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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

March 26, 2026  
7:30 a.m.

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

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

Members of the public who wish to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the District or on any item on the agenda, may attend the meeting in person at the District's office or may observe and address the Meeting by joining at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85328446704> (Meeting ID: 853 2844 6704).

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 Freshley**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director Monin**

**ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)**

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

## **ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

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

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

2. **Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Consider approving the minutes of the February 26, 2026 Board meeting
- b. Consider approving President Freshley, Director Gaskins, Director Monin and Director McClean to attend the CASA Annual Conference from August 4-7 with approved travel accommodations from August 3-7.

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

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

## **GENERAL MANAGER ACTION ITEMS**

4. **Nomination Period and Appointment Process for the OC LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Member** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will comment on the potential nomination of a candidate for the OC LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Member seats, and submitting the nominations by the April 13, 2026 deadline.

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends the Board consider 1) authorizing a member of the Board to vote in the OC LAFCO Special District Selection Committee election, 2) designate a member of the Board as the alternate voting member, 3) to consider nominating Kathryn Freshley for the Alternate Special District member and 4) direct the General Manager to submit the Declaration of Qualification to Vote form and Nomination Form to LAFCO by the April 13, 2026 deadline.

## GENERAL MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

5. **General Manager's Monthly Report** (Reference Material Included)  
Staff will review and comment on the General Manager's Monthly Report.
6. **Legislative Reports** (Reference Material Included)  
Staff and General Counsel will review and comment on the Legislative reports.
7. **Public Education and Outreach Report** (Reference Material Included)  
Staff will review and comment on the Public Education and Outreach report.
8. **Water Use Efficiency Report** (Reference Material Included)  
Staff will review and comment on the Water Use Efficiency Report.
9. **South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Report** (Reference Material Included)
  - a. SOCWA Special Finance Committee Meeting – March 3, 2026
  - b. SOCWA Board Meeting – March 5, 2026
  - c. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting – March 17, 2026
  - d. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting – March 19, 2026
10. **Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Report** (Reference Material Included)
  - a. MWDOC Planning/Operations Meeting – March 2, 2026
  - b. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop – March 4, 2026
  - c. MWDOC Admin/Finance Meeting – March 11, 2026
  - d. MWDOC Board Meeting – March 18, 2026
11. **Local Agency Formation Commission Report** (Reference Material Included)  
Report on the March 11, 2026 LAFCO meeting
12. **ISDOC Meetings Report** (Reference Material Included)  
Report on the March 3, 2026 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.
13. **WACO Meeting Report** (Reference Material Included)  
Report on the March 6, 2026 WACO Meeting

## COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### 14. Dates to Remember for March/April (Reference Material Included)

## COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

## ATTORNEY REPORT

### CLOSED SESSION

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

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

## REGULAR SESSION

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (Legal Counsel)

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

## ADJOURNMENT

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

### Request for Disability-Related Modifications or Accommodations

*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

February 26, 2026

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

Director Gaskins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs, Manager, VU CHU, Water Resources Supervisor, VICKI TANIOUS, Senior Accountant (Zoom), MIKE G. (Zoom), Member of the Public, and MARISOL MELENDEZ, Recording Secretary.

Determination of a Quorum

Roll Call:

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

Director Monin participated in the meeting via teleconferencing as noted in today's Agenda and the remaining Board members were present. Therefore, a Quorum was determined.

Oral Communications/Public Comments

There were no comments.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

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

Consent Calendar

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Directors Reports for Meetings Attended

Director Gaskins stated that he attended the MWDOC P&O meeting, the RRC meeting, the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the SOCWA Board meeting, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the Community Advisory Group meeting, the OCWA Luncheon, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, and the District's regular Board meeting.

Director McClean stated that he attended the MWDOC P&O meeting, the ISDOC executive meeting, the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the WACO planning meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the CAG meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, and the District's regular Board meeting.

Vice President Havens stated that she attended the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC Met Director's Workshop, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the CAG meeting, the Budget Committee #1 meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the OC Reuse meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the District's regular Board meeting, and will attend the Pres/VP/GM meeting tomorrow.

Director Monin stated that he attended both District Board meetings, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC Met Director's Workshop, the WACO Planning meeting, the ISDOC meeting, the CAG meeting, and the Urban Water Institute Conference.

President Freshley stated that she attended both ETWD's regular Board meetings, will attend the Pres/VP/GM meeting tomorrow, the RRC meeting, the SOCWA Board meeting, the SOCWA Finance Meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the LAFCO meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, and the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop.

#### General Manager Information Items

#### California Special District's Association (CSDA) Board of Directors Call for Nominations,

#### Southern Network – Seat C

Mr. Cafferty reported that CSDA is conducting its election process for the Southern Network Seat C position. The incumbent is running for re-election and if the Board wished to nominate a candidate, the item could be brought back at the next meeting. No action is required if the Board does not wish to submit a nomination. The Board did not nominate a candidate.

### SB 707 Brown Act Compliance

Mr. Cafferty stated that one relevant change of SB 707 requires that a copy of the Ralph M. Brown Act be provided to each Board member. The agenda packet includes the CSDA Brown Act Compliance Manual and the legislative text of the Brown Act, and a hard copy was also distributed to Board members. Another relevant change is the financial training requirement, which is currently in progress.

### General Manager's Monthly Report

Staff and the Board discussed the meeting date for the June Special Board meeting to conduct the Public Hearing.

President Freshley inquired about the District's AI Committee. Mr. Cafferty explained that Ms. Ford is leading the effort with the committee to develop an AI use policy.

President Freshley also inquired about the process used by the District's collection agency. Mr. Sharma stated that the agency has achieved good results in the past. Mr. Granito reminded the Board and staff that lien procedures are also available for the District's consideration.

### Legislative Reports

Ms. Seitz provided an overview of the ACWA sponsored AB 2180. She explained that the bill would clarify how water agencies comply with Proposition 218 when setting water rates and is intended to provide greater predictability for agencies, support water conservation goals, and help minimize unnecessary legal disputes over water rates.

Ms. Seitz discussed SB 1143, which is also sponsored by ACWA. The bill would clarify the limited role of water systems during wildfires while strengthening emergency preparedness in high-risk areas. The legislation would establish that limitations in water supply or pressure during a wildfire are not a substantial cause of wildfire damages and clarify that wildfires are not an inherent risk associated with the design, construction or maintenance of a public water system. This bill would also require urban water retail suppliers serving high or very high fire hazard zones to include wildfire specific response procedures in their emergency response plans beginning 2028.

Mr. Cafferty reported that staff plans to provide coalition letter support for proposed legislation unless the Board expressed any objections.

#### Public Education and Outreach Report

Ms. Seitz reported that staff is currently working on designing the Proposition 218 Notice and the Water Quality Report and is also planning upcoming community events.

#### Water Use Efficiency Report

Mr. Chu reported that potable water demand decreased in January by approximately 15.58% compared to the same period last year. He also noted that the recycled water usage was lower in January due to recent rain events with recycled water consumption down approximately 10% year-to-date.

#### SOCWA Reports

President Freshley reported that the Board discussed and approved project costs related to PC 21. Ms. Ford added that staff will be actively involved in this SOCWA project to help ensure clear communication and work toward an effective

solution. She also reported that SOCWA recently conducted a biosolids workshop which is a valuable use of their regional service.

Mr. Cafferty reported that the Finance Committee discussed the budget and the use audit. He noted that another meeting is scheduled for next week, at which time additional details are expected to be available.

#### MWDOC

Mr. Cafferty stated that he attended a managers' meeting where the budgets for MWDOC and the MET were discussed. He noted that MET is planning to change the way it bills for treated water, which has historically been charged entirely on a volumetric basis. The agency is introducing a fixed treatment charge to recover approximately 30% of treatment costs through fixed revenue.

#### South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting

Director Gaskins stated that the final SOCAG meeting was held last month before it is handed off to Santa Margarita Water District.

#### LAFCO

President Freshley reported that a Public Hearing was held regarding the activation of latent powers for Three Arch Bay Community Services District.

#### ISDOC

Director Monin reported that he was appointed to the Operational Area Executive Board as an alternate.

#### WACO

Director Monin reported that the program included a Washington update by Eric Sapirstein.

## COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### Dates to Remember for February/March 2026

There were no comments.

### Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

### Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that there is a need for a Closed Session today in regards to both items on today's Closed Session agenda.

### Closed Session

At approximately 9:07 a.m. everyone left the open session except the Board members, General Counsel, and Mr. Cafferty. Also, at this time, the Board took a short recess before going into the Closed Session.

### Regular Session

At approximately 9:23 a.m., the meeting returned to Regular Session. Also, at this time, Ms. Melendez returned to the meeting.

### Open Session Report

Mr. Granito reported that the Board went into Closed Session to discuss both items on today's Closed Session Agenda. During the first phase of the Closed Session, Item #1 was discussed and no reportable action was taken. During the second phase of the Closed Session, Item #2 was discussed and no reportable action was taken.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARISOL MELENDEZ  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

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

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



CASA is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our 2026 Annual Conference on August 5-7, at The Meritage Resort & Spa in Napa! We are opening registration early this year to get into our hotel room block. While the program is not yet set, as always the conference will feature a variety of speakers and panels that focus on issues that matter to the clean water community. This event will also feature multiple technical tracks, awards presentations, and networking opportunities. CASA committee leaders and subject matter experts will be on hand to provide all the latest information on legislative and regulatory proposals that will impact your agency. Registrants look forward to seeing you there!

<p><b>Conference - Register <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p> <p><b>PRELIMINARY PROGRAM - Coming Soon</b></p> <p>Registration Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Bird Full Conference: \$875 (Ends July 7, 2026)</li> <li>• Member Full Conference: \$925</li> <li>• One Day Rates: Available on Registration Form</li> <li>• Member Guest (meal functions only): \$350</li> <li>• NonMember Fee: \$1,200</li> </ul> <p>Cancellation Policy: \$100 Cancellation fee on or before Friday, July 10, 2026. <b>No refund</b> for late cancellations after Friday, July 10, 2026. Please notify CASA via email of a cancellation, refund or change request by contacting Cheryl MacKelvie at <a href="mailto:cmackelvie@casaweb.org">cmackelvie@casaweb.org</a></p> <p>CSRMA Registration Form: Separate registration is required. (Coming Soon)</p>	<p><b>Additional Events Coming Soon!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CASA Education Foundation Fundraiser Golf Tournament</li> <li>• Tour of NapaSan</li> <li>• CASA Education Foundation Fundraiser Wine Tasting Tour</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hotel Information</b> <b>The Meritage Resort &amp; Spa</b></p> <p>850 Bordeaux Way Napa, CA 94558 707-320-8237</p> <p><b><a href="#">RESERVE A ROOM</a></b></p> <p>Reservations: 1 866.370.6272 (Please note that you are attending the <b>California Association of Sanitation Agencies Annual Conference</b> to receive the 10% discount.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Room Rate: \$324/night (includes resort fee &amp; \$5 gratuity. Does not include taxes).</li> <li>• Cut-off Date: July 6, 2026</li> <li>• Parking: Valet (\$25/night); Self-parking Complimentary.</li> </ul> <p><i>We encourage all participants to pre-register for the conference at the same time as your hotel reservation! Please note that we will be checking hotel reservations against conference registrations on a regular basis. If there is a hotel reservation with no corresponding conference registration, you will be contacted and will have 10 days after which time we will be forced to cancel your hotel reservation. We appreciate your understanding as we try to accurately determine sufficient room block and make venue arrangements.</i></p>
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## STAFF REPORT

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**To: Board of Directors** **Meeting Date: March 26, 2026**  
**From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager**  
**Subject: Appointment for the Orange County LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats**

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The nomination period for the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) Regular and Alternate Special District Member seats is now open. The OC LAFCO Executive Officer will accept nominations for the regular and alternate special district seats from March 9 through April 13, 2026. The current term for these seats expires June 30, 2026.

The District is required to submit a "Declaration of Qualification to Vote" form designating the authorized regular voting member and alternate voting member for the District for this appointment process.

If the District is nominating a candidate for one or both seats, the District is further required to submit the "2026 Nomination Forms" for submitting a candidate's name for the Regular and/or Alternate Special District Seats.

The LAFCO Appointment Process letter and associated forms are attached for reference.

### RECOMMENDATION

#### **Recommended Action at the March 26, 2026 Board Meeting:**

Staff recommends the Board consider 1) authorizing a member of the Board to vote in the OC LAFCO Special District Selection Committee election, 2) designate a member of the Board as the alternate voting member, 3) to consider nominating Kathryn Freshley for the Alternate Special District member and 4) direct the General Manager to submit the Declaration of Qualification to Vote form and Nomination Form to LAFCO by the April 13, 2026 deadline.

### REGULAR MEMBERS

CHAIR  
**Wendy Bucknum**  
City Member

VICE CHAIR  
**James Fisler**  
Special District Member

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR  
**Donald P. Wagner**  
County Member

**Douglass Davert**  
Special District Member

**Peggy Huang**  
City Member

**Derek J. McGregor**  
Public Member

**VACANT**  
County Member

### ALTERNATES

**Kathryn Freshley**  
Special District Member

**Carol Moore**  
City Member

**Lou Penrose**  
Public Member

**VACANT**  
County Member

### STAFF

**Luis Tapia**  
Executive Officer

**Scott Smith**  
General Counsel

March 9, 2026

**TO:** Independent Special District, Presiding Officer  
**(Delivered by email: c/o Clerk of the District)**

**FROM:** Luis Tapia, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Nomination Period and Appointment Process for the OC LAFCO  
**Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats**

The nomination period for the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) **Regular and Alternate** Special District Member seats is now open. The OC LAFCO Executive Officer will accept nominations for these seats from **March 9 through April 13, 2026**. The current term for these seats expires June 30, 2026.

The appointment process for the OC LAFCO special district seats is governed by Government Code Section 56332 and the Independent Special District Selection Committee Bylaws. In accordance with the statute and the Committee's Bylaws, the appointment process is conducted by mailed ballot, and attached to this notification are the following:

(1) The "**Declaration of Qualification to Vote**" for designating the authorized regular voting member and alternate voting member, if applicable, of your district for this appointment process. These forms must be returned to OC LAFCO no later than **4:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2026**. Please note, in accordance with the Independent Special District Selection Committee Bylaws, if OC LAFCO does not receive the forms by this date, your district will be ineligible to vote; and

(2) The "**2026 Nomination Forms**" for submitting a candidate's name for the OC LAFCO **Regular and Alternate** Special District Member seats. If your district is nominating a candidate, the form must be filled out completely and returned to OC LAFCO by **4:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2026**. Candidate resumes or other supplemental information may be attached to the nomination form, and these materials will be distributed with the ballot.

Completed declaration and nomination forms may be submitted to OC LAFCO electronically or by USPS mail at:

**Electronically:**

Email: [ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org](mailto:ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org)

**USPS Mail:**

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission  
 Attention: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, Commission Clerk  
 2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050  
 Santa Ana, CA 92705

For your reference, the schedule of key dates for the appointment process is shown below:

<i>Appointment Process Schedule for OC LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats</i>	
ACTION	DATE
LAFCO Executive Officer emails notification letters with nomination and Declaration of Qualification to Vote forms to independent special district presiding officers (c/o district clerk) and general managers.	<b>March 9, 2026</b>
Deadline for submitting nomination and declaration forms to OC LAFCO by 4:00 p.m.*	<b>April 13, 2026 (4 PM)</b>
Ballots emailed to special district presiding officers/designees (c/o district clerk).	<b>May 4, 2026</b>
Ballots due to OC LAFCO by 4:00 p.m.	<b>June 8, 2026 (4 PM)</b>
OC LAFCO staff (or designee) tabulates ballots and announces results.	<b>June 15, 2026</b>
Oath of Office Administered.	<b>July 8, 2026 (Commission Hearing)</b>
<i>* Pursuant to Government Code Section 56332(c)(1), if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected with no further proceedings.</i>	

Should you have any questions on this matter, you may contact OC LAFCO Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin at (714) 640-5100 or by email at [ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org](mailto:ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org).

Attachments:

1. Declaration of Qualification to Vote
2. 2026 Nomination Form – **Regular and Alternate** Special District Member Seats

cc: Special District General Managers



**DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION TO VOTE**

*Kathryn Freshley, Presiding Officer*

*El Toro Water District*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \* hereby attest that  
\_\_\_\_\_ \*\* has been authorized by the Board of  
\_\_\_\_\_ to vote in the OC LAFCO Special  
District Selection Committee election as the regular voting member.

The Board also designated \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* as the alternate voting  
member.

**Name and Title\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Declaration MUST be completed and signed by either Board President or Board Secretary.*

*\*\* Must be a member of the Board.*

**In accordance with the Independent Special District Selection Committee Bylaws, completed declarations must be received by OC LAFCO by 4:00 PM, Monday, April 13, 2026. Declarations may be submitted electronically by email or USPS mail at:**

(1) Email: [ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org](mailto:ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org)

(2) USPS Mail: Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission  
2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
Attn: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin



# 2026 NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINEE INFORMATION FOR ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER SEAT:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if resume or statement of qualifications is attached.

**SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER SUBMITTING NOMINATION (*Must be the presiding officer or a designated alternate board member.*)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

A resume or other supplemental information about the nominee may be included and will be distributed with the ballot. The completed nomination form and any supplemental information must be returned to OC LAFCO by **4:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2026** and may be submitted electronically or by USPS to:

- **Electronically**  
Email: [ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org](mailto:ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org)
- **USPS Mail**  
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Attention: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, Commission Clerk  
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***Nomination forms or candidate information received after the deadline will not be considered in part to the nomination process conducted by OC LAFCO.***



Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO)

## 2026 NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINEE INFORMATION FOR REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER SEAT:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if resume or statement of qualifications is attached.

**SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER SUBMITTING NOMINATION (*Must be the presiding officer or a designated alternate board member.*)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

March 2026

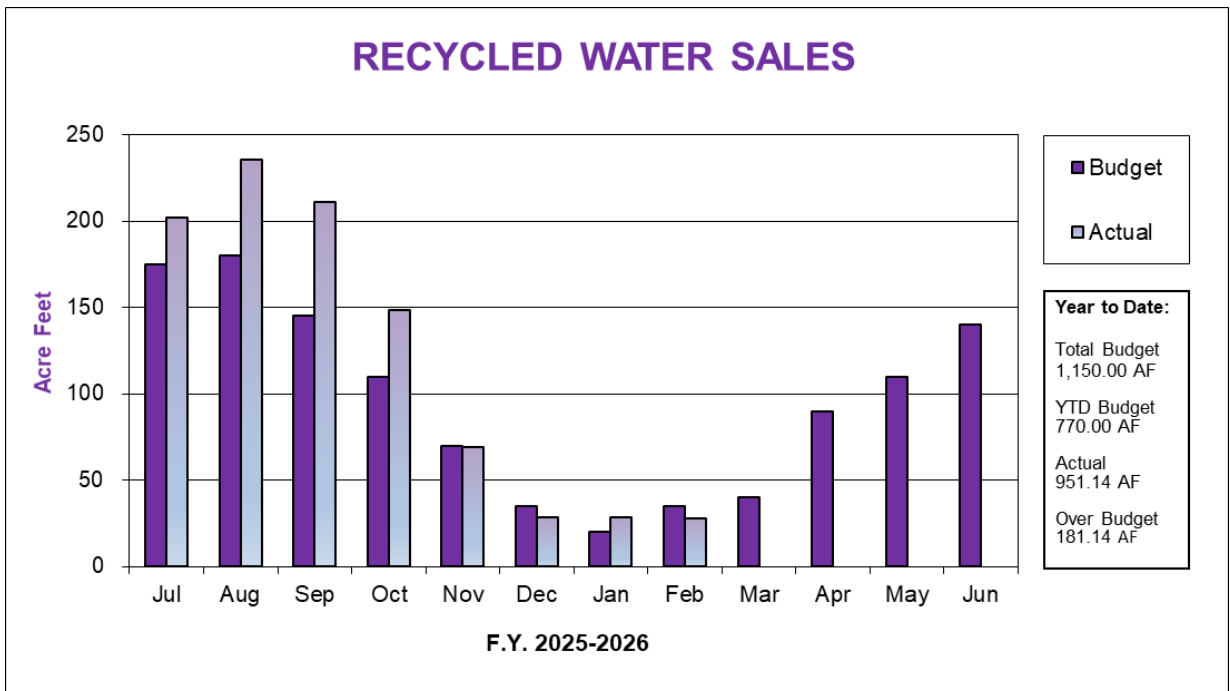
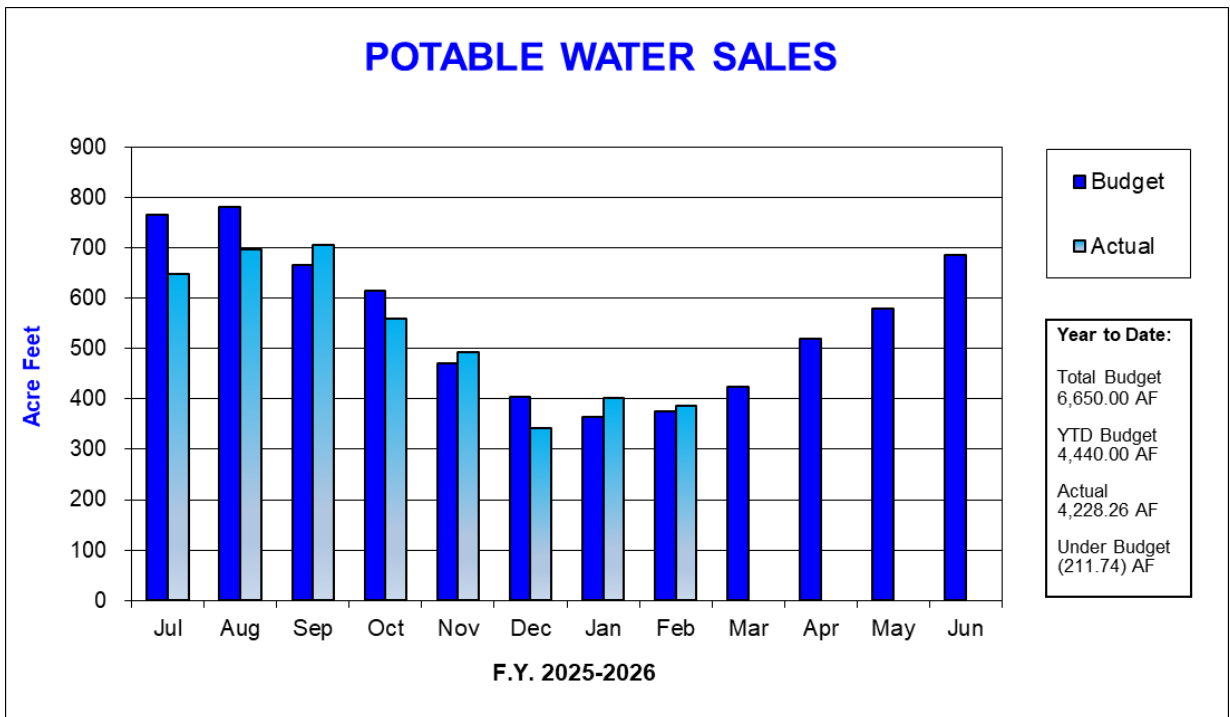
## I. OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

- MWDOC P&O Committee Meeting
- MWDOC A&F Committee Meeting
- MWDOC MET Directors Workshop
- MWDOC Board Meeting
- Metropolitan Water District Finance Committee Meetings
- SOCWA Board Meeting
- SOCWA Finance Committee Meetings
- Multiple Meetings with Raftelis Regarding Cost of Service Study & Financial Model
- Meeting with MNWD Regarding South County Pipeline Project
- Meetings with Special Counsel Regarding Easement Encroachment
- ETWD President, Vice President & General Manager Meetings
- ETWD AI Committee Meetings
- ETWD RRC Meeting
- ETWD Budget Committee Meetings
- 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 February 28, 2026, are 4,228.26 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted domestic sales of 4,440.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects a decrease of 211.74 acre-feet. Actual sales are 310.63 acre-feet lower than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

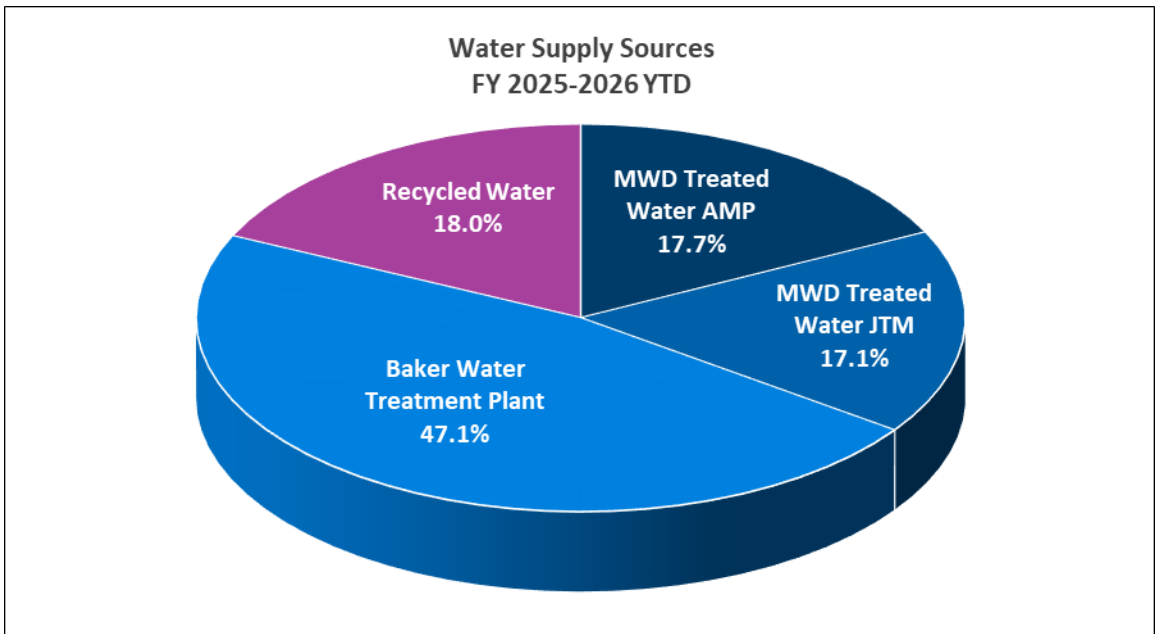
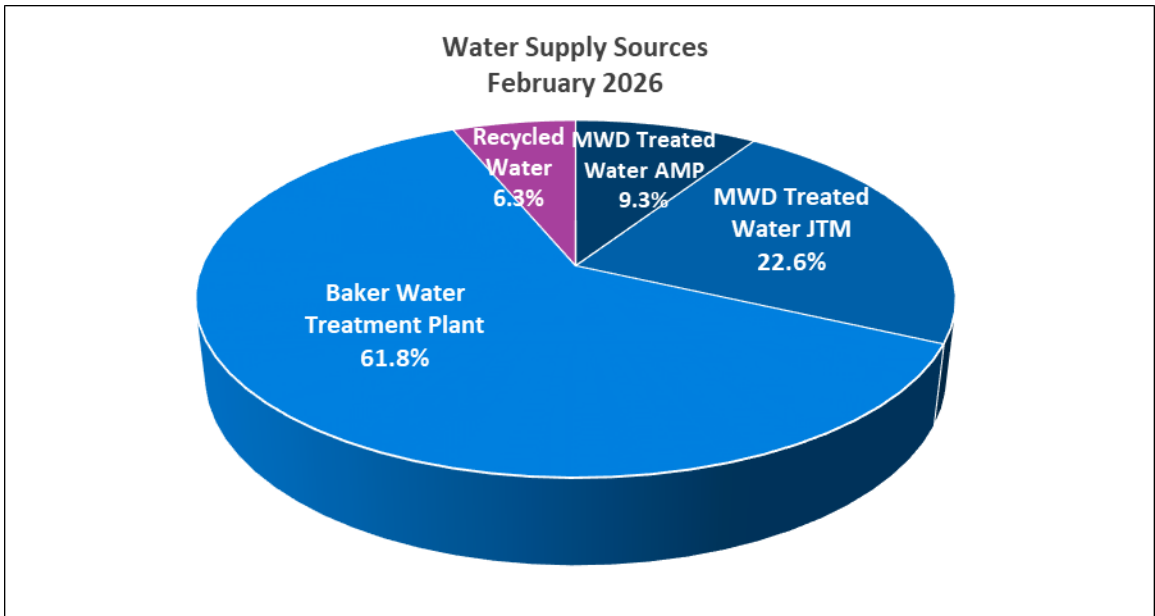
Actual recycled sales for the year-to-date as of February 28, 2026, are 951.14 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted recycled sales of 770.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 181.14 acre-feet. Actual sales are 130.42 acre-feet lower than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.



### III. WATER SUPPLY SOURCES

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

Water Supply Sources (AF)				
	February 2026		FY 2025-2026 YTD	
MWD Treated Water AMP	41.0	9.3%	933.0	17.7%
MWD Treated Water JTM	99.8	22.6%	904.0	17.1%
Interconnections	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Baker Water Treatment Plant	273.2	61.8%	2,485.9	47.1%
Recycled Water	27.7	6.3%	951.1	18.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>441.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,274.1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



**Customer Service Activity Report**

Regular Service Calls	FEB 2026	FEB 2025	Telephone Calls	FEB 2026	FEB 2025
Serviceman Dispatched to Read, Connect/Disconnect Service	71	97	Change of Service: Connections and Disconnections	60	40
<b>Field Investigations:</b>			Billing / Payments & Graph Inquires	175	231
Check for leaks - calls to CS Office:(irrigation,meter,street leaks)			Assistance with online payments and ETWD's portal (cc, e-checks, other.)	2	30
Customer Responsible	10	10	Variance / Adjustment Inquiries	8	10
District Responsible	5	3	Variance / Adjustment Requests Processed	14	14
None found/other	9	5	Ordinance Infraction / Water Waste Complaints	0	1
High Reads Checked - High Consumption (Billing Dept.)	28	26			
Cust Leaks: 11 No Leaks: 15					
Check Stopped Slowed Meters-Low Consumption (Billing)	14	19	Outside Utility Districts	39	27
Re-Check Read	5	17	Phone calls Transfer to other Departments within ETWD	40	55
Ordinance Infraction	0	0	Phone calls for the Board of Directors	0	1
Recycled Water	0	0	Recycled Water	0	0
Water Quality: Taste / Odor / Color	1	0	Water Quality Taste - Odor - Color	0	1
Phone response: _1_ Field response: _0_			Leaks / Breaks	13	7
Flooding (Hydrant) Meters issued	1	0	Flooding Meter calls (Hydrant)	1	4
Sewer - Odor/Stoppage/ Manhole Covers	0	1	Sewer Problems (odor / spills)	0	1
Meter Box: Lids / Covers Replaced	18	39			
Meter Box Clean, Digout	0	3	Backflow / Cross Connection (questions or yearly testing forms)	1	0
Raised Meter Box	0	0	ETWD facilities inquiries: Boxes/Covers/Lids/Hydrants/Pump Stations/Graffiti/ "Gen. Maint"	1	3
Trim Bushes / Meter Obstruction	5	5			
General Maintenance Response	4	3	Tyco (ADT) Calls (Alarms to ETWD facilities)	2	0
Fire Hydrants: Hit / Leaks / Caps	1	0	ATT Calls (access to tower sites)	0	0
Pressure(psi) Checks / Reads	1	4	SCE Calls (access to tower sites)	1	0
CSSOV (Angle Meter/Ball Valve/Gate Valve/Globe Valve) chk,repair,replaced	10	8	Pager Calls specifically for Pump Stations - SCADA	0	0
AMS angle-meter-stop replace/repair	0	0			
Bees Removed	0	0			
Backflow / Cross Connection	0	0	Payment Extensions	23	92
Fogged Registers	12	59	Delinquent Payment Calls to Customer 's prior to shut off per billing calendar (automatic courtesy dialer)		
OMCOP: Old Meter Change - Out Program	4	1	Return Calls from customers left on our voice mail system. Ext 500	4	9
Other: (uncommon non-maintenance calls)	2	1	Email Correspondence:	34	54
On-Call After Hrs. CS Response	12	14	Maintenance Service Order Requests (bees, psi, fogged-dirty registers)	12	14
# Posting Notice & 24 Hr. Door Hangers Hung	159	231	Misc. (other: employment, deliveries, sales calls)	20	20
#Shut Offs/Disconnect for Non-Payment (DNP)	20	49	Payment Processing Fee Complaints	0	0
Removed Meter	0	0	Customers Complaints non bill related.	0	0
New Meter	0	1	Billing Disputes	0	0
Unread Meters	1	2			
<b>Total Field Investigations</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>Total Telephone Calls</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Uncollectible Accounts:</b>			<b>Credit Card Payments</b>	<b>FEB 2026</b>	<b>FEB 2025</b>
<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>	<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>\$378,602.95</b>
<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>\$ 161,602.00</b>	<b>\$ (247.00)</b>		<b>2301</b>	<b>\$616,196.67</b>



# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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

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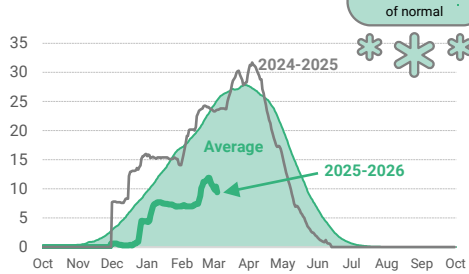
Water Year 2025-2026

As of: 03/04/2026

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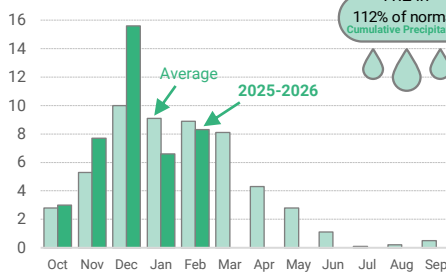
#### Northern Sierra Snow

Water Content values in inches



#### Northern Sierra 8 Station Rain

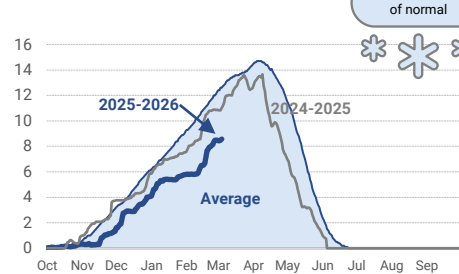
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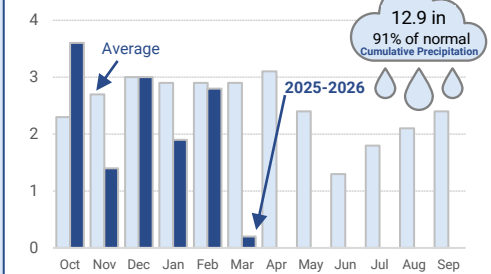
#### Colorado River Basin Snow

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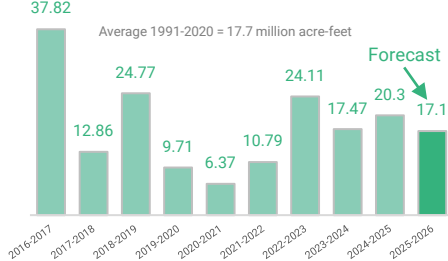
#### Colorado River Basin Rain

Values in inches



#### Sacramento River Runoff

Values in million acre-feet



#### 2026 State Water Project Allocation

30%

Current Table A allocation set on January 29, 2026

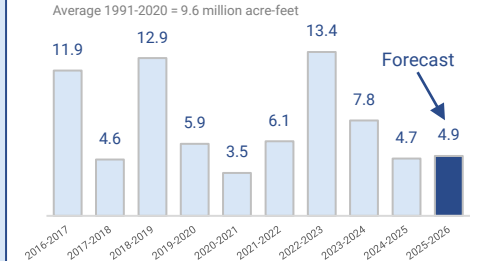
#### Lake Mead Chance of Operating Condition

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

\* Years beyond 2026 assume continuation of current operating guidelines

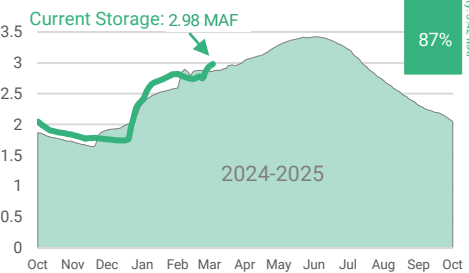
#### Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell

Values in million acre-feet



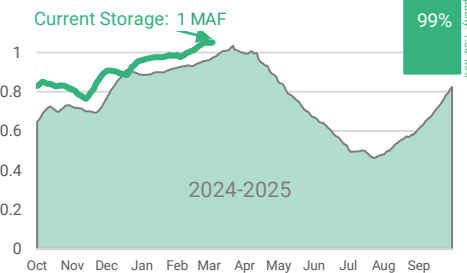
#### Oroville Reservoir Storage

Values in million acre-feet



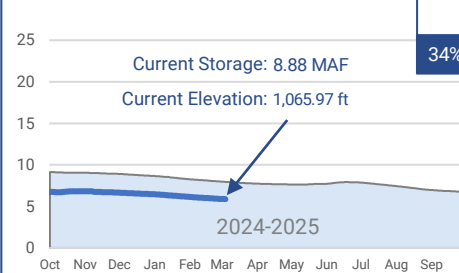
#### San Luis Reservoir SWP Storage

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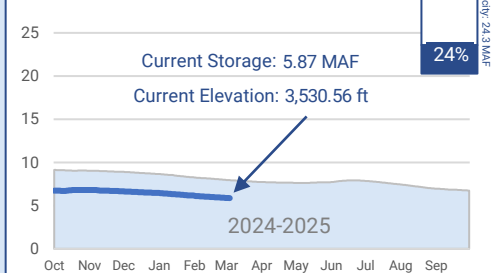
#### Lake Mead Storage

Values in million acre-feet



#### Lake Powell Storage

Values in million acre-feet



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**WILL SERVE SUMMARY REPORT**  
**February 2026**

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Will Serve Letter Date	PHASE	CFF
23642 Dune Mear ADU	Addition of a 3/4" service	5/23/2025	Construction	\$ 2,783
Burlington Backflow	Addition of a domestic backflow device	10/24/2025	Construction	\$ -
Heritage Market	Converting retail to market with kitchen	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Pacific Dental Services	Converting retail to a dentistry	10/20/2025	Construction	\$ 5,540
Asia Spa	Covertng retail to beauty parlor	1/14/2026	Plan Check	\$ 1,912
Muirlands and Los Alisos Intersection Improvements	relocation of water appurtenances and at-grade adjustments	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Retail Phase)	Installation of various sized water, fire, and sewer services at the former mall site.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Central Residential Phase)	Installation of various sized water, fire, and sewer services at the former mall site.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Southern Residential Phase)	Installation of various sized water, fire, and sewer services at the former mall site.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Laguna Woods Shell and Carwash	Removal of a DCDA and installation of a Blow Off Appurtenance	3/20/2025	Construction	\$ -
Parentis Health Sewermain Relocation	Relocating an existing sewermain.	6/26/2025	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Central Utilities Plant 24451 Health Center Drive	Additional domestic and fire services for a medical central utility plant.	12/20/2024	Construction	\$ 21,856
23272 & 23282 Mill Creek	Residential development for 464 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23161 Mill Creek	Residential development for 43 attached condo units	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
23172 Plaza Pointe Dr and 23441 S Pointe Laguna Hills	Residential development of 100 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Texas Roadhouse BBQ	Conversion of El Torito into Texas Roadhouse BBQ	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
23370 Moulton Pkwy Sewer Improvements	Modifications to the sewer lateral	5/8/2025	Construction	\$ -
23501 Avenida De La Carlota Bollmart	Converting retail to market with grocery store	11/26/2025	Construction	\$ 12,706
23456 South Pointe Dr Backflow	addition of a domestic backflow device	Forthcoming	Plan Check	\$ -
Woods End Park Backflow	addition of a domestic backflow device	Forthcoming	Plan Check	\$ -
Laguna Woods City Center Project	tenant improvement of an existing city park	Forthcoming	Plan Check	\$ -
Laguna Woods Fire Station	addition of a fire station adjacent to the Pump Station 1 Site	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Max Relax Spa	conversion of a church worship center into a spa	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Quick Quack Carwash	conversion of a restaurant into a carwash	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
24301 Paseo De Valencia	conversion of a bank to medical offices	2/18/2026	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated



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

**From:** Natural Resource Results

**RE:** Monthly Board Report – March 2026

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### **CA Water Legislation**

Congressman Vince Fong (R-CA) is circulating a discussion draft of legislation that would modify certain aspects of California’s water system. The bill would:

- Direct the Bureau of Reclamation to operate the Central Valley Project (CVP) in a manner that maximizes water deliveries to contractors;
- Deem the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) complete;
- Establish a maximum end-of-year storage target of 1.9 million acre-feet in Lake Shasta; and
- Authorize \$1 billion for water infrastructure projects.

A section-by-section summary prepared by Congressman Fong’s office, is attached to this report.

### **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)**

A group of California Members of Congress recently sent a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) urging the agency to deny federal permits for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) in its Record of Decision (ROD). The letter was signed by Representatives Harder (D-CA), Garamendi (D-CA), Bera (D-CA), Matsui (D-CA), and DeSaulnier (D-CA). A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

Additionally, Representative Garamendi raised the issue during a recent House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing, where he again urged the Corps to deny the necessary permits. Lt. Gen. William H. “Butch” Graham, Jr., Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the Corps, testified alongside Adam Telle, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

Lt. Gen. Graham responded that the Corps’ jurisdiction is limited to project impacts on Waters of the United States under its Section 404 permitting authority. He also committed to providing a timeline for the supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the DCP following the hearing.

## **Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Bill Passes Committee**

On February 4, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) advanced Sen. Padilla's bipartisan legislation to support Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) activities. The bill passed out of committee by voice vote without opposition. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) introduced companion legislation in the House, which advanced through the House Natural Resources Committee last July.

The bill would increase the funding available for species conservation by creating an interest-bearing account at the Department of the Treasury for funds that the Colorado River Lower Basin states and the federal government contribute to the LCR MSCP.

## **DISCUSSION DRAFT H.R. \_\_\_**

### **Section-by-Section**

#### ***Sec. 1 – Central Valley Project And California State Water Project Operations***

Like other provisions of statutes enacted by Congress, e.g. section 3406(b) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Pub. Law 102-575, 106 Stat. 4714), this section provides congressional direction on how the Central Valley Project will be operated to meet various project purposes, including operations to provide water for irrigation, municipal and industrial use, and protection and propagation of fish and wildlife.

#### ***Sec. 1 (a) – Central Valley Project.***

(A) This subsection provides that the Central Valley Project shall be operated to comply with the requirements of Water Rights Decision 1641, which was adopted by the California Water Resources Control Board to implement the water quality control plan adopted by the Water Board to protect the beneficial uses of water, including fish and wildlife protection.

(B) Under the legislation, the requirements of Decision 1641 may be modified only to the extent such modifications, based on a determination by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), (i) will not decrease the ability of the Central Valley Project to make water available for consumptive uses and, (ii) based on the best scientific and commercial data available, are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any species listed as endangered or threatened pursuant to section 4 of the Endangered Species Act.

(2) This section also provides direction to operate Shasta Dam, the largest reservoir in the Central Valley Project, to maximize water supply for consumptive uses, but authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to target end of water-year storage in Shasta Reservoir levels to protect anadromous fish species up to 1.9 million acre-feet. In the event Shasta Dam is enlarged, the legislation provides that the additional storage will be managed for the protection of anadromous fish that spawn below Shasta Dam. Reclamation would also be authorized to increase the end of water year target storage by an amount equivalent to the additional volume of water stored in Shasta Reservoir as a result of the Dam's enlargement. Because the use of new storage created by the enlargement of Shasta Dam would be dedicated exclusively to fish and wildlife purposes, the costs associated with the planning and construction of the Shasta Dam enlargement project would be a nonreimbursable Federal expenditure;

(3) This section directs that releases of water from the Trinity Division for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife and to make water available under any contract executed pursuant to Section 2 of the 1955 Act authorizing construction, operation, and maintenance of the Trinity River Division shall not

exceed the schedule of flow established by the December 19, 2000, Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Record of Decision;

(4) This subsection limits releases from the Friant Division for the protection of fish and wildlife resources to the flow regimes approved by the Stipulation of Settlement, dated September 13, 2006, entered in the litigation entitled Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Rodgers, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, No. CIV. S-88-1658- LKK/GGH.

### *Sec. 1 (b) – California State Water Project.*

Operations of the California State Water are coordinated with operations of the Central Valley Project pursuant to section 103 of Pub. Law 99-546 (100 Stat. 3051). Because of these coordinated operations, the California State Water project has complied with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531, et seq.) by relying, as a co-applicant, on consultations conducted pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by the Bureau of Reclamation for operations of the Central Valley Project. This legislation would provide that operations of the California State Water Project to comply with the requirements of Decision 1641 would satisfy the requirements of the Endangered Species and the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C §§ 1251, et seq.). The legislation would not, however, limit the authority of the State of California from imposing new restrictions on operations of the State Water Project under state law. If new restrictions were imposed on operations of State Water Project, the operator of the State Water Project, the California Department of Water Resources, would be required to obtain a permit for continued operation of the Project pursuant to section 10 of the Endangered Species Act.

### ***Sec. 2 – Allocations To Central Valley Project Water Contractors***

This section of the legislation provides congressional direction to the Bureau of Reclamation concerning allocations of Central Valley Project water to agricultural water service or repayment contractors, municipal and industrial water service or repayment contractors, water rights settlement contractors, exchange contractors, and refuge contractors. It directs that, except as limited by section 1 of this Act, the Central Valley Project shall be operated to maximize the quantity of water to be made available to the contractors, under the terms related to the quantity of water to be made available of their respective contracts. date.

### *Sec. 2 (b) – Minimum Allocations.*

Consistent with prior congressional enactments establishing minimum allocations for certain classes of contracts, (see Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992, section 3406(d)(1), (Public Law 102-575, 106 Stat. 4722)), this Act would prescribe minimum allocations in different water year types for Central Valley Project agricultural water service or repayment contractors. The legislation would ensure, however, that the direction concerning minimum allocations for Central Valley Project

agricultural water service or repayment contractors would not reduce the water supply of other contractors.

*Sec. 2 (c) – Above Normal; Below Normal; Critical; Dry; Wet.*

Water year types would be based on the historical classification of “Wet,” “Above Normal,” “Below Normal,” “Dry,” and “Critical” water years established by the Sacramento Valley Water Year Type (40–30–30) Index.

***Sec. 3 – Compliance With The Central Valley Project Improvement Act***

This subsection directs that operations of the Central Valley Project consistent with section 1(a) of the Act satisfies the fish and wildlife restoration purposes of sections 3406(b) and (c) of the Central Valley Project Improvements Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–575; 106 Stat. 4714, 4721).

*Sec. 3 (b) – Water Conveyance Facilities.*

This subsection directs that construction of water conveyance facilities and wells described in section 3406(d)(5) of the Central Valley Project Improvements Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–575; 106 Stat. 4723) shall be completed by a date certain and thereafter, the fish, wildlife and habitat mitigation and restoration actions under section 3406 of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Public Law 102-575; 106 Stat. 4714) shall be deemed complete. This would result in a reduction of restoration fund fees collected pursuant to section 3407(d)(2)(A), except for restoration fund fees collected from Friant Division contractors, which would remain at the levels established by section 10009 of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act (Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1355).

*Sec. 3 (c) – Secretarial Obligations.*

This subsection provides that nothing in the Act is intended to affect the Secretary’s obligation to make water available to managed wetlands under section 3406(d) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Public Law 102-575, 106 Stat. 4722).

***Sec. 4 – Native Fish And Wildlife Conservation Actions***

This section of the Act would authorize the Secretary to undertake actions that the Secretary determines are feasible, based on the best scientific and commercial data available, to contribute to the conservation of a listed species, to prevent the listing of a species, and to preserve the native fish and wildlife species in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Rivers Delta watershed. Consistent with sharing formulas for fish and wildlife enhancement actions authorized or directed by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, this Act establishes a cost sharing formula with the State of California for costs associated with planning, construction, or other implementation

of fish and wildlife enhancement actions authorized by this Act. This section also provides that the fish and wildlife enhancement actions undertaken pursuant to this authority shall not reduce the delivery capability of the Central Valley Project, the California State Water Project, or water supply infrastructure operated by any water right holder in the State of California.

### ***Sec. 5 – Authorized Appropriations And Reclamation Infrastructure Improvements***

The Act would authorize appropriations of \$1,000,000,000 to carry out this Act, including construction and associated activities for the restoration or increase of the capacity or use of existing conveyance facilities constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation and the construction of facilities to increase the capacity of existing surface water storage facilities of the Bureau of Reclamation.

### ***Sec. 6 – General Provisions***

This section provides for: (a) the coordination of activities with public water agency that contracts for the delivery of water from the Central Valley Project; (b) a standard for scientific determinations to be made by the Secretary; (c) the protection of rights and obligations under the San Joaquin River Exchange Contract; (d) the preservation of flood control operations of the Central Valley Project; and, (e) the preservation of the authority of the State of California to impose restrictions on operations of the California State Water Project under State law.

### ***Sec. 7 – Definitions***

This section provides definitions for the terms “Decision 1641,” “Delivery Capability,” and “Secretary.”

# Congress of the United States

## Washington, DC 20515

February 3, 2026

Lieutenant General William H. Graham, Jr.  
Chief of Engineers and Commanding General  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street NW  
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Lieutenant General Graham,

As members of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Congressional Delegation, we write today to urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in its forthcoming Record of Decision, to deny the federal permits required for the State of California's proposed Delta Conveyance Project, also known as the Delta Tunnel.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the largest freshwater tidal estuary on the West Coast which supports irreplaceable agricultural lands, vital flood control infrastructure, and the livelihoods of millions of Californians. The Delta Tunnel would permanently alter this ecosystem through the construction of massive new intakes on the Sacramento River, extensive tunneling in Delta communities, and over a decade of disruptive construction activity. Even with proposed mitigation, the Final EIS acknowledges that the Delta Tunnel Project would result in significant adverse impacts, including permanent degradation of Delta landscapes, conversion of important agricultural lands, and substantial impacts to aquatic resources and habitats.

Of particular concern are the clear risks to the integrity and reliability of levees and other flood control features that protect Delta communities and the broader Central Valley from catastrophic flooding. Approving permits for a project harming water quality and flood control infrastructure stands in direct opposition to the Corps' statutory obligations. In addition to its environmental and public safety impacts, the Delta Tunnel Project is a major economic burden costing tens of billions of dollars without creating a single new drop of water for Californians. Instead, it would divert scarce resources away from more cost-effective, broadly supported water resilience strategies, such as levee improvements, groundwater recharge, and regional supply investments that enhance reliability without sacrificing the Delta.

It is clear that the Delta Tunnel Project would cause substantial and unavoidable harm to the Delta and its communities. Throughout this process, Delta residents, local governments, tribes,

farmers, and small businesses have consistently raised concerns that their voices have not been meaningfully incorporated into decision-making. For these reasons, we strongly urge the Army Corps of Engineers to deny the permits for the Delta Tunnel Project in its forthcoming Record of Decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Josh Harder  
Member of Congress



John Garamendi  
Member of Congress



Ami Bera, M.D.  
Member of Congress



Mark DeSaulnier  
Member of Congress



Doris Matsui  
Member of Congress

**February 2, 2026****To:** Municipal Water District of Orange County**From:** Michael Boccadoro  
Beth Olhasso**RE:** February Report

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**Overview:**

A massive storm helped slow the early melt that was occurring in the sierras during “Dry January” as water managers are calling the precipitation-free month. While the storm brought upwards of 11 feet of snow to the sierras, overall snowpack is still in less than optimal condition. Currently, the snowpack sits at just 60 percent of April 1 average and 73 percent of normal for this date, with new storms expected as February comes to a close.

Reservoir levels remain strong, as much of the melting snow has been captured and reservoirs are being managed for flood control. Lake Oroville is sitting at 80 percent capacity, 126 percent of normal; Lake Shasta is sitting at 79 percent of capacity, 112 percent of average; while San Luis Reservoir is at 83 percent of capacity, 105 percent of average for this time of year.

The State Water Contractors have released its annual report highlighting targeted investments in research that will help more adaptively manage water throughout the state. Key projects included research on how pesticides are affecting juvenile salmon; river temperature forecasting; and fish movements near export facilities.

Good news is being shared on the Bay-Delta Plan Update. The State Water Resources Control Board has indicated that there are unlikely to be any major revisions to the long-awaited update. Adoption is on track for the fall.

For the third year in a row, the Governor proposed not only cutting staff positions funded by the General Fund, but also staff funded by “special funds,” or fee-based positions. The Legislature rejected many of these cuts in the 2025-26 budget, yet they are back again this year. The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) has released a report outlining the risks of eliminating these positions.

The LAO has also revised its budget outlook after several months of significantly higher revenues coming into the state. While the revenues will not address all of the fiscal issues plaguing the state, the strong returns will help ease some of the cuts necessary to balance a budget.

A record low number of bills was introduced ahead of the February 20 bill introduction deadline. Legislation on Golden Mussels, Proposition 218, groundwater recharge, subsidence and conveyance repairs, low-income rate assistance and data centers will all start to work their way through the legislative process in the coming months. Bills must be in print for 30 days before they can be heard in committee.

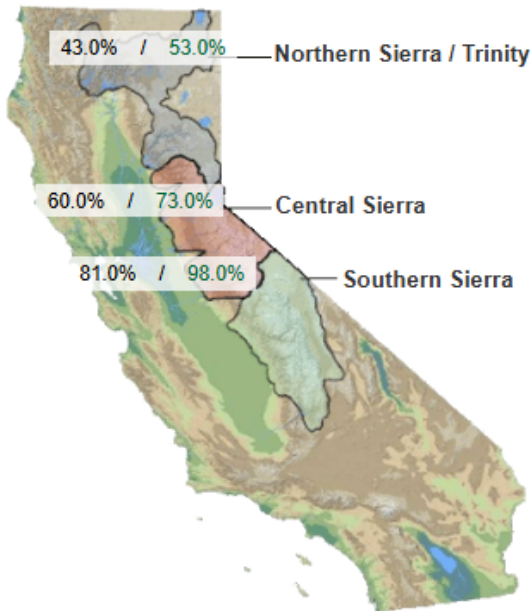
# Municipal Water District of Orange County Status Report – February 2026

## *Water Supply Conditions*

While the snowpack has rebounded to 73 percent of normal, most of that snow is in the Southern Sierra (98 percent normal). The northern Sierra, which replenishes the state’s major storage reservoirs, is at 53 percent of normal and just 43 percent of April 1 average. Another storm, this time a warmer atmospheric river, is predicted to hit the northern part of the state in coming days. Water managers are hoping it doesn’t melt too much snow.

Reservoirs are still being managed for flood control, as a result there is little room to store additional runoff should warm precipitation melt a lot of snow. San Luis reservoir is at 105 percent of historical average and 83 percent capacity. Lake Oroville is at 80 percent capacity, 126 percent of normal; Lake Shasta is sitting at 79 percent of capacity, 112 percent of average for this time of the year.

% Apr 1 Avg. / % Normal for this Date



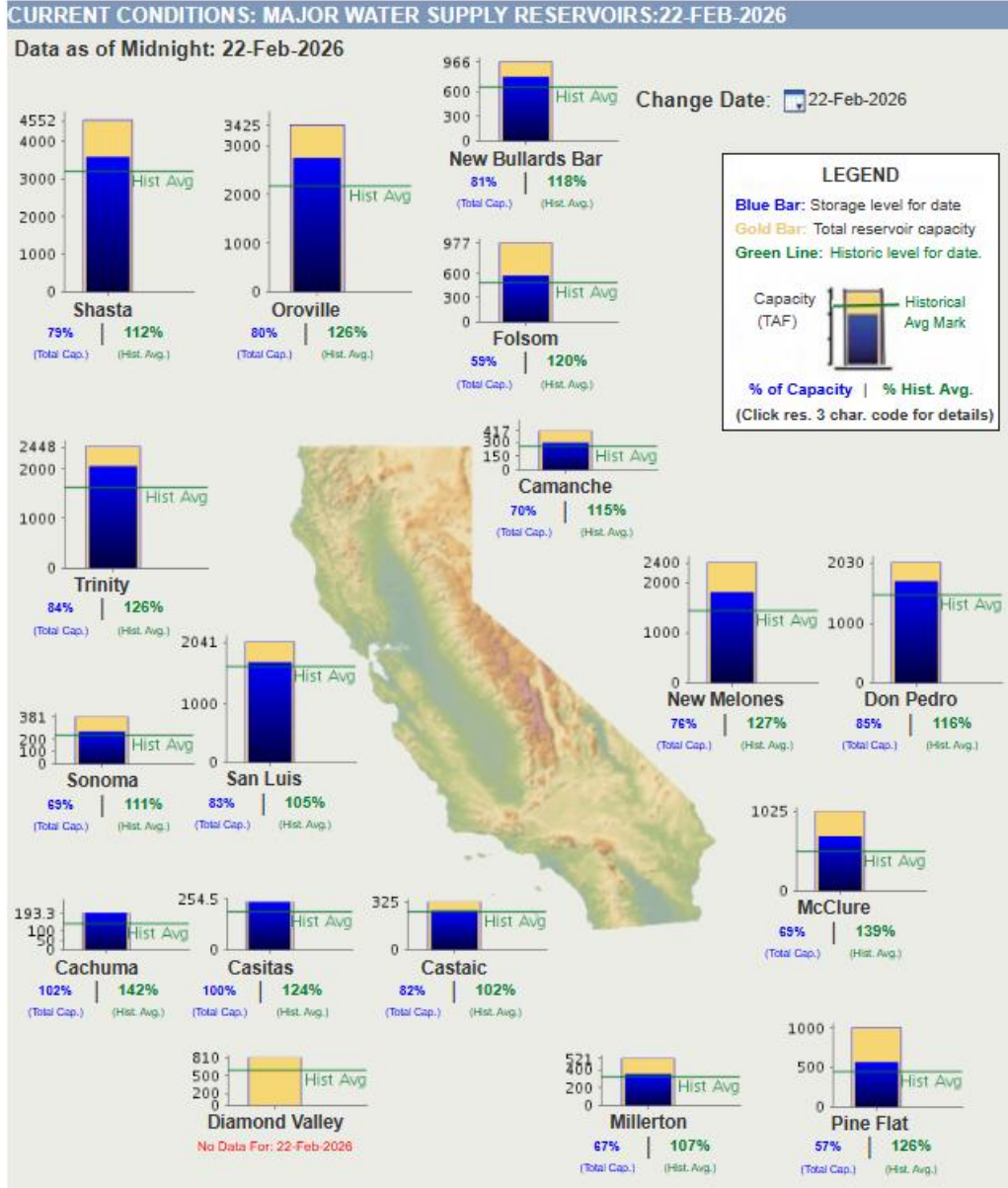
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NORTH	
Data For: 23-Feb-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	33
Average snow water equivalent	11.6"
Percent of April 1 Average	43%
Percent of normal for this date	53%

CENTRAL	
Data For: 23-Feb-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	54
Average snow water equivalent	16.7"
Percent of April 1 Average	60%
Percent of normal for this date	73%

SOUTH	
Data For: 23-Feb-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	26
Average snow water equivalent	19.8"
Percent of April 1 Average	81%
Percent of normal for this date	98%

STATEWIDE SUMMARY	
Data For: 23-Feb-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	113
Average snow water equivalent	16.0"
Percent of April 1 Average	60%
Percent of normal for this date	73%



**State Water Contractors Release Science Report**

The State Water Contractors (SWC) has released its 2024–25 Science Report, highlighting another year of targeted investments in research designed to improve water management across California.

The annual report outlines how the SWC Science Program is advancing “actionable science” to inform operations of the State Water Project and support ecosystem health in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Since launching in 2018, the program has invested more than \$16 million in management-relevant research, with approximately \$3.2 million allocated this fiscal year alone. More than half of this year’s funding focused on habitat and ecology, with additional investments addressing non-operational stressors, Delta outflow, and science development. A smaller portion supported compliance-related efforts.

Among the featured projects:

- **Pesticides and Salmon Health:** Researchers are developing models to understand how mixtures of pesticides may affect juvenile Chinook salmon behavior and survival, particularly their vulnerability to predators.
- **River Temperature Forecasting:** New predictive tools aim to help managers anticipate temperature changes under current and future climate conditions—critical for temperature-sensitive fish species.
- **Fish Movement Near Export Facilities:** Studies are examining how environmental conditions influence salmon distribution and mortality near major water export pumps, providing insight into potential operational improvements.

Beyond research funding, the SWC Science Program continues to emphasize collaboration and transparency. Staff participated in scientific panels and conferences, supported partner initiatives such as those led by the Delta Stewardship Council, and worked to share findings with agencies and policymakers.

Looking ahead, the program plans to launch a new online Science Portal to make research more accessible, host a 2026 Spring Symposium focused on contaminants and ecological management, and roll out a new outreach series, “Nerdy by Nature,” to spotlight emerging science. Overall, the 2024–25 report underscores SWC’s continued commitment to bridging science and water management—ensuring that research directly informs decisions affecting both California’s water supply reliability and the health of its ecosystems.

### ***Bay-Delta Plan on Track***

A long-awaited update to California’s Bay-Delta Plan is moving toward potential adoption this fall, with no major changes expected from the proposal released in December.

State Water Resources Control Board staff are reviewing thousands of public comments to determine whether refinements to the basin plan amendment language or environmental analysis are needed. So far, staff have indicated that only technical refinements — not sweeping revisions — appear likely. Updated basin plan language will be released for public comment, but no new comments will be accepted on the staff report itself.

The board is aiming to complete its work in time for members to consider adoption in the fall, though specific release dates have not been finalized.

The proposal has highlighted ongoing tensions between environmental groups and regional water agencies. Conservation advocates argue the plan should establish firm, enforceable minimum flow requirements, while water agencies favor voluntary agreements as the primary implementation strategy. A recent three-day hearing underscored those divisions.

Although the formal public comment period has closed, staff remain open to meeting with stakeholders.

State officials have spent years working to update flow and habitat rules for the Sacramento River and Delta. The Sacramento–Delta portions of the Bay-Delta Plan have not been

significantly revised since the mid-1990s, and the San Joaquin River section was last updated in 2018.

### ***Legislative Analyst Office Weighs in on Governor’s Staffing Cuts Proposal***

Legislators are once again weighing a proposal from the Governor to eliminate hundreds of vacant environmental positions as part of the state’s 2026–27 budget — a move that could save tens of millions of dollars annually but raises concerns about long-term impacts to environmental programs and delay issuing of permits and other regulatory actions needed to move water and wastewater throughout the state.

In a new report, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) reviews the Governor’s proposal to permanently eliminate 349 unfilled environmental positions across multiple state departments. The administration estimates the change would save roughly \$45 million per year, including about \$19 million from the General Fund and \$25 million from special funds.

However, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee has already expressed reservations, declining to concur with the proposed eliminations. Lawmakers have raised concerns that even vacant positions can represent critical capacity — particularly in areas such as environmental permitting, pollution enforcement, and natural resource management.

The LAO notes that eliminating these roles could reduce the state’s flexibility to respond to future workload demands or statutory obligations. While some of the positions have remained unfilled for extended periods, they were originally authorized to support ongoing environmental protection efforts.

In its recommendations, the LAO advises the Legislature to maintain 216 positions funded through special funds, since preserving them would not directly affect the General Fund. For the remaining 133 General Fund-supported positions, the LAO suggests lawmakers weigh the value of maintaining environmental capacity against the state’s broader budget challenges. The debate underscores a familiar tension in Sacramento: balancing fiscal discipline with the state’s environmental commitments. As budget negotiations continue, lawmakers will need to decide whether near-term savings justify potential reductions in long-term program capacity.

### ***State Revenue Update: Strong Tax Collections Lift Current Outlook — But Risks Loom***

California’s revenue picture has brightened in the near term, according to a new forecast from the LAO, but long-term uncertainty remains a concern for state budget planners.

The updated outlook anticipates that revenues from the “Big Three” taxes — personal income, corporate, and sales taxes — are now likely to exceed the assumptions in the Governor’s 2026–27 Budget for the current fiscal year and align closely with expectations for the budget year. This improvement is driven primarily by strong income tax receipts, which surged thanks to a booming stock market and increased earnings, particularly in the tech sector.

Despite these gains, analysts caution that this strength may not last. Historically, revenue spikes tied to asset price booms — like those fueled by rapid stock market growth — have been followed by sharp downturns. The LAO notes that while recent collections have surprised on the

upside, the risk of a future revenue reversal remains high. Structural budget challenges could resurface as early as 2027-28, with projected deficits continuing unless broader fiscal strategies are adopted.

For lawmakers and budget watchers, the message is clear: near-term gains offer some breathing room, but long-term planning must remain cautious in light of California’s historically volatile revenue base.

### ***Legislative Update***

The 2026 California Legislative Session saw the lowest number of bill introductions in the past twenty years. This is the first 2-year Session in which the bill introduction limits were lowered to 35 bills per Member per 2-year Session. Previously, the Assembly limit was 50 bills per Member and the Senate was 40 bills per Member.

By contrast, the 2023 Legislative Session saw a higher number of bill introductions than normal, and the highest number in over a decade, while the 2024 Session returned those introduction numbers to more normal levels. In 2025, there were 2,350 bills introduced by the February 21 deadline. In 2026, there were 1,798 bills introduced by the February 20 deadline.

Some of the key bills introduced by statewide associations recently include:

#### ACWA Sponsored Legislation:

**SB 1153 (Caballero)** focuses on disaster preparedness for urban water suppliers and public water systems in the face of increasing wildfire risk. The bill would add wildfire readiness requirements to state law, aiming to help water utilities better anticipate, prepare for, and respond to wildfire-related emergencies that can disrupt service and threaten public health.

**SB 899 (Grove)** would authorize additions to California’s wildfire prevention law, tasking the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force with work on reducing wildfire smoke impacts and improving forest resilience. Would authorize additions to California’s wildfire prevention law, tasking the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force with work on reducing wildfire smoke impacts and improving forest resilience.

**AB 2180 (Ward)** attempts to address the “proportionality” issue raised in recent Proposition 218 court cases. This bill would authorize a local government to demonstrate the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel by any method that reasonably allocates the ascertainable cost of providing service to all parcels, if substantiated.

#### State Water Contractors Sponsored Legislation:

**SB 872 (McNerney)** has been amended into a major climate and water infrastructure funding bill.

Under the revised language, SB 872 would direct a portion of the state’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) toward critical water system upgrades over the next two decades — beginning in the 2026–27 fiscal year through 2046–47.

Key provisions include:

- \$150 million annually to the California Department of Water Resources for capital improvements aimed at restoring original conveyance capacity in state water facilities affected by land subsidence — a growing problem as pumping lowers groundwater levels and damages canals.
- \$150 million annually to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy for levee repairs and related projects in the Delta, strengthening flood protection and habitat conditions.

The bill also includes a restriction that these funds cannot be used for the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of new Delta conveyance facilities beyond existing infrastructure.

The SWC are also expected to amend spot bills to address groundwater recharge and the State Water Project's accelerated carbon free energy requirements.

A matrix of priority bills is attached.

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## Legal and Regulatory

March 4, 2026

- 1. Less Salty Salt Water:** The University of Colorado has completed a study of how salty our oceans are and what the trends are. The average salinity of our oceans is 3.5%. That is about 1 ½ teaspoons of salt in a cup of water. Salinity is impacted by rainfall, evaporation, currents, climate change, wind and fresh water inflow. The Southern Indian Ocean, west of Australia, used to be one of the saltiest of all. Now, after 60 years of rising temperatures, changing wind currents which brought more fresh water, this area has greatly decreased its salinity by about 30%. This produces less dense water and can impact the entire ocean system worldwide. These changes impact plankton and sea grass and ultimately the entire food chain.
- 2. AOC and Water:** No, it is not Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. It is assimilable organic carbon. This is a nutrient for bacteria found in groundwater that can carry disease. Some smaller water districts, primarily in rural areas, rely on untreated groundwater. When the AOC level increases, Legionnaires' disease and other infectious diseases can develop. Grand Rapids, Michigan has had two outbreaks in the last few years. A University of Minnesota study identified AOC as a test element to identify and cure these outbreaks. The cure is chloramines disinfection which has had a 100% success rate. AOC is not a factor that was commonly tested. Now it is.
- 3. Snow Soil Microbes:** When the ground is covered with snow, most plants and animals go to sleep or become less active. However, soil microbes go into high gear. The microbes break down organic material, which produce nutrients for plants. The process also produces nitrogen which is fertilizer for said plants and for release into the air. This one-two punch in normal times maximizes plant growth and health. When you have variations in weather patterns, which we seem to have all the time, this process can change. Sometimes those changes are for the better and sometimes for the worse. How organic nitrogen reacts in the soil is becoming a much more important element in forest management and predicting forest health. To the extent we are able to measure these actions we can do a better job at both management and health. This is particularly important in forest fires in the West and high fire risk areas.
- 4. Dredging the Delta:** Dredging the Delta used to be a regular occurrence until the 1970s. Litigation by environmental groups stopped it. Since then, silt has steadily built up reducing the volume of water in the Delta. Water flow was cut from 200,000 cubic feet per second to 130,000. This requires more water to be released from storage to meet enviro and fish needs. It is estimated that if channel depth was returned to normal, an additional 1-2 million acre feet of water would be available for storage or other use. Right now, during high flow rates, the water flows to the ocean. Deeper channels would also help fish, agriculture and environmental needs. This report (from AgNet West) also called for infrastructure enhancement and water abundance.

5. **Coastlands Retreat:** A study from Monash University in Australia shows that many developed areas around the world are moving away from the sea. With climate change and sea level rising, many communities are moving to higher ground. The study which looked at over 1000 coastal regions in 155 countries found that 56% are moving further inland, 28% are not moving and 16% are going close to the sea. The greatest changes were in South America and Asia with the least in North America. Risk and resources seem to be controlling factors. Storms, erosion and sea level rise have different impacts based on socio-economic status. High income groups are more likely to remain as evidenced in Europe and North America. They also observed some over confidence of significant investments in infrastructure in wealthy areas and questioned this as a long range strategy. They also noted in some areas where people have moved away from the sea, they were being replaced with lower income folks. This was a cheaper option for them than moving to safer areas which were more expensive. (Editor's note: I have not seen oceanfront property in Newport Beach going down in price.)

6. **Urban Drainage Solutions:** Much research is being done on sustainable urban drainage systems. The goal is to establish sustainable water flows to ease pressure on storm waters systems during heavy rain or flood conditions. Also, to aid in removal of contaminants. Two of the principal elements are phytomining plants and earthworms. These type of plants remove metals from contaminated soils. The worms break down organic pollutants and help restore the soil. These natural solutions are as effective as more expensive groundwater treatments and can regenerate themselves. The exact implementation of these systems is the key to its success.

7. **Abundance Gap:** A recent study from UC Berkley and UC Irvine said our State water problem is not water scarcity but distribution. Much of California is not connected to areas of greater supply. Areas that rely on groundwater do not have access to Northern Cal water. They are also concerned that many rural areas do not have safe drinking water. They also suggested: better recycling methods, better infrastructure for underserved communities and better water rate structures to reduce cost.

8. **Fluoride Update:** The EPA was ordered in 2024 in Federal court to increase fluoride regulation and review the risk to children of fluoride in drinking water. Since then, the debate has continued. Fluoride occurs naturally in water. Plus fluoride is added to many systems to improve dental health. The scientific data on this has been less than conclusive on all sides. Some showing greater health risk to children and some not. It has become a health and political football. The EPA has announced that it is conducting another review and will set forth standards on some timeline. The US Food and Drug Administration has announced it would take action to limit fluoride products for children. The American Dental Association claims fluoride is a positive tool in reducing tooth decay in children and adults.

9. **Tire Run-off:** Environmental groups have filed suit against tire manufacturers under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This is a new tactic as most of these actions are filed under pollution causes of actions, EPA and the like. Their claim is that endangered fish are being put at risk or killed by chemicals associated with tires. The alleged culprit is 6PPD which is used in production of most tires. This chemical is left behind due to tire wear. When mixed with runoff and

other products, a toxic chemical can be produced. They are seeking a nationwide ban on 6PPD. The proximate cause evidence is somewhat convoluted and the courts thus far have shown reluctance. Whether the ESA is the appropriate act to file the action is a big question.

10. **Where Does Rain Come From:** The most common answer is the sky but the UC San Diego researchers are looking at where that water came from before it found its way to the sky. The two principle sources of rain water are the ocean and the land. Two thirds of rain is ocean based and usually travels great distances before it returns to earth as rain. One third of rain is land based and comes from crops, plants and related evaporation. The balance between these two sources can determine wet or drought periods and crop productivity. Ocean based rain is generally more predictable and can be heavier. Land based rain is less reliable and lesser in quantity. Clearing large forest areas can have a very negative impact of rain fall. The US Midwest and East Africa are both vulnerable areas as they are very dependent on land based rain. Both of these areas are susceptible to drought conditions. They must adopt water management strategies which include timing of crop, irrigation management to survive. Both areas are important to worldwide grain production. Planning your agricultural growth must include finding out where you rain comes from.

11. **Delta Opposition:** The following group have come out in opposition to the Delta Conveyance: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, The Winnemem Wintu Tribe, San Francisco Baykeeper, Center for Biological Diversity, Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Little Manila Rising, Friends of the River, California Indian Environmental Alliance, Sierra Club California, Restore the Delta.



TO: MWDOC Board of Directors

FROM: Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors

DATE: March 4, 2026

SUBJECT: March 2026 Local Legislative Report

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

- The Cypress City Council announced the appointment of Shannon DeLong at their meeting of February 24. Ms. DeLong currently serves as Assistant City Manager for the City of Whittier, a role she has held since June 2018, and prior to that she spent more than a decade with the City of Downey. She is scheduled to begin her role as the tenth City Manager, and first woman, in the City's history on March 30.
- Phase II of Orange County's Climate Action Plan, a comprehensive roadmap detailing potential projects and programs to reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions from various sources, was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 24. Key initiatives within the CAP included increasing stormwater capture and infiltration, reducing the amount of organic waste going to landfills by 75 percent and improving edible food recovery by 20 percent, and exploring the feasibility of regional anaerobic digestion and conversion technology facilities. The County is required to have a completed CAP in order to apply for and secure Proposition 4 grants for these and other targeted programs, many of which are specific to disadvantaged and/or environmental justice communities.
- Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) leadership will be participating in a meeting on March 24 with counterparts from Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego County LAFCOs. This initial meeting of the Alliance of Local Agency Formation Commissions (Alliance) will focus on relevant legislation and other matters of interest to the four agencies, which formed the Alliance in 2025 to provide better coordination on common issues and priorities than was being offered through CALAFCO.
- As was mentioned last month, County Supervisor Don Wagner was recently reappointed as the sole Board representative to OC LAFCO. Yorba Linda City Council member Peggy Huang's spot will come before the City Selection Committee this Spring; Derek McGregor's spot as Public Member will be voted

- upon by the other LAFCO Commissioners; and the election of two Special District Commissioners, currently held by Doug Davert (East Orange County Water District), and Alternate Commissioner Kathryn Freschley of El Toro Water District, will be initiated by OC LAFCO with notification letters emailed to each Special District by March 9.
- The County deferred a scheduled virtual community meeting on the proposed increase of the Prima Deshecha Landfill's daily maximum trash intake from 4,000 tons to 8,000 tons. The CEQA process for this proposed expansion began in 2023 and the project is necessitated by the planned closure in several years of Olinda Alpha Landfill near Brea.
  - The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) issued three Notices of Violation (NOVs) to Orange County Waste and Recycling's Frank R. Bowerman Landfill in Irvine. SCAQMD inspectors responded in the month of January to more than 100 public complaints of rotten, sour, garbage-type odors in the area. The inspectors confirmed the odors with community members and traced them back to operations at the landfill, and subsequently issued three NOVs on January 7, 25, and 26 for violations of the public nuisance rules.
  - The Board of Supervisors recently approved the official establishment of the South Orange County Beach Coalition as a decision-making body designed to protect the coastline between Newport Beach and San Clemente. A major component of the Coalition's emphasis will be sand replenishment, with the Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program, or SCOUP, streamlining sand placement permits for all cities and jurisdictions with beaches from various agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Lands Commission.
  - An audit report commissioned by the Board of Directors of CalOptima Health found no evidence of impropriety related to actions taken by former County Supervisor and Board Chair Andrew Do, who is currently serving a five-year sentence in federal prison for accepting bribes to direct more than \$10 million in COVID-19 funding to a charity affiliated with his daughter.
  - The operator of the Balboa Island Ferry reached a deal to receive more than \$10 million from the CA Air Resources Board and SCAQMD to convert its three-ship fleet to zero emission technologies. Seymour Beek, whose father began operating the ferry in 1919, signed an agreement with the two agencies to replace each of the three existing diesel-powered ferries with electric battery-powered vessels that will include a replica smokestack. It is possible that the first new ferry could be in operation by the end of 2026; the existing ferries have been in operation since the mid-1950's.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Whittingham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" being more prominent than the last name "Whittingham".

Peter Whittingham

Municipal Water District of Orange County

Bill Tracking

Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Brief Summary	Priority
<b>AB 1772</b>	<b>Papan, D</b>	Fish and wildlife: aquatic invasive species: golden mussels.	02/09/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law generally prohibits a person from possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting in the state, or from placing, planting, or causing to be placed or planted in any water within the state, invasive mussels and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife or the director's designee to engage in various enforcement activities with regard to invasive mussels, as provided. Current law requires specified entities that own or manage a reservoir, as defined, where certain activities are permitted to monitor and prevent the introduction of invasive mussel species, as specified, and requires any entity that discovers invasive mussels in the state to report the discovery immediately to the department. This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to, among other things, address and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, including, but not limited to, the golden mussel, in California's waterbodies and water infrastructure systems. (Based on 02/09/2026 text)	Priority
<b>AB 2013</b>	<b>Bennett, D</b>	Fire risk areas: water suppliers: emergency preparedness plan.	02/17/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Current law requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal, as provided. This bill would require a water supplier that services more than 100 customers that are located in a moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zone, as specified, to establish an emergency preparedness plan for response to red flag warnings, extreme weather events, and other major power outages or emergencies that pose a potential threat to providing adequate water service. (Based on 02/17/2026 text)	Priority
<b>SB 872</b>	<b>McNerney, D</b>	Climate change: funding priorities.	01/06/2026 - Senate Rules	The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include in its regulation of those emissions the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Current law requires, beginning with 2026-27 fiscal year, that funds be allocated according to a specified priority, including, among other things, that the sum of \$1,000,000,000 be reserved for appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute. This bill would require, of that amount, beginning with the 2026-27 fiscal year and continuing through the 2046-47 fiscal year, the sum of \$150,000,000 be appropriated annually, to the Department of Water Resources for the purposes of supporting capital improvements to restore the original design water conveyance capacity for state water conveyance systems impacted operationally by land subsidence, and the sum of \$150,000,000 be appropriated annually to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy for projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to improve existing levees, as specified, thereby making an appropriation. (Based on 02/18/2026 text)	Priority

<b>SB 1001</b>	<b>Archuleta, D</b>	Water utility workers: identification card program.	02/18/2026 - Senate Emergency Management	Current law creates the Office of Emergency Services within the office of the Governor and sets forth its powers and duties, including establishing by rule and regulation various classes of disaster service workers, the scope and duty of each class, and the way disaster service workers of each class are to be registered. Current law authorizes officers of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, police departments, marshal's office or sheriff's office, and officers or employees of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or the Department of Fish and Wildlife designated as peace officers to close to all unauthorized persons an area where a menace to the public health or safety created by a calamity exists for the duration of the menace and the immediate area surrounding any emergency field command post or any other command post activated for the purpose of abating a calamity, riot, or other civil disturbance, as specified. This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to develop a water utility worker identification program to issue identification cards to employees of a city, county, city and county, special district, water corporation, or mutual water company that provides water utility services to authorize access to an area during or following a flood, storm, fire, earthquake, or other disaster, for the purpose of protection of public health and safety, preservation of life and property, and repair and restoration of water service. This bill would require the application for a water utility worker identification card to be signed by a duly authorized representative of a water utility and include a certification by the water utility. (Based on 02/09/2026 text)	Priority
<b>SB 1139</b>	<b>Laird, D</b>	Nonfunctional turf. noncompliance and enforcement.	02/18/2026 - Senate Rules	Current law prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than a cemetery, and on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, as specified. Current law requires a person or entity to be subject to civil liability or penalties by the State Water Resources Control Board, as prescribed, or to civil liability and penalties imposed by an urban water supplier, pursuant to a locally adopted ordinance or policy. Current law authorizes a public water system, city, county, or city and county to enforce the provisions relating to the prohibition, as specified. This bill would require a person or entity to be subject to civil liability or penalties imposed by a special district with water conservation enforcement authority pursuant to a locally adopted ordinance or policy. (Based on 02/18/2026 text)	Priority
<b>SB 1153</b>	<b>Caballero, D</b>	Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: wildfire.	02/18/2026 - Senate Rules	The California Emergency Services Act requires all public water systems, as defined, with 10,000 or more service connections to review and revise their disaster preparedness plans in conjunction with related agencies, including, but not limited to, local fire departments and the Office of Emergency Services to ensure that the plans are sufficient to address possible disaster scenarios. A person, as defined, who violates the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor. This bill, beginning January 1, 2028, would require all urban retail water suppliers, as defined, serving a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to include incident-specified response procedures for wildfires as part of their disaster preparedness plans, including any applicable emergency response plan as required by federal law. The bill would require these plans to include mitigation actions, including actions, procedures, and equipment, that can obviate or significantly lessen the impact of a wildfire on the water system and the supply of drinking water provided by the water supplier. Because violation of these requirements by certain urban retail water suppliers would constitute a misdemeanor, the bill would expand the scope of a crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. (Based on 02/18/2026 text)	Priority
<b>Watch</b>					
<b>AB 1821</b>	<b>Pacheco, D</b>	California Public Records Act.	02/11/2026 - Assembly PRINT	The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provision establishing the title of the act. (Based on 02/11/2026 text)	Watch

<b>AB 1881</b>	<b>Ramos, D</b>	California Indian Freedom Act of 2026.	02/12/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law establishes various protections for California Native American tribes, including prohibiting a public agency or private party using or occupying public property or operating on public property from interfering with the free expression or exercise of Native American religion as provided in the United States Constitution and the California Constitution. Current law also requires a local government to provide formal notification to each California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project site as an invitation to consult on the proposed project, as provided. Existing law requires the local government, during the consultation, to give deference to the tribal information, tribal knowledge and customs, and the significance of the resource to the California Native American tribe. Current law prohibits any information, as described, that is submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process from being included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, as specified, without the prior consent of the tribe that provided the information. This bill, the California Indian Freedom Act of 2026, would prohibit a governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Indian or California Native American tribe's exercise of religious beliefs or spiritual practices, including their access to and use of sacred sites and objects, and their ability to perform religious ceremonies and rites, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless the governing governmental agency demonstrates that application of the burden is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is in the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. The act would apply to all state and local government actions, including, among others, permitting decisions, land use approvals, and enforcement actions. The bill would authorize a California Indian or tribe to assert a violation of these provisions as a claim or defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding, as specified. Before any governmental agency undertakes, approves, permits, funds, or authorizes a project that may impact a sacred site or cultural landscape, the bill would require the governmental agency to engage in early, meaningful and good-faith government-to-government consultation with an affected tribe. (Based on 02/12/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 1894</b>	<b>Rubio, Blanca, D</b>	Fish and wildlife: aquatic invasive species: genus Caulerpa.	02/12/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law generally prohibits the sale, possession, importation, transportation, transfer, live release, or giving away without consideration, of the salt water algae of the genus Caulerpa. Current law authorizes a person to possess, for bona fide scientific research, as determined by, and upon authorization of, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, salt water algae of the genus Caulerpa. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this law. (Based on 02/12/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 1987</b>	<b>Flora, R</b>	Water: definition.	02/13/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law establishes general laws that apply to the use of water in the state and provides definitions and interpretations that apply to those laws. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the definition of "water" for purposes of those provisions. (Based on 02/13/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2032</b>	<b>Ransom, D</b>	Fish and wildlife: restricted species permits.	02/17/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law prohibits the importation, transportation, possession, or live release of specified wild animals, except under a revocable, nontransferable permit, known as a restricted species permit, issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, and only if certain requirements are met. Current law requires a written application for a permit from a person desiring to import or transport a restricted species to contain specified information. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that written application provision. (Based on 02/17/2026 text)	Watch

<b>AB 2045</b>	<b>Connolly, D</b>	Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act.	02/17/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Under the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act, a habitat restoration or enhancement project is a project with the primary purpose of improving fish and wildlife habitat. The act requires the Director of Fish and Wildlife to approve a habitat restoration or enhancement project if the director determines that specified conditions are met. Under the act, the director's approval of a habitat restoration or enhancement project is in lieu of any other permit, agreement, license, or other approval issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The act makes moneys in the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Account available to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of administering and implementing the act. Current law repeals the act on January 1, 2027. This bill would extend the operation of the act indefinitely. (Based on 02/17/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2215</b>	<b>Calderon, D</b>	Urban water management planning.	02/19/2026 - Assembly PRINT	The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision of law naming that act. (Based on 02/19/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2218</b>	<b>Kalra, D</b>	Water policy: California Native American tribes.	02/19/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law establishes various state water policies, including the policy that the use of water for domestic purposes is the highest use of water and the human right to water. This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to acknowledge and correct the inequities caused by state-sanctioned acts of termination, removal, and assimilation inflicted upon all California Native American tribes through compensation, legal recognition of rights, or replacement of benefits lost. The bill would require all relevant state agencies, including the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, to consider and incorporate this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing rights, policies, regulations, permits, or grant criteria to address identified inequities. (Based on 02/19/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2322</b>	<b>Papan, D</b>	State Water Resources Control Board.	02/19/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law establishes the State Water Resources Control Board in the Natural Resources Agency, and prescribes the membership, functions, and duties of the state board. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in that provision. (Based on 02/19/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2381</b>	<b>Johnson, R</b>	Local Agency Public Construction Act: municipal water districts: sanitation districts: lowest responsible bidder.	02/20/2026 - Assembly PRINT	The Local Agency Public Construction Act sets forth the requirements for competitive bidding on various types of contracts awarded by local agencies. Under current law, a municipal water district and a sanitation district, when letting a contract for \$35,000 or more, is required to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. This bill would increase that threshold dollar amount to \$220,000. The bill would require the Controller, commencing January 1, 2028, to adjust that amount annually to reflect the percentage change, as specified, and publish the adjusted amount on its internet website. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2498</b>	<b>Chen, R</b>	Local government: open meetings.	02/20/2026 - Assembly PRINT	The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of a legislative body be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend except as otherwise permitted by its provisions. The act defines a meeting for the purposes of its provisions and excepts certain interactions from its provisions. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2568</b>	<b>Johnson, R</b>	Water district directors: compensation.	02/20/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law authorizes a water district, as defined, to adopt an ordinance that provides compensation to members of the governing board, as specified. Current law prohibits a water district from adopting an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for more than a total of 10 days in any calendar month. This bill would authorize a water district to adopt an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for up to a total of 20 days in any calendar month. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch

<b>AB 2577</b>	<b>Connolly, D</b>	Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.	02/20/2026 - Assembly PRINT	The existing Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65), an initiative measure that may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to further its purposes, generally prohibits any person, in the course of doing business, from knowingly discharging or releasing a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity into water or onto or into land where that chemical passes or probably will pass into any source of drinking water. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2619</b>	<b>Papan, D</b>	Water resources: data centers.	02/20/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Existing law authorizes the legislative body of an incorporated city and the county board of supervisors to license businesses carried on within their respective jurisdictions and to set license fees, as specified. This bill 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, the anticipated source of water, and the data center's projected water use volume for the maximum day, maximum month, and average year. 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 report, under penalty of perjury, on the application, an estimate of the expected water use, the anticipated source of water, and the data center's projected water use volume for the maximum day, maximum month, and average year. 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 report, under penalty of perjury, on the application, the data center's annual water use for the preceding calendar year, including total water use, direct water use, and indirect water use, as prescribed. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would define terms for purposes of these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2630</b>	<b>Bennett, D</b>	Water diversion and use: adoption of regulations.	02/20/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations requiring measurement and reporting of water diversion and use by persons, including, among others, those authorized to appropriate water under a permit, a license, a registration for small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use, or a certificate for livestock stockpond use. For the initial regulations, current law requires that they be adopted as emergency regulations and provides that the emergency regulations remain in effect until revised by the state board. Current law also exempts the initial regulations from the California Environmental Quality Act. This bill would require that all further regulations adopted by the state board pursuant to these provisions be adopted as emergency regulations and remain in effect until revised by the state board, and would exempt them from the California Environmental Quality Act. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch
<b>AB 2728</b>	<b>Soria, D</b>	Water delivery infrastructure.	02/20/2026 - Assembly PRINT	Current law declares that California's water infrastructure continues to age and deteriorate and safeguarding California's supply of clean and safe water for homes, businesses, and farms is an essential responsibility of government, and critical to protecting the quality of life for all Californians. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation related to water delivery infrastructure (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch

<b>SB 986</b>	<b>Seyarto, R</b>	Major regulations.	02/18/2026 - Senate Governmental Organization	Current law, known as the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), governs the procedures for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies and for the review of those regulatory actions by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The APA requires a state agency proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative regulation to, among other things, assess the potential for adverse economic impact on California business enterprises and individuals, and requires a state agency proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal a major regulation to prepare and submit to the Department of Finance for review, a standardized regulatory impact analysis, as provided. The APA defines "major regulation," for purposes of the act, to mean any proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation subject to review by the OAL that will have an economic impact on California business enterprises and individuals in an amount exceeding \$50,000,000, as provided. The APA provides exceptions for emergency regulations in the case of a situation that calls for immediate action to avoid serious harm to the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. This bill would prohibit a major regulation from taking effect until the Legislature enacts a law to approve the regulation, except as provided for emergency regulations. (Based on 02/05/2026 text)	Watch
<b>SB 994</b>	<b>Cabaldon, D</b>	Local government: nondisclosure agreements.	02/18/2026 - Senate Judiciary	The legislative code of ethics prohibits Members of the Legislature from entering into, or requesting that another party enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of proposed legislation. Current law also makes any nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of proposed legislation entered into after January 1, 2026, void and unenforceable. Current law provides an exception for nondisclosure agreements, or portions thereof, that prevent only the disclosure of trade secrets, financial information, or proprietary information, as specified. This bill would prohibit a local government official acting in their official capacity from entering into, or requesting that another individual enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to public business that precludes their ability to share information with fellow local government officials serving on the same council, board, commission, district, or agency. The bill would require a local government official in violation of that provision to, among other things, disclose the existence of the nondisclosure agreement, as specified, and would provide that these requirements imposed on a local government official also apply to a local government official acting in their official capacity who entered into, or requested that another individual enter into, a nondisclosure agreement described above before January 1, 2027. By imposing additional duties on local government officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also make any nondisclosure agreement relating to public business that precludes the ability of a local government official to share information with fellow local government officials serving on the same council, board, commission, district, or agency and that is entered into after January 1, 2027, void and unenforceable. (Based on 02/05/2026 text)	Watch
<b>SB 1036</b>	<b>Grayson, D</b>	Mitigation Fee Act.	02/18/2026 - Senate Local Government	The Mitigation Fee Act imposes various requirements with respect to the establishment, increase, or imposition of a fee by a local agency as a condition of approval of a development project, including requiring the local agency to identify the use to which the fee is to be put and determine how there is a reasonable relationship between the fee's use and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed. Current law also requires a local agency, upon receipt of a fee subject to these provisions, to deposit, invest, account for, and expend the fees as specified. This bill would additionally require any fee established, increased, or imposed to be based on the net impact on the need for the public facility being funded by the fee and account for whether the development project is removing or replacing an existing use or a previous use that existed at the time the fee was established, as specified. (Based on 02/11/2026 text)	Watch

<b>SB 1054</b>	<b>Cabaldon, D</b>	Unemployment insurance: reporting requirements.	02/12/2026 - Senate Rules	Current law provides for unemployment compensation benefits for eligible individuals in the state who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Current law requires an employer, as defined, to make contributions for unemployment insurance premiums and to file specified reports with the Director of Employment Development, including, among other reports, a report of contributions, a quarterly return, and a report of wages paid, as specified. This bill would require the Employment Development Department to work with employers to enhance the reporting of employment and earning data, as specified, and, where feasible, to align and streamline definitions and requirements for the quarterly report of wages, deploy user-friendly application programming interfaces, and implement other means to simplify reporting processes. The bill would require, beginning July 1, 2027, every employer with 10 or more employees and every individual or organization that, as an agent, reports wages on a total of 10 or more employees, as specified, to include in the report of wages, information on total monthly wage, industry, occupation, worker type, and hours worked for each employee, as provided. This bill would require the department, on or before July 1, 2027, to adopt and develop appropriate procedures for the sharing of hours worked and other necessary employment data to support employment-related verifications for initial eligibility for, and ongoing receipt of, public benefits, as specified. (Based on 02/12/2026 text)	Watch
<b>SB 1085</b>	<b>Durazo, D</b>	Water supply planning: California Environmental Quality Act determination.	02/13/2026 - Senate Rules	The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to be responsible for determining whether a project is exempt from CEQA and whether an environmental impact report, a negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is required. Current law requires a city or county that determines a certain type of project is subject to the requirements of CEQA to identify any public water system that may supply water for the project and to request those public water systems to prepare a specified water supply assessment, as provided. This bill would instead require a city or county to make that identification of public water systems for certain projects that the city or county approves, without regard to whether the project is determined to be subject to the requirements of CEQA. (Based on 02/13/2026 text)	Watch
<b>SB 1123</b>	<b>Wiener, D</b>	Administrative Procedure Act: major regulations.	02/17/2026 - Senate Rules	The Administrative Procedure Act requires a state agency proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative regulation to assess the potential for adverse economic impact on California business enterprises and individuals and avoid the imposition of unnecessary or unreasonable regulations or reporting, recordkeeping, or compliance requirements. The act requires a state agency proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal a major regulation to satisfy additional requirements, including by requiring the state agency to prepare a standardized regulatory impact analysis in the manner prescribed by the Department of Finance, as specified, and requires the analysis to address certain items, including the creation or elimination of jobs within the state and the competitive advantages or disadvantages for businesses currently doing business within the state. This bill would require an agency, in estimating the economic impact of adopting, amending, or repealing a regulation, to identify and calculate any offsetting benefits, impacts, or savings that might result directly or indirectly from that adoption, amendment, or repeal and factor those benefits, impacts, or savings into its economic impact estimate. (Based on 02/17/2026 text)	Watch
<b>SB 1125</b>	<b>Menjivar, D</b>	Public water systems: drinking water needs assessment.	02/17/2026 - Senate Rules	Current law establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to annually adopt a fund expenditure plan, as provided, and requires expenditures from the fund to be consistent with the fund expenditure plan. Current law requires the state board to base the fund expenditure plan on data and analysis drawn from a specified drinking water needs assessment. This bill would require the board to, on or before May 1, 2027, and on or before May 1 of each year thereafter, develop a drinking water needs assessment, as specified. The bill would require the assessment to include an analysis of the funds necessary to make water service affordable for customers of community water systems with fewer than 3,000 service connections and would require this analysis to be updated at least every 3 years. (Based on 02/17/2026 text)	Watch

<b>SB 1187</b>	<b><u>Durazo, D</u></b>	Open meetings: majority.	02/19/2026 - Senate Rules	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. Existing law defines "meetings" for these purposes to mean any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, as specified, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. This bill would define "majority" for purposes of the act to mean the number of members of the legislative body equaling more than half of the total number of seats on the legislative body. The bill would specify that if a seat on the legislative body is vacant, that seat is to still be counted as a seat on the legislative body. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 02/19/2026 text)	Watch
<b>SB 1291</b>	<b><u>Gonzalez, D</u></b>	Drinking water: consolidation.	02/20/2026 - Senate Rules	Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, provides for the operation of public water systems and imposes on the State Water Resources Control Board various responsibilities and duties. The act authorizes the state board to order consolidation with, or extension of service from, a receiving water system if a public water system or state small water system serving a disadvantaged community consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water or if a disadvantaged community is substantially reliant on domestic wells that consistently fail to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. Existing law makes related findings and declarations. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those findings and declarations. (Based on 02/20/2026 text)	Watch

Total Measures: 31  
Total Tracking Forms: 31

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California State  
Legislative Matrix: Second Year of Legislative Session  
February 9, 2026**

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p><b>AB 35</b> <b>D. Alvarez</b> <b>(D – San Diego)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: San Diego County</p>	<p>Amended in Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 1/14/2026</p>	<p><b>Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.</b></p> <p>This bill exempts the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4) from the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which establishes rulemaking procedures and standards for state agencies in California, to expedite funding allocations.</p> <p><b>Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Based on 2026 Legislative Policies and Principles.</p>	<p>AB 35 would streamline the funding process for Proposition 4 projects and allow Metropolitan, its member agencies, and partner agencies to access funds more quickly and accelerate project timelines. Proposition 4 funding includes multiple critical areas for Metropolitan, including funding for groundwater management, water recycling, Delta levees, and repairs to regional conveyance.</p>
<p><b>AB 259</b> <b>B. Rubio</b> <b>(D – Baldwin Park)</b></p> <p>Sponsors: California Special Districts Association, Three Valleys Municipal Water District</p>	<p>Amended in Assembly Local Government Committee on 4/21/2025.</p> <p>Two-Year Bill</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Based on 2026 Legislative Policies and Principles.</p>	<p>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.</p>

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California State  
Legislative Matrix: Second Year of Legislative Session  
February 9, 2026**

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p><b>AB 794</b>  <b>J. Gabriel (D – Encino)</b>  <b>Sponsors:</b> Clean Water Action, Environmental Working Group</p>	<p>Amended in Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 4/10/2025.  Two-Year Bill</p>	<p><b>California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations</b>  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).</p>	<p><b>Oppose Unless Amended</b>  Based on 2026 Legislative Policies and Principles.</p>	<p>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 well-established regulatory principles.</p>

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Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p><b>SB 601</b> <b>B. Allen</b> <b>(D – Santa Monica)</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> California Coastkeeper Alliance, Defenders of Wildlife</p>	<p>Amended in Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 7/10/2025.</p> <p>Two-Year Bill</p>	<p><b>Water: waste discharge</b></p> <p>The intent of this bill is to restore Clean Water Act protections in California that were removed per the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2023 Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision. However, the bill goes beyond restoring statute and includes several provisions that expand regulatory requirements without the benefit of scientific analysis.</p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p> <p>Based on 2026 Legislative Policies and Principles.</p>	<p>Currently, AB 601 poses risks to Metropolitan and its member agencies by: adopting EPA’s drinking water standards for PFAS/PFOS, bypassing the state rulemaking process; increasing costs of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) permits for discharges of water when dewatering or operating water supply infrastructure, potentially requiring all such water to be recycled regardless of cost to comply; exposing Metropolitan and its Member Agencies to citizen suits in state court, and, for certain 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.</p>



## STAFF REPORT

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**To: Board of Directors**

**Meeting Date: March 26, 2026**

**From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager**

**Subject: Public Education and Outreach Report**

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

Staff is rescheduling the next LWVT This Day interview. President Freshley will provide an overview on what's ahead this coming year.

### **Website**

Staff will provide an update of the new ETWD website.

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

#### **Children's Water Education Festival – April 15-16, 2026**

ETWD staff will host a booth at the 2026 Children's Education Festival on April 15 – 16, 2026 at Oak Canyon.

#### **Third Mutual Gate 11 – April 24, 2026**

ETWD staff will host a booth at the Third Mutual Gate 11 First aid and Safety event in Laguna Woods Village on April 24, 2026.

#### **City of Mission Viejo Earth Day – April 25, 2026**

ETWD staff will host a booth on April 25, 2027 on Oso Creek Trail off Jeronimo Rd for the City of Mission Viejo Earth Day and Arbor Day Green Expo.



**STAFF REPORT**

**To: Board of Directors**

**Meeting Date: March 26, 2026**

**From: Vu Chu, Water Resources Supervisor**

**Subject: Water Use Efficiency Report**

**Rebate Programs:**

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

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

[www.etwd.com/conservation/rebates](http://www.etwd.com/conservation/rebates)  
[www.etwd.com/commercial-rebates](http://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 February 2026.

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

<b>Rebate Program</b>	<b>February 2026</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
High Efficiency Clothes Washer	4	9
Irrigation Controller (Residential)	1	9
Spray to Drip – Commercial		13,831 sq. ft.

Spray to Drip – Residential		3,499 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Commercial		19,146 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Residential		2,373 sq. ft.
Low-flow Showerheads	7	7
Faucet Aerators	8	8

**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 February 2026, residential customers accounted for 83.0% of Tier 3 usage and dedicated irrigation accounted for 17.0%. For Tier 4, residential customers accounted for 60.4% and dedicated irrigation accounted for 39.6% during the same period.](#)

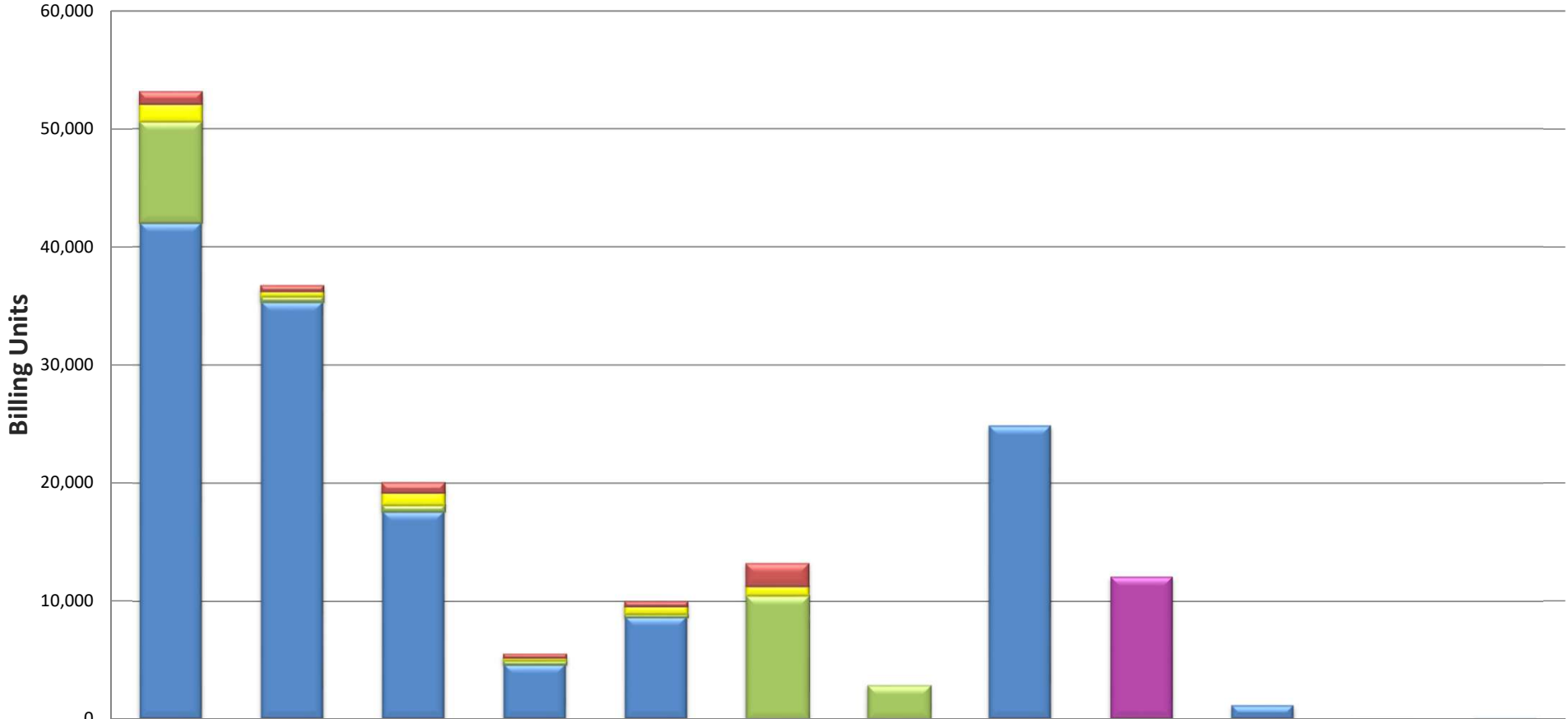
**Total Consumption Comparison to Evapotranspiration (ET) Factor:**

Included in this month’s Water Use Efficiency Report is a chart comparing the current fiscal year consumption and ET factor to the fiscal 2024/25 consumption and ET factor. [Total potable water consumption decreased by 11.39% in February 2026 compared to February 2025. On a year-to-date basis, potable water consumption through February decreased 7.85% compared to FY 2024–2025. During the same period, the ET factor increased from 2.64 to 2.85.](#)

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

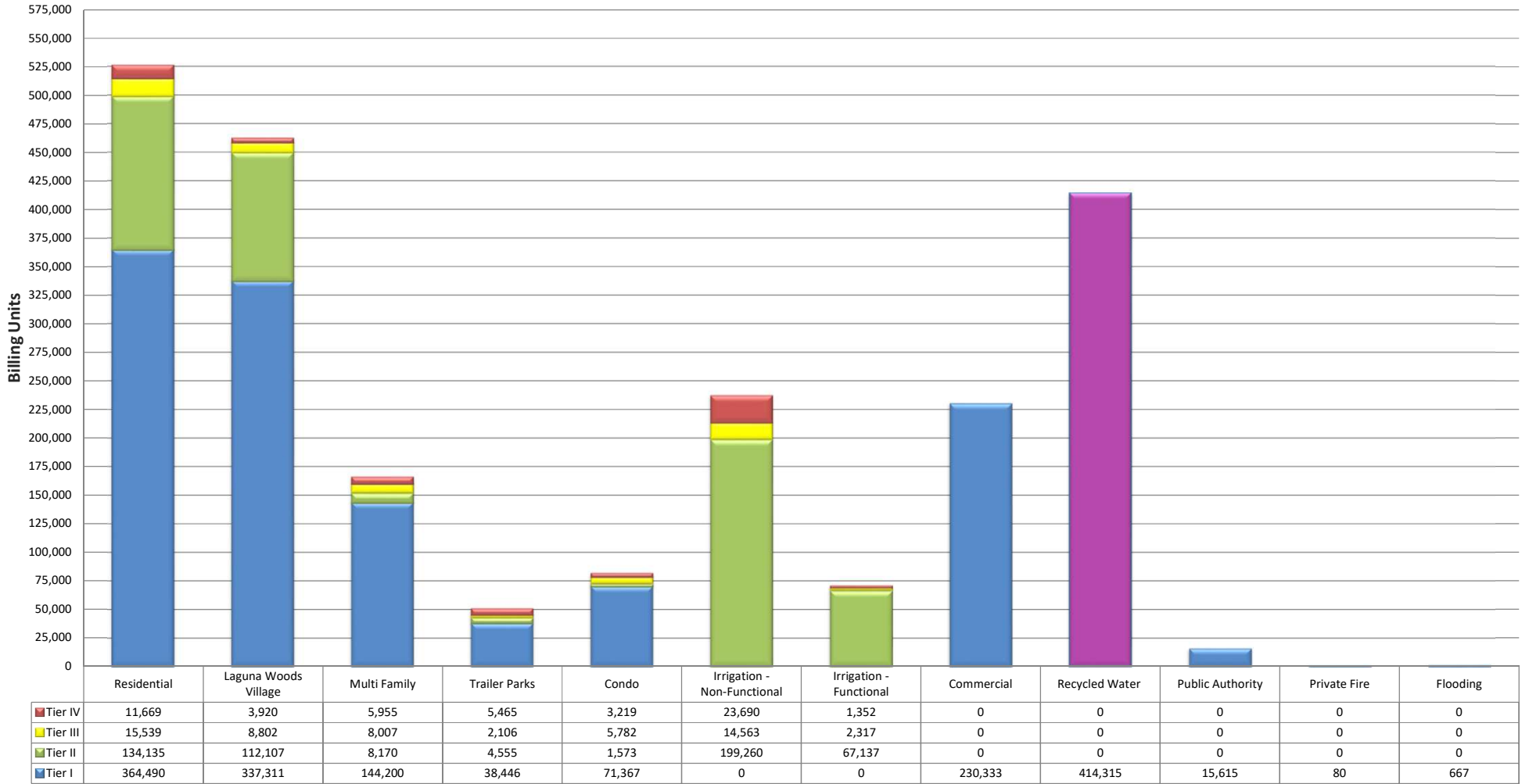
The following graphs highlight ETWD year-to-date consumption and consumption by tier for the current fiscal year compared to the 2024-2025 fiscal year. ETWD water consumption compared to 2013 and 2020 are also included.

## February 2026 Water Sales

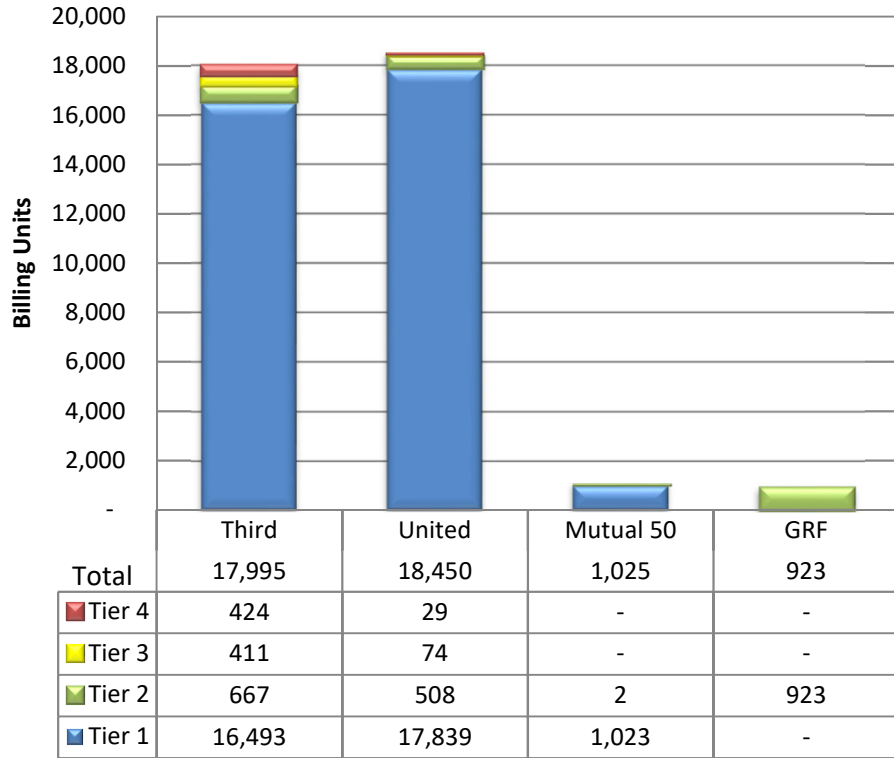


	Residential	Laguna Woods Village	Multi Family	Trailer Parks	Condo	Irrigation - Non-Functional	Irrigation - Functional	Commercial	Recycled Water	Public Authority	Private Fire	Flooding
Tier IV	1,035	453	821	261	375	1,927	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tier III	1,496	485	1,097	262	699	827	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tier II	8,544	451	545	275	172	10,543	2,859	0	0	0	0	0
Tier I	42,029	35,355	17,672	4,699	8,768	0	0	24,895	12,078	1,189	8	56

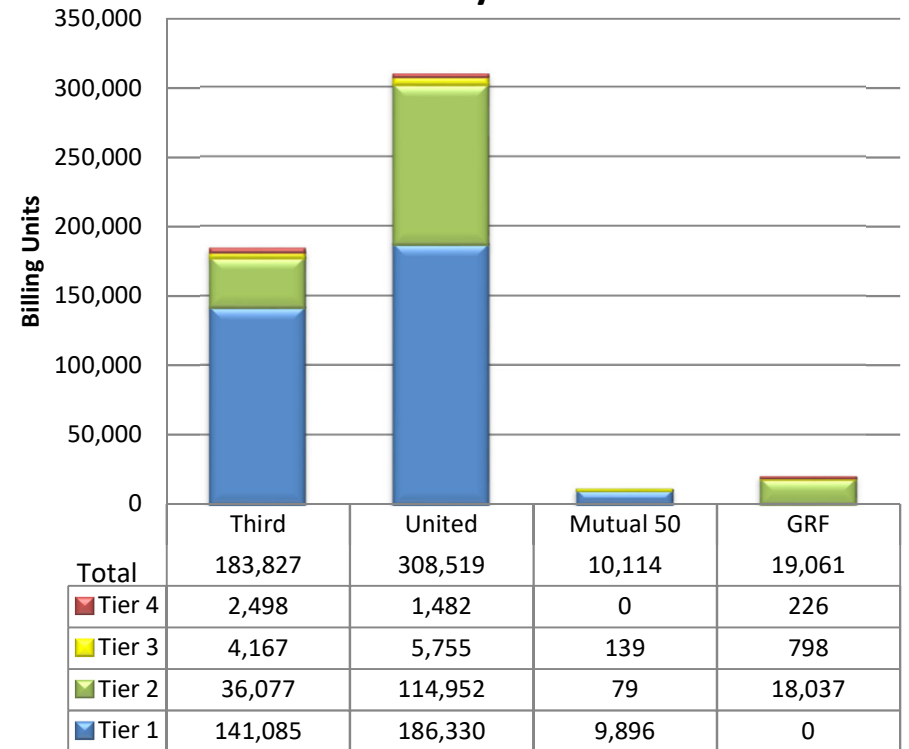
### Year-to-Date Water Sales as of February 2026



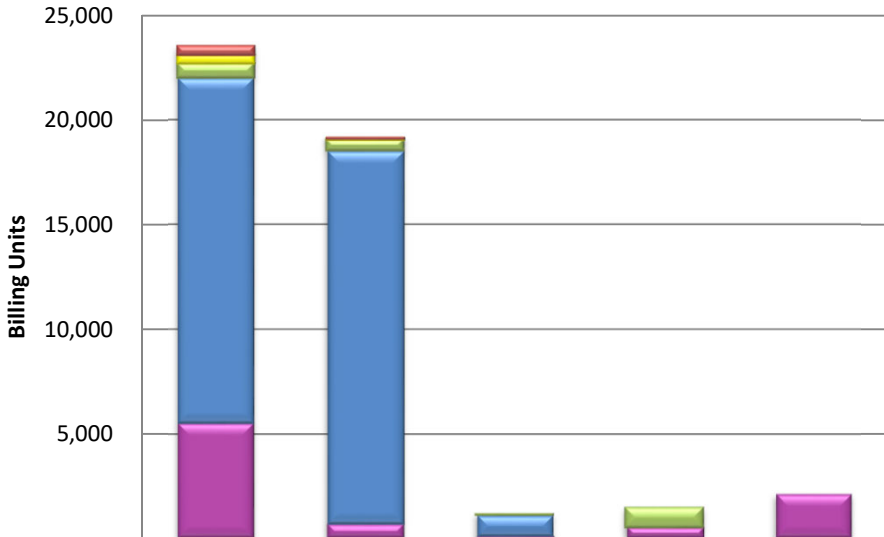
## Laguna Woods Village February 2026 Water Sales



## Laguna Woods Village Year-to-Date Water Sales February 2026

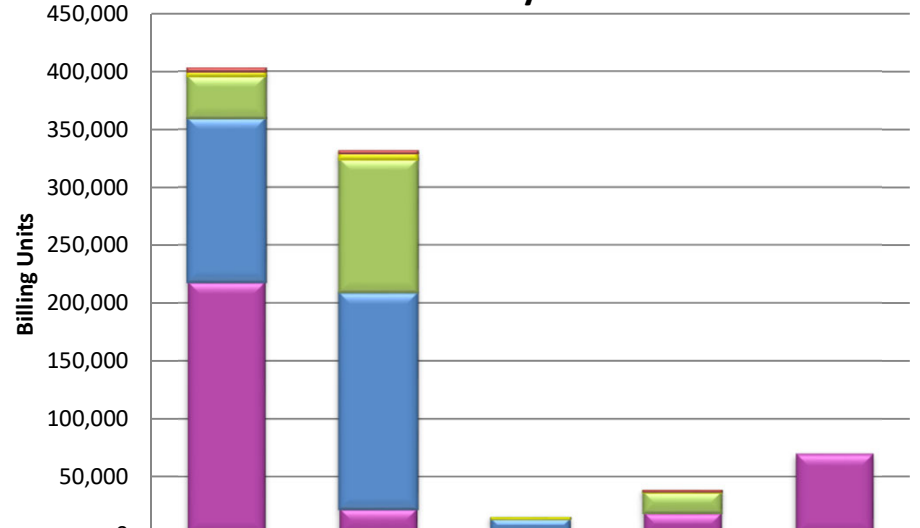


### Laguna Woods Village February 2026 Water & RW Sales



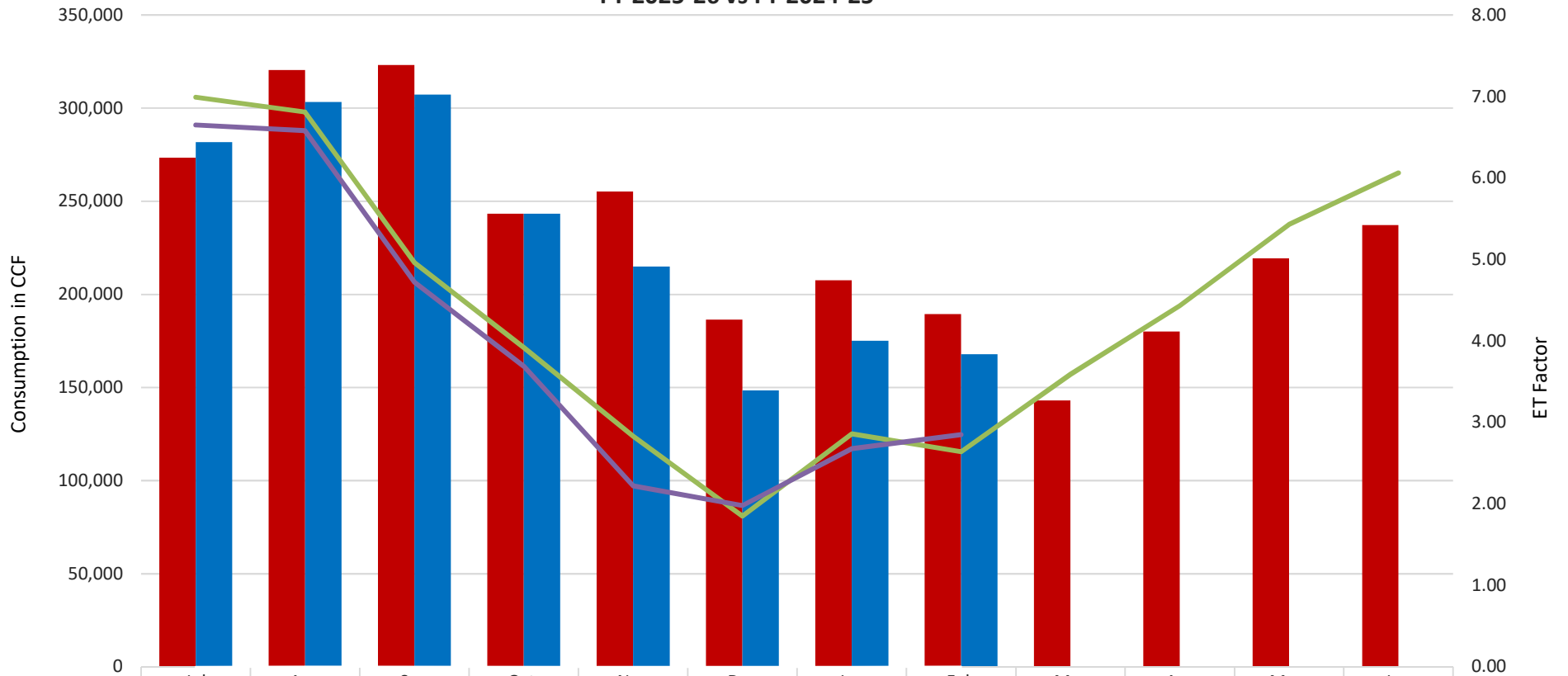
Total	Third	United	Mutual 50	GRF	LWV Golf Course
	23,507	19,144	1,138	1,463	2,111
Tier 4	424	29	-	-	
Tier 3	411	74	-	-	
Tier 2	667	508	2	923	
Tier 1	16,493	17,839	1,023	-	
RW	5,512	694	113	540	2,111

### Laguna Woods Village Year-to-Date Water & RW Sales February 2026



Total	Third	United	Mutual 50	GRF	LWV Golf Course
	402,194	331,112	14,012	37,579	69,958
Tier 4	2,498	1,482	0	226	
Tier 3	4,167	5,755	139	798	
Tier 2	36,077	114,952	79	18,037	
Tier 1	141,085	186,330	9,896	0	
RW	218,367	22,593	3,898	18,518	69,958

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



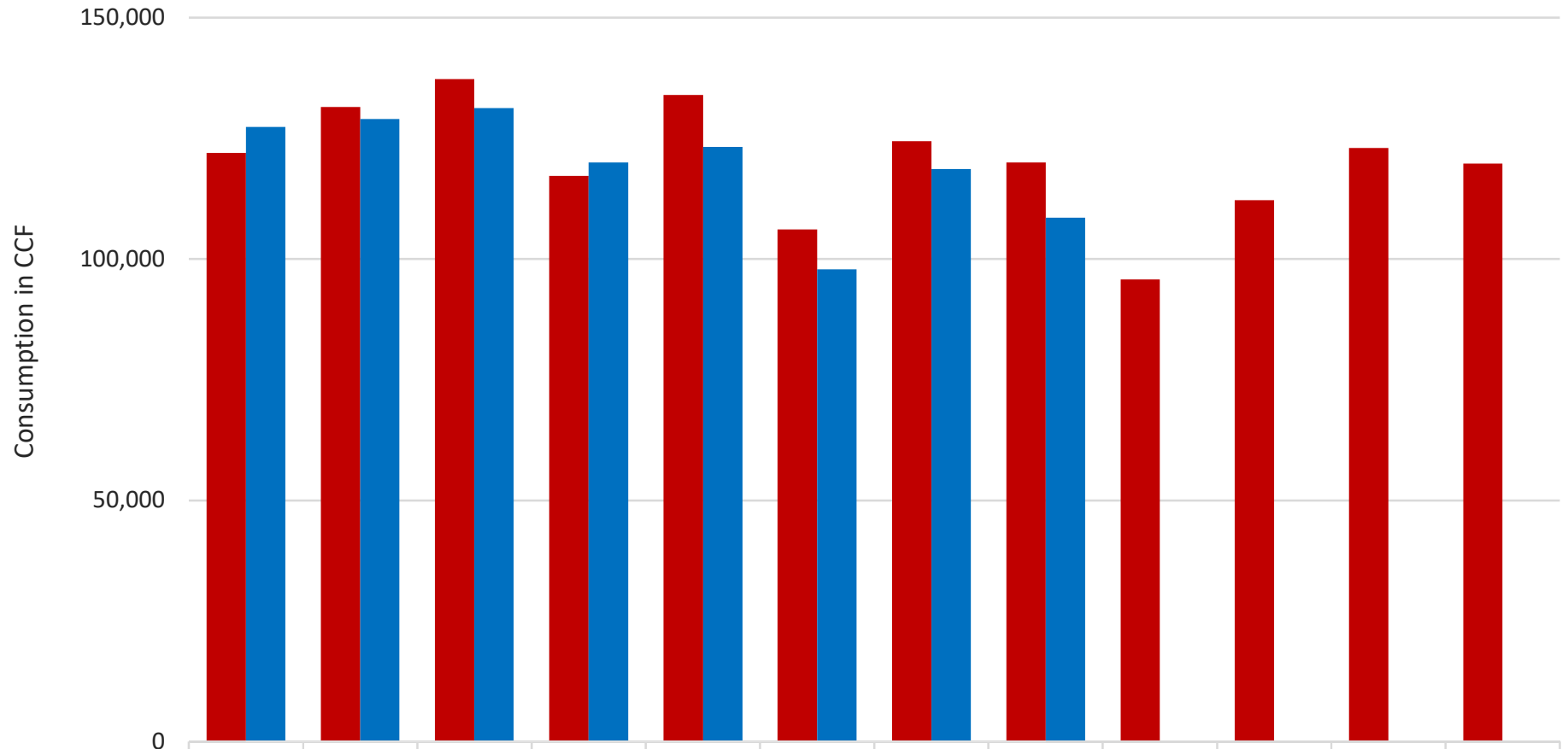
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<span style="color: red;">■</span> FY 2024-2025	273,341	320,463	323,129	243,352	255,163	186,426	207,474	189,358	143,011	180,075	219,418	237,194
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> FY 2025-2026	281,724	303,292	307,160	243,370	214,822	148,509	175,157	167,798				
% Change	3.07%	-5.36%	-4.94%	0.01%	-15.81%	-20.34%	-15.58%	-11.39%				
<span style="color: green;">—</span> FY 24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
<span style="color: purple;">—</span> FY 25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85				

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



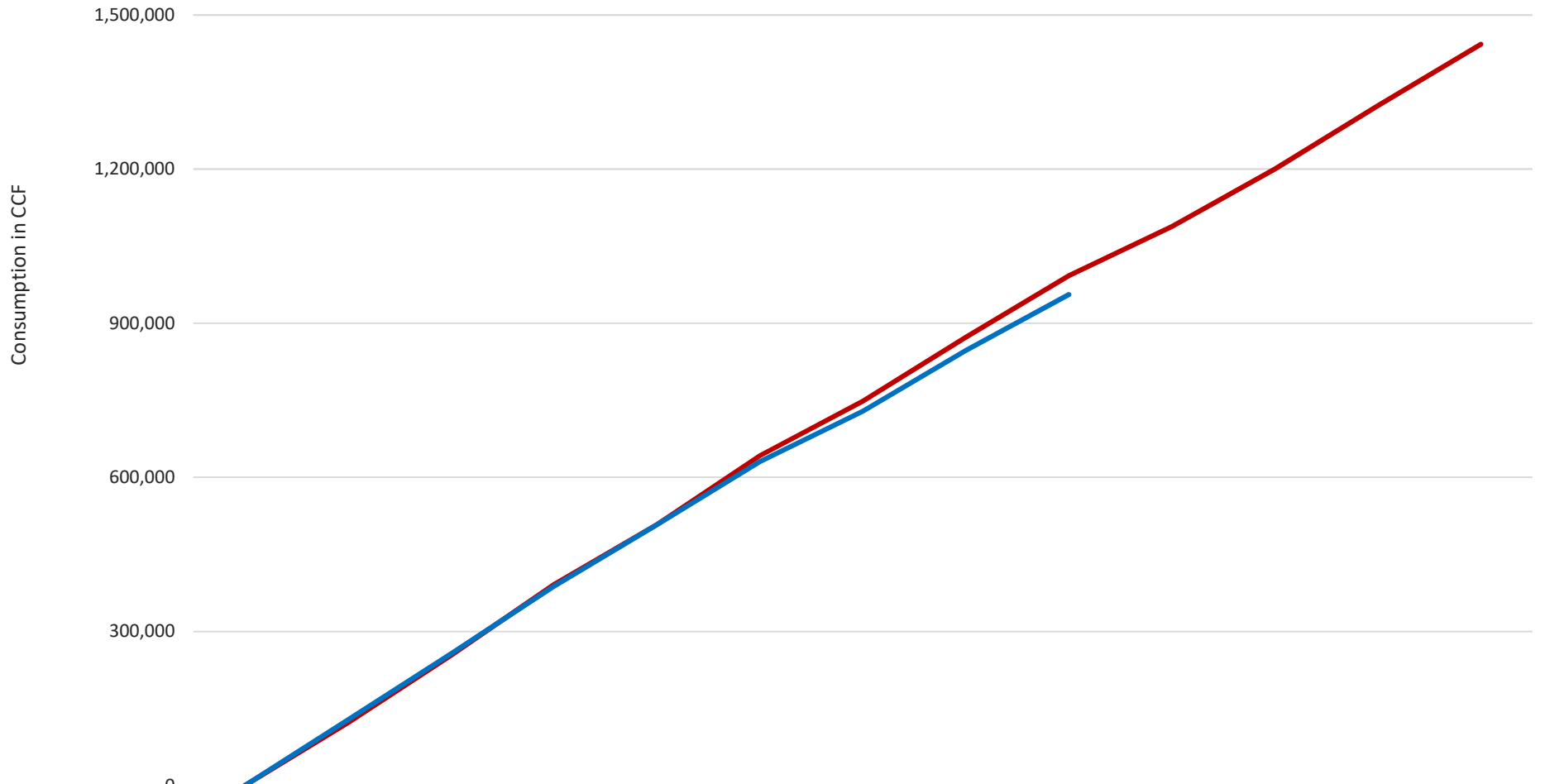
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<span style="color: blue;">—</span> 2025-2026	0	281,724	585,016	892,176	1,135,546	1,350,368	1,498,877	1,674,034	1,841,832				
% Change		3.07%	-1.48%	-2.70%	-2.13%	-4.60%	-6.43%	-7.48%	-7.85%				

## Tier I Consumption



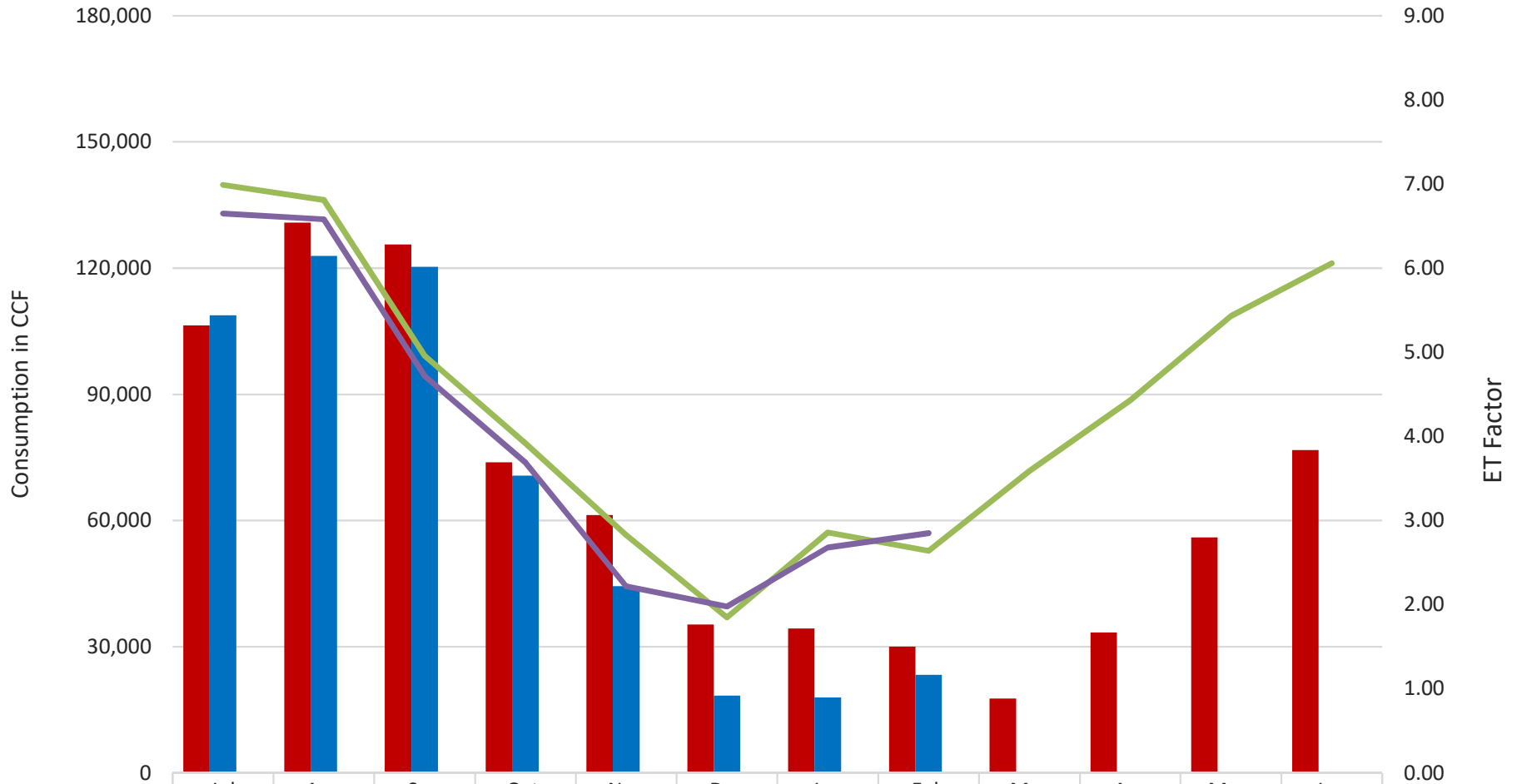
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2024-2025	122,015	131,466	137,296	117,207	133,977	106,134	124,382	119,990	95,801	112,176	122,955	119,806
2025-2026	127,358	128,996	131,302	119,965	123,195	97,859	118,616	108,523				
% Change	4.38%	-1.88%	-4.37%	2.35%	-8.05%	-7.80%	-4.64%	-9.56%				

### Tier I Fiscal YTD Consumption



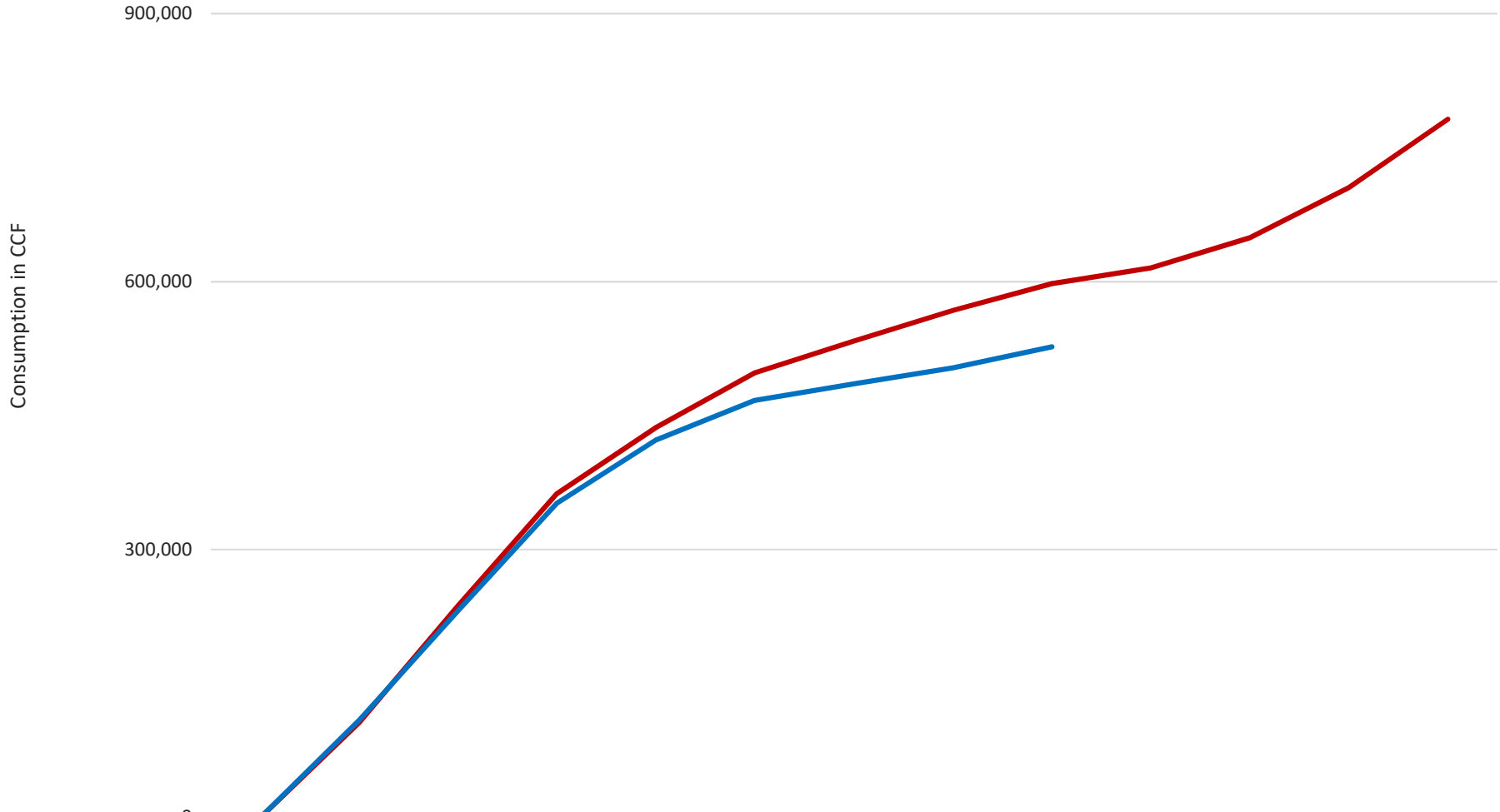
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2025-2026	0	127,358	256,354	387,656	507,621	630,816	728,675	847,291	955,814				
% Change		4.38%	1.13%	-0.80%	-0.07%	-1.74%	-2.60%	-2.89%	-3.69%				

## Tier II Consumption



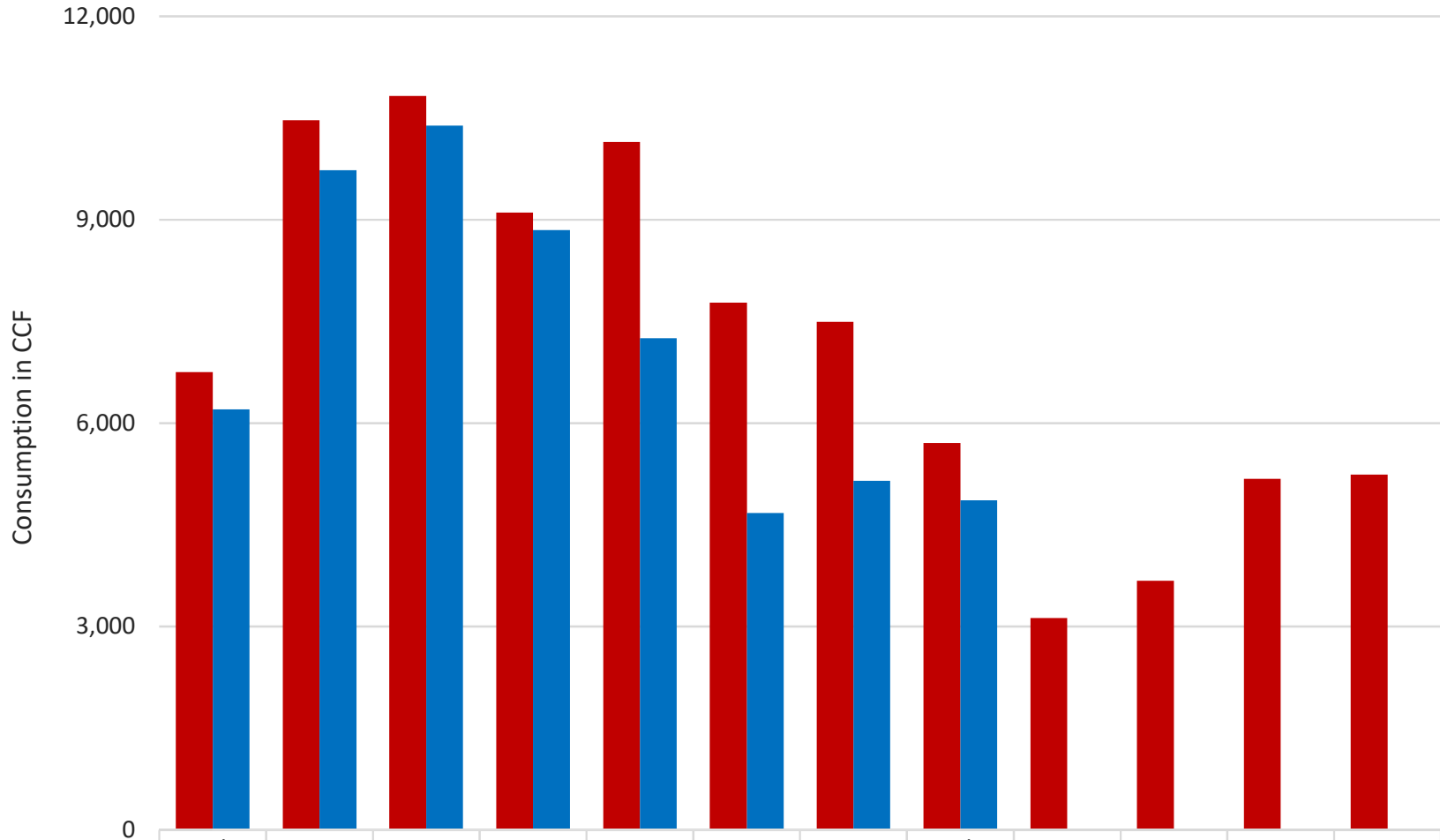
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2024-2025	106,453	130,835	125,611	73,825	61,340	35,325	34,381	30,087	17,750	33,471	56,045	76,773
2025-2026	108,802	122,934	120,334	70,731	44,415	18,409	17,923	23,389				
% Change	2.21%	-6.04%	-4.20%	-4.19%	-27.59%	-47.89%	-47.87%	-22.26%				
24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
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### Tier II Fiscal YTD Consumption



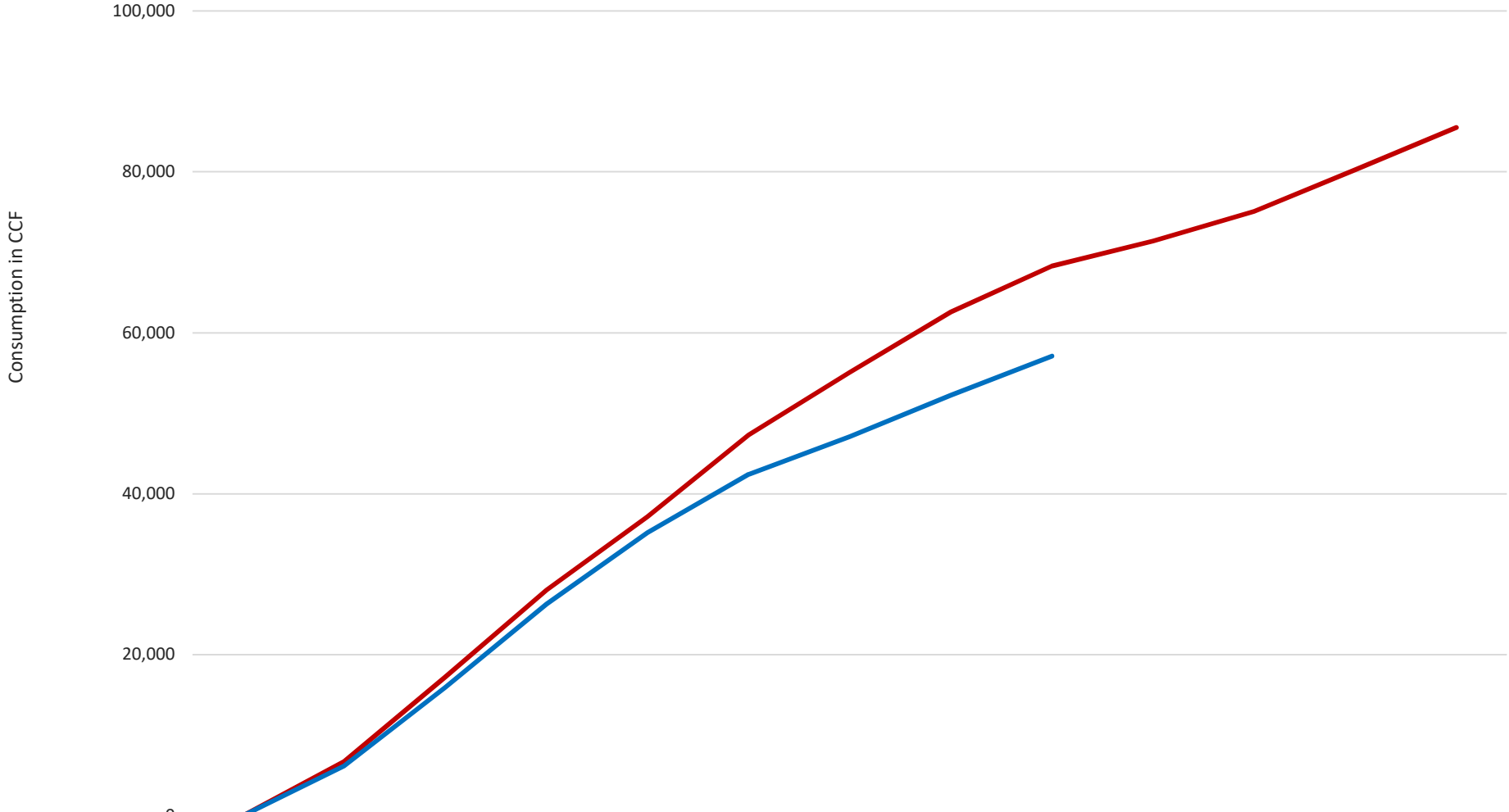
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2024-2025	0	106,453	237,288	362,899	436,724	498,064	533,389	567,770	597,857	615,607	649,078	705,123	781,896
2025-2026	0	108,802	231,736	352,070	422,801	467,216	485,625	503,548	526,937				
% Change		2.21%	-2.34%	-2.98%	-3.19%	-6.19%	-8.95%	-11.31%	-11.86%				

## Tier III Consumption



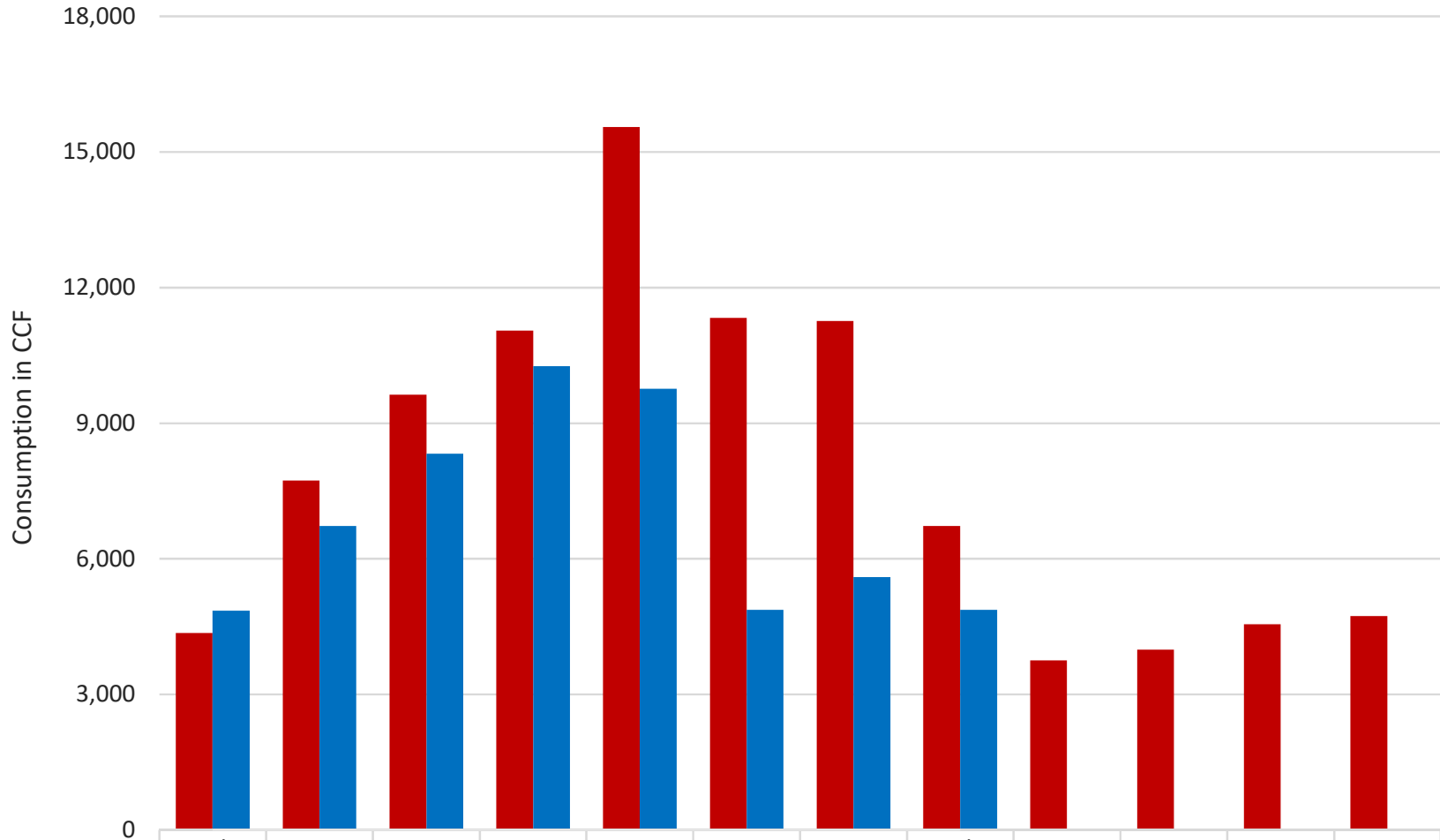
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<span style="color: red;">■</span> 2024-2025	6,754	10,469	10,828	9,107	10,147	7,778	7,493	5,707	3,128	3,676	5,179	5,244
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> 2025-2026	6,207	9,731	10,387	8,848	7,255	4,673	5,149	4,866				
% Change	-8.10%	-7.05%	-4.07%	-2.84%	-28.50%	-39.92%	-31.28%	-14.74%				

### Tier III Fiscal YTD Consumption



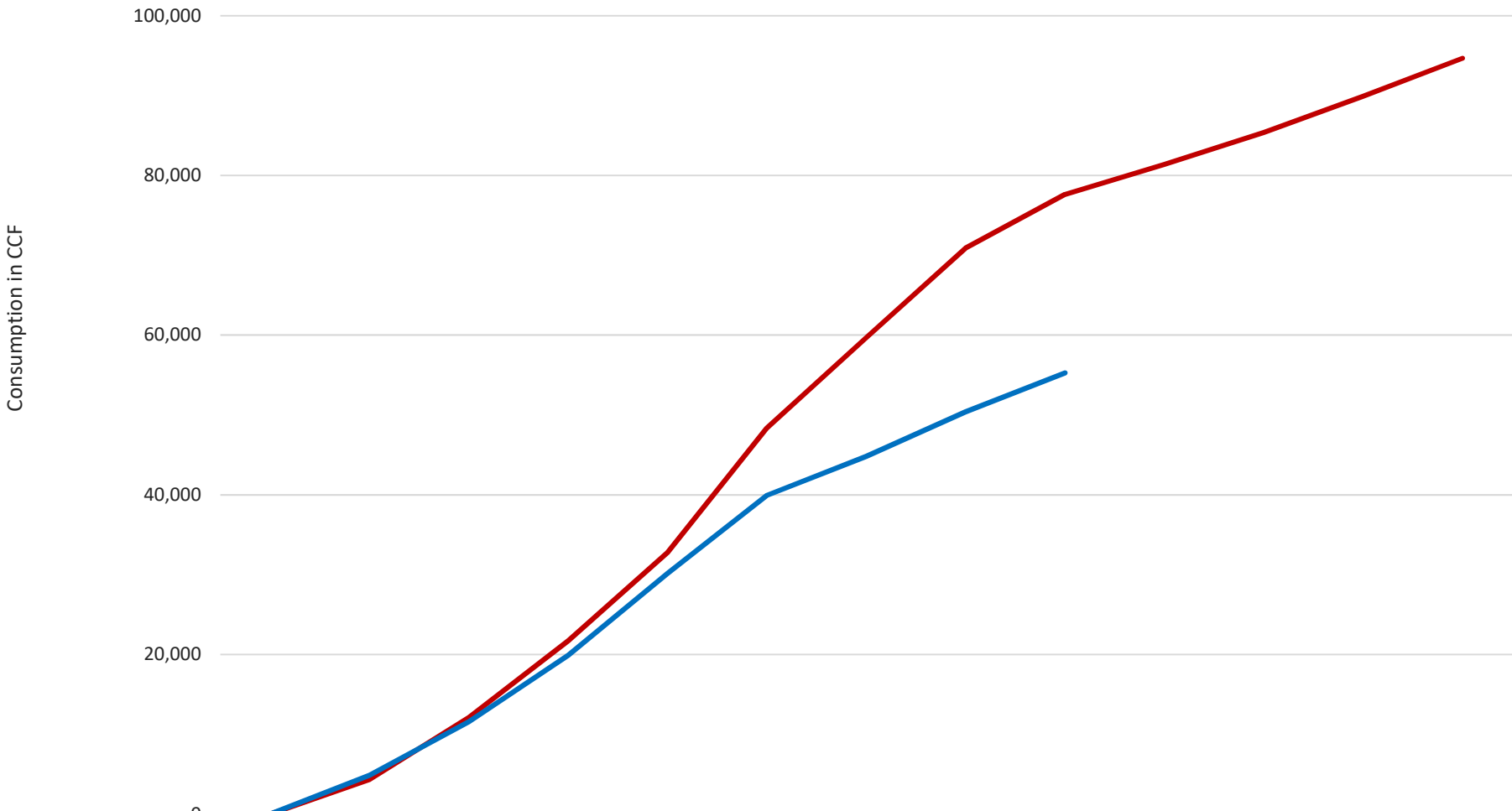
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2024-2025	0	6,754	17,223	28,051	37,158	47,305	55,083	62,576	68,283	71,411	75,087	80,266	85,510
2025-2026	0	6,207	15,938	26,325	35,173	42,428	47,101	52,250	57,116				
% Change		-8.10%	-7.46%	-6.15%	-5.34%	-10.31%	-14.49%	-16.50%	-16.35%				

## Tier IV Consumption



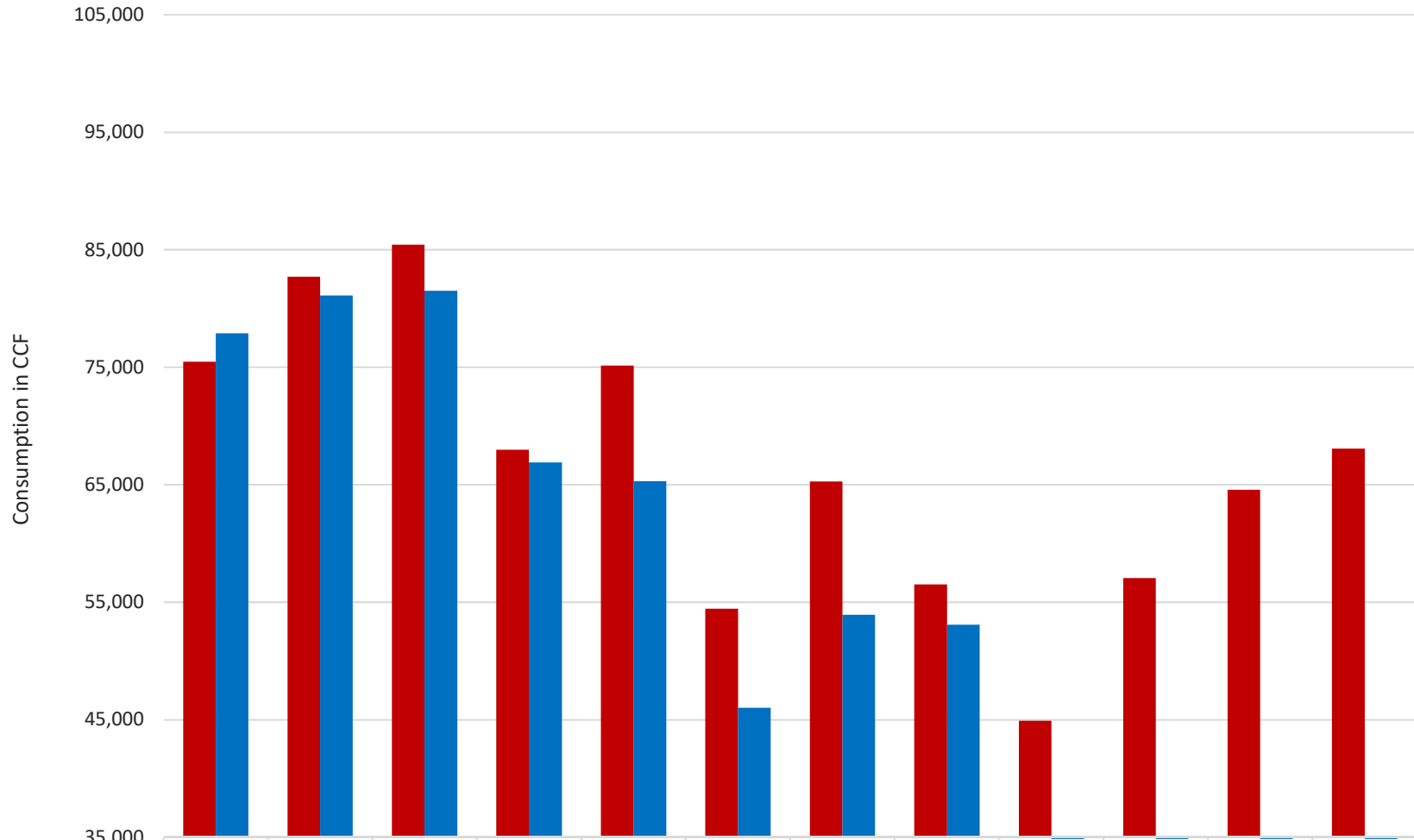
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<span style="color: red;">■</span> 2024-2025	4,363	7,731	9,636	11,043	15,552	11,334	11,258	6,721	3,754	3,994	4,553	4,740
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> 2025-2026	4,851	6,723	8,328	10,265	9,766	4,871	5,594	4,872				
% Change	11.18%	-13.04%	-13.57%	-7.05%	-37.20%	-57.02%	-50.31%	-27.51%				

### Tier IV Fiscal YTD Consumption



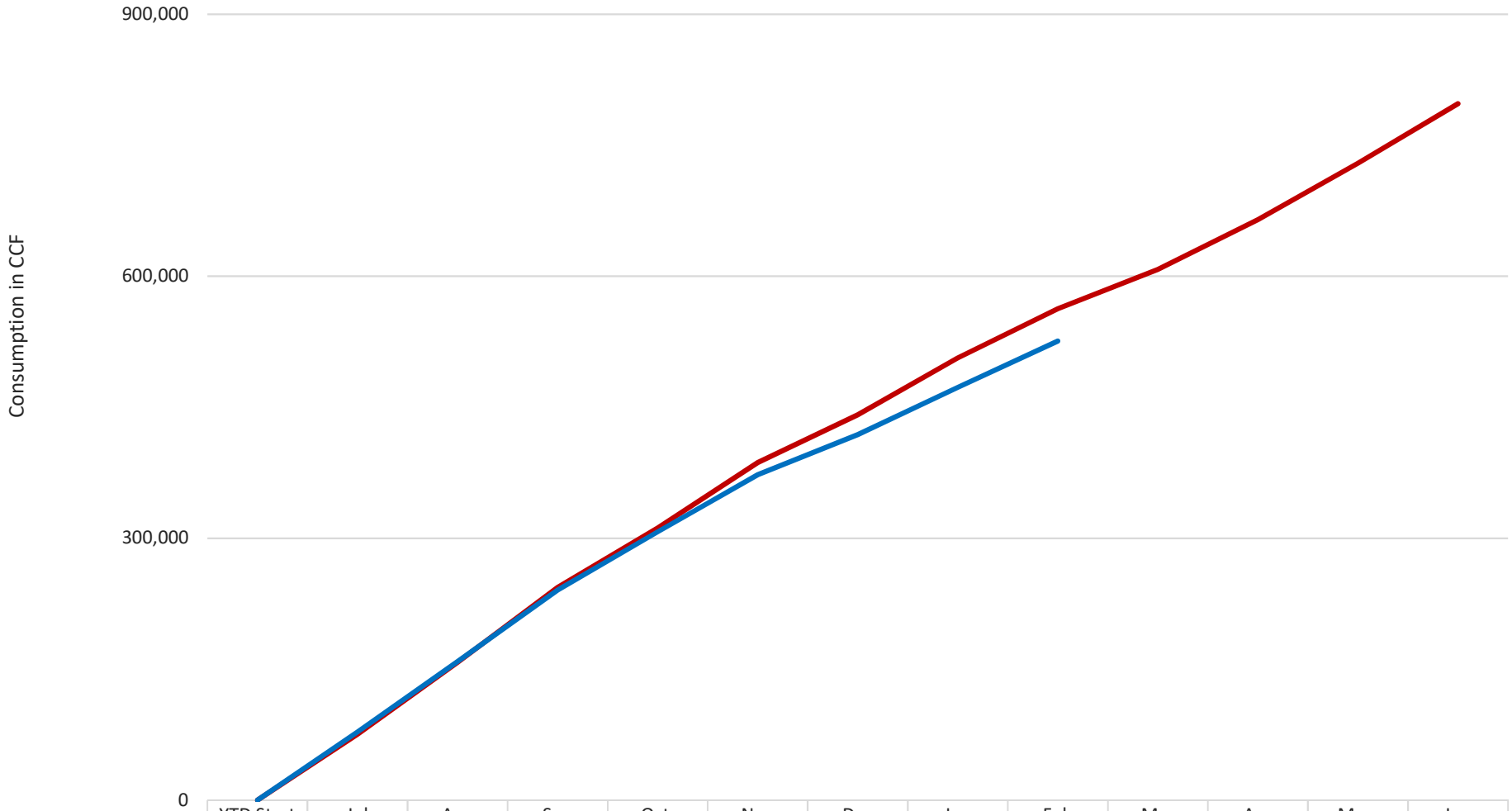
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	4,363	12,094	21,730	32,773	48,325	59,659	70,917	77,638	81,392	85,386	89,939	94,679
2025-2026	0	4,851	11,574	19,902	30,167	39,933	44,804	50,398	55,270				
% Change		11.18%	-4.30%	-8.41%	-7.95%	-17.37%	-24.90%	-28.93%	-28.81%				

## Single Family Residents Consumption



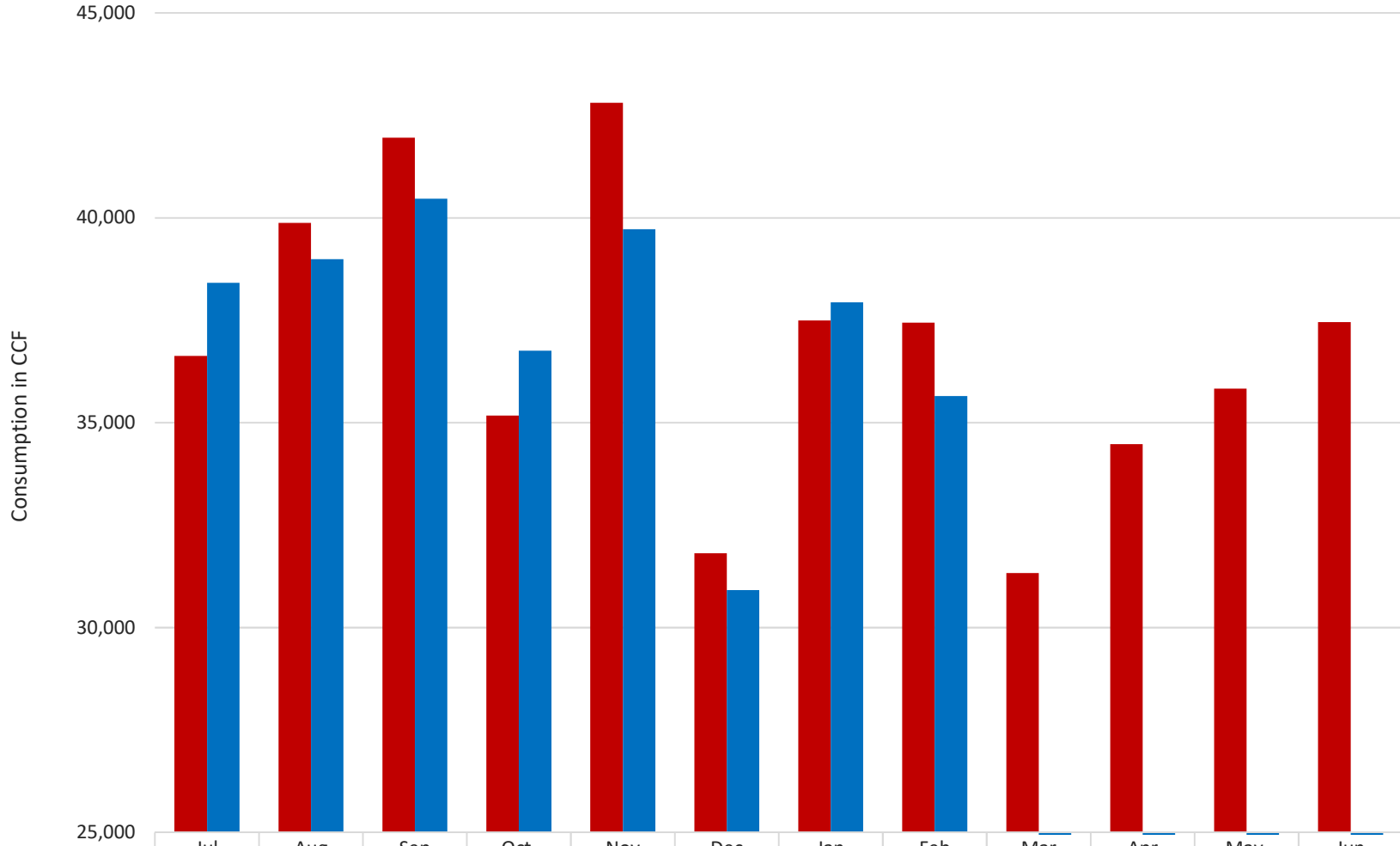
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	75,474	82,708	85,443	67,979	75,147	54,456	65,296	56,524	44,933	57,065	64,583	68,083
2025-2026	77,907	81,112	81,491	66,913	65,316	46,039	53,951	53,104				
% Change	3.22%	-1.93%	-4.63%	-1.57%	-13.08%	-15.46%	-17.37%	-6.05%				

### Single Family Residents YTD Consumption



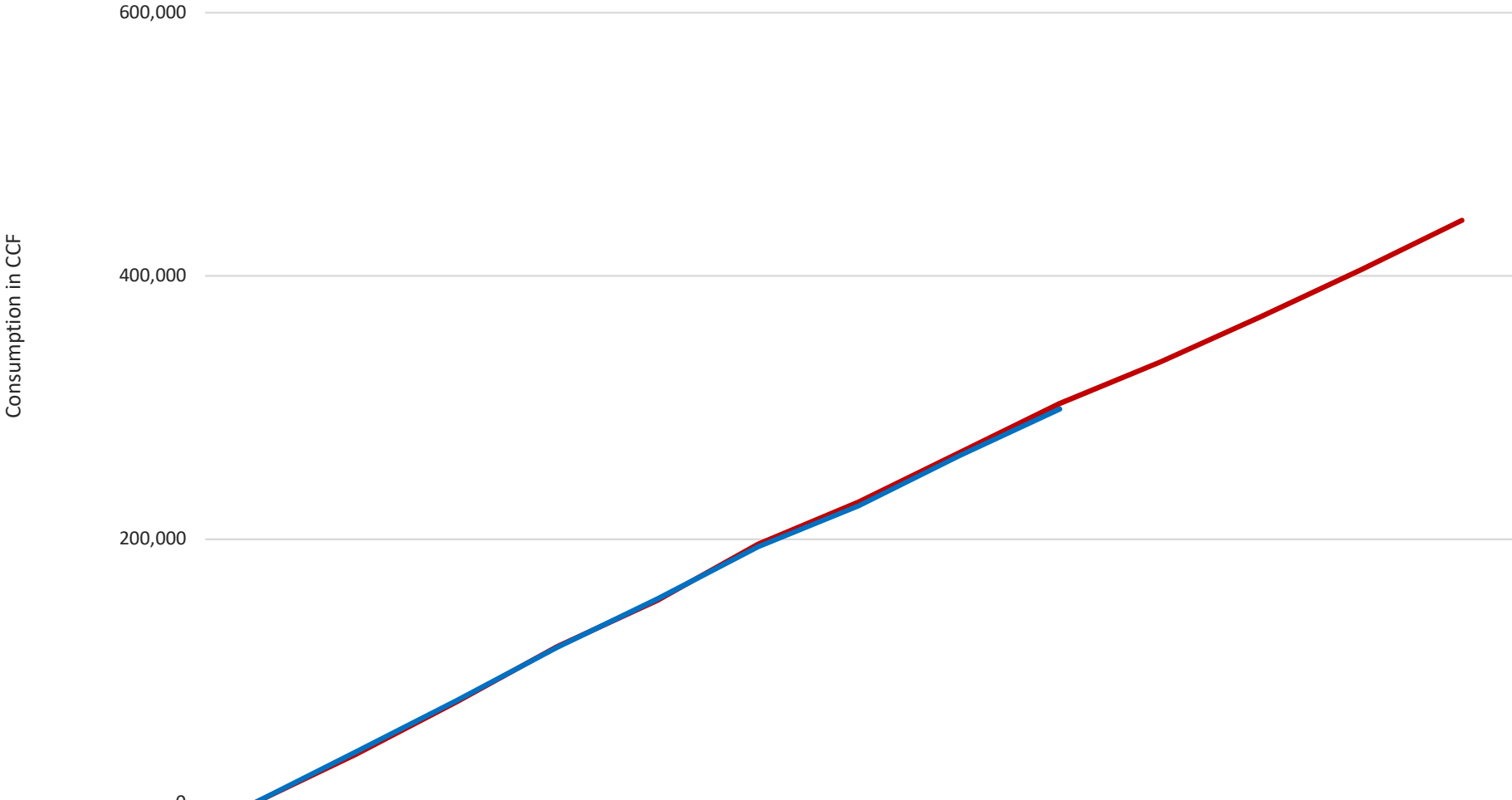
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— 2024-2025	0	75,474	158,182	243,625	311,604	386,751	441,207	506,503	563,027	607,960	665,025	729,608	797,691
— 2025-2026	0	77,907	159,019	240,510	307,423	372,739	418,778	472,729	525,833				
% Change		3.22%	0.53%	-1.28%	-1.34%	-3.62%	-5.08%	-6.67%	-6.61%				

## Multi Family Residents Consumption



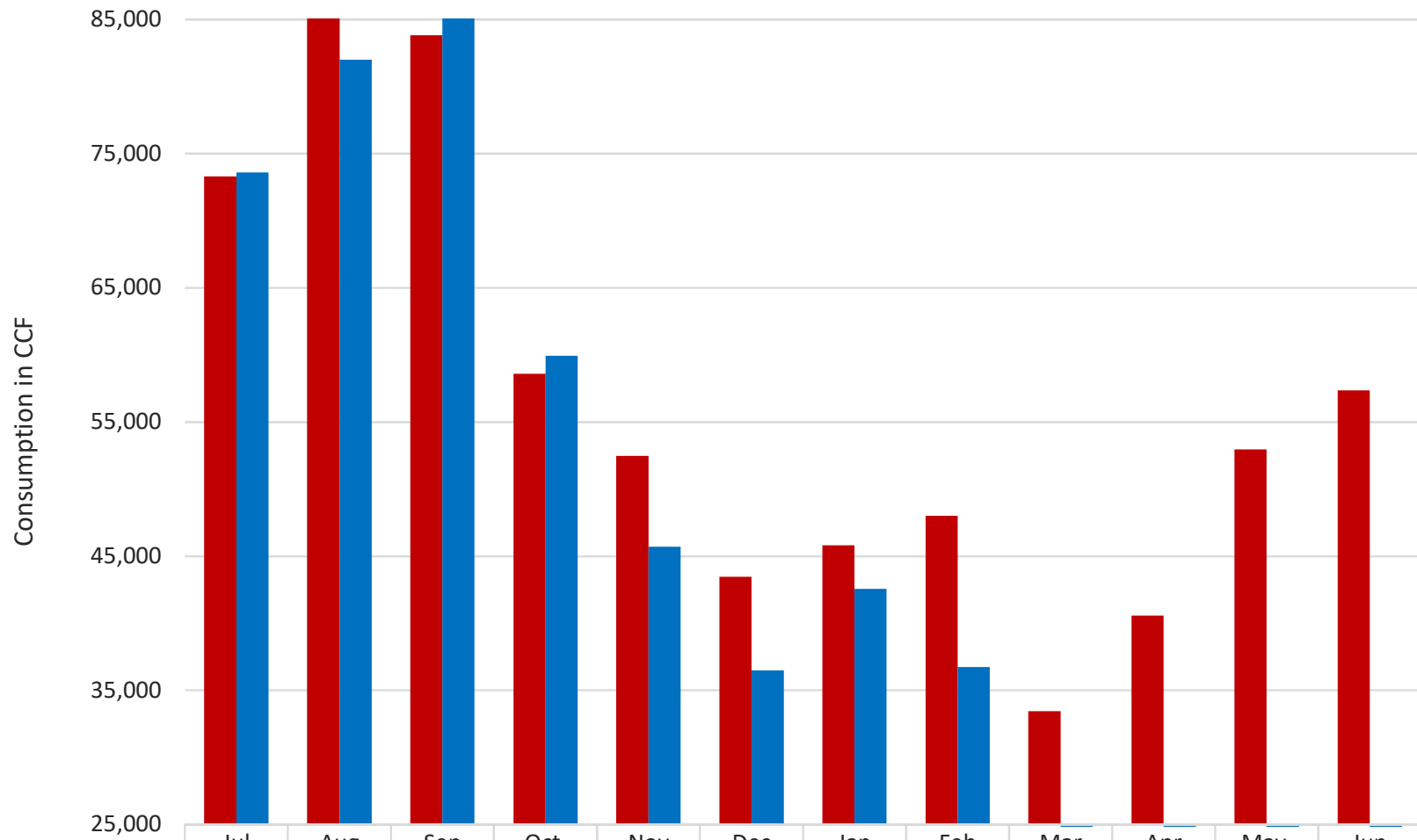
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	36,626	39,877	41,955	35,175	42,806	31,815	37,493	37,443	31,331	34,478	35,835	37,454
2025-2026	38,413	38,991	40,467	36,756	39,720	30,918	37,934	35,646				
% Change	4.88%	-2.22%	-3.55%	4.49%	-7.21%	-2.82%	1.18%	-4.80%				

### Multi Family Residents YTD Consumption



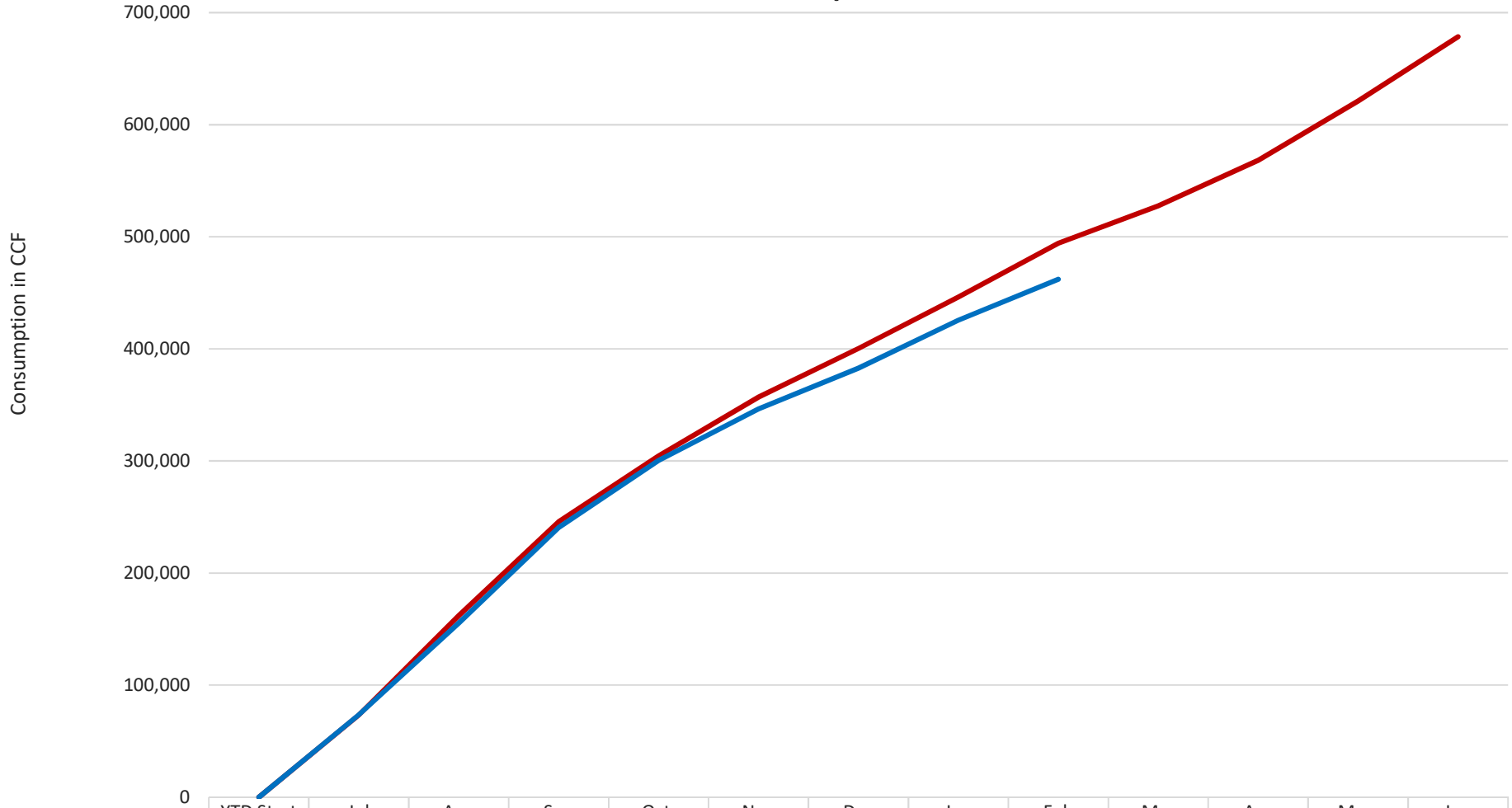
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2024-2025	0	36,626	76,503	118,458	153,633	196,439	228,254	265,747	303,190	334,521	368,999	404,834	442,288
2025-2026	0	38,413	77,404	117,871	154,627	194,347	225,265	263,199	298,845				
% Change		4.88%	1.18%	-0.50%	0.65%	-1.06%	-1.31%	-0.96%	-1.43%				

## Laguna Woods Village Consumption (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation)



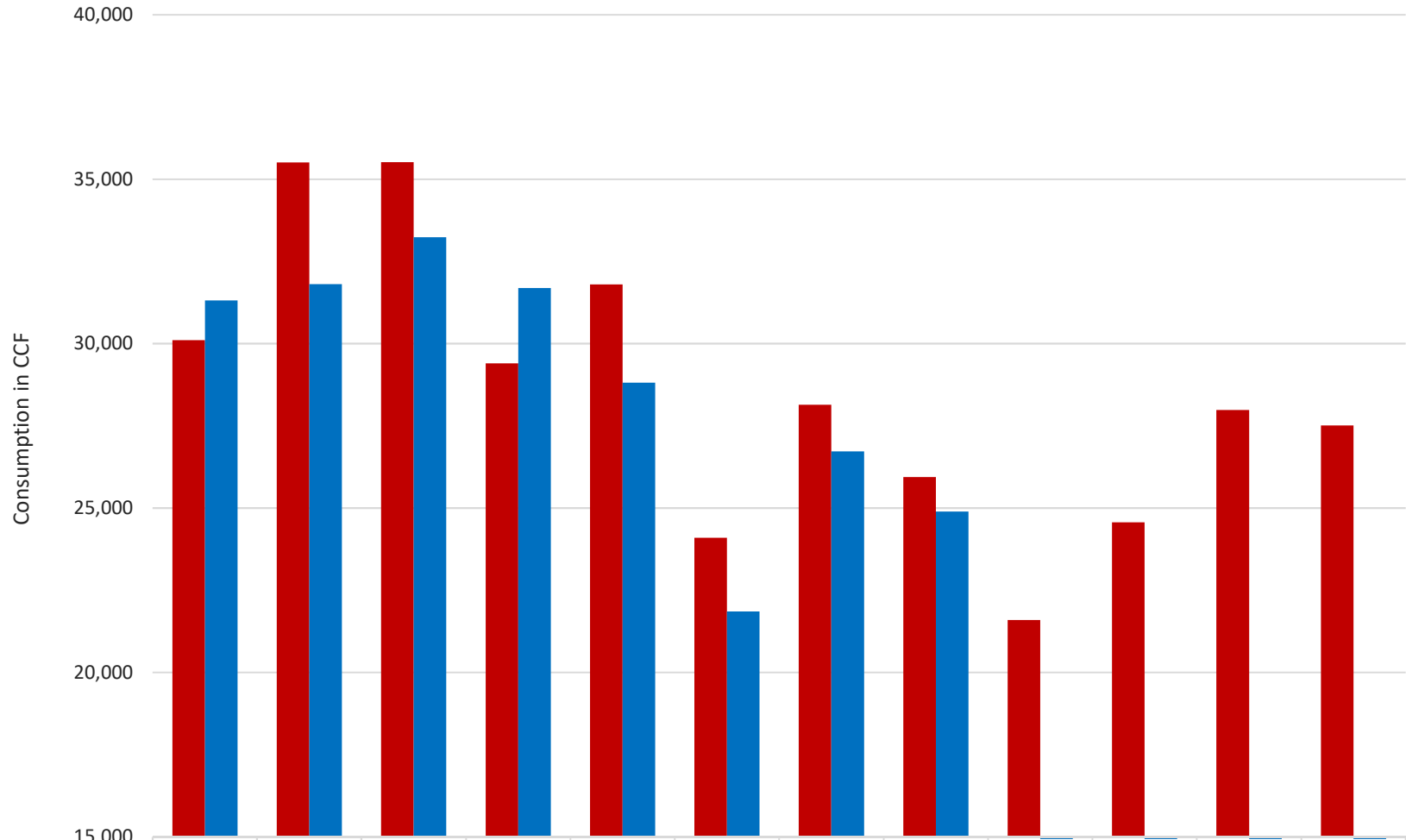
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<span style="color: red;">■</span> 2024-2025	73,319	88,680	83,822	58,609	52,481	43,471	45,821	48,002	33,449	40,580	52,942	57,365
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> 2025-2026	73,586	82,006	85,095	59,933	45,731	36,485	42,560	36,744				
% Change	0.36%	-7.53%	1.52%	2.26%	-12.86%	-16.07%	-7.12%	-23.45%				

## Laguna Woods Village (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation) YTD Consumption



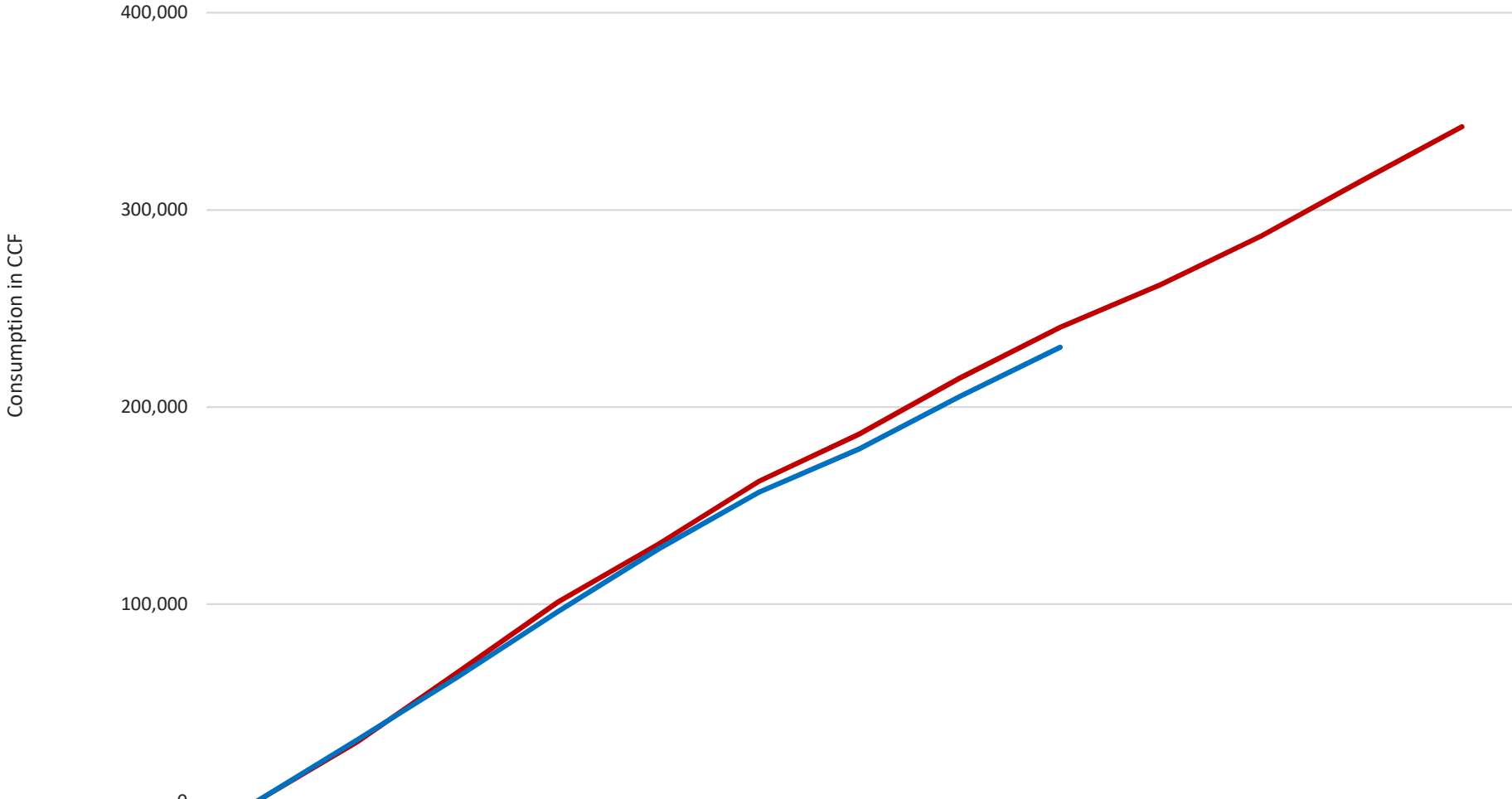
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	73,319	161,999	245,821	304,430	356,911	400,382	446,203	494,205	527,654	568,234	621,176	678,541
2025-2026	0	73,586	155,592	240,687	300,620	346,351	382,836	425,396	462,140				
% Change		0.36%	-3.95%	-2.09%	-1.25%	-2.96%	-4.38%	-4.66%	-6.49%				

## Commercial Consumption



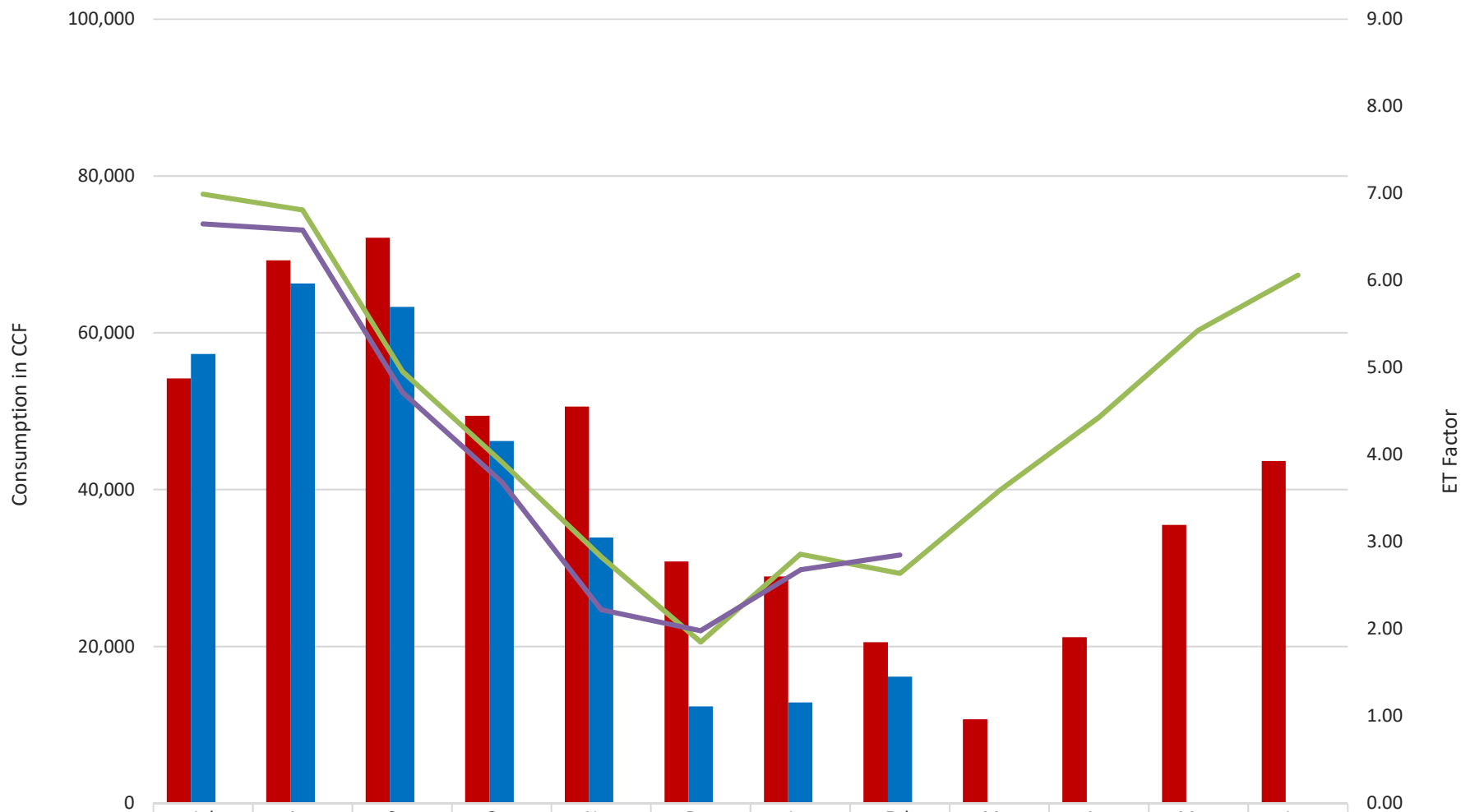
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2024-2025	30,101	35,509	35,514	29,395	31,800	24,094	28,142	25,942	21,596	24,574	27,981	27,514
2025-2026	31,308	31,814	33,231	31,690	28,815	21,852	26,728	24,895				
% Change	4.01%	-10.41%	-6.43%	7.81%	-9.39%	-9.31%	-5.02%	-4.04%				

### Commercial YTD Consumption



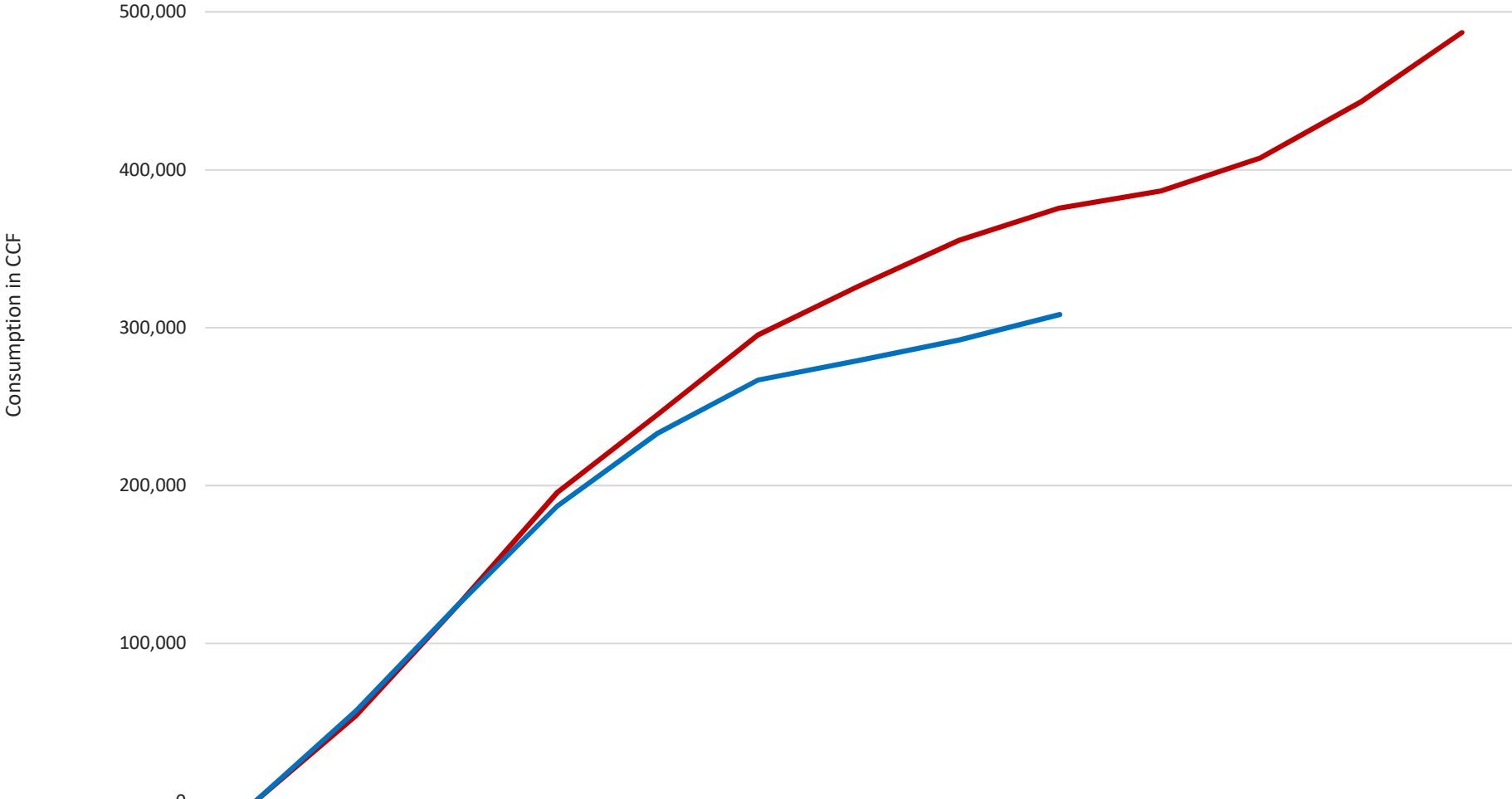
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	30,101	65,610	101,124	130,519	162,319	186,413	214,555	240,497	262,093	286,667	314,648	342,162
2025-2026	0	31,308	63,122	96,353	128,043	156,858	178,710	205,438	230,333				
% Change		4.01%	-3.79%	-4.72%	-1.90%	-3.36%	-4.13%	-4.25%	-4.23%				

### Dedicated Irrigation Consumption (including LWV)



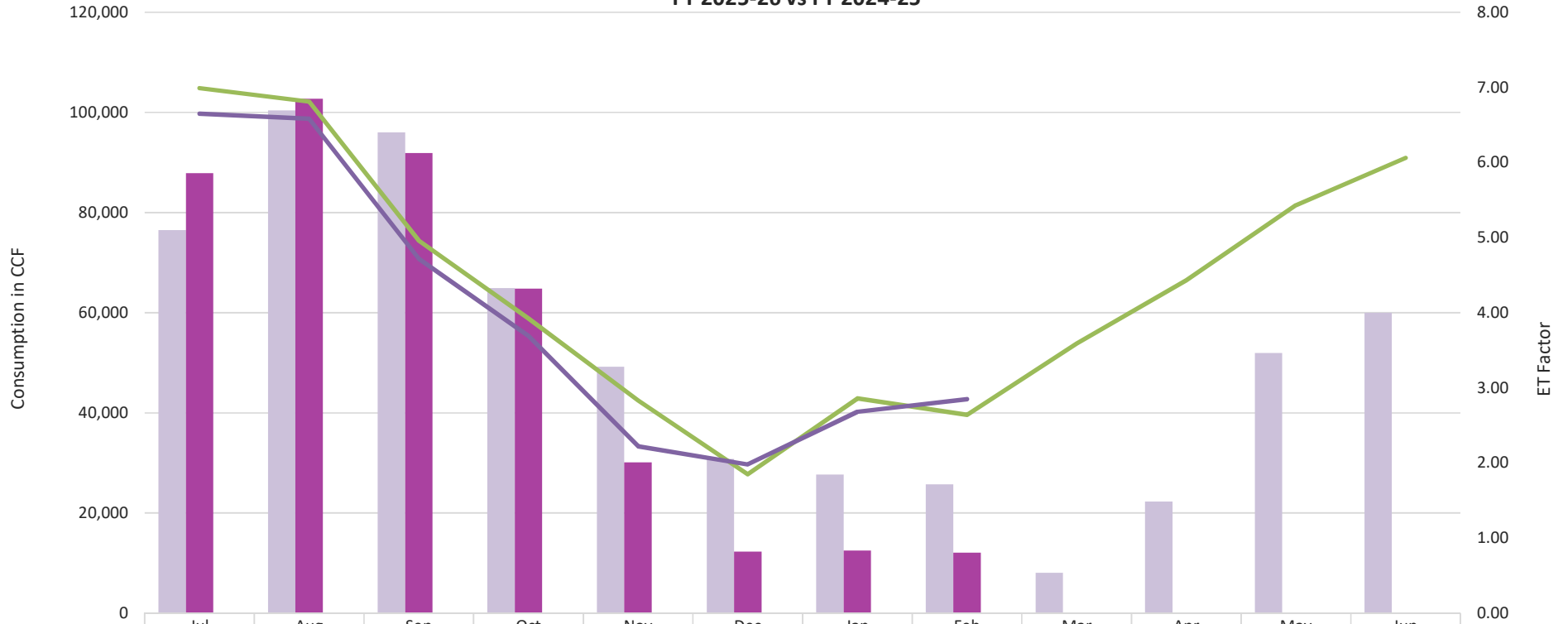
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	54,166	69,236	72,151	49,419	50,582	30,829	28,904	20,536	10,720	21,194	35,512	43,661
2025-2026	57,312	66,275	63,298	46,207	33,864	12,370	12,837	16,156				
% Change	5.81%	-4.28%	-12.27%	-6.50%	-33.05%	-59.88%	-55.59%	-21.33%				
24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
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### Dedicated Irrigation Consumption (including LWV) YTD Consumption



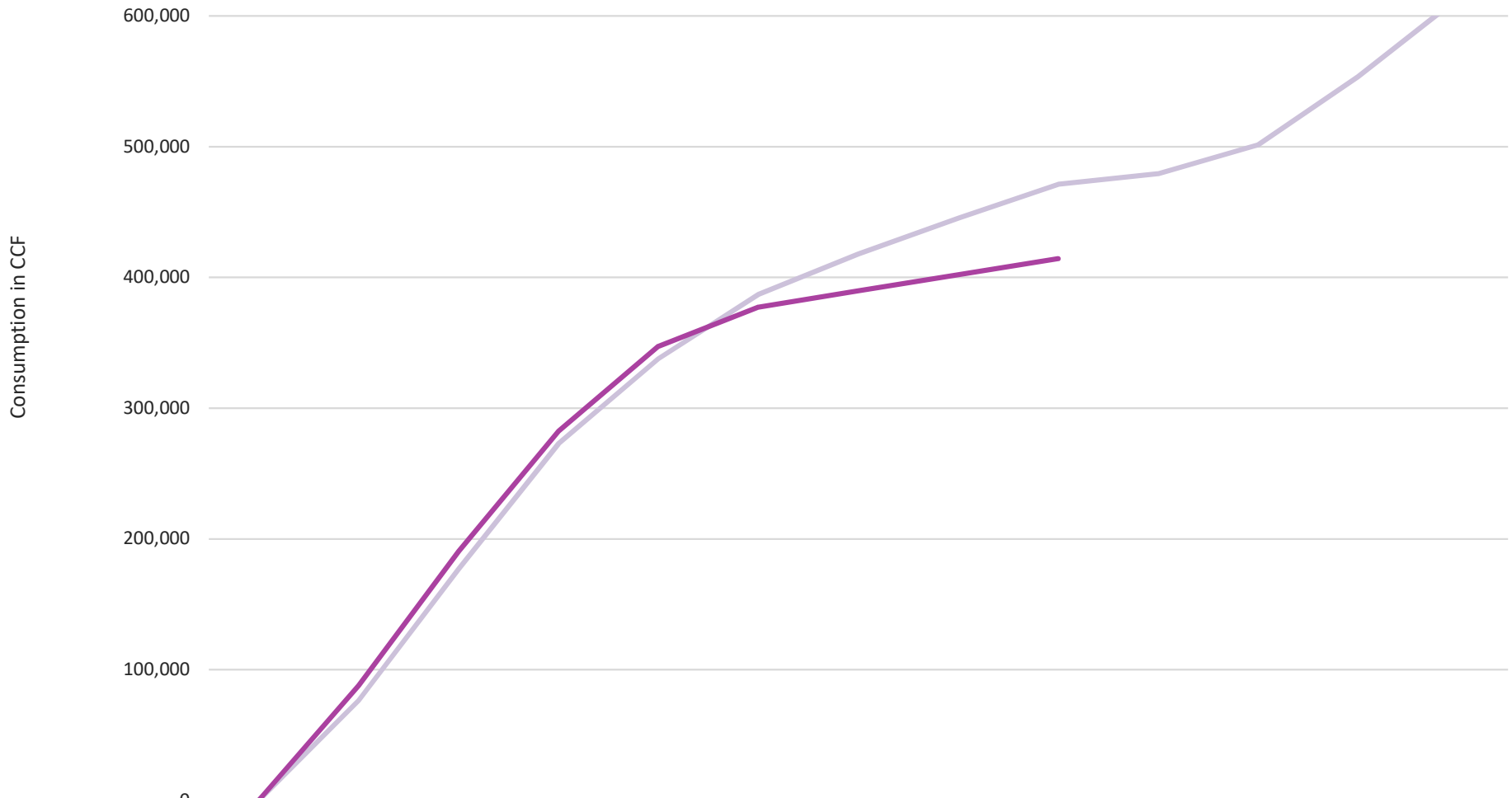
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	54,166	123,402	195,553	244,972	295,554	326,383	355,287	375,823	386,543	407,737	443,249	486,910
2025-2026	0	57,312	123,587	186,885	233,092	266,956	279,326	292,163	308,319				
% Change		5.81%	0.15%	-4.43%	-4.85%	-9.68%	-14.42%	-17.77%	-17.96%				

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



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FY 2024-2025	76,508	100,368	96,005	64,890	49,208	30,793	27,651	25,705	8,085	22,263	51,983	60,007
FY 2025-2026	87,896	102,736	91,867	64,788	30,130	12,319	12,501	12,078				
% Change	14.88%	2.36%	-4.31%	-0.16%	-38.77%	-59.99%	-54.79%	-53.01%				
FY 24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
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### Recycled Water YTD Consumption

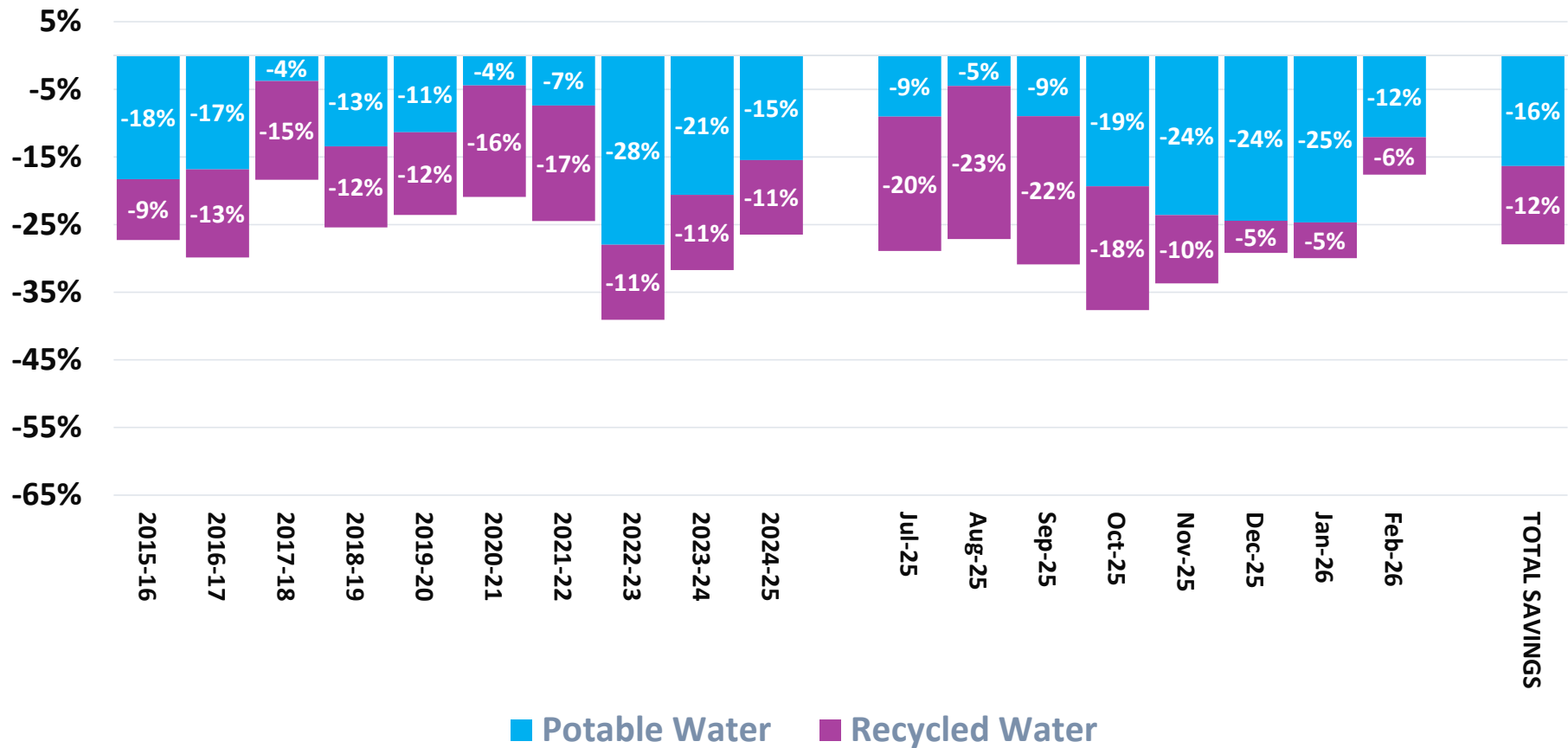


	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	76,508	176,876	272,881	337,771	386,979	417,772	445,423	471,128	479,213	501,476	553,459	613,466
2025-2026	0	87,896	190,632	282,499	347,287	377,417	389,736	402,237	414,315				
% Change		14.88%	7.78%	3.52%	2.82%	-2.47%	-6.71%	-9.70%	-12.06%				





# ETWD WATER USAGE COMPARED TO 2013



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

**March 3, 2026  
10:30 a.m.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Finance Committee was called to be held on **March 3, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** SOCWA staff will be present and conducting the meeting at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California.

THE SOCWA MEETING ROOM IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL DISABILITY RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT (949) 234-5400 AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING TO REQUEST SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS. THIS AGENDA CAN BE OBTAINED IN ALTERNATE FORMAT UPON REQUEST TO THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY'S SECRETARY AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN AND MAY JOIN THE MEETING REMOTELY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE FOR VISUAL INFORMATION ONLY (USE ZOOM LINK BELOW) AND BY TELECONFERENCE FOR AUDIO PARTICIPATION (USE PHONE NUMBERS BELOW). THIS IS A PHONE-CALL MEETING AND NOT A WEB-CAST MEETING, SO PLEASE REFER TO AGENDA MATERIALS AS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AT [WWW.SOCWA.COM](http://WWW.SOCWA.COM), ON YOUR REQUEST, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE PARTICIPATION. FOR PARTIES PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MEETING FOR ORAL COMMUNICATION IN ADDITION TO PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN PERSON. COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING VIA EMAIL TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LYNDA MAY AT [LMAY@SOCWA.COM](mailto:LMAY@SOCWA.COM) WITH THE SUBJECT LINE "REQUEST TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT." IN THE EMAIL, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, THE ITEM YOU WISH TO SPEAK ABOUT, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER YOU WILL BE CALLING FROM SO THAT THE COORDINATOR CAN UN-MUTE YOUR LINE WHEN YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK. THOSE MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT REQUESTS REMOTELY VIA TELEPHONE IN REAL-TIME WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE YOUR NAME, THE ITEM YOU WISH TO SPEAK ABOUT, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT YOU ARE CALLING FROM SO THE COORDINATOR CAN UN-MUTE YOUR LINE WHEN YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK. ONCE THE MEETING HAS COMMENCED, THE CHAIR WILL INVITE YOU TO SPEAK AND ASK THE COORDINATOR TO UN-MUTE YOUR LINE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

AGENDA ATTACHMENTS AND OTHER WRITINGS THAT ARE DISCLOSABLE PUBLIC RECORDS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL, OR A MAJORITY OF, THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY FINANCE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH A MATTER SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION AT AN OPEN MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED AT 34156 DEL OBISPO STREET, DANA POINT, CA ("AUTHORITY OFFICE") OR BY PHONE REQUEST MADE TO THE AUTHORITY OFFICE AT 949-234-5400. IF SUCH WRITINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE AUTHORITY OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME AS THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SENT TO ANY REMOTE PARTICIPANTS REQUESTING EMAIL DELIVERY OR POSTED ON SOCWA'S WEBSITE. IF SUCH WRITINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO, OR DURING, THE MEETING, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MEETING ROOM OR IMMEDIATELY UPON VERBAL REQUEST TO BE DELIVERED VIA EMAIL TO REQUESTING PARTIES PARTICIPATING REMOTELY.

**THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY BY VIRTUAL MEANS FOR AUDIO OF MEETING USE  
THE CALL IN PHONE NUMBERS BELOW AND FOR VIDEO USE THE ZOOM LINK BELOW.**

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Public Comments

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

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3. Approval of Minutes..... 1

- Finance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2026

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Finance Committee approve the subject minutes as submitted.

4. Use Audit 24/25.....4

**Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion, Direction, or Action

5. FY 26-27 Draft Budget ..... 5

**Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion, Direction, or Action

6. Adjournment

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Dated this 24th day of February 2026.



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Lynda May, Assistant Clerk  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

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

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

March 5, 2026  
8:30 a.m.

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

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

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- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Board of Directors Regular Meeting of February 5, 2026

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

B. Minutes of Engineering Committee .....6

- Engineering Committee Meeting of January 22, 2026

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file the subject Minutes.

C. Minutes of Finance Committee .....10

- Finance Committee Meeting of January 20, 2026

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file the subject Minutes.

D. January 2026 Operations Report..... 13

- 1. Monthly Operational Report
- 2. SOCWA Ocean Outfall Discharges by Agency
- 3. Beach Ocean Monitoring Report
- 4. Recycled Water Report
- 5. Pretreatment Report (February)

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

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E. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report  
(February) [Project Committees 2 and 15] ..... 51

ACTION Information Item.

6. ENGINEERING MATTERS

A. JBL Energy Building Roof Repair [Project Committee 2]..... 65

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

1. Authorize execution of a construction contract with Pacific Hydrotech in the amount of \$174,241.
2. Approve a contract contingency of \$17,424, for a total project authorization of \$191,665, to address any unforeseen conditions encountered during the work.

B. CTP Storm Drainage Modifications [Project Committee 15] ..... 82

ACTION The Engineering Committee recommends that the PC 15 Board Directors:

1. Authorize execution of construction contract with T.E. Roberts in the amount of \$570,059.00.
2. Approve a contract contingency of \$57,000, for a total project authorization of \$627,059 to address any unforeseen conditions encountered during the work.

C. CTP Regional Flow Study [Project Committee 15] ..... 87

ACTION The Engineering Committee recommends that the PC 15 Board Directors:

1. Approve a project budget increase of \$20,000 for a total of \$100,000;
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with MKN for a fee not to exceed \$89,401.00, and;
3. Approve a project contingency of \$10,599.

D. CTP Facility Planning Assessment [Project Committee 15] ..... 183

ACTION The Engineering Committee recommends that the PC 15 Board Directors:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with AECOM in the amount of \$494,821 upon the CTP Regional Flow Study reaching Project Element 4, and
2. Approve a contract contingency of \$49,482, for a total project authorization \$544,303, to address any unforeseen conditions encountered during the work.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. SOCWA's Insurance Programs .....244

ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.

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- B. FY 26-27 Final Draft O&M Budget & Capital Budget.....246  
ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.
- C. Cost Allocation Policy .....248  
ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.
- D. Orbis Public Affairs Contract [Project Committee 2].....266  
ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.
- E. SOCWA Policy Handbook .....283  
ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.
- F. General Manager’s Report .....288  
ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.
- G. General Counsel’s Report  
ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.
- H. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting Date Change & Resolution .....348  
ACTION Staff Recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2026-03, reestablishing the date and time of the regular meetings of the SOCWA Engineering Committee from the second Thursday of the month to the third Thursday of the month.
- I. Upcoming Meetings Schedule:
  - April 2, 2026 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting
  - March 19, 2026 – Engineering Committee Meeting
  - February 17, 2026 – Finance Special Committee MeetingACTION Information Item.
- 8. CLOSED SESSION
  - A. Closed Session Conference Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)  
Public Employment  
Title: General Counsel
  - B. Closed Session Conference Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)  
Public Employment  
Title: General ManagerReport out of Closed Session

South Orange County Wastewater Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
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9. OTHER MATTERS

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT SOCWA BOARD MEETING  
April 2, 2026

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

**March 17, 2026  
10:30 a.m.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Finance Committee was called to be held on **March 17, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** SOCWA staff will be present and conducting the meeting at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California.

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comments

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3. Approval of Minutes..... 1
  - Finance Committee Meeting of March 3, 2026

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Finance Committee approve the subject minutes as submitted.
4. FY 24-25 Use Audit Update..... 3

**Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion, Direction, or Action
5. FY 26-27 Draft Budget ..... 4

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the FY 26-27 Budget
6. Chart of Accounts Update to Improve Administrative Efficiency ..... 5

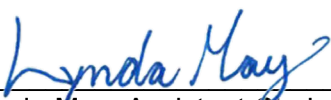
**Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion, Direction, or Action
7. Contract Services..... 12

**Recommended Action:** Committee Discussion, Direction, or Action
8. Adjournment

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Dated this 12th day of March 2026.

  
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Lynda May, Assistant Clerk  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

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

**March 19, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.**

<b>Physical Address</b>	<b>Remote Address</b>
34156 Del Obispo Street Dana Point, CA 92629	El Toro Water District Office: 24251 Los Alisos Blvd. Lake Forest, CA 92630

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Engineering Committee was called to be held on **March 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.** SOCWA staff will be present and conducting the meeting at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California.

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comments

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

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

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4. Approval of Minutes..... 1
  - Engineering Committee Minutes of February 19, 2026

**Recommended Action:** Staff requests that the Engineering Committee approve the subject Minutes as submitted.

5. General Manager’s Report

**Recommended Action:** Information Item.

6. Operations Report

**Recommended Action:** Information Item.

7. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (March) [Project Committees 2 and 15] ..... 5

**Recommended Action:** Information Item.

8. Contract Award for CTP Access Road Repaving Project [Project Committee 15] ..... 19

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

9. CTP Capital Projects Update [Project Committee 15] ..... 30

**Recommended Action:** Information Item.

10. Draft Cost Allocation Policy ..... 35

**Recommended Action:** Information Item.

Engineering Committee Meeting  
March 19, 2026

11. Adjournment

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Dated this 12th day of March 2026.



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Lynda May, Assistant Secretary  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

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

Jointly with the

**PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

March 2, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites:

17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

866 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308

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

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**Ex Officio Member:** President Dick

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**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee).

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**ACTION ITEM**

1. AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH (CDR)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. SOLE SOURCE – *IN CASE OF CRISIS* SOFTWARE APPLICATION
3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS
4. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
  - a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
  - b. WEROC
  - c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
  - d. Public and Government Affairs
5. 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**

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

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WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH METROPOLITAN DIRECTORS  
18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, California  
March 4, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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## **AGENDA**

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### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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### **NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2169**

### **PRESENTATION ITEM**

- 1. METROPOLITAN BIENNIAL BUDGET OVERVIEW (PRESENTATION BY METROPOLITAN STAFF)**

*Recommendation: Receive and file the presentation.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **2. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

- a. Federal Legislative Report (Natural Resource Results)
- b. State Legislative Report (West Coast Advisors)
- c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
- d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)
- e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
- f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix

*Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.*

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

*Recommendation: Receive input and discuss the information presented.*

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **4. SENATE BILL 872 (McNERNEY) – CLIMATE CHANGE: FUNDING PRIORITIES**

*Recommendation: Adopt a support position on Senate Bill 872 (McNerney)*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5. METROPOLITAN ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY**

- a. Metropolitan's Finances
- b. Metropolitan's Water Supply Condition Update
- c. Metropolitan's Water Quality Update
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

### **6. METROPOLITAN BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Summary regarding February Metropolitan Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for the Metropolitan Board Agenda

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
March 11, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Ex Officio Member: President Dick

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## **ROLL CALL**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

## **ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

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**PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

1. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report – February 2026
  - b. Disbursement Approval Report for the month of March 2026
  - c. Disbursement Ratification Report for the month of February 2026
  - d. GM Approved Disbursement Report for the month of February 2026
  - e. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment – January 2026
  - f. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement
  
2. FINANCIAL REPORT
  - a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending January 31, 2026

**PRESENTATION ITEM**

3. SUSTAIN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (PRESENTATION BY C. SCOTT KITCHER)

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

4. MWDOC 2<sup>ND</sup> DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 & 2027-28

**ACTION ITEM**

5. APPROVAL OF 401(a) MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN DOCUMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**OTHER ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
18700 Ward Street, Boardroom, Fountain Valley, California  
March 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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

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## **AGENDA**

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### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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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. 2169**

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

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**1. MINUTES**

- a. February 2, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- b. February 4, 2026 Workshop Board Meeting
- c. February 11, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- d. February 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- e. February 19, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

*Recommendation: Approve as presented.*

**2. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of February 28, 2026
- b. Disbursement Registers (February/March)

*Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.*

- c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of January 31, 2026
- 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 January 31, 2026

*Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.*

**4. AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH (CDR)**

*Recommendation: Approve continued participation in the CDR for Fiscal Years 2026-27 (\$77,272), 2027-28 (\$80,308), and 2028-29 (\$85,656) for a total of \$243,236 over the 3-year MOU term.*

**End Consent Calendar**

**ACTION ITEM**

**5. APPROVAL OF 401(a) MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN DOCUMENTS**

*Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2169 Approving the Restatement of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Money Purchase Pension Plan.*

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

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MARCH (ORAL AND WRITTEN)**

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

**7. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

*Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF  
ORANGE COUNTY**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
8:15 a.m.**

**County Administrative North (CAN)  
First Floor Multipurpose Room 101**

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

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

**<https://youtube.com/live/OJT-cvbTgAg?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 agenda items.)**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**a.) February 11, 2026 – Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

The Commission will consider approval of the February 11, 2026 meeting minutes.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **a.) Fiscal Year 2026-27 OC LAFCO Proposed Budget and Fee Schedule**

The Commission will consider the adoption of the Proposed FY 2026-27 OC LAFCO Budget and a resolution approving the agency's fee schedule.

## **8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **a.) Legislative Report (March 2026)**

The Commission will receive an update on previously reviewed proposed legislation and an update on the Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee's activities.

### **b.) Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation for Fiscal Years 2026-29**

The Commission will consider the approval of a three-year (Fiscal Years 2026-29) Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Fullerton, Auxiliary Services Corporation for services provided by the Center for Demographic Research.

### **c.) Professional Consultant Services Agreement with RSG, Inc.**

The Commission will consider approval of a professional services agreement with RSG, Inc. to conduct a Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence review for the Coastal MSR Region.

### **d.) Cancellation of April 2026 Regular Meeting**

The Commission will consider canceling the April 8, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting due to a lack of business items requiring Commission action.

## **9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

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

## **10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

## **11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No informational items and announcements.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. at the County Administrative North (CAN), First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

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

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# 2026

# MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Approved November 12, 2025

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

 Office closure due to legal holidays and flexible work schedule.

 No scheduled regular meeting due to legal holiday.

 2026 CALAFCO Annual Conference - October 21-23



## Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
7:30 a.m.

### Mailing Address

18700 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

### Meeting Location

MWDOC/OCWD  
18700 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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(714) 964-5930 fax

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## AGENDA

### Executive Committee

#### President

**Hon. Bob McVicker**  
*Municipal Water District of  
Orange County*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**Hon. Paul Mesmer**  
*Surfside Colony Community Services  
District*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Hon. Marilyn Thoms**  
*East Orange County Water District*

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

**Hon. Al Nederhood**  
*Municipal Water District of  
Orange County*

#### Secretary

*Vacant*

#### Treasurer

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

#### Immediate Past President

**Hon. Greg Mills**  
*Serrano Water District*

### Staff Administration

#### Heather Baez

*Municipal Water District of  
Orange County*

#### Tina Dubuque

*Municipal Water District of  
Orange County*

- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2026
- **Public Comments on items not on the agenda**
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**
  - Update on Election to Update the Bylaws
- **Treasurer's Report – Director Sandra Jacobs**
  - Report on accounts
- **CSDA Report – Chris Palmer**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the CSDA Report
- **LAFCO Report – Director Jim Fidler**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the LAFCO report

- **ACWA Report – Director Sandra Jacobs**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the ACWA report
- **OCCOG Report – Director Mike Scheafer**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the OCCOG report
- **California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Report – SOCWA Representative**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the CASA report
- **Operational Area (OA) Executive Board Report – Director Trudi DesRoches**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the OA report
- **Subcommittee Reports**
  - Programs – Heather Baez
    - April Meeting Speaker Update
  - Membership – Director Thoms
    - Update on Membership Renewals
  - Legislative – Director Nederhood
- **Adjourn**



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

**Friday, March 6, 2026  
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Officers**

**Chair**  
**Hon. Greg Mills**  
*Serrano Water District*

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

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**AGENDA**

**Welcome**

- Greg Mills, Serrano Water District

**Reports**

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

**Program**

Data Centers and AI – Water and Energy Consumption

Speaker:  
Shaolei Ren, Associate Professor  
University of California, Riverside

**Agency Announcements**

**Adjourn**

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***Next WACO Meeting***

Friday, April 3, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

***Next WACO Planning Committee Meeting***

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

**DATES TO REMEMBER**  
**MARCH/APRIL 2026**

1. Mar 27 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
2. Mar 31 – 12:00 p.m. – Special RRC meeting
3. Mar 31 – 5:00 p.m. – Lake Forest Chamber Meet the Mayor/State of the City
1. Apr 1 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC Met Directors Workshop
2. Apr 2 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCEC Meet the Mayors
3. Apr 2 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Board meeting
4. Apr 3 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
5. Apr 3 – 7:30 a.m. – WACO meeting
1. Apr 6 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC P&O Committee meeting
2. Apr 7 – 7:30 a.m. – ISDOC Executive meeting
3. Apr 8 – 8:15 a.m. – LAFCO
1. Apr 8 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC Admin/Fin Committee meeting
2. Apr 9 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Engineering meeting
3. Apr 9 – 1:00 p.m. – ETWD Board Budget Workshop
4. Apr 10 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
5. Apr 13 – 10:00 a.m. – Agenda Review meeting
6. Apr 14 – 10:30 a.m. – SOCWA Finance meeting
7. Apr 15 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC Board meeting
8. Apr 15 – 11:30 a.m. – OCWA Luncheon
9. Apr 17 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
10. Apr 20 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Finance and Engineering meeting
11. Apr 21 – 10:30 a.m. – SOCWA Finance meeting
12. Apr 22 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning meeting
13. Apr 23 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Board meeting
14. Apr 23 – 11:30 a.m. – OC WateReuse
15. Apr 24 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
16. Apr 30 – 11:30 a.m. – ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon

**EL TORO WATER DISTRICT**  
Glossary of Water Terms

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

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

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

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

AFY: Acre-foot per year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BIA: Building Industry Association

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

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

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

Brackish water: A mixture of freshwater and saltwater

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

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

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

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act.

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

CFS: Cubic feet per second.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Crisis:

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

CTP: Coastal Treatment Plant

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Disinfection: Water treatment which destroys potentially harmful bacteria.

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

Drought: A prolonged period of below- average precipitation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Estuary: Where fresh water meets salt water.

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

FCH: Federal Clearing House – Environmental Review/Processing

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GPM: Gallons per minute.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAF: Million-acre feet.

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

MET: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

MGD: Million gallons per day.

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

Microorganism: An animal or plant of microscopic size.

MWD: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

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

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

NPDES: National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

OCBD: Orange County Business Council

OCEMA: Orange County Environmental Management Agency

OCWD: Orange County Water District

Opportunity:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Potable water: Suitable and safe for drinking

PPB: Parts per billion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RFP: Request for Proposal

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

RO: Reverse osmosis. See the listing under "reverse osmosis."

R-O-W: Right-of-way

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

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

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

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

SAFRA: Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

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

SAWPA: Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority.

SCADA: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

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

SCH: State Clearing House – Environmental Review/Processing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SJBA: San Juan Basin Authority

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

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

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

SRE: State Revolving Fund

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

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

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

SWRCB: State Water Resources Control Board

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

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

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

TMA: Too many acronyms.

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

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

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

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

VE: Value Engineering

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Water table: The top level of water stored underground.

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

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

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

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

Xeriscape: Landscaping that requires minimal water.