributing them in the same percentage across all Lower Basin users.

Continued Collaboration Encouraged

In announcing the draft SEIS, senior Interior officials noted that the alternatives should give the seven Basin States bookends to work within to continue to collaborate and devel-

op a consensus alternative for future reductions in water deliveries from the river.

"It is our hope and our fervent desire that the tools laid out in the supplemental EIS never have to be used," Deputy Secretary Beaudreau said. "And the way to get there is through ongoing work with collaborative processes to reach agreement that reflect everyone's best interest."

As reported in the April 2023 "Monthly Briefing", the Interior Department last month announced hundreds of millions of dollars of new spending in support of new infrastructure projects, water conservation measures, and tribal settlement actions in the Colorado River. Reclamation also vowed to continue to pursue collaborative means to conserve water, increase the efficiency of water use, and protect the system's reservoirs from falling to critically low elevations that would threaten water deliveries and power production.

"Despite this year's welcomed snow, the Colorado River system remains at risk from the ongoing impacts of the climate crisis," said Commissioner Touton.

Basin Congressional representatives conveyed a similar message.

"This year's good snowpack can't be an excuse to kick the can down the road," Senator Michael Bennet (D-COLORADO) said. "This SEIS is a constructive step toward sustaining the Colorado River system for the long term, and I continue to urge all seven basin states to come to an agreement. We have no time to lose."

"This proposal from Reclamation makes it clear that the basin states must work together to find a fair and equitable solution on how we manage our precious water resources from the Colorado River," added Senator Alex Padilla (D-CALIFORNIA) said. "I urge all seven states to continue working together to find a viable consensus to secure the future of the river."

Urban Growth v Agriculture

The Family Farm Alliance has members in all seven Colorado River Basin states, which has made unified engagement on River issues particularly challenging.

"Within the Colorado River Basin, all of the various water users' perspectives are shaped by where they are in the system: whether they are in the Upper or Lower Basin, within or outside the natural hydrologic basin, in which state, and the priority of use within their state," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. "However, despite these differences, our farmers and ranchers across the Basin are concerned about the recent narrative that demonizes irrigation and minimizes the importance of domestic food production."

Certain urban water agencies and their media and political supporters clearly want to limit agricultural deliveries in the Colorado River Basin.

Former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt — who also served as President Bill Clinton's secretary of the Interior from 1993

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to 2001 – recently publicly aired his view that agriculture in Arizona and California is to blame for the gridlock in solving pressing Colorado River challenges.

Mr. Babbitt claimed, "Agricultural Irrigation districts in Arizona and California resist offering cuts, claiming an absolute priority under century-old legal doctrines," even though some irrigators in Arizona have already taken cuts, and other irrigation districts in both states stepped up months ago with new proposals.

In the time since he left Interior, among other clients, Mr. Babbitt has represented large developers in the private sector. In recent months, he has advocated that the federal government employ an unused regulation to order sharp reductions for agricultural irrigators in the Imperial Valley, instead of paying them to take voluntary measures to temporarily stop farming.

"Can you just sit back and spend money to cut 2 million acre-feet every year out of deliveries in the basin? Mathematically, it just can't be done," Mr. Babbitt told *E&E News*.

Local farmers have criticized the idea that the Biden administration could rely on the regulation, arguing it could not force them to further conservation efforts or shift what crops they may opt to grow (4/10/23 *E&E Daily*).

"We recognize the current issues on the Colorado River are not going to be solved without the support of senior water rights holders, which are mostly ag areas," California rancher Larry Cox told *E&E News*. "We are willing to help, we recognize the need, but it can't come at the expense of our community or our farms."

Colorado Governor Jared Polis recently defended future population growth at a University of Denver law symposium and vowed to protect Colorado's share of the Colorado River.

"It's not just about housing, which we need," Governor Polis said. "It's also about protecting our way of life: Housing policy is water policy; housing policy is climate policy."

In a separate presentation on the State of the Colorado Water Plan, Russ Sands, Colorado Water Conservation Board, said the state couldn't simply heed calls to "stop growth."

"I don't think we can do that," Mr. Sands said. "That shuts down the economy, How are we going to grow better is often on my mind." (4/14/23 *E&E News*)

These recent statements seemingly go against the grain of

a recent Rasmussen Reports poll, which confirmed that over 1,000 residents polled in Colorado don't want sprawl, and don't think ag water should be transported to support that sprawl. Notably, 76% believed it is "very important" to protect U.S. farmland from development, so the United States is able to produce enough food to feed its own human population in the future.



Family Farm Alliance President Patrick O'Toole talks with Interior Department Deputy Secretary Tommy Beaudreau (L) at the Colorado River Water Users Association annual conference in Las Vegas last December. Photo courtesy of Ladder Ranch.

Scrutiny

For the present, Family Farm Alliance leaders will continue to urge Reclamation to continue to bring all water users together to develop solutions and ensure agriculture has a place at the table.

Alliance President Patrick O'Toole, whose family operates a large Upper Basin sheep and cattle ranch straddling the Colorado-Wyoming border, has spent much of the few months struggling to feed his animals, searching literally for greener pastures, as the heavy snowfall has increased reliance on dwindling hay and forage supplies.

"This winter has been exhausting," he said.

During his work day travels, Mr. O'Toole has plenty of time to contemplate the extent of farmland following that is being proposed by critics of irrigated agriculture, and the attacks they employ to justify their positions.

"It makes me angry when I read all these editorials that demonize our people, our kids, our ranches and farms, our way of life," he said. "It's turning into a war of philosophies – continued, unrestricted urban growth versus sustaining rural communities."

He is frustrated that very few media accounts discuss the national security importance of domestic food production, or the environmental attributes that his operations provide.

"My irrigated lands provide vital habitat for migratory birds, sustain floodplain function, and recharge shallow aquifers," he said. "When you take water away from agriculture, you're taking water away from the environment, too."

Pat O'Toole believes that protecting the agricultural economy, Western urban and rural communities, and a healthy aquatic environment not only benefits the West, it benefits the entire Nation.

"As we are scrutinized, and we scrutinize ourselves, we realize the many other benefits – including to the environment – that irrigated agriculture brings to the Colorado River Basin," he said.

Five Witnesses with Alliance Ties Testify at House Field Hearing

Republican leaders from the House Committee on Natural Resources joined California Central Valley Congressmen for a field hearing last month in Tulare that featured five expert witnesses with ties to the Family Farm Alliance. The hearing examined California's continued water storage issues and their impact on local communities and two pieces of legislation.

"For too long, complex and contradictory laws and regulations that control much of how we're able to pump and what storage projects were able to move forward have amplified California's water problems," said Rep. Valadao.

Committee Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) and Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee Chairman Cliff Bentz (R-OREGON), and Rep. Jim Costa (D-CALIFORNIA) joined California Republican Representatives Valadao, Doug LaMalfa, Tom McClintock and John Duarte for a tour of the Eastern San Joaquin Valley and participated in the field hearing.

The Members toured Friant dam and a local dairy farm site that has been damaged from recent floods, and conducted a legislative field hearing on two water management bills at the World Ag Expo in Tulare.

"We hear in our committee from some of our opponents that 'oh this water storage is so expensive' and when you add the cost of the floods that we saw at the Dykstra Dairy here and the neighbors there, what they're going to get in crop losses and orchards being wiped out, the other damage you get from floods to communities and just everything else, the flood value itself," said Rep. LaMalfa. "Water storage means good things."

Five witnesses with ties to the Family Farm Alliance members testified at the hearing:

- William Bourdeau (Director, Westlands Water District) serves on the board of directors for the Family Farm Alliance;
- Aaron Fukuda (General Manager, Tulare Irrigation District) is a former Alliance "Farmer Lobbyist";
- Jason Phillips (Chief Executive Officer, Friant Water Authority) and Jeff Sutton (General Manager, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority) are long-time members of the Alliance Advisory Committee;
- Chris White (Executive Director, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority) has been a long-time supporting member of the Alliance.

"Agriculture is our economy, and when that goes bad, our

communities suffer greatly," said Mr. Sutton. "The system is broken, we've got to fix it. These crises are predictable, it's going to stop raining again, we're going to experience droughts. But they're preventable if we make the right investments."

Two Water Bills Addressed at Hearing

The hearing focused on two pieces of legislation: H.R. 215 "WATER for California Act" and H.R. 872 "FISH Act", two bills supported by the Family Farm Alliance.

H.R. 872 (Calvert) streamlines and improves the federal regulatory process related to endangered fish protections.

House Science, Space and Technology Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-OK) has drafted related legislation, the "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2023" which would pull NOAA from the Department of Commerce and direct a study on whether NOAA's work on marine mammal protections and ESA-listed anadromous and catadromous fish species ought to be handled by the Interior Department instead.

President Richard Nixon created NOAA under the Commerce Department by executive order in 1970. Since then, the agency has operated

under patchwork more than 200 legislative authorities.

During a House Science, Space and Technology Committee hearing last month, three former NOAA Administrators who all served during Republican Administrations, agreed that authorizing NOAA as a new executive branch agency and moving the agency out of the Department of Commerce would streamline and improve operations, bolster scientific integrity and facilitate crucial partnerships with private entities.

The Alliance has long supported earlier versions of the FISH Act, and Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen previously testified on a related bill in the 116th Congress.

"This legislation will help lay the groundwork for more collaborative conservation that ultimately and equally will benefit communities, citizens and fish species that inhabit fresh and saltwater environments," said Mr. Keppen.

H.R. 215 (Valadao) focuses on the need for more storage and further helps bring about water supply certainty by codifying federal water operations plans that were built on sound science.

"Our water management system needs to be adapted and to be improved," said Mr. Bourdeau. "We need to modernize the state's water infrastructure, particularly storage, so that we can capture more water when it's plentiful and preserve it for when it's dry."



William Bourdeau - a Family Farm Alliance board member— responds to a question from Rep. McClintock at a House field hearing last month in Tulare, CA last month.

Alliance General Counsel Testifies at ESA Hearing

The House Natural Resource Water, Wildlife and Fisheries (WWF) Subcommittee last month held a hearing on a number of GOP-led Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions disapproving the Biden Administration's implementation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Family Farm Alliance General Counsel Norm Semanko (IDAHO) testified at the hearing in support of one of the resolutions - of H.J. Res. 46 by Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-OREGON), which would roll back a Biden Administration rule that ended a Trump Administration rule on designating critical habitat under the ESA.

"The ESA is 50 years old and in desperate need of major modification," said Chairman Bentz. "Unfortunately, as it currently stands, the ESA and the thousands of regulations related to it are a major source of litigation, particularly in the area of species listing. It's long past time to get to work on fixing this, and I'm glad we were able to take another step in that direction today."

"How sad that today's conservatives seem so hostile to conserving wildlife," responded Subcommittee ranking member Jared Huffman (D-CALIFORNIA) at the hearing

Critical habitat designations can carry with them significant economic and regulatory burdens that must be shouldered by agricultural water managers and rural communities, which the Alliance's written testimony outlined.

"The Alliance strongly supported the 2020 Final Rule promulgated in the Trump Administration and believed that

rule's critical habitat exclusion procedures were necessary to provide greater transparency and certainty for the public and stakeholders," said Mr. Semanko.

Mr. Semanko serves as the General Counsel of the Alliance, as part of his duties as Office Managing Shareholder of Parsons, Behle and Latimer's office in Boise, Idaho. He is the firm's water law practice group leader in the Pacific Northwest Region. He has more than 30 years of experience with water resources, environmental, natural resources, land use, public lands and regulatory issues.

As reported in *E&E Daily*, Mr. Semanko cast the Biden administration's subsequent effort to roll back Trump's move as part of the "regulatory ping pong" that can accompany a change in administrations and confuse most everyone else.

House Resources Committee Reports H.J. Res. 46 Out of Committee

The full House Committee on Natural Resources completed a full committee markup and favorably reported H.J. Res. 46 and eight other bills out of committee later in the month.

"By bringing the Endangered Species Act into the 21st Century to help people

and wildlife, improving western water infrastructure and increasing access to public lands, we are ensuring every American is able to enjoy our abundant resources both now and in years to come," said Committee Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.). "I look forward to moving these bills through the House and on to the Senate."



Family Farm Alliance General Counsel Norm Semanko (IDAHO).

Reclamation Unveils Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

The Bureau of Reclamation last month released its Climate Change Adaptation Strategy that outlines how Reclamation will combat climate change.

"Climate change is impacting our communities, economies and the environment throughout the West," said Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton. "Through this strategy, Reclamation will work collaboratively with our federal and non-federal partners and incorporate climate change into our water and power management decisions to minimize climate change's impacts on western water into the future."

The strategy also affirms Reclamation will use "leading science and engineering" to adapt to human-caused climate change.

The strategy focuses on four goals:

- 1) Increase water management flexibility;
- 2) Enhance climate adaptation planning;
- 3) Improve infrastructure resilience; and
- 4) Expand information sharing.

Reclamation's 2021 West-wide Climate and Hydrology Assessment identified the human-induced climate change impacts expected to impact the West through the rest of this century. It also describes changes in temperature, precipitation, snowpack and streamflow across the West.

You can read the entire Climate Change Adaptation Strategy at www.usbr.gov/climate.

DOI Dishes out Major Infrastructure Funding

The Biden White House and Department of Interior (DOI) have been busy in recent weeks, announcing boatloads of new infrastructure projects, funded courtesy of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA – also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

The IIJA includes \$8.3 billion for DOI's Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as part of a proposal advanced by over 230 water, agricultural and urban organizations in 2021. That coalition was led by a steering committee that included the Family Farm Alliance, Association of California Water Agencies, California Farm Bureau Federation, National Water Resources Association and Western Growers.

The IIJA investment will repair aging water delivery systems, secure dams, complete rural water projects, and protect aquatic ecosystems. Detailed information on Reclamation programs and funding provided in the IIJA is available on Reclamation's website: <https://www.usbr.gov/bil/>.

The IRA is investing another \$4.6 billion to address Western drought.

Water Conservation and Efficiency Projects

The Department of the Interior last month announced a \$140 million investment for water conservation and efficiency projects as part of the President's Investing in America agenda to enhance the resilience of the West to drought and climate change.

Funding for 84 projects in 15 western states, provided through the IIJA and annual appropriations, will go to irrigation and water districts, states, Tribes and other entities and are expected to conserve over 230,000 acre-feet of water when completed.

"For more than 120 years, Reclamation and its partners have developed sustainable water and power solutions for the West," said Commissioner Touton. "With increased funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, we're able to expand that work, extending collaboration and expanding conservation."

Selected projects include updating canal lining and piping to reduce seepage losses, installing advanced metering, automated gates and control systems, and programs in urban areas to install residential water meters and other water conservation activities.

In the Colorado River Basin, 12 projects will receive more than \$20 million in federal funding from today's announcement, resulting in more than \$44.7 million in infrastructure investments. Once completed, the projects will result in a combined annual water savings of more than 29,000 acre-feet in the Colorado River System.

Another 32 projects selected in California will receive \$46.7 million in federal funding. The projects will result in more than \$164.3 million in infrastructure investments in the state and a combined annual savings of more than 65,000 acre-feet once completed, according to Reclamation.

One-third of the selected projects advance the Administra-

tion's Justice40 initiative, which aims to deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of climate, clean energy and related investments to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, overburdened and underserved.

This funding is part of Reclamation's WaterSMART Program, which focuses on collaborative efforts to plan and implement actions to increase water supply sustainability, including investments to modernize infrastructure. More information is available on Reclamation's WaterSMART program webpage.

"Delivering water more efficiently is key to helping Western communities become more resilient to drought," said Commissioner Touton.

Aging Infrastructure Funding Announcement

Interior and White House officials last month announced the funding choices for their FY 2023 Aging Infrastructure Account projects in a visit to the Colorado River Basin's Imperial Dam.

"This includes funding for 83 projects in 11 states," Interior Assistant Secretary Tanya Trujillo said in a recent conversation with the Family Farm Alliance. "Interior will be continuing to work on additional funding opportunities and awards throughout the year."

The Imperial Dam project was one of many Alliance members' projects that made the list.

"President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making a historic investment to provide clean, reliable water to families, farmers and Tribes," said Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tommy Beaudreau at Imperial Dam. "As we work to address record drought and changing climate conditions throughout the West, these investments in our aging water infrastructure will conserve community water supplies and revitalize water delivery systems."

The visit by Deputy Secretary Boudreau, Senior Advisor to the President and White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu, and Commissioner Touton to Imperial Dam— which is receiving \$8.24 million in fiscal year 2023 – is part of the Biden-Harris administration's "Investing in America" tour, to highlight the opportunities that the IIJA and IRA are creating.

\$20 Million from IIJA for Drought Resilience Projects

Reclamation last month also announced \$20 million for four small surface and groundwater storage projects in California and Utah.

The Small Storage Program was authorized by the IIJA. Projects must have a water storage capacity of between 200 acre-feet and 30,000 acre-feet. On September 14, 2022, Reclamation published the first funding opportunity for the Small Storage Program, which closed on December 9, 2022. Eligible projects completed a feasibility study, which was submitted to Reclamation for review.

Alliance Requests Vilsack to Engage in Columbia River Mediation

At the request of its Pacific Northwest members, the Family Farm Alliance last month transmitted a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, requesting Biden Administration Cabinet-level intervention in mediation talks involving the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS).

Altering operations along the Columbia and Lower Snake Rivers, whether through shifted flow regimes or dam removal, would send ripple effects throughout the broader agricultural community served by this system.

Pacific Northwest irrigators and water managers have a strong interest in these discussions. Unfortunately, their voices have not been fully included in these processes. The Family Farm Alliance’s request to speak at a federal March 31 listening session was not granted.

“Our members ‘listened’ in dismayed silence as pro-dam breaching advocates dominated the discussion with their talking points,” Alliance President Patrick O’Toole and Executive Director Dan Keppen wrote in their April 10 letter to Secretary Vilsack.

The Alliance letter explained why Pacific Northwest agricultural interests should be better integrated into the river talks.

“If our representatives had been permitted to speak on March 31, we would have underscored the critical importance of maintaining our country’s food security and locally sourced foods,” Keppen said. “The multiple-year drought we have faced in many parts of the West – coupled with other domestic and global developments – has already affected the availability and price of food for many Americans.”

“Any federal action that impacts U.S. food production or distribution means increased reliance on food production in other countries with lesser production standards,” added Mr. O’Toole. “We cannot risk losing control of our reliable and safe U.S.-grown food supply.”

In the meantime, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and her colleague Rep. Dan Newhouse, both of Washington, introduced legislation in March to protect the four lower Snake River dams.

“I am growing increasingly concerned about President Biden’s openness to breaching our dams,” said Rep. Rodgers. “From his administration’s recommendation to rip them out – without any scientific evidence to back it up – to his desire to work with anti-dam advocates, it’s clear our dams are in danger.”

The move came just a few days after President Biden said at the White House Conservation Summit that he is committed to working with Rep. Mike Simpson (R-IDAHO) and Washington senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, both Democrats, to save Columbia and Snake river salmon (although the President mistakenly referred to the wrong river in his commitment to bring healthy and abundant salmon runs back to the Colorado River system).

President Biden did not say he supports dam breaching and of the politicians he mentioned, only Rep. Simpson has publicly backed the idea.



*Lower Monumental Dam and Lake West on the Lower Snake River.
Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.*

Central Valley Water Users Receive Full Allocations

Warming Weather Raises Flooding Concerns

The Bureau of Reclamation last month announced it would increase Central Valley Project (CVP) 2023 water supply allocations for irrigation water service and repayment contractors. Both north- and south-of-Delta contractors were increased to 100% from 80%.

"We are exceedingly grateful to Reclamation, and its dedicated and hard-working staff, for the increased water allocation," said Jose Gutierrez, Westlands' interim general manager. "Following two years of 0% allocations, this announcement will provide much needed water to support the District's communities, family-owned farms, and hard-working families in the San Joaquin Valley. This water supply will assist growers in Westlands with putting the land to work to grow the food that feeds the world."

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) last month also announced another increase in the forecasted State Water Project (SWP) deliveries this year. With reservoirs nearing capacity and snowmelt runoff starting to occur, DWR now expects to deliver 100 percent of requested water supplies, up from 75 percent announced in March.

"Water supply conditions and careful management of reservoir operations during this extreme winter allows DWR to maximize water deliveries while enhancing protections for the environment," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "DWR is moving and storing as much water as possible to the benefit of communities, agriculture, and the environment."

This water will be delivered throughout the year to the SWP's 29 public water agencies that serve 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. The last time the SWP allocated 100 percent was in 2006.

San Luis Reservoir in Merced County, which holds water supply for both the SWP and CVP, is now full. Additionally, Lake Oroville, the SWP's largest reservoir, and SWP reservoirs in Southern California are expected to be full by the end of May. Statewide, reservoir storage is at 105 percent of average for this date.

Friant Division contractors' CVP water supply is delivered from Millerton Reservoir on the upper San Joaquin River via the Madera and Friant-Kern canals. The first 800,000 acre-feet of available water supply is considered Class 1; Class 2

is considered the next amount of available water supply up to 1.4 million acre-feet. Given the current hydrologic conditions, the Friant Division water supply allocation is 100% of Class 1 and 70% of Class 2 (from the initial 20% allocation).

Friant Dam is currently being operated for flood control purposes.

"As long as these conditions exist contractors may take delivery of all available water from Friant Dam to the maximum extent of their respective contracts," Reclamation noted in its press release.

Warm Weather Elevates Flooding Threat

This was the state's second snowiest winter on record, with more than 737 inches of snow measured at the University of California Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab at the end of March. As the weather warms, that snow is now melting. Coupled with recent heavy rains at lower elevations, the resulting

floodwaters are refilling the Central Valley's Tulare Lake, which has been dried up for decades.

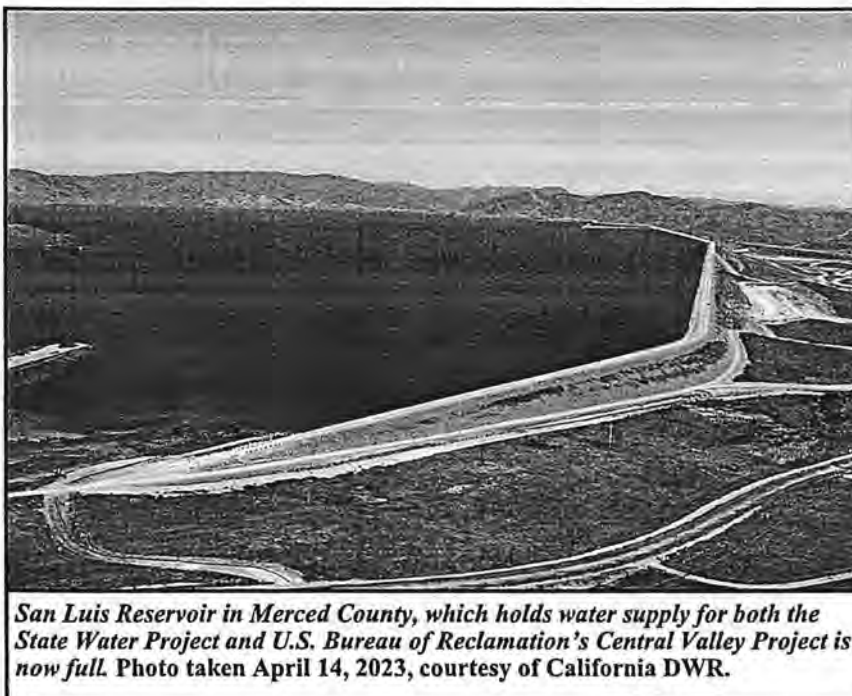
"This is for me, a surreal experience," said Gov. Gavin Newsom, who visited Tulare Lake last month to survey the damage. "Honestly when I'm in a place like this, it's usually with the worst behind us in the rear-view mirror, when in fact, where we're standing will likely be underwater in a matter of weeks, if not months. That's very sobering in every way shape or form."

Thousands of farmers, workers and residents near Tulare Lake have already faced

flooding, and the threat of even more damage has everyone on edge. The continuing snowmelt could double the current footprint of the revived lake to 200 square miles, threatening more farms and causing billions of dollars in losses.

Weather experts say that the water likely won't drain until next year, or possibly well after that, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

"There's plenty more snowpack yet to melt in the Sierra Nevada that will also work its way into California's waterways later this spring and early summer," weather.com digital mete-



San Luis Reservoir in Merced County, which holds water supply for both the State Water Project and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project is now full. Photo taken April 14, 2023, courtesy of California DWR.

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Klamath Project Gets Fraction of Needed Supply

Massive River Fish Flows Anticipated

Despite massive mountain snowpack over 180 percent of average, Klamath Project irrigators will only receive a 60% initial allocation, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) last month announced at the Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA) annual meeting in Klamath Falls (OREGON).

"KWUA is very disappointed that Reclamation chose not to follow its own operational plans," Tracey Liskey, President of KWUA. "In a year that is in the top ten percent in terms of snowpack, with over 180 percent of average currently, and when Reclamation expects to release more than 590,000 acre-feet of water to the Pacific Ocean, we have 60,000 acres of farmland along with two national wildlife that are likely to go dry this year."

Reclamation's initial allocation for the irrigation supply from Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River for farms and wildlife refuges within the Klamath Project is 215,000 acre-feet of water, which represents approximately 60 percent of the water needed this year for farms and wildlife refuges served by the Klamath Project.

Reclamation's Klamath Project allocation is intended to accommodate biological criteria for Klamath Basin fish species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This includes setting a more conservative year-end lake elevation for Upper Klamath Lake to ensure that water is available to meet both minimum instream flows for salmon next winter and lake level elevations for suckers next spring.

"While winter storms have brought reprieve to much of the West, the Klamath Basin is seeing a repressed response to rainfall and continues to experience prolonged drought conditions," said Reclamation Regional Director Ernest Conant. "We are monitoring hydrological conditions and will provide updates to the allocation as available."

Upper Klamath Lake stores approximately 460,000 acre-feet, meaning that the entire lake (plus more) will be emptied this year to produce temporary flows in the Klamath River. Forecasts indicate that more water will be released for river flows this summer than will flow into Upper Klamath Lake.

KWUA claims that if Reclamation was following their Interim Operations Plan, which requires using inflow specific forecasts from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the actual allocation should be 285,000 acre-feet.

"For months, KWUA urged Reclamation to abandon the Interim Operations Plan, only to have Reclamation refuse to develop a new plan," Liskey stated. "Now, once the hydrology improves and a decent irrigation supply should be available, Reclamation refuses to follow the very Interim Operations Plan that it just re-adopted."

The Klamath Project provides water to roughly 230,000 acres of farms and refuges in northern California and southern

Oregon. Farming in the Klamath Project produces half a billion dollars in regional economic activity.

To support Klamath Basin communities amid a fourth consecutive year of drought, Reclamation also committed \$13 million to support drought resiliency programs and ecosystem enhancement projects. Approximately \$9.85

million will be available through the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency for contractors who receive a reduced water allocation,

"We had hoped we would not have to run a program this year given the conditions, but I guess I was wrong," said Marc Staunton, President of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency.

The disappointing 60% allocation figure is by no means carved in stone. It could be raised by Reclamation, depending on hydrology and biological conditions. It could also be further reduced, depending on the outcome of litigation filed by the Yurok Tribe on March 22 in U.S. District Court in San Francisco. The Tribe's injunction would stop all water deliveries for irrigation in the Klamath Project unless Reclamation can demonstrate it is meeting minimum streamflows for threatened coho salmon in the Klamath River.

The injunction would also require Reclamation to ensure a minimum surface elevation of 4,139.2 feet in Upper Klamath Lake on Sept. 30 for two species of endangered sucker fish. A hearing on the injunction is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 10.



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House Fails to Override Biden's Veto of WOTUS Resolution

The House of Representatives last month failed to override President Joe Biden's veto of a resolution under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to undo a rule defining the Clean Water Act's reach by defining "waters of the U.S.," or WOTUS.

"Let's not pretend this is about clean water," said Rep. John Duarte (R-CALIFORNIA), prior to the vote. "This is about government control of land, it's about affordable food, it's about affordable housing, it's about use of our lands by private landowners for economic purposes."

House Republicans ultimately failed on a 227-196 vote to meet the two-thirds majority required to override a Presidential veto. Republicans did, however, get 10 Democrats to defy the President. They include House Agriculture ranking member David Scott and Rep. Sanford Bishop, ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture.

Nine House Democrats and four Senate Democrats joined Republicans in voting for the CRA resolutions against the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers WOTUS rule, sending the measure to President Biden's desk last month.

Now with that effort vetoed, WOTUS rule opponents are now looking to the courts for relief. Judges have already

blocked the rule in 26 states.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland issued a preliminary injunction in a case two dozen Republican state attorneys general brought against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers.

"The Court finds that the 2023 Rule is neither understandable nor 'intelligible', and its boundaries are unlimited," Judge Hovland noted in his ruling.

The Supreme Court's pending decision in *Sackett v. EPA* could materially affect the Biden rule's scope. The Family Farm Alliance is one of 14 agricultural organizations who submitted a brief as "friends of the court" in support of the plaintiffs, an Idaho couple who brought suit against EPA during the Obama Administration.

And most recently, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is temporarily blocking enforcement of the Biden Administration's WOTUS rule in Kentucky in order to provide a federal court in the Commonwealth time to consider state and industry motions for a preliminary injunction pending appeal, bringing to 27 the number of states where the Biden WOTUS rule has been stayed.

Biden Issues Executive Order on Environmental Justice

President Joe Biden last month issued an Executive Order (EO) on Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All, which calls for advancing environmental justice across the federal government.

"We must advance environmental justice for all by implementing and enforcing the Nation's environmental and civil rights laws, preventing pollution, addressing climate change and its effects, and working to clean up legacy pollution that is harming human health and the environment," the EO states.

According to the EO, "environmental justice" means "the just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of income, race, color, national origin, Tribal affiliation, or disability, in agency decision-making and other Federal activities that affect human health and the environment so that people: 1) are fully protected from disproportionate and adverse human health and environmental effects and hazards; and 2) have equitable access to a healthy, sustainable, and

resilient environment in which to live, play, work, learn, grow, worship, and engage in cultural and subsistence practices".

Among other things, the order directs that National Environmental Policy Act reviews be carried out in a manner that analyzes the effects of federal actions on communities with environmental justice concerns. It also includes the creation of a new office of environmental justice within the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

House Republicans quickly hammered the proposal.

"Studies, scorecards and new offices filled with bureaucrats aren't going to do anything to improve the environment," said Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.), Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources. "The idea that creating a new office and launching new messaging campaigns will do anything other than waste tax dollars is laughable."

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orologist Chris Dolce explained. "Snowpack in the southern Sierra Nevada that feeds this particular lake basin was still 336% of average for this time of year as of April 28."

Weather Cycles "Scream" For More Water Storage

As highlighted at a recent Congressional field hearing in Fresno (see related story, Page 4), the cyclical nature of California's weather patterns emphasizes the need for water infrastructure improvements. Mike Wade, Executive Director of the California Farm Water Coalition, said the state has a chance to take better advantage of water supplies in wet years.

The extreme nature of shifts between wet and dry weather patterns highlights the importance of preparing for future water needs in California.

"There are wetter wet years and now we're hearing hotter dry cycles. What it screams for is more storage," Mr. Wade recently told *AgNet West*. "There's an opportunity that we're missing out on without the right infrastructure for surface storage and the right infrastructure to get water into the Valley, spread it out on open ground, on floodplains, and get it into the ground for the future. If this doesn't say, 'invest in storage,' I don't know what does."

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1. April 13, 2023 – Letter received from Santa Barbara County Fire Department regarding Fire Service requirements for APN 141-211-068
2. April 17, 2023 – District submittal of the 2022 Government Compensation Report to the State Controller’s Office
3. April 17, 2023 – Water Service Requirements Letter from District for APN 135-102-013
4. April 18, 2023 – Water Service Requirements Letter from District for APN 141-330-055
5. April 20, 2023 – Notice and Agenda received from Cachuma Operations & Maintenance Board for the April 24, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
6. April 24, 2023 – Notice and Agenda received from Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area April 27, 2023 Meeting
7. April 25, 2023 – Water Service Requirements Letter from District for APN 141-030-039
8. April 25, 2023 – Water Service Requirements Letter from District for APN 135-330-003
9. April 25, 2023 – Agenda and Board Packet received from the Central Coast Water Authority for the April 27, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
10. April 27, 2023 – Can and Will Serve Letter from District for APN 135-330-003
11. April 27, 2023 – Can and Will Serve Letter from District for APN 141-330-055
12. April 28, 2023 – District submittal of the 2023 Liability Program Renewal Questionnaire to ACWA Joint Powers Authority
13. May 1, 2023 – Letter received from Department of Finance, Office of the Director, regarding Price Factor and Population Information for fiscal year 2023-2024
14. May 1, 2023 – Notice and Agenda received from the Los Olivos Community Services District for the May 4, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting
15. May 5, 2023 – Letter from District to City of Solvang regarding DWR/CCWA – Solvang’s Fixed Assessment for FY 2023-2024
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17. May 7, 2023 – Notice and Agenda received from the Los Olivos Community Services District for the May 10, 2023 Budget Workshop
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19. May 9, 2023 – Notice and Agenda received from Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board for the May 12, 2023 Special Meeting