

NOTICE AND AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
will be held at **3:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY - NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

Public Participation:

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

Passcode: 180175

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Teleconference Phone Number: 1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 929 0039 9487#

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Video/Teleconference Meeting During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency: As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders to protect public health by issuing shelter-in-home standards, limiting public gatherings, and requiring social distancing, this meeting will occur solely via video/teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20.

Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in This Meeting: For those who wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, or who otherwise are making a presentation to the Board of Trustees, please submit any and all comments and materials to the District via electronic mail at general@syrwd.org. All submittals must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021, and should indicate “**March 16, 2021 Board Meeting**” in the subject line. To the extent practicable, public comments and materials received in advance pursuant to this timeframe will be read into the public record during the meeting. Public comments and materials not read into the record 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 in this video/teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their voices after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA**
4. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-agenda matter within the District’s jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The District is not responsible for the content or accuracy of statements made by members of the public. No action will be taken by the Board on any public comment item.
6. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**
 - A. **General Manager’s Report**
7. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021**
8. **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 Updates**

9. **MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
 - A. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**
 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters
 - a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses
 - b) Approval of Accounts Payable
10. **REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
 - A. **CACHUMA PROJECT**
 1. Water Service Contract No. I75r-1802R and I75r-1802RA – Santa Barbara County Water Agency Request for Long Term Contract
 - B. **SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**
 1. Eastern Management Area Update
 - C. **CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**
 1. Update Regarding Proposed Amendments to the SWP Contract
11. **UPDATE FROM ALTERNATIVE POWER/ SOLAR AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE**
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 **April 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**
16. **CLOSED SESSION:**

To accommodate the video/teleconferencing format of this meeting, the public participation access will be closed for sixty (60) minutes while the Board of Trustees convenes into closed session. Upon the conclusion of the 60-minute period, the public participation 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 – 1 case]

 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
 - B. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

[Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 1 case]

Public access to the meeting (Weblink, Dial-In Number, Passcodes above) will be reopened sixty (60) minutes after the Board of Trustees convenes into 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.

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2021-10.1
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

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

Health Officer Order No. 2021-10.1 Supersedes and Replaces Health Officer Order No. 2021-10

Effective Date: February 20, 2021, 5:00pm PDT

(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. 2021-10.1 supersedes and replaces Health Officer Order No. 2021-10 that was effective January 22, 2021. 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 required by the State Public Health Officer on November 16, 2020 this Health Officer Order orders individuals in the County of Santa Barbara to wear face coverings at all times when outside the home, with some exceptions, to control the spread of COVID-19.

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, there has been significant community-based transmission in California; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Santa Barbara 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, in furtherance of this effort, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 requiring all persons residing in the State to remain in their homes or places of residence, except as needed to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure (the "State Stay-at-Home Order"); and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-60-20 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces in stages. On May 7, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered that upon certification of a variance application a County could move through the stages of reopening at their own pace. On May 20, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) approved the County of Santa Barbara's Variance Attestation; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, and revised on June 29, 2020, the CDPH mandated people in California to wear face coverings when they are in high-risk situations; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020 the State Public Health Officer ordered an update to the framework for COVID-19 response, which is known as California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe. Governor Newsom introduced this framework as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, in which counties are assigned into risk-based tiers based on the COVID-19 epidemiological information for each county; and

WHEREAS, as of November 17, 2020, within the State COVID-19 reopening framework the State classified the County of Santa Barbara as Tier One ("purple" or "widespread risk") which is more restrictive than what was previously allowed in Tier Two ("red" or "substantial risk"), that the County was in, between September 29, 2020 through November 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of December 6, 2020, within the State COVID-19 reopening framework the State classified the Southern California Region, of which Santa Barbara County is a part, as subject to the Regional Stay at Home Order due to intensive care unit bed availability of less than 15% throughout the region, with additional restrictions placed on the County as a result; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, the State lifted the Regional Stay at Home Order and the Limited Stay at Home Order for all regions in the State, and notified the County that effective January 25, 2021 the County was classified in Tier One, the "purple" highest risk widespread tier under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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, 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) scientific evidence shows COVID-19 is easily spread and public activities can result in transmission of the virus; (4) 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; (5) when worn properly, face coverings have the potential to slow the spread of the virus by limiting the spread of respiratory droplets; and (6) 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 2021-10.1 is effective 5:00 p.m. (PDT) February 20, 2021 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PDT), on March 21, 2021 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. As used in this Order, a "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.

3. People in the County shall wear face coverings when they are outside of the home, unless an exemption applies.
4. The following individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings in the following specific settings:
 - a. Persons in a car alone or solely with members of their own household.
 - b. Persons who are working in an office or in a room alone.
 - c. Persons who are actively eating or drinking provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
 - d. Persons who are outdoors and maintaining at least 6 feet of social distancing from others not in their household. Such persons must have a face covering with them

at all times and must put it on if they are within 6 feet of others who are not in their household.

- e. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
 - f. Workers who are required to wear respiratory protection.
 - g. Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face coverings by other CDPH guidance.
5. The following individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings at all times:
- a. Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
 - b. 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. Such conditions are rare.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.
6. Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.
7. 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. Face coverings may also be available by calling 211 to access offers by community groups at no cost.
 - e. 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 110,292,040 individuals worldwide, in 218 countries and territories, including 30,991 cases, and 376 deaths in the County, and is implicated in over 2,436,321 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 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 guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; the March 16, 2020 order of the State Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above ten (10) individuals; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread 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; and, Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20 of May 4, 2020 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Two"), and then to allow reopening of higher-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Three"), and directing the Public Health Officer to establish criteria and procedures to determine whether and how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from the statewide directives of the State Public Health Officer; the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; the August 28 State Public Health Officer Order regarding California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe (also known as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy); and the November 16, 2020 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

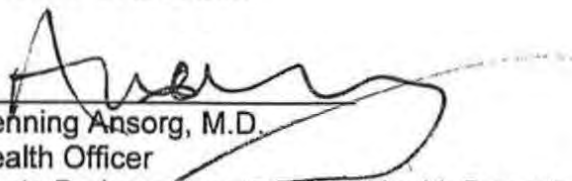
sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

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:



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

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 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, February 16, 2021 via video/teleconference only due to the COVID-19 Emergency and Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders.

Trustees Present: Jeff Clay Jeff Holzer
Brad Joos Lori Parker

Trustees Absent: Michael Burchardi

Others Present: Paeter Garcia Mary Martone Karen King
Eric Tambini Gary Kvistad Jeff Dinkin

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., he stated this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Martone reported four members of the Board were present and Trustee Mike Burchardi was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Clay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ms. Martone presented the affidavit of posting 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 54950 and pursuant to District Resolution No. 340. The affidavit was filed as evidence of the posting of the Agenda items contained therein.

Ms. Martone added that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, the Board meeting would occur solely via video/teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20 and applicable amendments to the California Brown Act as set forth in those Executive Orders.

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

Mr. Garcia stated there were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating via video or telephonically and offered time for members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the Agenda. There were no comments received from the public. Mr. Garcia stated that the Notice and Agenda for this Regular Meeting requested members of the public to submit advance written comments to the District via electronic mail by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2021. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

6. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE:

A. General Manager’s Report

Mr. Garcia reported on the current activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the District’s actions. He summarized the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department press

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1 release dated January 25, 2021 discussing lifting of the statewide Regional Stay at Home
2 Order. Mr. Garcia also reviewed Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order 2021-10 which
3 requires all individuals within the County of Santa Barbara to wear face coverings at all times
4 when outside the home, with some exceptions, to control the spread of COVID-19. He stated
5 that the District continues to maintain a conservative response plan, with the field and front
6 office staff being divided into two teams alternating each week. He stated that management
7 staff continues to receive, review and implement updates related to COVID-19 from federal,
8 state, regional, and local agencies.
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10 7. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021:

11 The Regular Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021 were presented for consideration.
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13 President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of
14 January 19, 2021. One minor correction was made.
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16 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote,
17 with Trustee Burchardi absent, to approve the January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes as corrected.
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19 8. CONSENT AGENDA:

20 The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board Packet.
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22 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of February.
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24 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Holzer, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote,
25 with Trustee Burchardi absent, to approve the Consent Agenda.
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27 9. MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING
28 SUBJECTS:

29 A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

30 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

31 a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements - Revenues and Expenses

32 Ms. Martone announced that the Board was provided the Statement of Revenue and
33 Expenses for the month of January via email. She also explained that the reports were
34 posted on the District's website where the Board packet materials are located for any
35 members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.
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37 Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of
38 January. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense
39 transactions that occurred during the month. Ms. Martone reported that revenues
40 exceeded expenses by \$144,572.59 for the month of January and the year-to-date net
41 income was \$1,497,501.11, which will be earmarked and utilized for the District's
42 annual State Water Project and COMB Series 2004A Bond payments.
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44 b) Approval of Accounts Payable

45 Ms. Martone reported that the Board was provided the Warrant List for January 20,
46 2021 through February 16, 2021 via email, and that it was posted on the District's
47 website where the Board packet materials are located for any member of the public
48 wishing to follow along or receive a copy.
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1 The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 23624 through 23666 in
2 the amount of \$364,951.09.

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4 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Clay, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll
5 call vote, with Trustee Burchardi absent, to approve the Warrant List for January 20,
6 2021 through February 16, 2021.

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8 c) Best Best & Krieger LLP – Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services
9 The Board packet included a February 8, 2021 letter from Best, Best & Krieger, LLP
10 regarding an updated agreement for legal representation with the District.

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12 Mr. Garcia reported that the District had received a letter dated February 8, 2021 from
13 Best Best & Krieger (BBK) as provided in the Board packet, regarding a proposed
14 updated legal services agreement setting forth terms for continued representation of
15 the District, which included a fee adjustment for special/general legal services. Mr.
16 Garcia reviewed the letter and summarized the various special legal matters that
17 BB&K has represented the District on throughout the years. He indicated that staff
18 was in support of the letter received from BBK.

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20 Mr. Garcia recommended acceptance of the fee adjustment as set forth in the amended
21 agreement for special/general legal services with Best Best & Krieger.

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23 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Holzer, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll
24 call vote, with Trustee Burchardi absent, to accept and approve the February 8, 2021
25 letter agreement for the continued engagement of Best Best & Krieger and authorize
26 the General Manager to sign the document agreeing to the terms set forth in the letter.

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28 Mr. Garcia expressed his appreciation to Mr. Steve Anderson and the Best Best &
29 Krieger firm for their exceptional level of legal services and support provided to the
30 District over the years. The Board members also expressed their appreciation.

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32 2. Personnel Policy

- 33 a) Resolution No. 804 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River
34 Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Amending the District's
35 Personnel Policy Manual

36 The Board packet included a February 16, 2021 Memorandum from Mr. Jeff Dinkin,
37 Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C., setting forth proposed changes to the District's
38 Personnel Policy Manual. The Board packet also included a copy of Draft Resolution
39 No. 804.

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41 Mr. Garcia stated that the District's employment counsel, Mr. Jeff Dinkin, was present
42 at the meeting and would be discussing this Agenda item.

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44 Mr. Dinkin explained that he completed an annual review of the District's Personnel
45 Policy Manual and compared it against new federal and state employment laws that
46 are applicable to the District. Mr. Dinkin reviewed the proposed changes that were
47 required to Section 3.5 (Medical Disability Leave), Section 3.6 (Pregnancy-Related
48 Disability), Section 3.8 (Paid Family Leave Insurance), Section 3.16 (Victims of
49 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Other Crimes), and Section 3.17

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1 (Lactation Accommodation) of the District's Personnel Policy Manual. Mr. Dinkin
2 answered questions from the Board regarding the recommended changes.
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4 Mr. Garcia recommended approval of Resolution No. 804 Amending the District's
5 Personnel Policy Manual.
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7 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution No.
8 804 Amending Section 3.5, Section 3.6, Section 3.8, Section 3.16, and Section 3.17 of the
9 District's Personnel Policy Manual.
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11 The Motion carried and Resolution No. 804 was adopted by the following 4-0-0 roll
12 call vote:
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14 **AYES, Trustees:** Jeff Clay
15 Jeff Holzer
16 Brad Joos
17 Lori Parker
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19 **NOES, Trustees:** None

20 **ABSTAIN, Trustees:** None

21 **ABSENT, Trustees:** Michael Burchardi
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23 **10. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
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25 **A. CACHUMA PROJECT**

- 26 1. Water Service Contract No. I75r-1802R and I75r-1802RA - Santa Barbara County Water
27 Agency Request for Long Term Contract

28 Mr. Garcia reported that there was no new information regarding the negotiation process
29 for the next long-term Cachuma Project contract. He explained that at the January 2021
30 Cachuma Member Unit Managers' meeting the general consensus was to schedule a
31 roundtable discussion among Reclamation, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, and
32 the Cachuma Member Units regarding some of the key issues for the next long-term
33 contract. Mr. Garcia stated that he would follow up with the County Water Agency and
34 provide further information when available.
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36 **B. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

- 37 1. Eastern Management Area Update

38 Mr. Garcia reported that the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability
39 Agency (EMA GSA) met on January 21, 2021 via video and teleconference. He stated that
40 he and Trustee Joos were in attendance, with Trustee Joos appearing on the EMA GSA as
41 the ID No.1's designated representative. Mr. Garcia reported that GSI gave a presentation
42 on the Draft Water Budget and Draft Groundwater Model for the EMA. Mr. Garcia stated
43 that the public comment period for the Draft Hydrological Conceptual Model has closed
44 and that several comments were submitted, including those from ID No.1. He indicated
45 that the Citizens Advisory Group is scheduled to hold a teleconference meeting/technical
46 workshop on February 17, 2021, which will provide the CAG, the Santa Ynez Water
47 Group, and other members of the public an opportunity to meet with GSI and present any
48 questions and comments on the Draft Hydrologic Conceptual Model. Mr. Garcia reported
49 that the next meeting of EMA GSA is scheduled for February 25, 2021 via video and
50 teleconference.
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1 **C. CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

2 **1. Update Regarding Proposed Amendments to the SWP Contract**

3 The Board packet included various materials related to the proposed amendments to the
4 State Water Project (SWP) Contract, including: copies of separate memoranda dated
5 January 22, 2021 from the Executive Director of the Central Coast Water Authority
6 (CCWA) to the CCWA Board of Directors regarding Amendments 20 and 21 respectively;
7 two letters dated January 29, 2021 from CCWA to the Santa Barbara County Board of
8 Supervisors regarding Amendments 20 and 21 respectively; a letter dated January 26, 2021
9 from the City of Santa Barbara to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors; and
10 two letters dated January 28, 2021, one from the Montecito Water District to the Santa
11 Barbara County Board of Supervisors, and the second from the City of Santa Maria to the
12 Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

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14 Mr. Garcia provided background information regarding the SWP, creation of CCWA,
15 construction of the CCWA facilities, CCWA's participating agencies, the role and
16 importance of SWP water supplies, and financial responsibilities of CCWA, its
17 participating agencies, and local ratepayers with respect to SWP facilities. He reported on
18 the current activities related to the proposed amendments to the SWP Contract. Mr.
19 Garcia summarized proposed Amendment Nos. 20 and No. 21 to the SWP Contract. He
20 stated that the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
21 (acting through the County Board of Supervisors) and the California Department of Water
22 Resources are the original signatories of the SWP Contract for Santa Barbara County
23 which was signed in 1963.

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25 Mr. Garcia explained that the proposed SWP Contract Amendment Nos. 20 and 21 were
26 agendized on the February 2, 2021 Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors regular
27 meeting agenda. He reported that County staff recommended that the Board of
28 Supervisors only approve the proposed Amendments with certain conditions that were
29 noted in the County staff report, a copy of which was also included in the Board packet.
30 Mr. Garcia explained that the conditions proposed by the County deviated from the initial
31 proposed Amendments to the SWP Contract and were not acceptable to CCWA and its
32 member agencies. Mr. Garcia explained that CCWA objected to the additional
33 requirements and requested that the County Board of Supervisors continue the matter to
34 a later date to allow CCWA and County staffs sufficient time to better understand their
35 respective positions and to provide CCWA an opportunity to respond to concerns raised
36 by the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Garcia stated that the County Board of
37 Supervisors agreed to continue its consideration of the Amendments. He explained that
38 to date 25 of the 29 SWP Contractors have executed Amendments 20 and 21, and that a
39 decision by the County to reject either Amendment could deprive CCWA and its member
40 agencies of various financial benefits and needed flexibility in managing SWP supplies.
41 Mr. Garcia stated that the next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for March 2,
42 2021.

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44 **11. UPDATE FROM ALTERNATIVE POWER / SOLAR AD HOC COMMITTEE**

45 Mr. Garcia reported there has been no new activity related to the Alternative Power/Solar Ad
46 Hoc Committee since the last meeting. He reported that District staff is still waiting for technical
47 and financial feedback from the two companies that have performed site visits with staff and the
48 Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Garcia stated that staff would follow up with representatives from each
49 company and provide an update to the Board at the March meeting.

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

4 The Board packet included the January 2021 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing and a
5 January 13, 2021 letter and certificates from ACWA/JPIA regarding three JPIA Presidents' Special
6 Recognition Award Certificates to the District for its Liability Program, Property Program, and
7 Workers Compensation Program.
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9 **13. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS:**

10 The Correspondence list was received by the Board.
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12 **14. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

13 There were no request from the Board.
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15 **15. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

16 President Clay stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
17 March 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
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19 Mr. Garcia announced that the Open Session public participation video and phone lines would
20 be closed for the next sixty (60) minutes to allow the Board to convene into Closed Session. He
21 explained that the public participation video and phone lines would be reopened sixty (60)
22 minutes later for the remaining Agenda items. Mr. Garcia thanked everyone for participating in
23 the video/teleconference and stated that the Open Session meeting would reconvene at 5:45 p.m.
24 to report any action taken during Closed Session.
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26 **16. CLOSED SESSION:**

27 The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:45 p.m.
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29 **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

30 [Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 1 case]
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- 32 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources
33 Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of
34 Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests
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36 **B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

37 [Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 1 case]
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39 **17. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**

40 [Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]
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42 The public participation video and phone lines were re-opened at approximately 5:45 p.m. The
43 Board reconvened to Open Session and Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported that four
44 Trustees were present when the meeting reconvened to Open Session, with Trustee Burchardi
45 absent.
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47 Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in Closed Session concerning Agenda Items 16.A.1.
48 and 16.B. He stated that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.
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18. ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, it was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Burchardi absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:47 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board

ATTEST: _____
Jeff Clay, President

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Karen King, Board Administrative Assistant

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
March 16, 2021**

Consent Agenda Report

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report. Total water production in **February (141 AF)** was lower than water production in January (150 AF), and only slightly lower than the 10-year running average for the month of **February (146 AF)**. As previously reported, the District overall has been experiencing below average demands for domestic, rural residential, and agricultural water supplies due to water conservation, changing water use patterns, private well installations, and weather conditions.

For the month of **February**, approximately **63 AF** was produced from the Santa Ynez Upland wells, and approximately **78 AF** was produced from the 6.0 cfs and 4.0 cfs river well fields. As reflected in the Monthly Water Deliveries Report from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), the District did not receive any SWP supplies for the month (no Table A deliveries and no Exchange deliveries). Direct diversions to USBR and the County Park were **0.72 AF**.

The USBR Daily Operations Report for Lake Cachuma in **February** (ending February 28, 2021) recorded the lake elevation at **726.36'** with the end of month storage of **122,472 AF**. USBR recorded total precipitation at the lake of **only 0.10 inches**. For the month, reservoir storage was supplemented with **0.0 AF** of SWP deliveries for the South Coast agencies. Reservoir evaporation in **January** was **471.2 AF**.

Based on the maximum storage of 193,305 AF, Cachuma reservoir currently (as of **March 8, 2021**) is at approximately **62.9%** of capacity, with current storage of **121,667 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, which is the case for this federal WY 2020-2021. 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 at other lower storage levels. **For the federal WY 2020-2021** (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021), the Cachuma Member Units requested a 100% allocation of the Project's annual operational yield of 25,714 AF. **By letter dated October 19, 2020**, USBR issued a 100% allocation decision. ID No.1's share is 10.31% or 2,651 AF. In addition to its 2020-21 allocation, ID No.1 currently holds approximately 1,270 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 from 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 2019 Water Rights Order 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 determined 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 February, water releases for fish were 291.3 AF to Hilton Creek and approximately 148 AF to the outlet works for a total of 439.3 AF. As of the end of February 2021, a total of approximately 40,882 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.

The SWP Table A allocation for the 2021 year remains at 10%, which was established by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on December 1, 2020. This initial allocation translates to 70 AF for ID No.1's share of Table A supplies through CCWA. Depending on winter hydrology in the SWP system, DWR could increase its Table A allocation decision in the ensuing months of 2021. However, based on dry conditions overall to date, it seems unlikely that the 10% Table A allocation will be increased this year.

As reflected in the enclosed Agendas for the CCWA Board of Directors meeting on February 17, 2021 and the CCWA Operating Committee meeting on March 11, 2021, CCWA continues to remain strongly engaged in a variety of matters related to the SWP and SWP supplies, including but not limited to: Requests to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to approve the SWP Contract Extension Amendment ("Amendment 20") and the SWP Water Management Amendment ("Amendment 21"); SWP operations and water supplies; the CCWA Fiscal Year 2021/22 Preliminary Budget; and work with San Luis Obispo County on potential water management strategies.

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

FEBRUARY 2021

LAKE CACHUMA DAILY OPERATIONS

RUN DATE: March 1, 2021

DAY	ELEV	STORAGE		COMPUTED* INFLOW AF.	CCWA INFLOW AF.	PRECIP ON RES. SURF. AF.	RELEASE - AF.				EVAP AF.	PRECIP INCH	PRECIP INCHES	
		ACRE-FEET IN LAKE	CHANGE				TUNNEL	HILTON CREEK	OUTLET	SPILLWAY				
1	727.28	124,545												
1	727.27	124,523	-22	36.9	0.0	.0	34.8	10.4	5.0	.0	8.7	.060	.00	
2	727.25	124,478	-45	22.2	0.0	.0	37.7	10.4	6.0	.0	13.1	.090	.00	
3	727.23	124,432	-46	17.1	0.0	1.9	36.4	10.5	5.0	.0	13.1	.090	.01	
4	727.20	124,365	-67	1.2	0.0	.0	36.8	10.4	5.0	.0	16.0	.110	.00	
5	727.19	124,319	-46	22.0	0.0	.0	37.1	10.4	6.0	.0	14.5	.100	.00	
6	727.16	124,274	-45	19.1	0.0	.0	37.1	10.4	5.0	.0	11.6	.080	.00	
7	727.15	124,252	-22	39.3	0.0	.0	37.2	10.4	5.0	.0	8.7	.060	.00	
8	727.12	124,184	-68	-2.5	0.0	.0	37.1	10.4	5.0	.0	13.0	.090	.00	
9	727.10	124,138	-46	20.0	0.0	.0	36.6	10.4	6.0	.0	13.0	.090	.00	
10	727.07	124,048	-90	-27.1	0.0	.0	37.4	10.4	5.0	.0	10.1	.070	.00	
11	727.06	124,048	+0	71.7	0.0	1.9	42.3	10.4	5.0	.0	15.9	.110	.01	
12	727.01	123,935	-113	-51.3	0.0	15.0	43.9	10.4	5.0	.0	17.4	.120	.08	
13	727.00	123,912	-23	48.7	0.0	.0	37.9	10.4	6.0	.0	17.4	.120	.00	
14	726.96	123,822	-90	-27.6	0.0	.0	34.0	10.4	5.0	.0	13.0	.090	.00	
15	726.95	123,799	-23	37.5	0.0	.0	33.5	10.4	5.0	.0	11.6	.080	.00	
16	726.90	123,686	-113	-22.3	0.0	.0	55.0	10.4	5.0	.0	20.3	.140	.00	
17	726.86	123,596	-90	15.8	0.0	.0	60.5	10.4	6.0	.0	28.9	.200	.00	
18	726.82	123,505	-91	2.7	0.0	.0	69.6	10.4	5.0	.0	8.7	.060	.00	
19	726.78	123,415	-90	34.4	0.0	.0	74.3	10.4	5.0	.0	34.7	.240	.00	
20	726.72	123,279	-136	-37.5	0.0	.0	74.9	10.4	6.0	.0	7.2	.050	.00	
21	726.67	123,166	-113	-2.6	0.0	.0	74.8	10.4	5.0	.0	20.2	.140	.00	
22	726.64	123,099	-67	46.0	0.0	.0	76.0	10.4	5.0	.0	21.6	.150	.00	
23	726.61	123,031	-68	42.3	0.0	.0	73.3	10.4	5.0	.0	21.6	.150	.00	
24	726.56	122,919	-112	5.1	0.0	.0	80.5	10.4	6.0	.0	20.2	.140	.00	
25	726.51	122,807	-112	2.1	0.0	.0	84.3	10.4	5.0	.0	14.4	.100	.00	
26	726.46	122,696	-111	15.9	0.0	.0	79.8	10.4	5.0	.0	31.7	.220	.00	
27	726.42	122,606	-90	21.2	0.0	.0	83.3	10.4	6.0	.0	11.5	.080	.00	
28	726.36	122,472	-134	-0.9	0.0	.0	84.6	10.4	5.0	.0	33.1	.230	.00	
TOTAL (AF)			-2,073	349.4	0.0	18.8	1,530.7	291.3	148.0	.0	471.2	3.260	.10	
(AVG)		123,672												

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: 3/8/2021

Water Year: 2021

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 Oday(s)	Month	Year*	% to Date	% of Year*	AI
Buellton (Fire Stn)	233	0.00	0.00	0.02	7.61	57%	46%	
Cachuma Dam (USBR)	332	0.00	0.00	0.02	9.43	61%	48%	
Carpinteria (Fire Stn)	208	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.49	25%	20%	
Cuyama (Fire Stn)	436	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.73	47%	36%	
Figueroa Mtn. (USFS Stn)	421	0.00	0.00	0.02	6.73	40%	31%	9.3
Gibraltar Dam (City Facility)	230	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.18	44%	35%	8.4
Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros)	440	0.00	0.00	0.01	7.80	53%	42%	
Lompoc (City Hall)	439	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.52	83%	65%	7.1
Los Alamos (Fire Stn)	204	0.00	0.00	0.01	7.52	63%	49%	
San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn)	212	0.00	0.00	0.02	11.77	42%	35%	
Santa Barbara (County Bldg)	234	0.00	0.00	0.01	5.48	38%	30%	
Santa Maria (City Pub.Works)	380	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.04	59%	45%	
Santa Ynez (Fire Stn/Airport)	218	0.00	0.00	0.01	7.31	59%	46%	
Sisquoc (Fire Stn)	256	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.73	49%	38%	

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : 52%

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : 40%

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2021 (End of WY2021).

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	1,375.81	4,559	618	13.6%	-1	-1,592
<u>Cachuma Reservoir</u>	753.**	726.00	193,305	121,667	62.9%	-716	-22,108
<u>Jameson Reservoir</u>	2,224.00	2,213.36	4,848	3,607	74.4%	-7	-681
<u>Twitchell Reservoir</u>	651.50	540.97	194,971	3,100	1.6%	-33	-720

CIMIS Daily Report

Rendered in ENGLISH Units.

Monday, February 1, 2021 - Sunday, February 28, 2021

Printed on Monday, March 1, 2021

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)
2/1/2021	0.08 R	0.00	270	10.0	69.8	41.4	53.8	100	35	71	44.5	3.0	71.6	- S
2/2/2021	0.08 R	0.00	363	11.0	67.4	36.2	50.4	100	51	88	47.0	2.4	57.3	- S
2/3/2021	0.08	0.01	287	11.2	68.0	41.1	53.7	100	50	80	47.6	3.7	87.9	-- S
2/4/2021	0.09	0.00	377	8.0	67.5	30.9	46.7	100	32	74	38.8	2.4	56.6	- S
2/5/2021	0.10	0.00	383	8.2	72.4	31.9	50.0	100	34	67	39.4	2.5	60.3	57.0 H
2/6/2021	0.10	0.00	389	8.2	76.2	31.4	49.3	100	26	69	39.5	2.1	51.1	- S
2/7/2021	0.10	0.00	379	9.5	73.9	32.1	50.4	100	35	76	43.2	2.5	60.8	55.7 H
2/8/2021	0.07 R	0.01	306	11.0	65.0	40.5	49.6	100	60	91	47.1	2.5	59.5	- S
2/9/2021	0.02	0.00	116	11.5	58.5	47.8	51.2	100	75	89	48.1	2.7	63.7	- S
2/10/2021	0.10	0.00	383	11.2	68.6	46.3	54.6	95	55	77	47.5	3.7	89.9	59.8 H
2/11/2021	0.08	0.00	309	11.4	66.4	44.8	52.7	100	56	84	48.0	3.4	82.4	58.2 H
2/12/2021	0.11	0.08	399	10.6	66.3	45.3	54.3	100	39	74	46.1	5.7	135.9	58.9 H
2/13/2021	0.10	0.00	360	10.4	61.8	42.0	51.5	98	62	80	45.6	5.5	131.8	58.0 H
2/14/2021	0.12	0.00	390	8.4	65.7	42.6	53.1	79	36	61	39.9	6.3	152.1	- S
2/15/2021	0.09	0.00	328	11.7	67.0	43.2	54.3	96	60	81	48.6	5.7	137.9	- S
2/16/2021	0.13	0.00	416	9.5	66.9	42.4	54.1	92	40	67	43.3	8.0 Y	191.5 Y	- S
2/17/2021	0.14	0.00	438 R	6.4	68.0	35.5	50.9	98	16	50	33.1	4.6	109.7	- S
2/18/2021	0.12	0.00	434 R	5.7	68.7	29.6	47.4	93	20	52	30.5	2.7	64.2	- S
2/19/2021	0.12	0.00	429	8.9	72.4	29.9	50.1	96	28	72	41.4	3.7	88.5	- S
2/20/2021	0.15	0.00	449 R	8.1	65.6	40.8	54.4	99	24	56	39.0	7.3	175.7	- S
2/21/2021	0.12	0.00	449 R	6.7	70.8	29.9	48.5	95	22	58	34.3	2.7	66.0	- S
2/22/2021	0.13	0.00	453 R	6.9	79.1	31.2	51.7	98	18	53	35.0	2.4	57.1	- S
2/23/2021	0.13	0.00	403	7.7	80.9	32.2	53.9	96	20	54	37.7	2.5	60.6	- S
2/24/2021	0.15	0.00	466 R	6.4	78.5	31.8	53.2	98	17	47	33.3	3.3	78.7	- S
2/25/2021	0.13	0.00	468 R	5.7	72.1	29.3	48.5	86	19	49	30.2	3.1	74.6	- S
2/26/2021	0.14	0.00	476 R	7.5	77.2	28.3	49.7	96	16	61	37.0	3.9	93.0	- S
2/27/2021	0.09 A	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M
2/28/2021	0.09 A	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M	- M
Tots/Avgs	2.96	0.10	382	8.9	69.8	36.9	51.5	97	36	69	41.0	3.8	90.7	57.9

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
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Ly/day/2.065=W/sq.m	inches * 25.4 = mm	(F-32) * 5/9 = c
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CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Stokes, Executive Director
Lisa Long, Controller

March 2, 2021

FROM: Julie Baker [Signature]

SUBJECT: Monthly Water Deliveries

According to the CCWA revenue meters at each turnout, the following deliveries were made during the month of February, 2021:

Table with 2 columns: Project Participant, Delivery Amount (acre-feet). Rows include Chorro, López, Shandon, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Golden State Water Co., Vandenberg, Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez ID#1, Bradbury, and TOTAL.

In order to reconcile these deliveries with the DWR revenue meter, which read 737 acre-feet, the following delivery amounts should be used for billing purposes:

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*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

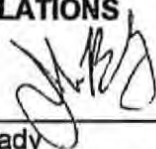
Bradbury Deliveries into Lake Cachuma are allocated as follows:

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

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cc: Tom Bunosky, GWD
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**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF
DELIVERY RECORDS AND ASSOCIATED
CALCULATIONS**



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

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



will be held at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 17, 2021
via URL: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1492239080>
or via telephone by dialing 1(623) 404-9000 and entering code 149-223-9080#

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

III. Executive Director's Report

- * A. Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District Staff's Proposed Conditions of Approval of Amendment No. 20 (The Contract Extension Amendment) to the State Water Contract
 - 1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and send a letter to Mr. Tom Fayram confirming CCWA's intention that the term of the TFRA is the same as the SWP Contract, as amended by Amendment No. 20
- * B. Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District Staff's Proposed Conditions of Approval of Amendment No. 21 (The Water Management Amendment)
 - 1. Resolution No. 21-01 of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority Adopting A Right of First Refusal Rule For Any Transfer of State Water Project Water Outside the County of Santa Barbara Pursuant To the State Water Supply Contract, As Amended By Amendment No. 21 (The Water Management Amendment)
- * C. Request for Authorization to Retain the Services of Terrain Consulting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000 for Governmental Relation and Communications Services

IV. CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d) (4): 2 cases

V. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda

VI. Date of Next Regular Meeting: February 25, 2021

VII. Adjournment

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OPERATING COMMITTEE
of the
CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2021
via URL: https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1498273750
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II. Public Comment - (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. Individual Speakers may be limited to five minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)
III. * Consent Calendar
A. Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2021 Operating Committee Meeting
IV. Executive Director's Report
A. Operations Update
B. Water Supply Situation Report
* C. State Water Project Contract Amendments #20 (Contract Extension) and #21 (Water Management Amendment)
* D. FY 2019/20 Yearend Budget Status Report
* E. CCWA Santa Ynez Pumping Plant Electrical Costs and Proposed Variable Cost Deposit
* F. CCWA FY 2021/22 Preliminary Budget

Continued

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- V. CLOSED SESSION**
 - A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)
(4): 1 case
- VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**
- VII. Reports from Committee Members for Information Only**
- VIII. Date of Next Regular Meeting: July 11, 2021**
April 8, 2021 there will be a Special Joint meeting of the Central Coast
Water Authority Operating Committee and San Luis Obispo County Flood
Control and Water Conservation District State Water Subcontractors
Advisory Committee
- IX. Adjournment**

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ID #1
Statement of Revenues & Expenses
February 2021

	Feb 21	Jan 21	% Change	Jul '20 - Feb 21
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
600000 · SERVICE & SALES REVENUE				
WATER SALES INCOME				
601000 · Water Sales - Agri.	39,664.06	52,009.25	-23.74%	845,170.85
602000 · Water Sales - Domestic	268,026.90	329,593.96	-18.68%	3,314,979.39
602100 · Water Sales - RRLmtd Ag.	140,668.36	169,071.28	-16.8%	1,832,646.02
602200 · Water Sales - Cach Pk	538.65	485.64	10.92%	10,275.39
604000 · Water Sales - Temp.	15.15	1,605.90	-99.06%	5,029.80
606000 · Water Sales - Solvang	4,469.71	4,469.71	0.0%	124,486.18
608000 · Water Sales - On-Demand	1,791.12	4,295.92	-58.31%	28,307.36
611500 · Fire Service Fees	9,620.20	10,081.54	-4.58%	77,886.19
Total WATER SALES INCOME	464,794.15	571,613.20	-18.69%	6,238,781.18
SERVICE INCOME				
611100 · New Service Fees	11,977.52	0.00	100.0%	35,744.07
611200 · Reconnection Fees	1,125.00	1,650.00	-31.82%	11,700.00
612400 · Penalties	4,875.23	5,011.40	-2.72%	20,452.00
Total SERVICE INCOME	17,977.75	6,661.40	169.88%	67,896.07
Total 600000 · SERVICE & SALES REVENUE	482,771.90	578,274.60	-16.52%	6,306,677.25
625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES & OTHER				
611600 · Capital Facilities Chrg.	54,811.54	8,000.00	585.14%	79,913.90
620006 · Reimbursed Field Labor	1,375.17	0.00	100.0%	1,651.64
620008 · Reimbursed Admin Labor	551.87	0.00	100.0%	685.91
624000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	1,034.00	2,657.49	-61.09%	14,540.04
625200 · Administrative Fees	1,575.00	1,500.00	5.0%	11,575.00
627000 · Tax Revenue - Secured	0.00	0.00	0.0%	484,140.08
628000 · INTEREST INCOME				
629000 · Interest Income - LAIF	0.00	20,770.94	-100.0%	-6,536.61
629100 · Interest Income -PIMMA	177.18	176.43	0.43%	2,172.66
630000 · Interest Income - Cking	1.69	2.04	-17.16%	28.25
Total 628000 · INTEREST INCOME	178.87	20,949.41	-99.15%	-4,335.70
890100 · SWP Pmt. from Solvang	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,064,881.68
Total 625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES & OTHER	59,526.45	33,106.90	79.8%	2,653,052.55
Total Income	542,298.35	611,381.50	-11.3%	8,959,729.80
Cost of Goods Sold				
702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES				
703000 · Cach. Water Entitlement	7,798.43	7,798.43	0.0%	151,443.30
704000 · State Water	149,755.53	149,755.53	0.0%	1,556,328.86
705000 · Ground Water Charges	0.00	0.00	0.0%	20,588.40
706000 · Cloudseeding Program	0.00	0.00	0.0%	273.00
707000 · River Well Field Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.0%	13,763.20
860000 · Solvang-SWPmt	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,064,881.68
Total 702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES	157,553.96	157,553.96	0.0%	3,807,278.44

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710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES				
711000 · Maintenance - Wells	1,531.03	0.00	100.0%	4,435.65
712000 · Maintenance - Mains	4,115.35	43.41	9,380.19%	37,969.17
713000 · Maintenance - Reservoirs	942.50	1,919.14	-50.89%	4,188.45
714000 · Maintenance - Structures	382.11	0.00	100.0%	1,832.11
717000 · Bradbury Dam SOD	0.00	0.00	0.0%	26,975.88
Total 710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES	6,970.99	1,962.55	255.2%	75,401.26
725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES				
726000 · Pumping Expense (Power)	14,231.58	23,834.30	-40.29%	434,658.48
730000 · Maintenance - Structures	0.00	270.00	-100.0%	3,002.55
732000 · Maintenance - Equipmt.	0.00	0.00	0.0%	297.12
Total 725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES	14,231.58	24,104.30	-40.96%	437,958.15
740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES				
744000 · Chemicals	0.00	4,328.03	-100.0%	25,535.39
748000 · Maintenance - Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,681.08
748100 · Water Treatment - Equipm	0.00	0.00	0.0%	4,966.76
748200 · Water Sampling/Monitor	72.93	0.00	100.0%	130.93
749000 · Water Analysis	0.00	615.00	-100.0%	3,615.00
Total 740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES	72.93	4,943.03	-98.53%	36,929.16
750000 · TRANSMISSION & DIST. EXPENSES				
799501 · Uniforms T&D	1,083.60	1,209.34	-10.4%	10,866.99
775401 · ACWA - Health Ins. (T&D)	19,115.13	19,115.13	0.0%	144,793.70
775201 · ACWA - Delta Dental (T&D)	832.32	832.32	0.0%	5,467.92
775301 · ACWA - Vision (T&D)	154.89	154.89	0.0%	1,046.07
751000 · Labor	51,765.75	49,023.08	5.6%	408,901.92
751100 · Labor / Vacation	1,588.52	3,057.26	-48.04%	12,680.95
751200 · Labor / Sick Leave	585.00	602.54	-2.91%	7,529.06
751201 · Labor/COVID Sick Leave - T&D	0.00	0.00	0.0%	3,242.24
752100 · Safety Equipment	184.88	325.92	-43.27%	993.11
752000 · Materials/Supplies - Other	222.18	554.74	-59.95%	1,964.00
Total 752000 · Materials/Supplies	407.06	880.66	-53.78%	2,957.11
753000 · SCADA Maintenance	0.00	903.81	-100.0%	903.81
754000 · Small Tools	2,262.69	39.86	5,576.59%	5,496.88
754100 · Small Tools - Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.0%	65.83
755000 · Transportation	2,138.31	2,033.23	5.17%	21,969.11
756000 · Meter Services	11,060.85	0.00	100.0%	38,280.96
756100 · Meter Services - Repair	324.64	346.81	-6.39%	10,208.76
757000 · Road Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.0%	58.00
759000 · Maintenance - Structures	225.00	343.25	-34.45%	2,915.66
760000 · Fire Hydrants	0.00	78.56	-100.0%	120.64
762000 · Backhoe-Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.0%	143.27
Total 750000 · TRANSMISSION & DIST. EXPENSES	91,543.76	78,620.74	16.44%	677,648.88
Total COGS	270,373.22	267,184.58	1.19%	5,035,215.89
Gross Profit	271,925.13	344,196.92	-21.0%	3,924,513.91

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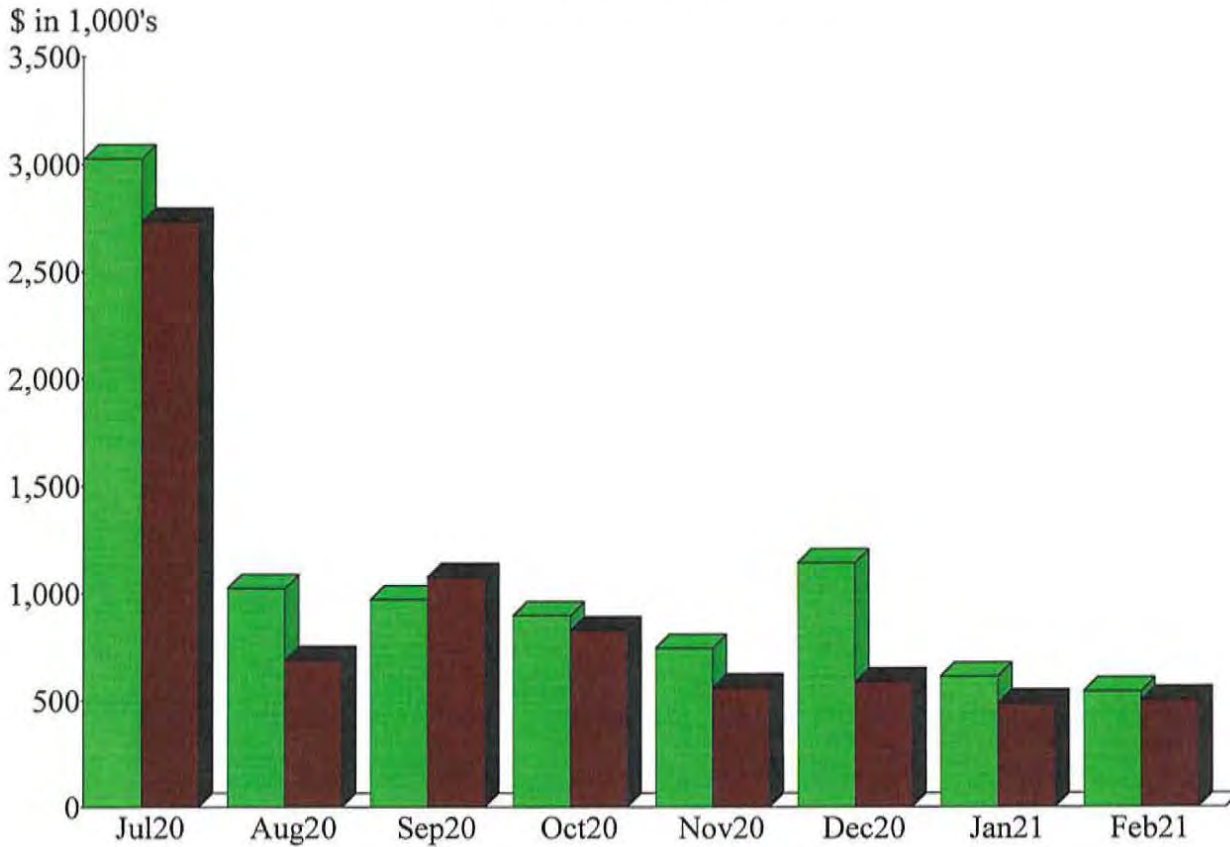
Expense	Feb 21	Jan 21	% Change	Jul '20 - Feb 21
4000 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
770000 · GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES				
774000 Workers Comp. - Ins.	0.00	0.00	0.0%	11,892.33
6560 · Payroll Expenses	486.00	36.00	1,250.0%	730.00
775000 · PERS - Retirement	27,819.84	27,801.46	0.07%	211,931.21
775200 · ACWA - Dental (Admin)	716.88	608.64	17.78%	5,553.96
775300 · ACWA - Vision (Admin)	154.55	137.00	12.81%	1,167.22
775400 · ACWA - Medical Insurance(Admin)	20,893.23	20,893.23	0.0%	161,285.51
777000 · Salaries - Administrative Staff	78,945.42	82,882.45	-4.75%	629,082.78
777100 · Salaries / Vacation	1,799.99	1,157.15	55.55%	22,740.99
777200 · Salaries / Sick Leave	4,158.17	1,029.69	303.83%	6,536.86
772100 · Admin - COVID Sick Leave	0.00	0.00	0.0%	6,667.46
777401 · Admin. - Comp Time	0.00	0.00	0.0%	86.58
778000 · Training, Travel & Conferences	25.00	1,319.00	-98.11%	2,630.53
779000 · Dues,Subscrip,Certif.	5.00	2,697.88	-99.82%	27,930.01
780000 · Building Maintenance	1,011.00	1,049.75	-3.69%	8,084.28
781000 · Office Supplies	462.07	1,665.17	-72.25%	9,265.09
781100 · Computer Supply/Training/Softwr	0.00	67.86	-100.0%	5,707.68
782000 · Postage & Printing	3,354.39	3,419.56	-1.91%	32,722.06
783000 · Utilities	743.18	898.15	-17.25%	6,988.99
784000 · Telephone	1,246.47	1,232.91	1.1%	9,884.89
785000 · Special Services	2,862.23	595.68	380.5%	11,163.37
785100 · Government Fees	3,979.31	0.00	100.0%	10,591.31
786000 · Insurance & Bonds	5,201.29	5,201.29	0.0%	29,090.33
787000 · Payroll Taxes	11,039.67	10,538.04	4.76%	75,123.05
788000 · Audit - Expenses				
788100 · General Accounting	0.00	211.50	-100.0%	7,495.00
788000 · Audit - Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.0%	27,078.00
Total 788000 · Audit - Expenses	0.00	211.50	-100.0%	34,573.00
789000 · Legal - Expenses Gen.	8,172.00	6,350.00	28.69%	34,346.00
790000 · Gen/Pfrsnl Consultant Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,524.78
791000 · Planning & Research	0.00	0.00	0.0%	4,017.10
792000 · Bad Debts	0.00	1.43	-100.0%	2,825.48
793000 · Office Equip. Service Contracts	2,516.74	2,489.55	1.09%	20,063.13
794000 · Interest Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.0%	25,468.18
794100 · Annual Fee - Bond Fund	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,425.00
797000 · Trustee Fees	1,800.00	1,600.00	12.5%	13,200.00
799000 · Miscellaneous Expenses/Vendors	2,370.69	2,610.52	-9.19%	25,403.00
799525 · Gardening Service	240.00	240.00	0.0%	1,920.00
799600 · Customer Refunds	0.00	71.77	-100.0%	238.04
Total 770000 · GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES	180,003.12	176,805.68	1.81%	1,452,860.20
Total Expense	180,003.12	176,805.68	1.81%	1,452,860.20
Net Ordinary Income	91,922.01	167,391.24	-45.09%	2,471,653.71

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ID #1
Statement of Revenues & Expenses
February 2021

	Feb 21	Jan 21	% Change	Jul '20 - Feb 21
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING				
800200 · Legal -BB&K/Consultants				
800102 · Sustainable Grndwtr Mgmt Act	2,664.50	3,029.00	-12.03%	31,466.48
800201 · NMFS Biop Recon/Stlhd Rcvry Pln	4,473.00	1,920.50	132.91%	20,300.00
Total 800200 · Legal -BB&K/Consultants	7,137.50	4,949.50	44.21%	51,766.48
800203 · River Water Righ Proceed (BHFS)	0.00	503.00	-100.0%	29,069.50
800300 · Engineering	118.50	0.00	100.0%	12,450.92
800500 · Unanticipated Spc Legal Expense	7,267.00	7,799.00	-6.82%	31,401.50
826201 · SWRCB Order/Studies (BBK)	36.50	0.00	100.0%	1,277.50
Total 800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING	14,559.50	13,251.50	9.87%	125,965.90
825000 · STUDIES				
825400 · CCRB (Shared Consultants)				
825401 · Joint Bio Op Recon.-Consultants	0.00	7,123.13	-100.0%	14,549.60
Total 825400 · CCRB (Shared Consultants)	0.00	7,123.13	-100.0%	14,549.60
825600 · SB Co Water Agency				
825601 · Integrated Regional Water Man.	0.00	0.00	0.0%	3,522.95
825600 · SB Co Water Agency - Other	0.00	0.00	0.0%	5,120.22
Total 825600 · SB Co Water Agency	0.00	0.00	0.0%	8,643.17
825800 · BiOp Implementation	0.00	0.00	0.0%	35,960.00
825900 · Water System Study Updt (Stet)	592.50	7,103.00	-91.66%	17,988.50
826000 · System Capacity/Cap Impv Plan	0.00	-1,140.75	100.0%	364.00
826101 · SWRCB Order/Studies (Stet/Han)	0.00	36.50	-100.0%	2,178.78
Total 825000 · STUDIES	592.50	13,121.88	-95.49%	79,684.05
850000 · NON-CAPITAL EXPENSES				
850500 · USBR Cach Proj Contract/Cap Prg	0.00	0.00	0.0%	7,584.00
Total 850000 · NON-CAPITAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.0%	7,584.00
900100 · Constr in Progress CY				
900335 · SWP Pump Station/Pipeline	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,821.70
900332 · Water Treatment Plant/Fac	0.00	0.00	0.0%	907.52
900106 · Rehab/Rplc - Trans. Mains/Lats	-3,115.00	0.00	-100.0%	484,070.29
900171 · 4.CFS WII Field	0.00	15,531.10	-100.0%	15,531.10
Total 900100 · Constr in Progress CY	-3,115.00	15,531.10	-120.06%	502,330.61
900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY				
900318 · Meter Replace/Utility Billing	34,383.53	950.00	3,519.32%	51,453.12
900371 · Office Building/Shop Improvemen	0.00	0.00	0.0%	15,491.93
900372 · Office Furn., Computers & Equip	0.00	0.00	0.0%	9,888.47
900376 · Communications/Telemetry-SCADA	5,278.00	0.00	100.0%	76,353.57
900378 · Mjr. Tools, Shop & Garage Equip	0.00	0.00	0.0%	103,614.16
Total 900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY	39,661.53	950.00	4,074.9%	256,801.25
Total Other Expense	51,698.53	42,854.48	20.64%	972,365.81
Net Other Income	-51,698.53	-42,854.48	-20.64%	-972,365.81
Net Income	40,223.48	124,536.76	-67.7%	1,499,287.90

Income and Expense by Month
July 2020 through February 2021

Income
Expense



Income Summary
July 2020 through February 2021

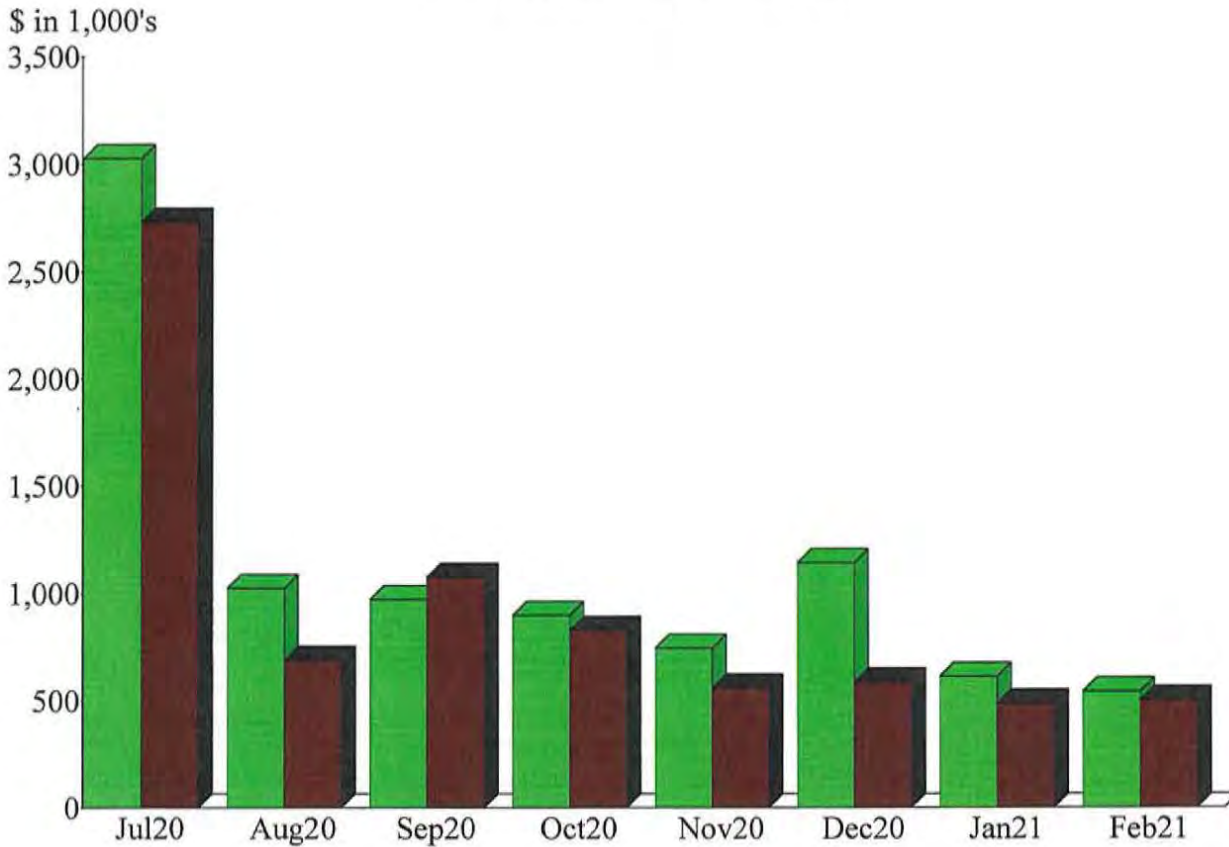
600000 · SERVICE & SALES REVENUE	70.39%
625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES & OTHER	29.61
Total	\$8,959,729.80



By Account

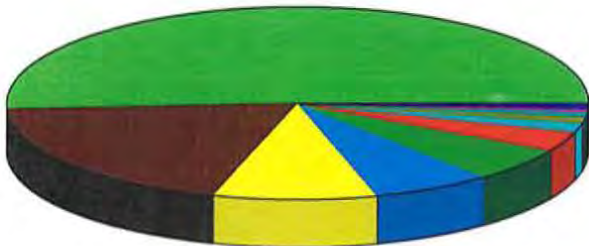
Income and Expense by Month
July 2020 through February 2021

Income
Expense



Expense Summary
July 2020 through February 2021

702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES	51.03%
770000 · GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSE	19.47
750000 · TRANSMISSION & DIST. EXPENSES	9.08
900100 · Constr in Progress CY	6.73
725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES	5.87
900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY	3.44
800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING	1.69
825000 · STUDIES	1.07
710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES	1.01
740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES	0.49
Other	0.10
Total	\$7,460,441.90



By Account

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ID #1

Warrant List for Board Approval

February 17 through March 16, 2021

Date	Num	Name	Amount
Feb 17 - Mar 16, 21			
02/28/2021	23667	JANO Printing & Mailworks	\$ 3,310.99
02/26/2021	23668	ACWA/JPIA - Health	\$ 42,766.26
02/26/2021	23669	Trustee Jeff Clay	\$ 738.80
02/26/2021	23670	Trustee Brad Joos	\$ 554.10
03/16/2021	23671	Air Pollution Control District	\$ 459.31
03/16/2021	23672	All Around Landscape Supply/SiteOne	\$ 414.97
03/16/2021	23673	Allen Instruments & Supplies	\$ 6,975.03
03/16/2021	23674	Aqua-Metric Sales Company	\$ 7,266.37
03/16/2021	23675	Aramark Uniform Serv Inc.	\$ 1,103.60
03/16/2021	23676	Aspect Engineering Group	\$ 5,278.00
03/16/2021	23677	Autosys, Inc.	\$ 4,006.31
03/16/2021	23678	B of A Business Card Services-AGM	\$ 1,343.45
03/16/2021	23679	B of A Business Card Services-GM2	\$ 5.00
03/16/2021	23680	Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	\$ 211.50
03/16/2021	23681	Best Best & Krieger LLP	\$ 7,174.00
03/16/2021	23682	Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck	\$ 15,439.00
02/26/2021	EFT	CA State Disbursement - February 2021	\$ 513.00
02/26/2021	EFT	CalPERS-Retirement - February 2021	\$ 33,225.06
03/16/2021	23683	Cachuma O & M Board	\$ 166,768.11
03/16/2021	23684	Cachuma Operations & Maintenance Board	\$ 9,040.00
03/16/2021	23685	Central Coast Water-Authority/Solvang	\$ 200,614.74
03/16/2021	23686	CIO Solutions, LP	\$ 2,489.55
03/16/2021	23687	Clinical Lab of San Bernardino Inc.	\$ 615.00
03/16/2021	23688	Co of SB-Public Works-Water Agency	\$ 447.95
03/16/2021	23689	Coastal Copy	\$ 102.19
03/16/2021	23690	Comcast	\$ 350.43
03/16/2021	23691	Continental Utility Solutions, Inc.	\$ 456.56
03/16/2021	23692	Dig Safe Board	\$ 61.72
02/26/2021	EFT	Employment Dev. Dept. Feb. Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,382.87
03/16/2021	23693	Echo Communications	\$ 176.19
03/16/2021	23694	FedEx	\$ 40.12
03/16/2021	23695	Garrison, Glenn	\$ 85.00
03/16/2021	23696	Hanly General Engineering Corp.	\$ 11,781.05
03/16/2021	23697	Harrison Hardware Inc	\$ 294.13
03/16/2021	23698	ICONIX Waterworks (US) Inc.	\$ 4,585.34
03/16/2021	23699	Iron Mountain	\$ 84.79
03/16/2021	23700	IVR Technology Group, LLC	\$ 72.55
03/16/2021	23701	J. Winther Chevron, Inc.	\$ 49.90
03/16/2021	23702	Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems	\$ 1,106.00
03/16/2021	23703	JANO Printing & Mailworks	\$ 3,311.68
03/16/2021	23704	Jim Vreeland Ford	\$ 57.41
02/26/2021	EFT	Lincoln National Life - February 2021	\$ 2,600.00
03/16/2021	23705	MarBorg Industries	\$ 181.74
02/26/2021	EFT	Mechanics Bank - February Payroll Taxes	\$ 37,147.21

**Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ID #1
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03/16/2021	23706	McCollum, Austin	\$ 50.00
03/16/2021	23707	McCormix Corp	\$ 1,940.39
03/16/2021	23708	Miehle, Monika	\$ 172.12
03/16/2021	23709	MRK INC - Santa Ynez Paint	\$ 41.97
03/16/2021	23710	Nielsen Building Materials Inc	\$ 308.90
03/16/2021	23711	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$ 146.46
03/16/2021	23712	P G & E	\$ 19,280.35
03/16/2021	23713	Perry Ford	\$ 85,290.60
02/25/2021	EFT	Payroll - February 2021	\$ 96,060.84
03/16/2021	23714	Praxair Distribution Inc	\$ 39.32
03/16/2021	23715	Pulido B. Landscape Tree Service	\$ 240.00
03/16/2021	23716	Quadient Finance USA, Inc - Postage	\$ 15.40
03/16/2021	23717	Quadient Leasing	\$ 392.48
03/16/2021	23718	Quill	\$ 419.70
03/16/2021	23719	Rio Vista Chevrolet	\$ 61.88
03/16/2021	23720	Santa Ynez Valley Drain Cleaning	\$ 130.00
03/16/2021	23721	Sensus USA Inc.	\$ 1,715.95
03/16/2021	23722	State Water Resources Control Board/Certs	\$ 60.00
03/16/2021	23723	Stetson Engineers Inc	\$ 7,873.25
03/16/2021	23724	Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth	\$ 2,050.00
03/16/2021	23725	SYCSD	\$ 80.78
03/16/2021	23726	TechnoFlo Systems	\$ 117.66
03/16/2021	23727	The Gas Company	\$ 67.38
03/16/2021	23728	Tierra Contracting, Inc.	\$ 17,302.91
03/16/2021	23729	Total Compensation Systems, Inc. (TCS)	\$ 720.00
03/16/2021	23730	Underground Service Alert	\$ 90.85
03/16/2021	23731	USA Bluebook	\$ 531.46
03/16/2021	23732	Verizon Wireless	\$ 940.39
03/16/2021	23733	Waste Management of Santa Maria	\$ 288.43
		Total	\$ 818,116.45

Feb 17 - Mar 16, 21

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



will be held at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 17, 2021
via URL: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1492239080>
or via telephone by dialing 1(623) 404-9000 and entering code 149-223-9080#

CCWA's Board meetings are conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders (N-25-20, N-29-20 and N-35-20), temporarily suspending portions of the Brown Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Board will participate in this meeting by video call or telephone.

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 7:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting. In your email, please specify (1) the meeting date and agenda item (number and title) on which you are providing a comment and (2) that you would like your comment read into the record during the meeting. If you would like your comment read into the record during the meeting (as either general public comment or on a specific agenda item), please limit your comments to no more than 250 words.

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

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

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

III. Executive Director's Report

- * A. Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District Staff's Proposed Conditions of Approval of Amendment No. 20 (The Contract Extension Amendment) to the State Water Contract
 1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and send a letter to Mr. Tom Fayram confirming CCWA's intention that the term of the TFRA is the same as the SWP Contract, as amended by Amendment No. 20
- * B. Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District Staff's Proposed Conditions of Approval of Amendment No. 21 (The Water Management Amendment)
 1. Resolution No. 21-01 of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority Adopting A Right of First Refusal Rule For Any Transfer of State Water Project Water Outside the County of Santa Barbara Pursuant To the State Water Supply Contract, As Amended By Amendment No. 21 (The Water Management Amendment)
- * C. Request for Authorization to Retain the Services of Terrain Consulting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000 for Governmental Relation and Communications Services

IV. CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d) (4); 2 cases

V. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda

VI. Date of Next Regular Meeting: February 25, 2021

VII. Adjournment

* Indicates attachment of document to original agenda packet.



February 17, 2021

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Re: Confirmation of the Term of the 1991 Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement

Dear Mr. Fayram:

The purpose of this correspondence is to confirm certain matters relating to Section 1 (the "Term") of the 1991 Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement.

In response to CCWA's November 3, 2020 request that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (Board), acting in its capacity as the governing board of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), execute Amendment No. 20 (the Contract Extension Amendment) to the State Water Contract on behalf of CCWA, pursuant to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, District staff identified a potential ambiguity in the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement and proposed amendment to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement to address that potential ambiguity, among other things. On February 2, 2021, the Board considered CCWA's request regarding Amendment No. 20 and unanimously agreed to continue the matter until March 2, 2021.

On February 17, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) authorized me to confirm with you CCWA's interpretation of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement and to confirm our mutual intentions with respect to the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, as set forth below, in lieu of an amendment to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement.

The Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement defines the term "SWP Contract" as the 1963 Water Supply Contract between the District and the State of California, Department of Water Resources, (SWP Contract) "as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time." Section 1 of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreements provides:

This [Transfer of Financial Responsibility] Agreement shall be in effect for the same term as the SWP Contract pursuant to Articles II and IV thereof, and shall terminate upon the later of termination of the SWP Contract or termination of all liability of the District thereunder.

Therefore, the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement has the same term as the SWP Contract, whatever it may be. Amendment No. 20 to the SWP Contract amends the term of the SWP Contract pursuant to Article II. Amendment of the term of the SWP Contract necessarily includes extension of the SWP Contract.

To memorialize CCWA's and the District's mutual agreement that the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement is the same as the SWP Contract, as amended by Amendment No. 20 (The Contract Extension Agreement), CCWA proposes the agreement set forth below.

Please provide your signature in the space below confirming your agreement and return this letter to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Ray Stokes, Executive Director

AGREEMENT
CONFIRMING THE TERM OF THE
TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

1. It is the intention of CCWA and the District, the parties to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (collectively "Parties" and individually "Party"), that the purpose of this Agreement is to confirm the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement and thereby to resolve any perceived ambiguity or potential disagreement with respect to the term. As it relates to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, the Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is interpretive in nature only and that nothing in this Agreement amends or modifies, or shall be construed to amend or modify, the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement in any way. The Parties further agree that the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement remains in full force and effect.

2. It is the intention of the Parties that the term "SWP Contract," as defined in the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, includes any extension of that agreement by amendment, including but not limited to Amendment No. 20 (the Contract Extension Amendment).

3. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties hereto warrant that such Party is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party and to bind that Party, including but not limited to its directors, officers, members, managers, agents, successors and assigns, board members, representatives,

officials and elected officials; and by so executing this Agreement, such Party is formally bound to its provisions.

4. This Agreement is conditioned upon and will take effect only upon approval by each of the Parties, demonstrated by their respective signatures to this Agreement. The date the last of these events occurs constitutes the "Effective Date" of this Agreement.

**CENTRAL COAST WATER
AUTHORITY**

**SANTA BARBARA FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**


Ray Stokes, Executive Director

Tom Fayram, Water Resources Deputy
Director

Dated: February 17, 2021

Dated: _____

- cc: CCWA Board of Directors
Ed Andrisek, Vice Chair, City of Buellton
Farfalla Borah, Goleta Water District
Jeff Clay, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, ID #1
Shirley Johnson, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Julian Ariston, City of Guadalupe
Etta Waterfield, City of Santa Maria
Floyd Wicks, Montecito Water District
CCWA Operating Committee
Mike Alvarado, La Cumbre Mutual Water Company
Paeter Garcia, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, ID #1
Rose Hess, City of Buellton
Robert McDonald, Carpinteria Valley Water District
John McInnes, Goleta Water District
Pernell Rush, Vandenberg AFB 30 CES/CEOEO 1028
Shad Springer, City of Santa Maria
Shannon Sweeney, City of Guadalupe
Cathy Taylor, City of Santa Barbara
Nick Turner, Montecito Water District
Matt van der Linden, City of Solvang
Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, Santa Barbara County
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Matt Young, Water Agency Manager, Santa Barbara County FC&WCD

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February 17, 2021

Mr. Stokes, Executive Director
Central Coast Water Authority
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Buellton, CA 93427

RE: State Water Project Amendments 20 and 21

Dear Mr. Stokes:

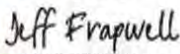
Thank you and Ms. Hastings for taking the time to meet with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) staff to discuss State Water Project (SWP) Amendments 20 and 21. Following these discussion District staff is prepared to recommend to the District's Board on March 2nd the following:

- Approval of Amendment 20 contingent on the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA)'s Board of Director's authorizing Ray Stokes to execute the "Agreement Clarifying and Confirming the Term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement"; and
- Denial of Amendment 21 at this time as Staff remains concerned with the impact of SWP water sales outside of the County on the District's overall water supplies and water availability.

Staff's recommendation on Amendment 21 allows for a continued dialog with CCWA on the Amendment to allow for additional terms on which SWP transfers and exchanges may be acceptable; however, it is District's staff understanding that based on the time constraints for approval of this amendment, CCWA staff would like the District's Board to take action on the amendment on March 2nd.

Staff is willing to meet again to discuss this letter or any additional staff proposals as we are committed to working together to ensure a viable future water supply for the County.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Jeff Frapwell
Assistant County Executive Officer



February 18, 2021

Honorable Bob Nelson, Chair and
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Re: CCWA Requests for Approval of State Water Contract Amendment No. 20
(The Contract Extension Amendment) and Amendment No. 21 (The Water
Management Amendment)

Dear Chair Nelson and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As you recall, on October 28, 2020 and November 3, 2020, respectively, the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) requested that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (Board), acting in its capacity as the governing board of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), execute Amendment Nos. 20 (The Contract Extension Amendment) and 21 (The Water Management Amendment) to the State Water Contract on behalf of CCWA. On February 2, 2021, your Board considered CCWA's requests and agreed to continue the matter until March 2, 2021. This correspondence renews CCWA's request to authorize the District to execute both Amendment Nos. 20 and 21 on behalf of CCWA, and also transmits to you the attached letter and resolution, both of which were approved by CCWA at its meeting yesterday, February 17, 2021.

Background:

In response to CCWA's above-referenced requests in late 2020, the District – both District staff in its Agenda Letter relating to this matter, published January 21, 2021, and in subsequent correspondence from District staff to me, and your Board at your February 2, 2021 meeting – has raised certain concerns relating to Amendment Nos. 20 and 21. CCWA staff met and conferred with the District's staff on two occasions in an effort to address the District's concerns.

Amendment No. 20: The Contract Extension Amendment

Yesterday, CCWA's Board authorized me to send the attached letter agreement confirming that CCWA agrees that the term of the 1991 Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement is the same as the term of the State Water Contract, as amended by Amendment No. 20. With this confirmation, I understand from Mr. Jeff Frapwell, Assistant County Executive Officer, that District staff supports execution of Amendment No. 20.¹

I appreciate District's staff's support of Amendment No. 20 and urge your Board to authorize the District to execute the amendment on March 2, 2017. As I have shared with you in the past, Amendment No. 20 provides numerous and significant financial benefits to CCWA and its participants, none of which will be available without its

¹ February 17, 2021 Letter from J. Frapwell to R. Stokes re. Amendment Nos. 20 and 21.

execution.² Therefore, I urge the Board to authorize the District to execute Amendment No. 20 (The Contract Extension Amendment) on March 2, 2021.

Amendment No. 21: The Water Management Amendment

Also yesterday, CCWA's Board adopted Resolution 2021-01, a copy of which is attached for your reference. Resolution 2021-01, which becomes effective upon the effective date of Amendment No. 21 and the Department of Water Resources' and the District's execution of the amendment, provides that CCWA shall require that any proposed transfer outside of the County of Santa Barbara, as may be permitted by the State Water Contract, as amended by Amendment No. 21, shall be subject to a right of first refusal of all of CCWA's participants, on a pro rata basis, on the same terms and conditions as may be offered by a potential out-of-county transferee. Resolution 2021-01 ensures that the water supply needs of all of CCWA's participants are considered before a transfer of any participant's State Water Project (SWP) supply is transferred out of the county, *while at the same time* respecting the rights of each of CCWA's participants to independently manage their respective water supply portfolios, inclusive of their SWP supply, in the manner that each participant has determined is in the best interest of their agency and its customers.

Notwithstanding Resolution 2021-01, I understand that District staff intends to recommend that your Board deny authorization to execute Amendment No. 21.³ I strongly encourage your Board to reject District's staff's recommendation and to authorize the District to execute Amendment No. 21.

Amendment No. 21 is the product of years of collaborative negotiations among DWR, CCWA and all of the other public water agencies which contract with DWR for the delivery of SWP water (Agencies) to manage water supplies in a changing environment, to enhance flexibility and reliability of SWP water, and to maintain and diversify each Agency's water supply portfolio. Working together, these agencies have developed a program of transfers and exchanges of SWP water supplies that provides greater flexibility to manage SWP water without changing the way the SWP operates, includes mechanisms to ensure greater transparency in water transfers and exchanges, and avoids significant adverse impacts on other Agencies and within an Agency's service area. To date, 26 Agencies have approved Amendment No. 21 and it is expected to become effective at the end of this month.

The District's denial of Amendment No. 21 will not only deprive CCWA and its participants of all of these benefits, but failure to participate in Amendment No. 21 could also have immediate and adverse impacts on CCWA's participants.⁴ For example, in the event of a critically dry year, like 2014 when some of CCWA's participants experienced severe water supply shortages, without Amendment No. 21, CCWA participants may not be able to secure supplemental water supplies through exchanges. Likewise, in wet years, one or more CCWA participants may lose SWP water in storage that otherwise could have been transferred to a willing buyer. And

² Contrary to comments made by others, extension of the State Water Contract by other potentially available means does not provide these benefits.

³ February 17, 2021 Letter from J. Frapwell to R. Stokes re. Amendment Nos. 20 and 21.

⁴ The District, as the contracting party to the State Water Contract, will have 60 days from the effective date to execute Amendment No. 21.

finally, one or more of the important, but costly local water supply development projects that one or more of CCWA's participants may elect to pursue in the future, including but not limited to desalination and potable re-use, may not be feasible without the ability to flexibly manage that participant's SWP supplies using the transfer and exchange opportunities provided by Amendment No. 21. As a result, I urge the Board to authorize the District to execute Amendment No. 21 (The Water Management Amendment) on March 2, 2021.

On behalf of CCWA, thank you in advance for your consideration of these important matters. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please let me know.

Respectfully,



Ray A. Stokes
Executive Director

Attachments:

Letter from Ray Stokes to Tom Fayram, dated February 17, 2021
CCWA Resolution No. 2021-01, adopted February 17, 2021

cc: CCWA Board of Directors
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February 17, 2021

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La Cumbre Mutual
Water Company

Re: Confirmation of the Term of the 1991 Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement

Dear Mr. Fayram:

The purpose of this correspondence is to confirm certain matters relating to Section 1 (the "Term") of the 1991 Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement.

In response to CCWA's November 3, 2020 request that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (Board), acting in its capacity as the governing board of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), execute Amendment No. 20 (the Contract Extension Amendment) to the State Water Contract on behalf of CCWA, pursuant to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, District staff identified a potential ambiguity in the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement and proposed amendment to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement to address that potential ambiguity, among other things. On February 2, 2021, the Board considered CCWA's request regarding Amendment No. 20 and unanimously agreed to continue the matter until March 2, 2021.

On February 17, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) authorized me to confirm with you CCWA's interpretation of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement and to confirm our mutual intentions with respect to the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, as set forth below, in lieu of an amendment to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement.

The Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement defines the term "SWP Contract" as the 1963 Water Supply Contract between the District and the State of California, Department of Water Resources, (SWP Contract) "as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time." Section 1 of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreements provides:

This [Transfer of Financial Responsibility] Agreement shall be in effect for the same term as the SWP Contract pursuant to Articles II and IV thereof, and shall terminate upon the later of termination of the SWP Contract or termination of all liability of the District thereunder.

Therefore, the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement has the same term as the SWP Contract, whatever it may be. Amendment No. 20 to the SWP Contract amends the term of the SWP Contract pursuant to Article II. Amendment of the term of the SWP Contract necessarily includes extension of the SWP Contract.

To memorialize CCWA's and the District's mutual agreement that the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement is the same as the SWP Contract, as amended by Amendment No. 20 (The Contract Extension Agreement), CCWA proposes the agreement set forth below.

Please provide your signature in the space below confirming your agreement and return this letter to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Ray Stokes, Executive Director

AGREEMENT
CONFIRMING THE TERM OF THE
TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

1. It is the intention of CCWA and the District, the parties to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (collectively "Parties" and individually "Party"), that the purpose of this Agreement is to confirm the term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement and thereby to resolve any perceived ambiguity or potential disagreement with respect to the term. As it relates to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, the Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is interpretive in nature only and that nothing in this Agreement amends or modifies, or shall be construed to amend or modify, the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement in any way. The Parties further agree that the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement remains in full force and effect.


2. It is the intention of the Parties that the term "SWP Contract," as defined in the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, includes any extension of that agreement by amendment, including but not limited to Amendment No. 20 (the Contract Extension Amendment).

3. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties hereto warrant that such Party is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party and to bind that Party, including but not limited to its directors, officers, members, managers, agents, successors and assigns, board members, representatives,

officials and elected officials; and by so executing this Agreement, such Party is formally bound to its provisions.

4. This Agreement is conditioned upon and will take effect only upon approval by each of the Parties, demonstrated by their respective signatures to this Agreement. The date the last of these events occurs constitutes the "Effective Date" of this Agreement.

**CENTRAL COAST WATER
AUTHORITY**



Ray Stokes, Executive Director

**SANTA BARBARA FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

Tom Fayram, Water Resources Deputy
Director

Dated: February 17, 2021

Dated: _____

- cc: CCWA Board of Directors
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RESOLUTION NO. 21-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY
ADOPTING A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL RULE FOR ANY
TRANSFER OF STATE WATER PROJECT WATER OUTSIDE THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA PURSUANT TO THE STATE WATER
SUPPLY CONTRACT, AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT NO. 21 (THE
WATER MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT)**

WHEREAS, the Central Coast Water Authority (Authority) is a Joint Powers Agency formed pursuant to Government Code section 6500 et seq. and that certain Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated August 1, 1991, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, following the voters' 1960 approval of the California Water Resources Development Bond Act, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR), acting on behalf of the State of California, executed that certain agreement dated February 26, 1963 for the supply and delivery of State Water Project (SWP) water (SWP Water) (SWP Contract); and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1991, the District and the Authority entered into the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement whereby the Authority assumed full responsibility for all of the District's obligations pursuant to the SWP Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Authority entered into a series of "Water Supply Agreements" with various cities, water districts, and other water supply retailers who purchase and deliver SWP Water to their customers, and other end users of SWP Water, in portions of the County of Santa Barbara (each a "Participant" and collectively, the "Participants"); and

WHEREAS, under the existing SWP Contract, the provisions allowing for transfers and exchanges of SWP Water are limited and lack clarity, resulting in infrequent water transactions, inefficient use of SWP supplies, and restraints to effective water supply planning; and

WHEREAS, CCWA and other public water agencies which contract with DWR for the delivery of SWP Water (Agencies), in an effort to manage water supplies in a changing environment, to enhance flexibility and reliability of SWP Water, and to maintain and diversify water supplies, worked together to develop a program of transfers and exchanges of SWP Water supplies commonly referred to as the "Agreement in Principle" that provides greater flexibility to managing SWP Water without changing the way the SWP operates; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 21 (The Water Management Amendment) to the SWP Contract, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, implements the Agreement in Principle; and

WHEREAS, The Water Management Amendment clarifies and enhances the terms of the SWP Contract related to transfers and exchanges of SWP Water to improve

water management capabilities and options for all Agencies and the Participants and the communities and ratepayers they serve; and

WHEREAS, DWR proposes to amend the SWP Contract by approving The Water Management Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-01, the Authority approved The Water Management Amendment to the SWP Contract and authorized the Authority's Executive Director to transmit The Water Management Amendment to the District for the District's execution and delivery of The Water Management Amendment, on behalf of CCWA, to DWR in accordance with the provisions of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2020, the Authority's Executive Director transmitted The Water Management Amendment to the District as directed by Resolution No. 20-01; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the District's execution of The Water Management Amendment, and DWR's approval and implementation of The Water Management Amendment, the Authority wishes to ensure that any transfer of SWP Water outside of the County of Santa Barbara undertaken pursuant to The Water Management Amendment is sufficiently protective of the water supply needs of all of the Participants; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to provide each Participant with a "right of first refusal" for any proposed transfer of SWP Water outside of the County of Santa Barbara by any other Participant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION 1.

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

SECTION 2.

The Board of Directors of the Authority adopts the following rule (Right of First Refusal Rule) for any proposed transfer of SWP Water outside of the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to the SWP Contract, as amended by The Water Management Amendment, by any Participant:

A Participant may transfer all or any portion of its available SWP Water within its boundaries or to another Participant without approval by the Authority. As may be permitted by the SWP Contract, a Participant may transfer all or any portion of its available SWP Water outside the County of Santa Barbara County with the approval of the Authority, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided that the Authority shall require that any such proposed transfer outside of the County of Santa Barbara shall be subject to a right of first refusal of all

Participants on a pro rata basis to take delivery of such SWP Water on the same terms and conditions.

This Resolution and the Right of First Refusal Rule shall take effect upon the "Water Management Amendment effective date," as that term is defined by The Water Management Amendment, or the date on which both the District and DWR have executed The Water Management Amendment to the SWP Contract, whichever is later.

SECTION 3.

In addition to the Right of First Refusal Rule, any transfer of SWP Water must comply with the SWP Contract, including as amended by The Water Management Amendment, and any applicable rule or regulation adopted by DWR governing the transfer of SWP Water.

The Board of Directors of the Authority may adopt additional rules and procedures as may be necessary to implement the Right of First Refusal Rule.

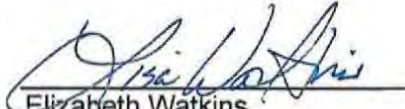
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 21-01 was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority at a meeting held February 17, 2021.


Eric Friedman, Board Chair

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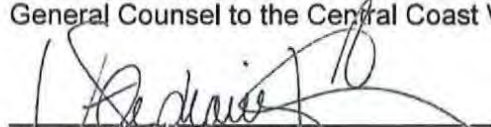
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Elizabeth Watkins
Secretary to the Board of Directors

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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General Counsel to the Central Coast Water Authority


Stephanie Osler Hastings

Exhibits:

- A. Amendment No. 21 (The Water Management Amendment)



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February 25, 2021

Honorable Bob Nelson, Chair and
Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
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Re: Central Coast Water Authority Request to Approve California Department of Water Resources State Water Project Water Supply Contract Amendments No. 20 and 21

Dear Chair Nelson and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Goleta Water District (District) Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (SBFCWCD) consideration of the Central Coast Water Authority's (CCWA) request to approve Amendment 20 (Contact Extension Amendment) and Amendment 21 (Water Management Amendment) to the State Water Project Contract (SWP Contract). Both Amendments to the SWP Contract would provide significant advantages to the approximate 87,000 people served by the District. It is our understanding that CCWA has been working with County Counsel and SBFCWCD staff to approve these amendments on terms acceptable to CCWA and its member agencies, including the District. The District supports approval of both Amendments by the Board of Supervisors.

The District is a participant and member of CCWA, a Joint Powers Agency, comprised of thirteen water purveyors, responsible for the management and operation of deliveries of State Water Project water to Santa Barbara County. In 1991, voters within the District elected to purchase an allocation of State Water to increase water supply reliability during drought. In 1994, voters increased the amount of State Water purchased so that the reliability of State Water could be further increased (a "drought buffer"). The District currently holds the largest entitlement to State Water Project water on Santa Barbara County's South Coast (7,450 acre-feet per year, or 40 percent of the South Coast total). State Water is a significant element of the District's water supply portfolio, and the ability to import State Water at the most reasonable cost is critical.

The District currently has no plans to sell State Water entitlement and the District's long-term planning documents, including its Water Supply Management Plan, depend upon State Water to meet current and future customer demand. The District's SAFE Water Supplies Ordinance, adopted by the voters in 1991 and amended in 1994, provides that in authorizing State Water, the District is also required to store water delivered from the State Water Project in excess of customer demand in the adjudicated Goleta Groundwater Basin (Basin) for future use. The District is the senior appropriative rights holder in the Basin, and is one of only two parties with the right to store water in the Basin. Utilizing this adjudicated storage right, State Water is an important surface water supply source for the District's Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Program, for which the District holds a permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The District's ASR Program provides for the injection of surplus water supplies into the Basin in wet years for use in dry years when surface water supplies are reduced, thus increasing water supply reliability.

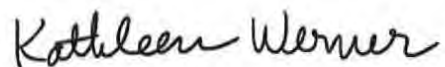
The State Water Project infrastructure also allows the District to acquire additional supplies in critical drought years. As recently as 2015 and 2016 the District acquired 4,000 acre-feet of supplemental water through the State Water Project via exchanges that avoided further drastic water conservation measures and impacts to agricultural irrigation in the District. This water accounted for nearly 40% of District supply delivered in Water Year 2015-2016.

Approval of Amendment 20 to the SWP Contract would provide significant financial benefits to the population base within the District. Most significantly, Amendment 20 extends the contract term until 2085, when it is currently set to expire in 2035. Approval of the extension allows CCWA and its members the ability to take advantage of more favorable long-term bond terms to fund significant capital expenditures on the State Water Project. The District estimates these savings may result in \$3 million to its ratepayers over the next 14 years of the current contract. Adoption of the Amendment would also increase limits imposed by the Department of Water Resources on water rate management credits, which the District estimates could save District ratepayers an additional \$1 million. The District has no objection to matching the term of the 1991 Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement between the County and CCWA and the extended term of the SWP Contract term.

Amendment 21 is also critical to the District because, if adopted, it would allow straight purchase of water in a more robust transfer market when needed. Currently, DWR's rules require that water acquisitions be structured as unbalanced exchanges. If the District cannot participate on the same terms as the majority of water agencies throughout California which have already adopted Amendment 21, the District may be unable to secure additional water acquisitions in years of need absent the current arcane exchange limitations. The result in drought years could be additional water shortages and severe use restrictions for District customers, including interrupted service to outdoor irrigation and commercial agriculture. Given the District's focus on the need for flexible and cost-effective water purchase opportunities, the District has made its position known to CCWA that it is not opposed to a requirement that any out-of-County sales/transfers must first be offered to in-County water agencies under the same terms offered by an out-of-county entity.

In the face of changing climate and water supply conditions locally and state-wide, the District requires every tool in its water management portfolio to remain flexible and ensure a continued reliable source of water supply for the communities it serves. Both Amendment 20 and 21 to the SWP Contract are vital in this effort. Accordingly, the District requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize SBFCWCD to execute both Amendment 20 and Amendment 21.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Werner".

Kathleen Werner, President
Board of Directors
Goleta Water District



Water Security vs. Water Marketing

Should State Water Supplies Be Sold Outside the County?



Eight public water agencies from Carpinteria to Santa Maria import water from the California Aqueduct, shown here in Kern County. They want the right to sell some of their surplus state water outside Santa Barbara County. | Credit: California Department of Water Resources

By **Melinda Burns**

Sun Feb 28, 2021 | 12:01am

It's not long ago that Lake Cachuma, the main water source on the South Coast, was in danger of going dry in a seven-year drought.

Water agencies from Carpinteria to Goleta spent millions of dollars scrambling to buy surplus state aqueduct water from around the state to avert a local shortage. They did so not only because their groundwater levels were plunging and Cachuma was failing, but because their yearly allocations from the aqueduct had dropped to zero.

Yet on Tuesday, the water managers serving Santa Maria, Buellton, Guadalupe, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Montecito and the Santa Ynez and Carpinteria valleys will ask the County Board of Supervisors to grant them the right to sell their state water allocations outside the county – not permanently, but potentially for years at a stretch.

“As water purveyors, we need to have the flexibility to do what we need to do,” said Joshua Haggmark, Santa Barbara water resources manager. “The county, up to now, has said we can’t sell water out of the county. If we can’t use it, we just lose it. It creates an additional financial hardship for our customer.”

For Santa Barbara and Montecito, the big change since the last drought is that they are jointly paying for a \$72 million desalination plant that the city built on its waterfront in 2017. With plenty of that water on hand, they don’t need so much state water for the foreseeable future.

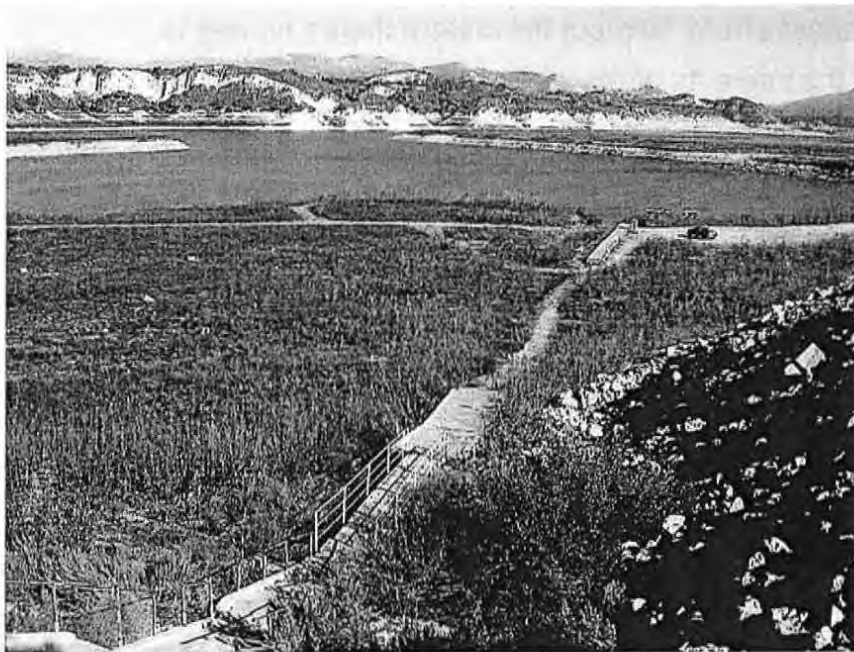
“We need to offset that cost somewhere,” Haggmark said. “This isn’t selling our state water forever; it’s leasing our allocation.”

Together, the eight water agencies make up the Central Coast Water Authority, which owns and operates the pipeline from the California Aqueduct in Kern County to Lake Cachuma. Because the county, not the CCWA, holds the pipeline contract with the state Department of Water

Resources – a sore point with Haggmark and other water agency managers – they have to get the county’s permission to loosen the water marketing rules.

Currently under the contract, only exchanges of state water, and not outright sales, are allowed: The price is limited by the state, and buyers must return the water to the sellers. South Coast water agencies are still on the hook for the extra state water they bought during the last drought.

Water managers want the flexibility to sell state water in wet years because, they say, they have nowhere to store it. But a county staff report for Tuesday’s meeting advises the board not to allow sales of state water outside the county, noting that allocations from Cachuma to the South Coast and Santa Ynez Valley were severely cut during the drought of 2011-2018.



During the 2011-2018 drought, South Coast water agencies were buyers, not sellers, of surplus state aqueduct water. Their yearly allocations from Lake Cachuma were cut severely as the lake shrank to just 7 percent of capacity. The dry lakebed is show here in 2015. | Melinda Burns

"We're really frustrated with the county's position," Haggmark said. "They don't have any knowledge of water planning or responsibility to ratepayers."

Supervisor Das Williams, who represents eastern Santa Barbara, Montecito and the Carpinteria Valley, said the managers won't say to whom they want to sell their state water.

"The response we get is, 'It's none of your business,'" he said. "Is this really going to help the water supply, or could this potentially hurt it?"

"There is plenty of storage in Cachuma. We don't want short-sighted decisions to be made that could lead to water being transported out of the county when we might need it here. When you are tempted to liquidate water for money, it puts additional stress on the groundwater basin that sometimes you cannot afford. Without the county, there's no way to guard the interests of the whole region."

Up north, Santa Maria, the largest state water contractor in the county, has an entitlement twice as large as the South Coast's and has long sought more flexibility in water marketing rules. During the recent drought, Santa Maria sold state water to the South Coast.

Twenty-four of the 29 state water contractors in California have already approved the new water marketing rules; Santa Barbara County is one of the last holdouts. That may make it harder for CCWA members to buy extra supplies of state water in the next drought, said Shad Springer, Santa Maria's director of utilities.

"It's not that the city has immediate plans to sell water out of the county or anywhere else," he said. "An important aspect of this is that as these [rules] are being adopted by other

water contractors, the old tools may not be available to us. There may not be a market out there where we could import additional water from the existing exchange program.”

Last month, in a bid to win the Board of Supervisors’ approval, the CCWA agreed that each member would have the “first right of refusal” if another wanted to sell state water outside the county.

Supervisor Steve Lavagnino said he likes that idea.

“I have no beef with the CCWA,” he said. “I want to make sure that somebody else inside the county gets the offer first,” he said.

Contract Extension

At Tuesday’s hearing, the board also will consider whether to extend the county’s contract with state Water Resources for another 50 years. The current contract is set to expire in 2038, when the eight water agencies – that is, the ratepayers – will pay off their debt for the \$575 million aqueduct branch to Cachuma.

The CCWA favors extending the contract so that any future costs connected to the aqueduct can be spread out over decades. But the California Water Impact Network (C-WIN) and AquAlliance, two watchdog groups, are suing to stop the 50-year extension. They say that the state’s environmental review failed to consider the cost of future aqueduct-related projects for ratepayers.

Over several decades, the department has considered different plans for improving the health of the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, where massive pumps divert water into the state aqueduct. Most recently, the

department has proposed building a \$16 billion tunnel under the Delta to protect this critical water source from climate change and seismic threats.

The C-WIN lawsuit notes that historically, the state aqueduct was built on “paper water” and has failed to reliably deliver even half of what the contractors, including Santa Maria and the South Coast agencies, are paying for. A delta project would not provide a single drop of new aqueduct water for Santa Barbara County, said Carolee Krieger, a Montecito resident and the founder of C-WIN.

“We would be vulnerable to anything the Department of Water Resources wants to build, and we would have to pay our share of it,” she said. “We don’t need to do this. By 2038, we will have paid off the pipeline, and we’re entitled to the water we’ve paid for, indefinitely. There is no new water in the system.”

The CCWA has voted to opt out of the delta project, but Krieger is not convinced: The project itself has not been approved yet.

“What if they change their mind?” she asked.

Melinda Burns volunteers as a freelance journalist in Santa Barbara as a community service; she offers her news reports to multiple local publications, at the same time, for free.

Public Comment

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From: [Roger Moore](#)
To: [sbcob](#)
Cc: [Carolee Krieger](#)
Subject: Re: 3/2 Agenda item 5 [State Water Project contract amendments]
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 4:53:30 PM
Attachments: [CWIN letter to SBC-BOS 3-1-21.pdf](#)

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The attached additional letter is for the same agenda item tomorrow. Exhibits are being sent to you separately. Please ensure that the Board members receive these.

Thanks,
Roger B. Moore
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On Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 9:40 AM Roger Moore <rbm@landwater.com> wrote:

The attached letter and appendix of documents, sent on behalf of the California Water Impact Network (CWIN), were provided to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in advance of its meeting on February 2, 2021 [File # 21-00088]. At that meeting, the Board continued this matter to March 2, 2021.

Please ensure that this letter, and the complete appendix of documents, are included in the record and made available for the Board's consideration of Departmental agenda item 5 in its meeting on March 2, 2021 [File # 21-00156].

Thanks,
Roger B. Moore
Attorney for CWIN

Law Office of Roger B. Moore

Public Comment

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March 1, 2021

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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Via email: sbcob@countyofsb.org

Re: Due to Serious Legal, Financial and Environmental Risks, Approval of State Water Project Contract Amendment 20 (Contract Extension Amendment) and Amendment 21 (Water Management Amendment) Must Be Denied, or At Minimum Delayed [Item 5, File No. 21-00156]

To the Clerk and Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

On this matter continued from the Board's February 2, 2021 meeting, the California Water Impact Network (CWIN) again urges rejection of proposed State Water Project (SWP) Contract Amendments 20 and 21 if those matters are brought to a vote. If the amendments are not denied outright, they must at minimum be the subject of further study to avoid irreversible financial and environmental risks that would otherwise follow for the county and its constituents—*not just for now, but for the next 64 years of project operation until 2085*. These risks are described in detail in CWIN's February 1, 2021 letter (CWIN Letter) to the Board, which also included an appendix with more than 200 pages of exhibits.

The CWIN Letter and appendix of exhibits remain equally relevant to the agenda item above. For example:

(1) CWIN's letter documents that the current misnamed "contract extension" amendments are a classic "wolf in sheep's clothing." Amendment 20 would do far more than simply extend the SWP contract from 2038 to 2085, as if that step were not substantial enough. Instead, the amendments would dramatically change the definition of "facilities" eligible for revenue bond debt, removing a major obstacle to forcing untold billions in new debt for the proposed Delta tunnel, or for other costly new infrastructure projects even when opposed by the County and its constituents.

(2) This would be the perhaps the worst possible time to finalize this set of contract “extension” amendments, even if the County ends up seeing some benefits in them. Far from safely securing an extension of the County’s SWP contract, signing Amendment 20 now would make the County an unwitting and unrepresented pawn in multiple pending lawsuits just now nearing briefing on the merits. These actions address the lawfulness of DWR’s environmental review and the validity of the contract amendments. In these actions, DWR, and perhaps others, are very likely to make expansive arguments about its ability to impose new debt obligations on unwilling contractors, taxpayers and ratepayers, without the county being present to assert its own voice in case its interests diverge.

(3) Far from helping to minimize debt compression or reduce risks, CWIN’s letter showed that signing Amendment 20 at this stage would needlessly sacrifice the opportunity the County will otherwise retain under Article 4 of the current SWP contract. Article 4’s Evergreen Clause entitles the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) to extend the SWP contract under its current terms, or to seek more favorable terms that, unlike Amendment 20, do not expose the County and others to increased and irreversible risks of new facilities debt. Either approach would be preferable to Amendment 20, which creates more new risk than it could possibly solve.

(4) Agreeing with County staff that Amendment 21 addressing water management is not yet ready for final action, CWIN’s letter pointed out that Amendment 21 also the subject of separate pending litigation, and would likewise create major new environmental and financial risks if finally approved.

Although a month has now passed since the CWIN Letter, CWIN has reviewed the new file for Agenda item 5 [File No. 21-00156], and notes the absence of a response to the detailed concerns and evidence raised in its letter. In case useful, without repeating its earlier, more detailed concerns, CWIN notes several further points here in case useful. First, CCWA’s assurance in its new memorandum that it will be financially responsible for failure to meet SWP obligations, and that “*to date* neither CCWA nor the District have ever defaulted on SWP payments” (page 3, emphasis added) is the water agency equivalent of an ostrich sticking its head in the sand. As reflected in the attached memoranda previously submitted by CWIN (Exhibit 1), a strong likelihood remains that in the event of default, the County would still face potential exposure to contingent liability even if the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (TFRA) continues. Further, even if CWIN is incorrect in that conclusion, CCWA liability for SWP default or cost overrun would not solve the underlying problem for the County taxpayers and ratepayers. Even if the costs are passed along by CCWA as an entity rather than by the County directly, taxpayers and ratepayers would still bear the ultimate burden for the District’s share of potential billions in new SWP cost overruns that Amendment 20 would help facilitate.

Second, the strong likelihood DWR will raise arguments in the contract extension proceeding adverse to the County's interests is based on direct and recent experience rather than mere suspicion. Attached (Exhibit 2) is a detailed letter from counsel for Kern County-area water districts from the recent California WaterFix validation litigation, which remains relevant to Agenda item 5 as well as Amendment 20's facilitation of indebtedness for the currently proposed Delta Conveyance Project. It speaks to DWR's anticipated uses of the contract extension, as well as the likelihood it will seek to force a "cram-down" of costs on SWP contractors and the public for new facilities costs regardless of whether they consent.

Third, it would make no sense to proceed on the contract extension amendments while DWR's further set of Delta conveyance-specific contract amendments remain pending. Signing the former now would deprive the County of important leverage as to the latter.

Finally, it would be unrealistic in the extreme to ascribe any further water supply advantage for the County for the proposed amendments. Compounding the SWP's decades-old paper water problem, on which CWIN has provided extensive evidence, it is a matter of state law that exports from the Delta will need to reduce, not increase, in the future. For example, the Delta Reform Act of 2009 confirms that the Delta is in "crisis" and "existing Delta policies are not sustainable." (Wat. Code, § 85001). Leaving no doubt about whether the status quo of allocations from the Delta can continue in the foreseeable future, the Act commits to "*reduce reliance on the Delta in meeting California's future water supply needs through a statewide strategy of improved regional supplies, conservation, and water use efficiency.*" (Wat. Code, § 85021(emphasis added).)

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

ROGER B. MOORE

Attorney for California Water Impact
Network



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Flood Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: March 2, 2021
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 45 minutes on
March 2, 2021
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from: February 2, 2021
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 805-568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 805-568-3436

SUBJECT: State Water Project Contract Amendments

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: County Executive Office

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

Consider the request of the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) to approve two Water Supply Contract Amendments as follows:

- a) Consider the request of the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) to approve Amendment 20 (Contract Extension Amendment) to the State Water Project (SWP) Contract as follows;
 - i. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute Amendment 20 (Contract Extension) to the SWP Contract contingent upon CCWA's acknowledgement by an action of its Board that the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (TFRA) remains in full force; and
 - ii. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to sign the Agreement Confirming the Term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement; and
 - iii. Certify that the Board, acting as a Responsible Agency, has reviewed and considered the information and environmental effects contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for Amendment 20 to the SWP Contract, and that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as Lead Agency found no significant impacts and is the custodian of the records located at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2014092036/2>;

- b) Consider the request of the CCWA to approve Amendment 21 (Water Management Amendment);
 - i. Reject Amendment 21 at this time because CCWA has not addressed the concerns of out of District transfers and the impacts on water supply for sales of water out of the County; and
 - ii. Direct staff to continue to work with CCWA staff and return to your Board at a future date if mutually agreeable terms can be reached related to Amendment 21.

- c) Determine that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to consider Amendment Nos. 20 and 21 to the State Water Project Agreement. On February 2, 2021, your Board continued this item to the March 2, 2021 Board Agenda to allow CCWA and District staff the ability to meet to find elements of the proposed amendments that could be mutually agreeable to each Board.

The respective staff met on two occasions, had multiple additional dialog on the issues, and CCWA's Board held a special meeting on February 17th to discuss the concerns raised at the prior Board hearing. In regards to Amendment 20 (Contract Extension), CCWA, District staff, and Counsel agreed to recommend the Agreement Confirming the Term of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement proposed by CCWA to clarify that the term of the TFRA extends to match the term of the SWP Contract, as amended and extended by executing Amendment 20. Approval of Amendment 20 will allow CCWA's members to enjoy financial benefits, as detailed in CCWA's presentation on February 2, 2021, and will assist with assuring a long term water supply source for the County and its residents.

In regards to Amendment 21 (Water Management), CCWA initially represented that their position was to only accept full approval of Amendment 21 without conditions. However on February 17, 2021, CCWA's Board adopted a resolution establishing a first right of refusal to local water purveyors under the same terms and conditions for any water sale outside the County. Although this resolution appears to address some of the concerns raised on February 2nd, as out of County water sales would be allowed without any other conditions, and with the uncertainty these sales would impose on total County water supplies, and without time to further discuss this with CCWA, staff is recommending the Board not approve Amendment 21 at this time. Instead, staff is recommending that the Board direct staff to continue a dialog with CCWA to address concerns of transferring water outside the County. Staff will seek further discussions with CCWA and will return to your Board in the future should there be an agreement to present to your Board.

Background:

The District entered into a contract with DWR in 1963 to receive an allocation of up to 57,700 acre-feet per year (AFY) of water from the State Water Project. The District then began making annual payments to DWR for its share of the capital costs of the project.

The SWP is an important element of the County's overall water supplies and deliveries of SWP water helps offset use/overuse of groundwater and compliments other local supplies. Delivery of high quality

water (low in Total Dissolved Solids) provides additional benefits to water purveyors as well. As other existing supplies, such as surface reservoirs, are now and will continue to deliver far less water than originally developed. For example, the Cachuma Project now has shown its inability to provide its original planned allocations through a drought period.

In the early 1980s, after an unsuccessful bond election to pay for local facilities, several water purveyors opted to assume responsibility for payment for 45,486 AFY of the District's allocation through a series of Water Supply Retention Agreements (WSRAs). Up until approximately 1986 the District made all payments to DWR for the capital costs of the SWP.

In 1991, CCWA was formed by various water purveyors to manage the delivery of State Water to Santa Barbara County. Under the management of CCWA, the Coastal Branch connection to the SWP was studied, as required by CEQA, and completed in 1995 with a design capacity of 39,078 AFY. Since then, CCWA has operated the Coastal Branch and distributed water to its member water purveyors. In addition, with the execution of the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (TFRA) with the District, CCWA has been responsible for fiscal matters relating to State Water, including all the payments to DWR and protecting the District in the event that one or more of its member units fail to meet its financial obligations. To date neither CCWA nor the District have ever defaulted on SWP payments.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

Management of the water supply agreements are ongoing programs and staff time is included every year in the budget in the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. However, pursuant to the TFRA costs relating to management of the SWP are reimbursed by CCWA.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email the minute order of these actions to clopez@cosbpw.net.

Authored by:

Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, (805) 568-3436

cc: Jeff Frapwell, Assistant CEO



Santa Barbara County Public Works Department
Flood Control ♪ Water Agency ♪ Project Clean Water

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 2, 2021

To: Clerk of the Board

From: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "SM", is written over the "From:" line.

RE: **State Water Project Amendments Item D-5 on March 2, 2021 Agenda**

A revised recommended action a) i:

Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute Amendment 20 (Contract Extension) to the SWP Contract to the extent it is substantially similar to the preliminary execution version 4, contingent upon County Counsel's review and CCWA's acknowledgement by an action of its Board that the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (TFRA) remains in full force.

Please also accept preliminary execution version 4 of Amendment 20 (to replace Attachment B from February 2, 2021).

These changes are necessary to incorporate the latest version of Amendment No. 20.

Thank you.

Attachment: copy of preliminary execution version 4 of Amendment 20 (to replace Attachment B from February 2, 2021) and emails from T. Mizell (DWR) dated 3/1/21 and 3/2/21

State Water Project Contract Amendments

Santa Barbara County Flood Control
& Water Conservation District

Board of Directors

March 2, 2021

Central Coast Water Authority Request (Continued from February 2, 2021)

- Approve Amendment 20, State Water Project (SWP) Contract Extension
- Approve Amendment 21, SWP Water Management Amendment

Your Board continued this item to March 2, 2021 to allow staff to meet.

Amendment 20 - Update

Amendment 20 extends SWP contract from current expiration in 2038 to 2085:

- County Counsel and CCWA Counsel have revised the approach to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (TFRA) to affirm the TFRA remains in full force if your Board approves Amendment 20 through adoption of the Agreement Confirming the Term of the TFRA.
- Recommend approving Amendment 20 and the Agreement at this time.

Amendment 21 - Update

Amendment 21 allows the sale and purchase of SWP water out of the County:

- CCWA requested unconditional approval of Amendment 21.
- CCWA since approved a Resolution of First Refusal to allow in County SWP participants first right of refusal, however, the terms would be the same as the term for an outside County sale.
- Recommending to not approve this Amendment at this time to allow staff to continue discussions with CCWA.
- Amendment 21 may return to your board at a future date based on discussion and new proposals from CCWA.

Report form CCWA Staff

Ray Stokes report from CCWA Board
Meeting of February 17, 2021

Recommendations

- Approve Amendment 20 with conditions outlined in staff report.
- Reject Amendment 21 at this time and direct staff to continue discussions with CCWA and return to your Board as appropriate.



CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

March 2, 2021

TO: CCWA Operating Committee

FROM: Ray A. Stokes 
Executive Director

SUBJECT: State Water Project Contract Amendments #20 (Contract Extension) and #21
(Water Management Amendment)

DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) approved execution of the "Contract Extension" amendment to the State Water Project Contract when the amendment is eligible to be executed per the Department of Water Resources. A copy of that amendment is included as an attachment to this report for your information.

The District Board tabled consideration of the Water Management Amendment pending further negotiations with CCWA.

CCWA staff will provide an update of those negotiations at the March 11, 2021 meeting of the Operating Committee.

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Attachment: State Water Project Water Supply Contract Extension Amendment, Preliminary Execution Version #4

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

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

WILL BE HELD
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY – NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1-267-866-0999
MEETING ID / PASSCODE: 6046 17 4391

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In the interest of clear reception and efficient administration of the meeting, all persons participating in this teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their phones after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Introductions and review of SGMA in the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin
- III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public item.)
- V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of 11-19-2020; 12-10-2020; and 01-21-2021
- VI. Receive EMA GSA Financial update and consider approval of EMA Warrant List
- VII. Receive report from the EMA Citizens Advisory Group on the Draft EMA HCM
- VIII. Receive presentation from GSI on the Draft Water Budget, and Sustainable Management Criteria
- IX. Receive update on Aerial Electro-Magnetic Survey of EMA
- X. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XI. Adjournment

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Santa Ynez Eastern Management Area Water Budget Summary

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Next
steps

Water
Budget

GSP
Process

February 25, 2021





GSP Outline

- 1.0 Introduction and Plan Contents
 - 1.1 Purpose of GSP
 - 1.2 Description of Basin and EMA
 - 1.3 GSP Organization
- 2.0 Administrative Information
 - 2.1 Agency Information
 - 2.2 Description of Plan Area
 - 2.3 Notice and Communication
- 3.0 Basin Setting
 - 3.1 Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model
 - 3.2 Groundwater Conditions
 - 3.3 Water Budget
- 4.0 Sustainable Management Criteria
- 5.0 Monitoring Networks
- 6.0 Projects and Management Actions
- 7.0 Plan Implementation
- 8.0 References and Technical Studies



**Water
Budget**

Water Budget

Basin Setting

Water Budget

Water Budget Development

Data Sources

Historical

Current

Future

Modeling



An aerial photograph of a green, hilly landscape with scattered trees and a winding path. A large, solid blue circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text. A smaller blue shape is visible at the bottom left corner of the image.

Modeling

- Supports water budget
- Provides tool to achieve sustainability

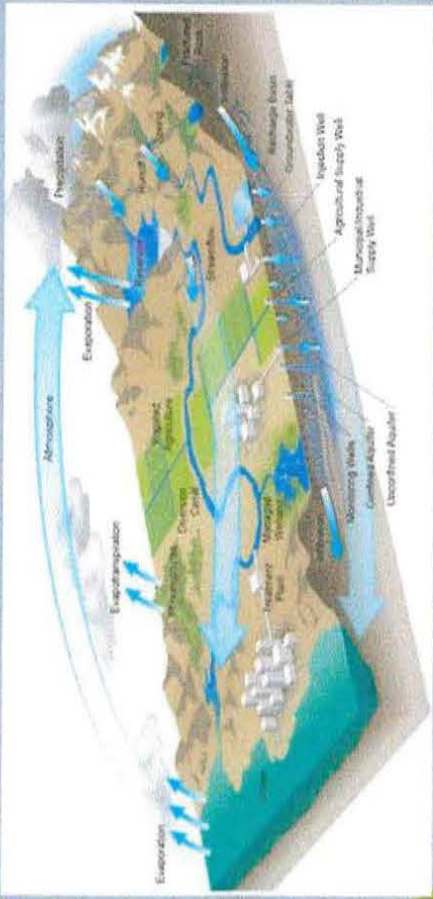
Overview

Water Budget

Historical

Current

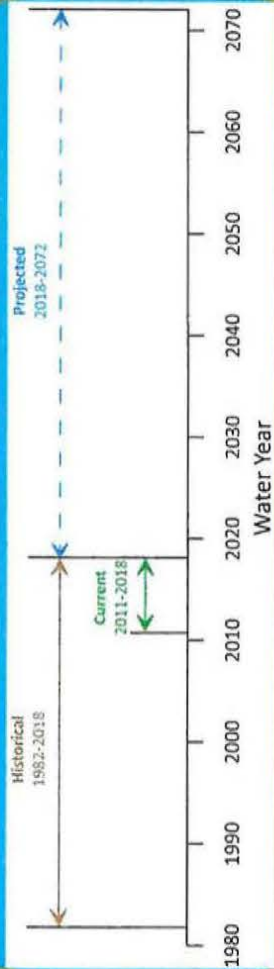
Future



Overview

Purpose

Data Sources



Why is a water budget important?

- Helps understand historical conditions and how future changes to supply, demand, hydrology, population, land use, and climate may affect water resources.
- Supports planning to support sustainable groundwater management, prevent overdraft, which could impact supply and increase cost.

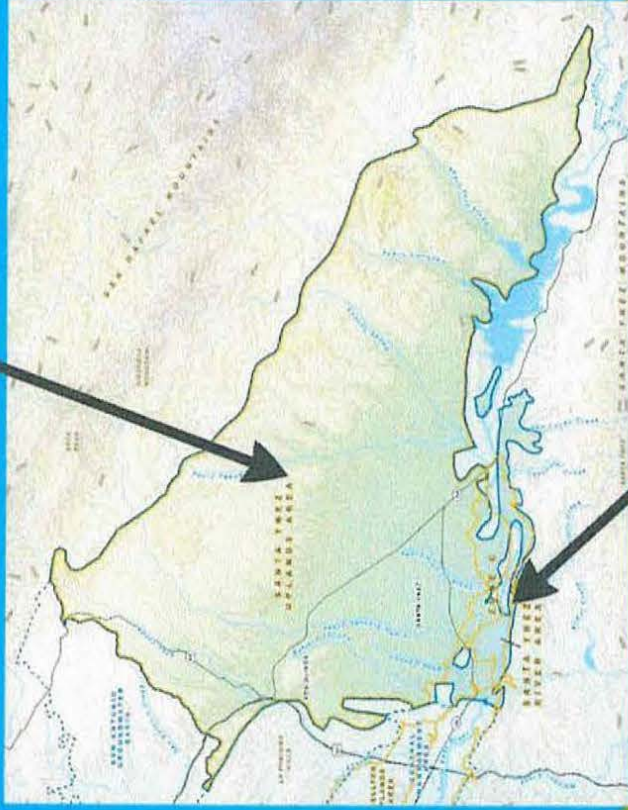
Surface
Water

Groundwater

Data Sources

Groundwater

Surface Water



Surface Water Components

Data Source

- Bradbury Dam releases
- Cachuma Project
- Streamflow
- State Water Project
- Pumping from river wells
- Modeling

Water Budget Component

- Precipitation recharge
- Mountain front recharge
- Streamflow
 - Santa Ynez River
 - Tributary inflow
- Irrigation return flows
- Imported
- Septic return flows
- Pumping from river wells
- Santa Ynez River outflow
- Phreatophyte ET



Groundwater Components

(Santa Ynez Uplands)

Data Source

- Irrigation pumping
- Rural domestic pumping
- Municipal pumping
- Small public water systems
- Precipitation
- Mountain front recharge
- Land use surveys
- Treated wastewater volumes
- Modeling
- Phreatophyte mapping

Water Budget Component

- Agricultural irrigation pumping
- Municipal pumping
- Precipitation recharge
- Mountain front recharge
- Tributary percolation
- Subsurface outflow
- Irrigation return flows
- Septic return flows
- Phreatophyte ET

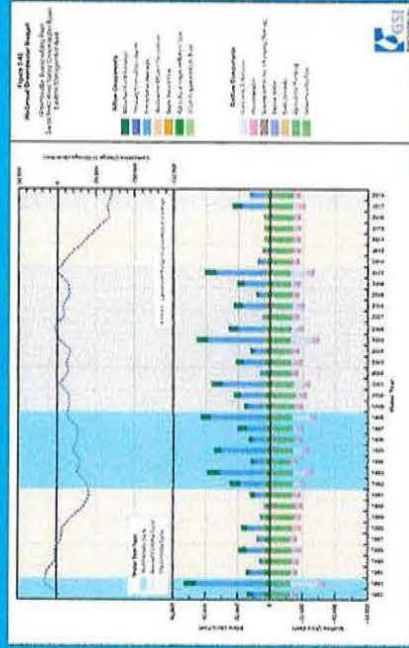


Surface
Water

Historical Period 1982 through 2018

Groundwater

Historical
Yield



Surface Water Inflow (Draft)

Surface Water Inflow, Historical Period (1982 through 2018)

(Values in acre-feet per year)

Surface Water Inflow Component	Average
Santa Ynez River Inflow	61,600
Tributary Inflow	28,500
Mountain Front Recharge	4,200
Precipitation Recharge	200
Agricultural Irrigation Return Flows	60
Septic Return Flow	10
Cachuma Project (Imported)	960
SWP Table A (Imported)	720
SWP Exchange (Imported)	1,230
	Local 94,570
	Imported 2,910
	Total 97,500

Surface Water Outflow (Draft)

Surface Water Outflow, Historical Period (1982 through 2018)

(Values in acre-feet per year)

Surface Water Outflow Component	Average
Santa Ynez River Outflow (including Zaca Creek)	85,700
Pumpage (river wells)	5,000
Subsurface Outflow	1,800
Phreatophyte ET	4,100
Total	96,600

Groundwater Inflow (Draft)

Groundwater Inflow, Historical Period (1982 through 2018)

(Values in acre-feet per year)

Groundwater Inflow Component	Average
Deep Percolation of Direct Precipitation	11,300
Tributary Percolation	700
Subsurface Groundwater Inflow	3,100
Agricultural Irrigation Return Flow	2,400
Domestic/Urban Irrigation Return Flow	130
Septic Return Flow	900
Wastewater Effluent Percolation	40
Total	18,570

Groundwater Outflow (Draft)

Groundwater Outflow, Historical Period (1982 through 2018)

(Values in acre-feet per year)

Groundwater Outflow Component	Average
Total Groundwater Pumping	14,700
Subsurface Groundwater Outflow	2,800
Phreatophyte ET	3,100
Total	20,600

Groundwater Pumping by Water Use Sector

Groundwater Pumping by Water Use Sector, Historical Period

(Values in acre-feet per year)

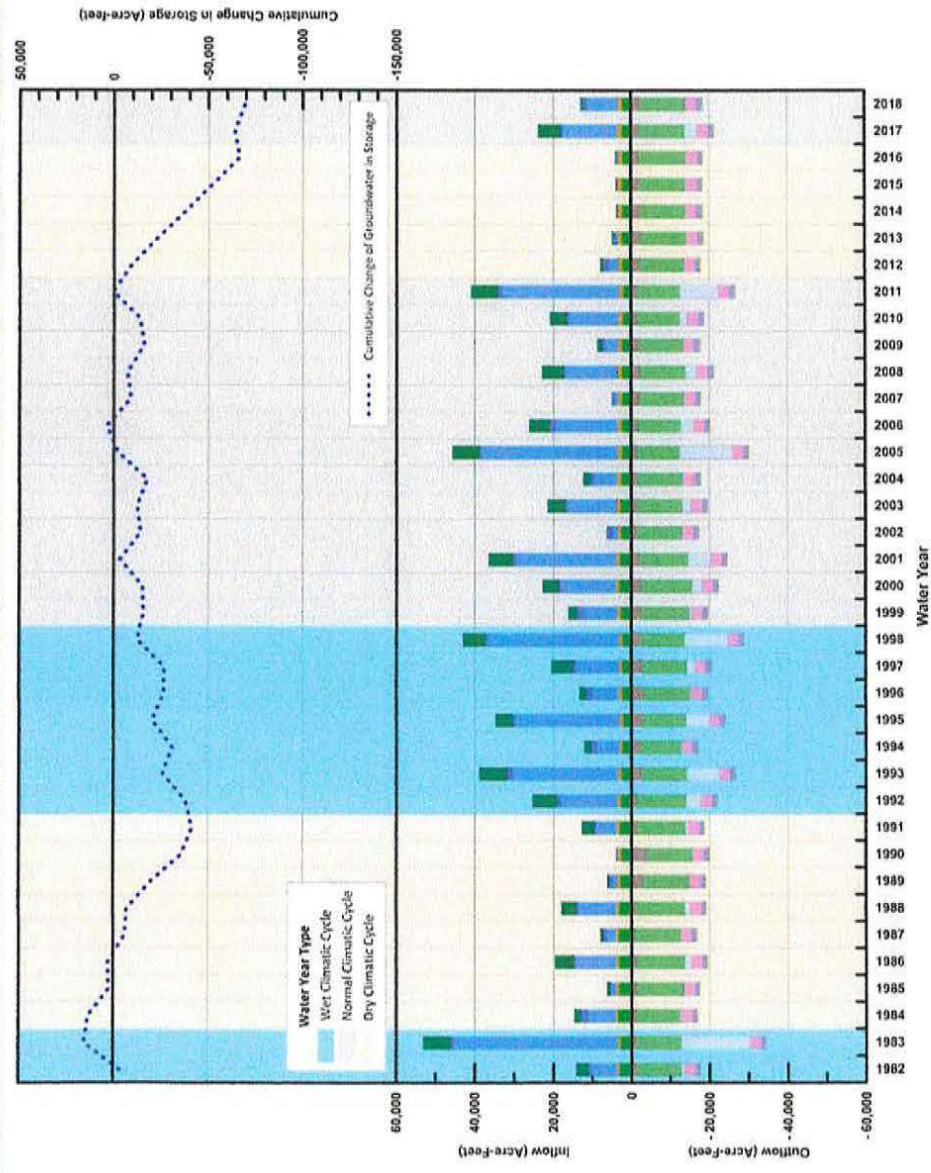
Water Use Sector	Average
Agricultural	11,700
Municipal	1,940
Rural Domestic	300
Small Public Water Systems	820
Total	14,760

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Figure 3-46
Historical Groundwater Budget
 Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
 Eastern Management Area

Draft

- Inflow Components**
- Mountain Front Recharge
 - Tributary Channel Percolation
 - Precipitation Recharge
 - Wastewater Effluent Percolation
 - Septic Return Flow
 - Agricultural Irrigation Return Flow
 - Urban Irrigation Return Flow
- Outflow Components**
- Outflow to Tributaries
 - Phreatophytes
 - Soaring and ID No. 1 Pumping (Non-ag)
 - Municipal Water
 - Rural Domestic
 - Agricultural Pumping
 - Subsurface Outflow



Changes in Groundwater in Storage

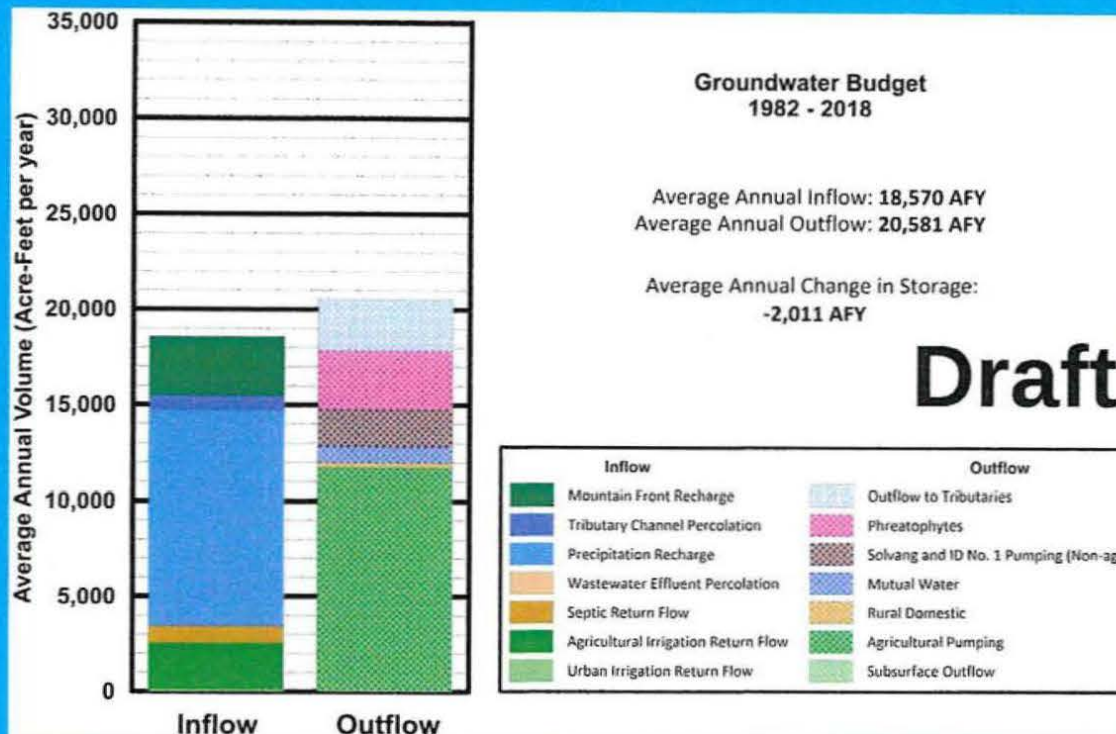
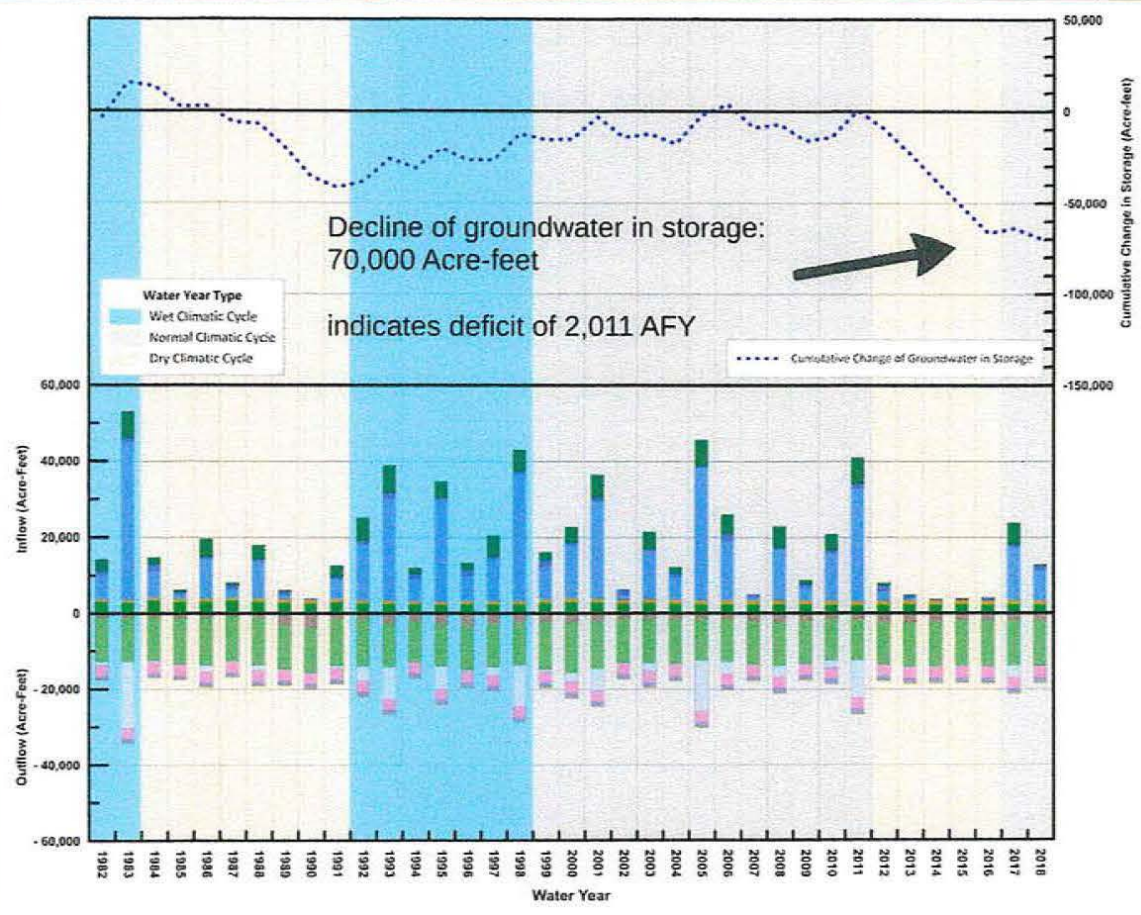


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Historical Yield (1982 through 2018) Draft

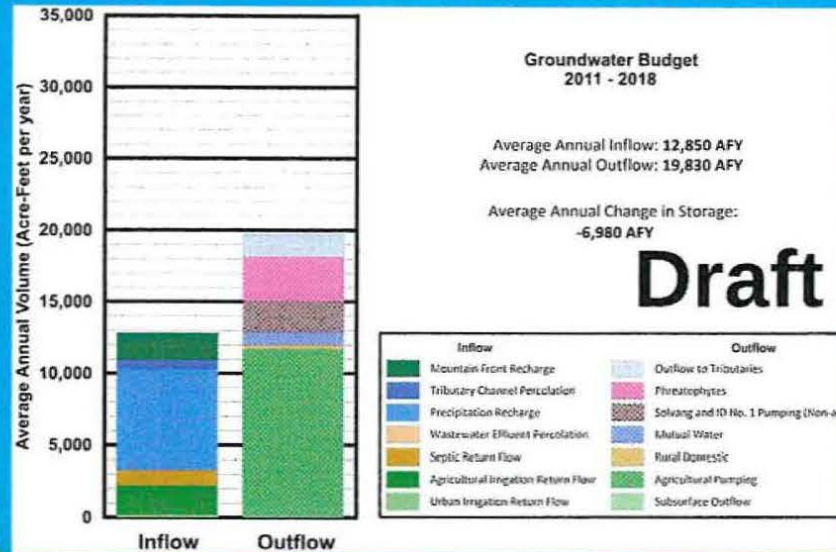
(Santa Ynez Uplands)

Total pumping + change in groundwater in storage

14,760 AFY + (-2,011) AFY = 12,749 AFY

Sustainable yield that avoids undesirable results will be determined at a later date after sustainability criteria are determined.

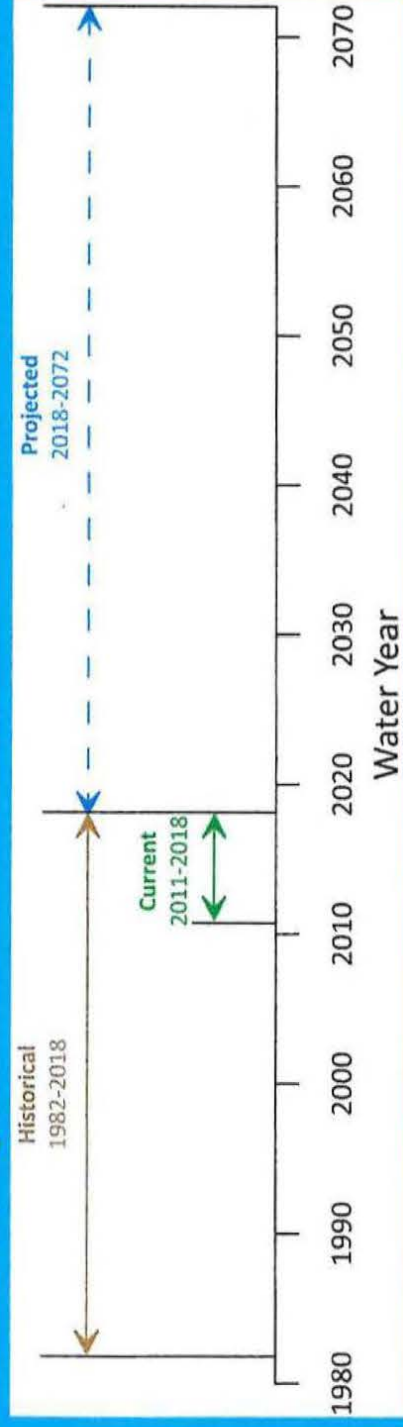
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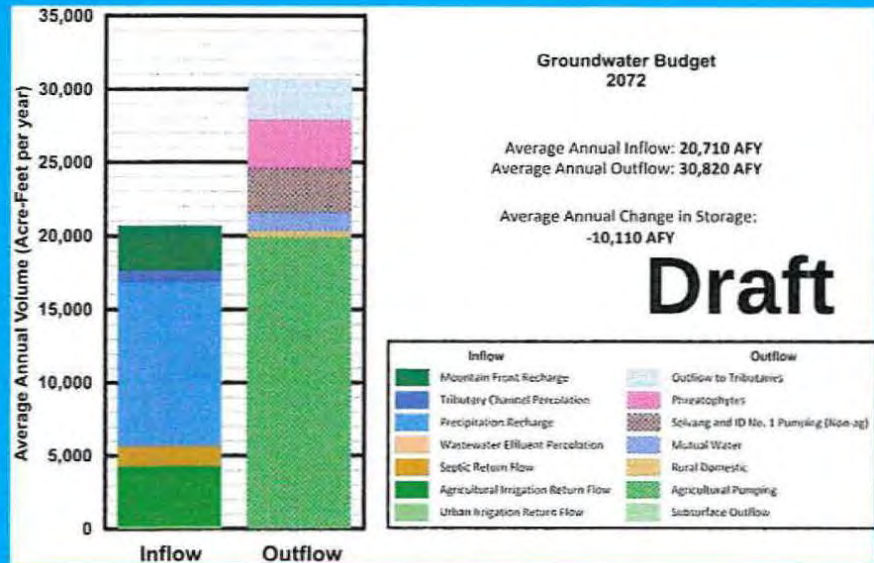
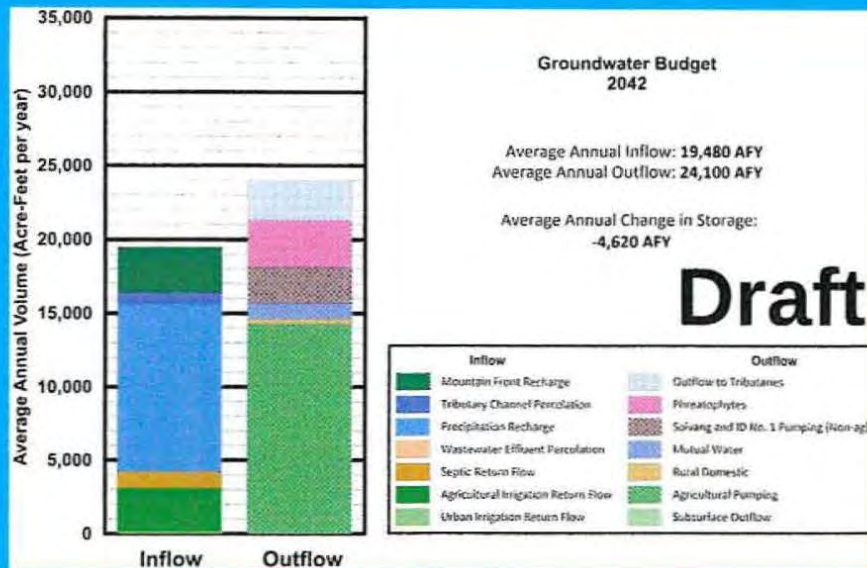
Future Water Budgets 2042 and 2072

Based on historic water budget, accounting for changes in

- agricultural land use,
- population growth
- climate change



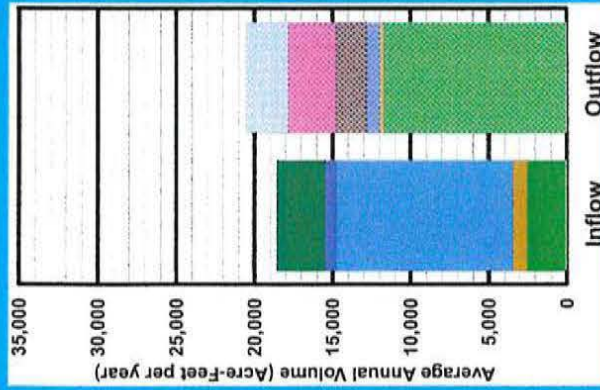
Future Water Budgets



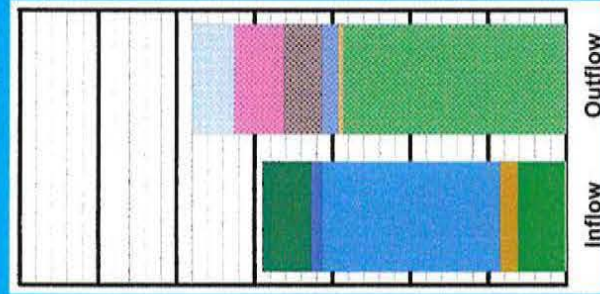
Water use increases into the future due to irrigated agriculture, climate and population trends

Water Budget Comparison

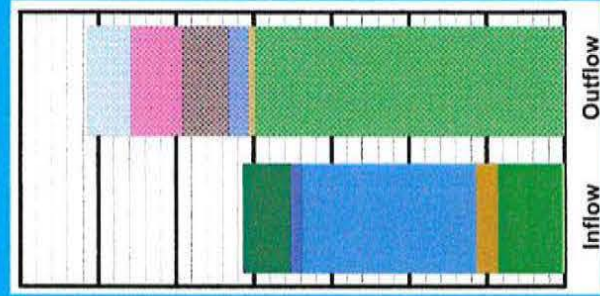
The deficit between groundwater inflow and outflow is projected to increase



Historic
-2,011 AFY



2042
-4,620 AFY



2072
-10,110 AFY



Where do we go from here?

The GSA, with stakeholder input, will determine if “undesirable results” exist

The GSA will work with basin stakeholders to develop sustainability criteria and possible projects and management actions to address any undesirable results. The process supports sustainable groundwater management.

EMA

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area
Groundwater Sustainability Agency



GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

Agenda Item 12. Reports

Paeter Garcia

From: Durham, Kalani <kdurham@cosbpw.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Durham, Kalani
Cc: Odion, Kelly; Young, Matthew
Subject: 2021 Water Rates in Santa Barbara County Summary
Attachments: Rate_Survey_Summary_2021.pdf

Good morning,

Attached is the final Water Rates in Santa Barbara County Summary to-date. The summary is available online at <http://waterwisesb.org/aboutus.wwsb>.

Thank you,

Kalani Durham
Santa Barbara County Water Agency
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Water Rates in Santa Barbara County: February 2021

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	<u>Water Rates - - per hundred cubic feet</u>								Meter Fee & Charges
			Single Family Residential (SFR)		Multi Family Residential (MFR)		Commercial		Agriculture, Landscape, Recreation or Other		For a 5/8 or 3/4 meter
	<i>Monthly, Bimthly</i>	<i>Uniform, Block etc</i>	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	\$\$
Buellton	Monthly	Uniform	Per HCF	2.98	Per HCF	2.98	Per HCF	2.98	Per HCF	2.98	35.51
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Monthly	Block	Base (0-6) Peak (>6)	3.90 5.12	Base Peak	3.90 5.12	Base Peak	3.90 5.12	Agriculture Tier 1 Tier 2	1.97 3.90 ***	*47.84 + 19.20 per 6 HCF + 0.54 + 3.00 per 6 HCF **
Casmalia CSD	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	≤3.45 >3.45	90 flat 0.10/cf	n/a	-	≤3.45 >3.45	180 flat 0.10/cf	n/a	-	None
Cuyama CSD	Monthly	Block	<4 ≥4	0.79 0.79	<4 ≥4	0.79 0.79	<4 ≥4	0.79 0.79	<4 ≥4	0.79 0.79	85.50
Golden State Water Co. (Orcutt, Santa Maria area)	Monthly	Block for S/MFR; Uniform for Comm'l & Irrig'n	0-15 15-27 >27	3.435 3.950 4.543	0-15 15-27 >27	3.435 3.950 4.543	Per HCF	3.435*	Per HCF	2.372 **	19.01/month, 0.405/HCF surcharge, 1.43% CPUC fee
Goleta Water District	Monthly	Block and Uniform	≤6 7-12 >12	5.79 7.81 9.96	Per HCF	7.17	Per HCF	7.17	Urban-Ag GWC-Ag* Recycled Recreation Landscape Temporary	2.35 1.91 3.87 7.60 7.17 8.43	≤6 = 22.12 7-12 = 39.76 >12 = 56.41

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	Single Family Residential (SFR)		Multi Family Residential (MFR)		Commercial		Agriculture, Landscape, Recreation or Other		Fees
			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	
Guadalupe	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	None
La Cumbre Mutual Water Company	Bi-mthly	Block	≤20 21-40 41-80 >80	5.75 8.00 13.25 22.00	≤20 21-40 41-80 >80	5.75 8.00 13.25 22.00	Tier 1= 3-yr avg Tier 2	7.60 13.25	Agriculture: Tier 1 ≤20 Tier 2 ≤870 HCF per year Tier 3 >870 HCF per year	5.75 6.75 13.25	Meter fee bi-mthly: 28.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤49HCF; 56.00 if <u>annual</u> use 50-99HCF; 84.00 for >99HCF.
Lompoc	Monthly	Block for SFR; Uniform for others	0-10 10.1-20 20.1+	4.33 4.63 5.53	Per HCF	4.33	Per HCF	4.45*	Per HCF	4.33	36.06 / 47.15 ** ***
Los Alamos CSD	Monthly	Flat Rate	-	3.90	-	3.90	-	3.90	-	-	3.90
Mission Hills CSD	Monthly	Block	1-100	2.46	n/a	-	1-100	2.46	n/a	-	43.52
Montecito Water Dist.	Monthly	Block	0-9 10-35 36+	6.56 11.14 12.31	0-9* 10-35* 36+*	6.56 11.14 12.31	Uniform	9.63**	0-9* AG1	6.56 5.50	46.86

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	Single Family Residential (SFR)		Multi Family Residential (MFR)		Commercial		Agriculture, Landscape, Recreation or Other		Fees
			per HCF	\$\$	per HCF	\$\$	per HCF	\$\$	per HCF	\$\$	
Santa Barbara	Monthly	Block	1-4 5-16 ≥17	4.44 12.96 23.98	1-4 Per DU* 5-8 Per DU ≥9 Per DU	4.44 12.96 23.98	Base**= past avg off- peak HCFs Above base amt	7.01 23.91	Recr'n ≤mo budget >mo budget Ag'l ≤mo budget >mo budget Comm'l or Res'l Irrig'n ≤mo budget >mo budget ***	4.88 23.98 3.01 23.98 12.96 23.98	28.92
Santa Maria	Monthly	Block	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	40.88
Santa Ynez River WCD ID#1	Monthly	Uniform	Per HCF	5.05	Per HCF	5.05	Per HCF	5.05	Agriculture No dwelling: Res'l/Ag 1 st 125 HCF Over 125 HCF	1.59 5.05 2.46	42.98 for non-Ag meter 71.34 for smallest Ag meter: 1.5''
Solvang	Monthly	Block	1-16 >16	3.45 4.05	Per HCF	3.75	Per HCF	3.75	Per HCF	3.75	75.43 5/8'' 113.15 3/4''
Vandenberg Village CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	Landscape	1.83	17.04

* Footnotes - - to *Water Rates in Santa Barbara County; February 2021:*

A “**Uniform Rate**” exists when water is priced at one single rate (dollars per hundred cubic feet, HCF) for all water used.

A “**Block Rate**” exists when water is priced at a different rate (\$/HCF) for each volume or “block” of water used, with rates increasing with each higher volume. A customer’s bill will include multiple rates if multiple blocks of water are used.

A “**Flat Rate**” exists when the charge is the same regardless of the amount of water used. “**Flat plus uniform**” describes a standard charge up to a specified volume of use, plus a charge per unit for each additional unit of water used.

Carpinteria Valley WD’s water rate structure uses a unique customer-specific, usage-based block rate for all residential, commercial, institutional, and public authority accounts. The first block (Base tier) is the customer’s *5-year December-through-March average monthly consumption*. (There is a minimum Base of 6 HCF). Any water consumption above the Base block falls into the Peak block.

* The smallest meter in the District is ¾”

**The District has imposed a temporary drought surcharge of \$0.54 for a ¾” meter and \$0.50 per HCF (minimum 6 HCF or \$3.00)

*** City of Carpinteria Parks pays \$3.90 per HCF flat rate; other landscape meters pay single-family tiered rates.

Golden State Water Company, as an Investor Owned Utility is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) which has assigned certain surcharges, credits and fees that are in addition to approved water rate and meter charges. CPUC approved surcharges vary may vary by account type. One-time credit: Residential/Non-Residential 5/8” x 3/4” \$0.93 and LM Irrigation ¾” \$1.39.

*Non-Residential: 5/8 x ¾ meter, \$21.80/month, \$3.435/HCF, \$0.405/HCF surcharge, 1.43% CPUC fee.

**Limited Metered Irrigation Service: ¾-inch meter, \$90.25/month, \$2.372/HCF, \$0.770/HCF surcharge, 1.43% CPUC fee. Limited Metered Irrigation Service is only for the unincorporated area known as Lake Marie Ranches located in the former Lake Marie Service Area. Rate changes in effect January 1, 2021.

Goleta Water District

* “GWC-Ag” represents Goleta West Conduit System Agricultural.

La Cumbre Mutual Water Company’s bi-monthly meter charge is \$84.00 if annual usage is greater than 99 HCF. If annual usage is less than or equal to 49 HCF, the bi-monthly charge is \$28.00; if annual usage is 50 to 99 HCF, the bi-monthly charge is \$56.00.

Lompoc

*City has a separate rate for institutional customers: uniform rate at \$4.33/HCF.

**Monthly water service rates and charges increase as the size of the water meter increases; monthly fee for a 1 inch meter is \$69.31.

***Meter size varies from 5/8”-10”.

Los Alamos CSD’s water service charges were changed from a tiered rate system to a flat rate system effective August 1, 2016.

Montecito

* = Multi-Family Residential (MFR) rates are per dwelling unit. For example, if there are three units, the first 27 HCF is \$6.56.

****City has a separate rate for institutional customers: uniform rate at \$10.58/HCF.**

Santa Barbara uses a typical inclining block rate structure for residential customers, but a different structure applies to commercial customers. The commercial account structure is similar to Carpinteria Valley Water District's rate structure. In FY14, the City implemented a water budget structure for irrigation customers, whereby Tier 1 water use is determined based on ET data and landscaped area.

*DU = dwelling unit

**Base = off peak (Jan - June) average usage adjusted for maximum number of days in billing cycle.

***Monthly irrigation budgets are based on the irrigated area and real time weather data (Eto data).

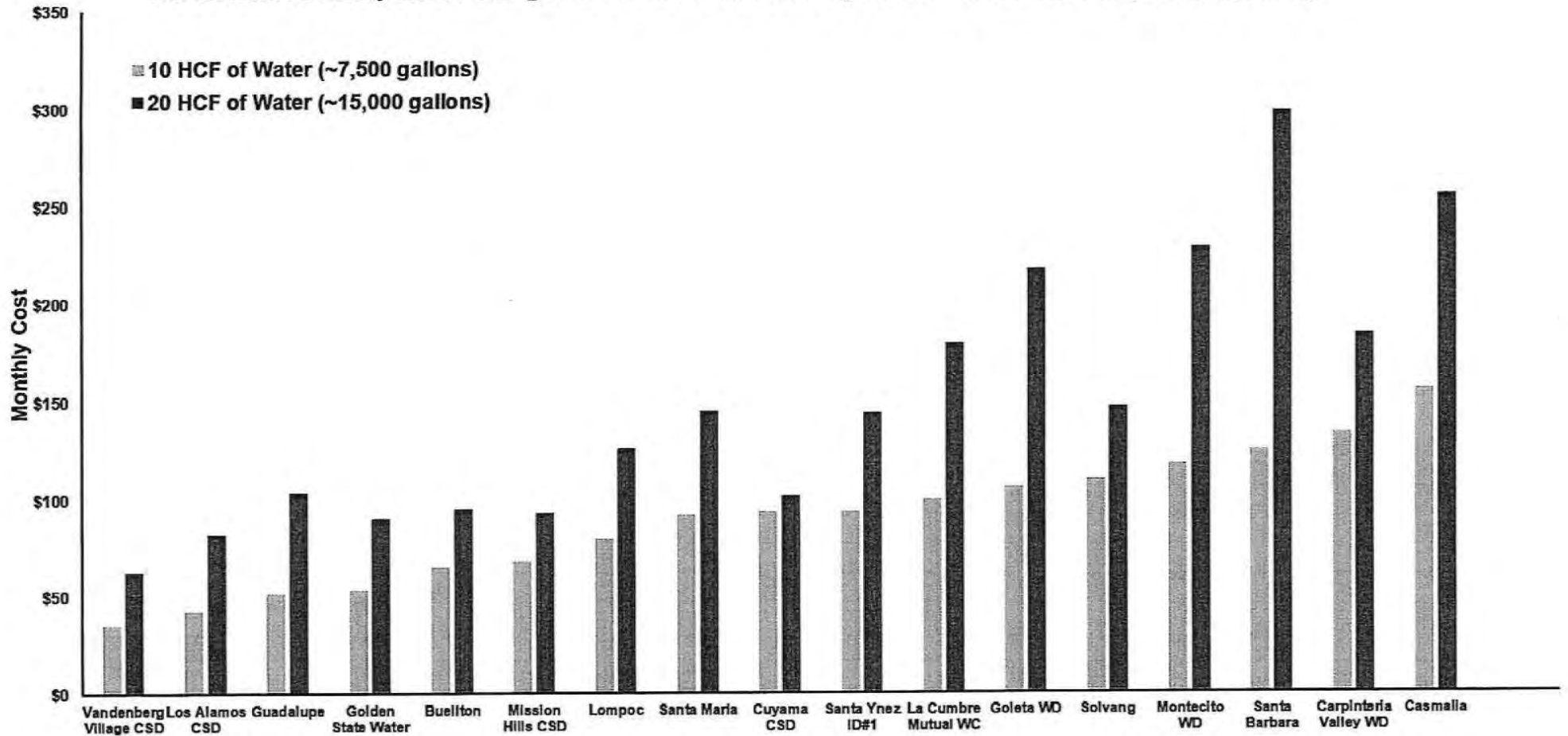
Charges for *commercial* accounts with **La Cumbre Mutual Water Company, Montecito Water District, Carpinteria Valley Water District, and the City of Santa Barbara** are calculated using a 'base' or 'tiered' amount of water usage per time period, which varies by district.

[Information was compiled by Santa Barbara County Water Agency in January – February 2021. Phone contact is (805)-568-3440.]

Example Comparison of Residential Water Charges
For 10 HCF and 20 HCF Monthly Water Usage (February 2021)
(For Single Family Residential Rates; for a 5/8 x 3/4 in. meter; on a 1/4 acre parcel)

Agency	10HCF	20HCF	Calculation for 10HCF	Calculation for 20HCF
	\$\$	\$\$	(# HCF x Srate) + fees & charges	(# HCF x Srate) + fees & charges
Buellton	65.31	95.11	$(10 \times 2.98) + 35.51$	$(20 \times 2.98) + 35.51$
Carpinteria Valley WD*	133.00	184.20	$(9 \times 3.90) + (1 \times 5.12) + 47.84 + 0.54 + (12 \times 0.50) + (12 \times 3.2)$	$(9 \times 3.90) + (11 \times 5.12) + 47.84 + 0.54 + (12 \times 0.50) + (12 \times 3.2)$
Casmalia	155.50	255.50	$90.00 + (655 \text{ cu} \times 0.10)$	$90.00 + (1655 \text{ cu} \times 0.10)$
Cuyama	93.40	101.3	$(10 \times 0.79) + 85.50$	$(20 \times 0.79) + 85.50$
Golden State Water	53.36	90.29	$(10 \times 3.435) + 19.01$	$(15 \times 3.435) + (5 \times 3.950) + 19.01$
Goleta WD	105.74	217.69	$(6 \times 5.79) + (4 \times 7.81) + 39.76$	$(6 \times 5.79) + (6 \times 7.81) + (8 \times 9.96) + 56.41$
Guadalupe	51.79	103.59	$31.07 + (4 \times 5.18)$	$31.07 + (14 \times 5.18)$
La Cumbre Mutual WC**	99.50	179.50	$(10 \times 5.75) + 42.00$	$(10 \times 5.75) + (10 \times 8) + 42.00$
Lompoc	79.36	125.66	$(10 \times 4.33) + 36.06$	$(10 \times 4.33) + (10 \times 4.63) + 36.06$
Los Alamos	42.9	81.9	$(10 \times 3.90) + 3.90$	$(20 \times 3.90) + 3.90$
Mission Hills	68.12	92.72	$(10 \times 2.46) + 43.52$	$(20 \times 2.46) + 43.52$
Montecito	117.04	228.44	$(9 \times 6.56) + 11.14 + 46.86$	$(9 \times 6.56) + (11 \times 11.14) + 46.86$
Santa Barbara	124.44	298.12	$(4 \times 4.44) + (6 \times 12.96) + 28.92$	$(4 \times 4.44) + (12 \times 12.96) + (4 \times 23.98) + 28.92$
Santa Maria	91.43	144.73	$(5 \times 4.96) + (5 \times 5.15) + 40.88$	$(5 \times 4.96) + (10 \times 5.15) + (5 \times 5.51) + 40.88$
Santa Ynez ID#1	93.48	143.98	$(10 \times 5.05) + 42.98$	$(20 \times 5.05) + 42.98$
Solvang	109.93	146.83	$(10 \times 3.45) + 75.43$	$(16 \times 3.45) + (4 \times 4.05) + 75.43$
Vandenberg Village	35.34	62.84	$(10 \times 1.83) + 17.04$	$(10 \times 1.83) + (10 \times 2.75) + 17.04$
*Footnotes:	<p>Some bills may include additional taxes or one-time charges.</p> <p>*Carpinteria Valley WD charges are customized to each account (see footnotes on previous pages). The Base tier for each of these examples is 9 HCF. A customer's Base tier is determined by their 5-year December through March average monthly consumption. The 12 HCF value represents what a typical account's 5-year monthly average water consumption might be.</p> <p>**La Cumbre Mutual Water Company's meter rate is billed bi-monthly at \$84, thus the monthly charge in this example is \$42.</p> <p>One hundred cubic feet (HCF) = 748 gallons; 10 HCF = 7,480 gals.</p>			

Residential Monthly Water Charges in Santa Barbara County for 10 HCF and 20 HCF (February 2021)



Monthly Briefing

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

Biden Cabinet Begins to Take Shape

Vilsack Confirmed, Haaland Endures Tense Confirmation Hearing

Biden Cabinet nominees with important roles that impact Western farmers and ranchers are steadily being confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Importantly, the Senate last week voted to confirm former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack to Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). He was the Secretary of Agriculture during the Obama Administration.

"We're going to be a USDA that represents and serves all Americans," Mr. Vilsack said.

Other recently confirmed Cabinet members whose leadership will have bearing on Western irrigators

include Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

Various Senate committees held confirmation hearings for additional cabinet or cabinet-level positions in the Biden Administration, including Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM) to be

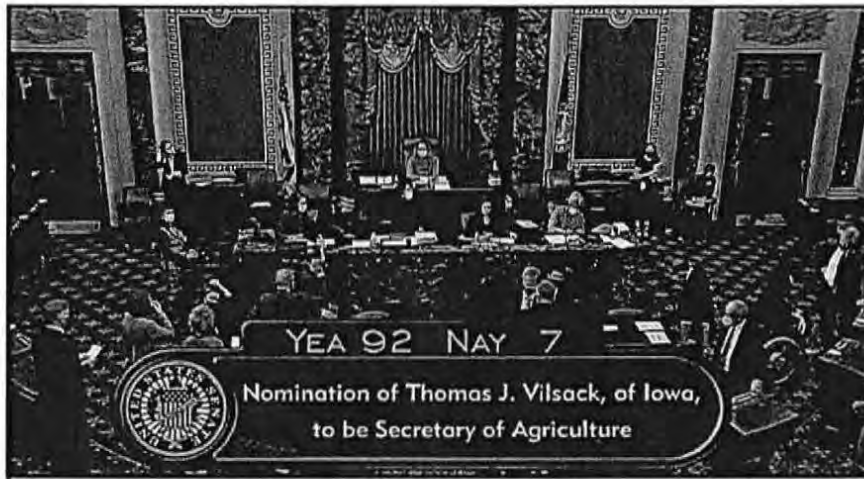
Secretary of the Interior, and Michael Regan to be Administrator of the environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Several committees also held votes to advance the nomination of Neera Tanden to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The Family Farm Alliance's West-wide, primarily rural membership works closest with the Departments of Agriculture and Interior (which houses the Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, among other agencies) and the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Senior appointed officials in these departments play an important role in directing and implementing policies that have a real bearing on the well-being of Western farmers and ranchers," said Family Farm Alliance Director Dan Keppen.

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The Senate confirmed Tom Vilsack as the nation's 32nd Secretary of Agriculture on February 23, 2021. Photo Source: TownNews.com Content Exchange.

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Biden Cabinet Takes Shape (Cont'd from Pg. 1)

Senate Confirms Vilsack as Secretary of Agriculture

The Senate by a 92-7 vote on February 23 confirmed Tom Vilsack to lead USDA for the second time. He is the ninth member of President Biden's Cabinet to be confirmed by the Senate. Mr. Vilsack previously served for eight years as head of USDA under former President Obama.

Mr. Vilsack, 70, earlier received bipartisan praise from the Senate Agriculture Committee and his nomination was unanimously advanced. Most agricultural organizations have been supportive of Mr. Vilsack's return to USDA.

"I want to Congratulate Secretary Vilsack on his confirmation to once again lead USDA after a resounding bipartisan vote in the Senate," said Tom Stenzel, United Fresh President and CEO.

"Secretary Vilsack has long been a friend of the fresh produce industry. On issues ranging from food and nutrition security to labor challenges in agriculture, Secretary Vilsack has shown commitment to finding positive solutions."

Secretary Vilsack during his February 2 confirmation hearing emphasized to the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee that he will work to stabilize trade policy, focus on climate change and work with Congress on efforts to achieve President Biden's goal of "zero emission" agriculture. Secretary Vilsack believes this can be accomplished through more farmland conservation and encouraging carbon markets to give farmers a financial incentive.

"I think farmers are prepared for it. I think farmers are eager to do it," Mr. Vilsack said.

USDA Role in Biden Climate Change Initiative

The Biden administration is evaluating options for using USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to quickly launch its ambitious food and farm agenda without relying on appropriations from a closely divided Congress. The CCC - established in the Depression-era - is authorized to borrow \$30 billion from the U.S. Treasury for the purpose of stabilizing the farm economy. Former President Donald Trump used the CCC as means of paying farmers for coronavirus relief and mitigating for trade impacts.

President Biden's team is looking at their creative opportunities to apply the fund for a whole new agenda. One option could be using the agency to create a "carbon bank" that pays farmers and ranchers to sequester greenhouse gases in their farmland soil.

"Carbon is a commodity right now and the CCC was built to help think about how we stabilize that," Robert Bonnie, a

deputy chief of staff and senior climate adviser at USDA, told a virtual roundtable hosted by the Meridian Institute last month.

Role of Farmers and Ranchers in Climate Programs

Many Western producers are anxious about President Biden's executive order to protect 30% of the country's land and waters by 2030, the so-called "30x30" initiative. Senate Republicans have expressed concerns about how 30x30 will

affect production agriculture and resource development, including on federal land.

Mr. Vilsack at his confirmation hearing pledged to "aggressively" seek advice from farmers about how best to involve agriculture in the new administration's climate change policies.

One of those groups of farmers is Solutions from the Land (SfL), a nationwide network of agricultural leaders that seeks to mobilize public demand and support for solutions from the

land. SfL last month released a report, "21st Century Agriculture Renaissance", written by farmers, ranchers, foresters and other land stewards in partnership with climate, energy and conservation experts. It seeks to stimulate empathy and action towards the many roles that farmers must take on for them to be successful and for all to live and grow.

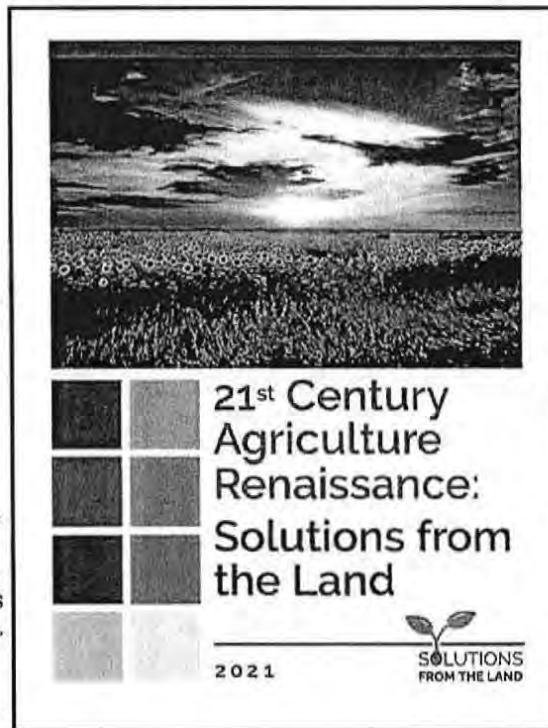
The report features a write-up and video by Family Farm Alliance President Pat O'Toole on sustainable water management on his family's Ladder Ranch. Mr. O'Toole represents the

Alliance on the SfL board of directors, and he shared the link to report with Mr. Vilsack, who responded in an encouraging way.

"I believe you will see a concerted effort at USDA to follow the challenge laid out in the report," Mr. Vilsack replied. "I realize the importance of outreach and collaboration with farmers, ranchers and producers in order for this effort to be successful. I appreciate the voice of farmers, ranchers and producers and the need to have that voice in the conversation. I will do all I can to make sure that voice is heard and heeded."

Rep. Haaland's Confirmation Hearing for Secretary of the Interior

President Biden's nominee for Secretary of the Interior, Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NEW MEXICO) endured a two-day confirmation hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee last week. As an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico, Rep. Haaland



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Haaland Hearings End Without a Vote (Cont'd from Pg. 2)

would be the first Native American to be elevated to the office of Secretary at the Department of the Interior, if she is confirmed by the Senate.

"As the first Native American cabinet secretary in the history of the United States, she will be a true steward of our national parks, our natural resources, and all of our lands," President Biden said last December.

In her opening statement at her confirmation hearing on February 23rd, Rep. Haaland noted that fossil energy does and will continue to play a major role in America for years to come. ENR Committee Chairman Joe Manchin asked if she believed that it was in the country's best interest to maintain its energy independence.

"What role do you see fossil energy playing in that?" Chairman Manchin asked.

"We absolutely need energy independence and I believe President Biden agrees with that statement as well," Rep. Haaland replied. "I know

that we want to move forward with clean energy, we want to get to net-zero. We want to move forward with innovation and all of this for our energy needs. That's not going to happen overnight and, so, we will absolutely rely on the fossil energy that you and Ranking Member Barrasso spoke about in your opening statements. But at the same time, I think we can move forward with technology and innovation as well," Representative Haaland said.

"I think you know my position on that. I'm totally committed to innovation, not elimination, because I believe we can do it in a practical, responsible way," replied Chairman Manchin.

Committee Ranking Member John Barrasso (R-WYOMING) and other Senate Republicans during the course of the two-day hearing raised concerns over Rep. Haaland's early endorsement of the Green New Deal, her participation in protests against the Dakota Access pipeline, and her position on other issues surrounding oil and gas development and banning the practice of fracking on federal lands. They did not appear to be fully satisfied with Rep. Haaland's responses at the hearing.

"I think she's failed to answer so many questions that members have," Senator Barrasso told *E&E News*. "Most of the members on my side of the aisle have additional questions, and the ones I've talked to said she's failed to answer their questions adequately."

Senator Steve Daines (R-MONTANA) in the weeks leading up to the hearing threatened to stall the nomination by placing a hold preventing her from advancing through a pro-

cedural vote and instead forcing a more time-consuming cloture vote.

"I'm not convinced the Congresswoman can divorce her radical views and represent what's best for Montana and all stakeholders in the West," Senator Daines said earlier in the month. "Unless my concerns are addressed, I will block her confirmation."

However, Rep. Haaland has garnered the support of progressives, Native American, and major environmental groups, as well as House Natural Resource Committee Chairman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ). Chairman Grijalva's committee is charged with oversight of many Interior Department matters.

"She will raise the profile of this committee," he said of Ms. Haaland in an interview last month with *E&E News*. "The whole general area around environment, public lands, Native Americans, our oceans, our waters — all of a sudden you have a secretary who is going to raise it, and raise the support for those issues, and that's important for the work we do."

If Senate Republicans are united in their opposition to Rep. Haaland, it will only take one Senate Democrat's opposition to prevent the confirmation. All eyes prior to the hearing were on Chairman Manchin, who hails from a carbon energy production state. The hearing wrapped up with out a vote.

Afterward, Senator Manchin announced that he would vote in favor of confirming Rep. Haaland to lead the Interior Department.

"While we do not agree on every issue, she reaffirmed her strong commitment to bipartisanship, addressing the

diverse needs of our country and maintaining our nation's energy independence," Senator Manchin said in a statement.



Representative Deb Haaland of New Mexico, President Biden's nominee to lead the Interior Department, faced tough questions during her two-day confirmation hearing. (Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee screen grab)

Tanden Confirmation in Jeopardy

Rep. Haaland appeared to have escaped the plight of Ms. Neera Tanden, President Biden's choice to lead the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Ms. Tanden's confirmation is now in jeopardy after Sen. Manchin and Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) said they would not support her. Ms. Tanden has been one of President Biden's most controversial nominees, in part because of her scathing Tweets against political opponents, regardless of their political affiliation, including Senators Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

Senator Collins criticized Mr. Tanden for deleting tweets in the days before her nomination was announced and said that "raises concerns about her commitment to transparency."

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House Moves Quickly on COVID-19 Relief Package

With the second impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump behind them, House Democrats moved fast to enact a new COVID-19 relief package in recent weeks. Democrats employed the little-used budget reconciliation process to quickly pass a massive COVID relief package recommended by nine House committees before an earlier round of unemployment insurance benefits runs out on March 14.

On February 22, President Biden issued a proclamation remembering the 500,000 Americans lost to COVID-19.

"On this solemn occasion, we reflect on their loss and on their loved ones left behind," the proclamation reads. "We, as a Nation, must remember them so we can begin to heal, to unite, and find purpose as one Nation to defeat this pandemic."

Congressional activity towards that end accelerated after the Senate last month voted to acquit former President Donald Trump on the House's charge of inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. The 57-43 vote marks the first time since 1868 that a majority of the Senate voted to convict a president on an impeachment charge. But it still fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to secure a conviction.

Mr. Trump's attorneys argued that it was unconstitutional to try a former president for impeachment and said the House managers did not meet the standard for an incitement charge.

House Passes COVID Stimulus Package

The House passed the massive COVID stimulus package last Friday, setting the stage for a Senate vote on a package that will likely look much different.

Senate Democratic leaders are working on the changes to the package that will be needed to get all 50 Senate Democrats and Independents on board. Budget reconciliation only requires a simple majority vote in the Senate - overriding the 60-vote requirement for most bills to be considered in the Senate.

The House will need to vote again on an amended Senate passed bill.

Included in budget reconciliation recommendations approved by the House committees are mandatory funding, program changes, and tax policies aimed primarily at mitigating the continuing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The package includes \$350 billion to states, localities, tribes and territories in flexible funding to "replace revenue that was lost, delayed, or decreased" as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (as of January 27, 2020), as well as other costs related to responding to or mitigating the impacts of the pandemic and addressing negative economic impacts. Notably, the package provides \$1,400 in direct payments to certain individuals and dependents and additional transportation and agricultural funding, including \$1 billion for racial justice provisions for farmers.

Also of import, the Senate parliamentarian ruled Thursday that Democrats would be deemed out of order if they include a \$15 minimum wage hike in their coronavirus relief package, a major blow to Senate Budget Committee Chair Bernie

Sanders (I-Vt.) and progressives. House Democrats still included the minimum wage provisions on their version of the COVID-19 bill on Friday. However, according to *POLITICO*, the Senate decision means Democrats need to find another route to increasing the minimum wage.

GOP Concerns

The Republican Study Committee (RSC) - the largest conservative caucus in the House - authored a three-page memo to conservatives to outline "all the left-wing items Democrats are hoping the public won't find about." *Fox News* first obtained a copy of the fact sheet that was widely circulated last week.

"Democrats have been hoping the public's attention has been occupied watching a made for TV show trial of the former president in the Senate, because they've been trying to quietly load up a \$1.9 trillion budget reconciliation bill with special interest pork and other liberal goodies," wrote RSC Chairman Jim Banks (R-IN). "The RSC isn't letting them get away with this."

Among the provisions generating angst among the GOP are \$1,400 stimulus checks going to mixed-status families with undocumented immigrants; allowing Planned Parenthood to receive Paycheck Protection Program funds designed to keep small businesses afloat; and nearly \$600 million for additional emergency paid family leave for federal employees and U.S. Postal Service workers, according to the RSC memo.

Alliance Supports Special Districts Assistance Legislation

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) - comprised of state special districts associations in California, Colorado, Florida, Oregon and Utah - along with 126 national, state, nonprofit and private business organizations - including the Family Farm Alliance - last month formally expressed support of the *Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act* (S.91/H.R.535).

In a letter to House and Senate leadership, these organizations, who are the voice of more than 30,000 special districts across the country, urged Congress to include the needs of special districts in future COVID-19 relief aid legislation. Special districts - like irrigation and water districts - are independent local governments that provide critical infrastructure and essential services.

"The Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act is vital for the continued operations of services for millions of Americans," the letter stated.

S.91 / H.R. 535 would provide these districts certain access to future Coronavirus relief funding. Even as the anticipated fiscal impact of the pandemic on special districts tops \$30.5 billion nationwide, many districts have not been able to access federal assistance to help their communities respond to and recover from the spread of the virus. The legislation would allocate critically needed financial relief to special districts that have experienced unforeseen expenditures, decreases in revenue, or both, as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Congress Gears Up to Move Infrastructure Package

Democrat leaders in Congress have responded to President Joe Biden's plea last month for Congress to move quickly on a large infrastructure improvement plan. President Biden leveraged his observations from an earlier two-hour call with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"If we don't get moving, they're going to eat our lunch," he told reporters. China plans to invest billions of dollars in rail projects, automobile manufacturing and environmental improvements.

Committees in both house of the Democrat-led Congress last week initiated hearings that were seen by many as the official start of the legislative process required to pass a massive infrastructure stimulus package by July Fourth.

Top House Democrats are also preparing to tee up an overhauled version of congressional earmarks, a legislative tool that was banned in 2011 due to claims that it led to wasteful spending. The work could start quickly, with infrastructure and spending bills as prime vehicles.

Bloomberg News reports that House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) will be releasing details of what the next generation of earmarks will look like "in coming weeks". Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), chair of the Senate appropriations panel, is also preparing for a return to earmarks.

Earmarks are seen by some as a way that contributes to bipartisan compromise. For President Joe Biden, getting member buy-in through earmarked funds could smooth the ability to pass a massive infrastructure package, *Bloomberg* opines.

The Freedom Caucus and the Republican Study Committee both recently released statements in opposition to a revived use of earmarks.

House T&I Subcommittee Debates Price Tag

The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing last week to study the need for water infrastructure upgrades, from wastewater and drinking water facilities to pipes and other equipment. The Subcommittee probed both legislative and funding solutions, including the use of existing tools within federal agencies, in dealing with the current state of clean water systems, the backlog of water infrastructure major maintenance and replacement needs, and the challenges many cash-strapped communities are facing when paying for such upgrades.

The infrastructure package price tag was a point of con-

temptation between committee Democrats and Republicans.

"I'm going to push for a very ambitious number, and then we're going to find ways to pay for it," said T&I Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OREGON). "We're not going to be puny and say, 'Gee, sorry, we can't help you.'"

But Rep. David Rouzer (NC), the subcommittee's top Republican, said funding alone won't solve the problem.

"With talk of a major infrastructure package, today we need to ask the not-so-simple questions: What funding level is both appropriate and realistic? And how are we going to pay for it?" Rep. Rouzer said in opening comments.

Much of the discussion centered on provisions in last Congress' H.R. 2, the *Moving Forward Act*. That \$1.5 trillion bill from Chairman Peter DeFazio passed the House last year but stalled in the Republican-led Senate. Included in that overarching infrastructure bill were provisions from H.R. 1497, the *Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019*, which Rep. Napolitano co-sponsored with more than 50 House members, including Chairman DeFazio.

Senate Committee Hearing on "Build Back Better"

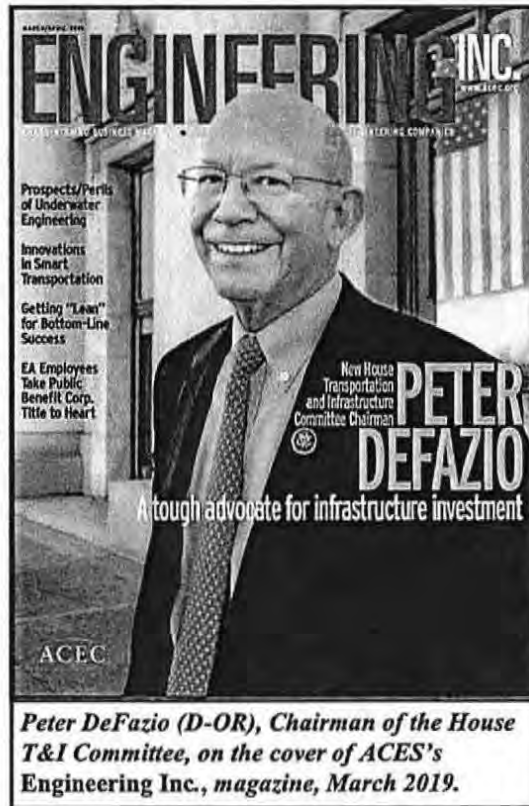
The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee last week held a hearing on the "Build Back Better" COVID recovery initiative, President Biden's broad outline for infrastructure, clean energy, COVID recovery and economic stimulus. Republican and Democrat Senators said during the hearing they're hoping to craft a bipartisan bill that invests in aging transportation infrastructure and expands the nation's electric vehicle infrastructure.

"What's going to be challenging is the size and how it's paid for, or whether it's all paid for," Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), a senior member of the panel, told *E&E News* after the hearing.

EPW Committee Chair Tom Carper (D-Del.) earlier in the month said he plans to pass two major infrastructure bills out of his committee by Memorial Day.

"Our expectation is that we will be gathering input from Democrat and Republican senators on what the priorities should be in that surface transportation reauthorization," Sen. Carper said. "We're going to try to report this bill out this year in the month of May."

On the surface transportation bill specifically, Carper said his goal is to "beat the record" for moving it through committee. In addition, Senator Carper said the committee would focus on water infrastructure legislation and intends to advance a



Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Chairman of the House T&I Committee, on the cover of ACEC's Engineering Inc., magazine, March 2019.

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version of the Water Resources Development Act by the end of May.

Any transportation infrastructure bill that comes out of these efforts may turn into a legislative vehicle to move a broader infrastructure package and could attract bipartisan support in the current highly partisan political atmosphere in Washington.

Senator Carper, EPW Committee Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and President Biden have advocated a bipartisan approach. However, others, including Vermont Democrat Senator Bernie Sanders has advocated that infrastructure and climate policies could be folded into a second budget reconciliation bill, which would allow Democrats to bypass filibusters by Senate Republicans with a simple majority vote.

"The strong bipartisan support that exists for the surface transportation reauthorization bill and other infrastructure legislation should not extend to a multitrillion-dollar package that is stocked full with other ideologically driven, one-size-fits-all policies that ties the hands of our states and our communities," Senator Capito said.

Chairman Tom Carper (D-Del.) has similarly downplayed talk of moving infrastructure through reconciliation.

Valadao Introduces WIIN Act Extension Legislation

Representative David G. Valadao (R-CALIFORNIA) last month introduced the *Responsible, No-Cost Extension of Western Water Infrastructure Improvements*, or RENEW WIIN Act, a clean extension of operations and storage provisions of the WIIN Act (P.L. 114-322).

The RENEW WIIN Act would extend the general and operations provisions of Subtitle J of the WIIN Act and extend the provision requiring consultation on coordinated operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project in California. The legislation would also extend the authorization of appropriations for water storage projects that the Secretary of the Interior finds feasible.

"I promised my constituents that I would fight to bring more water to the Valley," said Rep. Valadao. "Today, I introduced legislation to extend the authorities under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016, providing access to safe, clean, and reliable water for our

communities."

The RENEW WIIN Act is supported by the entire Republican delegation of California, and some of California's largest water organizations, including the Fresno Irrigation District, Friant Water Authority, Westlands Water District, and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

"The San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority fully supports the RENEW WIIN Act," said Chris White, Executive Director of the Exchange Contractors.

"Significant progress has been made since the passage of the WIIN Act in 2016 with the advancement of needed drought resiliency storage projects, while providing for science-based flexibility in the operation of our water delivery system for the Central Valley. These actions need to continue in order to support the economic viability of our communities."

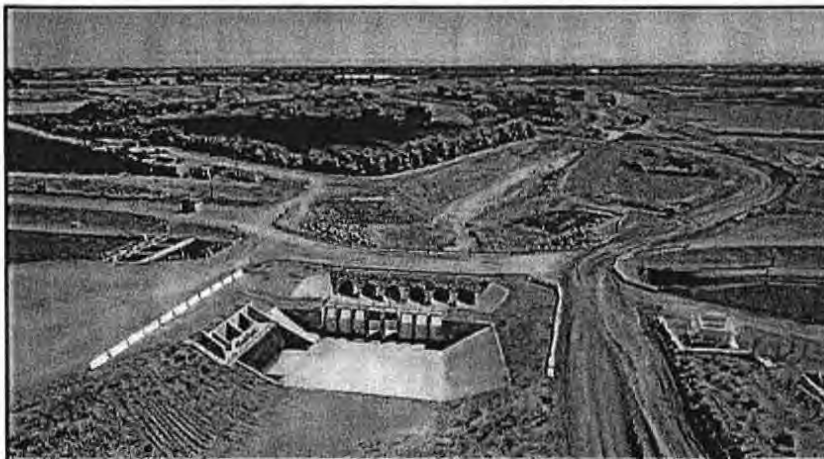


Photo courtesy of San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, who supports the RENEW WIIN Act introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CALIFORNIA).

Family Farm Alliance Efforts

As reported in the January 2021 "Monthly Briefing", over 200 urban and rural water districts urged President-elect Joe Biden and congressional leadership last month to address aging Western water infrastructure in any potential infrastructure or economic recovery package. The effort was spearheaded by the Family Farm Alliance, ACWA, California Farm Bureau, National Water Resources Association and Western Growers Association.

In separate letters to President-elect Biden and congressional leaders, the coalition said existing Western water infrastructure is in desperate need of rehabilitation and improvement. Most of the federal water projects in the West were built more than 50 years ago and were not designed with the present and future population demands and climate conditions in mind.

"Without immediate attention, the Western water system will quickly prove inadequate to meet the needs of urban and rural users and the environment," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen.

The coalition is working with stakeholders from several Western states and Western Congressional offices to encourage federal investment in a diversified water management portfolio that enhances water supply and quality for urban and environmental uses while keeping water flowing to Western farms.

House Democrats Fast-Track Public Lands Package

House Democrats with support from President Biden last week quickly passed legislation along partisan lines that would permanently protect public lands and waters in Colorado, California, and Washington by designating approximately 1.5 million acres of wilderness and incorporating more than 1,000 river miles into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 803, the *Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act* also contains provisions to create and maintain additional recreational access by authorizing new trails, services, and facilities.

"The Administration calls for restoring balance to the management of our public lands and waters, creating jobs, confronting the ongoing decline of nature, and aligning the management of America's public lands and waters with our nation's climate, conservation, and clean energy goals," the White House said in a public statement. "Because this legislation furthers those goals, the Administration strongly supports House passage of H.R. 803."

House Republicans strenuously protested the bill and the process used to advance it. They claim that if H.R. 803 had gone through regular order, it would have come before the Committee on Natural Resources for hearings and a markup. House Democrats, they say, bypassed this procedure and sent the legislation straight to the Committee on Rules.

"The *Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act* is an unbalanced, partisan package of eight public lands bills that has not gone through regular order and lacks the consensus needed for legislation of this magnitude," said Bruce Westerman (R-AR). "Despite the fact that this bill has huge implications for four western states, this bill has not gone through regular order. In fact, this bill was put on the floor calendar before the Natural Resources Committee had even organized."

During a hearing before the Rules Committee last week, House Democrats struck down every Republican outdoor recreation and wildfire amendment, including one offered by Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-IDAHO) and others that would have prevented agency secretaries from superseding water law or water rights that individual states have already established.

The western states are governed by a senior water rights doctrine usually determined by a state water engineer or board.

"This doctrine has been in place for over a century and a

half in both Democrat and Republican administrations, yet this bill circumvents state water rights primacy in some cases," said Rep. Westerman.

Rep. Westerman led Republicans on the House floor in opposing H.R. 803 last Thursday evening.

"I oppose this legislation, and if my colleagues in Congress care about rural America, they will oppose it too," he said in his floor speech.

The House on Friday passed H.R. 803 largely along party lines, 227-200.

Wild and Scenic and Conservation Corps Legislation

Several bills aimed at protecting Western land and waters have also been introduced in the Senate, including a bill authored by Oregon Democrats Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley that would add nearly 4,700 miles of rivers and streams in Oregon to the national Wild and Scenic Rivers system – the largest Wild and Scenic Rivers effort in the nation's history.

Sen. Wyden and Rep. Joe Neuse (D-CO) have also reintroduced the "21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act," modeled after the initiative of the same name in the Roosevelt Administration's "New Deal" era that provided employment and job training to 3 million out-of-work Americans between 1933 and 1942.

"Rural communities are facing two big challenges: struggling economies and continued wildfire

threats," said Sen. Wyden. "By investing in a 21st century workforce, this bill will put people to work to tackle the climate emergency, restore our public lands and reduce wildfire risks. The bottom line, creating new jobs and supporting our public lands go hand in hand."

The companion bills would establish a \$9 billion account to hire and train individuals for jobs in the outdoors planting trees, constructing trails, controlling invasive species, restoring wetlands, and building parks. The bills authors have said these new jobs are needed for rural and tribal areas to fully recover from the COVID pandemic while supporting the restoration of public lands and forests across the country.

Along the same lines, President Biden recently signed an executive order that called for the Interior and Agriculture Departments to develop the logistics for the creation of a "climate conservation corps" with objectives that also match up with the newly reintroduced legislation.



House Committee on Natural Resources Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) led Republicans on the House floor in opposing H.R. 803, the "Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act". Photo courtesy of House of Representatives.

Idaho Republican Proposes Breaching Snake River Dams

Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID) has proposed a sweeping \$33.5 billion plan to save the Pacific Northwest's salmon that includes breaching four Army Corps of Engineers' dams on the Lower Snake River in Eastern Washington State. The proposal also offers a framework that would remake the region's energy system and replace power production and barging lost from the breached dams.

Rep. Simpson plans to draft legislation to include in President Biden's infrastructure stimulus package planned for later this year.

The regions' stakeholders, and even the Congressman, say the entire proposal will be a heavy lift politically.

"One of the reasons I believe this concept is worthy of review is because I am making it very clear that agriculture matters," Rep. Simpson wrote in a February 11 *Capital Press* commentary. "So I am asking the Northwest delegation, governors, tribes and stakeholders if we can roll up our sleeves and come together to find a solution to save our salmon, protect our stakeholders and reset our energy system for the next 50-plus years on our terms?"

The Idaho Grain Producers and Idaho Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) have already expressed full-throated opposition.

"Despite what supporters of the plan claim, make no mistake, this is a drastic measure that would forever alter our way of life in the Pacific Northwest, and not for good," said IFBF President Bryan Searle. "Idaho Farm Bureau members are adamantly opposed to this proposal."

Much of the media coverage to date has implied widespread support for the proposal, particularly from tribes, fishing and environmental groups, and some Northwest governors.

"Washington welcomes Rep. (Mike) Simpson's willingness to think boldly about how to recover Columbia and Snake River salmon in a way that works for the entire region and invests — at a potentially transformative level — in clean energy, transportation and agriculture," Washington Governor Jay Inslee said in a statement.

However, the story on the ground may be a different one.

"After spending a lot of time over the past week in Idaho and Washington discussing this - not just with water users but also farm groups, public power customers, ports, etc. - I am hearing virtually no support for the Simpson proposal outside of the conservation groups who basically wrote it," according

an anonymous source close to the process.

Four of Pacific Northwest Republican House members introduced a resolution to reaffirm the country's support for hydropower. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers opposes removing the dams. And she was joined last month in a resolution of support for existing and new hydropower by Republican Reps. Dan Newhouse and Jaime Herrera Beutler in Washington state and Russ Fulcher in Idaho.

"Proposals that include breaching the Lower Snake River Dams in the name of protecting salmon populations are flawed and fail to account for the sweeping impacts that would be felt across the region," said Rep. McMorris Rodgers. "With greater than 95 percent passage, these dams are not the greatest threat to fish survival. Our oceans are, coupled with predation and habitat loss. We need to focus on solutions that will get results, like cleaning up Puget Sound and restoring salmon runs there."

Northwest RiverPartners (NWRP), a not-for-profit, member-driven organization

representing community utilities, farmers, ports, and businesses across the region, issued a balanced but firm public statement on Rep. Simpson's proposal.

"We are encouraged that the scale of the plan's budget reflects the tremendous value that the lower Snake River dams bring to the region," NWRP stated. "That long-debated topic is effectively put to rest by the proposal's significant price tag."

NWRP also believes the case for breaching to save salmon lacks scientific rigor.

"Given the Pacific Coast-wide declines in salmon survival in both

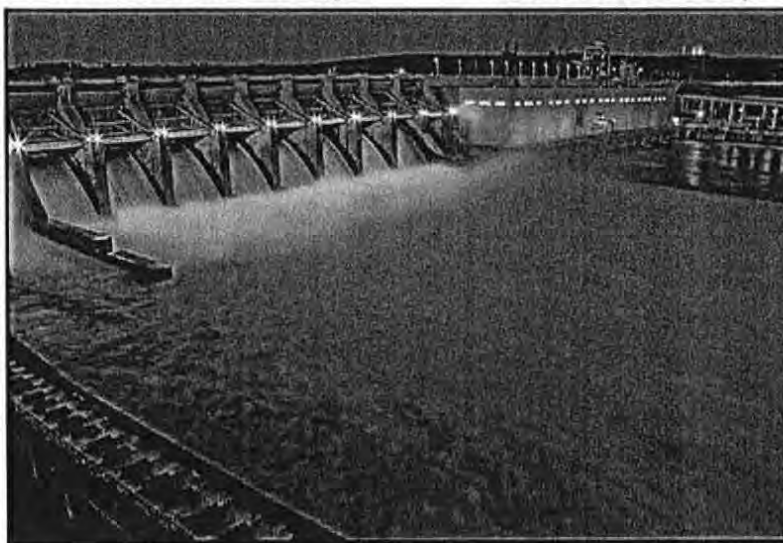
dammed and undammed rivers, it is hard to make the case that breaching dams with advanced fish passage technology will reverse this disturbing trend," NWRP said.

In addition, they point to a growing body of science suggests warming, acidifying oceans are the driving factor behind worldwide declines in marine fish populations, including salmon.

"Breaching the lower Snake River dams does nothing to address this issue," NWRP said.

NWRP does believe Rep. Simpson's plan has the best of intentions and deserves to be vetted among Northwest stakeholder groups.

"However, considering the extremely high stakes involved, we cannot afford to ignore the need for a much more thorough analysis of what the plan can actually deliver and the deep impact it may have on our diverse Northwest communities," the NWRP statement concludes.



Ice Harbor Dam on the Lower Snake River.
Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Poor Hydrology Contributes to Initial Grim CVP Allocation

The Bureau of Reclamation last month announced an initially low 2021 water supply allocation for California's Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors amounting to just 5% for agricultural water service contractors north and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

"Although we had a couple of precipitation-packed storms in January and early February, we are still well below normal for precipitation and snowfall this year," said Reclamation Regional Director Ernest Conant. "We will monitor the hydrology as the water year progresses and continue to look for opportunities for operational flexibility."

Impacts to Central Valley Communities

Westlands Water District is one of the South-of-Delta contractors that received the grim news. Over the last 10 years, Westlands and other South-of-Delta agricultural repayment and water service contractors have received a 100% allocation of water only once and have received a 0% allocation two times.

Tom Birmingham, general manager of Westlands Water District said the announcement came as no surprise given current hydrologic conditions and regulations that restrict operations of the CVP. But, he noted it is devastating nonetheless for farmers and communities across the region that rely on water from the CVP and jobs created by irrigated agriculture.

Recent studies have shown that reductions in surface water availability in the Central Valley can cause approximately 194,000 acres of land to be taken out of production, more than \$1.3 billion in lost crop revenue and thousands of job losses. Lack of surface water also increases reliance on groundwater and can have negative impacts on drinking water availability and quality—particularly in disadvantaged communities.

"It's also yet another reminder of the urgency behind our continued work with policymakers, regulators and the farming community to maximize water use efficiency, improve climate resilience, and ensure greater water supply reliability now and in the future," said Mr. Birmingham.

Reclamation's allocations are based on an estimate of water available for delivery to CVP water users and reflects current reservoir storages, precipitation, and snowpack in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada. This year's low allocation is an indicator of the dry winter California is experiencing after the dry water year of 2020.

Shasta Reservoir's 4.5 million acre-feet capacity represents the majority of CVP water storage. Currently, reservoir storage is below the historic average for this time of the year and runoff forecasts predict that overall storage might be limited if typical spring precipitation does not materialize.

Reclamation announced the other following initial allocations:

- Eastside water service contractors (Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and Stockton East Water District) were allocated 100% of their contract total.
- Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors and San Joaquin Settlement Contractors were allocated 75% of their contract supply.
- CVP municipal and industrial water service contractors were allocated the greater of 55% of their historic use or public health and safety needs, whichever is greater.
- For Friant Division contractors' water supply, the first 800,000 acre-feet of available water supply is considered Class 1; Class 2 is considered the next amount of available water supply up to 1.4 million acre-feet. Given the current hydrologic conditions, Friant Class 1 initial allocation will be 20% and Class 2 will be 0%.

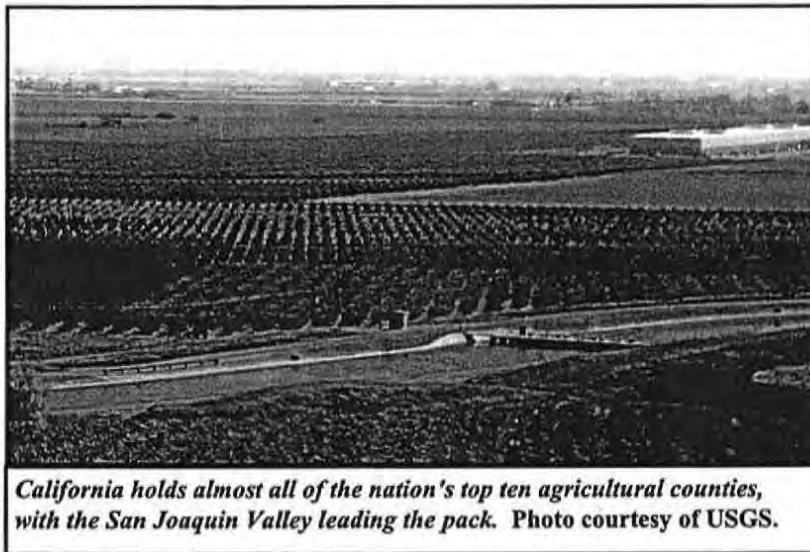
"This year's low initial allocation further reinforces the need to increase investments in water infrastructure, including additional water storage and increased conveyance capacity, to

improve near term and longer-term water supplies," said Federico Barrajas, Executive Director of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority. "Authority staff will continue to work with Reclamation and its member agencies to analyze hydrologic conditions in hopes the allocation can be increased as early as is practicable."

Almost all of California is in a drought as the state continues to see a drier than average wet season. Right now, 99% of the state is currently considered to be at the

abnormally dry level on the U.S. Drought Monitor's map. Areas considered to be abnormally dry suffer from dry soil and a lack of snowpack in the mountains.

"California and particularly the San Joaquin Valley really relies upon five to seven good storms to put us into a good situation," Ryan Jacobsen, CEO of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, recently told Fox 26 News. "We haven't seen that this year."



California holds almost all of the nation's top ten agricultural counties, with the San Joaquin Valley leading the pack. Photo courtesy of USGS.

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Grim California and Western Water Conditions (Cont'd from Pg 5)

Dry, Cold Conditions in Much of the West

The arctic freeze that gripped the central U.S. and led to massive power outages in Texas was the biggest Western weather story of the past month. *Bloomberg News* reported wind power generators were among the victims of the severe conditions, with turbine blades rendered inoperable due to ice—a phenomenon that reduces efficiency and can ultimately stop them from spinning. Texas estimated that more than half of its wind power capacity had come offline. At times, parts of Texas were colder than Alaska, according to the National Weather Service.

With the exception of parts of the Pacific Northwest, much of the rest of the Western U.S. is dealing with high levels of dryness. In New Mexico, more than half of the state is locked in the worst category — exceptional drought. The light precipitation in New Mexico and eastern Arizona was not enough to offset spotty summer rains. Flagstaff, Arizona marked its second consecutive driest monsoon season on record in 2020.

“The scary part about it is the fact that we count on monsoon season to kind of help out, especially with agriculture, farming and ranching and that sort of thing,” Kerry Jones,

chief meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Albuquerque, told the Associated Press. “We’ve come to rely on it because we’re not getting the water supply with our snowpack and if we don’t get a good monsoon season, it puts you that much deeper in the hole.”

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, after several weeks of light to moderate snow events in the Central Plains, drier weather returned to the region. Farther north, even though precipitation is normally low during the fall and winter seasons, it has been extremely dry during the past 3–4 months, leading to a lack of any snow cover in parts of Montana and the Dakotas. In contrast, additional precipitation along parts of the Wyoming-Colorado border boosted mountain snow water equivalent as of Feb. 23 at or closer to normal.

In the Pacific Northwest, La Nina conditions continue to drive an active Pacific storm track that benefits Washington, Oregon, and northern California, along with most northern and central mountains in the West. An atmospheric river event known as the “Pineapple Express” is forecast to bring a prolonged period of wet weather and the potential for avalanches to Washington and Oregon this week.

Biden Cabinet Begins to Take Shape (Cont'd from Pg 3)

“The OMB needs steady, experienced, responsive leadership,” Senator Collins said in a statement. “I will vote against confirming Ms. Tanden.”

Ms. Tanden apologized for the tweets in two recent hearings, and her defenders have pointed to her deep policy expertise and experience.

She cannot afford to lose any Democratic support with a 50-50 Senate.

Committee Advances EPA Administrator Nominee

On February 9, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee voted 14-9 to advance Michael Regan’s nomination to be Administrator of the EPA, clearing the way for full Senate consideration of his confirmation. His written testimony suggests he will employ a centrist, consensus-driven approach in his new position, if confirmed by the full Senate.

“Throughout my career, I’ve learned that if you want to address complex challenges, you must first be able to see them from all sides and you must be willing to put yourself in other people’s shoes,” he said in his written testimony. “The best way to do that is by convening stakeholders where they live, work and serve, fostering an open dialogue rooted in a respect for science, a clear understanding of the law, and a commitment to building consensus around pragmatic solutions.”

Mr. Regan started his career at the EPA, serving in the Clinton and Bush Administrations until 2008. Regan then spent eight years at the Environmental Defense Fund, where

he ultimately became the associate vice president for clean energy and a Southeast regional director. He has served as Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality since 2017.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters. Under the CWA, EPA has implemented pollution control programs such as setting wastewater standards for industry. EPA has also developed national water quality criteria recommendations for pollutants in surface waters.

Many Midwestern and Western farmers and ranchers opposed the Obama Administration’s CWA Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, which was rescinded and replaced with a new rule by the Trump Administration. Republicans at Mr. Regan’s confirmation hearing echoed those concerns.

Joni Ernst (R-IOWA) told Mr. Regan she was concerned about the rule’s effects on her state’s farmers.

“I would look at what our options are with the lingering concerns,” Mr. Regan replied on the WOTUS question. “We want to provide certainty to the farming community, particularly small farmers. I would consult with the EPA’s general counsel to understand where we are and what the options we have. How do we protect water quality while not overburdening our small farmers? I don’t want litigation to stifle what we can accomplish as stakeholders.”

As this edition of the “Monthly Briefing” was being finalized, Mr. Regan’s confirmation by the full Senate was imminent.

Family Farm Alliance

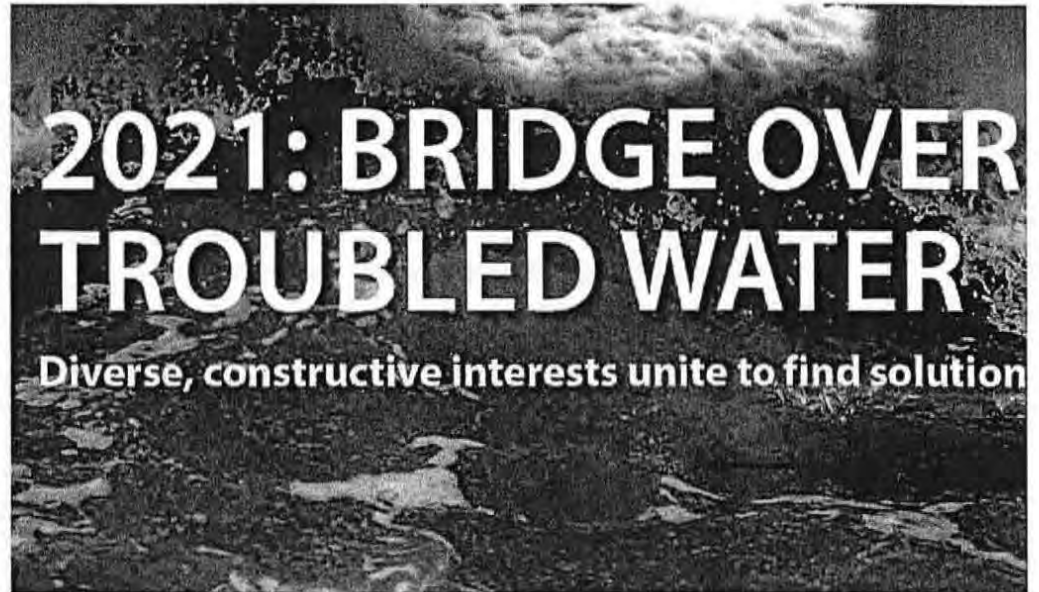
2021 “Virtual” Annual Conference

General Session Highlights

February 18-19, 2021



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



Missed the conference or want to go back and review? Here's a handy guide with time stamps next to each segment.

Session Link for February 18 (Day 1)

0:10 Welcome - Pat O'Toole
15:00 U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)
21:50 Q&A moderated by Dan Keppen
49:40 Reclamation Roundtable
52:22 Opening Remarks of Interior Deputy Commissioner Camille Touton
59:45 Regional Director Roundtable Discussion
1:57:00 Q&A moderated by Dan Keppen
2:12:58 U.S. Representative Dan Newhouse
2:24:00 U.S. Representative Jim Costa
2:37:16 Q&A moderated by Dan Keppen
2:46:45 Washington, D.C. Roundtable
3:32:35 Past Commissioner of Reclamation, Brenda Burman

Session Link for February 19 (Day 2)

0:00 Welcome - Pat O'Toole
14:00 Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance (FACA) Panel
1:30:27 The 2020 Western Wildfire Season: How did we get here, what have we learned, and how do we prepare for 2021?
1:36:55 CA State Senator Brian Dahle
3:05:30 Pat O'Toole introduction
3:14:05 U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)
3:19:50 Pat O'Toole introduction
3:25 Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Tanya Trujillo, U.S. Department of Interior
3:41:15 Q&A moderated by Dan Keppen
3:51 Closing remarks - Pat O'Toole

First, a big thank you!

By every metric, our first virtual conference was a resounding success. Over the course of the two day conference spanning 8 total hours, we were able to hear from 34 speakers that included two U.S Senators, two U.S. Representatives, one California state legislator, two new Biden Administration officials, a former Trump Administration official, irrigation district representatives, prominent authors, and policy experts from national and regional agricultural and water non-governmental organizations. Tremendous value was shared from all of them. We were fortunate to have the support of our sponsors: Elephant Butte Irrigation District, SRP, Western Heritage, Trout Unlimited, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Rubicon, Provost & Pritchard, Culp & Kelly, Kogovsek & Associates, FCA, Oregon Water Resources Congress, and Deschutes Basin Board of Control.

Lastly, we are grateful for all those who attended the conference. Under better circumstances, we would have enjoyed being with you in person. We hope the conference was beneficial to you and as always, we are open to your feedback on ways we can improve.

Day 1 Highlights

Pat O'Toole, President of Family Farm Alliance

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U.S. Senator Michael Bennet



"Climate changes threaten our Western economy and our way of life, and if we're going to tackle it in a serious way, farmers and ranchers have to be a major part of the solution."

We have to start treating America's natural landscape and our forest watersheds as essential infrastructure. Congress needs to appreciate that in Colorado and across the West our forest is essential to the economy as the Lincoln Tunnel or the George Washington Bridge is to New York.

These issues are not understood back in Washington, D.C. and it's our responsibility to do everything we can over the next few months to make sure to make our case and ensure these issues finally receive the national attention and investment they deserve.

You guys have an essential role to play."

Camille Touton, Exercising the Designated Authority of the Commissioner

"Our relationship is not new and it's one that I value. Together, we have helped to enact every major piece of Western water law legislation for the last 15 years. Be that small conduit hydropower or title transfer legislation, we did that together.

I look forward to working with you to add to our successes."

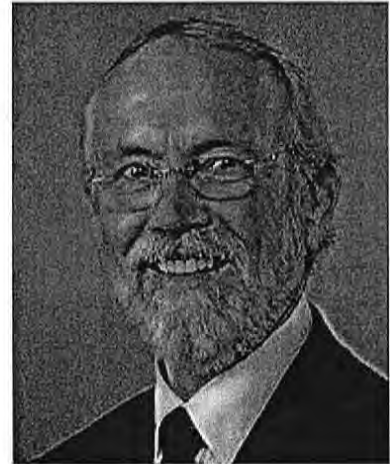


The Hon. Dan Newhouse, U.S. Congressman from Washington

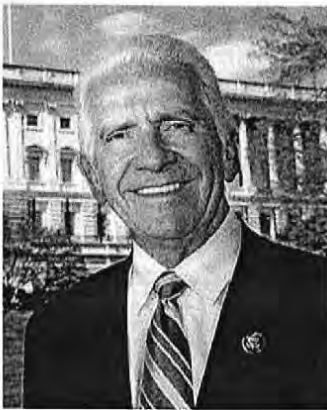
"I joined Family Farm Alliance for their annual virtual conference to discuss one of the most important challenges facing our region: Water infrastructure."

Congress recently made progress to modernize and update the water infrastructure Central Washington relies on, including the inclusion of my bill in the end-of-year spending package last December. However, we all agree that there is much more to be done. Infrastructure improvements – from roads, bridges, and highways to water infrastructure like dams and irrigation canals – are desperately needed throughout our communities.

I am committed to working with my colleagues to ensure we continue to strengthen water infrastructure in the West and across the country."



The Hon. Jim Costa, U.S. Congressman from California



"I think there are some opportunities here with the administration's efforts to focus on climate change in a major infrastructure package and provide funding not only for transportation but for water and for schools, and I'm interested in your thoughts on where you think infrastructure needs would be in the area of the water. Bipartisan support for this will be the key to our success."

Family Farm Alliance provides an important role in providing us input and I always look forward to seeing you come back to testify."

Matt Muirragui – Majority Staff Director, House Natural Resources Committee – Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee)

"We'll look to partner and work with Family Farm Alliance. You guys were very much involved with the water package negotiations and it was a constructive effort on that front. So, regardless of the things we'll be pursuing, we'll be looking at Family Farm Alliance as a resource to partner on these things."

Kiel Weaver (Minority Senior Policy Advisor and Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee Staff Director)

"With water infrastructure, funding is just one part of the equation. Sometimes we need to ask ourselves, why are projects so expensive? I would like to look into that, as well. The less we have to spend on overhead and those sort of things, means the more we can spend on projects on the ground."

**The Hon. Brenda Burman, Commissioner of Reclamation
2017-2021**

"You have built an incredible organization. I remember some of the early meetings I attended, in Las Vegas, and then Reno. You bring in the whole community. Really, Family Farm Alliance is about the whole water community. You're building smart, focused, committed solutions. That's what Family Farm Alliance does. It's always been about bringing solutions to the table, and really deeply thinking about them first."

Day 2 Highlights

Andrew Walmsley, American Farm Bureau Federation



"We saw an opportunity in the last Congress to work with other ag producer organizations to create the Farmers for a Sustainable Future to start having conversations with the Hill to answer questions like 'what is ag's footprint?' ...In two generations, ag is producing 287% more while our inputs have

remained relatively flat. We've seen the loss of about 30 million acres of cropland in the last 30 years yet we've produced 50% more per acre...These realities led us to begin working with EDF and the other co-chairs of FACA to broaden our advocacy on areas of common ground."

Callie Eideberg, Environmental Defense Fund

"We've found that talking face-to-face, as much as you can on a Zoom call, we had time to really dig into these issues. And this past November, we were able to roll out more than 40 policy recommendations that really move the needle on tackling this crisis."



The Hon. Brian Dahle, California State Senator

"The land tells the story. If you take [other legislators] to the forest where we thin and where we didn't thin, and where a fire came through, you don't need to say any more."



"The biggest output of carbon is fire. It's undisputed. The problem is we talk a lot about transportation and other things but thinning is the solution."

John MacLean, Author of *Fire on the Mountain*

"How can you manage a forest when people are screaming at you for cutting a tree, when you aren't getting the money for it? The way to do it is piecemeal, persistence, and prayer."

Dr. Dave Daley, Administrator of the Paul L. Byrne Memorial University Farm

"The way we have mismanaged fuel loads in the West has led us to where we are, and it's unbelievable. I grew up in the forest in the mountains of the Sierra-Nevada hearing from my grandfather and father how the Native Americans managed the forest. That ended when Smokey the Bear became popular."

"This is not only about rural towns burning, this is about water."

The Hon. John Barrasso (R-WY), U.S. Senator



"Water policy is not for the faint of heart. Water policy differences are frequently not partisan, they are typically more geographic and regional. It's critical we get it right. That's why I depend on Western farmers, ranchers, and landowners and everyone here today to show Washington how to preserve and protect this most critical of our natural resources."

"There's no question that pressure from the lower basin states is going to continue to grow as the population grows. It's gonna take continued engagement from folks like you to find the solutions to protect the water today, tomorrow, and well into the future."

Tanya Trujillo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, U.S. Department of Interior

"We will have to think creatively and make compromises. We no doubt have to work through several unresolved issues early in each of the States that we will be working with. In many cases there are exacerbated situations that we see from day to day. It will take time but we have a great group ready to roll up our sleeves and hit the ground running."



Pat O'Toole - Closing Remarks

"More than ever, the participation of the Family Farm Alliance members is critically important. We have a list of priorities that we will be sending out that address establishing relationships with the new Administration, climate change, water supply, and storage in the face of warmer cycles."

Every panelist offered valuable insight, but for brevity's sake we highlighted the words above. We encourage you to go back and listen to anything you may have missed. You won't be disappointed!

***Many thanks to all who
participated in this year's
conference!***

CORRESPONDENCE LIST
MARCH 2021

1. Meeting notice and agenda received February 12, 2021 from Santa Ynez Community Services District Board of Directors meeting February 17, 2021
2. Meeting notice and agenda received February 16, 2021 from Central Coast Water Authority regarding Special Board of Directors meeting on February 17, 2021
3. Press Release received February 17, 2021 from Santa Barbara Public Health Department regarding vaccine delivery delayed due to severe weather
4. Letter from District dated February 17, 2021 to Mr. B. Marchi, regarding Can and Will Serve letter, new detached additional dwelling unit; Baseline Avenue - APN 137-030-037
5. Letter from District dated February 17, 2021 to Ms. L. Newman, regarding existing water service letter - coffee shop conversion; San Marcos Avenue, APN 135-133-026
6. Submittal sent from District February 18, 2021 to Bank of New York regarding COMB Series 2004A - SYRWCD, ID No.1 Continuing Annual Disclosure information
7. Meeting notice and agenda received February 25, 2021 from Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding Santa Barbara LAFCO Meeting, March 4, 2021
8. Letter from District dated February 26, 2021 to Mr. D. Pollock, regarding water service requirement letter - Forfriends Inn - six new cottage units and private fire protection; Sagunto Street - APN 143-330-039
9. Letter from District dated February 26, 2021 to State Water Resources Control Board regarding Annual Report for 2020 - Monitoring and Reporting Program for WDID- SYRWCD, ID No.1
10. Letter received March 1, 2021 from District customer Mr. Ward, regarding request to downsize meter
11. Email from District dated March 2, 2021 to California State Controller's Office - submittal of 2020 Government Compensation Report
12. Letter from District March 2, 2021 to Mr. S. Gildred regarding existing water service letter - pool cabana conversion to additional dwelling unit; Quail Valley Road - APN 137-390-023
13. Letter from District dated March 2, 2021 to Mr. Testa regarding water service requirements letter for new commercial vineyard and agriculture water service; Dove Meadow Road - APN 137-650-003
14. Letter from District dated March 3, 2021 to Mr. & Mrs. S. Conroy regarding superseding Can and Will Serve letter - conversion of existing structures to additional dwelling unit and farm employee dwelling with private fire protection; Still Meadow Road - APN 137-030-004
15. Notice and agenda received March 5, 2021 from Central Coast Water Authority regarding Operating Committee meeting March 11, 2021

16. Meeting notice and agenda received March 5, 2021 from Santa Ynez Community Services District regarding special meeting March 10, 2021
17. Letter from District dated March 5, 2021 to City of Solvang regarding 1st quarter 2021-22 DWR/CCWA variable O&M invoice
18. Letter from District dated March 9, 2021 to Mr. Jackson regarding backflow prevention device for Via La Selva
19. Notice received March 8, 2021 from County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development regarding resident/occupant notification for filming at N. Refugio Road
20. Letter received March 9, 2021 from Iron Mountain regarding Iron Mountain updated pricing schedule effective April 1, 2021
21. Letter from District dated March 9, 2021 to Mr. Lawrence regarding request for water rate reclassification; Baseline Avenue - APN 141-420-010
22. Letter from District dated March 9, 2021 to Mr. Ward regarding meter downsize request; Rancho Santa Ynez Road - APN 137-081-017