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

the Board of Directors thereof

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AGENDA

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & PUBLIC HEARING

May 22, 2025 7:30 a.m.

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

This meeting will be held in person. As a convenience for the public, the meeting may also be accessed by Zoom and will be available by either computer or telephone audio as indicated below. Because this is an in-person meeting and the virtual component is not required, but rather is being offered as a convenience, if there are any technical issues during the meeting, this meeting will continue and will not be suspended.

Members of the public who wish to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the District or on any item on the agenda, may attend the meeting in person at the District's office or may observe and address the Meeting by joining at this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84518675369 (Meeting ID: 845 1867 5369).

Members of the public who wish only to listen to the telephonic meeting may dial in at the following numbers (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799 with the same Meeting ID noted above. Please be advised the Meeting is being recorded.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Gaskins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director Monin

ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)

May 22, 2025 Board Agenda

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 April 24, 2025 Board meeting
- b. Consider authorizing the District Board members to attend the CASA Annual Conference from July 30-August 1
- c. Consider authorizing the District Board members to attend the Urban Water Institute Annual Conference from August 20-22

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

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

GENERAL MANAGER ACTION ITEMS

4. <u>ACWA Board President, Vice President & Region Board Elections</u> (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the upcoming election for the ACWA President, Vice President and Region Board positions.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board consider determining if the Board will nominate any District Board member for the upcoming ACWA election. Staff further recommend the Board designate a voting representative and direct staff to complete and submit the 2025 ACWA Elections Authorized Voting Representative Form by the June 20 deadline.

5. Resolution No. 25-5-2 El Toro Water District Administrative Code Amendment – Purchasing Policy (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on proposed revisions to Section 6100 of the District Administrative Code – Purchasing Policy.

Recommended Action: The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution No. 25-5-2 which adopts the amended El Toro Water District Administrative Code.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-5-2
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE AMENDED EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

GENERAL MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

6. AB 2561 Workforce Trends (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on District Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Trends in compliance with AB 2561.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

7. Public Hearing Regarding AB 2561

At this time the Board will conduct a Public Hearing to receive and consider public comments regarding District Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Trends in compliance with AB 2561.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public will be invited to present oral and/or written comments at this time.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

The Board President will close the Public Hearing at this time.

8. <u>Memorandum of Understanding for Use of the Countywide Public Mass</u> <u>Notification System (AlertOC)</u> (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the MOU to allow for the District's continued use of the AlertOC Countywide Public Mass Notification System through December 30, 2029. Staff will provide a presentation regarding the Alert OC system.

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

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

10. <u>Legislative Reports</u> (Reference Material Included)

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

11. Public Education and Outreach Report (Reference Material Included)

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

12. Water Use Efficiency Report (Reference Material Included)

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

13. **SOCWA Report** (Reference Material Included)

- a. SOCWA Special Finance Meeting April 29, 2025
- b. SOCWA Board Meeting May 1, 2025
- c. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting May 8, 2025
- d. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting May 20, 2025

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

(Reference Material Included)

- a. MWDOC Planning/Operations & Admin/Finance Joint Meeting May 5, 2025
- b. MWDOC MET Directors Workshop May 7, 2025
- c. MWDOC Board Meeting May 21, 2025

15. Local Agency Formation Commission Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the May 14, 2025 LAFCO meeting

16. ISDOC Meetings Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the May 6, 2025 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting

17. WACO Meetings Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the May 2, 2025 WACO meeting

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

18. <u>Dates to Remember for May/June</u> (Reference Material Included)

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ATTORNEY REPORT

REGULAR SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

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

Request for Disability-Related Modifications or Accommodations

If you require any disability-related accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in this public meeting, please telephone the District's Recording Secretary, Marisol Melendez at (949) 837-7050, extension 225 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting. If you prefer, your request may be submitted in writing to El Toro Water District, P.O. Box 4000, Laguna Hills, California 92654, Attention: Marisol Melendez.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

OF THE

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

April 24, 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, JUDY CIMORELL, Director of Human Resources, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, MIKE MIAZGA, Information Technology Manager (Zoom), 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.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

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

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 Board Budget Workshop, the Laguna Woods Third Landscape Committee, the WACO Meeting, the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the MWDOC Elected Officials meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the Growing the Urban Forest webinar, the OCWA meeting, the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor event, the OC Reuse meeting, the Engineering and Finance meeting, the KUCI radio interview, and today's Board meeting.

Vice President Freshley stated that she attended both ETWD's regular Board meetings, the SOCWA Board meeting, the SOCWA Executive Committee 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, the MWDOC Board meeting, the LAFCO meeting, the Strategic Planning committee meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, will attend the ISDOC Quarterly meeting, and the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor event.

Director McClean stated that he attended the Board Budget Workshop, the Engineering and Finance meeting, the regular Board meeting, the SOCEC meeting, the MWDOC meeting, the WACO meeting, the Meet the Mayor/Chamber of Commerce event, and will be attending the Delta Tour.

Director Monin stated that he attended the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the WACO meeting, the WACO Planning

meeting, the MWDOC Elected Officials meeting, the MWDOC A&F meeting, the Board Budget Workshop, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the Meet the Mayor event, a Chamber Business Development event, will be participating in TV-6 next Monday, the District's Board meeting, the Engineering and Finance meeting, and will be attending the ISDOC Quarterly meeting next week.

President Gaskins stated that he attended the Board Budget Workshop, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the OCWA Luncheon, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, today's Board meeting, ETWD's Engineering and Finance meeting, the President/VP/GM meeting, the RRC meeting next week, and the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon.

General Manager Information Items

City of Laguna Woods Warehouse/Storage Concept

Mr. Cafferty stated that the City of Laguna Woods has expressed interest in using space at the Water Recycling Plant (WRP) for a storage facility to house parts, materials, and equipment. He met with City and District staff at the WRP to discuss potential areas. The discussion is in the early conceptual stage, and if the Board agrees with proceeding, further discussions regarding a formal agreement will be pursued. The Board discussed the potential arrangement, asked questions, and agreed to have staff continue discussions with the City on the matter.

Mr. Cafferty also provided an update on the OCFA Fire Station. He noted that the City has submitted a draft lease document to OCFA and is currently in negotiation.

General Manager's Monthly Report

Vice President Freshley inquired about the Total Consumption Comparison chart on page 54 and the Potable Water Sales chart on page 25. Mr. Cafferty explained that the chart on page 25 compares water consumption to the budget while the chart on page 54 compares sales from one year to the next.

Legislative Reports

There were no comments.

Public Education and Outreach Report

Mr. Cafferty reported that Director Monin is scheduled to appear on Laguna Woods Village Television on April 28, 2025. He also reported that staff is continuing to work on the 2025 Water Quality Report, which will be distributed soon.

Water Use Efficiency Report

There were no comments.

SOCWA Reports

Vice President Freshley noted that the meeting focused on financial matters and their impact on member agencies.

Ms. Ford reported that staff is coordinating with SOCWA on the HMGP funding application for the Effluent Transmission Main Project.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the budget was reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting and is currently pending the cost share amounts for the District.

MWDOC

Mr. Cafferty reported that MWDOC has adopted their budget, and the impact on the District's total cost was reasonable. He also noted that MWDOC's Board compensation was discussed.

SOCAG

Mr. Cafferty stated that MWDOC and OCWD provided brief updates.

<u>LAFCO</u>

Vice President Freshley reported that Mr. Luis Tapia's appointment as interim Executive Director was reconfirmed. She also stated that strategic planning was discussed, and staffing will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Director Monin stated that support for AB 259 and SB 496 was discussed.

WACO

Director Monin stated that the committee discussed the Seitz reservoir.

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for February/March

There were no comments.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

Attorney Report

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

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:39 a.m.

	Respectfully submitted,
APPROVED:	MARISOL MELENDEZ Recording Secretary

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

Preliminary Program Outline (Annual Con. 2025)

(Subject to Change)

Tuesday, July 29

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. CSRMA Executive Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Padres Game (Additional Registration Fee)

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CSRMA Training Seminar

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CASA Education Foundation Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CASA Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Women's Networking Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CSRMA Board of Directors Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Associates Committee Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Optional Tour: PureWater San Diego (50 Person Max)

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions (Three Tracks)**

Track 1A: Preparing for the Future	Track 2A: CASA Special Projects	Track 3A: Agency Project Spotlights
Track 1B: Capital Project	Track 2B: PFAS Positivity	Track 3B: Workforce
Considerations		Development

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Track 1A, 2A, 3A

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Track 1B, 2B, 3B

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Federal Legislative Committee Meeting

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. LEAD Mentor/Mentee Meetup

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Thursday, July 31

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Statewide Biosolids Meeting

9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Morning Sessions & Business Meeting

Vice President Tony Trembley, Presiding

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Keynote: Nick Moloney, CEO, Canada Ocean Racing (C)

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Scott Summerfield, SAE Communications, Media Training

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Annual Business Meeting**

CASA President Craig Murray

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Networking Break

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Headshots

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

Michael F. Dillon Award Presentation CASA Awards of Excellence Winners CASA Education Foundation Presentation Honoring CASA Staff Past and Present

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Networking Break**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Sessions

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Continuing the Al Conversation: Specific Utility Applications

Moderator: TBD

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. How to Make Permitting Support Innovation

Moderator: Jackie Zipkin, EBDA

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Communications Committee Meeting

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Engineering & Research Group Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Associates Reception

Friday, August 1

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. State Legislative Committee Meeting

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Closing Session**

President Craig Murray, Presiding

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **TBD**

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Closing Keynote Speaker(s)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Closing Business Session

• 2024-2025 Board of Director Elections Results

• Passing of the Gavel

• President's Closing Remarks

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. General Managers Meeting Roundtable and Lunch

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Attorneys Committee Meeting

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE





Dear,

Exciting news... Registration is now open for UWI's Annual Conference! We cordially invite you to join us August 20-22, 2025 at the waterfront Paradise Point Resort in San Diego. Register now with *early bird pricing* to enjoy three days of premier speakers, elite networking, gourmet conference meals and premium hosted cocktail hours at the *lowest price available*.



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: ACWA Board President, Vice President & Region Board Elections

ACWA recently distributed an Advisory announcing the Call for Candidates for President and Vice President for the 2026-'27 term. The ACWA Region 10 nominating committee has issued a similar call for candidates interested in serving on the Region 10 Board.

The ACWA Call for Candidate Nominations Memo is attached for reference.

This year, the election process for President, Vice President, and region board members is combined. Voting for both sets of candidates will be done electronically by each member agency's designated voter on a single ballot. Members of ACWA will elect the President, Vice President, and their respective region board by voting electronically between July 21 and September 19.

Each member agency must designate their one voting representative by June 20. If an agency does not designate a representative to vote by the deadline, the agency's General Manager will be the authorized voter by default.

The deadline for candidate nominations is also June 20. Should the Board determine to nominate a candidate, staff will agendize an action item to consider the necessary nominating resolution at the June 16 special board meeting.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommend that the Board consider determining if the Board will nominate any District Board member for the upcoming ACWA election. Staff further recommend the Board designate a voting representative and direct staff to complete and submit the 2025 ACWA Elections Authorized Voting Representative Form by the June 20 deadline.



MEMORANDUM

TO: ACWA Agency Presidents and General Managers

(sent via email)

CC: ACWA Board of Directors

FROM: ACWA Election Committee

DATE: April 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Call for Candidates for ACWA President/Vice President for the 2026-'27 Term

ACWA recently distributed an Advisory announcing the Call for Candidates for President and Vice President for the 2026-'27 term. The Advisory also announced that each of ACWA's region nominating committees have issued a similar call for candidates interested in serving on the 10 region boards.

ACWA's Bylaws and Board policies (Article 9, Section 9.10, and Board Policy 2.3.3.1) establish the eligibility criteria candidates must meet to serve as President or Vice President. Candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria to qualify:

- At the time of their election, the President and Vice President will each be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission of a member agency of the Association.
- An official nominating resolution from the Association member agency on whose board the
 nominee serves will accompany all nominations for the position of President and Vice President.
 An authorized signatory of the member agency's Board of Directors will sign said resolution. A
 sample resolution is available online.
- Each nomination will include a statement of qualifications or resume highlighting the
 candidate's qualifications for the position, such as active involvement in ACWA task forces,
 region boards, committees, or the like. Candidates must also submit an abbreviated statement
 (maximum of 300 words) that can be included with the official ballot. A headshot photo is
 recommended but not required.

Election Process

This year, the election process for President, Vice President, and region board members is now combined. Voting for both sets of candidates will be done electronically by each member agency's designated voter on a single ballot. Agencies can designate their voting representative by visiting



<u>www.acwa.com/elections</u> and submitting the <u>Authorized Representative and Information Form</u> by the June 20 deadline.

- An 11-member Election Committee has been appointed to facilitate the election of the President and Vice President. The committee will confirm that candidates' eligibility criteria have been met and endorse preferred candidates for each position.
- The Election Committee will present an open ballot on July 21 that lists all qualified candidates, including the committee's preferred candidates. All candidates will also be listed on the ACWA website and invited to participate in a town hall style webinar in which members can ask the candidates questions.
- Members of ACWA will elect the President, Vice President, and their respective region board by voting electronically July 21 – September 19. There will be no voting during the fall conference.
- Ballots will be emailed by a third-party vendor called Simply Voting. This web-based online voting system provides quick and verified results while keeping individual votes confidential.
- Each member agency may cast one vote and must designate their one <u>voting representative</u> by June 20. If an agency does not designate a representative to vote by the deadline, the agency's General Manager will be the authorized voter by default.

Important Dates

Deadline to receive Authorized Voting Representative Form: Friday, June 20

Deadline to receive candidate nominations: Friday, June 20

Tentative date for candidate interviews: Friday, July 1

Election Begins: Monday, July 21

Election Ends: Friday, September 19

In addition to being accepted via email to donnap@acwa.com, nomination items may also be submitted via mail to the below address.

Bruce Rupp, Election Committee Chair c/o Donna Pangborn, ACWA 980 9th Street, Suite 1000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Please be aware that candidates may contact general managers and board presidents to solicit their respective member agency's support. A sample resolution of support is available <u>online</u>.

We appreciate your interest and participation in this process to find the best qualified individuals to serve in representing ACWA's statewide membership. Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact ACWA Senior Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at 916-669-2425 or donnap@acwa.com.



2025 ACWA ELECTIONS AUTHORIZED VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FORM

ACWA has launched the election process for the 2026-'27 term for President, Vice President, and region board members. This year, the election for both officers and region boards is combined.

Key Details:

- **Electronic Voting:** Voting for both sets of candidates will be done electronically by each member agency's designated voter on a single ballot.
- **Designate Your Voter:** Each agency must **designate one voting representative by June 20**. To designate your agency's voter, please submit the Authorized Voting Representative Form by the June deadline.
- **Default Voter:** If no representative is designated by the deadline, your agency's General Manager will be the authorized voter by default.
- Ballot Distribution: Authorized voters will receive an electronic ballot on July 21.

For more information about ACWA's elections, visit: www.acwa.com/elections.

The person designated below will cast our agency's vote for the election of ACWA's President and Vice President and Region Board for the 2026-'27 term in the upcoming election.				
Member Agency's Name		Agency's Phone No.		
Authorized Voting Representative's Name	Authorized Voting Representative's Email	Authorized Voting Representative's Phone No.		
Print Name of Member Agency's Autho	rized Signatory			
X				
Authorized Signatory Signature				
Date				

To: Donna Pangborn, Senior Clerk of the Board **Email:** donnap@acwa.com

Mail: 980 9th Street, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: Administrative Code Amendment – Purchasing Policy

Staff are recommending revisions to District Purchasing Policy (Administrative Code Section 6100)

The proposed revisions accomplish the following:

- Provides authority for "Authorized Signers" to sign contract documents.
- Adds the Chief Financial Officer to the listed "Authorized Signers".
- Clarifies the requirement that purchase approvals must come from an "Authorized Approver" as defined in the Policy.
- Provides purchasing authority, up to \$10,000, for the Director of Human Resources.
- Increases the trigger amount for requiring performance and bid bonds from \$50,000 to \$75,000.
- Clarifies that the CFO and Director of Engineering can execute contracts up to \$10,000 with all other contracts requiring execution by the General Manager.

The attached redline document identifies the proposed changes to the Purchasing Policy.

Recommended Action:

The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution No. 25-5-2 which adopts the amended El Toro Water District Administrative Code.

RESOLUTION 25-5-2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-5-2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL TORO WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE AMENDED EL TORO WATER DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District adopted an Administrative Code defining the policies of the El Toro Water District in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District that the District's Administrative Code be amended in its entirety to incorporate updates to the existing Administrative Code Section 6100 – Purchasing Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District has reviewed the Administrative Code which is incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District does hereby adopt the Amended El Toro Water District Administrative Code effective May 22, 2025.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROV following vote:	ED this 22nd day of May 2025, by the
AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
	Mike Gaskins, President El Toro Water District and of the Board of Directors thereof
ATTEST:	
DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary El Toro Water District and of the	

Board of Directors there of

PURCHASING POLICY REDLINE

§6100 PURCHASING POLICY

1. **DEFINITIONS**

The definitions contained in this section govern the interpretation of this policy.

- A. Authorized Agent when used with respect to the District, means the General Manager or any person designated by the General Manager to have authority to solicit bids or proposals and administer the terms of an awarded contract.
- B. Authorized Approver means any person given authority by this Policy to approve procurements as defined herein.
- C. Authorized Signer means any person empowered by this Policy to sign bid documents, contracts, contract amendments, and change orders.
- D. Change Order means an amendment modifying the terms of an existing contract, including price or quantity and quality ordered.
- E. Competitive Bidding means a bidding process in which the bid solicitation is advertised as described herein.
- F. Construction includes the erection, demolition, alteration, repair, replacement, refurbishment or relocation of buildings, infrastructure, or improvements.
- G. Contract means any written agreement, including purchase orders, to which the District is a party.
- H. Form of Agreement means the document evidencing the contractual relationship of the District and the successful vendor, supplier, contractor or consultant.
- Notice Inviting Bids means a notice inviting proposals for entering a contract upon the terms of contract documents incorporated in said notice by reference.
- J. Notice Inviting Pre-qualification Information means a notice inviting prospective bidders to submit information that will permit the Authorized Agent to determine in advance of issuing of a notice inviting bids that a prospective bidder is responsible to perform a proposed contract.
- K. Proposal means an offer to enter into a contract upon the terms set forth in the contract documents.
- L. Purchase Order means an authorization, including Field Requisitions, under which the party designated therein as vendor is to provide materials or services for which the District agrees to pay.

- M. Selective Competitive Bidding means a bidding process in which the District solicits bids only from select pre-qualified bidders.
- N. Sole Source Contracts means contracts issued directly to a vendor, supplier, contractor or consultant that have not been subject to a competitive bidding or selective competitive bidding process.

2. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- A. General The contract documents shall consist of such documents as the General Manager may deem desirable in addition to those required by law.
- B. Documents Included The contract documents may consist of, among others, a notice inviting bids, instructions to bidders, the proposal, bid sheets, contractor's licensing and qualifications statement, list of subcontractors, bidder's bond, certificates of insurance, form of agreement, performance bond, payment bond, non-collusion affidavit, notice of award, notice to proceed, general conditions, specifications and drawings.
- C. Authority to Carry out Power Whenever award is made by the District, such award shall constitute approval of the contract documents and the Authorized Agent shall be authorized to carry out the powers described in the contract agreements on behalf of the District.
- D. Authorized Signers are hereby empowered to sign bid <u>and/or contract</u> documents. Authorized Signers are authorized to use an electronic signature but must have their electronic signature certified prior to signing any documents. Authorized Signers include the General Manager, the Chief <u>Financial Officer</u> and the Director of Engineering.

3. <u>REQUISITIONS AND PURCHASE ORDERS FOR EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, SUPPLIES OR SERVICES</u>

Requisitions for the furnishing of equipment, material, supplies, or services may originate as a result of normal operating need or due to emergency.

- A. Requisitions for normal operating need:
 - Include those purchases that originate from the Warehouse, when inventory reorder points are reached and from departments for regular operating needs, as outlined in the District's operation and maintenance budget and, capital expenditures, as outlined in the District's capital budget.
 - 2. Authorization is required by the Department Head who has budgetary responsibility for the category of expenditure, and is an Authorized Approver as defined herein.

- For requisitions originating from the Operations Department, including Operations Support, Fleet Services, Pumping Operations, Transmission & Distribution, Collections, and the Water Recycling Plant, authorization by the General Manager and/or the Operations Superintendent is required.
- ii. For requisitions originating from Engineering, authorization by the General Manager and/or the Director of Engineering is required.
- iii. For requisitions for Information Technology Resources, authorization by the General Manager and/or the IT Manager is required.
- iv. For requisitions originating from Administration, authorization by the General Manager, or the Chief Financial Officer or the Director of Human Resources is required.
- v. For requisitions for capital items, authorization by the General Manager and/or the Director of Engineering is required.
- vi. In the absence of the General Manager, the Operations Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer may provide authorization.

B. Requisitions due to Emergency:

- 1. Emergencies include those purchases that originate for unplanned, sudden and unexpected events of a serious nature requiring immediate furnishing of equipment, material, supplies, or services and where the purchase is necessary within a shorter period of time than required for a requisition in a normal operating period.
- 2. Due to the nature of the emergency, it may not be possible for the supervisor who has budgetary responsibility to obtain complete authorization of a requisition prior to the furnishing of equipment, material, supplies, or services. If this situation arises, an emergency purchase order number shall be issued by an Authorized Agent. At the earliest convenience, a requisition will be prepared for the emergency purchase including all of the following information: emergency purchase order number, description of and reason for the emergency purchase, vendor information and total cost. All requisitions for emergency needs issued without complete authorization must be brought back to the appropriate authorizing Officer (as described in Section 3.A.2) for approval.

C. Authorized Approvers

- 1. Requisitions for IT Resources, up to \$10,000, require the authorization of either the General Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, or the IT Manager. All requisitions over \$10,000 require the authorization of two of the three Approvers.
- 2. All other requisitions, regardless of origination, up to \$10,000 require the authorization of either the General Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, the Operations Superintendent, or the Director of Engineering. All requisitions over \$10,000 require the authorization of two of the four approvers, including either the General Manager or the Chief Financial Officer.
- D. Upon receipt of a properly approved requisition, a purchase order may be created. All purchase orders must be approved by an Authorized Approver of the District.
- E. In the event that contracts for the furnishing of equipment, material, supplies, or services exceeds 110 percent (110%) of the amount identified in the annual budget for that particular account and sufficient funds are not available within the overall operating budget, the General Manager shall report cost center variances to the Board.
- F. The General Manager shall report to the Board, on a monthly basis, details of purchases which exceed \$50,000.

4. <u>INVOICE PROCESSING AND CHECK ISSUANCE</u>

Once a service has been completed or material or goods have been received, vendor invoices need to be matched to the original purchase requisition or, if the invoice received is for an ongoing service for which a purchase requisition has not been created, the invoice must be approved and coded to the appropriate account.

- A. Prior to processing, invoices must be reviewed and approved by the employee who received the good, material, or service. Invoices shall be reviewed for accuracy and will then be approved by the initials or signature of the receiving employee. The expense account number(s) and/or project number(s) with the appropriate amounts will be included as part of the approval of the requisition and verified as part of the invoice approval process.
- B. In the event that invoices exceed the amount identified in the approved procurement document, the original Authorized Approver must approve a modification of the procurement document, with the new approved amount, by initials or electronic signature within the approval authority defined in Section 3.C.

- C. Employees are authorized to use an electronic signature for invoices but must have their electronic signature certified prior to signing any documents. The signatures on these documents can then be used by Accounting as authorization for payment of invoices, requisitions, or check requests.
- D. The District will issue checks for approved invoices on a regular basis as determined by the General Manager or his/her designee. Checks that are issued by the District are required to have two signatures from either the General Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, or the Operations Superintendent. Checks may be signed electronically if the District's financial software provides the capability. Checks that are signed electronically may only be issued after an appropriate approval as defined in Section 3.

5. SELECTIVE COMPETITIVE BIDS

Before entering into a contract for the construction of facilities or for the furnishing of equipment, materials, supplies or services, the Authorized Agent should ascertain in his/her discretion, the best source of supply. In obtaining the best source of supply, the General Manager may determine, in his/her discretion, that selective competitive bidding should be utilized pursuant to a bid package developed for the particular project.

- A. The following situations will not require selective competitive bidding:
 - 1. Contracts for miscellaneous services, such as telephone, light, power and water, where rates or prices are fixed by legislation or by federal, state, county or municipal regulations;
 - 2. Contracts required during an emergency;
 - 3. If the articles are patented, copyrighted or otherwise unique;
 - 4. If within one year previous to the date of execution of a proposed contract, advertising or posting for identical articles, or articles of the same general character, has failed to secure responsive proposals, and in the opinion of the authorized agent, further advertising or posting will not alter this result
 - 5. If the purchase is with any governmental agency;
 - 6. Contracts for insurance or for services of a professional, artistic, scientific, or technical character.

- B. In the event that the General Manager deems it appropriate to procure equipment, material or services without selective competitive bidding ("Sole Source Contracts"), on projects that require the approval of the Board of Directors the Board shall be so informed and the reasons for the Sole Source contract shall be documented in the supporting material provided to the Board for the subject procurement.
- C. The notice inviting bids shall provide for the District's right to reject any and all proposals.

6. PRE-QUALIFICATIONS PROCEDURES

If the District utilizes a selective competitive bidding process in the procurement of a contract it may be necessary to pre-qualify potential bidders. The pre-qualification procedure may, in the discretion of the Authorized Agent, provide for one or more of the following:

- A. A pre-qualification procedure for determining the qualifications of potential bidders or proponents in advance of receipt of bids or proposals and that bidding or proposal solicitation, in that case, shall be restricted to bidders or proponents determined to be qualified pursuant to said procedure.
- B. In determining qualifications, the factors to consider may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - 1. A bidder's or proponents experience in the design, construction, fabrication, assembly, or manufacture of works or materials similar to what will be called for under this contract:
 - The experience of others with the bidder or proponent, including references from past projects, in the design, construction, fabrication, assembly, or operation of similar works or material designed, constructed, fabricated or assembled by the bidder or proponent;
 - 3. The physical plant, facilities, and equipment the bidder or proponent proposes to employ in the performance of the contract.
 - 4. The experience and expertise of a bidder's or proponents responsible managing personnel, key staff members, and other employees who would be assigned to the work if the bidder or proponent were awarded the contract;
 - 5. The extent to which any part of the contract is to be performed by subcontractors, subconsultants or suppliers;
 - 6. The financial capability and resources of the bidder or proponent to perform the proposed contract; and,

- 7. Any other factor bearing on the responsibility of a bidder or proponent, which factors shall be set forth in the notice inviting prequalification information.
- C. As a result of a pre-qualification procedure, it shall be determined which bidders or proponents are responsible/qualified to perform the proposed work. Said procedures may include a time period during which a finding of responsibility/qualification shall be effective. The District may require, in its discretion, that pre-qualified bidders or proponents, bidders or proponents who have not qualified, and new bidders or proponents who need to qualify, to go through the pre-qualification process at any time and from time to time.
- D. A "Dun and Bradstreet Report" may be requested as part of the prequalifications procedure.

7. BONDS

- A. Every construction contract involving more than \$50,000\\$75,000 and any other contract as determined by the Authorized Agent shall be accompanied by separate performance and payment bonds executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in California and approved by the General Manager. Both types of bonds shall comply with applicable legal requirements and shall be subject to approval by the General Manager or his/her designee. The performance bond shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract by the contractor and shall be in the form and amount approved by the General Manager. The payment bond shall contain the provisions required by Civil Code Sections 3225 et. seq. inclusive, and Sections 3247 3252 inclusive.
- B. Bidder's Bond. Bids submitted for construction contracts involving more than \$50,000\$75,000 through selective competitive bidding may require a bidder's bond executed by a responsible corporate surety authorized to engage in such business in California, made payable to the District. Said bid security or bidder's bond shall be in an amount no less than specified in the notice inviting bids, or, if no amount be so specified, then in an amount not less than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, and shall guarantee that the bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with his/her bid, properly execute a contract with the District secure payment of worker's compensation, if required, and furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds and proof of insurance coverage.

8. **INSURANCE POLICIES**

As deemed appropriate by the General Manager, contractors, consultants or service providers to whom a contract is awarded shall furnish satisfactory evidence that the requirements of the Insurance Code of the State of California have been observed.

- A. The construction contractor, consultant or service provider shall furnish to the District a liability insurance policy or certificate naming the District as an additional insured.
- B. The construction contractor, consultant, or service provider and all subcontractors shall cover or insure in accordance with the Workers' Compensation and Insurance Act, Division IV of the Labor Code of the State of California and any Acts amendatory thereof.
- C. The construction contractor shall provide and maintain builder's risk insurance in amounts specified by the contract.

9. SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

- A. Specifications and necessary drawings for construction or for the furnishing of equipment, materials, supplies, or services shall be prepared by, or under the direction of the Director of Engineering responsible for seeing the work performed.
- B. Specifications, including drawings, if any, shall be sufficient to clearly describe the work required to be done, the quality and properties of materials to be furnished, the results and performance required, and the method of payment for the work done and material and equipment furnished.

10. POSTING AND ADVERTISING

- A. General Unless waived by the General Manager, no Notice Inviting Bids for any contract subject to selective competitive bidding or competitive bidding shall be posted or advertised unless there is first prepared a complete set of contract documents detailing the agreement and the work to be performed.
- B. Advertised Projects If the General Manager deems it appropriate to publicly advertise a competitively bid project, a Notice Inviting Bids shall be posted in a public place within the District and shall be published not less than once in a construction periodical designated by the General Manager at least five days, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and holidays, before the time for opening bids. Alternatively, the project may be published through the Planet Bids electronic bidding platform.
- C. Projects Conducted Without Advertising Whenever the District elects not to publicly advertise a contract or to award a contract upon competitive bidding, selective competitive bids may be obtained from three or more firms or in any other manner as the General Manager determines to be appropriate.

11. **EVALUATION**

The General Manager or his/her designee shall compare all bids received pursuant to any Notice Inviting Bids or other solicitation for compliance with the terms of the notice inviting bids or other solicitation and shall determine the lowest responsible bid of all those received and, when award of contract is to be made by the Board, make a recommendation in writing to the Board.

12. REJECTION OF BIDS

The Board of Directors, or the General Manager, as applicable for the particular contract, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in bids.

13. AWARD OF CONTRACTS

- A. By Board Award of contracts shall be approved by the Board when the amount of the contract is over \$75,000.
- B. By General Manager In all cases other than those referred to in Section 13a hereof, award of contracts may be made by the General Manager unless otherwise directed by the Board.

14. EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS

After award, all contracts shall be executed on behalf of the District by the General Manager, the Chief Financial Officer or the Director of Engineering, unless otherwise directed by the Board. The General Manager, Chief Financial Officer or Director of Engineering shall also execute any subsequent contract amendments or change orders. All contracts over \$10,000 shall be executed by the General Manager. The General Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Engineering is are authorized to use an electronic signature but must have the electronic signature certified prior to signing any documents.

15. URGENT CONTRACTS

The General Manager is delegated the authority to waive applicable procedures and to execute contracts that exceed \$75,000 and take any directly related and immediate action required by an emergency when said contracts are determined by the General Manager to be of urgent necessity, subject to the following requirements:

- A. General Manager shall report to the Board not later than its next regularly scheduled meeting the details of the emergency and reasons justifying the actions taken.
- B. At each regularly scheduled meeting following the emergency action, the Board shall determine by majority vote whether the emergency still exists and the need for authorization of the General Manager in such an emergency.

16. CHANGE ORDERS

- A. Unless superseded by provisions of the applicable contract or as otherwise directed by the Board, the following procedures shall apply to change orders:
 - 1. The General Manager is authorized to execute change orders for contracts providing for the furnishing of equipment, material, supplies, or services. Change orders are not required if the additional amount payable is for sales tax or shipping and handling charges in connection with the furnishing of equipment, material or supplies. If the amount payable is more than the contract amount but does not exceed 10% of the contract amount, a change order is not required for the furnishing of equipment, material, supplies, or services but the approval of invoices but comply with Section 4.B of this Policy. Change orders are not required if completed contracts are less than the face value of contract.
 - 2. Change orders for professional and consulting services Change orders are required for professional and consulting services contracts whenever the costs exceed the original contract amount. The General Manager shall not, without prior Board approval, issue change orders totaling more than \$75,000, or a change order that would cause the amount payable under a contract for professional and consulting services to exceed the limit established by Section 13.
 - 3. Change orders for the construction of public works and facilities Change orders are required for construction contracts whenever the costs vary from the original contract amount. The General Manager shall not, without prior Board approval, issue change orders totaling more than \$75,000, or a change order that would cause the amount payable under a contract for construction of works or structure to exceed the limit established by Section 13.

17. APPROVAL BY GENERAL COUNSEL

The General Counsel shall approve, in writing, the District's standard construction and consulting contract formdocuments. In the event that the District's standard contract formdocuments is are not applicable, the General Manager, at his discretion, may direct the District's General Counsel to review and approve any other contract formdocuments.



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

From: Judy Cimorell, Director Human Resources

Subject: AB 2561 Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention

SUMMARY

Assembly Bill 2561 (AB 2561), effective January 1, 2025, requires public agencies to conduct at least one public hearing per fiscal year to present and discuss job vacancies and the agency's recruitment and retention strategies. This report outlines the District's legal obligations under the new legislation and the steps necessary to ensure compliance.

BACKGROUND

AB 2561 was enacted to address persistent job vacancies within local government entities, which can hinder service delivery and increase workload on remaining staff. To promote transparency and accountability, the legislation mandates that public agencies provide annual updates on employment related matters during a public meeting of their governing board.

Codified under Government Code § 3502.3, the law includes specific reporting requirements to assess vacancy trends, recruitment and retention efforts, and the effectiveness of current workforce practices. The objective is to identify and resolve barriers within recruitment processes that may impact hiring efficiency.

VACANCY, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OVERVIEW

A detailed analysis was conducted of the District's recruitment activity between January 2024 and early 2025. The data, drawn from ETWD's recruitment records, covers all 58 budgeted full-time positions. This report outlines staffing changes, evaluates recruitment performance, and offers strategic insights to guide future workforce planning and budgeting.

CURRENT WORKFORCE SNAPSHOT

Total Budgeted Full-Time Positions (FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026): 58

• Current Vacancies (as of Report Date): 0

Vacancy Rate: 0%

Organizational Chart: See Exhibit 1 attached

2024 Monthly Vacancy Data

2024	Vacancies	Vacancies	Remaining	% of
Month	Created	Filled	Vacancies	Vacancies
January	0	0	0	0.0%
February	0	0	0	0.0%
March	1	1	1	1.7%
April	1	0	1	1.7%
May	0	1	0	0.0%
June	2	2	0	0.0%
July - October	0	0	0	0.0%
November	1	1	1	1.7%
December	0	0	1	1.7%
January 2025	0	1	0	0.0%

Average Percent of Vacancies for 2024: 0.6%

Highest Percentage of Vacancies for 2024: 1.7%

Lowest % of Vacancies for 2024: 0%

• The final vacancy was filled by hiring an existing Intern as a full-time employee.

STAFFING CHANGES SUMMARY (January 2024 – January 2025)

Total Employee Separations: 5

4 Retirees

1 Voluntary Separation

Total Positions with Changes: 8

o Filled by Internal Transfer: 2

Filled by Internal Promotion: 1

Filled by External Candidates: 2

Filled by Hiring Intern as a Full-time Employee: 1

Positions Eliminated: 2

Positions Remaining Unchanged: 50

Percentage Stable: 86.2%

This indicates that the vast majority of positons remained stable throughout the reporting period, with only 13.8% experiencing staffing transitions. Through the reporting period only 8.6% of District personnel separated.

RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES AND EFFECTIVENESS

The District employed a mixed recruitment strategy to balance internal development with external talent sourcing. Critical positions were filled in advance to support cross training, align with succession planning, and ensure continuity of operations.

Recruitment Approaches

- Internal Candidates Only:
 - Compliance Regulatory Coordinator II
 - Executive Assistant to the General Manager & Board of Directors
 - Waste Water Operator III (2025)
- Internal and External candidates:
 - Maintenance Worker III
 - Customer Service Office Representative I
 - Maintenance Worker I

This approach maximized internal mobility while maintaining access to a broader talent pool where needed.

Recruitment Approaches

- Average Time to Fill: 24 days (excluding outliers and eliminated roles)
- Fastest Filled Position: CS Office Rep I 13 days
- Most Prolonged Fill: Maintenance Worker III 76 days

The days to fill metric reflects an efficient hiring timeline.

RETENTION TRENDS

Retention remained strong during the reporting period, with most vacancies arising from retirements and internal mobility.

Reasons for Vacancy Creation

Reason	Count	% of Total Vacancies
Internal Promotion	1	12.5%
Internal Transfer	2	25.0%
Retirement	4	50.0%
Voluntary Separation	1	12.5%
Involuntary Separation	0	0%

(The above chart is through January 2025)

The data highlights an aging workforce, with retirement accounting for 50% of vacancies. This further underscores the importance of succession planning. The internal promotion and transfer rates reflect strong internal career development pathways, while overall turnover remains low.

CONCLUSION

The District's staffing and recruitment health remains strong, with low vacancy rates, high internal mobility, and a thoughtful approach to workforce management. By refining recruitment timelines and continuing succession planning efforts, the District is positioned to maintain operational excellence while complying with AB 2561.

EXHIBIT 1

	Position Organiz	zation Table	
Department	Positions	Department	Positions
Administration		Operations Support Services	
General Manager	1	Operations Superintendent	1
Executive Assistant to Board & General Manager	1	Compliance Program Coordinator	1
Total	2	Total	2
Finance & Risk Management		Pumping Operations	
Chief Financial Officer	1	Foreman	1
Accounting Supervisor	1	Crew Chief	1
Senior Accountant	1	Maintenance Worker III	1
Accounting Technician	1	Maintenance Worker II	3
Purchasing Agent	1	Maintenance Worker I	2
Total	5	Total	8
Technology Services		Fleet Operations	
Information Technology Manager	1	Senior Mechanic	1
Total	1	Total	1
Human Resources		Transmission & Distribution	
Director of Human Resources	1	Foreman	1
Office Assistant	1	Crew Chief	2
	•	Maintenance Worker III	2
		Maintenance Worker II	-
		Maintenance Worker I	3
Total	2	Total	8
Community Relations & Conservation		Electrical	
Public Affairs Manager	1	Electrical Systems/SCADA Supervisor	1
Water Use Efficiency Analyst	1	Electrical Systems / SCADA Technician II	1
Total	2	Total	2
Customer Service		Treatment Plant	
Customer Service / Billing Supervisor	1	Chief Plant Operator	1
Customer Service Office Representative I	3	Truck Driver	2
Crew Chief	1	Waste Water Operator III	3
Customer Service Field Representative II-	1	Waste Water OIT	1
Customer Service Field Representative I	1	Lab Supervisor	1
	·	Lab Technician II	1
Total		Total	
Total	7		9
Engineering		Collections & Distribution Crew	
Director of Engineering	1	Foreman	1
Senior Engineer Inspector	1	Crew Chief	1
Cross Connection Control Program	1	Collection Maintenance Worker III Collections Maintenance Worker I	1
Supervisor	1	Collections Maintenance Worker I	2
Total	4	Total	5
Total Positions	58		



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager

Subject: County of Orange AlertOC Mass Notification System MOU

Summary:

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between El Toro Water District and the County of Orange for the continued use of the County's Countywide Mass Notification System, AlertOC, administered through Everbridge, Inc.

Background Information:

AlertOC has been used since its inception in 2008 to contact hundreds of thousands of Orange County residents during emergencies. Public safety agencies have employed AlertOC for a wide range of notifications, including severe weather warnings, wildland fire events, post-disaster instructions, missing children reports, directives and evacuation orders.

On July 22, 2008, the Board of Supervisors (Board) for Orange County extended use of the AlertOC system regionally by approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Orange County municipalities and public universities, which are responsible for protecting a resident population and maintaining a dedicated public safety answering point. The MOUs allow these entities to use the County's Countywide Mass Notification System under the terms and conditions of the County's Countywide Mass Notification System Operating Guidelines and vendor provider agreements.

Initially AlertOC was only available as a tool to the County and the Cities within Orange County. This meant that only the cities and the County were able to send emergency messages to the public. Additionally, the system provides a component for internal employee notifications. If the water utilities needed to send a message to the public, they would have had to either contract for this service separately or to request this to be done by the County Emergency Management Division or by one of the cities that the district served. WEROC on behalf of the water and wastewater special districts began working with the County to include the ability for water and wastewater agencies to have access and use the system.

On June 18, 2013, the County Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Orange County incorporated cities, public universities and water/wastewater special districts allowing their use of the County's Countywide Mass Notification System under the terms and conditions of the Operating Guidelines and agreements. Over the past 12 years, the MOU has been updated every four (4) years, requiring each agency to sign a new version.

To participate, a water or wastewater special district need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County and attend training on the use of the system. There is no cost to use the system at this time as the County is sponsoring this program. If the County of Orange funding of the System becomes unavailable, participants will be given a six-month advance notice per the termination terms outlined in Paragraph VIII of the MOU

In partnership with the County of Orange, WEROC as the Operational Area Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid Coordinator will be the facilitator of the execution on this agreement with all water and wastewater special districts choosing to use the system.

The WEROC agencies participating in the AlertOC System are as listed below:

- Costa Mesa Sanitary District
- East Orange County Water District
- El Toro Water District
- Mesa Water District
- Midway City Sanitary District
- Moulton Niguel Water District
- Municipal Water District of Orange County
- Orange County Water District
- Santa Margarita Water District
- Serrano Water District
- South Coast Water District
- South Orange County Wastewater Authority
- Trabuco Canyon Water District
- Yorba Linda Water District

The County is sponsoring the system. Financial impact to the District will be for staff time for training and data management of the system.

The District General Manager is executing the non-financial MOU between El Toro Water District and the County of Orange for use of Countywide Mass Notification System through December 30, 2029.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment A – AlertOC Memorandum of Understanding and Operating Guidelines

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND PARTICIPANTS FOR USE OF COUNTYWIDE MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MOU," dated December 30, 2024, which date is stated for purposes of reference only, is entered into by and between the County of Orange, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and the undersigned municipalities, public universities and water agencies responsible for protecting a resident population and maintaining a dedicated public safety answering point (PSAP) within the County of Orange, hereinafter referred to individually as "PARTICIPANT" or collectively as "PARTICIPANTS."

This MOU is intended to establish governance and terms of use for a Countywide Public Mass Notification System.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, COUNTY is sponsoring a Countywide Public Mass Notification System ("System") for the primary intent of providing timely communication to the public during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County is making use of the System available to all cities and agencies within the County of Orange who have the responsibility for protecting a resident population and maintaining a dedicated public safety answering point (PSAP); and

WHEREAS, COUNTY entered into Orange County Agreement No MA-060-25010178 ("Agreement") with Everbridge, Inc., for the provision of Public Mass Notification System Services, on or about December 30, 2024 attached hereto as Attachment A, to disseminate critical, time-sensitive emergency information to COUNTY's residents and businesses through phone and e-mail devices for emergency notification purposes; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY agrees to provide to PARTICIPANTS access to the services provided by Everbridge, Inc. as contained in the Agreement in exchange for abiding by the terms set forth in this MOU; and

WHEREAS, PARTICIPANTS agree to uphold the same terms and conditions of the Agreement, to use the System in compliance with all usage agreements, including but not limited to the End User License Agreement, identified and incorporated herein as Attachment A (Orange County Agreement No. MA-060-25010178 and Attachment B (Countywide Public Mass Notification System Policy and Guideline) and the terms of this MOU to receive the benefits under the Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I. Definitions:

"Agreement" shall refer to Orange County Agreement No. MA-060-25010178 between COUNTY and Everbridge, Inc.

"Countywide" shall mean all geographic locations in Orange County, California.

"Contact information" shall mean PARTICIPANT and public contact data stored in the System for the purpose of disseminating communication in accordance with this MOU and its Attachments.

"Confidential Information" shall include but not be limited to personal identifying information about an individual such as address, phone number, Social Security number, or any other identifier protected from disclosure by law, and/or any other information otherwise protected from disclosure by law, for example, the identity of a victim of a sex crime or a juvenile.

"Emergency" shall include, but not be limited to, instances of fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riots, or disease that threaten the safety and welfare of the citizens and property located within the boundaries of the COUNTY and PARTICIPANTS' respective jurisdictions.

"Emergency information" shall mean information relevant to the safety and welfare of recipients in the event of an Emergency. Such information shall include but not be limited to instructions and directions to alleviate or avoid the impact of an emergency.

"Emergency notification situation" shall mean instances when emergency information is to be distributed through the System.

"Individual User" shall mean an agent, officer, employee or representative of PARTICIPANT that has been granted access to the System as set forth in this MOU.

"Non-emergency information" shall refer to information that is not relevant to the safety and welfare of recipients but has been deemed to be of significant importance to a PARTICIPANT's jurisdiction to justify the use of the System to distribute such information.

"Non-emergency notification situation" shall mean instances when a PARTICIPANT deems non-emergency information to be of significance to a PARTICIPANT'S jurisdiction and the PARTICIPANT uses the System to distribute such information.

"System" shall mean the Public Mass Notification System as provided by Everbridge, Inc. to COUNTY under the Agreement. The System is designed to disseminate information by utilizing common communications, i.e. telephone and e-mail communications to community members and businesses as permitted under the Agreement.

- Hold Harmless: PARTICIPANT will defend, indemnify and save harmless COUNTY, II. its elected officials, officers, agents, employees, volunteers and those special districts and agencies which COUNTY's Board of Supervisors acts as the governing Board ("COUNTY INDEMNITEES") from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, expenses or liabilities of any kind or nature which COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees or volunteers may sustain or incur or which may be imposed upon them for injury to or death of persons, or damages to property as a result of, or arising out of the acts, errors or omissions of PARTICIPANT, its officers, agents, employees, subtenants, invitees, licensees, or contracted vendors. COUNTY will defend, indemnify and save harmless PARTICIPANT, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, expenses or liabilities of any kind or nature which PARTICIPANT, its officers, agents, employees or volunteers may sustain or incur or which may be imposed upon them for injury to or death of persons, or damages to property as a result of, or arising out of the acts, errors or omissions of COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, subtenants, invitees, licensees, or contracted vendors.
- III. Term: This MOU shall be in effect from December 30, 2024, and shall expire on December 30, 2029 unless COUNTY funding of the System becomes unavailable at which time PARTICIPANTS will be given six-month advance notice per the termination terms found in Paragraph VIII. Termination, below.
- IV. Scope of Services: PARTICIPANTS shall receive from COUNTY access to the same services being provided by Everbridge, Inc. to the COUNTY under the Agreement. COUNTY's involvement in this MOU is limited only to extending the availability of the terms and conditions of the Agreement to the PARTICIPANTS.
- V. Use: Use of the System and its data, including but not limited to contact information, is governed by the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in the terms provided in Attachment A, B, and C. All PARTICIPANTS agree to the terms and conditions contained in Attachments A, B, and C. COUNTY retains the right to update Attachments A, B, and C as needed, in whole or in part, during the life of this MOU. Any and all revised Attachments will be distributed to PARTICIPANTS within five business days of the revision date and shall be incorporated into this MOU. Such modifications to the Attachments shall not be deemed an amendment for the purposes of Paragraph IX. Amendments, below.

PARTICIPANT, including each of its agents, officers, employees, and representatives who are given access to the System, agrees to abide by the individual terms of each agreement and the additional conditions incorporated herein. Breach of use may result in individual user or PARTICIPANT access account termination.

PARTICIPANT agrees to require each Individual User to execute an Individual User Agreement (Attachment C) regarding their obligations to maintain the confidentiality of login and password information; ensure that they will use the System in accordance with

all applicable laws and regulations, including those relating to use of personal information; that they may be responsible for any breach of the terms of the Agreement with Everbridge and/or this MOU; and the confidentiality provisions of this MOU. PARTICIPANT further agrees to provide a copy of the signed Individual User Agreement to COUNTY and notify COUNTY, in writing, if an individual user withdraws their consent to the Individual User Agreement at anytime during the term of this MOU. PARTICIPANT further agrees the COUNTY may update the Individual User Agreement and require a copy of the updated signed Individual User Agreement to the COUNTY.

The scope of services under the Agreement is limited to using the System to distribute business communication to PARTICIPANT inter-departmental resources and/or emergency information to the public in emergency notification situations.

All PARTICIPANTS have read and accept the terms and conditions found in COUNTY's "Countywide Public Mass Notification System Policy and Guideline (October 15, 2024)," attached hereto as Attachment B.

VI. Notice: Any notice or notices required or permitted to be given pursuant to this MOU shall be submitted in writing and delivered in person, via electronic mail or via United States mail as follows:

COUNTY:

County of Orange – Sheriff-Coroner Department Emergency Management Division Attn: Director of Emergency Management 2644 Santiago Canyon Road Silverado, CA 92676

PARTICIPANTS: Each PARTICIPANT shall provide to COUNTY a contact person and notice information upon entering into this MOU. Each PARTICIPANT shall notify COUNTY if there is an updated contact person.

Notice shall be considered tendered at the time it is received by the intended recipient.

- VII. Confidentiality: Each party agrees to maintain the confidentiality of confidential records and information to which they have access a result of their use of the System and pursuant to all statutory laws relating to privacy and confidentiality that currently exist or exist at any time during the term of this MOU. All information and use of the System shall be in compliance with California Public Utilities Code section 2872. No party shall post confidential information as part of a mass notification unless the law allows such information to be released.
- VIII. Termination: The COUNTY or any PARTICIPANT may terminate its participation in this MOU at any time for any reason whatsoever. If any PARTICIPANT chooses to terminate its participation in this MOU, the terminating PARTICIPANT shall provide written notification in accordance with Paragraph VI. Notice, above. Such notice shall be

delivered to the COUNTY 30 days prior to the determined termination date. A terminating PARTICIPANT shall uphold the obligations contained in Paragraph II. Hold Harmless, in its entirety and Paragraph VII. Confidentiality, above. Upon termination, PARTICIPANT agrees to inform each PARTICIPANT user to stop using the System and to relinquish all System access, user accounts, passwords and non-PARTICIPANT data to COUNTY immediately. PARTICIPANT may choose to delete and/or export non-public PARTICIPANT (aka inter-departmental) owned contact information, as well as export resident provided contact information prior to termination. Resident provided contact information acquired through PARTICIPANT sources shall remain in the System and available to the County for regional or multi-jurisdictional notification use as needed.

Should COUNTY discontinue its funding for the System, which shall be grounds for COUNTY's termination of its participation, COUNTY shall give PARTICIPANTS one month advance courtesy notice prior to terminating the Agreement. All other reasons for terminating by COUNTY shall be valid upon providing notice to the PARTICIPANTS. Upon termination by COUNTY, this MOU shall no longer be in effect.

Termination by a PARTICIPANT shall not be deemed an amendment to this MOU as defined in Paragraph IX. Amendments, below.

IX. Amendments: This MOU may be amended only by mutual written consent of the parties involved unless otherwise provided for in this MOU. The modifications shall have no force and effect unless such modifications are in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each party. Termination by a PARTICIPANT or adding a new PARTICIPANT to this MOU shall not be deemed an amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates opposite the signatures.

COUNTY O	OF ORANGE		
By:	Don Barnes, Sheriff-Coroner	Date: 12/13/202	4
	County of Orange		
By:	Wendy Phillips	Date: 10/23/2024	
	Wendy Philings, County Counsel		
	County of Orange		
PARTICIPA	NT: El Toro Water District		
By:		Date: May 9, 2025	
,	Authorized Signature		
	Dennis P. Cafferty, General Manager		
	Print Name and Title		



County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Countywide Public Mass Notification System Operating Guidelines

2. County User

The County will have two levels of users: Alert & Warning Users and Agency Users. Both Alert and Warning Users and Agency Users are responsible for obtaining Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) software and will require MFA software to be functional for access to the System.

Alert & Warning Users

Orange County Sheriff's Department Emergency Communication Bureau (9-1-1 dispatch), Control One and Emergency Management Division personnel will be setup as Alert & Warning Users. Alert & Warning Users will have permission to access and launch emergency notifications to all jurisdictions within Orange County consistent with the County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Alert and Warning Plan.

Alert and Warning users should perform monthly tests including:

- 1. Logging into AlertOC
- 2. Sending a test message to one or more contacts
- 3. Checking message receipt to ensure message was delivered

A Jurisdiction that contracts with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for police services authorizes the OCSD-Control One, OCSD-Dispatch, or OCSD-EMD personnel to launch on their behalf if requested by contracted field personnel in order to launch messages in a timely manner. These jurisdictions can also launch on their own behalf.

Agency User

Agency Users will have permission to execute inter-department notifications. Unincorporated areas of Orange County will have emergency messaging to the public launched by the Orange County Sheriff's Department. All other County Agencies may have access to use the System for interdepartmental use. Each participating Agency shall develop and maintain written procedures to identify and address the Agency's specific use of the System within the scope of this policy guide and provide this guideline to the Orange County Sheriff's Department Emergency Management Division. Each participating County agency shall maintain a level of training for their users consistent with the County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Alert and Warning Plan.

B. Jurisdictions

Jurisdictions wishing to participate may do so by having an authoritative representative sign the "Orange County Public Mass Notification System" MOU. Upon signing the MOU, the Jurisdiction will identify a Local Administrator. The Local Administrator completed specified training and certifications before being provided with an account. Throughout the term of the MOU, the Jurisdiction may use the System to send an unlimited number of emergency notifications to the public as well as an unlimited number of emergency and non-emergency inter-department messages. Each participating Jurisdiction shall develop and maintain written procedures to identify and address the Jurisdiction's specific use of the System within the scope of this guideline. Each participating Jurisdiction shall maintain a level of training



County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Countywide Public Mass Notification System Operating Guidelines

for their users consistent with the County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Alert and Warning Plan.

1. Local Administrator

Participating Jurisdictions agree to appoint a designated Local Administrator responsible for leading, coordinating, monitoring and optimizing use of the System at the local level. Local Administrator shall act as the Jurisdiction's central point of contact and will work collaboratively with the County Administrator to ensure local use of the system is within MOU and Operating Guidelines.

Local Administrator is responsible for:

- 1. Contract acquisition if Agency will use the system for non-emergency purposes.
- 2. Local Agency Mass Notification Operating Procedure development and management.
- 3. Use compliance: routine monitoring to ensure System is used within the conditions and terms of this document and associated MOU.
- 4. Access management: Local User account distribution and management, including an annual audit of accounts; annual attestation that all Local Administrators and Local Users are authorized to continue accessing the system. Record management of MOU(s) and signed Local User certifications.
- 5. Testing: facilitate routine local System test exercise, document local test results and recommend and execute, as needed, corrective action at the local level.
- 6. User Testing: verify and document Local Users with Alert and Warning responsibilities are performing monthly tests.
- 7. Public education campaign: initiate and facilitate public education campaign aimed at making the local community aware of the intended use of the System and individual registration web portal.
- 8. System support: provide support to Local Users.
- 9. Providing logins and procedural training to key individuals within their Agency responsible for using the System.
- 10. Exclusion Lists: provide annually a review of the exclusion list for businesses, phone numbers, and organizations in the Participating Jurisdiction.
- 11. Training: ensuring Local Users complete security awareness training that covers at a minimum the following areas: proper protection, handling, dissemination, and destruction of confidential information (CI); threats, vulnerabilities, and risks associated with handling of CI; social engineering; system responsibilities and expected behavior; account usage and management including password creation, protection, and frequency of changes; system usage allowed vs. prohibited; incident response; physical security; email protection phishing threats and business account compromise
- 12. Incident Response: Local Administrator is responsible to immediately notify OCSD of any incidents that could lead to the unauthorized or accidental use, modification, disclosure, or destruction of any information contained within the system.

2. Local User:



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Participating Jurisdictions may have an unlimited number of Local Users. Local Users will have access to community member contact records within their Jurisdiction or Service District. Local Users will be authorized and managed by the Local Administrator and may have varied system permissions. For Water Retail Water Agencies, Local Users may use the System to send emergency notifications to the public by using preestablished GIS shape files or the system's interactive map feature to identify their water users.

Local Users are responsible for obtaining Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) software and will require MFA software to be functional for access to the System.

If a local user has access to send Alert and Warning messaging to the public then the local user should perform monthly tests including:

- 1. Logging into AlertOC
- 2. Sending a test message to one or more contacts (this can be the Alert and Warning User)
- 3. Checking message receipt to ensure message was delivered



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VII. AUTHORIZED USE

A. Emergency Public Notifications

Legal restrictions exist related to issuing different types of messages through the System. All Users are required to know and understand these restrictions. The Form in Attachment B delineates the requirements for each type of message.

As a general principle, the System is to be used when the public is being asked to take some action (e.g. evacuate, prepare to evacuate, shelter in place, boil tap water before drinking, local assistance centers and other follow up information, re-entry to an area after evacuation orders have been lifted or termination of the emergency because the danger has passed).

Use of the System for emergency activity contains two components: (1) the need to disseminate critical, safety-related information to individuals regarding emergency events occurring now, follow up information regarding the event and termination of the emergency event, and (2) communicating with safety-responder staff, volunteers and involved parties about the emergency event.

Emergency Public Notifications are limited to:

- 1. Imminent or perceived threat to life or property
- 2. Disaster notifications
- 3. Evacuation notices
- 4. Public health emergencies
- 5. Public safety emergencies
- 6. Any notification to provide emergency information to a defined community

The following criteria should be used to assist with determining the need to issue an alert:

- 1. Severity. Is there a significant threat to public life and safety?
- 2. Public Protection. Is there a need for members of the public to take a protective action in order to reduce loss of life or substantial loss of property?
- 3. Warning. Will providing warning information assist members of the public in making the decision to take proper and prudent action?
- 4. Timing. Does the situation require immediate public knowledge in order to avoid adverse impact?
- 5. Geographical area. Is the situation limited to a defined geographical area? Is that area of a size that will allow for an effective use of the system, given the outgoing call capacity?
- 6. Are other means of disseminating the information inadequate to ensure proper and time delivery of the information?
- 7. Is the message being sent follow up information to an emergency event in progress?

If the answer to ALL of these questions is "Yes", then an activation of the System for emergency purposes may be warranted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT May 2025

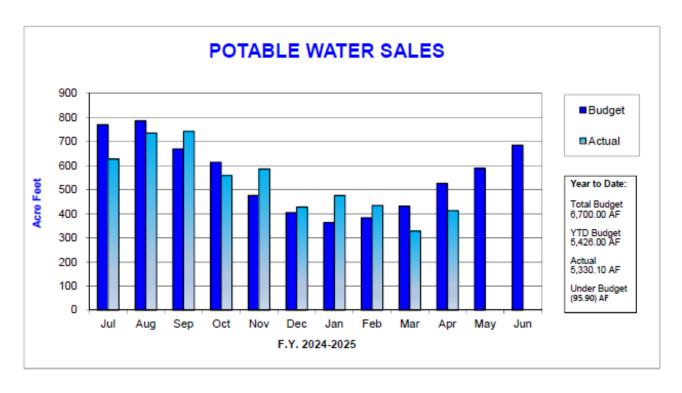
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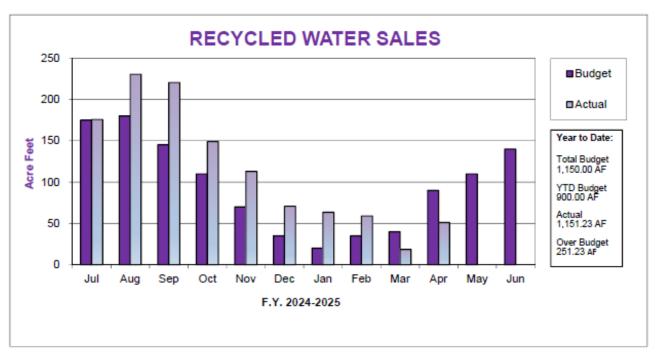
- MWDOC Board Meeting
- MWDOC P&O and A&F Committee Meetings
- MWDOC / MET Directors Workshop
- SOCWA Finance Committee Meetings
- SOCWA Board Meeting
- ACWA Conference
- Community Advisory Group Meeting
- Meeting with ERISA (Retirement Plan) Counsel
- Meeting with SOCWA and SMWD General Managers
- Ergonomics Training
- Microplastics Webinar
- EPA Biosolids Risk Assessment Webinar
- Meeting with GHD Engineering
- ETWD President / Vice President / GM Meeting
- Meetings with Raftelis
- Meeting with SCE
- Meeting with Empower
- Meeting with PFM Asset Management
- Terra Verde Energy Efficiency RFP Kickoff Meeting
- Strategic Plan Staff Kickoff Meeting
- ETWD Risk & Resilience Assessment Workshops
- ETWD RRC Meeting
- ETWD Agenda Review Meeting
- ETWD Regular Engineering & Finance Committee Meetings
- ETWD Regular Board Meeting

II. DOMESTIC AND RECYCLED WATER SALES

Actual domestic sales for the year-to-date as of April 30, 2025 are 5,330.10 acrefeet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted domestic sales of 5,426.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects a decrease of 95.90 acre-feet. Actual sales are 590.43 acre-feet higher than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

Actual recycled sales for the year-to-date as of April 30, 2025 are 1,151.23 acrefeet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted recycled sales of 900.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 251.23 acre-feet. Actual sales are 252.48 acre-feet higher than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.





Customer Service Activity Report

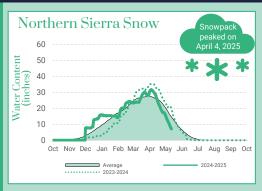
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Billing Dept.)		12	Processed	5	6
• . ,			Ordinance Infraction / Water Waste		
	22	40	Complaints	3	0
Cust Leaks: 10 No Leaks: 12					
heck Stopped Slowed Meters-Low					
onsumption (Billing)	6	17	Outside Utility Districts	43	43
. , ,			Phone calls Transfer to other		
e-Check Read	11	13	Departments within ETWD	61	54
rdinance Infraction	0	0	Phone calls for the Board of Directors	2	0
ecycled Water	0	0	Recycled Water	1	0
/ater Quality: Taste / Odor / Color	4	5	Water Quality Taste - Odor - Color	4	7
hone response: _4 Field response: 0_	4	5	Leaks / Breaks		
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looding (Hydrant) Meters issued	1	0			6
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eter Box: Lids / Covers Replaced	21	28	D1 (1 / O O / / /		
eter Box Clean, Digout			Backflow / Cross Connection (questions	_	
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	0	4	Stations/Graffiti/ "Gen. Maint"	1	3
rim Bushes / Meter Obstruction	7	37			
General Maintenance Response			Tyco (ADT) Calls		
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ire Hydrants: Hit / Leaks / Caps	2	0	ATT Calls (access to tower sites)	0	0
ressure(psi) Checks / Reads	3	1	SCE Calls (access to tower sites)	0	4
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	45	43	(automatic courtesy dialer)	0	36
			Return Calls from customers left on our		
MCOP: Old Meter Change - Out Program	4	2	voice mail system. Ext 500	9	12
other: (uncommon non-maintenance calls)	3	7	Email Correspondence:	34	44
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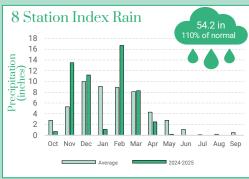
Uncollectible Accounts:		Credit Card Payments		APR 2025		APR 2024
Budget YTD	\$ 16,250.00 \$ 14,166.70	REGULAR	2,424	\$468,307.34	1,416	\$234,011.88
Actual YTD	\$ (247.00) \$ (301.00)					

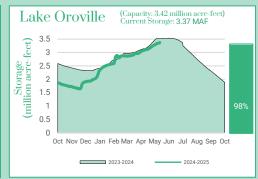


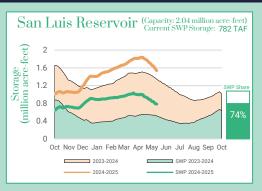
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Water Supply Conditions Report (WSCR)

Water Year 2024-2025 As of: 05/12/2025

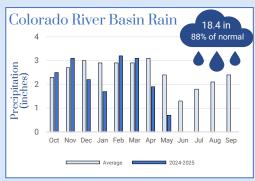


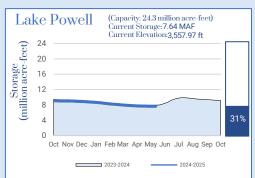


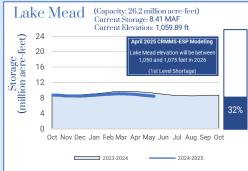


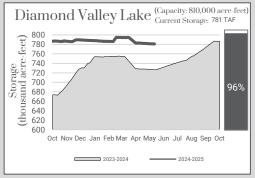


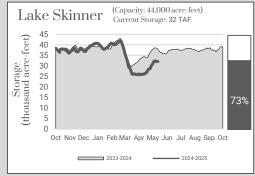


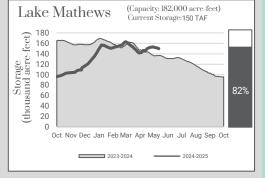


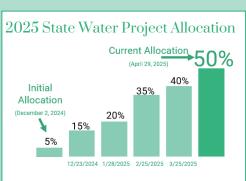












This report contains information from various federal, state, and local agencies.

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 MAY 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.	4/28/2024	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Whoop Axe Water Service Upgrade	Upgrade of existing water service.	4/23/2025	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Central Utilities Plant 24451 Health Center Drive	Additional domestic and fire services for a medical central utility plant.	12/20/2024	Construction	\$ 21,856
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	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Laguna Woods Shell and Carwash	Removal of a DCDA and installation of a Blow Off Appurtenance	3/20/2025	Construction	-
Casa De Empanada	Conversion of a vacuum repair into a restaurant	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23370 Moulton Pkwy Sewer Improvements	Modifications to the sewer lateral	5/8/2025	Plan Check	-
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
American Tigers Taekwondo	Addition of a backflow device on a shared meter	Forthcoming	Planning	-
23642 Dune Mear ADU	Addition of a 3/4" service	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated



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

From: Natural Resource Results

RE: Monthly Board Report – May 2025

Federal Agency Staffing

Agency staffing continues to dominate headlines even though final Reduction in Force (RIF) plans have not been made public. As an example, there have been reports of up to 900 staff departing in Region 8 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. While we don't have final headcounts yet, we expect that all the Department of the Interior's agencies will take haircuts.

Appropriations

President Trump is expected to submit his FY26 budget request to Congress on May 13th. We expect the budget to propose significant cuts – upwards of 40% for EPA, for example – and really focus on "core missions" for agencies. While the House will likely support most of these cuts, Senate Democrats will not which will inevitably set up another showdown over government funding.

Cabinet Nominations

Andrea Travnicek, President Trump's nominee to be the Assistant Secretary of Water and Science, had her confirmation hearing in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday April 30th. Ms. Travnicek previously held this role in an acting capacity during the first Trump Administration and has been a Senior Advisor to Governor Burgum prior to his nomination. We expect her to receive bipartisan support.

Still quiet on the Commissioner front...hopefully the fact that Ms. Travnicek's nomination is moving through the process means we will have a nominee for Commissioner soon.

Budget Reconciliation

The budget reconciliation process continues in both the House and the Senate. As a reminder, the reconciliation process allows for fast tracking of legislation by a simple majority instead of the usual 60 vote threshold in the Senate. This means that Republicans can advance legislation on a party line vote.

In the House, committees will begin marking up their sections of the reconciliation package in the coming weeks. The CA GOP is pushing to including full funding for the Shasta Raise and would specify that funding as non-reimbursable.

Proposed ESA Rule Change

The Trump administration plans to modify habitat protections for endangered and threatened species. At issue is a long-standing definition of "harm" in the Endangered Species Act, which has included altering or destroying the places those species live. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service said in a proposed rule issued Wednesday that habitat modification should not be considered harm because it is not the same as intentionally targeting a species, called "take." Environmentalists argue that the definition of "take," though, has always included actions that harm species, and the definition of "harm" has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.



To:	MWDOC WOrkshop
From:	Syrus Devers
Date:	May 7th, 2025
Re:	State Legislative Report

Legislative Report

By the date of the Workshop the policy committees will have come through one of the three busiest times of the year. By May 2nd, all fiscal bills, which are over 80% of all bills, had to be voted out of all policy committees and be in the respective Appropriations Committees. Non fiscal bills got an extra week. After that, fiscal bills must clear the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees by May 23rd. Every bill must then clear the floor of its house of origin by June 6th.

SB 601 (Allen): As covered in this report last month, SB 601, which is on the Workshop's Agenda, may be the most complex bill in the Legislature outside of the budget. The bill passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on a party line vote on April 7th, and is set to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee the day after this report was prepared on the 28th. Given that Senator Allen sits on the committee, opponents have no realistic expectation of stopping the bill in the Senate.

Bills of Interest.

MWDOC supported **SB 496 (Hurtado)** which would clarify exemptions for Advanced Clean Fleet waiver requests, and provide a review process in the event of a denial. The bill passed out of Senate Transportation with a unanimous vote and awaits a hearing date in Senate Appropriations.

MWDOC also supports **SB 72 (Caballero)**, which is a reintroduction of the "Solve the Water Crisis" bill from last year. Redubbed "Water for All", the bill seeks to modify the California Water Plan to include discrete water supply goals and a process to meet them. The bill passed unanimously out of Senate Natural Resources & Water. Senator Caballero, who chairs the Appropriations Committee, then sent her own bill to the Suspense file on the 28th.

Two other bills on which MWDOC has a position will be in committee the week after this report was prepared. AB 514 (Petrie-Norris), which defines emergency water supplies, will be heard on April 29th, as well as AB 580 (Wallis), which is sponsored by MWD and removes the sunset on their inspection authority under SMARA. SDA will report on the outcomes of the hearings during oral presentation.

Although MWDOC did not take a position on AB 523 (Irwin), it was set for a hearing on the 29th in Assembly Local Government. This bill was amended to allow MWD agencies with one board member to appoint a proxy. The Local Government Committee required the bill to be further amended to limit the number of times a proxy can be used to six times in one year, and to limit proxies to board meetings,

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which is to say no proxies can sit on committees. With those amendments the bill is expected to pass without opposition.

Administrative Report

The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) received a legal setback when the Superior Court refused to lift an injunction on geotechnical work needed to design the tunnel. Opponents of the DCP successfully argued last year that the geotechnical work amounted to "implementation" of the DCP, which is prohibited until the Department of Water Resources (DWR) shows that the DCP complies with the Delta Reform Act. DWR unsuccessfully tried to argue that the geotechnical work was not covered under the Act.

ACKERMAN CONSULTING Item No. 2c

Legal and Regulatory

May 7, 2025

- 1. **Court Case:** The California Appellate court made an important decision earlier last month. Some non-governmental environmental organizations had sued Bakersfield to modify Kern River flows. They were trying to enforce a state Fish and Game code which required water flow for fish to keep them in "good condition". A prior court had ruled in favor of the NGO's. The appellate court stated that the Constitution must be adhered to and reaffirmed "unreasonable or non-beneficial uses of water are never permitted under the Constitution, even if a statute would otherwise require it." In other words, the beneficial use requirement must be considered by all courts when deciding water use in the future. This case will likely have significance in future water decisions.
- 2. **More Algae Blooms:** Toxic algae blooms have been occurring more frequently off the Southern California coast for the past several months. For the fourth year in a row, these blooms have created large die offs of marine mammals. Domoic acid, which is a potent neurotoxin produced by the algae, has been known to impact marine mammals for years. The impact has been most severe on sea lions, who have become disoriented, foam at the mouth, have seizures, and have recently attacked a surfer off Ventura County. It has been recently diagnosed as the reason the minke whale died in Long Beach Harbor. This acid condition is a naturally occurring situation due to changing water temperatures. It is also suspected that organic runoff from storms and fertilizer could worsen this situation.
- 3. More PFAS Progress: As we have recently noticed, more and more solutions are coming up for the PFAS condition. Rice University has come up with another one. Their process is called flash joule heating which changes carbon into graphene. The carbon is saturated with PFAS and subjected to high voltage temperatures exceeding 3000° Celsius (over 5000 F) in under one second. This breaks down the PFAS into non-toxic salts and is 96% efficient and effective. This method is being looked at beyond forever chemicals and for other water treatment and waste management applications. The key, as with other new ideas, is the cost and whether it is commercially viable.
- 4. **Plants Improve Soil:** The Helmholtz Center in Germany is studying plants which can remove pollutants from soil. This study looks at cover plants which have the ability to remove nitrate, salts, metals, pesticides, plastics and other antibiotic genes from the soil. Cover plants are generally planted between main crops and are sometimes used for animal feed. Rye and sunflower plants are probably the best known two. These plants are very good at taking nitrate from the soil. This study will determine which plants are best for which products and the commercial viability of each. Plants that are used to remove metals will probably not be used for animal feed.
- 5. **Solar over Canals:** Project Nexus is currently in use in Merced County. Panels are covering various canals in the Turlock Irrigation District. Not only do they generate electricity, but they conserve the state's water supply by

reducing evaporation. The project covers about 1400 linear feet and is in two different locations based on the relationship to the sun. The project is a joint effort between the Turlock Irrigation District, a private company, UC Merced, and the California Department of Water Resources. The net impact of this project could have large repercussions for the 4000 miles of California's canal system. Not all our canals will be able to use this system due to size restraints, geography, and other issues. Cornell University is studying some of the negative impacts of the use of solar on small ponds or lakes. This concept can create significant greenhouse gas emissions which would negate the positive impacts.

- 6. **Snowpack Trifecta:** For the third straight year, California has had near average or above average snowfall. This has not happened in over 25 years. This follows the States 3 driest years on record from 2020 through 2022. Our major reservoirs are at or above average levels and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has a record amount of water in storage. In addition, the Trump administration has issued orders to maximize pumping through federal facilities.
- 7. **More Water Devices:** Cornell has developed a hybrid solar distillation water electrolysis device. This device uses solar power and seawater to produce hydrogen and potable water. Devices like this are in production today, but most of them have a very low efficiency rate. The major improvement is the use of a capillary wick, which traps the water into a thin film to come in direct contact with the solar panel. Other devices attempt to heat a large volume of water at the same time. This device uses its superheat on a very small volume of water. The production of hydrogen as a byproduct is a value added to the project. The initial target for this product is third-world areas, but it does have the possibility of larger use.
- 8. **Utah Bans Fluoride:** Many states, including North Dakota, Tennessee, Montana, and Florida are considering bans on fluoride in public water and other additives. Utah becomes the first state to pass a blanket ban on fluoride in their water supply. This law will take effect May 7th of this year. Prior to passage of this new law, Utah had already restricted fluoride from approximately half of the water supply in the entire state. The governor indicated that the results of this experience have shown little difference in the outcome. Fluoride has been part of the United States water supply since 1945. The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Dental Association and the CDC still endorse the addition of fluoride to help prevent cavities. The current Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert F Kennedy Junior, has expressed skepticism on the value of fluoridation.
- 9. **More Invasive Species:** Last October, in the deep-water port of Stockton, a new invasive species was discovered, the golden mussel. It is already attaching itself to buoys and other monitoring equipment in the Delta. They have the possibility to clog pipes and impede water flow throughout California. The golden mussels are from China and Southeast Asia and were first identified outside their native range in South America in the 1990s. They probably got to California traveling by ship from an international port. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified them as an urgent invasive species threat. The department is currently proposing a plan to be implemented at the state, regional and local levels which will require immediate action. State parks and boating facility operators are already required to put restrictions in place to deter the golden mussels.
- 10. **Breathtaking Waterfall:** What does Dunsmuir, California have that no one else does? Mossbrae Falls. A little over 200 miles north of Sacramento lies Dunsmuir, California. This city is home to one of the more breathtaking and

amazing waterfalls in the United States. From the glaciers on Mount Shasta slopes via lava tubes, mossy cliffs and the natural terrain, water empties into the Sacramento River. This spiritual picture, enhanced by mist and rainbows, attracts people from all around. The problem in seeing the falls is that all the surrounding property is private and there is no public access. Over 30,000 people view the magnificent falls every year, but they must hike in a mile and trespass over private property. They also have to cross an active railroad. The falls are considered sacred by surrounding native tribes and the current owner does not want to allow access due to their religious beliefs. The railroad also has concerns due to safety issues because a number of people has been killed on the track trying to see the falls. However, the city believes that progress is being made into allowing public access. Stay tuned.

- 11. **Delta Wetlands Restoration:** Staten Island, which is in the heart of the California Delta region, is owned by The Nature Conservancy. The island is approximately 200,000 acres in size, and it has deeply subsided. One end of the island is 10 feet below sea level and its southern end is even deeper. The Conservancy's goal is to stop the soil loss and greenhouse gas emission on the island and attempt to return it to its original state. Over 1/2 of the island's peat is gone and the losses are continuing. The average subsidence is 1 1/2 inches per year. One of the solutions to stop the subsidence is to get the soil wet again to contain the microbes. Four thousand acres of the island have been converted from corn to rice fields. When the fields are flooded, this stops the peat loss and the carbon emissions. Ducks Unlimited has been helping in the effort to conserve water birds and their habitats. The goal is to produce an appropriate mix of semi-permanent wetlands and seasonal wetlands. The project is in the planning stage and they hope to begin construction in mid-2026.
- 12. **Better Filters:** Three universities in England are attempting to produce a better filter by looking at how our own bodies clean our systems. Human kidneys use proteins called aquaporins to help cells keep salt in proper balance in our body. The process uses artificial channels filled with fluorine and other hydrocarbons which together create a greasy layer. The seawater or other contaminated water is run through the channels and the salt is extracted by osmosis. This is similar to how our kidneys keep our bodies in balance. This is another example of how water experts are trying to use natural processes like our body to keep our water clean.





May 7, 2025

TO: MWDOC Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Whittingham

SUBJECT: May 2025 Report

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

- The Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OCLAFCO) named Luis Tapia as Interim Executive Officer in the wake of Carolyn Emery's retirement. Mr. Tapia has been part of OCLAFCO staff for the past ten years.
- The Anaheim Chamber of Commerce, which first opened its doors in 1895, had announced mid-April that it would be officially terminating its operations at the end of the month. However, a new interim President & CEO, along with new leadership of the Board of Directors, have been identified to enable the Chamber to continue its business advocacy in the city while discontinuing any political activity or fundraising. The changes come roughly three years after the Chamber's former CEO pleaded guilty to federal criminal charges.
- The Huntington Beach City Council voted unanimously to appoint chef and television personality Andrew Gruel to fill the Council vacancy created by the departure of Tony Strickland, who was elected to the state Senate in a special election on February 25.
- Public relations consultant Betty Martinez-Franco has been elected to the Irvine City Council to represent the 5th Council District, which had been vacant since Councilmember Larry Agran was elected Mayor last November. Councilmember-elect Martinez-Franco, who will be sworn-in May 13, bested two other candidates, including former Councilmember Anthony Kuo, who had served on Council from 2018-2022.
- The County of Orange has deferred for a year proposed increases to waste disposal rates at County landfills after cities and sanitary districts strongly opposed raising "tipping" fees by more than 92%. While hikes were initially set to

hit this year, city leaders and the county agreed to a new, one-year extension with just a 2.6% increase that would give them until June 2026 to work out a long-term plan. City councils across the county still have to approve that plan, with many expected to discuss it over the next few weeks.

- Conal McNamara, who had served as La Palma City Manager since April 2020, was selected to serve as the new City Manager in the City of Whittier. McNamara had been Community Development Director in Whittier prior to taking the La Palma post. In addition to La Palma, the cities of Orange and Placentia are also currently in the process of identifying and selecting a new City Manager.
- The Fullerton City Council voted 4-1 to switch from contracted ambulance services to an in-house program, beginning next spring. The Council also voted to spend up to \$1,652,000 on new ambulances and roughly \$535,000 on gurneys and other equipment for the program. City officials believe they will save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually; last year, City staff projected a \$20 million deficit in 2027.

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

Sincerely,

Peter Whittingham

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MWDOC Workshop

Prepared by SDA Government Relations Wednesday, 04/30/2025

Priority: A. High

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

Calendar: 05/01/25 #48 A-THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS

Location: 04/22/2025 - Assembly THIRD READING

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. 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 extend the alternative teleconferencing procedures until January 1, 2030. (Based on 04/21/2025 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

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Support - March 5th Workshop

AB 514 (Petrie-Norris, D) Water: emergency water supplies.

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

Summary: Would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies by both local and regional water suppliers, as defined, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided. (Based on 04/03/2025 text)

Position	Priority
Support	A. High

Support taken at April Workshop

AB 523 (Irwin, D) Metropolitan water districts: proxy vote authorizations.

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

Chair

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. This bill would authorize a representative of a member public agency that is entitled to designate or appoint only one representative to the board of directors to assign a proxy vote authorization to a representative of another member public agency to be exercised when the assigning representative is unable to attend a meeting or meetings of the board, as provided. The bill would require the proxy vote authorization to be memorialized by a written instrument, as specified, and would limit a proxy vote authorization's effectiveness to one week. The bill would prohibit a proxy vote authorization from authorizing the assumption of the assigning representative's officer position at the designated meeting and would prohibit a representative from assigning more than 6 proxy vote authorizations in a year. (Based on 04/22/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Calendar: 04/30/25 A-UTILITIES AND ENERGY Upon adjournment of Communications and Conveyance Committee - State Capitol, Room 437 PETRIE-NORRIS, COTTIE, Chair

Location: 04/29/2025 - Assembly Utilities and Energy

Summary: 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 Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. 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 to provide water rate assistance to residential ratepayers of covered water systems, and urban retail water suppliers with a service area that is made up of at least 50% disadvantaged communities, as measured by population, as specified. (Based on 04/22/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

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 extend the operation of those provisions until January 1, 2051. (Based on 03/26/2025 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

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Support - March 5th Workshop

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

Calendar: 04/30/25 S-ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 113 BLAKESPEAR,

CATHERINE, Chair

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 04/21/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Location: 04/28/2025 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the 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 all beneficial uses, including, but not limited to, urban uses, agricultural uses, tribal uses, and the environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things. The bill would require the plan to include specified components, including a discussion of the estimated costs, benefits, and impacts of any project type or action that is recommended by the department within the plan that could help achieve the water supply targets. (Based on 04/10/2025 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

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Support position taken on 2/5

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

Calendar: 05/05/25 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CABALLERO, ANNA,

Chair

Location: 04/21/2025 - Senate Appropriations

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 residential 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, at the request of the state board, 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. The bill would make the implementation of all of these provisions contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature. (Based on 04/24/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Calendar: 05/01/25 #61 S-SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

Location: 04/22/2025 - Senate THIRD READING

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	Priority
support	A. High

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Support - March 5th Workshop

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

Calendar: 05/05/25 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CABALLERO, ANNA,

Chair

Location: 04/22/2025 - Senate Appropriations

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources 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. Pursuant to its authority, the state board has adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, which imposes various requirements for transitioning local, state, and federal government fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, other high-priority fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, and drayage trucks to zero-emission vehicles. The Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation authorizes entities subject to the regulation to apply for exemptions from its requirements under certain circumstances. 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. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)

Position		Priority	
support		A. High	
	Notes - Proposed support - April agenda		
		Priority: B. Watch	

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

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

Chair

Location: 04/08/2025 - Assembly Local Government

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 a data center operating within its jurisdiction, as a condition for obtaining or renewing a business license, to meet efficiency standards, as determined by the local jurisdiction, as provided. By imposing additional duties on cities and counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 04/10/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

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	Priority	
B. Watch	B. Watch	

AB 367 (Bennett, D) Water: County of Ventura: fire suppression.

Calendar: 04/30/25 A-UTILITIES AND ENERGY Upon adjournment of Communications and Conveyance

Committee - State Capitol, Room 437 PETRIE-NORRIS, COTTIE, Chair

Location: 04/08/2025 - Assembly Utilities and Energy

Summary: Would, beginning July 1, 2027, require a water supplier 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, as provided, in the County of Ventura to have a backup energy source with sufficient power to provide power within 30 minutes of loss of power and operate wells and pumps servicing the high or very high risk hazard severity zone at a capacity equal to the average daily demand for the water supplier for at least 24 hours. The bill would require the Ventura County Fire Department to annually inspect facilities that provide water, as specified. The bill would require a water supplier to take various actions, including alerting the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services within 3 business days of becoming aware that its water delivery capacity has been reduced due to equipment failure or maintenance. The bill would require, if any fire damages and makes uninhabitable more than 10 residential dwellings within the service area of a water supplier, a report be made by the water supplier that services the dwellings where the fire occurred and the Ventura County Fire Department, as specified. By levying new requirements on the Ventura County Fire Department, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. (Based on 04/21/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

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, within 180 days of the 2nd renewal, and any subsequent and consecutive renewal, of any nonfee emergency regulation or upon its repeal, to conduct a comprehensive economic study assessing the impacts of the regulation, as specified. The bill would require the board to make the study publicly available on its internet website no later than 30 days after completion. (Based on 04/21/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Location: 04/29/2025 - Assembly Appropriations

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	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Calendar: 04/30/25 A-UTILITIES AND ENERGY Upon adjournment of Communications and Conveyance

Committee - State Capitol, Room 437 PETRIE-NORRIS, COTTIE, Chair

Location: 04/08/2025 - Assembly Utilities and Energy

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. Current law authorizes a person proposing an energy storage system to file an application for certification with the commission in lieu of any permit, certificate, or similar document required by any state, local, or regional agency, or federal agency, as provided. This bill would require that those applications also contain emergency response and action plans, to be paid for by the applicant, that incorporate 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 04/22/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Location: 04/23/2025 - Assembly APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: The California Safe Drinking Water Act (state 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 monitoring requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of the federal regulation. The bill would prohibit maximum contaminant levels and compliance dates for maximum contaminant levels adopted as part of an emergency regulation from being more stringent than the maximum contaminant levels and compliance dates of a regulation promulgated pursuant to the federal act. (Based on 04/10/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Location: 04/23/2025 - Assembly Appropriations

Summary: Current 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. Current 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. Current law defines "local agency" for these purposes as a city, county, or city and county. This bill would recast these provisions by instead requiring a city, county, or city and county to comply with the above-described domain requirements and by deleting the term "local agency" from the above-described provisions. The bill would also require a special district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision to comply with similar domain requirements no later than January 1, 2031. (Based on 04/10/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Location: 04/29/2025 - Assembly Appropriations

Summary: 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. Current 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. (Based on 04/10/2025 text)

Position	Priority	
B. Watch	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.

Calendar: 05/05/25 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CABALLERO, ANNA, Chair

Location: 04/22/2025 - Senate Appropriations

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	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Location: 04/07/2025 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to gather and correlate information and data pertinent to an annual forecast of seasonal water crop. Current law also requires the department 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 require the department, 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 03/26/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Calendar: 05/06/25 S-JUDICIARY 1:30 p.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2100 UMBERG, THOMAS, Chair Location: 04/03/2025 - Senate Judiciary

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 each physical meeting location designated by the subsidiary body, as specified. 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 04/07/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Location: 04/02/2025 - Senate Judiciary

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 04/21/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

SB 614 (Stern, D) Carbon dioxide transport.

Calendar: 04/30/25 S-ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 113 BLAKESPEAR, CATHERINE, Chair

Location: 04/22/2025 - Senate Environmental Quality

Summary: Under the Elder California Pipeline Safety Act of 1981, the State Fire Marshal exercises safety regulatory jurisdiction over intrastate pipelines used for the transportation of hazardous or highly volatile liquid substances. The act imposes various requirements in relation to the regulation of these intrastate pipelines. A person who willfully and knowingly violates the act or a regulation adopted pursuant to the act is, upon conviction, subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both a fine and imprisonment, as provided. This bill would expand the regulation of intrastate pipelines under the act to intrastate pipelines used for the transportation of carbon dioxide by revising the definition of "pipeline" for purposes of the act to also include intrastate pipelines used for the transportation of carbon dioxide. The bill would require the State Fire Marshal, by April 1, 2026, to adopt regulations to regulate the transportation of carbon dioxide by a pipeline, with safety standards that, at a minimum, meet the standards proposed by certain draft federal regulations proposed by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The bill would require the regulations to require a project applicant to demonstrate that the transportation of carbon dioxide in a pipeline complies with certain state laws. The bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal to require additional safety standards, as specified. (Based on 04/23/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	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	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

Priority: 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	Priority
B. Watch	spot bill

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

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	Priority
B. Watch	spot bill

Total Measures: 27 Total Tracking Forms: 27

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Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 259 B. Rubio (D – West Covina) Sponsors: California Special Districts Association, Three Valleys Municipal Water District	Introduced Assembly Local Government Committee	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. This bill eliminates the sunset on provisions added to the Brown Act by AB 2449, a bill that provided additional flexibility with Brown Act meeting procedures in the event of a board member's physical absence in connection with a "just cause" or "emergency circumstances," allowing those members to participate in the meeting remotely consistent with the process detailed in the bill.	Support Based on Board Action from April 2021	By removing the sunset on the Brown Act provisions, AB 259 preserves flexibility for Metropolitan and Member Agency board members to meet remotely and continue providing the public with essential services.
AB 532 R. Ransom (D – Stockton) Sponsor: California Municipal Utilities Association	Introduced Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee	Water rate assistance program This bill seeks to revamp the State's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide water rate assistance to ratepayers of water systems with under 3,000 connections, or systems serving disadvantaged communities. The bill also would expressly allow urban retail water suppliers to establish a local low-income rate assistance (LIRA) program using voluntary contributions or other non-ratepayer funds.	Support Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles, adopted December 2024	This bill would provide clarity in existing law to ensure that water agencies are able to establish local LIRA programs without fear of legal consequences given the provisions of Prop 218. The bill would also establish a path to revamp the LIHWAP program to ensure statewide resources are provided for small and disadvantaged communities.

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Effects on Metropolitan	Ensuring Metropolitan can continue operating under a single Master Reclamation Plan will maintain environmental oversight without delays and prevent duplicative compliance.
MWD Position	Sponsor Based on December 2024 Board Action
Title – Summary	Surface Mining: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California This bill removes the sunset date on Metropolitan's ability to operate under a single Master Reclamation Plan for repairs using earth- moving activities under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act for the maintenance of the Colorado River Aqueduct.
Amended Date and Location	Amended in Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 3/24/2025. Passed out of committee and referred to Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee.
Bill Number and Author	AB 580 G. Wallis (R – Rancho Mirage) Sponsor: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 794 J. Gabriel (D – Encino)	Introduced	California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations	Oppose unless Amended	While AB 794 aims to protect public health, its approach circumvents the established regulatory process for setting Maximum Contaminant Levels
Sponsors: Clean	Assembly Environmental	This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt an emergency	Based on 2025	(MCLs). Metropolitan's Legislative Priorities and Principals call for using the best available science
Water Action, Environmental	Safety and Toxic Materials	regulation for water quality based on federal regulations in effect on January 19, 2025, regardless	Legislative Policies and	to protect public health and improve water quality when setting MCLs. The broad scope of this bill,
Working Group	Committee	of whether the requirements were repealed or amended to be less stringent. The bill would prohibit	Principles, adopted	which would allow the SWRCB to set through emergency action primary and secondary MCLs
		an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these	December 2024	for any chemical with a federal MCL, sets a
		provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards, as provided, and would		dangerous precedent and raus to augn with well- established regulatory principles.
		authorize the regulation to include requirements that		
		federal regulation. The bill would require, on or		
		before January 1, 2026, the SWRCB to adopt an emergency regulation and to initiate a primary		
		drinking water standard for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS.		
SR 31	Amended	Water quality: recorded water	Support	Summerting the use of recorded water in non-
J. McNerney	2/10/2025.	water quanty, recycled water	anddag	potable applications such as irrigation, decorative
(D – Stockton)		SB 31 aims to enhance California's water		water features, and industrial processes reduces
		sustainability by increasing the use of recycled	Based on 2025	the demand for potable water while enhancing
Sponsor:	Senate Natural	water in non-potable applications. This bill	Legislative Policies and	drought resilience.
Galifornia	Water Committee	permissible uses of recycled water to reduce	Principles,	
103		dependence on potable sources. The bill would	adopted	
3 of		make updates to Title 22 of the Code of Regulations	December 2024	
f 17:		to expand the use of recycled water in parks,		
2		schools, and lood handling and processing facilities.		

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Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 72 A. Caballero (D - Fresno)	Amended 3/18/2025.	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets	Support	The intent of this bill is to help modernize California's water management practices and provide long-term reliable supplies in response to
Sponsor:	Senate Natural	This measure would revise the California Water Plan to require the Department of Water Resources	Based on 2025 Legislative	the current climate challenges.
California Municipal Hilities	Resources and Water Committee	to update the California Water Plan by December	Policies and	Metropolitan supported a similar version of this bill in 2024 SR 366 (Caballero) which nassed
Association		long-term water supply target for 2050 and discussion on the development of specified water supply sources to meet demand.	adopted December 2024	the Legislature and was vetoed by the Governor.
SB 394 B. Allen	Introduced	Water theft: fire hydrants	Support	Metropolitan Member Agencies and subagencies that provide local water services could adopt
(D – Santa Monica)	Senate Judiciary	SB 394 would allow a local agency that provides water service the ability to increase fines and	Based on 2025	ordinances with enhanced penalties for water theft from a fire hydrant.
Sponsor: Las		also adds tampering with a fire hydrant, fire hydrant	Policies and	
Virgenes Municipal Water		meter, or fire detector check, or the unauthorized diversion of water from a fire hydrant to the list of	Principles, adopted	
District		acts for which a utility may bring a civil cause of action.	December 2024	
SB 454 J. McNerney	Introduced	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program	Support	The proposed bill would be highly beneficial to Metropolitan, its Member Agencies, and other
(U – Stockton)	Senate	SB 454 would establish a PFAS Mitigation Fund to	Based on 2025	water and wastewater agencies currently grappling with increased PFAS-related
Sponsor:	Environmental	address PFAS contamination in California's drinking	Legislative Policies and	regulations and source contamination issues. By
Association of Aglifornia Water	Cuanty Committee	SWRCB, the fund will provide financial support	Principles,	the PFAS Mitigation Fund, and the provision of
2 2 172		suppliers and wastewater operators to cover or	December 2024	financial relief and assistance to support treatment
		reduce treatment and disposal costs, ensuring safe and clean water across the state with a focus on disadvantaged communities.		and mitigation efforts.

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Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 601 B. Allen	Introduced	Water: waste discharge	Oppose	Currently, AB 601 poses risks to Metropolitan and its member agencies by: adopting EPA's
(D – Santa		The intent of this bill is to restore Clean Water Act		drinking water standards for PFAS/PFOS,
Monica)	Senate	protections in California that were removed per the	Based on 2025	bypassing the state rulemaking process;
	Environmental	U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 Sackett v.	Legislative	increasing costs of waste discharge requirements
Sponsors:	Quality Committee	Environmental Protection Agency decision.	Policies and	and permits for discharges of water when
California			Principles,	dewatering or operating water supply
Coastkeeper		However, the bill goes far beyond restoring pre-	adopted	infrastructure, potentially requiring all such water
Alliance,		Sackett water body designations and would lead to a	December 2024	to be recycled regardless of cost to comply;
Defenders of		significant expansion of the state's regulatory		exposing Metropolitan and its Member Agencies
Wildlife		authority, exposing agencies to increased		to citizen suits in state court, and, for certain
		compliance, costs, and litigation.		nexus waters, both state and federal court; and
				creating uncertainty in discharge permitting as the
				bill's ambiguous provisions and implications are
				likely to be litigated.



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager

Subject: Public Education and Outreach Report

Laguna Woods Village Television (LWVT)

Director Monin was interviewed on LWVT "This Day" on April 28, 2025. A link to his interview can be found at https://youtu.be/6wcseclweVc?si=jsRXGTGrymCGtp75. The next Director will be scheduled for a This Day interview at the end of June 2025.

ETWD Website

The development of the new ETWD website is progressing. The redesigned site aims to enhance public engagement, improve accessibility, and streamline access to essential customer resources and District information.

A draft version of the new ETWD website will be presented to the Board during the June Board meeting. This demonstration will provide an opportunity for Board members to preview the site's updated design, navigation structure, and key features prior to the website's final launch.

Customer Service Outreach

In preparation for the upcoming fee adjustments impacting Xpress Bill Pay customers, the Public Affairs and Customer Service staff completed a targeted outreach campaign to inform those customers of the changes.

The campaign included the distribution of two email notifications, a direct mailed letter, and an informational message embedded in customer billing statements. In addition, the ETWD website was also updated with detailed information regarding the changes.

ETWD Water Quality Report

ETWD staff is working closely with the MWDOC shared services consultant in preparing the 2025 Water Quality Report to ensure the report is distributed to ETWD customers by July 1, 2025.

MWDOC Scout Program Recognition

Jasmine Orozco with MWDOC attended the April 21, 2025 Board Meeting to present the Board of Directors and staff a certificate of recognition in partnering with MWDOC to educate Orange County Scouts BSA on protecting our natural resources and helping them take the next step on becoming conservation leaders in Orange County.



Community/Speaking Engagement Events

Laguna Woods Village (LWV) Concerned Citizens Earth Day – April 17, 2025

ETWD staff Vu Chu hosted a booth at the LWV Concerned Citizens Earth Day event on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Director Kathryn Freshley also attended the event and discussed all things water with the attendees.

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

ETWD Staff Vu Chu, Robert Hazzard, Jessica Ocampo, Michelle Ramirez and Sherri Seitz hosted an activity booth at the Children's Water Education Festival on April 23 – 24, 2025 at Oak Canyon Park in Silverado. ETWD conducted the same activity as last year, titled Flow Finders – Journey through the Water Meter. Students at the booth learned how water flows through a water meter, how to read the meter, parts of the meter, why we have meters, pressure, water careers and water conservation. Approximately 6,000 students attended the educational festival and ETWD was proud to be a part of the event to educate students on caring for and protecting our water resources.

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City of Mission Viejo Earth Day Event - April 26, 2025

ETWD Staff Vu Cu and Michelle Ramirez hosted a booth at the City of Mission Viejo Earth Day event held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 on the Oso Creek Trail between Jeronimo Road and Casa Del Sol.



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

ETWD Staff Vu Chu, Denise Kerr, Robert Hazzard and Sherri Seitz hosted a booth at the City of Lake Forest's Pop Up Event located in the neighborhood behind the District on Maryvine Street to inform residents of upcoming city improvements. The event was a huge success with over 150 attendees.

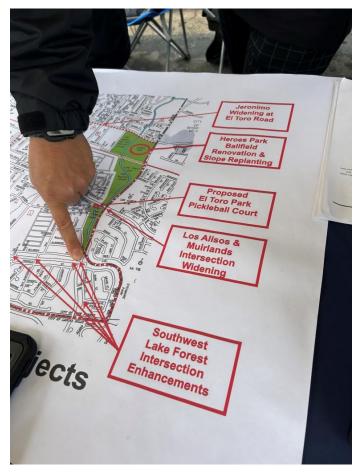
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STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: May 22, 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 April 2025.

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

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

High Efficiency Clothes Washer		17
Irrigation Controller (Commercial)		58
Irrigation Controller (Residential)	1	5
Hose Bib Irrigation Controller		1
Faucet Aerators		2
Low-flow Showerheads		10

Water Use Efficiency Plan Update:

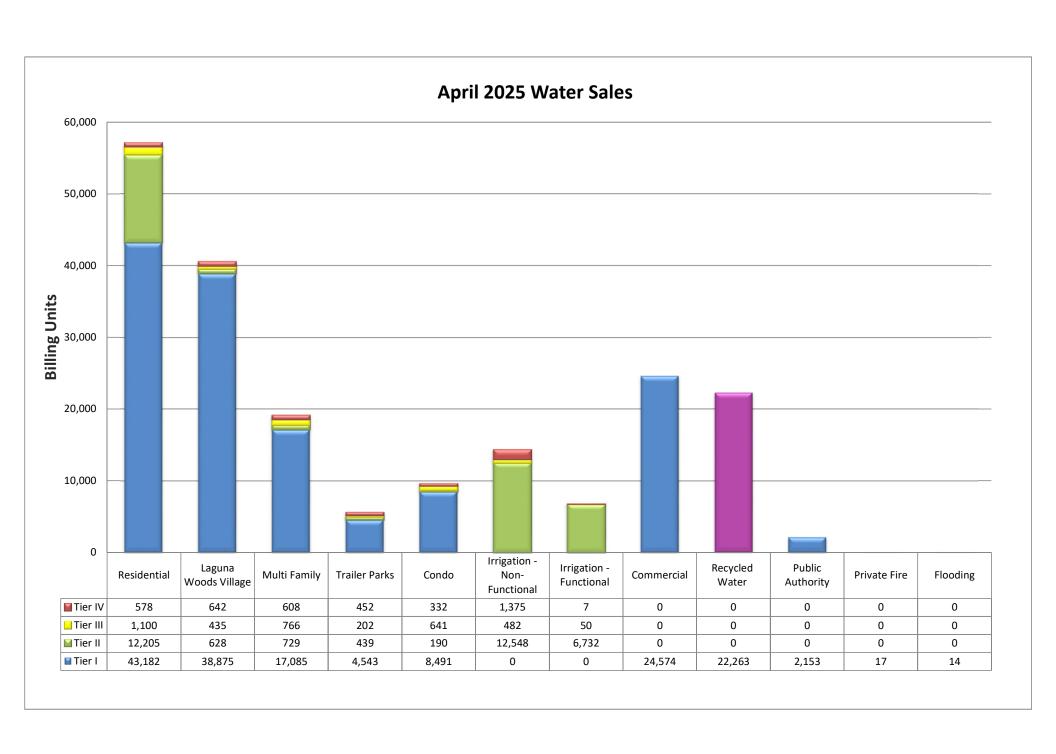
The District Water Budget-Based Tiered Conservation Rate Structure (WBBTCRS) pricing structure is the primary plan that gives customers the incentive needed to be efficient. The Plan efforts initially will concentrate on those customers continually in the Inefficient and Excessive Tiers (Tiers 3 and 4). During April 2025, residential customers accounted for 85.5% of Tier 3 usage and dedicated irrigation accounted for 14.5%. For Tier 4, residential customers accounted for 65.4% and dedicated irrigation accounted for 34.6% during the same period.

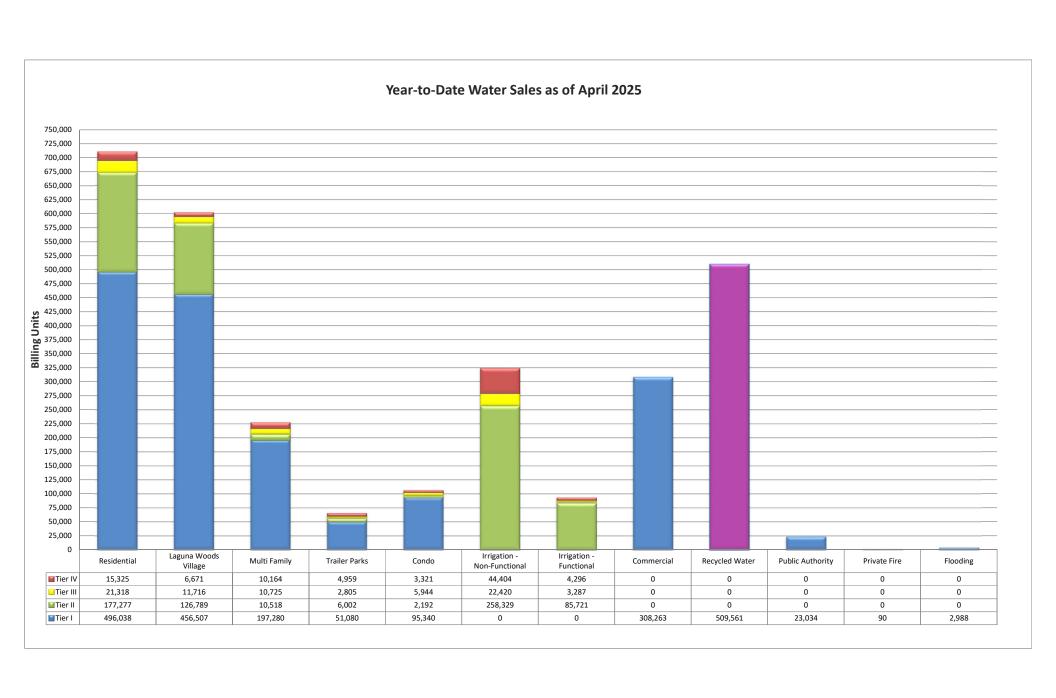
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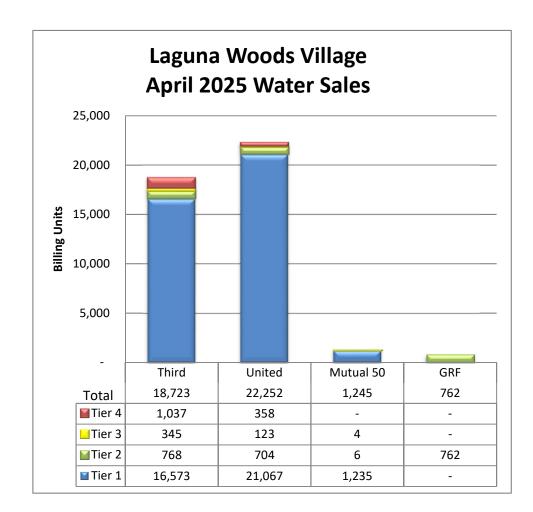
Included in this month's Water Use Efficiency Report is a chart comparing the current fiscal year consumption and ET factor to the fiscal 2023/24 consumption and ET factor. Total potable water consumption increased by 21.39% in April 2025 versus April 2024. On a year-to-date basis, total potable water consumption increased 12.46% over the same period in FY 2023-2024. The ET factor decreased from 4.46 to 4.43 during the same period.

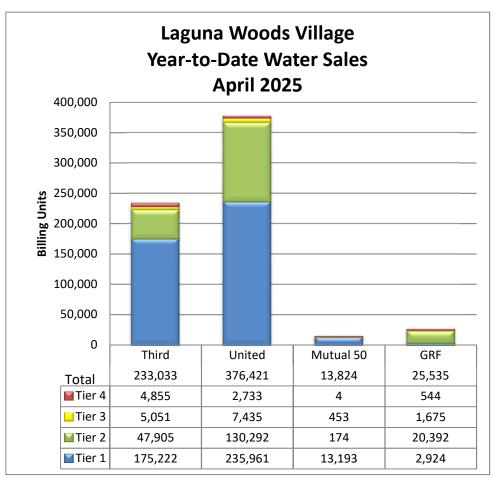
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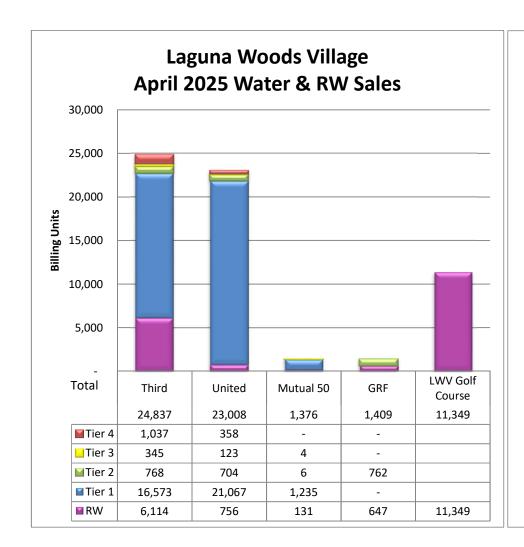
The following graphs highlight ETWD year-to-date consumption and consumption by tier for the current fiscal year compared to the 2023-2024 fiscal year. ETWD water consumption compared to 2013 and 2020 are also included.

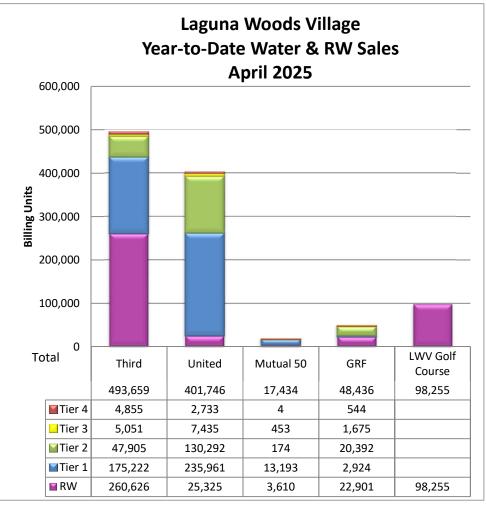


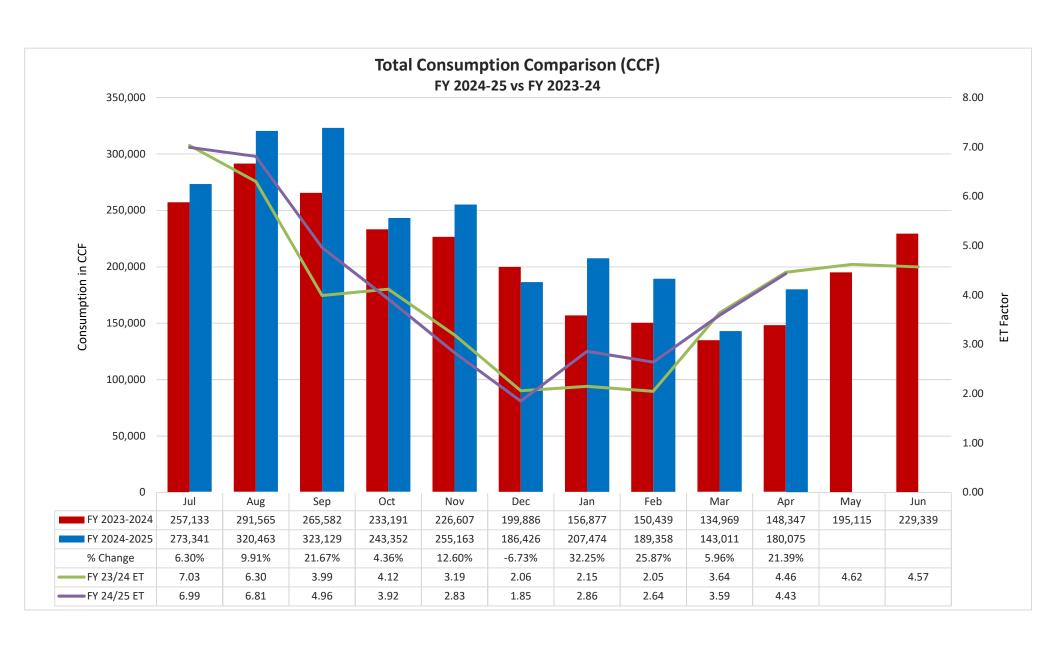


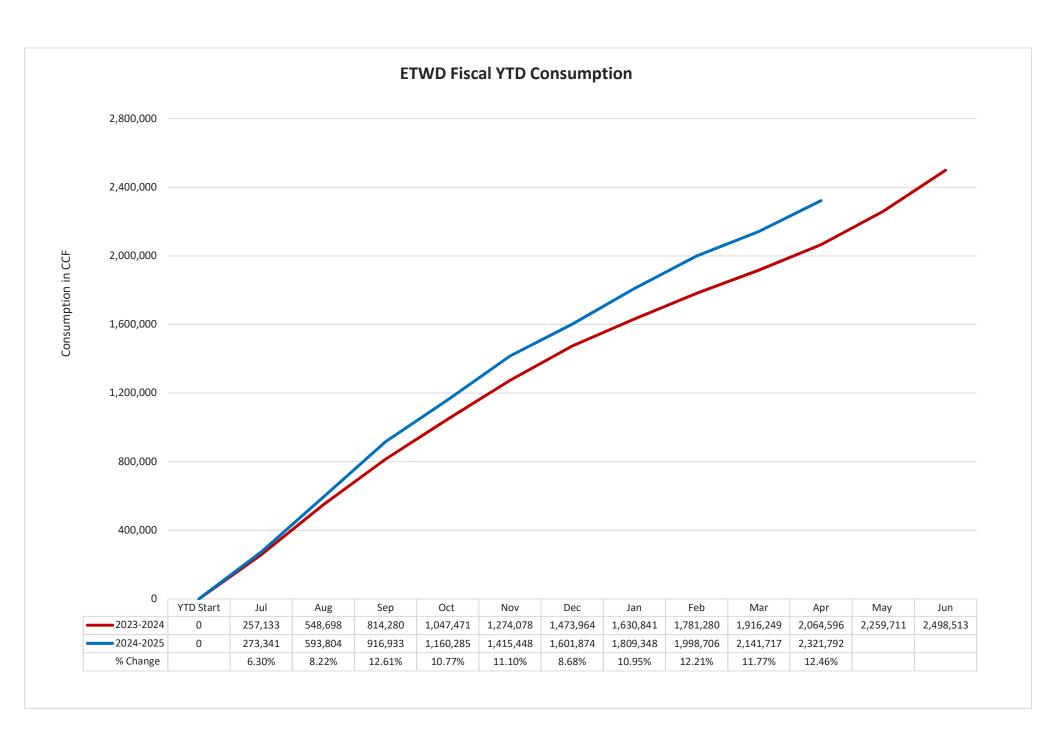


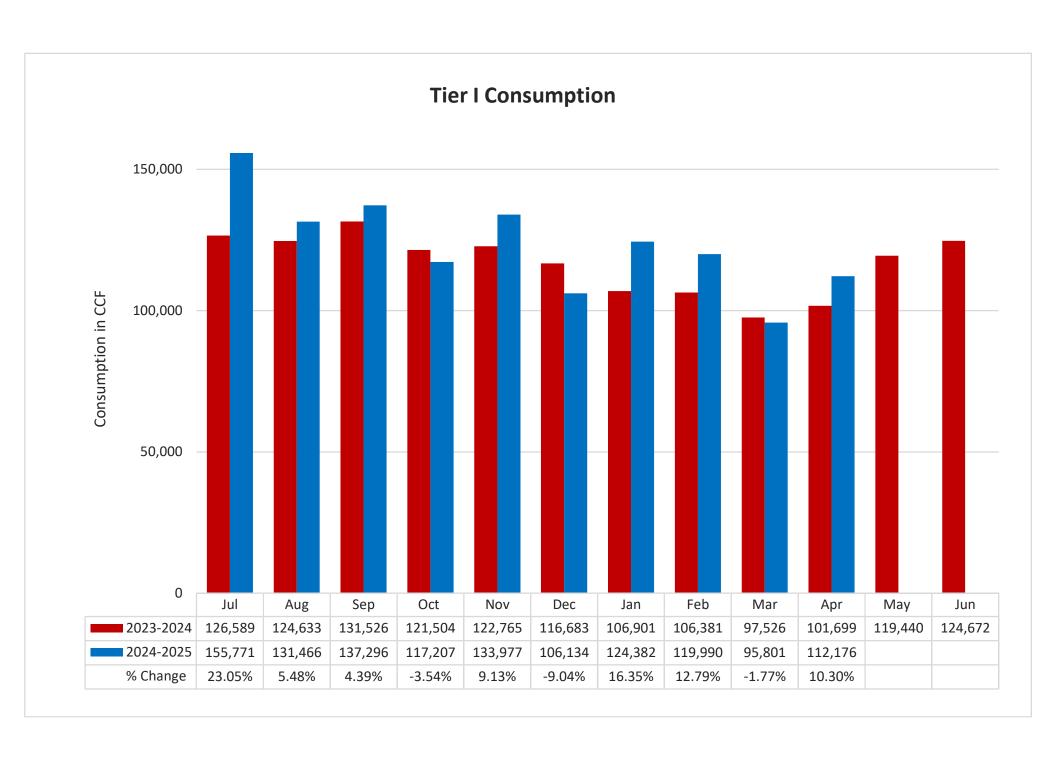


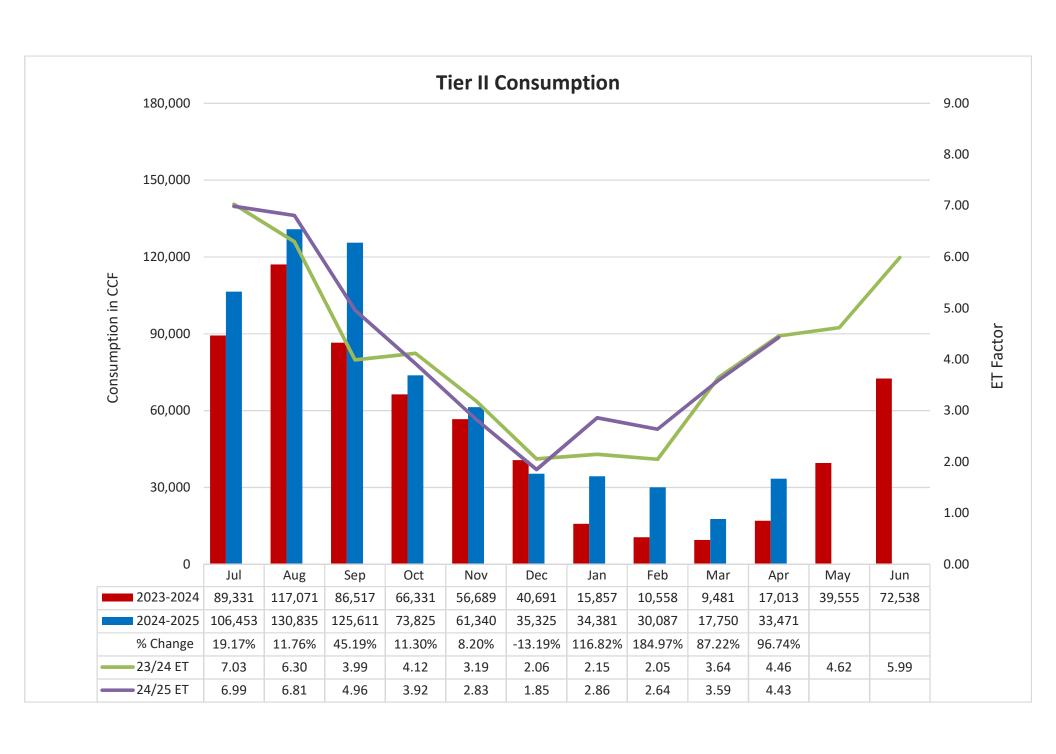




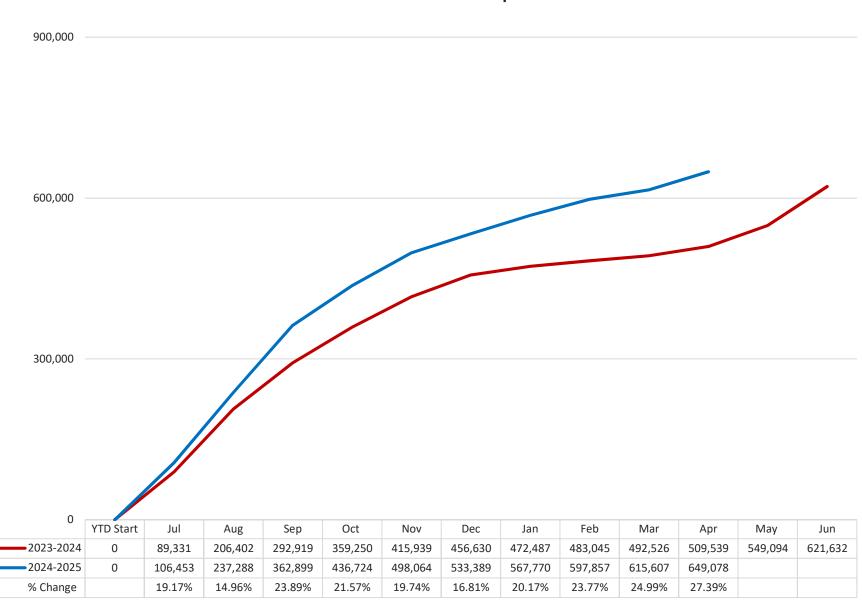


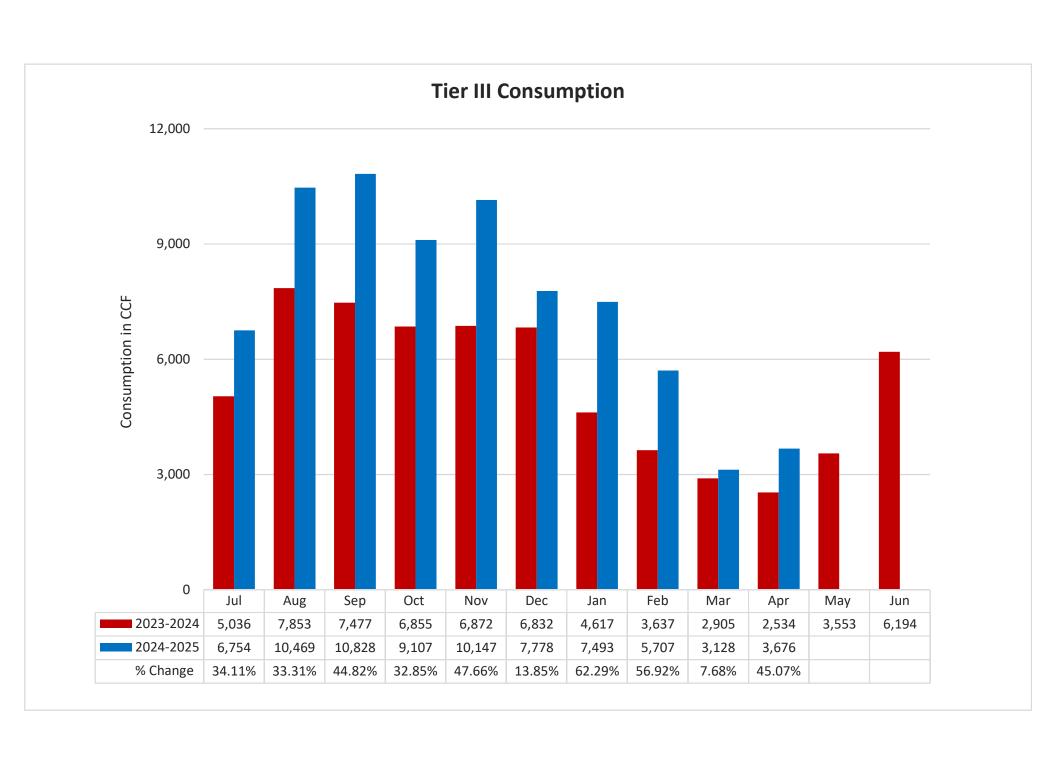




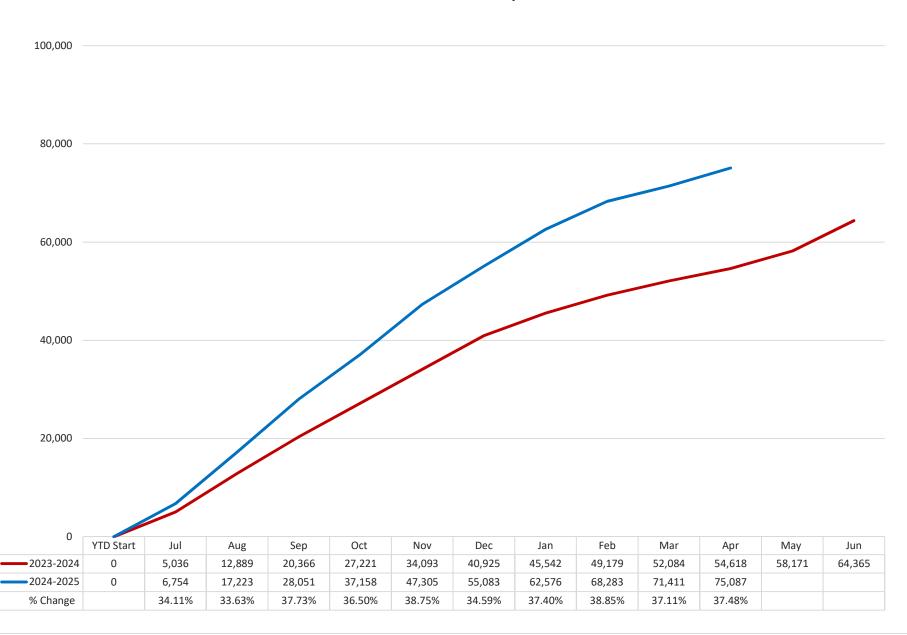


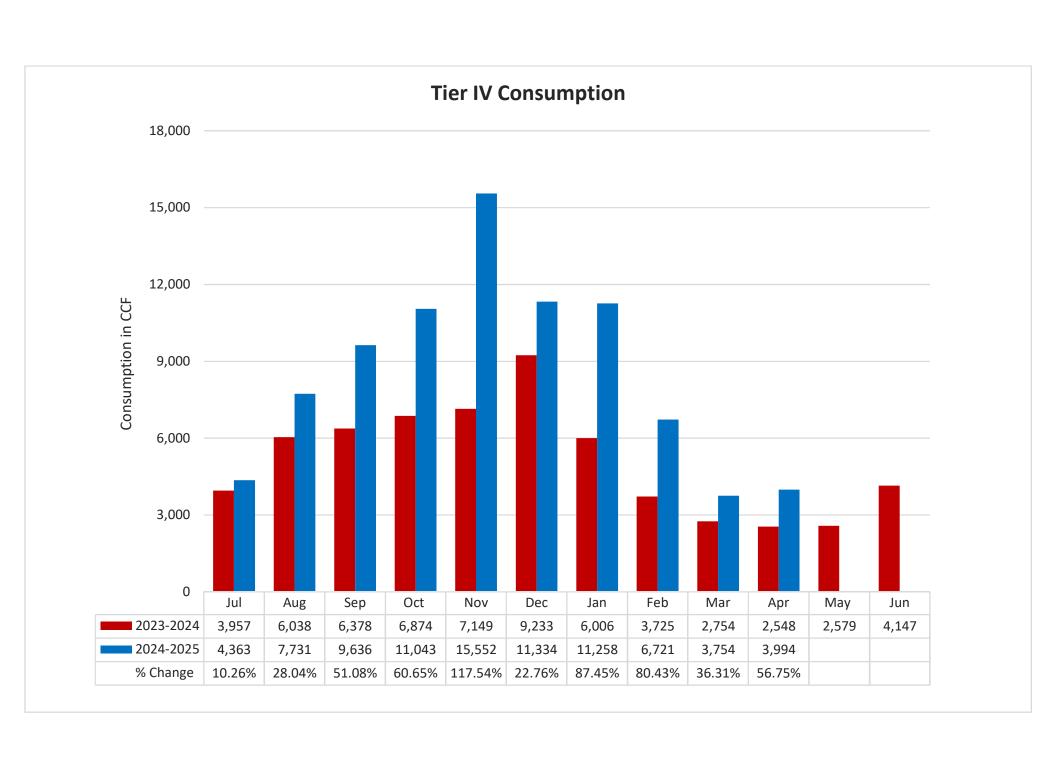
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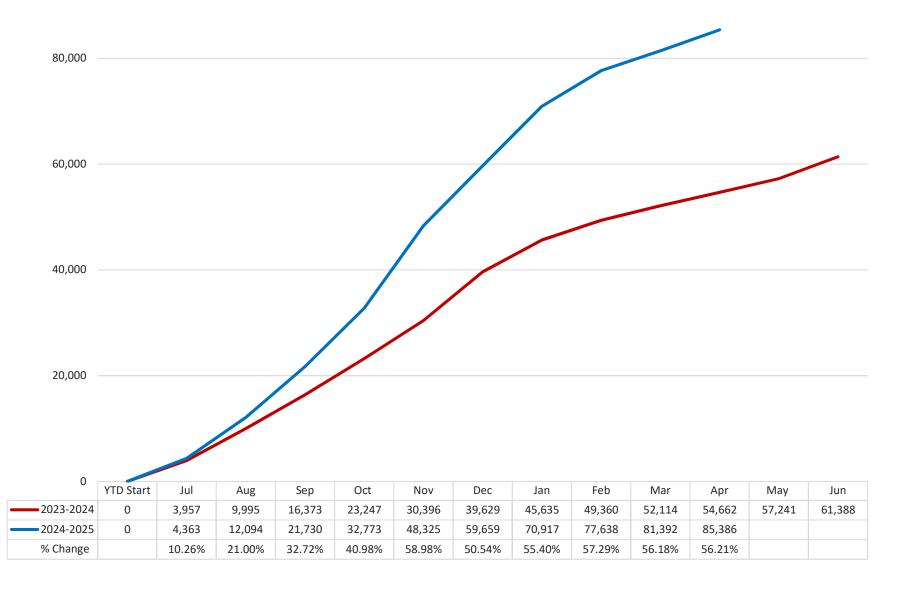


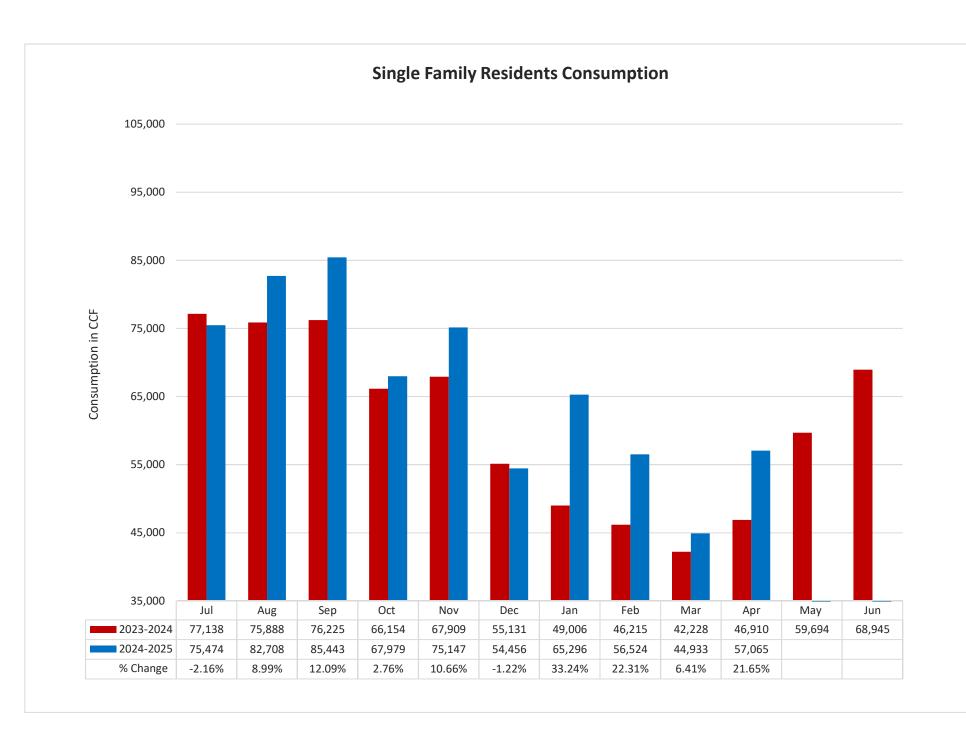
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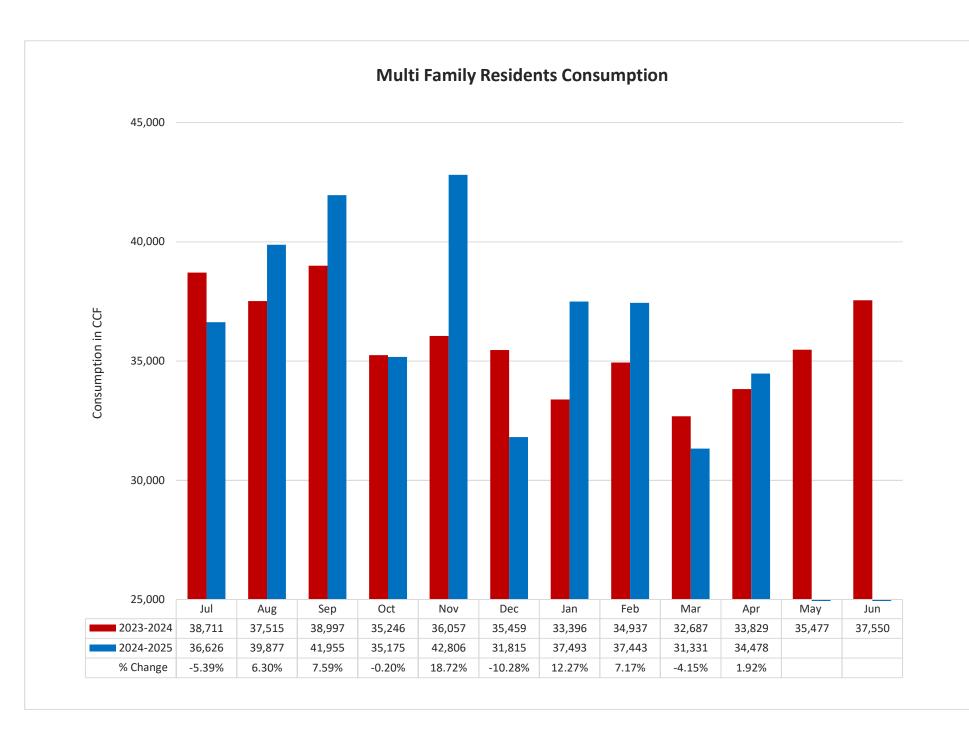




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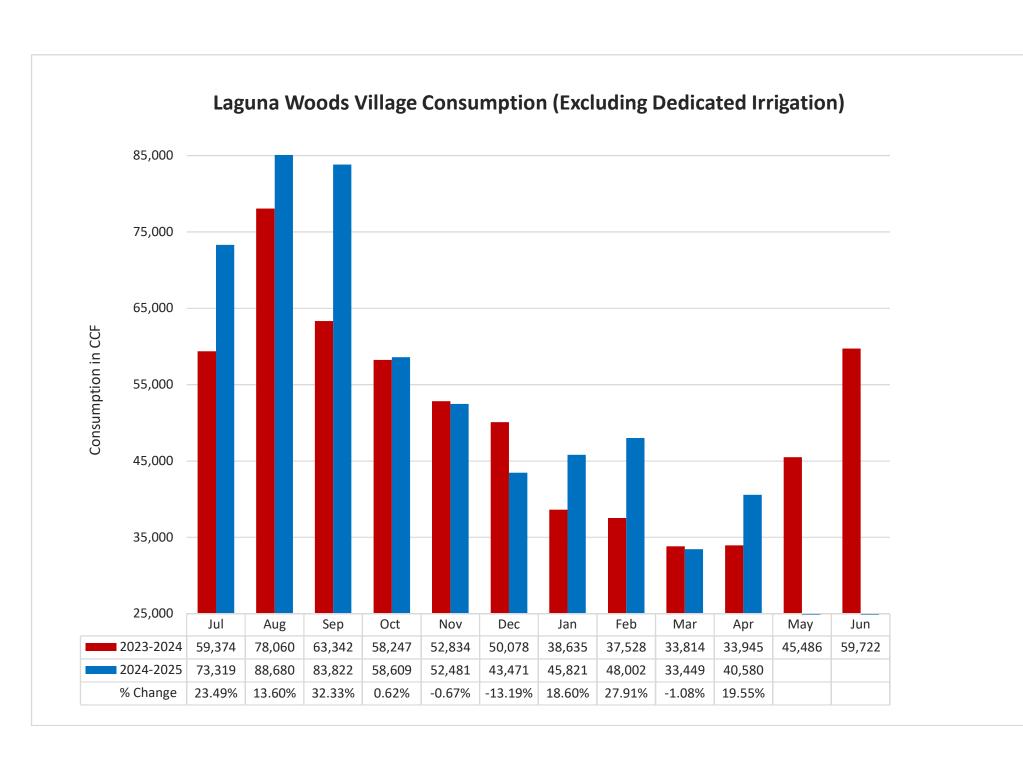


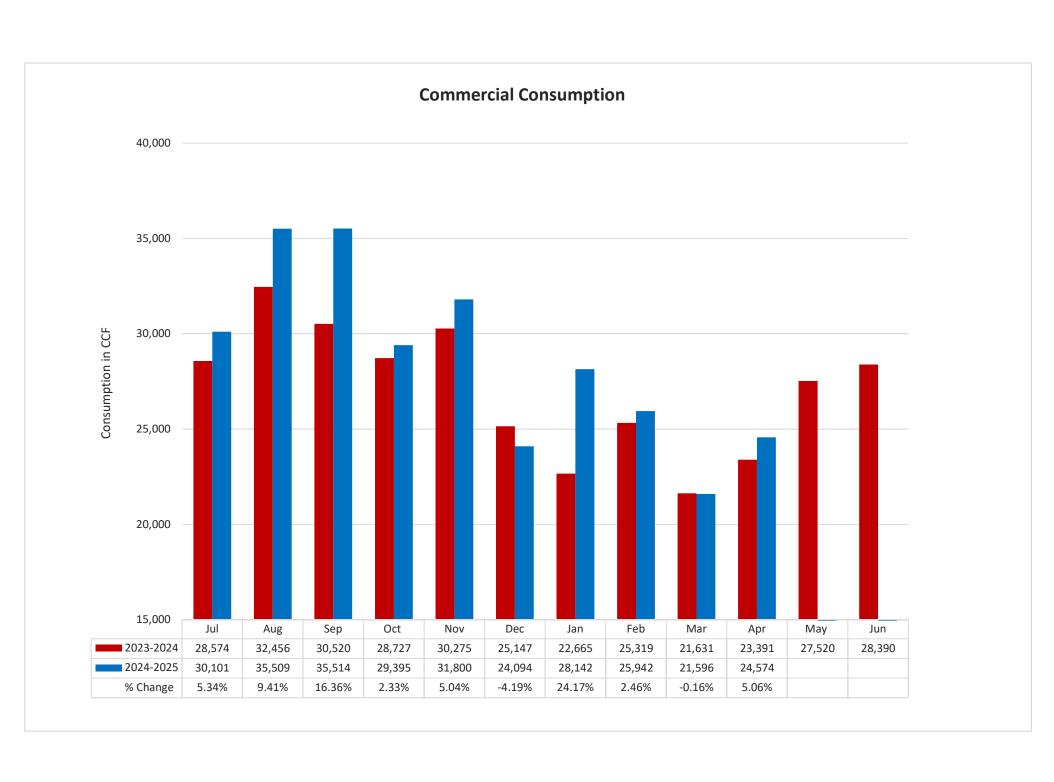
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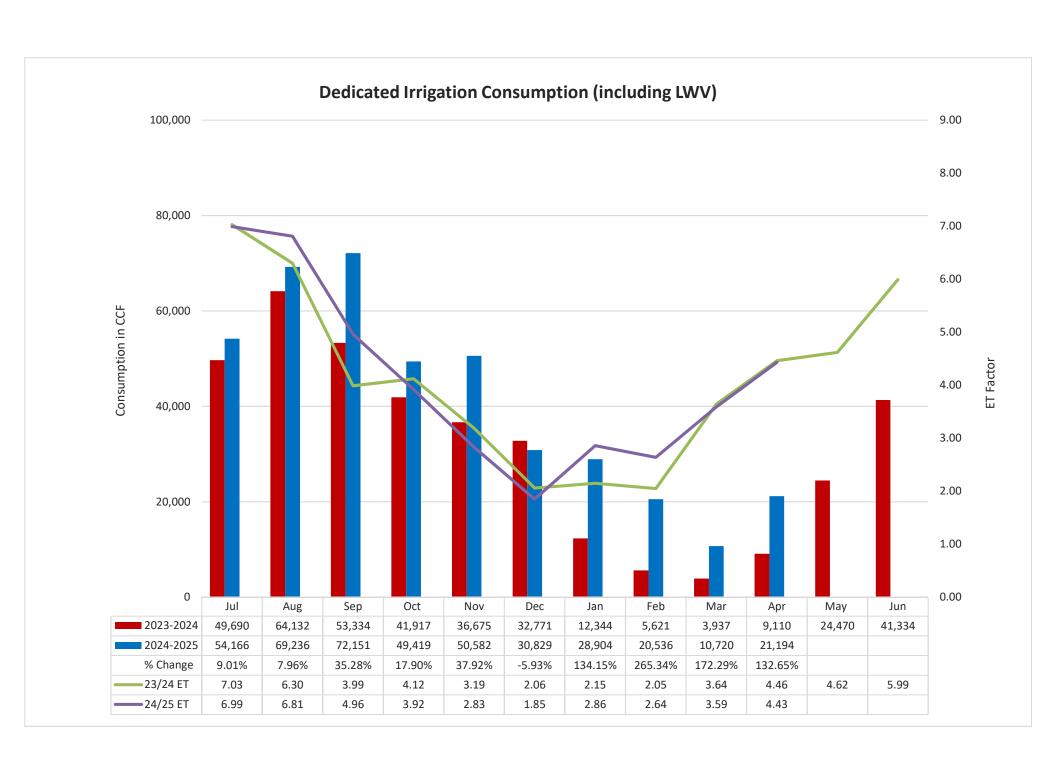
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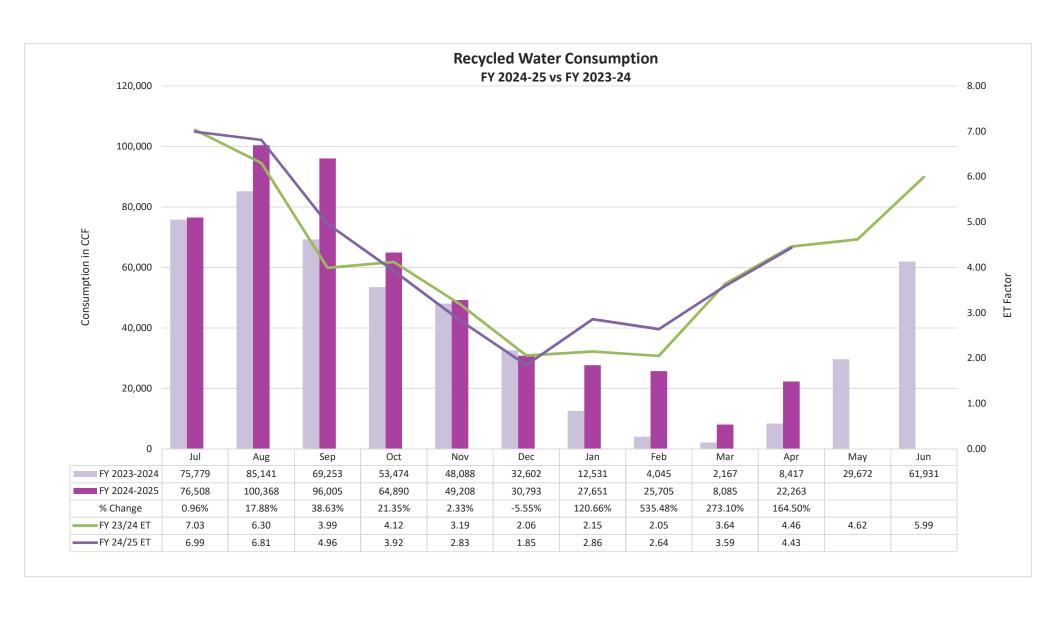
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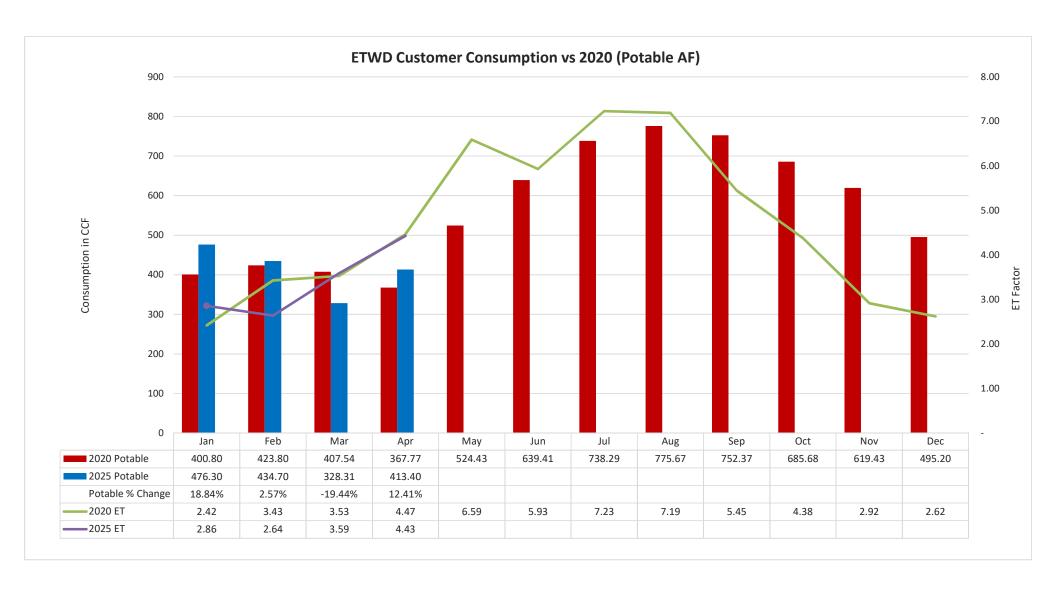
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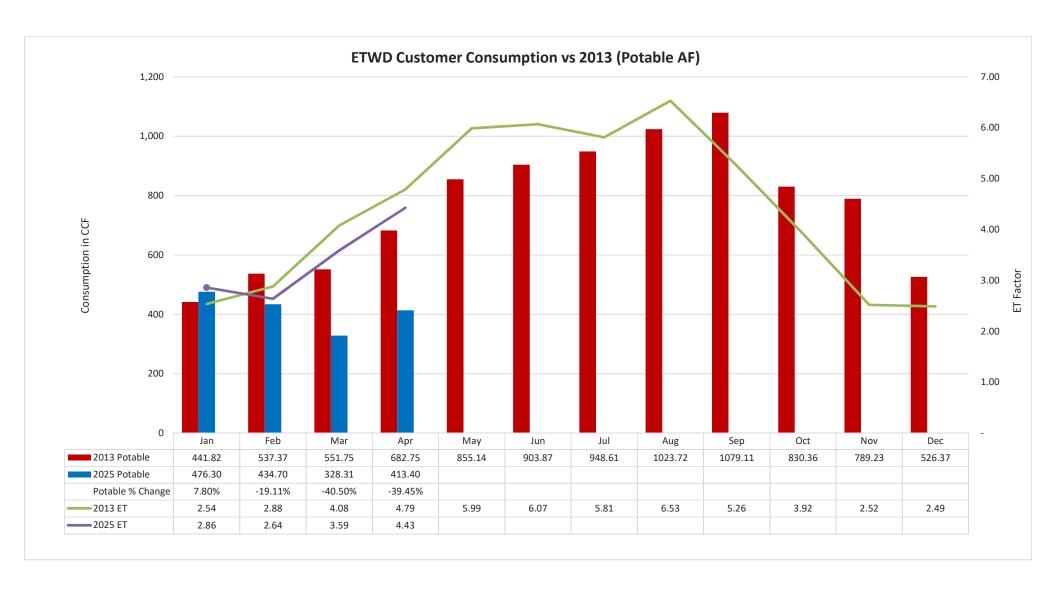




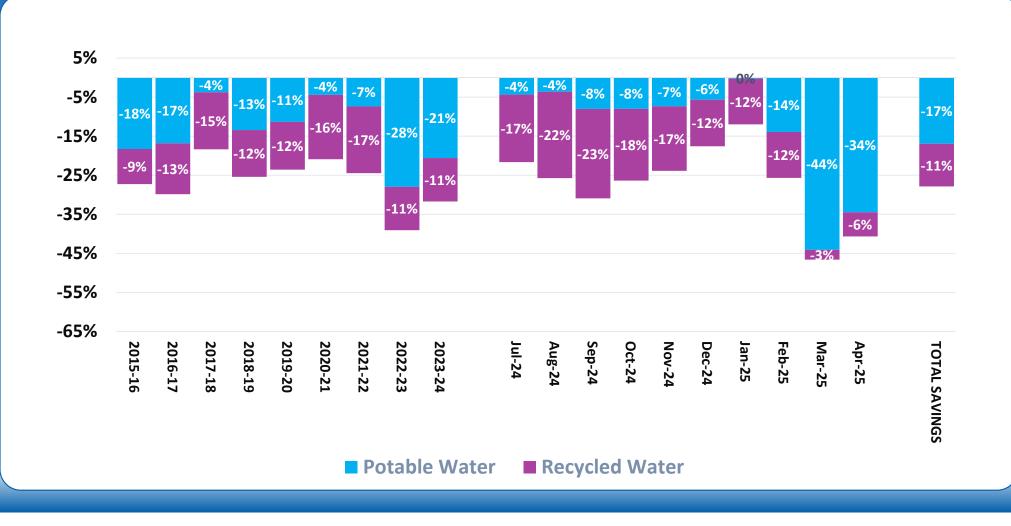








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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 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 29, 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.

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

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

Recommended Action: Committee Discussion/Direction and Action.

6. 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 www.socwa.com.

Dated this 25th day of April 2025.

Danita Hirsh, Assistant Secretary
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

I hereby certify that the following Agenda was posted at least 72 hours prior to the time of the Board Meeting so noticed below at the usual agenda posting location of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) and at www.socwa.com.

Danita Hirsh, Assistant Secretary

SOCWA and the Board of Directors thereof

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

> May 1, 2025 8:30 a.m.

PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION:

REMOTE MEETING LOCATION:

South Orange County Wastewater Authority 34156 Del Obispo Street Dana Point. CA 92629 23172 Via Masala Coto De Caza, CA 92679

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 CALL TO ORDER

- 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.

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	A.	Minutes of E	Board of Directors	1
		• Boar	d of Directors Regular Meeting of April 3, 2025	
		ACTION	The Board will be requested to approve the subject Minutes.	
	В.	Minutes of F	PC 2 Committee	5
		• PC 2	2 Committee Meeting of April 1, 2025	
		ACTION	The PC 2 Committee will be requested to approve the subject Minutes, and the Board will be requested to receive and file the subject Minutes.	
	C.	Minutes of E	Executive Committee	6
		• Exec	cutive Committee Meeting of April 8, 2025	
		ACTION	The Executive Committee will be requested to approve the subject Minutes, and the Board will be requested to receive and file the subject Minutes.	
	D.	Minutes of F	Finance Committee	8
		• Fina	nce Committee Meeting of March 18, 2025	
		ACTION	The Board will be requested to receive and file the subject Minutes.	
	E.	Financial Re	eports for the Month of February 2025 and Updated Quarterly Billings	11
		The reports in	ncluded are as follows:	
			tal Schedule (Exhibit A) get vs. Actual Expenses: Operations and Environmental Summary (Exhibit B-1) Operations and Environmental by PC (B-1.2) Residual Engineering, after transfer to Capital (Exhibit B-2)	

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	>	Administration (Exhibit B-3) Information Technology (IT) (Exhibit B-4)	
	ACTION	The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors receive and file the February 2025 Financial Reports.	е
F.	 Month SOCV Beach Recycle 	Operations Report NA Ocean Outfall Discharges by Agency Ocean Water Report Sled Water Report eatment Report (April)	27
	ACTION	The Board will be requested to receive and file subject reports as submitted.	
G.	Capital Impro	vement Program Status Report (April)	73
	ACTION	Information item.	
Н.		vement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (April) mittees 2 and 15]	77
	ACTION	Information Item.	
ΕN	IGINEERING I	MATTERS	
A.		Treatment Plant (JBL) Flare System and Underground Piping : Final Design [Project Committee 2]	85
	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>	NERAL MAN	AGER'S REPORT	
A.	•	Hearing on (AB2561): Agency Workforce Vacancies, Recruitement and ends	94
	ACTION	That the Board of Directors open a public hearing on (AB2561) Agency Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Trends to receive comments.	
		2. That the Board of Directors close public hearing and receive and file report as an information item.	

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В.	MOU for Us	e of Countywide Mass Notification	n System (AlertOC)	99			
	ACTION Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute the MOU to allow for SOCWA's continued use of Countywide Mass Notification System through December 30, 2029						
Orange County Was		nty Wastewater Authority Adoptin	2025-08, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Wastewater Authority Adopting the 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard (MJHMP)				
	ACTION	Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2025-08, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Adopting the 2025 Multi-Jurisdicitional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP).					
D.	Cal OES Request for Assignment for Coastal Fire		112				
	ACTION	Legal counsel recommends that the Board of Directors discuss and authorize the execution of the Assignment Agreement with Cal OES, or take other action as the Board may deem appropriate.					
E.	General Co	unsel's Update					
	ACTION	Board Discussion/Direction and	Action.				
F.	General Mar	nager's Report		117			
	ACTION	Board Discussion/Direction and	Action.				
G.	 G. Upcoming Meetings Schedule: May 1, 2025 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 8, 2025 – Engineering Committee Meeting May 20, 2025 – Finance Committee Meeting May 22, 2025 – Board of Directors Budget Workshop June 5, 2025 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting 						
	ACTION	Information Item.					
<u>CL</u>	OSED SESS	<u>ION</u>					
A.	Closed Sess 54957.6	ion Conference with Labor Nego	tiator Pursuant to Government Code §				
	Agend	cy Designated Representatives:	Brad Neufeld, Labor Counsel Amber Boone, General Manager SOCWA Employee Association				

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- 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

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 22, 2025

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

May 8, 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 **May 8, 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

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

Recommended Action: Committee Discussion/Direction and Action.

PAGE NO. 4. Approval of Minutes......1 Engineering Committee Minutes of March 13, 2025 Recommended Action: Staff requests that the Engineering Committee approve the subject Minutes as submitted. 5. General Manager's Report4 **Recommended Action:** Information Item. 6. Operations Report (Verbal) Recommended Action: Information Item. 7. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (May) Recommended Action: Information Item. 8. J. B. Latham Treatment Plant Effluent Pump Station and Energy Building Upgrades Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Engineering Committee recommend that the PC 2 Board approve Change Order 1 to Carollo Engineers in the amount of \$119,316. This will result in a revised total contract amount of \$294,832 for the JBL Effluent Pump Station and Energy Building improvements Engineering Services during Construction.

11. 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.

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Dated this 1st day of May 2025.

Danita Hirsh, Assistant Board Secretary
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

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

Jointly with the

PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE and ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

18700 Ward Street, Conf. Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 May 5, 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

This meeting will be held in person at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California, 92708 (Conference Room 101). As a convenience for the public, the meeting may also be accessed by Zoom Webinar and will be available by either computer or telephone audio as indicated below. Because this is an in-person meeting and the Zoom component is not required, but rather is being offered as a convenience, if there are any technical issues during the meeting, this meeting will continue and will not be suspended.

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Ex Officio Member: President McVicker

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public comments on agenda items and items under the jurisdiction of the Committee should be made at this time.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Determine there is a need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee).

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING -- Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection in the lobby of the District's business office located at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California 92708, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the District's Internet website, accessible at http://www.mwdoc.com.

PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. CALL FOR CANDIDATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE ON BEHALF OF MWDOC IN THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' (ACWA) ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND REGION 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE COUNTY'S ALERTOC

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.)

- 3. WATER POLICY FORUM RECAP AND PLANNING
- 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

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS

PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- 7. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report for April 2025
 - b. Disbursement Approval Report for May 2025
 - c. Disbursement Ratification Report for April 2025
 - d. GM Approved Disbursement Report for April 2025
 - e. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investments March 2025
 - f. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement

- 8. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending March 31, 2025
 - b. Quarterly Budget Review

ACTION ITEMS

- ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES
- 10. ANNUAL APPROVAL OF DISTRICT'S PAY STRUCTURE

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.)

- 11. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
 - a. Administration
 - b. Finance and Information Technology
- 12. MONTHLY WATER USAGE DATA AND WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: At the discretion of the Committee, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated, and may be subject to action by the Committee. On those items designated for Board action, the Committee reviews the items and makes a recommendation for final action to the full Board of Directors; final action will be taken by the Board of Directors. Agendas for Committee and Board meetings may be obtained from the District Secretary. Members of the public are advised that the Board consideration process includes consideration of each agenda item by one or more Committees indicated on the Board Action Sheet. Attendance at Committee meetings and the Board meeting considering an item consequently is advised.

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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 May 7, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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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

This meeting will be held in person at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California, 92708 (Conference Room 101). As a convenience for the public, the meeting may also be accessed by Zoom Webinar and will be available by either computer or telephone audio as indicated below. Because this is an in-person meeting and the Zoom component is not required, but rather is being offered as a convenience, if there are any technical issues during the meeting, this meeting will continue and will not be suspended.

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AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/COMMENTS

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ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), 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.)

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2158

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. METROPOLITAN BUSINESS MODEL UPDATE

Recommendation: Discuss and file the information presented.

2. 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.

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

Recommendation: Receive input and discuss the information presented.

ACTION ITEM

4. SB 601 (ALLEN) – WATER: WASTE DISCHARGE

Recommendation: Adopt an Oppose position on Senate Bill 601 (Allen).

5. ACR 36 (CARRILLO) – SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK 2025

Recommendation: Adopt a support position on Assembly Concurrent Resolution

36 (Carrillo) and join the California Special Districts

Association's (CSDA) coalition and outreach efforts.

6. CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAM AGREEMENT TERMINATION

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to execute the Orange County

Conjunctive Use Program Termination Agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Orange

County Water District.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7. **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.

8. METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding April 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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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

18700 Ward Street, Board Room, Fountain Valley, California
May 21, 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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2158

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 8)

(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. April 2, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
- b. April 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting
- c. April 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

2. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

a. Planning & Operations Committee: April 14, 2025
b. Administration & Finance Committee: April 9, 2025
c. Executive Committee Meeting: April 17, 2025

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

3. TREASURER'S REPORTS

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of April 30, 2025
- b. Disbursement Registers (April/May)

Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.

- c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of March 31, 2025
- d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending March 31, 2025
- b. Quarterly Budget Review

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

5. CALL FOR CANDIDATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE ON BEHALF OF MWDOC IN THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' (ACWA) ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND REGION 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recommendation: Authorize President McVicker to cast the District's ballot and to return the final ballot to committee for review in August

2025.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE COUNTY'S ALERTOC

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) between the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the County of Orange for the continued use of the County's Countywide Mass Notification System, AlertOC, administered through Everbridge, Inc.

7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Recommendation: Receive and file the District's Investment Policy and

Guidelines with no changes.

8. ANNUAL APPROVAL OF DISTRICT'S PAY STRUCTURE

Recommendation: Approve the proposed Pay Structure, as presented, effective

July 1, 2025; adjusting the salary ranges by 3.30%, as approved during the budget process; and approve changes

to titles and positions, as noted.

End Consent Calendar

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Recommendation: Receive and file presentation.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MAY (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

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

11. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 14, 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-stream meeting at https://youtube.com/live/05y6FD3o9lg?feature=share

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
 - a.) April 4, 2025 Strategic Planning Workshop Special Meeting Minutes

 The Commission will consider approval of the April 4, 2025 meeting minutes.
 - b.) April 9, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
 The Commission will consider approval of the April 9, 2025 meeting minutes.

c.) Amendments to the Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The Commission will consider amendments to the local guidelines for implementing CEQA.

d.) Three-Year Strategic Plan (2025-2028)

The Commission will receive a final copy of the Commission approved three-year Work Plan 2025–2028.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

a.) Final OC LAFCO Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

The Commission will consider adoption of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a.) Memorandum of Understanding by and between Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and San Diego Local Agency Formation Commissions

The Commission will consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding by and between Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and San Diego Local Agency Formation Commissions for educational opportunities, training, and legislative advocacy.

b.) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Quarterly Financial Report (Third Quarter)

The Commission will receive the third quarter financial report of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

c.) Transfer to the Public Trust Account

The Commission will receive a report on the proposed transfer from the agency's unreserved cash balance to the post-employment benefits trust account administered by the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) in accordance with the Commission's accounting and financial policies.

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. INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No informational items and announcements.

12. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session items scheduled.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County welcomes your participation. The public may share general comments or comments 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.
- 2) <u>Audio Live Streaming:</u> The public may listen to the meeting live on YouTube using the link provided on the website homepage (<u>www.oclafco.org</u>). However, LAFCO cannot guarantee that the public's access will be uninterrupted, and technical difficulties may occur from time to time. The meeting will continue despite technical difficulties for participants using audio live streaming unless otherwise prohibited by State open meeting laws.
- 3) <u>Written</u> general comments or comments on specific agenda items may be submitted by email to the Commission Clerk at <u>ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org</u>. Comments received no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the regular meeting will be distributed to the Commission and included in the record.

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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.



Mailing Address

P.O. Box 20895 Fountain Valley, CA 92728

Meeting Location

MWDOC/OCWD 18700 Ward Street Fountain Valley, CA 92708

(714) 963-3058 (714) 964-5930 fax

www.isdoc.net

Executive Committee

President Hon. Bob McVicker Municipal Water District of Orange County

1st Vice President Hon. Paul Mesmer

Surfside Colony Community Services District

2nd Vice President Hon. Marilyn Thoms East Orange County Water District

3rd Vice President Hon. Scott Nelson Placentia Library District

Secretary

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, May 6, 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: April 1, 2025
- III. Public Comments on items not on the agenda
- IV. New Business
 - ACTION: Secretary Vacancy Appointment to Fill Vacancy
 - ACTION: ACR 36 (Carillo) Special Districts Week
- V. Old Business
 - Update on Associate Membership Renewals
- 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
 - o Quarterly Luncheon Recap
 - o July Luncheon speaker suggestions?
- Membership Director Thoms
 - Update on website photo refresh
- 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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Heather Baez / Pari Francisco Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) (714) 963-3058 www.mwdoc.com/waco

Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Virtual Meeting

Friday, May 2, 2025 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Registration: Click here to register

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AGENDA

Welcome

• Greg Mills, Serrano Water District

Program

Pure Water San Diego: Commissioning on the Horizon

Juan Guerreiro Public Utilities Director City of San Diego

Reports

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

Agency Announcements
Adjourn
lext WACO Meeting

Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Next WACO Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

DATES TO REMEMBER MAY/JUNE 2025

- 1. May 22 12:00 p.m. SOCAG
- May 26 Memorial Day DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- 3. May 30 DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- 4. Jun 2 8:30 a.m. MWDOC P&O
- 5. Jun 3 7:30 a.m. ISDOC Executive Meeting
- 6. Jun 3 10:00 a.m. RRC Meeting
- 7. Jun 4 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop
- 8. Jun 5 8:30 a.m. SOCWA Board Meeting & Budget Workshop
- 9. Jun 5 2:30 p.m. South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee
- 10. Jun 6 7:30 a.m. WACO
- 11. Jun 6 12:00 p.m. Pres/VP/GM Meeting
- 12. Jun 11 8:15 a.m. LAFCO
- 13. Jun 11 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Admin/Finance
- 14. Jun 12 8:00 a.m. WEROC Executive Official Training
- 15. Jun 12 8:30 a.m. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting
- 16. Jun 13 DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- 17. Jun 16 7:30 a.m. Special Board/Proposition 218 Public Hearing
- 18. Jun 16 10:00 a.m. –Agenda Review Meeting
- 19. Jun 17 –10:30 a.m. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting
- 20. Jun 18 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Board Meeting
- 21. Jun 19 8:30 a.m. Santiago Aqueduct Commission Quarterly (SAC)
- 22. Jun 19 11:30 a.m. OC WateReuse Meeting
- 23. Jun 20 11:30 a.m. Pres/VP/GM Meeting
- Jun 23 7:30 a.m. Regular Finance and Engineering Meeting
- 25. Jun 26 7:30 a.m. Regular Board Meeting

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 1st of one calendar year to September 30th 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.