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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

April 24, 2025 7:30 a.m.

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

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER - President Gaskins** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Director McClean

**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. 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 March 27, 2025 Board meeting
- b. Consider approving the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Board Budget Workshop

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

3. <u>Director Reports for Meetings Attended</u> (Oral Report)

#### **GENERAL MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 4. <u>City of Laguna Woods Warehouse/Storage Concept</u>

(Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the conceptual request from the City of Laguna Woods to consider allowing the City to utilize space at the WRP for a storage facility.

#### 5. General Manager's Monthly Report (Reference Material Included)

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

#### **6.** <u>Legislative Reports</u> (Reference Material Included)

Staff and General Counsel will review and comment on the Legislative reports.

#### 7. Public Education and Outreach Report (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the Public Education and Outreach report.

#### **8.** <u>Water Use Efficiency Report</u> (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the Water Use Efficiency Report.

#### 9. **SOCWA Report** (Reference Material Included)

- a. SOCWA Board Meeting April 3, 2025
- b. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting April 10, 2025
- c. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting April 15, 2025
- d. SOCWA Managers Meeting April 23, 2025

#### 10. <u>Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Report</u>

(Reference Material Included)

- a. MWDOC MET Directors Workshop April 2, 2025
- b. MWDOC Admin/Finance Meeting April 9, 2025
- c. MWDOC Planning/Operations Meeting April 14, 2025
- d. MWDOC Board Meeting April 16, 2025
- e. MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Meeting April 23, 2025 Cancelled

#### 11. South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting (Reference Material Included)

Report on the March 27, 2025 SOCAG meeting

#### **12.** Local Agency Formation Commission Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the April 9, 2025 LAFCO meeting

#### **13. ISDOC Meetings Report** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the April 1, 2025 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting

#### **14. WACO Meetings Report** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the April 4, 2025 WACO meeting

#### COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **15.** <u>Dates to Remember for April/May</u> (Reference Material Included)

#### **COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

#### ATTORNEY REPORT

#### REGULAR SESSION REPORT

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

### EL TORO WATER DISTRICT March 27, 2025

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

Vice President Freshley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Also present were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J.

GRANITO, General Counsel, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, VICKI TANIOUS, Senior Accountant (Zoom), SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs Manager (7:43 a.m.), VU CHU, Water Use Efficiency Analyst, RORY HARNISCH, Senior Engineer, VICKI OSBORN, WEROC, GABBY LANDEROS, WEROC (7:46 a.m.), JANINE SCHUNK, WEROC (7:46 a.m.), 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

There were no comments.

#### <u>Items Received Too Late to be Agendized</u>

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 Rory Harnisch, Engineering

Department Senior Engineer for 5 years of service with the District.

Mr. Harnisch left the meeting at approximately 7:40 a.m.

#### Consent Calendar

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director Havens 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 MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the Board Budget Committee #1 and #2, the South OC Watershed Management Area Executive Committee, the WACO Meeting, the Laguna Woods Village Landscape Gate 14 meeting, the ACWA Spring Quarterly Policy Committee meetings, the MWDOC Board meeting, the Engineering and Finance meeting, and today's Board meeting.

Vice President Freshley stated that she attended both ETWD's regular Board meetings, the SOCAG meeting, the SOCWA Board meeting, the SOCWA Finance Committee meeting, the RRC meeting, the WACO meeting, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors Workshop meeting, the LAFCO meeting, the LAFCO Southern Region meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the MET Policy Forum, and the ACWA Policy Committee meetings.

Director McClean stated that he attended the MWDOC P&O meeting, the ISDOC meeting, the SOCWA meeting, the SOCEC Meet the Mayor meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the OCWA meeting, the MET Water Policy Forum, the Engineering and Finance meeting, the regular Board meeting.

Director Monin stated that he attended the District's Board meeting, the Engineering and Finance meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC Policy Forum, the MWDOC A&F meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the MWDOC Executive Committee meeting, will be attending OCCOG today, the South OC Watershed Management Area Executive Committee.

President Gaskins stated that he attended the MWDOC meetings, the two Board Budget Committee meetings, the President/VP/GM meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the MWDOC Familiarization Tour, the MWDOC Policy Forum, the SOCAG meeting, ETWD's Engineering and Finance meeting, today's Board meeting, the RRC meeting, and the SOCWA Board meeting.

#### General Manager Action Items

#### Strategic Plan

Mr. Cafferty informed the Board that staff reached out to Means Consulting for strategic planning services, and a proposal within the General Managers authority has been submitted. Mr. Cafferty would like the Board to have an opportunity to provide input on the selection. The proposed process is similar to the one used five years ago. The proposal includes one on one meetings with each Board member and discussions with staff to gather comprehensive information. A meeting with the Board will be held to present the plan based on the feedback and direction provided.

Director Havens commented on the excellent work Means Consulting provided during the previous strategic planning process.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to authorize the District's General Manager to enter into a consulting contract with Means Consulting in the amount of \$35,904 for consulting services associated with the development of an updated ETWD Strategic Plan.

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

<u>California Special District's Association (CSDA) Board of Directors, Southern Network – Southern Network – Seat B Election</u>

Mr. Cafferty stated that this item allows the Board to nominate a candidate for CSDA's Seat B election for the 2026-2028 term. No action is required if there are no nominations.

There was no interest from the Board regarding CSDA's Seat B election, and no action was taken.

#### AB 259 (Rubio) - Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences AB

Mr. Cafferty noted that there are several legislative items on today's agenda. As previously discussed during the adoption of the advocacy policy, staff will present updates to the Board when the timing is appropriate. Staff has already responded to two of today's legislative items due to timing constraints, but the remaining action items are being presented for Board discussion. President Gaskins expressed confidence in management staff to take action if necessary, although he would prefer to review the legislative items first, if possible.

Ms. Seitz reported that AB 259 seeks to eliminate the sunset provision on AB 2449 which introduced flexibility in Brown Act meeting procedures, allowing Board members to participate remotely under just cause or emergency circumstances. This action item would adopt a formal support position on AB 259 authorizing staff to work with CSDA to submit position letters supporting the bill on behalf of ETWD.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to adopt a support position on AB 259 (Rubio) – Open Meetings: Local Agencies:

Teleconferences, the sunset elimination for modified Brown Act meeting procedures and authorize staff to authorize CSDA to submit position letters supporting the bill on behalf of ETWD.

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

#### SB 350 (Durazo) – Water Rate Assistance Program

Ms. Seitz stated that SB 350 proposes the LIRA program, which provides financial aid for low income residents. While ACWA supports the concept of the LIRA program, there are significant concerns with the bill as currently written. ACWA has sent a letter outlining the necessary amendments and is requesting that agencies adopt an "oppose unless amended" position on the bill.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to adopt an oppose unless amended position on SB 350 (Durazo) – Water Rate Assistance Program and authorize staff to sign onto ACWA's future coalition letters regarding the bill.

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

#### SB 454 (McNerney) – State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program

Ms. Seitz stated that this bill proposes the creation of a statewide PFAS

Mitigation Fund to assist local water and wastewater agencies in addressing

contamination from PFAS. Mr. Cafferty added that PFAS has not significantly impacted
the District due to the lack of groundwater access. However, he noted that the future of
PFAS will directly impact the District as wastewater is increasingly viewed as a concern.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Freshley to adopt a support position on SB 454 (McNerny) – State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program and authorize staff to sign onto ACWA's coalition letter supporting the bill.

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

#### General Manager Information Items

## SB 496 (Hurtado) – Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: Appeals Advisory Committee: Exemptions

Ms. Seitz stated that this item was time sensitive, and to meet the deadline, staff has submitted an automatic form authorizing a CSDA position letter supporting the bill on behalf of the District. She explained that SB 496 aims to provide relief for local agencies struggling to comply with the CARB ACF/ZEV mandates.

#### AB 514 (Petrie- Norris) – Emergency Water Supplies

Mr. Cafferty stated that AB 514 is a continuation of SB 1218, which the District supported last year. AB 514 enacts a policy in the Water Code that encourages and incentivizes the development of emergency water supplies. While the bill does not mandate the development of these supplies, it acknowledges their critical importance during water emergencies.

#### General Manager's Monthly Report

Mr. Cafferty stated that the City of Laguna Woods is interested in building storage facilities and has inquired with the District about the possibility of arranging space at the WRP. Staff is exploring potential opportunities for this arrangement that would not negatively impact the District, while benefiting the City and providing revenue for the District through a lease agreement. Mr. Cafferty added that more information will be presented at the April Board meeting for a conceptual approval.

Mr. Cafferty reported that recent legislation requires that any rate increase objections must be raised during the rate setting process. Staff is working on an ordinance to implement this requirement. If no objections are raised during the rate setting process, the ordinance will protect the District by allowing a formal response to any objections raised. Mr. Cafferty added that staff has consulted with Legal Counsel, and the plan is to hold a Special Board meeting for the Public Hearing in early June, with the deadline for objections set at the end of the Public Hearing. This timeline will allow staff to evaluate any objections and if necessary, bring them to the June Board meeting.

Mr. Cafferty inquired with the Board for their availability to schedule the Public Hearing on June 16, 2025. Director Havens emphasized that the Board has previously made efforts to adjust the Public Hearing times in order to provide flexibility for District customers.

Vice President Freshley mentioned the Cal Fire Map, noting that a portion of Laguna Woods, R-4 and R-3 fall within an at-risk fire zone. Mr. Cafferty stated that staff is assessing the data and will provide additional information as the topic evolves.

#### Legislative Reports

There were no comments.

#### Public Education and Outreach Report

Ms. Seitz provided updates on the District's public education and outreach efforts, including the District's newsletter, improvement project notices, and upcoming events.

#### Water Use Efficiency Report

Mr. Chu reported that demand continued to trend upwards in February, with total usage increasing by 26% compared to the same month last year. He also stated that usage was higher across all customer classes.

#### SOCWA Reports

Vice President Freshley stated that the Board approved the recommended changes to the Engineering and Executive Committee bylaws.

Mr. Cafferty added that the discussion at the Finance Committee meeting was focused on the budget. SOCWA is undergoing a significant period of transition, including budgeting without the Regional Treatment Plant, staffing changes, and outsourcing certain duties.

#### **SOCWMA**

Director Havens provided updates on the presentations covering the H2OC Rainsmart Rebates Pilot Program, the Basin Study, the future of IRWM, and cost share budgeting.

#### **MWDOC**

There were no comments.

#### LAFCO

Vice President Freshley stated the commission held a public meeting to present the MSR which was accepted and filed by the commission.

#### <u>ISDOC</u>

Director Monin stated the membership dues were discussed.

#### **WACO**

Director Monin stated that CSDA and ACWA provided updates.

#### COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Dates to Remember for February/March

There were no comments.

Director Monin left the meeting at approximately 8:47 a.m.

#### WEROC Mobile EOC Van Presentation

Ms. Seitz introduced Janine Schunk, WEROC Coordinator, Gabby Landeros, WEROC Specialist, and Vicki Osborn, WEROC Director of Emergency Management, who gave a demonstration and tour of the WEROC Mobile EOC Van.

Ms. Landeros explained the features of the WEROC Mobile EOC Van and the value it provides during emergency incident responses.

At approximately 8:55 a.m. to 9:16 a.m., the Board and staff toured the WEROC Mobile EOC van, which was temporarily parked on District property.

#### Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

#### Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that there is no need for a Closed Session today.

#### **Adjournment**

	There	being	no furthe	er bus	siness	to	come	before	the	Board,	the	meeting	was
adjour	ned at	appro	ximately	9:17	a.m.								

Respectfully submitted,

MARISOL MELENDEZ
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

MIKE GASKINS, 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

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

April 10, 2025

Vice President Freshley called the meeting of the Board Budget Workshop of the Board of Directors of the ELTORO WATER DISTRICT to order at 7:30 a.m.

Director Monin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors MARK MONIN, MIKE GASKINS (7:49 a.m.), KATHRYN FRESHLEY, KAY HAVENS, and Wyatt McClean were present.

Also present were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, JUDY CIMORELL, Director of Human Resources, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs Manager (Zoom), and MARISOL MELENDEZ, Recording Secretary.

#### **Determination of a Quorum**

Roll Call:

Director McClean Present
Director Havens Present
Director Monin Present
Vice President Freshley Present

Four Board members are present at the meeting and therefore a quorum has been determined.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public.

#### El Toro Water District 2025-2026 Budget and Proposed Rate Increases

Mr. Cafferty expressed appreciation to staff for their collaborative efforts and acknowledged the contributions made by multiple departments. He explained that the budget and rate development process involves a thorough review of current and projected expenses and revenue needs. He further stated that the District has the responsibility to its ratepayers to fund and invest in the system to maintain reliable, efficient and cost-effective service.

Mr. Cafferty presented a summary of revenues and expenses, including assumptions for potable and recycled water sales.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the primary expenses are purchased water, and labor and benefits. He noted that depreciation and interest expenses do not affect customer rates. The total proposed expenses, excluding interest, capitalized labor, and depreciation, are approximately \$30.7 million. The increase is primarily driven by higher costs for purchased water, labor, and electricity.

Mr. Cafferty explained that the labor budget aligns with the District's policy, incorporating a 3% merit increase and a 3.2% CPI increase based on a twelve-month average through January. This results in a 6.2% compensation pool to be allocated based on performance evaluations.

Mr. Cafferty noted that the debt coverage ratio is a key factor in the District's credit rating. Mr. Sharma added that the District has made significant progress in recent years.

Mr. Cafferty mentioned the potential need for financing due to a recent failure in Reach A of the Effluent Transmission Main (ETM), which is owned by IRWD. Given the District's partial ownership of the downstream Reaches of the ETM and the

presence of Techite pipe, a pipe replacement project may be necessary. The project is expected to require financing, and staff have already initiated discussions with IRWD about potential action.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the Capital Improvement Plan budget is developed by balancing competing priorities, aiming to manage essential investments within available resources, including accumulated funds and projected capital revenue.

Ms. Ford stated that the largest capital project for the upcoming fiscal year is the Headworks Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Rehabilitation, with total estimated costs of \$12 million, a portion of which will be budgeted the following fiscal year. Another key project is the R-6 Reservoir Slope Stabilization Project. She also noted that several smaller projects are included in the budget, many of which are expected to result in long-term cost savings. Staff continues to actively pursue potential funding sources to help offset project costs.

Mr. Cafferty explained that the proposed revenue commodity rate adjustments are based on the MWD adopted budget, and amount to a \$0.33 increase in the water supply component of the water commodity rate. Proposed water O&M rates are increasing by 12.9%, while private fire O&M rates are proposed to increase by 5-10.5%. Sewer O&M rates will increase by 3.4%, keeping faith with the Consumer Price Index as outlined in the multi-year Proposition 218 Notice. Proposed capital charges for both water and sewer are also consistent with the multi-year Notice.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the draft Proposition 218 Notice, has undergone legal review. The draft announces a Public Hearing scheduled for June 16, 2025, allowing time to consider any substantive protests or objections. It also advertises upcoming community informational meetings. Two minor revisions will be made: updating the

recycled water usage rate increase from \$0.31 to \$0.32, and removing the underline from the word "before" on the final page. The last paragraph now includes newly required language regarding procedures for challenging the District's rates, fees, and charges.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the capital projected cash flow is a separate revenue stream that includes debt service funded through the District's regular capital program. He noted that the previously accumulated capital funds, intended to support capital projects, are expected to be spent over the next four years, which will affect the analysis of the days of cash on hand. He added that projected cost increases influence the rate adjustments needed to sustain both O&M and Capital funding.

Mr. Cafferty presented the ten-year recycled water cash flow and reserve analysis. He noted that recent conservation efforts by the District's largest customer, combined with significant wet weather, have impacted recycled water sales revenue. Projected recycled water sales for FY 2024-25 are 1,450 AF. He added that by FY 3030-31, recycled water reserves are expected to show a surplus following the payoff of the first loan.

Mr. Cafferty reviewed the ten-year projected reserves and emphasized the importance of "days of cash" on hand for operating expenses, noting that this metric is a key factor for rating agencies.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the Cost of Service Rate study has been thoroughly reviewed by Legal Counsel and is essential for protecting the District against potential litigation to the best of its ability.

President Gaskins asked for Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director McClean to 1) approve the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Operating & Capital Budget 2) approve the 2025 Water and Recycled Water Rate Update Report 3) approve and authorize the distribution of the Proposition 218 Notice with two minor changes 4) authorize noticing of a Public Hearing to be scheduled for June 16, 2025 to consider taking action on the proposed rate increases.

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

#### Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Budget Committee #2 Meeting

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by President Gaskins to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Budget Committee #2 Meeting.

#### Roll Call Vote

Director Havens aye President Gaskins aye

#### New Solids Hauling Trailer

Ms. Ford stated that the current solids hauling trailer, used to transports solids to SOCWA, is over 30 years old and has exceeded its useful life.

President Gaskins asked for Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director Havens to authorize the District's General Manager to issue a purchase order to Thompson Tank, Inc. in the amount of \$199,634.89 for a new solids hauling trailer and to

authorize the General Manager to fund the project costs from the District's Capital Reserves as recommended by staff in accordance with the District's adopted Capital Reserves Policy.

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Ford left the meeting at approximately 10:11 a.m.

#### Resolution No. 25-4-1 Adopting Ordinance No. 2025-2

Mr. Cafferty stated that Resolution No. 25-4-1 adopts Ordinance No. 2025-2, which outlines the requirements and procedures of AB 2257 regarding the process by which customers may challenge the compliance of new District rates and charges.

President Gaskins asked for Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to adopt Resolution No. 25-4-1 adopting Ordinance No. 2025-2.

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

	Respectfully submitted,		
	Marisol Melendez Recording Secretary		
APPROVED:			
MIKE GASKINS, 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: April 24, 2025

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: City of Laguna Woods Warehouse/Storage Facility

City of Laguna Woods staff have made a preliminary inquiry regarding the possibility of partnering with the District to develop storage for the City at the ETWD Water Recycling Plant.

The City is looking for space for a storage building as well as a material storage area. The storage building would provide a place to store street light poles and lights, traffic and message boards and other miscellaneous parts and equipment. The material storage area would provide a spot to store typical materials (aggregate base, dirt etc.) for street improvement projects.

District and City staff met at the WRP to discuss potential locations and terms. Staff will provide the Board an update on the potential opportunities of the preliminary concept and seek Board direction on furthering the discussion with the City.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT April 2025

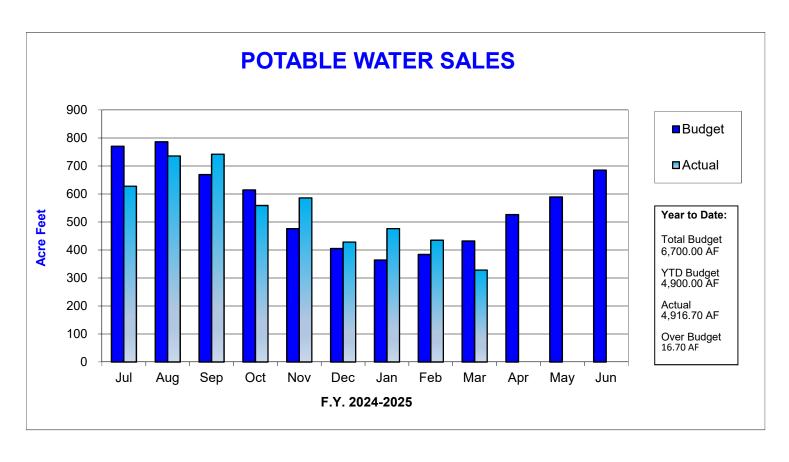
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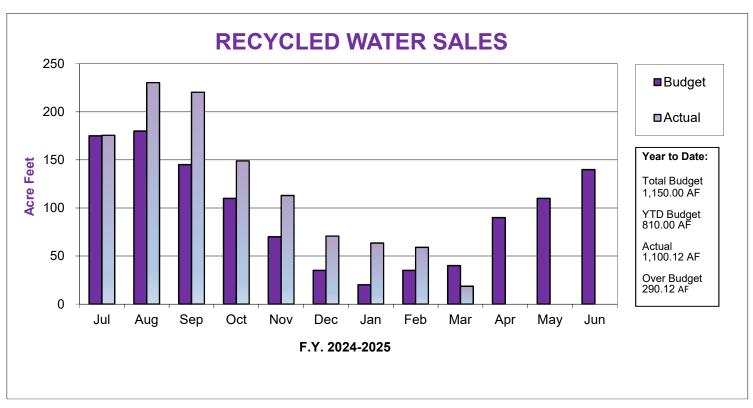
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- South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting
- Meeting with Joone Lopez
- Meeting with MNWD Regarding Regional Treatment Plant Budget
- City of Lake Forest Meet the Mayor Event
- Orange County Water Association Luncheon
- Presentation at United Laguna Woods Mutual Town Hall
- Meeting with VMS at Aliso Creek Lift Station
- Meetings with Raftelis Regarding Rate Study
- Attorney Meetings Regarding Rate Study
- Meeting with Xpress Bill Pay Regarding Credit Card Fees
- Meeting with ATS Communications Regarding Cellular Site Lease Matters
- Meeting with IRWD Regarding Baker WTP O&M Invoice and Budget
- Meeting with IRWD and Regional Water Quality Control Boards Regarding Effluent Transmission Main Failure
- Supervisor Program Graduation Ceremony for ETWD Staff Members at Yorba Linda Water District
- Meeting with NHA Financial Advisors Regarding Credit Rating and Reserves Targets
- WRP Tour with Director McClean
- Meeting with Client First Regarding IT Master Plan
- ETWD Employee Performance Evaluation Process Kickoff Meeting
- ETWD RRC Meeting
- ETWD Agenda Review Meeting
- ETWD Board Budget Workshop
- 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 March 31, 2025 are 4,916.70 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted domestic sales of 4,900.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 16.70 acre-feet. Actual sales are 517.59 acre-feet higher than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

Actual recycled sales for the year-to-date as of March 31, 2025 are 1,100.12 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted recycled sales of 810.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 290.12 acre-feet. Actual sales are 220.69 acre-feet higher than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.



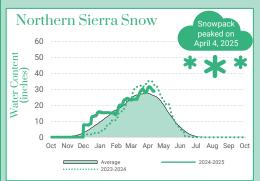


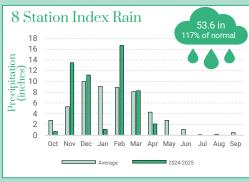
#### **Customer Service Activity Report**

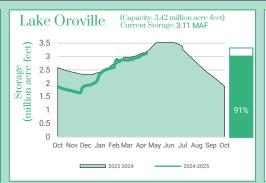
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ield Investigations:			Billing / Payments & Graph Inquires	210	176
heck for leaks - calls to CS			Assistance with online payments and	22	21
ffice:(irrigation,meter,street leaks)			ETWD's portal (cc, e-checks, other.)	22	21
Customer Responsible	7	18			
District Responsible	5	10	Variance / Adjustment Inquiries	7	7
None found/other	8	18	Variance / Adjustment Requests Processed	8	11
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ees Removed	0	0			
ackflow / Cross Connection	7	1	Payment Extensions	38	23
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ogged Registers	40	16	prior to shut off per billing calendar	0	37
			(automatic courtesy dialer)		
	1	0	Return Calls from customers left on our	14	14
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her: (uncommon non-maintenance calls)	2	3	Email Correspondence:	64	41
n-Call After Hrs. CS Response	16	16	Maintenance Service Order Requests	9	1
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Posting Notice & 24 Hr. Door Hangers Hung	99	100	Misc. (other: employment, deliveries,	27	11
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\$ (247.00) \$ (418.00) **Actual YTD** 

## The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Water Supply Conditions Report (WSCR)

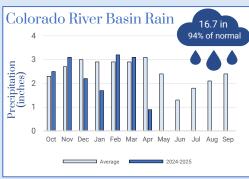


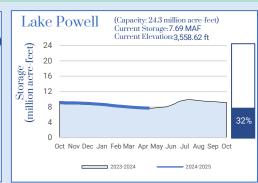


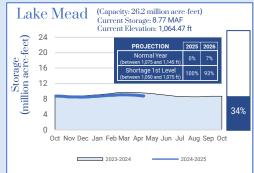


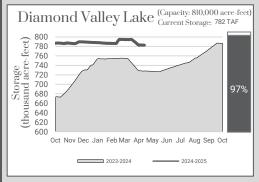


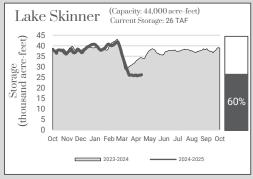


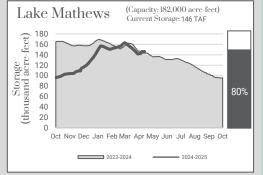












2025 State Water Project Allocation

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(As announced on March 25, 2025)

This report contains information from various federal, state, and local agencies.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information.

Readers should refer to the relevant state, federal, and local agencies for additional or for the most up to date water supply information.

## WILL SERVE SUMMARY REPORT APRIL 2025

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Will Serve Letter Date	PHASE	CFF
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 Hills Inn Fire Sprinkler Upgrade	Fire System upgrades including conversion of a fire hydrant to private and addition of a 6-inch DCDA	4/1/2022	Close-Out	\$ -
Indian Super Mart Kitchen	Addition of a kitchen.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	\$ 3,207
Parentis Health Sewermain Relocation	Relocating an existing sewermain.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Whoop Axe Water Service Upgrade	Upgrade of existing water service.	Forthcoming	Planning	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	Not Yet Calculated
24178 Me Spa Massage	Conversion of existing chiropractic office into a massage parlor.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
23272 & 23282 Mill Creek	Additional domestic and fire services for a medical central utility plant	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23172 Plaza Pointe Dr and 23441 S Pointe Laguna Hills	Conversion of an office building into a medical outpatient facility	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Calle Plata Womens Health & Primary Care	Conversion of an office building into a medical outpatient facility	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Laguna Woods Shell and Carwash	Removal of a DCDA and installation of a Blow Off Appurtenance	3/13/2025	Construction	-
23370 Moulton Pkwy Sewer Improvements	Modifications to the sewer lateral	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Texas Roadhouse BBQ	Conversion of El Torito into Texas Roadhouse BBQ	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23161 Mill Creek	Residential development for 43 attached condo units	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated



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

From: Natural Resource Results

**RE:** Monthly Board Report – March 2025

#### **Federal Agency Staffing**

A February 25<sup>th</sup> memo circulated by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) conveyed the Trump Administration's plan to heavily reduce agency spending and workforce. Following the initial firings of thousands of probationary employees across departments, agencies were ordered to submit a Reduction in Force (RIF) plan by March 13<sup>th</sup> to significantly reduce the spending and workforce of each agency. While the scope of effect for each agency is different, all agencies can expect a significant reduction on top of the firings already completed.

#### **Appropriations**

In lieu of a full appropriations bill(s) for FY25, Congress approved a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government funded at previous levels through the end of the fiscal year. The decision came after Congress passed a CR in December to keep the government open through March 14. The CR passed the House on party lines except for Rep. Massie (R-KY) and Rep. Golden (D-ME), but needed 60 votes in the Senate, meaning Democratic support was needed. Despite the divide between the parties, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) led a handful of Democrats to get the votes. The now passed CR will keep the government open and funded through September.

With the funding for FY25 finalized, Congress looks towards FY26 funding, hopeful to pass full Appropriations bills after multiple consecutive CR's. While the process has just begun, with members beginning to put up Congressionally Directed Spending Requests on their websites, an ideal timeline would lead to completion of FY26 bills in late summer or early fall.

#### **Budget**

House Republicans approved a budget framework for President Trump's domestic policy agenda with a vote of 217-213. The reconciliation process will focus on several priorities including:

- Rolling back land lockups that block resource development and other activities
- Limiting future use of Resource Management Plan's and Antiquities Act designations
- Unlocking American mineral resources on public lands

The focus now shifts to negotiations with the Senate, where Republicans narrowly approved their budget resolution in a 52-48 vote, advancing a reconciliation package that bypasses the

filibuster and includes substantial funding for the military and immigration. However, their proposal postpones extensions of Trump-era tax cuts, a point of contention for House Republicans.

#### **Federal Funding Freeze**

While some federal funding is beginning to flow again, the spigot has not fully opened. Bureau of Reclamation projects that are funded with annual appropriations or with funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) seem to be moving, while projects funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) are still under review at the Department of the Interior (DOI). The timeline for completing the IRA funding review is still not clear. Each agency seems to be in a slightly different position and the lack of uniformity within the review process makes tracking any progress very challenging.

While we don't expect DOGE to slow down, Republicans have raised concerns over the lack of transparency and have even met with Elon Musk directly to convey their concerns. The request to DOGE from Senate Republicans was this: send us your proposed cuts and we will handle them. This would be treated as a package of "recissions" in which the Administration sends proposed cuts to Congress and they are then voted on and only require a simple majority.

#### **Cabinet Nominations**

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee announced Wednesday it will hold a hearing on the nominations of Brian Nesvik to be director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Jessica Kramer to be an assistant administrator of the EPA, and Sean Donahue to be an assistant administrator of the EPA. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 at 10 a.m.

On April 2, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is expected to hold a nomination hearing for Kate MacGregor to be DOI Deputy Secretary.

#### **Trump White House CEQ Rescinds NEPA Rule**

The Trump White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has revoked its NEPA implementing rule, replacing it with nonbinding guidance that directs agencies to follow their own NEPA regulations. The guidance, issued by CEQ Chief of Staff Katherine Scarlett, encourages agencies to expedite approvals but lacks detailed instructions.

This the recission of the implementing rule and issuance of guidance was in response to a February decision from a federal judge in North Dakota who vacated the CEQ's NEPA regulations, stating that the CEQ does not have the authority to issue such regulations but can only make recommendations. This ruling supported arguments from 20 Republican-led states that the regulations would increase costs and unfairly favor clean energy projects, potentially violating NEPA.



To:	MWDOC Workshop
From:	Syrus Devers
Date:	April 2nd, 2025
Re:	State Legislative Report

#### **Legislative Report**

All deadlines and delay tactics related to bill introductions have come and gone and the Capitol is operating at full speed. Anyone in the Capitol last week spent significant time standing in lines. The deadline to introduce a bill was February 19th, but the final deadline to amend substantive language into spot bills and get a referral to a policy committee was March 21st. Bills referred to more than one policy committee have to be heard soon or risk not meeting the policy committee deadline of May 2nd. Keep in mind the Legislature takes a recess from April 10th to the 21st.

#### High Conflict Bills.

MWDOC's interest in these bills has yet to be determined, but the following bills will likely trigger the most significant battles this year:

AB 1413 (Papan): Assembly Member Diane Papan chairs the Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee, which makes any issue she chooses to pursue a serious one. Among several other provisions, this bill states that a groundwater basin adjudication may not authorize more pumping than the latest groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA. It also provides that when an adjudication is being pursued at the same time as a GSP validation, the validity of the GSP must be decided first. Certain smaller groundwater basins have pursued adjudication under the novel term "safe yield" which, it is alleged, conflicts with the SGMA's standard of "sustainable yield".

SB 601 (Allen): This may be one of the most complex pieces of legislation as well as being one of the most controversial. In <u>very</u> brief, notwithstanding the length of this paragraph, this bill seeks to restore environmental protections to wetlands that are no longer protected under federal law following the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2023 in Sackett v. EPA. Prior to that case, a wetland could be protected under federal law even if there was no surface connection to a federally protected waterway, if damaging the wetland would impact the navigable waterway. If so, the wetland was entitled to the same level of protection. The Sackett case held that a wetland was only subject to federal jurisdiction if it had a continuous connection to a river on which you could paddle a boat. SB 601 seeks to restore protection to those wetlands no longer protected under federal law. One of the many issues with the bill is that the Sackett holding itself is subject to varying interpretations, and it is not clear that SB 601 precisely conforms to any of them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please do not quote. For descriptive purposes only to keep this paragraph as short as possible.

#### **Syrus Devers Advocacy**

AB 362 (Ramos): This bill would, in statute, define beneficial use of water to include tribal water uses. Beneficial use is one of the most basic doctrines in water law and it has never been defined in statute. Putting a new definition in statute is equal to changing the DNA of California water law, which has been refined over a century by the courts and regulations. The looming controversy is that this bill was introduced last year, and the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee demanded substantial amendments. The author refused to accept the amendments and "rolled" the Chair by getting out with votes from the Democrats on the committee. The bill, however, died on the infamous "Suspense File" in the Assembly. The author has reintroduced the bill, setting a high-stakes confrontation with the committee.

#### MWDOC's Priority Bills.

Two bills MWDOC is supporting survived their first policy hearings. SB 394 (Allen) on water theft, and the MWD sponsored bill, AB 580 (Wallis), which removes the sunset on MWD's existing authority as a lead agency for the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975, were both passed with bipartisan support.

#### **Administrative Report**

As reported last month, Sites Reservoir may see a new round of funding due to the collapse of the Los Vaqueros project. The hope was that the Water Commission, which is sitting on over half of a BILLION dollars, would allocate some funds to the remaining six projects. (Of those projects, Sites is the only large one left standing.) Instead, the Water Commission elected to do nothing and give the remaining projects an opportunity to plead their case for more funding. The takeaway is that the Water Commission did not want to make the same mistake twice. While understandable, sitting on a half of a BILLION dollars is a bit irksome in the face of California's infrastructure needs.

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#### **Legal and Regulatory**

April 2, 2025

- 1. **Tea Cleans Water:** It has become a regular occurrence that universities in the United States and around the world come up with new ideas in Water World. This time, Northwestern University has been studying the use of tea leaves in cleaning water and removing heavy metals such as lead and cadmium. This is a worldwide issue. They have discovered that these heavy metal ions are attracted to the surface of tea leaves, where they become trapped. Researchers are always looking for new materials for filters to enhance water purification. In this case, tea leaves have hit the spot. Of the various ways to produce tea, cellulose bags turn out to be the best. Those bags are made from natural fiber. They enhance the ability of the tea leaves to grab dangerous metals. The longer the steeping time, the more effective this process is. While this process is one that we will probably not have to rely on in the United States, it can be useful in some more remote areas of the world. Tea lovers unite.
- 2. **PFAS Removal:** Everyone is looking at various ways to remove PFAS from our water system. One of the keys is to make it commercially feasible. Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts has added another method to the list. This one is called hydrothermal liquefaction. The wastewater is heated up to over 500°F in a pressure cooker and hydrogen peroxide is added to the mix. Cook for 10 minutes and you have water that is 90% free from PFAS and related contaminants. In addition, the byproduct is a 60% yield of transportation fuel such as diesel, water, and gas.
- 3. **Burn PFAS:** Australian researchers have come up with another way to get rid of PFAS. They have discovered a way to safely burn the forever chemicals out of the water. The United States currently has a moratorium on burning PFAS and there are some regulatory questions in other parts of the country. The concerns arise out of spreading the PFAS through the atmosphere and creating other unhealthy emissions. There are over 15,000 types of PFAS, but the study shows that many of them have a similar carbon chain. The varied chemical reactions involved in heating PFAS makes the process difficult. However, their process, called mineralization, breaks down the fluorocarbon chain into individual compounds such as calcium, fluoride, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and water. In addition, the byproduct produced by the process can be reusable materials such as industrial chemicals and fertilizers. Whether or not this process can be commercially viable is part of the test.
- 4. Water From Air: Ohio State has come up with another instrument to convert air into water. Their machine is called an open-source nickel titanium-based dehumidifier. Again, this machine is being designed for remote areas around the world that have difficulty in getting clean drinking water. They state that bad drinking water throughout the world causes more deaths than any war we have had. The key to their machine is an alloy called nickel titanium which has unusual rates of deformation in response to temperature change. Their machine, which looks like a small lathe, stretches wire under different temperatures and releases the pressure. This process allows

for water capture. The parts are cheap and readily available, and they are hopeful that this will be a successful device worldwide. It does rely on constant and robust air flow, but the mechanism is very simple.

- 5. **The History of Water:** Scientists continue to debate when water first appeared in our universe. The conventional thought used to be that water did not appear until approximately 1 billion years after The Big Bang. This current study argues that water came into existence within 100 to 200 million years after The Big Bang. Their conclusions come from examination of remnants of stellar explosions which occurred in the past. Their study looks at the dense, dusty cores of metals around the universe and how they store water. One of the scientists believes that water could have existed much, much earlier. The improvement of research instruments has made finding such evidence more possible. It also makes it much more difficult for researchers to agree on what really happened and when.
- 6. LA Fires Kill Kelp: Private researchers with a group called Kelp Ark have been studying the Pacific Ocean after the LA fires. They have studied the impact of fires around California and other places to determine the impact of the fires on the ocean and in particular the growth of kelp. Kelp is very important as it provides a home and food for various other groups in the ocean food chain. Kelp requires two things to survive: rocks and sunlight. Whenever there is a significant fire, a lot of material is transferred from the air to the ocean. The sediment, including dirt and pollutants from the LA fire, has been significant and attaches to rocks and reefs, making it difficult for the kelp to grow. In addition, all the ash and debris in the air reduces the amount of sunlight that gets to the water, also making it difficult for the kelp to survive. The Kelp Ark folks explained that they could barely see a few inches down in the ocean because of all the debris after the LA fires. Their initial response was that many of the fish and other wildlife were in existence, but that the kelp was practically gone. They attribute that to the additional debris contained in the fire. Normal wildfires burn brush and trees and other organic material. The LA fires burned everything, including plastics, electronics, and other industrial chemicals. This clearly had an impact on the ocean.
- 7. **Hawaii Sinking:** Hawaii has a serious subsidence problem. This is primarily caused by the active volcanoes in Hawaii. Depending on how far away you are from the hot spots on the Big Island can determine how fast you are sinking. The islands are sinking because of their own weight on a liquid base. The average subsidence is about 6mm (10 sheets of paper) per year. However, various spots of Oahu are sinking at 40 times that rate. This, along with sea level rise, must be considered for all urban planning and development on the islands. Also, a great portion of Hawaii was built on sediments and fill material, which has started to compact over time.
- 8. **SF v EPA:** The US Supreme Court recently issued an especially important decision in the case of City and County of San Francisco versus EPA. This potentially was going to cost San Francisco over \$10 billion in penalties for violation of the Clean Water Act. The case involved the issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits. These permits must be obtained for any agency or entity that discharges into the ocean or other water subject to the Clean Water Act. In San Francisco's case, it involved 2 wastewater treatment facilities which discharged into the San Francisco Bay and the Ocean. During periods of heavy rain untreated wastewater overflows the treatment plants and discharges into the Pacific Ocean or the San Francisco Bay. The EPA claimed San Francisco violated their permit under the "end result" limitation. This rule claimed that whatever pollution occurred in the body of water was your responsibility. San Francisco argued that this was vague, and the court

agreed with them. The Court indicated that the EPA had the power to designate discharge limitations and that the entity could be charged with a violation for not meeting those limitations. Many water agencies around the US joined San Francisco in this argument. This was a major decision for Water World.

- 9. More Desal Technology: New ideas for desalinization technology are being suggested every day. A current one being looked at is one done locally by the OceanWell company. The prototype is in Las Virgenes Reservoir and it's being assisted by Tim Quinn, the former ACWA president. The pilot study is being conducted by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and it is actually being supported by the National Resources Defense Council. The concept is to reduce electrical usage, reduce toxic brine and safeguard marine life being sucked into the intake valves. The device looks like a stainless-steel tank similar to those used in a winery. The tank is set up in deep water where the pressure from the water drives the sea water through the reverse osmosis membranes. A patented intake system is designed to not hurt any of the sea creatures around the device. The ultra-salty brine is discharged into the ecosystem at a less concentrated rate. The only electricity needed is to run the fresh water onshore pumps to land. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the US Bureau of Reclamation are also involved in this study.
- 10. Delta Good: Recent study by the Delta Protection Commission is raising a few eyebrows. The Commission is a state agency formed many years ago to monitor the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta area. Their current report paints a rosy picture of the Delta. The unemployment rate has dropped and is below the statewide average. Median household income has increased. Land in agricultural production has increased by over 10%. In the last eight years higher value crops are bringing more income to the area. The only negative stated was that pavement conditions have worsened in the area.





April 2, 2025

TO: MWDOC Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Whittingham

SUBJECT: April 2025 Report

A variety of noteworthy events occurred in the month of March - following is a few of the more interesting developments and issues of the month:

- At its March 12 meeting, the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OCLAFCO or Commission) received the final draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) of Orange County Water District's application for an analysis of potential consolidation with Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). The Commission unanimously voted to receive and file the report, and MWDOC Board member Al Nederhood, GM Harvey de la Torre, and OCWD Board President Denis Bilodeau provided brief remarks with President Bilodeau terming the analysis a "great reference document" if at some future time both agencies agree to pursue potential consolidation.
- In addition, longtime OCLAFCO Executive Officer Carolyn Emery announced her retirement from the position, effective April 1.
- A new multi-million-dollar trash interceptor has been deployed in Newport Beach, the aim of which is to collect floating trash before it enters and contaminates the Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve, Newport Harbor, and area beaches. The \$5.5 million Newport Bay Trash Interceptor will supplement other city trash-reduction efforts including trash booms, catch basin collection systems and floating skimmers. Every year, hundreds of tons of trash enters Newport Harbor via San Diego Creek; the Trash Interceptor is expected to catch up to 80 percent of this floating debris.
- Huntington Beach City Councilmember Tony Strickland received 51.3% of the vote in the February 25 special election and was sworn in March 11 to succeed new 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor Janet Nguyen as State Senator representing the 36<sup>th</sup> District. Senator Strickland successfully surpassed the 50%+1 threshold to defeat three other candidates and avoid a runoff election.

- A 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court ruling issued March 3, which was roundly criticized by environmental groups, may have considerable impacts on the next MS4 permit issued for Orange County and the Inland Empire. The Court found that some regulations imposed by the EPA against the city of San Francisco, which has sent raw sewage into creeks that feed into San Francisco Bay because the city's antiquated sewage system has been pushed beyond its limits during the bigger storms of recent winters, were too broad. The Court's ruling pointed to the Clean Water Act's requirement that fines or punishments imposed on a polluter must be based on a specific link to the pollution being discharged. Orange County Coastkeeper has applauded this component of the ruling, as the organization has argued during negotiations regarding the new MS4 permit that regulations that track and measure specific pollutants are required by law.
- The Whittier City Council voted unanimously to name Conal McNamara its new City Manager at its meeting of March 25. Mr. McNamara has been serving as the City Manager in the City of La Palma since April, 2020 after leaving his prior position as Whittier's Community Development Director.
- The Orange County Water District, in collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, announced the approval of a minor deviation to the Water Control Plan at Prado Dam. This five-year deviation represents a milestone in OCWD's ongoing efforts to bolster the drinking water supply through innovative stormwater capture strategies. OCWD has partnered with USACE since 1995 to store water from the Santa Ana River at Prado Dam; the approved deviation allows for higher water storage levels, temporarily raising it to 508 feet above mean sea level, with potential future increases to 510 or 512 feet. This adjustment will allow for the capture of an additional two billion gallons of stormwater, which is enough water to supply 48,000 people and save \$6 million in imported water costs.
- Federal prosecutors have asked a U.S. District Court judge to sentence former Anaheim Mayor Harry Sidhu to serve eight months in federal prison, along with a \$40,000 fine and one year of supervision after release. Sidhu pled guilty in 2023 to one count each of wire fraud and obstruction of justice and two counts of making false statements to a Federal agent; he is scheduled to be sentenced on March 28.

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

Sincerely,

PL White

Peter Whittingham

#### **MWDOC Workshop Bill Matrix**

Prepared by SDA Government Relations April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

#### A. High

AB 259 (Rubio, Blanca, D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Calendar: 04/09/25 A-LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 CARRILLO,

JUAN, Chair

Location: 02/10/2025 - Assembly Local Government

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, as specified, and requires a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing to comply with specified requirements, including that the local agency post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing if. during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, and the legislative body complies with prescribed requirements. Current law requires a member to satisfy specified requirements to participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including that specified circumstances apply. Current law establishes limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including prohibiting such participation for more than 2 meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. This bill would remove the January 1, 2026, date from those provisions, thereby extending the alternative teleconferencing procedures indefinitely. (Based on 01/16/2025 text)

**Position:** support **Priority:** A. High

Notes:

Support - March 5th Workshop

#### $\underline{AB\ 514}\ (\underline{Petrie\text{-Norris},\ D})\ Water:\ emergency\ water\ supplies.$

Calendar: 04/29/25 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN,

DIANE, Chair

Location: 02/24/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan. The act requires an urban water management plan to include a water shortage contingency plan, as provided. This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies by local water suppliers, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** A. High

Notes:

On the April agenda.

#### AB 523 (Irwin, D) Metropolitan water districts: alternate representative.

Location: 02/24/2025 - Assembly Local Government

**Summary:** Under the Metropolitan Water District Act, the board of a metropolitan water district is required to consist of at least one representative from each member public agency, as prescribed. The act authorizes each member public agency to appoint additional representatives not exceeding one additional representative for each 5% of the assessed valuation of property taxable for district purposes within the entire district that is within the boundaries of that member public agency. The bill would authorize each member public agency that is entitled to designate or appoint only one representative to the board of directors to designate or appoint one alternate representative for the limited purpose of participating in a meeting of the board of directors when the member public agency's designated or appointed representative will be absent from the meeting. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** A. High

#### AB 532 (Ransom, D) Water rate assistance program.

**Location:** 03/03/2025 - Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

Summary: Current federal law, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, among other things, requires the federal Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program, which is also known as the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, for making grants to states and Indian tribes to assist low-income households that pay a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services, as provided. Current law requires the Department of Community Services and Development to administer the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in this state, and to receive and expend moneys appropriated and allocated to the state for purposes of that program, pursuant to the above-described federal law. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program was only operative until March 31, 2024. This bill would repeal the above-described requirements related to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. The bill would instead require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Community Services and Development to establish and administer the California Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. (Based on 02/11/2025 text)

**Priority:** A. High

#### AB 580 (Wallis, R) Surface mining: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Calendar: 03/28/25 #8 A-SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Location: 03/24/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 prohibits a person, with exceptions, from conducting surface mining operations unless, among other things, a permit is obtained from, a specified reclamation plan is submitted to and approved by, and financial assurances for reclamation have been approved by, the lead agency for the operation of the surface mining operation. Current law authorizes the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to prepare a master reclamation plan, as provided, that identifies each individual surface mining operation in specified counties and satisfies all reclamation plan requirements for each individual surface mining site. Current law requires the State Mining and Geology Board to act as the lead agency for surface mining operations conducted by the MWD and authorizes the board to conduct an inspection of an individual surface mining operation once every 2 calendar years during a period when that individual surface mining operation is idle or the site has no mineral production. Current law requires the MWD to be the lead agency for any environmental review of the master reclamation plan. Existing law repeals the provisions authorizing the preparation and approval of the master reclamation plan for the MWD on January 1, 2026. This bill would make those provisions operative indefinitely. (Based on 02/12/2025 text)

**Position:** support **Priority:** A. High

Notes:

Support - March 5th Workshop

#### SB 31 (McNerney, D) Water quality: recycled water.

Calendar: 03/28/25 #1 S-SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Location: 03/25/2025 - Senate Environmental Quality

**Summary:** The Water Recycling Law generally provides for the use of recycled water. Current law requires any person who, without regard to intent or negligence, causes or permits an unauthorized discharge of 50,000 gallons or more of recycled water in or on any waters of the state to immediately notify the appropriate regional water board. This bill would, for the purposes of the above provision, redefine "recycled water" and provide that water discharged from a decorative body of water during storm events is not to be considered an unauthorized discharge if recycled water was used to restore levels due to evaporation. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** A. High

Notes:

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#### SB 72 (Caballero, D) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.

Location: 01/29/2025 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include, among others, tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050, as provided. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for a sustainable urban sector, agricultural sector, and environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things. (Based on 03/18/2025 text)

**Position:** support **Priority:** A. High

Notes:

Support position taken on 2/5

#### SB 350 (Durazo, D) Water Rate Assistance Program.

Location: 03/19/2025 - Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications

Summary: Would establish the Water Rate Assistance Program. As part of the program, the bill would establish the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury, available upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income residential ratepayers, as specified. The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to take various actions in administering the fund, including, among other things, tracking and managing revenue in the fund separately from all other revenue. The bill would require the state board, in consultation with relevant agencies and after a public hearing, to adopt guidelines for implementation of the program and to adopt an annual report to be posted on the state board's internet website identifying how the fund has performed, as specified. The bill would require the guidelines to include minimum requirements for eligible systems, including the ability to confirm eligibility for enrollment through a request for self-certification of eligibility under penalty of perjury. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the state board to take various actions in administering the program, including, but not limited to, providing guidance, oversight, and funding for low-income rate assistance for residential ratepayers of eligible systems. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to bring an action in state court to restrain the use of any method, act, or practice in violation of these provisions, except as provided. (Based on 03/25/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** A. High

#### SB 394 (Allen, D) Water theft: fire hydrants.

Calendar: 04/01/25 S-JUDICIARY 3 p.m. or upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2100

UMBERG, THOMAS, Chair

Location: 03/19/2025 - Senate Judiciary

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a utility to bring a civil action for damages against any person who commits, authorizes, solicits, aids, abets, or attempts certain acts, including, diverting or causing to be diverted, utility services by any means whatsoever. Current law creates a rebuttable presumption that there is violation of these provisions if, on premises controlled by the customer or by the person using or receiving the direct benefit of utility service, certain actions occur, including that there is an instrument, apparatus, or device primarily designed to be used to obtain utility service without paying the full lawful charge for the utility. This bill would add to the list of acts for which a utility may bring a civil cause of action under these circumstances to include tampering with a fire hydrant, fire hydrant meter, or fire detector check, or diverting water, or causing water to be diverted, from a fire hydrant with knowledge of, or reason to believe, that the diversion or unauthorized connection existed at the time of use for nonfirefighting purposes or without authorization from the appropriate water system or fire department. (Based on 02/14/2025 text)

**Position:** support **Priority:** A. High

Notes:

Support - March 5th Workshop

#### SB 496 (Hurtado, D) Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.

Calendar: 04/02/25 S-ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1200 BLAKESPEAR,

CATHERINE, Chair

Location: 02/26/2025 - Senate Environmental Quality

**Summary:** The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the state board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions from those sources. This bill would require the state board to establish the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee by an unspecified date for purposes of reviewing appeals of denied requests for exemptions from the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. The bill would require the committee to include representatives of specified governmental and nongovernmental entities. The bill would require the committee to meet monthly and would require recordings of its meetings to be made publicly available on the state board's internet website. The bill would require the committee to consider, and make a recommendation on, an appeal of an exemption request denial no later than 60 days after the appeal is made. The bill would require specified information relating to the committee's consideration of an appeal to be made publicly available on the state board's internet website. The bill would require the state board to consider a recommendation of the committee at a public meeting no later than 60 days after the recommendation is made. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** A. High

Notes:

Proposed support - April agenda

#### SB 732 (Ochoa Bogh, R) Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemptions.

Location: 03/12/2025 - Senate Environmental Quality

**Summary:** Current law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Current law generally designates air pollution control and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to identify toxic air contaminants that are emitted into the ambient air of the state and to establish airborne toxic control

measures to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants from nonvehicular sources. This bill would require an air district without a specified rule on emergency backup generators, as defined, as of January 1, 2026, that adopts such a rule to include in the rule provisions that allow the operator of a critical facility, as defined, to use a permitted emergency backup generator in exceedance of the applicable runtime and testing and maintenance limits if specified conditions are met. The bill would require a critical facility allowed to exceed applicable limits under a rule adopted pursuant to that provision to attest to and provide evidence of having taken demonstrable steps toward implementing the use of backup power technologies that meet or exceed emission standards set by the state board. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** A. High

#### B. Watch

#### AB 93 (Papan, D) Water resources: demands: data centers.

Location: 03/24/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Would require a person who owns or operates a data center, as defined, to provide, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, under penalty of perjury, on the application, an estimate of the expected water use. The bill would require a person who owns or operates a data center to provide, when applying to a city or county for a renewal of a business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, under penalty of perjury, on the application, a report of the annual water use. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require a city or county to require data centers operating within its jurisdiction, as a condition for obtaining or renewing a business license, to meet efficiency standards, as determined by a local jurisdiction, as provided. By imposing additional duties on cities and counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 269 (Bennett, D) Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program.

Calendar: 04/08/25 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN,

DIANE, Chair

Location: 02/10/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Current law provides for the regulation and supervision of dams and reservoirs by the state, and requires the Department of Water Resources, under the police power of the state, to supervise the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, and removal of dams and reservoirs for the protection of life and property, as prescribed. Current law requires the department to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, develop and administer the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program to provide state funding for repairs, rehabilitation, enhancements, and other dam safety projects at existing state jurisdictional dams and associated facilities that were in service prior to January 1, 2023, subject to prescribed criteria. This bill would include the removal of project facilities as additional projects eligible to receive funding under the program. (Based on 01/17/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 367 (Bennett, D) County water districts: County of Ventura: fire suppression.

Location: 02/03/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The County Water District Law authorizes the formation of county water districts and authorizes those districts to appropriate, acquire, and conserve water and water rights for any useful purpose and to operate water rights, works, properties, rights, and privileges useful or necessary to convey, supply, store, or make use of water for any purpose authorized by that law. Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. This bill would require a water district that supplies water to more than 20

residential dwellings that is used for the suppression of fire in either a high or very high risk fire hazard severity zone in the County of Ventura to have a backup energy source with sufficient power to promptly operate wells and pumps servicing the high or very high risk hazard severity zone at normal capacity for at least 24 hours in the case of a power shutoff unless the relevant water delivery systems are gravity fed and do not need any backup power to continue to operate during a power shutoff. The bill would require the Ventura County Fire Department to annually inspect facilities that provide water, as specified. The bill would require a water district to take various actions, including alerting the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services whenever its water delivery capacity has been reduced due to equipment failure or maintenance. The bill would require, if any fire destroys more than 10 residential dwellings or causes more than \$3,000,000 in damages to any residential dwelling in a specified water district, a report be made by the water district where the fire occurred and the Ventura County Fire Department that assesses the appropriateness of the water delivery system, as specified. (Based on 02/03/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 430 (Alanis, R) State Water Resources Control Board: emergency regulations.

Calendar: 04/08/25 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN,

DIANE, Chair

Location: 02/18/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Current law provides that an emergency regulation adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board following a Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions, for which the board makes specified findings, may remain in effect for up to one year, as provided, and may be renewed if the board determines that specified conditions relating to precipitation are still in effect. This bill would require the board, before the 2nd renewal of any emergency regulation or upon its repeal, to conduct a comprehensive economic study assessing the impacts of the regulation and would require the board to make the study publicly available on its internet website (Based on 02/05/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 591 (Caloza, D) Emergency services: mutual aid: public works.

Location: 03/03/2025 - Assembly Emergency Management

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act establishes the Office of Emergency Services within the Governor's office under the supervision of the Director of Emergency Services and makes the office responsible for the state's emergency and disaster response services. The office serves as the State Disaster Council for the purposes of the California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement. Current law states it is the purpose of the Legislature to facilitate the rendering of aid to areas stricken by an emergency and to make unnecessary the execution of written agreements customarily entered into by public agencies exercising joint powers, and that emergency plans duly adopted and approved as provided by the Governor shall be effective as satisfying the requirement for mutual aid operational plans provided in the Master Mutual Aid Agreement. Current law requires outside aid be rendered in accordance with approved emergency plans during any state of war emergency or state of emergency when the need arises in any county, city and county, or city. This bill would additionally state that it is the purpose of the Legislature to facilitate the rendering of public works resources critical for disaster response and recovery to areas stricken by an emergency. The bill would require that outside aid rendered during any state of war emergency or state of emergency includes public works personnel, equipment, and materials. (Based on 02/12/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 615 (Davies, R) Power facilities: emergency response and action plan.

Location: 03/13/2025 - Assembly Emergency Management

**Summary:** Current law requires an application to be filed with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission for certification of a site and related facility which includes an electric transmission line or thermal powerplant, or both. Current law requires the application to contain, among

other things, safety and reliability information, including planned provisions for emergency operations and shutdowns, as specified. This bill would require the application to also contain an emergency response and action plan that incorporates impacts to the surrounding areas in the event of an emergency and that would be conducted and coordinated with local emergency management agencies, unified program agencies, and local first response agencies. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 794 (Gabriel, D) California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations.

Location: 03/03/2025 - Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

**Summary:** The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. The state board's duties include, but are not limited to, enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (federal act) and adopting and enforcing regulations. Current law authorizes the state board to adopt as an emergency regulation, a regulation that is not more stringent than, and is not materially different in substance and effect than, the requirements of a regulation promulgated under the federal act, with a specified exception. This bill would provide that the authority of the state board to adopt an emergency regulation pursuant to these provisions includes the authority to adopt requirements of a specified federal regulation that was in effect on January 19, 2025, regardless of whether the requirements were repealed or amended to be less stringent. The bill would prohibit an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards, as provided, and would authorize the regulation to include requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of the federal regulation. (Based on 02/18/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 810 (Irwin, D) Local government: internet websites and email addresses.

Calendar: 04/09/25 A-LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 CARRILLO, JUAN. Chair

Location: 03/10/2025 - Assembly Local Government

**Summary:** Existing law requires that a local agency that maintains an internet website for use by the public to ensure that the internet website uses a ".gov" top-level domain or a ".ca.gov" second-level domain no later than January 1, 2029. Existing law requires that a local agency that maintains public email addresses to ensure that each email address provided to its employees uses a ".gov" domain name or a ".ca.gov" domain name no later than January 1, 2029. Existing law defines "local government" for these purposes. This bill would allow a community college district, community college, or other postsecondary institution to use a ".edu" domain to satisfy these requirements. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### AB 1413 (Papan, D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.

Calendar: 04/08/25 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 03/24/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law requires the department to periodically review the groundwater sustainability plans developed by groundwater sustainability agencies pursuant to the act to evaluate whether a plan conforms with specified laws and is likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin covered by the plan. Existing law authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency that adopts a groundwater sustainability plan to file a court action to determine the validity of the plan no sooner than 180 days following the adoption of the plan, as provided. This bill would instead authorize groundwater sustainability agencies to

file those actions within 180 days following the adoption of the plan. The bill would prohibit the court, in those validation actions, from adjudicating certain matters delegated to the department for evaluation. Existing law provides that an action against a groundwater sustainability agency that is located in a basin that is being adjudicated is subject to transfer, coordination, and consolidation with a comprehensive adjudication, as appropriate, if the action concerns the adoption, substance, or implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, or the groundwater sustainability agency's compliance with the timelines in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill would require an action against a groundwater sustainability agency that is located in a basin that is being adjudicated to be consolidated with a comprehensive adjudication if the action concerns the adoption, substance, or implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, or the groundwater sustainability agency's compliance with the timelines in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The bill would also require the court hearing the consolidated action to try the cause of action for judicial review of the groundwater sustainability plan's determination of a basin's sustainable yield before trying any other issue in the action. Existing law authorizes a court to enter judgment in an adjudication action for a basin required to have a groundwater sustainability plan if, in addition to other criteria, the court finds the judgment will not substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency, the State Water Resources Control Board, or the department to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to achieve sustainable groundwater management. This bill, among other things, would provide that a judgment substantially impairs the ability of those entities to comply with the act and to achieve sustainable groundwater management if it allows more total pumping from the basin annually or on average than the sustainable vield of the basin established in the latest groundwater sustainability plans that have been validated by a final judgment or by operation of law when no validation action or action to invalidate the validation was filed. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

<u>SB 90 (Seyarto, R)</u> Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: grants: improvements to public evacuation routes: mobile rigid water storage: electrical generators.

Location: 03/11/2025 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. The act makes \$135,000,000 available. upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency Services for a wildfire mitigation grant program to provide, among other things, loans, direct assistance, and matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires, increase resilience, maintain existing wildfire risk reduction projects, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or increase home or community hardening. The act provides that eligible projects include, but are not limited to, grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers authorities, tribes, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, and nonprofit organizations for structure hardening of critical community infrastructure, wildfire smoke mitigation, evacuation centers, including community clean air centers, structure hardening projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods and communities, water delivery system improvements for fire suppression purposes for communities in very high or high fire hazard areas, wildfire buffers, and incentives to remove structures that significantly increase hazard risk. This bill would include in the list of eligible projects grants to the above-mentioned entities for improvements to public evacuation routes in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, mobile rigid dip tanks, as defined, to support firefighting efforts, prepositioned mobile rigid water storage, as defined, and improvements to the response and effectiveness of fire engines and helicopters. (Based on 03/12/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

SB 224 (Hurtado, D) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting.

Calendar: 03/28/25 #4 S-SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Location: 03/25/2025 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Water Resources, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a new water supply forecasting model and procedures that better address the effects of climate change and implement a formal policy and procedures for documenting the department's operational plans and the department's rationale for its operating procedures, including the department's rationale for water releases from reservoirs. The bill would also require the department to establish, and publish on the department's internet website, the specific criteria that it will employ to determine when its updated water supply forecasting model has demonstrated sufficient predictive capability to be ready for use in each of the watersheds. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its progress toward implementing the new forecasting model and to post the report on the department's internet website. The bill would also require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that explains the rationale for the department's operating procedures specific to the previous water year. (Based on 03/11/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### SB 239 (Arreguín, D) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.

Calendar: 04/02/25 S-LOCAL GOVERNMENT 9:30 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 DURAZO, MARÍA

ELENA, Chair

Location: 02/14/2025 - Senate Local Government

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as specified. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes specified neighborhood city councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions related to notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed, if, among other requirements, the city council has adopted an authorizing resolution and 2/3 of the neighborhood city council votes to use alternate teleconference provisions, as specified. This bill would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The bill would require the subsidiary body to post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location. The bill would require the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, as specified. (Based on 01/30/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### SB 601 (Allen, D) Water: waste discharge.

Calendar: 04/02/25 S-ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1200 BLAKESPEAR,

CATHERINE, Chair

Location: 03/05/2025 - Senate Environmental Quality

**Summary:** Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (act) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Current law requires, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, or renewal thereof, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry, as defined, to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES permit program by providing specified information, under penalty of perjury, on the application. Current law includes in this specified information, among other things, the Standard Industrial Classification Codes for the business, and a Waste Discharger Identification number (WDID), as specified. This bill would revise the above-described requirement to demonstrate enrollment with NPDES to instead require

demonstrating enrollment with NPDES or the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) permit programs by providing the specified information. The bill would require, when applying to a city or a county for a building or construction permit, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry and seeks permission for construction activities over one acre to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES or WDR permit programs by providing specified information under penalty of perjury on the initial building or construction permit application, or renewal thereof. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** B. Watch

#### SB 614 (Stern, D) Potable water: nonfunctional turf.

Location: 03/05/2025 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

**Summary:** Currentlaw prohibits the use of potable water, as defined, for nonfunctional turf located on common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, starting January 1, 2029. This bill would prohibit that use of potable water one year earlier. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: B. Watch Priority: B. Watch

#### SB 742 (Pérez, D) Water systems and water districts.

Location: 02/21/2025 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** The California Water District Law provides for the establishment of water districts, and grants a district the power to acquire, plan, construct, maintain, improve, operate, and keep in repair the necessary works for the production, storage, transmission, and distribution of water for irrigation, domestic, industrial, and municipal purposes. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation related to the regulation of water systems and water districts. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: B. Watch Priority: B. Watch

#### spot bill

#### AB 497 (Wilson, D) San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Water Quality Control Plan.

Location: 02/10/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Current law makes available to the Natural Resources Agency bond funds for, among other things, implementing an updated State Water Resources Control Board's San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan), which establishes water quality control measures and flow requirements needed to provide reasonable protection of beneficial uses in the watershed. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

Position: B. Watch Priority: spot bill

#### AB 1146 (Papan, D) Water infrastructure: dams and reservoirs: water release: false pretenses.

Calendar: 04/29/25 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE. Chair

Location: 03/17/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Would prohibit the release of stored water from a reservoir in this state if the release is done under false pretenses, which the bill would define to mean a release of water from a reservoir in a manner that is knowingly and designedly under any false or fraudulent representation or assumption as to the purpose and intended use of the water. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control

Board to issue an interim relief order, as specified, to a reservoir operator to prohibit the release of stored water in violation of the above-described prohibition. The bill would authorize the board to commence an interim relief proceeding on its own motion or upon the petition of an interested party, and would specify information required to be included in the petition. The bill would provide any person who violates these provisions would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment in the county jail, or both. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 03/17/2025 text)

**Position:** B. Watch **Priority:** spot bill

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# Item No. 3f

# Metropolitan Water District of Southern California State Legislative Matrix March 10, 2025 – First Year of Legislative Session

Bill Number Author	Amended Date Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 580	Introduced	Surface Mining: Metropolitan Water District of	Sponsor	AB 580 removes the sunset date, ensuring
G. Wallis (R-		Southern California	•	Metropolitan can continue using this proven
Rancho Mirage)				process, allowing for critical repairs to
		This bill removes the sunset date on the		water infrastructure, maintaining environmental
Sponsor:	Assembly Desk	Metropolitan Water District of Southern		oversight without delays, and preventing
Metropolitan		California's ability to operate under a single		duplicative compliance.
Water District of		Master Reclamation Plan for repairs using earth-		
Southern		moving activities under the Surface Mining and		Making this streamlined process permanent
California		Reclamation Act for the maintenance of the		ensures safe, efficient, and cost-effective
		Colorado River Aqueduct.		maintenance of the CRA.



#### **STAFF REPORT**

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: April 24, 2025

From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager

**Subject: Public Education and Outreach Report** 

#### **Laguna Woods Village Television (LWVT)**

Director Monin is scheduled for an LWVT interview on April 28, 2025. Director Monin's topic with be on ETWD's Services and Reliability.

#### **ETWD Website**

Staff has been working on updating the new website with the consultant. The goal is to have a draft version to demonstrate to the board at the next board meeting.

#### **ETWD Water Quality Report**

ETWD staff is continuing to work with the Gemini Group and MWDOC in a shared services project for the 2025 Water Quality Report.

#### **Community/Speaking Engagement Events**

#### United Town Hall Meeting – April 11, 2025

Dennis Cafferty spoke on ETWD's Services and Reliability at the United Town Hall Meeting on April 11, 2025.

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#### LWV Concerned Citizens Earth Day - April 17, 2025

ETWD staff is hosting a booth at the LWV Concerned Citizens Earth Day event on Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. in Clubhouse 5.

#### Children's Water Education Festival - April 23-24, 2025

Staff will have a booth at the Children's Water Education Festival on April 23 - 24, 2025. The location is new this year at Oak Canyon Park in Silverado. If any Directors would like to attend and have a tour of the event, please let Sherri know.

#### City of Mission Viejo Earth Day Event – April 26, 2025

Staff will host a booth at the City of Mission Viejo Earth Day event being held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 on the Oso Creek Trail between Jeronimo Road and Casa Del Sol from 8:00 am to noon.

#### City of Lake Forest Pop Up Event - May 3, 2025

Staff will have a booth at the City of Lake Forest's Pop Up Event located in the neighborhood behind the District to inform residents of upcoming city improvements.



#### **STAFF REPORT**

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: April 24, 2025

From: Vu Chu, Water Use Efficiency Analyst

**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 March 2025.

The table below also shows the ETWD residential and commercial rebates approved between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

Rebate Program	March 2025	FY 2024/25
Turf Replacement – Commercial		40,749 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Residential		1,270 sq. ft.

High Efficiency Clothes Washer	1	17
Irrigation Controller (Commercial)		58
Irrigation Controller (Residential)	2	4
Hose Bib Irrigation Controller		1
Faucet Aerators		2
Low-flow Showerheads		10

#### **Water Use Efficiency Plan Update:**

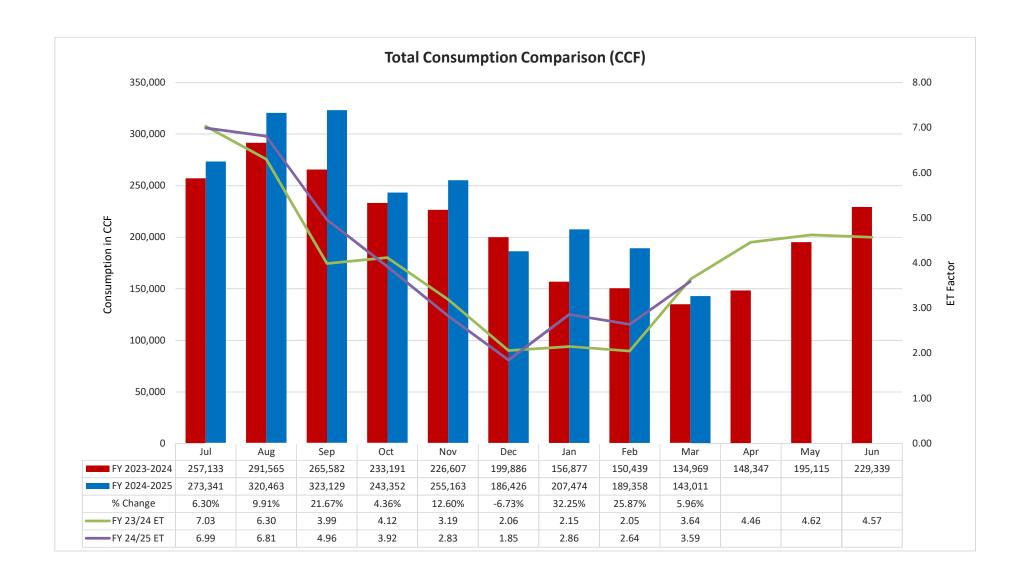
The District Water Budget-Based Tiered Conservation Rate Structure (WBBTCRS) pricing structure is the primary plan that gives customers the incentive needed to be efficient. The Plan efforts initially will concentrate on those customers continually in the Inefficient and Excessive Tiers (Tiers 3 and 4). During March 2025, residential customers accounted for 89.4% of Tier 3 usage and dedicated irrigation accounted for 10.6%. For Tier 4, residential customers accounted for 71.4% and dedicated irrigation accounted for 28.6% during the same period.

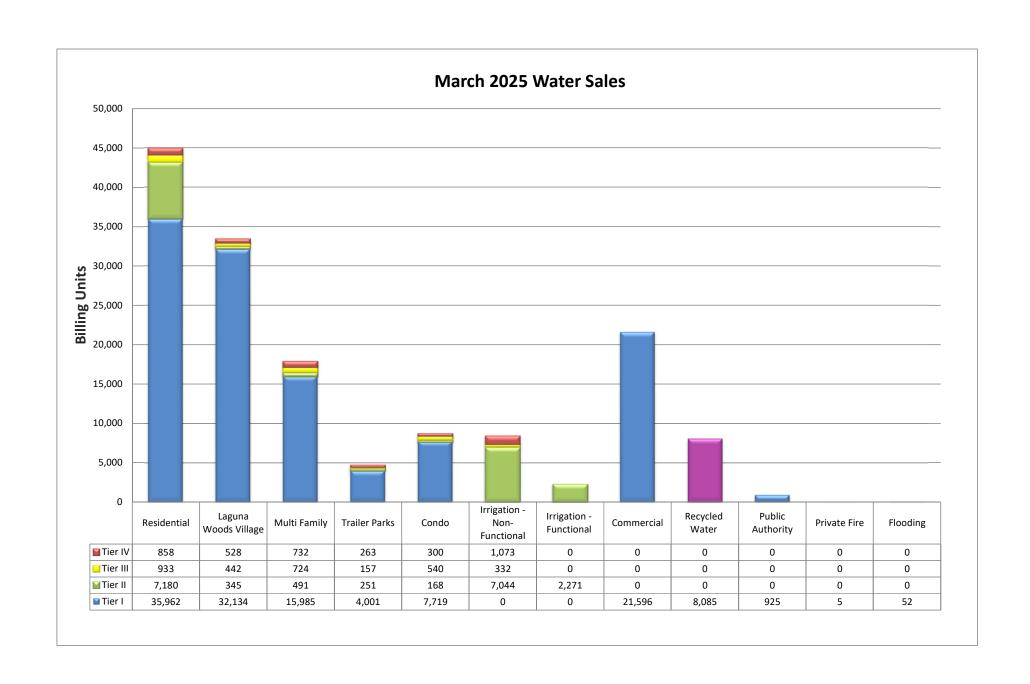
#### **Total Consumption Comparison to Evapotranspiration (ET) Factor:**

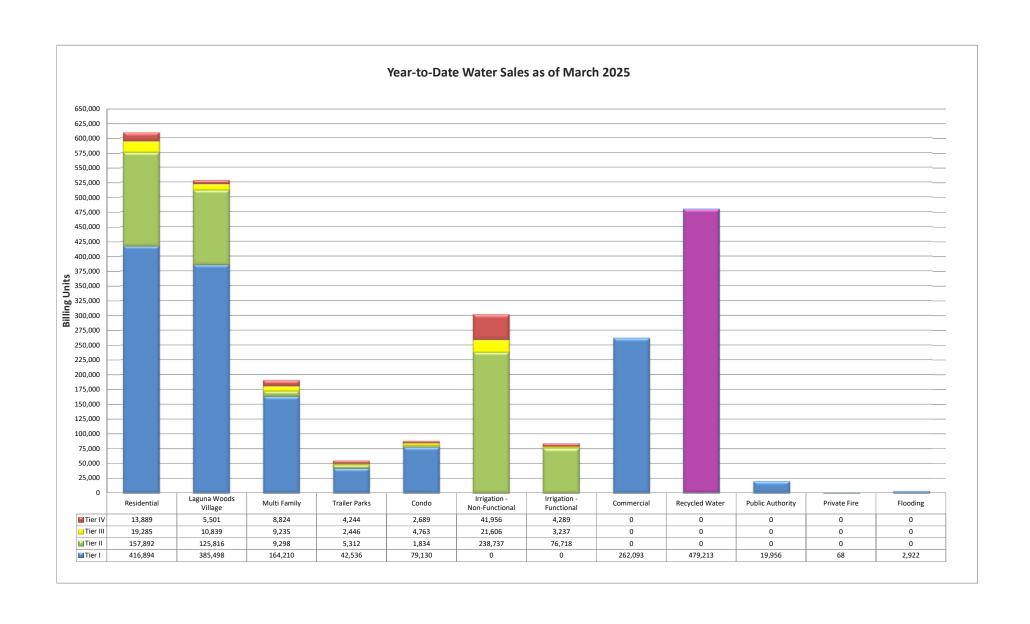
Included in this month's Water Use Efficiency Report is a chart comparing the current fiscal year consumption and ET factor to the fiscal 2023/24 consumption and ET factor. Total potable water consumption increased by 5.96% in March 2025 versus March 2024. On a year-to-date basis, total potable water consumption increased 11.77% over the same period in FY 2023-2024. The ET factor decreased from 3.64 to 3.59 during the same period.

## 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 2023-2024 fiscal year. ETWD water consumption compared to 2013 and 2020 are also included.

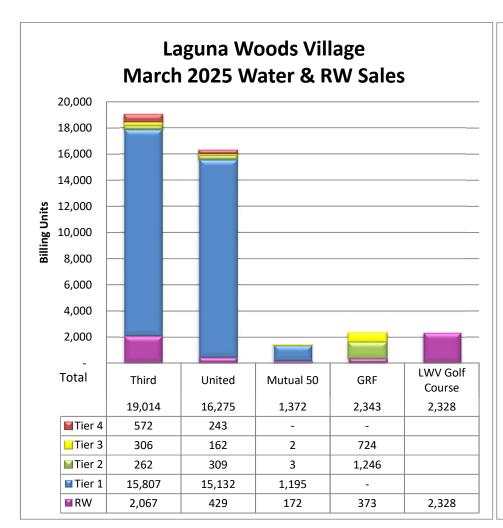




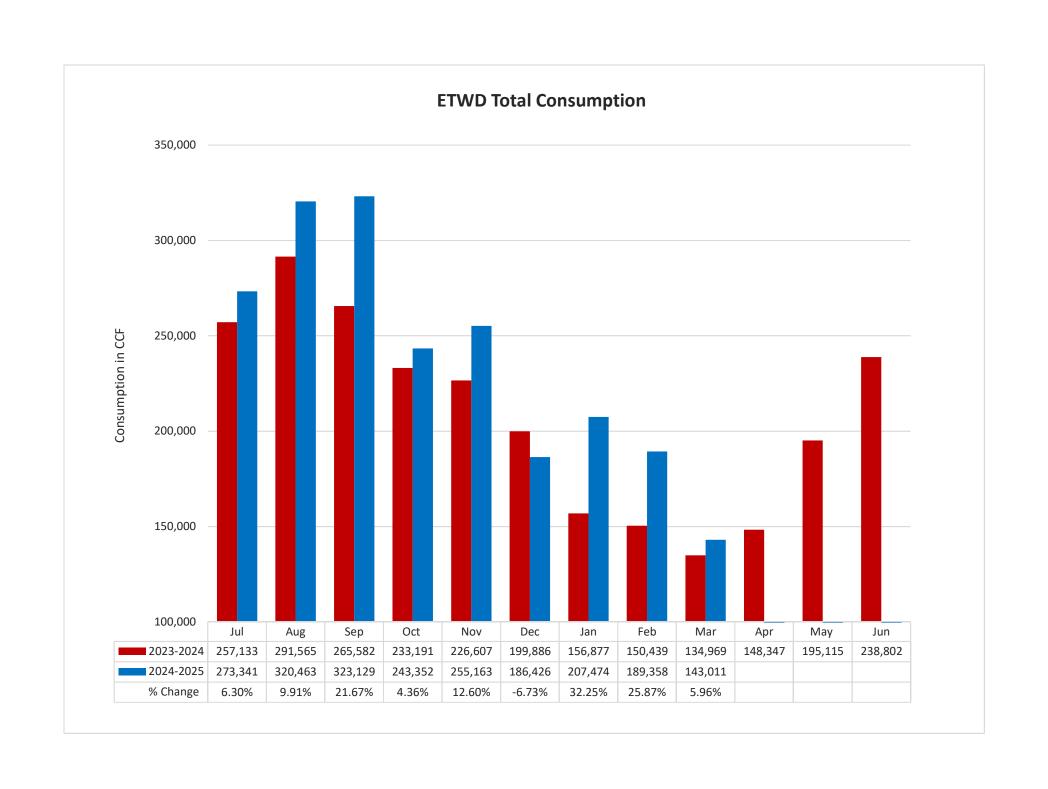


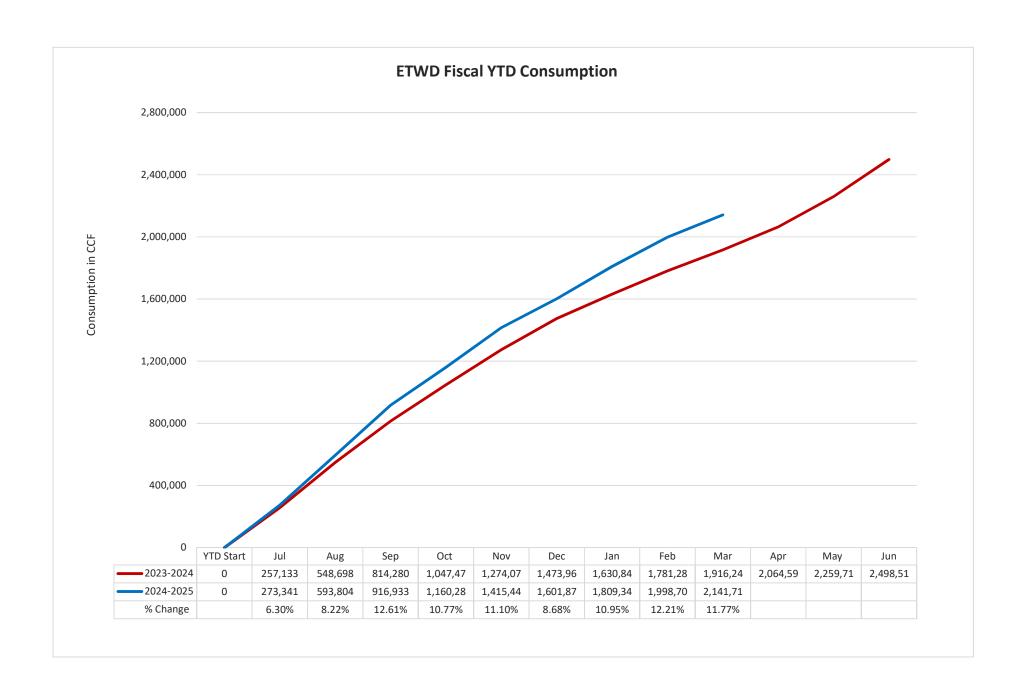


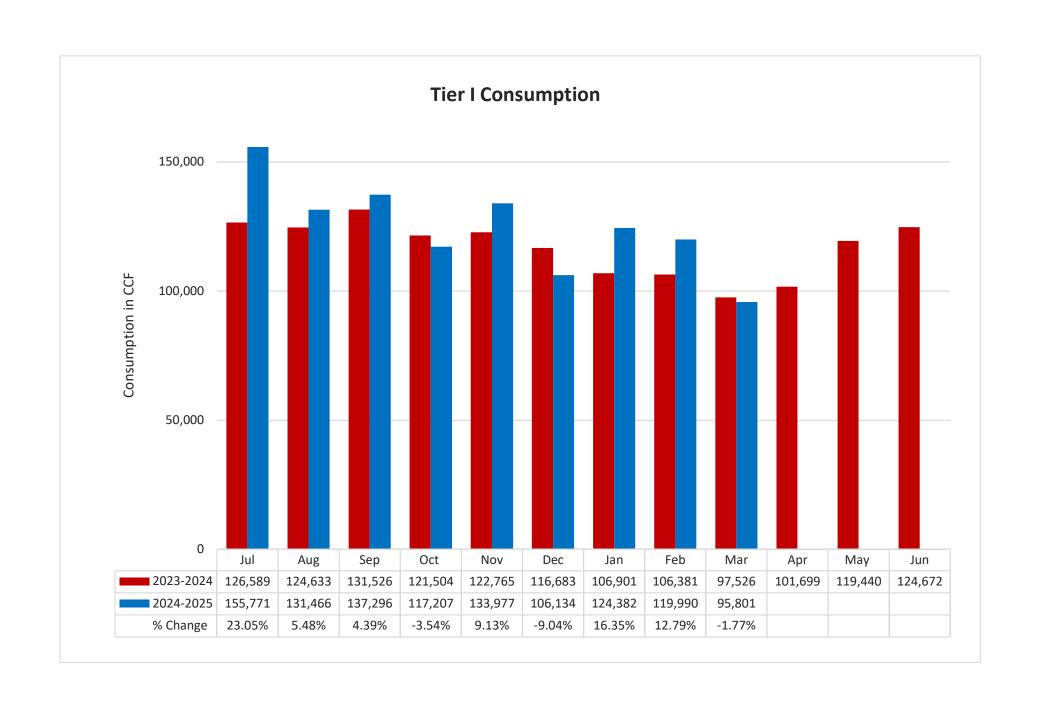




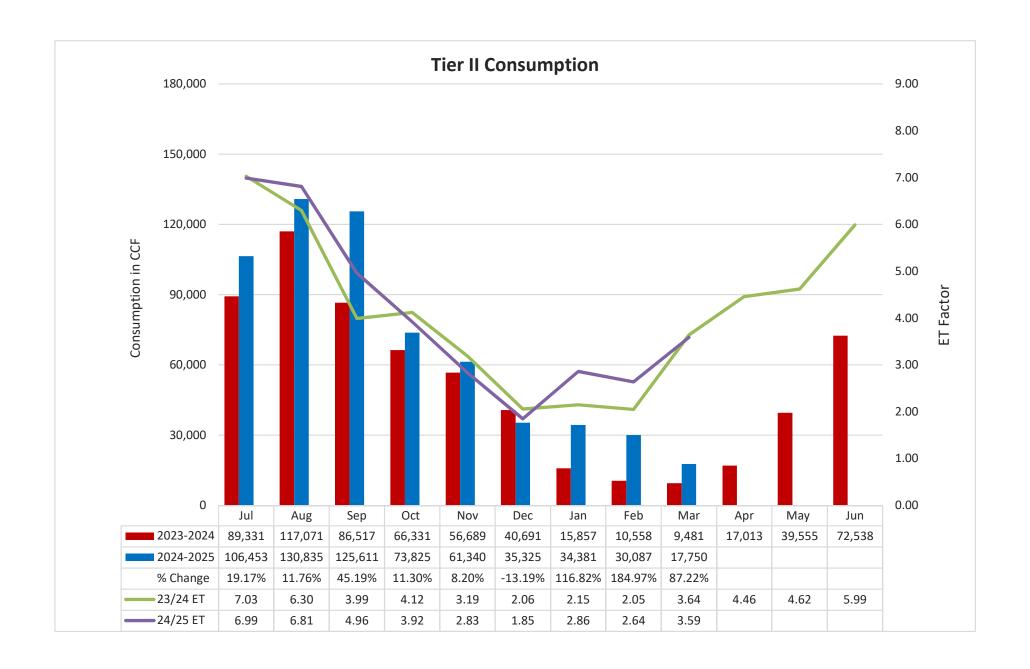


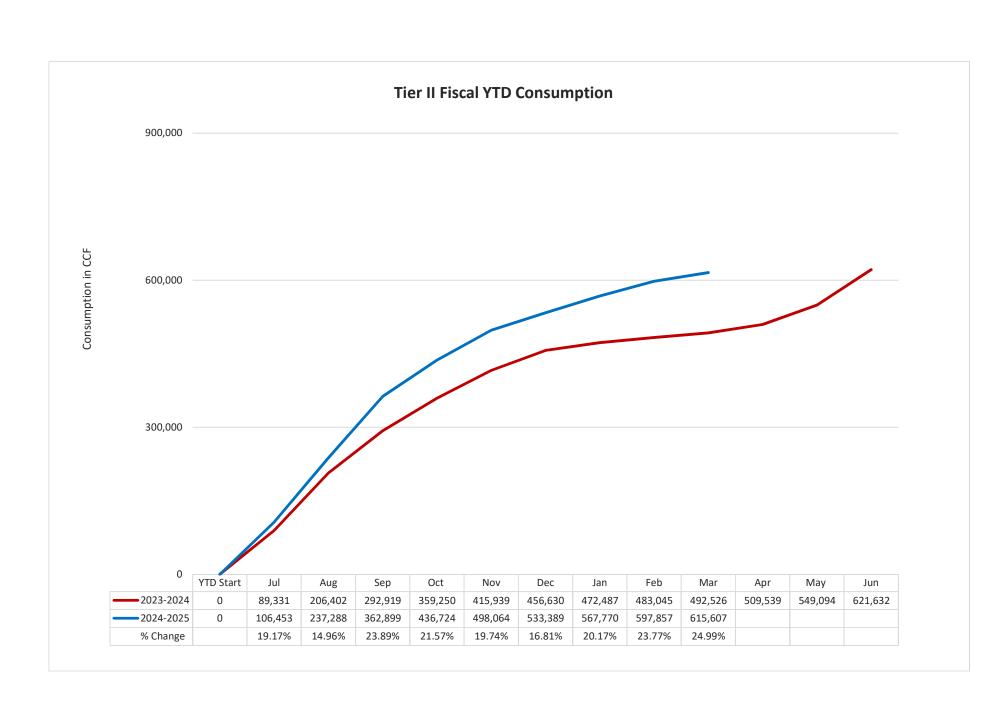


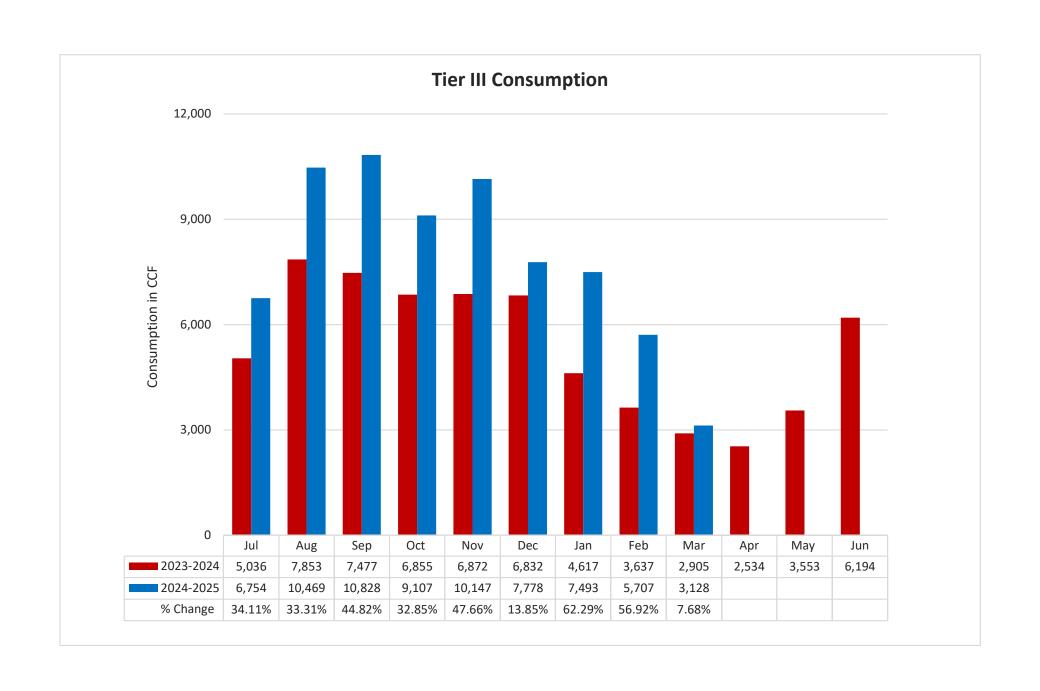


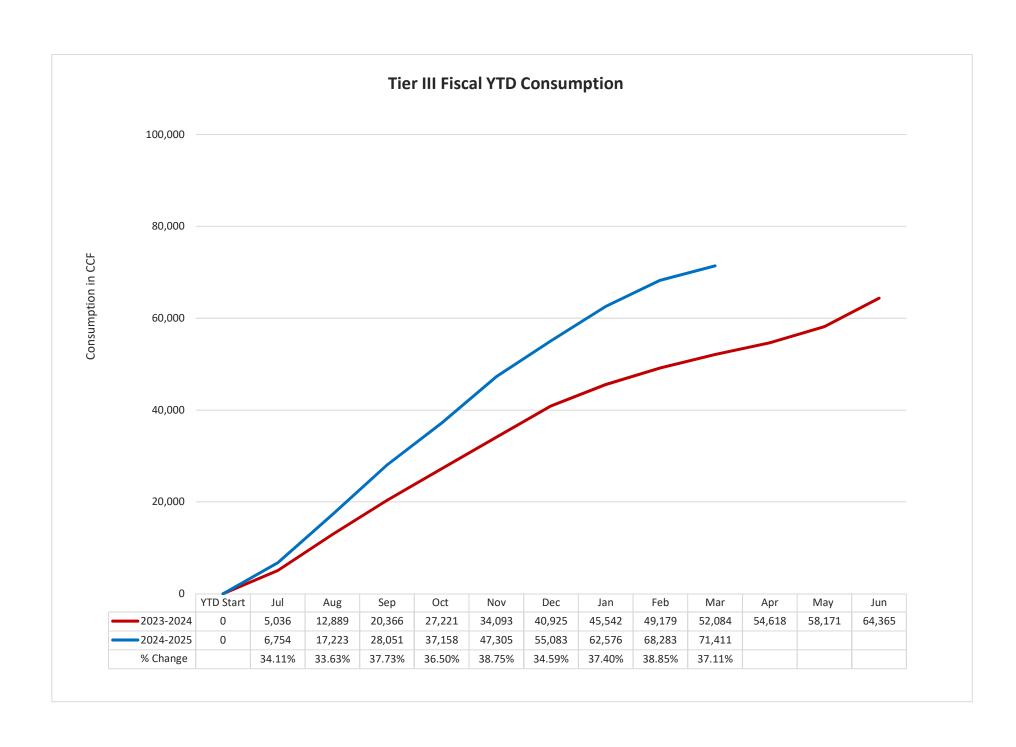


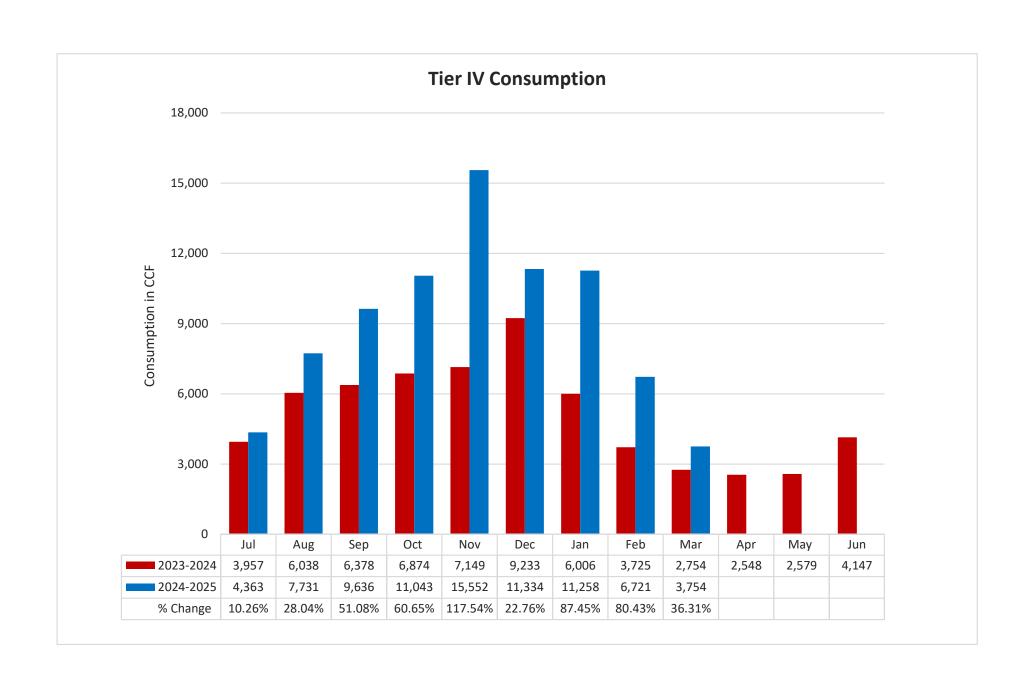


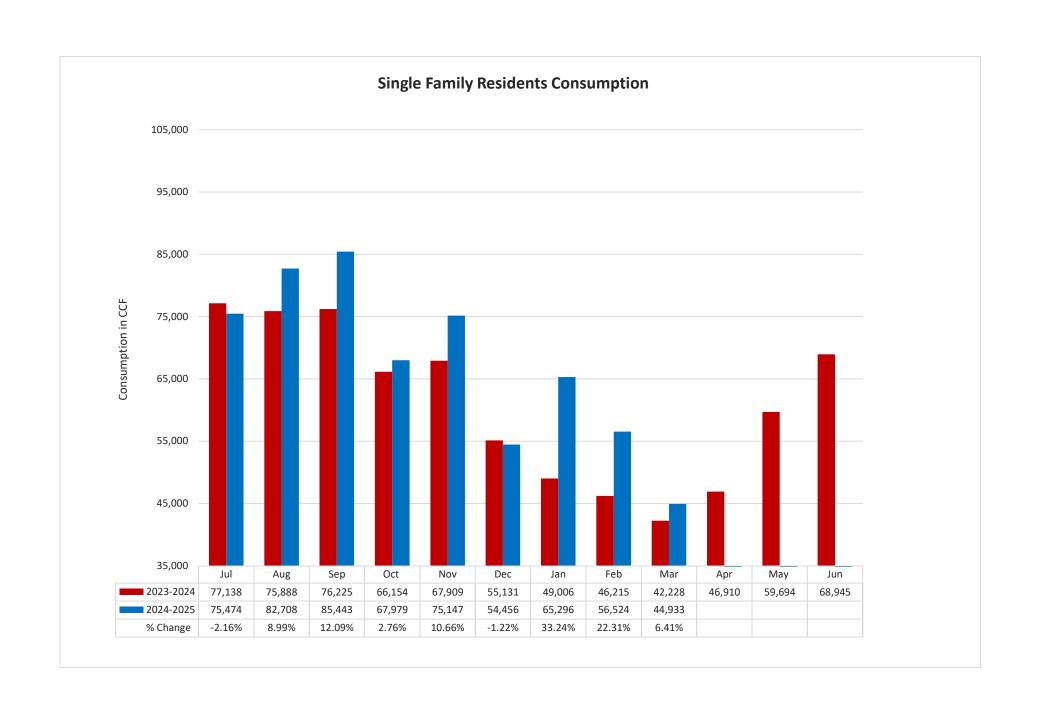


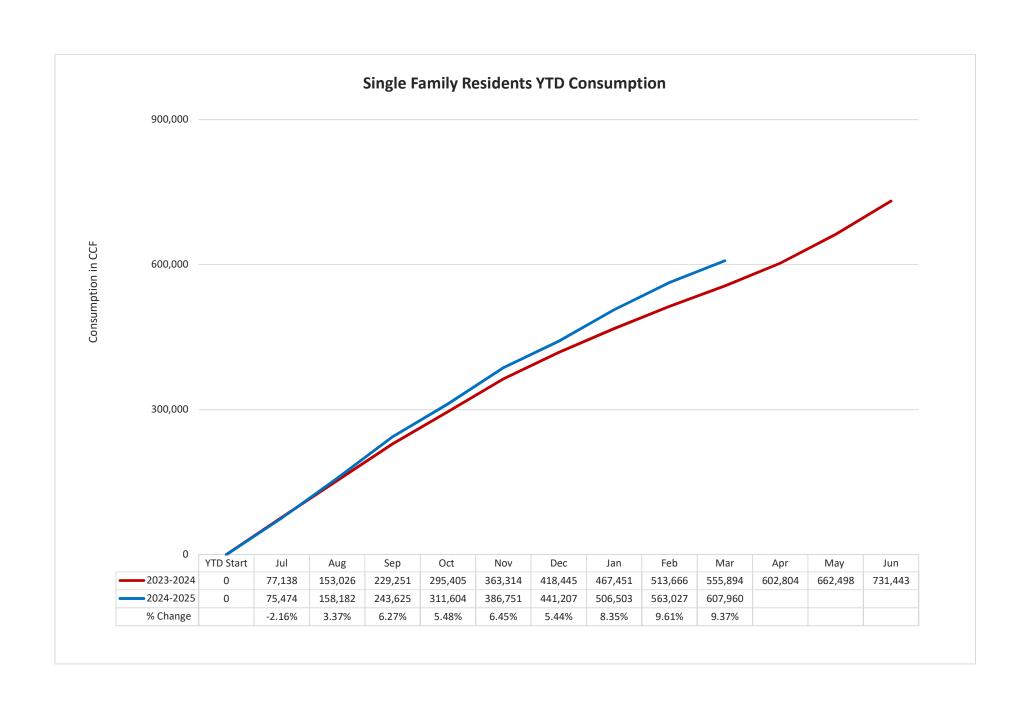


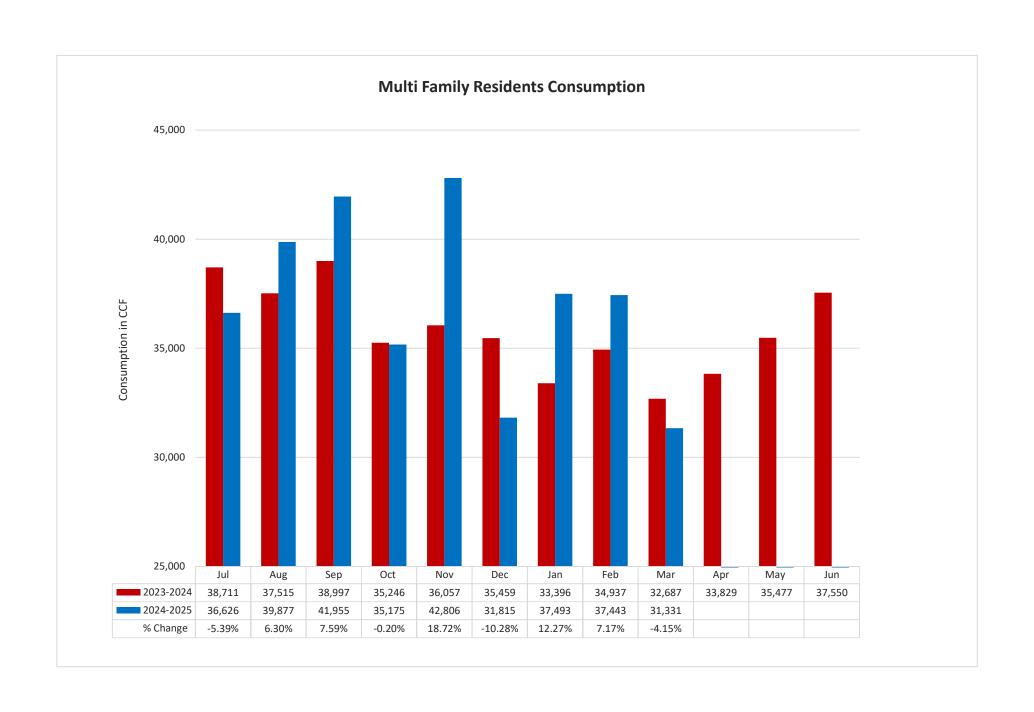


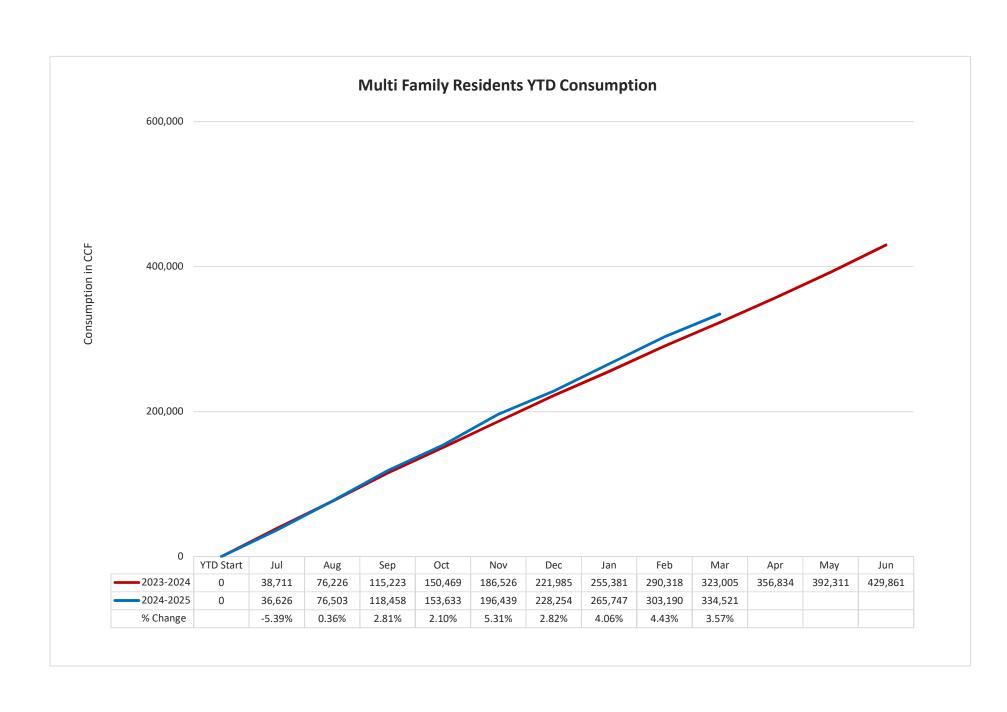


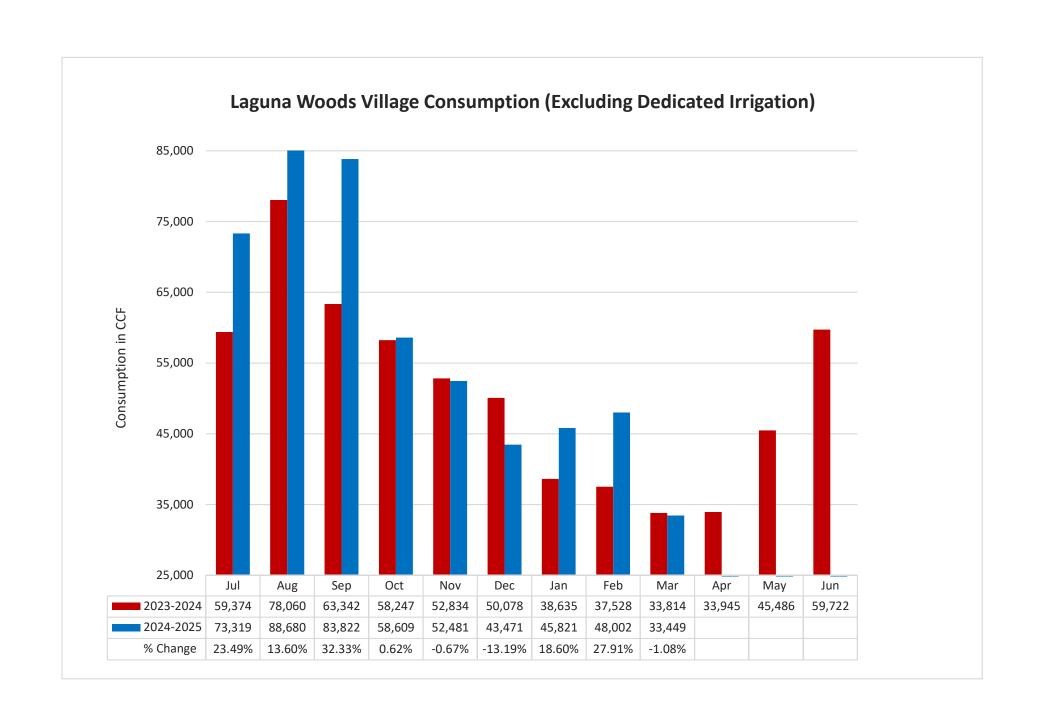


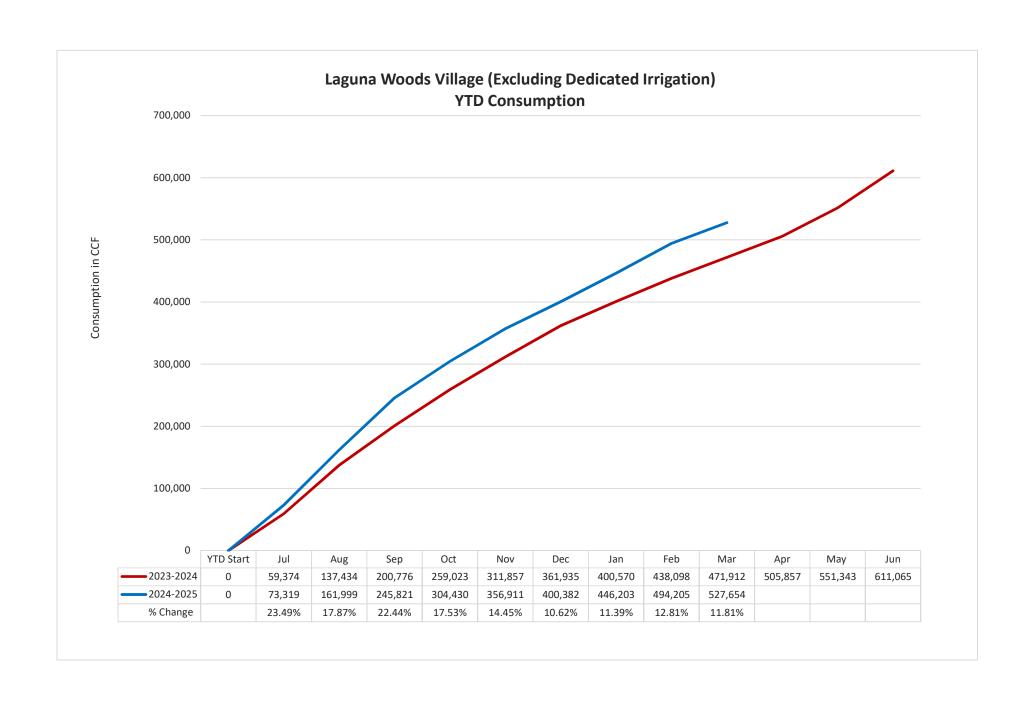


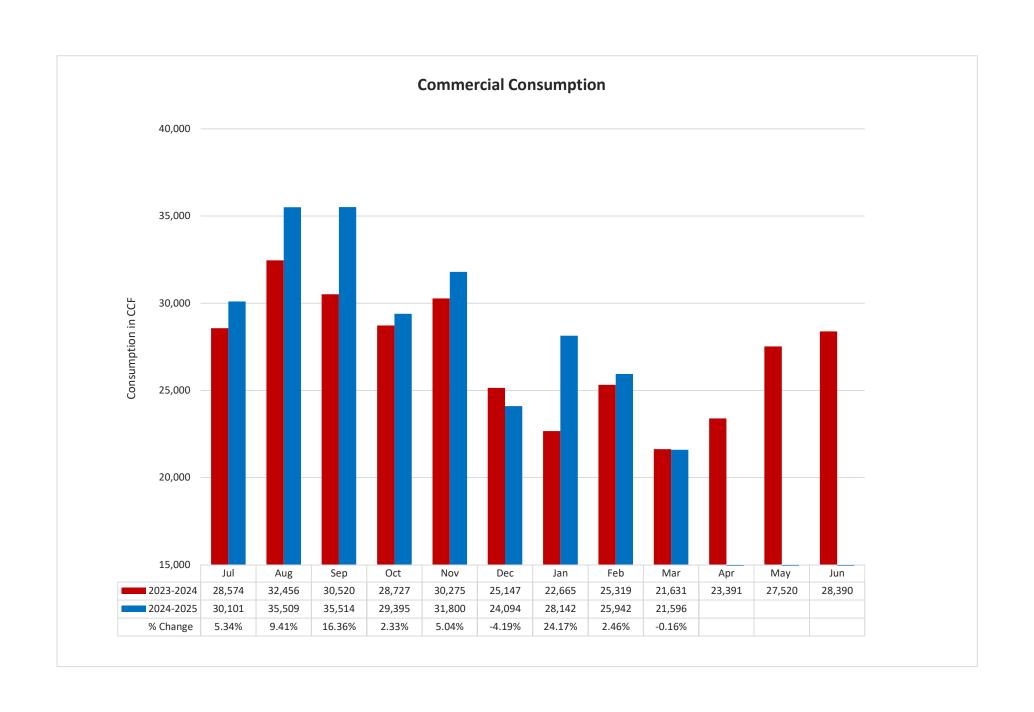


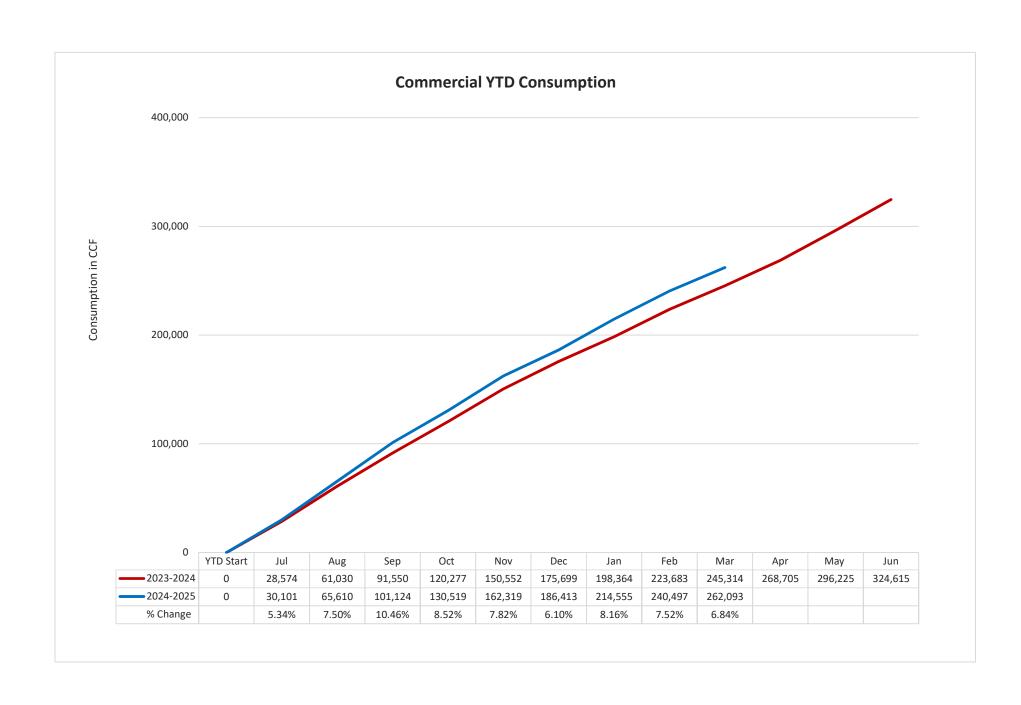


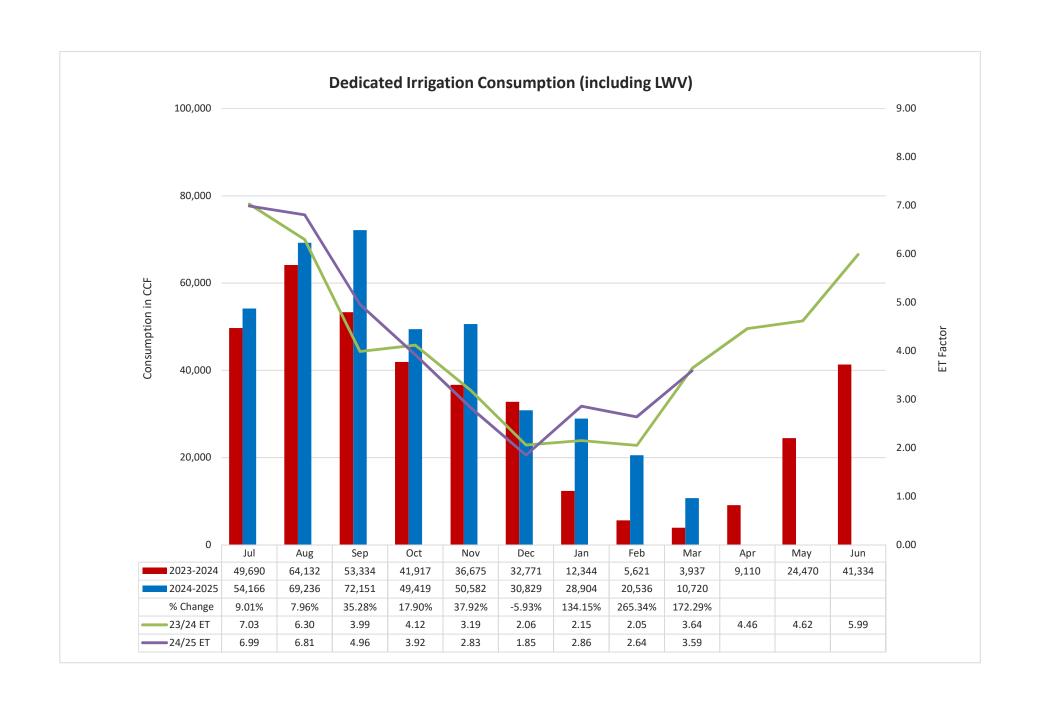


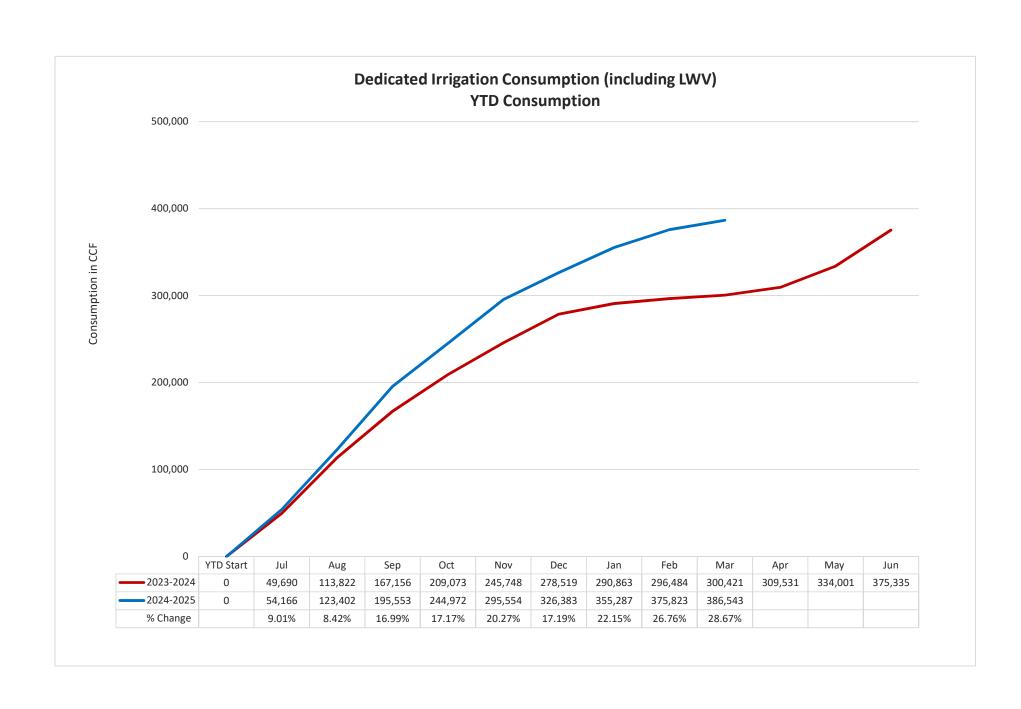


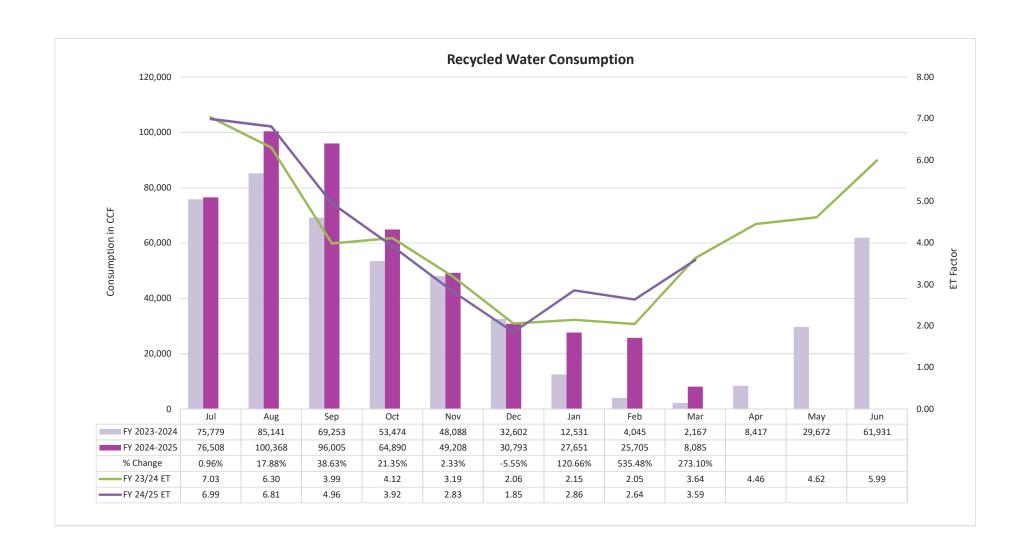




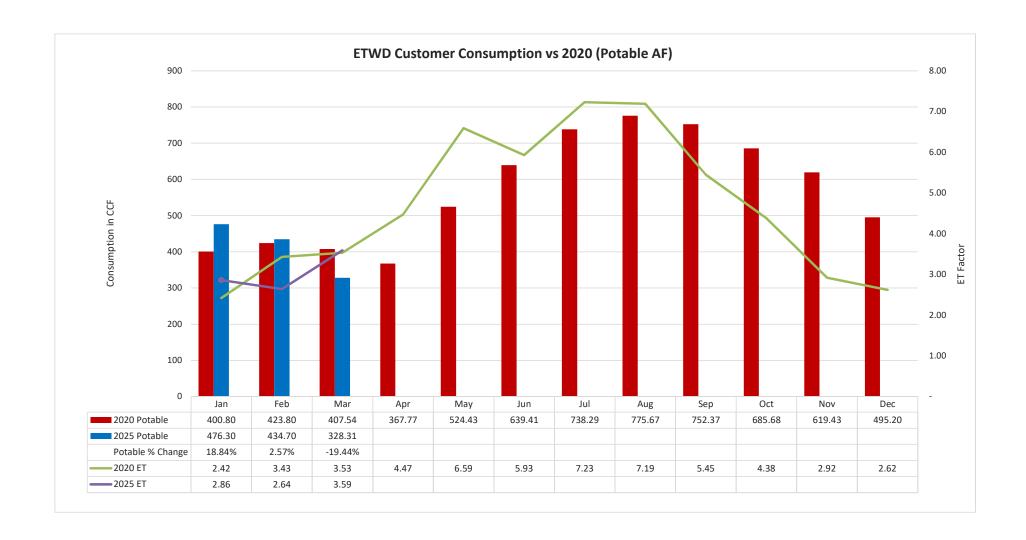


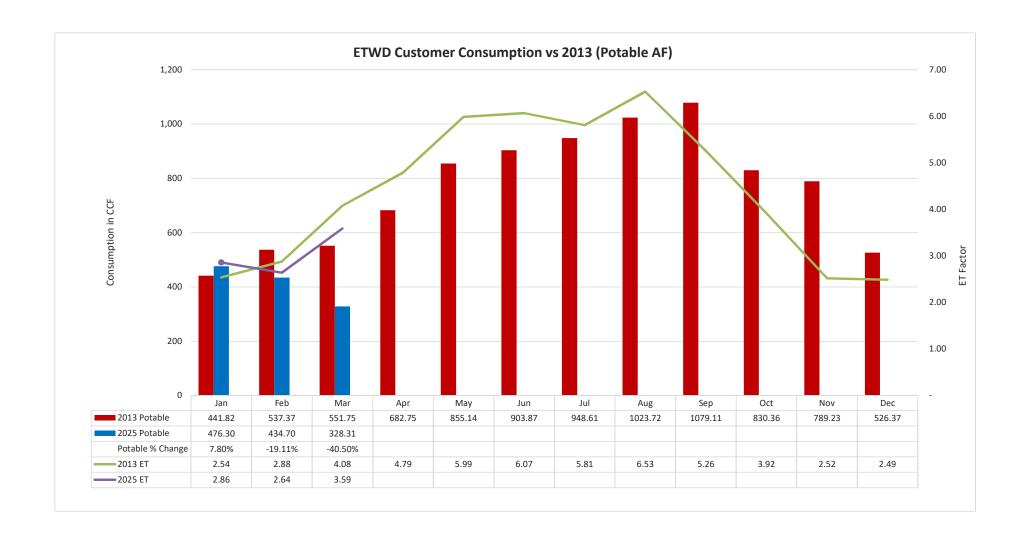




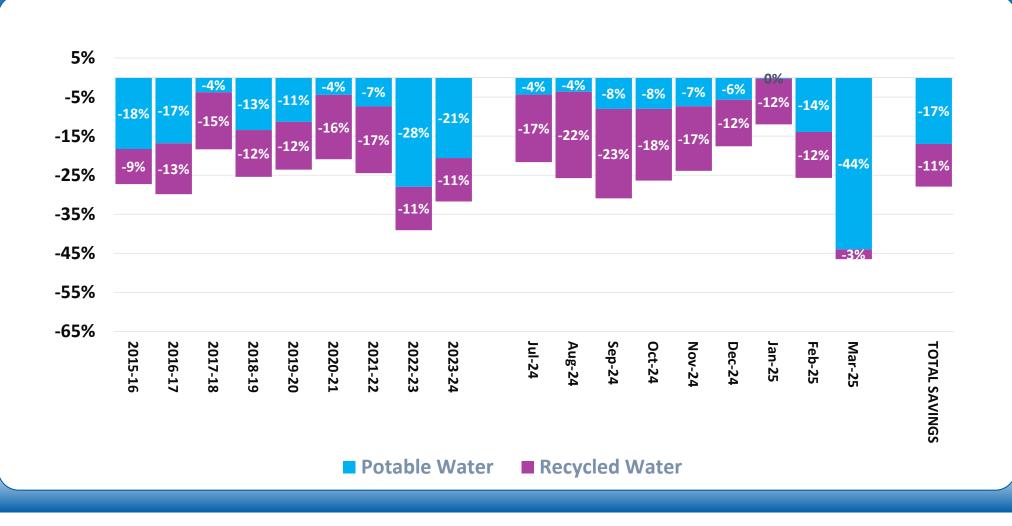








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Danita Hirsh, Assistant Secretary SOCWA and the Board of Directors thereof

> Regular Meeting of The South Orange County Wastewater Authority Board of Directors

> > April 3, 2025 8:30 a.m.

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

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- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public may address the Board regarding an item on the agenda or may reserve this opportunity during the meeting at the time the item is discussed by the Board. There will be a three-minute limit for public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

- 5. CLOSED SESSION
  - A. Closed Session Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Brad Neufeld, Labor Counsel Amber Boone, General Manager Employee Organization: SOCWA Employee Association

- B. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9: One Potential Case.
- C. Report Out of Closed Session

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			PAGE NO.
D.	1. Month	5 Operations Report nly Operational Report VA Ocean Outfall Discharges by Agency	12
	ACTION	The Board will be requested to receive and file subject reports as submitted.	
E.	<ol> <li>Month</li> <li>SOCV</li> <li>Beach</li> <li>Recycle</li> </ol>	25 Operations Report  NA Ocean Outfall Discharges by Agency  n Ocean Water Report  cled Water Report  eatment Report (February & March 2025)	22
	ACTION	The Board will be requested to receive and file subject reports as submitted.	
F.	Capital Impro	ovement Program Status Report (March)	61
	ACTION	Information item.	
G.	G. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (March)  [Project Committees 2 and 15]6		
	ACTION	Information Item.	
<u>EN</u>	IGINEERING I	MATTERS	
` ,		Treatment Plant (JBL) Flare System and Underground Piping Replaceme	
	ACTION	The Engineering Committee recommends that the PC 2 Board of Directors: i) approve a contract with MKN for a total of \$441,129 and ii) approve a project contingency of \$44,133 to cover potential unknown issues during final design for a total project budget of \$485,242.	
<u>GE</u>	ENERAL MANA	AGER'S REPORT	
A.	FY 2025-26 A	Administration Budget Review	81
	ACTION	Board Discussion/Direction and Action	

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B.	Resolution No. 2025-06, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)		84
	ACTION	Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2025-06, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).	
C.	C. Resolution No. 2025-07, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Authorizing the Establishment of Deposit Accounts With BMO Harris Bank N.A		87
	ACTION	Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2025-07, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Authorizing the Establishment of Deposit Accounts with BMO Harris Bank N.A.	
D.	D. General Counsel's Update		
	ACTION	Board Discussion/Direction and Action.	
E.	General Manager's Report		90
	ACTION	Board Discussion/Direction and Action.	
F.	<ul> <li>Upcoming Meetings Schedule:</li> <li>April 3, 2025 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting</li> <li>April 8, 2025 – Executive Committee Meeting</li> <li>April 10, 2025 – Engineering Committee Meeting</li> <li>April 15, 2025 – Finance Committee Meeting</li> </ul>		
	ACTION	Information Item.	

#### 9. 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.]

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT SOCWA BOARD MEETING May 1, 2025

# NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

April 10, 2025 8:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Engineering Committee was called to be held on **April 10**, **2025**, **at 8:30 a.m.** SOCWA staff will be present and conducting the meeting at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California.

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#### [AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Public Comments

THOSE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE ON ANY ITEM <u>LISTED</u> ON THE AGENDA WILL BE REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING AND PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING. THE AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT YOU STATE YOUR NAME WHEN MAKING THE REQUEST IN ORDER THAT YOUR NAME MAY BE CALLED TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM OF INTEREST. THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING WILL RECOGNIZE SPEAKERS FOR COMMENT AND GENERAL MEETING DECORUM SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN ORDER THAT SPEAKERS ARE NOT TALKING OVER EACH OTHER DURING THE CALL.

3. Approval of Committee Member Request for Remote Participation (Standing Item)

**Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion/Direction and Action.

PAGE NO. • Engineering Committee Minutes of March 13, 2025 Recommended Action: Staff requests that the Engineering Committee approve the subject Minutes as submitted. **Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the cost allocation methodologies based on the December 9, 2024, Reorganization Agreements to use for O&M costs for Department 01 and Department 02. 6. Operations Report .......8 **Recommended Action:** Information Item. **Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion/Direction and Action. 8. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report] (April) **Recommended Action:** Information Item. 9. J. B. Latham Treatment Plant and Coastal Treatment Plant Funding Strategy and **Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion/Direction/Action.

10.	. J. B. Latham Treatment Plant Effluent Pump Station and Energy Building Upgrades	
	Engineering Services during Construction [Project Committee 2]	60
	Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Engineering Committee recommend	
	that the PC 2 Board approve Change Order 1 to Carollo Engineers for a total of \$135,620.	
	This will result in a revised contract amount of \$311,136 for the JBL Effluent Pump Station	
	and Energy Building improvements project.	
11	J. B. Latham Treatment Plant 2 Headworks Rehabilitation Engineering Services	
	During Construction [Project Committee 2]	66
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	Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Engineering Committee recommend to	
	the Board of Directors to approve Change Order 1 to Dudek for \$47,858. This will result in a	
	revised contract amount of \$255,958 for the JBL Plant 2 Headworks Rehabilitation project.	

#### 12. Adjournment

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was personally emailed or mailed to each member of the SOCWA Engineering Committee at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the Regular Meeting referred to above.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was posted at least 72 hours prior to the time of the above-referenced Engineering Committee meeting at the usual agenda posting location of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority and at www.socwa.com.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2025.

Danita Hirsh, Assistant Board Secretary SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 2025 10:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Finance Committee was called to be held on **April 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** SOCWA staff will be present and conducting the meeting at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California.

THE SOCWA MEETING ROOM IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL DISABILITY RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT (949) 234-5452 AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING TO REQUEST SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS. THIS AGENDA CAN BE OBTAINED IN ALTERNATE FORMAT UPON REQUEST TO THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY'S SECRETARY AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN AND MAY JOIN THE MEETING REMOTELY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE FOR VISUAL INFORMATION ONLY (USE ZOOM LINK BELOW) AND BY TELECONFERENCE FOR AUDIO PARTICIPATION (USE PHONE NUMBERS BELOW). THIS IS A PHONE-CALL MEETING AND NOT A WEB-CAST MEETING, SO PLEASE REFER TO AGENDA MATERIALS AS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AT WWW.SOCWA.COM, ON YOUR REQUEST, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE PARTICIPATION. FOR PARTIES PARTICIPATING REMOTELY. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MEETING FOR ORAL COMMUNICATION IN ADDITION TO PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN PERSON. COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING VIA EMAIL TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DANITA HIRSH AT DHIRSH@SOCWA.COM WITH THE SUBJECT LINE "REQUEST TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT." IN THE EMAIL, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, THE ITEM YOU WISH TO SPEAK ABOUT, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER YOU WILL BE CALLING FROM SO THAT THE COORDINATOR CAN UN-MUTE YOUR LINE WHEN YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK. THOSE MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT REQUESTS REMOTELY VIA TELEPHONE IN REAL-TIME WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE YOUR NAME, THE ITEM YOU WISH TO SPEAK ABOUT, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT YOU ARE CALLING FROM SO THE COORDINATOR CAN UN-MUTE YOUR LINE WHEN YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK, ONCE THE MEETING HAS COMMENCED. THE CHAIR WILL INVITE YOU TO SPEAK AND ASK THE COORDINATOR TO UN-MUTE YOUR LINE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

AGENDA ATTACHMENTS AND OTHER WRITINGS THAT ARE DISCLOSABLE PUBLIC RECORDS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL, OR A MAJORITY OF, THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY FINANCE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH A MATTER SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION AT AN OPEN MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED AT 34156 DEL OBISPO STREET, DANA POINT, CA ("AUTHORITY OFFICE") OR BY PHONE REQUEST MADE TO THE AUTHORITY OFFICE AT 949-234-5452. IF SUCH WRITINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE AUTHORITY OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME AS THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SENT TO ANY REMOTE PARTICIPANTS REQUESTING EMAIL DELIVERY OR POSTED ON SOCWA'S WEBSITE. IF SUCH WRITINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO, OR DURING, THE MEETING, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MEETING ROOM OR IMMEDIATELY UPON VERBAL REQUEST TO BE DELIVERED VIA EMAIL TO REQUESTING PARTIES PARTICIPATING REMOTELY.

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#### **AGENDA**

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#### 2. Public Comments

THOSE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ANY ITEM <u>LISTED</u> ON THE AGENDA WILL BE REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING AND PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING. THE AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT YOU STATE YOUR NAME WHEN MAKING THE REQUEST IN ORDER THAT YOUR NAME MAY BE CALLED TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM OF INTEREST. THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING WILL RECOGNIZE SPEAKERS FOR COMMENT AND GENERAL MEETING DECORUM SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN ORDER THAT SPEAKERS ARE NOT TALKING OVER EACH OTHER DURING THE CALL.

3. Approval of Committee Member Request for Remote Participation (Standing Item)

**Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion/Direction and Action.

	PAGE NO.
4.	Approval of Minutes1
	Finance Committee Meeting of March 18, 2025
	<b>Recommended Action:</b> Staff recommends that the Finance Committee approve the subject minutes as submitted.
5.	Financial Reports for the Month of February 2025 and Updated Quarterly Billings4
	The reports included are as follows:
	a. Capital Schedule (Exhibit A)
	<ul> <li>b. Budget vs. Actual Expenses:</li> <li> Operations and Environmental Summary (Exhibit B-1)</li> <li> Operations and Environmental by PC (B-1.2)</li> <li> Residual Engineering, after transfer to Capital (ExhibitB-2)</li> <li> Administration (Exhibit B-3)</li> <li> Information Technology (IT) (Exhibit B-4)</li> </ul>
	<b>Recommended Action:</b> Staff recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Directors receive and file the February 2025 Financial Reports.
6.	FY 25-26 Draft Final Budget20
	Recommended Action: Committee Discussion, Direction, and Action.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING April 15, 2025

#### 7. Adjournment

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was personally emailed or mailed to each member of the SOCWA Finance Committee at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of the Special Meeting referred to above.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was posted at least 24 hours prior to the time of the above-referenced Finance Committee meeting at the usual agenda posting location of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority and at <a href="https://www.socwa.com">www.socwa.com</a>.

Dated this 10th day of April 2025.

Danita Hirsh, Assistant Secretary

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

# WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH MET DIRECTORS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY 18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, California April 2, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites: 25652 Paseo De La Paz, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 2800 Keller, #301, Tustin, CA 92782

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#### **AGENDA**

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **ROLL CALL**

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#### ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

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**NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2155** 

#### PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 1. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE & NEW WATER SUPPLY REPORT FORMAT

Recommendation: Discuss and file the information presented.

#### 2. METROPOLITAN CAMP4W PANEL DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Discuss and file the information presented.

#### 3. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

- a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR)
- b. State Legislative Report (SDA)
- c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
- d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)
- e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
- f. MET Legislative Matrix

Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.

### 4. 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.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

#### 5. AB 514 (PETRIE-NORRIS): EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLIES

Recommendation: Adopt a support position on Assembly Bill 514 (Petrie-Norris)

and join Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) coalition letter.

### 6. H.R. 1871 (HUFFMAN, D-CA) and S. 857 (CURTIS, R-UT) – WATER CONSERVATION REBATE TAX PARITY ACT

Recommendation: Adopt a support position on H.R. 1871 (Huffman, D-CA) and S.

857 (Curtis, R-UT).

### 7. SB 496 (HURTADO) – ADVANCED CLEAN FLEETS REGULATION: APPEALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: EXEMPTIONS

Recommendation: Adopt a support position on Senate Bill 496 (Hurtado) and join

the California Special Districts Association's (CSDA) coalition

and outreach efforts.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- **8. MET ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY** (The following items are for informational purposes only a write up on each item is included in the packet. Discussion is not necessary unless requested by a Director).
  - 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

Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.

### 9. METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding March MET Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for MET Board and Committee Agendas

Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.

#### **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, Conf. Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 April 9, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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H. Chumpitazi, M. Baum-Haley, K. Davanaugh, M. Goldsby

Ex Officio Member: President McVicker

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#### **ROLL CALL**

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#### PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- TREASURER'S REPORT
  - a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report March 2025
  - b. Disbursement Approval Report for the month of April 2025

- c. Disbursement Ratification Report for the month of March 2025
- d. GM Approved Disbursement Report for the month of March 2025
- e. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment February 2025
- f. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement

#### 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

 Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending February 28, 2025

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE & NEW WATER SUPPLY REPORT FORMAT

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 4. DISCUSS WHETHER TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE PER DIEM DIRECTOR COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 OR NOT
- ADOPTION OF THE THIRD AND FINAL DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26
- 6. PROPOSED MWDOC WATER RATE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

INFORMATION ITEMS – (THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY – BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE PACKET. DISCUSSION IS NOT NECESSARY UNLESS REQUESTED BY A DIRECTOR.)

- 7. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
  - a. Administration
  - b. Finance and Information Technology

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Jointly with the

#### **PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

18700 Ward Street, Conf. Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 April 14, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. AMENDMENTS TO METROPOLITAN WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND MWDOC WATER CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (The following items are for informational purposes only – background information is included in the packet. Discussion is not necessary unless requested by a Director.)

- 2. QUARTERLY MWDOC K-12 CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE
- 3. QUARTERLY SPEAKERS BUREAU UPDATE
- 4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS
- DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
  - a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
  - b. WEROC
  - c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
  - d. Public and Government Affairs
- 6. 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

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

18700 Ward Street, Board Room, Fountain Valley, California
April 16, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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#### **AGENDA**

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS/PARTICIPATION

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**NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2156** 

#### CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 4)

(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. March 5, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
- b. March 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

#### 2. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

a. Planning & Operations Committee: March 3, 2025
b. Administration & Finance Committee: March 12, 2025
c. Executive Committee Meeting: March 20, 2025

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

#### 3. TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.

- c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of February 28, 2025
- d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

#### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending February 28, 2025

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

**End Consent Calendar** 

#### **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION ITEM**

5. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING AND REPEALING MWDOC ORDINANCE NO. 54 REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR DIRECTORS

**ORD. NO. 56** 

Recommendation:

(1) Open the Public Hearing (as noticed) regarding the Proposed Ordinance to receive input from the public; (2) consider said input on the Ordinance; and (3) consider adopting an Ordinance to adjust Director compensation in the general form presented.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

6-1 AMENDMENTS TO METROPOLITAN WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND MWDOC WATER CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to sign: (1) Amendments to

Metropolitan's Water Conservation Funding Agreements extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035; and (2) An Amendment to MWDOC's Water Conservation Participation Agreement with each Member Agency

extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035.

6-2 ADOPTION OF THE THIRD AND FINAL DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 RES. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution establishing the Fiscal Year 2025/26

budget substantially in the form presented.

6-3 PROPOSED MWDOC WATER RATE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 RES. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation: (1) <u>Increase</u> the MWDOC Retail Meter Charge from \$14.75

to \$15.25 per meter, and **increase** the Groundwater

Customer Charge from \$405,463 to \$414,371 effective July 1, 2025; and (2) Adopt the Water Rate Resolution setting forth rates and charges to be effective July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 as identified in the Water Rate Resolution

for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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

#### 7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, APRIL (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

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

#### 8. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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#### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

#### MWDOC/OCWD JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

## JOINTLY WITH THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting of the Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the offices of the District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California, **is hereby canceled without transaction of business.** 

Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Municipal Water District of Orange County

April 16, 2025 DATE POSTED

#### SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY AGENCIES GROUP JOINT MEETING with MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC) and ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (OCWD) THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

#### 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. **AGENDA**

**EL TORO WATER DISTRICT** 24251 LOS ALISOS BLVD., LAKE FOREST, CA 92630

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. MWDOC Update/Discussion
  - a. MWDOC Current Issues
  - b. Other Matters
- 3. MET Update/Discussion
  - a. MET Current Issues
  - b. MET Business Model Discussion
  - c. AMP Repair Project
  - d. MET Water Supply Issues
  - e. Other Matters
- 4. OCWD Update/Discussion
  - a. A. Current Issues
  - b. Other Matters
- 5. Legislative/Regulatory Update
  - a. Local
    - i. **OC-LAFCO Matters**
  - b. State
  - c. Federal
- 6. Regional Project Interests/Updates
  - a. Regional Recycled Water Discussion
  - b. South County Emergency GW Supply Project
  - c. Doheny Ocean Desalination Project Update
  - d. San Juan Watershed Project
  - e. Other Project Interests/Updates
- 7. Any Agency/City Updates
- 8. Adjournment



### LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

#### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 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 live-streamed meeting at <a href="https://youtube.com/live/znk6l48MRx0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/znk6l48MRx0?feature=share</a>

Any member of the public may request to speak on any agenda item at the time the Commission is considering the item.

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

(Communications received after agenda distribution for agendized 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

No consent calendar items scheduled.

#### 7. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items scheduled.

#### 8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

#### a.) Memorandum of Agreement for the Position of LAFCO Interim Executive Officer

The Commission will consider adoption of a Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Luis Tapia for the Position of LAFCO Interim Executive Officer.

#### 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 MEETING

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 8:15 a.m. at the County Administration North (CAN), First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County welcomes your participation. The public may share comments or comment on agenda items through the following options:

- 1) <u>In-person</u> comments may be provided during the general comment period on off-agenda items and during the hearing of a specific agenda item. In accordance with the OC LAFCO guidelines, each speaker's comments may not exceed three (3) minutes for the respective item. If you have documents for the Commission, please bring 15 copies and submit to the Commission Clerk for distribution.
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# 2025 MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Approved November 14, 2024

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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.

No Scheduled Regular Meeting.

Strategic Planning Workshop (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Location: City of Santa Ana, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Community Room, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Office closure due to legal holidays and flexible work schedule.

2025 CALAFCO Annual Conference - October 22 - 24, San Diego, CA.



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#### Meeting Location

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#### **Executive Committee**

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District

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3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Hon. Scott Nelson Placentia Library District

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Vacant

Treasurer

**Hon. Saundra Jacobs** Santa Margarita Water District

Immediate Past President Hon. Greg Mills Serrano Water District

#### Staff Administration

**Heather Baez** *Municipal Water District of Orange County* 

**Tina Dubuque** *Municipal Water District of Orange County* 

# **Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting https://mwdoc.zoom.us/j/83420776167

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## **AGENDA**

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2025
- III. Public Comments on items not on the agenda
- **IV. New Business** 
  - OA Report Director DesRoches
  - ACTION AB 259 (Rubio) Sunset Elimination for Alternative Brown Act Procedures. SUPPORT
  - ACTION SB 496 (Hurtado) Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: Exemptions.
     SUPPORT
- V. Old Business
  - Update on the Secretary Vacancy
- VI. Treasurer's Report Director Jacobs
  - Report of accounts
- VII. CSDA Report Director Arlene Schafer or Chris Palmer
  - Receive, discuss and file the CSDA Report
- VIII. LAFCO Report Director Jim Fisler
  - Receive, discuss and file the LAFCO report

## IX. ACWA Report – Director Jacobs

• Receive, discuss and file the ACWA report

# X. OCCOG Report – Director Mike Scheafer

Receive, discuss and file OCCOG report

# XI. California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Report – SOCWA Representative

• Receive, discuss and file the CASA report

## **XII. Subcommittee Reports**

- Programs Director Mesmer
- Membership Director Thoms
- Legislative Trustee Nelson

# XIII. Adjourn



#### Officers

Chair Hon. Greg Mills Serrano Water District

Vice Chair Hon. Karl Seckel Municipal Water District of Orange County

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# Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Virtual Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2025 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Zoom Registration:** *Click here to register* 

# AGENDA

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## Welcome

• Greg Mills, Serrano Water District

## Reports

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

## **Program**

Sites Reservoir - Where We Are and Next Steps

Jerry Brown, P.E., Executive Director, Sites Reservoir

# **Agency Announcements**

Adjourn						

## **Next WACO Meeting**

Friday, May 2, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

**Next WACO Planning Committee Meeting** 

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

# DATES TO REMEMBER APRIL/MAY 2025

- 1. Apr 25 12:00 p.m. Pres/VP/GM Meeting
- 2. Apr 25 12:00 p.m. Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon
- 3. Apr 29 10:00 a.m. RRC Meeting
- 4. Apr 30 11:30 p.m. ISDOC Quarterly Meeting
- 5. May 1 8:30 a.m. SOCWA Board Meeting
- 6. May 2 DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- 7. May 2 7:30 a.m. WACO
- 8. May 5 8:30 a.m. MWDOC P&O and Admin/Finance Joint Meeting
- 9. May 6 7:30 a.m. ISDOC Executive Meeting
- 10. May 7 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop
- 11. May 8 8:30 a.m. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting
- 12. May 8 11:30 a.m. CAG
- 13. May 9 9:00 a.m. Special Agenda Review Meeting
- 14. May 9 12:00 p.m. Pres/VP/GM Meeting
- 15. May 12 9:00 a.m. SOCWA Executive Committee Meeting
- 16. May 13 15 ACWA Spring Conference; Monterey
- 17. May 14 8:15 a.m. LAFCO
- 18. May 16 DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- 19. May 19 7:30 a.m. Regular Finance and Engineering Meeting
- 20. May 20 –10:30 a.m. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting
- 21. May 21 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Board Meeting
- 22. May 22 7:30 a.m. Regular Board Meeting
- 23. May 22 12:00 p.m. SOCAG

#### **EL TORO WATER DISTRICT**

### Glossary of Water Terms

<u>Accumulated overdraft</u>: 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.

<u>Acre-foot</u>, <u>AF</u>: 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.

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

<u>Advanced treatment</u>: 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.

<u>AMP</u>: 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.

<u>Annexation</u>: The inclusion of land within a government agency's jurisdiction.

<u>Annual overdraft</u>: 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.

<u>Aquifer</u>: 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.

<u>Artesian</u>: 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.

<u>Artificial recharge</u>: 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.)

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

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

<u>Bay-Delta</u>: The Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta is a unique natural resource of local, state and national significance. The Delta is home to more then 500,000 people; contains 500,000 acres of agriculture; provides habitat for 700 native plant and animal species; provides water for more then 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.

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

<u>BMP</u>: 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

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

<u>Canal</u>: A ditch used to move water from one location to another.

<u>CASA</u>: 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.

<u>CERCLA</u>: 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.

<u>Chloramines</u>: A mixture of ammonia and chlorine use to purify water.

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

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

<u>Coastkeepers</u>: 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.

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

<u>Condensation</u>: 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.

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

<u>Conjunctive use</u>: 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.

<u>CPCFA</u>: 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

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

<u>Dam</u>: A barrier built across a river or stream to hold water.

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

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

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

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

<u>Delta Vision</u>: 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.

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

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

<u>Desalting (or desalination)</u>: 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.

<u>Desilting</u>: The physical process of removing suspended particles from water.

<u>Dilute</u>: To lessen the amount of a substance in water by adding more water

<u>Disinfection</u>: Water treatment which destroys potentially harmful bacteria.

<u>Drainage basin</u>: 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.

<u>DPHS</u>: California Department of Pubic 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.

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

<u>DWR</u>: 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.

<u>Endangered Species Act of 1973</u> (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 untendered by adequate concern and conservation.

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

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

<u>Evaporation</u>: The process that changes water (liquid) into water vapor (gas). Estuary: Where fresh water meets salt water.

<u>Evapotranspiration</u>: The quantity of water transpired (given off), retained in plant tissues, and evaporated from plant tissues and surrounding soil surface. Quantitively, 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

<u>Filtration</u>: 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.

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

<u>Forebay</u>: 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.

<u>Gray water reuse</u>: 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.

<u>Green Acres Project (GAP)</u>: 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 Satna Ana.

<u>God Squad</u>: 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.

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

<u>Groundwater basin</u>: 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.

<u>Groundwater mining</u>: 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.

<u>Groundwater overdraft</u>: 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.

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

<u>Ground water replenishment system</u> (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.

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

<u>GPM</u>: Gallons per minute.

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

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

<u>Hydrologic cycle</u>: 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.

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

<u>Inflatable rubber dams</u>: 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.

<u>Influent</u>: 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.

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

<u>LAIF</u>: Local Agency Investment Fund. Statewide pool of surplus public agency money managed by state treasurer.

<u>Leach</u>: to remove components from the soil by the action of water trickling through.

MAF: Million-acre feet.

<u>MCL</u>: 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.

<u>Microfiltration</u>: 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.

<u>MWDOC</u>: 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

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

<u>Perched groundwater</u>: 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

<u>Point source</u>: 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

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

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

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

<u>Prior appropriation doctrine</u>: 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.

<u>Pumping Plant</u>: A facility that lifts water up and over hills.

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

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

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

<u>Reclamation project</u>: 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.

<u>Recycling</u>: 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.

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

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

RFP: Request for Proposal

<u>Riparian</u>: 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

<u>Runoff</u>: 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.

<u>RWQCB</u>: 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.

<u>Safe yield</u>: 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

<u>Salinity</u>: 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

<u>SCAP</u>: 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.

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

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

<u>Secondary treatment</u>: 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.

<u>Sedimentation</u>: 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.

<u>Sewer</u>: 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.

<u>SigAlert</u>: 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

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

<u>SOCWA</u>: 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

SRF: 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.

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

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

SWRCB: State Water Resources Control Board

<u>TDS</u>: 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.

<u>Tertiary treatment</u>: 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.

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

TMA: Too many acronyms.

<u>TMDL</u>: 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.

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

<u>Turbidity</u>: Thick of opaque with matter in suspension; muddy water

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

VE: Value Engineering

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

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

<u>Water Cycle</u>: 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.

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Watershed</u>: 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.

<u>WEF</u>: 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.

<u>Wetland</u>: 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.

<u>Xeriscape</u>: Landscaping that requires minimal water.