

NOTICE AND AGENDA

Special 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, February 22, 2022**

VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY - NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

Public Participation:

Video: <https://zoom.us/j/92900399487>

Meeting passcode: 180175

or

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 via video 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 **"February 22, 2022 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. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 813 – A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act in Accordance with AB 361**
5. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA**
6. **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.
7. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**
 - A. General Manager's Report
8. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022**
9. **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

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

A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel Policy
 - a) Resolution No. 814 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Amending the District's Personnel Policy Manual
2. Public Hearing: Consider Proposal to Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions Pursuant to U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Population Results
 - a) Presentation and Discussion Regarding Proposed Adjustment to Boundaries of Divisions within the District
 - b) Resolution No. 815 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Giving Notice of Its Intent to Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions
3. Financial Report on Administrative Matters
 - a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements - Revenues and Expenses
 - b) Approval of Accounts Payable
4. Consider Establishing Ad Hoc Committee - Los Olivos Community Services District

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

A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

1. Eastern Management Area Update

B. CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CONDITIONS

1. Update Regarding Statewide Drought Conditions

C. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

1. Update Regarding Updates to Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence

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

13. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS

14. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: Any member of the Board of Trustees may place an item on the meeting 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.

15. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **March 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

16. 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 convenes into closed session. Upon the conclusion of the closed session, the public participation teleconference access 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 INITIATION OF LITIGATION BY THE AGENCY
[Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 1 Case]

Public teleconference access to the meeting (Dial-In Number and Passcode above) will be reopened when the Board of Trustees concludes closed session.

17. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]
18. **ADJOURNMENT**

This Agenda was posted at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, California, and notice was delivered in accordance with Government Code Section 54950, 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 the 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. A person who has a question concerning any of the Agenda items may call the District's General Manager at (805) 688-6015. Written materials relating to an item on this Agenda that are distributed to the Board of Trustees within 72 hours (for Regular meetings) or 24 hours (for Special meetings) before it is to consider the item at its regularly or special scheduled meeting(s) will be made available for public inspection at 3622 Sagunto Street, during normal business hours. 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. If you challenge any of the Board's decisions related to the Agenda items above in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence to the Board prior to the public hearing. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to review Agenda materials or participate in this meeting, please contact the District Secretary at (805) 688-6015. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 813

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER THE RALPH M.
BROWN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 361**

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) is committed to promoting and preserving complete public access and participation in meetings of the District's Board of Trustees, as required and set forth by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) (Brown Act); and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act contains special provisions for remote teleconference participation in meetings when the Governor of the State of California has declared a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and either state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or where in-person meetings would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, which state of emergency has not been rescinded; the County Health Officer for the County of Santa Barbara has issued numerous Health Orders regarding health and safety requirements and protocols since the beginning of and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including recent Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1, effective February 16, 2022, which incorporates guidance issued on February 7, 2022 by the California Department of Public Health requiring unvaccinated persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requires universal masking in only specified settings, and recommends continued indoor masking when the risk of COVID-19 transmission is high; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021 the County Health Officer and County Public Health Director issued a Health Official AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation which states, among other things, that utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is an effective and recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage participants to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, and that such recommendation is further intended to satisfy the requirements of the Brown Act which allows local legislative bodies in the County of Santa Barbara to use certain available teleconferencing options set forth in the Brown Act, where such recommendation is also based in part on the increased case rate of the highly transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19 within the nation and the County; and

WHEREAS, the District finds that the current circumstances relating to COVID-19 and variants thereof are causing, and will continue to cause, risks to the health and safety of persons within the County, and therefore the District may conduct its meetings to allow remote teleconference participation in the manner authorized by AB 361, specifically including Government Code section 54953(e); and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the exemption set forth under Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of

the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) because remote teleconference meetings during a declared state of emergency do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. The District may conduct its meeting to allow remote teleconference participation in the manner authorized by AB 361, specifically including Government Code Section 54953(e).
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for up to thirty (30) days as provided in Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly qualified President and Secretary, respectively, 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 Special meeting held on February 22, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

ATTEST:

Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2022-10.1
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19
FACE COVERINGS
WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**Health Officer Order No. 2022-10 is rescinded by this
Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1**

Effective Date: February 16, 2022, 12:00 am PT

Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Health Officer Orders or guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the California Department of Public Health updated their Guidance for the Use of Face Masks to take effect on February 16, 2022, requiring unvaccinated persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requiring universal masking in only specified settings, and recommending continued indoor masking when the risk may be high (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>). Thus, the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer finds Health Officer Order 2022-10 ordering face coverings within Santa Barbara County is no longer necessary for the control of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara.

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:

1. Order 2022-10 is rescinded effective February 15, 2022 at 11:59 pm (PT). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482-CA; CDPH / Cal-OSHA Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments issued February 26, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-07-21 of June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 of June 11, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued July 26, 2021; the October 15, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Interim Public Health

Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; the January 12, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year; the January 13, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools; the January 21, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Your Guide to Masks; and the February 7, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.

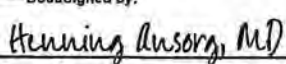
This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website (publichealthsb.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

DocuSigned by:

Henning Ansoerg, M.D.
Health Officer
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department



TOMÁS J. ARAGÓN, M.D., Dr.P.H.
State Public Health Officer & Director

State of California—Health and Human
Services Agency
**California Department of
Public Health**



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

February 7, 2022

TO: All Californians

SUBJECT: Guidance for the Use of Face Masks

Related Materials: [Face Coverings Q&A](#) | [Face Coverings Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) | [Face Mask Tips and Resources](#) | [Face Shields Q&A \(PDF\)](#) | [Safe Schools for All Hub](#) | [More Home & Community Guidance](#) | [All Guidance](#) | [More Languages](#)

Changes Taking Effect February 16, 2022:

- Universal masking shall remain required in only specified settings.
- Only unvaccinated persons are required to mask in all Indoor Public Settings. Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high.

Guidance For the Use of Masks

Background

COVID-19 cases and hospitalization are declining across the state. This is due in large part to the collective efforts of Californians to get vaccinated, get boosted, and wear masks.

A universal indoor masking requirement was reinstated on December 15, 2021, to add a layer of mitigation as the Omicron variant, a Variant of Concern as labeled by the World Health Organization, increased in prevalence across California, the United States, and the world and spread much more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and the Delta variant. Implementing the universal masking requirement in all indoor public settings during the winter season was an important tool to decrease community transmission during the highly infectious Omicron surge.

The current hospital census is still over capacity, but the dramatic surge in cases and hospitalizations due to the highly infectious Omicron variant over the last two months has declined significantly. Californians are also increasingly knowledgeable about how to protect themselves and their loved ones with effective masks when there may be risk of COVID-19 exposure. Accordingly, it is now appropriate for the universal indoor masking requirement to expire on February 15, 2022 as scheduled.

CoV-2 virus. Unvaccinated individuals are much more likely to become infected when compared to vaccinated and boosted individuals. Vaccination continues to remain the ultimate exit strategy out of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the percentage of Californians fully vaccinated and boosted continues to increase, we continue to have areas of the state where vaccine coverage is low, putting individuals and communities at greater risk for COVID-19.

A series of cross-sectional surveys in the U.S. suggested that a 10% increase in self-reported mask wearing tripled the likelihood of slowing community transmission.[1] Our recently published case-control study conducted in California from February 18 to December 1, 2021 demonstrated that consistently wearing a face mask or respirator in indoor public settings reduces the risk of acquiring SARS-CoV-2 infection. [2]

The masking requirement in California schools has allowed us to keep schools open when compared to other parts of the country. California accounts for roughly 12% of all U.S. students, but accounted for only 1% of COVID-19 related school closures during the Omicron surge. Nationally during the Delta surge in July and August 2021, jurisdictions without mask requirements in schools experienced larger increases in pediatric case rates, and school outbreaks were 3.5 times more likely in areas without school mask requirements.[3], [4].

Maintaining the masking requirements in other specified, high-risk settings continues to be consistent with CDC recommendations and allows us to protect our most vulnerable populations and the workforce that delivers critical services in these settings.

In workplaces, employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) or in some workplaces the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) (PDF) Standard and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.

Masking Requirements

Masks are **required for all individuals** in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

- On public transit[5] (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- **Indoors** in K-12 schools[6], childcare[7]
- Emergency[8] shelters and cooling and heating centers[9]
- Healthcare settings[10]
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers[11]
- Homeless shelters[12]
- Long Term Care Settings & Adult and Senior Care Facilities[13]

Additionally, masks **are required* for unvaccinated individuals** in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public). Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high. Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

See State Health Officer Order, issued on July 26, 2021, for a full list of high-risk congregate and other healthcare settings where surgical masks are required for unvaccinated workers, and recommendations for respirator use for unvaccinated workers in healthcare and long-term care facilities in situations or settings not covered by Cal OSHA ETS or ATD

individuals should refer to CDPH Get the Most out of Masking and see CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

*Guidance for Businesses, Venue Operators or Hosts

In settings where masks are required only for unvaccinated individuals, businesses, venue operators or hosts may choose to:

- Provide information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding vaccination requirements and allow vaccinated individuals to self-attest that they are in compliance prior to entry.
- Implement vaccine verification to determine whether individuals are required to wear a mask.
- Require all patrons to wear masks.

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

Exemptions to masks requirements

The following **individuals** are exempt from wearing masks at all times:

- Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

[1] Rader B, White LF, Burns MR, et al. Mask-wearing and control of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in the USA: a cross-sectional study. *The Lancet Digital Health*. 2021;3(3):e148–e157.

[2] Andrejko KL, Pry JM, Myers JF, et al. Effectiveness of Face Mask or Respirator Use in Indoor Public Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Infection — California, February–December 2021. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. ePub: 4 February 2022

[3] Jehn M, McCullough JM, Dale AP, Gue M, Eller B, Cullen T, Scott SE. Association between K–12 school mask policies and school-associated COVID-19 outbreaks — Maricopa and Pima Counties, Arizona, July–August 2021. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. 2021; 70(39);1372–1373.

[4] Budzyn SE, Panaggio MJ, Parks SE, Papazian M, Magid J, Eng M, Barrios LC. Pediatric COVID-19 cases in counties with and without school mask requirements — United States, July 1–September 4, 2021. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. 2021; 70(39);1377–1378.

[5] CDC Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs

[6] CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools

[7] CDC COVID-19 Guidance for Operating Early Care and Education/Child Care Programs

[9] CDC COVID-19 and Cooling Centers

[10] CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

[11] CDC Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Correctional and Detention Facilities

[12] CDC Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

[13] CDC Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities

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PRESS RELEASE FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY TO RESCIND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REQUIRING INDOOR MASKING BY FEBRUARY 16, 2022

State Health Officer Order for Indoor Masking Also Set to Expire

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department will rescind Health Officer Order No. 2022 – 10 effective Wednesday, February 16, 2022, in alignment with the State's Health Officer Order. Local guidance will defer to State guidance for use of face coverings. Universal masking will remain required in specified settings including, but not limited to, public transit, indoors in K-12 schools, childcare, shelters, healthcare settings, correctional facilities, and other care facilities. Only unvaccinated persons will be required to mask in all indoor public settings. Fully vaccinated individuals will be recommended to continue masking in public indoor settings. For full guidelines, visit the [California Department of Public Health's Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#).

In closely analyzing recent data trends, along with the characteristics of the Omicron variant circulating, County Public Health officials have determined that aligning with the State on universal indoor masking is appropriate. While the Omicron variant has proved to be more transmissible than previous variants, it has also resulted in shorter periods of illness, fewer hospitalizations, and a lower death count for fully vaccinated community members.

“Our community has endured through 23 months of the COVID-19 pandemic and we have learned how best to protect ourselves,” shared County Public Health Director Van Do-Reynoso. “Vaccination, including receiving a booster, and testing will continue to diminish the spread of this virus, especially as we continue to move past the surge caused by the Omicron variant.”

Although masking requirements for indoor public settings are being rescinded, community members are highly encouraged to consider their personal risk in the months ahead as the virus continues to circulate, even at lower levels. A layered approach to protecting yourself and others is best. Consider masking in crowded areas where vaccination status is unknown. If you are sick, stay home for the duration of your illness and get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms. If you are immunocompromised or care for someone that is, weigh your risk in attending large gatherings. Ensure indoor gatherings are well ventilated. Stay informed of case rates as you travel to other areas and take appropriate measures.

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"We are calling upon our community to act in the best interest of themselves and their neighbors," said Dr. Henning Ansorg, County Health Officer. "We are now on the downslope of the recent surge as evidenced by our lowering case rate and test positivity along with stable hospitalizations. We have considered how the dominant variant circulates and what effects it has, and have determined we are in a place to be able to lift the universal indoor masking requirement."

The risk for severe illness remains high among those that are unvaccinated in our community. From available local data, persons who are unvaccinated are 5.7 times more likely to contract COVID-19, 3.4 times more likely to be hospitalized for severe illness, and 8.1 times more likely to die than persons that are up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Opportunities for first, second, and booster doses remain broadly available countywide. Visit <https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine/> to find a location near you today.

Business owners and local employers should continue referencing [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#) for their industry.

For more information about the COVID-19 response in Santa Barbara county, including testing sites, isolation and quarantine guidance, and data, visit <https://publichealthsb.org>.

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Stay Connected:

County Public Health: www.PublicHealthSBC.org, [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

County of Santa Barbara: www.CountyofSB.org, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

2-1-1 Call Center: Dial 211 if calling from within the county; or call (800) 400-1572 if calling from outside the area.

Community Wellness Team Information and Referral Line: (805) 364-2750

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2022-10
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19
FACE COVERINGS
WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

Health Officer Order No. 2022-10 Supersedes and Replaces Health Officer Order No. 2021-10.8

Effective Date: February 1, 2022, 5:00pm PT

(Changes are underlined.)

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both, or result in administrative fines. (Health and Safety Code §§ 101029, 120295 et seq.; County Ord. No. 5120.) Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including fines or civil penalties per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.

This Health Officer Order No. 2022-10 supersedes and replaces Health Officer Order No. 2021-10.8 that was effective January 1, 2022. Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Health Officer Orders or guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

Summary: As of January 25, 2022, the community transmission level of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County remains categorized as "High" based on the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Indicators. The significantly more transmissible SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variant of COVID-19 is the predominant strain in Santa Barbara County. To control the spread of COVID-19, this Health Officer Order orders all individuals in the County of Santa Barbara – whether vaccinated or unvaccinated – to wear a Face Covering at all times in all Indoor Public Settings, and while inside any Business, with limited exemptions, and recommends that Businesses make face coverings available to individuals entering the Business.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 12, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Santa Barbara ("County") as well as throughout California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the lack of healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation are taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to "flatten the curve"

of infection and reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

WHEREAS, the CDC categorizes COVID-19 community transmission in four categories: Low, Moderate, Substantial, and High; and

WHEREAS, per the CDC “for people infected with the Delta variant, similar amounts of viral genetic material have been found among both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people”; and

WHEREAS, since April 2021, the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, and since December 2021, the Omicron variant have been circulating in the County. These variants are highly transmissible in indoor settings and requires multicomponent prevention strategies to reduce spread. Despite high vaccination rates, the County is experiencing substantial levels of community transmission due to these variants. While the risk for COVID-19 infection is highest among unvaccinated persons, the incidence of infection among fully vaccinated persons may also occur. Hospitalizations remain elevated from levels prior to the implementation of this Order, primarily among unvaccinated persons; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States are highly safe and effective. These vaccines provide protection to individuals and communities, particularly against severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalization, and death, and are recommended by the CDC for all populations authorized to receive them by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Health Officer strongly recommends that all eligible persons in the County be vaccinated. Vaccines are available for all persons over 5 years of age. Information on obtaining a COVID19 vaccine in the County of Santa Barbara is available here: <https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine>; and

WHEREAS, since July 19, 2021, the Health Officer has recommended that fully vaccinated persons wear face coverings in public indoor settings, considering the apparent increased transmissibility of the Delta variant; and

WHEREAS, since July 28, 2021 the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has required face coverings in specific indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, as of December 13, 2021 and updated January 5, 2022, the CDPH requires face coverings in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status, for the period of December 15, 2021 through February 15, 2022 (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>); and

WHEREAS, as of November 24, 2021 and updated January 12, 2022, the CDPH updated its COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, requiring face coverings for indoor School-Based Extracurricular Activities and recommending weekly testing for activities when masks (Face Coverings) or “bell covers” are not practicable (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>); and

WHEREAS, as of August 4, 2021 and updated January 13, 2022, the CDC recommends "universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status." (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>); and

WHEREAS, as of August 13, 2021 and updated January 21, 2022, the CDC recommends those aged 2 or older in areas of substantial or high community transmission should (1) wear a face covering in indoor public places; and (2) consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings, and for activities with close contact with others when "not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines or live with someone who is not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines" (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>); and

WHEREAS, as of December 4, 2021, according to the CDC, COVID-19 community transmission level is categorized as "High" in California and Santa Barbara County. As of January 21, 2022, the County has a case rate of 180.37 per 100,000 and a test positivity of 17.4%; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and the CDPH find the use of face coverings may reduce asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 and reinforce physical distancing, and that wearing a face covering combined with physical distancing of at least six feet, and frequent hand washing, will lessen the risk of COVID-19 transmission by limiting the spread of respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, universal indoor use of face coverings, also known as masking, is the least disruptive and most immediately impactful additional measure to take to limit the spread of COVID-19. This Order is part of a strategy to support the continued operations of Businesses, activities, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer finds (1) a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 are asymptomatic and can transmit the virus to others; (2) those who may develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms; (3) the incidence of infection among fully vaccinated persons continues to occur; (4) scientific evidence shows COVID-19 is easily spread and public activities can result in transmission of the virus; (5) face coverings are necessary because COVID-19 is highly contagious and is spread through respiratory droplets that are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets may land on other people or be inhaled into their lungs, may land on and attach to surfaces where they remain for days, and may remain viable in the air for up to three hours, even after the infected person is no longer present; (6) indoor School-Based Extracurricular Activities lead to increased exhalation and respiratory droplet production; (7) Face Coverings cannot be practicably worn during some indoor School-Based Extracurricular Activities; (8) when worn properly, face coverings have the potential to slow the spread of the virus by limiting the spread of respiratory droplets; and (9) distinctions made in this Order are to minimize the spread of COVID-19 that could occur through proximity and duration of contact between individuals; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to temporarily require the use of Face Coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County to the maximum extent possible. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:

1. This Order 2022-10 is effective 5:00 p.m. (PT) February 1, 2022 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PT), on March 3, 2022 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer ("Health Officer"). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").
2. This Order orders that in the County Face Coverings must be worn over the mouth and nose – regardless of vaccination status – in all Indoor Public Settings, and while inside any Business, as defined below, including but not limited to: offices, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters, family entertainment centers, conference and event centers, State and local government offices serving the public, educational entities, and schools K-12.
3. Individuals, Businesses, venue operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of Indoor Public Settings must:
 - a. Require all individuals to wear Face Coverings regardless of vaccination status while indoors; and
 - b. Post clearly visible and easy-to-read signage at all entry points to communicate the Face Covering requirements.
4. Exemptions. Individuals are not required to wear Face Coverings in the following circumstances:
 - a. While working alone in a closed office or room;
 - b. While actively eating and/or drinking;
 - c. While swimming or showering;
 - d. While obtaining a medical or cosmetic service involving the head or face for which temporary removal of the Face Covering is necessary to perform the service;
 - e. Performers at indoor live events such as theater, opera, symphony, religious choirs, and professional sports may remove Face Coverings while actively performing or practicing, though such individuals should maximize physical distancing as much as practicable. These individuals shall undergo COVID-19 testing either once weekly with an FDA-approved PCR testing, or twice weekly with an FDA-approved antigen testing. Face Coverings are required at all other times not actively performing or practicing;
 - f. Individuals in indoor religious or cultural gatherings may remove Face Coverings when necessary to participate in religious or cultural rituals;
 - g. Individuals actively engaged in water-based sports (e.g., swimming, swim lessons, diving, water polo) and other sports where masks create imminent

- risk to health (e.g., wrestling, judo). These individuals shall undergo COVID-19 testing either once weekly with an FDA-approved PCR testing, or twice weekly with an FDA-approved antigen testing. Face Coverings are required at all other times not in the water or actively engaged in the sport. All other indoor recreational sports, gyms, and yoga studios shall comply with this Order;
- h. Students actively participating in School-Based Extracurricular Activities (as defined below), when practicing, conditioning, or competing in indoor sports or exercise, where due to heavy exertion, Face Coverings are not practicable, so long as those participating students undergo COVID-19 testing either once weekly with an FDA-approved PCR testing, or twice weekly with an FDA-approved antigen testing. Face Coverings are required at all other times including when not actively practicing, conditioning, competing, or on the sidelines, in team meetings, within locker rooms, or in weight rooms;
 - i. Students actively participating in School-Based Extracurricular Activities (as defined below), using instruments indoors that cannot be played with a Face Coverings (e.g., wind instruments) may perform without a Face Covering if bell coverings are used AND a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing is maintained between participants. If bell covers are not used, then participating students shall undergo COVID-19 testing either once weekly with an FDA-approved PCR testing, or twice weekly with an FDA-approved antigen testing. Face Coverings are required at all other times when not actively practicing or performing;
 - j. Persons younger than two years old must not wear a Face Covering because of the risk of suffocation;
 - k. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a Face Covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a Face Covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a Face Covering without assistance;
 - l. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication; and
 - m. Persons for whom wearing a Face Covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
5. Persons exempted from wearing a Face Covering due to a medical condition, mental health condition, disability, or who are hearing impaired or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge.
 6. Workplaces subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) and/or the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standards should consult the applicable regulations for additional requirements. The ETS allows local health jurisdictions to mandate more protective measures. (8 CCR § 3205(a)(2).) This Order, which requires Face Coverings for all individuals in Indoor Public Settings, and while inside any Business, regardless of vaccination status, takes precedence over

the more permissive ETS regarding employee face coverings.

7. "Business" or "Businesses" for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean any institution, establishment, public or private agency, for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether an organization, corporate entity, partnership, or sole proprietorship. Business does not include a place when used exclusively by one or more individuals for a private gathering or other personal purpose.
8. "Face Covering" means a covering made of a variety of materials such as cloth, fabric, cotton, silk, linen, or other permeable materials, that fully covers the tip of a person's nose and mouth, without holes, including cloth face masks, surgical masks, towels, scarves, and/or bandanas. This Order does not require the public to wear medical-grade masks, including masks rated N95, KN95, and their equivalent or better.

A face covering with a one-way valve (typically a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that provides a preferential path of escape for exhaled breath shall not be used as a face covering under this Order because the valve permits respiratory droplets to easily escape which places others at risk.

9. "Indoor Public Setting" or "Indoor Public Settings" for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean an enclosed area whether privately or publicly owned, to which the public have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, whether by payment of money or not, but not a place when used exclusively by one or more individuals for a private gathering or other personal purpose.
10. "School-Based Extracurricular Activities" for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean all extracurricular activities that are operated or supervised by public or private schools K-12 and involve singing, shouting, band, or exercise at a school site, whether or not the activity occurs during school hours.
11. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the January 5, 2022 Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings issued by the CDPH (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>) as may be amended from time to time, continues to apply throughout the County of Santa Barbara.
12. The Health Officer strongly encourages that individuals, Businesses, venue operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of Indoor Public Settings to provide Face Coverings at no cost to individuals required to wear them.
13. If you cannot afford a face covering one will be provided to you free-of-charge at the following locations:
 - a. Santa Barbara County Administration building lobby, 105 E Anapamu St, Santa Barbara
 - b. Santa Barbara Health Care Center, 345 Camino del Remedio, Santa Barbara
 - c. Santa Maria Health Care Center, 2115 Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria
 - d. The Health Officer requests cities within the County of Santa Barbara provide

face coverings free-of-charge to those cannot afford them.

This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 which has infected at least 360,752,614 individuals worldwide, in 223 countries and territories, including 74,373 cases, and 590 deaths in the County, and is implicated in over 5,638,199 worldwide deaths.

This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the County and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

This Order is issued because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases, the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.

This Order may be rescinded when the County's Case Rate per 100,000 in population is 7 or less for 21 consecutive days, and hospitalizations are low and stable (20% or more staffed ICU beds are available) for 3 consecutive days.

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482-CA; CDPH / Cal-OSHA Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments issued February 26, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-07-21 of June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 of June 11, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued July 26, 2021; the July 28, 2021 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings; the October 15, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; the January 5, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings; the January 12, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year; the January 13, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools; and the January 21, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Your Guide to Masks.

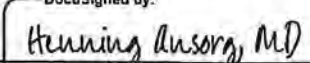
This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website (publichealthsb.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

DocuSigned by:


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Henning Ansgor, M.D.

Health Officer

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
JANUARY 18, 2022 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, January 18, 2022 via video/teleconference.

Trustees Present: Jeff Clay Michael Burchardi
 Brad Joos Lori Parker
 Jeff Holzer

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Paeter Garcia Mary Martone
 Gary Kvistad Eric Tambini
 Karen King Austin McCollum

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., he stated this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported that all Trustees were present.

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 of 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. The affidavit was filed as evidence of the posting of the Agenda items contained therein.

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 812: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act in Accordance with AB 361.

Mr. Garcia presented Resolution No. 812 and explained that pursuant to recent amendments to the Brown Act (Assembly Bill 361), public agencies are authorized to conduct remote meetings via video/teleconference during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided certain conditions exist and findings are made. He stated that in order for the Board to continue to meet under the provisions of AB 361, either remotely or under a hybrid approach of remote and in person attendance, the Board is required to review and reconsider its determinations at least every 30 days. Mr. Garcia reported that because the State of California remains under a declared state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic and based on Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order 2021-10.8, approval of Resolution No. 812 would allow the Board to hold meetings under the provisions of AB 361.

No public comment was provided.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Clay, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution No. 812, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District,

1 Improvement No.1. Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown
2 Act in Accordance with AB 361.
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4 The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 5-0-0 roll call vote:
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6 AYES, Trustees: Michael Burchardi
7 Jeff Clay
8 Jeff Holzer
9 Brad Joos
10 Lori Parker
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12 NOES, Trustees: None

13 ABSTAIN, Trustees: None

14 ABSENT, Trustees: None
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16 5. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:

17 There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.
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19 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

20 President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating remotely and offered time
21 for members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the Agenda. There
22 was no public comment. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the
23 District for the meeting.
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25 7. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE:

26 A. General Manager's Report

27 Mr. Garcia reported on the current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the
28 District's actions. He reported that the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
29 issued Health Officer Order No. 2021.10.8 effective 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2022 through
30 February 1, 2022 and the State of California Department of Public Health issued a similar
31 announcement effective December 15, 2021 through February 15, 2022 extending the
32 requirement for the use of face coverings indoors, regardless of vaccination statues, or until
33 the Order is extended, rescinded, or superseded. Mr. Garcia also indicated that the Santa
34 Barbara County Public Health Department issued a press release on January 3, 2022
35 regarding changes to the COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance to align with the
36 California Department of Public Health's new guidance. Mr. Garcia reported that the
37 District continues to maintain its COVID-19 protocols for all employees, Trustees, and
38 customers in accordance with local and state health orders.
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40 8. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2021:

41 The Regular Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2021 were presented for consideration.
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43 President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of
44 December 21, 2021 as presented. No changes or additions were requested.
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46 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call
47 vote to approve the December 21, 2021 Minutes as presented.
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49 9. CONSENT AGENDA:

50 The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board packet.
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52 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of January.

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2 It was MOVED by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call
3 vote to approve the Consent Agenda.
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5 **10. MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING**
6 **SUBJECTS:**

7 **A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

8 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

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

10 Ms. Martone announced that the Financial Statements were emailed to Board
11 members this afternoon and posted on the District’s website in the Board packet
12 materials for any members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.
13

14 Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of
15 January. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense
16 transactions that occurred during the month. Ms. Martone reported that the District
17 revenues exceeded expenses by \$580,527.53 and the year-to-date net income is
18 \$2,058,407.48.
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20 b) Approval of Accounts Payable

21 Ms. Martone announced that the Warrant List was emailed to the Board members
22 this afternoon and posted on the District’s website in the Board packet materials for
23 any members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.
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25 The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 24255 through 24299
26 in the amount of \$582,844.12
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28 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Clay, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll
29 call vote to approve the Warrant List for December 22, 2021 through January 18, 2022.
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31 c) Six-Month FY 2021-2022 Budget Update

32 The Board packet included the six-month FY 2021-2022 budget report.
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34 Ms. Martone reviewed the six-month budget update. She highlighted each budget
35 category and explained that the budget balance reflected revenues exceeding expenses
36 by \$1,736,405.01 six-months into the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Ms. Martone explained that
37 water sales were up due to typical high usage months which occur during the first
38 half of the fiscal year. She indicated that water sales are anticipated to decline over
39 the remaining six months of the fiscal year. Ms. Martone emphasized that the second
40 half of the fiscal year will likely reflect increased expenses related to continued
41 implementation of the budgeted Capital Improvement Projects program. She noted
42 that the overall revenue outlook remains stable at this point in the fiscal year.
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44 d) Quarterly Balance Sheet inclusive of Reserve Accounts – December 31, 2021

45 The Board packet included the Quarterly Balance Sheet inclusive of the Reserve
46 Accounts as of December 31, 2021.
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48 Ms. Martone presented the December 31, 2021 Quarterly Balance Sheet and Reserve
49 Balance summaries. She explained the detail within each line-item, the allocation of
50 reserves, reserve fund activity during the quarter, the bottom-line net position, and
51 the District’s reserve balances. Ms. Martone reported the District’s assets and
52 liabilities balance at \$41,077,511.12 and that the Board-restricted reserve balance was

1 \$11,878,179.92 on December 31, 2021. She explained that the Board-restricted reserve
2 balance will be reduced by approximately \$1,960,529 at June 30, 2022 when the
3 District pays its annual State Water Project and Series 2004A Bond payments.
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5 Ms. Martone reported that in November the Board approved and accepted the FY
6 2020/2021 Financial Statements which reflected a revenue balance of \$3,072,206.00.
7 She explained that management has reviewed the District's unrestricted fund
8 balance on December 31, 2021 and recommended that the Board consider
9 transferring the \$3,072,206 to be split equally at \$1,536,103 between the Repair and
10 Replace and the Plant Expansion Board reserved funds.
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12 After a brief discussion, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Clay, seconded by Trustee
13 Burchardi, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call vote to authorize the transfer of \$3,072,206
14 of unrestricted cash, to be split equally at \$1,536,103 and added to the Repair and
15 Replace and Plant Expansion Board-restricted reserve accounts.
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17 **11. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
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19 **A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:**

20 1. Eastern Management Area Update

21 Mr. Garcia reported on the topics discussed at the January 6, 2022 Special Meeting of the
22 Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA). He
23 reported that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Eastern Management
24 Area was unanimously approved at the meeting, and that the GSP will be submitted to
25 the Department of Water Resources (DWR) before the January 31, 2022 deadline. Mr.
26 Garcia explained that DWR has two years to evaluate the GSP and provide feedback to
27 the EMA GSA. He reported that the next major step in the SGMA process is for the local
28 agencies and stakeholders in the EMA and throughout the basin to decide on what form
29 of governance will be set up to implement the GSPs and carry out the measures and
30 requirements for sustainable groundwater management, including the need to levy fees
31 and charges. Mr. Garcia stated this will likely require the formation of one or more new
32 joint powers authorities. He expressed his appreciation to the GSA elected officials, staff
33 of the participating agencies, consultants, and stakeholders in the basin for their efforts
34 to get the GSP prepared, adopted, and submitted to DWR. Trustee Joos provided
35 comments on the adoption of the GSP and complimented all those involved in the SGMA
36 process.
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38 **B. CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CONDITIONS:**

39 1. Update Regarding Statewide Drought Conditions

40 The Board packet included Department of Water Resources Current Reservoir Conditions
41 report for November 11, 2021 and January 11, 2022.
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43 Mr. Garcia discussed the conditions of the major reservoirs within California as published
44 by the Department of Water Resources. He stated that the recent storms in December
45 brought noticeable inflow to the reservoirs, although not enough to bring the state out of
46 the current statewide drought emergency.
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48 2. Emergency Regulation Issued by the State Water Resources Control Board

49 The Board packet included a January 4, 2022 State Water Board Media Release titled "State
50 Water Board Adopts Emergency Water Use Regulations to Boost Drought Resilience"
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1 Mr. Garcia reviewed a media release regarding the State Water Resource Control Board's
2 adoption of emergency water use regulations aimed at boosting drought resiliency. He
3 reported that the regulations prohibit certain wasteful water use practices statewide and
4 encourages Californians to monitor their water use more closely while building habits to
5 use water wisely. The prohibitions apply to specific uses and apply to all water users,
6 including individuals, business, and public agencies, and can be enforced through
7 warning letters, water audits or fines. Mr. Garcia reported that the State Board regulations
8 are very similar to and consistent with the District's current "Water Supply Alert" stage
9 of water conservation which includes standard prohibitions and restrictions that have
10 remained in place since 2017.

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12 **12. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS,**
13 **ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR**
14 **COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:**

15 The Board packet included the January 2022 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing and Los
16 Olivos Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for January 12, 2022.

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18 **13. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS:**

19 The Correspondence list was received by the Board.

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21 **14. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

22 Trustee Burchardi requested that the Board consider establishing an ad hoc committee for the
23 Los Olivos Community Services District wastewater treatment system.

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25 **15. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

26 President Clay stated the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
27 February 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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29 **16. CLOSED SESSION:**

30 The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:00 p.m.

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32 **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION:**

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

- 34 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources
35 Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of
36 Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests
- 37
38 2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood
39 Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court
40 Case No. 21CV02432

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42 **17. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**

43 [Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]

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45 The public participation phone line was re-opened, and the Board reconvened to Open Session
46 at approximately 5:45 p.m.

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48 Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in Closed Session concerning Agenda Items 16.A.1 and
49 16.A.2. and that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.
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18. ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 voice vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



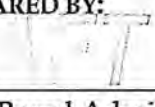
Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board

ATTEST:



Jeff Clay, President

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Karen King, Board Administrative Assistant

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
February 22, 2022**

Consent Agenda Report

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report. Total water production in **January 2022 (113 AF)** was lower than water production in December 2021 (143 AF), only slightly lower than the most recent 3-year running average (2019-2021) for the month of **January (122 AF)**, and noticeably lower than the most recent 10-year running average (2012-2021) for the month of **January (156 AF)**. As previously reported, these numbers reflect the fact that in recent years the District's overall demands have been trending substantially below historic levels for domestic, rural residential, and agricultural water deliveries due to water conservation, changing water use patterns, private well installations, and weather conditions.

For the month of **January**, approximately **30 AF** was produced from the Santa Ynez Upland wells, and approximately **83 AF** was produced from the 6.0 cfs Santa Ynez River well field. As reflected in the Monthly Water Deliveries Report from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), the District did not request or take delivery of any SWP supplies for the month. Direct diversions to the County Park and USBR were **0.71 AF**.

The USBR Daily Operations Report for Lake Cachuma in **January** (ending January 31, 2022) recorded the end of month lake elevation at **712.10'** with the end of month storage of **93,101 AF**. USBR recorded total precipitation at the lake of **0.44 inches in January**. For the month, reservoir storage was supplemented with **413.6 AF** of SWP deliveries for South Coast entities. Reservoir evaporation in **January** was **185.4 AF**.

Based on the maximum storage of 193,305 AF, Cachuma reservoir currently (as of **February 14, 2022**) is at approximately **47.3%** of capacity, with current storage of **91,331 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), the Cachuma Member Units jointly requested an allocation of approximately 83% of the Project's annual operational yield of 25,714 AF. By letter dated September 24, 2021, USBR issued a 70% allocation decision for WY 2021-2022, which equates to 18,000. ID No.1's 10.31% share of this allocation amounts to 1,855 AF (current water year balance is 1,727 AF). In addition to its 2021-2022 allocation, ID No.1 currently holds approximately 2,315 AF of previous years carryover water in the reservoir, subject to evaporation.**

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*

For the month of January, water releases for fish were approximately 80.1 AF to Hilton Creek and approximately 340 AF to the outlet works for a total of 420.1 AF. As of the end of January 2022, a total of approximately 44,639.8 AF of Cachuma Project water has been released under regulatory requirements for the protection of fish and fish habitat below Bradbury Dam since the year after the last spill in 2011.

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

As previously reported, on December 1, 2021, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued an Initial 2022 SWP Table A allocation stating that DWR would be allocating 2022 SWP available supplies on a basis that ensures the SWP Contractors can meet their outstanding minimum human health and safety demands for water. According to DWR, that initial “Health and Safety” allocation was to be based on minimum unmet water demands for domestic supply, fire protection, and sanitation needs during the year, which the SWRCB has established as not more than 55 gallons per capita per day. Because no CCWA agencies identified unmet health and safety demands, DWR’s December 2021 Notice translated to an Initial 0% Table A allocation for CCWA and its participants. On January 20, 2022, DWR issued a Notice to SWP Contractors that the 2022 SWP Table A allocation is being increased to 15 Percent. This increased allocation translates to 105 AF for ID No.1’s share of Table A supplies through CCWA.

As reflected in the attached materials, the CCWA Board of Directors met on January 27, 2022 to address a variety of matters relating to the SWP, including but not limited to: SWP supplies and ongoing drought conditions; SWP operations; coastal branch water management strategies; preparation of the CCWA fiscal year 2022-2023 budget; renewal of the CCWA Warren Act Contract for Cachuma reservoir; and pending litigation against the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The next meeting of the CCWA Board of Directors is scheduled for February 24, 2022.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION-CACHUMA PROJECT-CALIFORNIA

JANUARY 2022

LAKE CACHUMA DAILY OPERATIONS

RUN DATE: February 2, 2022

| DAY | ELEV | STORAGE | | COMPUTED* INFLOW AF. | CCWA INFLOW AF. | PRECIP ON RES. SURF. AF. | RELEASE - AF. | | | | EVAP | | PRECIP INCHES |
|-------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | IN LAKE | CHANGE | | | | TUNNEL | HILTON CREEK | OUTLET | SPILLWAY | AF. | INCH | |
| 1 | 712.23 | 93,345 | | 46.2 | 0.0 | .0 | 14.2 | 2.7 | 11.0 | .0 | 18.3 | .180 | .00 |
| 2 | 712.24 | 93,364 | +19 | 37.6 | 13.2 | .0 | 14.1 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 4.1 | .040 | .00 |
| 3 | 712.26 | 93,402 | +38 | 57.4 | 13.3 | .0 | 13.9 | 2.7 | 11.0 | .0 | 5.1 | .050 | .00 |
| 4 | 712.26 | 93,402 | +0 | 17.0 | 13.2 | .0 | 14.5 | 2.7 | 11.0 | .0 | 2.0 | .020 | .00 |
| 5 | 712.27 | 93,420 | +18 | 37.5 | 12.9 | .0 | 14.7 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 4.1 | .040 | .00 |
| 6 | 712.28 | 93,439 | +19 | 36.1 | 13.2 | .0 | 13.6 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 3.1 | .030 | .00 |
| 7 | 712.29 | 93,458 | +19 | 37.1 | 12.9 | 3.1 | 14.3 | 2.7 | 11.0 | .0 | 6.1 | .060 | .02 |
| 8 | 712.27 | 93,420 | -38 | -9.6 | 13.2 | 1.6 | 25.5 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 4.1 | .040 | .01 |
| 9 | 712.26 | 93,402 | -18 | 19.7 | 13.2 | .0 | 29.1 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 8.2 | .080 | .00 |
| 10 | 712.26 | 93,402 | +0 | 29.0 | 13.3 | .0 | 22.5 | 2.7 | 11.0 | .0 | 6.1 | .060 | .00 |
| 11 | 712.27 | 93,420 | +18 | 42.4 | 13.2 | .0 | 19.9 | 2.6 | 10.0 | .0 | 5.1 | .050 | .00 |
| 12 | 712.26 | 93,402 | -18 | 10.1 | 13.2 | .0 | 19.6 | 2.6 | 12.0 | .0 | 7.1 | .070 | .00 |
| 13 | 712.26 | 93,402 | +0 | 24.3 | 13.2 | .0 | 19.8 | 2.6 | 10.0 | .0 | 5.1 | .050 | .00 |
| 14 | 712.26 | 93,402 | +0 | 24.3 | 13.2 | .0 | 19.9 | 2.5 | 11.0 | .0 | 4.1 | .040 | .00 |
| 15 | 712.24 | 93,364 | -38 | -12.6 | 13.2 | .0 | 19.9 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 5.1 | .050 | .00 |
| 16 | 712.25 | 93,383 | +19 | 40.3 | 13.2 | 1.6 | 19.4 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 3.1 | .030 | .01 |
| 17 | 712.25 | 93,383 | +0 | 22.4 | 13.2 | .0 | 20.0 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 2.0 | .020 | .00 |
| 18 | 712.27 | 93,420 | +37 | -5.4 | 13.2 | 62.8 | 20.1 | 2.5 | 11.0 | .0 | .0 | .000 | .40 |
| 19 | 712.27 | 93,420 | +0 | 26.9 | 13.2 | .0 | 19.4 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 7.1 | .070 | .00 |
| 20 | 712.26 | 93,402 | -18 | 13.8 | 12.9 | .0 | 25.0 | 2.6 | 12.0 | .0 | 5.1 | .050 | .00 |
| 21 | 712.25 | 93,383 | -19 | 14.3 | 13.3 | .0 | 27.0 | 2.5 | 10.0 | .0 | 7.1 | .070 | .00 |
| 22 | 712.23 | 93,345 | -38 | -4.6 | 13.3 | .0 | 27.0 | 2.6 | 11.0 | .0 | 6.1 | .060 | .00 |
| 23 | 712.22 | 93,326 | -19 | 18.7 | 13.3 | .0 | 27.3 | 2.5 | 12.0 | .0 | 9.2 | .090 | .00 |
| 24 | 712.22 | 93,326 | +0 | 33.6 | 13.2 | .0 | 27.2 | 2.5 | 11.0 | .0 | 6.1 | .060 | .00 |
| 25 | 712.20 | 93,289 | -37 | 3.0 | 13.3 | .0 | 33.7 | 2.5 | 10.0 | .0 | 7.1 | .070 | .00 |
| 26 | 712.18 | 93,251 | -38 | 4.7 | 12.9 | .0 | 38.0 | 2.5 | 11.0 | .0 | 4.1 | .040 | .00 |
| 27 | 712.16 | 93,214 | -37 | 9.4 | 13.3 | .0 | 38.1 | 2.5 | 11.0 | .0 | 8.1 | .080 | .00 |
| 28 | 712.15 | 93,195 | -19 | 27.2 | 13.3 | .0 | 37.9 | 2.5 | 11.0 | .0 | 8.1 | .080 | .00 |
| 29 | 712.13 | 93,157 | -38 | 3.6 | 19.2 | .0 | 38.1 | 2.5 | 11.0 | .0 | 9.2 | .090 | .00 |
| 30 | 712.12 | 93,138 | -19 | 23.1 | 19.2 | .0 | 37.5 | 2.6 | 12.0 | .0 | 9.2 | .090 | .00 |
| 31 | 712.10 | 93,101 | -37 | -0.4 | 19.2 | .0 | 37.1 | 2.6 | 10.0 | .0 | 6.1 | .060 | .00 |
| TOTAL (AF) | | | -244 | 627.1 | 413.6 | 69.1 | 748.3 | 80.1 | 340.0 | .0 | 185.4 | 1.820 | .44 |
| (AVG) | | 93,348 | | | | | | | | | | | |

COMMENTS:

* COMPUTED INFLOW IS THE SUM OF CHANGE IN STORAGE, RELEASES, AND EVAPORATION MINUS PRECIP ON THE RESERVOIR SURFACE AND CCWA INFLOW.

DATA BASED ON 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800.

INDICATED OUTLETS RELEASE INCLUDE ANY LEAKAGE AROUND GATES.



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: 2/14/2022

Water Year: 2022

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 | 0.00 | 7.35 | 71% | 44% | |
| Cachuma Dam (USBR) | 332 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.47 | 86% | 53% | |
| Carpinteria (Fire Stn) | 208 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.37 | 78% | 48% | |
| Cuyama (Fire Stn) | 436 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.45 | 74% | 45% | |
| Figueroa Mtn. (USFS Stn) | 421 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.90 | 84% | 51% | 7.4 |
| Gibraltar Dam (City Facility) | 230 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15.33 | 94% | 58% | 6.3 |
| Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros) | 440 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.28 | 89% | 56% | |
| Lompoc (City Hall) | 439 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.16 | 91% | 56% | 7.5 |
| Los Alamos (Fire Stn) | 204 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7.13 | 77% | 47% | |
| San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn) | 212 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 23.82 | 112% | 70% | |
| Santa Barbara (County Bldg) | 234 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.28 | 98% | 61% | |
| Santa Maria (City Pub.Works) | 380 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.56 | 79% | 49% | |
| Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport) | 218 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.42 | 87% | 53% | |
| Sisquoc (Fire Stn) | 256 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.44 | 70% | 43% | |

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

85%

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

52%

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2022 (End of WY2022).

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 is based on Dec 2013 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 | 1,390.14 | 4,693 | 2,680 | 57.1% | 166 | 2,406 |
| <u>Cachuma Reservoir</u> | 753.** | 711.71 | 192,978 | 91,331 | 47.3% | -1,752 | -7,939 |
| <u>Jameson Reservoir</u> | 2,224.00 | 2,210.42 | 4,848 | 3,305 | 68.2% | 16 | 220 |
| <u>Twitchell Reservoir</u> | 651.50 | NA | 194,971 | NA | | NA | NA |

[Previous Rainfall and Reservoir Summaries](#)

CIMIS Daily Report

Rendered in ENGLISH Units.

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Monday, January 31, 2022

Printed on Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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) |
|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1/1/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 291 | 7.2 | 59.7 | 30.1 | 43.5 | 100 | 48 | 74 | 35.9 | 2.5 | 60.4 | 54.2 |
| 1/2/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 292 | 6.4 | 63.8 | 28.7 | 42.1 | 100 | 28 | 71 | 33.2 | 2.0 | 49.1 | 53.7 |
| 1/3/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 289 | 7.9 | 60.3 | 27.1 | 42.2 | 100 | 50 | 86 | 38.4 | 2.5 | 59.0 | 53.1 |
| 1/4/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 282 | 9.7 | 67.9 | 33.2 | 47.3 | 100 | 54 | 88 | 43.8 | 2.3 | 55.2 | 52.8 |
| 1/5/2022 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 261 | 9.5 | 72.6 | 35.6 | 52.7 | 100 | 37 | 70 | 43.1 | 3.3 | 78.8 | 53.0 |
| 1/6/2022 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 293 | 10.6 | 73.5 | 35.2 | 51.4 | 100 | 37 | 82 | 46.2 | 2.3 | 55.9 | 53.4 |
| 1/7/2022 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 80 | 11.8 | 55.8 | 44.8 | 50.3 | 100 | 82 | 95 | 49.0 | 2.2 | 53.2 | 53.9 |
| 1/8/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 272 | 11.2 | 66.1 | 38.8 | 51.4 | 100 | 52 | 87 | 47.6 | 2.4 | 57.3 | 54.4 |
| 1/9/2022 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 294 | 8.3 | 72.4 | 32.2 | 48.0 | 100 | 29 | 73 | 39.8 | 2.3 | 55.1 | 54.6 |
| 1/10/2022 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 221 | 8.6 | 71.7 | 36.4 | 48.1 | 100 | 32 | 75 | 40.6 | 1.9 | 44.4 | 54.4 |
| 1/11/2022 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 314 | 7.2 | 75.1 | 28.8 | 47.2 | 100 | 19 | 65 | 36.2 | 2.0 | 48.2 | 54.1 |
| 1/12/2022 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 234 | 8.5 | 72.2 | 29.8 | 48.3 | 100 | 35 | 74 | 40.4 | 1.7 | 40.2 | 53.8 |
| 1/13/2022 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 170 | 10.3 | 71.3 | 42.1 | 53.3 | 99 | 40 | 74 | 45.3 | 2.0 | 48.3 | 53.8 |
| 1/14/2022 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 295 | 9.5 | 74.8 | 36.9 | 52.7 | 100 | 25 | 70 | 43.2 | 2.0 | 48.9 | 54.2 |
| 1/15/2022 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 89 | 11.4 | 65.0 | 42.7 | 52.4 | 100 | 52 | 85 | 47.9 | 1.8 | 42.4 | 54.5 |
| 1/16/2022 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 189 | 12.1 | 70.2 | 49.6 | 57.3 | 98 | 44 | 75 | 49.6 | 1.8 | 44.0 | 54.8 |
| 1/17/2022 | 0.02 | 0.23 | 111 | 13.0 | 64.1 | 48.0 | 54.7 | 100 | 59 | 89 | 51.6 | 2.0 | 48.2 | 55.5 |
| 1/18/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 262 | 13.6 | 67.2 | 48.8 | 54.5 | 100 | 71 | 94 | 52.7 | 2.6 | 63.5 | 55.9 |
| 1/19/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 272 | 12.0 | 65.9 | 44.9 | 52.3 | 100 | 63 | 90 | 49.4 | 2.2 | 53.6 | 56.4 |
| 1/20/2022 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 322 | 10.1 | 75.5 | 36.9 | 52.2 | 100 | 34 | 76 | 44.8 | 2.3 | 55.0 | 56.6 |
| 1/21/2022 | 0.09 | 0.00 | 327 | 8.5 | 76.2 | 34.2 | 50.3 | 100 | 24 | 68 | 40.2 | 2.6 | 62.0 | 56.5 |
| 1/22/2022 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 334 | 7.5 | 71.2 | 31.2 | 48.2 | 100 | 27 | 66 | 37.2 | 2.3 | 54.1 | 56.0 |
| 1/23/2022 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 336 | 8.2 | 74.8 | 30.6 | 48.9 | 100 | 28 | 70 | 39.4 | 2.5 | 59.2 | 55.5 |
| 1/24/2022 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 344 | 8.3 | 70.3 | 29.9 | 47.1 | 100 | 33 | 76 | 39.8 | 2.3 | 54.6 | 55.1 |
| 1/25/2022 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 337 | 9.8 | 70.0 | 33.6 | 49.0 | 100 | 45 | 83 | 44.1 | 2.2 | 53.2 | 54.9 |
| 1/26/2022 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 345 | 8.9 | 71.7 | 33.4 | 49.9 | 100 | 29 | 72 | 41.4 | 2.1 | 49.9 | 55.0 |
| 1/27/2022 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 355 | 7.3 | 72.8 | 29.6 | 47.9 | 100 | 18 | 64 | 36.3 | 2.1 | 49.6 | 55.0 |
| 1/28/2022 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 357 | 6.5 | 74.8 | 31.2 | 49.9 | 100 | 12 | 53 | 33.5 | 2.9 | 68.5 | 54.7 |
| 1/29/2022 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 214 | 7.9 | 71.4 | 36.8 | 49.7 | 95 | 21 | 65 | 38.3 | 1.9 | 44.7 | 54.5 |
| 1/30/2022 | 0.09 | 0.00 | 369 R | 8.0 | 73.7 | 26.9 | 47.1 | 100 | 30 | 73 | 38.8 | 2.7 | 64.6 | 54.3 |
| 1/31/2022 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 181 | 9.1 | 61.2 | 33.0 | 46.5 | 100 | 50 | 84 | 42.0 | 1.7 | 40.4 | 54.0 |
| Tots/Avg | 1.96 | 0.29 | 269 | 9.3 | 69.5 | 35.5 | 49.6 | 100 | 39 | 76 | 42.2 | 2.2 | 53.6 | 54.6 |

| 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: Lacey Adam, Senior Accountant

SUBJECT: Monthly Water Deliveries

February 3, 2022

According to the CCWA revenue meters at each turnout, the following deliveries were made during the month of January 2022:

| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chorro | 159.14 |
| López..... | 106.92 |
| Guadalupe..... | 1.04 |
| Santa Maria | 0.00 |
| Golden State Water Co. | 0.42 |
| Vandenberg..... | 0.00 |
| Buellton | 0.00 |
| Solvang | 30.36 |
| Santa Ynez ID#1 | 0.00 |
| Bradbury..... | 427.13 |
| TOTAL | 725.01 |

In order to reconcile these deliveries with the DWR revenue meter, which read 722 acre-feet, the following delivery amounts should be used for billing purposes:

| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chorro | 158 |
| López | 106 |
| Guadalupe..... | 1 |
| Santa Maria | 0* |
| Golden State Water Co | 0* |
| Vandenberg | 0 |
| Buellton | 0 |
| Solvang | 30 |
| Santa Ynez ID#1 | 0 |
| Bradbury | 427 |
| TOTAL | 722 |

*Golden State Water Company delivered 0 acre-feet into its system through the Santa Maria turnout. This delivery is recorded by providing a credit of 0 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

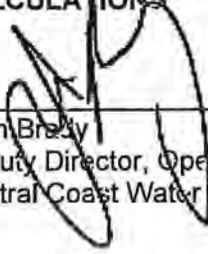
| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Exchange Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Goleta | 0 |
| Santa Barbara | 0 |
| Montecito | 0 |
| Carpinteria | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 |

Bradbury Deliveries into Lake Cachuma are allocated as follows:

| <u>Project Participant</u> | <u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Carpinteria | 0 |
| Goleta | 377 |
| La Cumbre | 40 |
| Montecito | 0 |
| Morehart | 10 |
| Santa Barbara | 0 |
| Raytheon | 0 |
| TOTAL | 427 |

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
Matt van der Linden, City of Solvang
Rose Hess, City of Buellton

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



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

NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**Date:** 1/20/2022**Number:** 22-01**Subject:** 2022 State Water Project Table A Allocation Increase from 0 to 15 Percent**From:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Craddock".

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

Based on the recent precipitation, runoff, and current water supply conditions, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the State Water Project (SWP) Table A Allocation to 15 percent of most SWP long-term contractors' 2022 requested Table A amounts. Attached is the revised 2022 SWP allocation table.

Please note that this Table A Allocation will reduce, on a 1:1 basis, any unmet human health and safety need volumes that were previously identified in the SWP contractors' submittals to DWR.

The Table A Allocation increase is made consistent with the long-term water supply contracts, legal requirements, and public policy. In determining available SWP supplies, DWR has considered several factors including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, estimates of future runoff under very dry conditions, SWP operational and regulatory constraints such as, federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act requirements, and the 2022 demands of SWP Contractors. DWR may revise this and any subsequent allocations if warranted by the year's developing hydrologic and water supply conditions.

To develop the 15 percent water delivery schedule, DWR will scale up the SWP Contractors' current 5 percent schedules that were submitted in October 2021 (as part of initial requests), unless SWP Contractors submit updated schedules. DWR will provide approved monthly water delivery schedules to the SWP Contractors.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Leahigh, Water Operations Executive Manager, at (916) 902-9876.

Attachment



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

will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 27, 2022
 via URL: <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/953210093>
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In response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency which directly impacts the ability of legislative bodies and the public to meet safely in person. To help minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, CCWA Board of Directors shall consider whether to hold this public meeting telephonically pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021). The CCWA Board of Directors and public will participate in this meeting by video call or telephone.

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 Conservation District,
 Improvement District #1

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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.

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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>.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. * Resolution No. 22-01 of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors And All Subordinate Bodies Under the Ralph M. Brown Act – For Approval

III. 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. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code section 54956.8

Property: *Warren Act Contract*

Agency negotiator: *Ray Stokes*

IV. Return to Open Session

V. 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 three minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)

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Hard copies of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report are included for the Board and Committee members, but are available to all interested parties upon request, or online at www.ccwa.com

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- VI. Consent Calendar – For Approval**
- * A. Minutes of the October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - * B. Bills
 - * C. Controller's Report
 - * D. Operations Report
- VII. Executive Director's Report**
- A. Water Supply Situation Report – *For Information Only*
 - * B. Coastal Branch Water Management Strategies – *Receive and Accept*
 - C. CCWA Warren Act Contract Renewal Update – *For Information Only*
 - D. Water Infrastructure Financing Authority Status – *For Information Only*
 - * E. FY 2022/23 Budget Preparation Schedule – *For Information Only*
 - * F. Request for Approval of Water Treatment Plant Process Logic Controller Upgrade Project (C-20PLCUPG and C-21PLCUPG) - Procurement of PLC Equipment in the Amount of \$100,254.91 – *For Approval*
 - ♣ F. Finance Committee
 - 1. FY 2021/22 Second Quarter Investment Report – *For Approval*
 - 2. FY Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – *For Approval*
 - G. State Water Contractors Update – *For Information Only*
 - * H. Legislative Report – *For Information Only*
 - * I. JPIA President's Special Recognition Award – *For Information Only*
- VIII. Reports from Board Members for Information Only**
- * A. Montecito Water District Appointment of Ken Coates Director and Tobe Plough Alternate Director
 - * B. City of Buellton Appointment of Ed Andrisek Director, John Sanchez Alternate Director and Dave King Second Alternate Director
 - * C. Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District #1 Appointment of Jeff Clay Director and Lori Parker Alternate Director
- IX. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda**
- X. Date of Next Regular Meeting: February 24, 2022**
- XI. Adjournment**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Martone **FILE NUMBER:** 102870-0001

FROM: Jeffrey A. Dinkin

DATE: February 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Suggested Revisions to Personnel Policy Manual

I have reviewed the District's Personnel Policy Manual and have the following three suggested revisions based on an assessment of existing policies and changes in the law since the last review of the Manual.

First, as a policy change, time off for paid vacation, paid compensatory time off, sick leave, and other paid time off in accordance with the District's Personnel Policy Manual will count as hours worked for overtime purposes (overtime time is based on hours worked over 40 in a work week). This is to address the type of situation where an employee is on paid leave one day of the work week and works 8 hours per day for the remaining 4 days in the week, followed by an after-hours emergency. Under the existing policy, that employee would not be entitled to overtime pay for the emergency work. Under the revised policy below, since the 8 hours of paid time off counts toward the 40 hours to determine overtime, this employee would receive overtime pay for the emergency work.

Section 1(10) Attendance/Hours and Breaks

d) Overtime: Revise to read as follows:

All non-exempt employees shall be paid overtime and compensated at the rate of 1½ times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in one work week and based on timecards prepared for each pay period by each employee. Operations staff shall be released from duty after 40 hours of work (excluding on-call time) unless overtime work is authorized by the General Manager.

Overtime shall be computed on "actual hours worked," adjusted to the nearest increment of 15 minutes. ~~Actual hours worked do not include paid or unpaid time off work (e.g., vacation, sick leave, bereavement, leaves of absence).~~ For the purposes of calculating overtime, official District holidays (where the District is closed for business), paid vacation, paid compensatory time off, sick leave, bereavement leave, and paid leave for jury duty and time to vote in accordance with the District's Personnel Policy Manual will be considered as actual hours worked. Hours worked during "On-Call" which are compensated at the rate of 1½ times the regular rate of pay, or "Holiday On-Call" time compensated at two (2) times the regular rate of pay, shall not count toward determining whether an employee has worked in excess of 40 hours in one work week.

Except in cases of emergency, non-exempt employees shall not work overtime without the express prior approval of the General Manager or Administrative Assistant General Manager.

Second, new legislation effective January 1, 2022 adds “parent-in-law” to the relations for whom employees can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid California Family Rights Leave in order of care for their parent-in law’s serious health condition.

Section 3(5) – Statutory Family and Medical Leave

b) CFRA Leave: Change first paragraph to read as follows:

“Family care and medical leave” may be requested under the CFRA for (1) the birth or adoption of an employee's child, (2) the placement of a foster child with the employee; (3) the serious health condition of an employee's child, spouse, domestic partner as defined in California Family Code Section 297, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling; (4) an employee's own serious health condition if that condition makes the employee unable to perform their position, not including leave for pregnancy, childbirth or related health conditions; or (5) if the employee or the employee spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent is in active duty or called to active duty with the United States Armed Forces, as specified in section 3302.2 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

Third, Paid Family Leave Insurance is a state provided benefit like State Disability Insurance, except it’s for caring for a family member. It is an income replacement benefit administered by EDD and paid for by employees through payroll tax deductions. While employers can require employees to use 2 weeks of paid vacation before receiving these benefits, it is not required. As a policy change, the requirement to use vacation would be eliminated.

Section 3(8) – Paid Family Leave Insurance

Changed fourth paragraph to read as follows:

~~Employees must use their accrued vacation benefits, up to a maximum of two weeks of time, before they will qualify for PFLI benefits. If the employee has more than two weeks of accrued~~ Accrued vacation time ~~accrued, such benefits~~ may be combined with PFLI benefits so that the employee may receive their full lost wages during time off for reasons covered by the PFLI program.

RESOLUTION NO. 814

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously adopted, and subsequently updated and revised, by Resolutions, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 ("District") Personnel Policy Manual, which sets forth certain terms and conditions of employment for employees of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to update and revise the Personnel Policy Manual, including but not limited to, revisions to ensure compliance with new and revised employment standards under federal and state law, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the authority to adopt updates, revisions, and amendments to the Personnel Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed revisions to the Personnel Policy Manual, including Section 1.10.d - Overtime, Section 3.5.b - CFRA Leave, and Section 3.8 - Paid Family Leave Insurance, a copy of which revisions are attached and incorporated by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, as follows:

1. Revisions to Section 1.10.d - Overtime, Section 3.5.b - CFRA Leave, and Section 3.8 - Paid Family Leave Insurance of the District's Personnel Policy Manual are approved, adopted, and incorporated into the personnel policies and procedures of the District.
2. Except where otherwise required by contract or law, the provisions of the District's Personnel Policy Manual shall apply to and govern the terms and conditions of employment of all current and future employees of the District, and a copy of the Personnel Policy Manual and any revisions thereto shall be provided to all current employees of the District and shall be provided to all new employees immediately upon hire.
3. The General Manager, working in conjunction with his or her designee(s), is hereby authorized to implement the policies, provisions, and procedures of the District's Personnel Policy Manual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly qualified President and Secretary, respectively, 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 Special meeting held on February 22, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

ATTEST:



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Santa Barbara CA 93101
805.962.0763 voice
info@jdlmapping.com

REDISTRICTING PROCESS:

Redistricting takes place every decade after Census data is released. To their credit, the state's voters in 2010 passed an initiative that moved control over the crucial process out of the hands of self-interested politicians, giving it to an independent commission to ensure a fairer reapportionment, one that is based on real geographical factors including ensuring that each proposed division all contain about the same population size, topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, and genuine community of interests. Pursuant to Water Code section 74430 and Elections Code section 22000, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District IMP. #1 (SYRWCD IMP. #1 or "District") is required to adjust its division boundaries after each federal decennial census, and pursuant to Elections Code section 22000.1 such adjustment based on the most recent decennial census shall be made no later than April 17, 2022.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The SYRWCD IMP. #1 contacted JDL Mapping via email on December 7th, 2021, for assistance in determining where to adjust the District's division lines. JDL will also work with the District's legal counsel to ensure map options are compliant with federal law and other Districting requirements. JDL will analyze the necessary data and create the adjusted division boundaries based on the data. Then JDL will ask the SYRWCD IMP. #1 to review the adjusted division boundaries and complete the mapping portion of the project. Then JDL will create appropriate descriptions for each division boundary.

GATHERING OF DATA:

JDL mapping reached out to the County of Santa Barbara to get the current District and Divisional Boundaries. By way of the internet, JDL downloaded the census blocks (from Census.Org) and the Adjusted 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 tables (from statewide database.org).

The P.L. 94-171 redistricting data is a tabulation from the decennial census that includes counts of population by race and ethnicity, voting age; housing occupancy status; and group quarters population, all at the census block level.

In California, the State's Citizens Redistricting Commission which includes Special Districts, Cities and Counties are required by law to use the official redistricting dataset provided by the Statewide Database. This dataset is slightly different from the data that the U.S. Census Bureau provides in that it has reallocated data from incarcerated persons that were enumerated in facilities under the control of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to their last residential address. You can find more information about this requirement in California Elections Code Section 21003.

Source: Statewide database.org

REVIEWING /APPLICATION OF DATA in GIS

Geographical Information Systems is a software-based mapping and analysis tool that allows for the ability to logically review and modify large amounts of data in a tabular and/or spatial (maps) format. It is the perfect tool for the redistricting/redivisioning process. GIS allows for the adjustment of divisional boundaries within the District to reach approximate equal population counts among the four divisions within the SYRWCD IMP. #1 District. The proposed adjustment of the divisional boundaries so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population as required by Elections Code section 22000, are based on: population, topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, and community of interests.

SUMMARY:

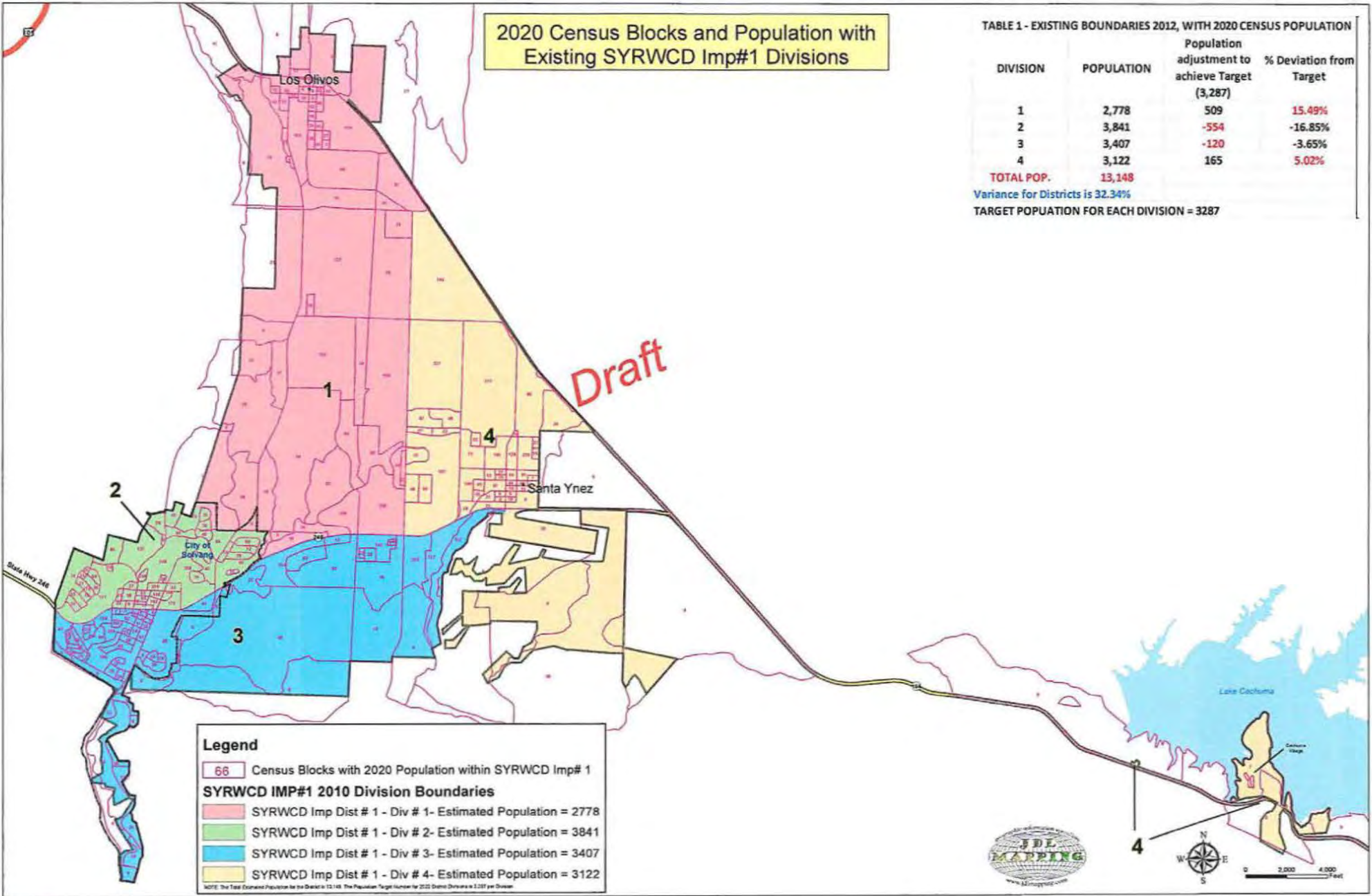
The Proposed Map reflects the proposed adjusted divisional boundaries within the SYRWCD IMP. #1 following the 2020 census count and using the federal decennial census as a basis. Legal descriptions will be created, which states the description for each division. These descriptions and a map showing said descriptions, would then need to be approved by the Board of Directors at a District meeting prior to April 17th, 2022.

2020 Census Blocks and Population with Existing SYRWCD Imp#1 Divisions

TABLE 1 - EXISTING BOUNDARIES 2012, WITH 2020 CENSUS POPULATION

| DIVISION | POPULATION | Population adjustment to achieve Target (3,287) | % Deviation from Target |
|-------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | 2,778 | 509 | 15.49% |
| 2 | 3,841 | -554 | -16.85% |
| 3 | 3,407 | -120 | -3.65% |
| 4 | 3,122 | 165 | 5.02% |
| TOTAL POP. | 13,148 | | |

Variance for Districts is 32.34%
 TARGET POPULATION FOR EACH DIVISION = 3287



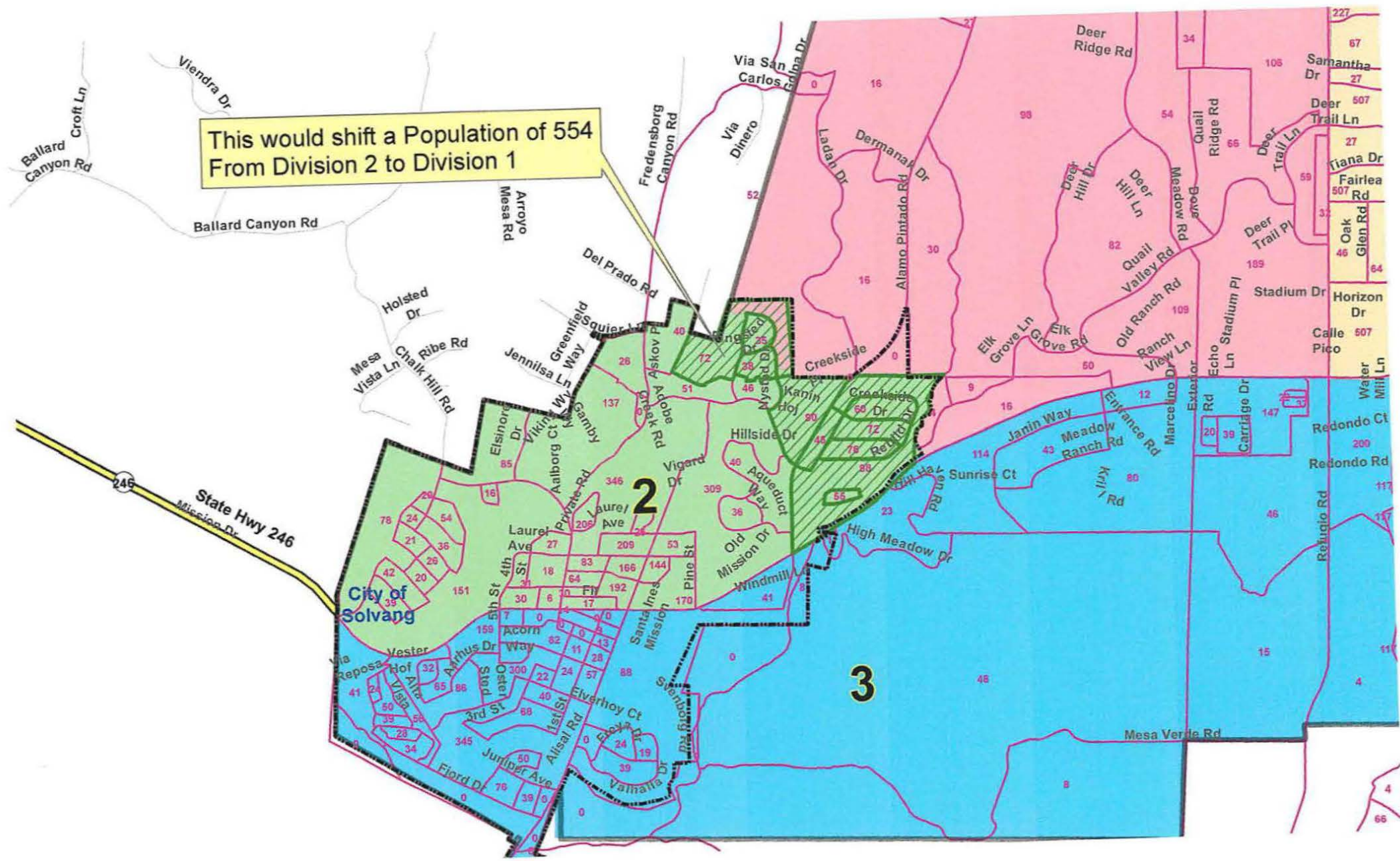
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- 66 Census Blocks with 2020 Population within SYRWCD Imp# 1
- SYRWCD IMP#1 2010 Division Boundaries**
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 1- Estimated Population = 2778
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 2- Estimated Population = 3841
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 3- Estimated Population = 3407
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 4- Estimated Population = 3122

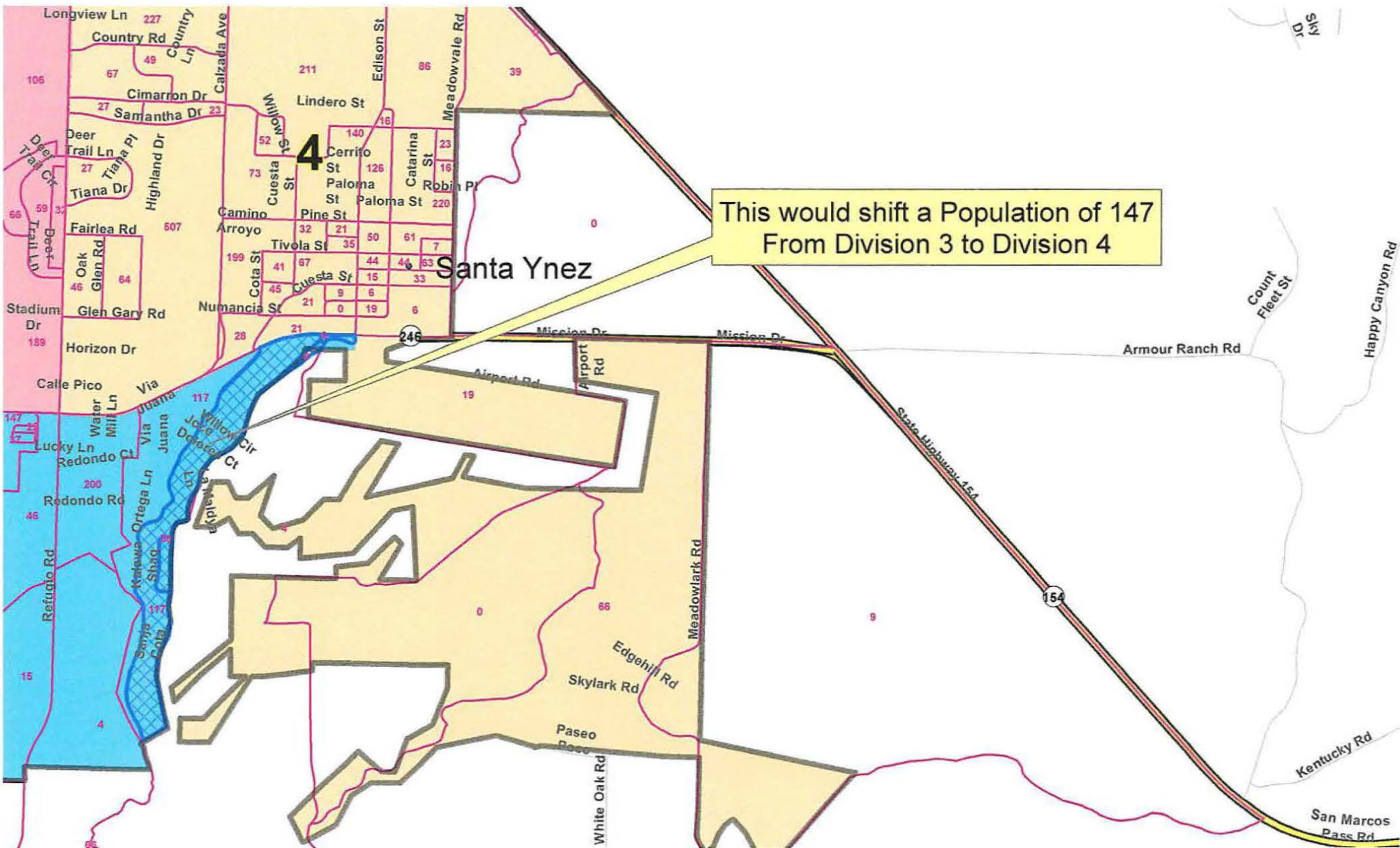
NOTE: The Total Estimated Population for the Districts is 13,148. The Population Target Number for 2020 District Divisions is 3,287 per Division.



This would shift a Population of 554 From Division 2 to Division 1



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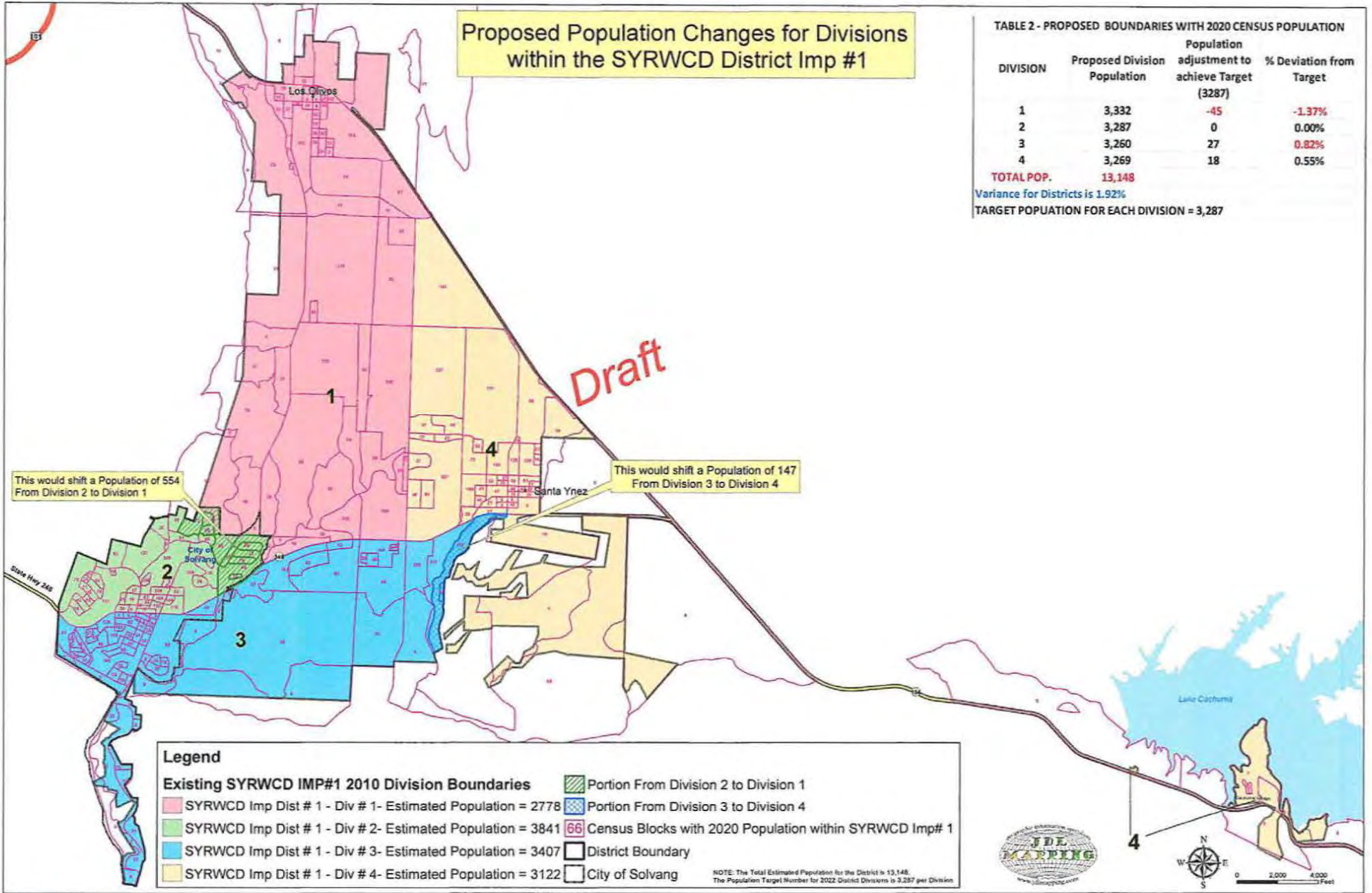


Proposed Population Changes for Divisions within the SYRWCD District Imp #1

TABLE 2 - PROPOSED BOUNDARIES WITH 2020 CENSUS POPULATION

| DIVISION | Proposed Division Population | Population adjustment to achieve Target (3287) | % Deviation from Target |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | 3,332 | -45 | -1.37% |
| 2 | 3,287 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 3 | 3,260 | 27 | 0.82% |
| 4 | 3,269 | 18 | 0.55% |
| TOTAL POP. | 13,148 | | |

Variance for Districts is 1.92%
 TARGET POPULATION FOR EACH DIVISION = 3,287



This would shift a Population of 554 From Division 2 to Division 1

This would shift a Population of 147 From Division 3 to Division 4

Legend

- Existing SYRWCD IMP#1 2010 Division Boundaries**
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 - Portion From Division 2 to Division 1
 - Portion From Division 3 to Division 4
 - Census Blocks with 2020 Population within SYRWCD Imp# 1
 - District Boundary
 - City of Solvang

NOTE: The Total Estimated Population for the District is 13,148. The Population Target Number for 2022 District Divisions is 3,287 per Division



RESOLUTION NO. 815

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
GIVING NOTICE OF ITS INTENT TO ADJUST BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT DIVISIONS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Elections Code section 22000(a), after each federal decennial census, and using that census as the basis, certain special districts are required to adjust the boundaries of any divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code, as amended, to the extent those provisions are applicable; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 22000(a) further provides that in adjusting the boundaries of the divisions, the board may give consideration to the following factors: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interests of the division; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 22000.1(b)(1) provides that the governing board of a district that has a regular election to elect members of its governing board on the same date as the 2022 statewide general election shall adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) has determined, based on the requirements and criteria set forth in Elections Code section 22000 and the results of the 2020 federal census, to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District; and

WHEREAS, proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District, based on an analysis of the 2020 federal census data, population deviation between divisions, and other relevant information, has been submitted to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022, the District's Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the proposal to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District; and

WHEREAS, prior to voting on the proposal to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District, the Board of Trustees will notice and conduct an additional public hearing to consider the proposed adjustments to boundaries of divisions within the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: the Board of Trustees deems it advisable, based on the requirements and criteria set forth in Elections Code section 22000 and the results of the 2020 federal census, to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District.

SECTION 2: The Board of Trustees hereby gives notice that it proposes to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District according to the maps attached hereto, which are also made available on the District's website (syrwd.org).

SECTION 3: The Board of Trustees hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on or about the 15th day of March 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, California, and/or with video and teleconference access for remote participation, for the purpose of considering approval of the proposed adjustments to boundaries of divisions within the District, where as part of said public hearing any member of the public may appear before the Board to support, object to, or otherwise comment on the proposed adjustments.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly qualified President and Secretary, respectively, 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 adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees at a Special meeting held on the 22nd day of February, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting February 2, 2022, 6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**PLEASE NOTE: MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT
ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, STACY HALL
2901 NOJOQUI AVE., LOS OLIVOS, CA 93441**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Directors will give reports on any meetings that they attended on behalf of the District and/or choose to comment on various District activities.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public may address the Board on any items of interest within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Board but not on the agenda today (Government Code - 54954.3). Speakers are limited to 3 minutes. Due to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the District cannot take action today on any matter, not on the agenda, but a matter raised during Public Comments can be referred to District staff for discussion and possible action at a future meeting.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board. Matters listed on the Administrative Agenda will be read-only on the request of a member of the Board or the public, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Administrative Agenda and considered as a separate item.

a. **MEETING MINUTES**

- i. Approve December 08, 2021 Minutes
- ii. Approve January 12, 2022 Minutes

b. **INVOICE PAYMENT**

- i. November 19, 2021, MNS Engineering Services, invoice #79151, (October) \$5,441.27 (Reapproval due to agenda error)
- ii. December 19, 2021, MNS Engineering Services, invoice #79312, (November) \$4,852.50
- iii. January 7, 2022, Aleshire and Wynder, LOCSD invoice # 65594 Legal Services (December) \$960.00
- iv. January 25, 2022, Robert Perrault, General Management Services (12-16-2021 to 1-25, 2022) \$4,455
- v. January 21, 2022, Stantec, Invoice # 1878574 Basis of Design (November) \$2,815.00

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING**

- a. **Update on the Assessment Engineer Selection** – Review results of solicitation, receive Board Member comments, approve selection of an Assessment Engineer.

Recommendation: Review report presented by IGM and direct action to accept the preferred proposal and prepare a contract for execution.

b. Update on Basis of Design Draft – Stantec

Recommendation: Review draft Basis of Design presented by Stantec OR IGM and direct next steps.

c. Update on the WWTP Site Selection – Review Stantec 3rd party site review effort.

Recommendation: Review report presented by IGM and direct next steps.

d. WWTP Facilities Acquisition Process- Review IGM Report, guidance from District Counsel, General Disussion

Recommendation: Board direct the IGM and District Counsel to refine a site selection process guidance document.

e. Grant Funding Update – Review current grant funding efforts.

Recommendation: Review report presented by IGM and direct next steps.

f. ~~a.~~ LAFCO and Community Update letters – Review DRAFT Update Letters, receive Board Member Comments, approve finalization and distribution.

Recommendation: Review draft updates presented by IGM and direct next steps.

g. ~~b.~~ Update of Recruitment for Permanent General Manager – Review progress and discuss possible action on recruitment for a permanent General Manager.

Recommendation: Review report presented by IGM and direct next steps.

8. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Report on current assignments, action items, and general District business.

a. Review of Project Management and Financial Reports

1. Project Timeline
2. Funding Strategy
3. Budget Summary
4. Cash Flow Chart

9. COMMENT ON INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 9, 2022, St Mark’s Episcopal Church, Stacy Hall, 6:00 PM

12. ADJOURNMENT

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February 2, 2022

Board of Directors

RE: Agenda Item c. Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Site Selection – Review Stantec 3rd Party Site Review Effort.

Objective of this Agenda Item

Provide the background on and goals for pursuing information on siting in preparation for completion of the Assessment Engineer's Report and Financial Plan. Allow Stantec the opportunity to present and answer questions the specific aspects of their 3rd Party Site Review Effort, which is summarized in the Basis of Design report.

WWTP Site Selection Criteria Background

Siting is one of the most challenging tasks the District faces. It has been foremost on the minds of the District Formation Committee, the Board and contract staff since District formation in 2018 as well as that of permitting agencies for the many years that the project has been developing and moving forward.

Prior to formation of the District, however, there was no detailed study or discussion and no formal decision on where to site a Wastewater Treatment Package Plant for the community. What was discussed was speculative and advisory in nature with the idea that the criteria would develop over time with additional input. Some of the history of what has been discussed is summarized below.

1. *The County of Santa Barbara's Los Olivos Wastewater Management Plan (County Environmental Health Services 2010)* is only a guidance document (not regulatory), and only casually addresses siting in the "Siting & Visual Effects" section. It recommends the maximum underground installation of components practical, and suggests a package plant could be designed to have little visual impact on the community. It also suggests looking at existing County property, or recommends a site acquired by negotiation and purchase. It further suggests selecting a site in a location that facilitates an economical collection system, is not impaired with high groundwater, is near a source of power, and in an area with appropriate access. It also suggested it should be downwind from structures in close proximity.
2. *The AECOM Study (Preliminary Engineering Report (PER 2013))* only preliminarily addresses siting in the "Treatment Site Location - Several existing pastures are located to the north [north of Hwy 154] along Foxen Canyon Road and Calkins Road. A treatment site location was assumed to be near the northern most perimeter of the designated County Special Problems Area. Again, it is important to note that the layouts provided are conceptual and are only used

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as a basis to evaluate the projects overall feasibility". The locations viewed as potential locations at that time included areas of open fields outside what is now the District's boundary.

It is important to note that there remain areas *outside* the District boundary that are *inside* the designated County Special Problems Area. Also, sampling data referenced in various studies include samples from wells both in and outside the District and Special Problems Area boundaries. This includes mostly data collected in the 1970's with some additional data collected up to the year 2010.

3. *The AECOM Update Study (2016)* discussed land requirements for a WWTP. For a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) package treatment plant it recommended: "Per the PER, the land requirement for the MBR package treatment facility is estimated to be 0.30 acres. This assumption is not changing. A 300,000 gallon equalization tank or basin will add an additional 0.20 acres."

WWTP Site Selection Goals to Further the Preparation of an Assessment Engineers Report

At this time, the District's goals are primarily to obtain information necessary to allow preparation of an Assessment Engineers Report which will provide the District with a cost estimate and financial plan to assure equitable benefit assessment to property owners. Much of the basic information needed to complete the Engineer's Report is underway through other efforts, the combined information intended to be gathered includes:

1. Develop technical data through studies, reports and feasibility/preliminary design
2. Develop rational siting criteria
3. Engage in community workshop(s)
4. Develop a rational cost estimate to acquire property or easements for the proposed facilities
5. Understand the likely environmental and permitting requirements
6. Develop a program plan for site acquisition

The initial site evaluation process is intended to determine if there are any potential "acquisition opportunities of convenience", meaning potential sites that may include excess right-of-way, or private land that may be offered for sale. To this end, in 2019 the District secured an easement agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for an approx. .25-acre parcel located adjacent to the southern border of Mattei's Tavern that could potentially be used in the overall system design and siting process. The District continues to keep the local community informed of the siting information and deliberations as they continue and evolve.

Criteria for Effort to Develop an Assessment Engineers Report

The District Technical Committee worked to develop initial criteria for the above-stated Assessment Engineers Report preliminary purposes. The Board, in a January 13, 2021 public noticed meeting, subsequently authorized a contract with UPC to conduct an assessment of parcels within a 1-mile radius of the downtown core commercial zone of Los Olivos and develop a ranking primarily based on the following criteria:

This shall be a "Desktop" (abbreviated) study to look at possible additional siting locations for our WWT Package plant. Data and support for this task will be provided as available from the District Interim General Manager. See attached UPC Desktop Siting Study Scope of Work.

UPC January 2021 Desktop Siting Study Scope of Work:

Prepare two exhibits:

1. Possible sites within the District boundary

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2. Possible sites within a one-mile distance of the District
 3. Size criteria: approximately ½ acre with minimum dimensions 150' x 100' wide
- Feasible sites could be identified as:

1. Possible road right-of-way that appears to be unused
2. Vacant lots
3. Open/farmland where a portion could be subdivided and purchased

Keeping Phase 1 of The Project Description in mind, consider:

1. Number of lift stations that may be needed/site
2. Special challenges for each site
3. Opportunities for effluent percolation facilities nearby (injection well, access to creek, potential for underground chambers or surface ponds)
4. Site advantages: cost, convenience, physical advantages, etc.

Assemble (with District help) land cost data. We have access to a local realtor.

We will later add input from our Geotech/groundwater hydrogeologist, and environmental consultants. Work cooperatively with the Interim General Manager and Ad Hoc Technical Committee and Board.

The UPC Desktop Study was presented and discussed at the March 10, 2021, June 9th, 2021 and July 14th, 2021 Board meetings and at a September 15, 2021 Community Briefing. The UPC Desktop Study was not intended to be, nor was it represented as, the final study to be used for actual site acquisition. The scope was anticipated to inform more questions and more criteria, as well as to encourage consideration of subjective criteria as well. It was intended to point to representative, rational, potential locations that would allow appropriate assumptions from which project budgets and an Assessment Engineer's Financial Plan could be developed.

Subsequently, Stantec was engaged in November 2021 to perform a Third Party Review of the highest ranking sites from the UPC Desktop Study. Stantec's directive was: "The District has requested Stantec to provide a third party review of the sites for the WWTP with regards to the technical advantages and disadvantages of each site..... Stantec's evaluation will include technical features of the site with respect to the collection system and effluent disposal facilities, site access, potential conflicts with other utilities (as they are known), constructability constraints, operation and other considerations for site layout as determined through tasks included as part of the preliminary design. Stantec assumes one site visit for sites identified in the UPC report that are accessible."

Stantec will make a brief summary of their effort and answer any questions at the February 2 meeting.

Recommendation: Review report presented by IGM and direct next steps.

Suggested Motion: Motion to accept Stantec's Report and indicate the data will added to information used to assist in preparation of the Engineer's Financial Plan and Report and contribute to the developing knowledge base for project options.

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January 31, 2022

DRAFT

Dear Los Olivos Resident:

We hope 2022 is off to a good start for you. Your CSD Board continues to make progress in our efforts to implement the voters' decision to convert the community's individual septic systems to a community wastewater reclamation system that will improve and protect our groundwater quality.

\$150,000 State Matching Grant Agreement Finalized in January: At its January meeting, the Board signed our final \$150,000 matching grant agreement with the State; this grant allows us to move forward with much of the planning and design efforts outlined below.

Wastewater Collection and Reclamation Project Update: In October the District Board authorized Stantec Engineering to move forward with the concept and preliminary design of the project. On February 2nd Stantec provided the Board with the Basis of Design report, which is the first step in the preliminary design process for the project. Once approved by the Board, the Basis of Design will provide an outline to guide the project design and development. In March, the Board will receive an updated Basis of Design report from Stantec which should be sufficient to provide the public with a first look at what the treatment and collection system will look like along, with an estimated cost estimate.

Siting Study: The District continues to pursue information on potential wastewater treatment package plant siting locations in order so that an accurate Assessment Engineer's Report and Financial Plan can be prepared (see more about the Assessment Engineer's purpose and report below). The initial site evaluation process is intended to determine a realistic range of expected costs for budgeting purposes, and to see if there are any potential "acquisition opportunities of convenience", meaning potential sites that may include excess right-of-way, or private land that may be offered for sale. To that end, you may recall that the District secured an easement agreement with the County of Santa Barbara in 2019 for a .25-acre parcel located adjacent to the southern border of Mattei's Tavern that could potentially be used in the overall system design and siting process.

To further refine our siting study efforts, last fall the Board directed Stantec Engineering to perform a 3rd party assessment of the 18 potential package plant sites first identified in the June 2021 Urban Planning Concepts' Study. In addition to the 18 sites, Stantec was also advised to include any additional sites that might be brought to their attention. Stantec has developed a matrix to rate the sites based on a technical, engineering, and environmental perspective that works best for system operations and the community. The results of the study will be provided to the Board and community in February. These efforts will assist in developing estimated acquisition costs for inclusion in the Assessment Engineer's Report as well as identifying the scope for the environmental review and public hearing processes.

Selection of The Assessment Engineer: In February the District will complete selection of an Assessment Engineer. Once brought on board the Assessment Engineer will develop a financial model that can be used to develop estimates for annual property tax assessments for the construction and operation of the Wastewater Collection and Reclamation system. The estimates will be based on the

Board's efforts to develop a mix of grant and financing options focused on reducing costs to the district's property owners. Later this year, the Assessment Engineer will detail financing and benefit assessment information in the Engineer's Assessment Report that will be shared with the public prior to the property owner benefit assessment vote required by Proposition 218.

District Aggressively Seeking Grant Funding: As mentioned above, Board President Lisa Palmer recently executed the funding agreements for the State Grant which will provide up to \$150,000 in matching funds for the preliminary design of the septic to sewer conversion project. The Board has also retained grant expert Greg Jaquez from MNS Engineering to identify and apply for grant funds the District is eligible to receive. Mr. Jaquez and his group have extensive experience in finding grants to fund critical infrastructure projects and have identified a number of prospects including the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, Small Community Drought Relief Program, Sustainable Groundwater Management Program and the recently approved Federal Infrastructure Program. We are also working with Santa Barbara County and non-profit Heal the Ocean to develop funding partnerships.

Return to In-Person Meetings: After several months of virtual meetings, in MONTH the district returned to in-person meetings. Board meetings are held at St Mark's Episcopal Church, ADDRESS, in Stacy Hall at 6:00PM. Thank you to St. Mark's for welcoming the District to hold our meetings where residents can easily participate. The following 2022 meeting calendar was adopted by the Board:

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| February 2 | March 9 |
| April 13 | May 11 |
| June 15 | July 13 |
| August 10 | September 14 |
| October 12 | November 14 |
| | December 14 |

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Questions or comments? Please contact me at dpike@mnsengineers.com or (805) 500-4098.

Sincerely,

Douglas Pike
Interim General Manager

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP

**FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GSA
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
AT 11:00 A.M., FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and Introductions
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Workshop and Q&A on Future Governance
- V. Adjournment

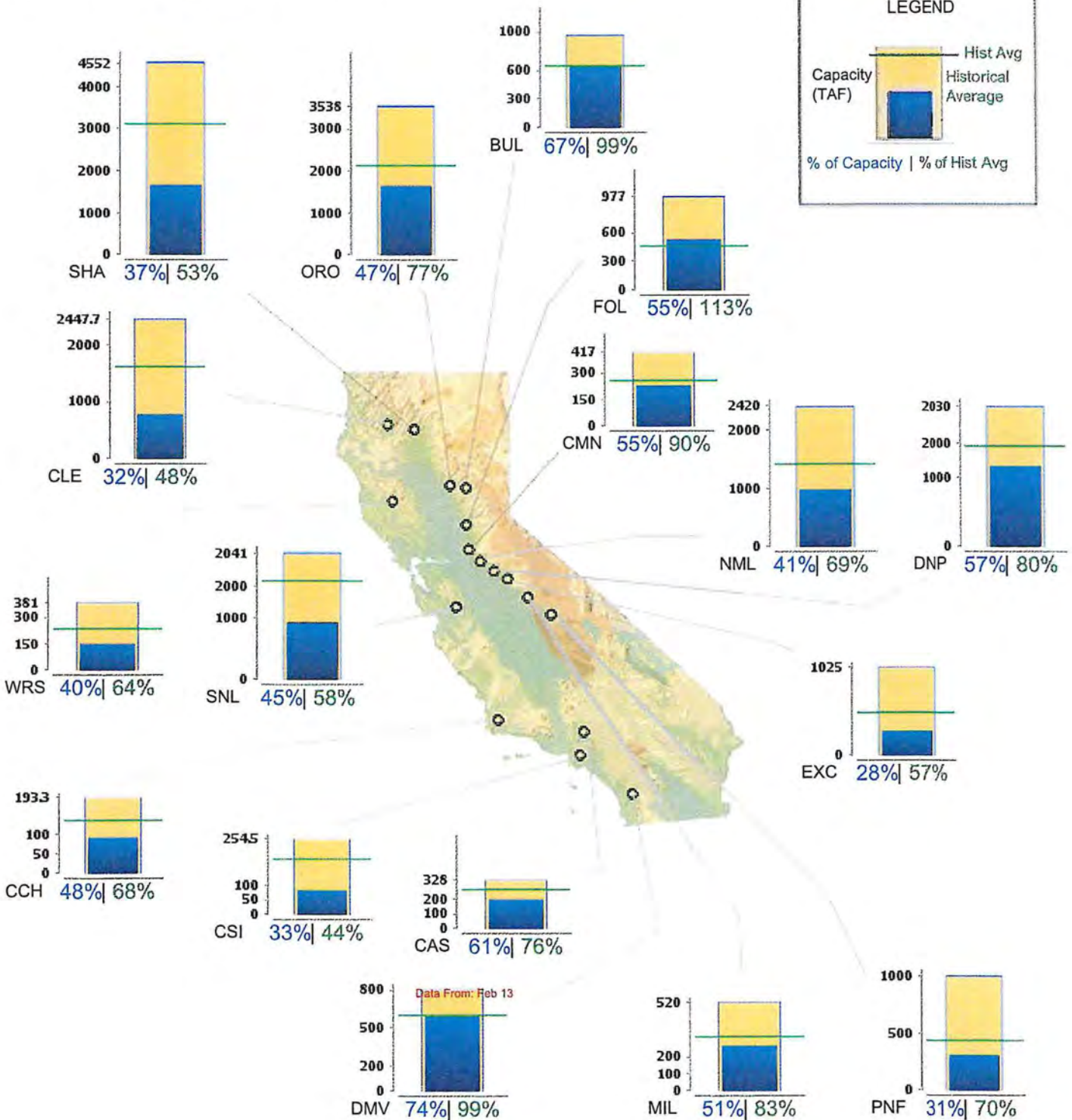
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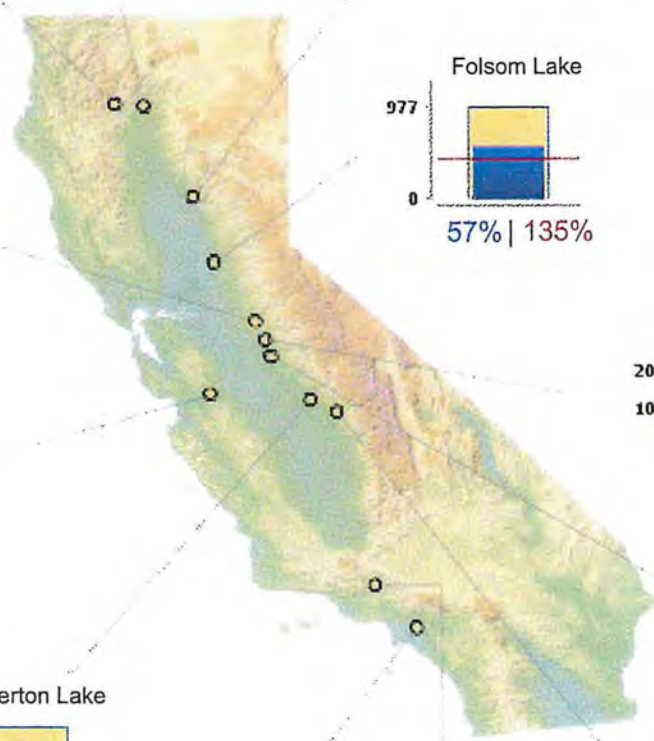
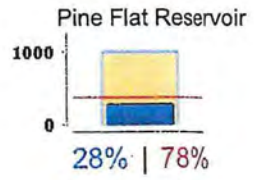
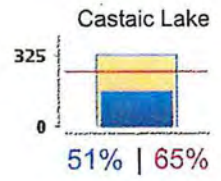
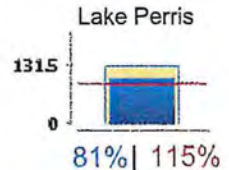
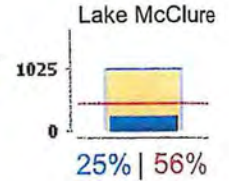
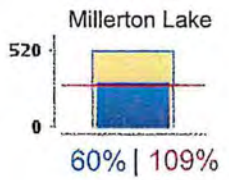
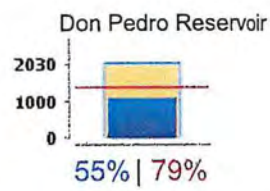
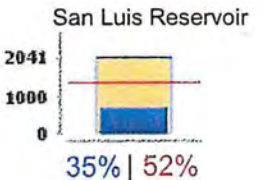
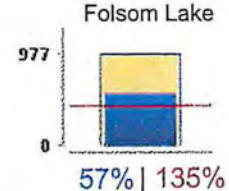
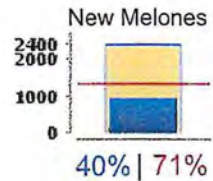
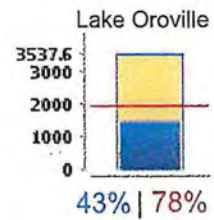
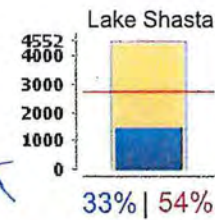
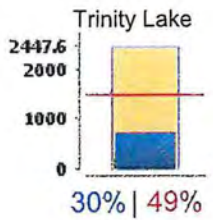
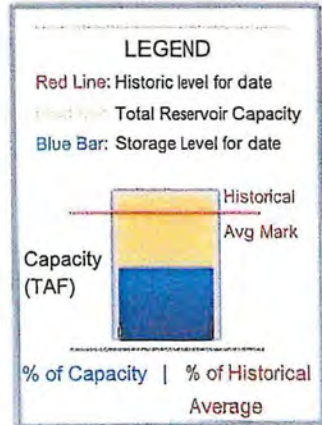




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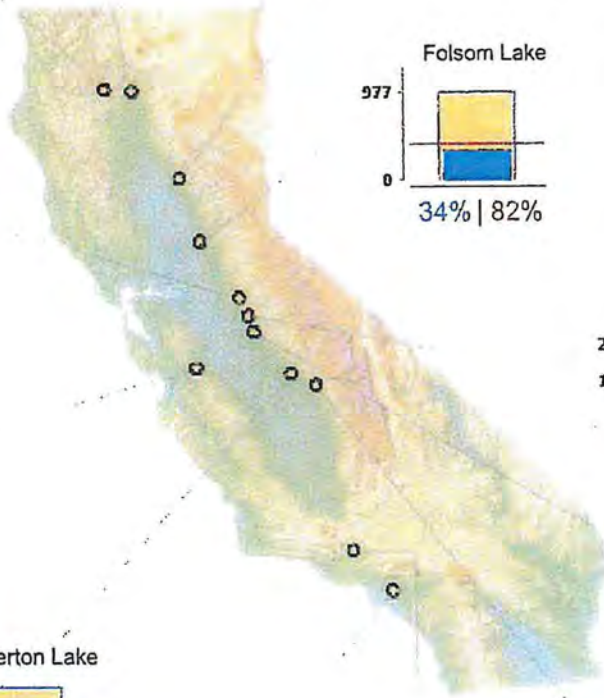
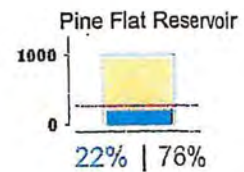
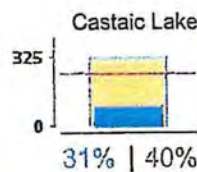
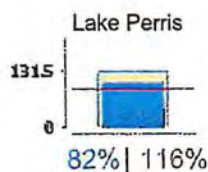
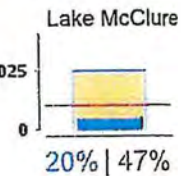
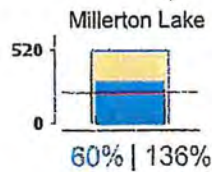
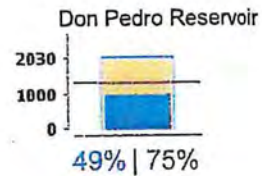
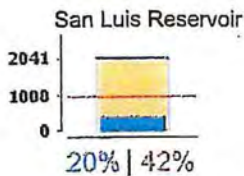
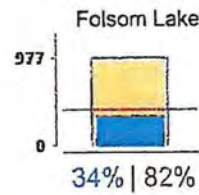
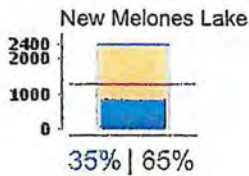
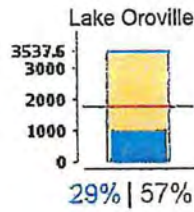
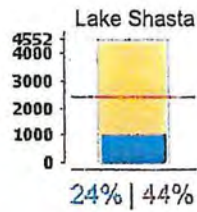
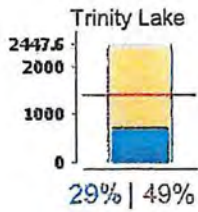
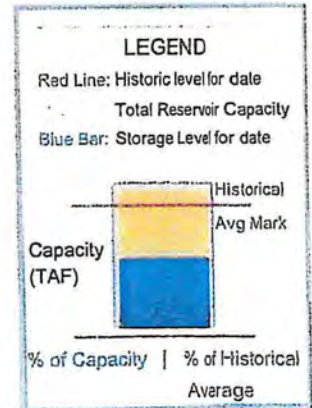




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NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**Date:** 1/20/2022**Number:** 22-01**Subject:** 2022 State Water Project Table A Allocation Increase from 0 to 15 Percent**From:**

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

Based on the recent precipitation, runoff, and current water supply conditions, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the State Water Project (SWP) Table A Allocation to 15 percent of most SWP long-term contractors' 2022 requested Table A amounts. Attached is the revised 2022 SWP allocation table.

Please note that this Table A Allocation will reduce, on a 1:1 basis, any unmet human health and safety need volumes that were previously identified in the SWP contractors' submittals to DWR.

The Table A Allocation increase is made consistent with the long-term water supply contracts, legal requirements, and public policy. In determining available SWP supplies, DWR has considered several factors including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, estimates of future runoff under very dry conditions, SWP operational and regulatory constraints such as, federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act requirements, and the 2022 demands of SWP Contractors. DWR may revise this and any subsequent allocations if warranted by the year's developing hydrologic and water supply conditions.

To develop the 15 percent water delivery schedule, DWR will scale up the SWP Contractors' current 5 percent schedules that were submitted in October 2021 (as part of initial requests), unless SWP Contractors submit updated schedules. DWR will provide approved monthly water delivery schedules to the SWP Contractors.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Leahigh, Water Operations Executive Manager, at (916) 902-9876.

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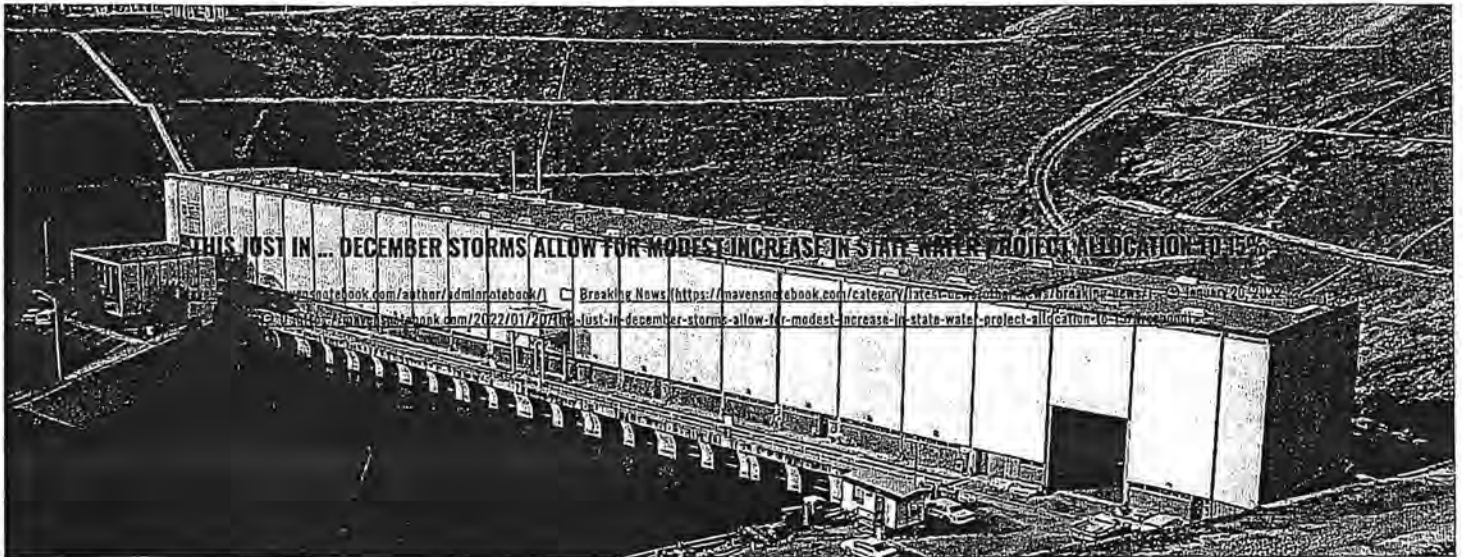
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Water managers also withdraw request for modified Delta operations

https://fi0.wp.com/mavensnotebook.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/NEW_DWR_LOGO_14inch.png?ssl=1 From the Department of Water Resources:

Today, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced it is increasing the [State Water Project](https://mavensnotebook.com/the-notebook-file-cabinet/californias-water-systems/state-water-project/) allocation to 15 percent of requested supplies for 2022. Last month, due to low water levels, the Department announced that the initial allocation would cover only critical health and safety needs of the 29 water agencies that contract to receive State Water Project supplies.



"December storms enabled DWR to convey and store water in San Luis Reservoir, which allows for a modest increase in water deliveries this year," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "But severe drought is not over. Dry conditions have already returned in January. Californians must continue to conserve as the state plans for a third dry year."

In addition to the modest increase in [State Water Project](https://mavensnotebook.com/the-notebook-file-cabinet/californias-water-systems/state-water-project/) allocation to 15 percent, DWR will continue to work with its water supply contractors to address any unmet health and safety needs for 2022.

Although DWR is making this allocation increase, it continues to plan for a third consecutive dry year. DWR will preserve as much storage as possible in Lake Oroville, the [State Water Project](https://mavensnotebook.com/the-notebook-file-cabinet/californias-water-systems/state-water-project/)'s largest reservoir. Water releases from Lake Oroville will be prioritized to maintain Delta water quality, protect endangered species and meet senior water right needs.

Additionally, DWR, along with its federal partners at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, withdrew the application for a Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) for February 1 through April 2022. The petition would have provided flexibility for the [State Water Project](https://mavensnotebook.com/the-notebook-file-cabinet/californias-water-systems/state-water-project/) and the Central Valley Project to release less water into the Delta through April 2022 to conserve limited stored water in Shasta, Oroville and Folsom reservoirs. While Shasta continues to be in a critical condition, Oroville and Folsom reservoirs are projected to meet downstream water quality needs through the spring.

"The next two months are traditionally the heart of California's rainy season," said Nemeth. "We need more storms to keep filling up our reservoirs to make up for two critically dry years."

Governor Newsom has called on Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent with simple measures to protect water reserves. The October 2021 emergency proclamation expanded the drought emergency statewide and authorized the State Water Board to ban wasteful water uses, boosting conservation efforts.

DWR continues to plan for climate uncertainty by implementing emerging and proven technologies to improve forecasts of precipitation, seasonal snowpack and runoff. This year, for the first time, DWR will deploy aircraft with special remote sensing equipment able to produce high resolution basin-wide snowpack estimates throughout the Feather River watershed (<https://mavensnotebook.com/glossary/watershed/>), which feeds into Lake Oroville. Ultimately, forecast and monitoring improvements will better position water managers to navigate between flood risk and water supply reliability as extreme drought and precipitation events become increasingly commonplace.

Each year, DWR makes an initial [State Water Project](https://mavensnotebook.com/the-notebook-file-cabinet/californias-water-systems/state-water-project/) allocation on December 1. Allocations are updated as snowpack and runoff information are assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June.

DWR will conduct the next snow survey in the Sierra at the beginning of February. Currently the statewide snowpack is at 113 percent of average for this date and 58 percent of the seasonal average.

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Despite December Storms, Extremely Dry January Wipes Out Surplus

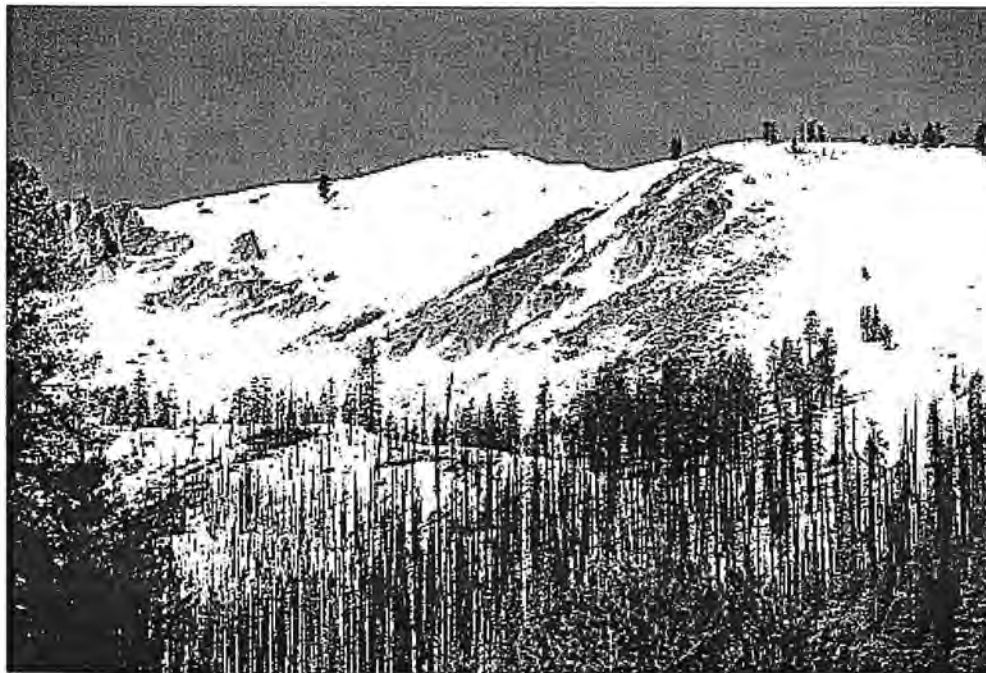
From the Department of Water Resources:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today conducted the second snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. Following a dry January, the manual survey recorded 48.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 19 inches, which is 109 percent of average for this location for this date. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR's water supply forecast. Statewide, the snowpack is 92 percent of average for this date.



"We are definitely still in a drought. A completely dry January shows how quickly surpluses can disappear," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "The variability of California weather proves that nothing is guaranteed and further emphasizes the need to conserve and

continue preparing for a possible third dry year.”



Snowmelt during January has been minimal. However, with little to no accumulation of snow during January, snowpack levels are closer to average February 1 conditions, meaning that a return of winter storms in the Sierra Nevada is needed during February and March to remain at or above normal levels.

Regionally, the Southern Sierra snowpack is not faring as well as the Northern Sierra. Water supply forecasts for the south San Joaquin Valley are below average due to the lack of rain and snow in this region.

“These dry January conditions demonstrate the importance of continuing to improve our forecasting abilities and why these snow surveys are essential,” said Sean de Guzman, Manager of DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit. “While we always hope for a generous snowpack, DWR’s ongoing investments in forecasting techniques will help the state better prepare for both drought and flood conditions.”

In light of last year’s poor runoff, DWR has increased its efforts to improve climate and runoff forecasting by strengthening its collaboration with partner agencies and academia and by investing in proven technologies to improve data collection and hydrologic modeling. One example is DWR’s investment in remote snowpack measurements through the Aerial Remote Sensing of Snow program by partnering with Airborne Snow Observatories, Inc. (ASO). Data from ASO has proven to be the most accurate assessment of snowpack conditions that, when coupled with newer, sophisticated runoff models, will improve runoff forecast accuracy.

Although early season storms helped alleviate some drought impacts, a lack of storms in January has underscored the need for Californians to continue focusing on conservation. Most of California's reservoirs are still below average, and groundwater supplies are still recovering. California still has two months left of its typical wet season and will require more storms in those months to end the year at average.

DWR conducts four media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, one additional in May.

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Mother Nature does dry January

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. – Lake Tahoe saw record breaking snowfall in December. Now, January is experiencing historic weather too, but for different reasons. January 2022 is slated to be the 5th driest January in more than 50 years.



Despite little precipitation, snowpack is still healthy.

Mike Peron/ Tahoe Daily Tribune

"The east side of the basin down to Mammoth has hardly had any snow or precipitation, but the Snow Lab near Donner Summit has recorded over 1 inch of precip. and 9 inches of snow during the 1st week of January," said Bryan Allegretto, Forecaster, OpenSnow.

As of January 27, the Basin average precipitation is 1.5 inches. Records go as far back as 1970, since then 2014-15 was the driest year with only .35 inches of precipitation received.

1983-84 saw 1 inch, 1990-91 saw 1.02 inches and 2012-13 received 1.34 inches.

Nevada Natural Resources Conservation Service has a grimmer outlook.

"Based on SNOTEL precipitation data for the 11 SNOTEL sites in the Lake Tahoe basin this January ranks as the driest since SNOTEL records began in 1981," said Jeff Anderson, NCRS Snow Survey. "This assumes we don't get any precipitation for the rest of the mo

The chance for more snow before the end of the month is not looking likely.

"Blocking high pressure will likely maintain dry and generally quiet weather through the end of January. Low pressure and a cold front will bring increased winds and cooler temperatures for the start of February, but the storm track looks less favorable for bringing meaningful precipitation to the Sierra or western Nevada," a national weather service report stated.

The whole State of California is suffering from the lack of precipitation. U.S. Drought Monitor [shows](#) the Tahoe region as experiencing moderate drought and most of the state as experiencing severe drought.

"Unfortunately for those of us waiting patiently for snowfall to return to the Sierra in 2022, it may still be a while. A ridge of high pressure is forecast to strengthen along the west coast during the first week of February with week 2 outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center now leaning to below-normal precipitation through at least the first 9 days of February," the report added.

Luckily, because of the historic snowfall in December, the Basin still has snow on the mountains.

"December was so big that we will still be at 148% of average snowfall at the end of January even without any more snow. The snowpack as of today is at 102% of average for the date," Allegretto said.

Anderson is not giving up hope for more snow. He pointed out that 1991, which also had a dry January, saw snow later in the season.

"In terms of snowpack (measured by a snow pillow which is different from a precipitation gage) it is interesting that 1991 had a HUGE miracle March. The Tahoe Basin snowpack went from 18% of median on March 1 (lowest March 1 snowpack on record) up to 77% of median by April 1," Anderson said. "On the other hand, 2015 [the driest January on record] ended up with the lowest April 1 snowpack on record at just 9% of median."

So, now is time to pray harder than ever for snow.

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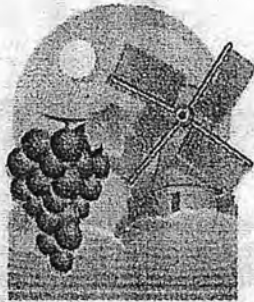
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Recording one of the driest Januarys on record

At the end of last December, the plentiful rain and snow had decreased the drought severity throughout California.

In fact, the U.S. Drought Monitor dropped the entire Central Coast to a moderate drought from a severe drought.



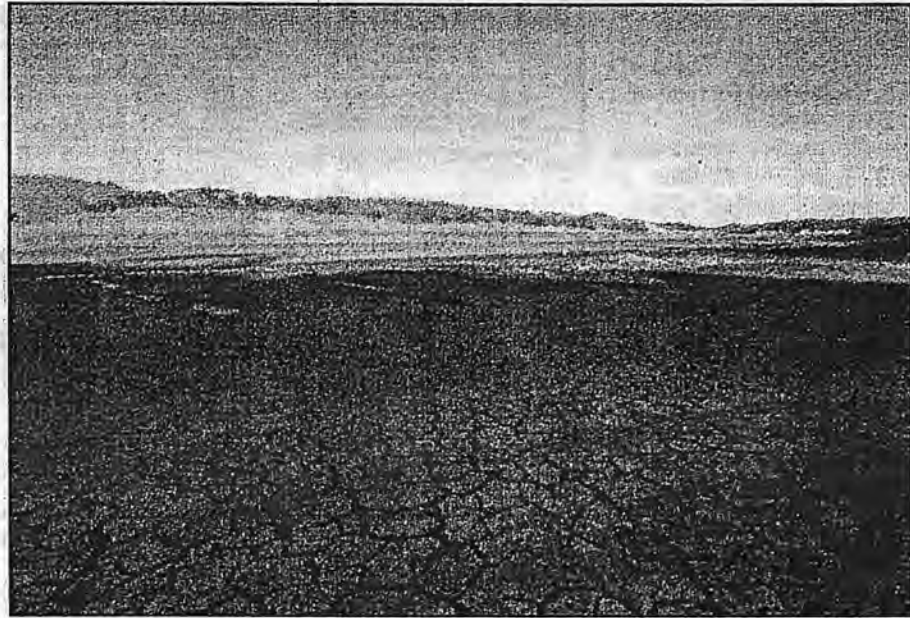
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The Drought Monitor map is updated weekly and is a joint effort of the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Unfortunately, the Eastern Pacific High off the California coastline locked the storm door to Central California for January. It forced the upper-level winds and the storms they bring into the Pacific Northwest in a classic La Niña pattern.

In January, the only rain recorded for the Central Coast occurred on Jan. 17 as an upper-level low-pressure system moved northward over the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties from the southwest.

On that day, the Paso Robles Airport reported 0.22 of an inch of rain, and the Santa Maria Airport saw 0.17 of an inch. Many other locations in the coastal



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A dry Lake San Antonio shows the effects of a parched January.

regions only saw trace amounts to one-hundredth of an inch of precious rain. The San Luis Obispo Airport and Cal Poly only saw one-hundredth of an inch. The National Weather Service requires at least two-hundredths of an inch to be classified as measurable rain.

Overall, this was one of the driest Januarys ever seen. The last time Cal Poly's Irrigation Training & Research Center saw so little rain was back in 1975. On a hopeful note, after reviewing 153 years of rainfall records from Cal Poly, there has never been a back-to-back dry January followed by a parched February.

I hope this trend con-

tinues, as the long-range models indicate dry weather through the first half of February, the peak of our rainfall season. I don't think I've ever seen both the European and American numerical models indicate arid conditions for most of California at this time of the year through middle February.

Thankfully, the extraordinarily wet December has kept most of the Central Coast at average rainfall despite the dry January. The Paso Robles Municipal Airport has recorded 7.4 inches of rain, or 110% of typical this rain season. Much like the Paso Robles Airport, the Santa Maria Airport has reported about 6.3 inches

of rain, slightly below the 6.7 inches of rain we would generally see by the end of January. San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport is at 12.3 inches, exactly 100% of average. However, it was 170% of normal at the end of December.

There have been La Niña years that have seen well-above-average rainfall for unanticipated and quickly changing atmospheric conditions.

A split in the polar jet stream can develop. If it does, the southern branch of the polar jet stream can extend far out over the Pacific toward the coast of California. That river of air

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in the upper atmosphere can steer moist, subtropical air toward California and can bring days of rain.

If you remember, last year at this time, the time-lapse radar presentation from Jan. 27 and 28 looked like somebody was holding a water hose somewhere far out over the Pacific Ocean and washing down Central California with a stream of fluid aimed primarily at

Cambria. An atmospheric river stalled over Cambria and retrograded northward toward Big Sur before moving southward into southern San Luis Obispo County and northern Santa Barbara County.

Dawn Dunlap lives above Cambria on the Walter Ranch at 1,250 feet of elevation in the Santa Lucia Mountains. She told me, that storm produced more than 17 inches of rain over 54 hours.

Of course, there is plenty of time for the

Monitoring natural disasters

Pacific Gas & Electric has expanded the scope of the Wildfire Safety Center, which is now called the Hazard Awareness & Warning Center. The center will monitor a broader range of natural disasters, including wildfires, land movement (such as debris flows and slope failures), earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding and avalanche hazards. To learn more, visit <https://www.pgecurrents.com/>

storm door to open again and bring precipitation to the Central Coast. The month of March is famous for storms that produce miracle amounts of rain and snow.

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Good morning Cloud Seeding Partners,

Attached please find the *Monthly Cloud Seeding Report* for January operations from North American Weather Consultants.

After a great start to the season, things tapered off with only 4% of normal countywide precipitation in January. Current stats are as follows:

- Countywide, we are currently at 52% of our normal yearly rainfall (runs Sept 1-Aug 31).
<https://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/pwd/Content/Water/Hydrology/Rainfall%20-%20Annual%20Percent%20of%20Normal%20-%20CountyWide.pdf>
- County-wide statistics and data can be located here (chose *Previous Rainfall and Reservoir Summaries* at bottom of page for earlier stats):
<http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/water/downloads/hydro/rainfallreports/rainfallreport.pdf>
Even after an exceptionally dry January, normal-to-date countywide precipitation on 2/1 was 104%
- Historically, we receive 22% of our precipitation in February and 18% in March. Fingers crossed for more precipitation soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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February 2, 2022

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Dear Matt:

This report covers storm periods and seeding operations for the Santa Barbara County cloud seeding program during the month of January 2022. After an active December, January was unfortunately a very dry month with a ridge of high pressure dominating the pattern over California during essentially the entire month. The only system to bring precipitation in January was a closed low which brought very minimal showers on the 15th, and some more substantial showers activity on the 17th (during which a few seeding flares were ignited).

Table 1
January 2022 Seeding Operations

| Seeding Period | Mt. Lospe | Harris Grade | Berros Peak | Dos Vistas | W Camino | Gibraltar | Storm Total |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| January 17 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| January Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

The following sections summarize storm events and seeding operations that occurred in January.

January 15, 2022

A closed low centered well to the southwest of the area brought some subtropical moisture northward into the central coast region. As of 1100 PST, a weak band of mostly elevated

showers was crossing SB County with winds generally light or SE near the surface and southerly aloft. The antecedent air mass was very dry per 12Z (0400 PST) Vandenberg sounding and precipitation was mainly produced by a mid/high cloud deck with echoes as high as about 30k feet, and mostly evaporating in lower and mid levels of the atmosphere. The 700 mb temperature was generally in the -3 to -5° C range within the precipitation band across this area. Precipitation on this day was very minimal, with only localized values of a few hundredths of an inch, and no seeding opportunity.

Figure 1 is a visible spectrum satellite image around the time that the band of precipitation (mostly aloft) crossed the area, and Figure 2 a corresponding regional radar image.

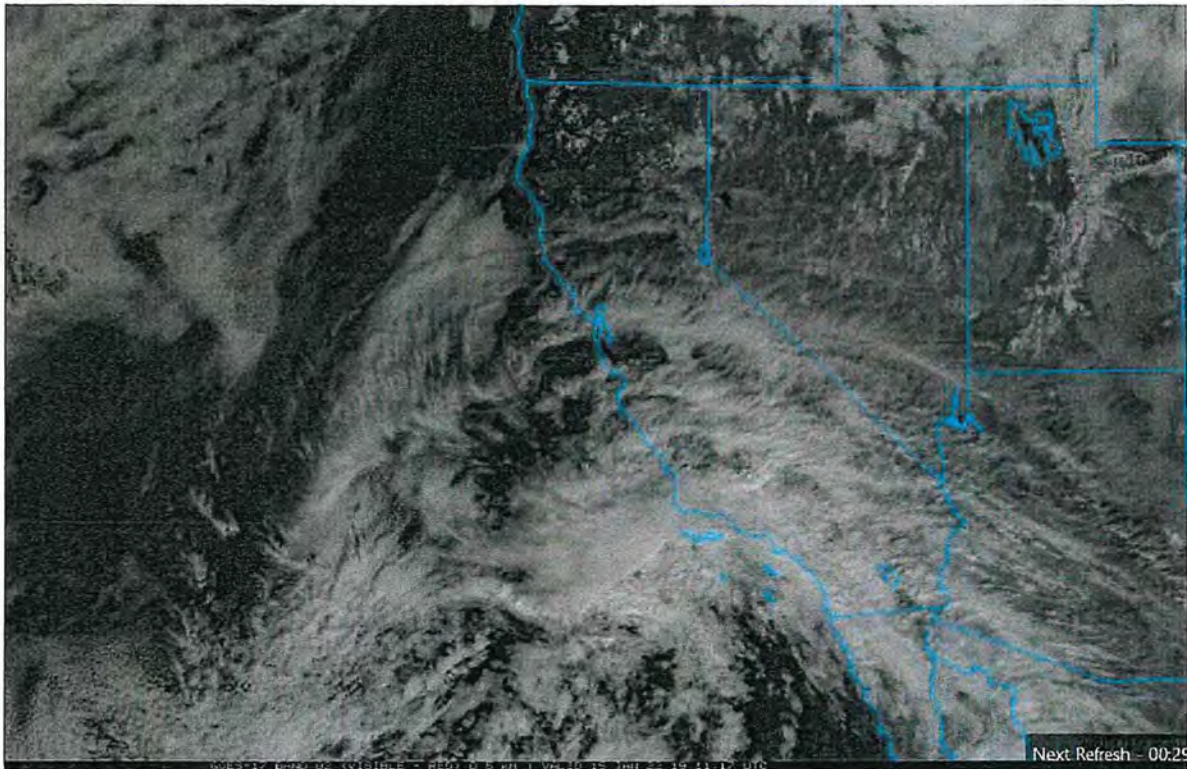


Figure 1. Visible spectrum satellite image at 1111 PST on January 15

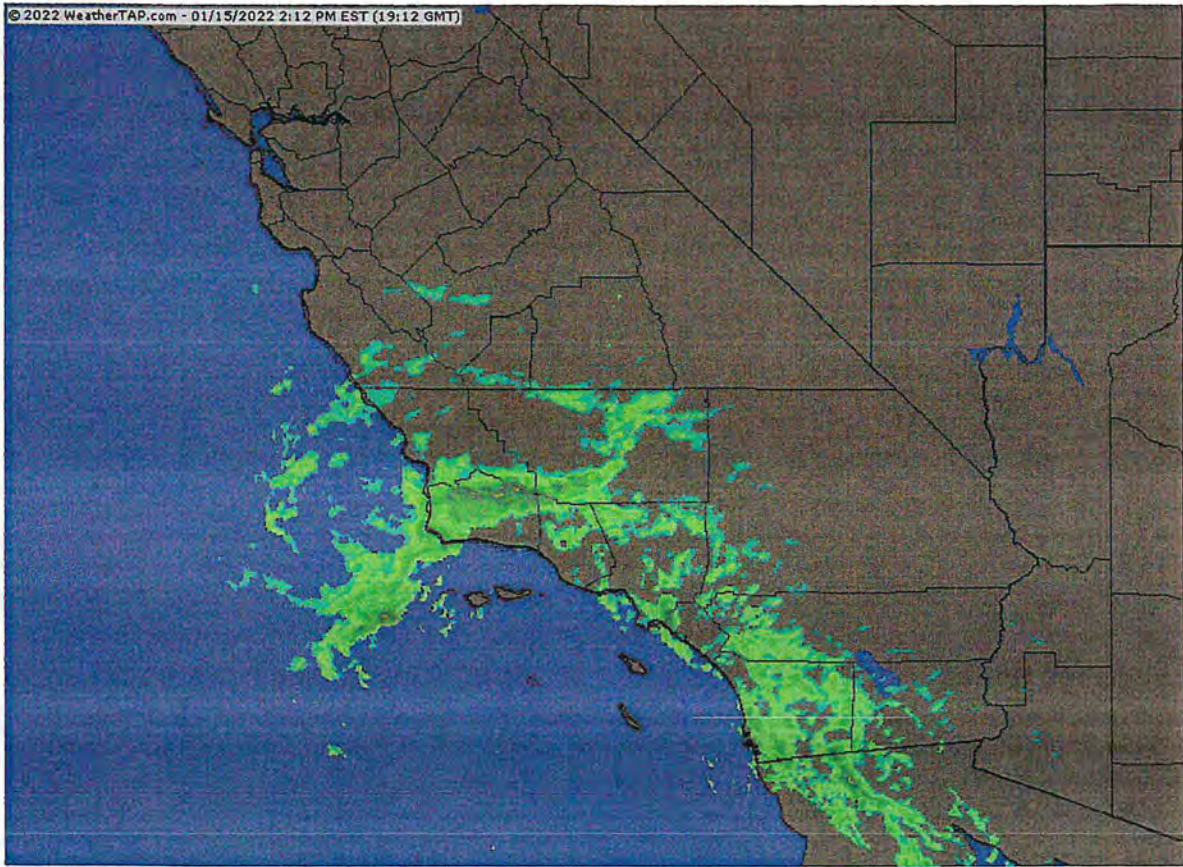


Figure 2 Regional radar reflectivity at 1112 PST January 15

January 17, 2022

The closed low which had brought very minimal shower activity on the 15th remained off the coast until late on January 17, when it moved onshore in the central/southern coastal CA region. The structure of this system was quite similar to before, although the air mass was somewhat more saturated as it finally moved onshore and the 700 mb temperature was around -4 C. Figure 3 is an infrared satellite image of this weak system on the afternoon of the 17th. This placed the freezing level near 7,500 feet elevation and the -5 C level close to 11,000 feet. A few bands of light shower affected SB County during the late afternoon and evening, with generally very light precipitation amounts. However, there was an area of south-central SB County in and around the western portion of the Santa Ynez target (particularly near and southwest of Cachuma Reservoir) which received rainfall amounts in the 0.20 – 0.35” range. This area appeared to be at least marginally favorable for seeding operations based on wind patterns, which were light southeasterly near the surface and southerly aloft. However, any embedded convection and

associated updrafts appeared very weak within the precipitation features that crossed the area. Two flares were ignited at West Camino Cielo (1733 and 1915 PST) and one at Gibraltar (1735 PST). Figures 4-6 show radar reflectivity, surface map, and VAD profile respectively during the event. Figure 7 shows 3-hour precipitation totals on the evening of January 17.

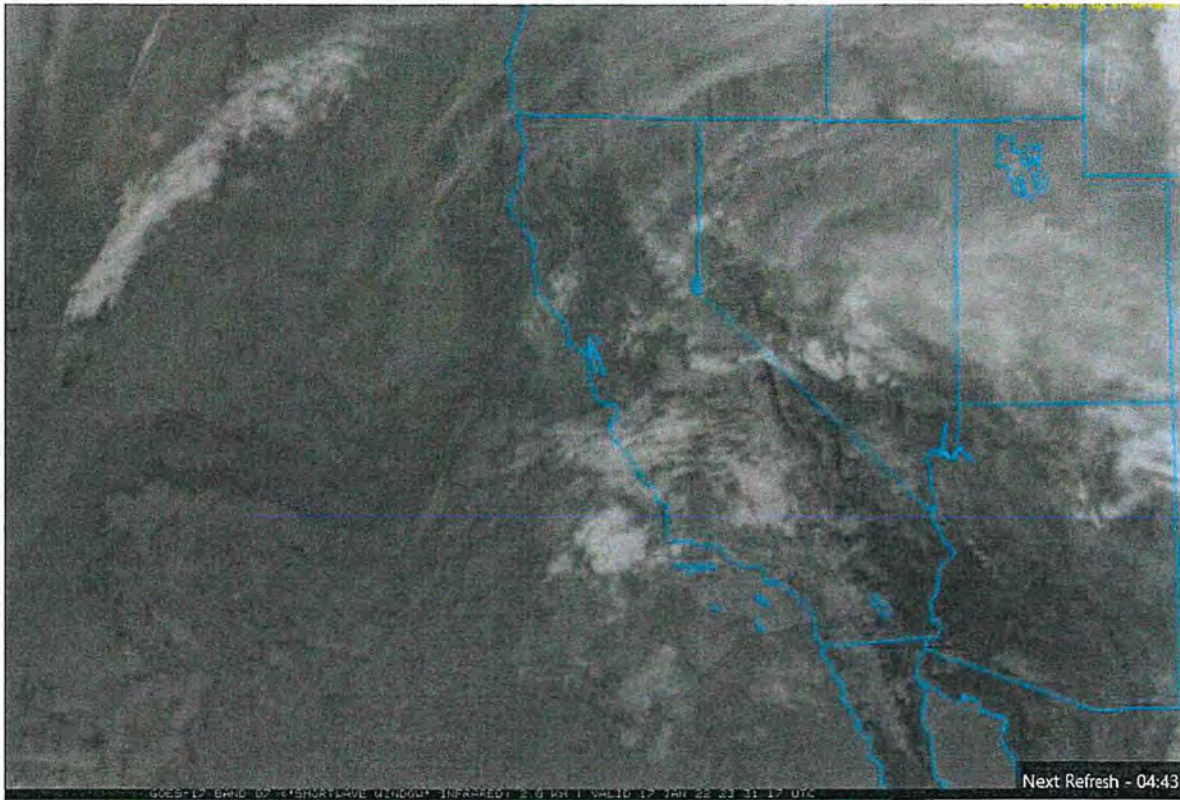


Figure 3 Infrared satellite image at 1531 PST January 17

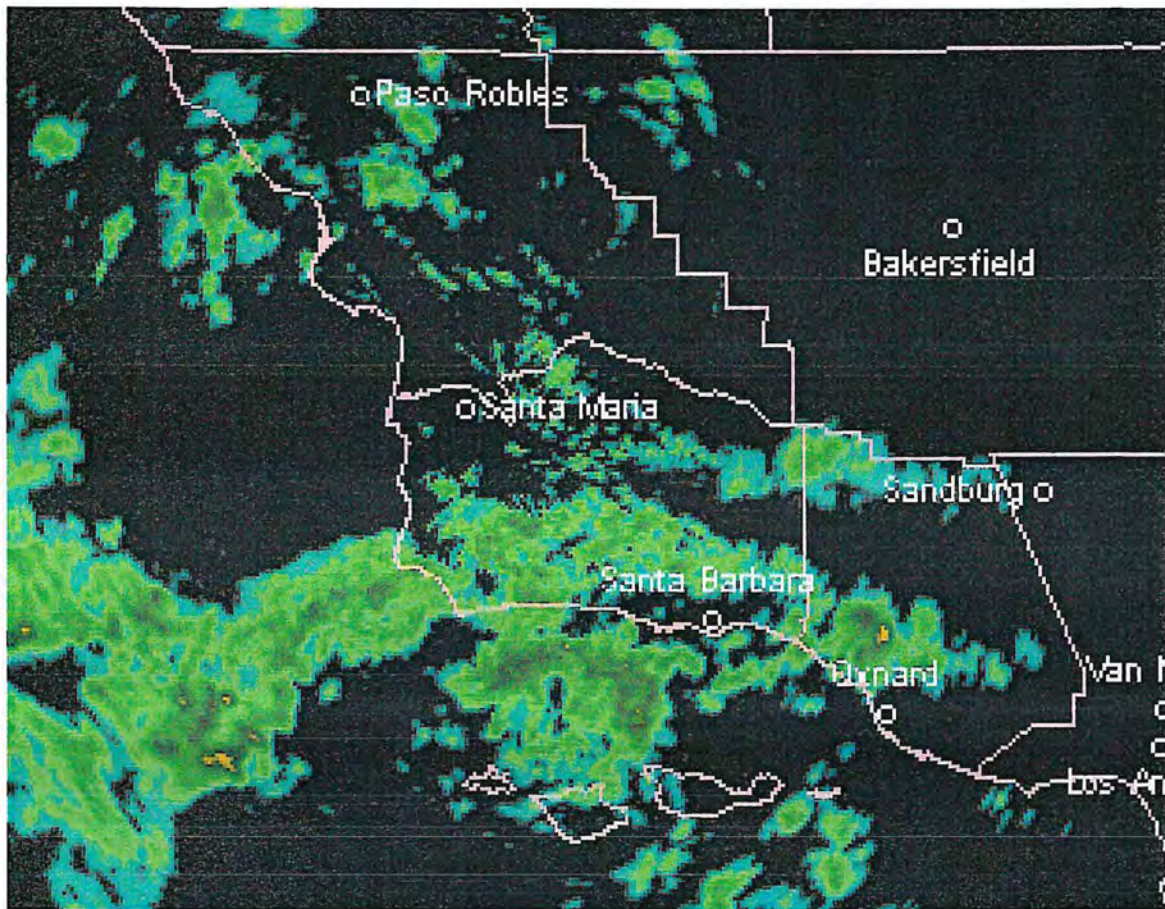


Figure 4 Vandenberg radar image at 1746 PST January 17

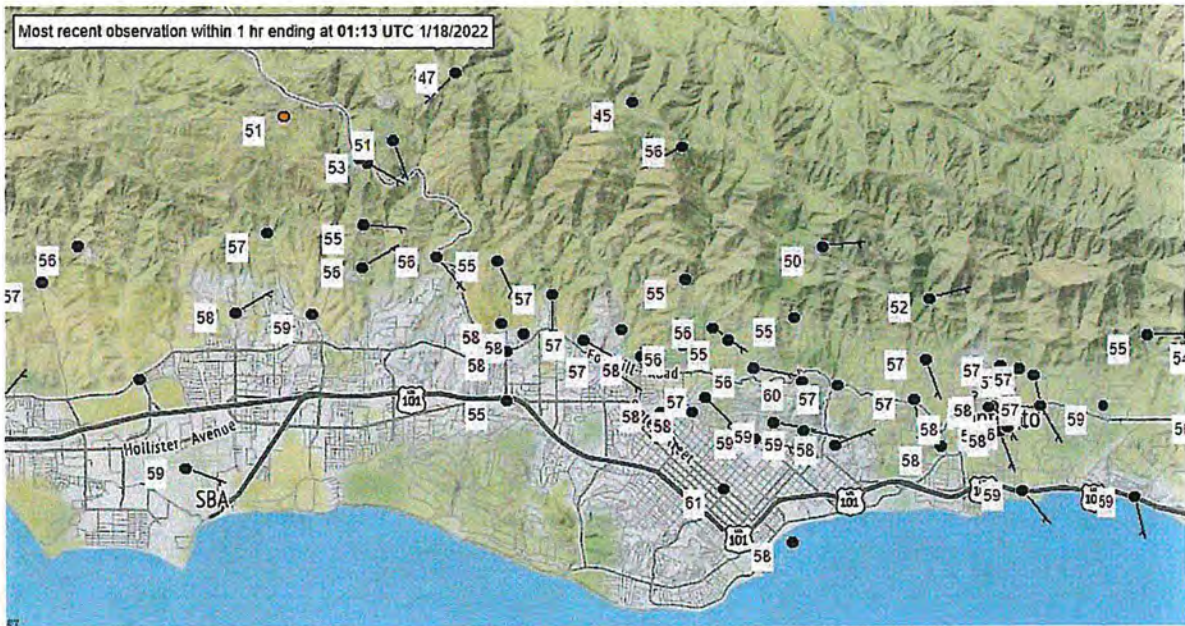


Figure 5 Mesowest network surface observation map ending 1713 January 17

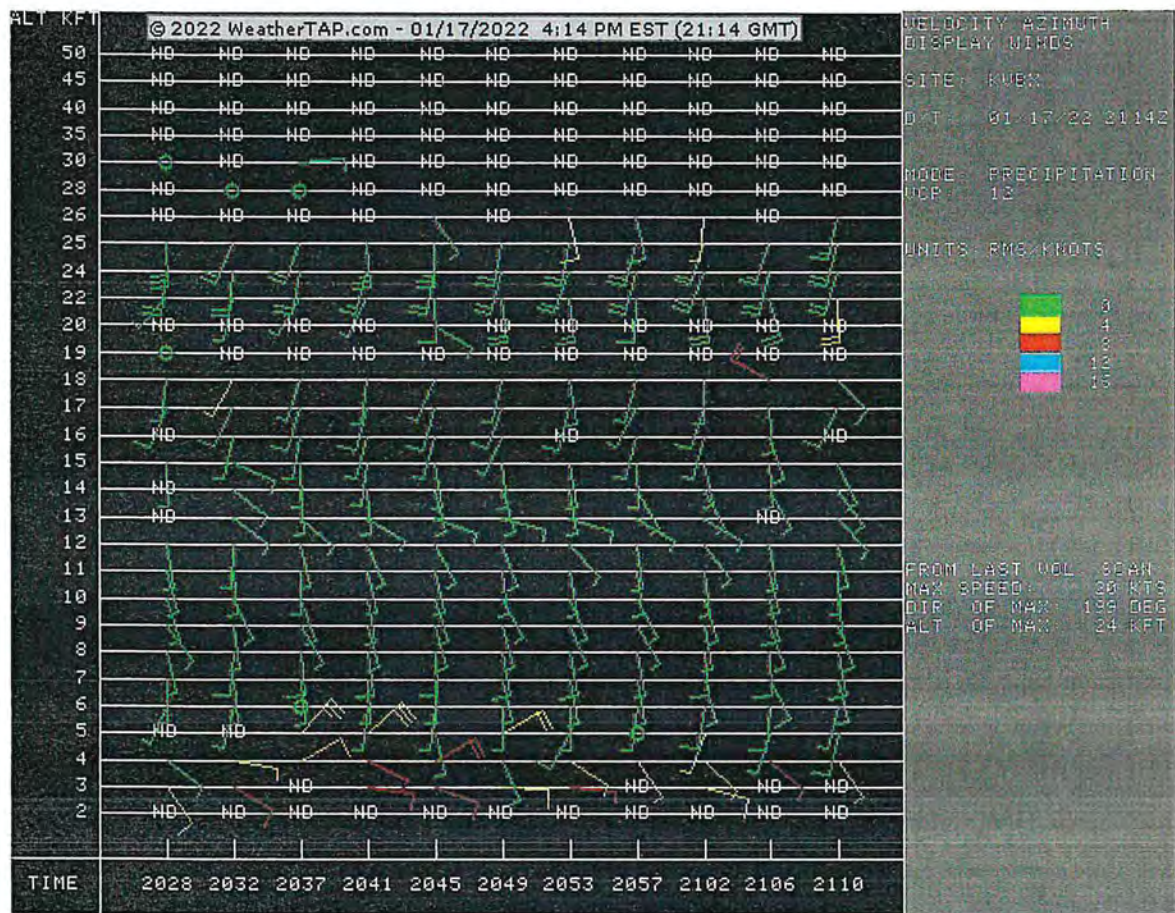


Figure 6 Vandenberg VAD profile from somewhat earlier, at 1310 PST

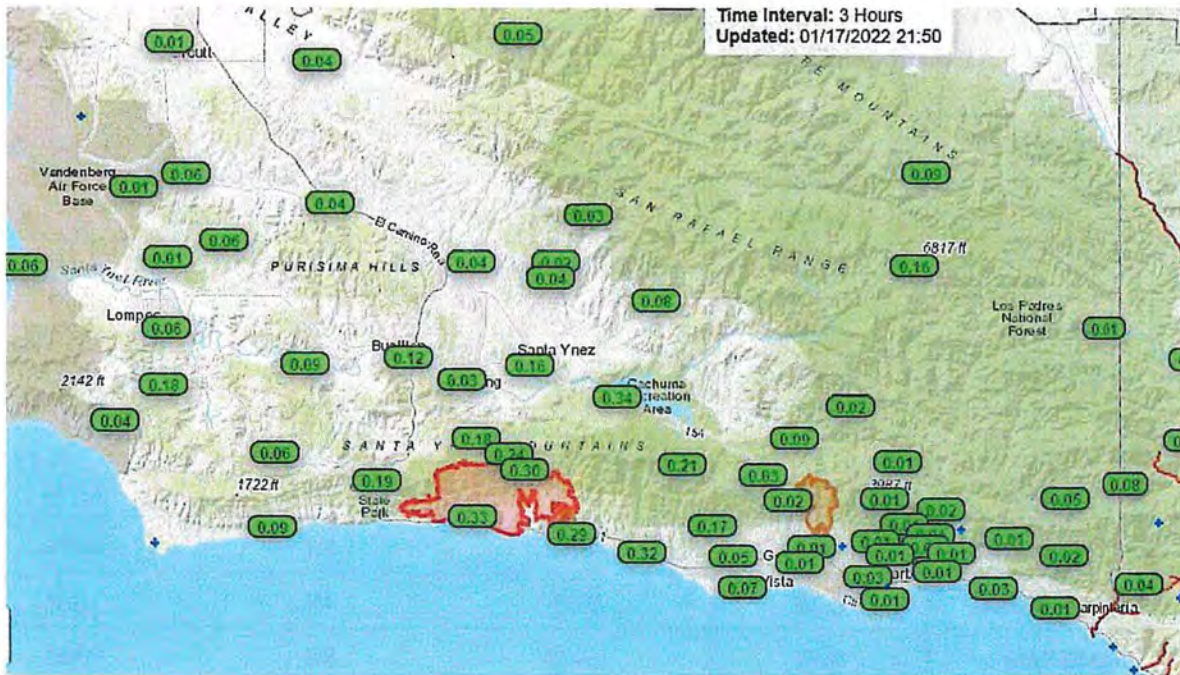


Figure 7 Southern SB County 3-hour rainfall ending 2050 on January 17 (time stamp on these maps was an hour later than PST)

Precipitation Data

Table 2 shows the January 2022 and Water Year 2022 (beginning September 1) to date precipitation totals for select stations in and near the seeding target areas. Also shown are corresponding percentages of normal (mean) values for January and the 2022 Water Year.

Table 2
January 2022, and Water Year 2022 Precipitation up through January

| Station | January Precipitation (inches) | Water Year Precipitation (inches) | % of Normal January 2022 | % of Normal Water Year 2022 to date |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Twitchell Area | | | | |
| Santa Maria | 0.16 | 6.56 | 6% | 96% |
| Sisquoc | 0.06 | 6.44 | 2% | 85% |
| Santa Ynez Area | | | | |
| Gibraltar Dam | 0.05 | 15.33 | 1% | 117% |
| San Marcos Pass | 0.09 | 23.82 | 1% | 136% |
| Santa Barbara | 0.16 | 9.43 | 4% | 120% |
| Santa Ynez | 0.27 | 8.42 | 8% | 106% |

(Data for this table received from Santa Barbara County)

The program is scheduled to continue through April 1, 2022. Please contact us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

David Yorty
 Program Manager/Meteorologist

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Dated this 26th day of January 2022.

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1:00 P.M. Call to Order and Roll Call**Pledge of Allegiance****Assembly Bill 361 Determination**

Pursuant to Government Code § 54953(e)(1), consider determination that 1) local health officials recommend social distancing to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and 2) as a result of the declared pandemic emergency, requiring in-person attendance at Commission hearings presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees and, therefore, Commission meetings may be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code § 54953(e)(2).

Approval of Minutes of the January 6, 2022 Meeting**Oath of Office**

Administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed Alternate Public Commissioner Jim Richardson, Term Ending March 1, 2025

Public Comment Period

Persons desiring to address the Commission must complete and deliver to the Commission Clerk the form which is available at the Hearing Room entrance prior to the commencement of this comment period. This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak on items that are not on the agenda.

Consent Calendar

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Agenda and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. Matters listed on the Consent Calendar will be read only on the request of a member of the Commission or the public, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item. Members of the public may speak on any item listed on the Consent Calendar.

- 1) Receive and file a report on Disbursements for December and January 2022.

Business Items

- 1) Consider recommendations regarding work program for Water/Wastewater/Recycled/Storm Water Municipal Service & Sphere Review and approve the proposed outline and schedule.
- 2) Authorize the Executive Officer to investigate if there is a better payroll service option for LAFCO to use and present these options at a future meeting.

- 3) Adopt LAFCO Job Descriptions, authorize the recruitment for an Analyst position, and set a preliminary Budget for FY 22-23.

Information Items

- 1) Receive and file an update from CALAFCO Legislative Summary.
- 2) Receive and file a report on 2022 CALAFCO Staff Workshop and 4th Quarter Report.
- 3) Receive and file a report on pending Commissioner Elections and appointments.
- 4) Receive and file a report on File No 22-01 for 1351 Holiday Hill sphere and annexation to the Goleta Sanitary District.

Commissioner and Staff Announcements

- 1) Commissioner announcements and requests for future agenda items.
- 2) Executive Officer comments.

Adjourn to

March 3, 2022.

County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
105 East Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor
Santa Barbara

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February 3, 2022 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101

**Work Program for Water/Sewer/Recycled Water/Stormwater
Municipal Service & Sphere Review**

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission discuss and approve the proposed outline for the upcoming countywide service and sphere review regarding water, wastewater, recycled water, stormwater services in Santa Barbara County.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the direction by the Commission on January 6, 2022 meeting this report includes an outline and scope to conduct a report that will collectively analyze 33 agencies that provide such services. The report would include an analysis of the agency's ongoing operations, current financial performance, existing governance structure, ability to provide services, and its importance within its jurisdictional area. The report will include determinations required by State law.

A comprehensive service review analyzing multiple agencies that provide the same service may provide a better understanding of how agencies are financed, governed, and structured. Identifying best practices, regional issues and joint opportunities are key takeaways from service reviews.

The table on the next page illustrates the five volumes and identifies the agencies that would be apart of the respective service review.

Table A – MSR Program

| MSR Document Volume | Community Included in Volume |
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| Water/Wastewater/Stormwater | Community Services Districts of Los Alamos, Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, Mission Hills, Vandenberg, Casmalia & Cuyama |
| | Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang |
| | County Service Areas of CSA 12 |
| | County Water Agency & Flood Control |
| | Water Districts of Carpinteria Valley, Goleta, Montecito, San Antonio & Cuyama Basin |
| | Water Conservation District of Santa Maria Valley & Santa Ynez River & Imp District #1 |
| | Sanitary Districts of Carpinteria, Goleta, Goleta West, Montecito & Summerland; Laguna County Sanitation |
| | Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District (EMID) |
| Transportation/Parking/St Sweep & Beauty/Lighting/ Transit/Airport | County Service Areas of CSA 3, 11, 31 & 41 |
| | Community Services Districts of Vandenberg, Santa Ynez, Mission Hills, Santa Rita Hills & Isla Vista |
| | Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang |
| | Santa Maria Airport |
| | SB Metro Transit |
| Parks/O.S./Library/Fac Rentals | County Service Areas of CSA 3, 4 & 5 |
| | Community Services Districts of Isla Vista |
| | Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang |
| | Cachuma RCD |
| | Isla Vista Rec & Park |
| Other Services | Cemeteries |
| | Community Services Districts of Isla Vista |
| | Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang |
| | Lompoc Valley Hospital |
| | SB Mosquito & Vector District |
| | Embarcadero Municipal |

Proposed Outline

Table B below provides an overview of the sections that will be covered in the upcoming countywide service reviews. Staff is suggesting three different chapters that will focus on various factors modeled after the Fire & Police MSR. It is important to note that this

is a draft outline, and the Commission is encouraged to identify any necessary modifications.

Table B – Proposed Outline for upcoming MSR Report

| Chapters | Description |
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| <u>Executive Summary:</u> Overview and Key Findings | This introductory section will specify the purpose of the report and how the comprehensive analysis will fulfill the state mandate outlined in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act (“CKH Act”) |
| <u>Chapter One:</u> Service Review Determinations | This section will fulfill the service determinations in accordance with the CKH Act for all agencies (Government Code Section 56430). |
| <u>Chapter Two:</u> Sphere of Influence Determinations | This section will fulfill the sphere determinations in accordance with the CKH Act for all fire districts (Government Code Section 56425) |
| <u>Chapter Three:</u> Agency Profiles | This section will contain a review of each of the agencies within Santa Barabara County. Each profile will contain a summary of LAFCO’s findings, background information, and data regarding their operations and boundaries. The profiles will include tables and charts outlining the agency’s formation and duties, revenue attributes, types of service, apparatus, and calls for service. A map of the agency’s jurisdictional and sphere boundaries will also be included. |
| <u>Appendix:</u> Acknowledgements & Relationship to other Service Reviews | This section will provide a description and sources of data, outline the network of service providers within the County including ambulance, State & Federal providers. |

Next Steps

In mid-February, LAFCO staff will be sending out a survey to all the agencies in order to gather the necessary information for the countywide report. **Attachment A** provides a copy of the draft questionnaire. The agencies will have ~50 days to respond to the survey. The deadline to submit responses will be March 31, 2022. After LAFCO receives the requested information, staff will prepare an administrative draft of the service review. The draft report will then be shared with the agencies in September 2022 with a

request for internal review and comments. This will be an opportunity to ensure accuracy in content and tone. Following the completion of the survey deadline and draft report, LAFCO staff will schedule to present the final version of the countywide service and sphere review in February 2023. **Attachment B** outlines the service review process and highlights key dates.

ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION

After reviewing this report and any testimony or materials that are presented, the Commission can direct one of the following options:

OPTION 1 – APPROVE the Staff recommendation regarding the outline, scope, and schedule for the Water/Sewer/Recycled Water/Stormwater municipal service and sphere review.

OPTION 2 – DEFER the municipal service review for another time.

OPTION 3 – MODIFY the staff recommendation and direct staff to proceed with a municipal service review with a different outline, scope, or schedule.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE OPTION 1.

Attachments

Attachment A -Survey/Questionnaire

Attachment B -Tenetative Schedule

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Prater
Executive Officer

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**Comprehensive Water/Wastewater/Recycled
Water/Stormwater Service & Sphere Review (Survey
Questions – Deadline is March 31, 2022)**

****Please refer to page 7 for information on how to respond to this survey****

| Survey Questions | Agency Response |
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| A. Overview: | |
| 1) Administrative Office Address and Mailing Address (if different) | |
| 2) Website Address | |
| 3) Contact Information of LAFCO Liaison (for any follow-up questions) | |
| 4) Number of Employees for entire agency. Please indicate whether employees are full-time, part-time, contract, etc. | EXAMPLES: GM (1), Plant Manager (1) Operators (4) all grade levels, Admin (3), Other Staff (5) |
| 5) Number of Operators and their Grade Levels. Number of Emergency Operators available. | EXAMPLES: Supervisor (1) grade 4; or Operators (3) grade 1, etc |
| 6) Staffing experience and tenure to the agency. Please indicate # years each employee has been in the industry and the number of years with the current agency. | EXAMPLES: Plant Manager 10 years in Industry w/ 3 years with the current agency. |
| 7) Current Board/Council Members and Term Limits. Please indicate who is the current Board Chair/President. | |
| 8) Board/Council Members background and years on the board. Background example indicate educator, finance, etc. | EXAMPLES: John/Jane Smith, Vice Chair – Nurse Jim/Sara Jones, President – Retail Sales |
| 9) Current Plant/Operations Manager. Please list for both Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment, if applicable. Please indicate the number of years serving as the current Manager. | |
| 10) Regular Board meeting date and location. | |
| 11) Would you be able to participate in an online short survey as well or further encourage citizen participation in an online survey? | |

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| <p>B. Boundaries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Does your agency desire to change its existing jurisdictional boundary? If yes, please indicate the area(s) and reason(s). 2) Does your agency desire to change its existing sphere of influence boundary? If yes, please indicate the area(s) and reason(s). 3) Does your agency plan to or currently provide services outside its existing boundaries? If yes, please indicate the area(s) and reason(s). 4) Are there any overlaps or duplicate services being provided by another agency within your agency's boundaries? 5) Have consolidation or reorganization with others been considered in the past 5 years? Would this evaluation benefit your agency? | |
| <p>C. Service Provisions</p> <p>Please indicate which services your agency provides related to the service review of Water/Wastewater/Recycled Water/Stormwater. Examples include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Collection 2) Treatment 3) Disposal 4) Recycled Water Use (list level of treatment) 5) Stormwater Management 6) Groundwater Sustainability Agency Member 7) Other <p>Please indicate whether your agency provides these services in-house or by-contract with another agency within your boundaries, and whether your agency provides a service outside your boundaries.</p> <p>Please provide a current draft of your Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).</p> | |

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| <p>D. Connection Types</p> <p>1) Total number of water, wastewater connections for each following type.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Single Family b) Multi-Family c) Commercial d) Industrial e) Agricultural f) Other? | |
| <p>E. Population</p> <p>1) Please provide population estimates for the following years: 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, and 2040. If a population forecast is unavailable, please provide the current population amount.</p> <p>Do you believe future population or housing will affect your agency's service capacity?</p> <p>2) Is your agency aware of any disadvantage communities within or adjacent to your boundary?</p> | |
| <p>F. Capacity and System Demands</p> <p>1) Please indicate the permitted capacity and any estimated equivalent units. Provide any State Permitting Documents.</p> <p>2) Estimated annual demand in gallons and AF</p> <p>3) Estimate gallons per day for each resident or equivalent unit.</p> <p>4) Distribution/Collection and Storage description.</p> <p>5) Any other Information your agency tracks?</p> | <p>EXAMPLES: 2020 Well A produced 22%, Well B produced 43%, etc. Or 1,800-2,000 gallons per minute, availability averaging 16,500 acre-feet per year</p> <p>estimated 129.3 gallons per day for each resident or 351.1 gallons per day for each occupied housing unit</p> <p>Maintains approximately 27.5 miles of various sized pipes. Two storage tanks that hold 1.8 million gallon of water.</p> |

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| <p>G. Treatment Plants, Boosters, Lift Stations</p> <p>Please provide information for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Number of and type of treatment plants 2) Name and location of treatment plants 3) Built date of treatment plants 4) Current condition of treatment plants 5) Size, square footage/ acres of treatment plants 6) Number of Boosters and Lift Stations 7) Name/location of Boosters and Lift Stations 8) Current condition of Boosters and Lift Stations 9) Size, capacity of Boosters and Lift Stations 10) Disposal process <p>Are there any plans to upgrade current treatment plants or construct new treatment plants?</p> | <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <p>Describe treatment system and process.</p> <p>If available, a brief description of each pump station</p> <p>800 gpm, or 30hp motor, provide a brief description.</p> <p>Hauled off-site to landfill, percolation, etc.</p> |
| <p>H. Finances</p> <p>Please provide information for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Adopted Financial Statements (2018 to 2021) 2) Adopted/Proposed Budgets (2021 and 2022) 3) Capital Improvement Plans (if applicable) 4) Any Pension/OPEB Obligations and payments 5) Ending Fund Balance for 2021 6) Total Fund Balance/Annual Revenue for 2021 7) Revenue sources 8) COVID Fund/Refund Applications (ARPA, Cares Act, Grants, etc.) | |

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| <p>I. Water Supply Sources</p> <p>Please indicate which type of water supply and estimated acre-feet are available for your agency use: Examples include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Groundwater 2) Surface Water 3) State Water 4) Recycled Water 5) Desalination 6) River Alluvium 7) Other(s)? | <p>(Acre-Feet Estimates for each)</p> |
| <p>J. Shared Services</p> <p>Please indicate whether your agency collaborates with other organizations through any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Exchange Agreement 2) Wheeling Arrangements 3) Lease Agreement 4) Memorandum of Understanding 5) Joint Power Authorities/Agreements 6) Other Contracts? <p>Please name the organizations and purpose that your agency collaborates with and provide documents, if possible. LAFCO would like to highlight these partnerships and joint efforts.</p> | |
| <p>K. Distribution/Collection Maintenance</p> <p>Please indicate which Inspection, Repair, Replacement, Upgrade or Addition your agency addressed during FY 2016 to 2021. Also indicate how many miles of system lines were addressed for each FY from 2016-2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Inspected 2) Cleaned 3) Replaced 4) Added 5) Video 6) Booster Stations addressed 7) Treatment Plant Upgrades, Repairs, 8) Other(s)? 9) Storm Drains | <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <p>120 miles of lines inspected in 2020 10 miles cleaned in 2019 15 miles replaced in 2020 & 25 miles in 2019 4 miles added in 2021, 6 miles in 2019, 7 miles in 2016 1 Booster replaced at (location) in 2018 Upgrades include (list components) in 2017, 2018, 2019 30 drains cleaned each year</p> |

L. Other Information

Please provide the following:

- 1) Rate Structure. Connection Fees, User Fees per Month for various types (SFR, MFR, MHP, Commercial, Industrial, etc)
- 2) Provide most recent Rate Study Report.
- 3) Does your agency have an emergency and disaster mitigation plan? If so, please provide a copy/link to review the document.
- 4) Does your agency have an Urban Water Management Plan? If so please provide a copy/link to review the document.
- 5) Does your agency have a Sewer System Management Plan? If so please provide a copy/link to review the document.
- 6) Please provide a copy/link to review the following documents? Master Plans, Strategic Plans, Conservation Plans, Reclaimed Water Reports/Studies.
- 7) Has climate change affected your agency? Do you have a Climate Action plan?
- 8) How is your agency preparing for future service needs/demands? What strategies are used to direct growth/service demands where infrastructure is or will be available?
- 9) Are there any new or pending laws that have affected your agency? If so, please provide information on such laws/bills.
- 10) List agencies to which your agency is required to report and for what. Do you prepare or receive annual reports or inspections?
- 11) Describe your agencies efforts regarding Public Outreach?

EXAMPLES:

Please provide a sample billing residential of 10 units or equivalent for 1 unit = 100 cubic feet

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| <p>L. Other Information (continued)</p> <p>12) How are the operations of your agency routinely evaluated, and by whom? Any procedures, customer feedback, etc.?</p> <p>13) Are there any best practices or recent success stories you would like LAFCO to highlight in the upcoming service review?</p> <p>14) What opportunities/challenges does your agency face?</p> <p>15) What regional collaboration does your agency participate in?</p> <p>16) Are there any specific topics you would like LAFCO to analyze as part of the upcoming service review?</p> | |
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LAFCO Staff Comments

Survey Responses: If the requested information is available on the agency's website or online, please provide the hyperlink and direct us to the proper location. We understand that your time is limited, and LAFCO staff can retrieve the information if pointed in the right direction.

Thank you for participating in LAFCO's survey. Please send your responses to LAFCO no later than **Thursday, March 31, 2022**. Responses can be sent by email at lafco@sblafco.org. Feel free to contact LAFCO staff if you have any questions. The LAFCO office number is 805-568-3391.

Water/Sewer/Recycled Water/Stormwater Agencies (33 in total)
Proposed Service & Sphere Review Schedule
(For Discussion Purposes Only - Dates Subject to Change)

| Action | Target Date | Description |
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| Pre-LAFCO Process | | |
| Survey Distribution | February 11, 2022 | LAFCO will solicit comments and information from all affected agencies. This will be an opportunity to gather the necessary data to conduct a comprehensive report that will be a resource for the Commission, the affected agencies, and the general public. |
| Discussion with Representatives | Feb - March 2022 | Prior to the development of the report, the Agencies and LAFCO should schedule a meeting (virtual, conference call, or in-person) to discuss certain items, including but not limited to: *Purpose of the Service & Sphere Review *Status of Agency (issues/concerns/future) *Retrieval of required documents (ex. audited financial statements) |
| Survey Deadline | March 31, 2022 | This is the deadline to submit survey responses for each affected agency. Please notify LAFCO if more time is needed. |
| During LAFCO Process | | |
| Develop Administrative Draft of Service & Sphere Review | Late-Sept 2022 | LAFCO staff will develop an administrative draft of the report that will fulfill the requirements outlined in Government Code Section 56425 (sphere determinations) and 56430 (service determinations). |
| Distribute Administrative Draft to Agencies | September 2022 | LAFCO staff will provide the Agencies an advance copy of the draft report for feedback. The purpose of this internal assessment is to ensure accuracy of the information. |
| Submit Comments on Administrative Draft | November 2022 | LAFCO encourages comments and questions to be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that the report addresses any discrepancies or issues prior to Commission consideration. |
| Determine Environmental Document | December 2022 | Pursuant to State law, and based on local practices, LAFCO files an environmental document regarding the service review. If LAFCO staff has determined that the service review is exempted from CEQA. A Notice of Exemption will be recorded after the LAFCO hearing date. |
| Advertise LAFCO Hearing in Newspaper | January 20, 2023 | Pursuant to State law, LAFCO will advertise the consideration of the Service & Sphere Review in a newspaper at least 21-days prior to the hearing date. |
| Post Draft Service & Sphere Review on Website Hold a meeting announcing the release | January 20, 2023 & February 2, 2023 | LAFCO publishes the meeting's agenda packet, with all staff reports and attachments, no later than the Thursday before the meeting date. |
| Conduct LAFCO Hearing to Consider Service & Sphere Review | April 6, 2023 | The Commission will consider the 2022 Service & Sphere Review in a public forum. The Agencies and members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Commission on this matter. |
| Post-LAFCO Process | | |
| Distribute Copies of the adopted Resolution and Service & Sphere Review | May 2023 | Copies of the signed resolution and 2022 Service & Sphere Review will be sent to the Agencies for their records. The report will also be available on the LAFCO website. |

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Work Program:

Water/Wastewater/Recycled/Storm
MSR-SOI Outline & Scope

February 3, 2022

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Water/Wastewater/Recycled/Storm MSR-SOI

- Agencies Covered in the Review
- Comprehensive Service Review
- Commission January 6th Direction
- Proposed Outline
- Public Comment
- Q and A

| MSR Document Volume | Community Included in Volume |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Fire/Police/Emergency/Safety | County Service Areas of CSA 32 Community Services Districts of Isla Vista Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang County Fire Fire Districts of Montecito & Carpinteria/Summerland |
| Water/Wastewater/Stormwater | Community Services Districts of Los Alamos, Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, Mission Hills, Vandenberg, Casmalia & Cuyama Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang County Service Areas of CSA 12 County Water Agency County Flood Control Water Districts of San Antonio & Cuyama Basin Water Conservation District of Santa Maria Valley & Santa Ynez River & Imp District #1 Sanitary Districts of Carpinteria, Goleta, Goleta West, Montecito & Summerland, Laguna County |

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| Parks/O.S./Library/Fac Rentals | County Service Areas of CSA 3, 4 & 5 Community Services Districts of Isla Vista Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang Cachuma RCD Isla Vista Rec & Park | |
| Other Services | Cemeteries Community Services Districts of Isla Vista Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria & Solvang Lompoc Valley Hospital SB Mosquito & Vector District Embarcadero Municipal | 4 |

Water/Wastewater/Recycled/Storm MSR-SOI

Collectively Analyze 33 Agencies

- ongoing operations
- current financial performance
- existing governance structure
- ability to provide services; and
- their importance within the area
- Include Determination required by State Law

Water/Wastewater/Recycled/Storm MSR-SOI

Proposed Outline

- Executive Summary – Overview & Key Findings
- Chapter One - Service Review Determination
- Chapter Two - Sphere of Influence Determinations
 - for single purpose agencies
- Chapter Three – Agency Profiles
- Appendix – Acknowledgements & Relationship to other Service Reviews

Water/Wastewater/Recycled/Storm MSR-SOI

Next Steps

- Send out Survey/Questionnaire to 33 Agencies
- Response deadline March 31, 2022
- LAFCO staff prepares an Administrative Draft by September 2022
- Public Review & Comments
- Release by January 2023

Recommendation

OPTION 1 – APPROVE the staff recommendation regarding the outline, scope, and schedule for Water/Wastewater/Recycled/Stormwater municipal service and sphere review

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Santa Barbara Local Agency
Formation Commission

Business Item No 1

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February 9, 2022

Paeter Garcia, General Manager
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Program to Update Spheres of Influence and Municipal Service Review

Dear Paeter:

The law requires that Spheres of Influence be updated every five years. The Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) received a report from its staff regarding a proposed program and schedule to review and update Spheres of Influence for the cities and special districts in Santa Barbara County.

After receiving the report and discussing the update program on February 3, 2022, the Commission directed me to prepare a new Municipal Service Reviews (MSR) to update the Spheres of Influence. Updates will be prepared to include services related to water, wastewater, recycled water and stormwater services. Since your Agency provides some of these services directly, indirectly, or by contract, I am requesting information to assist our preparation in a new Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence.

In this regard, please complete the attached Santa Barbara LAFCO Municipal Service Review Survey and Questionnaire (**Attachment A**). The information contained in your response will be the basis for preparing a new Municipal Service Review and either readopting the agencies existing Sphere of Influence or adding or deleting areas from the agencies Sphere of Influence.

Please provide the requested information **no later than March 31, 2022**. I am available and willing to meet with you, other members of your staff, and attend a Board meeting to discuss this matter.

Enc:

Sincerely,



Mike Prater
Executive Officer

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**Comprehensive Water/Wastewater/Recycled
Water/Stormwater Service & Sphere Review (Survey
Questions – Deadline is March 31, 2022)**

****Please refer to page 7 for information on how to respond to this survey****

| Survey Questions | Agency Response |
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| <p>A. Overview:</p> <p>1) Administrative Office Address and Mailing Address (if different)</p> <p>2) Website Address</p> <p>3) Contact Information of LAFCO Liaison (for any follow-up questions)</p> <p>4) Number of Employees for entire agency. Please indicate whether employees are full-time, part-time, contract, etc.</p> <p>5) Number of Operators and their Grade Levels. Number of Emergency Operators available.</p> <p>6) Staffing experience and tenure to the agency. Please indicate # years each employee has been in the industry and the number of years with the current agency.</p> <p>7) Current Board/Council Members and Term Limits. Please indicate who is the current Board Chair/President.</p> <p>8) Board/Council Members background and years on the board. Background example indicate educator, finance, etc.</p> <p>9) Current Plant/Operations Manager. Please list for both Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment, if applicable. Please indicate the number of years serving as the current Manager.</p> <p>10) Regular Board meeting date and location.</p> <p>11) Would you be able to participate in an online short survey as well or further encourage citizen participation in an online survey?</p> | <p>EXAMPLES: GM (1), Plant Manager (1) Operators (4) all grade levels, Admin (3), Other Staff (5)</p> <p>EXAMPLES: Supervisor (1) grade 4; or Operators (3) grade 1, etc</p> <p>EXAMPLES: Plant Manager 10 years in Industry w/ 3 years with the current agency.</p> <p>EXAMPLES: John/Jane Smith, Vice Chair – Nurse Jim/Sara Jones, President – Retail Sales</p> |

B. Boundaries:

- 1) Does your agency desire to change its existing jurisdictional boundary? If yes, please indicate the area(s) and reason(s).
- 2) Does your agency desire to change its existing sphere of influence boundary? If yes, please indicate the area(s) and reason(s).
- 3) Does your agency plan to or currently provide services outside its existing boundaries? If yes, please indicate the area(s) and reason(s).
- 4) Are there any overlaps or duplicate services being provided by another agency within your agency's boundaries?
- 5) Have consolidation or reorganization with others been considered in the past 5 years? Would this evaluation benefit your agency?

C. Service Provisions

Please indicate which services your agency provides related to the service review of Water/Wastewater/Recycled Water/Stormwater. Examples include

- 1) Collection
- 2) Treatment
- 3) Disposal
- 4) Recycled Water Use (list level of treatment)
- 5) Stormwater Management
- 6) Groundwater Sustainability Agency Member
- 7) Other

Please indicate whether your agency provides these services in-house or by-contract with another agency within your boundaries, and whether your agency provides a service outside your boundaries.

Please provide a current draft of your Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

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| <p>D. Connection Types</p> <p>1) Total number of water, wastewater connections for each following type.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Single Family b) Multi-Family c) Commercial d) Industrial e) Agricultural f) Other? | |
| <p>E. Population</p> <p>1) Please provide population estimates for the following years: 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, and 2040. If a population forecast is unavailable, please provide the current population count.</p> <p>2) Do you believe future population or housing will affect your agency's service capacity?</p> <p>3) Is your agency aware of any disadvantage communities within or adjacent to your boundary?</p> | |
| <p>F. Capacity and System Demands</p> <p>1) Please indicate the permitted capacity and any estimated equivalent units. Provide any State Permitting Documents.</p> <p>2) Estimated annual demand in gallons and AF</p> <p>3) Estimate gallons per day for each resident or equivalent unit.</p> <p>4) Distribution/Collection and Storage description.</p> <p>5) Any other Information your agency tracks?</p> | <p>EXAMPLES: 2020 Well A produced 22%, Well B produced 43%, etc. Or 1,800-2,000 gallons per minute, availability averaging 16,500 acre-feet per year</p> <p>estimated 129.3 gallons per day for each resident or 351.1 gallons per day for each occupied housing unit</p> <p>Maintains approximately 27.5 miles of various sized pipes. Two storage tanks that hold 1.8 million gallon of water.</p> |

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| <p>G. Treatment Plants, Boosters, Lift Stations</p> <p>Please provide information for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Number of and type of treatment plants 2) Name and location of treatment plants 3) Built date of treatment plants 4) Current condition of treatment plants 5) Size, square footage/ acres of treatment plants 6) Number of Boosters and Lift Stations 7) Name/location of Boosters and Lift Stations 8) Current condition of Boosters and Lift Stations 9) Size, capacity of Boosters and Lift Stations 10) Disposal process <p>Are there any plans to upgrade current treatment plants or construct new treatment plants?</p> | <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <p>Describe treatment system and process.</p> <p>If available, a brief description of each pump station</p> <p>800 gpm, or 30hp motor, provide a brief description. Hauled off-site to landfill, percolation, etc.</p> |
| <p>H. Finances</p> <p>Please provide information for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Adopted Financial Statements (2018 to 2021) 2) Adopted/Proposed Budgets (2021 and 2022) 3) Capital Improvement Plans (if applicable) 4) Any Pension/OPEB Obligations and payments 5) Ending Fund Balance for 2021 6) Total Fund Balance/Annual Revenue for 2021 7) Revenue sources 8) COVID Fund/Refund Applications (ARPA, Cares Act, Grants, etc.) | |

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| <p>I. Water Supply Sources</p> <p>Please indicate which type of water supply and estimated acre-feet are available for your agency use: Examples include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Groundwater 2) Surface Water 3) State Water 4) Recycled Water 5) Desalination 6) River Alluvium 7) Other(s)? | <p>(Acre-Foot Estimates for each)</p> |
| <p>J. Shared Services</p> <p>Please indicate whether your agency collaborates with other organizations through any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Exchange Agreement 2) Wheeling Arrangements 3) Lease Agreement 4) Memorandum of Understanding 5) Joint Power Authorities/Agreements 6) Other Contracts? <p>Please name the organizations and purpose that your agency collaborates with and provide documents, if possible. LAFCO would like to highlight these partnerships and joint efforts.</p> | |
| <p>K. Distribution/Collection Maintenance</p> <p>Please indicate which Inspection, Repair, Replacement, Upgrade or Addition your agency addressed during FY 2016 to 2021. Also indicate how many miles of system lines were addressed for each FY from 2016-2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Inspected 2) Cleaned 3) Replaced 4) Added 5) Video 6) Booster Stations addressed 7) Treatment Plant Upgrades, Repairs, 8) Other(s)? 9) Storm Drains | <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <p>120 miles of lines inspected in 2020 10 miles cleaned in 2019 15 miles replaced in 2020 & 25 miles in 2019 4 miles added in 2021, 6 miles in 2019, 7 miles in 2016 1 Booster replaced at (location) in 2018 Upgrades include (list components) in 2017, 2018, 2019 30 drains cleaned each year</p> |

L. Other Information

Please provide the following:

- 1) Rate Structure. Connection Fees, User Fees per Month for various types (SFR, MFR, MHP, Commercial, Industrial, etc)
- 2) Provide most recent Rate Study Report.
- 3) Does your agency have an emergency and disaster mitigation plan? If so, please provide a copy/link to review the document.
- 4) Does your agency have an Urban Water Management Plan? If so please provide a copy/link to review the document.
- 5) Does your agency have a Sewer System Management Plan? If so please provide a copy/link to review the document.
- 6) Please provide a copy/link to review the following documents? Master Plans, Strategic Plans, Conservation Plans, Reclaimed Water Reports/ Studies.
- 7) Has climate change affected your agency? Do you have a Climate Action plan?
- 8) How is your agency preparing for future service needs/demands? What strategies are used to direct growth/service demands where infrastructure is or will be available?
- 9) Are there any new or pending laws that have affected your agency? If so, please provide information on such laws/bills.
- 10) List agencies to which your agency is required to report and for what. Do you prepare or receive annual reports or inspections?
- 11) Describe your agencies efforts regarding Public Outreach?

EXAMPLES:

Please provide a sample billing residential of 10 units or equivalent for 1 unit = 100 cubic feet

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| <p>L. Other Information (continued)</p> <p>12) How are the operations of your agency routinely evaluated, and by whom? Any procedures, customer feedback, etc.?</p> <p>13) Are there any best practices or recent success stories you would like LAFCO to highlight in the upcoming service review?</p> <p>14) What opportunities/challenges does your agency face?</p> <p>15) What regional collaboration does your agency participate in?</p> <p>16) Are there any specific topics you would like LAFCO to analyze as part of the upcoming service review?</p> | |
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LAFCO Staff Comments

Survey Responses: If the requested information is available on the agency's website or online, please provide the hyperlink and direct us to the proper location. We understand that your time is limited, and LAFCO staff can retrieve the information if pointed in the right direction.

Thank you for participating in LAFCO's survey. Please send your responses to LAFCO no later than **Thursday, March 31, 2022**. Responses can be sent by email at lafco@sblafco.org. Feel free to contact LAFCO staff if you have any questions. The LAFCO office number is 805-568-3391.

Monthly Briefing

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

Supreme Court Takes Up Clean Water Act Case

Potentially game-changing news for Western farmers and ranchers hit the headlines last month when the U.S. Supreme Court announced that the justices will revisit and potentially limit the scope of Clean Water Act (CWA) precedent. The case to be taken up by the Supreme Court centers on a conflict between an Idaho couple, Chantell and Michael Sackett, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Sacketts attempted to build a home on land the EPA claims to be federally protected wetlands under the CWA.

As reported in *E&E News*, the Supreme Court in 2012 sided with the Sacketts in their battle for judicial review of an EPA order that stopped them from building a house on their land and threatened fines of more than \$30,000 a day. In a short order last month, the justices agreed to consider whether the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals erred when it affirmed that the federal government has permitting authority over the couple's property in northern Idaho.

"The Sacketts' ordeal is emblematic of all that has gone wrong with the implementation of the Clean Water Act," said Damien Schiff, a senior attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation, which represents the couple. "The Sacketts' lot lacks a surface water connection to any stream, creek, lake, or other water body, and it shouldn't be subject to federal regula-

tion and permitting."

Some conservation groups and their allies in academia and the media responded to the SCOTUS announcement with horror and dismay.

"If you're someone who cares about water quality and wetlands, 'you're sick to your stomach,'" Dave Owen, an environmental law professor at the University of California Hastings College of the Law, told *Bloomberg*. "This is a very big deal."



The Supreme Court of the United States.

The interpretation of what qualifies as "waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) under the CWA is the focus of this case. Justice Anthony Kennedy provided the key vote in the 4-1-4 decision in *Rapanos v. United States* in 2006, where he disagreed with his colleagues on how to determine in which cases the federal government can exercise its CWA authority. In the years since *Rapanos*, federal courts have generally favored Justice Kennedy's "significant nexus" test, which takes a broad view of federal jurisdiction, over Justice Antonin Scalia's narrower definition requiring a wetland to have a continuous surface connection to a regulated water.

Former Justice Kennedy's test had served as the basis for the Obama administration's Clean Water Rule, which the Trump administration later replaced with the Navigable Wa-

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SCOTUS to Address WOTUS (*Cont'd from Pg. 1*)

ters Protection Rule (NWPR). The Trump rule relied heavily on former Justice Scalia's CWA interpretation. That rule was struck down by a federal court in Arizona last year, giving the Biden administration a chance to write a brand-new rule.

Last month's decision to grant *cert* could provide a new perspective of what the language in the CWA really means, one expert told *E&E News*.

"They very well could address this whole issue fresh, what we call *de novo*, look at it in light of what the language of the statute really means," said Larry Liebesman, a senior adviser at Dawson & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in permitting. "With a 6-3 majority conservative, there's a fair chance they may come out with a ruling that's a lot closer to the Scalia interpretation."

Two House Republicans, including Reps. Sam Graves (R-Mo.) and David Rouzer (R-N.C.) called on the Biden EPA to halt the rulemakings until the Supreme Court rules.

"Given this significant development, the Biden administration should immediately cease its efforts to issue a new WOTUS definition rule that will greatly broaden the federal government's jurisdiction over privately owned land," Reps. Graves and Rouzer said in a joint statement.

In 2019, the Family Farm Alliance submitted extensive formal comments to the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in support of the Trump Administration's approach to base a new WOTUS rule on former Justice Scalia's plurality decision in the 2006 case *Rapanos v. United States*.

"[T]he plurality's ruling in *Rapanos*, led by Justice Scalia, including important parts of Justice Kennedy's opinion, as the basis for much of the proposed rule, would provide much needed clarity to the definition of WOTUS," the Alliance letter stated.

With *cert* granted in the Sackett case, the Supreme Court could take action in October that removes the need for the Biden Administration to write a brand-new rule for what constitutes WOTUS under the CWA.

"We will continue to cover this important new development closely, while also continuing to advocate for irrigated agriculture with the Biden Administration as they proceed with current rulemaking," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen.

EPA Committed to New Definition of WOTUS

Meanwhile, EPA is "committed to establishing a durable definition" of WOTUS, spokesman Timothy Carroll said. The Biden Administration last fall had proposed to unveil this month a new definition of what constitutes a WOTUS. That timeline has now been pushed back to later in the year.

The Biden Administration has moved to formally rescind the Trump Administration's NWPR and to put back in place pre-2015 CWA regulations informed by past court precedent. EPA recently held virtual outreach meetings with state and local government officials on its first phase rule proposal to return to the definition of WOTUS pre-2015, pending promulgation of a new WOTUS rule in a planned second phase.

The proposed rulemaking is currently out for public comment until February 7.

Concerns of American Farmers and Ranchers

EPA's Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Advisory Committee last month submitted a list of recommendations to EPA Administrator Michael Regan on the intended revision of the definition of WOTUS. The agencies significantly expanded their interpretation of the jurisdictional authority provided under the 2015 rule in a system that was neither beneficial for farmers or ranchers or the environment, the committee said.

"A clear and consistent definition of WOTUS is critically important to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities," the committee said.

The evolution of the definition of WOTUS has been a source of confusion and concern for American agriculture for several decades.

Leaders of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) at the organization's annual convention last month in Atlanta, Georgia urged growers to speak out against the Biden administration's proposed expansion of WOTUS,

"We should not need a team of lawyers and consultants just to be able to farm our land," said Zippy Duvall, AFBF's president, last month.

Family Farm Alliance Efforts

Family Farm Alliance members believe the federal agencies should simply revert to the pre-2015 regulations and guidance that has been longstanding and is familiar to the regulated community.

"The proposed rule should not include additional interpretations of the Supreme Court's decisions in *SWANCC*, *Rapanos*, and other relevant CWA cases in administering the pre-2015 regulations and guidance," said Alliance General Counsel Norm Semanko. "The current guidance memo on implementing the Clean Water 404(f) exemptions for construction and maintenance of ditches and maintenance of drains should remain in place."

The Alliance worked with its members to prepare a formal comment letter to EPA that will be transmitted to the agency on February 7. The Alliance letter recommends the agencies conclude that man-made canals, drains, roadside ditches, wastewater and stormwater treatment, constructed wetlands, water reuse and recycling facilities, groundwater recharge facilities, and other similar infrastructure features not be categorized as WOTUS and regulated under the CWA.

"The West has been forever changed by the construction of the massive system of canals, ditches, and drains that are all parts of an irrigation system envied by the world," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. "The world-class agricultural production created by irrigation of farmland in the Western U.S. is highly dependent on the continued consistent operation and maintenance of these canal and drainage systems, located throughout the West."

White House Releases BIL Guidebook

The White House last month released a guidebook on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021. President Biden on January 31 welcomed governors to the White House on as part of the winter meeting of the National Governors Association, where he stressed the importance of infrastructure, telling them that they “know how to build roads and bridges” and that there are “a lot to build.”

Addressing nearly \$1 trillion in federal funds, this guidebook offers insights on how to access both new and existing federal program funding included in BIL. About 60 percent of the funds will be distributed through formula, leaving 40 percent to be distributed through competitive grant programs.

“Our Administration is committed to maximizing transparency so communities across America know what to apply for, who to contact, and how to get ready to rebuild. That’s why we’ve created a guidebook for state, local, tribal, and territorial leaders,” the White House said in a public statement. “This guidebook is a roadmap to the funding available under the law, as well as an explanatory document that shows, in as much detail as currently available, program-by-program information.”

The guidebook contains 13 chapters grouping BIL programs into four major categories: 1) Transportation, 2) Climate, Energy, and the Environment, 3) Broadband, and 4) Other Programs.

“The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, to deliver clean drinking water to all American families and help to eliminate the nation’s lead service lines,” the White House

stated.

Other BIL water provisions include \$8.3 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, including \$3.2 billion for aging infrastructure, \$1.15 billion for new storage and conveyance, \$100 million for small scale storage projects, \$250 million for ecosystem restoration, \$100 million for multi-benefit watershed projects and \$400 million for WaterSMART, including \$100 million for natural infrastructure projects.

These provisions closely align with the recommendations made by a coalition of over 220 organizations from 15 states that collectively represent \$120 billion in agricultural production—nearly one-third of all agricultural production in the country—and many of the local and regional public water agencies that supply water to more than 75 million urban, suburban and rural residents.

“The Western water provisions included in this legislation represent a once-in-a-generation federal investment that will bolster our aging water infrastructure and keep water flowing to our nation’s farms and ranches,” said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen, who served on the steering committee of the Western water coalition. “It will also improve our ability to provide water supply reliability for cities and the environment in future droughts.”

The 465-page report outlines what BIL funds are available, how to apply for them, and who to contact for questions. Each program’s funding amount and period of eligibility are listed with insight on the potential projects that would qualify. The Biden Administration will publish subsequent versions of this document to keep state and local governments up to date on the latest deadlines and details.

President Biden’s Pick for FWS Director Clears Senate Committee

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) last month advanced for Senate consideration President Biden’s nomination of Martha Williams to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), by a vote of 16-4. Full Senate consideration is the next step.

Ms. Williams returns to Department of the Interior having served as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife between 2011 and 2013, providing counsel to the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service. She was also previously an Assistant Law Professor at the University of Montana, where she co-directed the university’s Land Use and Natural Resources Clinic. She served as the Director of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks from 2017 to 2020.

Last month, Family Farm Alliance President Patrick O’Toole, Executive Director Dan Keppen and D.C. advocate Mark Limbaugh, participated in a constructive ZOOM call with Ms. Williams, her two deputies, and three regional directors.

Second Senate Hearing on Interior Nominee Postponed

Over at the Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Com-

mittee, Republicans last month were set to question President Biden’s nominee for Interior’s Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals, Ms. Laura Daniel-Davis, but that hearing was postponed.

ENR Ranking Member John Barrasso (R-WYOMING) asked for a second confirmation hearing to further question the nominee who will oversee oil and gas and minerals development on public lands.

“This sometimes happens since the nominee must be re-nominated by the President after the first session of the Congress expires,” Mr. Limbaugh explained. “Her nomination did not receive a Senate vote last year.”

When it came time for the ENR Committee to vote to advance Ms. Daniel-Davis’ nomination last November, the vote was 10-10, even split along party lines, technically resulting in an “unfavorable discharge” to the full Senate and requiring additional procedural hurdles for Democrats to tee up a vote on her confirmation.

The position is important to Westerners, as the Assistant Secretary oversees mining activities and the Bureau of Land Management.

Ms. Daniel-Davis currently serves as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals at the Department.

Reclamation Rolls out FY '22 Spending Plan

Reclamation last month submitted its initial spend plan for fiscal year 2022 funding allocations authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to the U.S. Congress. This spend plan represents a blueprint for how Reclamation will invest in communities to address drought across the West as well as greater water infrastructure throughout the country.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is the largest investment in the resilience of physical and natural systems in American history," said Interior Department Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Tanya Trujillo. "Reclamation's funding allocation for 2022 is focused on developing lasting solutions to help communities tackle the climate crisis while advancing environmental justice."

Reclamation will be provided \$1.66 billion annually to support a range of infrastructure improvements for fiscal years 2022 through 2026. The FY 2022 spend plan allocations include:

- \$420 million for rural water projects that benefit various Tribal and non-Tribal underserved communities by increasing access to potable water.
- \$245 million for WaterSMART Title XVI that supports the planning, design, and construction of water recycling and reuse projects.
- \$210 million for construction of water storage, groundwater storage and conveyance project infrastructure.
- \$160 million for WaterSMART Grants to support Reclamation efforts to work cooperatively to implement infrastructure investments to increase water supply.
- \$100 million for aging infrastructure for major repairs and rehabilitation of facilities.
- \$100 million for safety of dams to implement safety modifications of critical infrastructure.
- \$50 million for the implementation of Colorado River Basin drought contingency plans (*see inset box*).
- \$18 million for WaterSMART's Cooperative Watershed Management Program for watershed planning and restoration projects for watershed groups.
- \$15 million for Research and Development's Desalination and Water Purification Program for construction efforts to address ocean or brackish water desalination.
- \$8.5 million for Colorado River Basin ESA Recovery and Conservation Programs.

"The Bureau of Reclamation serves as the water and power infrastructure backbone for the American West. The law represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve our infrastructure while promoting job creation," said Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton. "The funding

identified in this spend plan is the first-step in implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will bolster climate resilience and protect communities through a robust investment in infrastructure."

Detailed information on the programs and funding provided in the IJA and the FY 2022 BIL Spend Plan is available at www.usbr.gov/bil.

Implementation Letter Sent to Administration

With President Joe Biden's signature on the BIL on November 15, the Family Farm Alliance and others involved with the year-long effort to secure \$8.3 billion in Western water infrastructure provisions are now working with the Biden Administration to immediately clear the path for projects that will address critical Western water supply needs.

"We want to ensure that most of these dollars are spent on-the-ground for the intended purpose, and we're already working with them to ensure that billions of dollars are spent on new infrastructure in a way that is efficient and effective," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen.

The Alliance last month submitted a letter- co-signed by the Association of California Water Agencies, California Farm Bureau, National Water Resources Association and Western Growers - to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and the Chair of White House Council on Environmental Quality, outlining four general concerns the groups have regarding implementation of the BIL.

"We had several key implementation concerns that we raised in the letter, including "Build America, Buy America"

provisions, Reclamation's interaction with its water customers, the importance of working with local interests on restoration projects, and environmental compliance challenges," said Mr. Keppen.

One of the concerns noted in the letter is how BIL requirements regarding Build America, Buy America could impact infrastructure projects costs and time frames. On January 19, the Biden Administration announced a new "Made in America Council".

"Working with agencies, we leveraged the government's purchasing power to support American manufacturing, launched a new website to bring greater transparency to the decision-making process regarding when to grant waivers or exceptions to Made in America policies, issued guidance to help agencies increase opportunities for domestic sourcing, and more," the White House said in a public statement.

The Council will share data that can help promote domestic sourcing and best practices across agencies that are facing similar challenges and opportunities, and also surface recommendations to help build and expand critical U.S. supply chains.



V.P. Harris and Sec. Vilsack Unveil Western Wildfire Strategy

Vice President Kamala Harris and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last month announced \$1.36 billion in disaster relief funds for the Forest Service to support post-disaster recovery and restoration in states across the country, including nearly \$600 million for recovery efforts in California following two devastating fire years. The funding was announced during a visit to the San Bernardino National Forest.

Vice President Harris, in remarks alongside California lawmakers, Gov. Gavin Newsom and Vilsack, plugged the administration's emphasis on preventing wildfires rather than fighting infernos.

"This is the best way to fight, we believe," she said. "Not just to focus on reaction, but on prevention. What can we do in terms of resiliency?"

The Forest Service will utilize these recovery dollars for hazardous material cleanup, reforestation, watershed restoration, and infrastructure repair including for trails, roads, bridges and facilities. The funding will target communities and Tribes hardest hit by wildfires to mitigate impacts, address hazards, and support plans for recovery.

From August through October, the most extreme wildfire conditions in the West caused thousands of evacuations, homes and structures lost, and tragic fatalities of 11 people in Oregon and 34 people in California. Over 46,000 fires in the West charred more than 5.8 million acres in 2021, slightly lower than the 10-year average.

"Western wildfire disasters are becoming an annual occurrence and underscore the importance of improving on-the-ground management actions that can lead to improved forest health," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. "A responsible level of continuous fuels reduction includes a combination of robust mechanical thinning and prescribed fire."

These measures can be employed to significantly reduce evapotranspiration, tree stress, disease and pest infestation, preserve health forest conditions, and protect species and habitats.

"Failure to employ this approach will continue the downward, accelerating spiral of fuel accumulation, drought, disease and invasive insects," said Alliance President Patrick O'Toole, who runs grazing leases on federal forest land in Wyoming. "This will lead, inevitably, to additional high-intensity fire events in the future."

Secretary Tom Vilsack and Forest Service Chief Randy Moore last month also launched the administration's comprehensive response to the nation's growing wildfire crisis – "Confronting the Wildfire Crisis: A Strategy for Protecting Communities and Improving Resilience in America's For-

ests." The strategy outlines the need to significantly increase fuels and forest health treatments to address the escalating crisis of wildfire danger that threatens millions of acres and numerous communities across the United States. The Forest Service will work with other federal agencies, including the Department of the Interior, and with Tribes, states, local communities, private landowners, and other partners to focus fuels and forest health treatments more strategically and at the scale of the problem, based on the best available science.

"The negative impacts of today's largest wildfires far outpace the scale of efforts to protect homes, communities and natural resources," said Secretary Vilsack. "Our experts expect the trend will only worsen with the effects of a changing climate, so working together toward common goals across boundaries and jurisdictions is essential to the future of these landscapes and the people who live there."

USDA announced more than \$48 million of investments by the Forest Service and NRCS this year through the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership for projects that will mitigate wildfire risk, protect water quality, improve wildlife habitat, restore forest ecosystems and ultimately contribute to USDA's efforts to combat climate change.

Senator Michael Bennet (D-COLORADO) last year successfully offered the *Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Program* bill as an amendment to the bipartisan Senate infrastructure bill.

Congress recognized the value of this important USDA program by making it permanent in the bipartisan infrastructure bill signed by President Biden. The Joint Chiefs' Partnership enables NRCS and the Forest Service to collaborate with agricultural producers and forest landowners to invest in conservation and restoration at a big enough scale to make a difference.

"We already have the tools, the knowledge and the partnerships in place to begin this work in many

of our national forests and grasslands, and now we have funding that will allow us to build on the research and the lessons learned to address this wildfire crisis facing many of our communities," said Chief Moore.

The Alliance last year formally supported this important legislation. The Alliance has long held that the best natural resource solutions are unique and come from the local, watershed and state level.

"The future of the rural West will be defined by the interrelationship between local communities, farmers, ranchers, foresters and constructive conservation groups working together to balance production and conservation," said Mr. O'Toole. "Senator Bennet's legislation tangibly moved us forward towards implementing this vision."



Sec. Tom Vilsack, accompanied by Vice President Harris, Gov. Newsom and other dignitaries at a recent press event in the San Bernardino National Forest, CA. Photo source: USDA.

A New WRDA is in the Works

Key House and Senate committees are moving ahead with plans to draft a new Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to authorize billions of dollars for Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) flood protection, river locks and dams, environmental restoration and other civil works projects.

“As they work on the legislation in coming months, lawmakers’ goal is to pass a bill by the end of the year,” said Mark Limbaugh, the Family Farm Alliance’s advocate in Washington, D.C.

On January 12, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works both held hearings regarding the Administration’s priorities and proposals for the 2022 WRDA, and the implementation of water infrastructure projects. Witnesses included Michael Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Scott Spellman, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the Corps.

“The Corps is moving forward to help address the vast water resource challenges posed by global climate change, including water scarcity, sea level rise, and observed increases in severe weather events,” said General Spellman.

Assistant Secretary Connor said the Corps is working with the Office of Management and Budget to finalize a proposed rule to implement the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program to support investment in maintaining, repairing, and upgrading non-federal dam safety pro-

jects. Mr. Connor also described progress on developing a durable definition of “Waters of the United States” with EPA. He noted that in November 2021, the Corps lifted its temporary pause on finalizing Clean Water Act (CWA) §404 permit decisions and is working on the backlog of jurisdictional determinations.

Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen last month was invited to be a featured speaker at the monthly meeting of stakeholders and Senate staff hosted by the Western Caucus Foundation, where the topic of the day was WRDA. The Alliance and the offices of several Western Senators view WRDA as one potential vehicle to include a “Reclamation title”, similar to what occurred with the 2016 WRDA, or “Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation” (WIIN) Act, which included significant new authority for Reclamation to support water storage projects.

“Our priorities for the remainder of this Congress will be looking for ways to keep money flowing to larger storage projects on a cost-share basis and making necessary tweaks to the recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”, Mr. Keppen reported. “The vehicle that could carry such legislation might be WRDA or some other omnibus package that moves later this year.”

The House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment has scheduled a February 8 hearing to hear stakeholder priorities on proposals for the 2022 WRDA.



President Biden’s Pick for FWS Director Clears Senate Committee

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) advanced for Senate consideration President Biden’s nomination of Martha Williams to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), by a vote of 16-4. Full Senate consideration is the next step.

Ms. Williams returns to Department of the Interior having served as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife between 2011 and 2013, providing counsel to the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service. She was an Assistant Law Professor at the University of Montana, where she co-directed the university’s Land Use and Natural Resources Clinic. She also served as the Director of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks from 2017 to 2020.

Last month, Family Farm Alliance President Patrick O’Toole, Executive Director Dan Keppen and D.C. advocate Mark Limbaugh, participated in a constructive ZOOM call with Ms. Williams, her two deputies, and three regional directors.

Second Senate Hearing on Interior Nominee Postponed

Over at the Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee, Republicans were set to question President Biden’s

nominee for Interior’s Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals, Ms. Laura Daniel-Davis, but that hearing has been postponed. ENR Ranking Member John Barrasso (R-WYOMING) asked for a second confirmation hearing to further question the nominee who will oversee oil and gas and minerals development on public lands.

“This sometimes happens since the nominee must be re-nominated by the President after the first session of the Congress expires,” said Mr. Limbaugh. “Her nomination did not receive a Senate vote last year.”

When it came time for the ENR Committee to vote to advance Ms. Daniel-Davis’ nomination in November, the vote was 10-10, even split along party lines, technically resulting in an “unfavorable discharge” to the full Senate and requiring additional procedural hurdles for Democrats to tee up a vote on her confirmation.

The position is important to Westerners, as the Assistant Secretary oversees mining activities and the Bureau of Land Management.

Ms. Daniel-Davis currently serves as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals at the Department.

WaterSMART Funding Opportunities Abound

The Bureau of Reclamation is offering up funding opportunities—a-plenty through its popular WaterSMART program. Through WaterSMART, Reclamation works cooperatively with states, tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply through investments to modernize existing infrastructure and avoid potential water conflicts.

Cooperative Watershed Management Program

The WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I funding opportunity is now available from Reclamation to develop a watershed group, complete watershed management planning activities, and design watershed management activities. Applicants may request up to \$200,000 for projects to be completed within two years. A non-federal cost-share is not required for this funding opportunity. The funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by searching for opportunity number R22AS00163. Applications are due on March 31, 2022, at 4 pm MDT.

The Bureau of Reclamation will host a webinar on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 1 pm MST to discuss eligible applicants and project types, program requirements, and the evaluation criteria for the Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I funding opportunity. You can find out more about this program and the webinar at www.usbr.gov/watersmart/cwmp.

Basin Studies and Water Management Options Pilots

Reclamation is requesting letters of interest from eligible non-federal entities for Basin Studies and Water Management Options Pilots. Letters of interest are due by February 11, 2022, to the nearest regional office.

Through basin studies, Reclamation works with state and local partners to develop projections of future water supply and demand, including the impacts of climate change, and to identify collaborative strategies to ensure sustainable future water supplies in river basins across the Western United States.

Reclamation is also requesting letters of interest for Water Management Options Pilots. These pilots allow Reclamation to work with state and local partners to evaluate solutions to water management challenges by building on completed basin studies. Pilots may include both additional analysis that further develop strategies identified in a basin study and/or efforts to update or expand analysis.

To learn more about WaterSMART Basin Studies and to locate contact information for your respective regional office, visit www.usbr.gov/watersmart/index.html.

Title XVI and Desalination Construction Projects

Reclamation will host a webinar on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 10am MST to share information about Title XVI

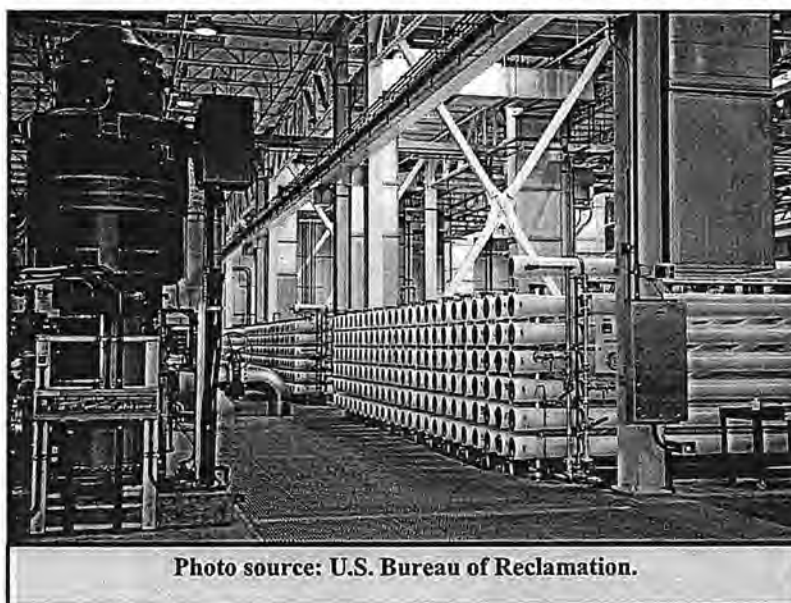


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Program and Desalination Construction Project funding opportunities that are currently open for applications, and how projects can become eligible to compete for funding under future funding opportunities.

The Title XVI Program provides financial assistance to local water agencies for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects. The Title XVI WIIN Act Notice of Funding Opportunity invites sponsors of projects eligible under Section 4009(c) of the WIIN Act to request cost-shared funding for planning, design, and/or construction of those Projects.

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The Title XVI Congressionally Authorized Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Funding Opportunity is available for planning, design, and construction of congressionally authorized Title XVI Projects. You may access this funding opportunity by searching [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for opportunity number R22AS00116.

The Desalination Construction Projects Under the WIIN Act Funding Opportunity is available for planning, design, and construction of ocean and brackish water desalination projects eligible under Section 4009(a) of the WIIN Act. You may access this funding opportunity by clicking by searching [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for opportunity number R22AS00117.

Applications under each funding opportunity are due on March 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. MDT.

Administration Tees Up Climate, Conservation Funding Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing several new and expanded opportunities for climate smart agriculture and regional conservation efforts in 2022.

Climate Smart Agriculture Programs

Climate smart agriculture updates include nationwide availability of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Conservation Incentive Contracts option, a new and streamlined EQIP Cover Crop Initiative, and added flexibilities for producers to easily re-enroll in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). These improvements to NRCS' working lands conservation programs, combined with continued program opportunities in all states, are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's broader effort to support climate-smart agriculture.

"Climate change is happening, and America's agricultural communities are on the frontlines," NRCS Chief Terry Cosby said. "We have to continue to support and expand the adoption of conservation approaches to support producers in their work to address the climate crisis and build more resilient operations. We are continuously working to improve our programs to ensure we're giving farmers and ranchers the best tools to conserve natural resources."

New Partnership Announced

NRCS is announcing a new partnership with Farmers For Soil Health, an initiative of the United Soybean Board, National Corn Growers Association and National Pork Board. Farmers For Soil Health works to advance use of soil health practices – especially cover crops – on corn and soybean farms. The initiative has a goal of doubling the number of corn and soybean acres using cover crops to 30 million acres by 2030.

"We are pleased to see NRCS announce this new incentive program for cover crops," said John Johnson, coordinator of Farmers for Soil Health. "Cover crops have great potential to improve soil health, improve water quality, sequester carbon, and make our farms more resilient to severe climate events. We look forward to our partnership with NRCS, working to expand adoption of cover crop practices to help our farmers meet our sustainability goals."

Other partners include the National Association of Conservation Districts, Soil Health Institute, and The Sustainability Consortium.

Cover Crops, Conservation Incentives, CSP

To complement the new partnership, NRCS is investing \$38 million through the new targeted Cover Crop Initiative in 11 states to help agricultural producers mitigate climate change through the widespread adoption of cover crops.

Western states include California, Colorado, and South Dakota. States were selected for this initial pilot based on their demonstrated demand for additional support for the cover crop practice. Sign-up dates will be determined at the state-level, and applications will be selected for funding by Feb. 11, 2022.

NRCS accepts applications for conservation programs – including EQIP and CSP – year-round. However, producers and landowners should apply by state-specific, signup dates to be considered for each year's funding. To apply, producers should contact their [local USDA Service Center](#).

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

USDA last month also announced up to \$225 million in available funding for conservation partners through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), a partner-driven program that leverages collective resources to find solutions to address natural resource challenges on agricultural land.

This year's funding announcements include opportunities for projects that address climate change, benefit historically underserved producers and support urban agriculture.

"RCPP is public-private partnership at its best," said NRCS Chief Terry Cosby. "We're harnessing the power of partnership to create lasting solutions to global challenges, like climate change, and support producers and communities who have been underserved in the past."

There are two types of funding opportunities under RCPP: Classic and Alternative Funding Arrangements (AFA). Through AFA, partners have more flexibility in working directly with agricultural producers to support the development of new conservation structures and approaches that would not otherwise be available under the RCPP "Classic" funding.

"The 2018 Farm Bill provided improved contracting for partners engaged in work with producers, which is intended to be streamlined and made more effective under the RCPP," said Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen.

Project types that may be suited to AFA, as highlighted by the 2018 Farm Bill include projects that:

- Use innovative approaches to leverage the federal investment in conservation.
- Deploy a pay-for-performance conservation approach.
- Seek large-scale infrastructure investment that generate conservation benefits for agricultural producers and non-industrial private forest owners.

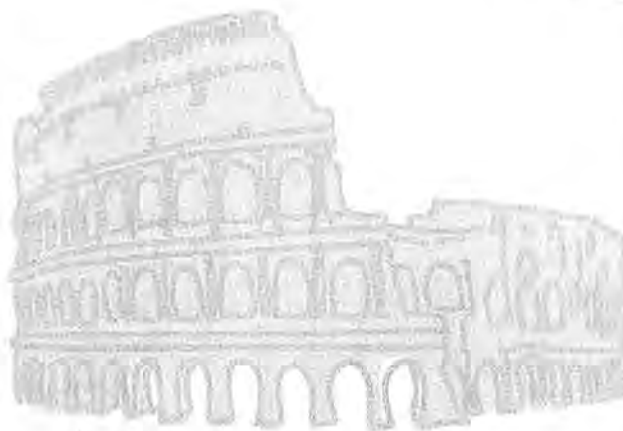
USDA is accepting project proposals for both components of RCPP through April 13, 2022. View the funding opportunity on [grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants) for RCPP Classic and RCPP AFA. Funding is open to agriculture and silviculture associations, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, conservation districts and universities, among others.



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REVISED* MEETING AGENDA February 16-17, 2022

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-1-22 and California Government Code Section 11133, the California Fish and Game Commission is conducting this meeting by webinar and teleconference. Commission members will participate remotely. The public may provide public comment during the public comment periods and otherwise observe remotely, consistent with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

*This agenda was revised on February 4 to amend items 3 and 18, and add item 19.

The meeting will be live streamed; visit www.fgc.ca.gov the day of the meeting to watch or listen. To provide public comment during the meeting, please join via Zoom Webinar or by telephone; [click here for instructions on how to join.](#)

Note: See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 11. Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department.

DAY 1 – February 16, 2022, 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

- 1. Consider approving agenda and order of items**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- 2. General public comment for items not on the agenda**

Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on the agenda.

Note: *New petitions for regulation change submitted since the previous meeting are now received under the agenda item "Regulation change petitions and non-regulatory requests."*

Note: The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this item, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (sections 11125 and 11125.7(a), Government Code).

CONSENT ITEMS

Note: Items on the consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. After public comment, the Commission will consider approving items on the consent calendar in a single vote without discussion. The presiding commissioner may choose to remove any item from the consent calendar and allow a separate discussion and potential action on that item in response to a request by a Commission member, staff, or an interested person.

3. **Kelp harvest plan**

Receive updated proposed, 2022-2026 kelp harvest plan from Sustainable Ocean Harvest, LLC for mechanical harvest of giant kelp in administrative kelp beds 29, 30, 31, 32, 114 and 117 in Santa Barbara County.

(Pursuant to sections 165 and 165.5, Title 14 CCR)

Potential action will be scheduled for a future meeting after receiving the Department's recommendation.

4. **Pending aquaculture lease amendment request**

Receive Department recommendation concerning request from Tomales Bay Oyster Company to add new species and methods for State Water Bottom Lease M-430-05. (Pursuant to Section 15400, Fish and Game Code)

Potential action is expected to be scheduled for the April 20-21, 2022 meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. **Commission executive director and Department reports**

Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

(A) ***Commission executive director's report***

(B) ***Department director's and Law Enforcement Division reports***

6. **Justice, equity, diversity and inclusion**

Receive and discuss an update on developing the justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) plan. Consider adopting a JEDI policy and definitions.

7. **Recreational clam, sand crab, and shrimp gear**

(A) Discuss and consider adopting a 90-day extension of emergency regulations to prohibit use of hydraulic pump gear for recreational take of clams, including clarifying amendments to apply the gear restriction to sand crab and shrimp. (Amend sections 29.20 and 29.80, Title 14, CCR)

(B) Discuss implementing certificate of compliance to make permanent the emergency regulations prohibiting use of hydraulic pump gear for recreational take of clams, sand crab and shrimp. (Amend sections 29.05, 29.20 and 29.80, Title 14, CCR)

8. **Commercial kelp and other aquatic plants**

Discuss and consider adopting regulations for commercial harvest of kelp and other aquatic plants.

(Amend sections 165 and 165.5 and add Section 705.1, Title 14, CCR)

9. **Recreational California grunion**
Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations for grunion limit and season changes.
(Amend subsection 27.60(b) and Section 28.00, Title 14, CCR)
10. **Pink (ocean) shrimp fishery management plan implementing regulations**
Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to adopt new and amend existing prawn or shrimp commercial trawling regulations that implement the *Pink (Ocean) Shrimp*, *Pandalus jordani*, *Fishery Management Plan*.
(Add sections 56.00 and 56.01 and amend sections 120, 120.1 and 705, Title 14, CCR)
11. **Regulation change petitions and non-regulatory requests (marine)**
 - (A) ***New petitions***
Receive new petitions for regulation change.
(Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)
 - (B) ***Previously received petitions***
Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review, petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Any petitions granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration. (Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)
 - I. *Petition 2021-025*: Request to authorize culling of red and purple sea urchin by kelp restoration specialists in Edward F. Ricketts, Pacific Grove Marine Gardens, and Carmel Bay state marine conservation areas.
 - (C) ***Previously received non-regulatory requests***
Consider and potentially act on requests for non-regulatory action received from members of the public at previous meetings.
12. **Committee and Department reports**
Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.
 - (A) ***Marine Resources Committee***
Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting on March 24, 2022.
 - (B) ***Department Marine Region***
 - I. Marine protected area statewide long-term monitoring project reports received in support of the decadal management review.
 - II. International Pacific Halibut Commission meeting outcomes and next steps in Pacific Fishery Management Council process for Pacific halibut federal regulations.
13. **Licensing and permitting decisions to rely upon as precedent**
Receive and discuss a list of past Commission licensing and permitting decisions for future potential designation by the Commission as precedent.
(Pursuant to Section 11425.60, Government Code)
14. **Election of Commission president and vice president**
The commissioners annually elect one of their number as president and one as vice president, by a concurrent vote of at least three commissioners.
(Pursuant to Section 102, Fish and Game Code)

15. Committee assignments

The Commission forms three committees from its membership, consisting of at least one commissioner: Marine Resources Committee, Wildlife Resources Committee and Tribal Committee.

(Pursuant to sections 105, 106 and 106.5, Fish and Game Code)

DAY 2 – February 17, 2022, 8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMENT

16. General public comment for items not on the agenda

Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on the agenda.

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CONSENT ITEMS

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17. Temblor legless lizard

Consider approving the Department's request for a 30-day extension to review the petition to list Temblor legless lizard (*Anniella alexanderae*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

(Pursuant to Section 2073.5, Fish and Game Code)

18. Desert pupfish

Receive the Department's five-year status review report for desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*) which is listed as endangered under CESA.

(Pursuant to Section 2077, Fish and Game Code)

The Commission is expected to discuss and consider the five-year status review report at its April 20-21, 2022 meeting.

19. Inyo rock daisy

Receive a petition to list Inyo rock daisy (*Perityle inyoensis*, synonym *Laphamia inyoensis*) as threatened or endangered under CESA.

(Pursuant to Section 2073.3, Fish and Game Code)

DISCUSSION, ACTION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 20. San Bernardino kangaroo rat**
Consider the petition, Department's status review report, and comments received to determine whether listing San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) as endangered under CESA is warranted.
(Pursuant to sections 2075 and 2075.5, Fish and Game Code)
- 21. Southern California steelhead**
Consider and potentially act on the petition, Department's evaluation report and comments received to determine whether listing southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) as endangered under CESA may be warranted.
(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, Fish and Game Code)
If the Commission determines that listing may be warranted the Department will undertake a one-year status review before the Commission can make a final decision on listing, and southern California steelhead will become a candidate species pursuant to Section 2074.2, Fish and Game Code.
- 22. Northern California summer steelhead**
Consider ratifying findings for the decision to list northern California summer steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) as endangered under CESA.
(Pursuant to Section 2075.5, Fish and Game Code)
- 23. Lime Ridge eriastrum**
Consider and potentially act on the petition, Department's evaluation report, and comments received to determine whether listing Lime Ridge eriastrum (*Eriastrum ertterae*) as endangered under CESA may be warranted.
(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, Fish and Game Code)
Findings will be adopted at a future meeting.
- 24. Shasta snow-wreath**
Consider the petition, Department's status review report, and comments received to determine whether listing Shasta snow-wreath (*Neviusia cliffonii*) as endangered under CESA is warranted.
(Pursuant to sections 2075 and 2075.5, Fish and Game Code)
Findings will be adopted at a future meeting.
- 25. Game fish contests**
Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend game fish contest regulations.
(Amend Section 230, Title 14, CCR)
Staff will recommend that this item be continued to the April 20-21, 2022 meeting.
- 26. Central Valley sport fishing**
Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend central valley sport fishing regulations.
(Amend subsections 7.40(b)(4), (43), (66) and (80), Title 14, CCR)

27. **Klamath River Basin sport fishing**
Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend Klamath River Basin sport fishing regulations.
(Amend subsection 7.40(b)(50), Title 14, CCR)
28. **Waterfowl hunting**
Discuss proposed amendments to waterfowl hunting regulations.
(Amend Section 502, Title 14, CCR)
29. **Big game preference points reinstatement and tag refunds**
Consider adopting proposed amendments to big game regulations to include preference points reinstatement and tag refunds due to public land closures for 2021-2022 hunting seasons.
(Amend Section 708.14, Title 14, CCR)
30. **Regulation change petitions and non-regulatory requests (wildlife and inland fisheries)**
- (A) ***New petitions***
Receive new petitions for regulation change.
(Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)
Consideration of whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review is expected to be scheduled for the April 20-21, 2022 meeting,
- (B) ***Previously received petitions***
Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review, petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Any petitions granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration.
(Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)
- I. *Petition 2021-024*: Request to allow retention of some western Joshua trees after disturbance, in consultation with a certified arborist
- II. *Petition 2021-026*: Request to separate Ballona Channel regulations from Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve regulations
- III. *Petition 2021-027*: Request to eliminate open hunting season for black bear until the Department's bear management plan is updated with three specific components
- IV. *Petition 2021-028*: Request to add spearfishing as an allowable method of take for American shad
- (C) ***Previously received non-regulatory requests***
Consider and potentially act on requests for non-regulatory action received from members of the public at previous meetings.

31. Committee and Department reports

Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

(A) ***Wildlife Resources Committee***

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the January 13, 2022 committee meeting. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

(B) ***Department Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Ecosystem Conservation Division***

I. Annual report regarding Camp Roberts, Camp Pendleton, and Fort Hunter Liggett deer and elk hunts.

(Pursuant to Section 640, Title 14, CCR)

II. Report on necropsies on mountain lions taken under 2021 depredation permits.

(Pursuant to Section 4807, Fish and Game Code)

(C) ***Tribal Committee***

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting on April 19, 2022.

32. Commission administrative items

(A) Legislation and other agency regulations

(B) Rulemaking timetable updates

(C) Next meeting – April 20-21, 2022

(D) New business

Adjourn

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21. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STEELHEAD**Today's Item**Information Action

Consider and potentially act on the petition, Department's evaluation report and comments received to determine whether listing southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) may be warranted.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Jun 14, 2021 |
| • Transmitted petition to DFW | Jun 23, 2021 |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition | Jul 16, 2021 |
| • Public receipt of petition and approved DFW's request for a 30-day extension | Aug 18, 2021; Webinar/Teleconference |
| • Received DFW's 90-day evaluation | Dec 15-16, 2021; Webinar/Teleconference |
| • Today potentially determine if listing may be warranted | Feb 16-17, 2022; Sacramento |

Background

On Jun 14, 2021, FGC received a petition from California Trout to list southern California steelhead as endangered under CESA. On Jun 23, 2021, FGC staff transmitted the petition to DFW for review. A notice of receipt of petition was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on Jul 16, 2021. At its Aug 2021 meeting, FGC approved a 30-day extension for DFW to complete its evaluation of the petition.

California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 requires that DFW evaluate the petition and submit a written evaluation with a recommendation to FGC; the evaluation report (Exhibit 3) was received at FGC's Dec 2021 meeting. The evaluation report delineates each of the categories of information required for a petition, evaluates the sufficiency of the available scientific information for each of the required components, and incorporates additional relevant information that DFW possessed or received during the review period. Based on the information contained in the petition and other relevant information, DFW concludes that there is sufficient information to indicate the petitioned action may be warranted.

At today's meeting, FGC will receive a presentation (Exhibit 4) on DFW's petition evaluation and hold a public hearing to receive oral testimony. Today's hearing takes place more than 30 days after the public release of the evaluation report as required by Fish and Game Code Section 2074. If FGC determines listing may be warranted pursuant to Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, DFW will undertake a one-year status review before FGC can make a final decision on listing.

CESA and FGC's regulations require that the petition contain specific scientific information related to the status of the species. CESA and case law interpreting it make clear that FGC must accept a petition when the petition contains sufficient information to lead a reasonable

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person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing could occur; the requested listing is tied to the species' status, that is, whether the species' continued existence is in serious danger or is threatened by a number of factors, and in no way relates to economic consequences that might result from listing.

If FGC determines the petitioned action may be warranted, southern California steelhead becomes a candidate for listing as endangered pursuant to Section 2074.2. Candidate species are protected during the remainder of the listing process pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2085.

While the economic impacts associated with CESA protections cannot be a consideration in the listing process, CESA does include mechanisms that allow regulatory relief. One such mechanism is Fish and Game Code Section 2084, pursuant to which FGC may consider adopting regulations that would allow for limited take of a species during its candidacy period, if the take would be consistent with the purposes of CESA. To consider regulations under Section 2084, FGC would need to add an agenda item to a future meeting for potential action. CESA allows FGC to continue — for up to 90 days — today's decision about whether listing southern California steelhead may be warranted; a continuation could allow time to develop potential Section 2084 regulations. FGC has received several requests to consider this mechanism.

Significant Public Comments

1. Four water districts and the statewide water association oppose listing southern California steelhead and urge FGC to consider the negative impacts from listing. The districts and association note that they serve many disadvantaged communities and that decreased water diversions may lead to degraded water quality and increased costs for water users. They also state that the petition is lacking in scientific information. Orange County Water District included two letters as exhibits from United Water Conservation District and Ventura Water. Orange County Water District and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District outline perceived problems with the information in the petition. The Association of California Water Agencies and Ventura Water ask FGC to approve a regulation under Fish and Game Code Section 2084 to exempt their operations and projects from take prohibitions on southern California steelhead, if it becomes a candidate species. (Exhibit 5)
2. Five Ventura County agricultural organizations jointly express concerns that a state listing would have detrimental impacts to water diversions, groundwater recharge, drinking water supplies, and infrastructure projects, and provide some information on agriculture and historical steelhead abundances. The organizations further state that the petition does not provide sufficient information. (Exhibit 6)
3. A partnership consisting of 2,750 southern California infrastructure contractors expresses concerns over the potential listing, stating that a listing would create negative economic and societal impacts, and could be detrimental to the species by preventing necessary improvements to waterways and steelhead habitat. The partnership also states that the petition is deficient. (Exhibit 7)
4. Nine commenters oppose listing, stating that the fish is already federally listed, the state listing would have impacts on water supply for human use, listing would threaten

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- approved and future infrastructure projects, the petition was not based on accurate science and data, and DFW did not consider all available data when making its recommendation. Examples are provided in Exhibit 8.
5. Two water districts request that FGC delay its decision and take additional time to evaluate the petition and all available information and to discuss various justice, equity, diversity and inclusion issues (Exhibit 9).
 6. An association of sanitation agencies and a department of public works request that, if southern California steelhead is declared a candidate species under CESA, FGC staff and DFW work with the organizations to develop a regulation under Section 2084 to allow work on continued projects and improvement of waterways (Exhibit 10).
 7. Fifteen environmental conservation and public interest organizations support listing southern California steelhead. They stress the importance of southern California steelhead for the environment (as an indicator species and an important component of freshwater, estuarine and marine food webs) and the people of California (particularly "First Peoples"). The organizations state that despite the federal listing of the fish, it continues to face many obstacles to survival and recovery such as water extraction projects on rivers and streams, and all support listing under CESA. (Exhibit 11)
 8. Six fly fishing organizations support listing, stating that the fish is rare throughout the state, in need of habitat improvement, and in danger of extinction due to the impacts from urban development and mismanagement. (Exhibit 12)
 9. Seven commenters support listing, plus one letter that was cosigned by 916 concerned citizens, noting that the water cycle has been and continues to be impacted by the drought and climate change, and that state listing would offer additional habitat protections for all native trout. Examples are provided in Exhibit 13.

Recommendation

FGC staff: (1) If FGC is *not willing* to delay action today to consider a potential 2084 regulation(s), determine that listing may be warranted and direct staff to issue a notice reflecting this finding and indicating that southern California steelhead is a candidate for endangered species status; *or* (2) If FGC is *willing* to consider a potential 2084 regulation(s), after public comment and discussion determine whether further information is required, close the public hearing and administrative record for this item, and continue the deliberation and decision to a future FGC meeting to be held no later than May 18, 2022.

DFW: Accept the petition for further consideration under CESA.

Exhibits

1. Petition, received Jun 14, 2021
2. DFW memo, received Nov 10, 2021
3. DFW 90-day evaluation report, received Nov 10, 2021
4. DFW presentation, received Jan 28, 2022
5. Letters from the Association of California Water Agencies, Orange County Water District, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and United Water Conservation District, received between Jan 28 and Feb 3, 2022

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6. Letters from the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business; Ventura County Cattlemen's Association; Farm Bureau of Ventura County; California Women for Agriculture – Ventura County Chapter; and the Ventura County Agricultural Association; received Feb 1, 2022
7. Letter from Jon Switalski, Executive Director, Rebuild Southern California Partnership, received Feb 2, 2022
8. Example letters of opposition from the general public, received Jan 28 – Feb 1, 2022
9. Letters from Santa Ynez Water Conservation District, received Feb 1, 2022, and South Orange County Wastewater Authority, received Feb 3, 2022
10. Letters from California Association of Sanitation Agencies and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, received Feb 3, 2022
11. Letters from Sierra Club California; Santa Barbara Audubon Society; Environmental Defense Center; Los Padres Forest Watch; Coastal Ranches Conservancy; Ventura Land Trust; Goleta Coast Audubon Society; Santa Barbara Channelkeeper; Santa Clara River Conservancy; Creek Lands Conservation; Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council; Friends of Mission Creek; Committees for Land, Air, Water, and Species; Mission Canyon Association, Santa Barbara; Environmental Defense Center, received between Jan 19 and Feb 2, 2022
12. Letters from Fly Fishers International southwest and northern California councils, Streamborn Fly Fishing, and Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation, received between Jan 19 and Jan 30, 2022
13. Example letters of support from the general public, received Jan 26 thru Feb 3, 2022

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission, pursuant to Section 2074.2 of the California Fish and Game Code, closes the public hearing and administrative record for this item and continues the deliberation and decision to a future meeting. The Commission directs staff to work with DFW and interested parties to explore a possible Section 2084 regulation(s) for Commission consideration.

OR

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission, pursuant to Section 2074.2 of the California Fish and Game Code, finds that the petition to list southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) as an endangered species **does** provide sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action **may be** warranted based on the information in the record before the Commission, and directs staff to issue a notice reflecting this finding and indicating that southern California steelhead is a candidate for threatened or endangered species status.

OR

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission, pursuant to Section 2074.2 of the California Fish and Game Code, finds that the petition to list southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) as an endangered species **does not** provide sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted based on the information in the record before the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST
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Agenda Item 13.

1. December 18, 2021 – Notice and Agenda received from Santa Ynez Community Services District for the January 19, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting
2. January 12, 2022 – Letter from District sent to three customers regarding past due water service accounts
3. January 13, 2022 – Letter from District to customer regarding service and billing agreement requirement
4. January 18, 2022 – Public Records Act Request received from SYRWCD
5. January 20, 2022 – Notice and Agenda received from Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB) for the January 24, 2022 Board Meeting
6. January 21, 2022 – Letter from District regarding Water Service Requirements Letter – Dove Meadow Road – APN 137-440-002
7. January 24, 2022 – District electronically submitted the Annual 2021 Financial Transactions Report to the State Controller’s Office
8. January 26, 2022 – Notice and Agenda received from Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the February 3, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting
9. January 26, 2022 – Notice and Agenda received from Central Coast Water Authority for the January 27, 2022 Finance Committee and Board of Directors Meeting
10. January 27, 2022 – Letter received from S&P Global Ratings regarding request for FY 2021 Audit Report
11. January 27, 2022 – Transmittal to S&P Global Ratings regarding submittal of FY 2021 Audit Report
12. January 28, 2022 – Letter to SYRWCD regarding response to Public Records Act Request
13. January 28, 2022 – Notice and Agenda received from Los Olivos Community Services District for the February 2, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting
14. February 9, 2022 – Letter received from Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission regarding Sphere of Influence Updates and Municipal Service Review
15. February 11, 2022 – Letters from District to six Customers regarding notice of California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program
16. February 11, 2022 – Notice and Agenda received from Santa Ynez Community Services District for the February 16, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting
17. February 11, 2022 – Letter from District to three customers regarding past due water service account