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



AGENDA

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 23, 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.

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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 McClean

ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

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

- 1. Consider Board Member's Request for Remote Participation (AB 2449)
- 2. Presentation of Awards, Recognitions, Certifications and Introductions

Mr. Cafferty will recognize and congratulate Daniel Lopez, Maintenance Worker III, for 10 years of service.

3. Consent Calendar

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

a. Consider approving the minutes of the September 25, 2025 Board meeting

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

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

GENERAL MANAGER ACTION ITEMS

5. <u>Agreement for Sewer Services with Moulton Niguel Water District</u> (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the renewal of the expiring agreement between El Toro Water District and Moulton Niguel Water District providing for Moulton Niguel sewer service to Tract No. 8800 in the El Toro Water District service area.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the "Agreement for Moulton Niguel Water District to Provide Sewer Service to El Toro Water District for the Benefit of Tract No. 8800".

GENERAL MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

General Manager's Monthly Report (Reference Material Included)

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

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

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

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

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

9. Water Use Efficiency Report (Reference Material Included)

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

10. SOCWA Report (Reference Material Included)

- a. SOCWA Board Meeting October 2, 2025 Cancelled
- b. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting October 9, 2025 Cancelled
- c. SOCWA Executive Committee Meeting October 14, 2025 Cancelled
- d. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting October 21, 2025 Cancelled

11. Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Report

(Reference Material Included)

- a. MWDOC MET Directors Workshop October 1, 2025
- b. MWDOC Planning/Operations Meeting October 6, 2025
- c. MWDOC Admin/Finance Meeting October 8, 2025
- d. MWDOC Board Meeting October 15, 2025
- e. MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting October 22, 2025

12. South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting

Report on the September 25, 2025 SOCAG meeting.

13. <u>Local Agency Formation Commission Report</u> (Reference Material Included)

Report on the October 8, 2025 LAFCO meeting.

14. ISDOC Meetings Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the October 7, 2025 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

15. WACO Meeting Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the October 3, 2025 WACO Meeting

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

16. Dates to Remember for October/November (Reference Material Included)

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to conduct the General Manager's annual performance evaluation.

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 September 25, 2025

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

Director Monin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, JUDY CIMORELL, Director of Human Resources, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, MIKE MIAZGA, IT Manager (Zoom), SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs Manager, VU CHU, Water Resources Supervisor, ABEL ESTRADA, Billing & Customer Service Supervisor (Zoom), ERIC NGUYEN, Laboratory Technician II, RAY LLADA, Electrical Instrumentation Technician II, DREW BALLARD, Foster and Foster Inc. (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.

Presentation of Awards, Recognitions, Certifications and Introductions

Mr. Cafferty recognized and congratulated Vu Chu, Eric Nguyen, and Ray Llada for their educational achievements.

Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Llada left the meeting at approximately 7:47 a.m.

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Update

Mr. Sharma introduced Mr. Ballard, of Foster and Foster who provided an updated actuarial analysis of the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability associated with the District's Retiree Healthcare Plan.

Mr. Ballard stated that a full Actuarial Valuation is done every two years and today's report is an interim valuation covering data as of June 30, 2024 to be used for the 2025 reporting.

Mr. Ballard left the meeting at approximately 8:02 a.m.

Consent Calendar

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Freshley to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Directors Reports for Meetings Attended

Director Havens stated that she attended the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC/Met Directors Workshop, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the South Orange County Economic Coalition Luncheon, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting and the District's regular Board meeting.

Vice President Freshley stated that she attended both ETWD's regular Board meetings, the RRC meeting, the LAFCO meeting, the SOCWA Board meeting, the SOCWA Finance meeting, the SOCWA Executive Committee meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors Workshop, the MWDOC Board meeting, the OC Water Summit, the South Orange County Agency Luncheon, and the President/VP/GM meeting.

Director McClean stated that he attended the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the District's regular Board meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, and the South Orange County Economic Coalition Luncheon.

Director Monin stated that he attended the ISDOC meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC/Met Directors Workshop, the OC Water Summit, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the District's Board meeting, the WACO planning meeting, and will be attending the OCCOG meeting today.

President Gaskins stated that he attended the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the Pres/VP/GM meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, today's Board meeting, and will attend the SOCAG meeting.

ETWD's Waste Discharge Pretreatment and Source Control Program Ordinance 2025-3

President Gaskins stated that this is the time and place set for the Public Hearing on Resolution No. 25-9-1 adopting the District's Waste Discharge Pretreatment and Source Control Program Ordinance 2025-3 which replaces in its entirety the District's Pretreatment and Source Control Program Ordinance 2020-1 effective September 25, 2025.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the notice of this Public Hearing was posted in the Orange County Register on September 10 and September 17, 2025.

President Gaskins asked Mr. Cafferty to describe the proposed amendments which have been incorporated into the restated Ordinance.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the proposed updates to the Ordinance are minor grammatical changes to be adopted with the new Sewer System Management Plan at today's meeting. The plan requires reference to the District's legal authority to operate the system, which has been incorporated into the Ordinance. Additional updates include a reference to the Baker Water Treatment Plant, revisions to SOCWA member agency information, a new Section 508 limiting interference with sewer maintenance as recommended by the consultant, and a new Section 509 addressing limitations on fats, oils and grease.

Open Public Hearing

At approximately 8:11 a.m. President Gaskins declared the Public Hearing open.

Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of ETWD's Waste Discharge Pretreatment and

Source Control Program Ordinance 2025-3

President Gaskins asked if there was anyone wishing to speak, and if so, to please identify themselves and limit comments to 3 minutes.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Close Public Hearing

At approximately 8:12 a.m. President Gaskins closed the Public Hearing.

Regular Session

At approximately 8:12 a.m. the Board meeting returned to Regular Session.

Resolution No. 25-9-1 Adopting ETWD's Waste Discharge Pretreatment and Source

Control Program Ordinance 2025-3

The Board appreciated staff's detailed effort in updating the Ordinance.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Vice President Freshley made a Motion, seconded by Director McClean to adopt Resolution No. 25-9-1 which adopts ETWD's Wastewater Discharge Pretreatment and Source Control Program Ordinance 2025-3 effective September 25, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

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

General Manager Action Items

Resolution No. 25-9-2 Approving the Updated ETWD Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP)

Mr. Cafferty stated that the State Water Resources Control Board updated a discharge order requiring the District to restate the SSMP by a specified compliance date. Staff has submitted a draft and will submit subsequent updates following the adoption of Resolution No. 25-9-2. He noted that the updates do not change the program but reinforce the District's proactive and effective sewer maintenance efforts. The SSMP will be updated again in six years.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director Vice President

Freshley to adopt Resolution No. 25-9-2 which approves the updated El Toro Water

District Sewer System Management Plan consistent with State Water Resources

Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ and to receive and file the SSMP document.

Roll Call Vote:

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

WEROC Mobile Command Vehicle Shared Facilities Agreement

Mr. Cafferty provided a handout of the agreement that included non-substantive updates made after the distribution of the Board meeting materials.

Ms. Seitz stated that WEROC serves as the Operational Area Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid Coordinator for Orange County providing resource coordination and communication support during emergencies impacting water and wastewater utilities such as ETWD. She stated that staff is proposing to accommodate WEROC's request to store the Mobile Command Vehicle at the Main Office Campus.

President Gaskins asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to authorize the General Manager to execute the WEROC Mobile Command Vehicle Shared Facilities Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

General Manager Information Items

Strategic Plan Status Report

Mr. Cafferty provided a final update on the previous Strategic Plan, noting that some items will carry over into the new plan, which is currently underway. Highlights from this report include staff's completed equipment and inventory move into the new warehouse, ongoing collaboration with MNWD on the South County Pipeline project, the

addition of a reference of recycled water sales data, a potable water supplement usage table, and progress on the leak detection program. Updates to the Key Performance Indicators include implementation of training programs, succession planning efforts, and annual performance evaluations.

Vice President Freshley inquired about the \$2.6 million difference between projected and actual costs noted on page 245 of the Board package. Mr. Cafferty and Ms. Ford explained that projects budgeted in FY 2024-25 but still in progress are tracked as carryover costs. The table reflects these carryover amounts, which will be spent in the next fiscal year due to project timing. They clarified that the table presents budgeted figures rather than year-to-date actuals and is intended to illustrate the District's ongoing investment in system improvements.

Director Havens suggested linking the Strategic Plan on the District's website to help customers understand how funds are utilized. The Board commended staff for the comprehensive report and the accomplishments achieved since the creation of the Strategic Plan.

General Manager's Monthly Report

Mr. Cafferty explained that the MWDOC Treated Water Surcharge Member Agency Workshop addressed MET's challenge with fixed revenue. He noted that MET will implement new treated water surcharge rates in 2027. However, it has not been determined how these charges will be passed through by MWDOC.

Mr. Cafferty noted that he and Ms. Ford attended a Joint Regional Supply System Member Agency meeting, where South Coast Water District expressed interested in modifying the JPA agreement related to the entire system of which the District is a member.

Legislative Reports

Vice President Freshley noted that the Delta Conveyance Project was not approved.

Public Education and Outreach Report

Ms. Seitz reported that links to recent LWVT interviews are included in the Board package. She noted that the Fall Newsletter has been completed and distributed to customers. She also demonstrated the District's draft version of the new website.

Director Monin left the meeting at approximately 9:44 a.m.

Water Use Efficiency Report

Mr. Chu reported that total potable water usage increased by approximately 5% in August, while recycled water usage rose by about 8% compared to the previous year. Mr. Cafferty confirmed that MET increased the turf removal rebate to \$7 per square foot and is available to Laguna Woods Village.

SOCWA Reports

Vice President Freshley stated that the budget was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and that quorum requirements were reviewed at the Engineering Committee meeting.

Mr. Cafferty reported that he attended the Finance Committee meeting, where SOCWA's Cost Allocation Policy was discussed, along with SOCWA's sponsorship of the Ocean Institute.

<u>MWDOC</u>

Mr. Cafferty stated that at the managers' meeting, discussions included the possibility of MWDOC adopting a two-year budget. He also noted that MET will soon issue a press release announcing their new General Manager.

LAFCO

Vice President Freshley stated that the commission held a Public Hearing regarding a Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence for the Central Region. Mr. Cafferty added that Serrano Water District (SWD) owns 25% of Irvine Lake and IRWD owns 75%. The lake requires over \$300 million in capital improvements, and SWD has arranged with IRWD to relieve itself of capital obligations it cannot fund while continuing to use the water.

ISDOC

Director McClean reported that the committee discussed supporting Al Nederhood for the CSDA Board of Directors open position.

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for September/October

There were no comments.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported on the status of the Prop 218 Class Action case of Patz v. City of San Diego. Mr. Granito reported that the California Supreme Court's decision on the Petition for Supreme Court Review, is anticipated in late November.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:22 a.m.

	Respectfully submitted,
	MARISOL MELENDEZ Recording Secretary
APPROVED:	
MIKE GASKINS, President of the El Toro Water District and the Board of Directors thereof	
DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary	

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



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: October 23, 2025

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: Agreement with Moulton Niguel Water District for Sewer Services to

Tract 8800

Tract No. 8800 is a residential area within the El Toro Water District Service area in Mission Viejo just south of Alicia Parkway adjacent to the railroad tracks. A portion of Tract 8800 includes two residential streets, Po Avenue and Ankara Street, and 24 single family residential homes.



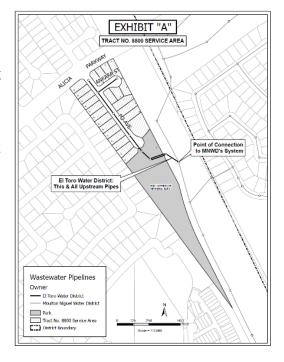


While ETWD provides water and sewer service to these 24 homes, the topography is such that natural gravity drainage would have required a sewer lift station to convey the wastewater to the ETWD collection system. In November 1975 the Moulton Niguel Water District and Rossmoor Sanitation entered into an agreement in which Moulton Niguel agreed to a connection between the ETWD and MNWD collection systems and to accept the wastewater from that portion of the ETWD service area for treatment and disposal at the MNWD 3-A wastewater treatment plant.

Agreement with Moulton Niguel Water District for Sewer Services to Tract 8800 Page 2

The "Agreement for Moulton Niguel Water District to Provide Sewer Service to Rossmoor Sanitation, Inc. for the Benefit of Tract No. 8800" had a 50-year term and therefore expires in November 2025. Staff at MNWD and ETWD worked collaboratively to update the language of the 1975 agreement to terms and conditions consistent with current practice while keeping faith with the original intent. The agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel at both agencies.

The attached "Agreement for Moulton Niguel Water District to Provide Sewer Service to El Toro Water District for the Benefit of Tract No. 8800" provides similar service to this section of the ETWD service are for the next 50 years. The Agreement provides only for the discharge of wastewater from the ETWD collection system to the MNWD collection system. ETWD remains responsible for the maintenance of the sewer collection system up to the Point of Connection to the MNWD system.



As noted in the Agreement, Moulton charges the District the residential rate for sewer service charges per the MNWD Rules and Regulations in two semi-annual invoices.

This Agreement is a further example of the long-standing collaboration between ETWD and MNWD to most efficiently serve each of their customers regardless of boundary lines.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the "Agreement for Moulton Niguel Water District to Provide Sewer Service to El Toro Water District for the Benefit of Tract No. 8800".

AGREEMENT FOR MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SEWER SERVICE TO EL TORO WATER DISTRICT FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRACT NO. 8800

This Agreement is made and entered into effective this _____ day of ______, 2025, by and between the MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT (MNWD) and EL TORO WATER DISTRICT (ETWD), both formed under and existing pursuant to the California Water District Law.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the ETWD service area includes, in the city of Mission Viejo, Tract No. 8800, a portion of which is adjacent to the service area, and in the natural basin, of MNWD; and

WHEREAS, MNWD owns and operates facilities for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater within said natural drainage basin; and

WHEREAS, MNWD has available capacity in said facilities, inclusive of the MNWD 3-A Wastewater Treatment Plant, to provide permanent service to that portion of the ETWD service area in said drainage basin which is adjacent to the MNWD service area (hereinafter referred to as the Tract No. 8800 Service Area); and

WHEREAS, the Rules and Regulations pursuant to which MNWD collects, treats, and disposes of wastewater specify provisions for the acceptance of such wastewater, and it is the desire of MNWD to make such service available on a limited basis where the circumstances relating to a particular drainage area warrant said service by MNWD as is the case with the Tract No. 8800 Service Area: and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of ETWD to enter into a service agreement with MNWD at this time, providing that ETWD shall deliver to MNWD wastewater from the Tract No. 8800 Service Area, to serve 24 dwelling units as designated on Exhibit "A", which is by this reference incorporated in this agreement; and

WHEREAS, MNWD and ETWD's predecessor-in-interest, Rossmoor Sanitation, Inc., entered into a similar agreement in November, 1975 (1975 Agreement) which said agreement has a 50-year term and will expire on November 30, 2025. It is the intent of the parties that this Agreement shall supersede the 1975 Agreement upon full execution of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties to this Agreement, in consideration of the promises and covenants hereinafter set forth, hereby do agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

- Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement.
- Section 2. ETWD agrees to deliver to MNWD all of the wastewater from the Tract No. 8800 Service Area designated on Exhibit "A". MNWD shall accept delivery of said wastewater and shall treat and dispose of the same.
- Section 3. ETWD shall only deliver domestic wastewater and such delivery shall be in conformance with MNWD's Rules and Regulations and all applicable laws, rules and regulations which pertain to the collection and transmission of wastewater.
- Section 4. ETWD shall clean the portion of its sewer collection system which will discharge to MNWD, as part of its normal bi-annual sewer line cleaning program, and ETWD shall enforce the condition in MNWD's Rules and Regulations relative to prohibition of self-regenerative water softeners within the Tract No. 8800 Service Area.
- Section 5. The charges of MNWD for wastewater treatment and disposal to ETWD, pursuant to this Agreement, shall be the Residential Rate as set forth under Sewer Service Charges, Exhibit "B" of MNWD's Rules and Regulations, as may be revised from time to time. Charges will be based on the average dwelling unit population for the appropriate customer class, and adjusted as necessary for any future redevelopment of Tract No. 8800.. MNWD shall invoice ETWD for said charges on a semi-annual basis. Said charges shall then be due and owing pursuant to the provisions of MNWD's Rules and Regulations.
- Section 6. ETWD shall own and be responsible for all operation and maintenance of the sewer collection system within the Tract No. 8800 Service Area up to the point of connection to MNWD's system.
- Section 7. The term of this Agreement shall be from the date of full execution of this Agreement by both Parties ("Effective Date") to the date which is 50 years from the Effective Date unless earlier terminated as set forth herein.
- (a) Notice and opportunity to cure If either party believes that the other party has failed to perform any obligation of that party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement ("Default"), the party alleging the Default shall provide written notice ("Default Notice") to the other party, setting forth the nature of the alleged Default. The party claimed to be in Default shall have: (i) with respect to a Default involving the payment of money, ten (10) days after its receipt of the Default Notice to completely cure such Default, and (ii) with respect to any other type of Default, thirty (30) days from the receipt of the Default Notice to completely cure such Default or, if such Default cannot reasonably be cured within such thirty (30) day period, to commence the cure of such Default within the thirty (30) day period and diligently prosecute the cure to completion thereafter. If the party claimed to be in Default does not cure such Default within the time periods and

procedures as set forth herein, the party alleging Default may then pursue applicable legal and equitable remedies, including termination of this Agreement.

- (b) <u>Termination at the discretion of a party</u> In the event either party determines in its reasonable discretion that it is not able to continue to perform this Agreement due to operational, financial, regulatory or other reasons, that party shall then provide written notice ("Termination Notice") to the other party setting forth the reasons for termination and the date upon which the Agreement will terminate. Unless otherwise agreed upon, said termination date shall not be less than five (5) years from the date of receipt of the Termination Notice by the party receiving said Notice.
- Section 8. Each party hereby agrees to mutually indemnify and hold the other party harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, property damage, bodily injuries, personal injury, losses or liabilities, in law or in equity, of every kind and nature to the extent that the same are the result of an error, omission or negligent act of the indemnifying party, its officers or employees, or any other person acting pursuant to such party's control in performing under this Agreement.
- Section 9. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.
- Section 10. This Agreement may be amended only by a writing executed by both parties.
- Section 11. There shall be no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, either express or implied, is intended to confer upon any person or entity, other than the parties and their respective successors and assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement.
- Section 12. This writing constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all oral or written representations or written agreements, which may have been entered into between the parties prior to the execution of this Agreement. As of the date of full execution of this Agreement by both parties, the 1975 Agreement shall be deemed to be superseded, expired, terminated, and otherwise of no further force or effect.

Section 13. Any notice, or instrument required or permitted by this Agreement to be given or delivered to either party shall be deemed to have been received when personally delivered or upon deposit of the same in any United State Post Office, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed as follows.

Moulton Niguel Water District 26161 Gordon Road Laguna Hills, California 92653 Attention: General Manager

El Toro Water District P.O. Box 4000 Laguna Hills, CA 92654 Attention: General Manager

Section 14. In the event it becomes necessary for either party to bring legal action to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its attorney's fees and legal costs incurred in said proceeding.

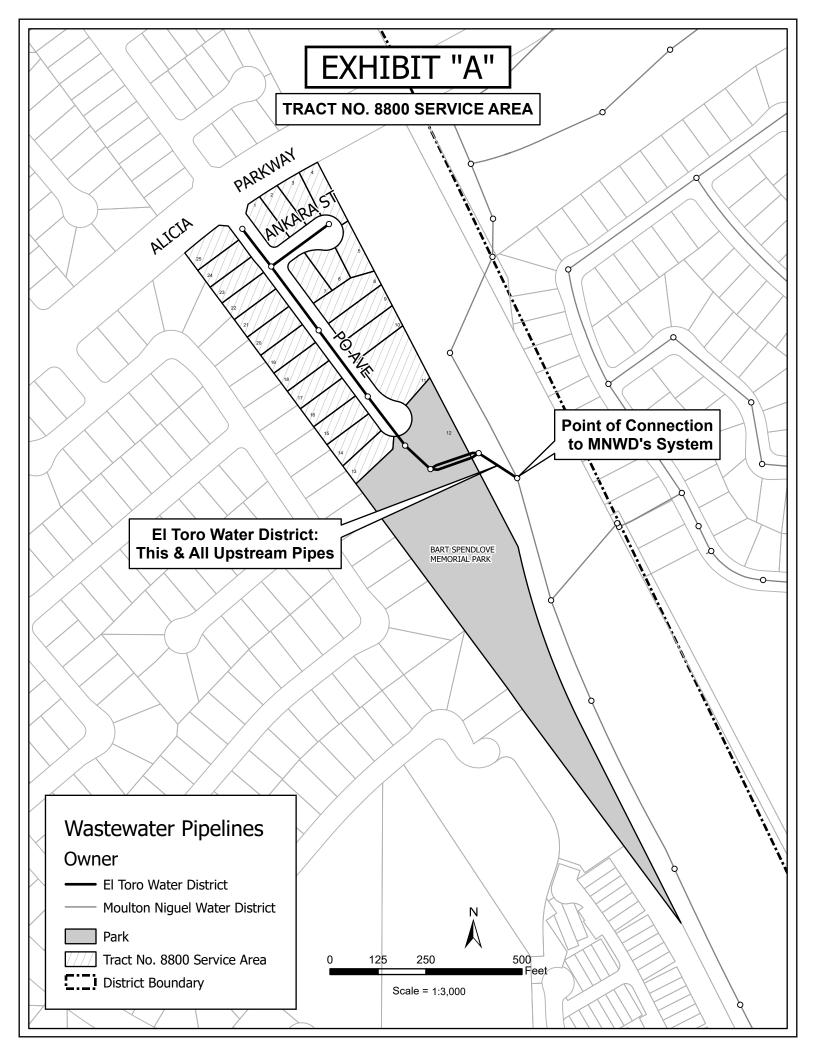
Section 15. If any portion, provision or part of this Agreement is held, determined or adjudicated to be invalid, unenforceable, or void for any reason whatsoever, each such portion, provision, or part shall be severed from the remaining portions, provisions, or parts of this Agreement, and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of such remaining portions, provisions or parts.

Section 16. The representative of each party signing this Agreement warrants and represents that he/she so executes and he/she is acting within the express scope of such authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, by authorization of their respective Boards of Directors, on the date and year hereinabove written.

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

BY:
General Manager
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MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT
BY:
General Manager



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

October 2025

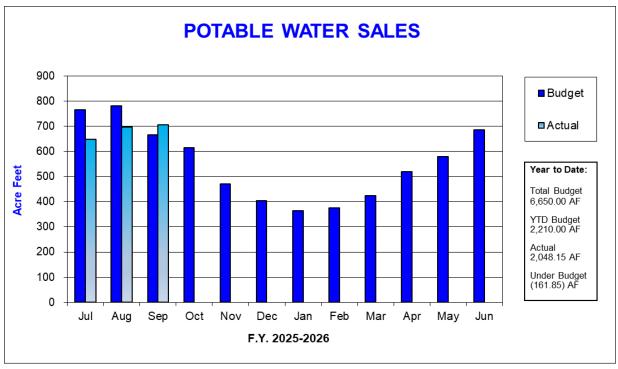
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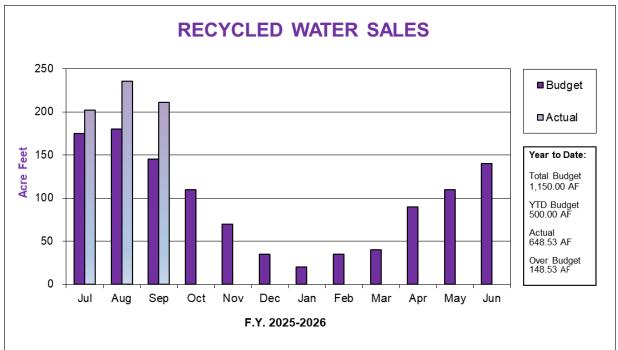
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- MWDOC / MET Directors Workshop
- City of Lake Forest Legislative Luncheon
- Meetings with Gladwell Government Services Regarding Records Retention Schedule Updates
- Meeting with Terra Verde Regarding Solar and Battery Project Proposals
- Solar and Battery Proposal Interviews
- Lunch Meeting with Fernando Paludi TCWD General Manager
- Meeting with ATS Regarding Cellular Lease Sites
- GRF Maintenance and Construction Committee Meeting
- United Mutual Maintenance and Construction Committee Meeting
- SOCWA JB Latham Facility Planning Assessment Consultant Interviews
- South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting
- MWDOC Grand Jury Briefing and Tour of the Baker Water Treatment Plant
- Strategic Plan Meeting with Ed Means
- Presentation to Lake Forest Civic Academy
- Presentation to Third Mutual Board Meeting
- Regional Leadership Program Meeting
- Metropolitan Water District Finance Committee Meeting
- ETWD Laserfiche Document Management System Training
- ETWD President, Vice President & General Manager Meeting
- ETWD All Employee Meeting
- ETWD Strategic Plan Workshop
- 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 September 30, 2025, are 2,048.15 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted domestic sales of 2,210.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects a decrease of 161.85 acre-feet. Actual sales are 56.83 acre-feet lower than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

Actual recycled sales for the year-to-date as of September 30, 2025, are 648.53 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted recycled sales of 500.00 acrefeet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 148.53 acre-feet. Actual sales are 22.08 acre-feet higher than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

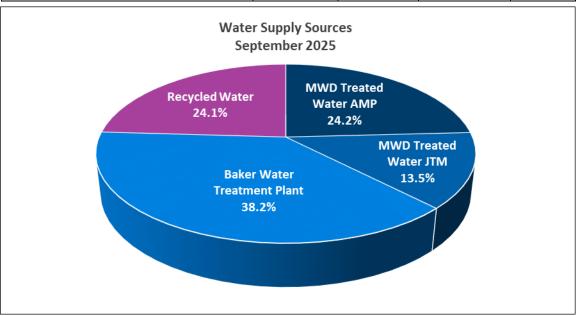


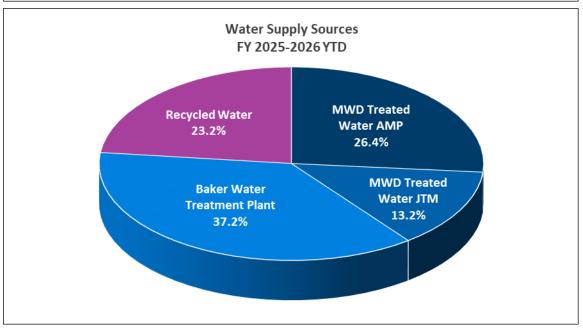


III. WATER SUPPLY SOURCES

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

Water Supply Sources (AF)					
	Septemb	er 2025	FY 2025-2026 YTD		
MWD Treated Water AMP	211.7	24.2%	739.4	26.4%	
MWD Treated Water JTM	118.7	13.5%	369.1	13.2%	
Interconnections	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	
Baker Water Treatment Plant	335.2	38.2%	1040.4	37.2%	
Recycled Water	210.9	24.1%	648.5	23.2%	
TOTAL	876.5	100.0%	2,797.4	100.0%	





Customer Service Activity Report

Regular Service Calls	SEP 2025	SEP 2024	Telephone Calls	SEP 2025	SEP 2024
Serviceman Dispatched to Read,			Change of Service:		
Connect/Disconnect Service	50	54	Connections and Disconnections	63	53
Field Investigations:			Billing / Payments & Graph Inquires	189	274
Check for leaks - calls to CS			Assistance with online payments and		
Office:(irrigation,meter,street leaks)			ETWD's portal (cc, e-checks, other.)	21	14
Customer Responsible	26	22			
District Responsible	2	8	Variance / Adjustment Inquiries	9	9
None found/other			Variance / Adjustment Requests		
	23	7	Processed	8	6
High Reads Checked - High Consumption			Ordinance Infraction / Water Waste		_
Billing Dept.)	07	54	Complaints	1	2
Cust Leaks:24 No Leaks:13	37	51			
heck Stopped Slowed Meters-Low	_	4-	Outside Utility Districts	40	2.4
onsumption (Billing)	5	17	•	49	34
Re-Check Read	_	_	Phone calls Transfer to other	20	00
Nudia anna Information	5	5	Departments within ETWD	39	68
Ordinance Infraction	0	0	Phone calls for the Board of Directors	0	0
ecycled Water	1	0	Recycled Water	1	0
Vater Quality: Taste / Odor / Color	6	6	Water Quality Taste - Odor - Color	2	3
Phone response: 2 Field response: 4			Leaks / Breaks	14	13
onstruction (Hydrant) Meters issued	0	1	Construction Meter calls (Hydrant)	0	2
Sewer - Odor/Stoppage/ Manhole Covers	0	3	Sewer Problems (odor / spills)	3	3
Meter Box: 1 Lids: 4 Covers Replaced: 8	13	25			
Neter Box Clean, Digout			Backflow / Cross Connection (questions		
Meter Box Clean, Digout	5	3	or yearly testing forms)	0	1
			ETWD facilities inquiries:		
Raised Meter Box			Boxes/Covers/Lids/Hydrants/Pump		
	0	1	Stations/Graffiti/ "Gen. Maint"	0	0
rim Bushes / Meter Obstruction	7	13			
Seneral Maintenance Response			Tyco (ADT) Calls		
Jeneral Maintenance Response	9	4	(Alarms to ETWD facilities)	2	0
Fire Hydrants: Hit / Leaks / Caps	0	0	ATT Calls (access to tower sites)	0	0
ressure(psi) Checks / Reads	7	6	SCE Calls (access to tower sites)	0	0
CSSOV (Angle Meter/Ball Valve/Gate			Pager Calls specifically for Pump Stations		
/alve/Globe Valve) chk,repair,replaced	7	13	- SCADA	0	0
AMS angle-meter-stop replace/repair	0	0			
Bees Removed	2	1			
Backflow / Cross Connection	0	4	Payment Extensions	49	11
			Delinquent Payment Calls to Customer 's		
ogged Registers			prior to shut off per billing calendar		
	9	18	(automatic courtesy dialer)	0	0
DMCOP: Old Meter Change - Out Program			Return Calls from customers left on our		
oncor. Old Meter Change - Out Frogram	1	0	voice mail system. Ext 500	2	11
other: (uncommon non-maintenance calls)	9	2	Email Correspondence:	23	108
On-Call After Hrs. CS Response			Maintenance Service Order Requests		
on-oan Anter Fire. Co Tresponse	26	26	(bees, psi, fogged-dirty registers)	20	17
Posting Notice & 24 Hr. Door Hangers Hung			Misc. (other: employment, deliveries,		
r i osung Notice & 24 i ii. Dool Hallyels Hully	96	0	sales calls)	29	17
			Payment Processing Fee Complaints		
Shut Offs/Disconnect for Non-Payment (DNP)	13	0	ayment recooning recomplaints	0	0
Removed Meter			Customers Complaints non bill related.		
GITIOVEG IVICIEI	1	0	customers complaints non bill relateu.	0	0
New Meter	0	2	Billing Disputes	0	0
Jnread Meters	0	2			
Total Field Investigations	360	294	Total Telephone Calls	524	646
Jncollectible Accounts:			Credit Card Payments	SEP 2025	SEP 2024
Budget YTD	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 4,875.00	-	024 \$394,778.81 1,6	
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State Water Project First detection of golden mussels in Northern Sierra snowpack North America - port of Stockton, April 1, 2025 8 Station precipitation California 56.6 in 5 Station precipitation Initial SWP allocation 5% - did not include late November storms. Southern Sierra snowpack SWP allocation increased to 15% April 1, 2025 175% 150% Extremely dry month - less than 25% of 130% normal for most of California 120% Two major devastating fires in LA region 110% SWP allocation increased to 20% due to 100% December precipitation 90% 80% Atmospheric rivers brought necessary 70% precipitation 50% SWP allocation increases three times 25% to a final allocation of 50% (Map) Departure from normal temperature % of normal precipitation (Oct 2024 - Sep 2025) (Oct 2024 - Sep 2025) Golden mussels detected in Pyramid 0.82 MAF Lake and Silverwood (09/30/2025) Lake, both in Southern 2.06 MAF (09/30/2025) California 0.65 MAF 1.87 MAF (10/01/2024) 60% (10/01/2024)

Sacramento River Index Runoff (Million Acre-Feet)

Red dots indicate golden mussel detection

(Oct 24-Aug 25). Blue lines are SWP conveyance

20.1	2024-	2025
17.6		2023-2024
24.1		2022-2023
10.8	2021-2022	
6.4	2020-2021	
9.7	2019-2020	

San Joaquin Valley Runoff (Million Acre-Feet) Average (1991-2020) - 5.9 MAF

Lake Oroville

4.2	202	4-2025	
5.5		2023-2024	
13.8			2022-2023
3.2	2021-2	.022	
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San Luis Reservoir

SWP share

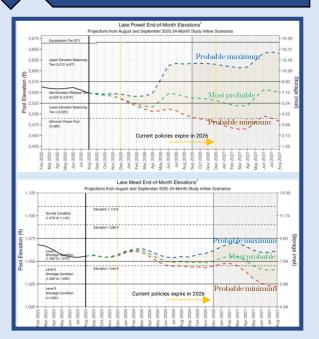
Colorado River

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 Lake Mead started the water year 23 feet higher than the record low in 2022

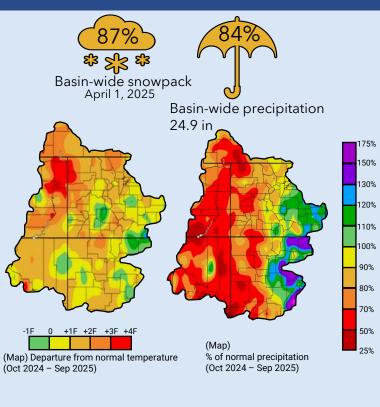
MAY 2025 Three days of intense precipitation, when usually there is none, brought record 1.44 inches of rain to Las Vegas

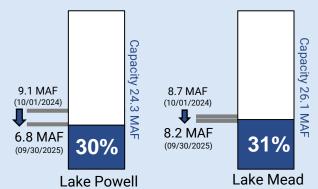
AUG 005 Lake Mead will continue at Level 1
 Shortage for calendar year 2026,
 with mandatory water reductions to Arizona, Nevada, and the Republic of Mexico



Powell Unregulated Inflow (Million Acre-Feet) Average (1991-2020) – 9.6 MAF

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4.7	2024-2025
8.0	2023-2024
13.4	2022-2023
6.09	2021-2022
3.52	2020-2021
5.85	2019-2020





Lake Mead – Operating Condition (August 2025 CRMSS ESP Projections)

		2026	2027*	2028*	2029*	2030*
	Surplus (above 1,145 ft)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Normal Year (between 1,075 and 1,145 ft)	0%	7%	3%	10%	13%
e e	1st Level (between 1,050 and 1,075 ft)	100%	50%	30%	20%	27%
Shortage	2nd Level (between 1,025 and 1,050 ft)	0%	40%	53%	43%	40%
Ö	3rd Level (below 1,025 ft)	0%	3%	13%	27%	20%

st Years beyond 2026 assume continuation of 2007 Interim Guidelines

WILL SERVE SUMMARY REPORT SEPTEMBER 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
Parentis Health Sewermain Relocation	Relocating an existing sewermain.	6/26/2025	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Whoop Axe Water Service Upgrade	Upgrade of existing water service.	4/23/2025	Close-Out	\$ -
Central Utilities Plant 24451 Health Center Drive	Additional domestic and fire services for a medical central utility plant.	12/20/2024	Construction	\$ 21,856
23272 & 23282 Mill Creek	Residential development for 464 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23172 Plaza Pointe Dr and 23441 S Pointe Laguna Hills	Residential development of 100 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Planning	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	5/14/2025	Plan Check	\$ 8,291
23370 Moulton Pkwy Sewer Improvements	Modifications to the sewer lateral	5/8/2025	Construction	\$ -
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	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
24043 Gemwood Dr ADU	Addition of a 3/4" service	6/10/2025	Construction	\$ 5,284
OC Vet Animal Hospital	Conversion of an adult day care to a vet clinic	7/7/2025	Plan Check	\$ 5,493
Burlington Backflow	Addition of a domestic backflow device	N/A	Plan Check	\$ -
T-Mobile Backflow	Addition of a domestic backflow device	9/12/2025	Plan Check	\$ -
24012 Avenida De Carlotta Backflow	Addition of a domestic backflow device	N/A	Plan Check	\$ -
Heritage Market	Converting retail to market with kitchen	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Pacific Dental Services	Converting retail to a dentistry	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
23182 Alcalde Dr Backflow	Addition of a domestic backflow device	N/A	Plan Check	\$ -



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

From: Natural Resource Results

RE: Monthly Board Report – September 2025

Appropriations

Congress is currently confronting the same challenge it has faced repeatedly in recent years: time is running out to complete the appropriations process before the start of the new fiscal year. With only a few days left, the possibility of a government shutdown looms unless lawmakers can agree on either a full-year spending package or another continuing resolution (CR). Both chambers are moving toward a stopgap, but significant differences remain over its scope, duration, and policy riders. The House has passed a CR that would extend current funding through November 21, while Senate Democrats have blocked the House version, leaving the two chambers at an impasse. Democrats are pushing a shorter extension into late October that also restores or extends certain healthcare priorities, including Affordable Care Act subsidies and Medicaid support.

These disputes highlight the broader partisan tensions that have defined the appropriations process this year. Republicans are pressing for a "clean" CR that avoids additional policy provisions, while Democrats are pushing to attach measures that address healthcare and social safety net concerns. The Senate's 60-vote threshold complicates matters further, requiring bipartisan cooperation that has so far been elusive. Adding to the difficulty, the congressional calendar is constrained by recesses and upcoming holidays, leaving limited time for negotiations and floor votes before the funding deadline.

While both parties want to avoid a shutdown, there does not seem to be a path to do so. However, this is a very dynamic situation, and the odds of a shutdown will continue to shift as we approach September 30th.

Nominations

Last week, Andrea Travnicek was finally confirmed by the Senate to be the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, a political position within the Department of the Interior that oversees the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Ted Cooke, the Administration's nominee to be the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, withdrew his nomination last week at the request of the White House. Mr. Cooke has since spoken to the press and did not shy away from expressing his displeasure about withdrawing and noted that the push from the White House was likely driven by concerns from Upper Basin Senators about his abilitiy to be neutral on Colorado River issues. At this time, it is unclear who the Administration will nominate next for the position.



To:	MWDOC Workshop
From:	Syrus Devers
Date:	October 1st, 2025
Re:	End of Session Report

The first year of the 2025/2026 legislative session came to a close in the early hours of Saturday, September 13th after a tumultuous session. In the final count, 1,246 of the 2,833 introduced bills made it to the Governor's desk. We will not know the final number of signed bills until mid October.

The year began with optimism reflected in the introduction of Newsom's budget proposal on January 10th. The budget contained no deficits, and was based on better than expected revenues. Seemingly prophetic, the press release trumpeted adding \$1.5 billion to the reserve fund of \$2.5 billion for fighting wildfires. The Palisades Fire began on January 7th and would not be fully contained until January 31st. Although it would take time to realize it, Newsom's budget was obsolete on the day it was introduced.

The Palisades Fire was soon followed by swings in the stock market caused by President Trump's tariffs. The stock market reacted on April 3rd with the worst one-day drop since the onset of the pandemic in 2020. The timing could not have been worse with the state budget "May Revise" due in four weeks. Since California's budget is heavily dependent on capital gains taxes, this injected even more uncertainty into the budget process.

The fiscal uncertainty resulting from the Palisades Fire and the erratic stock market caused the budget process to eclipse legislation as the major focus of the year for water policy advocates. Funds in the proposed budget for several water-related programs were pulled out of the budget and shifted to Proposition 4, which set the tone for the rest of the session. Most lobbyists representing water agencies could not recall a prior year where more time was spent lobbying budget items than bills in policy committees.

With this background in mind, this report will cover the wins, losses, and what remains pending on the Governor's desk as we approach the October 12th deadline for Newsom to sign or veto legislation.

The Wins

<u>Golden mussels</u>: MWDOC supported funding for golden mussel eradication following the leadership of MWD. Most advocates lobbying for golden mussel eradication funds were fairly confident it would happen, but it was somewhat of a nailbiter as the Legislature waited until the final week to allocate the funds. With an entire day to spare, the Legislature appropriated \$20 million of Prop 4 funds to help with eradication efforts.

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Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA): This is actually a mixed bag, but in the end no harm was done so it lands in the "win" column. This issue has vexed water agencies as far back as 2019 when then Senator Bill Monning introduced SB 200 and tried to fund LIRA programs through a tax on water. MWDOC has been historically neutral but opposed to state mandated LIRA requirements that conflict with existing programs. The California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) attempted to be proactive this year and sponsored AB 532 (Ransom) which would have created a fund in the state budget for LIRA programs, and put voluntary LIRA programs on a solid statutory footing.

All was going well until two weeks before the end of session when the Senate Local Government Committee, chaired by Senator Durazon who has authored LIRA bills opposed by the MWDOC, sought amendments that were not supported by all members of CMUA, but supported by enough members for CMUA to remain the sponsor. A potential conflict between CMUA members was averted when the bill was held on the infamous Suspense File in the Assembly. Since LIRA bills have generally been opposed by water agencies, and all bills related to LIRA were stopped, including SB 350 (Durazo) which never made it out of the first house, "no harm done" is a win despite the path taken to get there.

<u>Sunset extension for teleconferencing in public meetings</u> (support): This was supposed to be an easy win with AB 259 (Rubio-support), sponsored by Three Valleys MWD, which did nothing but remove the original sunset date on allowing teleconferencing for public meetings that was first enacted during the pandemic. That bill had a broad coalition behind it and unanimous support. All was well until the Senate decided there should only be one bill on open meetings, and it should be a senate bill. The sunset removal from AB 259 was put into SB 707 (Durazo) and AB 259 was held. Unfortunately, SB 707 had many other provisions that were opposed by special districts. It all worked out in the end when Durazo accepted amendments that exempted all but the 50(ish) largest special districts in the state from the onerous provisions of the bill, but it caused significant consternation over an issue everyone thought was worked out.

<u>Recycling funds</u>: MWDOC has a long history of supporting recycling and Newsom's introduced budget included \$153 million for recycling programs, but those funds were removed from the budget and shifted to Proposition 4 for the reasons stated above. Advocates then received a scare when the Legislature left Prop 4 funding to almost the last minute. But in the end, \$150 million of Prop 4 funds for recycling were allocated.

Still Pending

<u>SB 466–Chrome 6 liability protection.</u> (Caballero-support): No part of the path to the Governor's desk was easy for this bill, but the bill managed to garner unanimous support and incorporate amendments suggested by the SWRCB. While nothing can be taken for granted, it strongly suggests Newsom will sign the bill.

<u>SB 72</u> (Caballero-support): The "Solve the Water Crisis" effort, which then became "Water for All" as SB 72, arrived on the Governor's desk a few days before session ended. While it has enjoyed unanimous

¹ Neutral about LIRA programs in general. MWDOC has been aggressively opposed to imposing a tax on water.

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bipartisan support, which would ordinarily ensure a signature, there is reason to be cautious over SB 72. At its core, SB 72 is somewhat at odds with the Governor's California Water Plan, in which the Department of Water Resources invests significant resources. Newsom might veto SB 72 over the implicit criticism of his own agency's work, or he may direct DWR to incorporate some of SB 72's provisions in the next plan update, and then veto the bill saying it is unnecessary. The supporters have done their work and submitted a coalition letter where almost the entire first page is covered by small logos of all the supporting agencies. All we can do now is watch and wait.

<u>SB 394</u> (Allen-support): Enhanced penalties for damaging or stealing water from a fire hydrant. This bill enjoys unanimous support and a broad coalition behind it which makes its prospects look very good.

The Losses

<u>The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) Budget Trailer Bill (support)</u>: No other issue was lobbied as hard as the DCP, but the clock ran out when the powers that be failed to identify a trailer bill to carry the fight forward. If there is a silver lining, it is that a large number of new members who had never heard of the issue got a thorough education. No small accomplishment given that over half the Legislature has been in office less than two years.

<u>SB 496 (Hurtado-support)</u>: Clearer exemption process for Advanced Clean Fleets. This bill sailed along with unanimous support right up until it died on the Suspense File in the Senate.

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Legal and Regulatory

October 1, 2025

- 1. Ag Exemption: The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently decided very favorable to agriculture. This case, which originally started 14 years ago, claimed the Grassland Bypass Project violated the Clean Water Act by not getting a discharge permit. The case was originally dismissed by a lower court, and the court of appeals upheld the dismissal. The question was whether the Grassland Water District, who was responsible for the project, would also the responsible for non-agricultural pollutants runoff. This would include dust and stormwater runoff. The court ruled that the intent of Congress was to make agriculture responsible for everything they contributed but not pollutants they did not control that entered the water system. The environmental groups are very unhappy with this decision. This is a major victory for agriculture and will save them a lot of money in fines and penalties and legal fees.
- 2. Dam Removal: We commented last month on some issues regarding the California dam removal on the Eel River. The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has recently weighed in on this issue. They are debating whether to intervene in the project. It now appears there may be more issues to consider. The environmental impact of changing the water flow that has existed for over 100 years will be significant. This will be an interesting story to follow for many reasons. The roles of State and Federal government will certainly come in to play.
- 3. **Atmospheric River Chasers:** You may have wondered what those hurricane chasers do in the off season. They are now chasing atmospheric rivers. This project partners Scripps Institute of Oceanography at UC San Diego, NOAA, and the US Air Force. For the past few years they have been flying Gulfstream IV and C-130 aircraft into ARs around the world. For the most part it is much smoother than chasing hurricanes but it can become rough when they get close to land. Most of their flights are in the Pacific Ocean going from Japan to Hawaii to the west coast of the US. They take measurements, drop instruments (dropsondes) and spend long hours monitoring the AR. They are able to predict time, location and volume of the AR. Their current forecast accuracy is about 5 days but they hoping to expand it to 10 in the future.

- This is very important as the AR activity has been expanding and creating more flood conditions. Being able to prepare in advance for this will be extremely beneficial.
- 4. Lake Tahoe Update: As you recall the clarity of Lake Tahoe is very important to the health of the lake. This year's measurements showed the third worst on record. This was a surprise since last year the lake set a new record for clarity. The ususal suspects are runoff and nutrient level being at high levels. But that was not the case in the past year. The scientists are guessing that tiny plankton is the culprit since they are much smaller than the usual critters. Overall, the water is getting warmer, the summers expanding, both which would boost the extra growth. The locals are very concerned as there is a major proposal to add an arena and condo development which could bring in an extra 300,000 visitors to the area soon. Stay tuned.
- 5. Colorado Groundwater Down: A recent study has shown that the Colorado River Basin's groundwater is hurting. It has lost over 42 million acre-feet of storage in the last 20 years. About 65% of this is due to groundwater extraction. Nature has produced a 20% drop in river flow along with higher temperatures and reduced snowpack. Upper Basin loss showed groundwater made up 53% of total loss while that number was 71% in the lower basin. Those amounts were much greater than the loss in Lake Powell and Mead.
- 6. **Global Rainfall Maps:** The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany is using AI to improve global rain maps. Major weather events are increasing, like heavy rainfall, around the world. Researchers are developing better methods to use all of the data around the world (both low tech and high tech) to better predict rainfall patterns. Predicting and preparing for flood risks around the world is a primary goal. Providing better measures for these disasters will save lives and money.
- 7. More Deep Sea Desal: Agencies around the world are looking at subsea desalination. Pumping water from 1600 feet down in the ocean could be a long term answer for drought areas. This cost is less than traditional ocean desal. The sea disruption is minimized. Flocean in Oslo claims its technology will use 50% less energy. The seafloor is constant and does not change like surface water conditions. Environmental groups are still concerned about the flora and fauna at 1500 feet down. Flocean's first project of the coast of Norway will start producing water in 2026. Waterise, another subsea developer, is working on a plant in the Red Sea which will open this year. As always the real test is if this method will be economically feasible.

- 8. La Nina Coming?: NOAA weather folks are predicting a La Nina winter which usually means warmers temperatures and less rain. However, they also admit that it could be just the opposite. Looking back at 2022-23 when a La Nina brought us heavy rains, everybody now hedges their bets. If the jet streams, at higher altitudes, moves in one direction or another, they can change the outcome dramatically. Another aspect they stressed was getting better data for the farmers. Because of our overall water planning, people seem to do better in the droughts than the farmers. Since their use is much greater, better and more reliable planning and predictions is very important.
- 9. LAFCO v San Diego: The San Diego County Water Authority may have a new challenge to consider. The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission is taken a more active interest in how the Authority is conducting its business. Last year LAFCO granted permissioin for two of the Authorites member agencies to leave and join another water group. During that discussion many of the financial and operating issues of the Authority came to light. Several LAFCO directors have started investigations into the Authority. Various options are being discussed including breakup of the Authority, turning if over to MWD or a reorganization of the Authority involving consolidation of some member agencies. Since the Authority recently reached a settlement agreement with MWD after many years of litigation, the next few months will be interesting.
- 10. **Antioch Desal:** Antioch, a east bay town of 115,000 folks right next to the Delta, just opened a desal plant which will supply about 40% of its needs. The cost was \$160 million which was partially funded by Prop 1 (\$10 million), State Water Board (\$60 million loan) and DWR (\$27 million). The plant will produce 6 million gallons per day from the Delta brackish water. In the past, Antioch was able to pump and use water from the Delta. However in recent years the salt content in the river made that impossible in the summer and fall. Hence, the desal treatment facility was needed. While the article did not mention operating costs, I have been advised by a trusted source that the energy costs would be 10-20% of a normal ocean desal plant.
- 11. **Zone Zero:** The state Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Committee is considering defensible space rules for high fire hazard severity zones. This five feet area around structures in fire risk areas would be limited as to what an owner could allow. As a result of recent and prior fires, the state will provide rules for every structure in the state in high-risk areas. The proposals would forbid grass, native plants, shrubs, wooden fences, decks, trees unless branches are removed 5 feet above the roof of

- the structure, mulch, bark chips. Opponents claim the rules are not science based and being driven by the insurance companies. Proponents claim the rules are common sense and won't require tree removal. This will be very contentious.
- 12. **River Timebomb:** UC Davis has completed a study of abandoned ships in the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta area. Many, possibly in to the hundreds, of ships of all varieties have been sunk or abandoned. Some are recent but many are decades old. No one has found the money to remove them. Many of them contain hazardous materials, including gasoline, diesel fuel, oil, and asbestos. Some are already leaking and the rest will leak given more time. The hazard to fish, plants, water supply and the environment is substantial. Some are located in shipping lanes and could be dislodged, potentially hampering marine traffic.



TO: MWDOC Board of Directors

FROM: Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors

DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: October 2025 Local Legislative Report

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

- Across the County, several cities continue to experience leadership changes. Former Laguna Hills City Manager Jared Hildebrand has been serving in the same capacity for roughly a month in Orange, and the La Palma City Council recently named former Council Member Peter Kim as its new City Manager. Just two weeks ago, the Yorba Linda City Council voted to make Peter Grant, who most recently served for 10 years as City Manager in Cypress, the City's new City Manager.
- Elsewhere, former Westminster City Manager Eddie Manfro is serving as Interim City Manager in Fullerton, Sean Crumby is the Interim City Manager in Irvine, Cecilia Gallardo-Daly is Interim City Manager in Costa Mesa, and Sean Joyce was recently appointed Interim City Manager in Cypress. Looking forward, Newport Beach Assistant City Manager Seimone Jurjis will step into the City Manager role on January 1, 2026, succeeding Grace Leung.
- Santa Margarita Water District President Betty Olson has been reappointed to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, where she has served since 2014. In addition to President Olson's longtime presence on the SMWD Board, she also serves as President of the Association of Clean Water Administrators Water Quality Committee and as a member of the Water Environment Federation and the Orange County Water Association.
- Similarly, John Scandura, of Huntington Beach, has been reappointed to the Santa Ana Regional Quality Control Board, where he has served since 2021. Mr. Scandura held several positions at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) from 1985 to 2018, including Branch Chief for the Site Mitigation and Restoration Program, Remediation Project Manager, and Remediation Program Supervisor.
- Negotiations continue between the County of Orange and a coalition of cities and sanitation districts on the Waste Infrastructure System Enhancements (WISE) agreements, regarding long-term landfill tipping fees to fund essential capital improvement projects. The goal is to finalize an agreement by September 30 in order

to provide each agency with nine months to notice and conduct their respective Proposition 218 hearings.

- The Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) Board has appointed Shayanne Wright to represent Division 5, replacing Arlene Schafer, who recently stepped down after serving on the Board for the better part of 30 years. Board member Wright, who was sworn in at a special meeting on September 9, will complete the remainder of the current term which expires in December, 2026.
- In response to recent media reports that a dog had been registered to vote in Orange County and had cast ballots in two elections, the Board of Supervisors approved directing the County Registrar of Voters to remove any non-humans from the voter rolls, investigate and report back on the integrity and ongoing validation of the voter rolls in advance of the November 4 special election, and to obtain the Orange County pet license database and cross-reference it against the voter rolls to identify any pets that might be registered to vote.
- A majority of the Irvine City Council voted to rescind its recent notice of intent to withdraw from the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Community Choice Energy program, opting instead to make changes to the default renewable standard and other program components. The Costa Mesa City Council has directed staff to bring a draft ordinance to its October 7 meeting related to the City joining OCPA; if the City ultimately votes in the affirmative, it will join the cities of Irvine, Buena Park, Fountain Valley, and Fullerton.
- The Anaheim City Council deferred discussion on a potential "gate" tax on the Disneyland Resort and other entertainment venues in the city that would potentially generate roughly \$60 million annually. Council member Natalie Rubalcava, who initially proposed the new levy, asked for more time to work with City staff to gather more information and data for the Council to consider at a future date.
- Finally, the Garden Grove City Council voted September 23 to authorize its members' participation in the MWDOC Water Inspection Trip to Hoover Dam and the Colorado River Aqueduct October 2-4.

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

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

Sincerely,

Peter Whittingham

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MWDOC Workshop

Bill Matrix - Sept., 23rd. 2025

Prepared by SDA Government Relations

Priority: A. High

NOTE: bills in strikeout were deleted from the Matrix earlier in the year. They are included here for purposes of review.

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

Status: 07/17/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was JUD. on

5/14/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location:** 07/17/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

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

Notes -

Support - March 5th Workshop; Provisions folded into SB 707

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

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/14/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: Would declare that it is the establish

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 05/01/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

Notes -

On the April agenda.

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

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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, until January 1, 2030, 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. 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 limit a proxy vote authorization's effectiveness to no more than 6 board meetings in a calendar year. (Based on 09/05/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Status: 08/29/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE

FILE on 8/18/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 08/29/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: Current federal law, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 requires the federal Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program, which is also known as the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, for making grants to states and Indian tribes to assist low-income households that pay a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services, as provided. Current law requires the Department of Community Services and Development to administer the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in this state, and to receive and expend moneys appropriated and allocated to the state for purposes of that program, pursuant to the above-described federal law. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program was only operative until March 31, 2024. This bill would repeal the above-described requirements related to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. (Based on 07/17/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Status: 09/04/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/04/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

Summary: The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 prohibits a person, with exceptions, from conducting surface mining operations unless 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. Current 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, 2041. (Based on 09/02/2025 text)

Position	Priority	
support	A. High	

Notes -

Support - March 5th Workshop

AB 620 (Jackson, D) Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program: rental vehicles.

Status: 09/11/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/11/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

Summary: Current law establishes the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program (program) within the Air Quality Improvement Program to make financing tools and nonfinancial supports available to operators of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fleets to enable those operators to transition their fleets to zero-emission vehicles. This bill, for any regulation adopted to develop or implement the program, or other regulations that are regarding the procurement or use of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles by a public or private fleet, would require the state board to consider specified things, including, among other things, the environmental and supply chain benefits of renting medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles compared to procuring them. (Based on 09/08/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

AB 638 (Rodriguez, Celeste, D) Stormwater: uses: irrigation.

Status: 08/29/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/18/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 08/28/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: The Stormwater Resource Planning Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2016, to establish guidance for purposes of the act. This bill would require the board, by December 1, 2026, to develop recommendations for stormwater capture and use for the irrigation of urban public lands, as defined. The bill would require the recommendations to address, but not be limited to, opportunities for the use of captured stormwater for irrigation to offset the use of potable water, as specified, and recommendations for, among other things, pathogens and pathogen indicators and total suspended solids. Prior to approving the recommendations, the bill would require the board to solicit and receive written public comment on proposed recommendations. (Based on 07/03/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

AB 652 (Alvarez, D) San Diego County Air Pollution Control District: governing board: alternate members.

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

Summary: Current law provides for the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District to have a governing board of 11 members, including 2 members representing the board of supervisors of the County of San Diego, the mayor or a city council member of the City of San Diego, a city council member from each of the 5 supervisorial districts of the county, and 3 public members who are appointed by the

other members representing those local governments. Current law requires the 5 city council members to be selected by city selection committees representing the cities of that supervisorial district. Current law provides for the members of the governing board to receive compensation while attending meetings of the district governing board or while on official business of the district and to receive the actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing the member's official duties, as specified. This bill would provide that the members selected by the city selection committee members may be either a mayor or city council member from the applicable supervisorial district. The bill would authorize each appointing authority to designate an alternate member to serve in place of the regular member when the regular member is absent or disqualified from participating and would require the alternate member to meet the same qualifications applicable to the regular member. (Based on 09/05/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Senate ENROLLED

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 09/05/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

Notes -

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

Status: 09/10/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.

Location: 09/10/2025 - Senate ENROLLED

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 09/08/2025 text)

Position	Priority	
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support A. High

Notes -

Support position taken on 2/5

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

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE

FILE on 5/12/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

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 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 Water Resources Control 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 05/07/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Status: 09/02/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11 a.m.

Location: 09/02/2025 - Senate ENROLLED

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 connecting to, diverting water from, or causing water to be diverted from, a fire hydrant without authorization from the utility that owns the fire hydrant, except as provided. (Based on 08/27/2025 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

Notes -

Support - March 5th Workshop

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

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE

FILE on 5/5/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

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

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

Status: 08/28/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/20/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 08/28/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: 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. Under the act, the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to adopt water quality control plans for waters for which quality standards are required by the federal Clean Water Act, as specified, and that in the event of a conflict, those plans supersede regional water quality control plans for the same waters. This bill would authorize the state board to adopt water quality control plans for nexus waters, which the bill would define as all waters of the state that are not also navigable, except as specified. The bill would require any water quality standard that was submitted to, and approved by, or is awaiting approval by, the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the state board that applied to nexus waters as of May 24, 2023, to remain in effect, as provided. (Based on 07/10/2025 text)

Position	Priority
oppose	A. High

Notes -

Oppose adopted May 7th.

SB 697 (Laird, D) Determination of water rights: stream system.

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Senate ENROLLED

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to hold proceedings to determine all rights to water of a stream system whether based upon appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right. Current law provides various requirements for the board when determining adjudication of water rights, including, among other things, performing a detailed field investigation of a stream system, as defined, issuing an order of determination, providing notice and a hearing process, and filing a final order. This bill would revise the above-described provisions regarding the board's statutory adjudication of water rights during an investigation of a stream system to, among other things, require representatives of the board to investigate in detail the use of water with the authority, but no requirement, to conduct a field investigation, authorize the board, if the board determines that the information provided by the person, as specified, is inadequate, to issue information orders that require claimants to submit reports of water use from the stream system through a form provided by the board, and require claimants to respond to that order within 75 days of the date of issuance by the board. (Based on 09/04/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

SB 707 (Durazo, D) Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements.

Status: 09/13/2025 - Joint Rule 61(a)(14) and 51(a)(4) suspended. Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Concurrence in Assembly amendments pending. Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 27. Noes 6.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Location: 09/13/2025 - Senate ENROLLMENT

Summary: Existing law, 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. This bill would, beginning July 1, 2026, and until January 1, 2030, require an eligible legislative body, as defined, to comply with additional meeting requirements, including that, except as specified, all open and public meetings include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a 2-way telephonic service or a 2-way audiovisual platform, as defined, and that the eligible legislative body take specified actions to encourage residents to participate in public meetings, as specified. The bill would require an eligible legislative body, on or before July 1, 2026, to approve at a noticed public meeting in open session a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet services occurring during meetings subject to these provisions, as specified, and would require the eligible legislative body to comply with certain requirements relating to disruption, including for certain disruptions, recessing the open session for at least one hour and making a good faith attempt to restore the service, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/18/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

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

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 3/12/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Current law generally designates air pollution control and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to identify toxic air contaminants that are emitted into the ambient air of the state and to establish airborne toxic control measures to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants from nonvehicular sources. This bill would require an air district without a specified rule on emergency backup generators, as defined, as of January 1, 2026, that adopts such a rule to include in the rule provisions that allow the operator of a critical facility, as defined, to use a permitted emergency backup generator in exceedance of the applicable runtime and

testing and maintenance limits if specified conditions are met. The bill would require a critical facility allowed to exceed applicable limits under a rule adopted pursuant to that provision to attest to and provide evidence of having taken demonstrable steps toward implementing the use of backup power technologies that meet or exceed emission standards set by the state board. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position	Priority Priority	
B. Watch	A. High	

Priority: B. Watch

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

Status: 09/11/2025 - Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling.

Location: 09/11/2025 - Assembly ENROLLMENT

Summary: Would require a person who owns or operates a data center, prior to applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, to provide its water supplier, under penalty of perjury, an estimate of the expected water use. When applying to a city or county for an initial business license, the bill would require a person who owns or operates a data center to self-certify, under penalty of perjury, on the application that the person has provided its water supplier an estimate of the expected water use. When applying to a city or county for a renewal of a business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, the bill would require a person who owns or operates a data center to self-certify, under penalty of perjury, on the application, that they have provided the data center's water supplier with a report of the annual water use. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a statemandated local program. The bill would authorize the Department of Water Resources, as part of any efficiency standard adopted under a specified provision of law, to identify different tiers of data centers, based on factors affecting water consumption, and appropriate standards for each data tier. (Based on 09/15/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

<u>AB 267</u> (<u>Macedo, R</u>) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: high-speed rail: water infrastructure and wildfire prevention.

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 2/18/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: Would suspend the appropriation to the High-Speed Rail Authority for the 2026–27 and 2027–28 fiscal years and would instead require those amounts from moneys collected by the State Air Resources Board to be transferred to the General Fund. The bill would specify that the transferred amounts shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to augment funding for water infrastructure and wildfire prevention. (Based on 01/17/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W., P. & W. on

2/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location:** 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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 293 (Bennett, D) Groundwater sustainability agency: transparency.

Status: 09/09/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Location: 09/09/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

Summary: Current law requires a groundwater sustainability plan to be developed and implemented for each medium- or high-priority basin by a groundwater sustainability agency. Current law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin, as provided. Current law requires members of the board of directors and the executive, as defined, of a groundwater sustainability agency to file statements of economic interests with the Fair Political Practices Commission using the commission's online system for filing statements of economic interests. This bill would require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish the membership of its board of directors on its internet website, or on the local agency's internet website, as provided. The bill would also require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish a link on its internet website or its local agency's internet website to the location on the Fair Political Practices Commission's internet website where the statements of economic interests, filed by the members of the board and executives of the agency, can be viewed. (Based on 09/05/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

<u>AB 295</u> (<u>Macedo, R</u>) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: water storage, water conveyance, and groundwater recharge projects: streamlined review.

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021 authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2032, to certify environmental leadership development projects that meet specified requirements for certain streamlining benefits related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The act, among other things, requires a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings for an environmental leadership development project, as provided, and to provide a specified notice within 10 days of the Governor certifying the project. The act is repealed by its own term on January 1, 2034. This bill would extend the application of the act to water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects that provide public benefits and drought preparedness. Because a lead agency would be required to prepare the record of proceedings for water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects pursuant to the act, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

Position	Priority Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

AB 307 (Petrie-Norris, D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: fire camera mapping system.

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on

2/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location**: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 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. Of these funds, the act makes available \$1,500,000,000, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for wildfire prevention, including, among other things, by making \$25,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for technologies that improve detection and assessment of new fire ignitions. This bill would require, of the \$25,000,000 made available to the department, \$10,000,000 be allocated for purposes of the ALERTCalifornia fire camera mapping system. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Status: 09/16/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.

Location: 09/16/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

Summary: Would, beginning July 1, 2030, require a water supplier, as defined, to have access to sufficient backup energy sources to operate critical fire suppression infrastructure, as defined, needed to supply water for at least 24 hours for the purpose of fire suppression in high or very high fire hazard severity zones in the County of Ventura, or to have access to alternative sources of water supplied by a different water supplier or agency that can serve this same purpose of supplying backup water to critical wells and water pumps for 24 hours, as provided. The bill would require the water supplier to take various actions, including annually inspecting critical fire suppression infrastructure and backup energy sources and notifying the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services within 3 business days of any reduction in its water delivery capacity that could substantially hinder firefighting operations or significantly delay the replenishment of reservoirs. 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 Ventura County Fire Department in cooperation with the water supplier, as specified. By levying new requirements on the Ventura County Fire Department, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. (Based on 09/11/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

AB 372 (Bennett, D) Office of Emergency Services: state matching funds: water system infrastructure improvements.

Status: 09/11/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/3/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/11/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law charges the Office of Emergency Services (OES) with coordinating various emergency activities within the state. The California Emergency Services Act, contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, requires the OES to enter into a joint powers agreement pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program relating to structure hardening and retrofitting and prescribed fuel modification activities. Current law authorizes the joint powers authority to establish

financial assistance limits and matching funding or other recipient contribution requirements for the program, as provided. This bill, contingent upon appropriation by the Legislature, would establish the Rural Water Infrastructure for Wildfire Resilience Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to urban wildland interface communities, as defined, in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure, as prescribed. The bill would require the OES to work in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and other state entities as the OES determines to be appropriate, to achieve the purposes of the program. (Based on 08/29/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

<u>AB 404</u> (<u>Sanchez</u>, <u>R</u>) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel reduction projects.

Status: 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on

2/18/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026) **Location**: 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. Current law, until January 1, 2028, except for the issuance of a permit or other permit approval, exempts from the requirements of CEQA prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel reduction projects, or related activities, undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 meeting certain requirements. Current law requires a lead agency, if it determines that a project gualifies for the above exemption and it determines to approve or carry out the project, to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and with the county clerk in the county in which the project will be located and to post the notice of exemption on its internet website together with a description of where the documents analyzing the environmental impacts of the project under the federal act are available for review. Current law requires the lead agency, if it is not the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to provide the notice of exemption and certain information to the department. This bill would extend the above exemption and requirements on the lead agency indefinitely. (Based on 02/04/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/14/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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 following a finding by the board that a nonfee emergency regulation is no longer necessary, as provided, to conduct a comprehensive economic study assessing the impacts of the regulation, as specified. (Based on 05/01/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE

FILE on 5/21/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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.

Status: 09/11/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 09/11/2025 - Assembly ENROLLED

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 that includes an electrical transmission line or thermal powerplant, or both. Current law requires the application to contain, among other information, a description of any electrical transmission lines, a map of the proposed route and existing transmission lines, justification for the proposed route, and a preliminary description of the effect of the proposed electrical transmission lines on the environment, ecology, and scenic, historic, and recreational values, as specified. This bill would remove the requirement that the application include the information described above, and would require that the application also contain an emergency response and action plan, to be paid for by the applicant, that incorporates impacts to the surrounding areas in the event of an emergency and that would be conducted and coordinated with local emergency management agencies, unified program agencies, and local first response agencies. (Based on 09/08/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

AB 707 (Soria, D) San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project.

Status: 02/15/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

Location: 02/14/2025 - Assembly PRINT

Summary: Would appropriate \$455,500,000 from the General Fund to the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority for the purpose of funding the State Highway 152 Route improvements required to complete the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project. (Based on 02/14/2025 text)

Position Priority

B. Watch

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

Status: 09/12/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 6/12/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/12/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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.

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/7/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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

Status: 08/29/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE

FILE on 8/18/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 08/29/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: Would prohibit the release of stored water from a reservoir owned and operated by the United States 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 owned and operated by the United States in a manner that is knowingly, designedly, and intentionally under any false or fraudulent representation as to the purpose and intended use of the water. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board or the Attorney General, as provided, to bring an action for injunctive relief for a violation of the above-described prohibition. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 06/23/2025 text)

Position	Priority	
B. Watch	B. Watch	

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

Status: 09/11/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/9/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 09/11/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources 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. Current law requires a groundwater sustainability agency to evaluate its groundwater sustainability plan periodically. This bill would require a groundwater sustainability agency to, at least once every 7 years, review, and update if appropriate, its sustainable yield to ensure that the sustainable yield is based on the best available information and best available science, as defined, and will achieve sustainable groundwater management. The bill would also require a groundwater sustainability agency to provide an opportunity for public review and comment before making a determination whether to update its sustainable yield. To the extent that these requirements impose additional duties on groundwater sustainability agencies that are local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 09/02/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

<u>SB 90</u> (<u>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.

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/5/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

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 Priority	
B. Watch	B. Watch	

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

Status: 09/22/2025 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11 a.m.

Location: 09/22/2025 - Senate ENROLLED

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 update its water supply forecasting models and procedures to 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. (Based on 09/13/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Status: 06/05/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 6/3/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 06/05/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

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 348 (Hurtado, D) State Air Resources Board: Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

Status: 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/19/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/23/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

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. The act requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations, as provided, to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions to ensure that the statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, as defined, no later than December 31, 2030. Pursuant to its authority, the state board has adopted the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulations to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels used in California, as specified. This bill would require the state board, beginning no later than January 31, 2026, to reconsider and revise the Low Carbon Fuel Standard to reduce the program's financial burden on drivers in the state, including by taking specified actions. (Based on 05/05/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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Potential vehicle for ACF

SB 614 (Stern, D) Public resources: transportation of carbon dioxide.

Status: 09/13/2025 - Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 37. Noes 0.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Location: 09/13/2025 - Senate ENROLLMENT

Summary: The Elder California Pipeline Safety Act of 1981 requires the State Fire Marshal to administer provisions regulating the inspection of intrastate pipelines that transport hazardous liquids. A person who willfully and knowingly violates the act or a regulation issued pursuant to the act is, upon conviction, subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both a fine and imprisonment, as provided. This bill would revise the definition of "pipeline," for purposes of the act, to include intrastate pipelines used for the transportation of carbon dioxide. The bill would require the State Fire Marshal, by July 1, 2026, to adopt regulations governing the safe transportation of carbon dioxide in pipelines that, at a minimum, are as protective as certain draft regulations issued by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on January 10, 2025. The bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal to amend those regulations, as provided. The bill would prohibit the approval of a pipeline for use in transporting carbon dioxide if the pipeline is originally constructed to transport any other liquid or gas and would prohibit the construction of those pipelines using previously used pipe or components. The bill would prohibit an operator from constructing a pipeline transporting carbon dioxide in a location where one or more sensitive receptors, as defined, are located within the emergency planning zone of the pipeline, which is defined as an area within 2 miles of either side of the pipeline, except as provided. The bill would require an operator of a pipeline transporting carbon dioxide to submit to the State Fire Marshal and the public agency that is the lead agency for the project that includes the pipeline an emergency planning zone inventory and map, as provided, and would require the State Fire Marshal and the lead agency to review, at least once every 3 years, the inventory and map for completeness and accuracy. The bill would require the operator, at least once every 3 years, to provide to local governments providing emergency response services to sensitive receptors within an emergency planning zone the inventory and map determined by the State Fire Marshal and the lead agency to be complete and accurate and any updates to the inventory and map. The bill would require the State Fire Marshal and the lead agency to make publicly available on its internet website all inventories and maps determined to be current, complete, and accurate and would

require the State Fire Marshal and the lead agency to redact any personally identifiable information from the publicly available inventories and maps. To the extent this requirement imposes additional duties on a local agency regarding the posting of, and the redaction of information from, the inventories and maps, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the operator to annually provide the map to sensitive receptors within the emergency planning zone of the pipeline. The bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal, for a pipeline transporting carbon dioxide, to order a pipeline shutdown for violations of state or federal laws, or if continued pipeline operations present an immediate danger to health, welfare, or the environment. The bill would, in the event of a pipeline rupture, require the pipeline to remain nonoperational until an investigation into the pipeline rupture is completed and the origin and cause of the pipeline rupture is determined. Because the bill would expand the application of a crime to pipelines transporting carbon dioxide and because a violation of the regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal related to pipelines transporting carbon dioxide would be a crime, the bill would impose a statemandated local program. The bill would require that to be recognized by the state board for meeting any requirement under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, carbon dioxide transported by pipeline be transported only by pipelines meeting or exceeding the standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 09/18/2025 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	B. Watch

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

Status: 03/12/2025 - Referred to Com. on RLS.

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.

Status: 05/08/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)

Location: 05/08/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

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	

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 259 B. Rubio (D – Baldwin Park) Sponsors: California Special Districts Association, Three Valleys Municipal Water District	Amended in Assembly Local Government Committee on 4/21/2025. Two-Year Bill	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 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	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	Amended in Senate Local Government Committee on 7/17/2025. Senate Appropriations 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 public water suppliers, or systems serving disadvantaged communities. The bill also would expressly allow urban retail water suppliers to establish a local lowincome rate assistance (LIRA) program using voluntary contributions or other non- ratepayer funds.	Support Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	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 Proposition 218. Recent amendments remove a provision to revamp the state LIHWAP program for small and disadvantaged communities due to fiscal concerns.

Bill Number and Author AB 580 G. Wallis (R - Bermuda Dunes) Sponsor: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Amended Date and Location Amended in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on 7/17/2025. Senate Appropriations Committee	Surface Mining: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California This bill extends the sunset date for 15 years or until January 1, 2041, 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 (CRA).	Metropolitan Position Sponsor Based on December 2024 Board Action.	Effects on Metropolitan Ensuring Metropolitan can continue operating under a single Master Reclamation Plan will maintain environmental oversight without delays and prevent duplicative compliance.
AB 638 C. Rodriguez (D – San Fernando) Sponsor: Natural Resources Defense Council	Amended in Senate on 7/3/2025. Senate Appropriations Committee	Stormwater: uses: irrigation This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) to establish guidance for stormwater capture, and its use for the irrigation of public urban lands by July 1, 2026. Public lands include parks, street medians, parkways, and golf courses owned by the state, city, county, or designated for public use. The Board would be required to solicit public comment before establishing recommendations.	Support Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	The use of stormwater for non-potable irrigation of public lands reduces the demand for potable water while enhancing drought resilience.

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 794 J. Gabriel (D - Encino) Sponsors: Clean Water Action, Environmental Working Group	Amended in Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 4/10/2025. Assembly Inactive File	California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt an emergency regulation for water quality based on federal regulations in effect on January 19, 2025, regardless of whether the requirements were repealed or amended to be less stringent. The bill would prohibit an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards, as provided, and would authorize the regulation to include requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of the federal regulation. 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 (PFAS).	Amended Amended Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	While AB 794 aims to protect public health, its approach circumvents the established regulatory process for setting Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). Metropolitan's Legislative Priorities and Principles call for using the best available science to protect public health and improve water quality when setting MCLs. The broad scope of this bill, which would allow the SWRCB to set through emergency action primary and secondary MCLs for any chemical with a federal MCL, sets a dangerous precedent and fails to align with wellestablished regulatory principles.

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 1146 D. Papan (D – San Mateo)	Amended in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on 6/23/2025. Senate Appropriations Committee	Water infrastructure: dams and reservoirs: water release: false pretenses This bill adds language to the Water Code prohibiting the release of stored water from a reservoir owned and operated by the United States if the release is done under false pretenses and would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to issue an injunctive relief order for violation of such release of stored water. This bill would define "false pretenses" as a release of water from a reservoir in a manner that is knowingly, designedly, and intentionally under a false or fraudulent representation or assumption as to the purpose and intended use of the water.	Watch Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	Amendments have narrowed the scope of this bill to reservoirs owned and operated by the United States, which would exclude Metropolitan's and Member Agency owned and operated reservoirs. The bill's definition of "false pretenses" remains unclear and does not specify what would qualify as "false or fraudulent representation," nor does it indicate how intent would be determined.
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Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 1319 N. Schultz (D – Burhank)	Amended in Senate Natural Resources and	Protected species: California Endangered Species Act.	Oppose Unless Amended	This bill could have profound impacts on Metropolitan's activities and its State Water Project and Colorado River imported sumplies
	Water Committee on	This bill would amend the California Endangered	Based on 2025	The time and cost to get CESA permits after emergency listings would be high and while
	7/10/2025.	and Game Commission (Commission) to adopt an	Policies and	permit applications are pending, opponents could
	Senate	emergency regulation that adds a federally listed species that is native to California to the list of	Principles.	litigate to halt or modify projects, including ongoing operations of the State Water Project and
	Appropriations	endangered or threatened species on an emergency		Colorado River water deliveries and power
		Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), that a		production.
		federal action that occurs after January 19, 2025,		Recent amendments add a permit shield from
		results in a decrease in protection for that species and listing under CESA could provide protection for		nability for project proponents for the take of an emergency-listed species as long as the permittee
		that species.		complies with all terms and conditions in a federal nermit but the nermit must have been
		If the Commission lists a species by emergency		issued (and remain unchanged) on or before
		regulation, CDFW would be required to promptly		President Trump's second term began. The latest
		commence a status review, and the Commission		amendments are an improvement; however, the
		federally listed species beyond the duration of the		federal incidental take authorizations are regularly
		emergency.		amended or superseded. Metropolitan is seeking
		This bill would provide that in authorizing the take		additional amendinents to mint the appricability of this bill to species that are federally delisted.
		of any species listed during the emergency		
		regulation, the Commission or CDFW may apply the unstections movided by federal terms of the		
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ge 37		Commission or CDFW determines that those		
of		protections do meet CESA standards.		

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 31 J. McNerney (D – Stockton) Sponsor: WateReuse California	Amended in Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee on 6/9/2025. Assembly Appropriations Committee	Water quality: recycled water SB 31 aims to enhance California's water sustainability by increasing the use of recycled water in non-potable applications. This bill modernizes outdated regulations and expands the permissible uses of recycled water to reduce dependence on potable sources. The bill would make updates to Title 22 of the Code of Regulations to expand the use of recycled water in parks, schools, and food handling and processing facilities.	Support Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	Supporting the use of recycled water in non-potable applications such as irrigation, decorative water features, and industrial processes reduces the demand for potable water while enhancing drought resilience.
SB 72 A. Caballero (D – Merced) Sponsor: California Municipal Utilities Association	Amended in Senate Appropriations Committee on 4/10/2025. Assembly Appropriations Committee	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets This measure would revise the California Water Plan to require the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to update the California Water Plan by December 31, 2028, and every five years after, to include a long-term water supply target for 2050 and discussion on the development of specified water supply sources to meet demand.	Support Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	The intent of this bill is to help modernize California's water management practices and provide long-term reliable supplies in response to the current climate challenges. Metropolitan supported a similar version of this bill in 2024, SB 366 (Caballero), which passed the Legislature and was vetoed by the Governor.

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 394 B. Allen (D - Santa Monica) Sponsor: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Amended in Assembly Judiciary Committee on 7/2/2025.	Water theft: fire hydrants SB 394 would allow a local agency that provides water service the ability to increase fines and penalties for water theft from fire hydrants. The bill also adds tampering with a fire hydrant, fire hydrant meter, or fire detector check, or the unauthorized diversion of water from a fire hydrant to the list of acts for which a utility may bring a civil cause of action.	Support Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	Metropolitan Member Agencies and subagencies that provide local water services could adopt ordinances with enhanced penalties for water theft from a fire hydrant.
SB 454 J. McNerney (D – Stockton) Sponsor: Association of California Water Agencies	Amended in Senate Appropriations Committee on 5/23/2025. Assembly Appropriations Committee	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program SB 454 would establish a PFAS Mitigation Fund to address PFAS contamination in California's drinking water and wastewater systems. Administered by the SWRCB, the fund will provide financial support through grants, loans, and contracts to water suppliers and wastewater operators to cover or reduce treatment and disposal costs, ensuring safe and clean water across the state with a focus on disadvantaged communities.	Support Based on 2025 Legislative Policies and Principles.	The proposed bill would be highly beneficial to Metropolitan, its Member Agencies, and other water and wastewater agencies currently grappling with increased PFAS-related regulations and source contamination issues. By allowing for grants, loans, and contracts through the PFAS Mitigation Fund, and the provision of assistance services, the bill provides much-needed financial relief and assistance to support treatment and mitigation efforts.

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 601 B. Allen	Amended in Assembly	Water: waste discharge	Oppose	Currently, AB 601 poses risks to Metropolitan and its member agencies by: adopting EPA's
(D – Santa Monica)	Environmental Safety and	The intent of this bill is to restore Clean Water Act protections in California that were removed per the	Based on 2025	drinking water standards for PFAS/PFOS, bypassing the state rulemaking process;
Č	Toxic Materials	U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 Sackett v.	Legislative	increasing costs of waste discharge requirements
Sponsors: California	7/10/2025.	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision. However, the bill goes beyond restoring statute and	Policies and Principles.	(WDKs) permits for discharges of water when dewatering or operating water supply
Coastkeeper Alliance,		includes several provisions that expand regulatory requirements without the benefit of scientific		infrastructure, potentially requiring all such water to be recycled regardless of cost to comply;
Defenders of Wildlife	Assembly Appropriations	analysis.		exposing Metropolitan and its Member Agencies to citizen suits in state court, and, for certain
	Committee			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: October 23, 2025

From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager

Subject: Public Education and Outreach Report

Laguna Woods Village Television (LWVT)

Director McClean is scheduled for an LWVT interview on October 28, 2025 and his topic is Fats, Oils and Grease.

National Backflow Day - American Backflow Prevention Association

The ABPA had a photo contest for National Backflow Day (August 16th). Steve Wingen entered a submission for ETWD and won. Steve was mentioned in the APBA quarterly newsletter and follows this report.

Westline Sewer Lift Station

Staff distributed a construction alert to residents surrounding the Westline Sewer Lift Station project for the new electrical equipment that is being installed at the station. A copy of the flyer follows this report.

Community/Speaking Engagement Events

City of Lake Forest Citizen Civic Academy – October 1, 2025

Dennis Cafferty presented to the City of Lake Forest Citizen Civic Academy on October 1, 2025. Dennis's discussed ETWD services, water supply, infrastructure, partnerships and water use efficiency to the attendees of the academy.

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Golden Rain Foundation Maintenance and Construction Committee – October 8, 2025

Hannah Ford presented the District's plan to rehabilitate the Aliso Creek Lift Station and its crucial role it plays in the Laguna Woods Village community.



South Coast REC Open House and Pumpkin U-Pick - October 11, 2025

Staff hosted a booth and distributed water with the water trailer to attendees at the UC ANR South Coast Research and Extension Center on Saturday, October 11, 2025. This family friendly event included landscape industry experts, demonstration landscapes which provides an outdoor classroom promoting better gardening practices to reduce landscape water use and improve water quality within the local watershed.

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City of Mission Viejo/Orange County Sheriff's Department South County Disaster Preparedness Expo – October 18, 2025

ETWD staff will host a booth at the City of Mission Viejo and Orange County Sheriff's Department South County Disaster Preparedness Expo at Oso Viejo Community Park, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce – Car Show & Business Expo – November 15, 2025

ETWD staff will host a booth and distribute water with the water trailer to attendees at the Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce Car Show & Business Expo on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will take place in the Laguna Hills Mall parking lot.

Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce - Elf Yourself 5k - November 22, 2025

ETWD staff will host a booth and distribute water with the water trailer to attendees at the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce Elf Yourself 5k on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Headquarters Update

Back to basics with pending updates to our website, memberships & a long-in-the-works "new" manual!

By Patti Fauver, Executive Director



As we continue settling into the back-to-school time of year, ABPA is also moving back to some of the basics, as well. Although I do not have any big items to roll out as a finished project or product this quarter, ABPA staff and members have been busy on a number of things. Check out our update highlights below.

2026 ABPA Annual Conference

Please plan to join us in Las Vegas, Nevada for our 2026 conference! Your conference is scheduled for May 4-6. Our host will be the Orleans Hotel & Casino.

Your Conference Committee is once again hard at work planning our annual gathering with new and timely technical sessions... time for you to explore the

newest products at our tradeshow... and opportunities to network with your fellow backflow professionals. Watch the website and your email. We will provide up-to-date information as soon as it is available.



Membership

We are revamping our **Sustaining** membership. With the changes, we hope to offer meaningful new benefits to all of our members. We are currently ironing out the details. Keep an eye on our website and your emails for details.

Backflow Prevention Day Photo Contest

If you were watching your email, we recently had a photo contest for National Backflow Prevention Day on August 16. We asked members to submit photos illustrating them in the field, keeping our drinking water safe. As promised, we randomly selected three winners from the submittals to receive a gift.



Our lucky winners are: Steve Wingen (with the El Toro Water District of California), Angel Monterrozo (inspecting the air gap on a Virginia streetsweeper) and Norm Mill (Arizona, L-R. Each of our National Backflow Prevention Day photo contest winners have received an official ABPA Stanley mug and a Starbucks gift card!

Thank you to everyone who participated. Keep watching your email for other opportunities to show us your good work and maybe win a prize!

Website

ABPA is still working to update our website in the coming months. As we make this transition, when (not "if") you find broken links or other issues, please let us know at info@abpa.org. Please be patient as we work through this transition. Watch for update emails going forward.

By the way, despite the words on this sample page, you won't actually have to



study Latin before visiting the new website. Here's what the experts say about it: "Lorem Ipsum is a dummy or placeholder text commonly used in graphic design, publishing and web development. Its purpose is to permit a page layout to be designed, independently of the copy that will subsequently populate it. Contrary to popular belief, Lorem Ipsum is not simply random text. It has roots in a piece of classical Latin literature from 45 BC, making it more than 2000 years old." So, consider this your "culture moment" of the day.

Manual

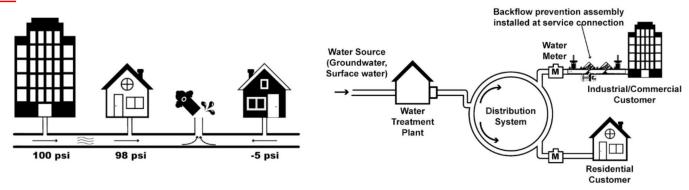


FIGURE # 17 - Backsiphonage From High Velocity

FIGURE # 104 - Service Protection

Our multi-year effort to create a manual for cross-connection control programs and backflow certifications is nearing completion. We are now inserting the final design elements, before getting our publication off to the printer. We will let you know all about this offering as soon as it is available to order!

Certifications

We continue to receive many questions from our certified individuals in California on whether ABPA is pursuing ISO 17024 certification. **The answer is absolutely. California Certified Individuals** click **here** for updates on our ABPA ISO/IEC accreditation status.

Tester Rule Changes - Changes to the American Backflow Prevention Association Rules Governing the



Certification of Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester clarifying certification prerequisites and terminology corrections were approved during our Board of Directors meeting three months ago, and became effective several weeks ago (August 25). You can view the changes **here**. Your ABPA Certification Committee will keep you updated as we continue through this process. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions at certification@abpa.org. You may also call us at 801-436-7238.



CONSTRUCTION ALERT WESTLINE SEWER LIFT STATION

ABOUT THE PROJECT

El Toro Water District (ETWD) is partnering with Southern California Edison to install new electrical equipment at ETWD's Westline Sewer Lift Station. The project will start October 20th and will be complete by November 25, 2025.

PROJECT LOCATION

ETWD Westline Sewer Lift Station 5297 Avenida Del Sol, Laguna Woods, CA 92637





CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Work hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
 Monday through Friday.
- There will be construction vehicles and noise during working hours.
- The trail and utility road through the site will be closed at times, but a walkway will stay open for your use.
- There are no anticipated impacts to residents' water or electrical service.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the project, you are encouraged to contact us.

- (949) 837-7050
- **★** district@etwd.com
- etwd.com

We thank you for your patience.



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors Meeting Date: October 23, 2025

From: Vu Chu, Water Resources Supervisor

Subject: Water Use Efficiency Report

Rebate Programs:

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

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

www.etwd.com/conservation/rebates www.etwd.com/commercial-rebates

Actual Customer Rebates Analysis:

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

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

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

Water Use Efficiency Plan Update:

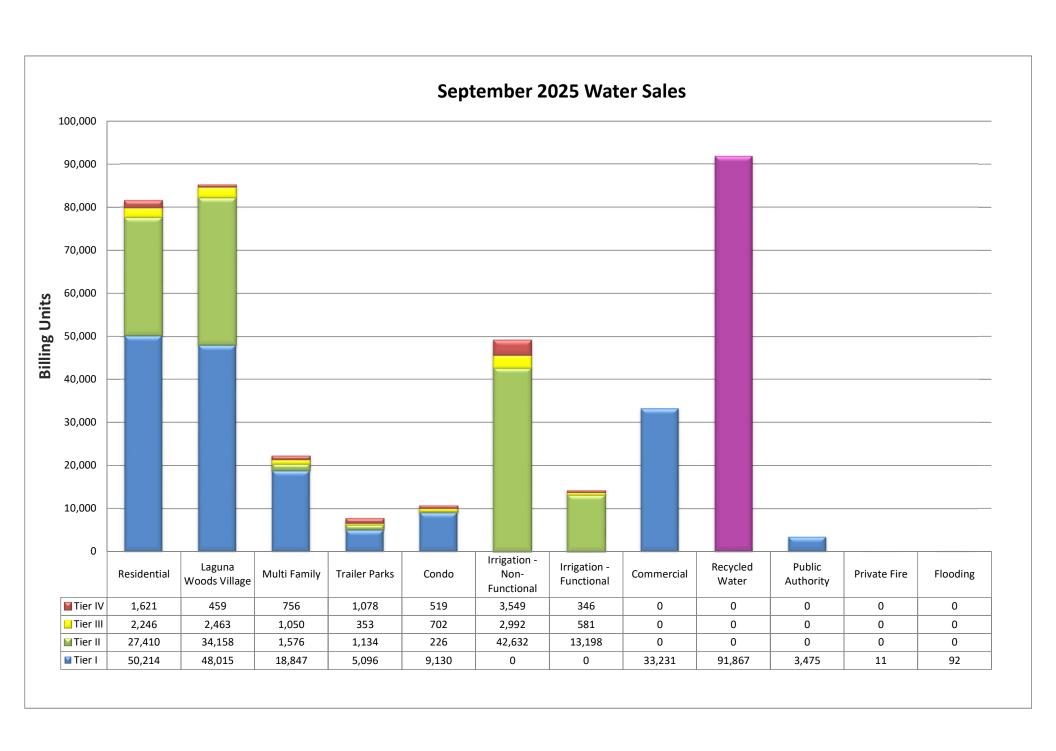
The District Water Budget-Based Tiered Conservation Rate Structure (WBBTCRS) pricing structure is the primary plan that gives customers the incentive needed to be efficient. The Plan efforts initially will concentrate on those customers continually in the Inefficient and Excessive Tiers (Tiers 3 and 4). During September 2025, residential customers accounted for 65.6% of Tier 3 usage and dedicated irrigation accounted for 34.4%. For Tier 4, residential customers accounted for 53.2% and dedicated irrigation accounted for 46.8% during the same period.

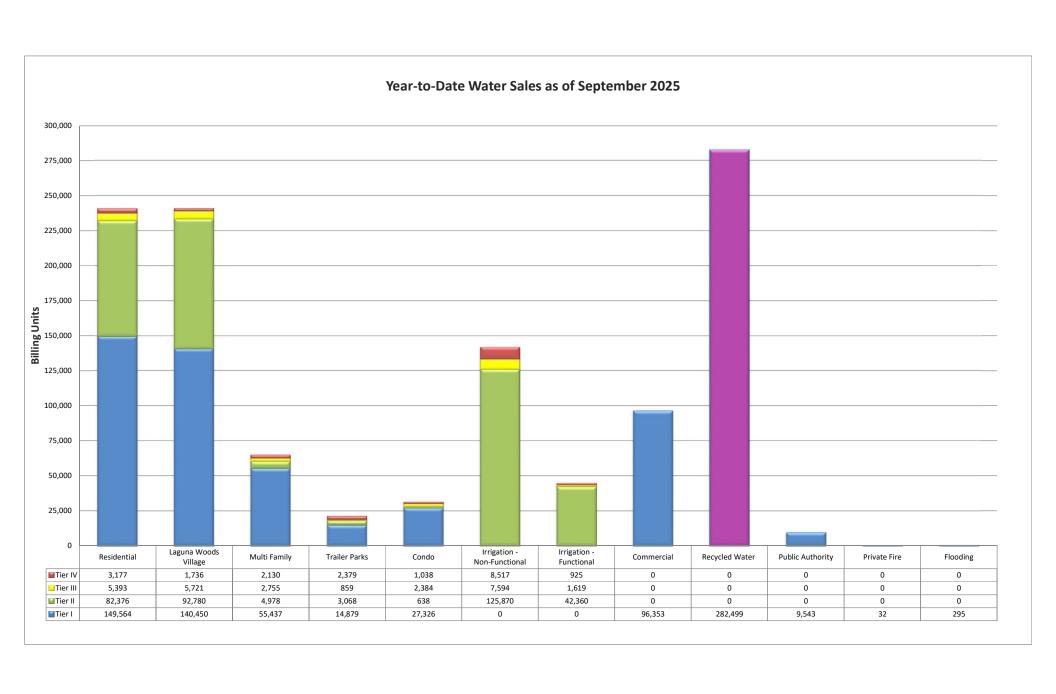
<u>Total Consumption Comparison to Evapotranspiration (ET) Factor:</u>

Included in this month's Water Use Efficiency Report is a chart comparing the current fiscal year consumption and ET factor to the fiscal 2024/25 consumption and ET factor. Total potable water consumption decreased by 4.94% in September 2025 compared to September 2024. On a year-to-date basis, potable water consumption through September decreased 2.70% compared to FY 2024–2025. During the same period, the ET factor decreased from 4.96 to 4.72.

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

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

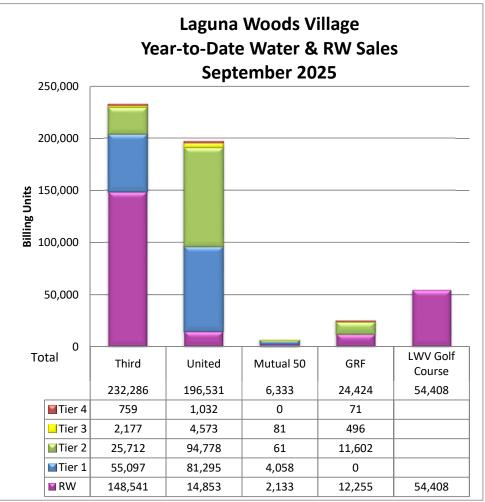


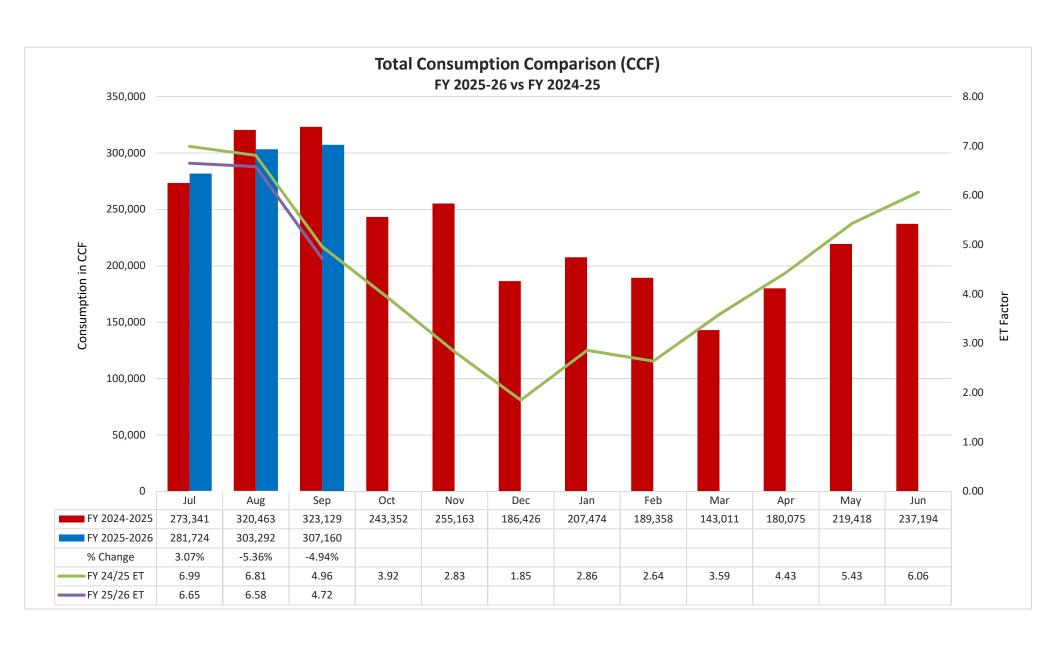






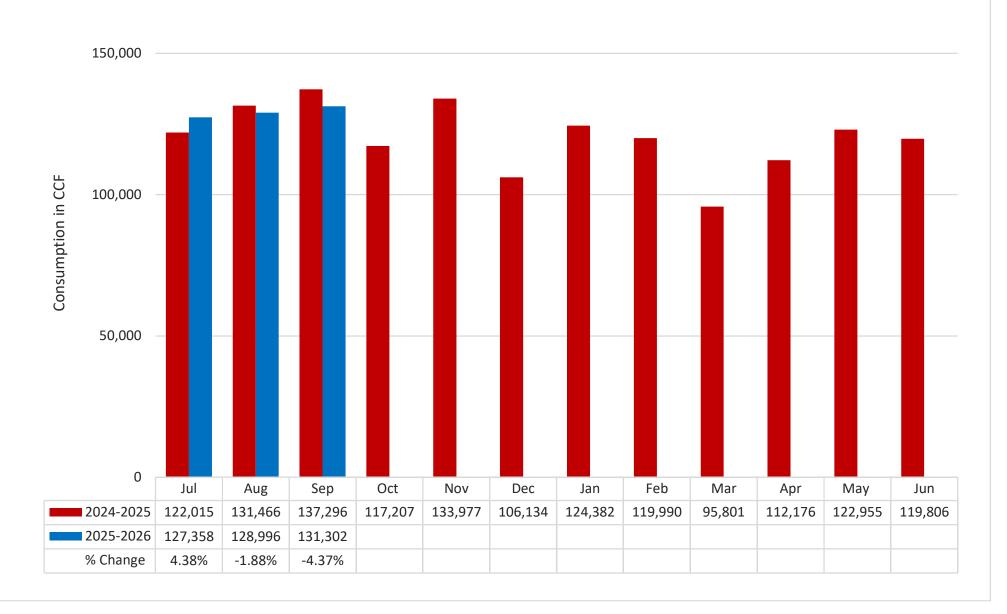


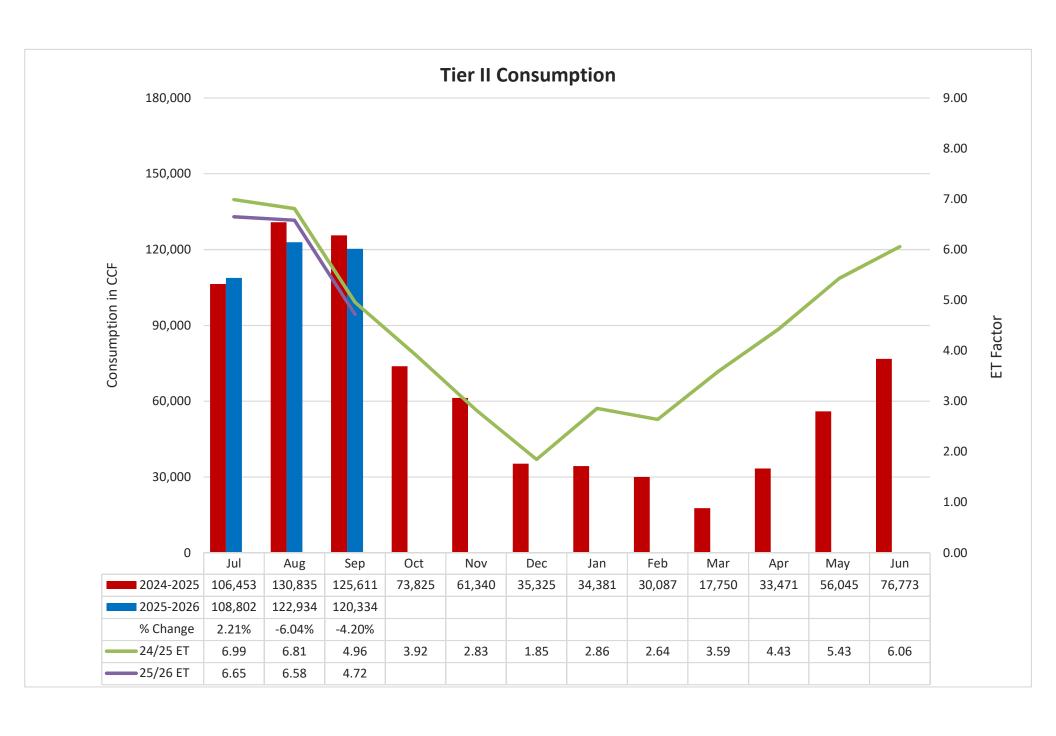


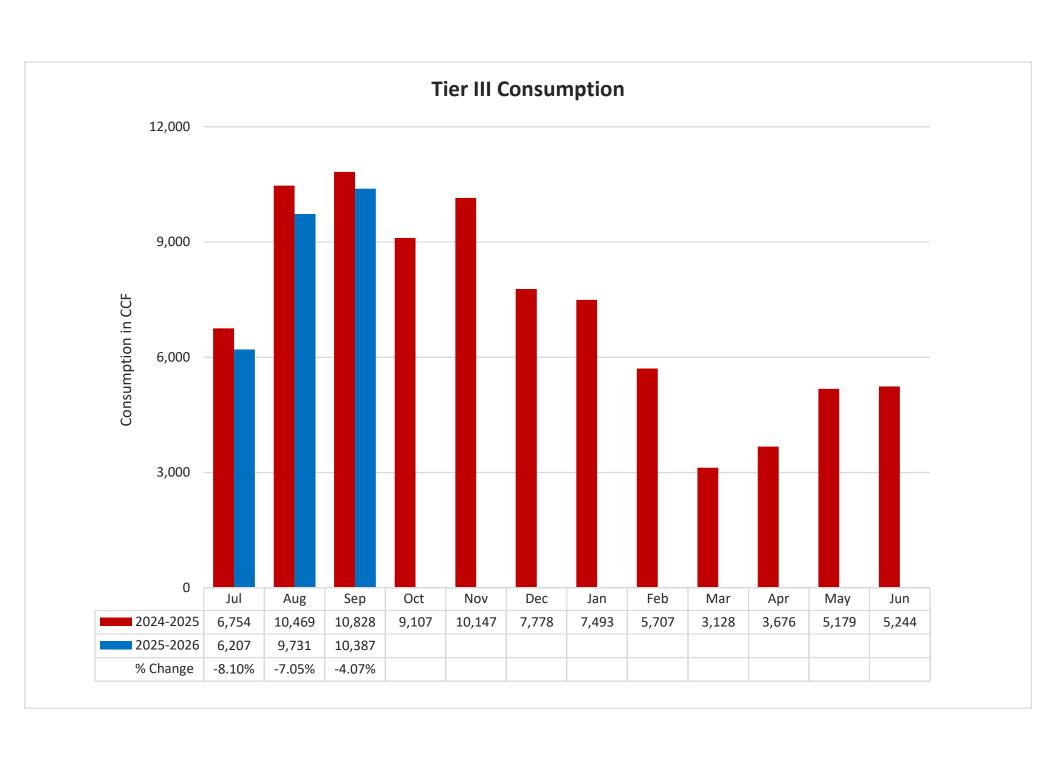


ETWD Fiscal YTD Consumption FY 2025-26 vs FY 2024-25 3,200,000 2,800,000 2,400,000 Consumption in CCF 2,000,000 1,600,000 1,200,000 800,000 400,000 YTD Start Jul Sep Oct Dec Feb Mar May Aug Nov Jan Apr Jun 2024-2025 0 273,341 593,804 916,933 1,160,285 1,415,448 1,601,874 1,809,348 1,998,706 2,141,717 2,321,792 2,541,210 2,778,404 2025-2026 0 281,724 585,016 892,176 % Change 3.07% -1.48% -2.70%



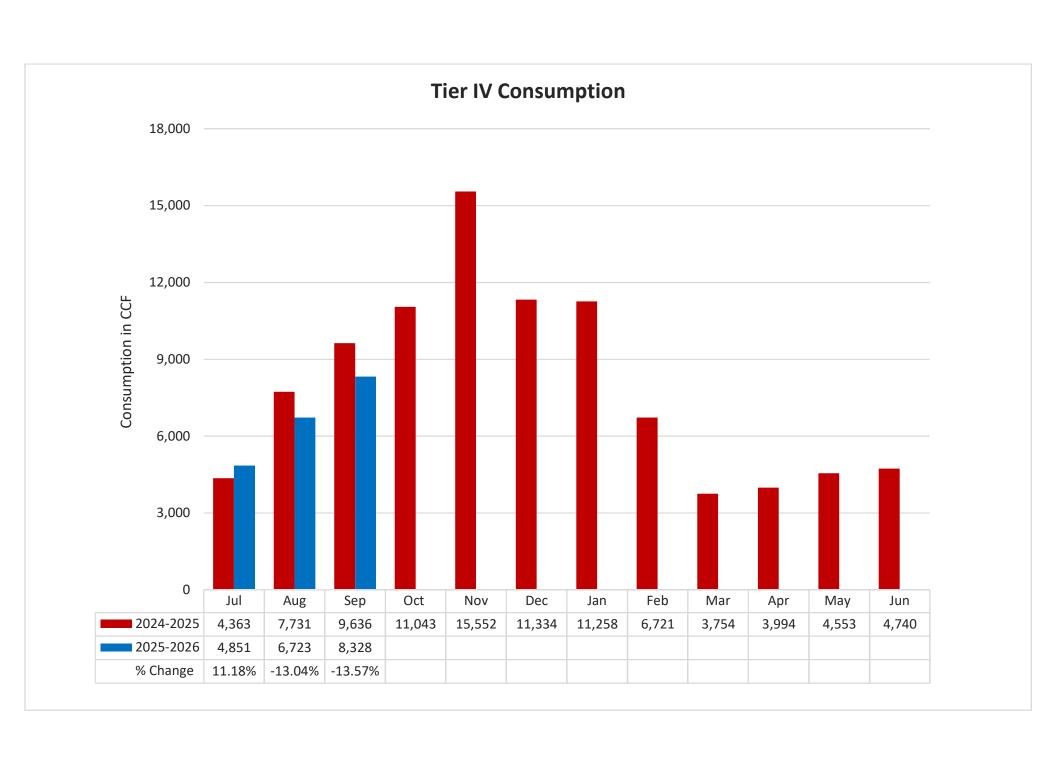




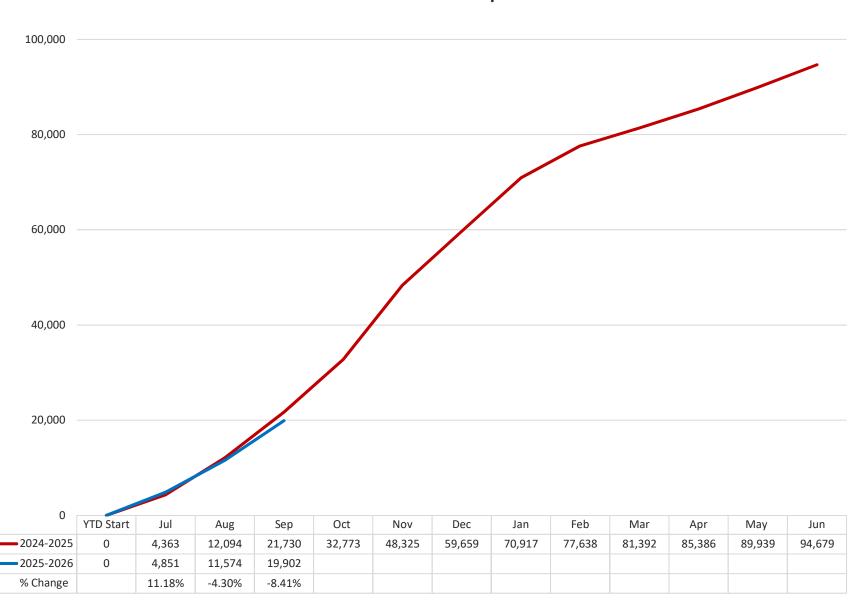


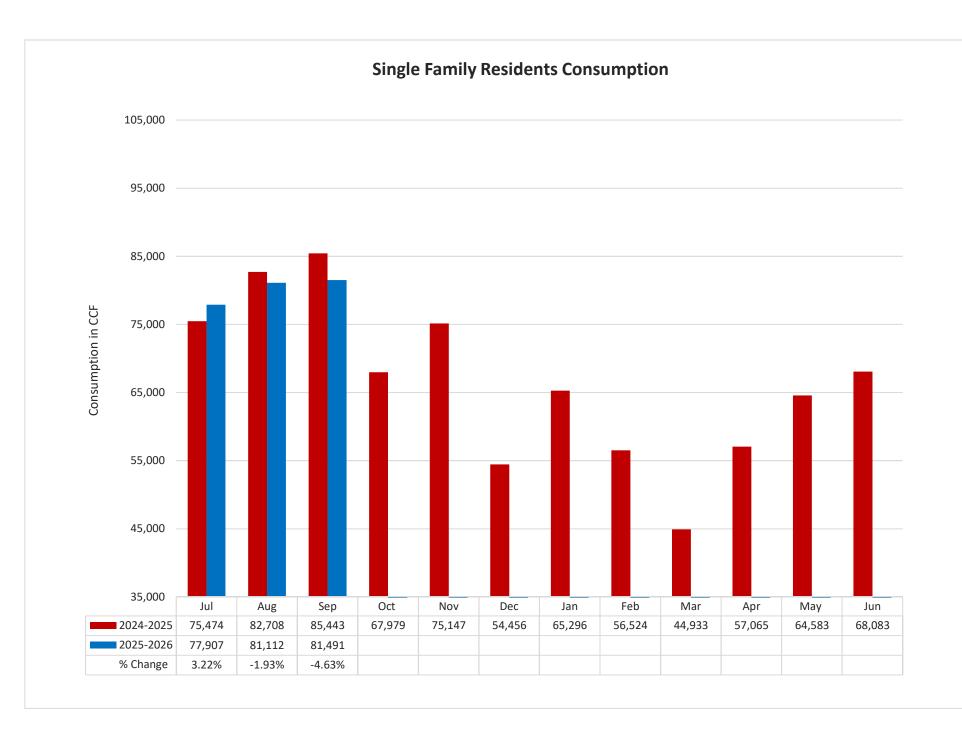
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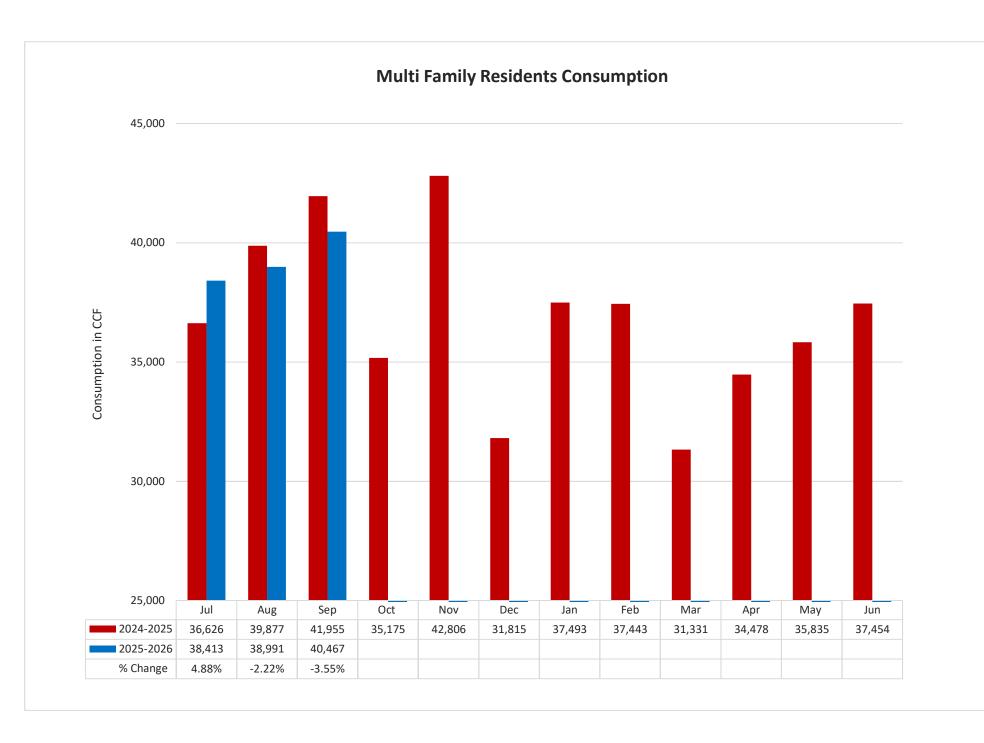
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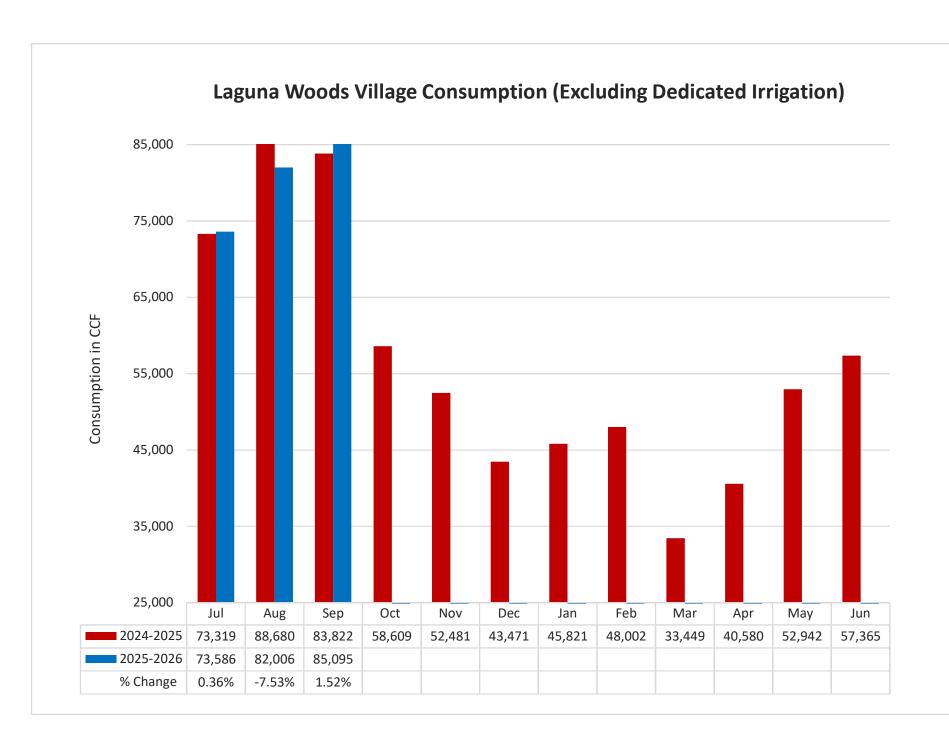


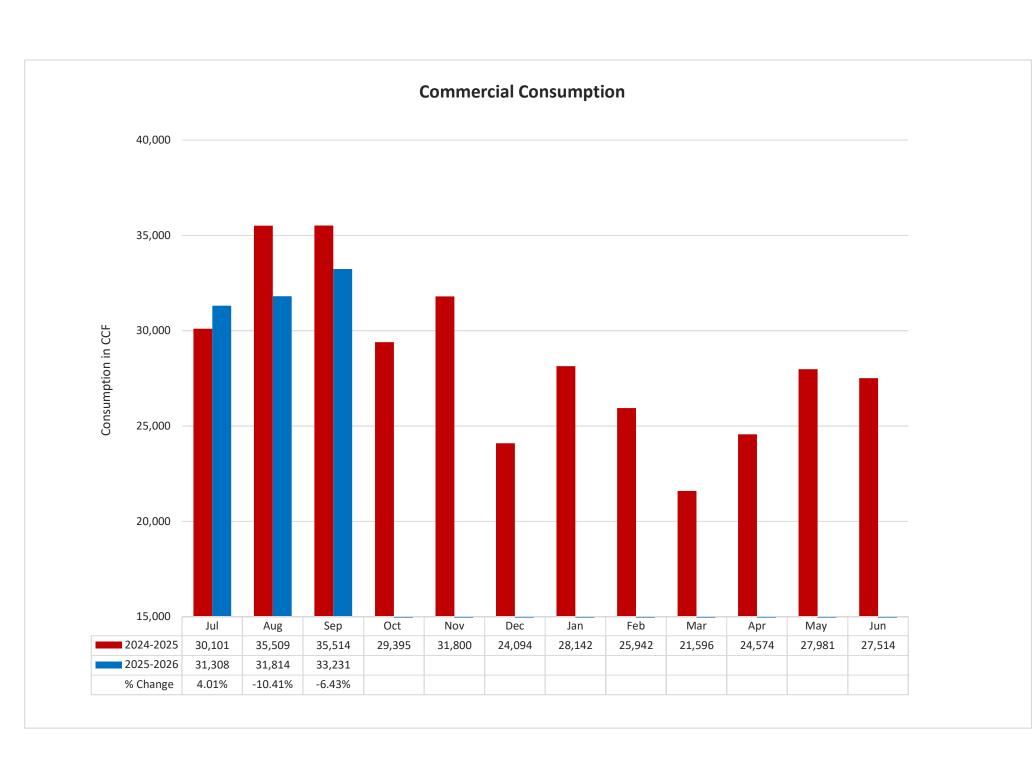
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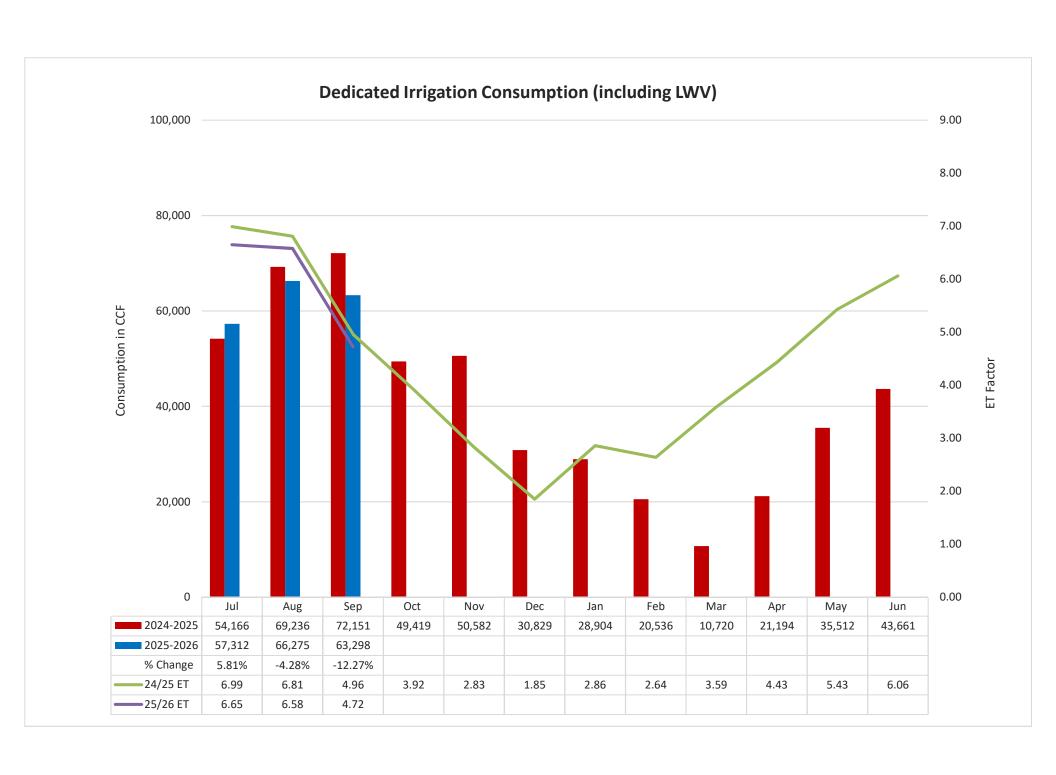


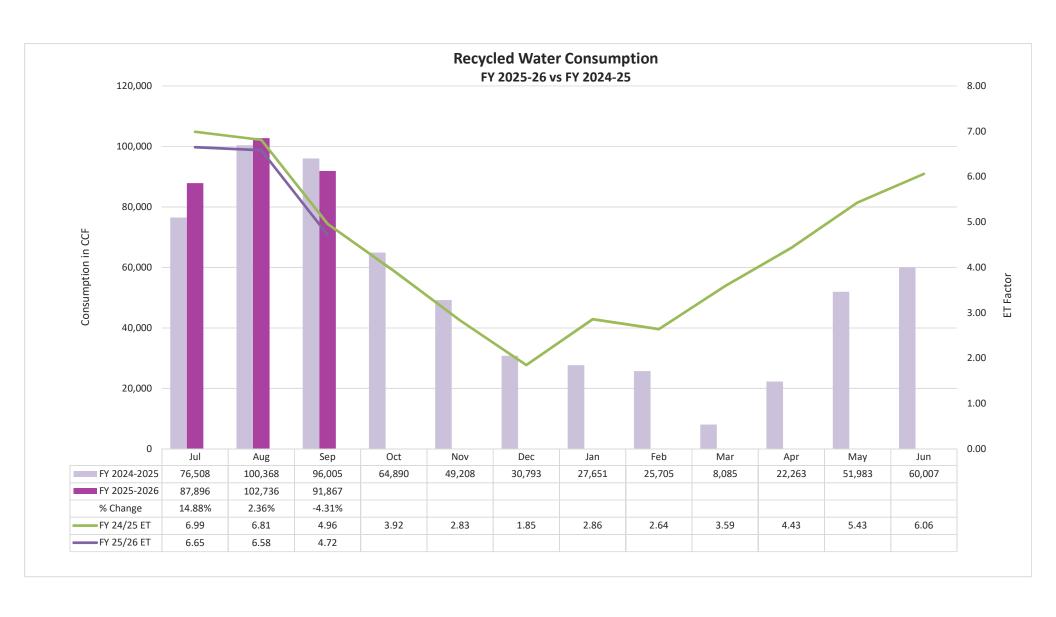


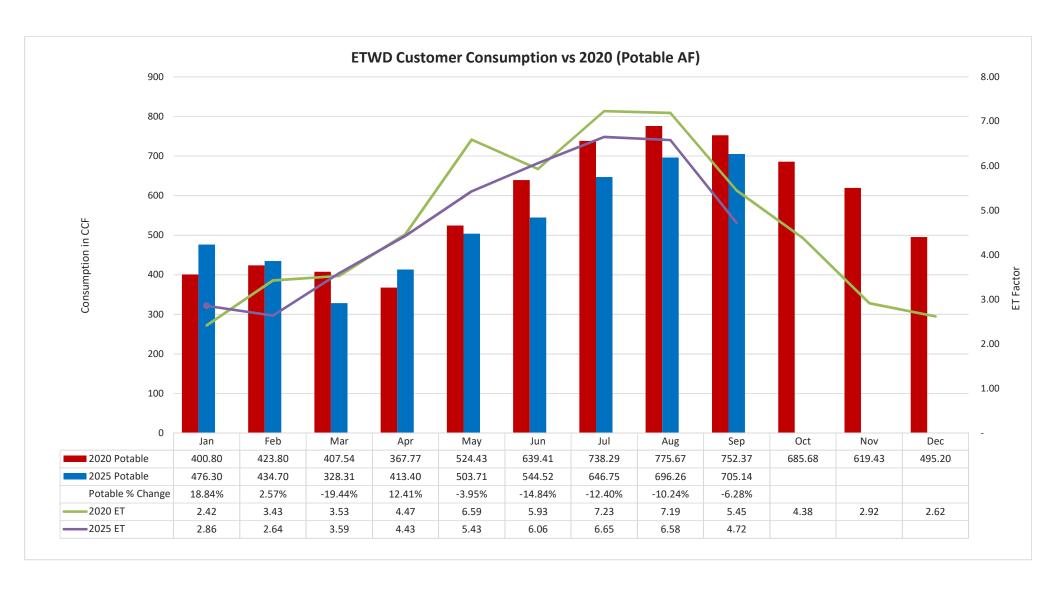


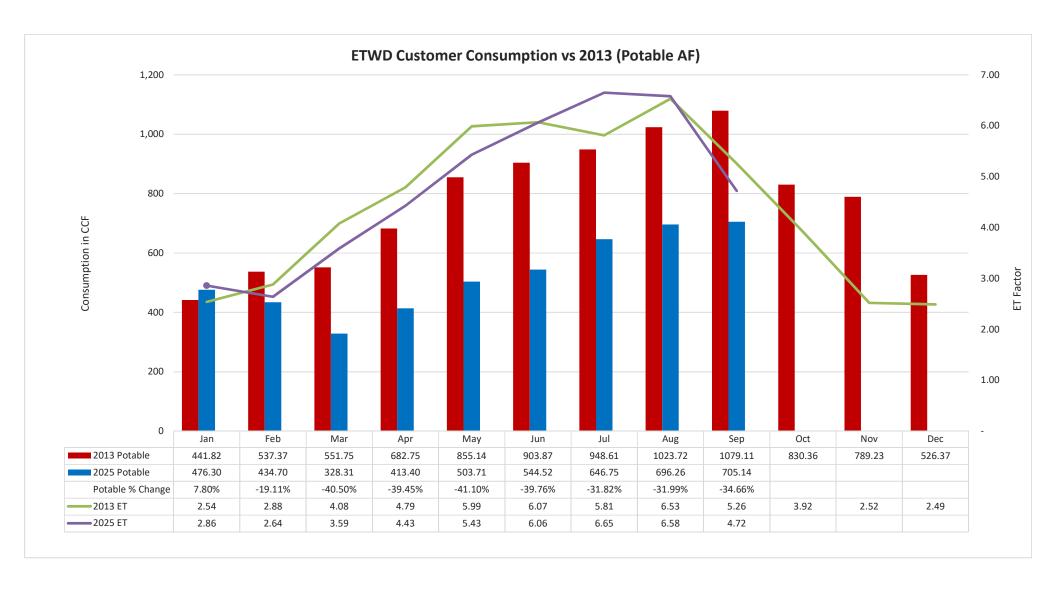




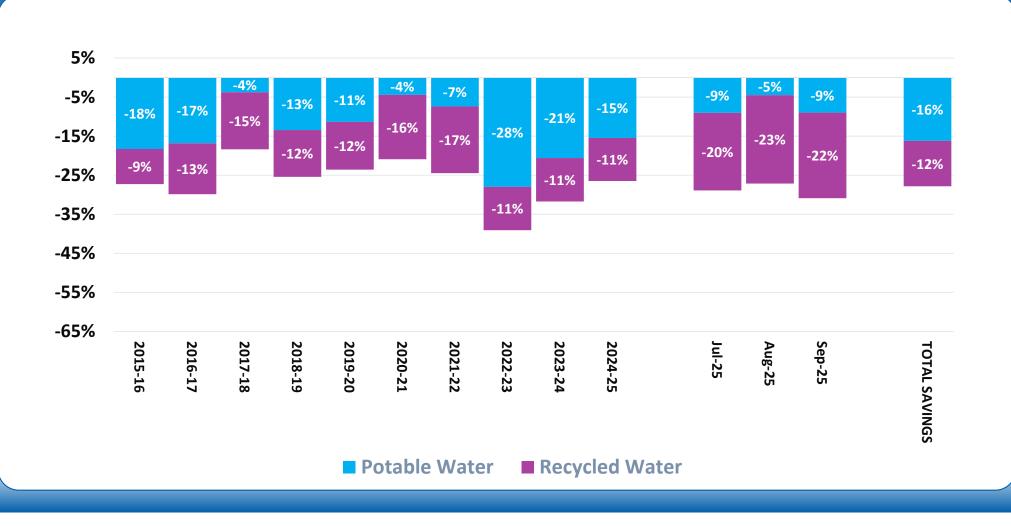








ETWD WATER USAGE COMPARED TO 2013



OF THE

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 02, 2025

8:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Board of Directors, scheduled to be held on October 02, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California, has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was personally emailed, faxed, or mailed to each member of the Board of Directors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was posted at the usual agenda posting location of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) and at www.socwa.com.

Dated this 25th day of September 2025.

Lynda May, Administrative Assistant

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

OF THE

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING OF THE

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

October 09, 2025

8:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Engineering Committee to be held on October 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California, has been canceled. The next Engineering Committee meeting is scheduled for *November 13, 2025*, at 8:30 a.m..

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was personally emailed, faxed, or mailed to each member of the Engineering Committee.

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Dated this 25th day of September 2025.

Lynda May, Administrative Assistant

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

OF THE

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Executive Committee scheduled to be held on **October 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California, *has been canceled*.

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Dated this 25th day of September 2025.

Lynda May, Administrative Assistant
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

OF THE

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Special Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Finance Committee scheduled to be held on October 21, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California, has been canceled. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for *November 18, 2025*, at 10:30 a.m..

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Dated this 9th day of October 2025.

Lynda May, Assistant Secretary

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH MET DIRECTORS

18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, California
October 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites: 25652 Paseo De La Paz, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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 COMMENTS

At this time members of the public will be given an opportunity to address the Board concerning items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Members of the public may also address the Board about a particular Agenda item at the time it is considered by the Board and before action is taken.

The Board requests, but does not require, that members of the public who want to address the Board complete a voluntary "Request to be Heard" form available from the Board Secretary prior to the meeting.

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).

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE 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 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.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2162

PRESENTATION ITEM

COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA (PRESENTATION BY JESSICA NEUWERTH)

Recommendation: Receive and file the presentation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. MET ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET's Finance and Rate Issue
- b. MET's Water Supply Condition Update
- c. MET's Water Quality Update
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

5. MET BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Accommodations for the Disabled. Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by contacting Angela Crespi, District Secretary, at (714) 963-3058, or writing to Municipal Water District of Orange County at 18700 Ward Street, Unit B, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that District staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the District to provide the requested accommodation.

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

Jointly with the

PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 October 6, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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PRESENTATION ITEM

ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY TOUR RECAP

ACTION ITEM

2. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SOUTHERN NETWORK SEAT C

INFORMATION ITEMS

- OC WATER SUMMIT RECAP
- 4. 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP) STATUS UPDATE
- 5. QUARTERLY MWDOC K-12 CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE
- 6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS
- 7. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
 - a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
 - b. WEROC
 - c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
 - d. Public and Government Affairs
- 8. REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WEROC, WATER USE EFFICIENCY, FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WATER STORAGE, WATER QUALITY, CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, DISTRICT FACILITIES, AND MEMBER AGENCY RELATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jointly with the

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 October 8, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

> Teleconference Sites: 25652 Paseo De La Paz, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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A&F Committee: Director Crane, Chair **Director Thomas** Director Nederhood

Staff: H. De La Torre. M. Baum-Halev. A. Crespi, C. Harris, H. Chumpitazi,

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PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report September 2025
 - b. Disbursement Approval Report for the month of October 2025
 - c. Disbursement Ratification Report for the month of September 2025
 - d. GM Approved Disbursement Report for the month of September 2025
 - e. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment August 2025
 - f. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement
- FINANCIAL REPORT
 - Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending August 31, 2025

PRESENTATION ITEM

3. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST AND PENSION RATE STABILIZATION PROGRAM (PRESENTATION BY PARS)

DISCUSSION ITEM

4. BIENNIAL BUDGET FRAMEWORK AND APPROACH

ACTION ITEMS

- 5. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND CONFIGURATION
- 6. FY 2025-26 CHOICE PROGRAMS BUDGET REVISIONS
- 7. 2026 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8. FY 2024-25 INDIVIDUAL CHARGES DISCLOSURE REPORT
- 9. IT AGREEMENT WITH GOVCONNECTION, INC. FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION
- 10. CALPERS ANNUAL VALUATION REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2024
- 11. OPEB ACTUARIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025
- 12. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
 - a. Administration
 - b. Finance and Information Technology
- 13. MONTHLY WATER USAGE DATA AND WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY 18700 Ward Street, Boardroom, Fountain Valley, California October 15, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites: 25652 Paseo De La Paz, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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AGENDA

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize items(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 of those members present.)

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2163

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 6)

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. September 2, 2025 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- b. September 3, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
- c. September 10, 2025 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- d. September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- e. September 18, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.

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

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending August 31, 2025

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

4. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND CONFIGURATION

Recommendation: Award a contract to Consultadd Public Services in an amount not to

exceed \$53,200 to provide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system architecture and configuration and authorize the General

Manager to execute the contract.

5. FY 2025-26 CHOICE PROGRAMS BUDGET REVISIONS

Recommendation: Approve the MWDOC Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025–26 with

the final Choice Programs Budget revisions.

6. 2026 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

Recommendation: Approve an increase to the District's annual Health Savings Account

(HSA) contribution amounts, made by the District, to the Kaiser and

Anthem Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP) for the 2026 plan year, as follows:

_	Employee Only	2-party	Family
Kaiser	\$1,700	\$3,400	\$3,400
Anthem	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2.800

End Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

7. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SEAT C – SOUTHERN NETWORK

Recommendation: Adopt proposed Resolution No. 2162 nominating Director Albert

Nederhood to the California Special Districts Association Board of

Directors, Southern Network Seat C.

8. BIENNIAL BUDGET FRAMEWORK AND APPROACH

Recommendation: Direct the General the General Manager to develop a proposed

Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026–27 and 2027–28 to enhance efficiencies and support long-term financial planning, to approve the tentative budget schedule supporting a Biennial Budget, and to authorize amendments to the Administrative Code to reflect the

change from an annual to biennial budget.

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

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

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

10. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

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JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS* OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

18700 Ward Street, Conf. Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 October 22, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

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10382 Bonnie Drive, Garden Grove
20 Civic Center, Santa Ana
1454 Madison Street, Tustin
303 W. Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton
8865 Citrus Avenue, Westminster

AGENDA

The meeting of the Joint Planning Committee will be conducted simultaneously with meetings of both Boards of Directors in order to allow all Board members to participate in the discussions and to ensure compliance with the Brown Act. Directors receive no additional compensation or stipend as a result of simultaneously convening this Board of Directors meetings. Items recommended for approval at this meeting will be placed on a future Board Agenda for approval by one or both agencies, as determined by the Committee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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- 1. IMPORTED WATER SUPPLY UPDATE
- 2. GROUNDWATER BASIN UPDATE
- 3. PFAS TREATMENT PROJECTS UPDATE
- FIELD HEADQUARTERS RECHARGE OPERATIONS UPDATE
- ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 6. NEXT MEETING DATE: JANUARY 28, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

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SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY AGENCIES GROUP JOINT MEETING with MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC) and ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (OCWD) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. MWDOC Update/Discussion
 - a. MWDOC Current Issues
 - b. Other Matters
- 3. MET Update/Discussion
 - a. MET Current Issues
 - b. MET CAMP4W update
 - c. MET Water Supply Issues
 - d. Other Matters
- 4. OCWD Update/Discussion
 - a. Current Issues
 - b. Other Matters
- 5. Legislative/Regulatory Update
 - a. Local
 - i. OC-LAFCO Matters
 - b. State
 - c. Federal
- 6. Regional Project Interests/Updates
 - a. Emergency GW Supply Project
 - b. Doheny Ocean Desalination Project Update
 - c. San Juan Watershed Project
 - d. Other Project Interests/Updates
- 7. Any Agency/City Updates
- 8. Adjournment

2025 Bills of Possible Interest Updated: September 25, 2025

Status		08/29/2025: In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.		09/09/2025: *****To GOVERNOR.		09/10/2025: ****To GOVERNOR.
Summary/Effects	Low-Income Rate Assistance Bills	Repeals specified requirements related to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Requires 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 community water systems with under specified number of connections.	Recycled Water Related Bills	Provides 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. Adds common areas of a residential community irrigated by a homeowners' association as prohibited uses of potable water. Provides that outdoor landscape irrigation of common areas operated by an association is not to be considered a dual plumbed system and requires recycled water to comply with certain provisions.	Water Supply Related Bills	Provides that existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update The California Water Plan, and requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. Requires the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include, among others, tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. Requires the department, as part of the specified update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for the specified year.
Title		Water Rate Assistance Program		Water Quality: Recycled Water		The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets
Bill		AB 532 (Rhodesia Ransom (D))		SB 31 (Jerry McNerney (D))		SB 72 (Anna M. Caballero (D))

2025 Bills of Possible Interest Updated: September 25, 2025

Bill	Title	Summary/Effects	Status
		Wildfire Related Bills	
AB 367 (Steve Bennett (D))	County Water Districts: County of Ventura: Fire	Requires a water district that supplies water to more than 20 residential dwellings that is used for the suppression of fire in either a high or very high risk fire hazard severity zone in the County of Ventura to have a backup energy source with sufficient power to promptly operate wells and pumps servicing the high or very high risk hazard severity zone at normal capacity for at least 24 hours in the case of a power shutoff unless the relevant water delivery systems are gravity fed.	09/16/2025: *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 394 (Allen (D))	Water Theft: Fire Hydrants	Adds 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.	09/02/2025: ****To GOVERNOR.
SB 616 (Rubio (D))	Community Hardening Commission: Wildfire Mitigation	Establishes the Community Hardening Commission as an independent unit within the Department of Insurance, to be composed of specified members, including, among others, the Insurance Commissioner and the State Fire Marshal. Requires the commission to be advised by an advisory council consisting of specified members, including, among others, a local representative on behalf of a city or county, or association representing cities and counties, and a representative of the California Fire Chiefs Association	09/24/2025: ****To GOVERNOR.
		Select PFAS Related Bills	
AB 794 (Jesse Gabriel (D))	California Safe Drinking Water Act: Regulations	Provides that the authority of the State Water Resources Control 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. Prohibits an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards.	06/12/2025: In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

2025 Bills of Possible Interest Updated: September 25, 2025

Rill	Title	Summary/Effects	Status
SB 454 (Jerry McNerney (D))	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation	Creates the PFAS Mitigation Fund. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to expend moneys from the fund in the form of a grant, loan, or contract, or to provide assistance services to water suppliers and sewer system providers for multiple purposes, including, among others, to cover or reduce the costs for water suppliers associated with treating drinking water to meet the applicable State and federal maximum perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contaminant levels. Appropriates funds.	09/17/2025: ****To GOVERNOR.
SB 682 (Ben Allen (D))	Product Safety: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl	Prohibits, beginning specified date, a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a covered product that contain intentionally added PFAS, as defined, except for previously used products and as otherwise preempted by federal law. Defines covered product to include cleaning products, cookware, dental floss, juvenile products, food packaging, and ski wax, as specified.	09/24/2025: ****To GOVERNOR.
		Select Other Bills of Possible Interest	
AB 339 (Ortega (D))	Local Public Employee Organizations: Notice Requirement	Relates to collective bargaining. Provides that existing law requires the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body, to give reasonable written notice, except in cases of emergency, as specified, to each recognized employee organization affected of any ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the governing body or the designated boards and commissions.	09/15/2025: ****To GOVERNOR.
(Caballero (D))	Atmospheric Rivers: Research: Forecasting Methods	Requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to research, develop, and implement experimental tools that produce seasonal and subseasonal atmospheric river (AR) forecasts under the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program (Atmospheric Rivers Program).	09/10/2025: In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
SB 707 (Durazo (D))	Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconference Requirements	Provides that the Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public. Provides that existing law authorizes a court to order a legislative body, upon a	09/24/2025: *****To GOVERNOR.

2025 Bills of Possible Interest Updated: September 25, 2025

Bill	Title	Summary/Effects	Status
		judgment of a violation of specified closed session provisions, to audio record closed sessions and preserve the recordings for a certain period and under certain terms. Expands the violations for specified closed sessions to include a violation of any provision under the act authorizing a closed session.	
SB 601 (Ben Allen (D))	Water: Waste Discharge	Revises specified requirements 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.	08/29/2025: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Held in committee and made a Two-year bill.
		Federal Bills of Possible Interest	
HR 1267 (Marie Gluesenkamp Perez WA-3-D)	CERCLA Liability Exemption for PFAS Releases	Exempts certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	02/12/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
HR 2093 (Ken Calvert CA-41-R)	Federal Water Pollution Control Act	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms.	03/14/2025: To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
HR 2269 (Lisa McClain MI-9-R)	Labeling of Products With Do Not Flush Warning	Requires certain products to be labeled with "Do Not Flush" labeling.	06/23/2025: In HOUSE. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.
S 322 (Alex Padilla CA- D)	Forecasts of Atmospheric Rivers	Improves the lead time, accuracy, and dissemination of forecasts of atmospheric rivers throughout the United States.	01/29/2025: To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.
S 1092 (Jeff Merkley OR-D)	Labeling of Products With Do Not Flush Warning	Requires certain products to be labeled with "Do Not Flush" labeling.	09/19/2025: In SENATE. Placed on SENATE Legislative Calendar under General Orders.



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 8, 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/video live-streamed meeting at https://youtube.com/live/E27Lso2lh7c?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.) September 17, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

 The Commission will consider approval of the September 17, 2025 meeting minutes.
- b.) Legislative Report (October 2025)
 The Commission will receive a report on the final status of bills previously reviewed by the Commission.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items scheduled.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a.) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Quarterly Financial Report (First Quarter)

The Commission will receive the first quarter financial report for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

b.) OCERS FY 2026-27 Contribution Rates

The Commission will consider adoption of the FY 2026-27 retirement contribution rates.

c.) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the LAFCO Executive Officer Employment Agreement for Luis Tapia and Amending the LAFCO Salary Schedule to reflect the Agreement

The Commission will consider the adoption of a resolution approving the agreement for the position of Executive Officer and amending the LAFCO Salary Schedule to reflect the agreement.

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

a.) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Title: Executive Officer

b.) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representative: Commission Executive Committee

Unrepresented employee: Interim Executive Officer

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. at the County Administrative North (CAN), First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

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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: To be determined.

Office closure due to legal holidays and flexible work schedule.

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

August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Cancelled. (Approved by Commission on July 9, 2025).

Meeting rescheduled from September 10, 2025 to Wednesday, September 17, 2025.



Mailing Address

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Meeting Location

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3rd Vice President Vacant

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Vacant

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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, October 7, 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: September 2, 2025
- III. Public Comments on items not on the agenda
- IV. New Business
 - DISCUSSION: Bylaw edits to allow staff to fill the ISDOC Secretary position.
- V. Old Business
 - None
- VI. Treasurer's Report Director Jacobs
 - Report on accounts
- VII. CSDA Report 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 Saundra Jacobs

• Receive, discuss, and file the ACWA report

X. OCCOG Report – Director Mike Scheafer

Receive, discuss, and file the OCCOG report

XI. Operational Area (OA) Executive Board Report – Director Larry Dick

• Receive, discuss, and file the OA report

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

Receive, discuss, and file the CASA report

XIII. Subcommittee Reports

- Programs Director Mesmer
 - October Luncheon Update
- Membership Director Thoms
- Legislative Director Nederhood

XIV. Adjourn



Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Virtual Meeting

Friday, October 3, 2025 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Registration:

Click here to register

AGENDA

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

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Welcome

Greg Mills, Serrano Water District

Reports

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

Agency Spotlight

· City of Anaheim

Program: Emergency Water Interconnection

Speakers:

- Cesar Barrera, Acting Deputy Public Works Director, City of Santa Ana
- Matt Collings, Assistant General Manager, Moulton Niguel Water District
- John Kennedy, General Manager, Orange County Water District

Adjourn Next WACO Meeting Friday, November 7, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Next WACO Planning Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

DATES TO REMEMBER OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

- 1. Oct 24 12:00 p.m. Pres/VP/GM Meeting
- Oct 28 9:00 a.m. SOCWA Special Executive meeting
- 3. Oct 30 11:30 a.m. ISDOC Quarterly meeting
- 4. Oct 31 DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov 3 8:30 a.m. MWDOC P&O
- 6. Nov 4 7:30 a.m. ISDOC Executive Meeting
- 7. Nov 4 10:00 a.m. RRC Meeting
- 8. Nov 5 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop
- 9. Nov 6 8:30 a.m. SOCWA Board meeting
- 10. Nov 6 2:30 p.m. SOCWMA Quarterly meeting
- 11. Nov 7 7:30 a.m. WACO meeting
- 12. Nov 10 9:00 a.m. SOCWA Executive meeting
- 13. Nov 11 VETERANS DAY DISTRICT CLOSED
- 14. Nov 12 8:15 a.m. LAFCO
- 15. Nov 12 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Admin/Finance
- 16. Nov 13 8:30 a.m. SOCWA Engineering meeting
- 17. Nov 13 11:30 a.m. CAG meeting
- 18. Nov 14 DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
- 19. Nov 14 9:30 a.m. ACWA Region 10 Water Forum; Irvine
- 20. Nov 17 10:00 a.m. Agenda Review Meeting
- 21. Nov 18 10:30 a.m. SOCWA Finance meeting
- 22. Nov 19 8:30 a.m. MWDOC Board Meeting
- 23. Nov 21 12:00 p.m. Pres/VP/GM Meeting
- 24. Nov 24 7:30 a.m. Regular Finance and Engineering Meeting
- 25. Nov 25 7:30 a.m. Regular Board Meeting
- 26. Nov 25 12:00 p.m. SOCAG Meeting
- Nov 27 THANKSGIVING DAY DISTRICT CLOSED
- 28. Nov 28 DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED

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.

<u>Arid</u>: 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.

<u>CEQA</u>: 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.

<u>Weir box</u>: 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.