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DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and
the Board of Directors thereof



AGENDA

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**January 22, 2026
7:30 a.m.**

**BOARDROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE
24251 LOS ALISOS BLVD., LAKE FOREST, CA 92630**

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Freshley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice President Havens

ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board at this time or they may reserve this opportunity with regard to an item on the agenda, until said item is discussed by the Board. Comments on other items will be heard at the time set aside for "COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS." The public may identify themselves when called on and limit their comments to three minutes.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize items which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present.)

1. **Consider Board Member's Request for Remote Participation (AB 2449)**

2. **Presentation of Awards, Recognitions, Certifications and Introductions**

a. **Service Awards**

Mr. Cafferty will recognize and congratulate Eric Wilson, Sr. Mechanic, for 25 years of service.

3. **Consent Calendar**

(All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item)

a. Consider approving the minutes of the December 18, 2025 Board meeting

Recommended Action: The Board will consider approving the above Consent Calendar.

4. **Director Reports for Meetings Attended** (Oral Report)

GENERAL MANAGER ACTION ITEMS

5. **Proposed Amendments to ISDOC Bylaws** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on proposed revisions to the Independent Special District of Orange County (ISDOC) Bylaws.

Recommended Action: The Board of Directors will consider casting a ballot in favor of the proposed Bylaw revisions as recommended by the ISDOC Executive Committee.

6. **Resolution No. 26-1-3 Third Amendment to the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will comment on a proposed amendment that provides updates and modifications to the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 26-1-3 adopting the Third Amendment to the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING
THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

7. **Resolution No. 26-1-4 Modifying Standing and External Organization Board and Staff Assignments for Calendar Year 2026** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on Resolution No. 26-1-4 modifying Standing and External Organization Board and Staff Assignments for calendar year 2026.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend approval of Resolution No. 26-1-4 modifying Standing and External Organization Board and Staff Assignments for calendar year 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-4

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
MODIFYING STANDING AND EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION
BOARD AND STAFF ASSIGNMENTS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

GENERAL MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

8. **El Toro Water District Operations Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the El Toro Water District Operations Report.

9. **General Manager's Monthly Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the General Manager's Monthly Report.

10. **Legislative Reports** (Reference Material Included)
Staff and General Counsel will review and comment on the Legislative reports.
11. **Public Education and Outreach Report** (Reference Material Included)
Staff will review and comment on the Public Education and Outreach report.
12. **Water Use Efficiency Report** (Reference Material Included)
Staff will review and comment on the Water Use Efficiency Report.
13. **SOCWA Report** (Reference Material Included)
 - a. SOCWA Board Meeting – January 8, 2026
 - b. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting – January 20, 2026
 - c. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting – January 22, 2026
14. **Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Report** (Reference Material Included)
 - a. MWDOC Planning/Operations Meeting – January 5, 2026
 - b. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop – January 7, 2026
 - c. MWDOC Admin/Finance Meeting – January 14, 2026
 - d. MWDOC Board Meeting – January 21, 2026
15. **Local Agency Formation Commission Report** (Reference Material Included)
Report on the January 14, 2026 LAFCO meeting
16. **ISDOC Meetings Report** (Reference Material Included)
Report on the January 6, 2026 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.
17. **WACO Meeting Report** (Reference Material Included)
Report on the January 9, 2026 WACO Meeting

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

18. **Dates to Remember for January/February** (Reference Material Included)

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

At this time the Board will go into Closed Session as follows:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2) to consult with legal counsel and staff – Anticipated Litigation.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (4) to consult with legal counsel and staff- Potential Initiation of Litigation. (one matter)

REGULAR SESSION

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (Legal Counsel)

Mr. Granito will provide an oral report on the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The agenda material for this meeting is available to the public at the District's Administrative Office, which is located at 24251 Los Alisos Blvd., Lake Forest, CA. 92630. If any additional material related to an open session agenda item is distributed to all or a majority of the board of directors after this agenda is posted, such material will be made available for immediate public inspection at the same location.

Request for Disability-Related Modifications or Accommodations

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

December 18, 2025

President Gaskins called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the EL TORO WATER DISTRICT to order at 7:30 a.m.

Director McClean led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Directors MARK MONIN, MIKE GASKINS, KAY HAVENS, KATHRYN FRESHLEY, and WYATT McCLEAN participated.

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, JUDY CIMORELL, Director of Human Resources, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs Manager, VU CHU, Water Resources Supervisor, VICKI TANIOUS, Senior Accountant, PAUL MESMER, ISDOC, DOUGLASS DAVERT, OC LAFCO, JAMES FISLER, Mesa Water District, STACY TAYLOR, Mesa Water District, PETER DORSCH, Venture Strategic, MIKE G. (Zoom), Member of the Public, and MARISOL MELENDEZ, Recording Secretary.

Determination of a Quorum

Five Board members were present for the meeting. Therefore, a Quorum was determined.

Oral Communications/Public Comments

Mr. Fisler, representing Mesa Water District and serving as a Commissioner for OC LAFCO, introduced himself and explained that *The Special District's Dialogue* is a quarterly email publication that provides updates relevant to special districts.

Mr. Davert introduced himself as Assistant General manager of Yorba Linda Water District, a Director of East Orange County Water District, and a Commissioner for OC LAFCO. He stated that he hopes to continue serving as a resource for special districts with the upcoming election of commissioners.

Mr. Mesmer of ISDOC provided an overview of the organization and invited input on opportunities to improve collaboration, advocacy, and networking.

Ms. Taylor of Mesa Water District thanked everyone for their time.

At approximately 7:40 a.m., Mr. Davert, Mr. Fisler, Mr. Mesmer, Ms. Taylor, and Mr. Dorsch left the meeting.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

President Gaskins asked if there were any items received too late to be agendized. Mr. Cafferty replied no.

Presentation of Awards, Recognitions, Certifications and Introductions

Mr. Cafferty recognized and congratulated Mr. Hopkins and Ms. Tanious for their years of service with the District.

Ms. Tanious left the meeting at approximately 7:53 a.m.

Consent Calendar

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director McClean made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Havens	aye
Director Monin	aye
Vice President Freshley	aye
President Gaskins	aye

Directors Reports for Meetings Attended

Director Havens stated that she attended the MWDOC P&O meeting, the ACWA Conference, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the Santiago Aqueduct Commission meeting, the WACO meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, and the District's regular Board meeting.

Vice President Freshley stated that she attended both ETWD's regular Board meetings, the RRC meeting, the ACWA Fall Conference, the SOCWA Board meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, and the President/VP/GM meeting.

Director McClean stated that he attended the ACWA Conference, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the District's regular Board meeting, the WACO meeting, and the MWDOC P&O meeting,

Director Monin stated that he attended the District's Board meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the WACO meeting, the WACO Planning meeting, the ISDOC meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the ISDOC Executive meeting, and the MWDOC P&O meeting.

President Gaskins stated that he attended the ACWA Conference, the WACO meeting, the RRC meeting, the SOCWA Board meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the District's Board meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, and will be attending the the President/VP/GM meeting.

General Manager Action Items

Administrative Code Update – Section 2090 – Committees of the Board

Mr. Cafferty stated that at the November Board meeting, the Board approved the 2026 meeting schedule, which removed the Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting as an assigned committee. This change aligns the schedule with Administrative Code section 2090. Mr. Cafferty confirmed that Board members may still attend CAG meetings as compensable meetings.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to approve the amendments to Section 2090 of the El Toro Water District Administrative Code.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Havens	aye
Director Monin	aye
Vice President Freshley	aye
President Gaskins	aye

Resolution No. 25-12-1 Revised Board and Committee Meetings Schedule

Mr. Cafferty stated that the RRC meeting schedule was revised to align with changes recently approved by the SOCWA Board. He further explained that although CAG is no longer a standing committee, it is often attended and participated in by all five Board members. To ensure compliance with Brown Act requirements, the CAG meeting will be listed as a regular Board meeting. CAG operations won't be affected. However, this change will allow flexibility to agendize action items when necessary.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Freshley to adopt Resolution No. 25-12-1, which adopts the revised District's schedule of Board and Committee meetings for the 2026 calendar year.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Havens	aye
Director Monin	aye
Vice President Freshley	aye
President Gaskins	aye

General Manager Information Items

General Manager's Monthly Report

Vice President Freshley commented on the low level of uncollectible accounts. Mr. Sharma explained that the Springbrook software transition caused delays in the aging accounts process and stated that staff is currently in the process of sending uncollectible accounts to the collection agency.

Public Education and Outreach Report

Ms. Seitz reported that Vice President Freshley will be the next guest on TV-6 in January. She noted that the Winter newsletter was recently distributed and provided an overview of recent and upcoming community events in which staff has participated.

Water Loss Audit

Mr. Chu reported that for the calendar year 2024, the District delivered approximately 6,386 acre-feet (AF) of water, with 6,076 AF recorded as authorized consumption, resulting in a total system loss of approximately 311 AF. Of this amount, approximately 61 AF were attributed to apparent losses, and approximately 250 AF were classified as real losses. Real losses equated to approximately 22.4 gallons per connection per day.

Mr. Cafferty added that these figures compare total water purchased by the District to total water sold. He noted that water loss is a calculated metric and that water meters are inherently inexact, with accuracy varying based on flow rates. He further stated that total water loss is less than five percent when compared to total water purchased, which is below the industry standard. The real loss standard is 24.3 gallons per connection per day, placing the District below the standard. Staff is taking proactive steps to maintain compliance and continue reducing water losses.

Water Use Efficiency Report

Mr. Chu reported that November water usage decreased due to rainfall, with total potable demand declining by approximately 15% compared to November 2024. As a result, year-to-date usage is down approximately 5% compared to the same billing period in the prior fiscal year. He also noted that recycled water usage decreased.

SOCWA Reports

Vice President Freshley reported that most of the discussion pertained to the Latham and Coastal Treatment Plants, which do not involve the District. She also noted that, as previously mentioned, the Board discussed defining the distinction between public notice and advertising, with policy approval still pending.

Santiago Aqueduct Commission Quarterly Meeting

Director Havens reported a recently completed audit identified a significant risk between SAC and IRWD related to a pipeline administration. She also reported that the Irvine Company is funding the relocation of the pipeline for a residential project currently underway.

MWDOC

Mr. Cafferty discussed SB 707 and its potential impacts on the District with the changes going into effect on January 1, 2026. He explained that the District does not meet the definition of an eligible legislative body under SB 707. Some amendments to the Ralph M. Brown Act do not apply to the District, while others apply to all legislative bodies. These changes include provisions related to teleconferencing, disability accommodations, and the requirement to provide copies of the Brown Act to each member of a legislative body. Mr. Cafferty also noted that SB 827 requires local agency officials to complete financial training every two years.

SOCAG

There were no comments.

LAFCO

There were no comments.

ISDOC

Director Monin reported that the committee discussed a potential Form 700 Workshop.

WACO

Director Monin reported that he received updates from the OCFA.

Election of Officers

Office of President

Mr. Cafferty stated that according to the District's Bylaws, the Vice President automatically ascends to the position of President. Therefore, Vice President Freshley will succeed to the role of President effective January 1, 2026.

Election of Vice President

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: President Gaskins made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to elect Director Havens for the position of Vice President of the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Havens	aye
Director Monin	aye
Vice President Freshley	aye
President Gaskins	aye

Ratification of Existing Officer Appointments

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Freshley to ratify the existing appointments for the offices of Dennis Cafferty as Secretary, Judy Cimorell as Assistant Secretary, and Vishav Sharma as Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Havens	aye
Director Monin	aye
Vice President Freshley	aye
President Gaskins	aye

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for December 2025/January 2026

There were no comments.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Cafferty informed everyone that Brian Parker was recently appointed as MNWD's new Board Member.

Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that on December 8, 2025, the California Court of Appeals issued a very favorable decision in Dreher v. City of Los Angeles affirming the City's budgeted-based tiered water rates. In doing so, the Court rejected Patz v. City of San Diego's strict interpretation of Proposition 218 in several key respects. Mr. Granito stated that the important key findings are reported in the December 11, 2025 Bulletin of COLANTUONO HIGHSMITH WHATLEY, PC.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARISOL MELENDEZ
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

KATHRYN FRESHLEY, President of
the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof

DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and
the Board of Directors thereof



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: ISDOC Bylaws

The Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) is conducting a vote of regular special district members on proposed changes to the ISDOC bylaws. The bylaws amendments, as described in the attached ISDOC Memo and highlighted in yellow in the attached Bylaws document, include three basic items:

1. Addition to Section VI of Article II – Liability of Members; No Authority

Makes a minor grammatical correction that was missing during the last bylaws update.

2. Addition to Section III (B) of Article III - Officers And Duties

Includes proposed language that makes an exception for the Secretary position to allow for a *staff member or* elected/appointed official of a Regular Member District to serve as Secretary.

3. Addition to Section II of Article IV – Executive Committee

The proposed updated language allows for virtual meetings of the Executive Committee.

Recommended Action:

The Board of Directors will consider casting a ballot in favor of the proposed Bylaw revisions as recommended by the ISDOC Executive Committee.

Attachments:

- ISDOC Memo
- ISDOC Bylaws
- ISDOC Ballot



DATE: January 8, 2026
TO: ISDOC Members
FROM: Robert R. McVicker, President, ISDOC Executive Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to ISDOC Bylaws

ISDOC is conducting a vote of regular special district members on proposed changes to the bylaws. The primary purpose of the bylaw amendments is to add language allowing for a staff member of a Regular Member District to serve in the position of Secretary. They were discussed at the Executive Committee meetings in June, October, and November 2025. Upon a motion and a second, the Executive Committee has unanimously approved the revisions and authorized a vote of the membership.

A ballot has been included with this memo, along with a copy of the proposed amended bylaws highlighted in yellow. Each regular member in good standing is entitled to one vote. **The ballot must be signed by the presiding officer of the special district or an alternate designated by official action of the district. Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026; the results will be announced via email and at the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon on Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Addition to Section VI of Article II
Minor grammatical correction that was missing during the last bylaws update
2. Addition to Section III (B) of Article III
Officers: Proposed language makes an exception for the Secretary position to allow for a *staff member or elected/appointed official* of a Regular Member District
3. Addition to Section II of Article IV
Executive Committee Meetings: Updates language to allow for virtual meetings

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert R. McVicker, President
ISDOC Executive Committee

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS
OF
ORANGE COUNTY

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

Proposed January 6, 2026

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I GENERAL

SECTION I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be **INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY**, herein referred to as **the Organization**.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Organization is to advance the interests of Orange County special districts through its advocacy of sound public policy, its facilitation of educational opportunities to enhance special district governance and the services provided, and its collaboration with others to elevate awareness of the role special districts play as the form of government closest and most directly accountable to the people. The purpose of the Organization shall not include any duties or responsibilities held by the Orange County Special Districts Selection Committee, which is a separate and unrelated entity from the Organization. Furthermore, these Bylaws shall have no effect on, and are independent and distinct from, the Bylaws of the Orange County Special District Selection Committee. This Organization will not engage in activities for the pecuniary gain or profit of the members.

SECTION III. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

The administrative office for the transaction of the business of the Organization is located at the Municipal Water District of Orange County. All official documents (agendas, minutes, voted ballots, voting authorization and financial records) of the Organization shall be maintained and stored at the administrative office. The Board of Directors is granted full power and authority to change the administrative office from one location to any place within the County of Orange, State of California, and such change shall not be considered an amendment of these bylaws.

SECTION IV. UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

The Organization is an unincorporated association within the meaning of Part 1 of Title 3 of the California Corporations Code and shall have all of the powers and authority of an unincorporated association as set forth therein.

SECTION V. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

One or more members may agree to provide administrative services on behalf of Organization, but except as expressly set forth in writing, such member or members will not be entitled to compensation for such services, nor will such member or members be deemed to have assumed any obligation of the Organization.

SECTION VI. LIMITATION

Notwithstanding any of powers enumerated herein or in the California Corporations Code, this Organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this organization as set forth in Section II.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. There shall be two categories of membership in the Organization:

1. **REGULAR MEMBERS:** Shall be **INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS** that are public agencies within the County of Orange, State of California, for the local performance of governmental proprietary functions within limited boundaries, governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors or those officials appointed, in whole or in part, by another governmental body. Independent Special Districts do not include the State, the county, cities, or school districts.

Independent Special Districts shall be further defined in accordance with California Government Code Section 56044: *“Independent district” or “independent special district” includes any special district having a*

legislative body all of whose members are elected by registered voters or landowners within the district, or whose members are appointed to fixed terms, and excludes any special district having a legislative body consisting, in whole or in part, of ex officio members who are officers of a county or another local agency or who are appointees of those officers other than those who are appointed to fixed terms. "Independent special district" does not include any district excluded from the definition of district contained in Sections 56036 and 56036.6.

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Shall be those persons, organizations, or governmental entities that have evidenced interest in the purposes and goals of the Organization, but are not Independent Special Districts. Officers or members of an Independent Special District are ineligible to be an Associate Member.

B. APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP: The Executive Committee shall review and approve all applications for membership, provided that the applicant meets the established membership criteria.

SECTION II. VOTING RIGHTS

A. Each Regular Member district, in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the membership for a vote. The presiding officer of the governing body of each Regular Member district shall be recognized by the Organization as the voting representative for his/her district. Each district shall designate in writing and submit to the Organization's Secretary one alternate governing board member who shall have the right to vote in the absence of the presiding officer.

B. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, authorize the voting upon any issue by written ballot which shall be sent via U.S. mail and email to each Regular Member district or by electronic distribution/email. Such authorization shall specify the time, date and method by which the completed written ballots must be received by the Organization.

C. A majority vote of all members present at a meeting or of all written ballots received by the submission deadline shall be necessary to carry any matter voted upon.

D. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote on any matter before the Organization.

SECTION III. ANNUAL DUES

A. Annual dues shall be due and payable on or before the first day of January of each year. New members shall pay their annual dues at the time they are approved for membership in the Organization. New member dues for the initial year shall not be pro-rated.

B. The dues of the Organization shall be reviewed and set by the Executive Committee for Regular Members and Associate Members. Associate Member dues need not be the same as dues for Regular Members. A minimum of two months' notice of changes in dues will be provided to the membership.

C. No assessments, other than annual dues, shall be levied on the members of the association without an affirmative majority vote of the membership.

SECTION IV. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A. Any member in arrears in the payment of dues for a period of thirty (30) days after said dues are due and payable shall be notified in writing by the Treasurer of such arrearage, and, if such dues shall continue unpaid for a period of another thirty (30) days, such member shall automatically cease to be a member of the Organization.

B. Any member that voluntarily terminates membership in the Organization shall not be eligible for a refund of membership dues or other assessment already paid to the Organization.

SECTION V. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Regular and Associate memberships that were previously terminated may be reinstated after the Executive Committee receives a written petition for reinstatement and payment of the petitioner's annual membership dues and other assessments for the current calendar year have been received by the Organization.

SECTION VI. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS; NO AUTHORITY

No member will be liable for the obligations, debts or liabilities of the Organization unless such member has expressly assumed such liability in writing. No member will have the authority to enter into any obligation, debt or liability on behalf of the Organization unless approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I. NUMBER AND TERM OF OFFICE

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the presiding officer from each Regular Member district, in good standing. If the presiding officer is not present, then that district's alternate representative shall act in his/her stead.

B. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve until replaced by another governing board member as the presiding officer of his/her district. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the new presiding officer of the District from which the vacancy occurred.

SECTION II. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors shall set policy for the Organization.

B. The Board of Directors shall elect, at or before its final meeting in even years, a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall serve for two-year terms.

C. These officers, along with the Immediate Past President, shall be designated as the Executive Committee.

D. The Executive Committee shall be elected following a notice of position availability and solicitation for nominations. At the end of the nominating period, if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected. If two or more candidates are nominated, the Secretary shall prepare and deliver one ballot and voting instructions to each eligible district. The ballot shall include the names of all

nominees and the office for which each was nominated. Each presiding officer, or his or her alternate as designated by the governing body, shall return the ballot to the Secretary by the date specified in the voting instructions.

E. With the exception of the immediate past president, if a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the Committee shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy. A person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

F. If the vacancy is in the offices of President or Vice President, the Executive Committee may, prior to an election to fill the vacancy, move current officers into vacant positions, and proceed then to fill the resulting vacant position in accordance with Section E above.

SECTION III OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A. The Executive Committee shall assist the Board of Directors in setting and implementing policy, and conducting the business of the Organization, as noted in the bylaws or approved at a General Membership Meeting or a Special Meeting of the membership. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Organization. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the general membership.

The President shall appoint all committees.

The President shall represent the Organization as its official spokesperson and he/she shall also have the authority to delegate such responsibility, with approval of the Executive Committee.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.

2. **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** The First Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President, shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting, he/she shall have the

powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

The First Vice President shall be the Chair of the Program Committee.

3. **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** The Second Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President and First Vice President, shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

The Second Vice President shall be Chair of the Membership Committee.

4. **THIRD VICE PRESIDENT:** The Third Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

The Third Vice President shall be Chair of the Legislative Committee.

5. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary or his/her designee shall be responsible for all correspondence and the dissemination of information to members. All official correspondence to the members will be approved in advance by the President or the President's designee.
6. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall maintain the complete financial records and, establish and maintain bank accounts in the name of the Organization, and pay all bills duly approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the yearly budget.

There shall be an annual audit of the books of the Treasurer by a competent accountant or accounting agency, designated by the Executive Committee, with a report to be presented to the membership at the Organization's next membership meeting.

7. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: The Immediate Past President shall serve as a voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

B. All officers of the Organization shall be elected or appointed officials of a Regular Member district, except the Secretary, who may or may not be an elected official of a Regular Member district.

C. Officials who wish to seek election or appointment as an officer of the Organization shall first secure from his/her district an official endorsement of his/her candidacy in the form of a board resolution.

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ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

SECTION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly or no less than three times per calendar year. The last meeting of the calendar year shall be designated as the ANNUAL MEETING of the Organization.

B. The Organization shall disseminate notices of Board Meetings at least thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting. Said notices shall be disseminated via email to all Regular and Associate Members. The Notice shall give the date, time, location and any action items for the meeting.

C. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, any ten (10) Members of the Board of Directors or by a majority of the Executive Committee. The Organization shall disseminate notices of the Special Meeting at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Said notice shall give the date, time, location, and the subject matter of the Special Meeting. Action may only be taken on matters listed on the Special Meeting notice.

D. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in Orange County.

E. No action shall be taken unless a quorum has first been established. A quorum shall be established when the designated representatives of fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Members are present at a duly noticed Regular or Special Meeting of the Organization, or, if a vote has been authorized by written ballot, a quorum shall be established only when the designated representatives of fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Members have submitted a ballot in the manner and by the deadline authorized by the Executive Committee.

SECTION II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly at the Municipal Water District of Orange County, or be held on a virtual platform, at a time specified by the President and announced in the meeting notice. The monthly meeting may be cancelled by the President if he/she determines that there is not sufficient business to justify a meeting.

B. A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee, with five (5) business days advance notice given in writing via email by the Organization. Such notice shall state the date, time, location and agenda for the Special Meeting.

C. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall take place in Orange County.

D. A quorum shall be established by 50% of the then-filled Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the Board of Directors present at a duly noticed membership meeting or, if a vote has been authorized by written ballot, by the combined majority vote of the designated representatives

present and submitting a written ballot. All proposed amendments shall be disseminated via U.S. Mail and email to each Regular Member district no less than thirty (30) days prior to the membership meeting.

ARTICLE VI ENACTMENT OF AMENDMENTS

These Amended and Restated Bylaws are to take effect immediately upon approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All matters not covered under these Bylaws shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

Amended and Restated Bylaws

The Question

Does your special district, as member in good standing, approve or disapprove of the amended and restated bylaws recommended by the Executive Committee on November 4, 2025.

CAST YOUR VOTE

Please cast your vote by checking one box below.

_____ **Yes, we approve the amended and restated ISDOC bylaws, as recommended by the Executive Committee**

_____ **No, we do not approve the proposed amended and restated bylaws**

DISTRICT NAME

NAME AND TITLE OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE*

SIGNATURE OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE

* If not the presiding officer, please provide written authorization documenting your ability to vote on behalf of your district.

Please send your completed and executed ballot to Tina Dubuque at either:

- **tdubuque@mwdoc.com**
- **MWDOC: 18700 Ward St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708**

All ballots must be received no later than by 5 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2026.



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: Third Amendment to the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)

The existing Retirement Savings Plan Document allows loans to Participants. The procedures regarding loans as well as the terms and conditions were defined in a separate document that has not been updated in quite some time. Staff recommend the updated loan procedures be incorporated into the Plan Document itself.

The most significant change to the current procedures is the addition of language that allows Participants to maintain up to three concurrent loans. The current procedures only allow for one loan at a time. The maximum loan amount, per IRS requirements is \$50,000. Under the current procedures, a Participant who has an outstanding loan in an amount less than \$50,000 is unable to access the remaining available loan amount without paying off the existing loan. The proposed modification will allow Participants to take out additional loans (up to three at a time) while still requiring that the sum total of the loans not exceed the \$50,000 cap. This change will provide significant benefit to Participants in need of accessing their full loan opportunity.

Staff have conferred with Empower as well as special ERISA counsel in the development of the updated loan procedures.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 26-1-3 adopting the Third Amendment to the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING
THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-3

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING
THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

WHEREAS, the El Toro Water District (the “Employer”) sponsors the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan, which was originally effective September 12, 1983; and

WHEREAS, the El Toro Water District Board adopted a Restatement of the Retirement Savings Plan on December 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan was amended effective March 28, 2024 and June 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Employer deems it advisable to adopt the Third Amendment to the Retirement Savings Plan, effective January 22, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the amending authority set forth in Section 15.1 of the Retirement Savings Plan, the Third Amendment to the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan, as set forth and attached hereto as Exhibit A which is incorporated herein by reference, is adopted effective January 22, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Secretary of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Third Amendment to the Retirement Savings Plan for and on behalf of the Employer and to take such action as may be reasonably necessary to implement the Third Amendment to the Retirement Savings Plan.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of January 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Kathryn Freshley, President
El Toro Water District and of the
Board of Directors thereof

DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
El Toro Water District and of the
Board of Directors there of

EXHIBIT A

THIRD AMENDMENT

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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TO
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
(Amended and Restated Effective as of December 14, 2020)**

WHEREAS, El Toro Water District (the “Employer”) sponsors the El Toro Water District Retirement Savings Plan (Amended and Restated Effective as of December 14, 2020) (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Employer, pursuant to Section 15.1 of the Plan, is authorized to amend the Plan at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Employer wishes to amend the Plan, effective as of January 22, 2026, to define the policies and procedures associated with Participant loans.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority in Section 15.1 of the Plan, the Employer hereby amends the Plan as follows:

1. ARTICLE XII is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII

LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS

12.1 Requirements and Application.

The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, make loans to Participants which will constitute an individual investment of the Accounts of the Participant to whom such loan is made by the Plan. Loans must be made in accordance with the specific provisions and procedures regarding such loans as specified herein. Each loan shall comply with the following:

- (A) loans shall be made available to all Participants on a reasonably equivalent basis;
- (B) loans shall not be made available to highly compensated employees in an amount greater than the amount made available to other Participants;
- (C) loans shall bear a reasonable rate of interest;
- (D) loans shall be adequately secured; and
- (E) loans shall provide for periodic repayment over a reasonable period of time.

12.2 Prohibited Transaction.

Loans shall not be made if such loan would be a prohibited transaction pursuant to Code Section 4975.

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An assignment or pledge of any portion of a Participant's interest in the Plan and a loan, pledge, or assignment with respect to any insurance contract purchased under the Plan, shall be treated as a loan under this Section.

12.4 Loan Procedure Requirements.

All Participant loans shall be in accordance with the following loan procedures.

- (A) Responsibility for the Participant Loan Program. All discretionary decisions concerning Participant's loans shall be made by the Administrator. All questions about the program or any request for a Loan should be directed to the Administrator.
- (B) Application Procedure. Any active Participant who has a vested benefit under the Plan and who is, as described below, eligible for a loan may make a request therefore to the Administrator using the loan application form supplied by the Administrator. Alternatively, the active Participant may apply for a loan online at the Plan's service provider or telephonically with the Plan's service provider. The Administrator will generally approve or deny the application for a Participant loan within thirty (30) days, or if later, as soon as administratively possible. The Participant's acceptance of the loan proceeds indicates the Participant's acceptance of the loan terms and provision contained in this section 12.4. If a loan request is denied, the Administrator will notice the Participant in writing.
- (C) Basis for Loan Approval. Generally, a loan request by a Participant which meets the requirements set forth in this Section of the Plan will be approved. However, in determining whether to approve a loan request, the Administrator may consider, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, any reasonable factors which it deems relevant. Normally, any Participant who has defaulted on a previous Participant loan or who has had a previous loan declared to be a deemed distribution on account of failure to timely repay a loan in accordance with its terms will not be eligible for a new loan. In addition, a loan request made during the time a decision concerning a domestic relations order is pending shall be delayed until after such decision is final.
- (D) Types, Amounts and Repayment of Participant Loans.
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 - (iii) A loan may not exceed \$50,000, minus any principal loan amounts borrowed from this Plan or any other plan maintained by the Employer that

were outstanding on the date of the loan, or at any time during the immediately preceding 12-month period (and no loan will be granted if any principal or interest payment, or both, is in default on a prior loan).

- (iv) The amount of the loan, plus interest, will be amortized over the repayment period. This means that payments will be level throughout the repayment period, and each payment will include both principal and interest. The Participant may prepay all or any part of the loan prior to the date it is due.
 - (v) The repayment period shall be for a fixed term of no more than five years. However, if the loan proceeds are used to acquire a principal residence of the Participant, the loan repayment period may be for a period of up to thirty years.
 - (vi) Reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred by the Plan in originating the loan shall be deducted from the loan approved amount.
 - (vii) Source of Funds. The proceeds for a loan will be taken out of the Participant's Accounts under the Plan on a pro-rata basis. The proceeds for the loan will also be taken pro-rata from each of the investment funds in which the Participant's Accounts are invested.
 - (viii) Repayment.
 - (a) Payments are made by payroll deduction and are deducted on an after-tax basis.
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 - (a) Participants may make additional loan payments in advance of their scheduled loan payment due date.
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 - (x) Only active Participants are entitled to maintain Participant loans. This means that if a Participant is not currently employed by the Employer, then he or she is not entitled to continue to maintain their Participant loan.
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- (E) Interest Rate. Interest will be charged on each loan at a commercially reasonable rate.

- (F) Collateral. All loans under the plan will be secured by at least 50% of the Participant's vested benefit under the Plan measured at the time the loan is granted. (All Participant loans will be established as an individually directed investment of the account of the Participant regardless of whether Plan earnings generally are pooled or individually directed).
- (G) Spousal Consent. Spousal consent is required for all Participant loans.
- (H) Default Procedures. Each of the following shall be considered an event of default, the consequences of which are explained below.
 - (i) Any failure to make timely payment of principal and interest, if such failure remains uncorrected on the last day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the failure occurred ("cure period").
 - (ii) Failure for any reason to be currently employed by the employer.
- (I) Consequences of Default.
 - (i) If the default is a failure to make timely payment, the Employer shall give notice to the Participant to correct the default within the cure period. If the Participant fails to make timely correction, then the Employer shall foreclose on the Participant's benefit(s) which secures the loan in accordance with the following:
 - (a) If at the end of the cure period, the Participant is entitled to a distribution from the Plan, either because of termination of employment with the Employer or attainment of a specific age or other distribution event permitted under the terms of the Plan, the unpaid balance of principal and interest of the delinquent loan shall be offset against the Participant's benefit(s) and constitute an in-service distribution.
 - (b) If at the end of the cure period, the Participant has not incurred a distribution event, then the offset procedure set forth above shall not be instituted and no further action shall be taken with respect thereto until the Participant has incurred such distribution event under the terms of the Plan. At that time the Participant's account(s) shall be offset and foreclosure of the loan deemed completed.
 - (ii) If a Participant's loan fails to meet the requirements specified in IRC §72(p), then such loan shall become a deemed distribution. This normally will occur when a Participant's loan is not repaid in accordance with its terms and it is not possible to foreclose on the security as described above. If this occurs, then immediately following the end of the cure period, the outstanding balance of the loan shall become taxable as if it had been distributed, and a Form 1099-R will be issued by the Employer to the participant.
 - (iii) If the default is as the result of termination of employment, then the Participant will be given the opportunity to repay the loan in full. If such

repayment is not forthcoming within a period determined by the Administrator, then the outstanding balance of the loan shall become taxable as if it had been distributed, and a Form 1099-R will be issued by the Employer to the Participant.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Employer has authorized the execution of this Third Amendment, this 22nd day of January, 2026.

By: _____

Kathryn Freshley
President

By: _____

Dennis P. Cafferty
General Manager / Secretary

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THIRD AMENDMENT

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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~~Loans shall not be granted to any Participant that provide for a repayment period extending beyond such Participant's Normal Retirement Date.~~

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~~Loans shall provide for level amortization with payments to be made not less frequently than quarterly over a period not to exceed five (5) years. However, loans used to acquire any dwelling unit which, within a reasonable time, is to be used (determined at the time the loan is made) as a principal residence of the Participant shall provide for periodic repayment over a reasonable period of time that may not exceed thirty (30) years.~~

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~~(A) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan to the contrary, loan repayments will be suspended under this Plan as permitted under Code Section 414(u)(4). the identity of the person or positions authorized to administer the Participant loan program;~~

~~(B) a procedure for applying for loans;~~

~~(C) the basis on which loans will be approved or denied;~~

~~(D) limitations, if any, on the types and amounts of loans offered;~~

~~(E) the procedure under the program for determining a reasonable rate of interest;~~

~~(F) the types of collateral which may secure a Participant loan; and~~

~~(G) (M) the events constituting default and the steps that will be taken to preserve Plan assets.~~

~~12.7 Written Loan Procedure.~~

~~Such Participant loan program shall be contained in a separate written document which, when properly executed, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Plan. Furthermore, such Participant loan program may be modified or amended in writing from time to time without the necessity of amending this Section of the Plan. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan to the contrary, loan repayments will be suspended under this Plan as permitted under Code Section 414(u)(4).~~

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Employer has authorized the execution of this Third Amendment, this 22nd day of January, 2026.

By: _____

Kathryn Freshley
President

By: _____

Dennis P. Cafferty
General Manager / Secretary



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: Board and Staff Assignments

The Board/Staff Member Organizational and Standing Committee Assignments, as recommended by President Freshley, are attached.

- The revised ETWD Committee assignments are indicated by redline revisions.
- The Community Advisory Group has been deleted as a Committee. At the December Board meeting the Board approved the addition of the Community Advisory Group as a Regular Board meeting for calendar year 2026.
- MET Inspection Trips have been added to the list of compensable events and meetings.

Form 806 is a disclosure form required by the Fair Political Practices Commission for government agencies to report additional compensation paid to officials for serving on other boards, committees, or commissions, especially when officials vote on their own appointments. The District is required to post the current version of Form 806 on the District website. The updated Form 806 is attached for reference and will be posted on the District website following approval of the recommended action.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 26-1-4 modifying Standing and External Organization Board and Staff Assignments for calendar year 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-4

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
MODIFYING STANDING AND EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION
BOARD AND STAFF ASSIGNMENTS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
MODIFYING STANDING AND EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION
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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District deems it to be in the best interest of the District to approve the President's appointment of Board Members to Standing Committee assignments; and

WHEREAS, the list of appointments is attached hereto marked Exhibit "A," and made part of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District hereby confirms the Standing and External Organization Board and Staff Assignments as listed in Exhibit "A".

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of January 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Kathryn Freshley, President
El Toro Water District and of the
Board of Directors thereof

ATTEST:

DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
El Toro Water District and of the
Board of Directors thereof

**EXHIBIT A
RESOLUTION 26-1-4**

BOARD/STAFF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONAL AND STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – ~~2025~~2026

<u>ETWD COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
Engineering Committee	Freshley <u>McClean</u>	McClean <u>Freshley</u>	Monthly (Full Board)
Finance & Insurance Committee	Monin	Havens	Monthly (Full Board)
Agenda Review Committee	Gaskins <u>Freshley</u>	Freshley <u>Havens</u>	Monthly
Regional Reclamation Committee (RRC)	Freshley	Gaskins	Monthly
Community Advisory Group (CAG)	Gaskins	Havens	Quarterly

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
SOCWA Board	Freshley	Gaskins	Monthly
SOCWA Executive Committee	Freshley		
SOCWA Finance Committee	Cafferty	Freshley	Monthly
ISDOC Executive Committee	Monin	McClean	Monthly
LAFCO	Freshley	McClean	Monthly
Santiago Aqueduct Commission	Havens	McClean	Quarterly
South OC Agencies Group	Gaskins	Freshley	Bi-Monthly
South OC Watershed Management Area Executive Committee	Havens	Monin	Quarterly

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES THAT MEET ON AN OCCASIONAL OR AS NEEDED BASIS

<u>ETWD COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
Computer Technology	Freshley	Monin	Annual/As Required
Audit Committee	Monin	Freshley	Annual/As Required
Budget Committee	Havens	Gaskins	Annual/As Required
Human Resources Committee	Gaskins	Havens	Annual/As Required
Water Quality Committee	Gaskins	Havens	Annual/As Required
JPIA	Freshley	Gaskins	Semi-Annual
ACWA Energy/ Engineering Committee	Freshley	N/A	As Required
ACWA Water Quality Committee	Gaskins	N/A	As Required
ACWA Water Quality Committee	Havens	N/A	As Required
<u>ACWA Agriculture Committee</u>	<u>McClean</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>As Required</u>
ACWA Membership Committee	Monin	N/A	As Required

DIRECTORS WILL NOT BE COMPENSATED FOR ATTENDING MEETINGS NOT LISTED ABOVE UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR BOARD PRESIDENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF: President/VP/GM Meetings, OCWA Luncheon Meetings, WaterReuse Luncheon Meetings, WACO, CAG, ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon, MET Inspection Trips, MWDOC Quarterly Policy Forum events, MWDOC/Met Directors Workshop, MWDOC Elected Officials Forum, MWDOC Board Meeting, MWDOC Administration & Finance Committee Meeting, MWDOC Planning & Operations Committee Meeting, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting, So Cal Water Committee, South Orange County Economic Coalition, Laguna Woods Village Television appearances, Chamber of Commerce Events in the Chambers for the 5 cities served by the District, City Council meetings in the 5 cities served by the District at which there is an agenda item relevant to the District, Supervisor/Congressional Representative meetings in the areas served by the District.

Agency Report of: Public Official Appointments

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1. Agency Name El Toro Water District Division, Department, or Region <i>(If Applicable)</i> Designated Agency Contact <i>(Name, Title)</i> Marisol Melendez Area Code/Phone Number E-mail 949-837-7050 x 225 dcafferty@etwd.com		California Form 806 For Official Use Only Date Posted: 1/22/2026 <i>(Month, Day, Year)</i>
Page ____ of 3		

2. Appointments

Agency Boards and Commissions	Name of Appointed Person	Appt Date and Length of Term	Per Meeting/Annual Salary/Stipend
See attached Exhibit A	▶ Name <u>Kathryn Freshley</u> <i>(Last, First)</i> Alternate, if any _____ <i>(Last, First)</i>	▶ <u>1 / 22 / 26</u> <i>Appt Date</i> ▶ <u>12 months</u> <i>Length of Term</i>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ <u>240.90</u> ▶ Estimated Annual: ☐ \$0-\$1,000 ☐ \$2,001-\$3,000 ☐ \$1,001-\$2,000 ☒ <u>\$23,000</u> <i>Other</i>
See attached Exhibit A	▶ Name <u>Kay Havens</u> <i>(Last, First)</i> Alternate, if any _____ <i>(Last, First)</i>	▶ <u>1 / 22 / 26</u> <i>Appt Date</i> ▶ <u>12 months</u> <i>Length of Term</i>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ <u>240.90</u> ▶ Estimated Annual: ☐ \$0-\$1,000 ☐ \$2,001-\$3,000 ☐ \$1,001-\$2,000 ☒ <u>\$23,000</u> <i>Other</i>
See attached Exhibit A	▶ Name <u>Mike Gaskins</u> <i>(Last, First)</i> Alternate, if any _____ <i>(Last, First)</i>	▶ <u>1 / 22 / 26</u> <i>Appt Date</i> ▶ <u>12 months</u> <i>Length of Term</i>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ <u>240.90</u> ▶ Estimated Annual: ☐ \$0-\$1,000 ☒ \$2,001-\$3,000 ☐ \$1,001-\$2,000 ☐ <u>\$23,000</u> <i>Other</i>
See attached Exhibit A	▶ Name <u>Mark Monin</u> <i>(Last, First)</i> Alternate, if any _____ <i>(Last, First)</i>	▶ <u>1 / 22 / 26</u> <i>Appt Date</i> ▶ <u>12 months</u> <i>Length of Term</i>	▶ Per Meeting: \$ <u>240.90</u> ▶ Estimated Annual: ☐ \$0-\$1,000 ☒ \$2,001-\$3,000 ☐ \$1,001-\$2,000 ☐ <u>\$23,000</u> <i>Other</i>

3. Verification

I have read and understand FPPC Regulation 18702.5. I have verified that the appointment and information identified above is true to the best of my information and belief.

Dennis Cafferty	General Manager		
Signature of Agency Head or Designee	Print Name	Title	(Month, Day, Year)

Comment: Annual stipend=max. of 10 meetings/month, 8 are appointed mtgs. Actual is based on meetings attended.

**Agency Report of:
Public Official Appointments
Continuation Sheet**

**California
Form 806**

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1. Agency Name

El Toro Water District

Date Posted: 1/22/2026
(Month, Day, Year)

2. Appointments

Agency Boards and Commissions	Name of Appointed Person	Appt Date and Length of Term	Per Meeting/Annual Salary/Stipend
See attached Exhibit A	▶ Name <u>Wyatt McClean</u> (Last, First) Alternate, if any _____ (Last, First)	▶ <u>1 / 22 / 26</u> Appt Date ▶ <u>12 months</u> Length of Term	▶ Per Meeting: \$ <u>240.90</u> ▶ Estimated Annual: ☐ \$0-\$1,000 ☐ \$2,001-\$3,000 ☐ \$1,001-\$2,000 ☐ <u>\$23,000</u> Other
	▶ Name _____ (Last, First) Alternate, if any _____ (Last, First)	▶ ____ / ____ / ____ Appt Date ▶ _____ Length of Term	▶ Per Meeting: \$ _____ ▶ Estimated Annual: ☐ \$0-\$1,000 ☐ \$2,001-\$3,000 ☐ \$1,001-\$2,000 ☐ _____ Other
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Agency Report of: Public Official Appointments

California
Form **806**

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Background

This form is used to report additional compensation that officials receive when appointing themselves to positions on committees, boards, or commissions of another public agency or to a committee or position of the agency of which the public official is a member.

This form is required pursuant to FPPC Regulation 18702.5. Each agency must post on its website a single Form 806 which lists all the paid appointed positions to which an official will vote to appoint themselves. When there is a change in compensation or a new appointment, the Form 806 is updated to reflect the change. The form must be updated promptly as changes occur.

Instructions

This form must be posted prior to a vote (or consent item) to appoint a governing board member if the appointee will participate in the decision and the appointment results in additional compensation to the appointee.

FPPC Regulation 18702.5 provides that as long as the public is informed prior to a vote, an official may vote to hold another position even when the vote results in additional compensation.

Part 1. Agency Identification

Identify the agency name and information on who should be contacted for information.

Part 2. Appointments

Identify the name of the other agency, board or commission. List the name of the official, and an alternate, if any.

List the appointment date and the length of term the agency official will serve. Disclose the stipend provided per meeting and the estimated annual payment. The annual salary is an estimate as it will likely vary depending upon the number of meetings. It is not necessary to revise the estimate at the end of the calendar year.

Part 3. Verification

The agency head or his/her designee must sign the verification.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. When does an agency need to complete the Form 806?

A Form 806 is required when an agency's board members vote to appoint a board member to serve on another governmental agency or position of the agency of which the official is a member and will receive additional compensation.

2. The city council votes to serve as the city's housing authority, a separate entity. Will the Form 806 be required?

If the council members receive additional compensation for serving on the housing authority, the Form 806 is required.

3. Are appointments made by a governing board to appoint one of its members to serve as an officer of that board for additional pay (e.g., mayor) required to be disclosed on Form 806?

No. FPPC Regulation 18702.5(b)(6) exempts from this requirement decisions to fill a position on the body of which the official is a member (such as a councilmember being appointed as mayor) despite an increase in compensation.

4. In determining the income, must the agency include mileage reimbursements, travel payments, health benefits, and other compensation?

No. FPPC Regulation 18702.5 requires only the amount of the stipend or salary to be reported.

5. Which agency must post the Form 806?

The agency that is voting to appoint a public official must post the Form 806 on its website. The agency that the official will serve as a member is not required to post the Form 806. The form is not sent to the FPPC.

6. When must the Form 806 be updated?

The Form 806 should be amended promptly upon any of the following circumstances: (1) the number of scheduled meetings is changed, (2) there is a change in the compensation paid to the members, (3) there is a change in membership on the board or commission, or (4) there is a new appointment to a new agency.

7. If officials choose to recuse themselves from the decision and leave the room when a vote is taken to make an appointment, must the Form 806 be completed?

No. The Form 806 is only required to identify those officials that will vote on an appointment in which the official will also receive additional compensation.

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Operations Report

December 2025

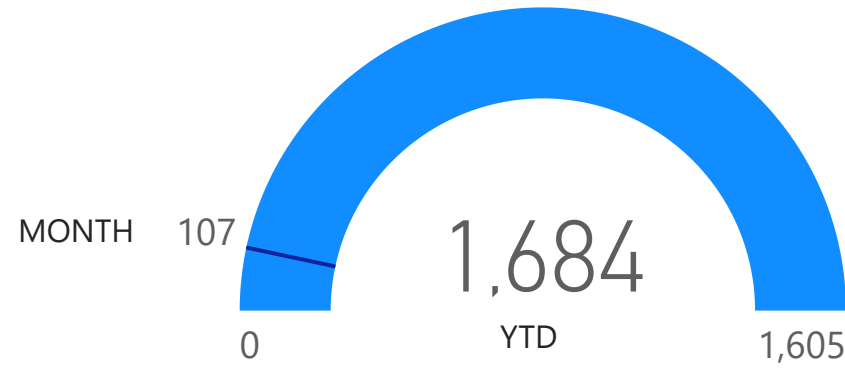
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Valves

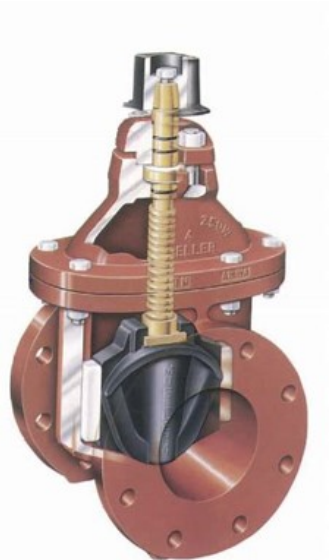
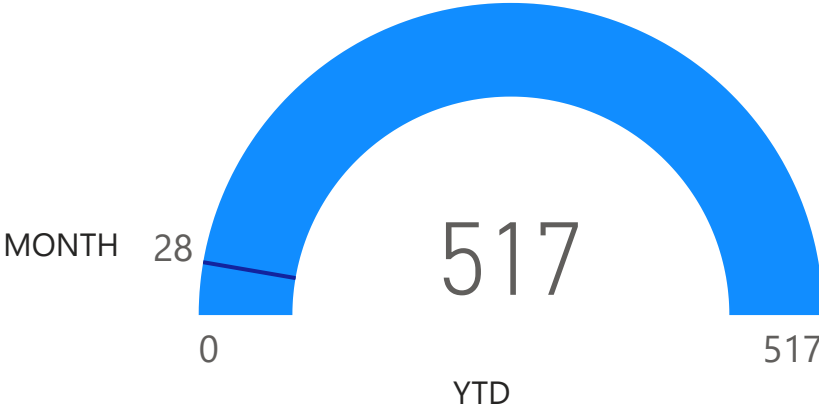
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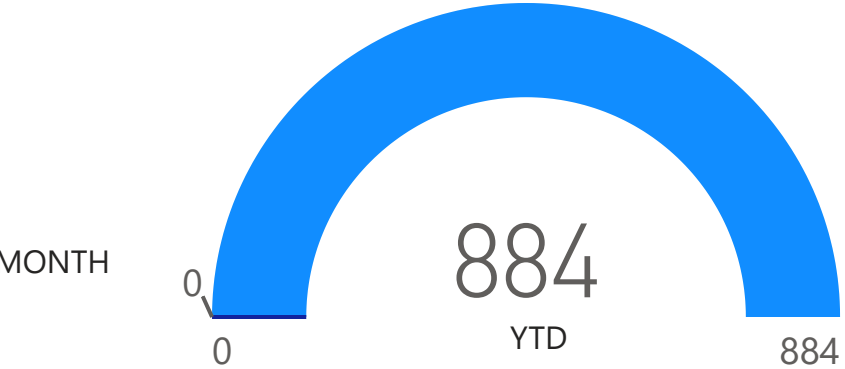
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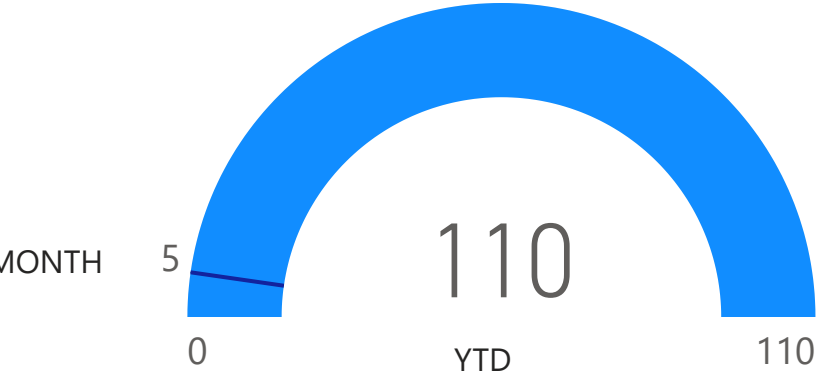
Distribution Valves Operated

Fire Hydrant



Arterial Valves Operated

Fire Hydrant



Asset	Month	YTD
Potable Valves Repaired	0	14
Potable Valves Replaced	1	23
Valve Cans Adjusted/Replaced	10	59
Valve Cans Cleaned	187	3,061
Total	198	3,157

Note:

1. The distribution valve operation program strives to operate all distribution valves (mainline and fire) every two years. Goals shown on this page represent that for the calendar year (i.e., total number of distribution valves divided by two).

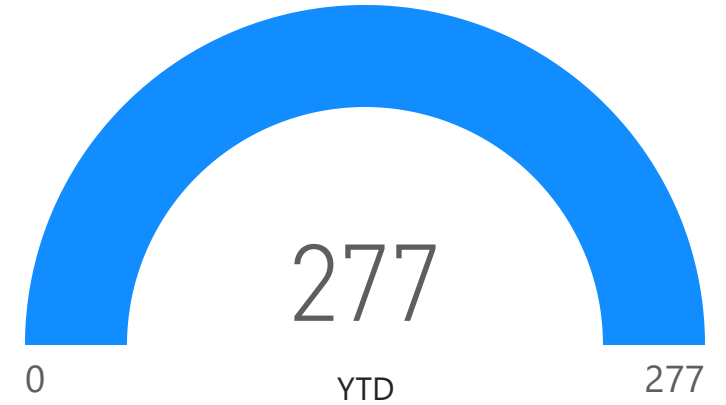
2. The arterial valve operation program strives to operate all arterial valves (mainline and fire) every year. Normally scheduled at the end of the year.

Cross Connection Program

Backflow Assemblies Tested

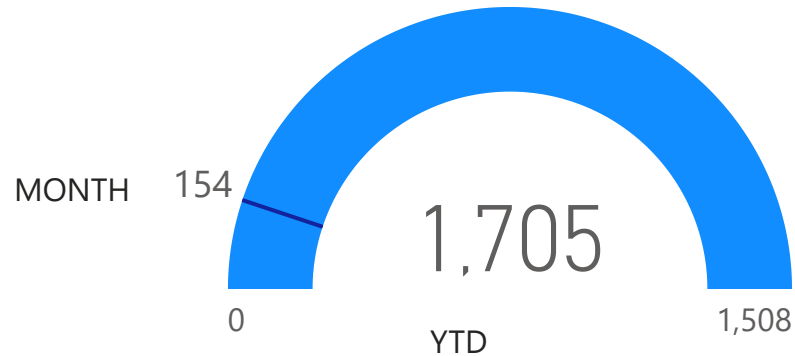


Recycled Water Inspections



Other Facility Maintenance

Generator Inspections



Underground Service Alerts Marked

169
Month

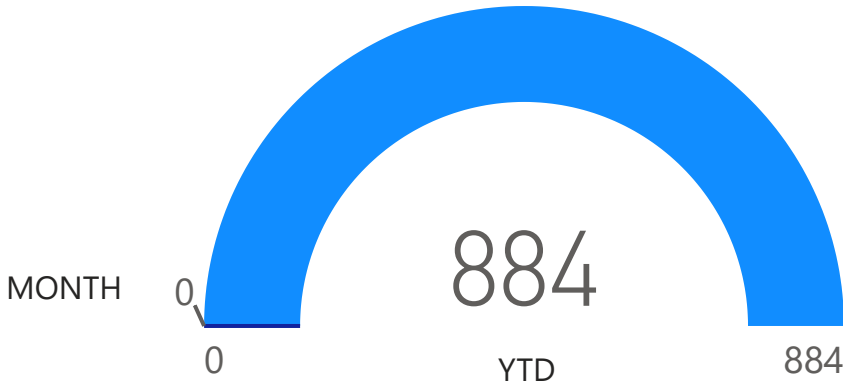
Underground Service Alerts Marked

2,075
YTD

Fire Hydrants



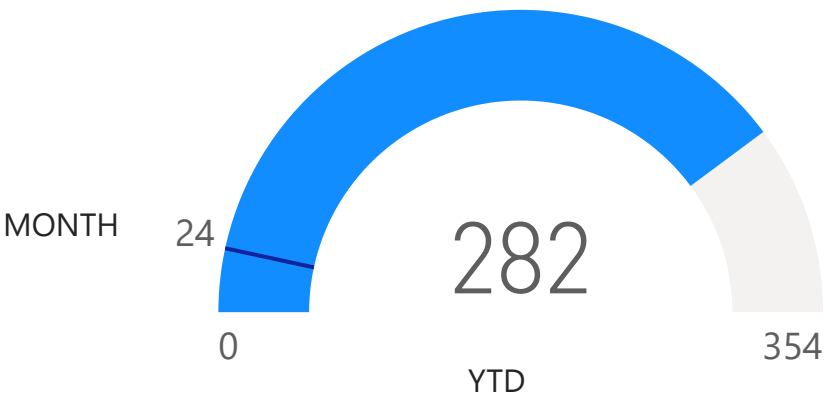
Distribution Hydrants Maintained



Arterial Hydrants Maintained



Distribution Hydrants Painted



Arterial Hydrants Painted



Asset	Month	YTD
Hydrants Repaired	1	12
Hydrants Replaced	0	30
Total	1	42

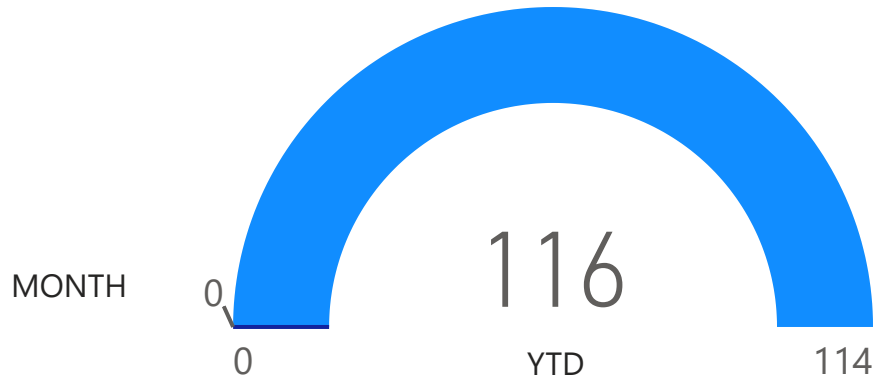
Note:

1. The hydrant program strives to maintain all distribution hydrants every two years and arterial hydrants every year. Goals shown on this page represent that for the calendar year (i.e., total number of distribution hydrants divided by two).

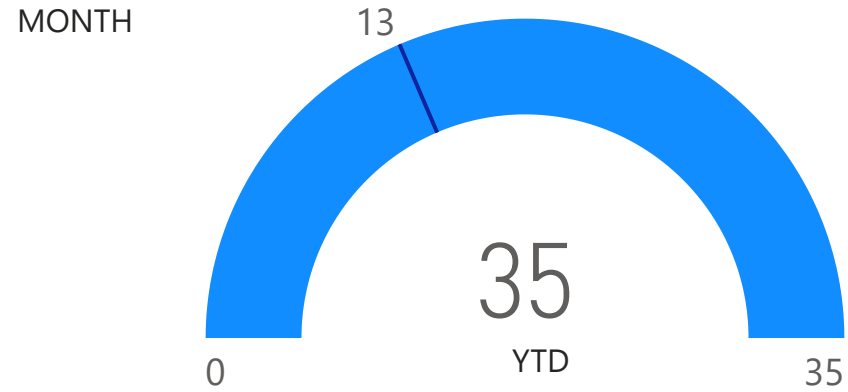
2. The hydrant program strives to paint all hydrants every five years. Goals shown on this page represent that for the calendar year (i.e., total number of hydrants divided by five).

Water Appurtenances

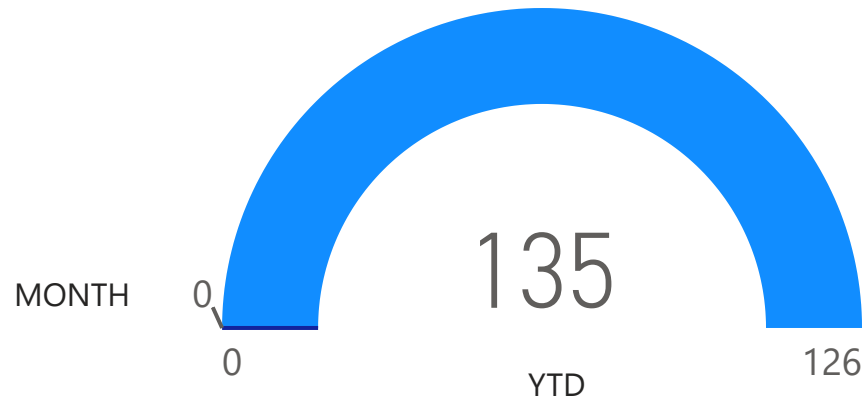
Air Vacs Maintained



PRVs Maintained



Blow Offs Flushed



Water Distribution System

Leak Detection Survey



Asset	Month	YTD
Main Line Repairs	0	5
Service Line Repairs	2	15
Service Line Replacement	2	32
Water Pump Motor Services	0	8
Water Pump Services	0	8
Water Reservoir and Pump Station Inspections	372	1,720



System Flushing
gallons

65K
Month

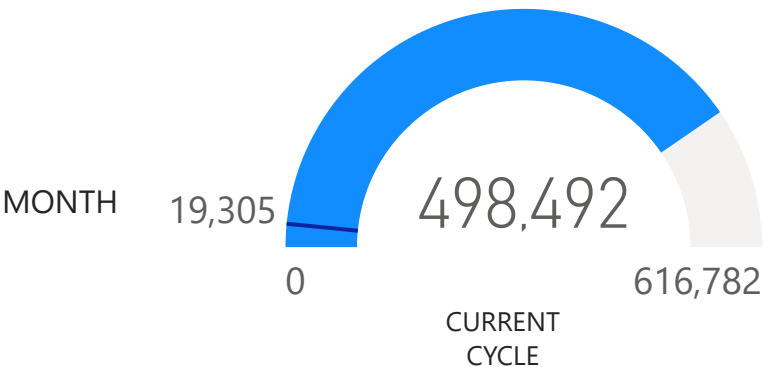


System Flushing
gallons

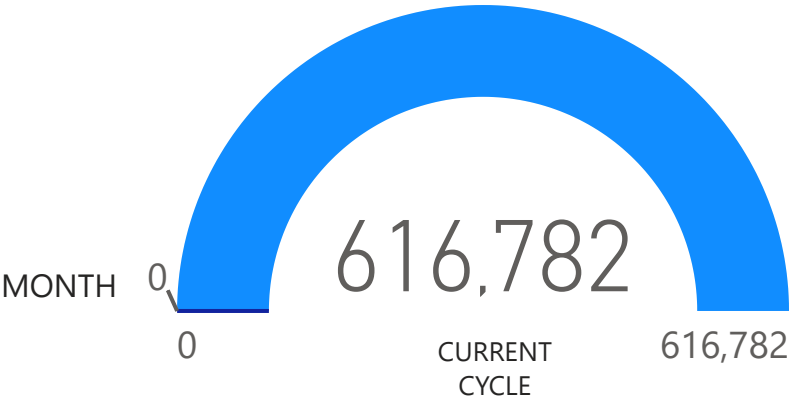
570K
YTD

Collection System

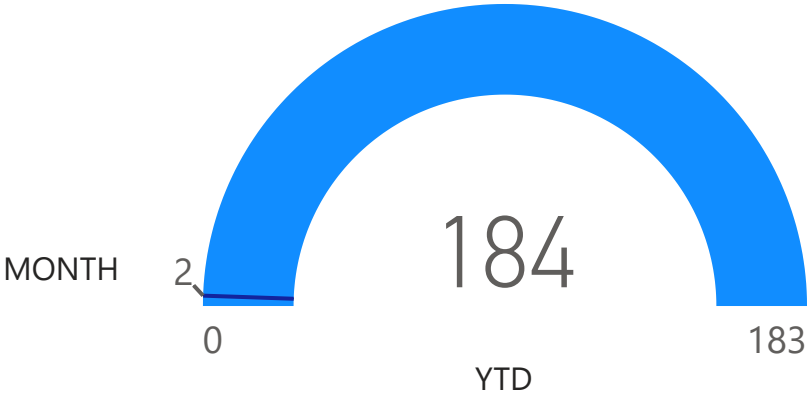
Line Cleaning
feet of pipe



TV Inspection
feet of pipe

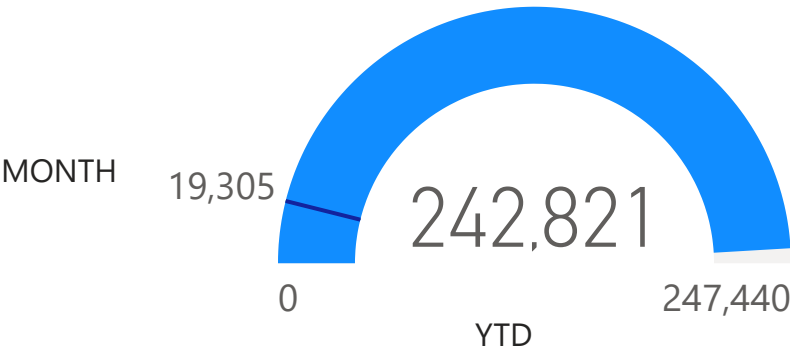


FOG Inspections

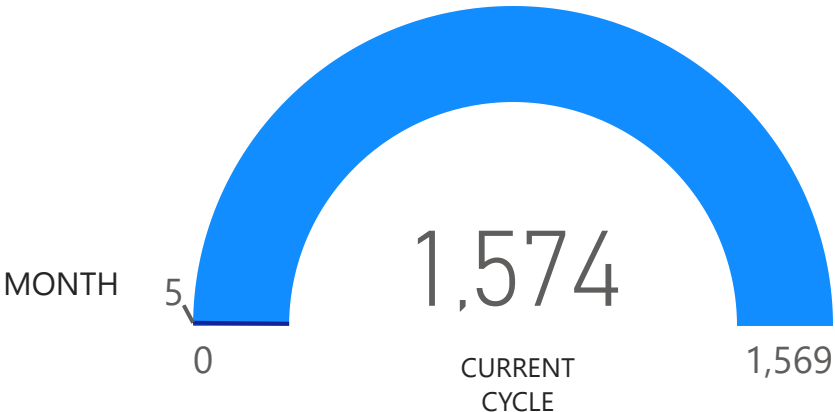


Asset	Month	YTD
Industrial Waste Inspections	0	41
Lift Station Inspections	80	976
Manhole Repairs		6
Odor Complaints	1	3
Root Cutting, feet of pipe	18,596	64,392
Root Foaming, feet of pipe	0	177
Sewer Mainline Repairs	0	0
Sewer Pump/Motor Maintenance	2	32
Sewer Service Line Repairs	0	1
Wet Well Cleaning	3	31

Hotspots
feet of pipe



Manhole Inspections



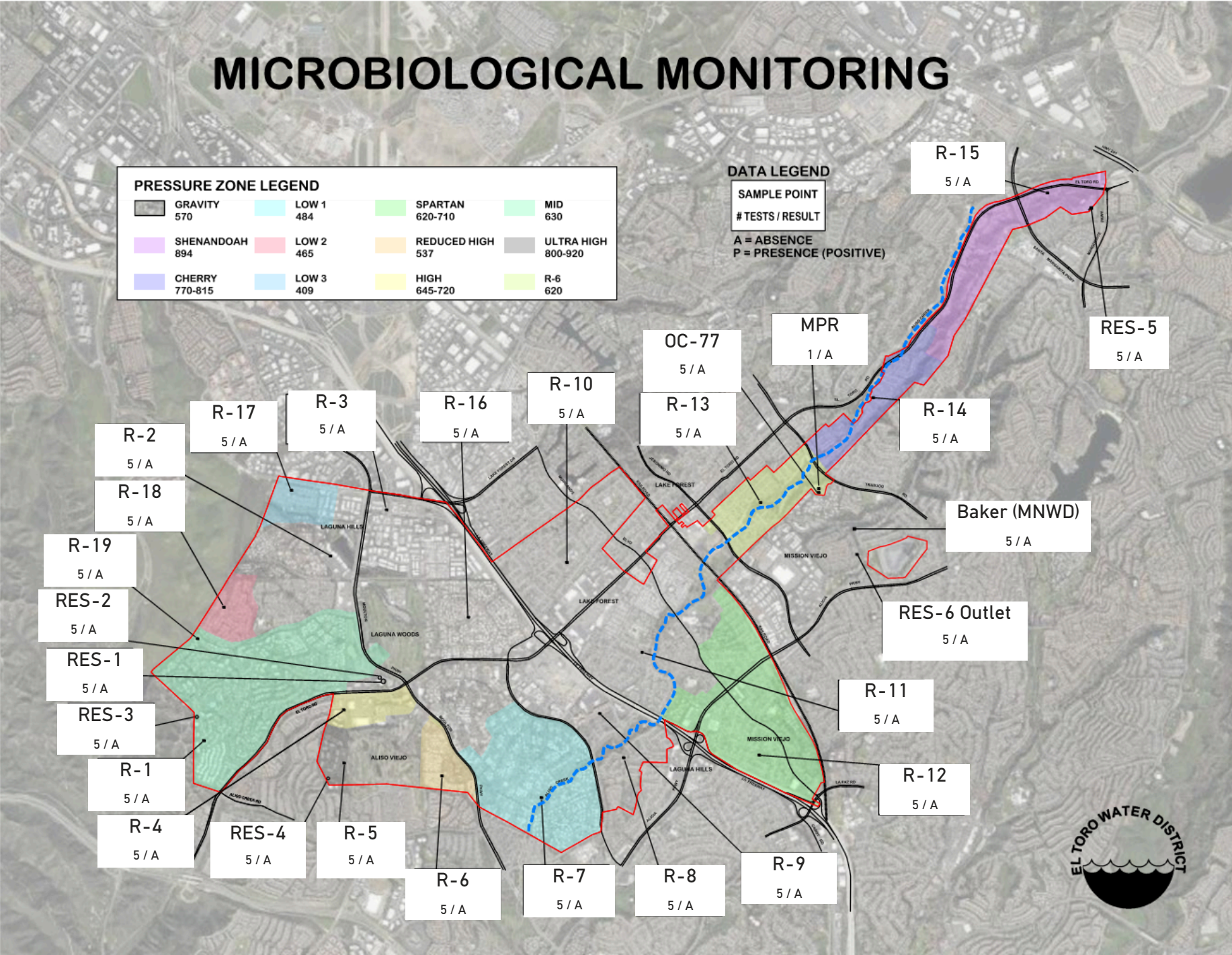
Note:

1. The line cleaning objective is a two year cycle to clean the entire system. The current cycle began on 7/1/2024.
2. The TV inspection objective is a five year cycle to inspect the entire system. The current cycle began on 1/25/2021.

**EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE SUMMARY
YEAR OF 2025**

DATE	PUBLIC / PRIVATE	SPILL TYPE	LOCATION	REASON	IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE MEASURES	POST-INCIDENT PREVENTIVE MEASURES	RWQCB	DISCHARGED TO	SPILL VOLUME (PUBLIC) Gallons		SPILL VOLUME (PRIVATE) Gallons		REGULATORY NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE
									CONTAINED	SPILLED	CONTAINED	SPILLED	
January	No Spill												
February	No Spill												
March	No Spill												
April	No Spill												
May	No Spill												
June	No Spill												
July	No Spill												
August	No Spill												
September	No Spill												
October	No Spill												
November	No Spill												
December	No Spill												
LEGEND									0	0	0	0	
S.D.C. = San Diego Creek		RES. = Residential		R.S. = Rocks									
S.D. = Storm Drain		C. = Commercial		C.W.D. = Calcium Water Deposits									
A.C. = Aliso Creek		S.B. = Siphon		B.P. = Broken Pipe									
G.B. = Grease Blockage		P.F. = Power Failure		U.W. = Untreated Water									
S. = Sticks		P. = Paper		R. = Roots									

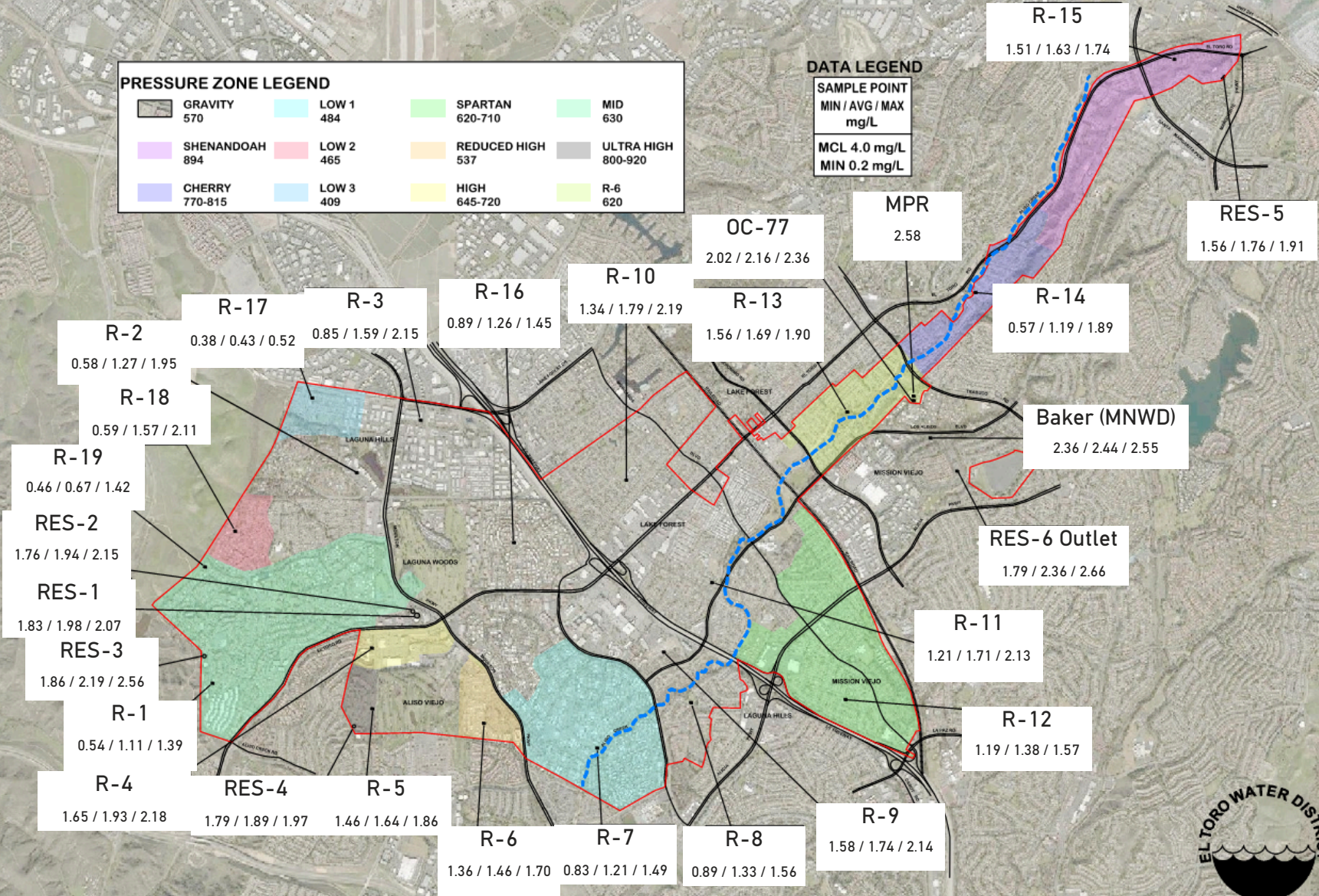
MICROBIOLOGICAL MONITORING



CHLORINE RESIDUAL MONITORING

PRESSURE ZONE LEGEND			
GRAVITY 570	LOW 1 484	SPARTAN 620-710	MID 630
SHENANDOAH 894	LOW 2 465	REDUCED HIGH 537	ULTRA HIGH 800-920
CHERRY 770-815	LOW 3 409	HIGH 645-720	R-6 620

DATA LEGEND	
SAMPLE POINT	MIN / AVG / MAX mg/L
MCL 4.0 mg/L	
MIN 0.2 mg/L	



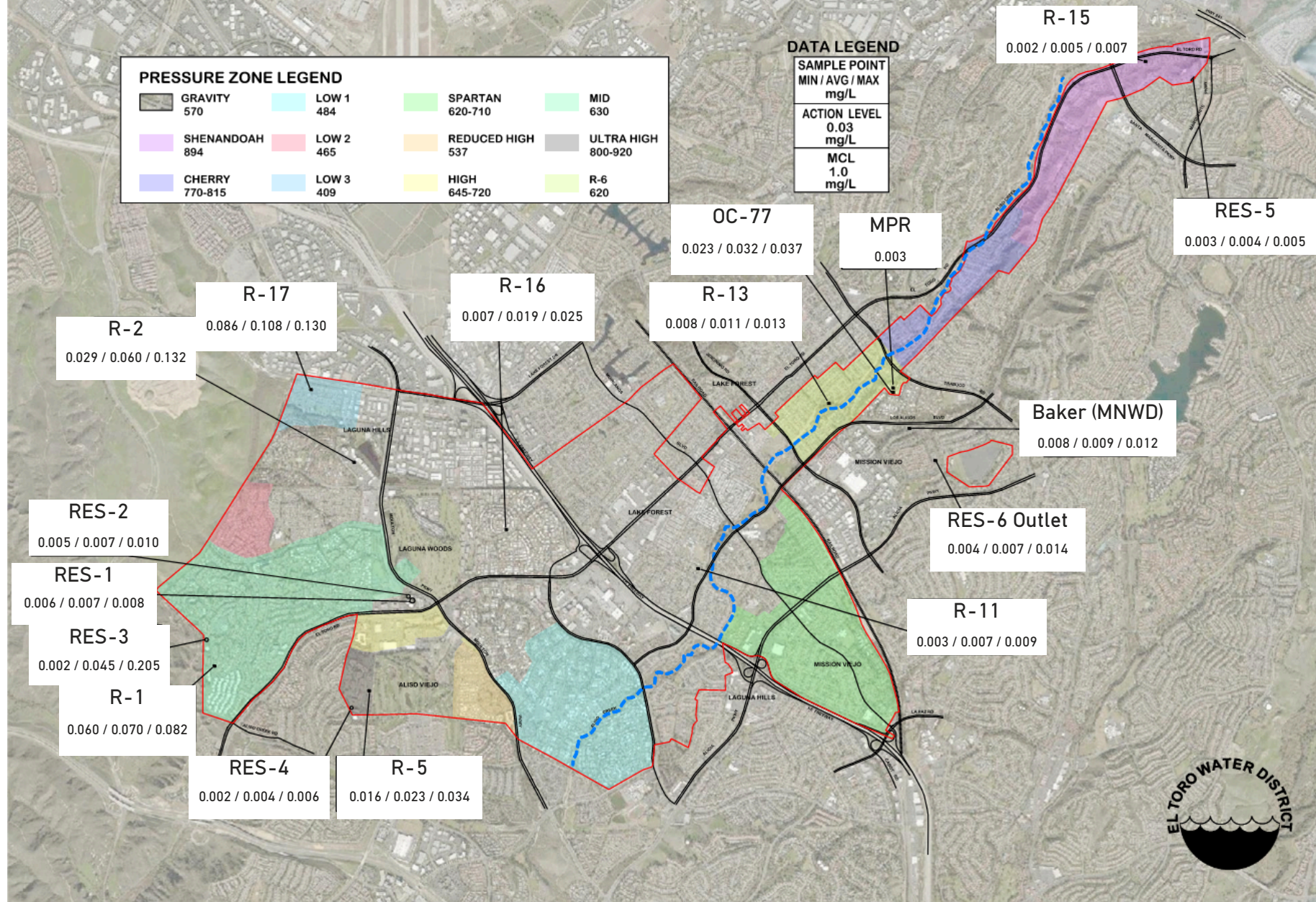
NITRITE MONITORING

PRESSURE ZONE LEGEND

GRAVITY 570	LOW 1 484	SPARTAN 620-710	MID 630
SHENANDOAH 894	LOW 2 465	REDUCED HIGH 537	ULTRA HIGH 800-920
CHERRY 770-815	LOW 3 409	HIGH 645-720	R-6 620

DATA LEGEND

SAMPLE POINT MIN / AVG / MAX mg/L
ACTION LEVEL 0.03 mg/L
MCL 1.0 mg/L



STAGE 2 TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) MONITORING

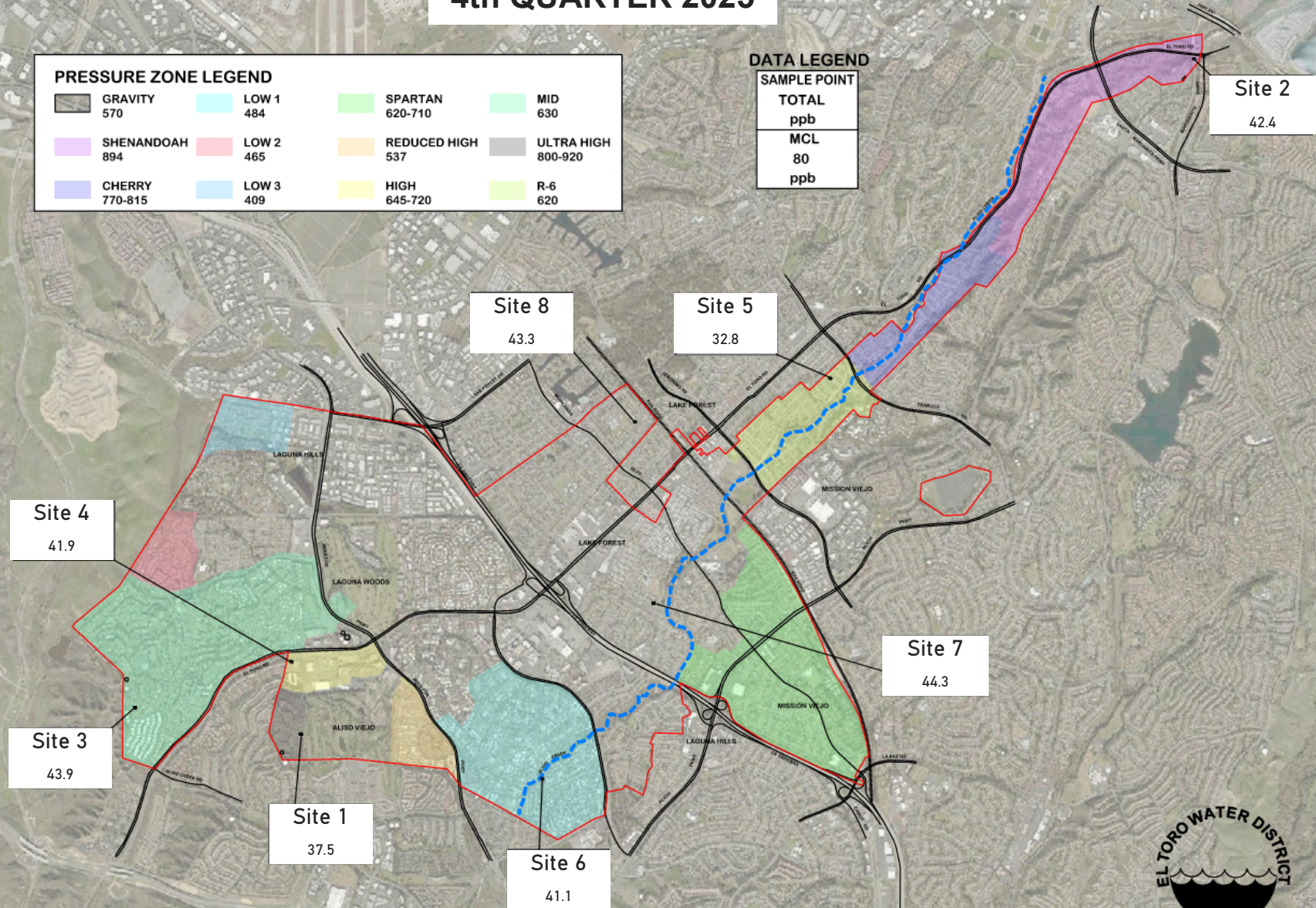
4th QUARTER 2025

PRESSURE ZONE LEGEND

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SHENANDOAH 894	LOW 2 465	REDUCED HIGH 537	ULTRA HIGH 800-920
CHERRY 770-815	LOW 3 409	HIGH 645-720	R-6 620

DATA LEGEND

SAMPLE POINT
TOTAL ppb
MCL 80 ppb



STAGE 2 HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) MONITORING

4th QUARTER 2025

PRESSURE ZONE LEGEND

GRAVITY 570	LOW 1 484	SPARTAN 620-710	MID 630
SHENANDOAH 894	LOW 2 465	REDUCED HIGH 537	ULTRA HIGH 800-920
CHERRY 770-815	LOW 3 409	HIGH 645-720	R-6 620

DATA LEGEND

SAMPLE POINT
TOTAL ppb
MCL 60 ppb

ND : NONE
DETECTED

Site 2
19.6

Site 8
11.8

Site 5
19.1

Site 4
17.5

Site 7
13.2

Site 3
23.0

Site 1
18.6

Site 6
19.0



**EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY POTABLE WATER QUALITY REPORT**

The quality and safety of drinking water in the U.S. is regulated by the federal government through the U.S. Environmental Protection agency (USEPA). In California, those standards are enforced by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Water Quality parameters must meet both primary and secondary water quality standards as established by the CDPH.

PRIMARY STANDARDS - are intended to protect public health against substances in the water that may be harmful to humans if consumed for long periods of time.

SECONDARY STANDARDS - are to ensure esthetic qualities of water such as taste, odor or clarity. Rather than its healthfulness, these standards govern substances that may influence consumer acceptance of water.

Given that 100% of ETWD's potable water resource is fully treated and delivered by Metropolitan Water District of southern California (MWDSC) through an enclosed and protected conveyance system, the majority of the State and federal primary and secondary source water quality monitoring requirements are performed by MWDSC. The District's physical responsibility for water quality monitoring is associated with the distribution system. To monitor the distribution system water quality the District utilizes both in house and outside lab services. Routine distribution analysis conforming to CDPH requirements is conducted for the following constituents:

- 1) **Microbiological** - The number of microbiological samples and the frequency of analysis during the month is based on the population and/or service connections served. Utilizing a population of 50,000, the CDPH requires that 20 "representative" samples be collected and analyzed for coliform bacteria. The objective is to maintain water quality that is absent of coliform bacteria which is a general indicator for the existence of fecal coliform.
- 2) **Chlorine Residual** - The chlorine residual monitoring is performed in conjunction with the microbiological monitoring. The CDPH requirement for treated surface water mandates that the distribution system maintain a "detectable" residual. The number of and frequency of sampling is determined utilizing the same formula applied to microbiological requirements. At a minimum, we are obligated to collect and analyze for chlorine residual each time we collect the representative microbiological samples. Per EPA Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproduct Rule (D/DBP), which was effective January 2002, requires quarterly reporting for all sampling.
- 3) **TTHM & HAA5 Stage 2 DBPR Compliance** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBPR) on January 4, 2006. The Stage 2 DBPR builds on existing regulations by requiring water systems to meet disinfection byproduct (DBP)* maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) at each monitoring site in the distribution system to better protect public health. The Stage 2 DBP rule is intended to reduce potential cancer and reproductive and developmental health risks from disinfection byproducts (DBPs) in drinking water, which form when disinfectants are used to control microbial pathogens. This final rule strengthens public health protection for customers of systems that deliver disinfected water by requiring such systems to meet maximum contaminant levels as an average at each compliance monitoring location (instead of as a system-wide average as in previous rules) for two groups of DBPs, trihalomethanes (TTHM) and five haloacetic acids (HAA5). The rule targets systems with the greatest risk and builds incrementally on existing rules. This regulation will reduce DBP exposure and related potential health risks and provide more equitable public health protection. The Stage 2 DBPR is being released simultaneously with the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule to address concerns about risk tradeoffs between pathogens and DBPs.

The mandatory requirement under the Stage 2 DBP rule, known as an Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE) was completed by ETWD in 2008 and a Stage 2 monitoring plan has been approved by CDPH. Full Stage 2 compliance begins in 2012. The IDSE identified the locations with high disinfection byproduct concentrations. These locations will then be used by the District as the 8 sampling sites for Stage 2 DBP rule compliance monitoring. Compliance with the maximum contaminant levels for two groups of disinfection byproducts (TTHM and HAA5) will be calculated for each monitoring location in the distribution system. This approach, referred to as the locational running annual average (LRAA), differs from current requirements, which determine compliance by calculating the running annual average of samples from all monitoring locations across the system. The Stage 2 DBP rule also requires each system to determine if they have exceeded an operational evaluation level, which is identified using their compliance monitoring results. The operational evaluation level provides an early warning of possible future MCL violations, which allows the system to take proactive steps to remain in compliance. A system that exceeds an operational evaluation level is required to review their operational practices and submit a report to the state that identifies actions that may be taken to mitigate future high DBP levels, particularly those that may jeopardize their compliance with the DBP MCLs.

- 4) **Physical Quality** - Physical Quality analysis is associated with the esthetic qualities of the finished water. Primarily, we are performing analysis for taste, odor and Turbidity (Clarity). In accordance with CDPH requirements, the District collects a minimum of 15 samples per month.
- 5) **Nitrites** - Although the chloramine disinfection process has been effective in controlling TTHM levels, it requires increased monitoring and adjustment as a result of its susceptibility to the Nitrification process. Nitrification is a biological process caused by naturally occurring ammonia oxidizing bacteria. Nitrification in chloraminated drinking water can have various adverse impacts on water quality, the most serious of which is the loss of total chlorine residual which is required by the CDPH and the subsequent potential to increase bacteria-logical activity within the finished or treated water system. MWD has developed an effective nitrification monitoring and prevention program which ETWD staff have adopted and incorporated into the District's daily water quality monitoring and action plan. The number and frequency of this type of monitoring is not currently regulated by CDPH. Staff monitor the level of nitrites in source water, reservoirs and the distribution system daily and weekly in conjunction with the microbiological and chlorine sampling program. A nitrite level of between 0.015 and 0.030 would signal an alert. > 0.030 would require action such as the addition of chlorine to produce a chloramine residual.

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT MONTHLY POTABLE WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS					
MONTH:		December		YEAR : 2025	
CONSTITUENT ANALYSIS		INSIDE LAB		OUTSIDE LAB	
	MCL	NO.	RESULTS	NO.	RESULTS
1 Microbiological	Pres/Absence	146	Absence		Average
2 Chlorine (ppm) In Field	Detectable Resid	145	*Average = 1.48 ppm		
3 TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2)	80 ppb			8	40.9
3 HAA5 (ppb) (Stage 2)	60 ppb			8	17.7
4 Physical Quality:			RANGE		
Turbidity (ppm)	5 NTU	20	0.05 to 0.15 Res.		
Odor	3 Units	20	ND<1		
Color	15 Units	20	ND<5		
Temperature	No standard	20	60°F To 73°F		
5 Nitrite (Alert/Action level) ppm	0.015 to 0.030 ppm	126	0.002 to 0.205		

To ensure water quality compliance, the District annually performs approximately 8,750 water quality analytical evaluations of the samples collected from the distribution system.

Abbreviations:

*Average	Monthly sample point CL2 average (R1-R19 & MPR)
RES	Indicates that the nitrification was isolated to a reservoir and treated
ND	None detected
Pres/Absence	Presence (P) or Absence (A) related to a positive or negative bacteriological result
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units, a measure of the suspended material in the water
ppm	Parts per million
ppb	Parts per billion
Total Coliform	No more than 5% of the monthly samples may be total coliform-positive
N/A	Not available

4th Quarter 2025 Compliance Reports

December's Monthly Reports

November's Surface Water Treatment (Bactis)

Due December 10th
Submitted December 5th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

**November's Revised Total Coliform Monitoring
(Bactis)**

Due December 10th
Submitted December 5th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

**November's Self Monitoring Report for Planned
Discharges**

Due December 10th
Submitted December 5th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

**Novembers's Self Monitoring Report for Recycled
Water**

Due December 30th
Submitted December 17th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

January's Monthly Reports

December's Surface Water Treatment (Bactis)

Due January 10th
Submitted January 6th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

**December's Revised Total Coliform Monitoring
(Bactis)**

Due January 10th
Submitted January 6th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

**4th Quarter Report for Disinfectant Residuals
Compliance (Cl2)**

Due January 10th
Submitted January 6th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

4th Quarter Stage 2 TTHM HAA5

Due January 10th
Submitted January 6th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

**December's Self Monitoring Report for Planned
Discharges**

Due January 30th
Submitted January 6th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

**Decembers's Self Monitoring Report for Recycled
Water**

Due January 30th

Sent to Region 8, Dennis Cafferty and Scott Hopkins

Staff Training Log 2025



First Quarter

Training Topic	Duration/Hrs	Assigned Hrs	Completed Hrs.	Frequency	Modality	Participants
Safety Tailgate Meeting	0.5	189.5	189.5	Weekly	In Person	Field Staff
Defensive Driver	1	41	39	Every 4 Years	In Person	Completed
Distracted Driving	1	58	54	Every 4 Years	Online	All Staff/Assigned
Bloodborne Pathogens	1	58	50	Annual	Online	All Staff/Assigned
Crane Training	24	240	240	Every 5 Years	In Person	Completed
Crane-Rigging/Signalman	4	40	40	Every 2 Years	In Person	Completed
		Total- 626.5	Total- 612.5			

Second Quarter

Training Topic	Duration/Hrs	Assigned Hrs	Completed Hrs.	Frequency	Modality	Participants
Safety Tailgate Meeting	0.5	195.5	195.5	Weekly	In Person	Field Staff
Fire Prevention	1	58	55	Annual	Online	All Staff/Assigned
Fire Extinguisher	1	58	53	Annual	Online	All Staff/Assigned
SPCC Training	1	41	36	Annual	Online	Field Staff/Assigned
WVPP	1	58	50	Annual	In Person	Need to Schedule
Fit Testing	1	33	29	Annual	In Person	In Process
Ergonomics	3	174	165	2 Years	In Person	Completed
		Total- 617.5	Total- 583.5			

Third Quarter

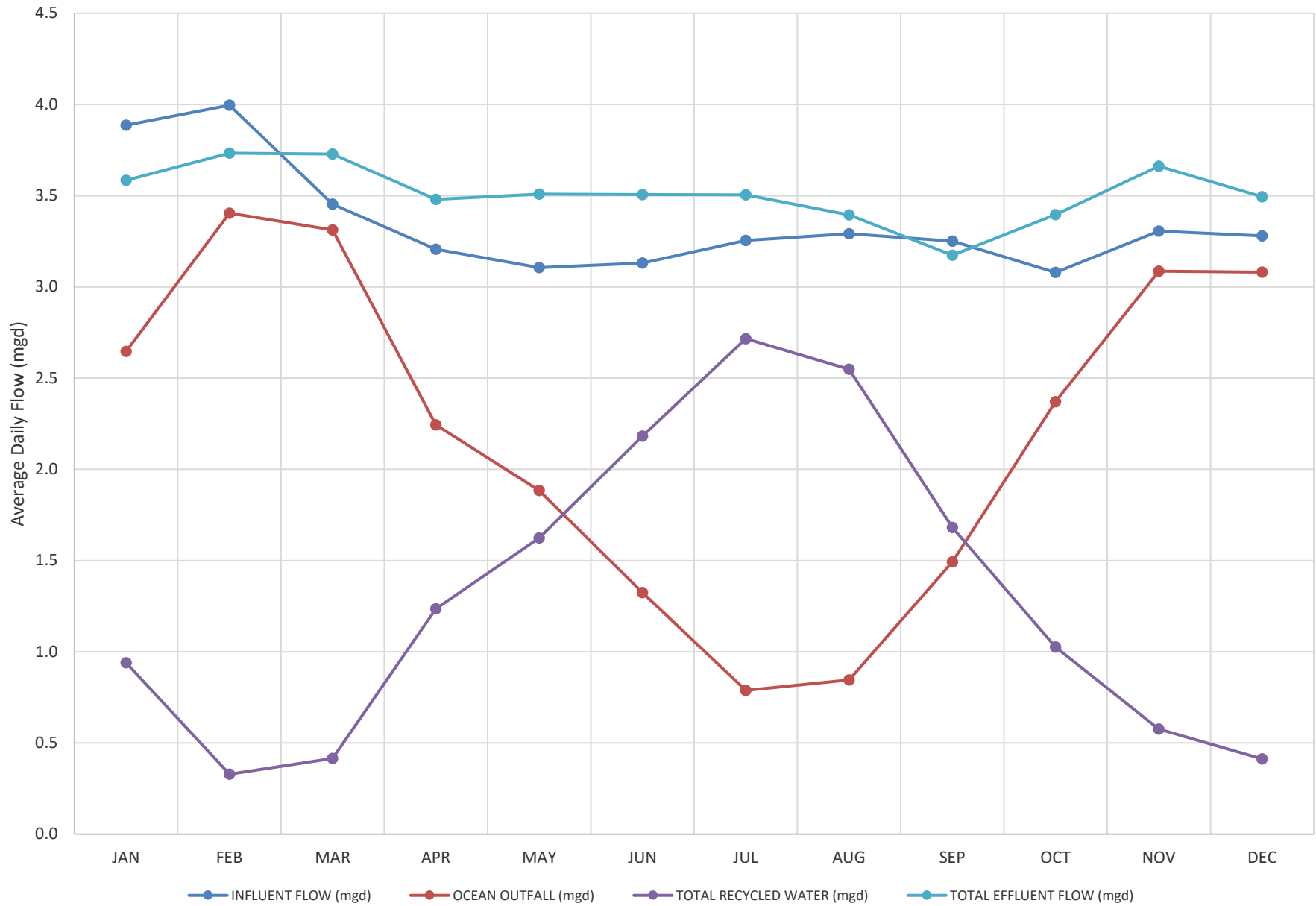
Training Topic	Duration/Hrs	Assigned Hrs	Completed Hrs.	Frequency	Modality	Participants
Safety Tailgate Meeting	0.5	224.5	224.5	Weekly	In Person	Field Staff
Hearing	1	58	52	Annual	Online	All Staff/Assigned
Low Voltage Electrical Safety	1	58	53	Annual	Online	All Staff/Assigned
Asbestos/Silica	3	66	66	Annual	In Person	Scheduled - 9/24
DOT/Respirator Physicals	3	73	73	Annual	In Person	Field Staff/In Process
		Total- 479.5	Total- 468.5			

Fourth Quarter

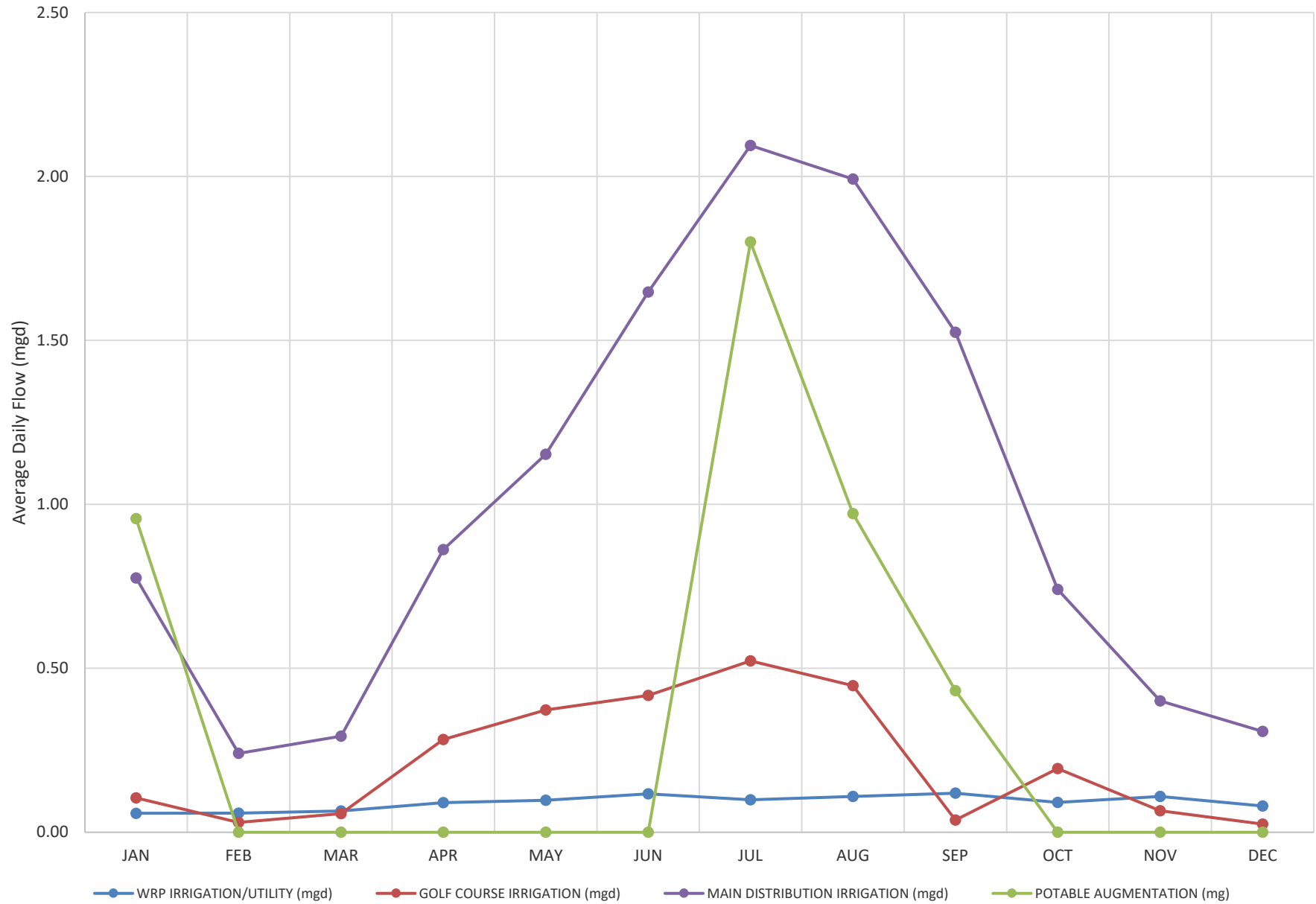
Training Topic	Duration/Hrs	Assigned Hrs	Completed Hrs.	Frequency	Modality	Participants
Safety Tailgate Meeting	0.5	169	169	Weekly	In Person	Field Staff
Lock Out Tag Out	1	58	50	Every 2 Years	Online	All Staff/Assigned
Harassment Prevention for Supervisors	2	27	23	Every 2 Years	Online	Managers/Supervisors
Harassment Prevention for Employees	1	31	29	Every 2 Years	Online	Non Managerial Employees
HAZWOPER	8	296	264	Annual	In Person	Completed
HAZWOPER 40 Hour	40	80	80	Annual	In Person	Completed
Confined Space Entry/Rescue	8	216	184	Annual	In Person	Field Staff/Scheduled
		Total- 877	Total- 799			

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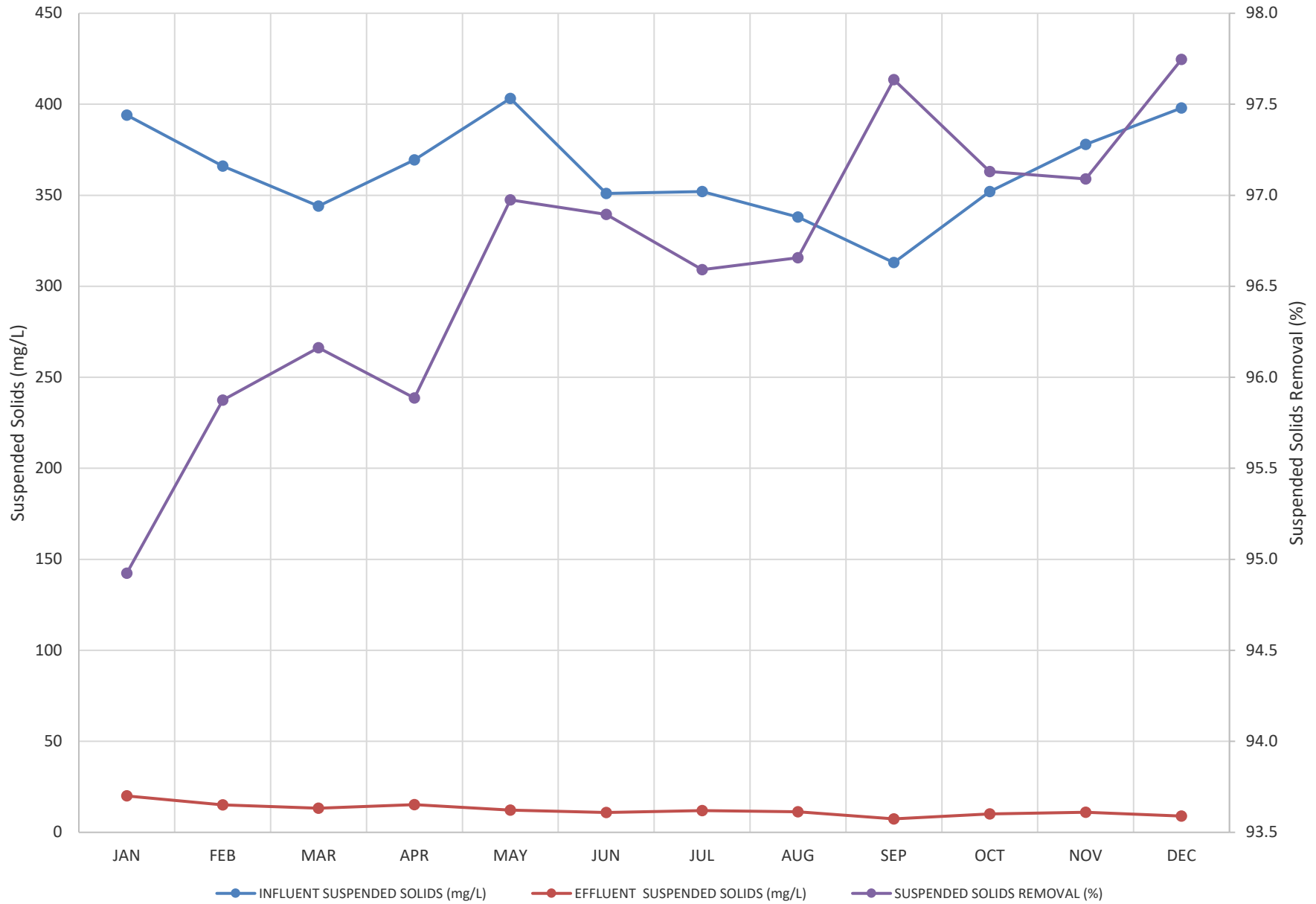
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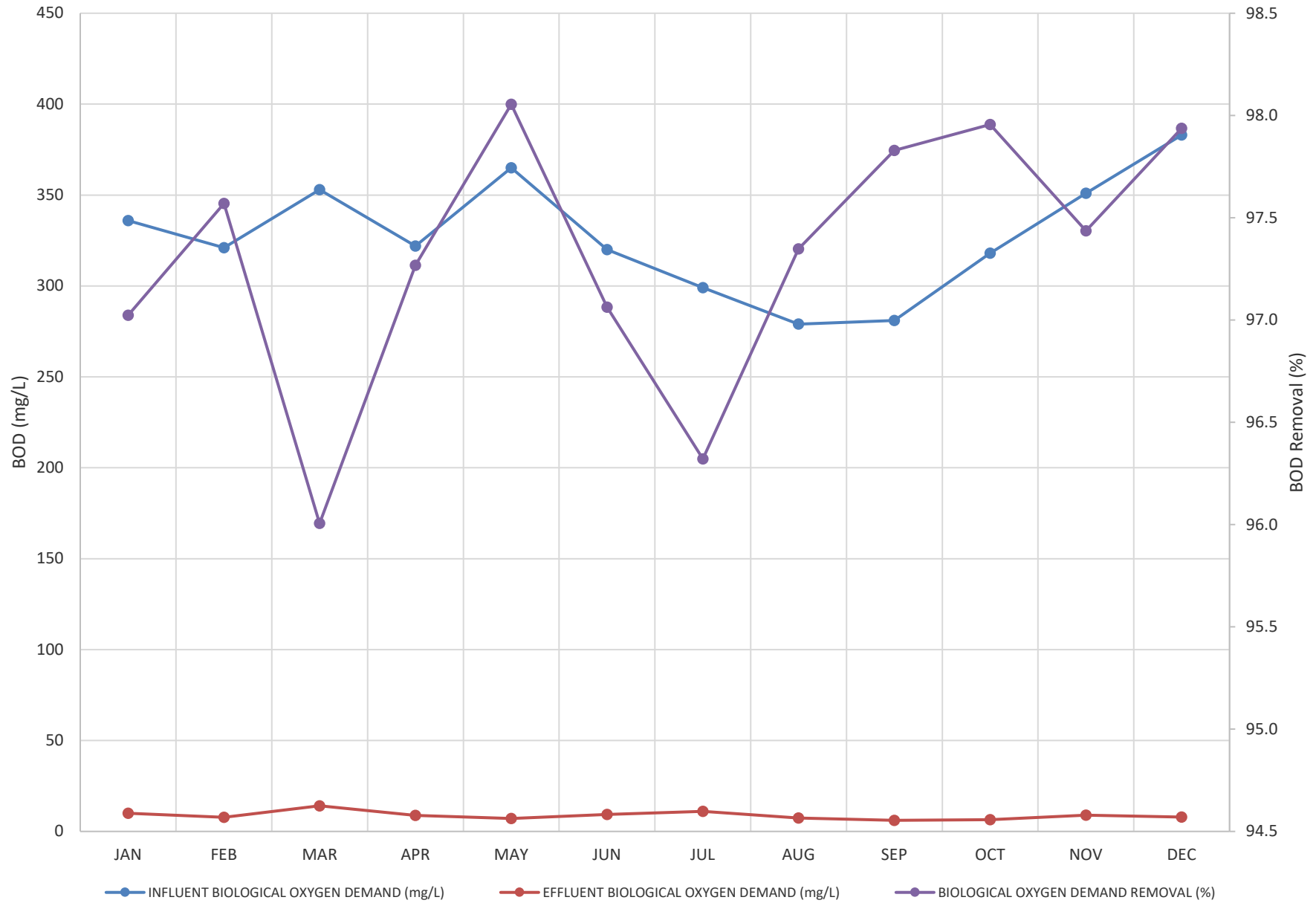
Recycled Water Flow Trends



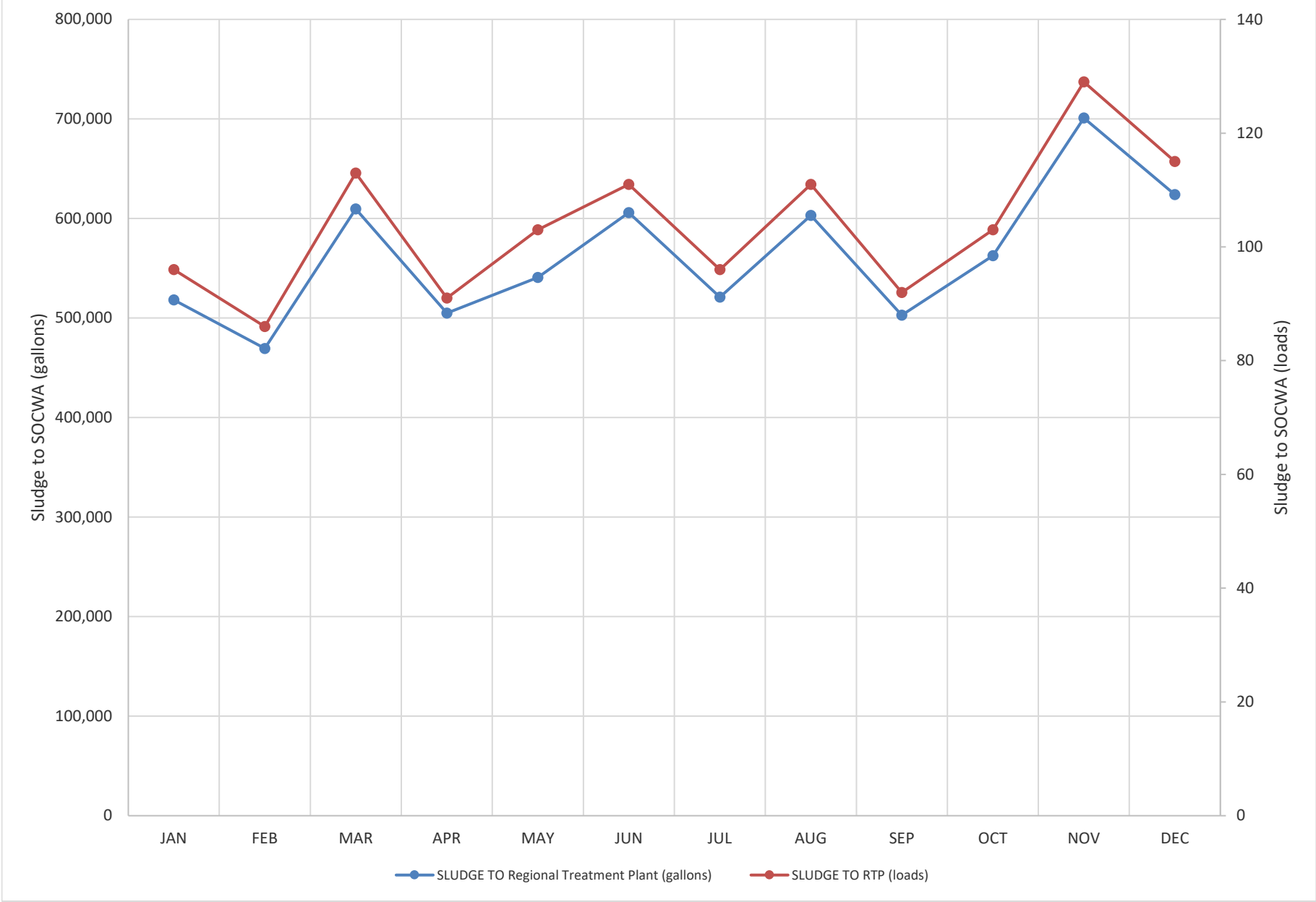
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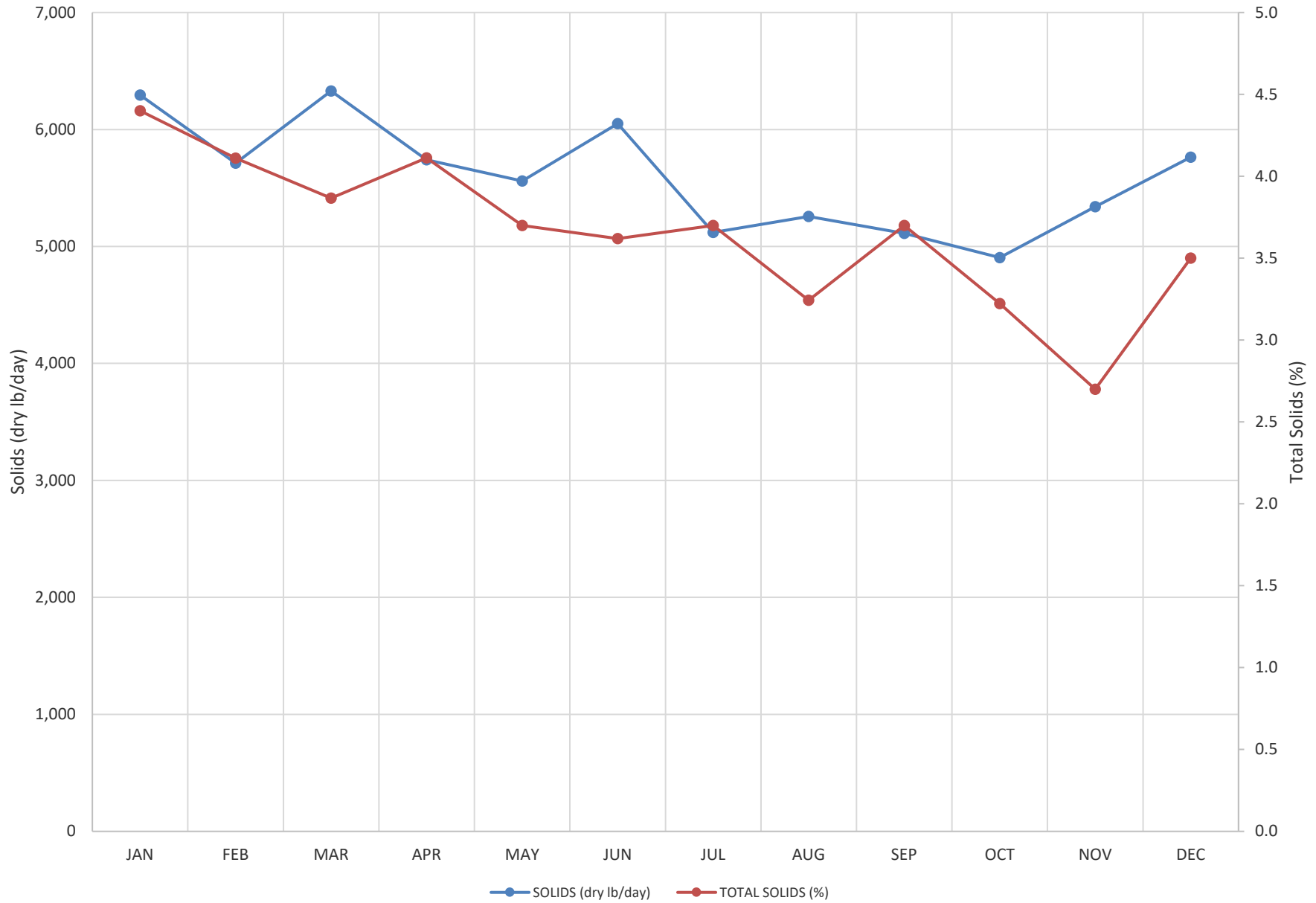
Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) Trends



RTP Hauling Trends



Solids Trends



WRP BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM

MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025



YEAR	BILLING PERIOD	BILL SAVINGS (\$)	NET SAVINGS (\$)	YEAR TOTAL (\$)
1	08/13/19 - 09/12/19	(917.75)	(2,507.75)	0
	09/12/19 - 10/11/19	3,265.76	1,675.76	
	10/11/19 - 11/13/19	(483.66)	(2,073.66)	
	11/13/19 - 12/13/19	232.10	(1,357.90)	
	12/13/19 - 01/14/20	(2,223.61)	(3,813.61)	
	01/14/20 - 02/12/20	1,004.27	(585.73)	
	02/12/20 - 03/13/20	432.82	(1,157.18)	
	03/13/20 - 04/13/20	(2,953.81)	(4,543.81)	
	04/13/20 - 05/13/20	414.86	(1,175.14)	
	05/13/20 - 06/12/20	3,464.46	1,874.46	
	06/12/20 - 07/15/20	898.72	(691.28)	
	07/15/20 - 08/13/20	497.61	(1,092.39)	
	AMS PAYMENT	15,448.00	15,448.00	
2	08/13/20 - 09/14/20	1,727.18	137.18	21,670.61
	09/14/20 - 10/14/20	1,142.91	(447.09)	
	10/14/20 - 11/13/20	993.16	(596.84)	
	11/13/20 - 12/15/21	1,814.40	224.40	
	12/15/20 - 01/14/21	252.77	(1,337.23)	
	01/14/21 - 02/12/21	2,598.74	1,008.74	
	02/12/21 - 03/16/21	2,545.66	955.66	
	03/16/21 - 04/14/21	442.16	(1,147.84)	
	04/14/21 - 05/13/21	4,658.68	3,068.68	
	05/13/21 - 06/14/21	5,828.63	4,238.63	
	06/14/21 - 07/14/21	7,090.27	5,500.27	
	07/14/21 - 08/12/21	11,656.05	10,066.05	
3	08/12/21 - 09/13/21	3,251.24	1,661.24	29,490.32
	09/13/21 - 10/13/22	4,854.74	3,264.74	
	10/13/21 - 11/12/21	1,835.55	245.55	
	11/12/21 - 12/14/21	1,953.12	363.12	
	12/14/21 - 01/13/22	(624.65)	(2,214.65)	
	01/13/22 - 02/11/22	40.42	(1,549.58)	
	02/11/22 - 03/15/22	647.37	(942.63)	
	03/15/22 - 04/13/22	2,556.61	966.61	
	04/13/22 - 05/13/22	92.84	(1,497.16)	
	05/13/22 - 06/14/22	8,377.93	6,787.93	
	06/14/22 - 07/14/22	20,486.96	18,896.96	
	07/14/22 - 08/12/22	6,915.19	5,325.19	
	Performance Bonus	(1,817.00)	(1,817.00)	

WRP BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025



YEAR	BILLING PERIOD	BILL SAVINGS (\$)	NET SAVINGS (\$)	YEAR TOTAL (\$)
4	08/12/22 - 09/13/22	8,171.50	6,581.50	
	09/13/22 - 10/13/22	2,943.86	1,353.86	
	10/13/22 - 11/14/22	2,083.92	493.92	
	11/14/22 - 12/14/22	1,960.66	370.66	
	12/14/22 - 01/12/23	(3,571.97)	(5,161.97)	
	01/12/23 - 02/11/23	311.28	(1,278.72)	
	02/11/23 - 03/14/23	2,755.08	1,165.08	
	03/14/23 - 04/12/23	1,994.90	404.90	
	04/12/23 - 05/11/23	(558.88)	(2,148.88)	
	05/11/23 - 06/12/23	6,377.33	4,787.33	
	06/12/23 - 07/13/23	21,318.66	19,728.66	
	07/13/23 - 08/11/23	3,262.26	1,672.26	
	Performance Bonus	(148.00)	(148.00)	27,820.60
5	08/11/23 - 09/12/23	1,749.86	159.86	
	09/12/23 - 10/11/23	16,350.56	14,760.56	
	10/11/23 - 11/09/23	4,659.23	3,069.23	
	11/09/23 - 12/12/23	9,302.30	7,712.30	
	12/12/23 - 01/11/24	5,204.44	3,614.44	
	01/11/24 - 02/12/24	(828.52)	(2,418.52)	
	02/14/24 - 03/13/24	(2,433.90)	(4,023.90)	
	03/13/24 - 04/12/24	2,204.14	614.14	
	04/12/24 - 05/13/24	(37.79)	(1,627.79)	
	05/13/24 - 6/12/24	6,965.53	5,375.53	
	06/12/24 - 7/15/24	7,871.04	6,281.04	
	07/16/24 - 8/13/24	(308.78)	(1,898.78)	
	Performance Bonus	(1,973.00)	(1,973.00)	29,645.11
6	8/13/24-9/12/24	5,410.44	3,820.44	
	9/12/24-10/11/24	8,270.47	6,680.47	
	10/11/24-11/12/24	3,470.89	1,880.89	
	11/12/24-12/11/24	2,864.46	1,274.46	
	12/11/24-01/11/25	5,471.53	3,881.53	
	01/11/25-02/11/25	3,099.11	1,509.11	
	02/11/25-03/13/25	513.45	(1,076.55)	
	03/13/25-04/11/25	3,793.31	2,203.31	
	04/11/25-05/13/25	7,880.66	6,290.66	
	05/13/25-06/12/25	(4,962.65)	(6,552.65)	
	STEM Credit	11,365.00	11,365.00	
	06/12/25-07/15/25	11,961.11	10,371.11	
	07/12/25-08/13/25	8,326.07	6,736.07	
	Performance Bonus	(10,355.00)	(10,355.00)	38,028.85

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025



YEAR	BILLING PERIOD	BILL SAVINGS (\$)	NET SAVINGS (\$)	YEAR TOTAL (\$)
7	08/13/25 - 09/12/25	10,886.89	9,296.89	
	09/12/25 - 10/13/25	10,365.71	8,775.71	
	10/13/25 - 11/12/25	7,260.24	5,670.24	
	11/11/25 - 12/12/25	1,722.67	132.67	
				23,875.51
	TOTAL	174,798.57		91,549.47

Sewerage Treatment Plant



23542 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

Savings Report - 2025-12

Nov 12, 2025 - Dec 12, 2025

SCE TOU 8 Option D (< 2kV)

Demand Charges	Before Storage		After Storage		Savings	
Facilities Related - Distribution	739kW	\$16,941.86	768kW	\$17,612.95	(29)kW	\$(671.09)
Facilities Related - Transmission	739kW	\$3,895.45	768kW	\$4,049.75	(29)kW	\$(154.30)
Time Related - Distribution - Winter Mid-Peak	671kW	\$2,676.74	457kW	\$1,822.31	214kW	\$854.44
Time Related - Utility Retained Generation - Winter Mid-Peak	671kW	\$4,226.44	457kW	\$2,877.33	214kW	\$1,349.11
Sub-total		\$27,740.49		\$26,362.34		\$1,378.15

Energy Charges	Before Storage		After Storage		Savings	
Competition Transition Charge	297,543kWh	\$(121.99)	301,860kWh	\$(123.76)	(4,317)kWh	\$1.77
Competition Transition Charge (URG Component)	297,543kWh	\$121.99	301,860kWh	\$123.76	(4,317)kWh	\$(1.77)
Distribution - Winter Mid-Peak	62,814kWh	\$1,110.54	43,476kWh	\$768.66	19,337kWh	\$341.88
Distribution - Winter Off-Peak	139,430kWh	\$2,242.03	139,669kWh	\$2,245.88	(239)kWh	\$(3.84)
Distribution - Winter Super Off-Peak	95,299kWh	\$1,442.83	118,715kWh	\$1,797.34	(23,415)kWh	\$(354.51)
Fixed Recovery Charge	297,543kWh	\$339.20	301,860kWh	\$344.12	(4,317)kWh	\$(4.92)
New System Generation Charge	297,543kWh	\$1,922.13	301,860kWh	\$1,950.01	(4,317)kWh	\$(27.89)
Nuclear Decommissioning Charge	297,543kWh	\$(2.98)	301,860kWh	\$(3.02)	(4,317)kWh	\$0.04
Public Purpose Programs Charge	297,543kWh	\$8,250.86	301,860kWh	\$8,370.57	(4,317)kWh	\$(119.71)
PUC Reimbursement Fee	297,543kWh	\$238.03	301,860kWh	\$241.49	(4,317)kWh	\$(3.45)
State Tax	297,543kWh	\$89.26	301,860kWh	\$90.56	(4,317)kWh	\$(1.30)
Transmission	297,543kWh	\$11.90	301,860kWh	\$12.07	(4,317)kWh	\$(0.17)
Utility Retained Generation - Winter Mid-Peak	62,814kWh	\$5,075.96	43,476kWh	\$3,513.31	19,337kWh	\$1,562.65
Utility Retained Generation - Winter Off-Peak	139,430kWh	\$11,337.04	139,669kWh	\$11,356.48	(239)kWh	\$(19.44)
Utility Retained Generation - Winter Super-Off-Peak	95,299kWh	\$4,066.43	118,715kWh	\$5,065.56	(23,415)kWh	\$(999.13)
Wildfire Fund Non-Bypassable Charge	297,543kWh	\$1,770.38	301,860kWh	\$1,796.07	(4,317)kWh	\$(25.69)
Sub-total		\$37,893.62		\$37,549.10		\$344.52

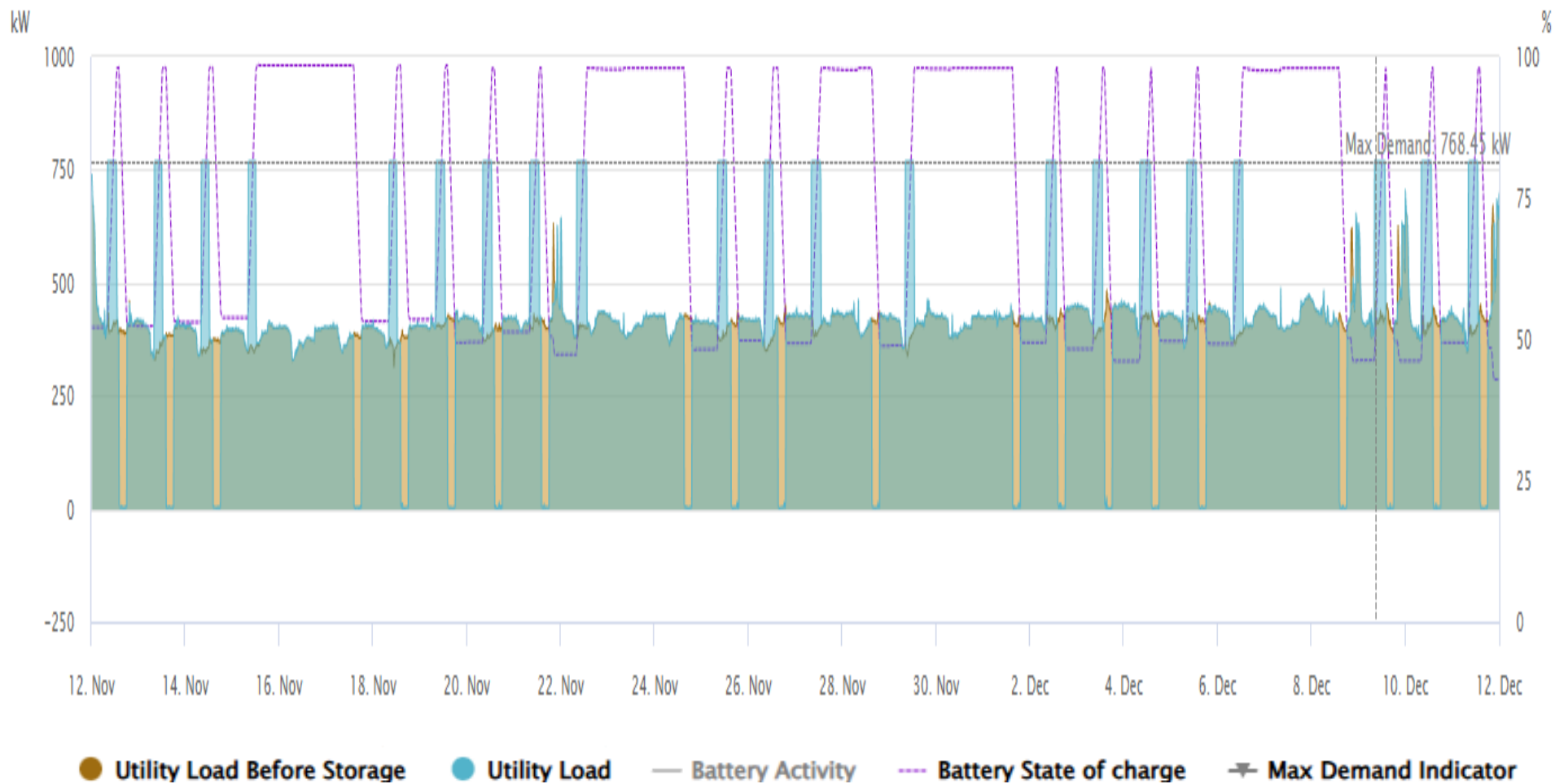
Other Monthly Charges	Before Storage		After Storage		Savings	
Customer Charge		\$511.90		\$511.90		\$ -
Sub-total		\$511.90		\$511.90		\$ -

Total	Before Storage		After Storage		Savings	
		\$66,146.01		\$64,423.34		\$1,722.67

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11/12/25 - 12/12/25



Max Demand: 768.45 kW

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

January 2026

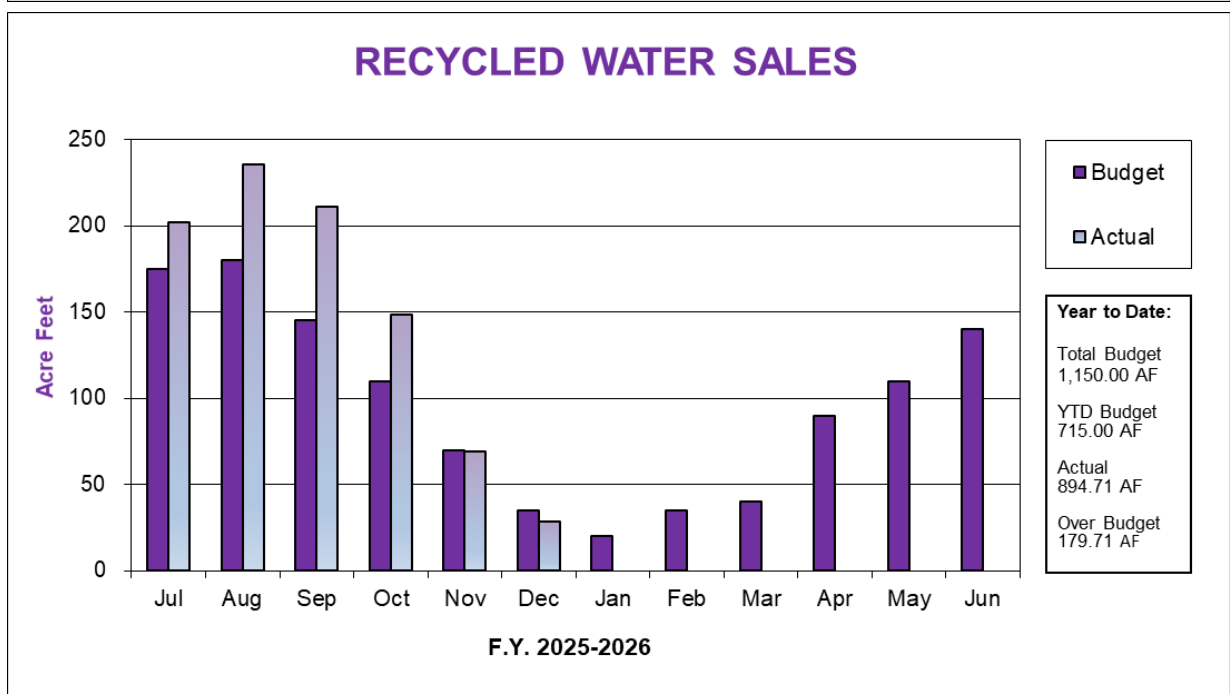
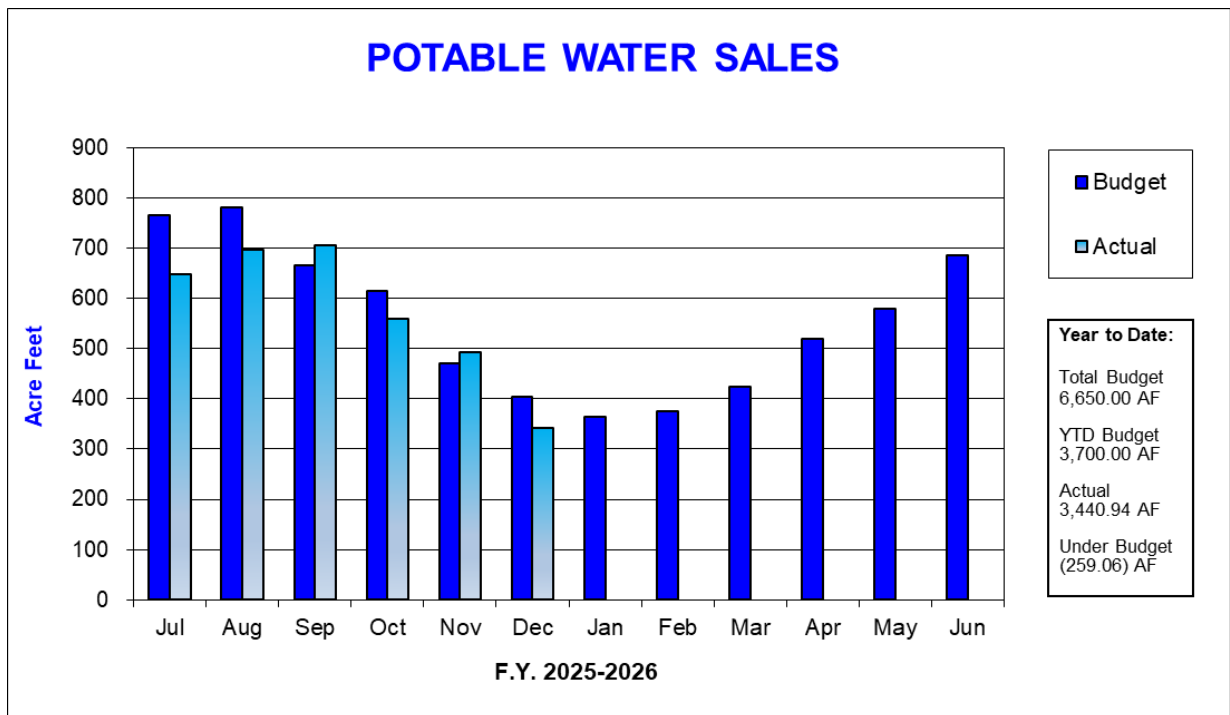
I. OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

- MWDOC P&O Committee Meeting
- MWDOC MET Directors Workshop
- MWDOC Board Meeting
- MWDOC Managers Meeting
- United Town Hall – Aliso Creek Lift Station Presentation
- SOCWA Board Meeting
- SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Hazen & Sawyer Regarding Asset Management Plan
- Meeting with Holt Renewables Regarding Battery Project
- Leadership Academy Graduation Ceremony
- JRWSS Member Agency Special Meeting
- Meeting with Raftelis Regarding Cost of Service Study & Financial Model
- WACO
- Encroachment
- President, Vice President and General Manager Meeting
- ETWD RRC Meeting
- ETWD Agenda Review Meeting
- ETWD Regular Engineering & Finance Committee Meetings
- ETWD Regular Board Meeting

II. DOMESTIC AND RECYCLED WATER SALES

Actual domestic sales for the year-to-date as of December 31, 2025, are 3,440.94 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted domestic sales of 3,700.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects a decrease of 259.06 acre-feet. Actual sales are 236.45 acre-feet lower than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

Actual recycled sales for the year-to-date as of December 31, 2025, are 894.71 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted recycled sales of 715.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 179.71 acre-feet. Actual sales are 64.36 acre-feet lower than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

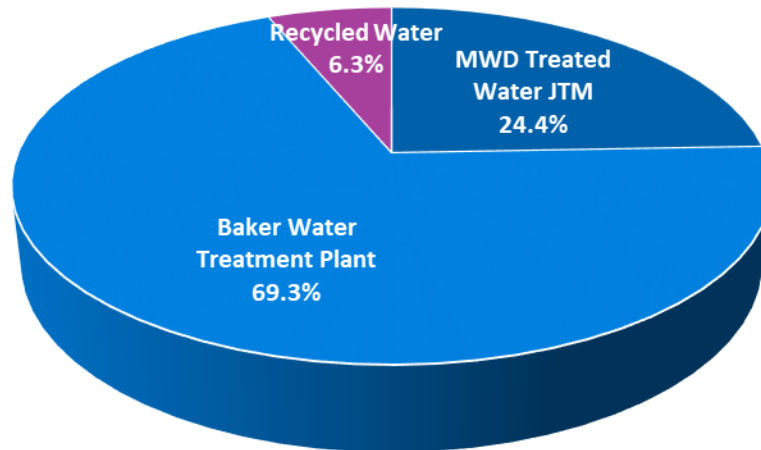


III. WATER SUPPLY SOURCES

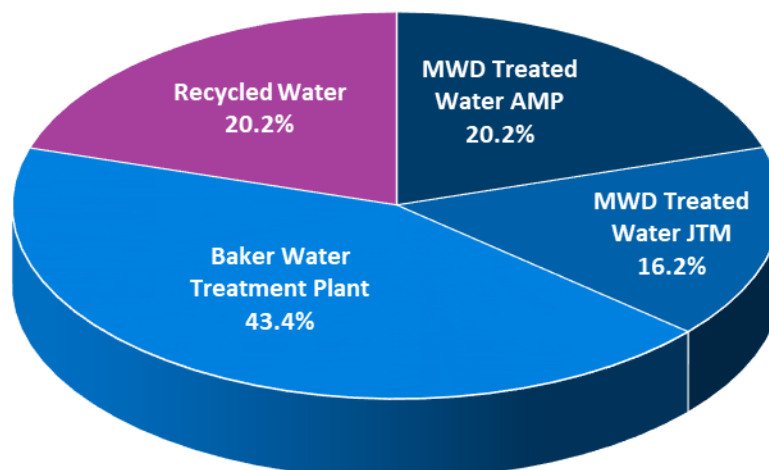
The charts below provide a summary of water supply sources for the month and fiscal year to date (FY 2025-2026). They illustrate the relative contribution of each supply source, including imported treated water from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) via the AMP and JTM connections, local production from the Baker Water Treatment Plant, interconnections with neighboring agencies, and recycled water. These charts help track supply trends and support planning and operational decisions.

Water Supply Sources (AF)				
	December 2025		FY 2025-2026 YTD	
MWD Treated Water AMP	0.0	0.0%	892.0	20.2%
MWD Treated Water JTM	109.4	24.4%	715.7	16.2%
Interconnections	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Baker Water Treatment Plant	310.6	69.3%	1,920.8	43.4%
Recycled Water	28.3	6.3%	894.7	20.2%
TOTAL	448.2	100.0%	4,423.2	100.0%

Water Supply Sources
December 2025



Water Supply Sources
FY 2025-2026 YTD



Customer Service Activity Report

Regular Service Calls	DEC 2025	DEC 2024	Telephone Calls	DEC 2025	DEC 2024
Serviceman Dispatched to Read, Connect/Disconnect Service	88	41	Change of Service: Connections and Disconnections	73	55
Field Investigations:			Billing / Payments & Graph Inquires	213	262
Check for leaks - calls to CS Office:(irrigation,meter,street leaks) Customer Responsible	10	18	Assistance with online payments and ETWD's portal (cc, e-checks, other.)	10	8
District Responsible	4	6	Variance / Adjustment Inquiries	15	12
None found/other	10	7	Variance / Adjustment Requests	19	9
High Reads Checked - High Consumption (Billing Dept.)			Processed	19	9
Cust Leaks: 9 No Leaks: 16	25	26	Ordinance Infraction / Water Waste Complaints	0	7
Check Stopped Slowed Meters-Low Consumption (Billing)	30	19	Outside Utility Districts	46	13
Re-Check Read	9	8	Phone calls Transfer to other Departments within ETWD	42	42
Ordinance Infraction	0	0	Phone calls for the Board of Directors	0	8
Recycled Water	0	0	Recycled Water	0	6
Water Quality: Taste / Odor / Color	0	1	Water Quality Taste - Odor - Color	0	7
Phone response: 0 Field response: 0			Leaks / Breaks	16	8
Construction (Hydrant) Meters issued	0	0	Construction Meter calls (Hydrant)	3	2
Sewer - Odor/Stoppage/ Manhole Covers	0	0	Sewer Problems (odor / spills)	0	2
Meter Box: 1 Cover: 4 Lids Replaced: 4	9	18			
			Backflow / Cross Connection (questions or yearly testing forms)	0	0
Meter Box Clean, Digout	2	0	ETWD facilities inquiries: Boxes/Covers/Lids/Hydrants/Pump Stations/Graffiti/ "Gen. Maint"	1	0
Raised Meter Box	0	0	Tyco (ADT) Calls		0
Trim Bushes / Meter Obstruction	4	8	(Alarms to ETWD facilities)	2	
			ATT Calls (access to tower sites)	0	0
General Maintenance Response	1	2	SCE Calls (access to tower sites)	0	1
Fire Hydrants: Hit / Leaks / Caps	0	0	Pager Calls specifically for Pump Stations - SCADA	0	3
Pressure(psi) Checks / Reads	2	0			
CSSOV (Angle Meter/Ball Valve/Gate Valve/Globe Valve) chk,repair,replaced	8	6			
AMS angle-meter-stop replace/repair	0	0			
Bees Removed	1	1			
Backflow / Cross Connection	0	0	Payment Extensions:	48	17
			Delinquent Payment Calls to Customer 's prior to shut off per billing calendar (automatic courtesy dialer)		0
Fogged Registers	20	29	Return Calls from customers left on our voice mail system. Ext 500	6	14
OMCOP: Old Meter Change - Out Program	2	4	Email Correspondence:	26	17
Other: (uncommon non-maintenance calls)	4	3	Maintenance Service Order Requests (bees, psi, fogged-dirty registers)	8	15
On-Call After Hrs. CS Response	15	18	Misc. (other: employment, deliveries, sales calls)	14	25
# Posting Notice & 24 Hr. Door Hangers Hung	140	0	Payment Processing Fee Complaints	0	0
#Shut Offs/Disconnect for Non-Payment (DNP)	22	0			
Removed Meter	0	0	Customers Complaints non bill related.	0	0
New Meter	0	2	Billing Disputes	0	0
Unread Meters	6	2			
Total Field Investigations	412	219	Total Telephone Calls	542	533
Uncollectible Accounts:			Credit Card Payments		
Budget YTD	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00	REGULAR	2,125	DEC 2024
Actual YTD (see note A)	161,745.78	(247)		\$404,379.57	2,220 \$544,370.96

Note A : - This amount represent over three years uncollectable accounts sent to the collection agency.



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Water Supply Conditions Report - <https://www.mwdh2o.com/WSCR>

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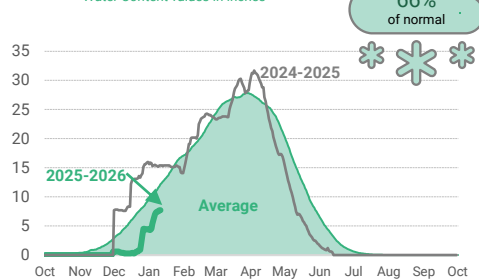
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State Water Project

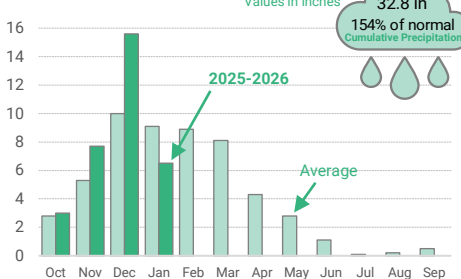
Northern Sierra Snow

Water Content values in inches



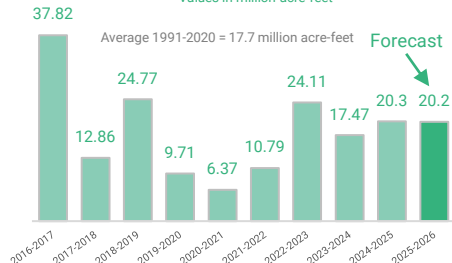
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Values in inches



Sacramento River Runoff

Values in million acre-feet



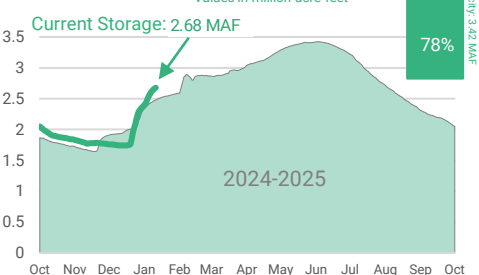
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10%

Initial Allocation (December 1, 2025)

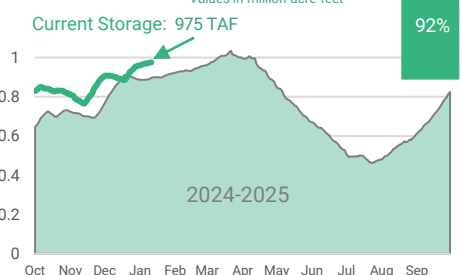
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Values in million acre-feet



San Luis Reservoir SWP Storage

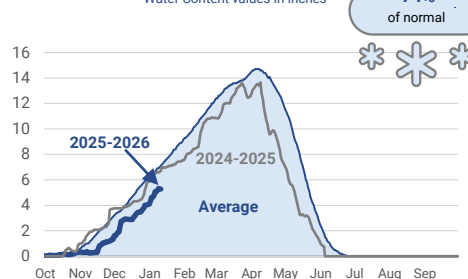
Values in million acre-feet



Colorado River

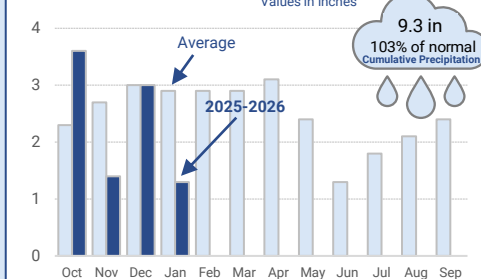
Colorado River Basin Snow

Water Content values in inches



Colorado River Basin Precipitation

Values in inches



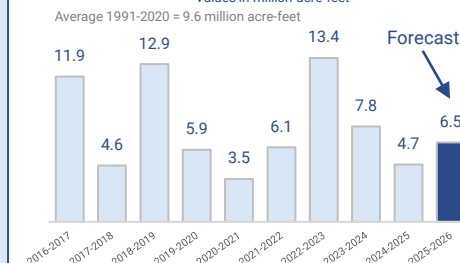
Lake Mead Chance of Operating Condition

	2026	2027*	2028*	2029*
Surplus (above 1,145 ft)	0%	0%	0%	0%
Normal Year (between 1,075 and 1,145 ft)	0%	7%	3%	10%
1st Level (between 1,050 and 1,075 ft)	100%	50%	30%	20%
2nd Level (between 1,025 and 1,050 ft)	0%	40%	53%	43%
3rd Level (below 1,025 ft)	0%	3%	13%	27%

* Years beyond 2026 assume continuation of current operating guidelines

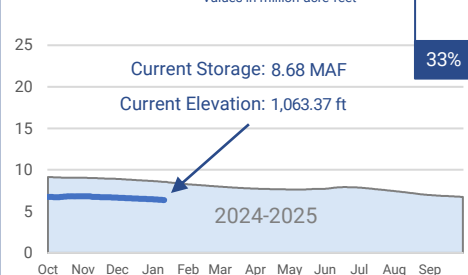
Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell

Values in million acre-feet



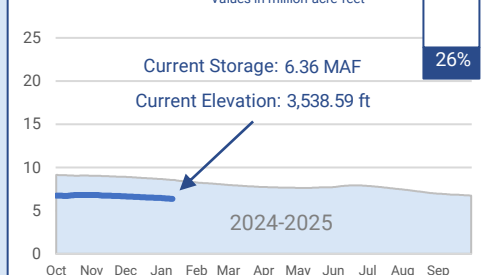
Lake Mead Storage

Values in million acre-feet



Lake Powell Storage

Values in million acre-feet



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WILL SERVE SUMMARY REPORT

December 2025

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Will Serve Letter Date	PHASE	CFF
23642 Dune Mear ADU	Addition of a 3/4" service	5/23/2025	Construction	\$ 2,783
Casa De Empanada	Conversion of a vacuum repair into a restaurant	5/14/2025	Close-Out	\$ 17,596
Burlington Backflow	Addition of a domestic backflow device	10/24/2025	Construction	\$ -
Heritage Market	Converting retail to market with kitchen	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Pacific Dental Services	Converting retail to a dentistry	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Asia Spa	Coverting retail to beauty parlor	1/14/2026	Plan Check	\$ 1,912
The Village at Laguna Hills (Retail Phase)	Installation of various sized water, fire, and sewer services at the former mall site.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Central Residential Phase)	Installation of various sized water, fire, and sewer services at the former mall site.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Southern Residential Phase)	Installation of various sized water, fire, and sewer services at the former mall site.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Laguna Woods Shell and Carwash	Removal of a DCDA and installation of a Blow Off Appurtenance	3/20/2025	Construction	\$ -
Parentis Health Sewermain Relocation	Relocating an existing sewermain.	6/26/2025	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Central Utilities Plant 24451 Health Center Drive	Additional domestic and fire services for a medical central utility plant.	12/20/2024	Construction	\$ 21,856
23272 & 23282 Mill Creek	Residential development for 464 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23161 Mill Creek	Residential development for 43 attached condo units	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
23172 Plaza Pointe Dr and 23441 S Pointe Laguna Hills	Residential development of 100 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Texas Roadhouse BBQ	Conversion of El Torito into Texas Roadhouse BBQ	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23370 Moulton Pkwy Sewer Improvements	Modifications to the sewer lateral	5/8/2025	Construction	\$ -
23501 Avenida De La Carlota Bollmart	Converting retail to market with grocery store	11/26/2025	Construction	\$ 12,706
Woods End Park Backflow	addition of a domestic backflow device	Forthcoming	Plan Check	\$ -
24953 Paseo De Valencia Bldg B Backflow	addition of a domestic backflow device	Forthcoming	Construction	\$ -
Laguna Woods City Center Project	tenant improvement of an existing city park	Forthcoming	Plan Check	\$ -



To: Board of Directors, *Municipal Water District of Orange County*

From: Natural Resource Results

RE: Monthly Board Report – January 2026

Government Shutdown

Congress recently enacted legislation ending the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, which lasted 43 days. That measure provided full FY 2025 appropriations for a limited number of federal agencies, while extending funding for most others—including the Bureau of Reclamation—only through January 30 under a continuing resolution (CR). Congressional leadership continues to work toward completing the remaining appropriations bills. Notably, the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill, which funds Reclamation and is typically among the least controversial measures, remains stalled. The delay is attributable to objections from Senator John Kennedy (R-LA), Chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, who has placed a hold on the bill due to concerns that the overall funding allocation exceeds acceptable levels.

With fewer than 30 days remaining before the CR expires, several warning signs suggest continued challenges. While House and Senate Republicans have agreed to topline spending levels for the appropriations bills covered by the CR, negotiations over individual line items have not yet concluded, and the legislative calendar is increasingly compressed. Under the CR, agencies are generally funded at FY 2024 enacted levels, prorated for the duration of the resolution. However, we have heard reports that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has advised some agencies that, notwithstanding the CR, they should operate at levels consistent with the FY 2026 President's budget request during the CR period. This guidance could have significant implications, as the FY 2026 request is substantially lower than FY 2024 enacted funding. It remains unclear whether Reclamation has received or is operating under this guidance, and we are actively seeking confirmation.

House Natural Resources Committee Hearing

On November 19th, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative hearing where one of MWDOC's member agencies had the opportunity to testify in support of Congressman Costa's bill, H.R. 338, *Every Drop Counts Act*.

H.R. 338 would amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to expand the scope of Reclamation's Small Storage Program. Specifically, the bill would increase the eligible size of storage or recharge capacity (setting thresholds such as at least 200 acre-feet and up to 150,000 acre-feet in average annual recharge) and broaden the eligible project types to include those that increase aquifer storage, convey water to or from underground storage, and stabilize groundwater

levels. It would also extend the agency's authority to carry out the program for an additional five years

Christine Compton of the Irvine Ranch Water District testified in support of the legislation and was introduced by Congressman Min (D-CA). In her testimony, she emphasized the importance of developing local water supplies, as Irvine Ranch has successfully done, while underscoring the need to do more — particularly by capturing and storing additional water when it is available. She highlighted the critical role of the Bureau of Reclamation's Small Storage Program in helping local water agencies strengthen supply reliability. At the same time, she noted that implementation of the program has faced challenges and explained that the proposed changes in H.R. 338 would improve Reclamation's ability to manage and administer it more effectively.

Christine did a fantastic job!

Cabinet Nominations

Brian Nesvik has been confirmed and sworn in as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), succeeding Martha Williams. Paul Souza served as Acting FWS Director while Mr. Nesvik awaited confirmation by the Senate but has since returned to his role as Regional Director in Region 8.

The Trump Administration has yet to find another nominee for the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, since it asked Ted Cooke to withdraw his nomination on September 30th.

Endangered Species Act Reform

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) recently proposed four rules to help guide the implementation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Two of the rules are jointly published by the Services and deal with the ESA Section 7 permitting process and the criteria used for listing, reclassifying, and delisting species under ESA Section 4. Of the remaining two rules published solely by the USFWS, the first restores science-based, species-specific regulations for threatened species under ESA Section 4(d), and the second clarifies the process for excluding and precluding areas from critical habitat designations under ESA Section 4(b)(2).

The proposed regulatory changes include:

- Removing Biden-era rule language that specified ESA listing decisions must be made "without reference to possible economic or other impacts of such determination." While the law will still require that listings be made solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available, removing the "without reference" language will allow for cost-and-benefit studies to be conducted for the public to consider.

- Removing the Fish and Wildlife Service's use of a "blanket 4(d) rule" that automatically gives all threatened species the same strict level of protection as species designated as endangered. Under the Trump administration proposal, every threatened species would have a tailored protection plan that could allow for specified exceptions to the ESA ban on harming listed species.
- Revising the factors considered when an agency designates critical habitat. The proposal highlights an assortment of national security and economic impact categories that could keep an area from being designated as critical habitat.
- Removing a Biden-era rule that allowed FWS to compel a project proponent to "offset" and not simply mitigate impacts to listed species' habitat.

Permitting Reform

Before adjourning for the year, the House passed broad permitting legislation, which may become part of a broader package lawmakers hope to pass this Congress. The House voted for Chair Bruce Westerman's (R-Ark.) "Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act," H.R. 4776. Notable provisions include the following:

- Agencies are only required to consider effects proximately caused by the project (not speculative or distant impacts).
- Sets hard deadlines:
 - 1 year for Environmental Assessments (EAs)
 - 2 years for Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)
 - Extensions allowed only with project proponent's approval
- Programmatic documents: Valid for 10 years, up from 5.
- New science: Agencies are not required to consider new research after a project's NEPA review has been initiated.
- Courts can only overturn agency actions if the agency abused its discretion and it changed the outcome.
- No vacatur or injunctions: Courts cannot halt projects—only remand for corrections, with a 180-day deadline.
- Lawsuits must be filed within 150 days of the final agency action, down from 6 years.
- "Major Federal Action" - Excludes actions where federal involvement is limited (e.g., grants, loan guarantees).
- "Reasonably foreseeable effects" - Must have a close causal connection to the project; speculative or unrelated future effects are excluded.
- Encourages use and sharing of categorical exclusions (CEs).
- Courts must resolve NEPA-related lawsuits within 180 days, appeals within 60 days.

Eleven Democrats, including Jim Costa and Adam Gray of California, ended up voting "yes" despite Westerman efforts to get more on board.

The bill would tighten timelines for National Environmental Policy Act reviews and reduce the potential for litigation. Westerman, a forester by training, stressed he simply wanted to "restore

NEPA to its original form" and that his proposal would accelerate reviews for projects of all kinds.

Throughout the floor debate, Democrats stressed they were open to amending NEPA — long considered sacrosanct in the party — but the last-minute changes offered by Westerman did not do enough to undo the Trump administration's attacks on clean energy in the eyes of most Democrats.

CVP and SWP Operations

The Bureau of Reclamation recently signed a Record of Decision that adopts an updated long-term operations plan for the CVP and the SWP under NEPA. This ROD implements “Action 5,” a revised operations approach analyzed in the 2024 Long-Term Operations Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and is consistent with updated biological opinions from both NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The decision responds to Executive Order 14181 by directing Reclamation to operate the CVP to maximize water deliveries to high-need communities while still meeting statutory obligations, contractual terms, and environmental protection requirements. Compared to previous plans, Action 5 removes certain Delta environmental constraints (such as the Fall X2 and early export-reduction measures), updates real-time Delta operating criteria (including OMR limits), strengthens governance mechanisms, and incorporates adaptive management guided by predictive tools. Operationally, this ROD is expected to allow increases in annual water deliveries within the range analyzed in the EIS — potentially up to hundreds of thousands of acre-feet more for the CVP and SWP — while maintaining compliance with federal law and species protections.



To:	MWDOC Workshop
From:	Syrus Devers
Date:	January 7th, 2026
Re:	State Legislative Report

Legislative Report

This report covers the month of December, which is always a slow time of the year. Below are the 2026 legislative proposals and bills not already covered by ACWA and CMUA reports that SDA has heard of so far. Although Sacramento seems quiet to the outside world, state agencies and the Governor's staff are actually hard at work preparing the Budget which must be released by January 10th. All of that, however, happens behind securely closed doors.

Issues and bills for 2026:

Prop 218 reform: ACWA has a working group of attorneys looking at clarifying the standards that water agencies must meet when setting rates. The problem is the standard of review used by courts when reviewing how rates are set. Prop 218 just says that rates charged to customers "shall not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel." But it says nothing about any particular method of determining that cost. Is it enough that the method used is reasonable, or is some higher standard required? This lack of clarity has led to courts coming up with conflicting opinions of what Prop 218 requires, and a booming cottage industry of litigation against water agencies. The desired bill would "clarify", because a statute cannot amend the Constitution, that Prop 218's requirements are met if the agency used reasonable methods to set tired rates, even if an individual customer's rate is not perfectly proportional to the exact cost of the water delivered to the parcel. The ACWA working group remains interested in introducing a bill in 2026 but has yet to release proposed language and has not identified an author.

As a reminder, bill requests need to be turned in to Legislative Counsel by January 23rd, and must be introduced by February 20th.

AB 497 (Wilson): This is a 2-year bill that will be amended to support Healthy River and Landscapes (HRL). The bill will remove the requirement for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to respond to individual comments submitted on the draft environmental documents for the Bay-Delta Plan, although the SWRCB would still have to incorporate changes to the final documents based on the comments. The goal is to shorten the approval process of HRL by up to six months without creating a new CEQA exemption. The bill is sponsored by the Solano County Water Agency who is soliciting support.

AB 35 (Alvarez): This 2-year bill in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee will be amended to exempt Proposition 4 funding regulations from Administrative Procedures Act (APA) review and

Syrus Devers Advocacy

approval. Past bond appropriations by the Legislature have been exempt from APA review, but the last-minute Prop 4 funding jammed into the Budget failed to include the exemption. Formal adoption of new regulations will add as much as 18 months to the process. Keep in mind that funding in the 2025 Budget for infrastructure improvements was removed and shifted to Prop 4 to help cut the deficit. Public agencies that were counting on funding approval this year are now being told funds will not likely be released until early 2027. AB 35 would exempt Prop 4 funding from the APA and include an urgency clause to take effect immediately.

In other news, the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) reports that Senator Hurtado has made no indication if she intends to pursue her bill, SB 496, to grant relief from Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) requirements. CSDA sponsored SB 496 to clarify which vehicles are necessary for emergency response, and to set up a process for appealing a denial of an ACF waiver application. The bill received bipartisan support but was held in Senate Appropriations. ACF requirements continue to increase in significance now that all partial exemptions to the program have expired. As of 2026, 100% of all covered vehicle purchases by public agencies must be Zero Emission Vehicles.

Legal and Regulatory

January 7, 2026

1. **More PFAS Cures:** Researchers at Rice University have come up with another technology to attack the problem. This was done in conjunction with the University of South Korea. This is based on a double- hydroxide material composed of copper and aluminum. The process is much faster than other methods and is eco friendly. Slight charge imbalances are induced removing the PFAS molecules which can then be disposed of. The primary material can be reused up to 6 times making it more sustainable than other concepts. The next step is to see if it be scaled up for commercial use.
2. **Clams Clean Water:** A Delaware non-profit and Sussex Central High School have combined for a pilot program to clean up a local area known as Assawoman Bay in Fenwick Island, Delaware. Baby clams are put into the bay. In a few years they will be large enough to harvest. In the mean time, they will clean the bay. Their natural growth pattern filters contaminants from the bay and improves the overall ecosystem. They are also considering a program for oysters which have similar characteristics. They will be monitoring the effectiveness for future projects.
3. **Bad Swans:** Animals seem to be grabbing headlines in recent months, the mute swans however in negative way. These swans which are not native to the US came from Europe in the 1800s. They are not the same as our natural Tundra swans and have a very different personality. Their nickname is “aquatic feral pigs”. They are very aggressive, eat 8 pounds of vegetation per day per bird, destroy natural habitat and food chains and attack other birds. They reportedly killed a man in Illinois, knocking him off his canoe and attacking him until he drowned. They are now on every states kill list, including California. They look similar to the good swans except they have a black bill and a yellow spot near their eye. Beware!!
4. **Marine Mammals at Risk:** Large numbers of various mammals near the California coast have been dying this year. The latest cause is a bacteria, leptospirosis, which attacks gastrointestinal tracts of sea lions, seals, otters, dolphins and even whales. Throw in the large number of toxic algae blooms we have experienced in central and southern California, the new heat blob, fishing and ship incidents, and we have the largest death toll we have seen in many years. Experts are trying to determine if there is any relationship among those causes or just separate issues occurring at the same time.
5. **Great Salt Lake Update:** Salt lakes make up almost half of the total lake water volume of the globe. Many of these salt lakes have been shrinking and some have completely dried up. Agricultural expansion and other human use has been the primary cause in each case. Owens Lake and the Salton Sea are some examples in California. The Great Salt Lake was once the largest salt body in the US. Now ag and residential use take up over 2/3 of water formerly flowing the Lake. This has caused toxic dust issues from the dry Lake and a threat that it might disappear

completely. The Governor is now taking steps to save the Lake. The last two years have helped with record snowfall. Now more conservation methods for ag and human use are being considered and implemented. By way of contrast, the Great Salt Lake is 5 times bigger than the Salton Sea and is much closer to high population areas. Time will tell if these measures will be successful.

6. **Global Water Use Up:** A report from the University of Twente in the Netherlands is very disturbing. It shows that over the last 20 years, worldwide water use has increased 25%. A major factor was global trade of products which require significant water volume to make. Specifically mentioned in the report were countries like Pakistan. Pakistan is experiencing water shortages but uses large amounts of water to make cotton sweaters to sell worldwide. Reducing inefficient water use in agriculture would save 33 1/3%. Of all the water used globally, 25% is used for products in the global economy.
7. **WOTUS Changes:** WOTUS (waters of the United States) is being redefined, again!! In a Brownstein report, the history of WOTUS is summarized. WOTUS regulations determine which and what kinds of water bodies/elements will be under control of the federal government. The Clean Water Act gives federal jurisdiction over WOTUS. This is aimed at restoring and protecting surface water in the US. However it does not define WOTUS, but allows the EPA and USACE (Army Corps of Engineers) to issue regulations defining the term. Historically, it was defined as traditional navigable waters, interstate waters, waters involved in interstate and foreign commerce plus a few other situations. In 2006, the Rapanos case went to the US Supreme Court regarding the definition of WOTUS. The court could not agree on a definition but set forth the concept of “relatively permanent flow” as a standard. This left a large ambiguity in the law. Since then, every administration has defined WOTUS as they saw it. Obama greatly expanded the definition to broaden the federal jurisdiction. Trump I repealed that definition and replaced it with a more restrictive definition. Biden in essence threw out the Trump I effort and returned to the Obama with some additions. Now Trump II desires to narrow the impact by further defining “relatively permanent”, interstate waters, tributary, “continuous surface connection”, and ground water. Legal challenges will occur and based on history, patchwork court decisions will further muddy the “water”. Congress should act to force certainty and not allow successor administrations to rewrite definitions>>
8. **Inland Seas:** A UC Irvine professor, Amir AghaKouchak, is researching a solution to sea level rise. NOAA reports that the ocean level has increased, on average, from 8 to 9 inches since 1880 and is continuing to rise. The main cause is ice packs melting and the earth getting warmer. The proposal is to establish inland seas as a place for this water to go. The current target is Quattar Depression in Egypt. This is a low lying desert region which is 436 feet below sea level. The result would lower global sea level by a few millimeters. Other target areas are the Dead Sea, the West Bank, and the Danakil Depression in Ethiopia. The Salton Sea was also mentioned. All of these would be controversial. Most of these projects could be gravity fed due to destinations being below sea level. However, there are many other concerns as you have guessed.
9. **Tiered Rates Upheld:** A recent Court of Appeals case in California involving LADWP upheld their tiered rate water prices. Prop 218 requires actual justification for prices charged to water users. That is, if you want to charge a customer more for their increased water use, you have to show that it is costing you more to provide the additional water. In this case, LADWP paid different prices for different sources of their water. Also they paid

extra when they exceeded their peak level. The court said tier breakpoints and water budgets could also be considered.

10. **Modesto's Rock Wells:** Modesto has over 9000 rock wells, most of which were constructed over 50 years ago. Originally, they were built to handle storm-water and to recharge their below ground aquifers. A rock well is a hole in the ground filled with rocks designed to capture storm water and allow it flow to aquifers below. Lately they have been experiencing problems. They fill up with leaves and debris and can cause flooding in heavy rain events. They also collect toxic material which is delivered to the groundwater basins. Untreated rainwater is one thing, but urban runoff is another. They require constant maintenance and overtime are not as efficient for groundwater recharge. The new alternative is dry wells. They have a fore basin to collect solids and leaves. The prescreened water is then drained into the ground. The dry wells have 2 to 4 times the capacity but still require regular maintenance. Thus far they have installed 91 dry wells, mostly in the flood areas. The rock wells are being phased out.
11. **Drought Debt:** Local government and state government have been facing severe financial hits with fires, hurricanes, floods and droughts. While most such incidents are a one time occurrence, droughts can extend over years. The \$4 trillion municipal bond market is starting to realize that the drought cost could up-end the entire market. 43 of our 50 states have faced some form of drought experience. The federal government usually has the capacity to help in fires, floods and hurricanes but not in drought related crisis. Water rates which have traditionally been relatively low will have to be increased significantly. Financial experts and planners are starting to give warnings. Actions may be next.

TO: MWDOC Board of Directors

FROM: Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors

DATE: January 7, 2026

SUBJECT: December 2025 Local Legislative Report

Following are a few of the more notable developments and issues that have transpired in Orange County over the last several weeks:

- The Moulton Niguel Water District Board of Directors appointed Laguna Niguel resident Brian Parker to fill the vacancy created by the resignation in late November of longtime Board member Duane Cave. Mr. Parker has a long career in the petrochemical industry and most recently served as a member of the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury, co-authoring the report, “Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Systems.”
- Aliso Viejo City Manager Mitzi Ortiz passed away suddenly on December 22. Ms. Ortiz had served as the City Clerk for roughly ten years before being appointed City Manager in August of 2024. City Finance Director Ann Eifert will serve as Acting City Manager pending City Council determination on the path forward.
- The Cypress City Council voted 3-1 to appoint resident Rachel Strong to the at-large council seat vacated by former Council Member Scott Minikus. The appointment came after the individual first selected to the seat withdrew from the process, prompting the City Council to convene a publicly noticed special meeting to meet the Nov. 30 legal deadline to fill the vacancy. Council Member Strong will fill out the remainder of the District 5 seat term, through November 2026.
- Negotiations continue between the County of Orange and a coalition of cities and sanitation districts regarding landfill tipping fees, known as the Waste Infrastructure System Enhancements (WISE) agreements. Final approval by the Board of Supervisors is anticipated in early 2026, after which each jurisdiction will work to complete their respective Prop 218 hearings and approve the rate increases prior to the new fees going into effect July 1, 2026.

- The Laguna Beach City Council voted to place a term limits measure on the November 2026 ballot. Laguna Beach, Brea, La Habra, Laguna Woods, Rancho Santa Margarita, and San Juan Capistrano are the only Orange County cities that do not currently limit the number of terms a council member or Mayor may serve.
- The Costa Mesa City Council officially appointed Cecilia Gallardo-Daly to serve as its City Manager, while Seimone Jurjis and Kelly Reenders have officially assumed the City Manager positions in Newport Beach and Dana Point, respectively, effective January 1.
- Engie North America asked the California Energy Commission (CEC) to suspend processing of its application to construct a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) adjacent to Saddleback Church's San Juan Capistrano satellite church. In its December 22 letter to the CEC, Engie said it would analyze alternative locations and market changes "to improve the economic viability of the project." Engie's proposed 250-megawatt Compass Energy Storage project battery energy storage system would have collected excess energy from the power grid, stored it and then discharged it back to the grid during periods of peak demand. Engie was planning to purchase 41 acres of a former ranch that fronts Camino Capistrano, the railroad tracks and the 5 freeway from Saddleback Church, using 13 acres for the storage facility and preserving the remainder as natural open space with trails.
- Phase II of Orange County's Climate Action Plan, a comprehensive roadmap detailing potential projects and programs to reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions from various sources, has been delayed and won't likely come to the Board of Supervisors until February or March of 2026. Key initiatives within the CAP included increasing stormwater capture and infiltration, reducing the amount of organic waste going to landfills by 75 percent and improving edible food recovery by 20 percent, and exploring the feasibility of regional anaerobic digestion and conversion technology facilities. The County is required to have a completed CAP in order to apply for and secure Proposition 4 grants for these targeted programs.

As part of our scope of work, Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors has continued to monitor the agendas of the 26 city and water district MWDOC members to identify items of relevance to MWDOC. We also continue to monitor activities at the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Orange County Water District.

It is a pleasure to work with you and to represent the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

Sincerely,



Peter Whittingham



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager

Subject: Public Education and Outreach Report

Laguna Woods Village Television (LWVT)

Staff is scheduling the next LWVT This Day interview. President Freshley will provide an ETWD year in review presentation.

Press Release

Staff will issue a news release announcing the appointment of Director Kathryn Freshley as President and Director Kay Havens as Vice President to the Board of Directors.

Website

Staff is finalizing the new website in coordination with the consultant and plans to conduct a soft launch in early February.

MWDOC 75th Anniversary

Staff filmed a commemorative video featuring Dennis conveying best wishes to MWDOC in celebration of its 75th anniversary and prepared a formal resolution that Dennis will present at MWDOC's January 21 meeting.

Community/Speaking Engagement Events

Laguna Woods Village United Town Hall Meeting – January 9, 2026

At the Laguna Woods Village United Mutual Town Hall meeting, Hannah presented an overview of the District's planned rehabilitation of the Aliso Creek Lift Station, highlighting the facility's critical role in serving the Laguna Woods Village community. Approximately 100 residents attended the meeting, and the presentation and subsequent Q&A were well received, with attendees acknowledging the importance and necessity of the project.



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

From: Vu Chu, Water Resources Supervisor

Subject: Water Use Efficiency Report

Rebate Programs:

The SoCal WaterSmart regional rebate program is available to ETWD customers through the collaboration of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, and ETWD.

Eligible device purchases may qualify for rebates, contingent on meeting eligibility criteria and subject to fund availability. Detailed residential and commercial rebate information is accessible at:

www.etwd.com/conservation/rebates

www.etwd.com/commercial-rebates

Actual Customer Rebates Analysis:

The following ETWD residential customer and commercial customer device rebates were approved by the Metropolitan Water District and the Municipal Water District of Orange County in December 2025.

The table below also shows the ETWD residential and commercial rebates approved for December 2025 and FY 2025-2026.

Rebate Program	December 2025	FY 2025/26
High Efficiency Clothes Washer		5
Irrigation Controller (Residential)	2	8
Spray to Drip – Commercial		13,831 sq. ft.

Spray to Drip – Residential		3,499 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Commercial	19,146 sq. ft.	19,146 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Residential	1,938 sq. ft.	2,373 sq. ft.

Water Use Efficiency Plan Update:

The District Water Budget-Based Tiered Conservation Rate Structure (WBBTCRS) pricing structure is the primary plan that gives customers the incentive needed to be efficient. The Plan efforts initially will concentrate on those customers continually in the Inefficient and Excessive Tiers (Tiers 3 and 4). During December 2025, residential customers accounted for 88.1% of Tier 3 usage and dedicated irrigation accounted for 11.9%. For Tier 4, residential customers accounted for 68.0% and dedicated irrigation accounted for 32.0% during the same period.

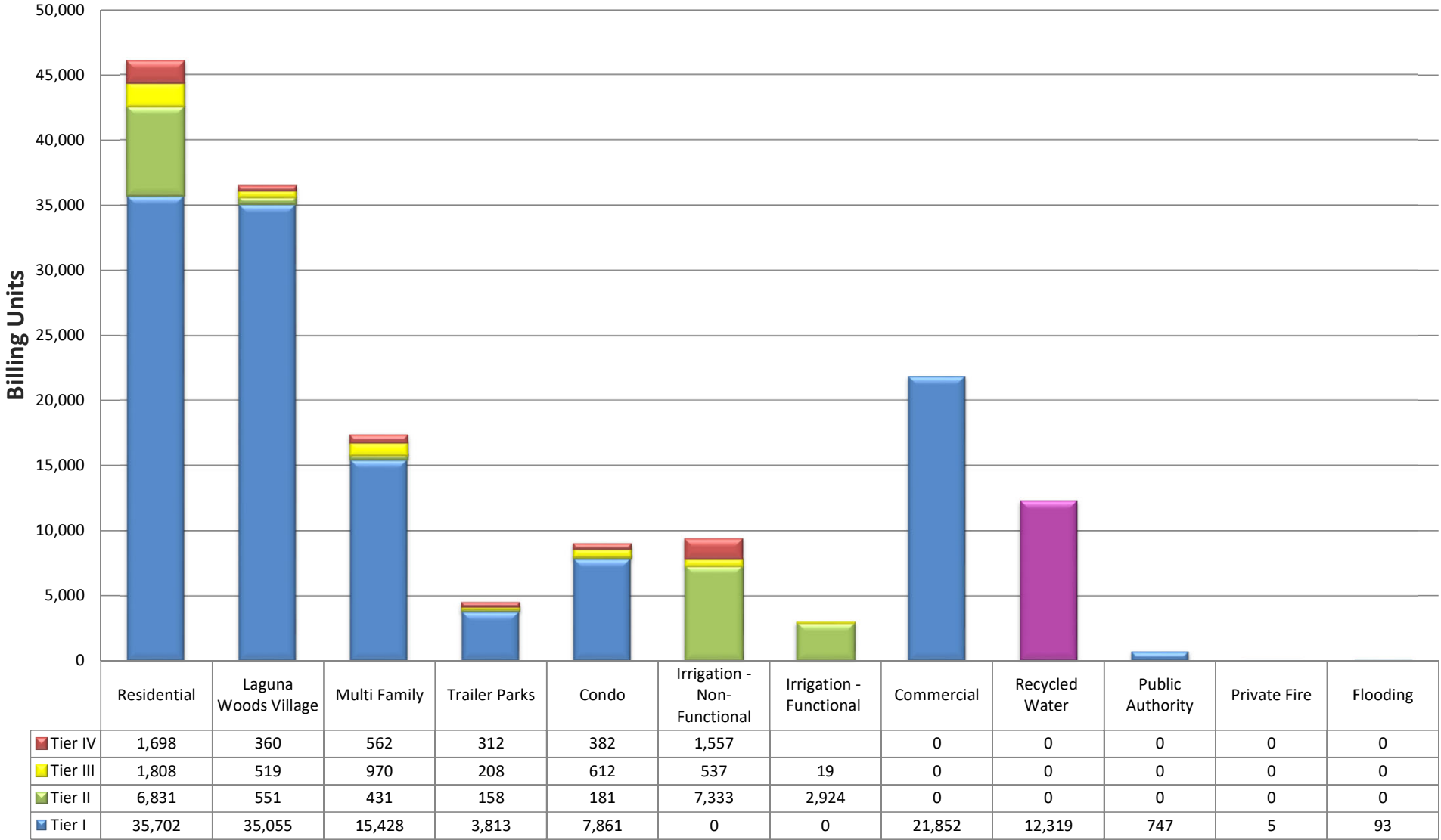
Total Consumption Comparison to Evapotranspiration (ET) Factor:

Included in this month's Water Use Efficiency Report is a chart comparing the current fiscal year consumption and ET factor to the fiscal 2024/25 consumption and ET factor. Total potable water consumption decreased by 20.34% in December 2025 compared to December 2024. On a year-to-date basis, potable water consumption through December decreased 6.43% compared to FY 2024–2025. During the same period, the ET factor increased from 1.85 to 1.98.

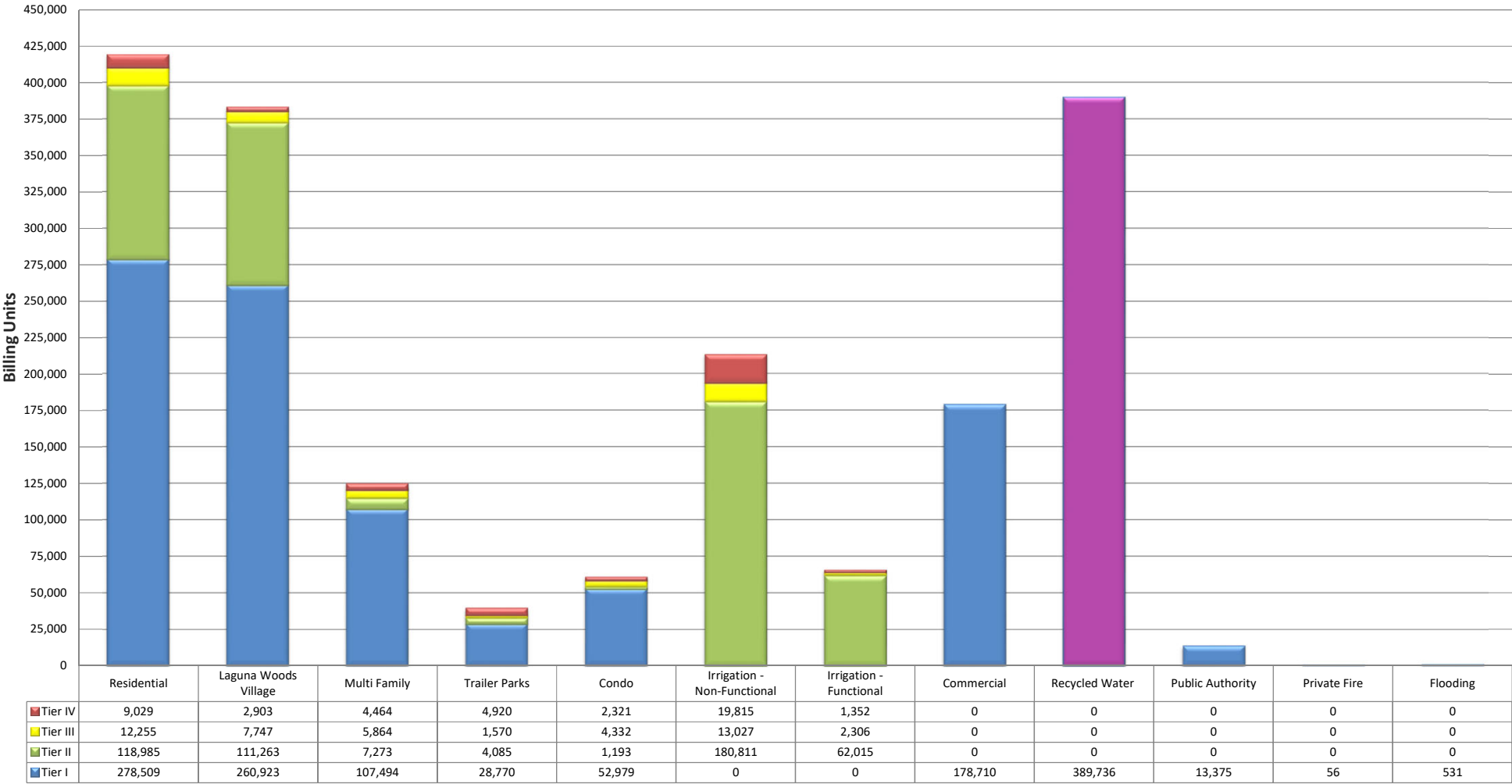
ETWD Tier Consumption Information and Usage Information Compared to Previous Years:

The following graphs highlight ETWD year-to-date consumption and consumption by tier for the current fiscal year compared to the 2024-2025 fiscal year. ETWD water consumption compared to 2013 and 2020 are also included.

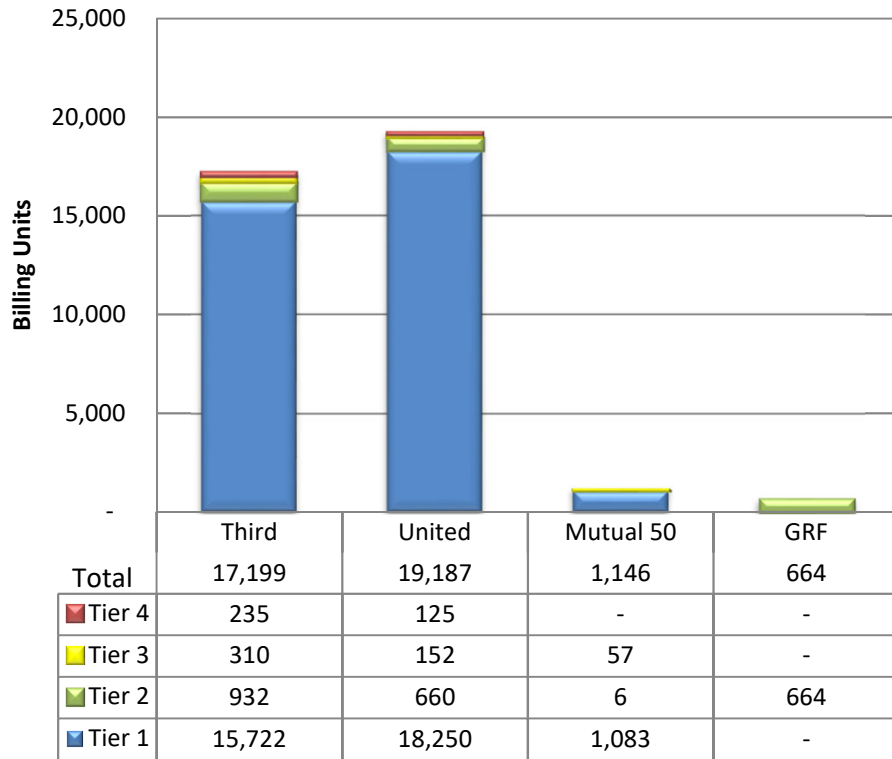
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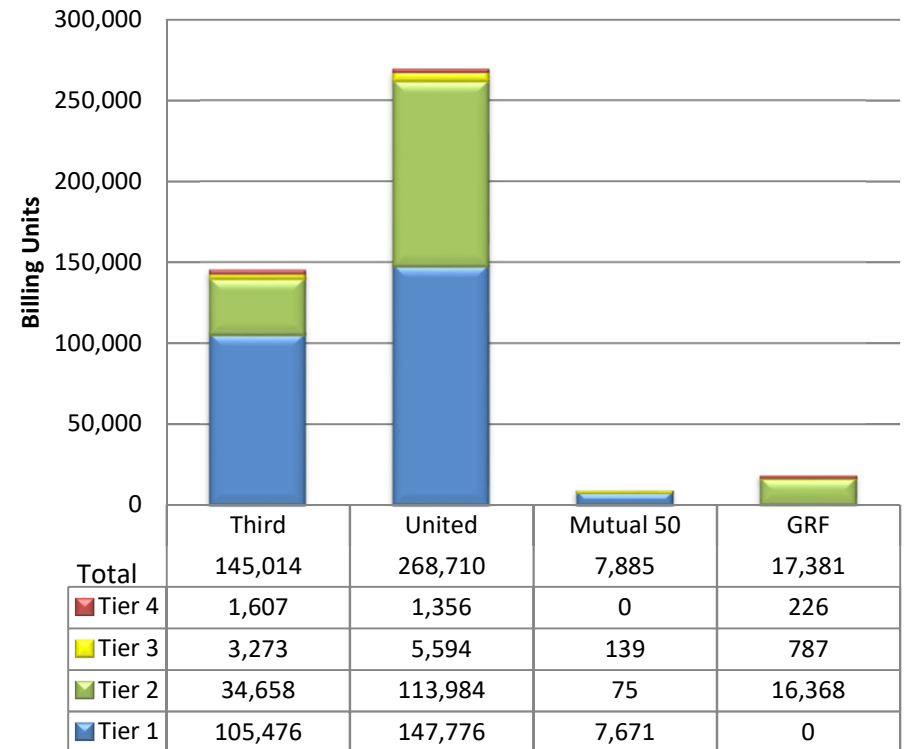
Year-to-Date Water Sales as of December 2025



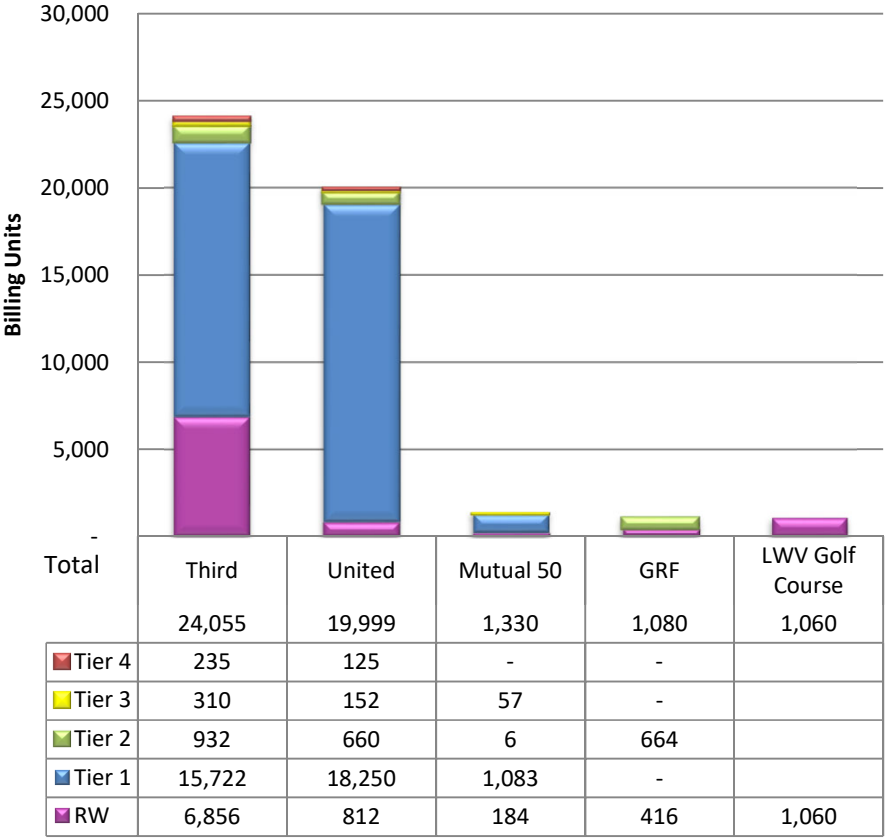
Laguna Woods Village December 2025 Water Sales



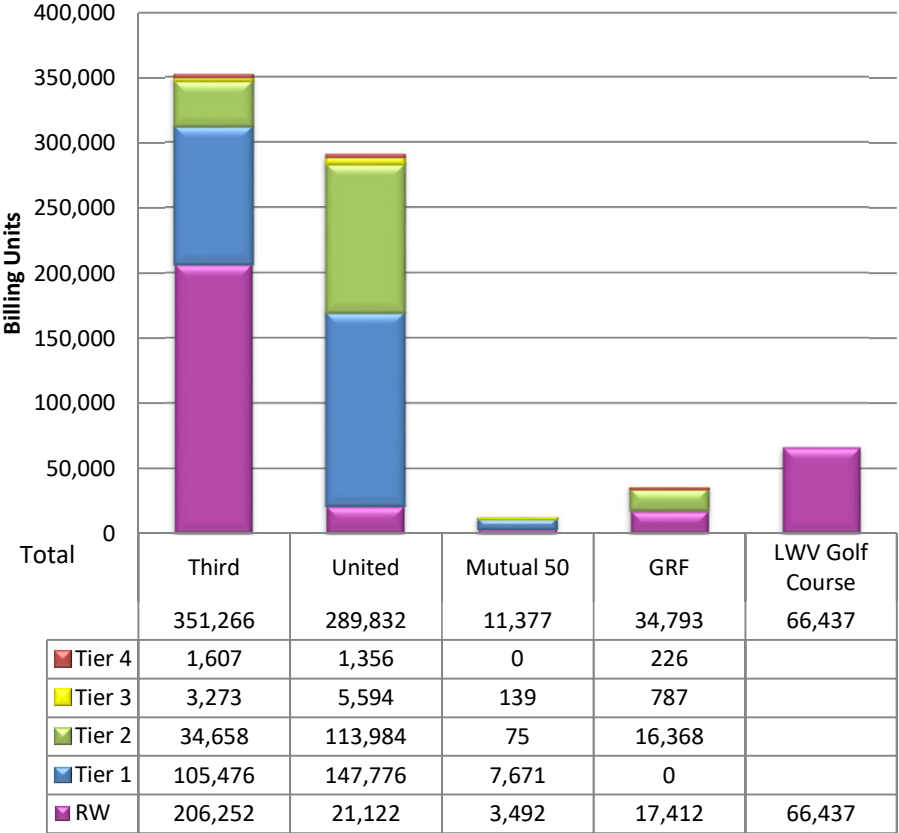
Laguna Woods Village Year-to-Date Water Sales December 2025



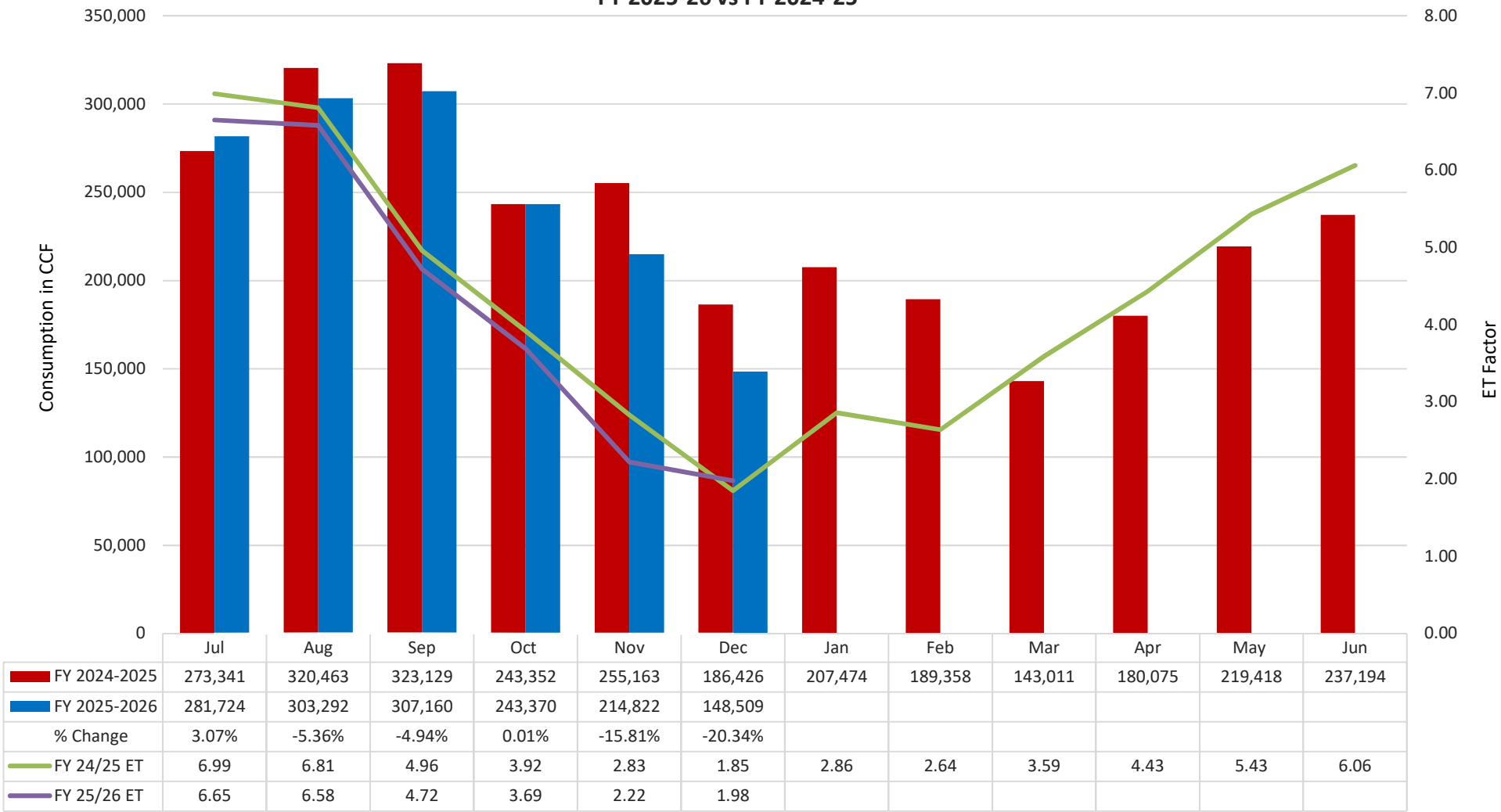
Laguna Woods Village December 2025 Water & RW Sales



Laguna Woods Village Year-to-Date Water & RW Sales December 2025



Total Consumption Comparison (CCF)
FY 2025-26 vs FY 2024-25

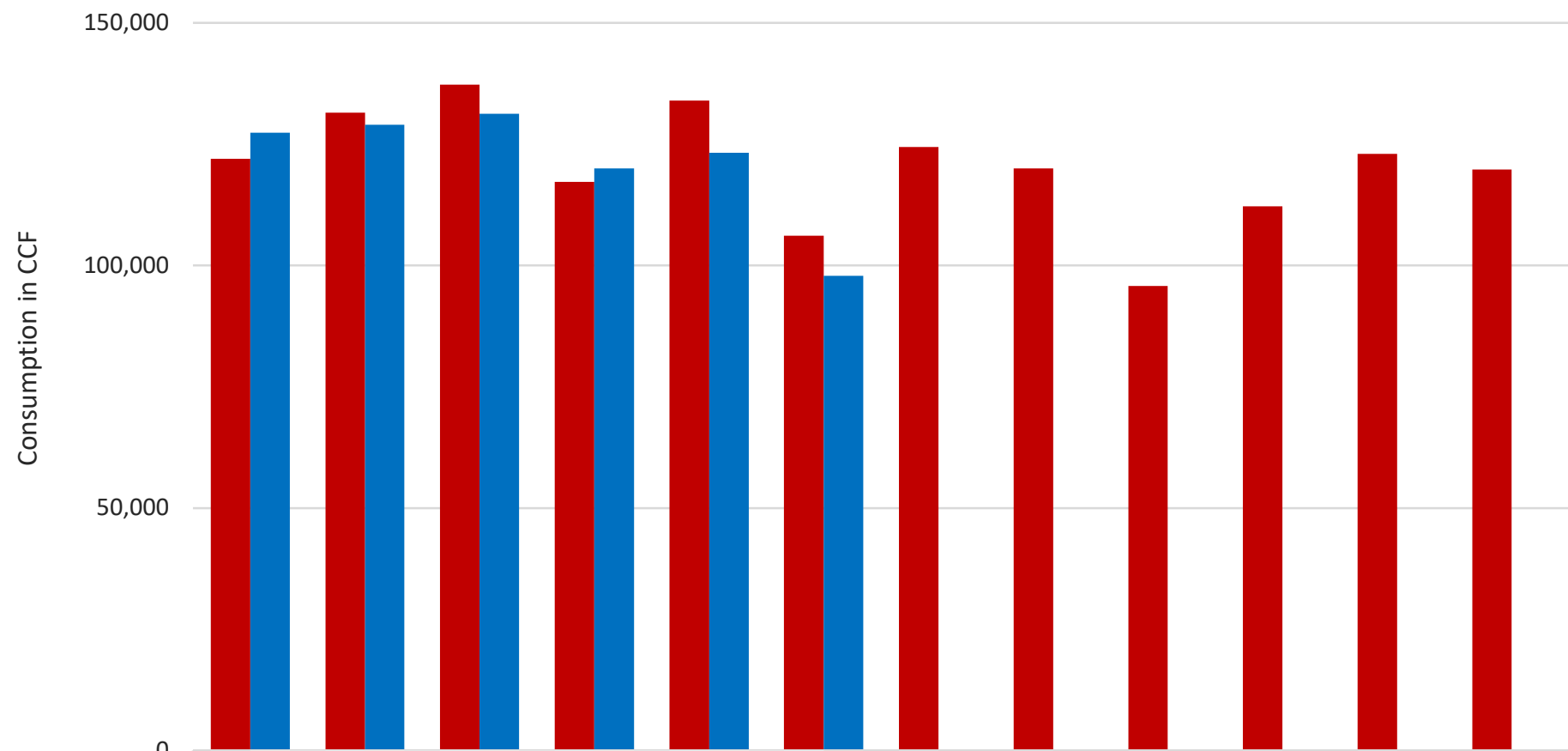


ETWD Fiscal YTD Consumption
FY 2025-26 vs FY 2024-25



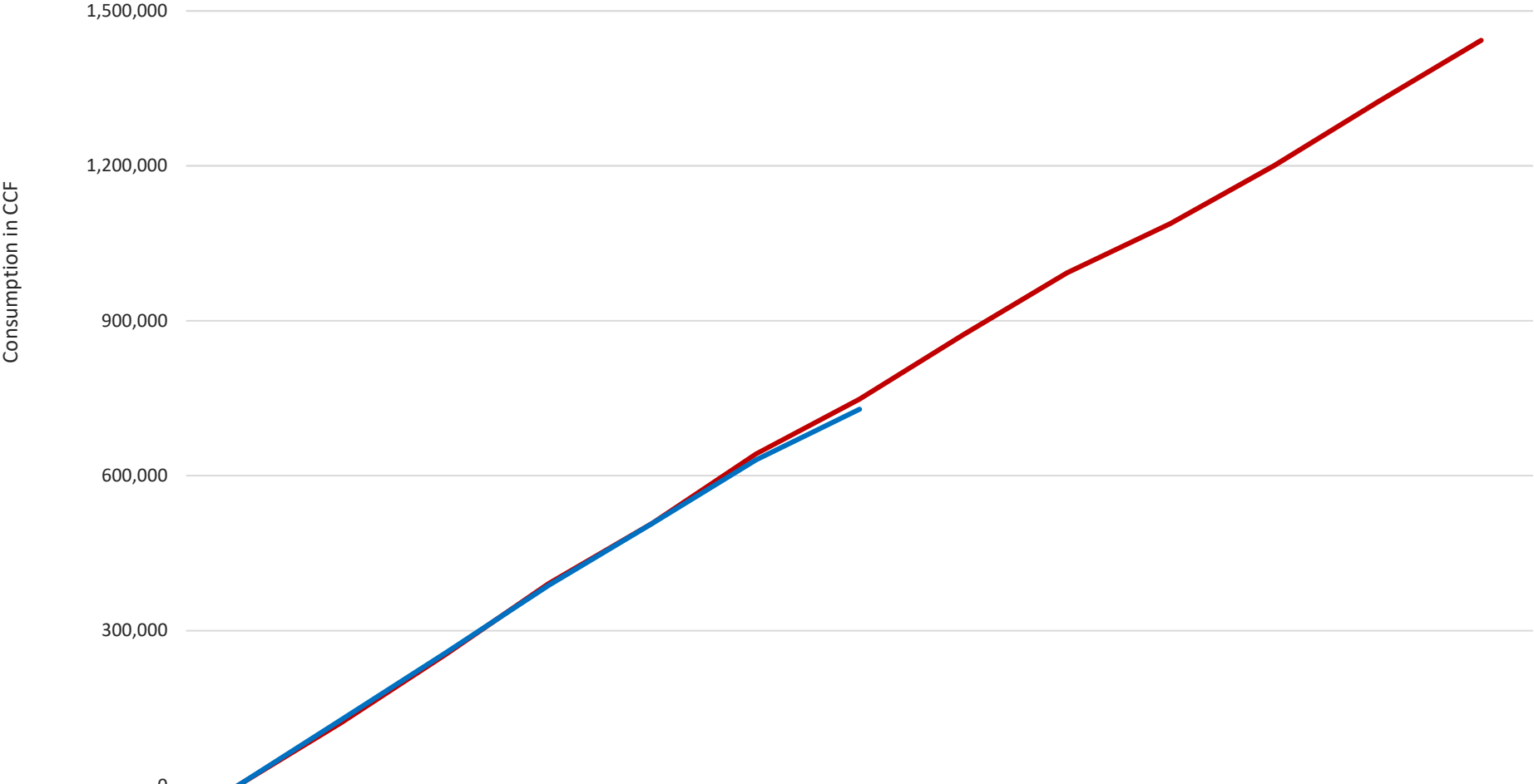
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	273,341	593,804	916,933	1,160,285	1,415,448	1,601,874	1,809,348	1,998,706	2,141,717	2,321,792	2,541,210	2,778,404
2025-2026	0	281,724	585,016	892,176	1,135,546	1,350,368	1,498,877						
% Change		3.07%	-1.48%	-2.70%	-2.13%	-4.60%	-6.43%						

Tier I Consumption



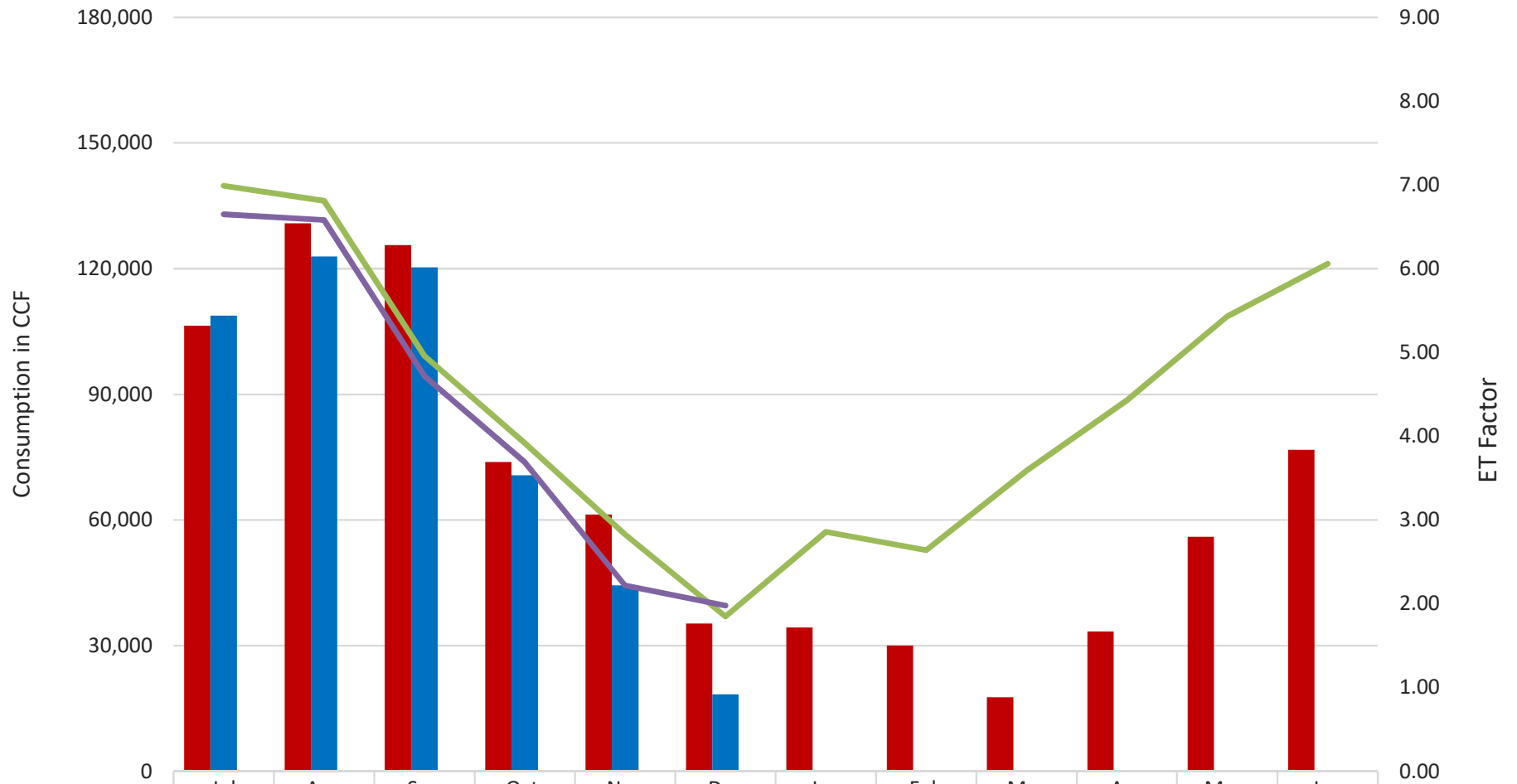
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2024-2025	122,015	131,466	137,296	117,207	133,977	106,134	124,382	119,990	95,801	112,176	122,955	119,806
2025-2026	127,358	128,996	131,302	119,965	123,195	97,859						
% Change	4.38%	-1.88%	-4.37%	2.35%	-8.05%	-7.80%						

Tier I Fiscal YTD Consumption



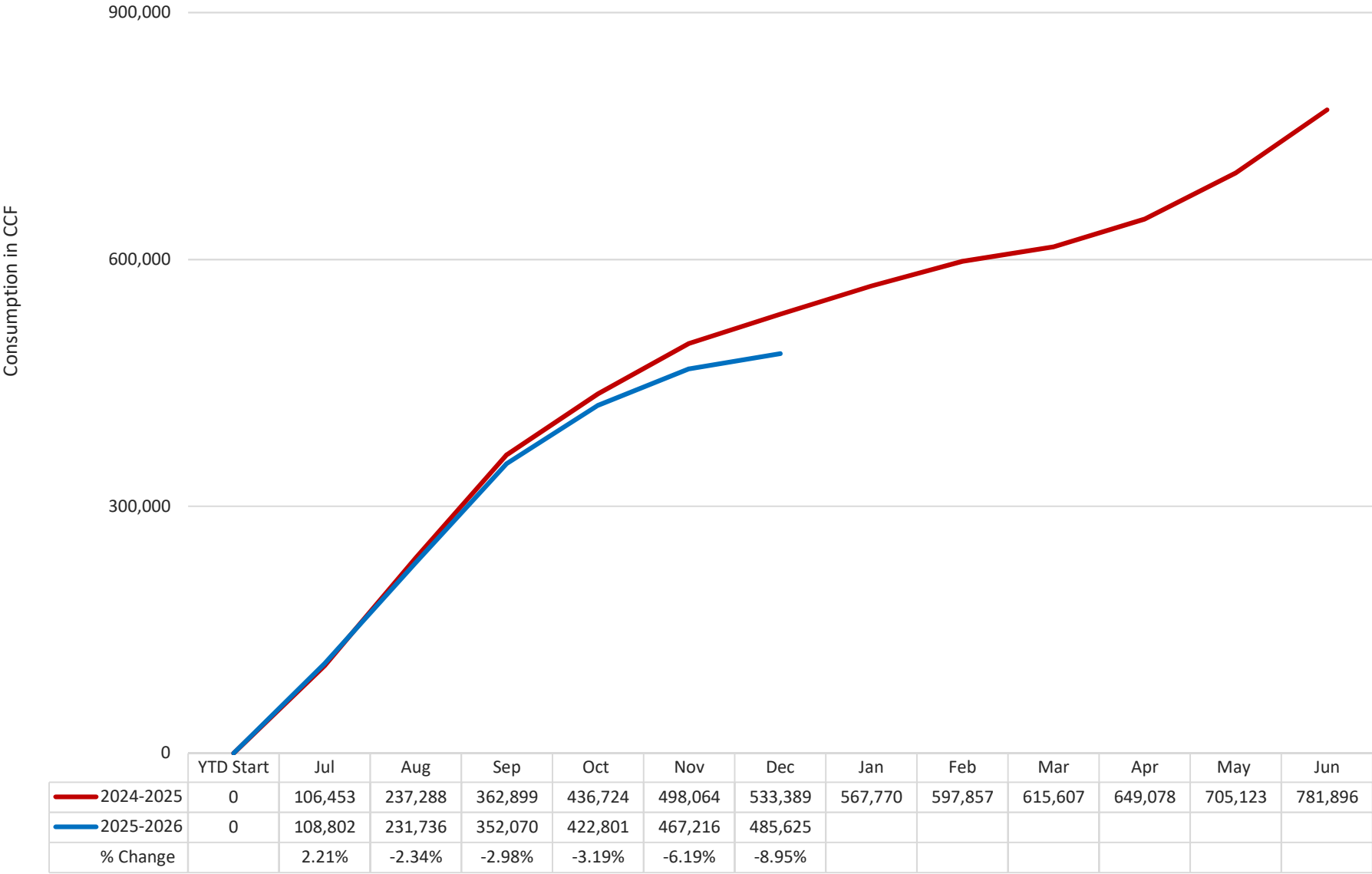
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	122,015	253,481	390,777	507,984	641,961	748,095	872,477	992,467	1,088,268	1,200,444	1,323,399	1,443,205
2025-2026	0	127,358	256,354	387,656	507,621	630,816	728,675						
% Change		4.38%	1.13%	-0.80%	-0.07%	-1.74%	-2.60%						

Tier II Consumption

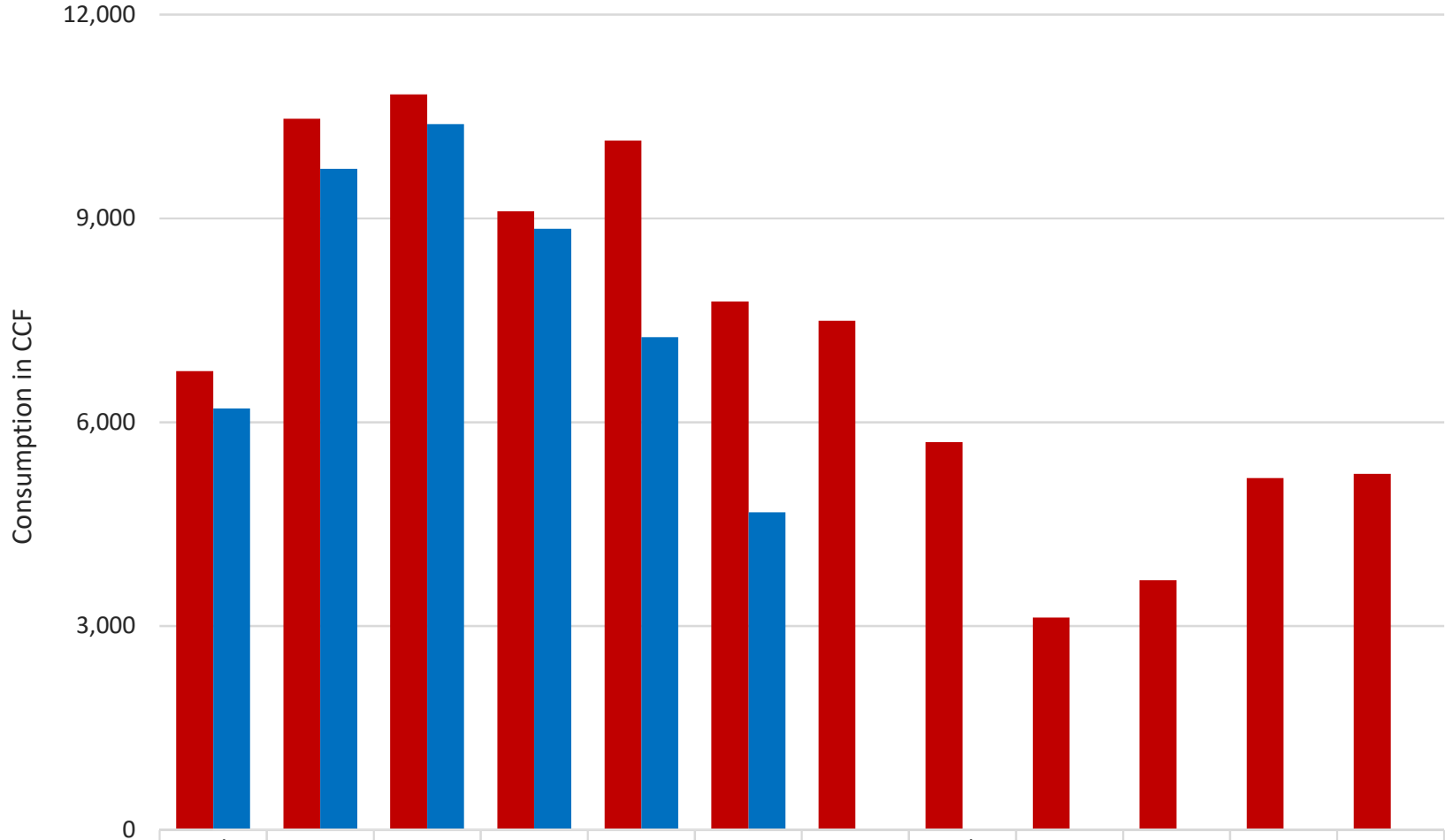


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2024-2025	106,453	130,835	125,611	73,825	61,340	35,325	34,381	30,087	17,750	33,471	56,045	76,773
2025-2026	108,802	122,934	120,334	70,731	44,415	18,409						
% Change	2.21%	-6.04%	-4.20%	-4.19%	-27.59%	-47.89%						
24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98						

Tier II Fiscal YTD Consumption

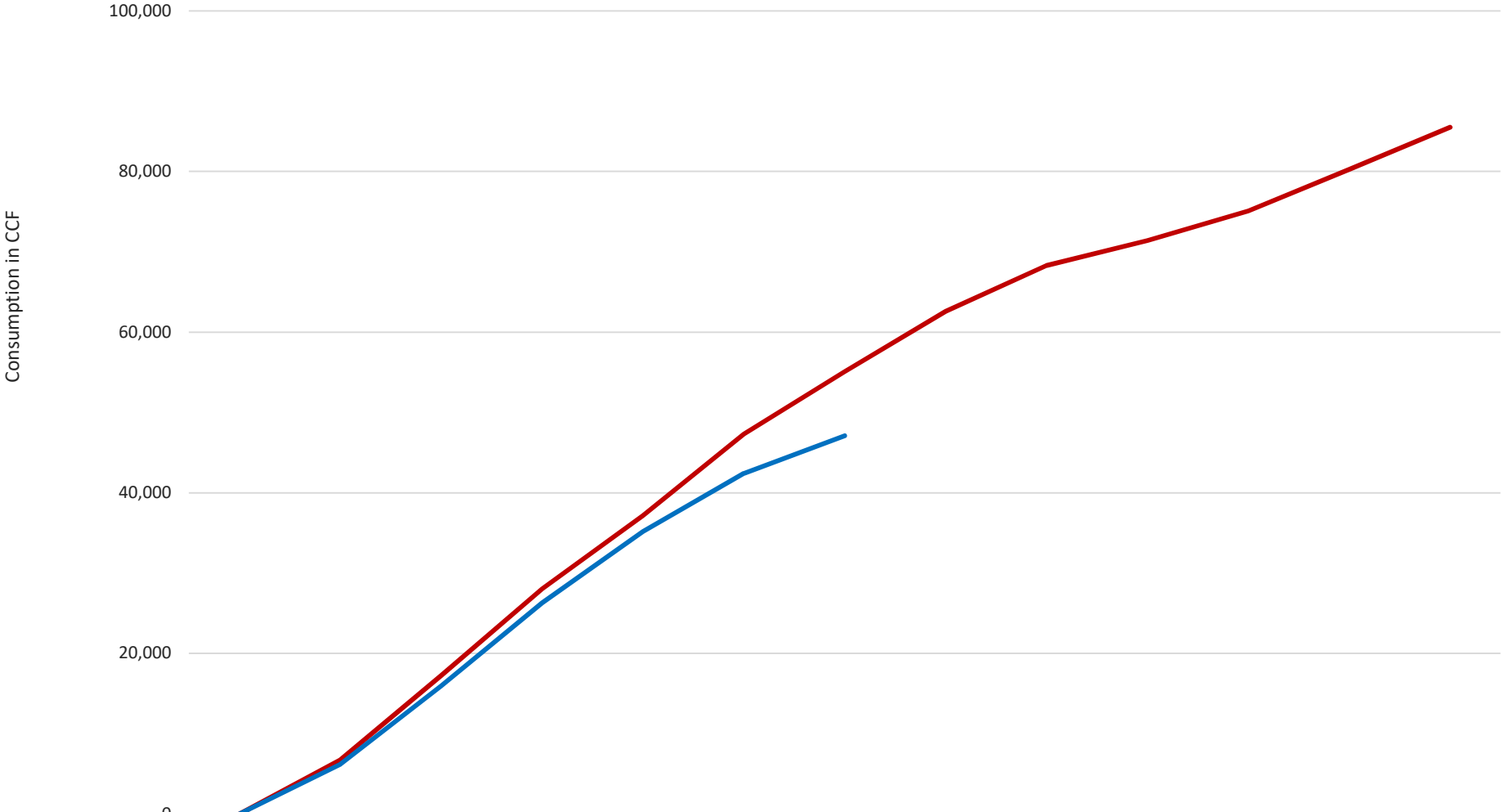


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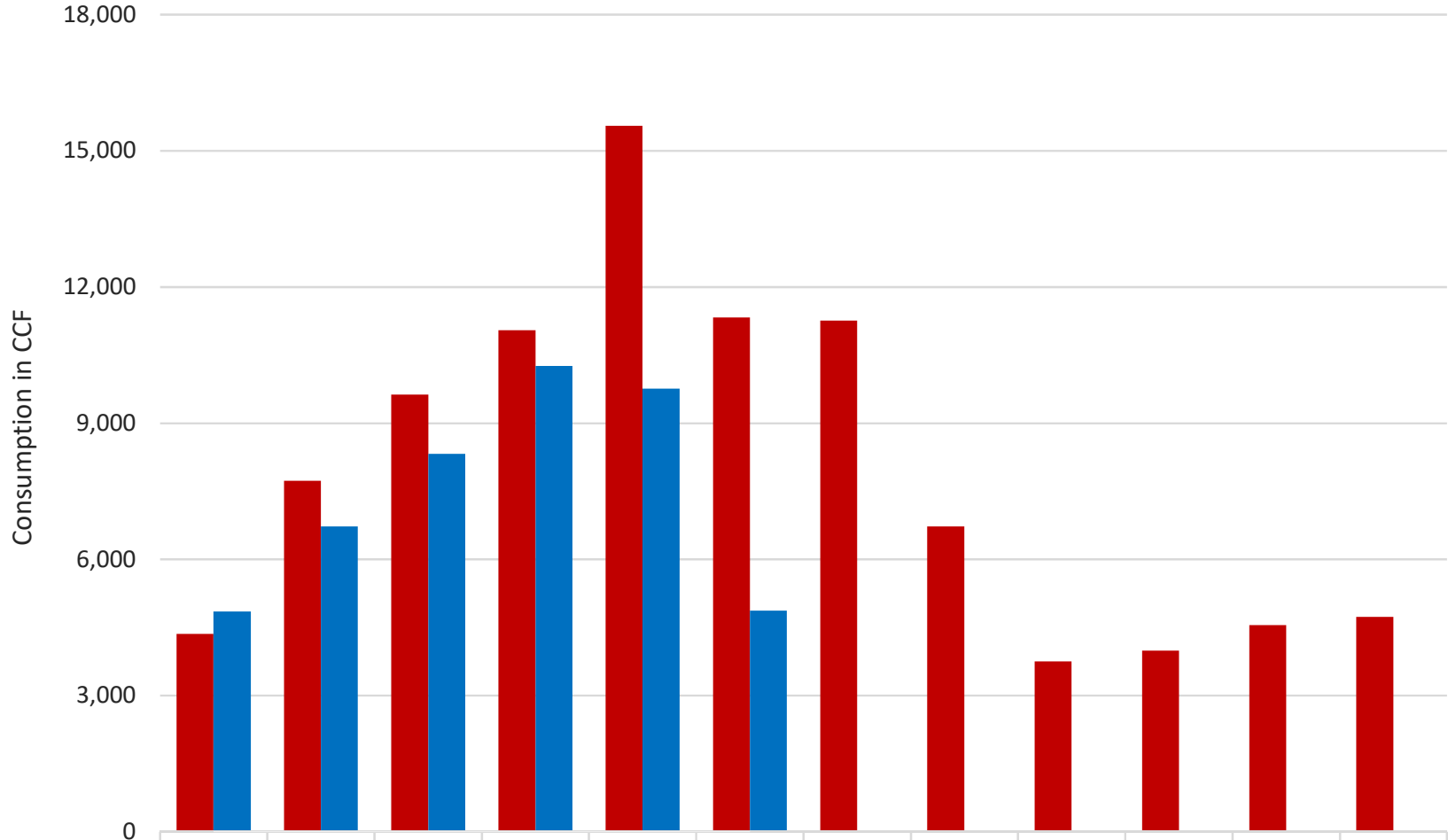
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2024-2025	6,754	10,469	10,828	9,107	10,147	7,778	7,493	5,707	3,128	3,676	5,179	5,244
2025-2026	6,207	9,731	10,387	8,848	7,255	4,673						
% Change	-8.10%	-7.05%	-4.07%	-2.84%	-28.50%	-39.92%						

Tier III Fiscal YTD Consumption



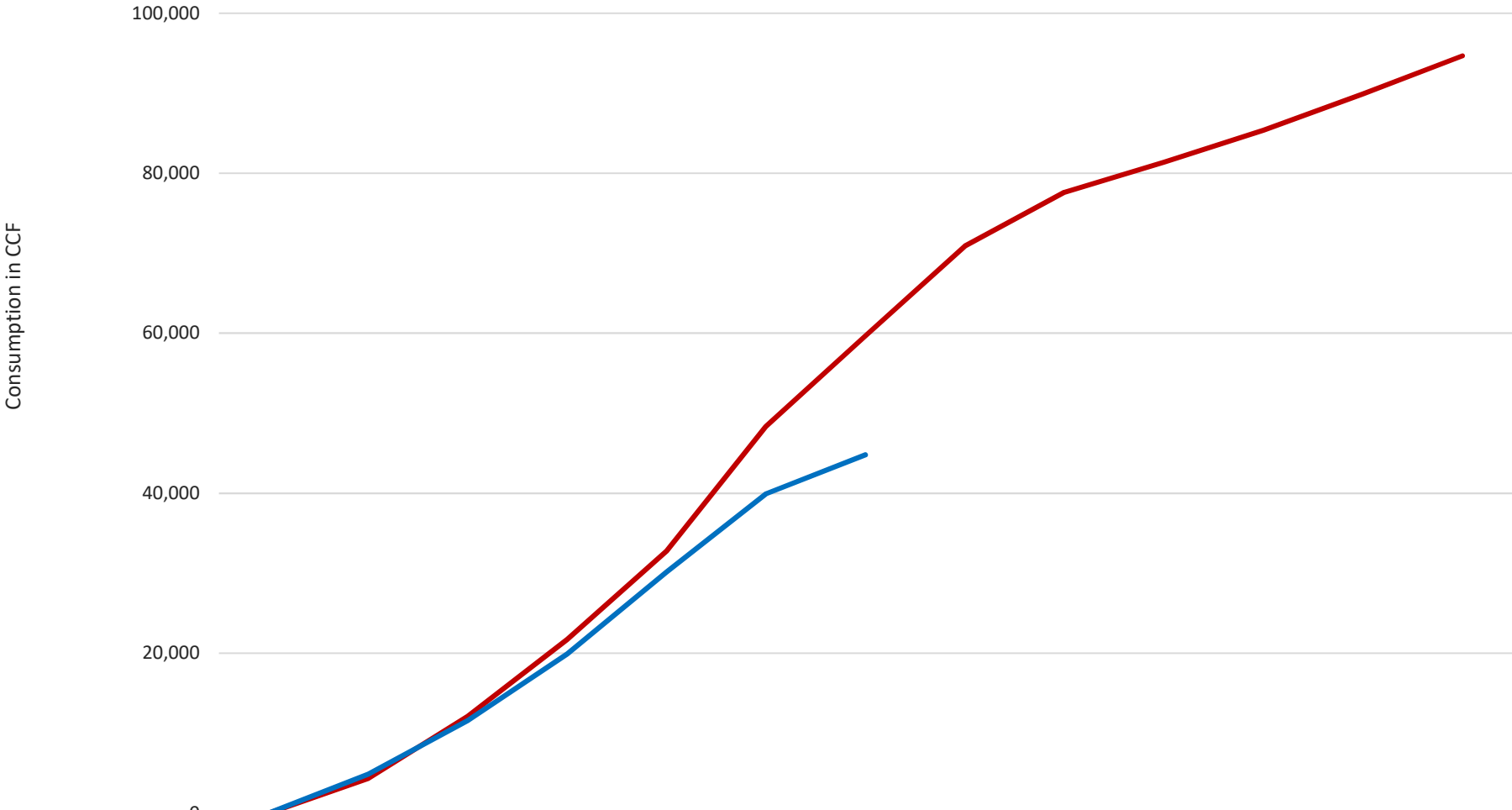
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2024-2025	0	6,754	17,223	28,051	37,158	47,305	55,083	62,576	68,283	71,411	75,087	80,266	85,510
2025-2026	0	6,207	15,938	26,325	35,173	42,428	47,101						
% Change		-8.10%	-7.46%	-6.15%	-5.34%	-10.31%	-14.49%						

Tier IV Consumption



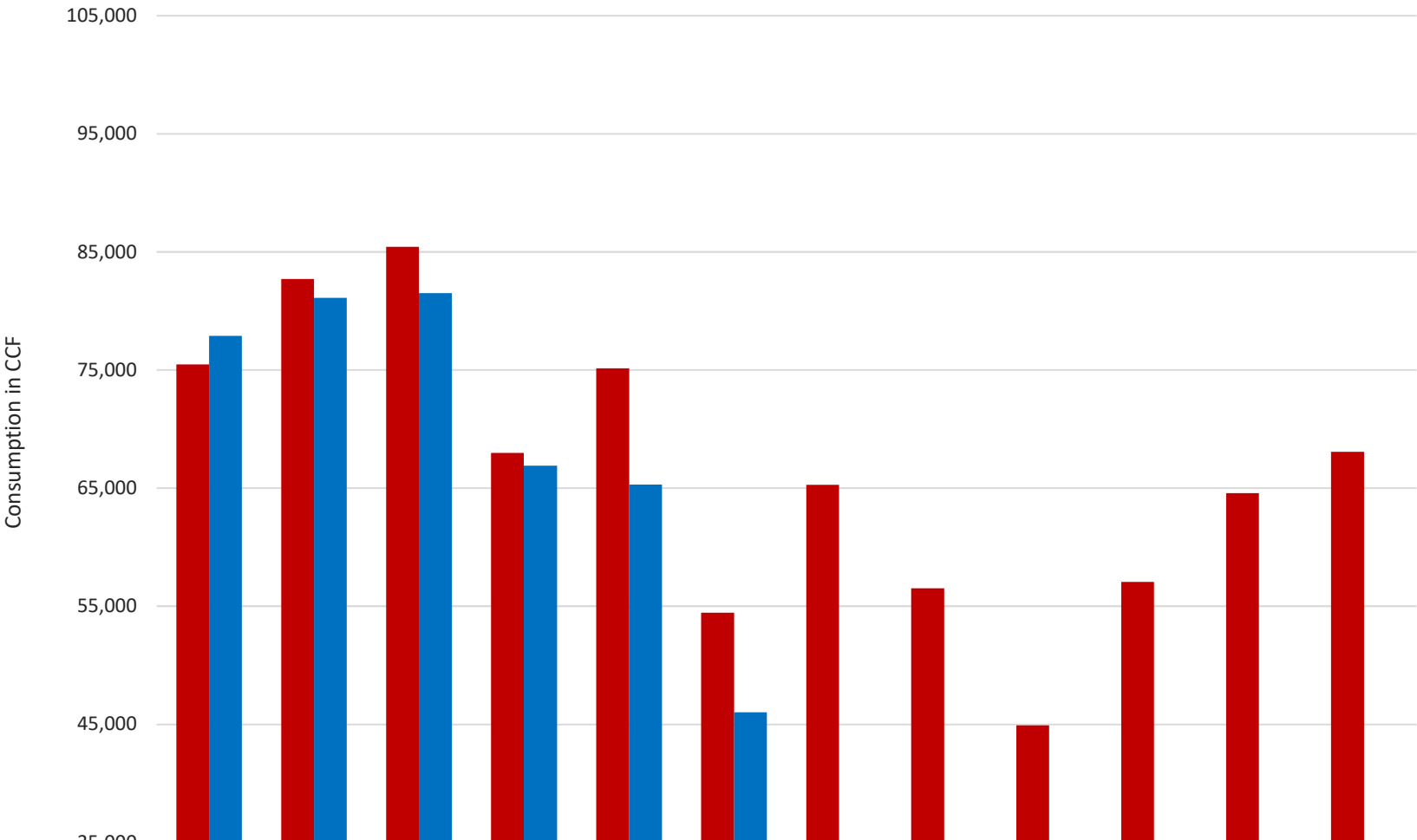
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2024-2025	4,363	7,731	9,636	11,043	15,552	11,334	11,258	6,721	3,754	3,994	4,553	4,740
2025-2026	4,851	6,723	8,328	10,265	9,766	4,871						
% Change	11.18%	-13.04%	-13.57%	-7.05%	-37.20%	-57.02%						

Tier IV Fiscal YTD Consumption



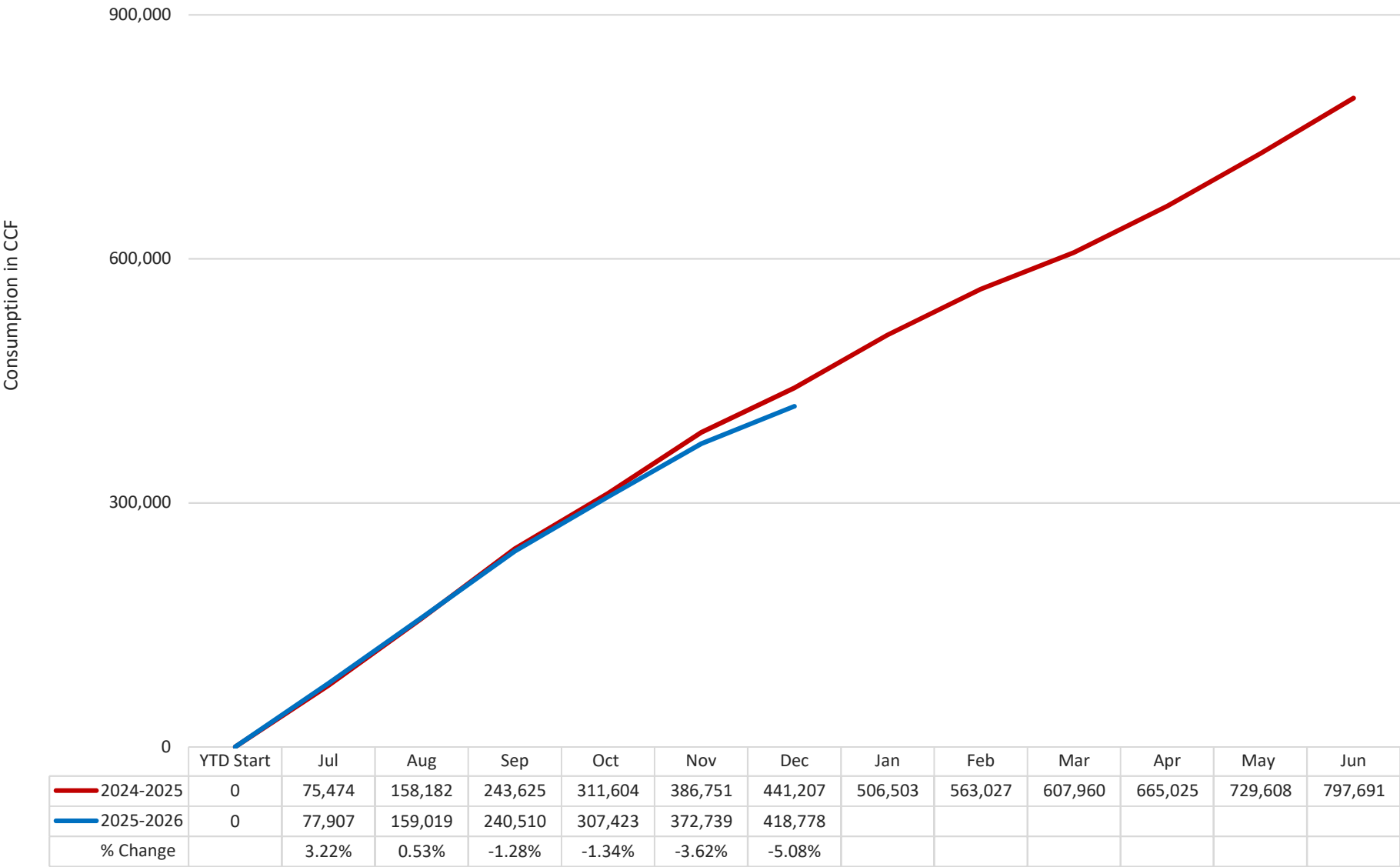
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	4,363	12,094	21,730	32,773	48,325	59,659	70,917	77,638	81,392	85,386	89,939	94,679
2025-2026	0	4,851	11,574	19,902	30,167	39,933	44,804						
% Change		11.18%	-4.30%	-8.41%	-7.95%	-17.37%	-24.90%						

Single Family Residents Consumption

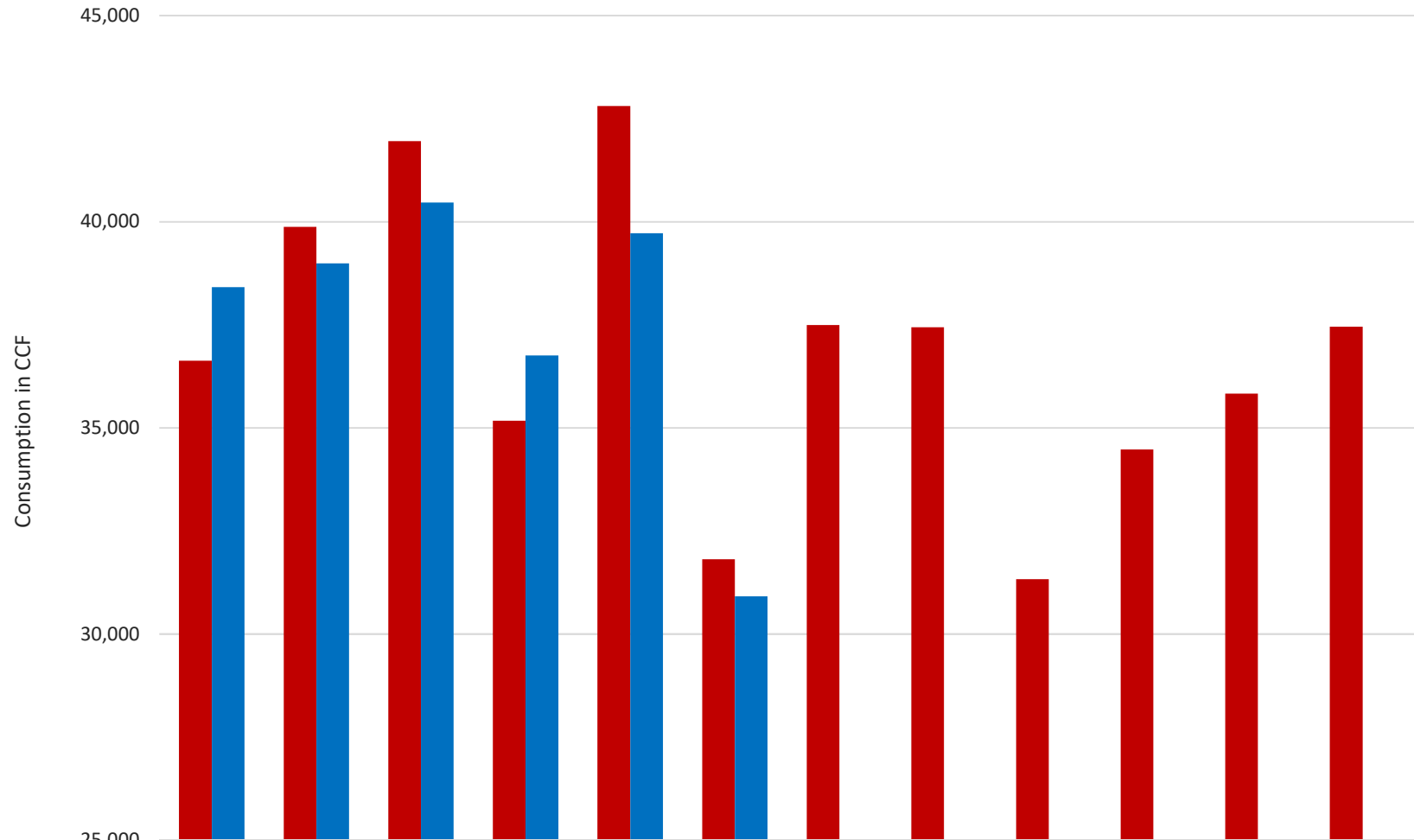


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2024-2025	75,474	82,708	85,443	67,979	75,147	54,456	65,296	56,524	44,933	57,065	64,583	68,083
2025-2026	77,907	81,112	81,491	66,913	65,316	46,039						
% Change	3.22%	-1.93%	-4.63%	-1.57%	-13.08%	-15.46%						

Single Family Residents YTD Consumption

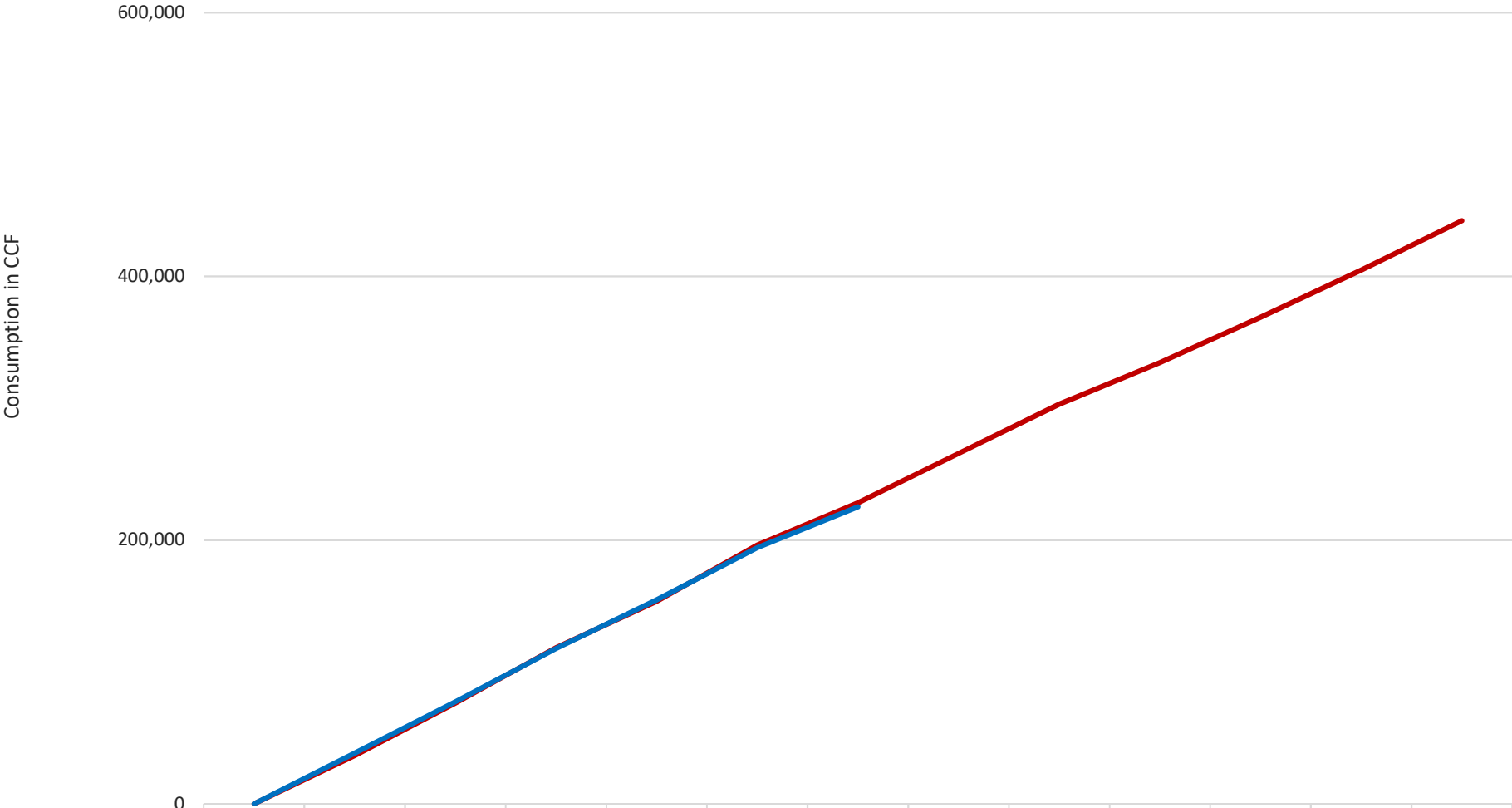


Multi Family Residents Consumption



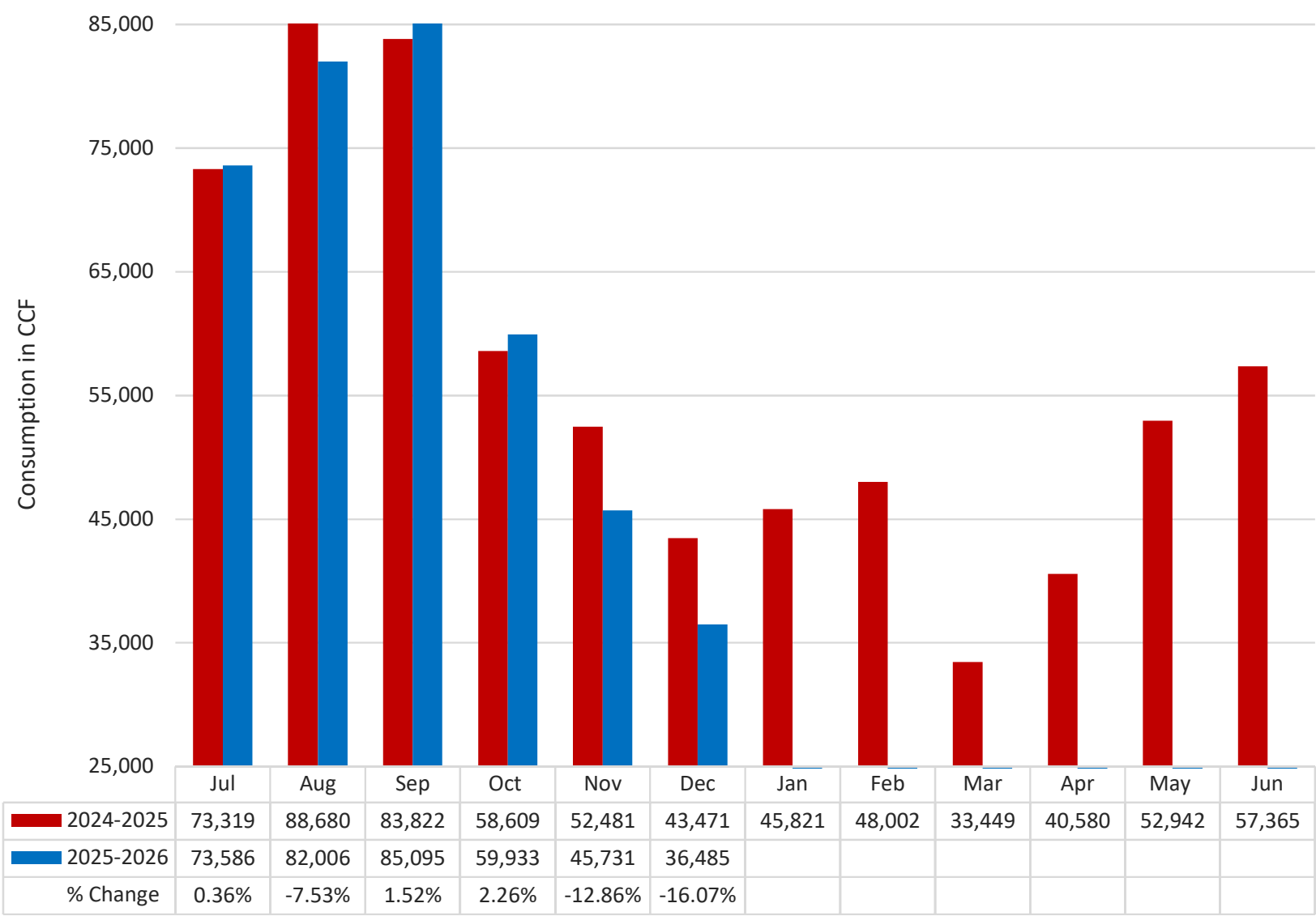
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2024-2025	36,626	39,877	41,955	35,175	42,806	31,815	37,493	37,443	31,331	34,478	35,835	37,454
2025-2026	38,413	38,991	40,467	36,756	39,720	30,918						
% Change	4.88%	-2.22%	-3.55%	4.49%	-7.21%	-2.82%						

Multi Family Residents YTD Consumption

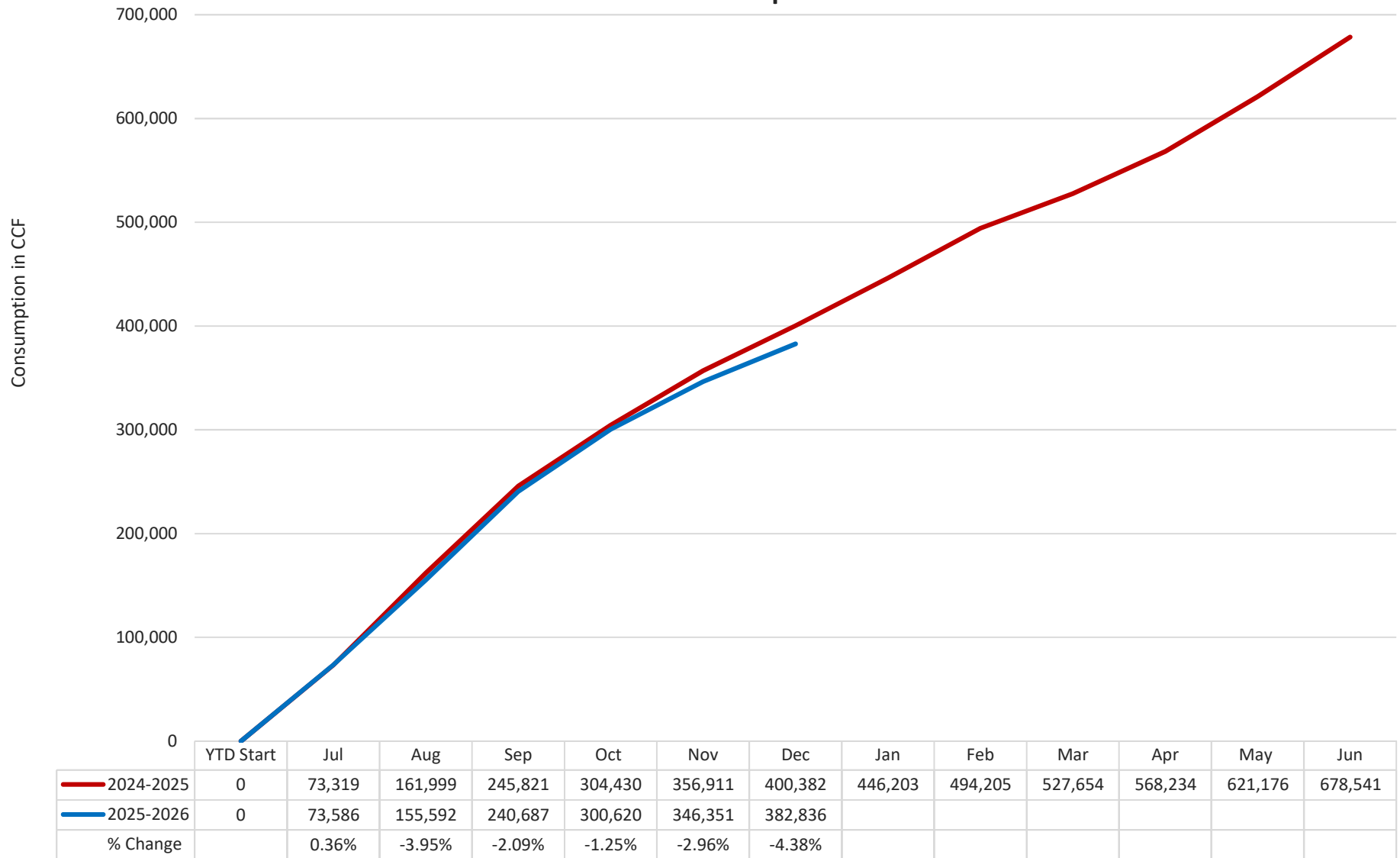


	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	36,626	76,503	118,458	153,633	196,439	228,254	265,747	303,190	334,521	368,999	404,834	442,288
2025-2026	0	38,413	77,404	117,871	154,627	194,347	225,265						
% Change		4.88%	1.18%	-0.50%	0.65%	-1.06%	-1.31%						

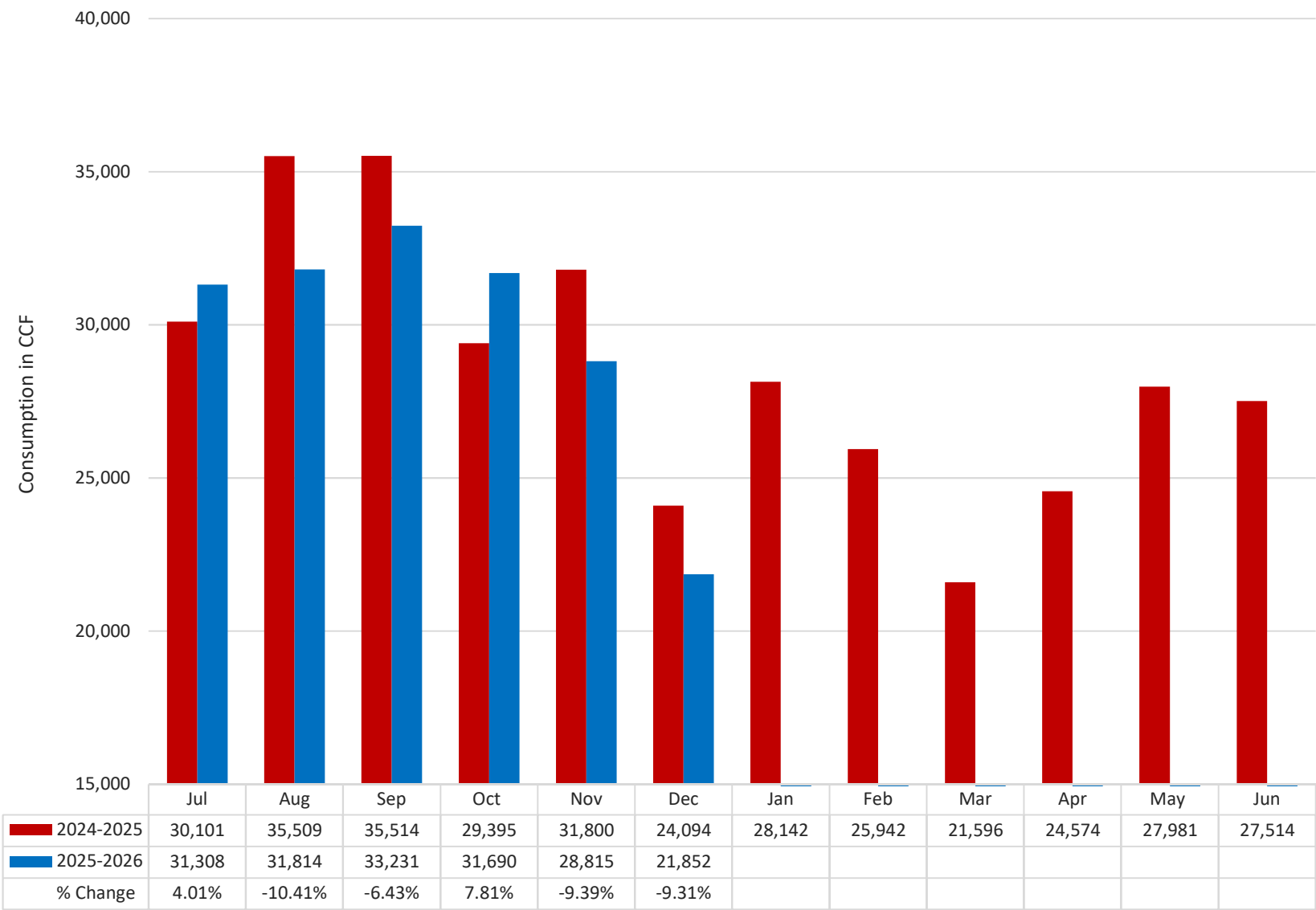
Laguna Woods Village Consumption (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation)



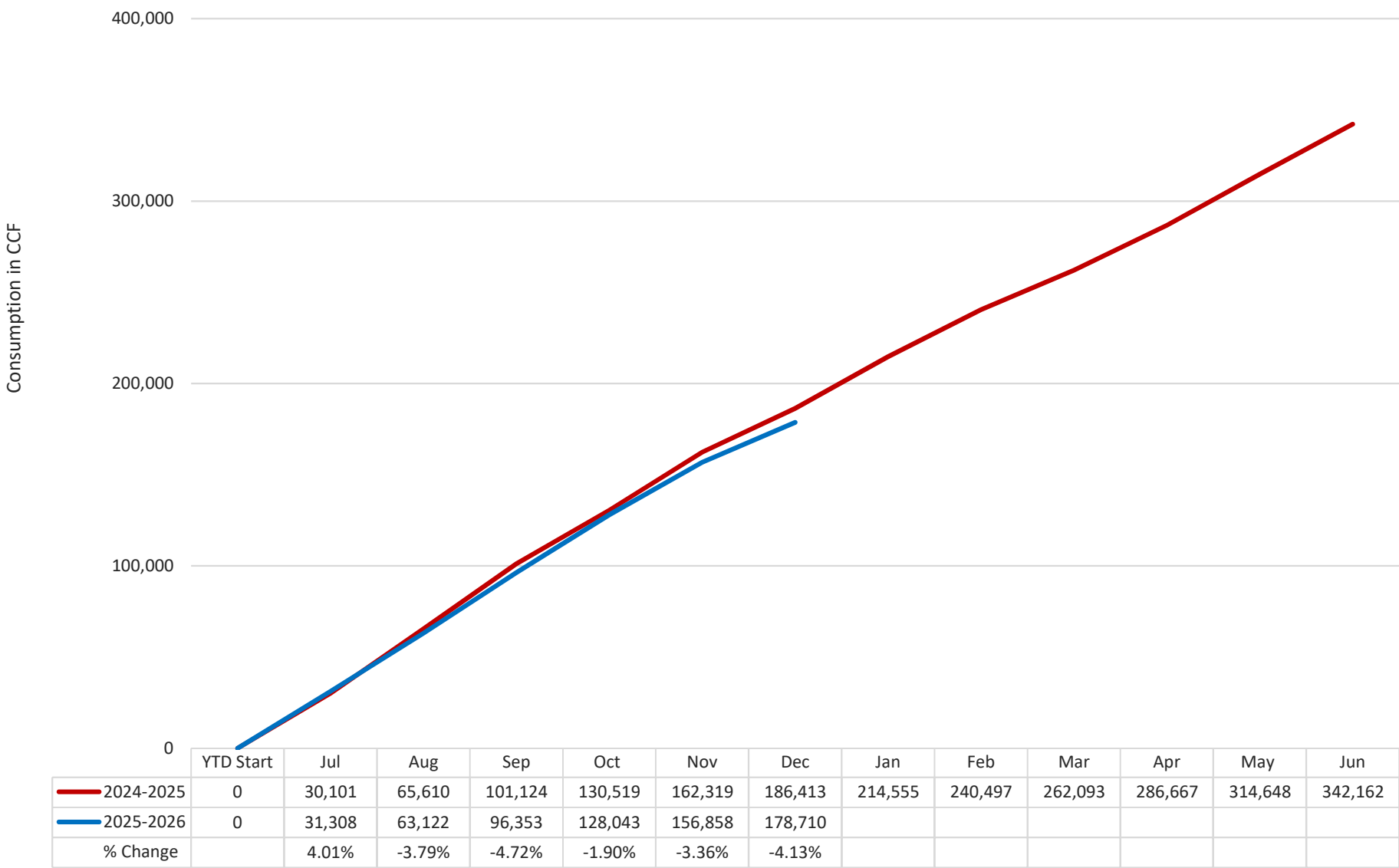
Laguna Woods Village (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation) YTD Consumption



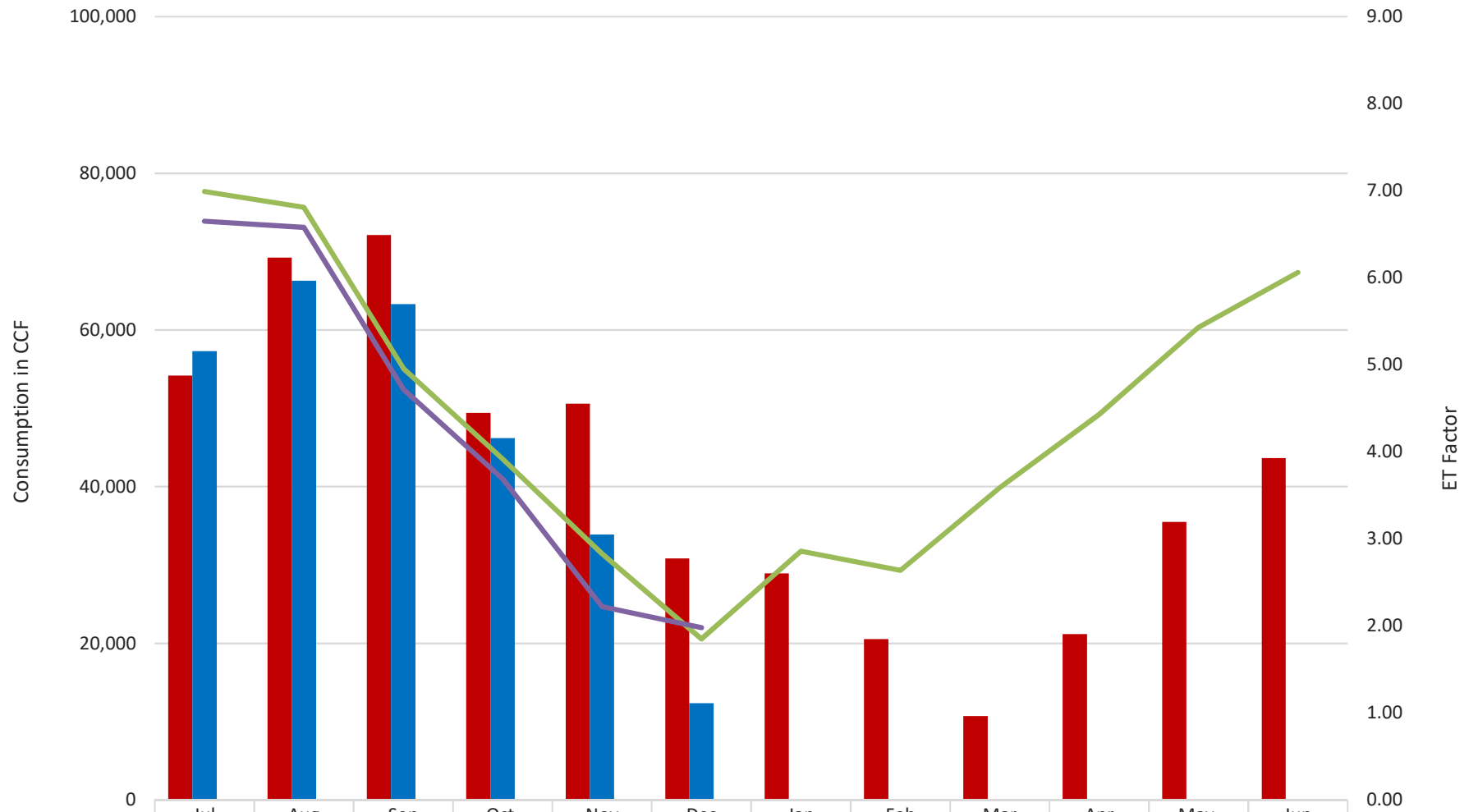
Commercial Consumption



Commercial YTD Consumption

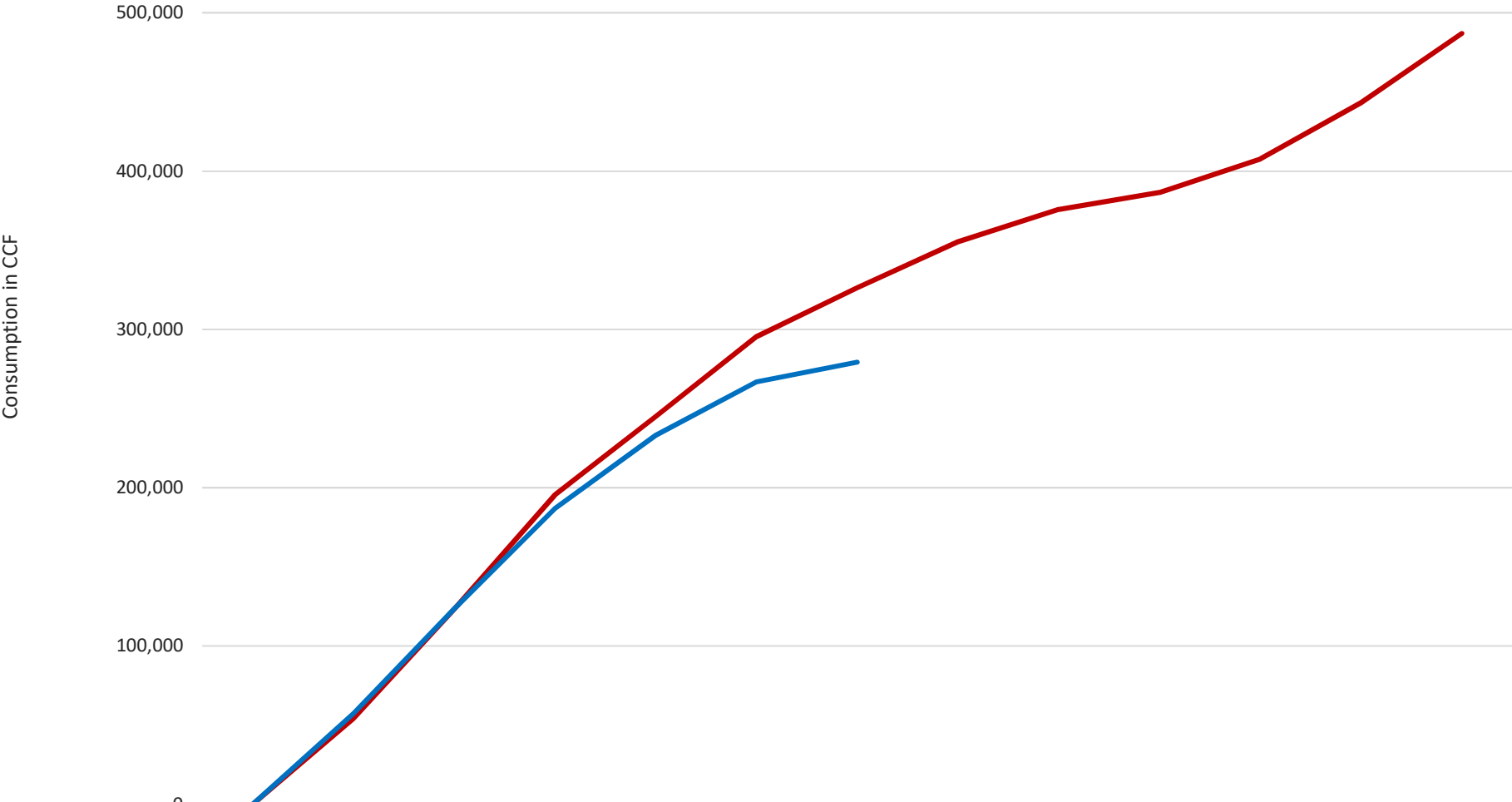


Dedicated Irrigation Consumption (including LWV)



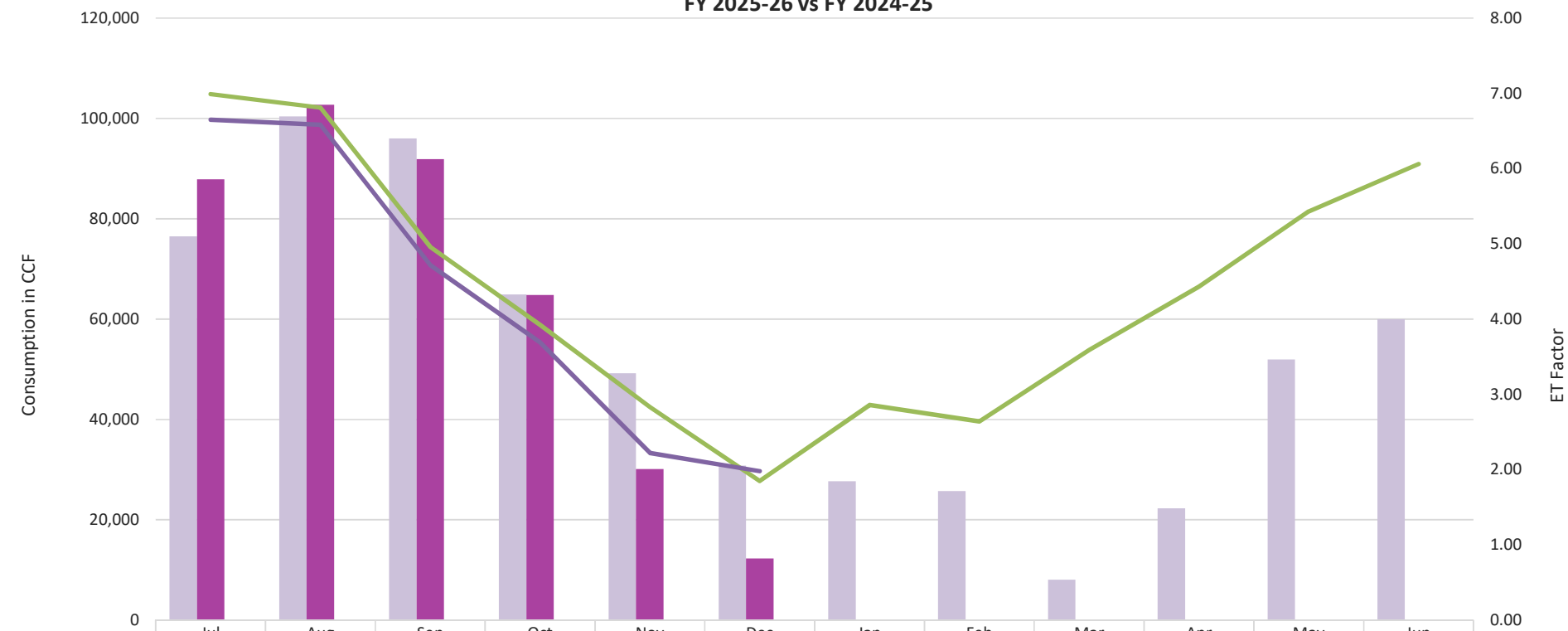
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	54,166	69,236	72,151	49,419	50,582	30,829	28,904	20,536	10,720	21,194	35,512	43,661
2025-2026	57,312	66,275	63,298	46,207	33,864	12,370						
% Change	5.81%	-4.28%	-12.27%	-6.50%	-33.05%	-59.88%						
24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98						

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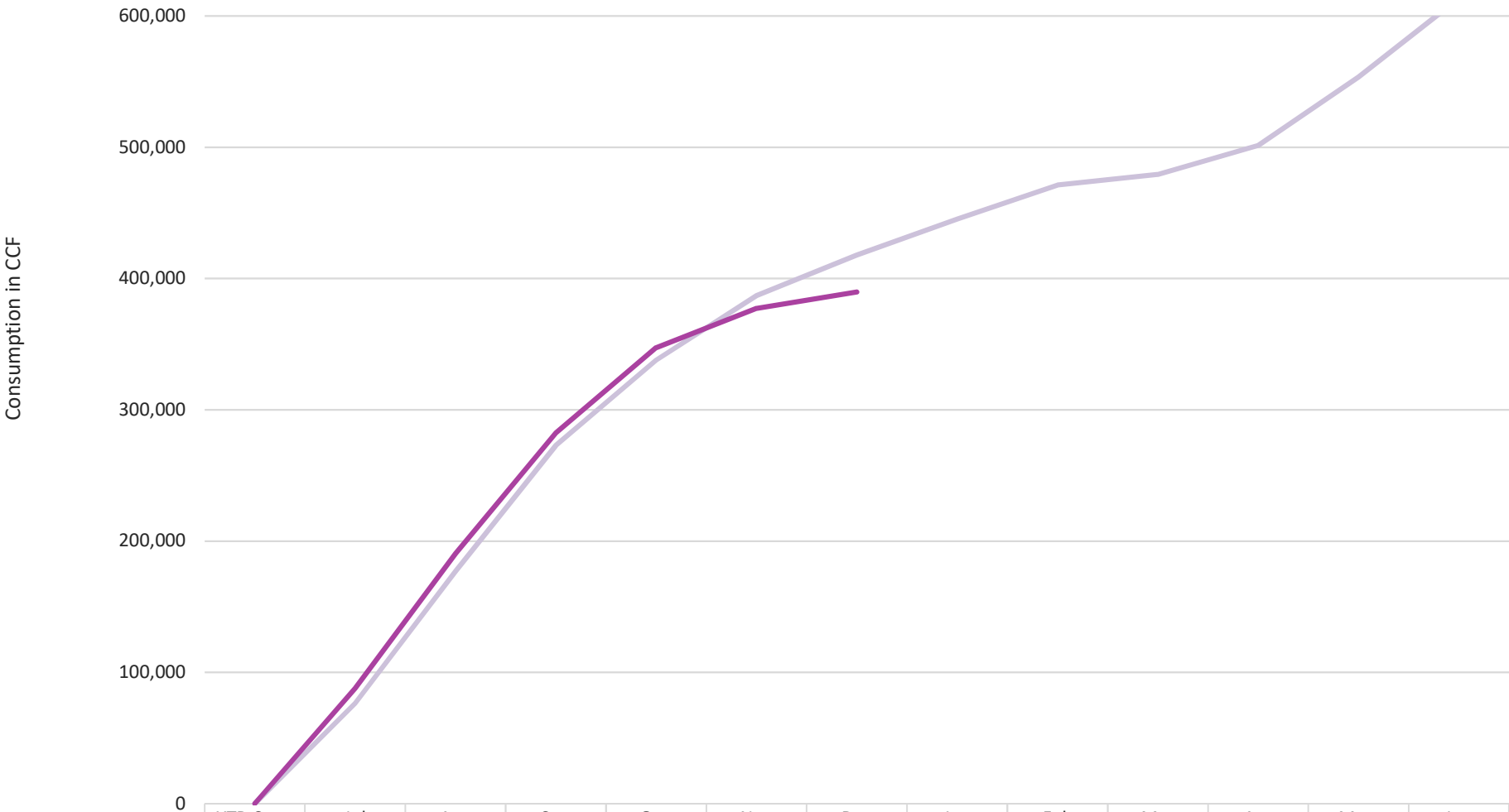
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2024-2025	0	54,166	123,402	195,553	244,972	295,554	326,383	355,287	375,823	386,543	407,737	443,249	486,910
2025-2026	0	57,312	123,587	186,885	233,092	266,956	279,326						
% Change		5.81%	0.15%	-4.43%	-4.85%	-9.68%	-14.42%						

Recycled Water Consumption
FY 2025-26 vs FY 2024-25



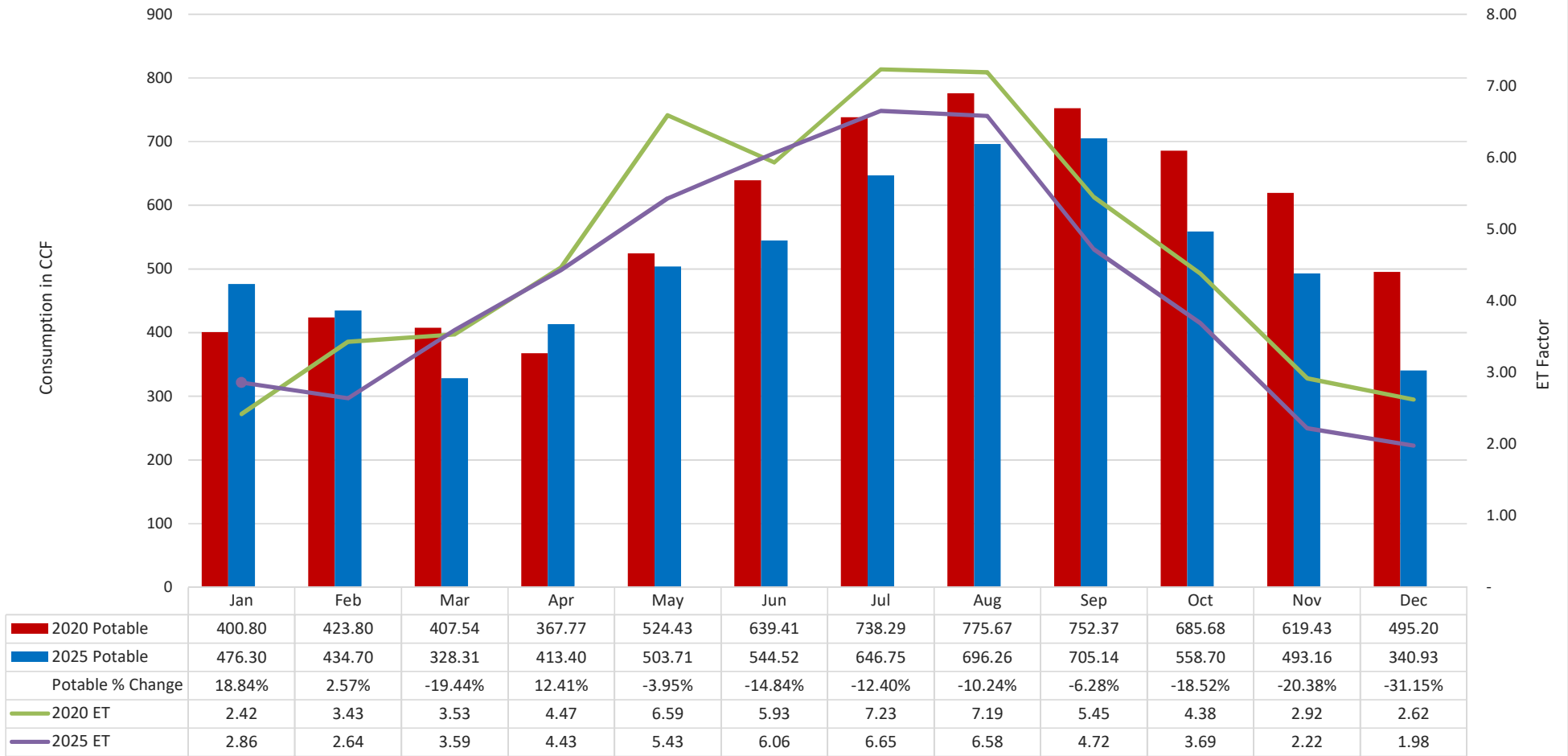
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FY 2024-2025	76,508	100,368	96,005	64,890	49,208	30,793	27,651	25,705	8,085	22,263	51,983	60,007
FY 2025-2026	87,896	102,736	91,867	64,788	30,130	12,319						
% Change	14.88%	2.36%	-4.31%	-0.16%	-38.77%	-59.99%						
FY 24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
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Recycled Water YTD Consumption



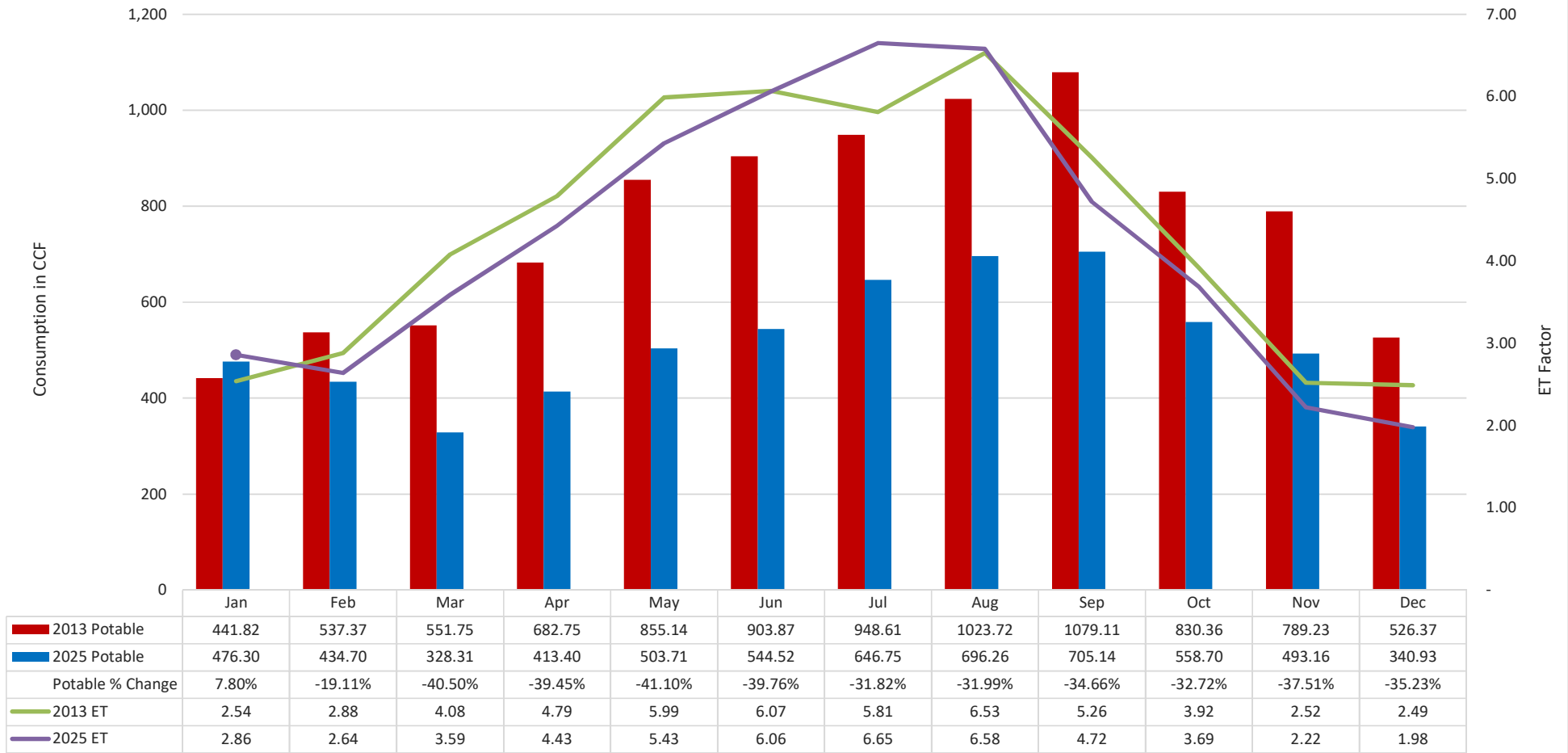
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	76,508	176,876	272,881	337,771	386,979	417,772	445,423	471,128	479,213	501,476	553,459	613,466
2025-2026	0	87,896	190,632	282,499	347,287	377,417	389,736						
% Change		14.88%	7.78%	3.52%	2.82%	-2.47%	-6.71%						

ETWD Customer Consumption vs 2020 (Potable AF)



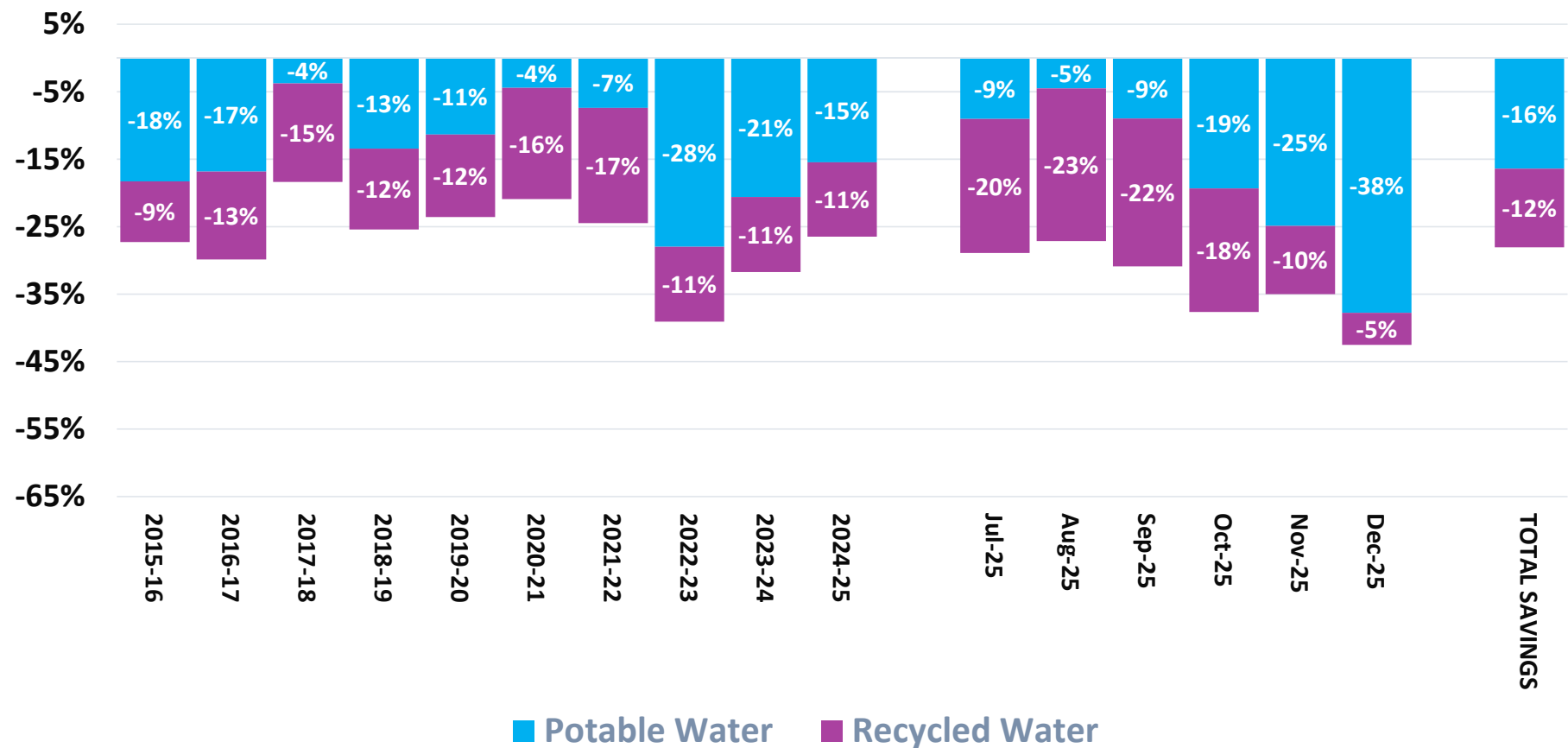
Cummulative calendar YoY change 2025 vs 2020: **-10.08%**

ETWD Customer Consumption vs 2013 (Potable AF)



Cummulative calendar YoY change 2025 vs 2013: -33.02%

ETWD WATER USAGE COMPARED TO 2013



I hereby certify that the following Agenda was posted at least 24 hours prior to the time of the Special Board Meeting so noticed below at the usual agenda posting location of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) and at www.socwa.com.



Lynda May, Assistant Secretary
SOCWA and the Board of Directors thereof

*Special Meeting of The
South Orange County Wastewater Authority
Board of Directors*

January 08, 2026
8:30 a.m.

PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION:
South Orange County Wastewater Authority
34156 Del Obispo Street
Dana Point, CA 92629

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

PAGE NO.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of Board of Directors..... 1

- Board of Directors Regular Meeting of December 11, 2025

ACTION The Board will be requested to approve the subject Minutes.

B. Annual Financial Statements and Independent Audit for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024, and 2025..... 7

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

C. Annual Use Audit, FY 2024-25 Budget vs. Annual75

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

D. November 2025 Operations Report 76

1. Monthly Operational Report
2. SOCWA Ocean Outfall Discharges by Agency
3. Fiscal Year Report on Key Operational Expenses
4. Beach Ocean Monitoring Report
5. Recycled Water Report
6. Pretreatment Report (November)

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file subject reports as submitted.

E. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (December) [Project Committees 2 and 15] 116

ACTION Information Item.

6. ENGINEERING MATTERS

A. JBL Facility Planning Assessment Contract Amendment No. 1 [Project Committee 2]129

ACTION The Engineering Committee recommend that the PC 2 Board of Directors:

1. Authorize an additional contract contingency of \$54,533, increasing the total project contingency to \$109,066, to accommodate the additional scope item.
2. Authorize Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$49,336, resulting in a revised contract total of \$594,661 for the JBL FPA agreement with HDR.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Engineering Cost Estimate Update.....136

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

B. PC2 Orbis Public Affairs Contract.....139

ACTION Staff recommends that the PC2 Members approve the Orbis Affairs contract in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 through June 30, 2026 with a split in the contract of \$38,400 cost to SMWD and \$9,600 to SCWD.

C. Cost Allocation Policy143

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

D. Transfer Price MOU Forward-Thinking Services Model Review.....161

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

E. AB 643 Support.....169

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

F. General Manager's Report.....173

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file subject report as submitted.

G. Closed Session

1. PC2 Closed Session:

Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation pursuant to (Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(1)): *Case: SOCWA v. Olsson Construction, Inc.*
OCSC Case No. 30-2025-01465359-CU-BC-NJC

Report out of Closed Session

2. Closed Session Conference Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)
Public Employee Appointment
Title: General Counsel

H. Upcoming Meetings Schedule:

- January 20, 2026 – Finance Committee Meeting
- January 22, 2026 – Engineering Committee Meeting
- February 5, 2026 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

ACTION Information Item.

8. OTHER MATTERS

Determine the need to take action on the following item(s) introduced by the General Manager, which arose after the posted agenda. [Adoption of this action requires a two-thirds vote of the Board, or if less than two-thirds are present, a unanimous vote.]

9. ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT SOCWA BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2026

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Jointly with the

PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

January 5, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites:

25652 Paseo De La Paz, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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PRESENTATION ITEM

1. WEROC REGIONAL FUEL PLAN UPDATE: NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

ACTION ITEMS

2. SPONSORSHIP OF CALWARN WEBSITE CY 2026
3. ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS AS SIGNATORIES TO EXECUTE FISCAL YEAR 2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE AGREEMENT

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. QUARTERLY MWDOC K-12 CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE
5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS
6. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
 - a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
 - b. WEROC
 - c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
 - d. Public and Government Affairs
7. REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WEROC, WATER USE EFFICIENCY, FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WATER STORAGE, WATER QUALITY, CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, DISTRICT FACILITIES, AND MEMBER AGENCY RELATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

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WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH MET DIRECTORS
18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, California
January 7, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites:
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17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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AGENDA (REVISED 1-03-2026)

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2168

PRESENTATION ITEM

1. COLORADO RIVER 2026 GUIDELINES UPDATE (PRESENTATION BY JESSICA NEUWERTH)

Recommendation: Receive and file the presentation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

- a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR) (Report Revised 1-03-2026)
- b. State Legislative Report (WCA)
- c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
- d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)

Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.

3. QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON MET ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/ MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Recommendation: Receive input and discuss the information presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. MET ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET's Finance and Rate Issue
- b. MET's Water Supply Condition Update
- c. MET's Water Quality Update
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues
 - Oral Update by District Council Joseph Byrne and State Water Contractors Assistant General Manager Chandra Chilmakuri

5. MET BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding December MET Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for MET Board Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Jointly with the

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

January 14, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report – December 2025
 - b. Disbursement Approval Report for the month of January 2026
 - c. Disbursement Ratification Report for the month of December 2025
 - d. GM Approved Disbursement Report for the month of December 2025
 - e. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment – November 2025
 - f. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement
2. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending November 30, 2025

ACTION ITEM

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. OC WATER SUMMIT RECAP
5. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
 - a. Administration
 - b. Finance and Information Technology
6. MONTHLY WATER USAGE DATA AND WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION

OTHER ITEMS

7. REVIEW ISSUES REGARDING DISTRICT ORGANIZATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FINANCE, AND INSURANCE

ADJOURNMENT

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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
18700 Ward Street, Boardroom, Fountain Valley, California
January 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites:
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17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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AGENDA

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2167**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 5)**

All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item.

1. MINUTES

- a. December 1, 2025 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- b. December 10, 2025 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- c. December 11, 2025 Special Regular Board Meeting
- d. December 11, 2025 Special Executive Committee Meeting

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of December 31, 2025
- b. Disbursement Registers (December/January)

Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.

- c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of November 30, 2025
- d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending November 30, 2025

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

4. SPONSORSHIP OF CALWARN WEBSITE FOR CY 2026

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve a one-time sponsorship up to \$4,500 to support the hosting, maintenance, and technical support of the new California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) website through 2026, bridging the transition until CalWARN becomes a subset of the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA).

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute a 3-year professional services agreement with Stetson Engineers, Inc., with a term ending December 31, 2028, and an option to renew the agreement for two additional years, in an amount not to exceed \$264,000 as follows:

- Year 1: \$58,400 plus a 10% contingency (\$5,840) for a total cost not to exceed \$64,240;
- Year 2: \$96,100 plus a 10% contingency (\$9,610) for a total cost not to exceed \$105,710; and
- Year 3: \$85,500 plus a 10% contingency (\$8,550) for a total cost not to exceed \$94,050.

End Consent Calendar**ACTION ITEMS****6. ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS AS SIGNATORIES TO EXECUTE FISCAL YEAR 2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve execution of the Grant Transfer Agreement with the City of Anaheim as the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Homeland Security Grant Administrator and adopt Resolution No. 2167 designating WEROC Director of Emergency Management and the General Manager as Authorized Agents for FY 2024 UASI Grant.

7. 2026 STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, SUBJECT MATTER ASSIGNMENTS, AND STANDING COMMITTEE DATES

Recommendation: President Dick recommends the Board of Directors ratify the 2026 Standing Committee Appointments, Subject Matter Assignments, and Standing Committee dates.

8. ASSOCIATION AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026

Recommendation: President Dick recommends the Board of Directors ratify the agency representatives' Associations and Commission Appointments for 2026 and adopt Resolution No. 2168 approving the appointment of a Member and Alternate to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission (SAC).

INFORMATION CALENDAR (All matters under the Information Calendar will be Received/Filed as presented following any discussion that may occur)

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JANUARY (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

Recommendation: Receive and file report(s) as presented.

10. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings
- b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

11. MWDOC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
8:15 a.m.

County Administrative North (CAN)
First Floor Multipurpose Room 101

400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Members of the public may access the audio/video live-streamed meeting at

<https://youtube.com/live/Yu2cyOJqTtl?feature=share>

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1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

(Communications received after agenda distribution for agenda items.)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items not on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission and that no action may be taken by the Commission on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

a.) November 12 – Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

The Commission will consider approval of the November 12, 2025 meeting minutes.

b.) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Quarterly Financial Report (Second Quarter)

The Commission will receive the second quarter financial report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items scheduled.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a.) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mid-Year Work Plan Update

The Commission will receive a report on the status of goals, objectives, and other projects of the agency's 2025-2028 Work Plan.

b.) OC LAFCO Professional Services Agreement Update

The Commission will receive an update on the current professional services agreements.

c.) Appointment Processes for OC LAFCO Expiring Terms and Vacancies

The Commission will receive a report on the appointment processes for the member seats with an expiring term in 2026 or current vacancies.

d.) Appointment of 2026 OC LAFCO Officers

The Commission will conduct appointments of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for Commissioners to comment on issues not listed on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No discussion or action may occur or be taken except to place the item on a future agenda if approved by the Commission majority.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Executive Officer's announcement of upcoming events and brief report on activities of the Executive Officer since the last meeting.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No informational items and announcements.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. at the County Administrative North (CAN), First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

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2026 MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Approved November 12, 2025

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 OC LAFCO Regular Meeting (*begins at 8:15 a.m.*)
Location: County Administrative North, First Floor
Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Dr.,
Santa Ana, CA 92701.

 Office closure due to legal holidays and flexible work schedule.

 No scheduled regular meeting due to legal holiday.

 2026 CALAFCO Annual Conference - October 21-23



Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
7:30 a.m.

Mailing Address

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Meeting Location

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Tina Dubuque

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- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2025
- **Public Comments on items not on the agenda**
- **New Business**
 - ACTION - Operational Area Executive Board Membership Appointment
- **Old Business**
 - Update on Election to Update the Bylaws
- **Treasurer's Report – Director Sandra Jacobs**
 - Report on accounts
- **CSDA Report – Chris Palmer**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the CSDA Report
- **LAFCO Report – Director Jim Fisler**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the LAFCO report

- **ACWA Report – Director Sandra Jacobs**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the ACWA report
- **OCCOG Report – Director Mike Scheafer**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the OCCOG report
- **California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Report – SOCWA Representative**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the CASA report
- **Subcommittee Reports**
 - Programs – Director Mesmer
 - January Program Update
 - 2026 Programs
 - – Director Thoms
 - Update on Associate Membership Renewals
 - Legislative – Director Nederhood
- **Adjourn**



Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Virtual Meeting

**Friday, January 9, 2026
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Zoom Registration:
[Click here to register](#)

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AGENDA

Welcome

- Greg Mills, Serrano Water District

Reports

- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET)
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Program

From Strategy to Operations: Asset Management in Supercritical Water
Oxidation & Biosolids Deep Well Injection

Speaker:
Robert C. Thompson, PE, General Manager
Orange County Sanitation District

Agency Announcements

Adjourn

Next WACO Meeting

Friday, February 6, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Next WACO Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

DATES TO REMEMBER
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

1. Jan 22 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Engineering meeting
2. Jan 22 – 12:00 p.m. – SOCAG
3. Jan 23 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
4. Jan 26 – 5:30 p.m. – MWDOC Water Policy Forum
5. Jan 29 – 11:30 a.m. – ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon
6. Feb 3 – 7:30 a.m. – ISDOC Executive meeting
7. Feb 3 – 10:00 a.m. – RRC meeting
8. Feb 5 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Board Meeting
9. Feb 6 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
10. Feb 6 – 7:30 a.m. – WACO meeting
11. Feb 11 – 8:15 a.m. – LAFCO
12. Feb 12 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Engineering meeting
13. Feb 12 – 11:30 a.m. – CAG meeting
14. Feb 13 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM Meeting
15. Feb 16 – PRESIDENTS DAY - DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
16. Feb 17 – 10:00 a.m. – Agenda Review Meeting
17. Feb 17 – 10:30 a.m. – SOCWA Special Finance meeting
18. Feb 20 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
19. Feb 23 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Finance and Engineering Meeting
20. Feb 25-27 – Urban Water Institute Conference; Indian Wells
21. Feb 26 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting
22. Feb 27 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM Meeting
23. Feb 28-29 – Water Infrastructure Summit; Anaheim

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
Glossary of Water Terms

Accumulated overdraft: The amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake area of the groundwater basin to prevent the landward movement of ocean water into the fresh groundwater body.

Acre-foot, AF: A common water industry unit of measurement. An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons, or the amount of water needed to cover one acre with water one foot deep. An acre-foot serves annual needs of two typical California families.

ACWA: Association of California Water Agencies. A statewide group based in Sacramento that actively lobbies State and Federal Government on water issues.

Advanced treatment: Additional treatment processes used to clean wastewater even further following primary and secondary treatment. Also known as tertiary treatment.

AFY: Acre-foot per year.

Alluvium: A stratified bed of sand, gravel, silt, and clay deposited by flowing water.

AMP: Allen McCulloch pipeline. Major pipeline transporting treated water to water districts between Yorba Linda, where it starts to El Toro Water District reservoir, where it terminates.

Annexation: The inclusion of land within a government agency's jurisdiction.

Annual overdraft: The quantity by which the production of water from the groundwater supplies during the water year exceeds the natural replenishment of such groundwater supplies during the same water year.

Aqueduct: A man-made canal or pipeline used to transport water.

Aquifer: An underground geologic formation of rock, soil or sediment that is naturally saturated with water; an aquifer stores groundwater.

Arid: Dry; deserts are arid places. Semi-arid places are almost as dry as a desert.

Artesian: An aquifer in which the water is under sufficient pressure to cause it to rise above the bottom of the overlying confining bed, if the opportunity is provided.

Artificial recharge: The addition of surface water to a groundwater reservoir by human activity, such as putting surface water into recharge basins. (See also: groundwater recharge and recharge basin.)

AWWA: American Water Works Association. Nationwide group of public and private water purveyors and related industrial suppliers.

Base flow: The portion of river surface flow which remains after deduction of storm flow and/or purchased imported water.

Bay-Delta: The Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta is a unique natural resource of local, state and national significance. The Delta is home to more than 500,000 people; contains 500,000 acres of agriculture; provides habitat for 700 native plant and animal species; provides water for more than 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of agriculture; is traversed by energy, communications and transportation facilities vital to the economic health of California; and supports a \$400 billion economy.

BIA: Building Industry Association

Biofouling: The formation of bacteria film (biofilm) on fragile reverse osmosis membrane surfaces.

Biosolids: Solid organic matter recovered from a sewage treatment process and used especially as fertilizer.

BMP: Best Management Practice. An engineered structure or management activity, or combination of these, that eliminates or reduces adverse environmental effects.

Brackish water: A mixture of freshwater and saltwater

Brown Act: Ralph M. Brown Act enacted by the State legislature governing all meetings of legislative bodies. Also known as Open Meeting Requirements.

Canal: A ditch used to move water from one location to another.

CASA: California Association of Sanitation Agencies. The sanitation equivalent of ACWA concerned solely with issues affecting the treatment and disposal of solid waste and wastewater.

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act.

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. This federal law establishes the Superfund program for hazardous waste sites. It provides the legal basis for the United States EPA to regulate and clean up hazardous waste sites, and if appropriate, to seek financial compensation from entities responsible for the site.

CFS: Cubic feet per second.

Chloramines: A mixture of ammonia and chlorine used to purify water.

Clarify: To make clear or pure by separation and elimination of suspended solid material.

Coagulation: The clumping together of solids so they can more easily be settled out or filtered out of water. A chemical called aluminum sulfate (alum) is generally used to aid coagulation in water treatment and reclamation.

Coastkeepers: A non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the marine habitats and watersheds of Orange County through programs of education, restoration, enforcement and advocacy.

Colored Water: Groundwater extracted from the basin that is unsuitable for domestic use without treatment due to high color and odor exceeding drinking water standards.

Condensation: The process of water vapor (gas) changing into liquid water. An example of condensation can be seen in the tiny water droplets that form on the outside of a glass of iced tea as warmer air touches the cooler glass.

Confined aquifer: An aquifer that is bound above and below by dense layers of rock and contains water under pressure.

Conjunctive use: Storing imported water in a local aquifer, in conjunction with groundwater, for later retrieval and use.

Contaminate: To make unclean or impure by the addition of harmful substances.

CPCFA: California Pollution Control Financing Authority. State agency providing funds for wastewater reclamation projects.

Crisis:

1. A: The turning point for better or worse B. a paroxysmal attack of pain, distress, or disordered function C. an emotionally significant event or radical change of status in a person's life < a midlife crisis>
2. The decisive moment (as in a literary plot)
3. A: An unstable or crucial time or state of affairs in which a decisive change is impending; especially one with the distinct possibility of a highly undesirable outcome < a financial crisis> B. a situation that has reached a critical phase

CTP: Coastal Treatment Plant

CWPCA: California Water Pollution Control Association. A 7000-member non-profit educational organization dedicated to water pollution control.

Dam: A barrier built across a river or stream to hold water.

Decompose: To separate into simpler compounds, substances or elements.

Deep percolation: The percolation of surface water through the ground beyond the lower limit of the root zone of plants into a groundwater aquifer.

Degraded water: Water within the groundwater basin that, in one characteristic or another, does not meet primary drinking water standards.

Delta: Where the rivers empty; an outlet from land to ocean, also where the rivers deposit sediment they carry forming landforms.

Delta Vision: Delta Vision is intended to identify a strategy for managing the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta as a sustainable ecosystem that would continue to support environmental and economic functions that are critical to the people of California.

Demineralize: To reduce the concentrations of minerals from water by ion exchange, distillation, electro-dialysis, or reverse osmosis.

De-nitrification: The physical process of removing nitrate from water through reverse osmosis, microfiltration, or other means.

Desalting (or desalination): Removing salts from salt water by evaporation or distillation. Specific treatment process, such as reverse osmosis or multi-stage flash distillation, to demineralize seawater or brackish (saline) waters for reuse. Also, sometimes used in wastewater treatment to remove salts other pollutants.

Desilting: The physical process of removing suspended particles from water.

Dilute: To lessen the amount of a substance in water by adding more water

Disinfection: Water treatment which destroys potentially harmful bacteria.

Drainage basin: The area of land from which water drains into a river, for example, the Sacramento River Basin, in which all land area drains into the Sacramento River. Also called catchment area, watershed, or river basin.

Drought: A prolonged period of below- average precipitation.

DPHS: California Department of Public Health Services. Regulates public water systems; oversees water recycling projects; permits water treatment devices; certifies drinking water treatment and distribution operators; supports and promotes water system security; provides support for small water systems and for improving technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity; provides funding opportunities for water system improvements.

DVL: Diamond Valley Lake. Metropolitan's major reservoir near Hemet, in southwestern Riverside County.

DWR: California Department of Water Resources. Guides development/management of California's water resources; owns/operates State Water Project and other water facilities.

Endangered Species: A species of animal or plant threatened with extinction.

Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA): The most wide-ranging of the dozens of United States environmental laws passed in the 1970's. As stated in section 2 of the act, it was designed to protect critically imperiled species from extinction as a "consequence of economic growth and development untended by adequate concern and conservation.

Ecosystem: Where living and non-living things interact (coexist) in order to survive.

Effluent: Wastewater or other liquid, partially or completely treated or in its natural state, flowing from a treatment plant.

Evaporation: The process that changes water (liquid) into water vapor (gas).

Estuary: Where fresh water meets salt water.

Evapotranspiration: The quantity of water transpired (given off), retained in plant tissues, and evaporated from plant tissues and surrounding soil surface. Quantitatively, it is expressed in terms of depth of water per unit area during a specified period of time.

FCH: Federal Clearing House – Environmental Review/Processing

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Filtration: The process of allowing water to pass through layers of a porous material such as sand, gravel or charcoal to trap solid particles. Filtration occurs in nature when rain water soaks into the ground and it passes through hundreds of feet of sand and gravel. This same natural process of filtration is duplicated in water and wastewater treatment plants, generally using sand and coal as the filter media.

Flocculation: A chemical process involving addition of a coagulant to assist in the removal of turbidity in water.

Forebay: A reservoir or pond situated at the intake of a pumping plant or power plant to stabilize water level; also, a portion of a groundwater basin where large quantities of surface water can recharge the basin through infiltration.

Gray water reuse: Reuse, generally without treatment, of domestic type wastewater for toilet flushing, garden irrigation and other non-potable uses. Excludes water from toilets, kitchen sinks, dishwashers, or water used for washing diapers.

Green Acres Project (GAP): A 7.5 million gallons per day (MGD) water reclamation project that serves tertiary treated recycled water to irrigation and industrial users in Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Santa Ana.

God Squad: A seven-member committee that is officially called the “Endangered Species Committee”. Members consist of Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Army, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and one individual from the affected state. The squad was established in 1978 by an amendment to the 1973 Endangered Species Act (ESA). It has only been called into action three times to deal with proposed federal agency actions that have been determined to cause “jeopardy” to any listed species.

Groundwater: Water that has percolated into natural, underground aquifers; water in the ground, not water puddled on the ground.

Groundwater basin: A groundwater reservoir defined by the overlying land surface and the underlying aquifers that contain water stored in the reservoir. Boundaries of success-ively deeper aquifers may differ and make it difficult to define the limits of the basin.

Groundwater mining: The withdrawal of water from an aquifer in excess of recharge over a period of time. If continued, the underground supply would eventually be exhausted or the water table could drop below economically feasible pumping lifts.

Groundwater overdraft: The condition of a groundwater basin in which the amount of water withdrawn by pumping exceeds the amount of water that recharges the basin over a period of years during which water supply conditions approximate average.

Groundwater recharge: The action of increasing groundwater storage by natural conditions or by human activity. See also: Artificial recharge.

Ground water replenishment system (GWRS): A joint project of the Orange County Water District and the Orange County Sanitation District that will provide up to 1000,000 acre-feet of reclaimed water annually. The high-quality water will be used to expand an existing underground seawater intrusion barrier and to replenish the groundwater basin underlying north and central Orange County.

Groundwater table: The upper surface of the zone of saturation (all pores of subsoil filled with water), except where the surface is formed by an impermeable body.

GPM: Gallons per minute.

Ground Water Replenishment System (GWRS): Orange County Water District's state of the art, highly advanced, waste-water treatment facility.

Hydrologic balance: An accounting of all water inflow to, water outflow from, and changes in water storage within a hydrologic unit over a specified period.

Hydrologic cycle: The process of water constantly circulating from the ocean, to the atmosphere, to the earth in a form of precipitation, and finally returning to the ocean.

Imported water: Water that has originated from one hydrologic region and is transferred to another hydrologic region.

Inflatable rubber dams: Designed to replace temporary sand levees that wash out during heavy storm flow, the dams hold back high-volume river flows and divert the water into the off-river system for percolation.

Influent: Water or wastewater entering a treatment plant, or a particular stage of the treatment process.

Irrigation: Applying water to crops, lawns or other plants using pumps, pipes, hoses, sprinklers, etc.

JPIA: Joint Powers Insurance Authority. A group of water agencies providing self-insurance to member of the ACWA.

LAI: Local Agency Investment Fund. Statewide pool of surplus public agency money managed by state treasurer.

Leach: to remove components from the soil by the action of water trickling through.

MAF: Million-acre feet.

MCL: Maximum contaminant level set by EPA for a regulated substance in drinking water. According to health agencies, the maximum amount of a substance that can be present in water that's safe to drink and which looks, tastes and smells good.

MET: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

MGD: Million gallons per day.

Microfiltration: A physical separation process where tiny, hollow filaments members separate particles from water.

Microorganism: An animal or plant of microscopic size.

MWD: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

MWDOC: Municipal Water District of Orange County. Intermediate wholesaler between MWD and 27-member agencies including ETWD.

Non-point source pollution: Pollution that is so general or covers such a wide area that no single, localized source of the pollution can be identified.

NPDES: National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

OCBD: Orange County Business Council

OCEMA: Orange County Environmental Management Agency

OCWD: Orange County Water District

Opportunity:

1. A favorable juncture of circumstances
2. A good chance for advancement or progress

Organism: Any individual form of life, such as a plant, animal or bacterium

PCM: Professional Community Management, Inc. Property Management company providing services to Laguna Woods Village and other homeowners associations.

Perched groundwater: Groundwater supported by a zone of material of low permeability located above an underlying main body of groundwater with which it is not hydrostatically connected.

Percolation: The downward movement of water through the soil of alluvium to the groundwater table

Permeability: The capability of soil or other geologic formations to transmit water

Point source: A specific site from which waste or polluted water is discharged into a water body, the source of which is identified. See also: non-point source.

Potable water: Suitable and safe for drinking

PPB: Parts per billion

Precipitation: Water from the atmosphere that falls to the ground as a liquid (rain) or a solid (snow, sleet, hail).

Primary treated water: First major treatment in a wastewater treatment facility, usually sedimentation but not biological oxidation.

Primary treatment: Removing solids and floating matter from wastewater using screening, skimming and sedimentation (settling by gravity).

Prior appropriation doctrine: Allocates water rights to the first party who diverts water from its natural source and applies the water to beneficial use. If at some point the first appropriator fails to use the water beneficially, another person may appropriate the water and gain rights to the water. The central principle is beneficial use, not land ownership.

Pumping Plant: A facility that lifts water up and over hills.

Recharge: The physical process where water naturally percolates or sinks into a groundwater basin.

Recharge basin: A surface facility, often a large pond, used to increase the infiltration of surface water into a groundwater basin.

Reclaimed wastewater: Wastewater that becomes suitable for a specific beneficial use as a result of treatment. See also: wastewater reclamation.

Reclamation project: A project where water is obtained from a sanitary district or system and which undergoes additional treatment for a variety of uses, including landscape irrigation, industrial uses, and groundwater recharge.

Recycling: A type of reuse, usually involving running a supply of water through a closed system again and again. Legislation in 1991 legally equates the term “recycled water” to reclaimed water.

Reservoir: A place where water is stored until it is needed. A reservoir can be an open lake or an enclosed storage tank.

Reverse osmosis: (RO) A method of removing salts or other ions from water by forcing water through a semi-permeable membrane.

RFP: Request for Proposal

Riparian: Of or on the banks of a stream, river, or other body of water.

RO: Reverse osmosis. See the listing under “reverse osmosis.”

R-O-W: Right-of-way

Runoff: Liquid water that travels over the surface of the Earth, moving downward due to gravity. Runoff is one way in which water that falls as precipitation returns to the ocean.

RWQCB: Regional Water Quality Control Board. State agency regulating discharge and use of recycled water.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was originally passed by Congress in 1974 to protect public health by regulating the nation's public drinking water supply. The law was amended in 1986 and 1996 and requires many actions to protect drinking water and its sources: rivers, lakes reservoirs, springs, and ground water wells. (SDWA does not regulate private wells which serve fewer than 25 individuals.) SDWA authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to set national health-based standards for drinking water to protect against both naturally-occurring and man-made contaminants that may be found in drinking water. US EPA, states, and water systems work together to make sure that these standards are met.

Safe yield: The maximum quantity of water that can be withdrawn from a groundwater basin over a long period of time without developing a condition of overdraft, sometimes referred to as sustained yield.

SAFRA: Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Salinity: Generally, the concentration of mineral salts dissolved in water. Salinity may be measured by weight (total dissolved solids – TDS), electrical conductivity, or osmotic pressure. Where seawater is known to be the major source of salt, salinity is often used to refer to the concentration of chlorides in the water.

SAWPA: Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority.

SCADA: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

SCAP: Southern California Alliance of Publicity. Newly formed group of public agencies seeking reasonable regulation of sewer industry.

SCH: State Clearing House – Environmental Review/Processing

Seasonal Storage: A three-part program offered by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California:

STSS (Short Term Seasonal Storage): financially encourages agencies with local groundwater production capabilities to produce a higher percentage of their demand in the summer from their local groundwater supplies, thus shifting a portion of their demand on the MWD system from the summer to winter;

LTSS (Long Term Seasonal Storage): Financially encourages retail agencies to take and store additional amounts of MWD water above their normal annual demands for later use; Replenishment Water provides less expensive interruptible water that is generally available and used to increase the operating yield of groundwater basins.

Seawater intrusion: The movement of salt water into a body of fresh water. It can occur in either surface water or groundwater basins.

Seawater barrier: A physical facility or method of operation designed to prevent the intrusion of salt water into a body of freshwater.

Secondary treatment: The biological portion of wastewater treatment which uses the activated sludge process to further clean wastewater after primary treatment. Generally, a level of treatment that produces 85 percent removal efficiencies for biological oxygen demand and suspended solids. Usually carried out through the use of trickling filters or by the activated sludge process.

Sedimentation: The settling of solids in a body of water using gravity.

Settle: To clarify water by causing impurities/solid material to sink to a container's bottom.

Sewer: The system of pipes that carries wastewater from homes and businesses to a treatment plant or reclamation plant. Sewers are separate from storm drains, which is a system of drains and pipes that carry rain water from urban streets back to the ocean. Overwatering your yard can also cause water to run into the streets and into storm drains. Storm drain water is not treated before it is discharged.

SigAlert: Any unplanned event that causes the closing of one lane of traffic for 30 minutes or more, as opposed to a planned event, like the road construction, which is planned.

SJBA: San Juan Basin Authority

Sludge: The solids that remain after wastewater treatment. This material is separated from the cleaned water, treated and composted into fertilizer. Also called biosolids.

SOCWA: South Orange County Wastewater Authority. Regional Joint Powers Authority form for collection and treatment of sewerage (previously known as AWMA/SERRA/SOCRA). SOCWA member agencies:

- CSC – City of San Clemente
- CSJC – City of San Juan Capistrano
- CLB – City of Laguna Beach
- ETWD – El Toro Water District
- EBSD – Emerald Bay Service District
- IRWD – Irvine Ranch Water District
- MNWD – Moulton Niguel Water District
- SCWD – South Coast Water District
- SMWD – Santa Margarita Water District
- TCWD – Trabuco Canyon Water District

SRE: State Revolving Fund

Storm Drain: The system of pipes that carries rain water from urban streets back to the ocean. Overwatering your yard can also cause water to run into the streets and into storm drains. Storm drain water is not treated before it is discharged. Storm drains are separate from sewers, which is a separate system of pipes to carry wastewater from homes and businesses to a treatment plant or reclamation plant for cleaning.

Storm flow: Surface flow originating from precipitation and run-off which has not percolated to an underground basin.

SWP: State Water Project. An aqueduct system that delivers water from Northern California to central and Southern California.

SWRCB: State Water Resources Control Board

TDS: Total dissolved solids. A quantitative measure of the residual minerals dissolved in water that remain after evaporation of a solution. Usually expressed in milligrams per liter.

Tertiary treatment: The treatment of wastewater beyond the secondary or biological stage. Normally implies the removal of nutrients, such as phosphorous and nitrogen, and a high percentage of suspended solids.

THM: Trihalomethanes. Any of several synthetic organic compounds formed when chlorine or bromine combine with organic materials in water.

TMA: Too many acronyms.

TMDL: Total maximum daily load; a quantitative assessment of water quality problems, contributing sources, and load reductions or control actions needed to restore and protect bodies of water.

Transpiration: The process in which plant tissues give off water vapor to the atmosphere as an essential physiological process.

Turbidity: Thick of opaque with matter in suspension; muddy water

Ultraviolet light disinfection: A disinfection method for water that has received either secondary or tertiary treatment used as an alternative to chlorination.

VE: Value Engineering

VOC: Volatile organic compound; a chemical compound that evaporates readily at room temperature and contains carbon.

Wastewater: Water that has been previously used by a municipality, industry or agriculture and has suffered a loss of quality as a result.

Water Cycle: The continuous process of surface water (puddles, lakes, oceans) evaporating from the sun's heat to become water vapor (gas) in the atmosphere. Water condenses into clouds and then falls back to earth as rain or snow (precipitation). Some precipitation soaks into the ground (percolation) to replenish groundwater supplies in underground aquifers.

Water rights: A legally protected right to take possession of water occurring in a natural waterway and to divert that water for beneficial use.

Water-use Efficiency: The water requirements of a particular device, fixture, appliance, process, piece of equipment, or activity.

Water year (USGS): The period between October 1st of one calendar year to September 30th of the following calendar year.

Watermaster: A court appointed person(s) that has specific responsibilities to carry out court decisions pertaining to a river system or watershed.

Water Reclamation: The treatment of wastewater to make it suitable for a beneficial reuse, such as landscape irrigation. Also called water recycling.

Watershed: The total land area that from which water drains or flows to a river, stream, lake or other body of water.

Water table: The top level of water stored underground.

WEF: Water Environment Federation. Formerly – Water Pollution Control Federation (WPCF). International trade group advising members of sewage treatment techniques and their effect on the environment.

Weir box: A device to measure/control surface water flows in streams or between ponds.

Wellhead treatment: Water quality treatment of water being produced at the well site.

Wetland: Any area in which the water table stands near, at, or above the land surface for a portion of the year. Wetlands are characterized by plants adapted to wet soil conditions.

Xeriscape: Landscaping that requires minimal water.