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



AGENDA

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 23, 2026
7:30 a.m.

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

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Freshley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice President Havens

ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

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

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

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

a. Service Awards

Mr. Cafferty will recognize and congratulate Vincent Coppola, Compliance Program Coordinator for 10 Years of Service.

3. **Consent Calendar**

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

a. Consider approving the minutes of the March 26, 2026 Board meeting

b. Consider approving President Freshley, Director Monin, and Director McClean to attend the Urban Water Institute Annual Conference from August 19-21 with approved travel accommodations from August 19-21.

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

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

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 Board Meeting – April 2, 2026
 - b. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting – April 16, 2026
 - c. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting – April 21, 2026
10. **Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Report**
(Reference Material Included)
 - a. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop – April 1, 2026
 - b. MWDOC Planning/Operations Meeting – April 6, 2026
 - c. MWDOC Admin/Finance Meeting – April 8, 2026
 - d. MWDOC Board Meeting – April 15, 2026
 - e. MWDOC/OCWD – April 22, 2026
11. **South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting** (Reference Material Included)
Report on the March 26, 2026 SOCAG meeting.
12. **Local Agency Formation Commission Report** (Reference Material Included)
Report on the April 8, 2026 LAFCO meeting - Cancelled
13. **ISDOC Meetings Report** (Reference Material Included)
Report on the April 7, 2026 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.
14. **WACO Meeting Report** (Reference Material Included)
Report on the April 3, 2026 WACO Meeting

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

15. Dates to Remember for April/May (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

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

March 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 Monin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs, Manager, VU CHU, Water Resources Supervisor, Michael G., Member of the Public (Zoom), 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

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

Oral Communications/Public Comments

There were no comments.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

President 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 Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director McClean 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 Budget Committee #2 meeting, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the Engineering and Finance committee meeting, the Budget Committee #3 meeting, the District's regular Board meeting, will attend the SOCAG meeting, will attend the RRC meeting at the end of the month and the Lake Forest Chamber Meet the Mayor event.

Director Monin stated that he will attend the Lake Forest Chamber Meet the Mayor event, he attended all of the MWDOC meetings, the WACO meeting, the WACO Planning meeting, the OCWA luncheon, and both District Board meetings.

Director McClean stated that he attended the ISDOC executive meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the District's regular Board meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the ACWA Agriculture Policy meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, and will be attending the Lake Forest Chamber Meet the Mayor event.

Vice President Havens stated that she attended the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC Met Director's Workshop, the Budget Committee #2 meeting, the Budget Committee #3 meeting, the WACO meeting, the Pres/VP/GM meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the District's regular Board meeting, will attend the Lake Forest Chamber Meet the Mayor event, and listened in on the ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting.

President Freshley stated that she attended both ETWD's regular Board meetings, two RRC meetings, two SOCWA Finance meetings, the Agenda Review meeting, the LAFCO meetings, the OCWA luncheon, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the ACWA Energy Committee meeting, will attend the SOCAG meeting, the Pres/VP/GM meeting, and will attend the Lake Forest Chamber Meet the Mayor event.

General Manager Action Items

Nomination Period and Appointment Process for the OC LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Member

Mr. Cafferty stated that the nomination period and appointment process for the OC LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District member has opened.

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a motion, seconded by Director McClean to 1) authorize Kay Havens to vote in the OC LAFCO Special District Selection Committee election, 2) designate Michael Gaskins as the alternate voting member, 3) nominate Kathryn Freshley for the Alternate Special District member and 4) authorize the General Manager to submit the Declaration of Qualification to Vote form and Nomination Form to LAFCO by the April 13, 2026 deadline.

Roll Call Vote:

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

General Manager Information Items

General Manager's Monthly Report

Mr. Cafferty reported that MET held a recent meeting to review budget options, and their staff will present three cost of service analysis alternatives to its Board at their April meeting. He also noted that the District's new Proposition 218 Notice will include updated requirements for submitting protests or legal objections, which must be provided in writing and delivered by mail or in person to the District.

Mr. Cafferty reported that staff has been in discussions with Moulton Niguel Water District regarding its Oasis Project and potential opportunities for the District to deliver recycled water to a portion of their service area.

President Freshley inquired about the billing process for Will Serve projects. Ms. Ford explained that the process includes deposits for plan check and inspection, construction fees, and capital facilities fees. Mr. Cafferty added that these requirements are outlined in the District's Administrative Code.

Legislative Reports

Mr. Granito noted that pending Assembly Bill 2568 would increase the allowable compensation of Board members from 10 to 15 meetings per month. Mr. Granito indicated that if the legislation is adopted, the Board would have the discretion to revise the District's Compensation Ordinance.

Public Education and Outreach Report

Ms. Seitz reported that staff is rescheduling President Freshley's appearance on LWVT for April. She also noted that the new website is nearing launch and that staff will seek Board feedback prior to finalizing. Ms. Seitz also provided an update on upcoming community engagement events, including some ideas for America's 250th birthday.

Water Use Efficiency Report

Mr. Chu reported that potable water demand continued to decline in February. Year-to-date, total potable water demand is down approximately 7.9% and recycled water demand has decreased by approximately 12%.

SOCWA Reports

Director Gaskins reported that at the SOCWA Board meeting, expenses associated with hiring a public relations firm was discussed. Mr. Cafferty added that SOCWA's finance committee meetings have focused primarily on the budget and cost reductions measures, and that their use audit is still a work in progress.

MWDOC

There were no comments.

LAFCO

President Freshley reported that the budget was approved, noting an approximate 11% decline in assessment revenue and the elimination of a staff position. She also stated that some counties have withdrawn from CALAFCO and that a new group, the Alliance of the Southern Districts was created.

ISDOC

Director Monin reported that the Board discussed proposed Bylaw updates to allow staff to participate on the Board but no decision has been reached at this time.

WACO

Director Monin reported that the meeting included a presentation on Data Centers and AI. He added that the next meeting will focus on the MET budget and include an update on the Doheny Desalination project.

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for March/April 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 the item on today's Closed Session agenda.

Closed Session

At approximately 9:05 a.m. everyone left the open session except the Board members, General Counsel, and Mr. Cafferty

Regular Session

At approximately 9:13 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 the item on today's Closed Session Agenda. No reportable action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARISOL MELENDEZ
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

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

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




WHO WE ARE

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2026 Annual Conference

Bursting the Bubbles: From Myths to Mastery

 Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 1:00 PM (PDT) to Friday, August 21, 2026 at 11:00 AM (PDT)

 Loews Coronado Bay Resort

[4000 Coronado Bay Road Coronado, CA 92118-3290 United States](#)

URBAN WATER INSTITUTE

A FORUM FOR WESTERN WATER ISSUES

Overview

Pricing

Hotel

UWI 2026 Annual Conference

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

April 2026

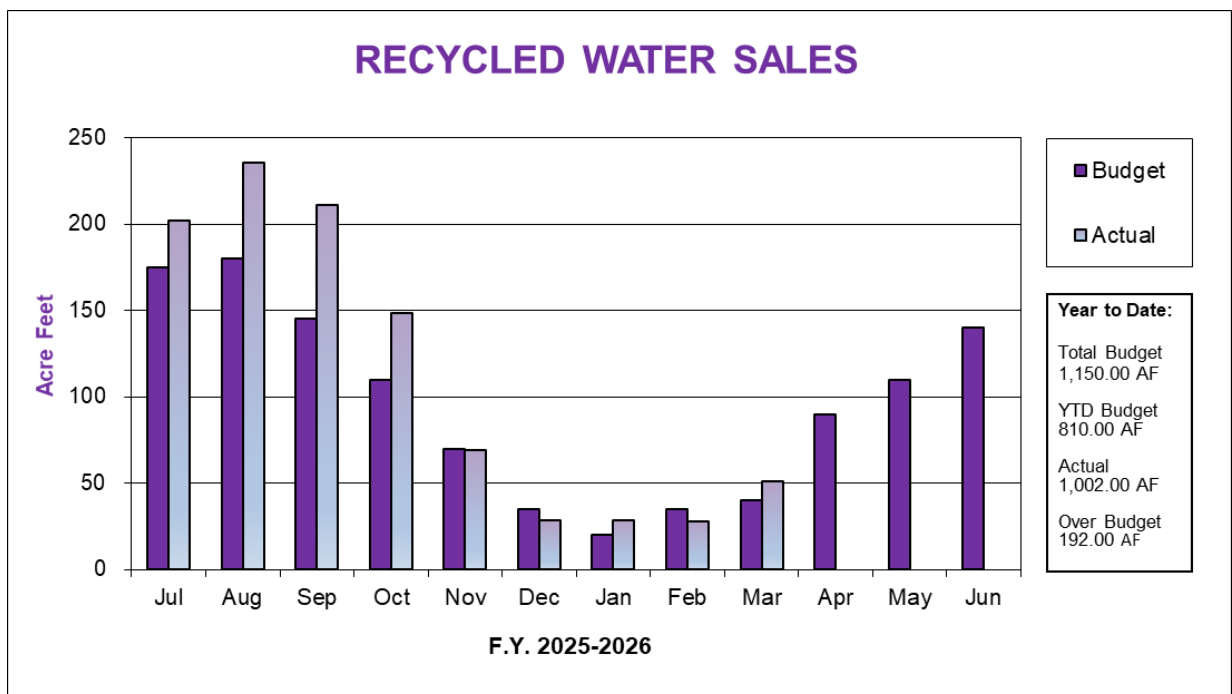
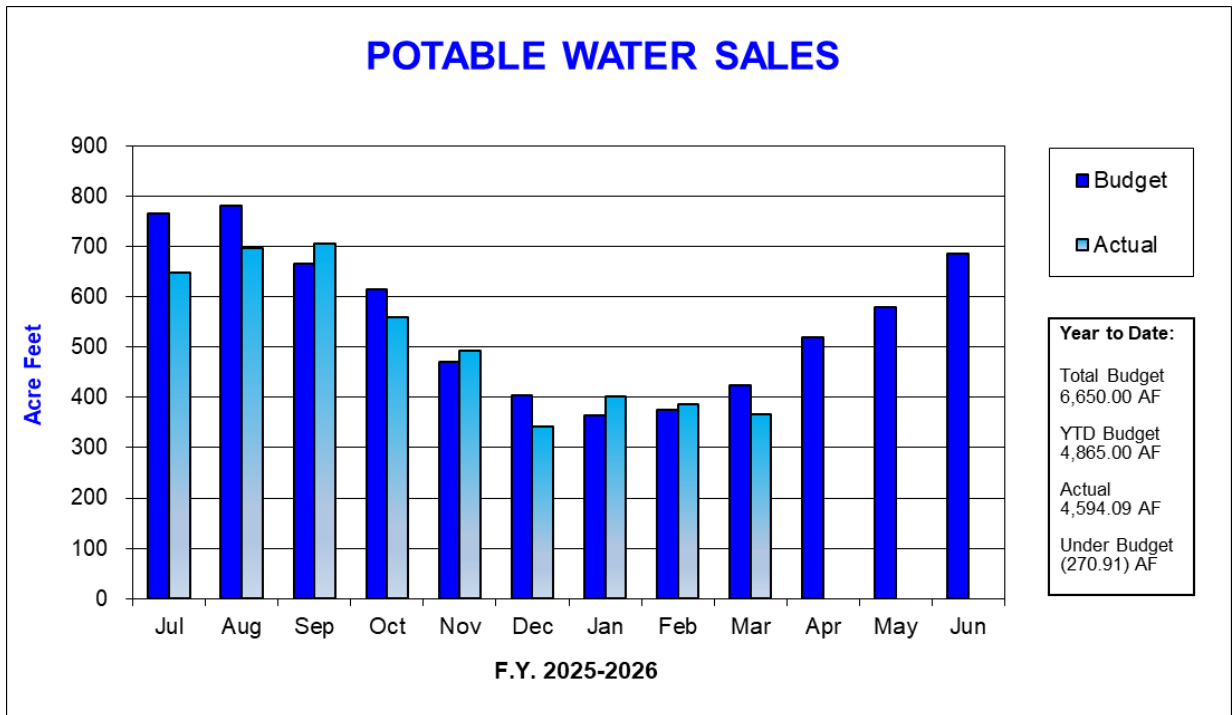
I. OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

- MWDOC P&O Committee Meeting
- MWDOC A&F Committee Meeting
- MWDOC MET Directors Workshop
- MWDOC / OCWA Joint Planning Committee Meeting
- MWDOC Board Meeting
- MWDOC Agencies Managers Meeting
- Metropolitan Water District Finance Committee Meeting
- Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting
- SOCWA Board Meeting
- SOCWA Board Budget Workshop
- SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting
- SOCWA General Managers Meeting
- Meetings with Raftelis Regarding Cost of Service Study
- Meetings with Special Counsel Regarding Easement Encroachment
- Meeting with RADNET Regarding Easement Encroachment
- South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting
- Meeting with Baker Water Treatment Plant Regarding Sale of Water to SCWD
- Lake Forest State of the City Event
- United Townhall Presentation
- ETWD RRC Meeting
- ETWD Board Budget Workshop
- ETWD Agenda Review Meeting
- ETWD Regular Engineering & Finance Committee Meetings
- ETWD Regular Board Meeting

II. DOMESTIC AND RECYCLED WATER SALES

Actual domestic sales for the year-to-date as of March 31, 2026, are 4,594.09 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted domestic sales of 4,865.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects a decrease of 270.91 acre-feet. Actual sales are 322.61 acre-feet lower than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

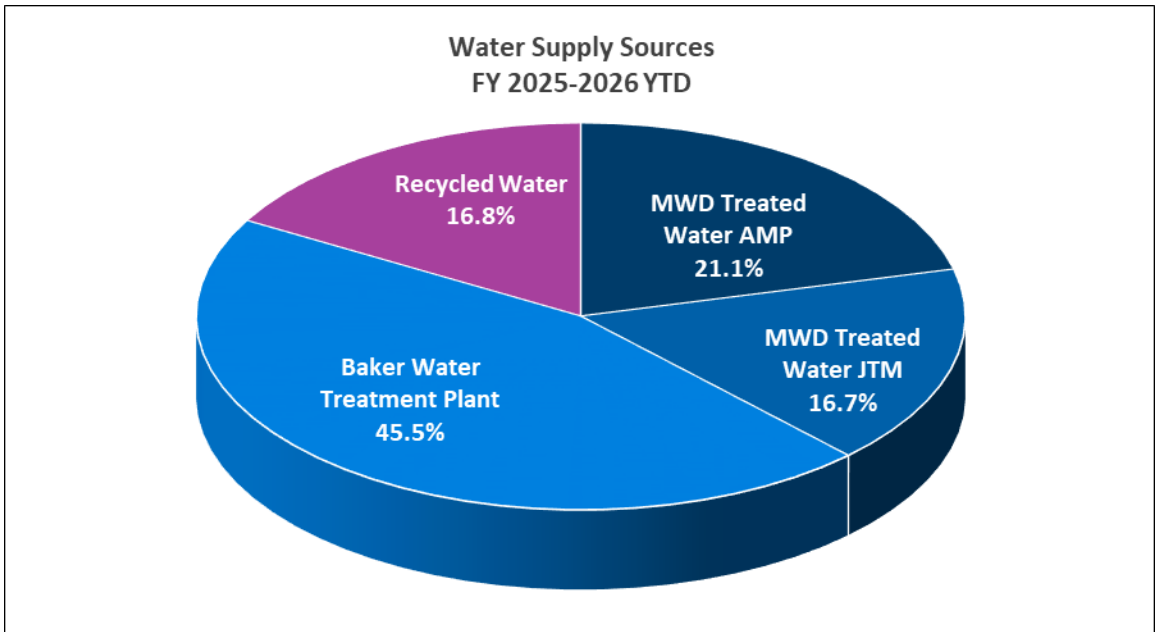
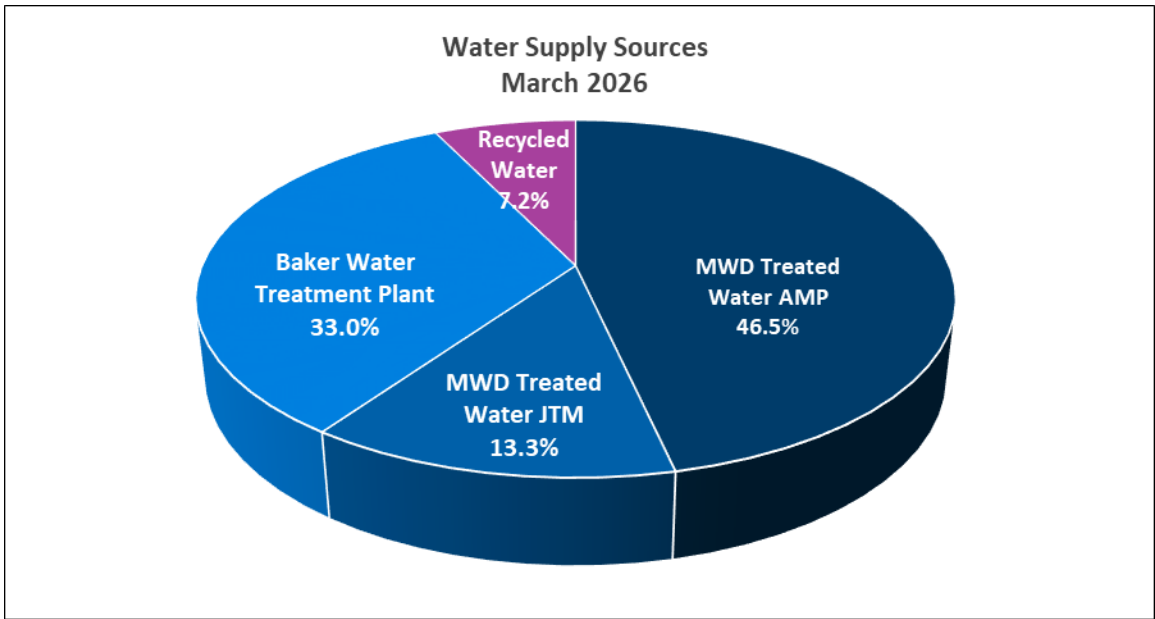
Actual recycled sales for the year-to-date as of March 31, 2026, are 1,002.00 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted recycled sales of 810.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 192.00 acre-feet. Actual sales are 98.11 acre-feet lower than 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)				
	March 2026		FY 2025-2026 YTD	
MWD Treated Water AMP	328.2	46.5%	1,261.2	21.1%
MWD Treated Water JTM	93.7	13.3%	997.7	16.7%
Interconnections	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Baker Water Treatment Plant	233.3	33.0%	2,719.2	45.5%
Recycled Water	50.9	7.2%	1,002.0	16.8%
TOTAL	706.0	100.0%	5,980.1	100.0%



Customer Service Activity Report

Regular Service Calls	MAR 2026	MAR 2025	Telephone Calls	MAR 2026	MAR 2025
Serviceman Dispatched to Read, Connect/Disconnect Service	103	48	Change of Service: Connections and Disconnections	96	64
Field Investigations:			Billing / Payments & Graph Inquires	214	210
Check for leaks - calls to CS Office:(irrigation,meter,street leaks)			Assistance with online payments and ETWD's portal (cc, e-checks, other.)	4	22
Customer Responsible	14	7			
District Responsible	3	5	Variance / Adjustment Inquiries	15	7
None found/other	6	8	Variance / Adjustment Requests Processed	20	8
High Reads Checked - High Consumption (Billing Dept.)	9	34	Ordinance Infraction / Water Waste Complaints	0	0
Cust Leaks: 5 No Leaks: 4					
Check Stopped Slowed Meters-Low Consumption (Billing)	43	26	Outside Utility Districts	43	43
Re-Check Read	7	13	Phone calls Transfer to other Departments within ETWD	46	68
Ordinance Infraction	0	0	Phone calls for the Board of Directors	0	0
Recycled Water	0	0	Recycled Water	0	1
Water Quality: Taste / Odor / Color	2	3	Water Quality Taste - Odor - Color	3	2
Phone response: __ Field response: 2			Leaks / Breaks	9	19
Flooding (Hydrant) Meters issued	0	0	Flooding Meter calls (Hydrant)	1	1
Sewer - Odor/Stoppage/ Manhole Covers	0	1	Sewer Problems (odor / spills)	2	3
Meter Box: 2 Lids: 5 Covers: 13	20	14			
Meter Box Clean, Digout	2	2	Backflow / Cross Connection (questions or yearly testing forms)	5	0
			ETWD facilities inquiries:		
Raised Meter Box	3	0	Boxes/Covers/Lids/Hydrants/Pump Stations/Graffiti/ "Gen. Maint"	0	3
Trim Bushes / Meter Obstruction	2	15			
General Maintenance Response	21	0	Tyco (ADT) Calls (Alarms to ETWD facilities)	1	1
Fire Hydrants: Hit / Leaks / Caps	0	2	ATT Calls (access to tower sites)	0	1
Pressure(psi) Checks / Reads	3	3	SCE Calls (access to tower sites)	0	1
CSSOV (Angle Meter/Ball Valve/Gate Valve/Globe Valve) chk,repair,replaced	9	6	Pager Calls specifically for Pump Stations - SCADA	0	0
AMS angle-meter-stop replace/repair	5	0			
Bees Removed	0	0			
Backflow / Cross Connection	1	7	Payment Extensions	47	38
Fogged Registers	18	40	Delinquent Payment Calls to Customer 's prior to shut off per billing calendar (automatic courtesy dialer)	0	0
			Return Calls from customers left on our voice mail system. Ext 500	1	14
OMCOP: Old Meter Change - Out Program	2	1	Email Correspondence:	47	64
Other: (uncommon non-maintenance calls)	5	2	Maintenance Service Order Requests (bees, psi, fogged-dirty registers)	17	9
On-Call After Hrs. CS Response	18	16	Misc. (other: employment, deliveries, sales calls)	35	27
# Posting Notice & 24 Hr. Door Hangers Hung	154	99			
#Shut Offs/Disconnect for Non-Payment (DNP)	23	23	Payment Processing Fee Complaints	0	0
Removed Meter	0	0	Customers Complaints non bill related.	1	0
New Meter	2	1	Billing Disputes	0	0
Unread Meters	0	8			
Total Field Investigations	475	384	Total Telephone Calls	607	606

Uncollectible Accounts:			Credit Card Payments	MAR 2026	MAR 2025
Budget YTD	\$ 14,625.00	\$ 14,625.00	REGULAR	2228 \$450,280.09	2396 \$591,936.49
Actual YTD	\$ 158,918.76	\$ (246.98)			



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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

Questions? Reach out via the form: <https://forms.office.com/g/Gj3aReAuCm>

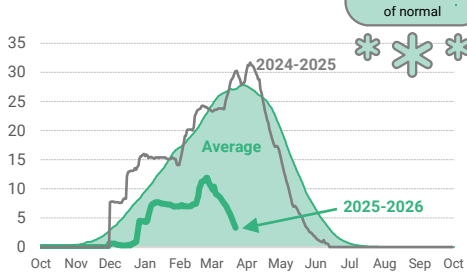
Water Year 2025-2026

As of: 03/22/2026

State Water Project

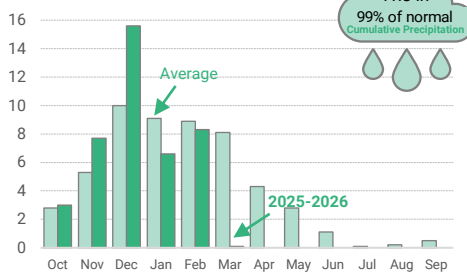
Northern Sierra Snow

Water Content values in inches



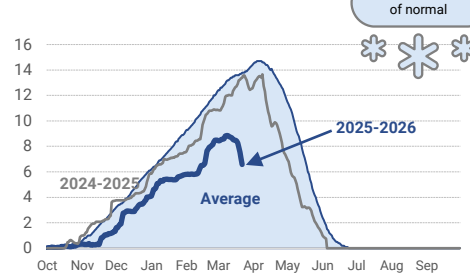
Northern Sierra 8 Station Rain

Values in inches



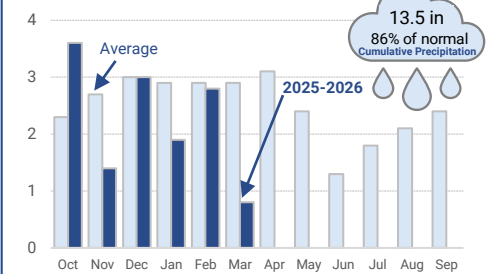
Colorado River Basin Snow

Water Content values in inches



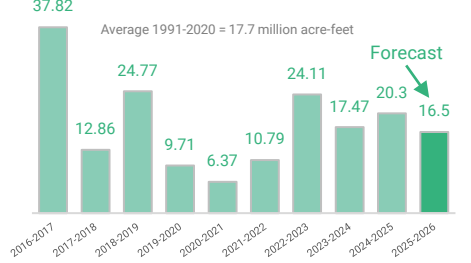
Colorado River Basin Rain

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

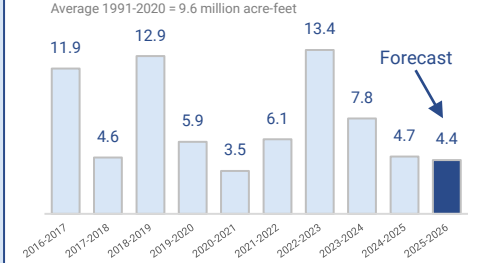
Lake Mead Chance of Operating Condition

	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

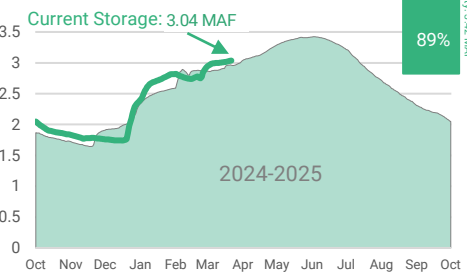
Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell

Values in million acre-feet



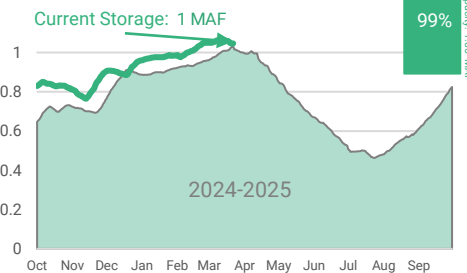
Oroville Reservoir Storage

Values in million acre-feet



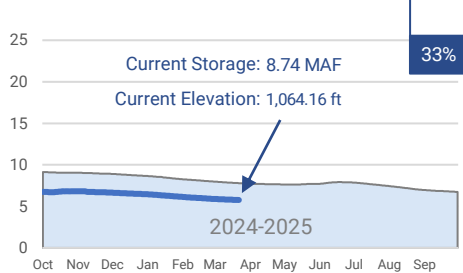
San Luis Reservoir SWP Storage

Values in million acre-feet



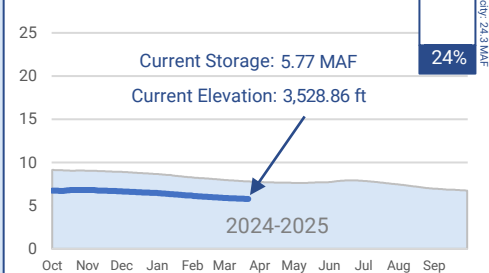
Lake Mead Storage

Values in million acre-feet



Lake Powell Storage

Values in million acre-feet



WILL SERVE SUMMARY REPORT
March 2026

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Will Serve Letter Date	PHASE	CFF
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	Close-Out	\$ -
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



NATURAL RESOURCE
RESULTS

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

From: Natural Resource Results

RE: Monthly Board Report – April 2026

One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB)

On March 17, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced the allocation of \$889 million in funding from the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) to support federally owned water storage and conveyance infrastructure across the western United States. The legislation provides \$1 billion to the Bureau of Reclamation through 2034 to modernize aging facilities, expand storage capacity, and improve the reliability of water delivery systems critical to agricultural production and growing communities.

Funding allocations:

- **California – \$540 million total:**
 - Delta-Mendota Canal — \$235 million for canal rehabilitation, including embankment improvements and structural repairs
 - Friant-Kern Canal — \$200 million for subsidence correction
 - San Luis Canal — \$50 million to address subsidence and restore delivery reliability
 - Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Pumping Plant — \$15 million to increase flow capacity and improve system performance
 - Shasta Dam — \$40 million for planning and preconstruction activities associated with a dam raise to expand storage capacity
- **Idaho — \$30 million:** Conveyance and pump storage project for the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District
- **North Dakota — \$108 million total:**
 - Eastern North Dakota Alternate Water Supply Project — \$100 million
 - Garrison Diversion Unit (McClusky Canal and Snake Creek Pumping Plant repairs) — \$8 million
- **South Dakota — \$11 million:** Belle Fourche Siphon lining project to repair aging infrastructure serving agricultural lands
- **Utah — \$100 million:** Replacement of the Highline Canal with an enclosed pipeline to improve safety and efficiency
- **Wyoming — \$100 million:** Long-term repairs to the Fort Laramie Tunnels to reduce the risk of system failures

Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Passes House

On March 16th, the House passed Congressman Calvert’s H.R. 831, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2025. Senator Padilla has a Senate companion bill, which passed out of Committee of February 4th and now awaits action from the full Senate.

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.

Bureau of Reclamation Funding

After several months of delays, pauses, and limited public activity around federal water funding, the Bureau of Reclamation has recently begun moving forward with the release and deployment of previously appropriated funding, including funding tied to the Inflation Reduction Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and core programs like WaterSMART.

Earlier in 2025 and into early 2026, several grant opportunities and funding announcements were paused, delayed, or slow to materialize, with some solicitations temporarily put on hold and limited transparency around timelines for awards. However, recent announcements and funding opportunities indicate that Reclamation is now actively advancing these investments—issuing new grant solicitations, finalizing awards, and obligating funds for water recycling, drought resilience, and infrastructure modernization projects across the West.

**March 23, 2026****To:** Minucipal Water District of Orange County**From:** Michael Boccadoro
Beth Olhasso**RE:** March Report

Overview:

While reservoir levels remain strong, the March heatwave is rapidly melting the Sierra Snowpack. The state is quickly approaching the record for the worst April 1 snowpack on record. The statewide snowpack is at just 29 percent of April 1 average (just 11 percent in the Northern Sierra)

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 89 percent capacity, 125 percent of normal; Lake Shasta is sitting at 89 percent of capacity, 116 percent of average; while San Luis Reservoir is at 89 percent of capacity, 104 percent of average for this time of year.

California's long-planned Sites Reservoir project is moving closer to construction after securing a key draft permit, advancing what could become the state's largest new reservoir in decades. Designed to store water during wet periods for use in droughts, the project highlights both the urgency of expanding storage and the ongoing tension between water supply reliability and environmental protection.

A new Legislative Analyst's Office report is intensifying debate over how California should manage the Bay-Delta, examining voluntary agreements as an alternative to stricter regulations. While the report emphasizes flexibility and collaboration, it has drawn sharp criticism from environmental and Tribal groups who argue it lacks balance, weakens enforceability, and could fall short in protecting ecosystems.

The state officially launched an ambitious new water strategy under SB 72, aiming to create 9 million acre-feet of new supply by 2040 through recycling, storage, and groundwater recharge. The plan signals a major shift toward locally controlled, diversified water systems, but its success will depend on funding, coordination, and balancing competing demands in a changing climate.

The Legislature has started working through the committee process for all the legislation introduced since the first of the year. Water stakeholders are working with legislators and other proponents on issues including tribal rights, low-income water rate assistance, State Revolving Fund reform, golden mussels, funding and operation for the State Water Project and many other issues. The deadline for bills to make it out of their first house policy committee is April 23.

Municipal Water District of Orange County

Status Report – March 2026

Water Supply Conditions

As widely reported, the Sierra snowpack is melting unusually early this year as a stretch of early season heat rapidly reduces one of the state's most important natural water reserves. In the past three weeks alone, statewide snowpack has been declining by about 1% per day, with melting occurring even at the highest elevations.

Snowpack typically supplies up to one-third of California's water, gradually melting through spring to feed rivers and fill reservoirs. But this year, warming temperatures have pushed peak accumulation to mid-February—far earlier than the usual April 1 peak—and continued heat will accelerate runoff in the coming weeks.

Forecasts of above-normal temperatures raise concerns that California could end up with one of its lowest April 1 snowpack levels on record, potentially second only to the extreme drought year of 2015. If that pattern continues, it could reduce late-season water supplies during the dry summer months.

To better track conditions and improve runoff forecasting, the Department of Water Resources and partners are conducting mid-month snow surveys across key watersheds and using airborne measurements to refine estimates of how much water remains in the snowpack. Water managers say these real-time observations help guide reservoir operations, allowing them to capture as much runoff as possible to support communities and ecosystems through the summer.

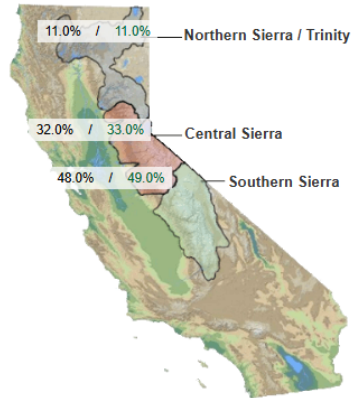
The Northern Sierra snowpack went from 43 percent of normal for this date to 11 percent of normal in just 30 days.

Reservoirs are still holding strong-- San Luis reservoir is at 104 percent of historical average and 89 percent capacity. Lake Oroville is at 89 percent capacity, 125 percent of normal; Lake Shasta is sitting at 89 percent of capacity, 116 percent of average for this time of the year.

Provided by the California Cooperative Snow Surveys

Data For: 23-Mar-2026

% Apr 1 Avg. / % Normal for this Date



Change Date:

NORTH	
Data For: 23-Mar-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	33
Average snow water equivalent	2.9"
Percent of April 1 Average	11%
Percent of normal for this date	11%

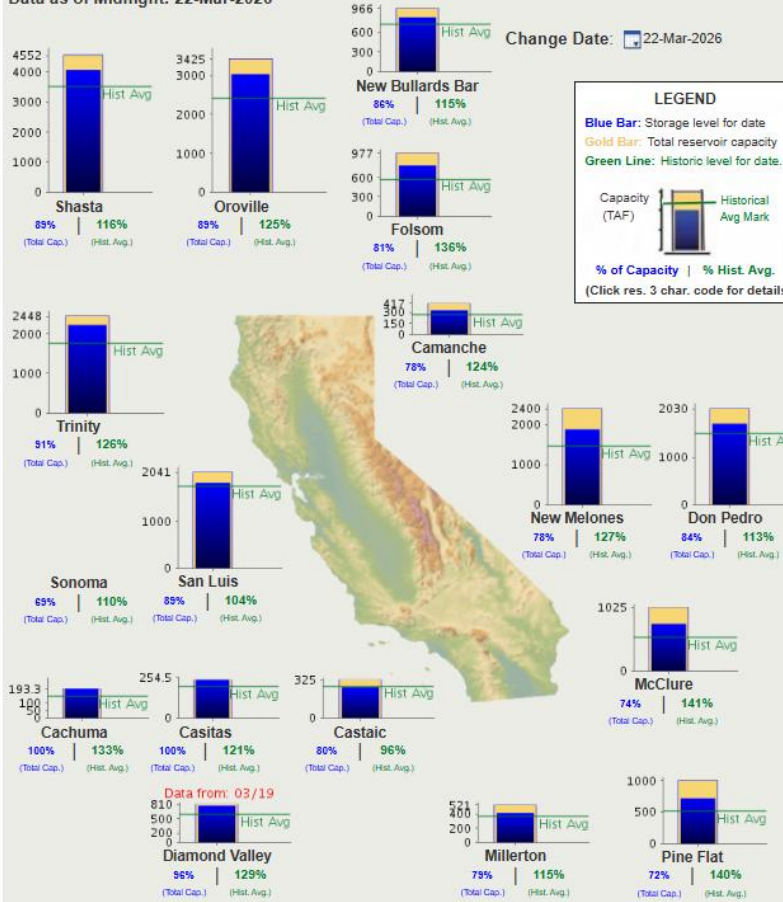
CENTRAL	
Data For: 23-Mar-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	53
Average snow water equivalent	8.8"
Percent of April 1 Average	32%
Percent of normal for this date	33%

SOUTH	
Data For: 23-Mar-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	24
Average snow water equivalent	11.4"
Percent of April 1 Average	48%
Percent of normal for this date	49%

STATEWIDE SUMMARY	
Data For: 23-Mar-2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	110
Average snow water equivalent	7.6"
Percent of April 1 Average	29%
Percent of normal for this date	29%

CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS: 22-MAR-2026

Data as of Midnight: 22-Mar-2026



Sites Reservoir Clears Major Hurdle

California's long-planned Sites Reservoir project has moved closer to reality after state regulators issued a draft water permit, a key step toward what could become California's largest new reservoir in decades. The project, located off-stream in Colusa and Glenn counties, would store water pumped from the Sacramento River during wet periods rather than damming a river directly.

If approved, the roughly \$6–\$6.8 billion project could begin construction as soon as late 2026, with completion targeted for the early 2030s. The reservoir is designed to hold up to 1.5 million acre-feet of water, which would be used to bolster supplies during drought years and improve long-term water reliability for cities, farms, and industry.

The draft permit would allow water diversions only during wetter months and under strict environmental flow conditions intended to protect fish and river health. The proposal reflects an attempt to balance expanded storage with environmental safeguards.

Supporters, including water agencies and state officials, argue the project is a critical investment in drought resilience as climate change increases swings between floods and dry periods. However, environmental groups and some tribes remain concerned it could further strain the Sacramento River ecosystem and harm salmon populations.

The State Water Resources Control Board will take public comments through May before making a final decision expected later this year, with funding and environmental challenges still ahead even if approved.

Legislative Analyst's Office Releases Report on Bay-Delta Plan

California's Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) report on the Bay-Delta Plan and proposed Voluntary Agreements (VAs) examines the state's effort to balance water supply reliability with ecosystem restoration in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta. The report reviews the hybrid approach of setting water quality standards while also pursuing negotiated agreements with water users that would fund habitat restoration and manage environmental flows more flexibly than traditional regulation.

The LAO emphasizes that while voluntary agreements are intended to accelerate collaboration and investment in habitat improvements, their success depends heavily on clear performance metrics, transparency, and strong legislative oversight. It also warns that the state must ensure any voluntary framework produces measurable environmental benefits and does not delay or weaken enforceable water quality standards.

However, the report has drawn strong criticism from a coalition of environmental organizations and Tribes, who argue it is not a neutral assessment and instead assumes approval of the voluntary agreement pathway. Critics say the LAO downplays the importance of enforceable regulatory flow standards and fails to adequately evaluate alternatives grounded in legally binding water quality protections.

Opponents also raise concerns about accountability, warning that the VA framework could allow water agencies to self-report compliance with limited oversight, creating risks for an already

stressed ecosystem. They argue this approach may not adequately protect Tribal Beneficial Uses or address issues such as harmful algal blooms. The coalition further disputes the report’s framing of “environmental flows,” saying that flows needed for ecosystem health should be set through enforceable standards rather than negotiated arrangements.

Additional criticism centers on claims that the report understates the extent of Tribal and environmental participation and opposition in the process, including testimony from more than 150 individuals opposing the agreements at recent hearings. Some coalition members also argue that past restoration efforts highlighted in the report were driven by litigation, reflecting long-standing failures to protect endangered species.

As the debate continues, the LAO underscores the need for legislative oversight as California considers whether voluntary agreements can effectively deliver ecological outcomes or whether stronger regulatory action will be required.

SB 72 Implementation Kicks Off!

The Department of Water Resources has launched an ambitious new phase of its long-term water strategy, signaling a major shift in how the state plans to secure supplies amid intensifying climate pressures. Anchored by Senate Bill 72, the plan sets a target of developing 9 million acre-feet of new water supply by 2040, reflecting growing urgency as California faces more extreme swings between drought and flood.

Rather than relying on a single solution, the strategy emphasizes a portfolio approach—expanding water recycling, stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, and new storage projects. State leaders say this diversified model is essential as traditional sources, including Sierra snowpack and imported water from the Delta and Colorado River, become less predictable.

A central focus of the plan is accelerating locally controlled water supplies, particularly in urban regions like Southern California. Investments in advanced water recycling and reuse are expected to play a major role, alongside efforts to capture more runoff during wet periods and store it underground for use in dry years. The plan also calls for streamlining permitting and improving coordination across state and regional agencies to speed up project delivery. At the same time, the initiative underscores the importance of modernizing aging infrastructure and improving the state’s ability to move and store water efficiently. This includes upgrades to canals, reservoirs, and groundwater systems that are increasingly strained by both overuse and climate impacts.

Supporters describe the plan as one of the most comprehensive water strategies in decades, aimed at building long-term resilience while supporting economic stability and environmental needs. However, its success will depend on sustained funding, coordination across agencies, and the ability to balance competing demands from cities, agriculture, and ecosystems.

As implementation begins, the plan sets the tone for California’s water future: more localized, more flexible, and increasingly shaped by the realities of a warming climate.

Legislative Update

Committees are starting to work their way through all of the bills introduced in 2026 ahead of the April 24 deadline for bills to advance out of policy committee.

Following the “30 day in print rule” before bills can be amended or acted upon, significant changes have been made to legislation MWDOC has been watching.

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 create the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund that would fund 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 was recently amended to take out a specific funding source, which will lead to more discussions on the concept during the budget process.

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 bill got bipartisan support in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and will next be heard in the Natural Resources and Water Committee.

AB 2215 (Calderon): moves a portion of the DCP Trailer Bill from 2025 into a policy bill. AB 2215 would require that the time periods for the application of water to beneficial use and for the completion of construction work for specific water right permits held by the Department of Water Resources for the operation of the State Water Project be December 31, 2085. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

State Water Project contractors and MWD member agencies are rallying behind these two bills as essential legislation to keep water flowing.

Other significant legislation:

- **AB 1881 (Ramos)** and **AB 2218 (Kalra)** on tribal water rights. Both bills give tribes significant powers over infrastructure projects. However, stakeholders are working with the authors and sponsors to work out mutually aggregable language.
- **SB 1001 (Archuletta)** Identification cards for utility workers to allow access during emergencies. This legislation was significantly amended to align with an already existing system at the CA Office of Emergency Services to offer Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable (PIV-I) cards to operators who apply and meet the requirements.
- Golden Mussels Bills
 - **AB 2032 (Ransom)**: specifies specific actions for the state to undertake to research and provide best management practices for eradication.
 - **AB 1772 (Papan)**: creates a standardized boat inspection program for all reservoir operators.
 - **AB 1894 (Rubio)**: Looks to address some agencies forbidding SWP water from entering a system.

These are just a few bills that will start to work their way through the legislature in the coming months.

Two-Year Bills:

AB 35 (Alvarez) would provide an Administrative Procedures Act Exemption for Proposition 4 bond funds. The legislation will help get bond funds out faster. The bill has over 40 co-authors and has not received a single no vote. It has moved to the Senate where it will likely sit until later in the spring.

Early Budget Action: The legislature passed and the Governor signed a “Budget Bill Jr.” that provides the APA exemption for Prop 4 funds allocated in the 2025-26 budget. This action eases some of the pressure to get AB 35 passed quickly.

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April 1, 2026

- San Diego Water Sales:** As a result of the recent settlement between MWD and the San Diego Water Authority, the Authority can sell some of its excess water and use MWD infrastructure to transfer the water. The Authority is selling around 10,000 acre feet of water to Western Municipal Water District in Riverside County over the next 21 years. The contract will cost about \$100 million over the first five years. San Diego has some of the highest water rates in the State. This will help them in their financial situation.
- DOI Investment:** The Federal Government, through the Department of the Interior, will be investing \$889 million for water infrastructure in the states of California, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. This was part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed in July of last year. The majority of that (\$540 million) will be coming to California. Delta-Mendota Canal \$235 million, Friant-Kern Canal \$200 million, San Luis Canal \$50 million, Tehama-Colusa Canal \$15 million, Shasta Dam raising \$40 million.
- EPA Limits:** The Environmental Protection Agency has entered into a research agreement with various industry trade associations representing aluminum, cobalt, copper, lead, zinc and nickel. The debate over how much of these metals should be allowed in water has been going on for decades. The EPA wants to use the “gold standard science” to set limits based on their impact on toxicity and their effect on fish and other aquatic life. This effort was started in the first Trump Administration but discontinued under the Biden Administration. There is general concurrence that standards are necessary for health and safety reasons. Some environmental groups are opposed as they think the industry will have too much influence in the process. Whatever the outcome, there will be more effort required from Water World to monitor and mitigate in the future.
- Mission Bay:** What is now known as Mission Bay in San Diego was called “False Bay” by Juan Cabrillo in 1542. It was originally a tidal marsh which went from water to sand every tidal action. In the 1940s and 1950s, the city of San Diego and the US Corp of Engineers completely changed the landscape. Extensive dredging, changing tidal channels and shoreline, producing new beaches, created a man made aquatic park from the 4600 acres. They also moved the mouth of the San Diego River. A small portion of the original marsh still exists in Pacific Beach under the care of the University of California Natural Reserve System.
- Farming’s Future:** The future of farming in California is becoming a bigger issue as each day goes by. Water shortages, environmental regulations, legislation raise more concerns about the sustainability of agriculture in our State. Ground water restrictions by themselves are estimated to cause over \$7 billion loss in revenue and the loss of thousands of jobs. The “big ag” versus family farms also fuels the debate.

Many planning efforts are taking place regarding water planning for the future. All this will have a significant impact on the role of agriculture in our State. Keep in mind that we are the number one state in the nation with respect to ag!!

6. **Nuclear Powered Water:** Solutions for our water problem in California are in abundance. Which one(s) will actually solve the problem is the real question. A recent one is catching lots of attention. The BlueRibbon Coalition from Idaho suggests building 8 large desal plants off the coast of California and Mexico at a cost of \$40 billion. Output would be 7 million acre feet and the electricity would be provided from wind and solar farms if the nuclear option was not accepted. They would be built on federal land and in Mexico to get around the environmental restrictions. The plan has been criticized as crazy, not doable, unaffordable and impractical. This proposal would be a very large version of what Australia actually did.
7. **Iran Water Issue:** The Iran War and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz could have significant impact on Water World on a global scale. As we have learned, a large portion of the world (not USA) is dependent on oil flowing through the Strait. Oil, petro chemicals and plastics come through this Strait and are now being hampered. Both availability and costs are impacted by this restriction. Again, this impact will be felt by Asia, the Middle East and Europe much more than us. All of these factors impact water treatment and transportation. As an example, 84% of the plastic pipe produced in the Middle East flows through the Strait of Hormuz. Other side effects of the oil restrictions will drive cost up for plastic pipe, components and fittings, chemical feed stocks and polymers and resins.
8. **Groundwater Case:** The first groundwater adjudication under SGMA just completed the appeal process. The Second District Court of Appeal (State) sustained a trial court ruling by Los Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition v Ventura County. The issues settled were how much could be extracted, what is the allocation between stakeholders and basin governance. Issues not decided, which will be appealed, included property rights and priority. Comments on the case were the speed of the process (over 5 years) and relative cooperation of parties. As we have mentioned before, the property rights issues will not be easy and could ultimately end up in the US Supreme Court.
9. **PFAS Update:** A study by the University of Chicago of lithium battery failure has led to PFAS cures. Conditions that degrade lithium batteries also destroy PFAS. The process, called lithium-mediated electroreduction in non-aqueous electrolytes, achieves 95% elimination of PFAS. This breakdowns the PFAS completely as opposed to cutting into smaller pieces. After reading this article, my only admonition would be Do Not try this at home!!
10. **Dam Removal Lessons:** Dam removal has been on the increase. 2024 tied 2019 for the most dam removals in one year (108). The largest dam removal project in the US was on the Klamath River. Much advanced planning and modeling has produced very positive results. Chinook salmon migrations began almost immediately. The concern over heavy metals in sediment was not found. The sediment primarily behind the dams contained algae and organic material. Disturbance and reconfiguration occurred but was within

limits. Most of the removal process was conducted at high water windows which produced better overall results.

11. **More Dam Analysis:** Hoover Dam is turning 90 and is still one of the most successful of all dam projects. It achieved many goals over its lifetime: generation of electricity, flood abatement, water storage, recreational use. There are over 90,000 dams meeting the Army Corp requirements. Half of those were built between 1950 and 1979. Beginning in the 1980s, dam construction slowed down and around 2000 more dams were being removed. The main reasons for removal were safety, cost to maintain and lack of utility. Hydro power from smaller dams was not economical. Environmental benefits became more evident.
12. **Conservation Pool?:** The Colorado River solution is still wanting. Some experts are pushing an idea that has been discussed in the past. The creation of a conservation pool. This idea would require unanimous approval of all the Basin States. The concept is that all water users would cut back a certain percentage which would be documented, then stored in Lake Powell or Lake Mead to insure a more secure water supply in the future. Opponents state that it lacks specificity, ignores economic realities and would damage rural and agricultural areas. Upper Basin states claim they have no way to measure and track the water. The Department of the Interior actually mentioned conservation pools in 3 of their 5 options. Also there is no mention of compensation for the participants. The proposal has merit but is short on details.
13. **Dairy Issue:** California has more large dairies than any other state. As we have noticed over time, they have moved around the State, generally from southern California to central California. Their issue is usually groundwater pollution from cow leftovers. They are now required to report animal waste and other related issues. Stanford University has discovered they have failed to accurately report these issues. Thus the danger to water continues. We will see if anyone other us reads their report.



TO: MWDOC Board of Directors

FROM: Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors

DATE: April 1, 2026

SUBJECT: April 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:

- Shannon DeLong began her tenure this past Monday, March 30 as the new City Manager in the City of Cypress. Ms. DeLong most recently served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Whittier, and prior to that she spent more than a decade with the City of Downey. She is the tenth City Manager, and first woman, in the City's history
- Elsewhere, Anaheim's Assistant City Manager, Greg Garcia, has been serving as Interim City Manager since the resignation of former City Manager Jim Vanderpool in early February, Finance Director Ann Eifert continues to serve as Interim City Manager in Aliso Viejo after the sudden passing of Mitzi Ortiz, and the Fullerton City Council formally appointed Eddie Manfro to serve as its City Manager. In addition, the Board of Supervisors may consider extending the contract of current CEO Michelle Aguirre beyond the current contract end date of June 30, 2026, while an outside search firm is in the midst of the latest search to find a potential successor. Ms. Aguirre has served as CEO since June of last year after a nine-month tenure as Interim CEO.
- The County is currently investigating alternative methods of controlling foliage in San Juan and Trabuco Creeks after a newly formed community group, Creek Team OC, mounted a social media campaign to raise concerns regarding the use of herbicides. Fifth District Supervisor Katrina Foley called for County Public Works to discontinue the use of herbicides and instead evaluate the costs and effectiveness of using "mechanical and manual methods" of removing growth in the creeks, which is essential to preventing flooding. The group's founder has filed dozens of public records requests about herbicide usage in local creeks and posted the findings on Creek Team OC's Instagram page, which has amassed more than 8,000 followers since early February.

- The Board of Supervisors approved a continuation of the local health emergency for the areas affected by the September 9, 2024, Trabuco Canyon Airport Fire to facilitate debris and ash removal as well as mitigation efforts to protect water wells. The Board must review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least every 30 days until conditions warrant the termination of the emergency. To date, the Board of Supervisors has approved more than \$80 million in settlements to victims of the Airport Fire, which was started by County Public Works crews.
- Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) leadership participated 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) focused 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 previously, 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 potential reelection of Special District Commissioners Doug Davert (East Orange County Water District), and Alternate Commissioner Kathryn Freschley of El Toro Water District was initiated by OC LAFCO March 9. Nominations and declarations for interested candidates for the special district seats are due by April 13, with ballots emailed to each special district presiding officer by May 4 and due back to OC LAFCO by June 8.
- 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.
- As of the date of this report, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has issued nine Notices of Violation (NOVs) to Orange County Waste and Recycling’s Frank R. Bowerman Landfill in Irvine. Since the start of the year, SCAQMD inspectors have been responding to several hundred 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 initial NOVs in January and another six in February and early March for violations of the public nuisance rules. In addition, the Prima Deshecha Landfill has been issued two NOVs, and SCAQMD staff have visited the Olinda Alpha Landfill several times but have not yet issued any Notices of Violation regarding that facility.
- Cities and sanitary districts countywide are adopting the Waste Infrastructure System Enhancements (WISE), Organic Services, and Disposal Fees and Rates Agreements that were approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 27. The

tiered rates for the WISE agreements will start at \$67/ton in FY 26-27, increasing to \$74/ton in 27-28, \$81/ton in 28-29, and \$81 + CPI in Year 4.

- 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.
- A separate audit commissioned by the Board of Supervisors in 2025, however, found that former Supervisor Do steered contracts and payments to allies and campaign contributors well in excess of the \$10 million he was convicted of diverting. This new audit by a Houston-based accounting firm found that roughly \$800,000 in payments were made to a firm that may have double-billed the county for COVID-19 testing and guided the money to campaign contributors who worked on a Tet Festival event sponsored by Do's office.
- Newport Beach leaders are studying the possible replacement of a part of the city's sculpture garden with a new police station amidst questions on whether or not the site can support new construction, and pushback from residents concerned about losing this park space. City council members unanimously agree that the police station needs to be replaced, citing regular plumbing issues, electrical outages, and a recent electrical fire as signs the building is reaching the end of its usable life, and they have made it clear the sculpture garden site next to city hall is a viable location since it is the cheapest option that would keep the police station centrally located in the city. The estimated cost of the project is \$162 million; longtime residents of the city remember the controversy in 2013 surrounding the unveiling of the park and its rabbit sculptures.
- The City of Orange, one of the few cities in Orange County that does not prohibit smoking or vaping in parks and other public spaces, is considering such an ordinance as a potential tool for the City's police officers in addressing homelessness and loitering in city parks. The city has had a number of challenges in recent years with its homeless population, including a federal lawsuit dealing with the former Mary's Kitchen operation at the City's corporate yard.
- The Fullerton City Council, which is considering placing two sales tax measures on the November ballot, was recently informed by City staff that roughly \$10 million previously understood to have been secured in reserves had actually been obligated across a host of City programs, leaving reserve funds precariously low.
- The California Coastal Commission has directed the environmental group that manages the Dana Point Headlands preserve to initiate steps to reduce public access by 60% to a blufftop trail, beginning this month. The Commission's effort to help preserve the Pacific pocket mouse would substantially reduce public access to the trail that runs along the ridge of the massive rock outcropping, which is a popular spot to watch marine life and seabirds and connects Strand Beach and Dana Point Harbor. The trail, which is managed by the Center for Natural Lands Management,

runs through one of three known habitats where the “severely imperiled” mouse lives. The City of Dana Point is pointing to an injunction issued by a judge in 2022 to extend trail hours and is contesting the Commission’s authority to limit public access.

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 a large initial "P" and "W".

Peter Whittingham

Municipal Water District of Orange County Legislative Matrix

Updated 3/22/26

Measure	Author	Topic	Last Amend	Status	Location	Calendar	Brief Summary	Position
Priority								
AB 1772	Papan, D	Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels.	03/23/2026	03/24/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	03/23/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		This bill would require the department to require water supply system operators to update their plans to address all invasive mussel species present in the operator's water system as of January 1, 2026, as provided. (Based on 03/23/2026 text)	
AB 2013	Bennett, D	Fire risk areas: water suppliers: emergency preparedness plan.		03/16/2026 - Referred to Coms. on E.M and E.S & T.M.	03/16/2026 - Assembly Emergency Management		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)	
AB 2215	Calderon, D	Water rights: permits: State Water Project.	03/19/2026	03/23/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	03/19/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		This bill would require that the time periods for the application of water to beneficial use and for the completion of construction work for specific water right permits held by the Department of Water Resources for the operation of the State Water Project be December 31, 2085. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)	Support

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SB 872	<u>McNerney, D</u>	Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund.	03/19/2026	03/24/2026 - Set for hearing April 7.	03/18/2026 - Senate Natural Resources and Water	04/07/26 S-NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 113 BECKER, JOSH, Chair	This bill would establish the Delta Levees and Canal Subsidence Fund in the State Treasury and, upon appropriation, would make the moneys in the fund available to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for expenditure consistent with the allocations described below. The bill would authorize the secretary to seek out, and the fund to accept, state moneys from, among other sources, any bond funds, the General Fund, or the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The bill would authorize the fund to accept moneys from nonstate sources, including federal and private moneys, and would continuously appropriate those moneys without regard to fiscal year, for allocation as described below, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the secretary to allocate moneys in the fund, through the 2046–47 fiscal year, subject to funding availability, as follows: (1) in the amount of \$150,000,000, 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 (2) in the amount of \$150,000,000, annually, to the conservancy for projects in the Delta to improve existing levees, as specified. The bill would require the secretary to proportionally reduce the above-described amounts if there is insufficient moneys in the fund, as provided. The bill would prohibit these moneys from being expended to pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of any additional Delta conveyance facilities, as provided. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)	Support

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SB 1001	Archuleta, D	Local agency, corporation, or mutual water company: personnel access: Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable.	03/17/2026	03/24/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on PUB. S. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.	03/24/2026 - Senate Public Safety		This bill would, beginning on July 1, 2028, require the Office of Emergency Services, upon request, to issue a local agency, corporation, or mutual water company responsible for public works and critical infrastructure with specified credentialing to facilitate personnel access to an area during or following a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man-made disaster. The bill would specify that the credentialing, a Personal Identity Verification-Interoperable (PIV-I), would conform with the federal Personal Identity Verification standards pursuant to federal National Incident Management System guidelines. (Based on 03/17/2026 text)	
SB 1153	Caballero, D	Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: wildfire.		03/24/2026 - From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on N.R. & W. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (March 24).	03/24/2026 - Senate Natural Resources and Water	03/26/26 #11 S- SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE	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)	

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AB 1821	Pacheco, D	California Public Records Act: fees and agency response time.	03/16/2026	03/17/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on JUD.	03/16/2026 - Assembly Judiciary		The California Public Records Act requires each state or local agency, upon a request for a copy of records that reasonably describes an identifiable record or records, to make the records promptly available to any person upon payment of fees covering direct costs of duplication, or a statutory fee if applicable, except with respect to public records exempt from disclosure by express provisions of law. This bill would require, if a single request exceeds 2 hours of search time, or if the total requests by a requestor exceed 10 hours of search time in one month, the requestor to also submit to the agency a payment of fees in an amount determined by the agency as reasonable to compensate the agency for the administrative time of completing the requests. The bill would exempt from that requirement a journalist, a newspaper, and an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, as specified. (Based on 03/16/2026 text)	

Watch

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<u>AB 1881</u>	<u>Ramos, D</u>	California Indian Freedom Act of 2026.		03/03/2026 - In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.	03/02/2026 - Assembly Judiciary	04/14/26 A-JUDICIARY 8 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 KALRA, ASH, Chair	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 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)	
<u>AB 1894</u>	<u>Rubio, Blanca, D</u>	Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels.	03/16/2026	03/17/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	03/16/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		This bill would provide that, notwithstanding any other law, the state has exclusive authority to regulate invasive mussels. The bill would prohibit a city, county, district, or other local agency from adopting, enforcing, or implementing any ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other declaratory action pertaining to invasive mussels unless expressly authorized by state law. (Based on 03/16/2026 text)	

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AB 2032	Ransom, D	Fish and wildlife: golden mussels.	03/19/2026	03/23/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	03/19/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		This bill would exempt from the requirement to obtain a restricted species permit a public or private agency that operates a water supply system for maintenance and operational activities to control the spread of golden mussels in the water supply system, as specified. This bill would require the department's Invasive Species Program, through the Golden Mussel Task Force convened by the department, to develop and adopt, by April 1, 2027, best management practices for public and private agencies that operate water supply systems to control the spread of golden mussels, as specified, and would encourage those public and private agencies to comply with those best management practices. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)	
AB 2045	Connolly, D	Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act.		03/02/2026 - Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	03/02/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		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)	

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<u>AB 2218</u>	<u>Kalra, D</u>	Water policy: California Native American tribes.		03/24/2026 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.	03/09/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		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)	
<u>AB 2381</u>	<u>Johnson, R</u>	Local Agency Public Construction Act: municipal water districts: sanitation districts: lowest responsible bidder.		03/09/2026 - Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	03/09/2026 - Assembly Local Government		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)	

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AB 2568	Johnson, R	Water district directors: compensation.	03/10/2026	03/11/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.	03/09/2026 - Assembly Local Government		Existing law authorizes a water district, as defined, to adopt an ordinance that provides compensation to members of the governing board, as specified. Existing 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 instead prohibit a water district from adopting an ordinance that compensates members of the governing board for more than a total of 15 days in any calendar month. (Based on 03/10/2026 text)	
AB 2619	Papan, D	Water resources: data centers.		03/09/2026 - Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and L. GOV.	03/09/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		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)	

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AB 2630	Bennett, D	Water diversion and use; adoption of regulations.		03/24/2026 - VOTE: Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on [Natural Resources] (PASS)	03/24/2026 - Assembly Natural Resources		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)	
AB 2728	Soria, D	Open and Transparent Water Data Act.	03/19/2026	03/23/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	03/19/2026 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife		Existing law, the Open and Transparent Water Data Act, requires the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to coordinate and integrate existing water and ecological data from local, state, and federal agencies for specified purposes, including, among others, improving the management of the state's water resources. This bill would specify for purposes of that provision that improving the management of the state's water resources includes improving the efficacy of management actions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)	

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SB 986	Sevarto, R	Major regulations.		02/18/2026 - Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.	02/18/2026 - Senate Governmental Organization		<p>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)</p>	

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SB 994	<u>Cabaldon, D</u>	Local government: nondisclosure agreements.		03/24/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.	03/24/2026 - Senate Local Government		. 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)	

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SB 1085	<u>Durazo, D</u>	Water supply planning; California Environmental Quality Act determination.		03/24/2026 - March 24 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.	02/26/2026 - Senate Natural Resources and Water		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)	

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SB 1123	Wiener, D	Administrative Procedure Act: major regulations.		02/26/2026 - Referred to Com. on G.O.	02/26/2026 - Senate Governmental Organization		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)	

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SB 1125	Menjívar, D	Public water systems: drinking water needs assessment.		03/10/2026 - Set for hearing April 8.	02/26/2026 - Senate Environmental Quality	04/08/26 S- ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 112 BLAKESPEAR, CATHERINE, Chair	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)	
SB 1187	Durazo, D	Open meetings: majority.		03/04/2026 - Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	03/04/2026 - Senate Local Government		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 equating 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)	

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March 9, 2026**

Bill Number and Author	Amended Date and Location	Title – Summary	Metropolitan Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p>AB 35 D. Alvarez (D – San Diego)</p> <p>Sponsor: San Diego County</p>	<p>Amended in Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 1/14/2026</p>	<p>Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.</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>Support</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>AB 259 B. Rubio (D – Baldwin Park)</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>Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.</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>Support</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>

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<p>AB 794 J. Gabriel (D – Encino) Sponsors: Clean Water Action, Environmental Working Group</p>	<p>Amended in Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 4/10/2025. Two-Year Bill Dead</p>	<p>California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt an emergency regulation for water quality based on federal regulations in effect on January 19, 2025, regardless of whether the requirements were repealed or amended to be less stringent. The bill would prohibit an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards, as provided, and would authorize the regulation to include requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of the federal regulation. The bill would require, on or before January 1, 2026, the SWRCB to adopt an emergency regulation and to initiate a primary drinking water standard for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).</p>	<p>Oppose Unless Amended 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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<p>SB 601 B. Allen (D – Santa Monica) Sponsors: California Coastkeeper Alliance, Defenders of Wildlife</p>	<p>Amended in Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on 7/10/2025. Two-Year Bill</p>	<p>Water: waste discharge 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>Oppose 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>
<p>SB 872 J. McNERNEY (D – Pleasanton)</p>	<p>Amended in Senate Rules Committee on 2/18/2026</p>	<p>Climate Change: funding priorities This bill would require, over the next 20 years, that \$150M is to be appropriated annually to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to support capital improvements to restore water conveyance capacity for state water conveyance systems affected by subsidence. Additionally, this bill would require that \$150M be appropriated to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy for levee improvements that would improve the sustainability of local or state water supplies, and projects that improve instream, riparian, flood plain, and wetland habitat.</p>	<p>Support Based on 2026 Legislative Policies and Principles.</p>	<p>The proposed annual appropriation of \$150M over 20 years to fund capital costs of subsidence repairs could reduce State Water Project charges to contractors and could result in savings of up to \$1.5B for Metropolitan ratepayers. The proposed allocations for improvements to levees within the Delta and other actions to improve the sustainability of local or state water supplies and projects that that improve instream, riparian, floodplain, and wetland habitat would directly benefit Metropolitan by providing additional funding streams for levee improvements and indirectly through improvements within the Delta region.</p>



STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors

Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager

Subject: Public Education and Outreach Report

Laguna Woods Village Television (LWVT)

President Freshley is scheduled for a LWVT This Day interview on April 30, 2026 and will provide an overview on what's ahead for ETWD this coming year.

Community/Speaking Engagement Events

United Town Hall Meeting

Dennis Cafferty, Sherri Seitz and Vu Chu spoke at the United Town Hall meeting on Friday, April 10, 2026. Dennis presented on ETWD, infrastructure and costs. Sherri and Vu presented on AB 1572 and Water Conservation. The residents were very appreciative of the District information.



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.

Vu Chu, Sherri Seitz, Robert Hazzard and Marisol Melendez conducted the “Flow Finders: Journey through the Water Meter” activity with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at the festival. New this year, we demonstrated how much water is lost by running the faucet and provided a visual of how much water could be lost. Photos from Wednesday, April 15th.









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: April 23, 2026

From: Vu Chu, Water Resources Supervisor

Subject: Water Use Efficiency Report

Rebate Programs:

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

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

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

Actual Customer Rebates Analysis:

The following ETWD residential customer and commercial customer device rebates were approved by the Metropolitan Water District and the Municipal Water District of Orange County in March 2026.

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

Rebate Program	March 2026	FY 2025/26
High Efficiency Clothes Washer		9
Irrigation Controller (Residential)	2	11
Spray to Drip – Commercial		13,831 sq. ft.

Spray to Drip – Residential	1,393	4,892 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Commercial		19,146 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Residential	1,057	3,430 sq. ft.
Low-flow Showerheads		7
Faucet Aerators		8
Flow Monitoring Device	1	1

Water Use Efficiency Plan Update:

The District Water Budget-Based Tiered Conservation Rate Structure (WBBTCRS) pricing structure is the primary plan that gives customers the incentive needed to be efficient. The Plan efforts initially will concentrate on those customers continually in the Inefficient and Excessive Tiers (Tiers 3 and 4). [During March 2026, residential customers accounted for 89.9% of Tier 3 usage and dedicated irrigation accounted for 10.1%. For Tier 4, residential customers accounted for 74.8% and dedicated irrigation accounted for 25.2% during the same period.](#)

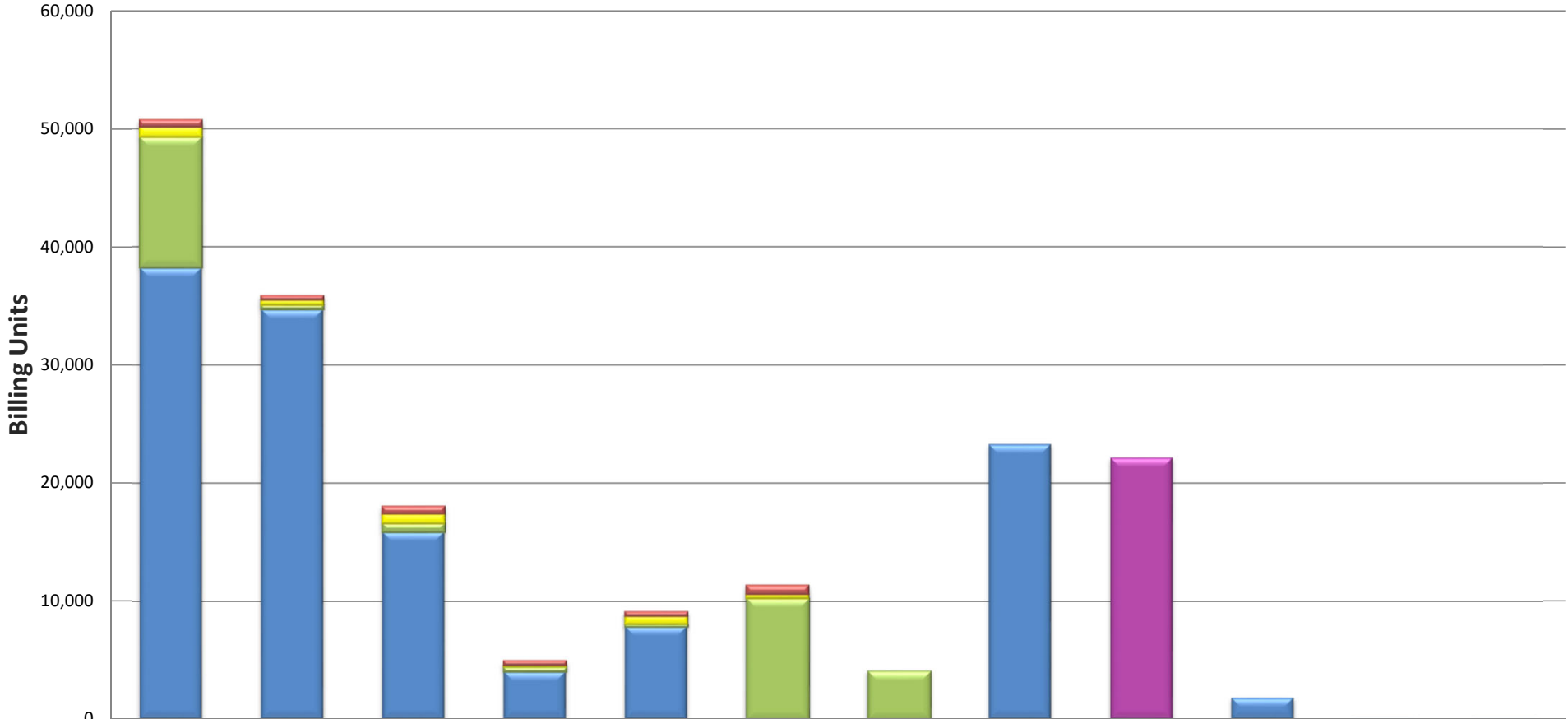
Total Consumption Comparison to Evapotranspiration (ET) Factor:

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 increased by 11.43% in March 2026 compared to March 2025. On a year-to-date basis, potable water consumption through March is 6.56% lower compared to FY 2024–2025. During the same period, the ET factor increased from 3.59 to 5.03.](#)

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

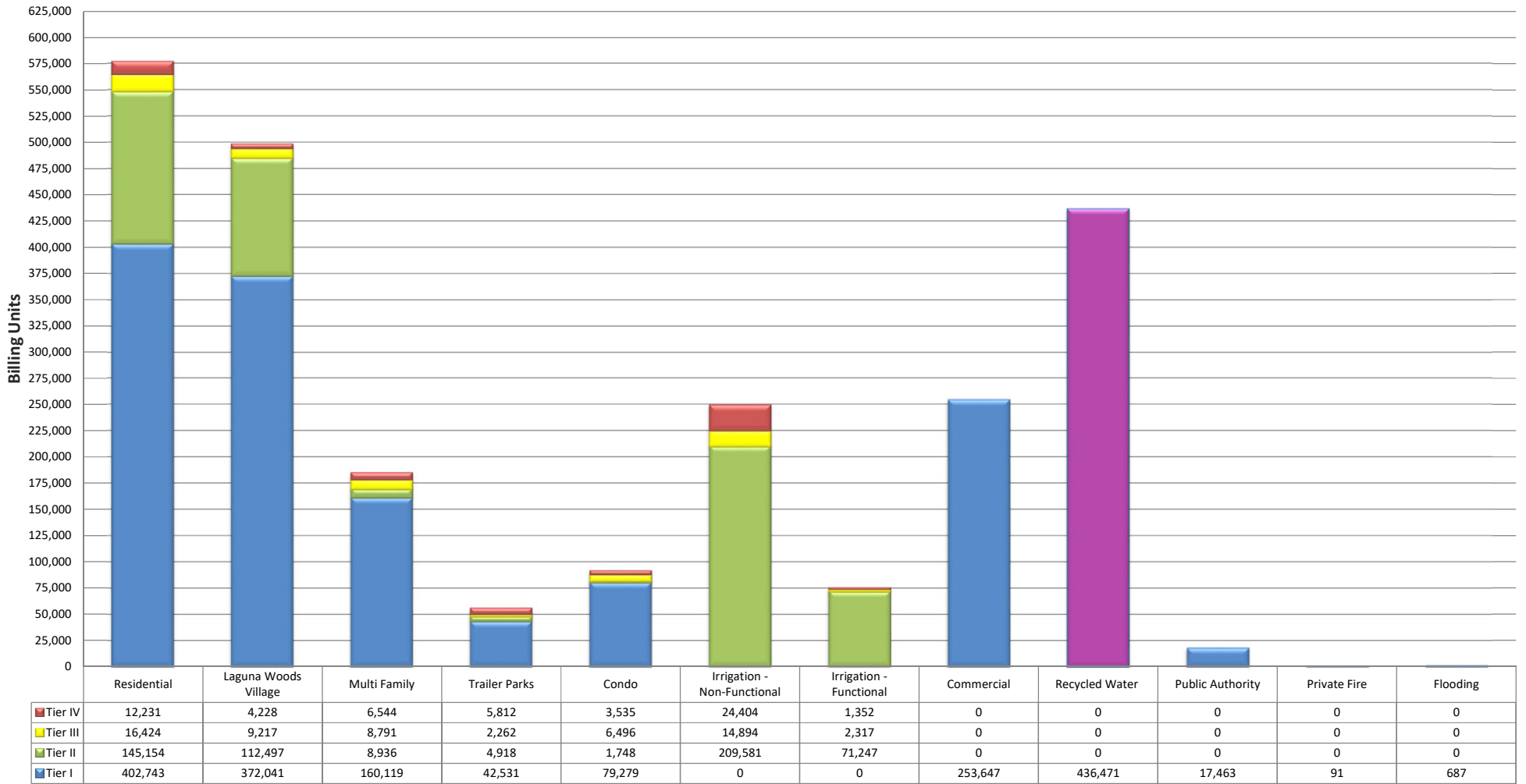
The following graphs highlight ETWD year-to-date consumption and consumption by tier for the current fiscal year compared to the 2024-2025 fiscal year. ETWD water consumption compared to 2013 and 2020 are also included.

March 2026 Water Sales

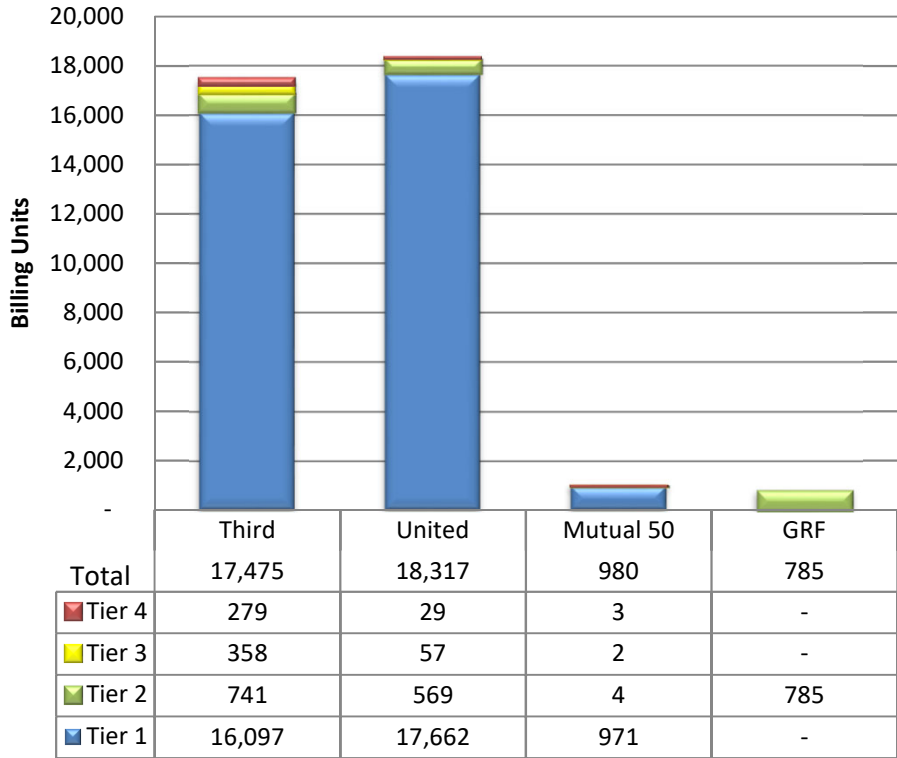


	Residential	Laguna Woods Village	Multi Family	Trailer Parks	Condo	Irrigation - Non-Functional	Irrigation - Functional	Commercial	Recycled Water	Public Authority	Private Fire	Flooding
Tier IV	562	308	589	347	316	714	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tier III	885	415	784	156	714	331	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tier II	11,019	390	766	363	175	10,321	4,110	0	0	0	0	0
Tier I	38,253	34,730	15,919	4,085	7,912	0	0	23,314	22,156	1,848	11	20

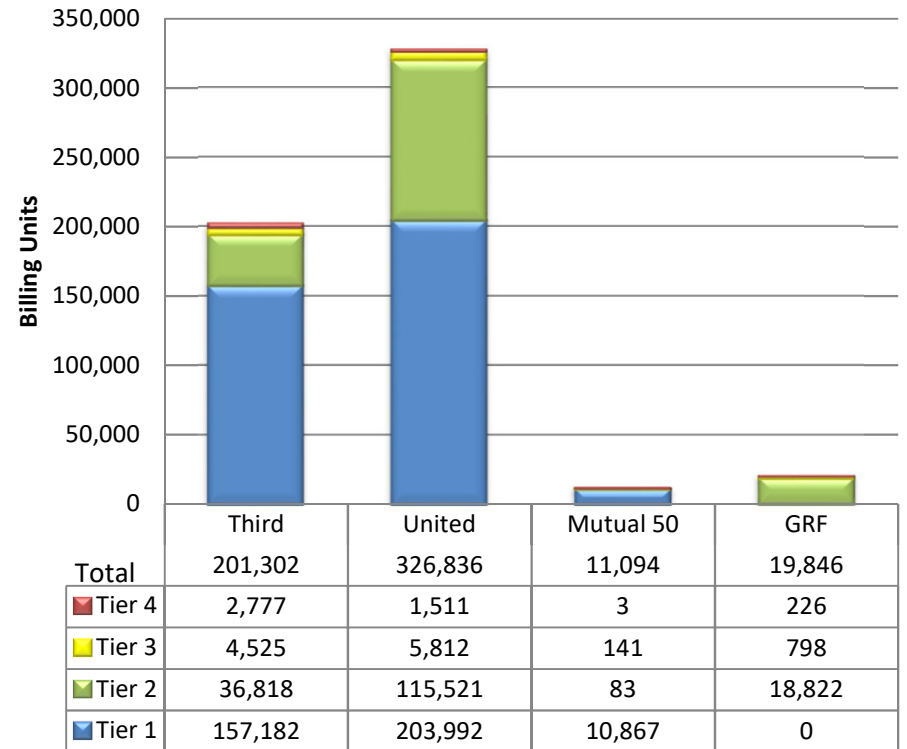
Year-to-Date Water Sales as of March 2026



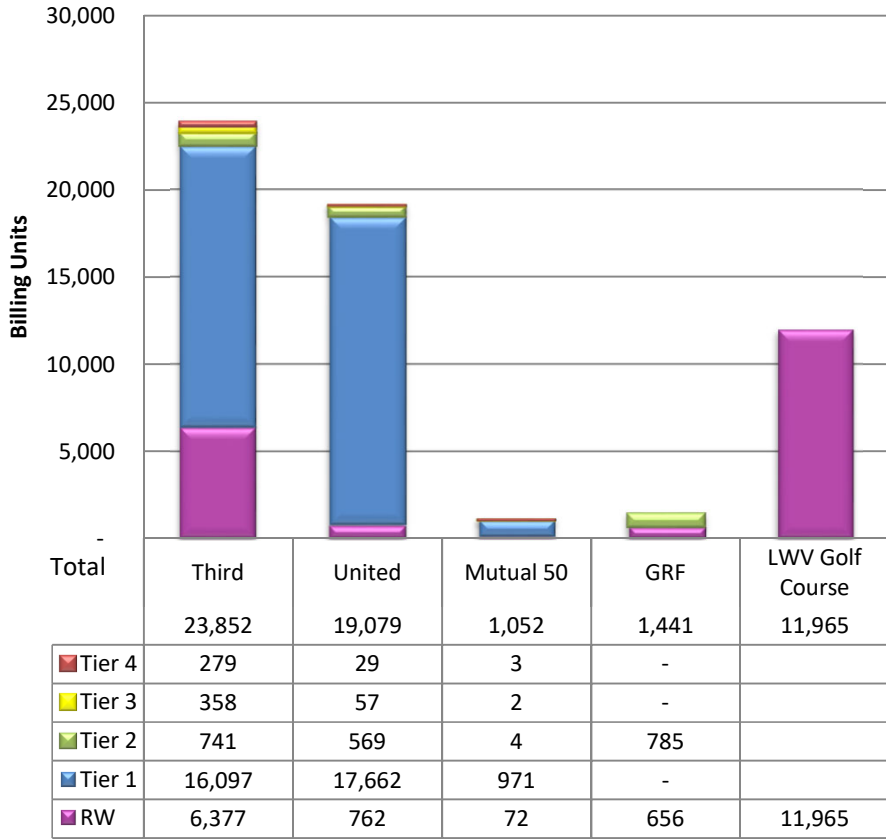
Laguna Woods Village March 2026 Water Sales



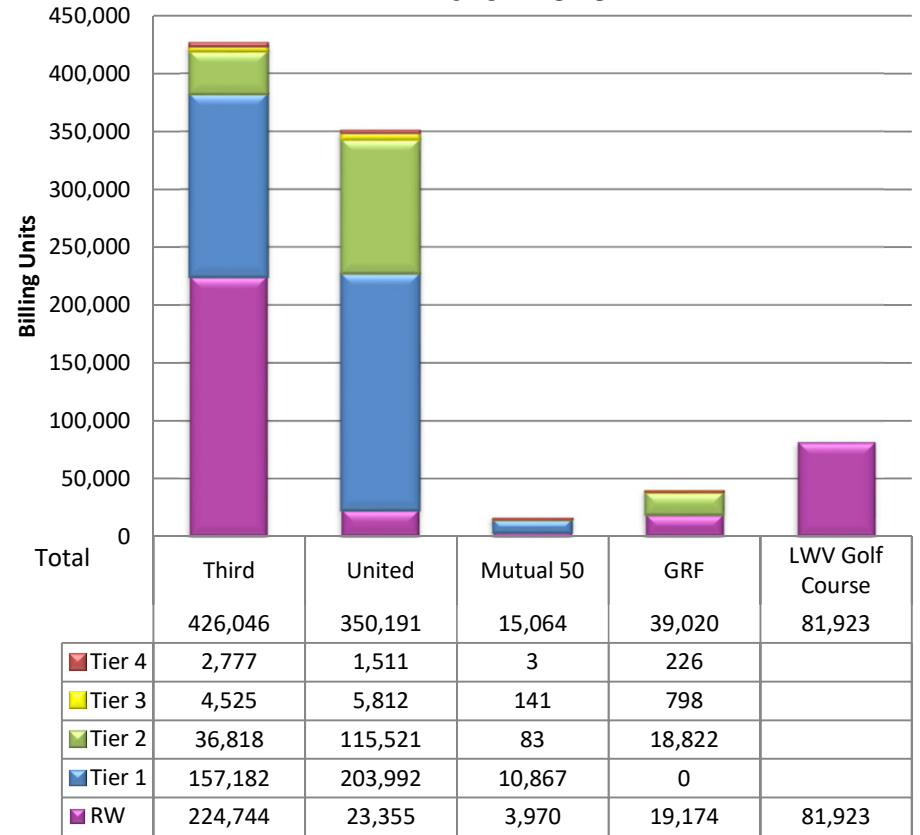
Laguna Woods Village Year-to-Date Water Sales March 2026



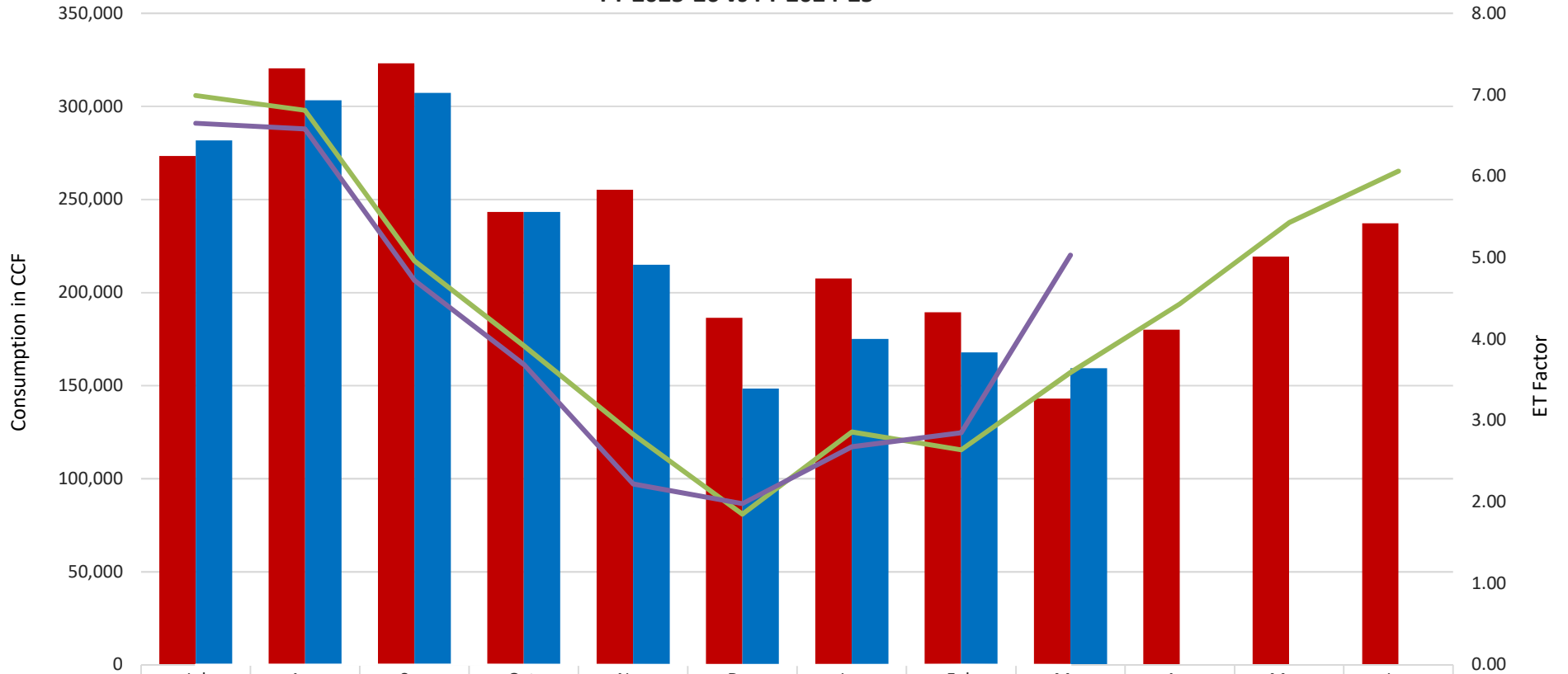
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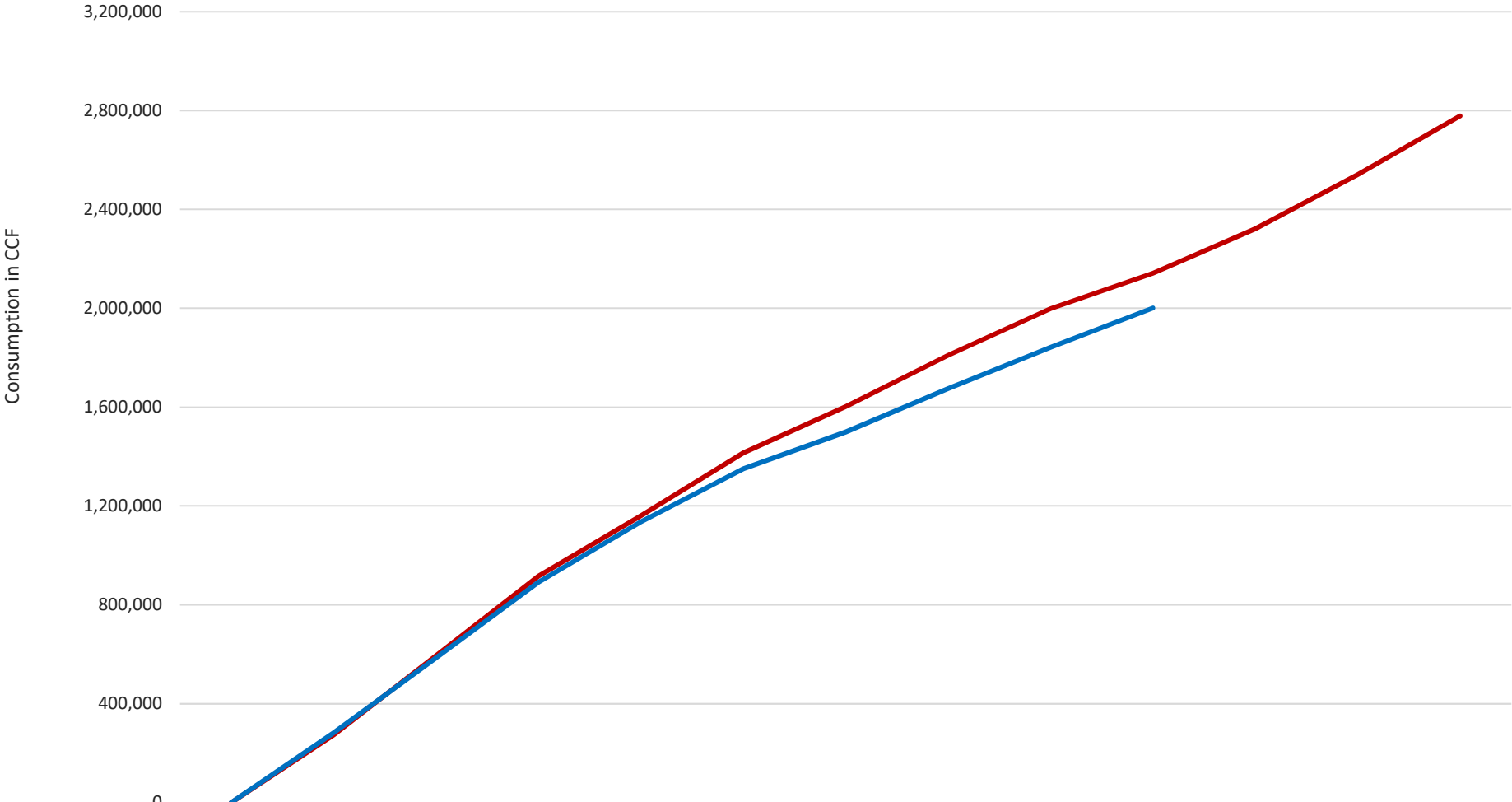


Total Consumption Comparison (CCF) FY 2025-26 vs FY 2024-25



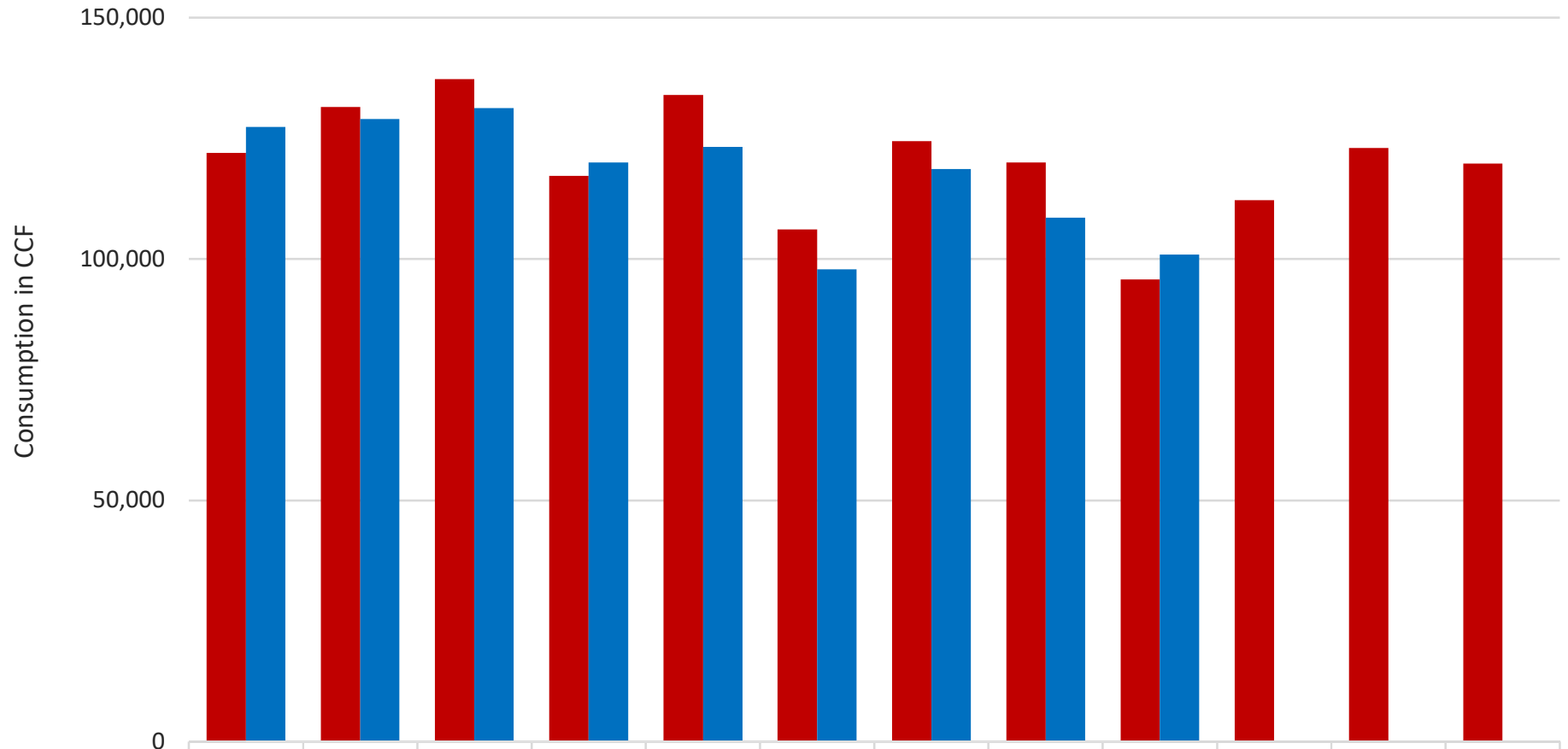
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
■ FY 2024-2025	273,341	320,463	323,129	243,352	255,163	186,426	207,474	189,358	143,011	180,075	219,418	237,194
■ FY 2025-2026	281,724	303,292	307,160	243,370	214,822	148,509	175,157	167,798	159,357			
% Change	3.07%	-5.36%	-4.94%	0.01%	-15.81%	-20.34%	-15.58%	-11.39%	11.43%			
— 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
— FY 25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03			

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



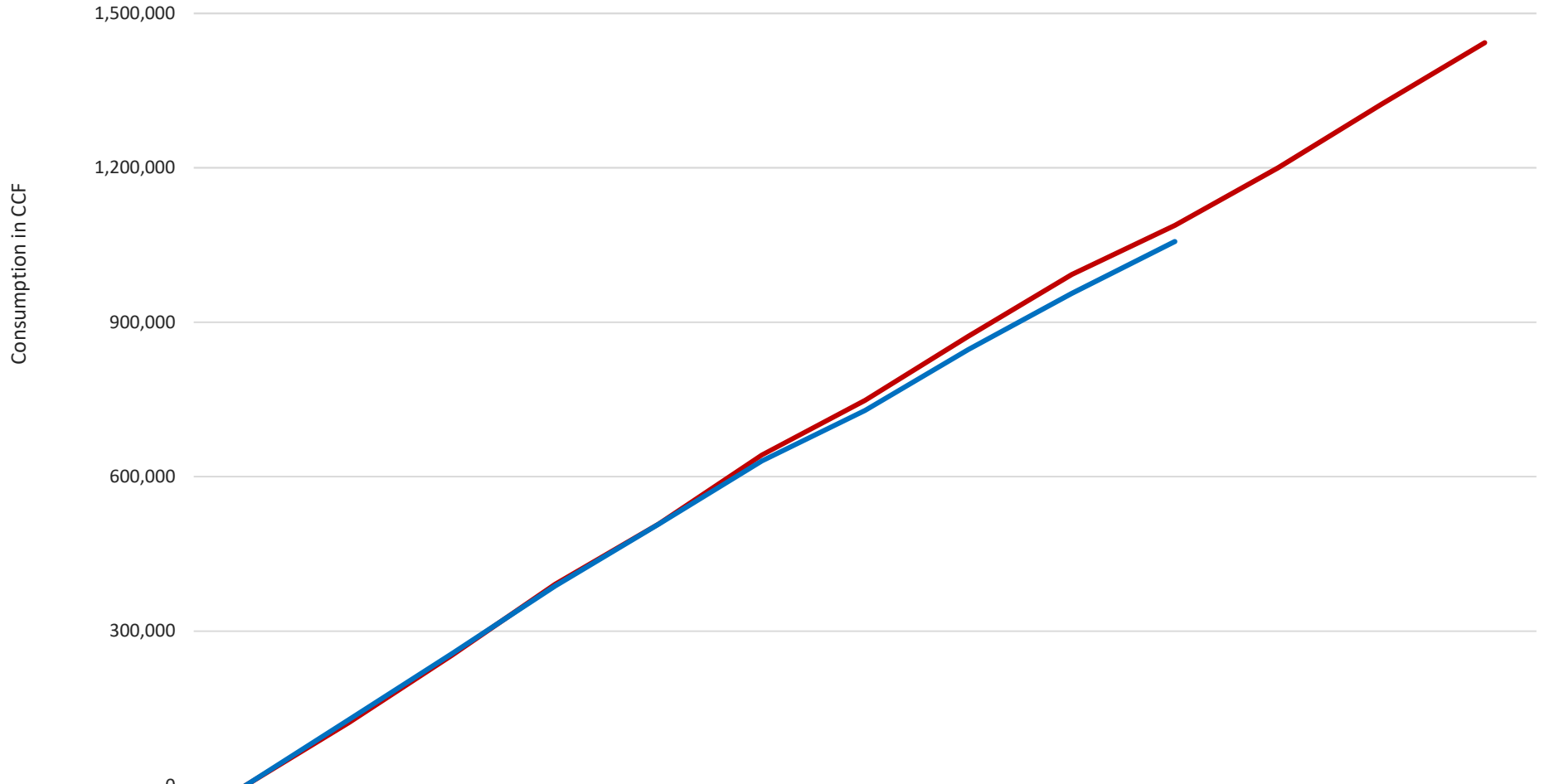
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
— 2024-2025	0	273,341	593,804	916,933	1,160,285	1,415,448	1,601,874	1,809,348	1,998,706	2,141,717	2,321,792	2,541,210	2,778,404
— 2025-2026	0	281,724	585,016	892,176	1,135,546	1,350,368	1,498,877	1,674,034	1,841,832	2,001,189			
% Change		3.07%	-1.48%	-2.70%	-2.13%	-4.60%	-6.43%	-7.48%	-7.85%	-6.56%			

Tier I Consumption



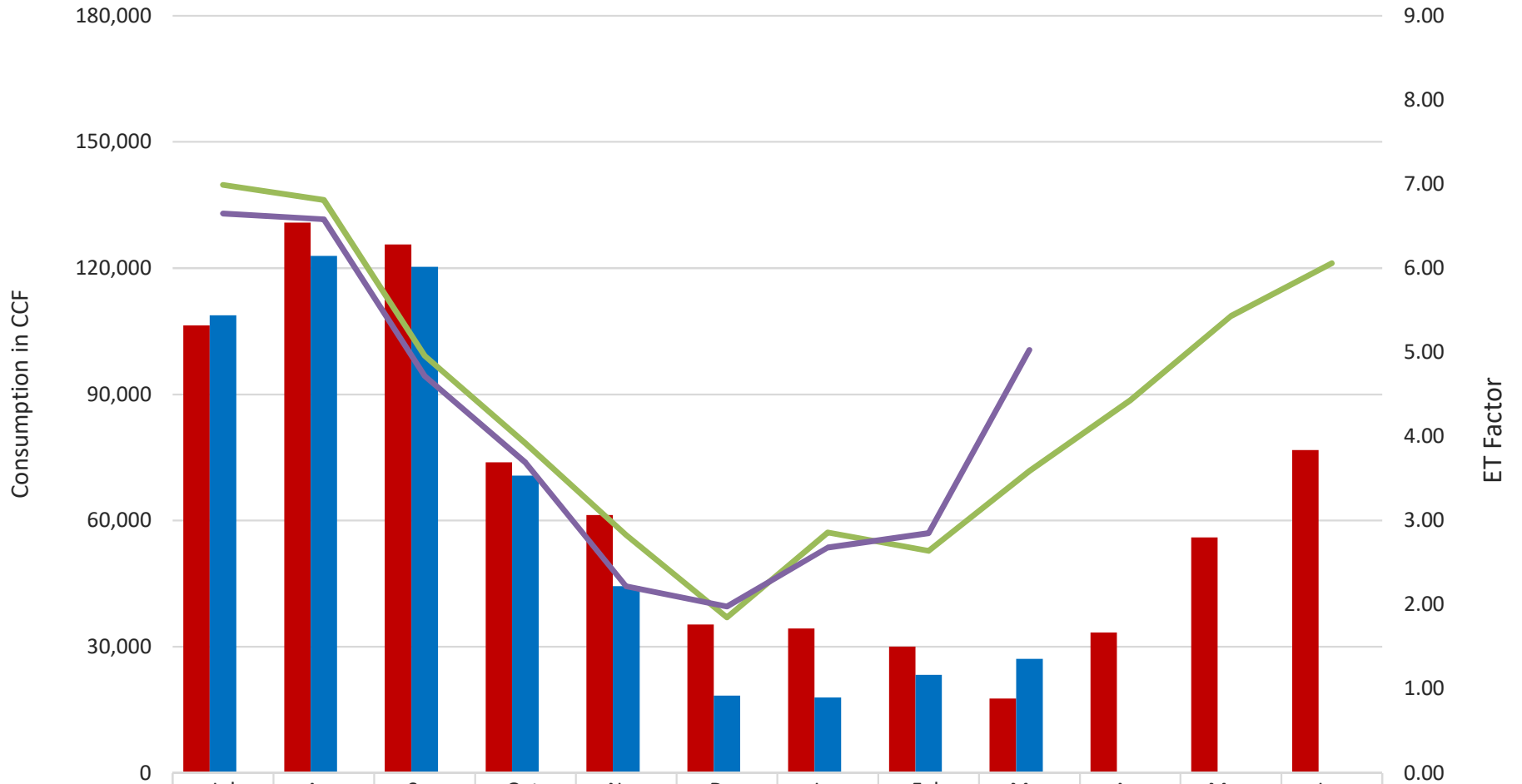
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2024-2025	122,015	131,466	137,296	117,207	133,977	106,134	124,382	119,990	95,801	112,176	122,955	119,806
2025-2026	127,358	128,996	131,302	119,965	123,195	97,859	118,616	108,523	100,899			
% Change	4.38%	-1.88%	-4.37%	2.35%	-8.05%	-7.80%	-4.64%	-9.56%	5.32%			

Tier I Fiscal YTD Consumption



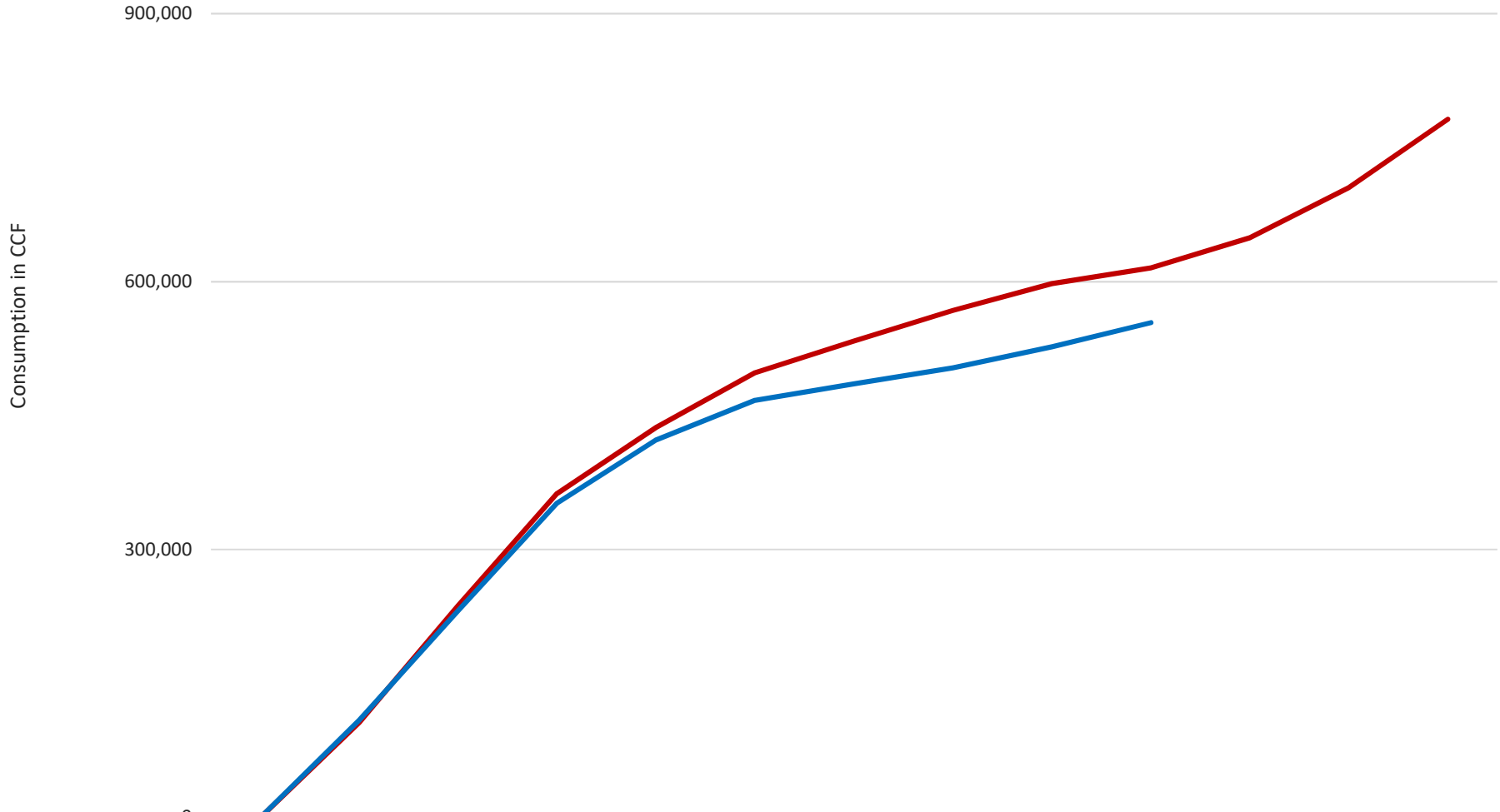
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2024-2025	0	122,015	253,481	390,777	507,984	641,961	748,095	872,477	992,467	1,088,268	1,200,444	1,323,399	1,443,205
2025-2026	0	127,358	256,354	387,656	507,621	630,816	728,675	847,291	955,814	1,056,713			
% Change		4.38%	1.13%	-0.80%	-0.07%	-1.74%	-2.60%	-2.89%	-3.69%	-2.90%			

Tier II Consumption



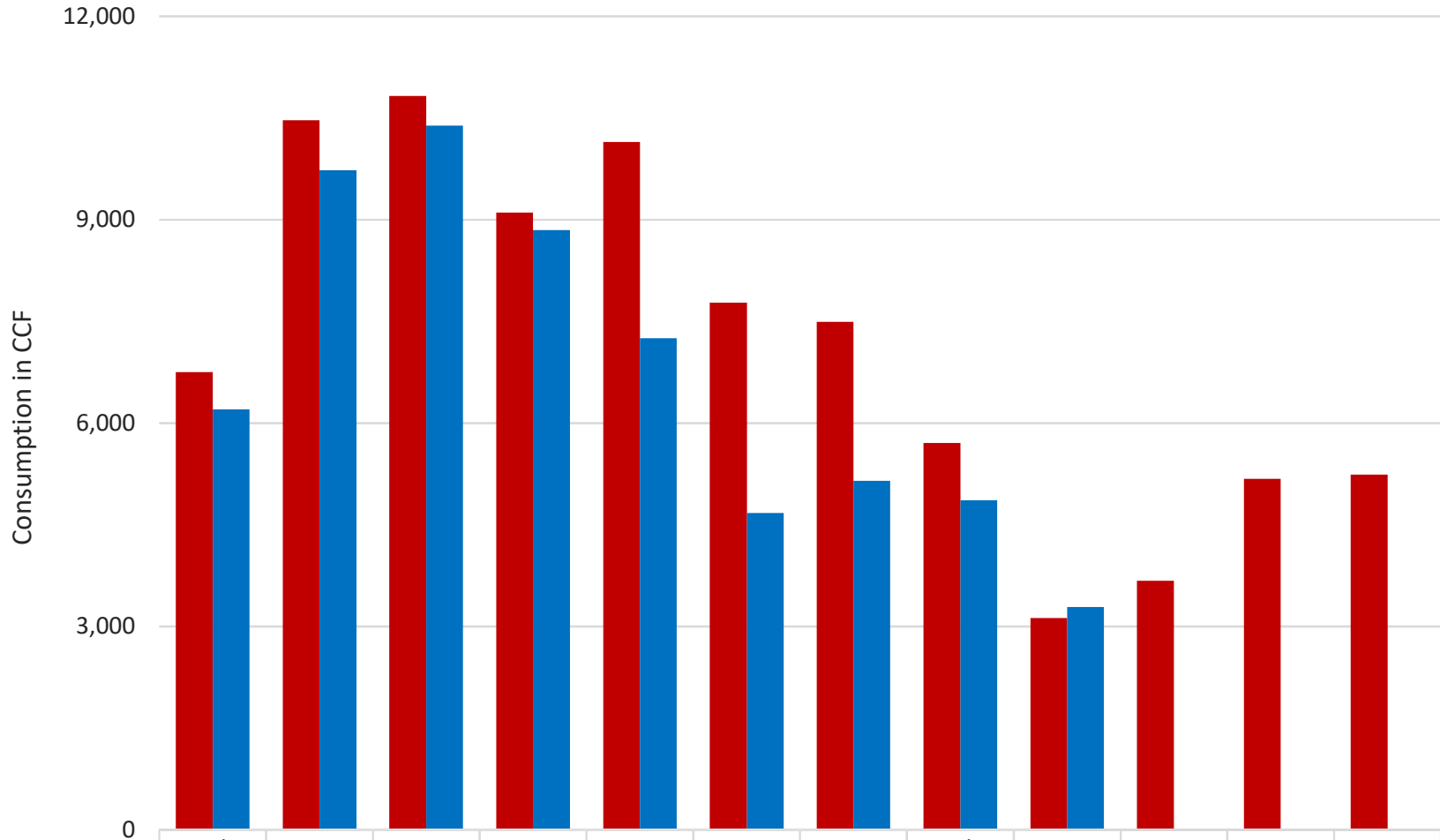
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■ 2024-2025	106,453	130,835	125,611	73,825	61,340	35,325	34,381	30,087	17,750	33,471	56,045	76,773
■ 2025-2026	108,802	122,934	120,334	70,731	44,415	18,409	17,923	23,389	27,144			
% Change	2.21%	-6.04%	-4.20%	-4.19%	-27.59%	-47.89%	-47.87%	-22.26%	52.92%			
— 24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
— 25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03			

Tier II Fiscal YTD Consumption



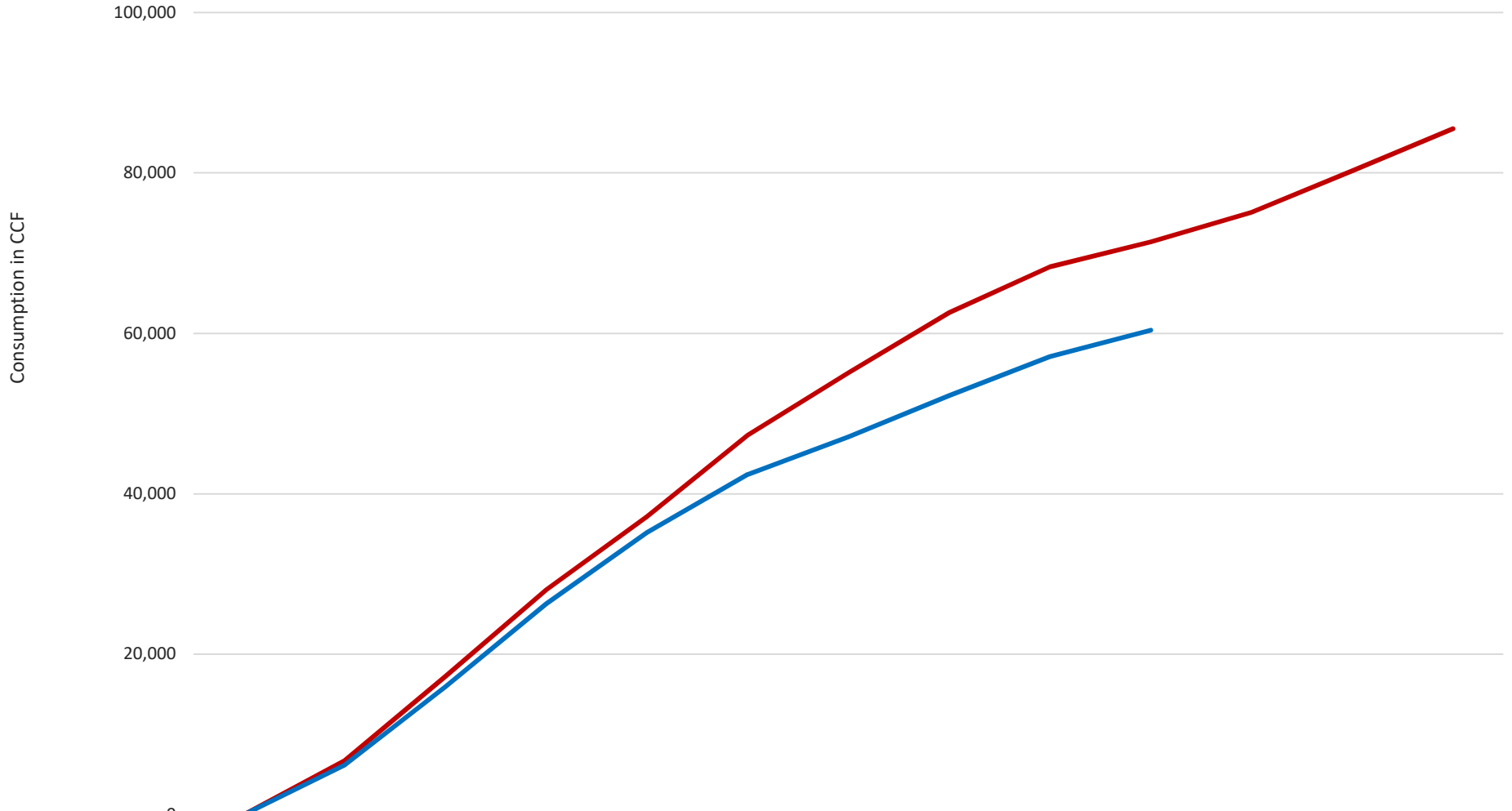
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2024-2025	0	106,453	237,288	362,899	436,724	498,064	533,389	567,770	597,857	615,607	649,078	705,123	781,896
2025-2026	0	108,802	231,736	352,070	422,801	467,216	485,625	503,548	526,937	554,081			
% Change		2.21%	-2.34%	-2.98%	-3.19%	-6.19%	-8.95%	-11.31%	-11.86%	-9.99%			

Tier III Consumption



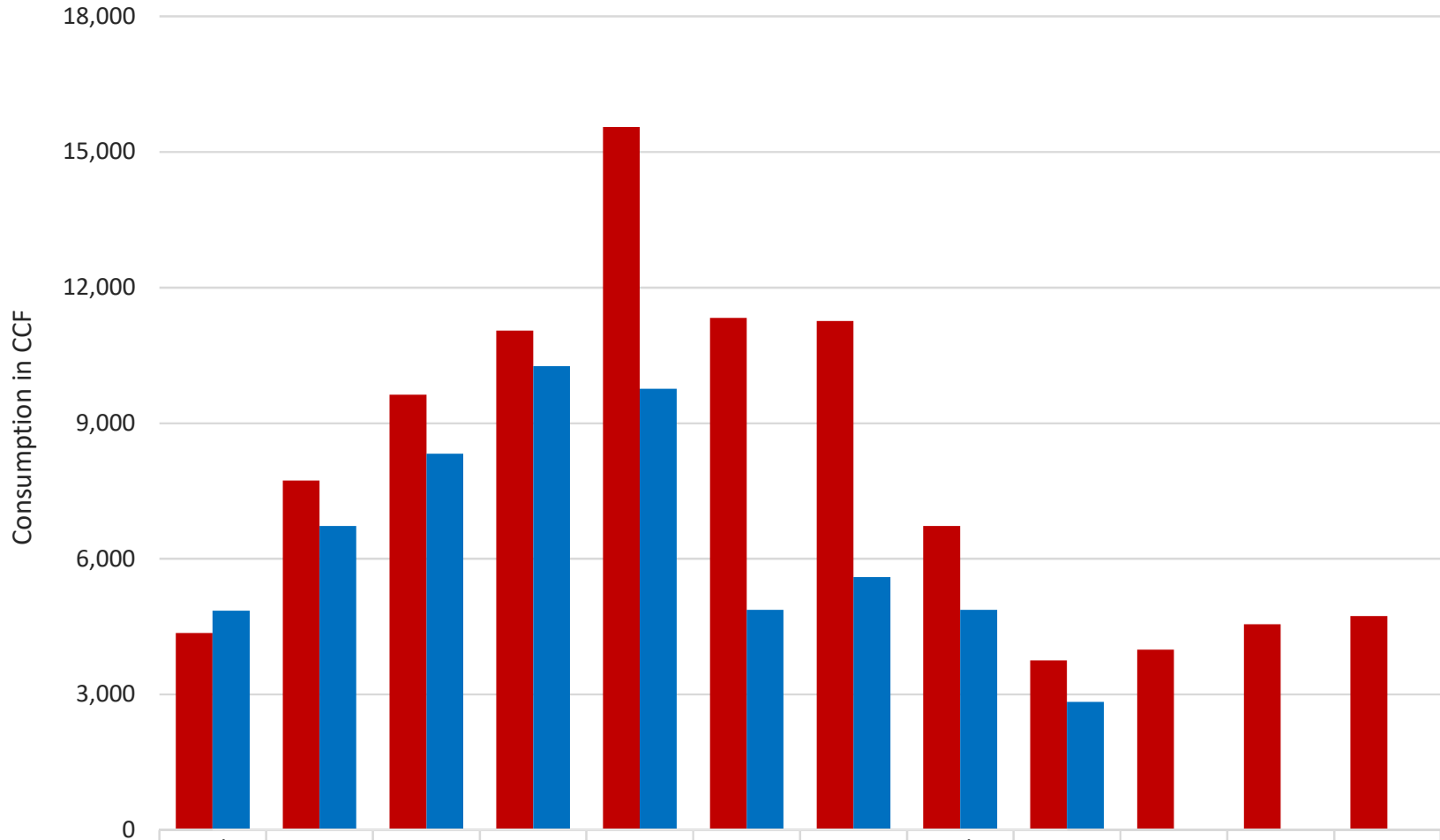
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■ 2024-2025	6,754	10,469	10,828	9,107	10,147	7,778	7,493	5,707	3,128	3,676	5,179	5,244
■ 2025-2026	6,207	9,731	10,387	8,848	7,255	4,673	5,149	4,866	3,285			
% Change	-8.10%	-7.05%	-4.07%	-2.84%	-28.50%	-39.92%	-31.28%	-14.74%	5.02%			

Tier III Fiscal YTD Consumption



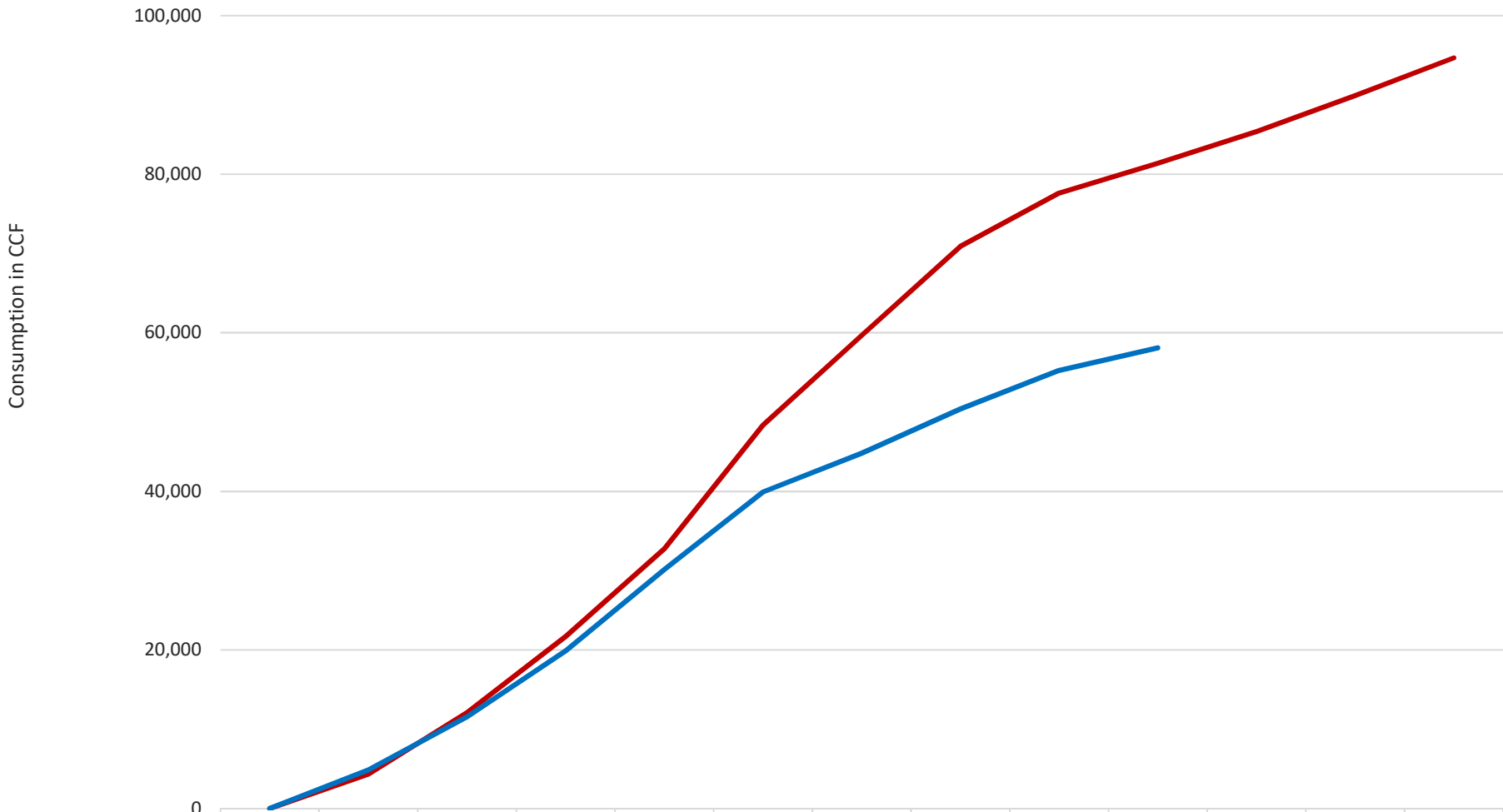
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2024-2025	0	6,754	17,223	28,051	37,158	47,305	55,083	62,576	68,283	71,411	75,087	80,266	85,510
2025-2026	0	6,207	15,938	26,325	35,173	42,428	47,101	52,250	57,116	60,401			
% Change		-8.10%	-7.46%	-6.15%	-5.34%	-10.31%	-14.49%	-16.50%	-16.35%	-15.42%			

Tier IV Consumption



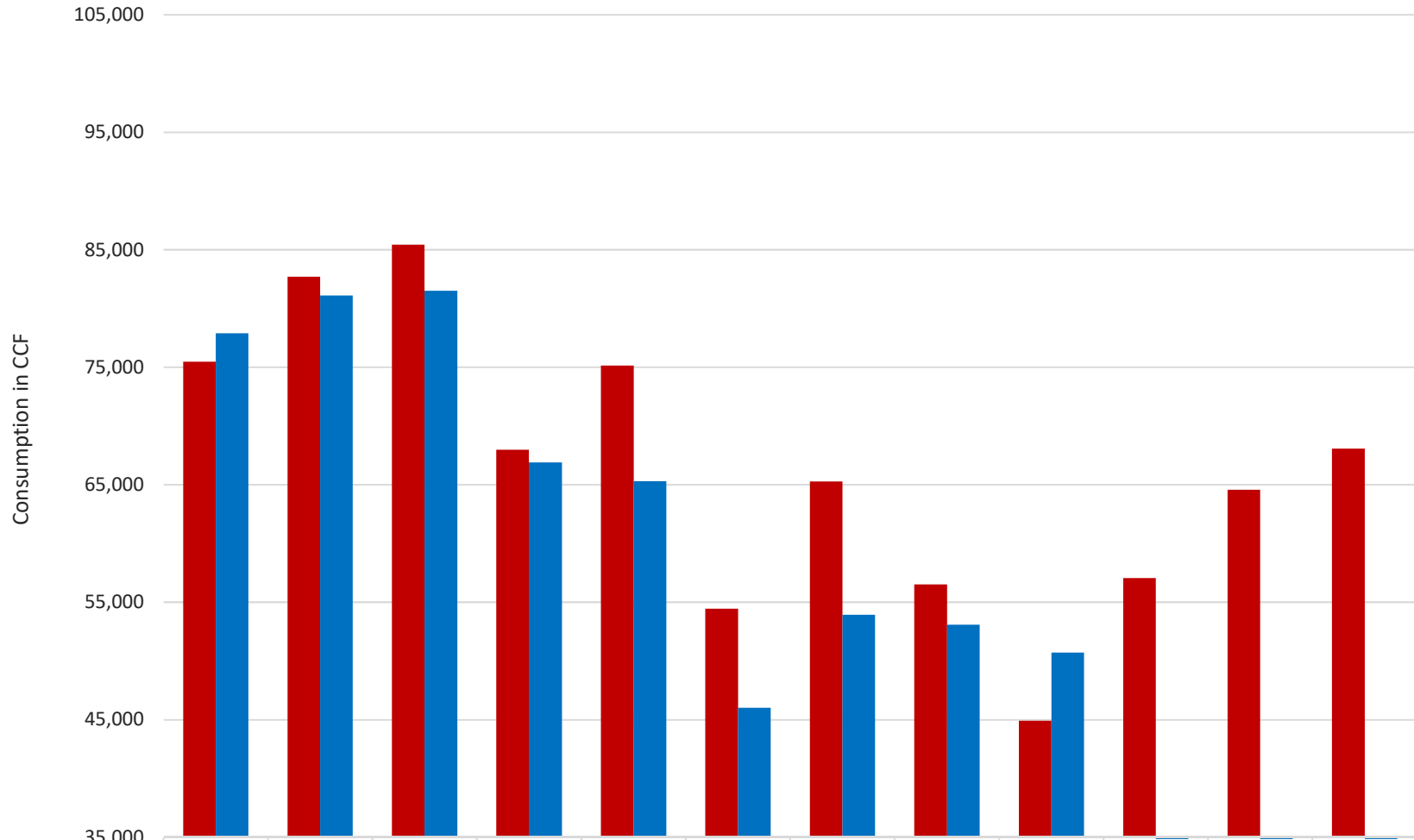
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■ 2024-2025	4,363	7,731	9,636	11,043	15,552	11,334	11,258	6,721	3,754	3,994	4,553	4,740
■ 2025-2026	4,851	6,723	8,328	10,265	9,766	4,871	5,594	4,872	2,836			
% Change	11.18%	-13.04%	-13.57%	-7.05%	-37.20%	-57.02%	-50.31%	-27.51%	-24.45%			

Tier IV Fiscal YTD Consumption



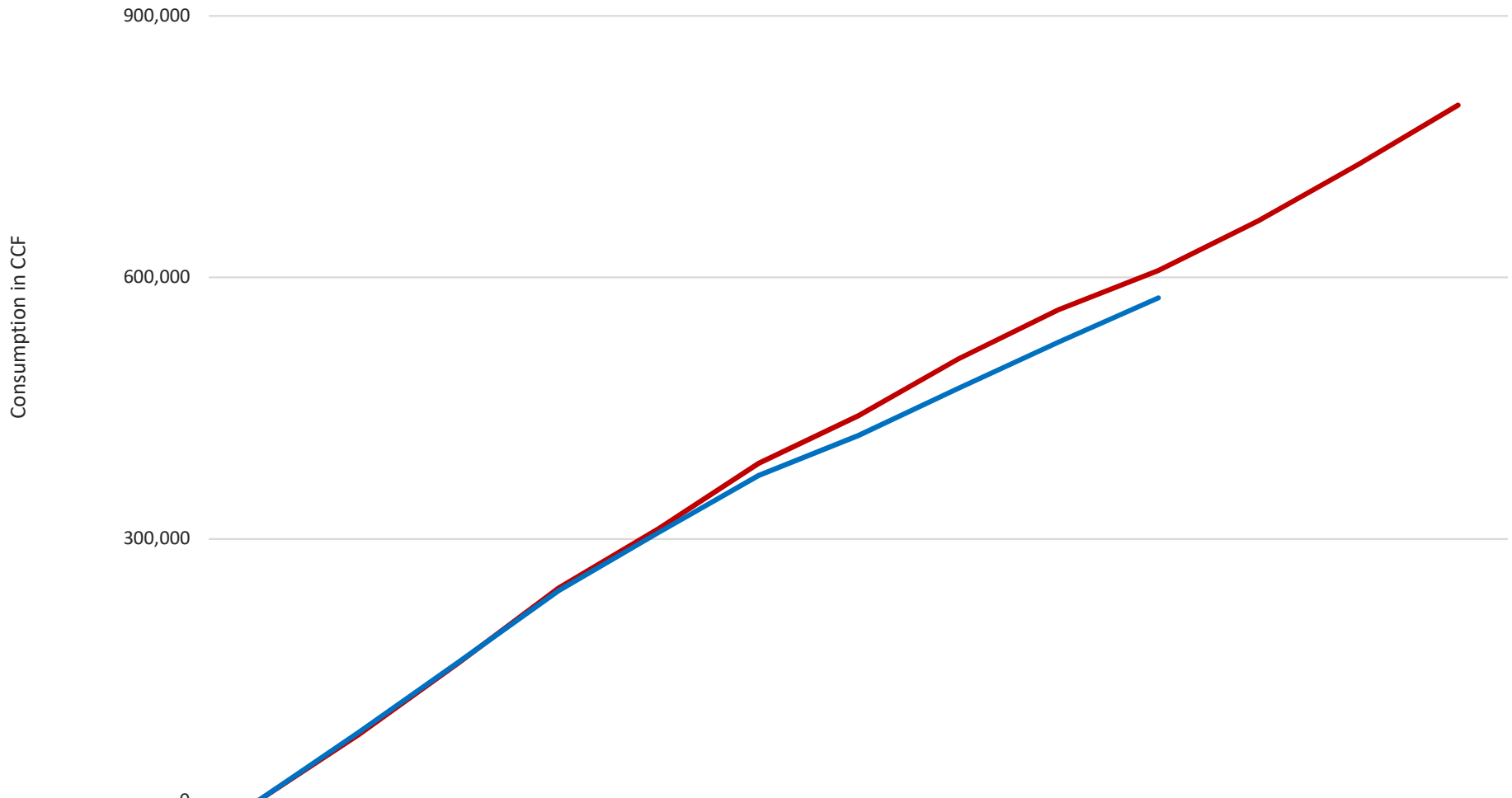
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	4,363	12,094	21,730	32,773	48,325	59,659	70,917	77,638	81,392	85,386	89,939	94,679
2025-2026	0	4,851	11,574	19,902	30,167	39,933	44,804	50,398	55,270	58,106			
% Change		11.18%	-4.30%	-8.41%	-7.95%	-17.37%	-24.90%	-28.93%	-28.81%	-28.61%			

Single Family Residents Consumption



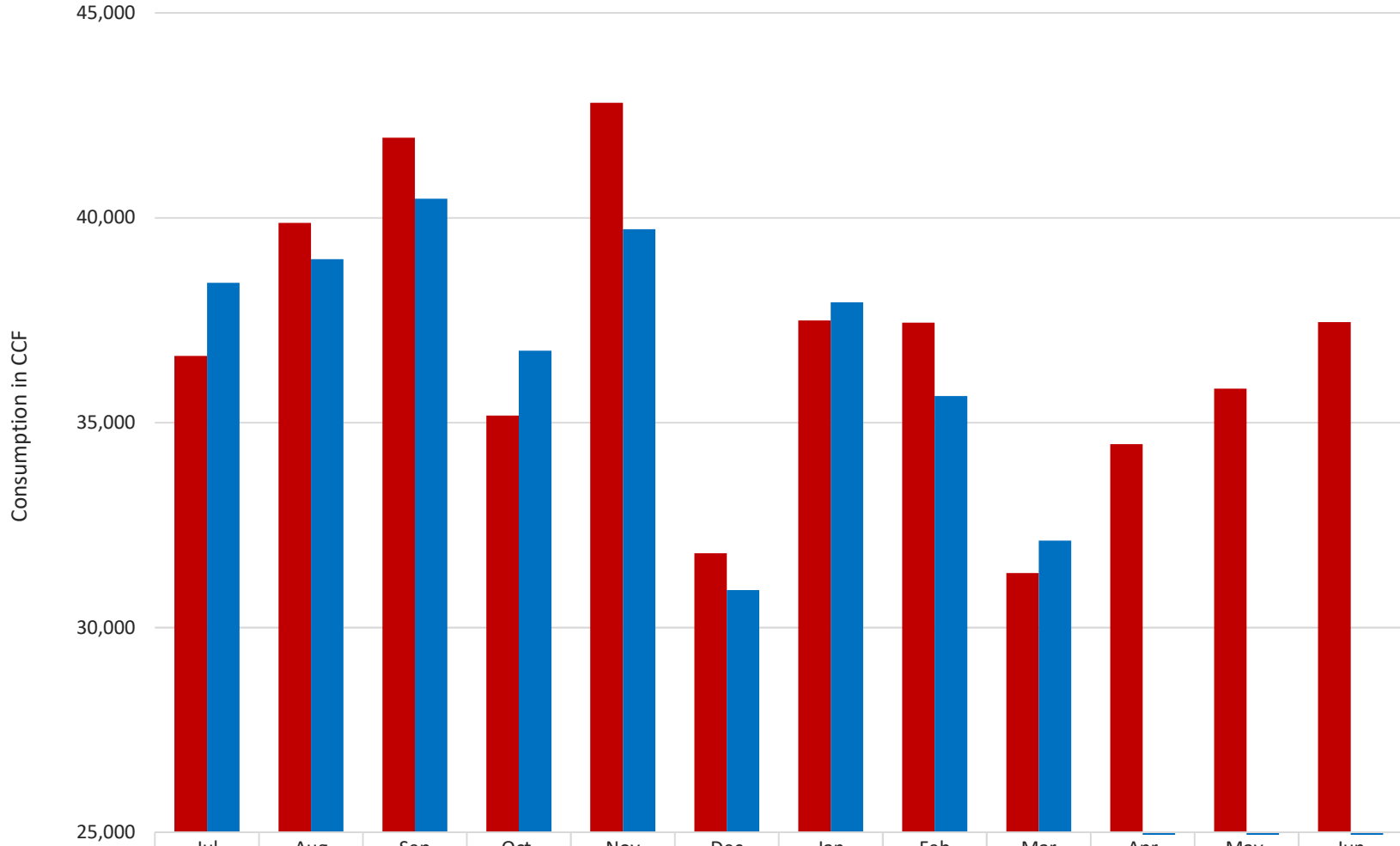
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2024-2025	75,474	82,708	85,443	67,979	75,147	54,456	65,296	56,524	44,933	57,065	64,583	68,083
2025-2026	77,907	81,112	81,491	66,913	65,316	46,039	53,951	53,104	50,719			
% Change	3.22%	-1.93%	-4.63%	-1.57%	-13.08%	-15.46%	-17.37%	-6.05%	12.88%			

Single Family Residents YTD Consumption



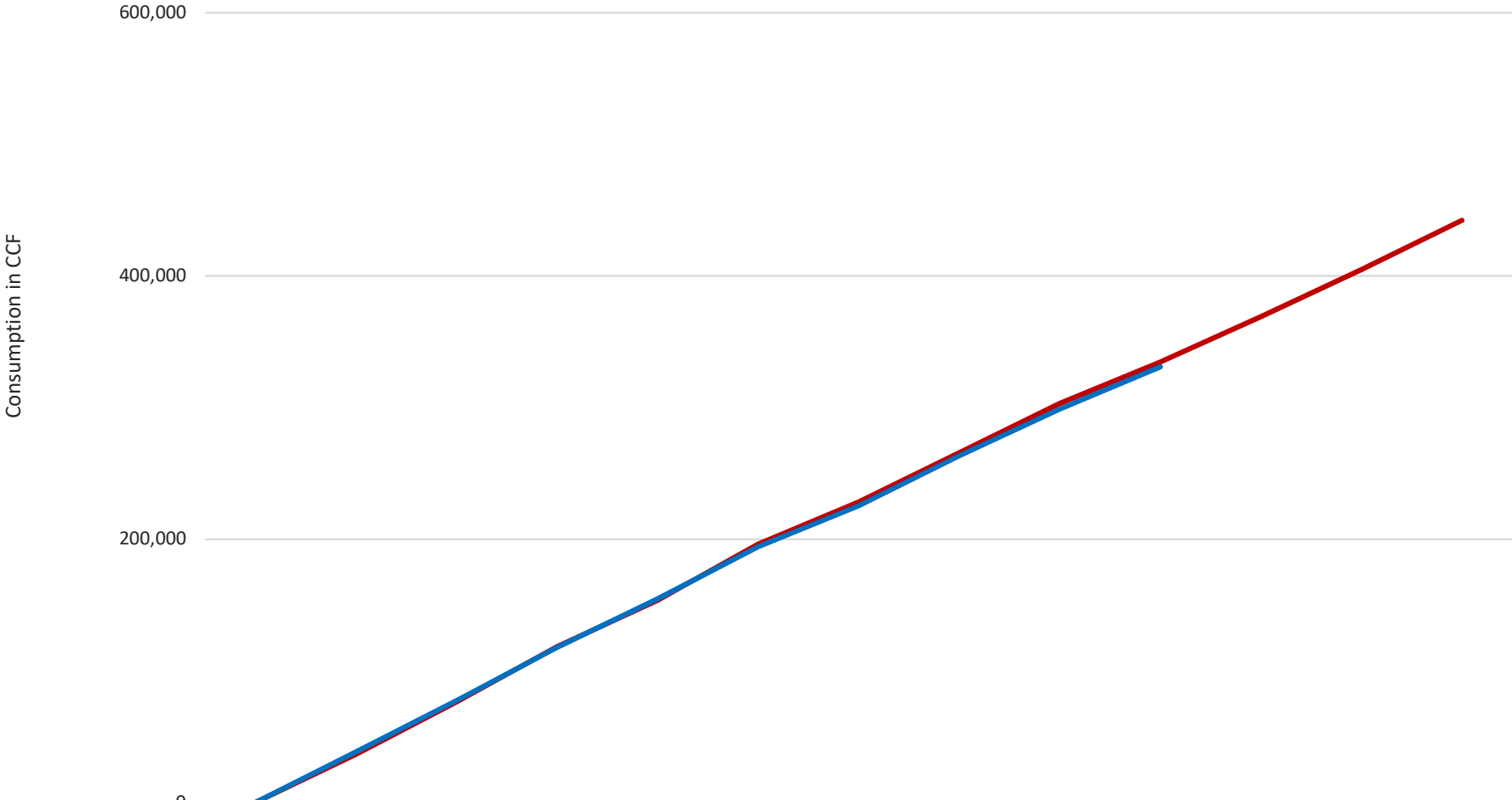
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2024-2025	0	75,474	158,182	243,625	311,604	386,751	441,207	506,503	563,027	607,960	665,025	729,608	797,691
2025-2026	0	77,907	159,019	240,510	307,423	372,739	418,778	472,729	525,833	576,552			
% Change		3.22%	0.53%	-1.28%	-1.34%	-3.62%	-5.08%	-6.67%	-6.61%	-5.17%			

Multi Family Residents Consumption



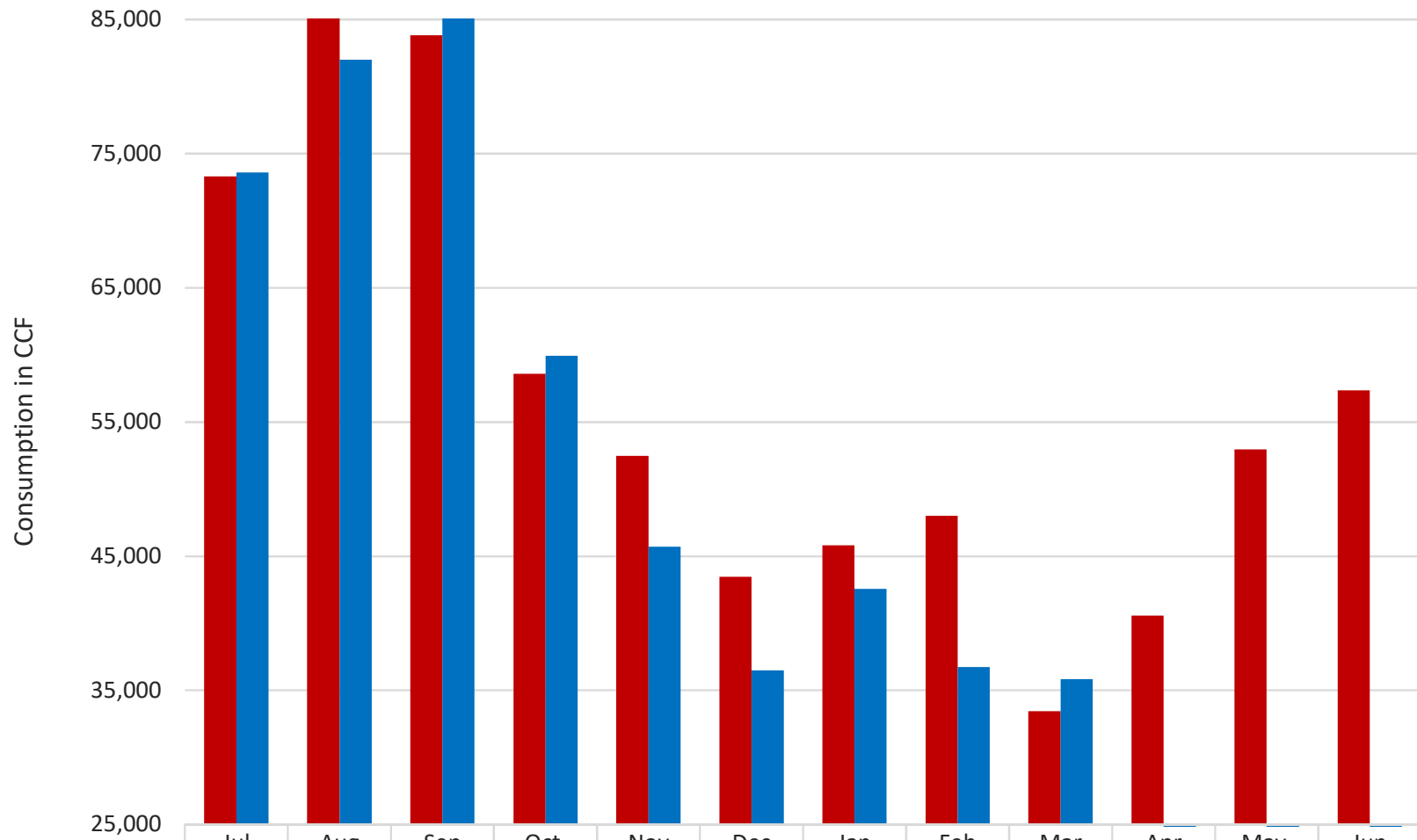
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2024-2025	36,626	39,877	41,955	35,175	42,806	31,815	37,493	37,443	31,331	34,478	35,835	37,454
2025-2026	38,413	38,991	40,467	36,756	39,720	30,918	37,934	35,646	32,126			
% Change	4.88%	-2.22%	-3.55%	4.49%	-7.21%	-2.82%	1.18%	-4.80%	2.54%			

Multi Family Residents YTD Consumption



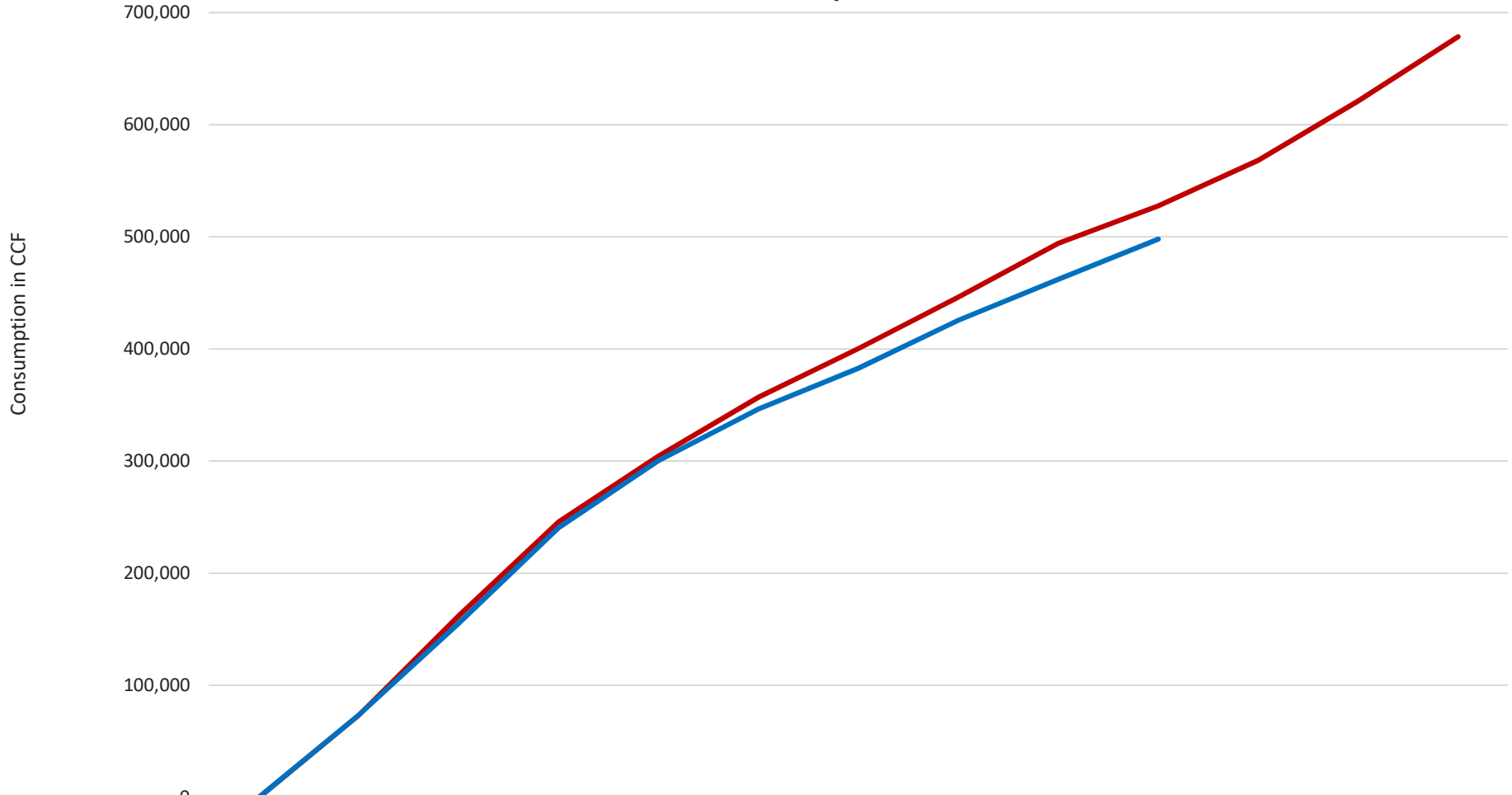
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2024-2025	0	36,626	76,503	118,458	153,633	196,439	228,254	265,747	303,190	334,521	368,999	404,834	442,288
2025-2026	0	38,413	77,404	117,871	154,627	194,347	225,265	263,199	298,845	330,971			
% Change		4.88%	1.18%	-0.50%	0.65%	-1.06%	-1.31%	-0.96%	-1.43%	-1.06%			

Laguna Woods Village Consumption (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation)



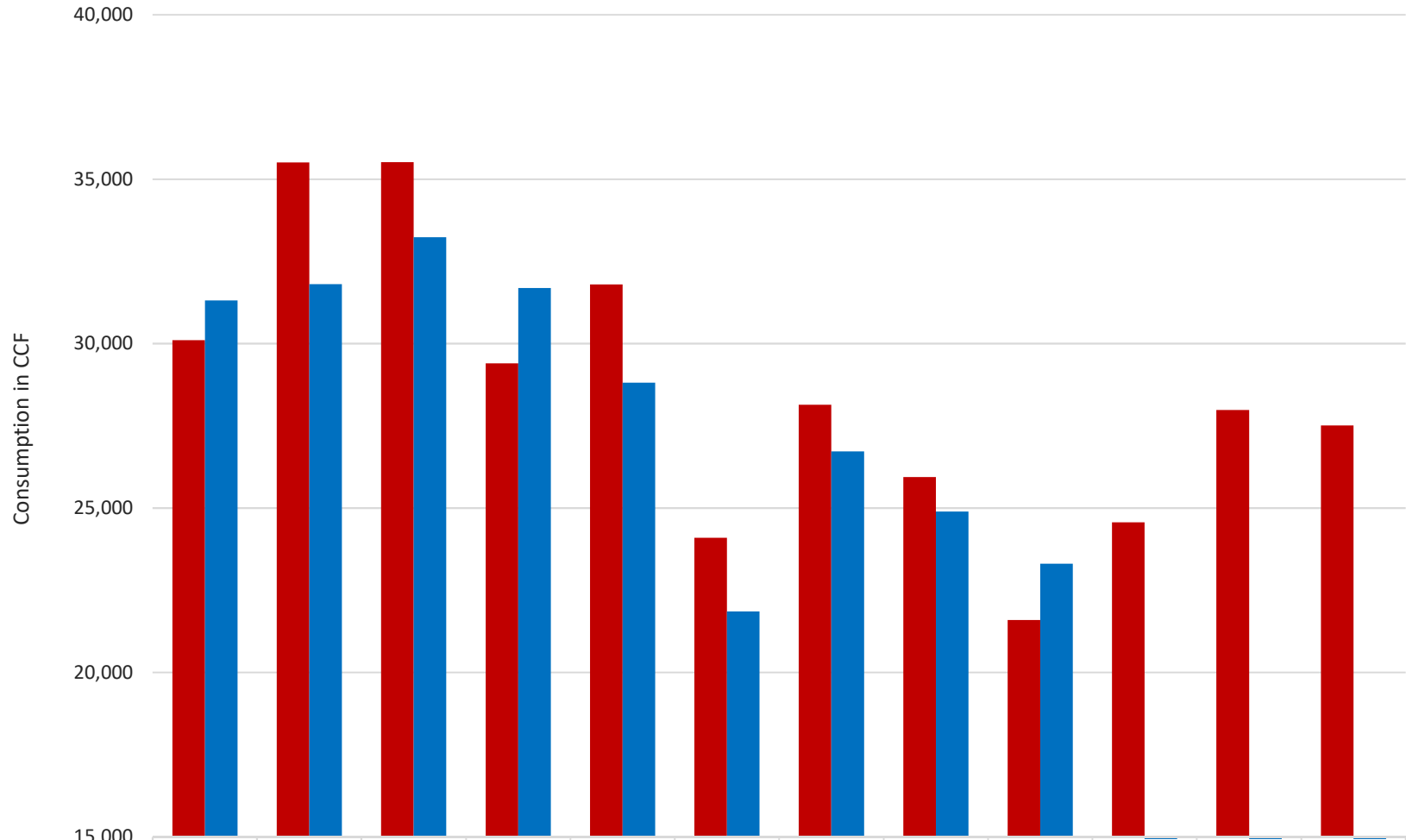
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2024-2025	73,319	88,680	83,822	58,609	52,481	43,471	45,821	48,002	33,449	40,580	52,942	57,365
2025-2026	73,586	82,006	85,095	59,933	45,731	36,485	42,560	36,744	35,843			
% Change	0.36%	-7.53%	1.52%	2.26%	-12.86%	-16.07%	-7.12%	-23.45%	7.16%			

Laguna Woods Village (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation) YTD Consumption



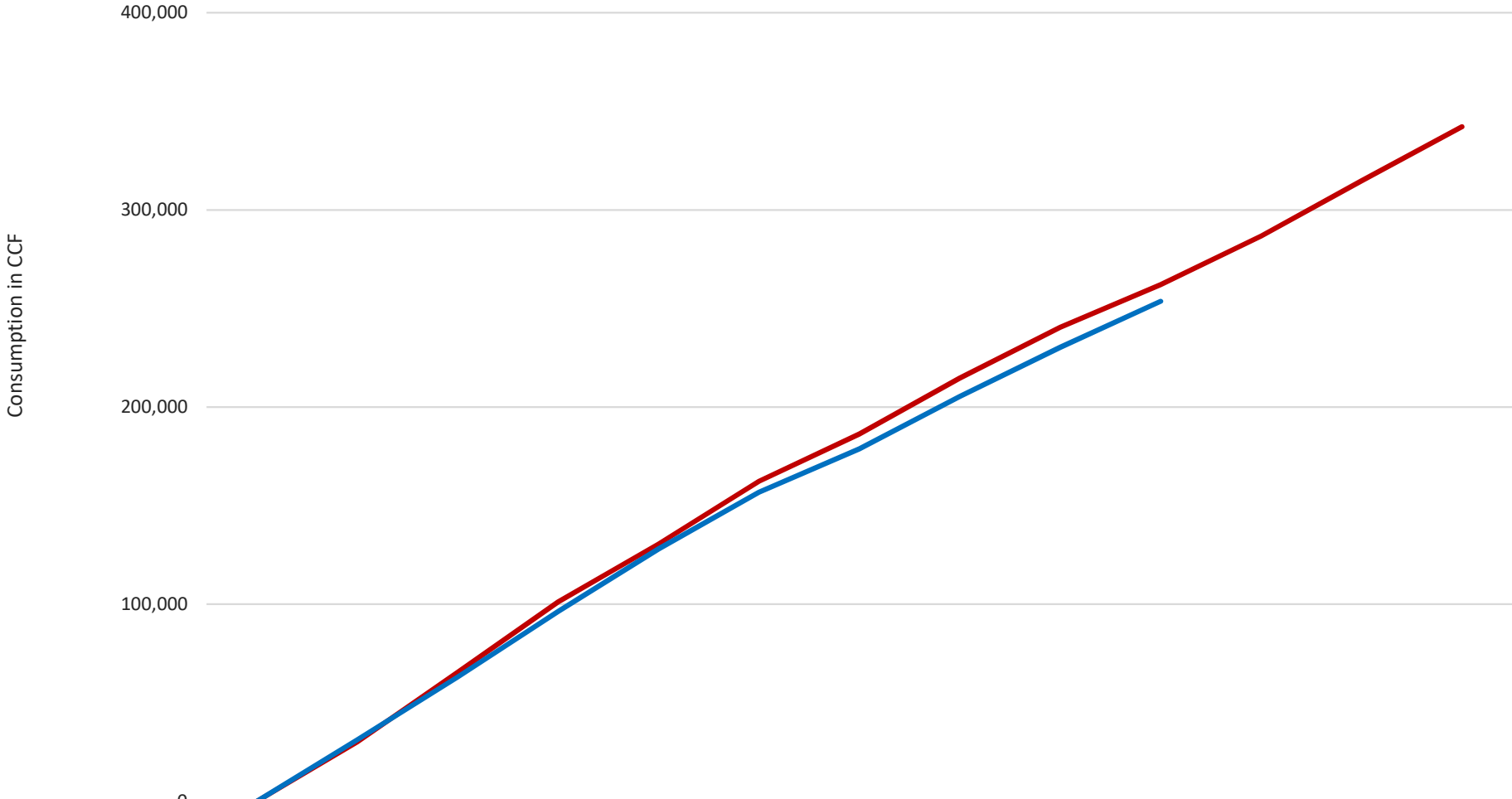
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— 2024-2025	0	73,319	161,999	245,821	304,430	356,911	400,382	446,203	494,205	527,654	568,234	621,176	678,541
— 2025-2026	0	73,586	155,592	240,687	300,620	346,351	382,836	425,396	462,140	497,983			
% Change		0.36%	-3.95%	-2.09%	-1.25%	-2.96%	-4.38%	-4.66%	-6.49%	-5.62%			

Commercial Consumption



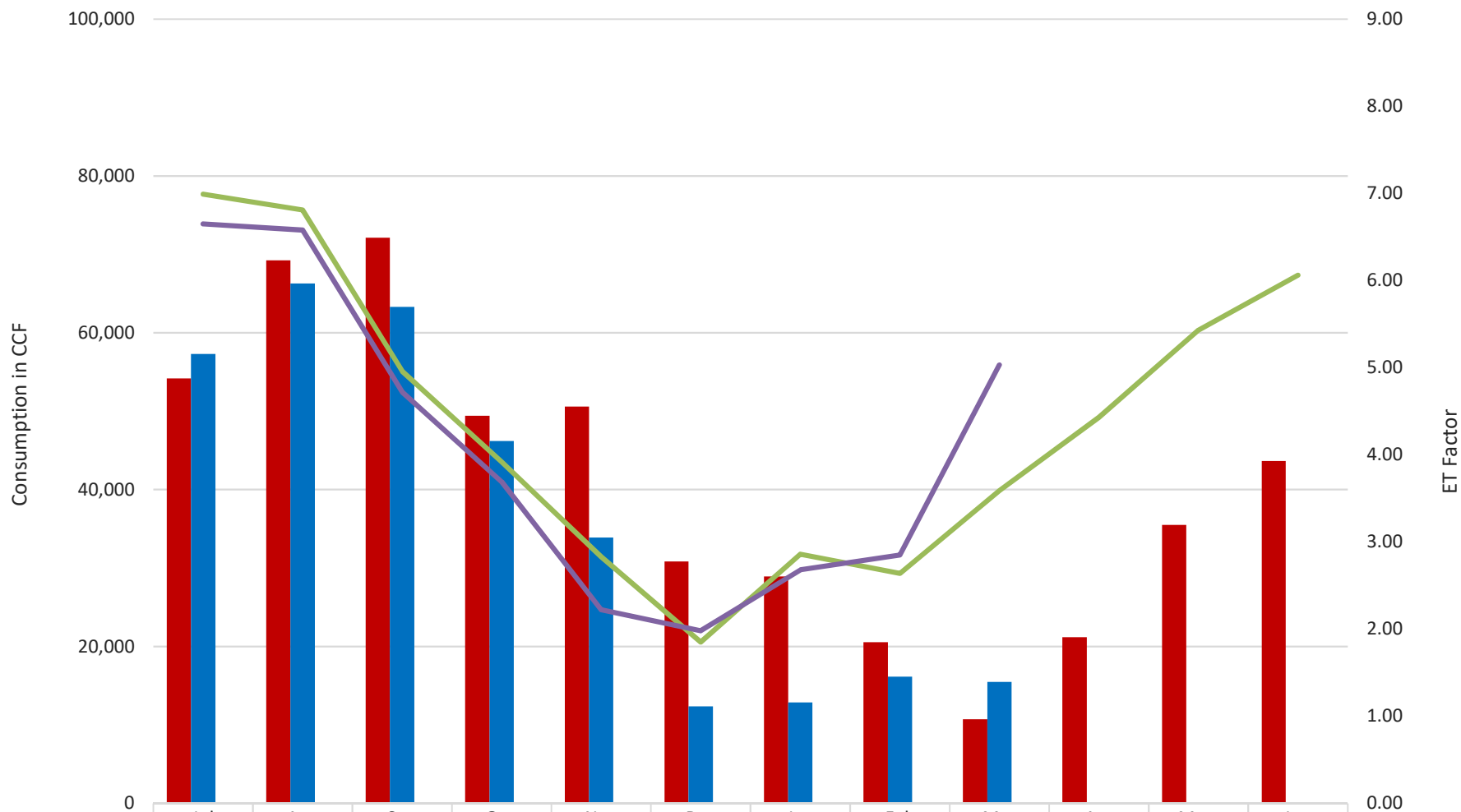
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2024-2025	30,101	35,509	35,514	29,395	31,800	24,094	28,142	25,942	21,596	24,574	27,981	27,514
2025-2026	31,308	31,814	33,231	31,690	28,815	21,852	26,728	24,895	23,314			
% Change	4.01%	-10.41%	-6.43%	7.81%	-9.39%	-9.31%	-5.02%	-4.04%	7.96%			

Commercial YTD Consumption



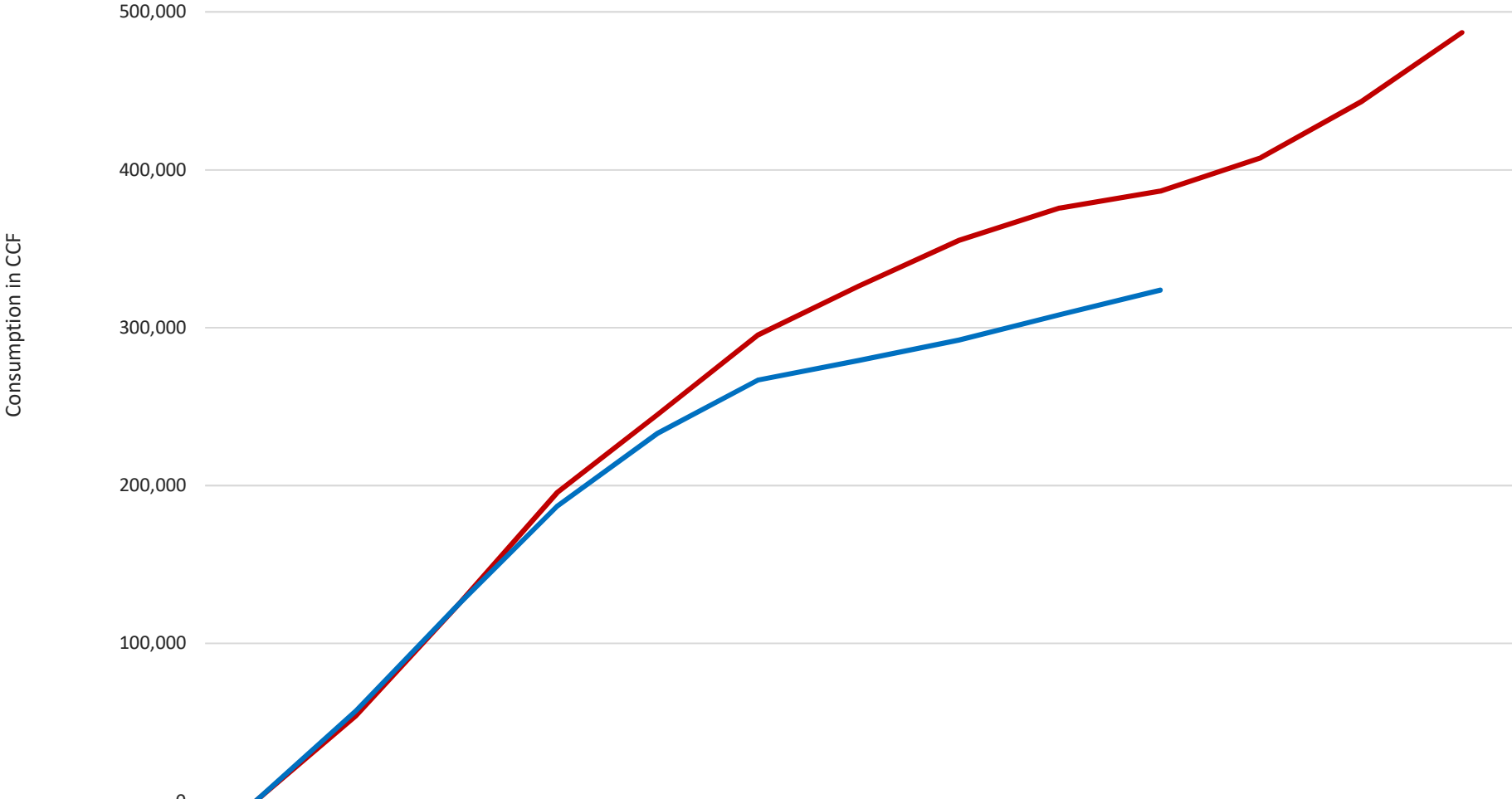
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	30,101	65,610	101,124	130,519	162,319	186,413	214,555	240,497	262,093	286,667	314,648	342,162
2025-2026	0	31,308	63,122	96,353	128,043	156,858	178,710	205,438	230,333	253,647			
% Change		4.01%	-3.79%	-4.72%	-1.90%	-3.36%	-4.13%	-4.25%	-4.23%	-3.22%			

Dedicated Irrigation Consumption (including LWV)



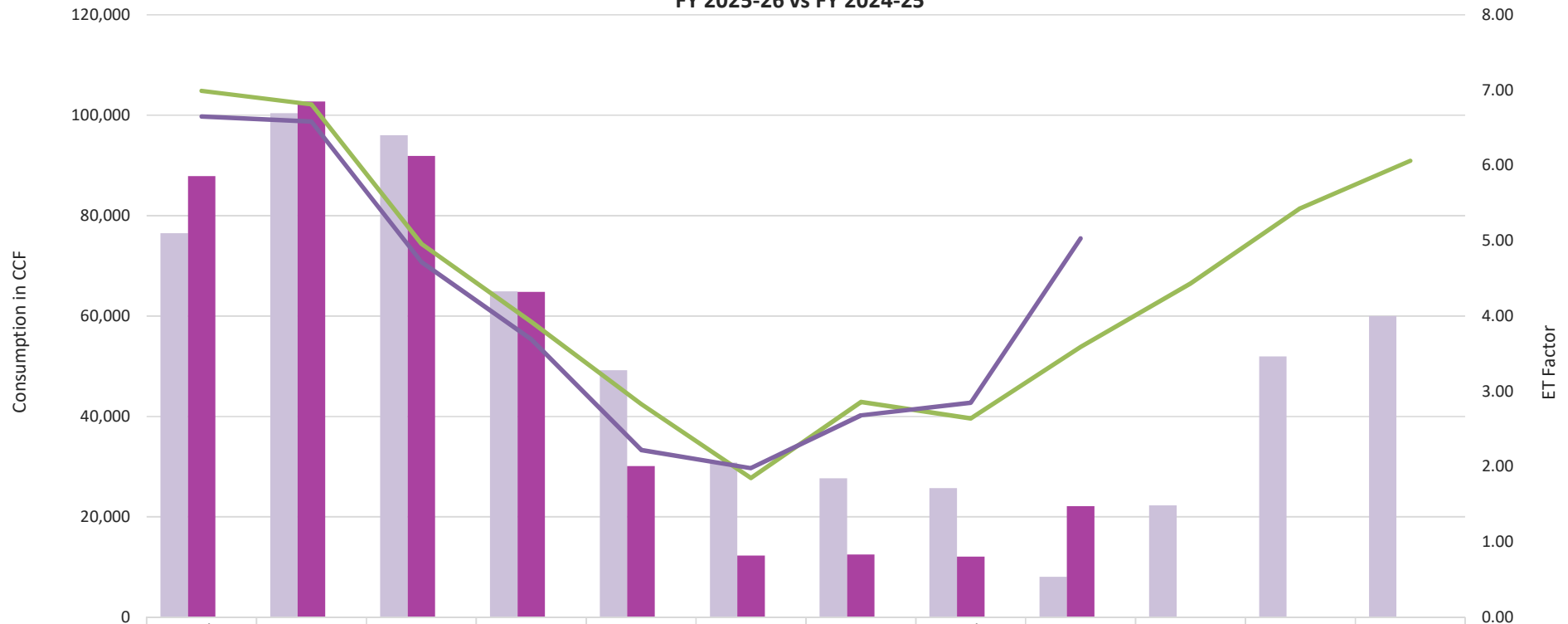
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	54,166	69,236	72,151	49,419	50,582	30,829	28,904	20,536	10,720	21,194	35,512	43,661
2025-2026	57,312	66,275	63,298	46,207	33,864	12,370	12,837	16,156	15,476			
% Change	5.81%	-4.28%	-12.27%	-6.50%	-33.05%	-59.88%	-55.59%	-21.33%	44.37%			
24/25 ET	6.99	6.81	4.96	3.92	2.83	1.85	2.86	2.64	3.59	4.43	5.43	6.06
25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03			

Dedicated Irrigation Consumption (including LWV) YTD Consumption



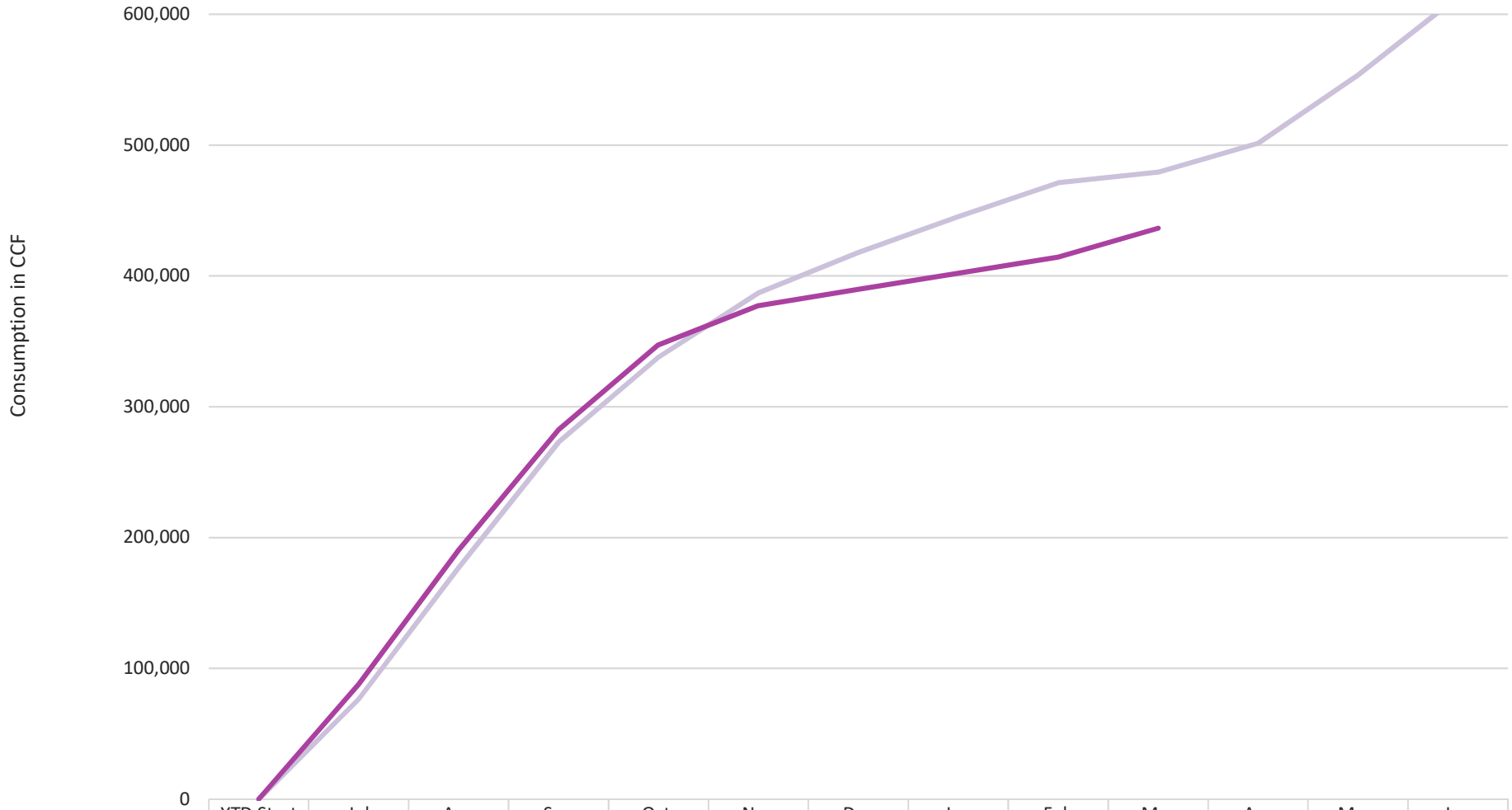
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-2025	0	54,166	123,402	195,553	244,972	295,554	326,383	355,287	375,823	386,543	407,737	443,249	486,910
2025-2026	0	57,312	123,587	186,885	233,092	266,956	279,326	292,163	308,319	323,795			
% Change		5.81%	0.15%	-4.43%	-4.85%	-9.68%	-14.42%	-17.77%	-17.96%	-16.23%			

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



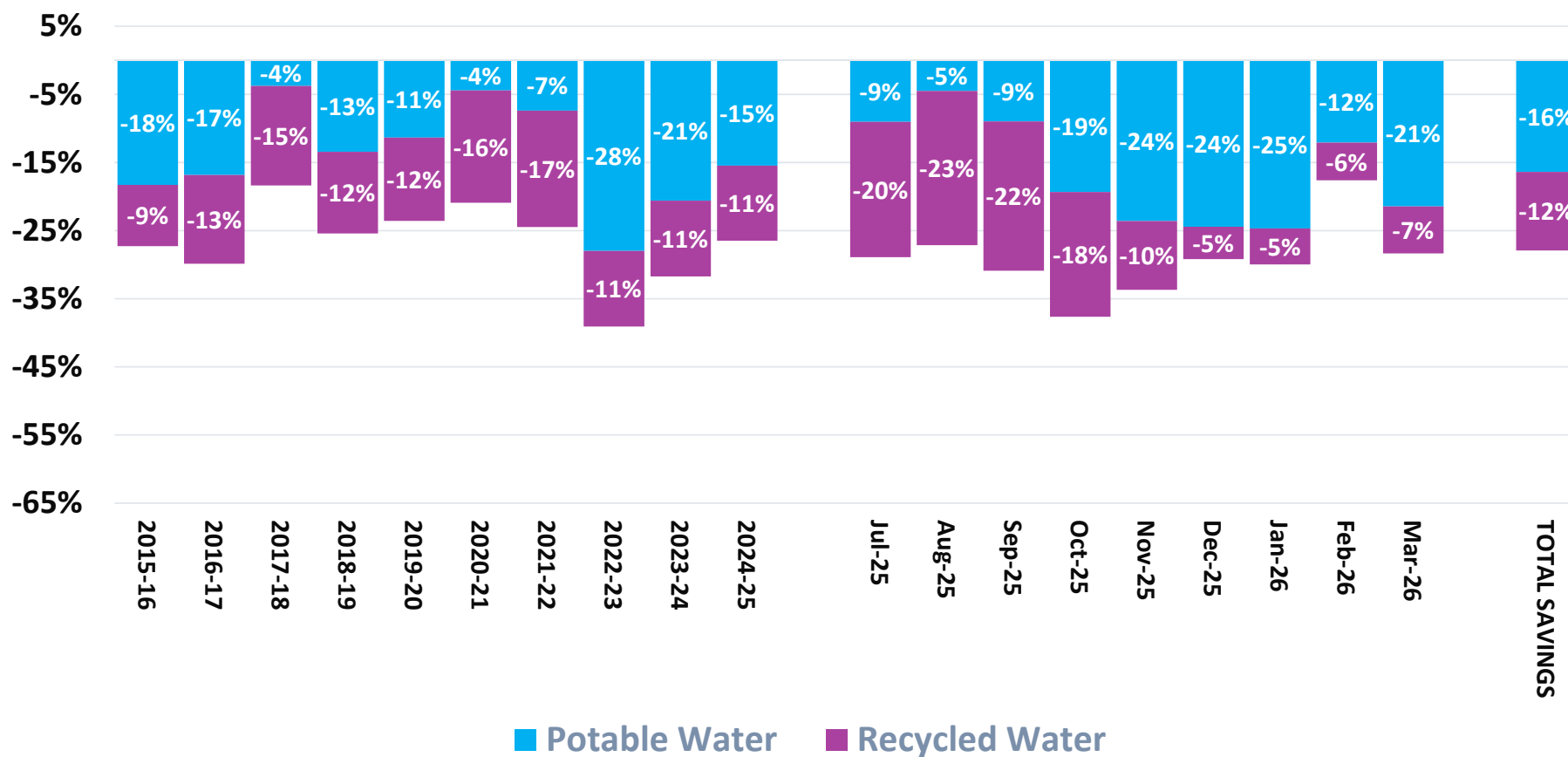
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FY 2024-2025	76,508	100,368	96,005	64,890	49,208	30,793	27,651	25,705	8,085	22,263	51,983	60,007
FY 2025-2026	87,896	102,736	91,867	64,788	30,130	12,319	12,501	12,078	22,156			
% Change	14.88%	2.36%	-4.31%	-0.16%	-38.77%	-59.99%	-54.79%	-53.01%	174.04%			
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
FY 25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03			

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	436,471			
% Change		14.88%	7.78%	3.52%	2.82%	-2.47%	-6.71%	-9.70%	-12.06%	-8.92%			

ETWD WATER USAGE COMPARED TO 2013



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SOCWA and the Board of Directors thereof

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

April 2, 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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Agenda

- 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 March 5, 2026

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

B. Minutes of Finance Committee7

- Finance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2026

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

C. Minutes of Project Committee 2.....10

- Project Committee 2 Meeting of January 8, 2026
- Project Committee 2 Meeting of February 5, 2026

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

D. February 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 (March)

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 (March)
[Project Committees 2 and 15] 51

ACTION Information Item.

6. ENGINEERING MATTERS

A. Contract Award for Coastal Treatment Plant Access Road Repaving
[Project Committee 15] 65

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

1. Authorize execution of a construction contract with T.E. Roberts in the amount of \$1,341,222.
2. Approve a contract contingency of \$67,061 to address any unforeseen conditions encountered during the work.

7. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Government Affairs Report 76

ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.

B. General Manager’s Report 85

ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.

C. General Counsel’s Report

ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.

D. Upcoming Meetings Schedule:

- April 7, 2026 – Board of Directors Budget Workshop
- April 16, 2026 – Engineering Committee Meeting
- April 21, 2026 – Finance Committee Meeting
- April 28, 2026 – Finance Special Committee Meeting
- April 28, 2026 – Executive Regular Committee Meeting
- May 14, 2026 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

ACTION Information Item.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session Conference Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)
Public Employment
Title: General Manager

Report out of Closed Session

South Orange County Wastewater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 2026

Agenda

9. OTHER MATTERS

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT SOCWA BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2026

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

April 16, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Physical Address	Remote Address
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 **April 16, 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

THOSE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE ENGINEERING 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
 - Engineering Committee Minutes of March 19, 2026

Recommended Action: Staff requests that the Engineering Committee approve the subject Minutes as submitted.
4. General Manager’s Report 4

Recommended Action: Information Item.
5. Operations Report

Recommended Action: Information Item.
6. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (April) [Project Committees 2 and 15] 14

Recommended Action: Information Item.
7. Contract Award for CTP Access Road Repaving Project [Project Committee 15]..... 26

Recommended Action: Committee Discussion/Direction/Action.
8. As-Needed Construction Management Services 37

Recommended Action: Information Item.
9. Adjournment

Engineering Committee Meeting
April 16, 2026

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

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

Dated this 10th day of April 2026.



Lynda May, Assistant Secretary
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

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
April 1, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

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

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2170

PRESENTATION ITEM

1. METROPOLITAN BUDGET

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 ITEMS

4. ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (OC LAFCO) SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER SEATS APPOINTMENT – AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE

Recommendation: Authorize President Larry Dick and an alternate to vote in the 2026 Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats appointment process; and direct staff to submit the declaration form by the deadline.

5. ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 161 (ADDIS) – SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK 2026

Recommendation: Adopt a support position on Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161 (Addis) and join the California Special Districts Association’s coalition and outreach efforts.

6. SENATE BILL 1153 (CABALLERO) – WATER SYSTEMS AND WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Recommendation: Adopt a support position on Senate Bill 1153 (Caballero) and join the Association of California Water Agencies’ coalition letter.

7. ASSEMBLY BILL 2180 (WARD) – PROPOSITION 218 OMNIBUS IMPLEMENTATION ACT: PROPORTIONAL COST OF SERVICE

Recommendation: Adopt a support position on Assembly Bill 2180 (Ward) and join the Association of California Water Agencies’ coalition letter.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. 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

9. METROPOLITAN BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding March 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

PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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

April 6, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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ROLL CALL

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PRESENTATION ITEM

1. 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP) STATUS UPDATE

ACTION ITEM

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF K-12 WATER EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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Jointly with the

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report – March 2026
 - b. Disbursement Approval Report for the month of April 2026
 - c. Disbursement Ratification Report for the month of March 2026
 - d. GM Approved Disbursement Report for the month of March 2026
 - e. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment – February 2026
 - f. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement
2. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending February 28, 2026

ACTION ITEMS

3. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING DIRECTOR COMPENSATION
4. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CLASSES OF WATER SERVICE & TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE DISTRICT
5. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 & 2027-28
6. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 & 2027-28
7. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOAN POLICY FOR THE 401(a) MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN
8. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CO-MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

OTHER ITEMS

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

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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
18700 Ward Street, Boardroom, Fountain Valley, California
April 15, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, members of the public will be given an opportunity to address the Board concerning items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Members of the public may also address the Board about a particular Agenda item at the time it is considered by the Board and before action is taken. If the item is on the Consent Calendar, please inform the Board Secretary before action is taken on the Consent Calendar and the item will be removed for separate consideration.

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

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize 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.)

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

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2170

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 5)

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

1. MINUTES

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

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of March 31, 2026
- b. Disbursement Registers (March/April)

Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.

- c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of February 28, 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 February 28, 2026

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

4. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF K-12 WATER EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES

Recommendation: Award Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors a 2-year contract with the option for three additional 1-year renewals, to design and deliver a comprehensive regional K-12 water education school program, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CO-MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES

Recommendation: Award Highroad Information Technology a 1-year contract in the amount of \$37,000, with the option of four additional 1-year renewals for a total not to exceed amount of \$185,000 over five years, to provide co-managed Information Technology services and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

End of Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

6. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Recommendation: a. Open the Public Hearing (as noticed) regarding the draft ordinance to receive input from the public;
b. Consider said input on the draft ordinance; and
c. Consider adopting the ordinance to adjust the Director Compensation in the general form presented in any amount up to the statutory maximum of 5%.

7. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING CLASSES OF WATER SERVICE & TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Recommendation: a. Open the Public Hearing (as noticed) regarding the draft ordinance to receive input from the public;
b. Consider said input on the draft ordinance; and
c. Consider adopting the ordinance Establishing Classes of Water Service & Terms and Conditions of Water Service Within The District in the general form presented.

8. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 & 2027-28

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution Approving and Establishing the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28.

9. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 & 2027-28

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution Establishing Water Rates for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28.

10. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOAN POLICY FOR THE 401(a) MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution Approving the Loan Policy for the 401(a) Money Purchase Pension Plan.

11. APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Recommendation: Ratify the appointment of Directors Nederhood, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider to a Special (Ad Hoc) Committee, with Director Thomas serving as Chair, to complete a review of the Administrative Code and make recommendations to the Board.

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

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

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

13. 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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SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY AGENCIES GROUP JOINT MEETING with Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and Orange County Water District (OCWD)

**SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT
26111 ANTONIO PARKWAY, RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CA 92688
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM**

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. WHOLESALE AGENCY UPDATES (MWD, MWDOC, OCWD)**
 - a. Presentation on Subsidence
 - b. MWDOC / MET Budget & Update
 - c. OCWD Update
- 3. SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY UPDATES**
- 4. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATES**
- 5. FUTURE MEETINGS**
 - a. What do we want to accomplish in these meetings?
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

Presiding Officer/Designee (c/o Clerk of the District):

The nomination period for the OC LAFCO **Regular and Alternate** Special District member seats officially closed today, **Monday, April 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** By the deadline, twenty-one (21) Declarations of Qualification to Vote of the twenty-seven (27) independent special districts eligible to participate were received, and the following nominations for each of the member seats were received by OC LAFCO:

Regular Seat

- *Douglass Davert*, Board Member, East Orange County Water District

Alternate Seat

- *Kathryn Freshley*, Board Member, El Toro Water District

In accordance with Government Code Section 56332(c)(2) and the Bylaws of the Orange County Special District Selection Committee, if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected, with no further proceedings. Therefore, Douglass Davert and Kathryn Freshley are deemed selected by the Orange County Special District Selection Committee for the regular and alternate member seats, respectively. The terms for these seats will commence on July 1, 2026.

If you have any questions or require additional information on this process, please contact me at (714) 640-5100 or via email at ltapia@oclafco.org.

Best regards,

Cheryl Carter-Benjamin

Office Manager/Commission Clerk

ORANGE COUNTY LAFCO

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Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 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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Executive Committee

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*Municipal Water District of
Orange County*

1st Vice President

Hon. Paul Mesmer
*Surfside Colony Community Services
District*

2nd Vice President

Hon. Marilyn Thoms
East Orange County Water District

3rd Vice President

Hon. Al Nederhood
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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: March 3, 2026
- **Public Comments on items not on the agenda**
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**
- **Treasurer's Report – Director Sandra Jacobs**
 - Report on accounts
- **CSDA Report – Chris Palmer**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the CSDA Report
- **LAFCO Report – Director Jim Fisler**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the LAFCO report

- **ACWA Report – Director Sandra Jacobs**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the ACWA report
- **OCCOG Report – Director Mike Scheafer**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the OCCOG report
- **California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Report – SOCWA Representative**
 - Receive, discuss, and file the CASA report
- **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, April 3, 2026
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

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

Officers

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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

Restoring Hope on the Floodplains of the Bay-Delta Watershed

John Cain
Senior Conservation Director
River Partners

Agency Announcements

Adjourn

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Next WACO Meeting

Friday, May 1, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Next WACO Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

DATES TO REMEMBER
APRIL/MAY 2026

1. Apr 23 – 11:30 a.m. – OC WaterReuse
2. Apr 24 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
3. Apr 28 – 9:00 a.m. – SOCWA Executive meeting
4. Apr 30 – 11:30 a.m. – ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon
5. May 1 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
6. May 1 – 7:30 a.m. – WACO meeting
7. May 4 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC P&O Committee meeting
8. May 5-7 – ACWA Spring Conference; Sacramento
9. May 8 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
10. May 12 – 7:30 a.m. – ISDOC Executive meeting
11. May 12 – 10:00 a.m. – RRC meeting
12. May 13 – 8:15 a.m. – LAFCO meeting
13. May 13 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC Admin/Fin Committee meeting
14. May 14 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Board meeting
15. May 14 – 11:30 a.m. – CAG meeting
16. May 15 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
17. May 15 – 11:30 a.m. – Southern CA Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon; Temecula
18. May 18 – 10:00 a.m. – Agenda Review meeting
19. May 19 – 10:30 a.m. – SOCWA Finance meeting
20. May 20 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC Board meeting
21. May 21 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Engineering meeting
22. May 22 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
23. May 25 – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
24. May 26 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Finance and Engineering meeting
25. May 28 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Board meeting

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.

LAIIF: 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 1st of one calendar year to September 30th of the following calendar year.

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

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

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

Water table: The top level of water stored underground.

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

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

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

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

Xeriscape: Landscaping that requires minimal water.