

**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024  
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VIA TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON**

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DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

**TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

PLACE: HYBRID REGULAR MEETING VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON

The meeting is being held virtually as a convenience to the public. The meeting will not stop or suspend its in-person meeting should a technological interruption occur with respect to the Zoom or call-on options listed on the agenda.

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*NOTE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF SEQUENTIAL ORDER  
AS THEIR PRIORITY IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS
7. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Service Awards, Promotions and Honorable Mentions

\*Adam Schmidt – Senior Systems Administrator – Grow Your Own (GYO) Promotion

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2025, REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
9. CONSENT CALENDAR

*NOTE: ANY ITEM MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR  
 FOR DISCUSSION*

C-a	CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF LISTED WARRANTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S REVOLVING AND REGULAR ACCOUNTS; LISTED TRANSFERS OF FUNDS; REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF; AND MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS
C-b	CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, CONSOLIDATED ACTUAL VS BUDGET SUMMARY, AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS REPORTS
C-c	CONSIDER 2025 ANNUAL OBJECTIVES AND TIGER TEAM STATUS REPORT
C-d	REVIEW OF GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION OF THE FIREHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT AS AN EMERGENCY PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A TIME AND MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CASS ARRIETA FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$407,000, APPROPRIATE \$525,000 TO THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM THE WASTEWATER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT, CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CEQA FINDINGS AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK AND THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH, ACCEPT INTO OMWD'S SYSTEM AND ORDER THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY RECORDER

10. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING ELIZABETH KOSTAS FOR OVER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE UPON HER RETIREMENT AS THE SENIOR SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR
11. CONSIDER ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE DISTRICT'S FIVE-YEAR STAFFING ANALYSIS
12. CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS AND LONG-TERM WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION
13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NOSSAMAN, LLP FOR STATE GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$104,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF OMWD

14. CONSIDER UPDATED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR CY 2025-2026 MADE BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
15. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT NOMINATING DIRECTOR MALONI AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
16. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
  - A. PRESIDENT
  - B. GENERAL MANAGER
  - C. CONSULTING ENGINEER
  - D. GENERAL COUNSEL
  - E. SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE
  - F. LEGISLATIVE
  - G. TWELVE MONTH CALENDAR / OTHER MEETINGS / REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS PER AB 1234
  - H. BOARD COMMENTS
17. CORRESPONDENCE
18. AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS
19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
20. CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS
21. CLOSED SESSION
  - A) CONSIDER LITIGATION – OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT v. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.]
  - B) CONSIDER ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – ONE CASE [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4)]
22. OPEN SESSION
23. ADJOURNMENT



# Memo

To: Board of Directors  
From: Stephanie Kaufmann, Executive Secretary  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Draft minutes of the most recently held Board of Directors meeting will be provided separately. Following board approval, the minutes will be posted on OMWD's website.



# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager  
Via: Kimberly Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF LISTED WARRANTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S REVOLVING AND REGULAR ACCOUNTS; LISTED TRANSFERS OF FUNDS; REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF; AND MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

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The following monthly financial reports are enclosed for review and approval by the Board of Directors:

- March 2025 Summary of payment of listed warrants from the District's checking account and listed transfer of funds.
- March 2025 Monthly Summary of Reimbursement Expenses to Board Members and Staff.
- February 2025 Monthly Investment Report

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Proposed Motions for April 16, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting  
March 2025 Activities  
Consent Calendar Item # C-a

Proposed Motions:

I. That the following warrants and transfers be approved:

Regular Account	Warrants - by check	036643	to	036765	\$	923,520.20
	Warrants - by EFT	EFT000000002180	to	EFT000000002283		6,952,132.76
						<u>7,875,652.96</u>
	ACH Payments - Payroll					231,791.20
	Wire - SDCWA - Monthly Purchased Water Payment					451,004.30
	ACH Payments - Payroll					230,558.57
					\$	<u><u>8,789,007.03</u></u>

Major Category of Disbursements

Total warrants from the District's checking account:

\$ 7,875,652.96

Following is a breakdown of this total by major categories:

Category

Outside services	\$	991,944.04
Inventory and supplies		377,246.48
Utilities		141,856.25
Repairs and maintenance		53,302.59
Other		6,137,896.68 *
Refunds		12,859.18
Insurance		159,748.74
Permit Fees		799.00
Total	\$	<u><u>7,875,652.96</u></u>

Sincerely,



Leo Mendez/Accounting Supervisor for  
Rainy K. Selamat/Finance Manager

\*Mostly attributed to Title XVI grant pass-through disbursements to partner agencies.

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March 2025 Activities

California Bank and Trust

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3/14/2025 Wire - SDCWA - Monthly Purchased Water Payment					451,004.30
3/27/2025 ACH Payments - Payroll					230,558.57
			Total	\$	<hr/> <hr/> 8,789,007.03

ACH Payments - Payroll

For Board Consideration and Approval

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**March 2025 Warrant List - Check & EFT**

Number	Date	Name	Amount	Inv Reference	Multiple Invoices?
036643	3/4/2025	Secretary of State	40.00	CA NOTARY EXAM FEE-R.KREUTZER	
036644	3/4/2025	Secretary of State	40.00	CA NOTARY EXAM FEE-S.KAUFMANN	
036645	3/4/2025	Secretary of State	40.00	CA NOTARY EXAM FEE - T.CHASE	
036646	3/5/2025	American Messaging	66.09	L1-072035	
036647	3/5/2025	Bee Rescue LLC	400.00	JACKIE LANE	Yes
036648	3/5/2025	David Levin	45.54	REF:1054522_239900	
036649	3/5/2025	Edco Waste & Recycling	683.19	25-4A 861816	Yes
036650	3/5/2025	Encinitas Ford	197.14	PU94 SUPPLIES	Yes
036651	3/5/2025	Ferguson Enterprises Inc. #1083	3,940.70	SUPPLIES	
036652	3/5/2025	Firehawk Fire & Safety	166.11	WTP SERVICES	
036653	3/5/2025	Home Consignment Center	32.15	REF:1062325_163760	
036654	3/5/2025	Infosend	4,526.12	1/25 MAINTENANCE FEE	
036655	3/5/2025	Lennar Homes	122.79	REF:1049409_299180	
036656	3/5/2025	Pacific Pipeline Supply	3,557.71	SUPPLIES	Yes
036657	3/5/2025	PTS Communications	150.00	760-489-9971	Yes
036658	3/5/2025	Republic Services	425.85	Waste Disposal	
036659	3/5/2025	Republic Services #661	939.63	Waste Disposal	
036660	3/5/2025	San Diego County Recorder	50.00	EP #427 FILING FEE	Yes
036661	3/5/2025	San Diego County Recorder	125.00	GIS BOUNDARY SPECIFICATIONS	
036662	3/5/2025	San Diego Gas & Electric	974.78	0010387381812	
036663	3/5/2025	Teichert Energy & Utilities Group, Inc.	531,531.57	Construction of the RW Pipeline Extensions for CB, Village Park & Summerhill (23AGR059)	Yes
036664	3/5/2025	Tetra Tech Inc	6,247.50	Engineering Support PLC Replacement Project (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
036665	3/5/2025	ULINE	161.82	WTP SUPPLIES	
036666	3/5/2025	Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	924.85	100000112726	
036667	3/5/2025	Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	1,335.07	SUPPLIES	
036668	3/12/2025	AT & T	31.85	9391056562	
036669	3/12/2025	Badger Meter Inc	144.52	3/4" METER	Yes
036670	3/12/2025	Black Diamond Paving	1,494.95	REF:1094333_303705	
036671	3/12/2025	California State Disbursement Unit	123.23	Employee Garnishment	
036672	3/12/2025	Coast Waste Mgmt Inc	600.13	19-55615-83004	
036673	3/12/2025	Core & Main LP	16,983.56	Zinc Anode 2"X 2"X 15"	Yes
036674	3/12/2025	Edco Waste & Recycling	440.00	25-4R 912759	Yes
036675	3/12/2025	Gabriel Hernandez	24.00	2/25 GYM REIMBURSEMENT	
036676	3/12/2025	Isabella Corchis	85.45	REF:1093543_126155	
036677	3/12/2025	Vince Dixon Ford dba	236.27	PU102 SUPPLIES	Yes
036678	3/12/2025	Lauren Denuo	23.26	REF:1094634_202335	
036679	3/12/2025	Lauren Swauger	53.55	MILEAGE REIMB 10/31/24 - 2/25	
036680	3/12/2025	Lorraine McKinney	5.82	REF:1094583_219165	
036681	3/12/2025	Lynn Budjenska	84.16	REF:1091438_219735	
036682	3/12/2025	Paul Zamora	1,147.00	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	
036683	3/12/2025	Rancho Santa Fe Community Svs	8,791.15	2/25 10.65 AC/FT RECYCLED WTR	
036684	3/12/2025	Robyn Fredricks	35.12	REF:1010918_244160	
036685	3/12/2025	S D G & E	264.85	Utilities	
036686	3/12/2025	San Diego Gas & Electric	908.02	Utilities	Yes
036687	3/12/2025	San Diego Refrigeration	613.76	OMWD HQ ICE MACHINE SERVICE	
036688	3/12/2025	Scott Fernandez	17.94	REF:1094372_207125	
036689	3/12/2025	Shawn Burns	65.41	REF:1095221_208895	
036690	3/12/2025	Stevan Hunt	61.05	REF:1093695_191325	
036691	3/12/2025	Sue Calkins	227.96	REF:1054215_166830	
036692	3/12/2025	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.	1,240.58	MANLIFT RENTAL	
036693	3/12/2025	Tri Signal Integration Inc	387.25	WTP FIRE ALARM MONITORING	
036694	3/12/2025	ULINE	32.52	CONTAINMENT DRUM RTN SHIPPING	
036695	3/12/2025	Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	479.79	SUPPLIES	
036696	3/19/2025	EGHBAL ALI	970.00	RM REFUND: DEBIT000000000600	
036697	3/19/2025	TOOLSON CONSTRUCTION CO	970.00	RM REFUND: DEBIT000000000599	
036698	3/19/2025	AT & T	1,277.11	9391056789	Yes
036699	3/19/2025	Bridget Hutches	8.04	REF:1086922_194570	
036700	3/19/2025	City Treasurer	377.09	Reclaimed Water	
036701	3/19/2025	City Treasurer	1,503.46	2/25 WATER METER SVC CHARGE	Yes
036702	3/19/2025	Corodata Shredding, Inc	69.87	PAPER DESTRUCTION SERVICES	
036703	3/19/2025	DCL Enterprise Inc DbA	21.82	KEYS	
036704	3/19/2025	DXP Enterprises, Inc.	67,606.65	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
036705	3/19/2025	Encinitas Ford	68.05	SUPPLIES	
036706	3/19/2025	Federal Express Corp	63.51	SHIPPING	
036707	3/19/2025	Ferguson Enterprises Inc. #1083	2,424.38	SUPPLIES	
036708	3/19/2025	First Choice Technology	163.60	13001474	Yes
036709	3/19/2025	Santana, Giovanni	130.00	D4 EXAM FEE REIMBURSEMENT	
036710	3/19/2025	Hercules Industries	1,276.82	LOCKS	
036711	3/19/2025	Home Depot/Gecf	5,074.09	2/25 SUPPLIES	Yes
036712	3/19/2025	Janet Shichman	67.97	REF:1092044_103630	
036713	3/19/2025	Jessica Arroyo	94.32	REF:1090876_191550	
036714	3/19/2025	Josh Westbrook	207.25	SEMINAR EXPENSE REIMB	
036715	3/19/2025	Kyocera	467.52	TONER	
036716	3/19/2025	Land Surveying Consultants, Inc.	1,600.00	QUAIL GARDENS DRIVE	
036717	3/19/2025	Moises Aguilar	106.39	REF:1091467_103620	
036718	3/19/2025	Napa Auto Parts	1,276.22	2/25 SUPPLIES	
036719	3/19/2025	Pacific Pipeline Supply	3,924.14	SUPPLIES	Yes
036720	3/19/2025	R & R Industries Inc	904.46	SAFETY SHIRTS	

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036721	3/19/2025	RECON Environmental, Inc.	651.00	ELFIN FOREST/CIELO AZUL TRAIL	Yes
036722	3/19/2025	Republic Services #661	7,576.08	Waste Disposal	Yes
036723	3/19/2025	Ryan Herco	1,865.95	SUPPLIES	Yes
036724	3/19/2025	San Diego Gas & Electric	111,973.60	Utilities	Yes
036725	3/19/2025	Shawn Spori	148.95	REF:1094066_221160	
036726	3/19/2025	SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC	756.07	SUPPLIES	
036728	3/26/2025	Aguirre & Associates	1,710.00	Survey Services for Wiegand Lot Line Adjustment & Easement Dedication	Yes
036729	3/26/2025	Alvin Levison	7,379.64	REF:1055256_290105	
036730	3/26/2025	American Conservation & Billing Solutions, Inc.	3,251.00	4/25 AQUAHAWK SERVICES	
036731	3/26/2025	AT & T	814.93	Utilities	Yes
036732	3/26/2025	Bee Rescue LLC	500.00	OMWD HQ BEE REMOVAL SERVICES	Yes
036733	3/26/2025	Brightview Landscape Services	8,360.00	GATY RSVR EASEMENT WEEDING	Yes
036734	3/26/2025	California State Disbursement Unit	123.23	Employee Garnishment	
036735	3/26/2025	Chuan Chen	138.00	REF:1005610_145930	
036736	3/26/2025	Corodata	305.86	OFFSITE RECORDS STORAGE	
036737	3/26/2025	County Of San Diego	799.00	8250 PASEO ESPLANADA	
036738	3/26/2025	Encinitas Ford	138.59	PUB4 SUPPLIES	Yes
036739	3/26/2025	Eric Richards	52.91	REF:1081743_228205	
036740	3/26/2025	Fieldman, Rolapp & Assoc	105.50	2021A & 2021B ADTR FILING	
036741	3/26/2025	Firehawk Fire & Safety	475.00	FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTION SVCS	
036742	3/26/2025	Flo Systems Inc	27,506.42	4S Ranch Pond Undrain Pump Replacement	Yes
036743	3/26/2025	Guardian	959.14	4/25 DENTAL ADMIN FEES	
036744	3/26/2025	HDR Engineering, Inc.	1,467.00	Unit A Project Condition Assessment Plan	Yes
036745	3/26/2025	Gabriel Hernandez	24.00	FITNESS REIMBURSEMENT	
036746	3/26/2025	HHS Construction, LLC	504.95	REF:1092536_303375	
036747	3/26/2025	Hi-Line Electric Company, Inc.	210.30	SUPPLIES	
036748	3/26/2025	Infrastructure Engineering Corporation	6,565.00	Hydraulic Analysis - Belmont Villages	Yes
036749	3/26/2025	Interstate Battery Of San Diego Inc	641.08	SHOP SUPPLIES	
036750	3/26/2025	J.M.D. Landscape Inc	19,232.00	EASEMENT CLEARING	Yes
036751	3/26/2025	John Aasted	37.52	REF:1093251_104025	
036752	3/26/2025	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	4,025.00	HARASSMENT TRAINING	
036753	3/26/2025	Matt Ferris	50.67	REF:1083346_202965	
036754	3/26/2025	Mt. Israel Property Owners	250.00	2025 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEE	
036755	3/26/2025	Neal Meyers	70.00	CSDA & COWU MTGS MILEAGE REIMB	
036756	3/26/2025	Pacific Pipeline Supply	16,976.18	SUPPLIES	Yes
036757	3/26/2025	Peri Urvek	28.22	REF:1034301_170460	
036758	3/26/2025	Quentin Alexander dba	250.00	COPPER CREEK/DUSTY TRAIL	
036759	3/26/2025	San Diego Cty. Assessor/Recorder/Clerk	375.00	MPR EXTRACT - 2023 ROLL	Yes
036760	3/26/2025	San Diego Gas & Electric	12,575.08	UTILITIES	Yes
036761	3/26/2025	Santa Fe Irrigation Dist	89.42	008128-005	
036762	3/26/2025	State Water Resources	60.00	T2 CERT - JEFF FUCHS	
036763	3/26/2025	ULINE	2,032.63	WTP SUPPLIES	
036764	3/26/2025	Vanessa Rivera	32.88	MTG REFRESHMENTS EXP REIMB	
036765	3/26/2025	VWR International LLC	452.88	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002180	3/5/2025	Farwest Corrosion	21,419.30	Zinc Anode 2"X 2"X 15"	Yes
EFT000000002181	3/5/2025	Standard Insurance Co.	6,430.51	3/25 LTD & LIFE INSURANCE PREM	
EFT000000002182	3/5/2025	Underground Service Alert	317.10	DIG ALERT TICKETS	
EFT000000002183	3/5/2025	Ababa Bolt Inc	1,129.44	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002184	3/5/2025	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC.	15,483.53	FUEL SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002185	3/5/2025	Mesa Products	271.23	NS CONNECTOR	Yes
EFT000000002186	3/5/2025	Traffic Supply Inc	658.92	SAFETY CONES	Yes
EFT000000002187	3/5/2025	Evoqua Water Technologies	6,410.42	WWTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000002188	3/5/2025	Fallbrook Printing Corp	7,144.40	WATCHING WATER	Yes
EFT000000002189	3/5/2025	Radwell International, Inc.	51.00	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002190	3/5/2025	Transene Company, Inc.	332.87	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002191	3/5/2025	Volt Management Corp DBA	954.24	SYS OPS/FS INTERNS W/E 020725	
EFT000000002192	3/5/2025	Mission Electric Supply, Inc.	34.52	WWTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002193	3/5/2025	PWLC I, INC	2,090.00	WWTP SERVICES	
EFT000000002194	3/5/2025	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	210.00	DUMP BOBTAIL - CONCRETE	
EFT000000002195	3/5/2025	Ignacio Tool Supply Inc.	19.66	SHOP TOOLS	
EFT000000002196	3/5/2025	Rincon Consultants Inc.	1,483.00	Groundwater Desalination Project Support	Yes
EFT000000002197	3/5/2025	Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. dba	11,398.52	APC Smart UPS 10KVA 208V	Yes
EFT000000002198	3/5/2025	N2W Engineering, Inc.	5,070.00	Preliminary Design Services for Palms Reservoir Demolition and Palms PRS Project	Yes
EFT000000002199	3/5/2025	Aqua Metric	394.22	FREIGHT	Yes
EFT000000002200	3/5/2025	Valley Construction Management	43,622.38	For Construction Management Services for the DCMWTP Stage 4 Upgrades	Yes
EFT000000002201	3/5/2025	Integrity Municipal Systems	2,606.00	WWTP ODOR CONTROL SYS SVC	Yes
EFT000000002202	3/12/2025	ACWA - JPIA	152,359.09	4/25 GROUP INSURANCE PREM	
EFT000000002203	3/12/2025	Myers & Sons	130.92	PARKS SIGNS	
EFT000000002204	3/12/2025	Controlled Entry Specialists	2,728.00	WWTP GATE SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002205	3/12/2025	North County Powder Coating	732.88	COATING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002206	3/12/2025	San Elijo Joint Powers Auth.	16,816.80	2/25 8.8 AC/FT RECYCLED WATER	
EFT000000002207	3/12/2025	McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	1,361.89	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002208	3/12/2025	Steven L. Sherman DBA	2,677.50	Conservation landscape services-evaluation	Yes

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**March 2025 Warrant List - Check & EFT**

Number	Date	Name	Amount	Inv Reference	Multiple Invoices?
EFT000000002209	3/12/2025	Sloan Electric	7,470.04	Mitsubishi FR-F840 VFD	Yes
EFT000000002210	3/12/2025	CyberlinkASP Technology	21,514.84	HOSTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002211	3/12/2025	Woodard & Curran	3,346.25	NSDWRG GRANT ADMIN SUPPORT	Yes
EFT000000002212	3/12/2025	Volt Management Corp DBA	1,133.16	SYS OPS/FS INTERNS W/E 021425	
EFT000000002213	3/12/2025	Alpha Mechanical, Inc	11,566.00	WTP EXHAUST FAN REINSTALL	Yes
EFT000000002214	3/12/2025	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	850.32	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000002215	3/12/2025	Pacific Coast Propane	2,273.12	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002216	3/12/2025	McGrath RentCorp dba	748.86	PARKS TRAILER RENTAL	
EFT000000002217	3/12/2025	Express Services Inc	2,902.74	TEMP LABOR PPE 022325	Yes
EFT000000002218	3/12/2025	Samba Holdings Inc	194.29	DRIVER RECORD MONITORING	
EFT000000002219	3/12/2025	Inductive Automation	18,362.01	Basic Care Support Plan Renewal	Yes
EFT000000002220	3/12/2025	Nossaman LLP	6,750.00	LOBBYING SERVICES	
EFT000000002221	3/12/2025	Rockwell Construction Services LLC	1,995.00	Construction Mgmt Services PLC Replacement Project (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
EFT000000002222	3/12/2025	Univar Solutions Usa Inc	1,125.10	WTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000002223	3/12/2025	Dell Computers	3,062.38	DELL KMM CONSOLE/SWITCH BUNDLE	Yes
EFT000000002224	3/12/2025	Harrington Industrial Plastics Inc	2,758.84	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002225	3/12/2025	Water for People	58.00	WTRPL 3/13/2025	
EFT000000002226	3/19/2025	Leucadia Wastewater District	150,186.53	TITLE XVI GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	
EFT000000002227	3/19/2025	Cyber Marketing Network Inc	223.00	Safety Boots	Yes
EFT000000002228	3/19/2025	Vallecitos Water District	47,413.77	TITLE XVI GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	
EFT000000002229	3/19/2025	DLM Engineering Inc	8,607.87	ENGINEER CONSULTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002230	3/19/2025	Myers & Sons	131.35	PARKS SIGNS	
EFT000000002231	3/19/2025	Wageworks	284.00	2/25 FSA ADMIN FEES	
EFT000000002232	3/19/2025	Rincon Del Diablo Mwd	5,834.78	TITLE XVI GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	
EFT000000002233	3/19/2025	Mouser Electronics	413.71	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002234	3/19/2025	San Elijo Joint Powers Auth.	596,254.83	TITLE XVI GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	
EFT000000002235	3/19/2025	Fallbrook Printing Corp	280.15	ENGINEERING PADS	
EFT000000002236	3/19/2025	Sloan Electric	4,314.64	WTP SERVICES	
EFT000000002237	3/19/2025	Volt Management Corp DBA	1,237.53	SYS OPS TEMP W/E 022125	Yes
EFT000000002238	3/19/2025	G. Briest Consulting, Inc.	3,704.27	ENGINEER CONSULTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002239	3/19/2025	Transnet Investigative Group Inc.	165.00	PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND	
EFT000000002240	3/19/2025	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	472.46	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000002241	3/19/2025	Be Gone Graffiti	4,300.00	WTP SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002242	3/19/2025	Rincon Consultants Inc.	6,877.75	NSDWRG GRANT ADMIN SUPPORT	Yes
EFT000000002243	3/19/2025	Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. dba	1,453.72	MAINTENANCE SERVICES	
EFT000000002244	3/19/2025	City of Oceanside	5,335,266.63	TITLE XVI GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	
EFT000000002245	3/19/2025	West Coast Sand & Gravel	3,757.31	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000002246	3/19/2025	Express Services Inc	2,571.04	TEMP LABOR PPE 030225	Yes
EFT000000002247	3/19/2025	Global Power Group Inc	6,272.72	NBHD #3 SPS PREVENT MAINT SVCS	Yes
EFT000000002248	3/19/2025	CDW Government Inc	2,478.12	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002249	3/19/2025	NBS	624.26	RAD 96-1 ADTR	
EFT000000002250	3/19/2025	Insight Public Sector, Inc.	4,336.94	KNOWBE4 AWARENESS TRAINING	
EFT000000002251	3/26/2025	TS Industrial Supply	103.24	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002252	3/26/2025	Boot World Inc	559.69	Safety Boots	Yes
EFT000000002253	3/26/2025	Underground Service Alert	302.30	DIG ALERT TICKETS	
EFT000000002254	3/26/2025	Vallecitos Water District	48,395.97	RECLAIMED WATER	
EFT000000002255	3/26/2025	AG Tech Llc	4,817.00	WWTP BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL SVCS	
EFT000000002256	3/26/2025	North County Powder Coating	1,356.77	WTP SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002257	3/26/2025	Evoqua Water Technologies	584.60	WWTP VAPORLINK	Yes
EFT000000002258	3/26/2025	Ninyo & Moore	7,577.50	GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002259	3/26/2025	Woodard & Curran	1,122.50	NSDWRG GRANT ADMIN SUPPORT	Yes
EFT000000002260	3/26/2025	Volt Management Corp DBA	1,237.53	SYS OPS INTERN W/E 2/28/25	Yes
EFT000000002261	3/26/2025	NexusTek Phoenix	6,360.48	CLOUD STORAGE	
EFT000000002262	3/26/2025	Zoho Corporation	11,967.00	ManageEngine ADManager Plus - Annual subscription fee	Yes
EFT000000002263	3/26/2025	Traffic Safety Solutions	1,990.00	RANCHO SANTA FE RD	Yes
EFT000000002264	3/26/2025	IKG Environmental	8,068.42	quarterly Well Monitoring for the San Dieguito Valley Groundwater	Yes
EFT000000002265	3/26/2025	Brax Company, Inc.	3,979.21	WWTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002266	3/26/2025	Alpha Mechanical, Inc	1,261.00	HQ - MOTOR REPLACEMENTS	
EFT000000002267	3/26/2025	WREGIS	1.24	RENEW ENERGY	
EFT000000002268	3/26/2025	PWLC I, INC	17,078.00	LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	Yes
EFT000000002269	3/26/2025	Gillingham Water Planning and Engineering, Inc.	5,310.00	water demand forecasts	Yes
EFT000000002270	3/26/2025	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	1,758.07	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000002271	3/26/2025	KDC Inc. dba	95,138.75	PLC Replacement Project Construction (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
EFT000000002272	3/26/2025	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	3,465.00	CONSULTING SERVICES	
EFT000000002273	3/26/2025	Aqua Metric	15,698.76	METER STOCK UP	Yes
EFT000000002274	3/26/2025	Patriot Environmental	701.50	WWTP BIOSOLIDS WASTE DISPOSAL	
EFT000000002275	3/26/2025	Express Services Inc	4,246.44	TEMP LABOR PPE	Yes
EFT000000002276	3/26/2025	Whitson CM	600.00	OMWD HQ SITE INSPECTIONS	
EFT000000002277	3/26/2025	CDW Government Inc	64,898.45	IT Supplies	Yes
EFT000000002278	3/26/2025	Nossaman LLP	6,750.00	2/25 LOBBYING SERVICES	
EFT000000002279	3/26/2025	Valley Construction Management	54,331.86	Construction Management Services for the DCMWTP Stage 4 Upgrades	Yes
EFT000000002280	3/26/2025	County of San Diego, RCS	177.00	2/25 RADIO SERVICES	

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
March 2025 Warrant List - Check & EFT

Number	Date	Name	Amount	Inv Reference	Multiple Invoices?
EFT000000002281	3/26/2025	Konecranes Inc	3,589.13	WTP CRANE SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002282	3/26/2025	Harrington Industrial Plastics Inc	735.68	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002283	3/26/2025	Water for People	58.00	WTRPL 3/27/2025	
			<u>7,875,652.96</u>		

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**Monthly Directors Fee and Reimbursed Expenses for Directors and Staff**  
**March 2025**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Check#/ Credit Card</u>	<u>Meals &amp; Lodging</u>	<u>Travel &amp; Transport</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Reimbursed Expenses</u>	<u>Directors Fee*</u>
Director Guerin			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Director Hahn			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Director Maloni			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Director Meyers	3/26/2025	36755	0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00	750.00
			0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00	750.00
General Manager Thorner			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Human Resources Manager Joslin			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Finance Manager Selamat			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operations Manager Bartlett-May			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Engineering Manager Stephenson			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Assistant General Manager Randall			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Customer Service Manager Carnegie			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

\*Includes February and March Per Diems.

Notes:

- (1) Reviewed and discussed with the Finance Committee (02/05/18).
- (2) Reimbursement of expenses are in compliance with Article 19 of the District's Administrative and Ethics Code.
- (3) Travel and other expenses charged to District's credit cards and paid by the District are recorded and maintained separately.



**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**MONTHLY CASH AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY**  
**As of February 28, 2025**

**Active Deposits**

	<b><u>Book Value</u></b>
Checking Accounts	\$ 11,278,551
Cash Restricted for Specific Use	170,484
Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness	1,496
Total Active Deposits	<u>\$ 11,450,531</u>

**Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy**

Cash with Fiscal Agents	1,998,466
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<b><u>Investments</u></b>	<b><u>Face Value</u></b>	<b><u>Market Value</u></b>	<b><u>Current Yield</u></b>	
LAIF	\$ 18,399,242	18,392,286	4.33%	\$ 18,399,242
CAMP - US Bank	25,597,227	25,597,227	4.51%	25,597,227
Money Market Funds	2,228,171	2,228,171	3.94%	2,228,171
Commercial Paper	1,010,000	1,006,192	4.34%	1,000,034
Municipal Bonds	1,000,000	1,003,720	4.98%	1,216,760
U.S. Treasury Securities	3,031,000	2,975,982	3.06%	2,984,069
U.S. Agency Securities	36,225,000	35,592,365	2.59%	36,223,000
Total Investments	<u>\$ 87,490,640</u>	<u>\$ 86,795,944</u>	<u>3.63%</u>	<u>\$ 87,648,502</u>

**Total - All Deposits/Investments**

**\$ 101,097,499**

**Maturity Analysis of Investments**

	<b><u>Percent</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
Demand Deposits	52.7%	\$ 46,224,640
Maturity within the next two months	1.1%	1,000,034
Maturity within three months and one year	21.9%	19,198,829
Maturity beyond one year	24.2%	21,225,000
Total Investments	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 87,648,502</u>

**Weighted Average Days to Maturity**

**280**

**Other Required Disclosures:**

Accrued interest receivable as of 02/28/2025 \$ 359,741

The above investments are in accordance with the portfolio limitations in the Investment Policy approved by the Board in December 2024.

The District has sufficient funds on hand to meet the next 60 days' obligations.

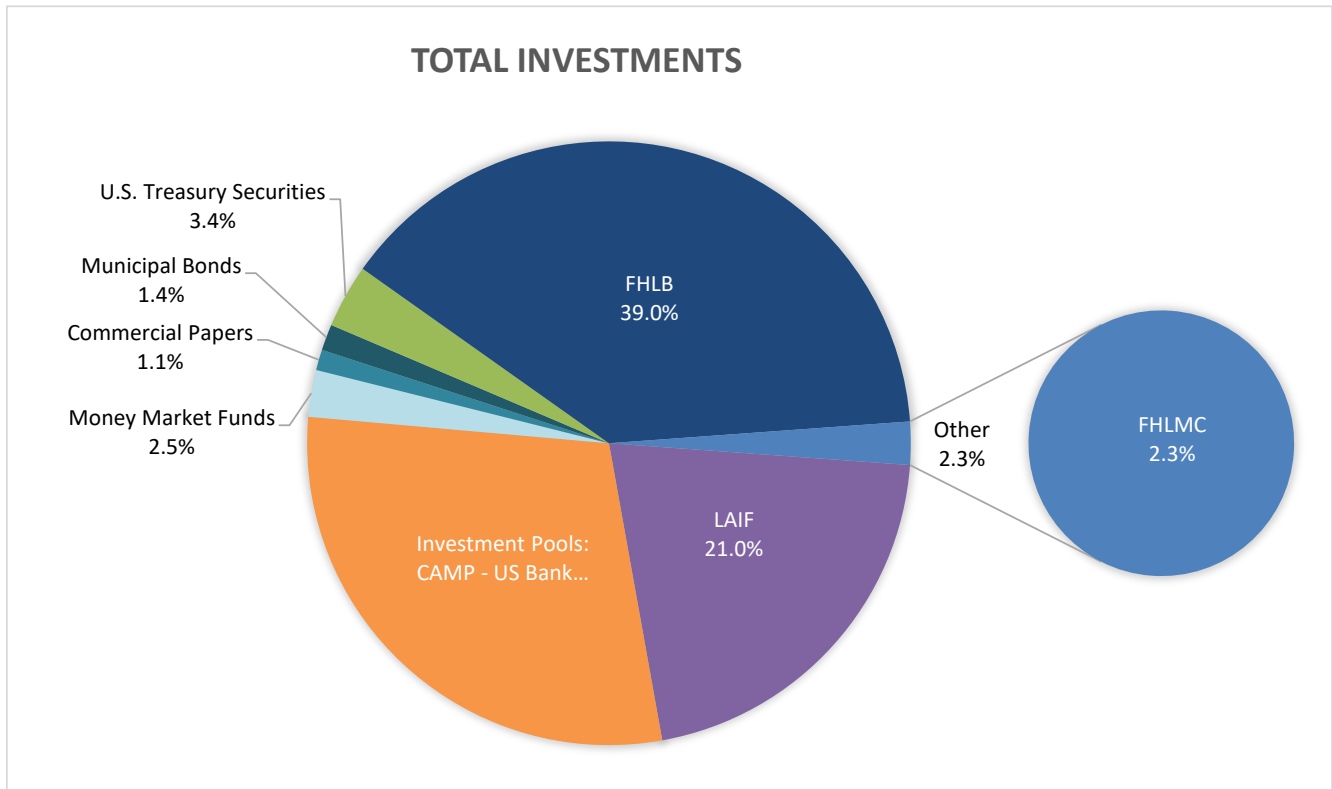
**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**PORTFOLIO LIMITATIONS ANALYSIS PER INVESTMENT POLICY**  
**February 28, 2025**

	<b>Book Value</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Permitted Percent</b>	<b>In Compliance?</b>
LAIF	\$ 18,399,242	21.0%	50.0% <sup>(1)</sup>	Yes
Investment Pools: CAMP - US Bank	25,597,227	29.2%	30.0%	Yes
Money Market Funds	2,228,171	2.5%	20.0% <sup>(2)</sup>	Yes
Commercial Papers	1,000,034	1.1%	20.0% <sup>(3)</sup>	Yes
Municipal Bonds	1,216,760	1.4%	30.0%	Yes
U.S. Treasury Securities	2,984,069	3.4%	100.0% <sup>(3)</sup>	Yes
U.S. Agency Securities	36,223,000	41.3%	50.0%	Yes
<i>FHLB</i> <i>Federal Home Loan Bank</i>	<i>34,223,000</i>	<i>39.0%</i>		
<i>FHLMC</i> <i>Freddie Mac</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>	<i>2.3%</i>		

<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 87,648,502</b>	<b>100%</b>
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Note:

- <sup>(1)</sup> No more than 50% of the total value of all District Investments or \$40 million.
- <sup>(2)</sup> May not exceed 5% in any money market fund.
- <sup>(3)</sup> No limit.



\* Total may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
MONTHLY INVESTMENTS DETAIL  
February 28, 2025

ACTIVE DEPOSIT										Book Value
Checking A/C: California Bank and Trust for General Purpose										11,278,551
California Bank and Trust for Specific Purpose										170,484
Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness										1,496
Total - Active Deposits										11,450,531

DEPOSITS NOT COVERED BY INVESTMENT POLICY

Cash with Fiscal Agents:

Union Bank - RAD 96-1 Refunding Bond	908,517
Union Bank - 2015A Refunding Bond	4,525
SRF Loan	1,076,471
Union Bank - 2016A Refunding Bond	2,412
Union Bank - 2021A WW Revenue Bond	4,034
Union Bank - 2021B Refunding Bond	2,507

Total Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy

1,998,466

RATING		DATE				Weighted Average Days to Maturity	Call	Stated Coupon	Current Yield	Market Value	Face Value	Book Value
Moody's	S&P	Purchase	Maturity	Next Call	Next S-U							
INVESTMENTS												
Invest. Pools: US Bank Calif. Asset Mgmt Prgm (CAMP)						1		4.51%		\$ 25,597,227	\$ 25,597,227	\$ 25,597,227
State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)						1		4.33%		18,392,286	18,399,242	18,399,242
First American Government 31846V567						1		4.25%		1,068,019	1,068,019	1,068,019
CB&T Money Market Account						1		3.66%		1,160,153	1,160,153	1,160,153
U.S. Treasury Notes/Bills												
912797NB9	U.S. Treasury Bill	Aaa	-	01/10/25	04/10/25	42		4.25%	4.27%	1,005,485	1,010,000	999,526
912797LW5	U.S. Treasury Bill	Aaa	-	01/10/25	07/10/25	133		4.22%	4.29%	1,005,746	1,021,000	1,000,065
91282CBQ3	U.S. Treasury Notes	Aaa	-	03/09/21	02/28/26	366		0.50%	0.52%	964,750	1,000,000	984,478
						15		3.00%	3.06%	\$ 2,975,982	\$ 3,031,000	\$ 2,984,069

U.S. Agency Securities

3134GWAQ9	FHLMC Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/28/20	07/28/25	None	151	0.65%	0.66%	985,360	1,000,000	1,000,000	
3130AKGX8	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/15/20	12/15/25	03/15/25	291	16	1.50%	1.52%	1,972,400	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AKMD5	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/26/21	01/26/26	04/26/25	333	58	0.50%	0.52%	967,410	1,000,000	999,500
3130AKU53	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	11/28/25	335	274	0.52%	0.54%	967,400	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKN69	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	01/28/26	335	335	0.50%	0.52%	967,280	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKVN3	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/29/21	01/29/26	04/29/25	336	61	0.52%	0.54%	967,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKWK8	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/12/21	02/12/26	05/12/25	350	74	0.51%	0.53%	965,970	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKX43	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	05/24/25	362	86	0.70%	0.72%	1,933,400	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AL7M0	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	05/24/25	362	86	0.63%	0.65%	966,170	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKYR1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	None	363		0.55%	0.57%	965,710	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AL6K5	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	None	363		0.58%	0.60%	965,990	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALD76	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	05/25/25	363	87	0.70%	0.72%	966,860	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALCW2	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	None	363		0.63%	0.65%	966,410	1,000,000	998,500
3130ALGJ7	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/23/21	03/23/26	03/23/25	389	24	1.00%	1.04%	940,670	975,000	975,000
3130B2RS6	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/27/24	03/27/26	03/27/25	393	28	4.33%	4.33%	998,970	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALPQ1	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/30/21	03/30/26	03/30/25	396	31	1.50%	1.54%	976,920	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALVC5	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	04/14/21	04/14/26	04/14/25	411	46	1.50%	1.54%	975,850	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3YT4	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/06/24	06/05/26	03/05/25	463	6	4.55%	4.55%	999,600	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B44P3	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/12/24	06/12/26	03/12/25	470	13	4.50%	4.50%	1,498,905	1,500,000	1,500,000
3130APAY1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/21/21	10/21/26	04/21/25	601	53	1.10%	1.15%	952,620	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130APL78	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/28/21	10/28/26	04/28/25	608	60	1.38%	1.44%	956,410	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4SB8	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/05/25	11/05/26	05/25/25	616	87	4.50%	4.50%	749,640	750,000	750,000
3130B2DX0	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/27/24	11/27/26	Anytime	638	1	4.55%	4.56%	998,080	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B1TA5	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/09/24	07/09/27	07/09/25	862	132	5.20%	5.20%	1,000,350	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4JD4	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/14/25	07/14/27	07/14/25	867	137	4.65%	4.65%	1,000,120	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4TL5	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/30/25	07/30/27	07/30/25	883	153	4.50%	4.50%	999,250	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3PL1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	11/15/24	11/15/27	05/15/25	991	77	4.88%	4.88%	999,620	1,000,000	1,000,000
3134HAX65	FHLMC Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/10/25	01/10/28	04/10/25	1,047	42	4.50%	4.50%	999,370	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4TN1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/30/25	01/28/28	01/28/26	1,065	335	4.50%	4.49%	1,002,690	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4YQ8	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/25	02/25/28	02/25/26	1,093	363	4.60%	4.60%	1,000,040	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2N43	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/10/24	09/10/29	09/10/26	1,656	560	4.00%	4.06%	985,340	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2NM3	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/17/24	09/17/29	03/17/25	1,663	18	4.92%	4.92%	999,540	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3BF9	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/16/24	10/11/29	04/11/25	1,687	43	4.90%	4.90%	999,360	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B52W7	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/25	02/14/30	11/14/25	1,813	260	5.00%	4.99%	1,001,360	1,000,000	1,000,000
							653	113	2.55%	2.59%	\$ 35,592,365	\$ 36,225,000	\$ 36,223,000

Commercial Paper

48306AR33	Kaiser Foundation			01/10/25	04/03/25	35		4.32%	4.34%	1,006,192	1,010,000	1,000,034
						1		4.32%	4.34%	\$ 1,006,192	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 1,000,034

Municipal Bonds

882724RA7	TEXAS ST PUB FIN AUTH	Aaa	AAA	10/30/20	10/01/25	216		5.00%	4.98%	1,003,720	1,000,000	1,216,760
						7		5.00%	4.98%	\$ 1,003,720	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,216,760
Total Investments						280		3.60%	3.63%	\$ 86,795,944	\$ 87,490,640	\$ 87,648,502

TOTAL - ALL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS										\$	101,097,499
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**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**INVESTMENTS TRANSACTION**  
**February 28, 2025**

**PURCHASED**

DATE				Investment Description	<i>Stated</i>	<i>Current</i>	Face Value	Book Value
Purchase	Maturity	Call	Step-Up		Coupon	Yield		
02/05/25	11/05/26	05/25/25		FHLB Callable	4.500%	4.502%	750,000	750,000
02/25/25	02/25/28	02/25/26		FHLB Callable	4.600%	4.600%	1,000,000	1,000,000
02/24/25	02/14/30	11/14/25		FHLB Callable	5.000%	4.993%	1,000,000	1,000,000

**MATURED / REDEEMED / CALLED**

DATE				Investment Description	<i>Stated</i>	<i>Current</i>	Face Value	Book Value
Redemption	Maturity	Call	Step-Up		Coupon	Yield		
02/18/25	02/18/25	02/18/25	None	FHLB Step-up Callable	1.500%	1.502%	1,000,000	1,000,000
02/27/25	02/27/25	02/27/25		FHLB Callable	0.660%	0.662%	1,000,000	1,000,000

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**UNAUDITED CASH POSITION BY FUNDING SOURCES**  
**As of February 28, 2025**

<b><u>Water Funds (Potable &amp; Recycled)</u></b>		<b><u>Balance</u></b>
10050-100	Cash - Petty Cash Fund	1,496
10010-100	Cash - Operating Fund	22,003,480
10030-100	Cash - Capital and Equipment Fund	41,376,961
10040-100	Cash - Rate Stabilization Fund	11,339,131
10080-100	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	913,646
10060-100	Cash - Deposit Work for Other	166,247
14000-500	Restricted Cash - Capacity Fee Fund	8,345,871
<b>Total Water Funds (Potable &amp; Recycled)</b>		<b><u>84,146,832</u></b>
 <b><u>Wastewater Funds</u></b>		
10010-110	Wastewater - Operating Fund	3,184,549
10030-110	Wastewater - Capital Replacement Fund	8,695,792
10040-110	Wastewater - Rate Stabilization Fund	2,820,244
10080-110	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	81,133
<b>Total Wastewater Funds</b>		<b><u>14,781,717</u></b>
 <b><u>Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash</u></b>		
14020-570	Cash non-agent - RAD 96-1	159,284
10070-561	Cash non-agent - Bond 2015A	621
10070-581	Cash non-agent - Bond 2016A	10,580
<b>Total Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash</b>		<b><u>170,484</u></b>
 <b><u>Debt Service Funds</u></b>		
14030-510	SRF Loan - Fiscal Agent	1,076,471
14105-570	Redemption fund - RAD 96-1	857,762
14110-570	Reserve fund - RAD 96-1	50,755
14100-561	Redemption fund - Bond 2015A	4,525
14100-581	Redemption fund - Bond 2016A	2,412
14100-521	Redemption fund - Bond 2021A	4,034
14100-522	Redemption fund - Bond 2021B	2,507
<b>Total Debt Service Funds</b>		<b><u>1,998,466</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>		<b><u><u>101,097,499</u></u></b>

# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Rainy K. Selamat, Finance Manager  
Via: Kimberly Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION,  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, CONSOLIDATED ACTUAL VS  
BUDGET SUMMARY, AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS REPORTS**

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The following unaudited monthly financial reports are enclosed for review and approval by the Board of Directors:

- February 2025 Monthly Statement of Net Position Report.
- February 2025 Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Report.
- February 2025 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.
- February 2025 Monthly Consolidated Actual VS Budget Summary and explanation of significant variance reports.
- February 2025 Construction In Progress Report.

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)  
All Funds  
2/28/2025

**Assets**

Current assets:

Unrestricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$89,275,781
Accounts receivable - water and wastewater, net	7,017,207
Interest Receivable	359,741
Taxes receivable	212,142
Other receivables	173,606
Lease receivable	418,980
Inventories	3,775,993
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,438,482
Total unrestricted assets	<u>102,671,931</u>

Restricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	10,237,801
Assesments receivable	55,989
Grants receivable	2,461
Total restricted assets	<u>10,296,251</u>
Total current assets	<u>112,968,182</u>

Noncurrent assets:

Capital assets, nondepreciable	59,289,633
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>315,651,513</u>
Capital assets, net	374,941,145
Prepaid bond insurance	11,382
Lease receivable	<u>10,556,981</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>385,509,508</u>
Total assets	<u>498,477,690</u>

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred amount on refunding	(635,181)
Deferred amount from pension	<u>(7,033,805)</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>(7,668,986)</u>

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities

Liabilities payable from unrestricted assets:

Accounts payable	3,792,228
Accrued payroll	258,568
Customer deposits	428,239
Payable related to work in progress	153,709
Compensated absences, current portion	1,150,779
Current portion of long-term debt:	
Wastewater Revenue Bonds 2021A	216,210
Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bonds 2021B	581,980
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2016A	615,000
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2015A	2,035,000
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commi...	912,774
Notes Payable	865,765
Subscription Liability	38,096
Total liabilities payable from unrestricted assets	<u>11,048,348</u>

Liabilities payable from restricted assets:

Accounts payable	1,483
Interest payable	279,601
Grants payable	6,134,957
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>6,416,041</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>17,464,389</u>

Noncurrent liabilities

Compensated absences	1,151,582
Net pension liability	17,930,299
Long-term debt, excluding current portion:	
Wastewater Revenue Bonds 2021A	4,161,270
Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bonds 2021B	1,786,450
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2016A	11,700,923
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2015A	7,058,963
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commi...	1,885,077
Notes Payable	8,217,547

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)

All Funds

2/28/2025

Subscription Liability	9,704
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>53,901,814</u>
Total liabilities	<u>71,366,203</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred amounts on pension	298,346
Deferred amounts on leases	9,811,059

Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,109,405</u>
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Net Position

Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt	335,491,568
Restricted Net Position	3,880,210
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>85,299,291</u>
Total Net Position	<u>424,671,069</u>



OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Unaudited)  
All Funds  
For the Eight Months Ending 2/28/2025

	<u>2025</u>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Water Sales	\$46,635,552
Wastewater Charges	3,238,173
Other Water Operating revenues	1,106,414
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<u>50,980,139</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Cost of Purchased Water Sold	26,027,172
Pumping and Water Treatment	3,203,089
Transmission and Distribution	3,061,332
Wastewater Collection and Treatment	1,322,780
Elfin Forest Recreation Operations	313,828
Facilities Maintenance	831,953
Customer Service	1,696,785
General and Administrative	6,024,562
Depreciation and Amortization	7,464,560
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>49,946,060</u>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>1,034,079</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	
Investment income	2,061,540
Property taxes	2,997,893
Capacity charges	1,707,919
Benefit assessments	701,742
Other nonoperating revenues	878,969
Interest expense, net	(695,533)
Other nonoperating expenses	(6,933,050)
<b>Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)</b>	<u>719,480</u>
<b>Income before capital contributions</b>	<b>1,753,559</b>
<b>Capital contributions</b>	<u>6,678,017</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>8,431,576</b>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of year</b>	<u>416,239,493</u>
<b>Net Position, End of year</b>	<u><u>424,671,069</u></u>

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)  
AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Receipts from water and wastewater customers	\$ 54,332,427
Payments for water	(32,211,547)
Payments for services and supplies	(6,034,210)
Payments for employee wages, benefits and related costs	(11,774,575)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>4,312,095</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Property taxes and benefit assessments received	<u>3,693,094</u>
<b>Net cash provided by noncapital and related financing activities</b>	<u>3,693,094</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(10,892,430)
Proceeds from Grants	9,812,488
Principal paid on long-term debt	(1,933,509)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(708,535)
Capacity charges received	1,707,919
Other capital financing receipts (expenses)	164,988
<b>Net cash used by capital and related financing activities</b>	<u>(1,849,079)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:**

Investment income received	<u>2,115,464</u>
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<u>2,115,464</u>

**Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents** 8,271,574

**Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year** 57,755,606

**Cash and cash equivalents, end of period** \$ 66,027,180

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:**

Cash and cash equivalents - current assets	58,354,680
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted assets	7,672,500
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>\$ <u>66,027,180</u></u>

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS RECONCILIATION**

		<b>Balance Includes Mkt Securities</b>	<b>Without Mkt Securities</b>
Unrestricted cash	2/28/2025	89,275,781	58,354,680
Restricted cash	2/28/2025	10,237,801	7,672,500
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>			<u><u>66,027,180</u></u>

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Consolidated Actual vs Budget Summary  
For the Eight Months Ending 2/28/2025

	Approved Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance Amt	Variance %	Notes
<b>Operating Revenues</b>						
Commodity Water Sales	\$46,817,000.00	\$34,755,926.90	\$31,924,200.00	\$2,831,726.90	8.9%	1
Water Fees and Services	19,701,000.00	12,986,039.17	13,134,000.00	(147,960.83)	(1.1%)	
Wastewater Revenue	5,725,000.00	3,238,173.42	3,277,500.00	(39,326.58)	(1.2%)	
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>72,243,000.00</b>	<b>50,980,139.49</b>	<b>48,335,700.00</b>	<b>2,644,439.49</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Purchased Water - Variable	27,264,000.00	19,600,283.93	19,765,000.00	164,716.07	0.8%	2
Purchased Water - Fixed	9,593,000.00	6,426,888.00	6,233,000.00	(193,888.00)	(3.1%)	
General Manager Dept	2,232,000.00	1,385,208.91	1,488,080.00	102,871.09	6.9%	3
Engineering Dept	2,577,000.00	1,562,987.71	1,717,360.00	154,372.29	9.0%	3
Finance Dept	1,875,000.00	1,219,530.90	1,250,640.00	31,109.10	2.5%	3
Customer Service Dept	3,116,500.00	2,000,990.99	2,082,184.00	81,193.01	3.9%	3
Human Resources Dept	878,000.00	589,577.82	585,464.00	(4,113.82)	(0.7%)	3
Water Operations and Maintenance Dept	12,836,000.00	7,860,504.82	8,687,032.00	826,527.18	9.5%	3
Parks Dept	542,800.00	343,774.20	362,768.00	18,993.80	5.2%	3
Other Operating Expenses	50,000.00		33,600.00	33,600.00	100.0%	
Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Dept	3,397,000.00	2,236,542.68	2,266,896.00	30,353.32	1.3%	3
Recycled Water Operations Dept	1,252,500.00	784,385.63	833,680.00	49,294.37	5.9%	3
Paygo Transfers						
Water Operations	5,382,000.00	3,592,000.00	3,592,000.00		0.0%	
Wastewater Operations	3,245,000.00	2,160,000.00	2,160,000.00		0.0%	
Recycled Operations	1,700,000.00	1,136,000.00	1,136,000.00		0.0%	
Capitalized Operations Expenditures	(1,969,700.00)	(952,615.12)	(1,312,480.00)	(359,864.88)	27.4%	4
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>73,971,100.00</b>	<b>49,946,060.47</b>	<b>50,881,224.00</b>	<b>935,163.53</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(1,728,100.00)</b>	<b>1,034,079.02</b>	<b>(2,545,524.00)</b>	<b>3,579,603.02</b>		
<b>Nonoperating Revenues</b>						
Water Funds	7,289,000.00	5,182,473.35	4,574,360.00	608,113.35	13.3%	5
Debt Service Funds	1,057,000.00	721,068.32	648,940.00	72,128.32	11.1%	5
Wastewater Funds	145,000.00	141,942.87	96,800.00	45,142.87	46.6%	5
Recycled Water Funds	342,000.00	187,620.14	228,000.00	(40,379.86)	(17.7%)	5
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenue</b>	<b>8,833,000.00</b>	<b>6,233,104.68</b>	<b>5,548,100.00</b>	<b>685,004.68</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	
<b>Nonoperating Expense</b>						
Capacity Fee Funds	30,000.00	24,839.91	19,840.00	(4,999.91)	(25.2%)	
Debt Service Funds	1,242,400.00	751,745.05	829,360.00	77,614.95	9.4%	6
Potable Water Funds	858,000.00	717,041.50	610,400.00	(106,641.50)	(17.5%)	7
Recycled Water Funds		6,134,956.54		(6,134,956.54)	0.0%	8
<b>Total Nonoperating Expense</b>	<b>2,130,400.00</b>	<b>7,628,583.00</b>	<b>1,459,600.00</b>	<b>(6,168,983.00)</b>	<b>(422.6%)</b>	
<b>Inc before Cap Fees and Capital Contributions</b>	<b>4,974,500.00</b>	<b>(361,399.30)</b>	<b>1,542,976.00</b>	<b>(1,904,375.30)</b>		
Capacity Fee Funds	1,457,000.00	2,114,958.08				
Capital contributions	1,772,000.00	6,678,017.14				
<b>Change in Net Position</b>		<b>8,431,575.92</b>				

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Actual vs Budget Variance  
For the Eight Months Ending 2/28/2025

1. Water Sales revenue was higher than Budget YTD by approximately \$2.83 million resulting in a favorable variance of 8.9% due to higher actual water sales over budgeted. Customers' total water usage through February was 1,033 acre feet, or 8%, more than Budget YTD.
2. Purchased water variable expenses were lower than the Budget YTD for a favorable variance of \$165 thousand or 0.8%. This is primarily due to the actual take or pay amount owed to the City of San Diego per the recycled water agreement being lower than anticipated in Budget YTD by approximately \$300 thousand. The District was able to take additional acre feet of recycled water from the City in CY 2024, reducing the amount owed per the agreement. The timing of treated water purchases included in Budget YTD which assumed additional cost is incurred evenly throughout the year and savings from the pre-buy of untreated water from San Diego County Water Authority at calendar year 2024 rates also contributed to lower purchased water costs through February.
3. Actual departmental expenses varied from the Budget YTD amounts due to the timing of actual operating expenses. The Budget YTD amounts assume expenditures are incurred evenly throughout the year.
4. Actual Capitalized Operating Expenses were lower than the Budget YTD amount due to the timing of capitalized labor spent on District projects. The Budget YTD amount assumes expenditures are incurred evenly throughout the year.
5. Actual Non-operating Revenues – Water Funds, Debt Service Funds, Wastewater Funds, and Recycled Water Funds were overall greater than Budget YTD for a positive variance due to higher interest income earned on short-term investments over budgeted returns and by the timing of property tax revenues received from the County. This is partially offset by the timing of proceeds from the sale of the District's Wiegand parcels included in the budget.
6. Actual Non-operating Expenses - Debt Service Funds were lower than the Budget YTD amount for a positive variance because amortization of the issuance premium is not included in the 2015A Bonds interest expense.
7. Actual Non-operating Expenses – Potable Water Funds were greater than Budget YTD for a negative variance primarily due the increase in the Rate Reimbursement Credit to customers effective January 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 cents per unit as budgeted to 22 cents per unit, as approved by the Board in November 2024.
8. Actual Non-operating Expenses – Recycled Water Funds were greater than Budget YTD for a negative variance due to pass-through grant expenses on Title XVI grant receipts

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Actual vs Budget Variance  
For the Eight Months Ending 2/28/2025

that are due to other agencies. An equal offsetting revenue amount is included in Capital contributions.

**Construction Work In Progress Report as of 2/28/2025**

Project Name	Total Project Budget	Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25	Total Expensed Thru 2/28/2025 <sup>1</sup>	(Over) Under Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25
Replace Neighborhood 1 Sewer Pump Station	\$8,582,000	\$8,582,000	\$8,599,214	(\$17,214)
San Dieguito Desalination	\$75,437,000	\$6,514,000	\$5,117,920	\$1,396,080
HOA Recycled Pipeline Ext - CB, VP, SH	\$4,395,000	\$4,345,000	\$3,289,881	\$1,055,119
DCMWTP 4th Stage Centrifuge	\$3,340,000	\$3,340,000	\$1,014,108	\$2,325,892
RSFe Rd Unit A North Pipeline	\$2,094,000	\$1,986,000	\$1,981,562	\$4,438
District-Wide PLC Replacements	\$1,466,000	\$1,466,000	\$557,094	\$908,906
District-Wide PLC Replacement Wastewater	\$1,456,000	\$1,456,000	\$526,881	\$929,119
Village Park Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$356,221	\$1,053,779
Gardendale Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$457,104	\$952,896
Replace Headworks Manual System	\$3,369,000	\$1,221,000	\$504,005	\$716,995
Replace DCMWTP Membranes	\$11,231,000	\$936,000	\$858,262	\$77,738
Replace Potable Meters	\$9,304,000	\$830,000	\$438,449	\$391,551
Replace Valves	\$8,604,000	\$750,000	\$167,596	\$582,404
Fixed Base AMI	\$715,000	\$715,000	\$443,079	\$271,921
Raw Water Equalizer Tank Rehabilitation	\$671,000	\$671,000	\$15,093	\$655,907
Off-Spec and High Flow Diversion Pipeline	\$685,000	\$610,000	\$0	\$610,000
Tank Safety Improvements	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$126,926	\$463,074
Potable & Recycled Master Plan	\$583,000	\$583,000	\$584,295	(\$1,295)
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Basin & Beam	\$1,784,000	\$577,000	\$5,921	\$571,079
Units B & K Pipeline Rehabilitation	\$2,142,000	\$562,000	\$235,080	\$326,920
DCMWTP 1st Stage Beam Replacement	\$2,206,000	\$560,000	\$0	\$560,000
Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Emergency Repair	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$73,337	\$476,663
Replace Pipelines	\$5,670,000	\$445,000	\$65,665	\$379,335
EFRR Parking Lot Expansion	\$1,385,000	\$476,000	\$104,979	\$371,021
Steel Mains Protection	\$3,484,000	\$304,000	\$51,151	\$252,849
Palms I and II Reservoirs	\$1,792,000	\$277,000	\$152,381	\$124,619
Encinitas Blvd Inspection & Repair	\$677,000	\$274,000	\$21,779	\$252,221
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Membrane Train	\$472,500	\$272,500	\$211,580	\$60,920
Replace 75HP Digester Blower	\$263,000	\$263,000	\$758	\$262,242
District-Wide Scada Upgrades	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$149,254	\$106,746
CIS System Upgrade	\$400,500	\$216,500	\$9,852	\$206,648
Replace WW Pumps, Motors & Equipment	\$2,539,000	\$200,000	\$49,994	\$150,006
Chlorine Gen Rm Lining Rehabilitation	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$217,058	(\$22,058)
Fleet Electrification Plan	\$2,450,000	\$193,000	\$47,834	\$145,166
DCMWTP Combined Filter Influent & Backwash Pipe Replacement	\$708,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
Replace Potable Pumps and Motors	\$2,004,000	\$175,000	\$25,369	\$149,631
Rancho La Cima/Aliso Canyon Pipeline	\$315,000	\$165,000	\$63,359	\$101,641
Firehouse SPS Liner Replacement	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$155,761	\$4,239
Replace Meter Anodes	\$1,811,000	\$158,000	\$168,032	(\$10,032)
Golem 14" Pipeline Condition Assessment	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$16,901	\$133,099
Santa Fe Valley Reservoir Improvements	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Manchester Recycled Pipeline Extension	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$55,526	\$94,474
Wanket RW Reservoir Rehabilitation	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$21,547	\$128,453
Del Dios SPS Improvements	\$773,000	\$160,100	\$160,072	\$28
District-Wide Facility Security	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$100,177	\$29,823
Dusty Trails Pipeline Replacement	\$1,180,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
Replace MSB-S & Transfer Switch	\$1,286,000	\$113,000	\$1,075	\$111,925
Network Security	\$1,210,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
DCMWTP Equipment Replacement	\$1,434,000	\$100,000	\$53,581	\$46,419
Collection System Pipeline Rehabilitation and Replacement	\$865,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Replace Recycled Valves	\$850,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
DCMWTP Bridge Crane Rehabilitation	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$7,574	\$77,426
Recycled Conversions	\$819,000	\$65,000	\$8,311	\$56,689
4S WRF Scada Upgrades	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$60,860	\$3,140
DCMWTP Inlet Strainer MOV	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$4,070	\$58,930
Site Asphalt Improvements	\$200,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
Olivenhain Road Storage Emergency Repair	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$54,898	\$102
Replace WRF Electrical Conduits, Enclosures, and Lighting	\$367,000	\$54,000	\$0	\$54,000
Replace PRS Valves	\$642,000	\$54,000	\$0	\$54,000
Replace Overflow Pond Strainer	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$19,625	\$30,375
WW Pump Station Rehab & Replace	\$813,000	\$28,900	\$0	\$28,900
Replace Recycled Pipeline	\$780,000	\$240,000	\$116,920	\$123,080
Collection System Manhole Rehabilitation Program	\$770,000	\$43,000	\$0	\$43,000
DCMWTP Membrane Train Control	\$395,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Replace Recycled Meters	\$543,000	\$30,000	\$9,931	\$20,069
4S Physical Security Upgrades	\$180,000	\$30,000	\$525	\$29,475
WRF Equipment Replacement Program	\$269,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
Physical Security Upgrades	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$8,440	\$16,560
Rehab Concrete Tanks	\$295,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Gano & San Dieguito Access Improvements	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$1,061	\$18,939
Upgrade Filter Electrical	\$118,000	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000
Fleet Electrification Wastewater	\$950,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Automotive Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$181,464	\$28,536
Shop & Field Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$183,000	\$183,000	\$131,768	\$51,232
Computer Hardware/Software Purchases (Small Cap)	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$16,862	\$61,138
Office Furniture/Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$19,334	\$666
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$183,208,000</b>	<b>\$46,927,000</b>	<b>\$27,897,356</b>	<b>\$19,029,644</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes encumbrances

<sup>2</sup> Project is complete. Overage is within Manager approval limit.

<sup>3</sup> Pending budget transfer from Steel Mains Protection to Replace Meter Anodes project to cover the overage.

# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Teresa L. Chase, Administrative Analyst  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER 2025 ANNUAL OBJECTIVES AND TIGER TEAM STATUS REPORT**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the board with a status update on the 2025 annual objectives and stretch objectives for the period beginning January 1, 2025, as well as an update on the Tiger Team program.

## Recommendation

This is an informational item; no action is required.

## Alternative(s)

Not applicable.

## Background

At the January 15 board meeting, 69 annual objectives and nine stretch objectives were approved for calendar year 2025. This is the first full status update presented to the board.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There are no costs associated with this item.

## **Discussion**

This report is presented to the Board of Directors to provide updates on staff's progress toward completion of the 2025 annual objectives and stretch objectives. The report also includes a status update on the Tiger Team program, which tracks funds saved or generated through grant funding, cost savings, and alternative revenue generation.

The next status update will be provided at the July 16, 2025 board meeting. The objectives featured herein are to be completed by December 31, 2025.

*Attachments: Annual Objectives PowerPoint*



# 2025 Annual Objectives

April 16, 2025

Board of Directors Meeting



# 2025 Annual Objectives

- A total of 69 objectives and nine stretch objectives were established for calendar year 2025



## 1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.

### Objective

1. Complete wrap up construction on the Unit A North Rancho Santa Fe Road Potable Water Pipeline Replacement Project
2. Complete construction of Gardendale and Village Park pressure reducing station replacements to minimize water loss and control replacement of aging infrastructure
3. Complete construction of Stage 4 upgrades, including second centrifuge, at David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant (DCMWTP)

### Progress Toward Completion

1. 100% - Construction complete; Notice of Completion approved by board in February
2. 15% - Contractor working on permitting and will then mobilize to site
3. 60% - Second centrifuge installed; commissioning of new equipment in progress



## 1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
4. Commence planning for next round of pipeline condition assessments; provide update to Facilities Committee	4. 25% - Planning initiated for next round of pipeline condition assessments
5. Commence construction on the Tank Safety Project	5. 100% - Notice to Proceed issued to contractor in March
6. Complete design of Palms Reservoirs Replacement Project	6. 30% - Completed preliminary design



## 1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
7. Commence feasibility study to rehabilitate DCMWTP membrane basins; provide update to Facilities Committee	7. 25% - Commenced feasibility study
8. Complete Train 10 membrane replacement at DCMWTP	8. 90% - Installed new membranes; commissioning process underway
9. Enhance experience of in-house staff by completing the replacement of 25 valves in support of the Valve Replacement Project	9. 36% - Completed nine valve replacements



## 1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.

### Objective

### Progress Toward Completion

10. Complete second stage cassette refurbishments at DCMWTP

10. 100% - Completed second stage cassette refurbishments; trains returned to service

11. Complete final phase of SCADA upgrades

11. 15% - Distribution system SCADA upgrades scheduled for completion by June

12. Complete triennial lead and copper customer sampling

12. 0% - Per regulations, sampling must occur during summer 2025; anticipate completion by end of September



**1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.**

**Objective**

**Progress Toward Completion**

- 13. Continue lead service line inventory per regulatory requirement and record results in Geoviewer
- 14. Outside of bird breeding season, complete maintenance of five impacted easements

- 13. 25% - Ongoing; results recorded as meters are inspected throughout the year
- 14. 100% - Completed maintenance of five impacted easements



**1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.**

**Objective**

**Progress Toward Completion**

Stretch

Complete replacement of five additional valves beyond Objective 9

0% - Staff will review after achievement of Objective 9

Complete maintenance of three additional impacted easements beyond Objective 14

100% - Completed maintenance of three additional impacted easements



## 2. Providing wastewater collection and treatment services in an environmentally responsible manner, and producing and supplying high-quality recycled water to irrigation customers in support of regional water conservation efforts.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
15. Complete construction of the Calle Barcelona, Village Park, and Summerhill recycled water pipelines	15. 75% - Construction in progress
16. Commence construction of headworks rehabilitation at 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility (4S WRF)	16. 90% - Construction contract approved by board on March 19
17. Complete installation of second Digester Aeration Blower	17. 20% - Received proposal for new blower; staff working on installation options



## 2. Providing wastewater collection and treatment services in an environmentally responsible manner, and producing and supplying high-quality recycled water to irrigation customers in support of regional water conservation efforts.

### Objective

18. Complete three new connections to recycled water system

19. Complete next phase of systemwide programmable logic controller upgrades at sewer lift stations

#### Stretch

Complete two additional connections to the recycled water distribution beyond Objective 18

### Progress Toward Completion

18. 40% - Completed one new connection in The Lakes community; several sites nearing connection

19. 100% - Completed PLC upgrades at sewer lift stations

0% - Staff will review after achievement of Objective 18



### 3. Operating Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve in the most cost-effective, safe, environmentally responsive, and service-oriented manner.

#### Objective

#### Progress Toward Completion

20. Investigate feasibility of incorporating QR codes to EFRR signage to increase accessibility; report findings to EFRR Executive Committee

20. 30% - Staff polling state parks to see if they incorporate QR codes to increase accessibility

21. Continue education program for elementary schools in partnership with the Escondido Creek Conservancy, providing at least 2,000 students with in-person field trips to EFRR

21. 36% - 727 students have attended field trips to EFRR



### 3. Operating Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve in the most cost-effective, safe, environmentally responsive, and service-oriented manner.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
22. Utilize volunteer groups such as San Diego Mountain Biking Association and EFRR trail patrol for two trail maintenance/repair projects	22. 100% - Volunteer trail maintenance days took place on April 2 and April 9 on the Creek Trail
23. Utilize volunteer groups to conduct two non-native plant removal projects	23. 100% - Non-native vegetation removal volunteer events took place on February 28 and March 1
24. Participate in I Love a Clean San Diego Creek to Bay Cleanup event	24. 10% - Staff coordinating with I Love A Clean San Diego for April cleanup event



### 3. Operating Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve in the most cost-effective, safe, environmentally responsive, and service-oriented manner.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
25. Launch 19th annual photo contest	25. 5% - 19th annual photo contest launch date set for November 22
26. Install water bottle fill station at EFRR Staging Area to improve access for persons with disabilities	26. 100% - Water bottle fill station installed
27. Utilize past Goldspotted Oak Borer monitoring data to identify and treat problem areas, focusing on "high value" trees for treatment (e.g., 12"+ diameter, in aesthetically valuable area, etc.); target treatment of at least 150 trees	27. 30% - Goldspotted Oak Borer surveys underway and treatment of trees will take place in May or June



### 3. Operating Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve in the most cost-effective, safe, environmentally responsive, and service-oriented manner.

#### Objective

#### Progress Toward Completion

##### Stretch

Utilize volunteer groups for two additional maintenance or cleanup events at EFRR

100% - Volunteers utilized to perform non-native removal cleanup events on March 21 and 22



#### 4. Pursuing alternative and renewable energy sources as a means of offsetting costs and energy charges, providing sustainability.

##### Objective

- 28. Progress plan to address new California Air Resources Board zero-emission vehicle requirements, including timeline, compliance, phasing, budgets, financing options, and exemption request; provide report to Facilities Committee
- 29. Continue partnerships with energy providers and third-party consultants to optimize energy costs

##### Progress Toward Completion

- 28. 25% - Currently operating under the standard compliance pathway; met with consultant and GM to review exemptions and current state of regulation; GM testified at Senate hearing in support of SB 496, which would exempt vehicles utilized for emergency response
- 29. 25% - Continuing partnership with Utility Cost Management



**5. Providing a safe, healthful, and rewarding work environment which encourages communication as well as values employee participation and personal achievement.**

### Objective

### Progress Toward Completion

- 30. Conduct departmental briefings with new board director prior to the end of March
- 31. Prepare the five-year staffing analysis succession planning document; present to Personnel Committee then to full board
- 32. Conduct review of staff turnover to evaluate if moving to the 65th percentile in compensation has reduced turnover; present to Personnel Committee

- 30. 100% - Briefings completed as of March 6; will conduct briefings with new division 1 director in the upcoming months
- 31. 100% - Presented analysis to Personnel Committee on March 18; presenting to full board at its April 16 meeting
- 32. 100% - Presented analysis to Personnel Committee on March 18



**5. Providing a safe, healthful, and rewarding work environment which encourages communication as well as values employee participation and personal achievement.**

### Objective

### Progress Toward Completion

33. Conduct staff training on identifying areas for personal growth and establishing meaningful goals

33. 100% - Staff goals training session held on February 5

34. Host a lunch-and-learn for staff related to financial planning for retirement

34. 20% - Training to be held in summer

35. Hold a career day in partnership with neighboring agencies and junior colleges

35. 10% - Commenced discussions with partner agencies; to be scheduled in the fall



5. Providing a safe, healthful, and rewarding work environment which encourages communication as well as values employee participation and personal achievement.

**Objective**

**Progress Toward Completion**

Stretch

Achieve maximum amount of participation points under 2025-26 Special District Risk Management Authority's workers compensation credit incentive program

100% - Maximum participation points awarded for 2025-26 renewal



## 6. Exceeding all federal, state, and local regulatory requirements for providing potable water, wastewater treatment, and recycled water.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
36. Commence work on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and complete long-range water demand projection	36. 100% - Executed PSA for planning services with Rincon Consultants; work on 2025 UWMP underway; demand projection completed in March
37. Per newly adopted water use efficiency regulations, identify existing commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) water users at or above the supplier's 80th percentile and at the 97.5th percentile for CII water use	37. 100% - Staff worked with OMWD's CIS Infinity consultant to develop a custom data export that reports usage for each CII customer, which staff used to identify CII users at or above the 80th and 97.5th percentiles



## 6. Exceeding all federal, state, and local regulatory requirements for providing potable water, wastewater treatment, and recycled water.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
38. Continue interdepartmental Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan committee to provide greater oversight for stormwater issues at headquarters; conduct four quarterly meetings	38. 25% - Held first quarterly Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan committee meeting
39. Commence replacement of two finished water quality instruments at DCMWTP	39. 50% - Procured two replacement finished water quality analyzers on February 28; installation scheduled for May
40. Initiate routine quarterly PFAS testing at DCMWTP	40. 100% - Commenced quarterly PFAS testing at DCMWTP on January 21



## 6. Exceeding all federal, state, and local regulatory requirements for providing potable water, wastewater treatment, and recycled water.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
41. Submit formal request to Department of Drinking Water to reduce bac-t sampling frequency from daily to weekly	41. 10% - Research and background information gathering underway; formal DDW request to be drafted in spring
42. Continue to pursue local, state, federal, and private grant funding to offset costs	42. 25% - Staff is pursuing funding for truck-to-truck radios, for installation of meters with pressure sensors, and EFRR trail rehabilitation and emergency road access
43. Launch outreach campaign to raise customer awareness of My Water Use dashboard's leak alert feature	43. 25% - Featured in social media, bill messages, March e-newsletter, and February and April newsletters



## 7. Minimizing all of OMWD's operational costs while maintaining a high level of customer service.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
44. Increase customer use of online billing services, targeting 500 accounts newly enrolled in online payments	44. 100% - As of March 12, 564 accounts have newly enrolled in online autopay
45. Identify and replace at least 1,000 underperforming meters to improve revenue recapture and reduce apparent water loss	45. 26% - As of March 6, completed replacement of 263 meters
46. Propose updates to Administrative and Ethics Code to address higher density development, meter sizing, and fines for unauthorized use	46. 10% - Draft revisions underway



## 7. Minimizing all of OMWD's operational costs while maintaining a high level of customer service.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
Stretch	
Achieve one or more new grant awards	0% - While no new grants have been achieved in 2025, OMWD submitted and received the withdrawal for \$6,930,107 for the latest Title XVI claim (OMWD to receive \$795k) for recycled and reuse projects, and \$296k for the final WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency grant claim for AMI conversions during a momentary block on the Presidential Executive Order freezing disbursements of infrastructure funds
Add 500 new subscribers to the MyWaterUse by AquaHawk digital dashboard	45% - As of March 11, 224 new users have subscribed to the My Water Use digital dashboard



## 8. Maintaining open communication and participation with the public through active conservation and educational programs as well as continually seeking customer input for informed decision-making.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
47. Partner with local businesses, vendors, and community organizations on an open house event	47. 5% - Planning for a late summer event; coordinating with fire departments
48. Achieve Special District Leadership Foundation's Transparency Certificate of Excellence and District of Distinction re-accreditation	48. 5% - Planning to submit application in July
49. Conduct review of Social Media Outreach Policy and recent changes in law; share results with Ad Hoc Customer Outreach and Conservation Committee	49. 25% - Policy revisions under development; currently being reviewed by General Counsel; tentatively planning to bring to committee in summer



**8. Maintaining open communication and participation with the public through active conservation and educational programs as well as continually seeking customer input for informed decision-making.**

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
50. Develop informational resources, including a webpage, related to AB 1572's ban on potable irrigation of non-functional turf	50. 25% - Draft resources under development, depending in part on SWRCB releasing compliance requirements
51. Conduct outreach campaign on the value of water	51. 25% - Featured in social media and April newsletter; coordinating with SDCWA on regional messaging



## 8. Maintaining open communication and participation with the public through active conservation and educational programs as well as continually seeking customer input for informed decision-making.

	Objective	Progress Toward Completion
	52. Enhance outreach promoting public facilities tours	52. 25% - In addition to OMWD's traditional outreach platforms (newsletter, e-newsletter, website, social media, bill message, etc.), staff directly reached out to local schools, Scouts of America, and retirement communities; advertising was placed in San Diego Reader, Coast News, and 4S Connect; staff presented at Encinitas Senior Citizen Commission
Stretch	Win award from California Special Districts Association, Association of California Water Agencies, California Water Environment Association, or other industry group	100% - Won CWEA's plant of the year and California Society of Municipal Finance Officers' operating budget excellence awards



**9. Ensuring that financial plans, policies, and practices maintain the ability of OMWD to construct, operate, and maintain all approved facilities including replacement funds for future needs.**

**Objective**

**Progress Toward Completion**

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| 53. Develop a policy on the frequency and methodology on adjustments to OMWD's water-related service fees                            | 53. 10% - Policy development underway; planning to review with Finance Committee in May |
| 54. Review Pension Funding Plan to achieve the minimum targeted funded ratio set by the board and included in Pension Funding Policy | 54. 0% - To be completed in fourth quarter of CY 2025                                   |
| 55. Implement third phase of water capacity fee increases  | 55. 0% - To be completed in third quarter of CY 2025                                    |



**9. Ensuring that financial plans, policies, and practices maintain the ability of OMWD to construct, operate, and maintain all approved facilities including replacement funds for future needs.**

**Objective**

**Progress Toward Completion**

56. Complete fiscal years 2025 and 2026 mid-term budget review and propose adjustments to FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

56. 25% - Held budget kick-off meeting with managers on March 11; managers completed updates to budget files; met with managers and GM to review operating and capital budget files; planning to bring 2026 mid-term budget and proposed adjustments to Finance Committee and full board in April/May, with goal of board adoption in June

57. Complete Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, audit, and single audit for Fiscal Year 2025

57. 0% - To be completed in fourth quarter of CY 2025



**9. Ensuring that financial plans, policies, and practices maintain the ability of OMWD to construct, operate, and maintain all approved facilities including replacement funds for future needs.**

**Objective**

**Progress Toward Completion**

58. Review the operational experience of the 401(a) plan and 457(b) plans; report to Finance Committee

58. 10% - Underway; held meeting with investment advisor to kick off review

59. Review vacation and sick buy-back policies to comply with IRS rules; present findings to Finance Committee

59. 60% - Underway; worked with tax attorney to update policy for IRS compliance; held meetings with HR and GM to refine policy; presenting to employees in April and to full board in June/July

60. Complete annual review of water rates and charges for 2026

60. 25% - In progress; planning to review with Finance Committee in July



**9. Ensuring that financial plans, policies, and practices maintain the ability of OMWD to construct, operate, and maintain all approved facilities including replacement funds for future needs.**

**Objective**

**Progress Toward Completion**

Stretch

Maintain expenses so as not to exceed the maximum pass-through increase

25% - Ongoing; planning to review with Finance Committee in April/May

## 10. Planning and constructing the Master Plan of Facilities to meet the long-term water storage, treatment, transmission, and distribution needs of OMWD.

### Objective

61. Review and update the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan and incorporate near-term changes into mid-term budget adjustments

### Progress Toward Completion

61. 25% - In progress with mid-term budget adjustments



## 11. Establishing programs and policies to develop alternative water supplies to serve existing and future customers.

### Objective

62. If grant funding is available from the federal government, secure Community Partner Funding agreement for \$959,752 and complete pilot test well installation and pump test; report progress and findings to board

### Progress Toward Completion

62. 0% - Grant funding not yet available; staff continues to progress grant agreement process with EPA



## 12. Cultivating supportive and positive relationships with the federal, state, and local agencies which may impact OMWD's operations.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
63. Work with SDCWA to advance OMWD's legislative proposal to amend Public Contract Code to raise the limit for public works bidding requirements to match other public agencies throughout California	63. 25% - Metropolitan Water District was pursuing a similar bill until discovering opposition on the part of organized labor; consequently, SDCWA indicated it is no longer interested in pursuing this; OMWD's lobbyist is reaching out to ACWA/CSDA to gauge interest
64. Engage and influence legislators and policy groups to advance a state-administered low-income water rate assistance program	64. 25% - Staff met with Senator Durazo and sponsors of last year's LIRA bill; two bills have been introduced in 2025, AB 532 (Ransom) and SB 350 (Durazo), which OMWD intends to request amendments; also working with SDCWA workgroup



## 12. Cultivating supportive and positive relationships with the federal, state, and local agencies which may impact OMWD's operations.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
65. Present to board on OMWD's historic position on delta conveyance project	65. 0% - Will present to board later in the year
66. Continue efforts with statewide coalition to reintroduce and advance SB 366; report progress to Public Policy Committee	66. 25% - Reintroduced as SB 72; submitted SB 72 support letters in February to Senate and Assembly budget committees; signed on to a coalition support letter
67. Complete Municipal Service Review with LAFCO	67. 50% - Provided information and responded to all data requests; provided follow-up boundary information; awaiting draft from LAFCO



## 12. Cultivating supportive and positive relationships with the federal, state, and local agencies which may impact OMWD's operations.

Objective	Progress Toward Completion
68. Continue participation on Municipal Service Review for water wholesalers in the region; report to Public Policy Committee on progress	68. 25% - MSR is still underway; GM continues to serve on LAFCO MSR workgroup; will present to Public Policy Committee after the draft is released publicly in June
69. Facilitate board tours of local supply development projects at other local water agencies	69. 10% - Working on tour coordination; was on hold until new board member joined; will start with Padre Dam MWD's advanced purification, then City of San Diego Pure Water



# Tiger Team Report

Calendar Year 2025



## Grants and Alternative Funding

### Under Pursuit

- \$959,752—FY 24 Community Project Funding through EPA for San Dieguito Groundwater Project
- \$8,780—Community Enhancement funding from County of San Diego, Office of Lawson-Remer, for EFRR trail rehabilitation and emergency access road

### Total Under Pursuit

**\$968,532**





# Tiger Team Report

## Grants and Alternative Funding

- \$0

**Total Awarded Since Last Report  
\$0**

## Cost Savings

- Savings of \$700—Shared expenses on rain harvesting workshop with San Dieguito Water District and Santa Fe Irrigation District
- Savings of \$3,051—Annual savings from 564 customers converting from hardcopy billing statements to eBills

**Total Cost Savings Since Last Report  
\$3,751**

# Tiger Team Report

## Alternative Revenue



**OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF OTHER BUSINESS (NON-WATER RELATED) REVENUES  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)**

	ACTUAL	SIX MONTH BUDGET
REVENUES:		
CELL SITE LEASES + RENTAL	401,396	400,500
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	14,131	
ROGER MILLER HYDROELECTRIC REVENUES	74,177	55,000
CB&T VISA CASH INCENTIVE*	9,567	N/A
ESTIMATED DCMWTP ENERGY OFFSETS**	280,632	N/A
	<u>779,902</u>	<u>455,500</u>
 TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024	 <u><u>779,902</u></u>	

Notes:

\*This amount is neither recorded nor budgeted until fully realized.

\*\* This is an unrealized revenue. This amount is calculated for internal reporting only.

**Total alternative revenue in first and second quarters of FY 2025: \$779,902**



# Tiger Team Report



## Summary

Total FY 2025 grant and alternative funding, alternative revenue, and cost savings (less third quarter alternative revenue):

\$783,653

*Total grant funding and potential alternative funding sources under pursuit:*

\$968,532

## Since Inception of the Program (2005)

Total grant funding and cost savings to date:

\$50,559,780

Total alternative revenue generated to date:

\$20,438,842



# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

From: John Onkka, Water Reclamation Facilities Supervisor

Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager

Subject: **REVIEW OF GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION OF THE FIREHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT (D700056) AS AN EMERGENCY PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A TIME AND MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CASS ARRIETA FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$407,000, APPROPRIATE \$525,000 TO THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM THE WASTEWATER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT, CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CEQA FINDINGS AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK AND THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH, ACCEPT INTO OMWD'S SYSTEM AND ORDER THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY RECORDER**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a final update on the General Manager's emergency declaration of the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Forcemain Emergency Leak Repair (Firehouse) Project (D700056) as an Emergency Project in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 1102, including approval of a time and materials construction contract with Cass Arrietta for a not to exceed amount of \$407,000, appropriate \$525,000 to the project from the Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of the District. Additionally, the purpose of this agenda item is to consider adoption of the proposed Resolution and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and would authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Firehouse Project with the San Diego County Clerk and the State

Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and accept the Project into OMWD's system and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board (1) review and affirm the General Manager's emergency declaration, including (2) approval of the time and materials contract with Cass Arrieta (Cass) in the amount of \$407,000, and (3) authorize an appropriation of \$525,000 from the Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund. Additionally, (4) staff recommends adoption of the proposed Resolution which makes CEQA findings for declaration of the Firehouse Project as an Emergency Project exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2), as well as a Statutorily Exempt project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) and (c), and Section 15282(k). Staff recommends approval to (5) file a NOE for the project with the San Diego County Clerk for posting per CEQA Guideline Section 15062 and with the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's (OPR) and (6) recommends acceptance of the Firehouse Project into OMWD's system and (7) authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

### **Alternative(s)**

California Public Contract Code Section 1102 states, "Emergency, as used in this code, means a sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services." The failure to complete the Firehouse Project could cause public property damage, impacts to public health, impacts to the environment, and limit sewer services to customers within a portion of OMWD thereby creating a loss of essential public services.

Although the proposed Project qualifies as an Emergency Project under California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) and as Statutorily Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) and (c) and Section 15282(k), the Board could:

- Adopt the NOE and direct staff to not file the NOE, which would increase the Statue of Limitation for filing protests against the project from 35 days to 180 days;
- Determine that CEQA is not required for this project and not adopt the Resolution.

### **Background**

OMWD owns and operates the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station, located in Director Division 4 (Hahn). The Firehouse collection area includes the 4S Ranch business park and the majority of the commercial properties in the 4S Ranch Collection System. Firehouse

is the oldest pump station in the collection system, originally built by the County of San Diego in 1989, and rebuilt by TC Construction in 2009. On the recent Wastewater Master Plan, Firehouse was scheduled for replacement in Fiscal Year (FY) 31/32. It is a critical pump station that pushes roughly 200,000 gallons per day of sewage to the 4S Water Reclamation Facility (WRF).

### **Fiscal Impact**

OMWD budgets an allotment of funds for unknown leak repairs in its annual operating budget. The proposed total project budget of \$600,000 will cover: 1) OMWD labor, 2) materials needed to repair the leak, and 3) any support services required by outside contractors on a time and materials basis. The Collection System Pipeline Replacement (D700039) Project has \$75,000 approved and appropriated in the FY 24/25 capital budget, which is in addition to the remaining \$525,000 from the Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund.

Is this a Multi Fiscal Year Project? **No**

In which FY did this capital project first appear in the CIP budget? **2025**

Total Project Budget: **\$600,000**

Current Fiscal Year Appropriation: **\$0**

To Date Approved Appropriations: **\$0**

Target Project Completion Date: **April 16, 2025**

Expenditures and Encumbrances as of (April 16, 2025): **\$34,086.18**

Is this change order within the appropriation of this Fiscal Year? **N/A**

If this change order is outside of the appropriation, Source of Fund? **N/A**

### **Discussion**

On the morning of Thursday, February 6, 2025, OMWD received a call of a possible sewage spill at the Firehouse Pump Station which was confirmed upon arrival to the site. Wastewater staff arrived onsite and found that the leak was emanating from the pump station forcemain. OMWD turned the pump station off and controlled the leak. All



BMPs were deployed for containment and immediately commenced trucking sewage from the pump station to the Neighborhood 3 Sewer Pump Station (SPS), as the Firehouse pump station was turned off. The leak was contained immediately. Regulators were notified per our Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). Clean up began, including vacuuming up waste.

The sudden sewer forcemain leak posed a clear and imminent danger to property, requiring immediate action. The General Manager declared an emergency based on both the OMWD Administrative Code §3.2.1 and California Public Contract Code §1102 to prevent and mitigate the loss of property and essential services.

Staff estimates that the maximum amount spilled was 20,200 gallons. The spill amount was immediately reported to Regulators per OMWD's Sewer System Management Plant (SSMP). To date there has been no response from the state in regard to penalties and staff anticipates no penalties will be implemented as this was a rather small spill.

OMWD staff determined the repairs exceeded the capabilities of OMWD owned equipment and staff called Cass Arrietta (Cass) onsite to undertake emergency repairs. Cass mobilized and commenced construction on Friday, February 7, 2025. Waste continued to be hauled in 5,000-gallon trucks to the Neighborhood 3 SPS until 10pm Friday night. The tankers were able to be called off thanks to the quick thinking of our Collections System Operator, Jason Emerick, who thought of a creative solution to pump from the station wetwell directly to the forcemain heading back to the WRF. This saved the District money on hauling costs and overtime for additional staff providing traffic control for the tankers.

Cass mobilized more equipment Saturday morning and continued excavation. Cass brought in a second crew and continued their excavation efforts through Saturday night and into Sunday morning. The source of the leak was finally discovered Sunday morning. The leak was from a silver dollar sized hole in the 10" ductile iron pipeline that was just downstream from the pump station wall. Cass made a temporary repair to the leaking portion of the pipeline but left the bypass pumping system in place until a camera inspection could be performed to determine the condition of the remaining ductile iron forcemain pipeline.

The following week Cass returned with a camera inspection company and inspected as much of the forcemain as they could before the pipe took multiple 90-degree bends and the camera could not get past these bends. From the inspection it was determined that the remaining ductile forcemain was in very poor condition and would be in jeopardy of future failures. Considering the condition, depth, and complex angles of the remaining ductile forcemain the decision was made to reroute the forcemain in a direct path and at a depth more suitable for future excavations, along with being replaced with PVC. By

making these repairs the complexity and timeframe of project completion was greatly reduced.

Cass completed final tie in, and the pump station was placed back in service on Monday March 3, 2025. Due to rain delays final paving was completed Friday March 21, 2025. With the final paving portion of the project new curbs were put in place to prevent any future spills from going to the creek and any water will now be routed to the overflow pond.

Pursuant to CEQA, staff has determined the Firehouse Pump Station Sewer Force Main Emergency Leak Repair Project to be considered an Emergency Project under Public Resources Code 21080(b)(2) and Statutorily Exempt under CEQA guidelines Section 15269(b) and (c) for emergency projects, and Section 15282(k) for the maintenance, repair or restoration of an existing pipeline as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

In accordance with Section 22050(b)(3) of the Public Contract Code, staff has presented a status of the project for review at subsequent regularly scheduled Board meetings and the project is now complete. Staff is available to answer questions.

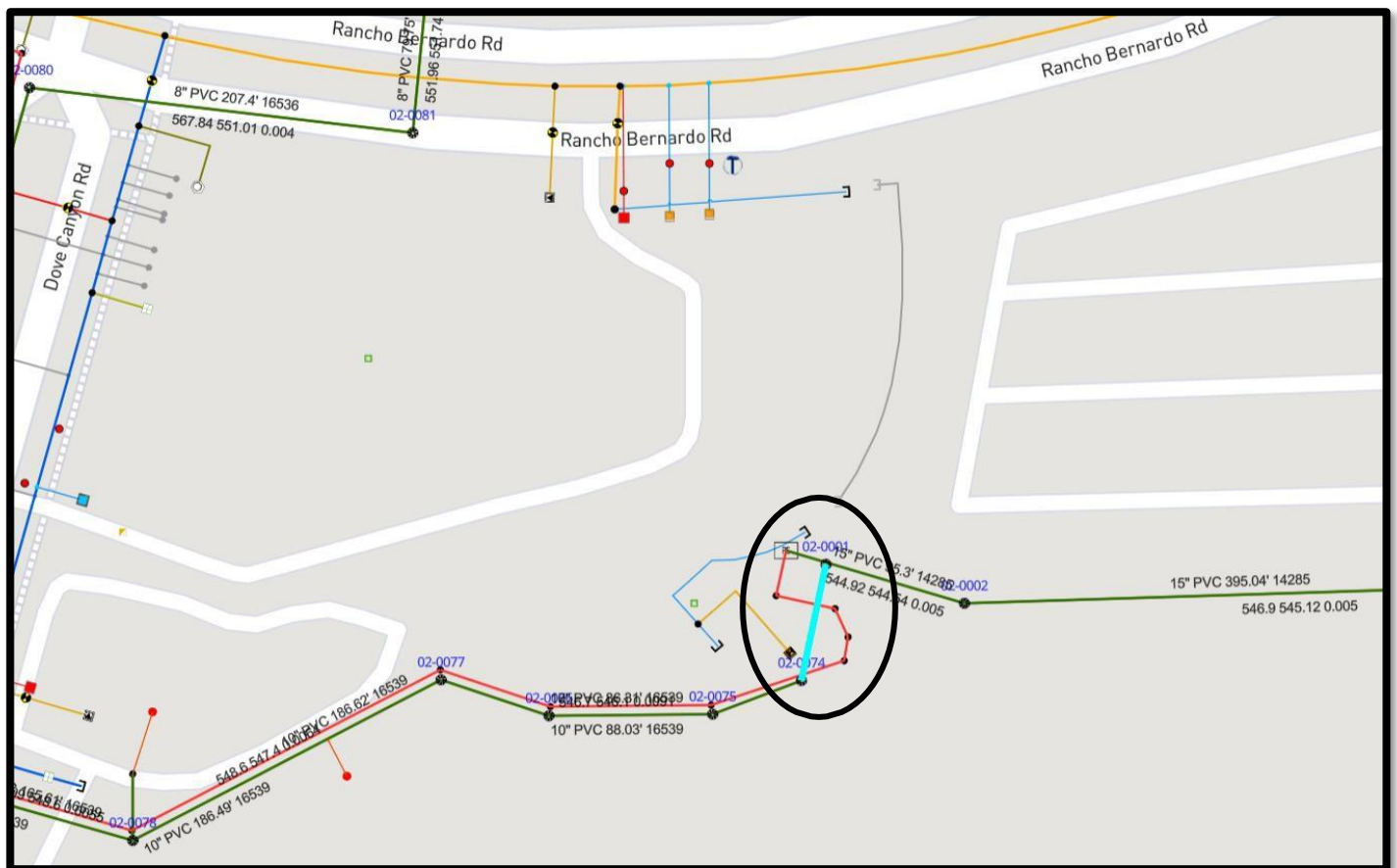
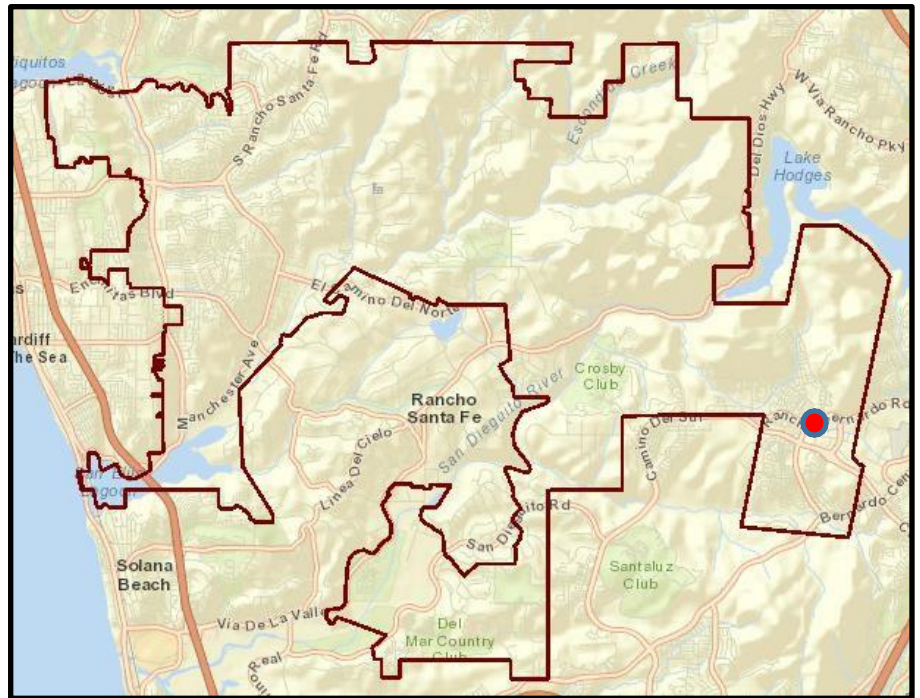
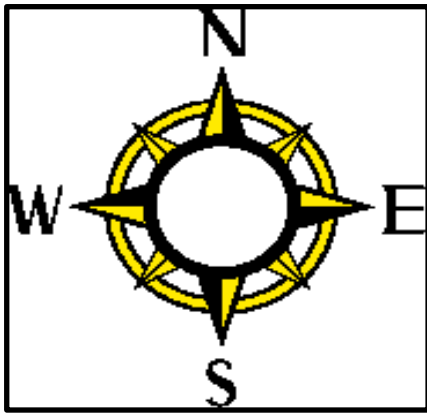
*Attachment(s):*

*Location Map;*

*Resolution;*

*Notice of Exemption;*

*Notice of Completion*



**FIREHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT**  
**OMWD PROJECT NO. D700056**



RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS FOR THE  
FIREHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN EMERGENCY LEAK  
REPAIR PROJECT AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FILED  
WITH THE COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE STATE  
CLEARINGHOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND  
RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a water agency organized and operating pursuant to California Water Code Section 71000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District owns and operates a 10-inch ductile iron pipeline at the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station which acts as the sewer forcemain; this is a critical pump station that pushes roughly 200,000 gallons per day of sewage to the 4S Water Reclamation Facility; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2025, OMWD discovered a sewer spill at the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station and staff commenced excavation and discovered a leaking pump station forcemain. Staff immediately turned the pump station off and controlled the leak. All Best Management Practices were deployed for containment and OMWD immediately commenced trucking sewage from the pump station to the Neighborhood 3 Sewer Pump Station (SPS), as the Firehouse sewer pump station was turned off. The leak was contained immediately. Regulators were notified per OMWD's Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). Clean up began, including vacuuming up waste and emergency repairs were made; and

WHEREAS, under the State of California Public Resources Code Sections 21080(b)(2) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Article 18, Sections 15269(b) and (c), the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Forcemain Emergency Leak Repair Project qualifies as an Emergency Project necessary to maintain service essential to public health and safety and the repair is necessary to prevent an emergency, which statutorily exempts the Firehouse project from the provisions of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15282(k) additionally statutorily exempts the maintenance, repair, and restoration of an existing pipeline, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length and does not involve any above-ground appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors has caused to be prepared a Notice of Exemption according to CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15062; and

WHEREAS, having heard, considered, and reviewed information from interested persons who expressed their views to the Board of Directors, it is in the interest of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District and the people it serves to order a Notice of Exemption filed with the County Clerk, County of San Diego and the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; and

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - continued

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District does hereby find, determine, resolve and order as follows:

SECTION 1: The foregoing facts are found and determined to be true and correct.

SECTION 2: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061, the Board of Directors finds and determines that the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Forcemain Emergency Leak Repair Project is exempt from CEQA for the following reasons:

California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) allows for Emergency repairs to public service facilities necessary to maintain service.

CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15269(b) statutorily exempts emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare.

CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15269(c) statutorily exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15282(k) statutorily exempts the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length and does not involve any above-ground appurtenances.

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District hereby finds and determines that immediate action is required to repair the Firehouse sewer pump station forcemain which is vital to the transmission of sewage from the pump station to the 4S Water Reclamation Facility. For this reason, the Board of Directors of the District finds that an emergency exists within the meaning of Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) requiring the commencement of immediate emergency repair work to the Firehouse sewer pump station forcemain to ensure sewer service is maintained to existing customers.

SECTION 4: The Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District hereby directs staff to promptly file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the County of San Diego and the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research stating that the project is exempt from the reporting requirements of CEQA in accordance with Public Resources Code Sections 21080(b)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(b) and (c), and 15282(k), and to immediately commence all work repair necessary to the 10-inch ductile iron pipeline as quickly as possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - continued

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

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Matthew R. Hahn, President  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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Christy Guerin, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District



# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Diego

1600 Pacific Hwy, Suite 260

San Diego, CA 92101

**From:** (Public Agency): Olivenhain MWD

1966 Olivenhain Road

Encinitas, CA 92024

(Address)

Project Title: Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Forcemain Emergency Leak Repair Project

Project Applicant: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Firehouse Sewer Pump Station: 10605 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego, CA 92127

Project Location - City: San Diego

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Emergency project to repair a leaking 10-inch ductile iron pipeline which acts as a sewer pump station forcemain located at the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 1526(b) and (c) and Section 15282(k)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The failure to complete the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Forcemain Emergency Leak Repair Project could pose a clear and imminent danger resulting in loss of property and essential public services to customers within a portion of OMWD.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jesse Bartlett-May

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-632-4647

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☒

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDING REQUESTED BY &  
WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:**

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
1966 Olivenhain Road  
Encinitas, California, 92024-5699

(This space for recorder's use)

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the facilities for the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Forcemain Emergency Leak Repair Project located at 10605 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego, CA 92127 located in the County of San Diego, State of California for which OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ("Owner" in fee), headquartered at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024, contracted with CASS ARRIETA ("Contractor"), located at 1105 N. Marshall Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020, have been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications as of April 16, 2025. The facilities have been accepted by the Board of Directors of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT on this 16th day of April, 2025.

In witness whereof this Notice of Completion has been executed under authority from the Board of Directors of said OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT by Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager.

KIMBERLY A. THORNER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is General Manager of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT and is familiar with the facts stated in the foregoing Notice of Completion executed for and on behalf of said Agency, that she has read the foregoing Notice of Completion and knows the contents thereof and that the same are true.

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Date\_\_\_\_\_,2025

By:\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING LIZ KOSTAS FOR OVER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE UPON HER RETIREMENT AS THE SENIOR SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR**

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this item is to consider the attached retirement resolution for Liz Kostas.

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached resolution.

## **Alternative(s)**

- The Board may elect against adoption of the resolution.
- The Board may direct Staff as otherwise deemed appropriate.

## **Background**

Traditionally and as part of the “Employee Service Recognition and Retirement Guidelines,” District employees receive resolutions upon attaining 25 years of service and upon retiring with more than 20 years of service. Ms. Kostas is retiring in April with over 21 years of dedicated service.



### **Fiscal Impact**

Approximately \$200.00 to mat and frame this resolution is the only cost associated with this action.

*Attachment: Resolution 2025-06*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING  
ELIZABETH KOSTAS FOR OVER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE UPON HER  
RETIREMENT AS THE SENIOR SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency of the State of California, organized and existing in accordance with the Municipal Water District law of 1911, Section 71000 of the Water Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS has served the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (District) for over 21 years with exceptional support of the entire district; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS began serving the District on December 1, 2003 as an Information Technology Coordinator, and was promoted to a Systems Administrator in 2009, and again in 2017 to the Senior Systems Administrator; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS has an extraordinary sense of dedication, ownership and personal interest in the security and function of the District's networks and devices; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS aka Yoda, has been a champion in upgrading the District's network storage with thoughtful planning, budgeting, and procurement of safest network security appliances to protect the District on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS' leadership and vision to procure and deploy the District's cybersecurity training program has resulted in countless real world Phish reports from staff; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS has coordinated hundreds of thousands of emails for Public Records Act requests and legal matters while drinking only the finest quality coffee; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS is well respected amongst peers and is involved with the Municipal Information Systems Association of California organization where she provides advice and guidance to other network professionals; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS' commitment, dedication, and loyalty to the District is greatly appreciated and will leave a lasting mark at OMWD and the Operations Department for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KOSTAS' direct and open dialogue, trustworthiness, and salty demeanor will be greatly missed by the General Manager; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Board of Directors on behalf of the citizens of the District, do hereby express their appreciation and honor ELIZABETH KOSTAS for her more than 21 years of dedicated service with the Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

Section 2: The dedication of ELIZABETH KOSTAS as the Senior Systems Administrator of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District has contributed to the progress of the District and is hereby memorialized as a permanent part of the records of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

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Matthew R. Hahn, President  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

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Christy Guerin, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District



# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Jennifer Joslin, Human Resources Manager  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE DISTRICT'S FIVE-YEAR STAFFING ANALYSIS**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the five-year Staffing Analysis for the District. The Staffing Analysis forecasts organizational and personnel changes necessary to maintain a successful workforce plan for the next five fiscal years (FY 2025-2026 to 2029-2030). This document will continue to be updated and presented to the Board annually with consideration of the two-year budget constraints. This Staffing Analysis document serves as a key reference tool for District succession planning purposes.

Most importantly, this document shows the necessary staffing levels for the coming fiscal year to increase department efficiencies, provide better business practices, and prepare our future leaders including via Grow Your Own "GYO" promotional opportunities. Note that classifications with multiple levels may be flexibly staffed with General Manager approval and department need according to the GYO program, without formal Board approval. However, since the Staffing Analysis document serves as a comprehensive succession planning tool, any anticipated GYO staffing changes have been included.

This memo and the included five-year proposed organizational charts have been presented to the Board Personnel Committee (Vice President Meyers and Secretary

Guerin) and the Human Resources/Employee Association Team “HEART” Committee (composed of the BUMA and DEA employee bargaining unit representatives as well as the Supervisor and Manager group representatives).

### **Recommendations**

Staff will continue to present to the Board the Staffing Analysis document with recommendations for Board consideration and approval each fiscal year. Cost saving measures have been included for the coming 2025-2026 fiscal year. **The Senior Risk Administrative Analyst position that was originally projected for 2024-2025 has been delayed another year to 2026-2027 which will result in cost savings in the 2025-2026 budget year.** No additional positions are being requested, so the staffing level will remain at 95 total Board-approved positions. The two vacant Utility positions that were previously frozen by the General Manager in 2020-2021 will continue to be frozen, therefore, the actual headcount will remain 93 until the positions are unfrozen. However, planning to unfreeze these positions in the next two-year budget covering FY 2026-2027/2027-2028 is underway.

95	Board Approved Positions (current)
+ 0	<u>Position Requested</u>
=95	Recommended Positions (no increase in headcount)

The staffing recommendation for FY 2025-2026 is summarized below with further details on the following pages.

- 1) Allow for the reclassification of the Pump/Motor Technician Level I to Level II via the promotional Grow Your Own (GYO) program. This change was projected in last year’s Staffing Analysis for 2025-2026.

### **Recommendation #1**

Staff recommends the reclassification of one Pump/Motor Technician Level I position to Level II via the internal Grow Your Own (GYO) program. This reclassification will not increase headcount and was already projected for 2025-2026 in last year’s Staffing Analysis. The Pump/Motor Technician positions are difficult to fill with qualified candidates and as part of the District’s succession plan, the Technician I has been training on the more advanced job duties of a Technician II.

The Pump/Motor Technician I has served as the lead supporting new construction projects and regularly works directly with industrial pump and motor mechanical

vendors. The Technician I independently performs advanced troubleshooting, maintenance, and repair of complex systems and machinery. The Technician I provides training and technical guidance to the District's potable and reclaimed water operators and has taken greater responsibility for maintenance records in the District's Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) database system. These tasks are typically part of the Technician II job duties.

Utilizing the GYO program for this reclassification will ensure the District is prepared for succession in the department while retaining the Technician I. If successful, the candidate for the Pump/Motor Technician II GYO promotion will move from pay grade 4 to grade 6, increasing the hourly pay rate by approximately 5% upon promotion. Including all overhead costs, this will result in an estimated \$13,049.40 cost increase over the fiscal year.

### **Alternative(s)**

The Board could make other recommendations for staff to analyze and bring back for consideration.

### **Background**

This Staffing Analysis was first presented to the Board and accepted in May of 2005 to forecast staffing levels and to serve as a succession planning tool for the District. The analysis continues to be a collaborative staff process with all District departments participating. The Staffing Analysis takes into consideration the District's Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, budget, economic revenue and constraints, and the Comprehensive Water Master Plan. Areas that impact the forecasting of the analysis include determining the levels of service provided, operating satellite facilities (including the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant, 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, and Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve), and contracting labor.

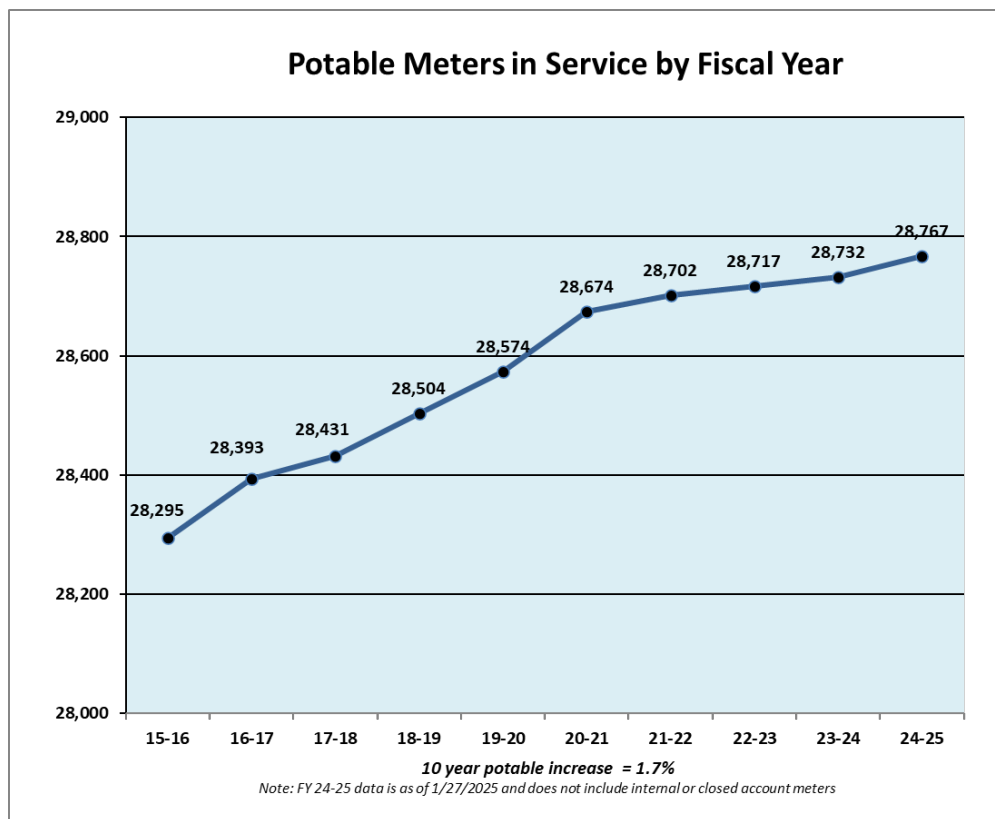
As a living document, the most extended projections are subject to the most change. Staff is committed to seeking innovative and better ways of doing business to contain costs, improve efficiency, and comply with regulatory requirements while meeting customer expectations. The challenge facing the District is to effectively perform the core District functions while maintaining established customer service levels, costs, and staffing at acceptable levels.



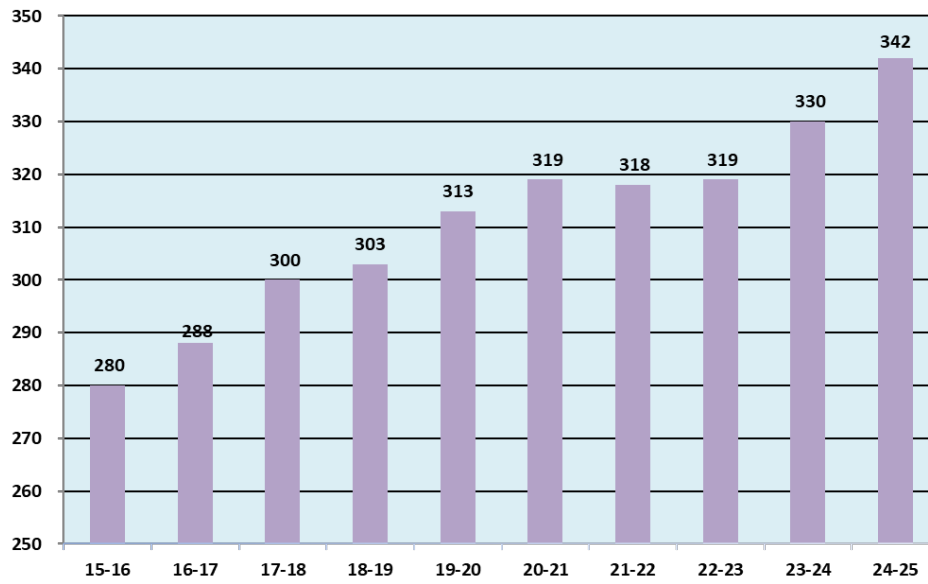
Since the Staffing Analysis was first presented to the Board 20 years ago, the District has continued to grow and has experienced an increase in demand for potable water, sewer, and recycled water service. The District continues to increase recycled water sites throughout its service area and recycled water purchase agreements with other agencies. The District plans to continue expanding its recycled water program by way of projects such as the Calle Barcelona, Village Park, and Summerhill Recycled Water Projects.

In addition to supporting continued growth as detailed below, District staff have developed a proactive preventive maintenance program to protect existing infrastructure. The valve replacement, cathodic protection, and membrane replacement projects are a few examples of the ongoing work being performed to maximize the reliability of the District's systems.

As of January 2025, the District had 28,767 active potable meters and 342 active recycled meters. The graphs on the next pages depict historical District growth as shown by the number of in-service potable water meters (1.7% increase), recycled water meters (22.5% increase), and 7,340 sewer equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) (4.2% increase) over the past 10 years.

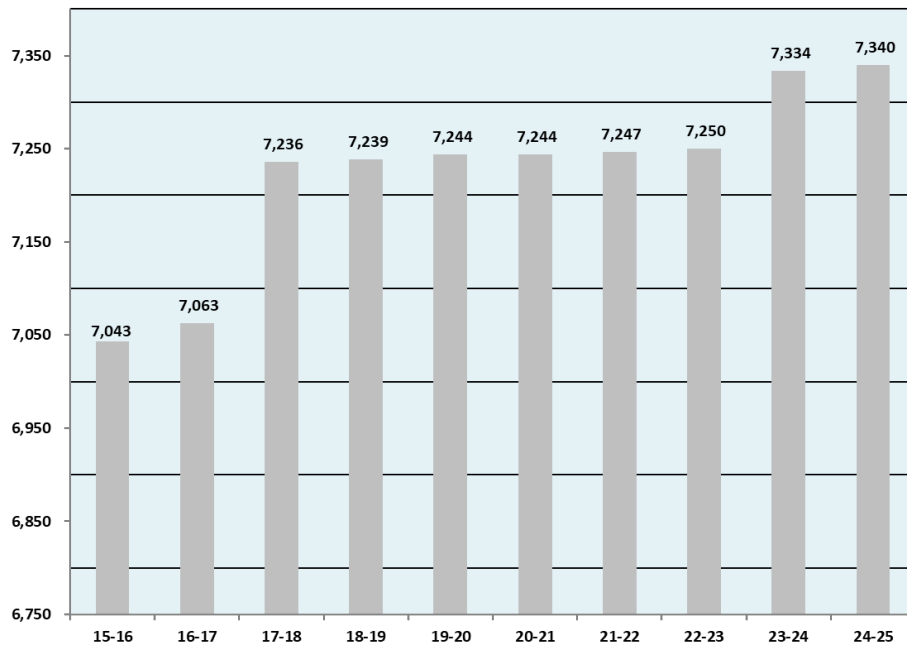


### Recycled Water Meters in Service by Fiscal Year



10 year recycled increase = 22.5%  
 Note: FY 24-25 data is as of 1/27/2025

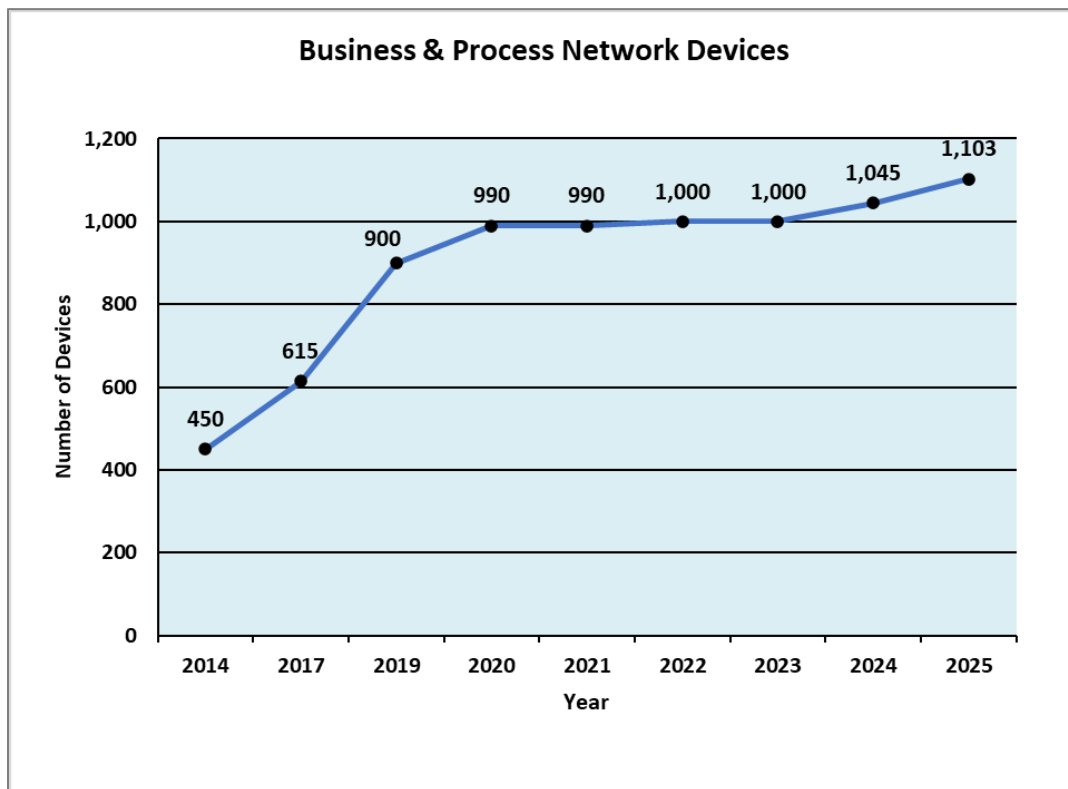
### Sewer EDUs in Service by Fiscal Year



10 year sewer increase = 4.2%  
 Note: FY 24-25 data is as of 1/27/2025, includes active EDUs no stand-by included.  
 Previous FY growth reflects annexation of a new development.

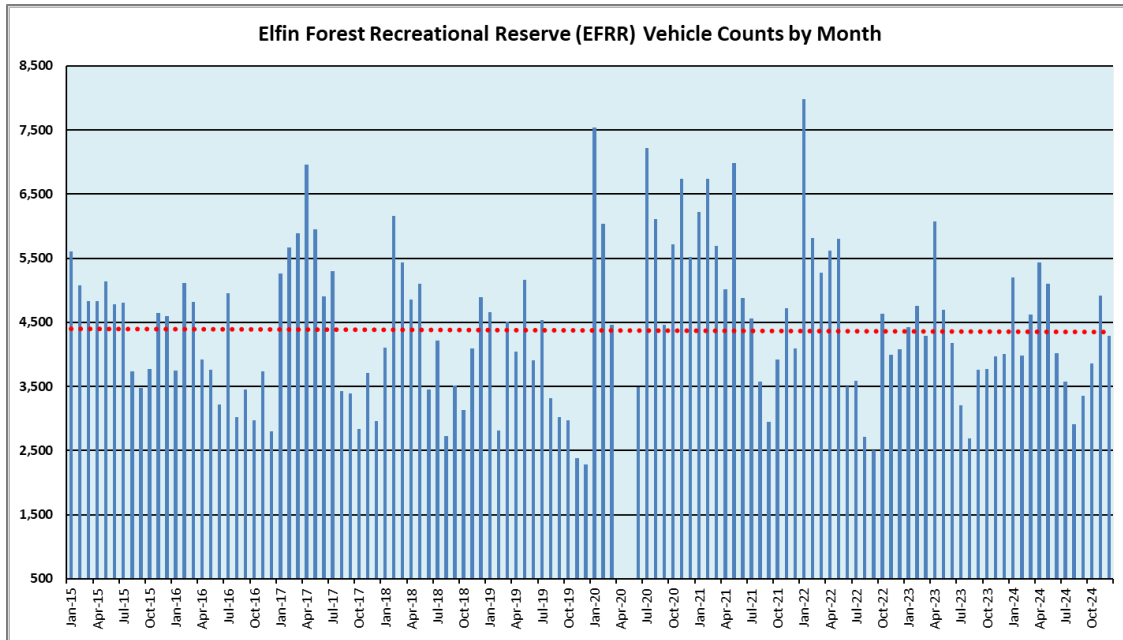
In addition to customer meters and sewer EDUs, the District's information technology (IT) infrastructure has continued to expand as well. The IT infrastructure is made up of a wide variety of hardware assets and devices which serve to support the District's business and process supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) networks.

Network devices include workstations, laptops, iPads, MacBooks, touch screens, smartphones, routers, firewalls, wireless access points, servers, and switches, all of which require configuration, monitoring, updates, testing and periodic replacement. In 2014, there were approximately 450 devices that resided on various District networks. In early 2025, there are approximately 1,103 devices which is a 245% increase over ten years. The following graph shows this increase over time, which is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

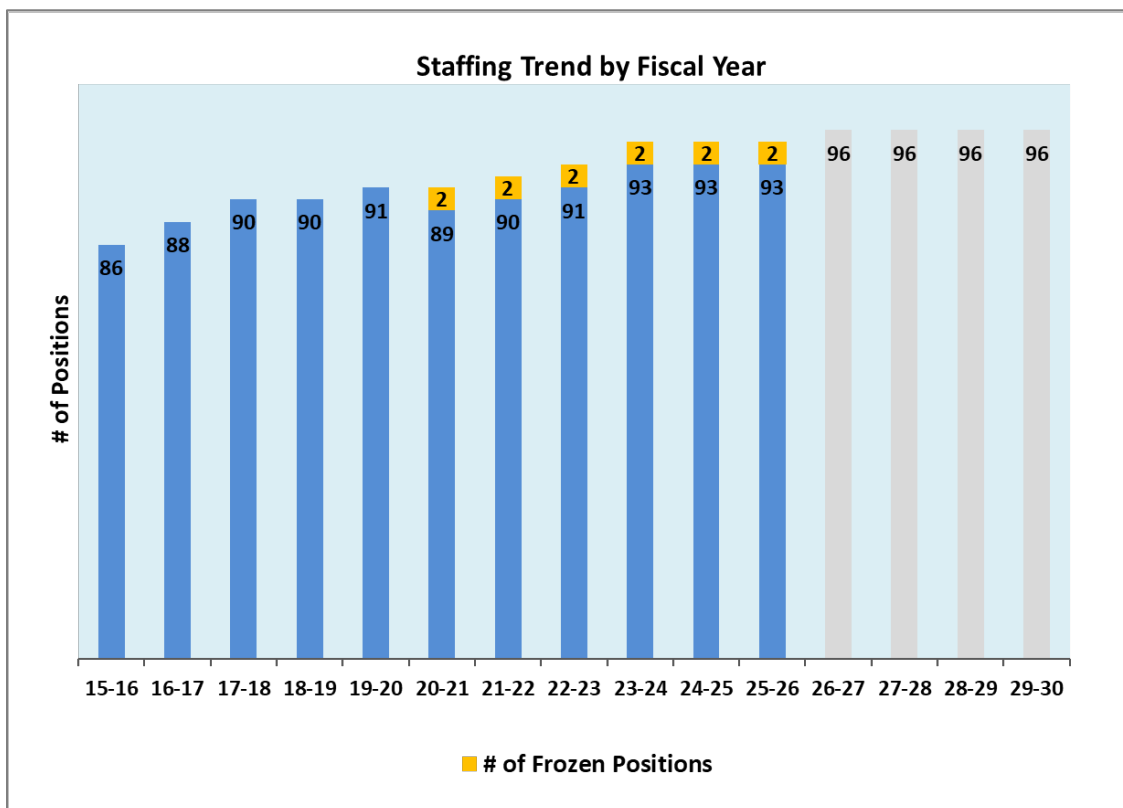


The chart below indicates the steady flow of vehicles and corresponding visitors to the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve (EFRR) over time as highlighted by the trend line. The data represents the actual number of vehicles the EFRR car counter captured each month during the last ten years through December of 2024. While the data varies from month to month, and EFRR visitation over the last few years was impacted by multiple factors such as COVID-19, the availability of parking, and closures due to weather, the total number of park visitors as reflected by the vehicle counts indicates that EFRR continues to be popular.



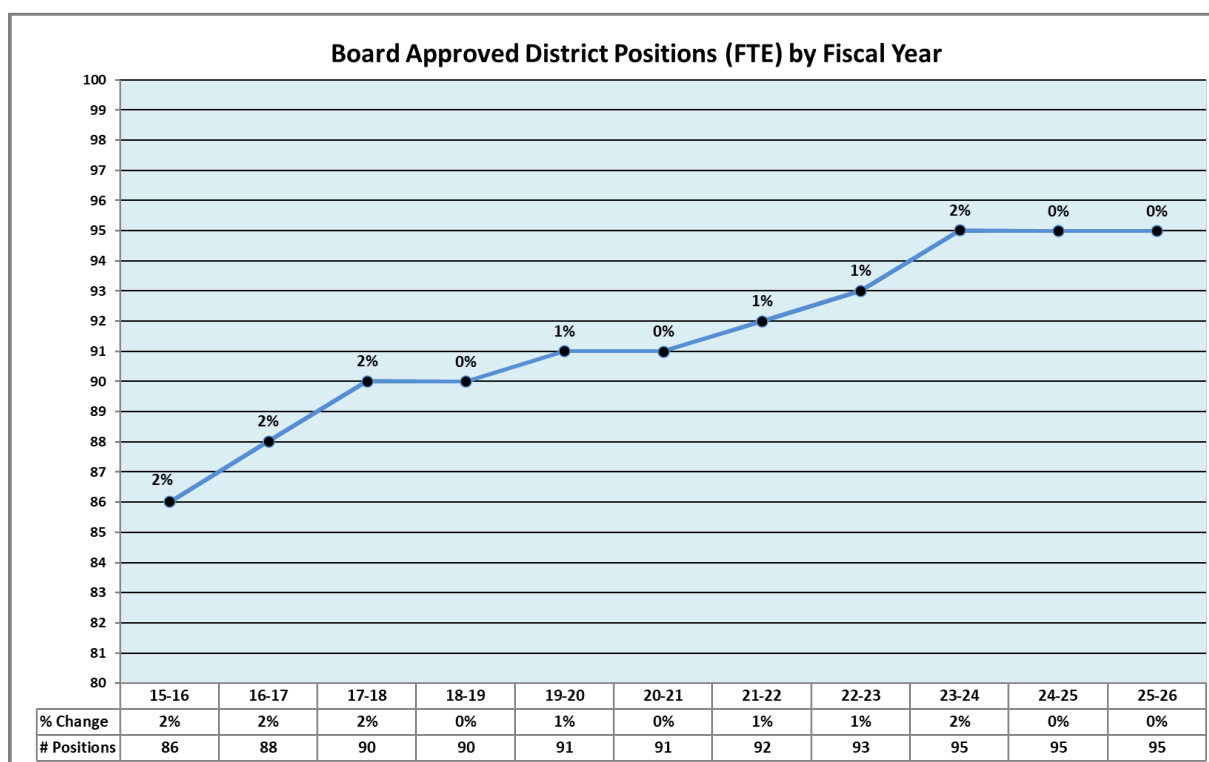


The following chart depicts the District's total approved staffing levels over the past ten fiscal years as well as projected future staffing levels for the next five fiscal years.



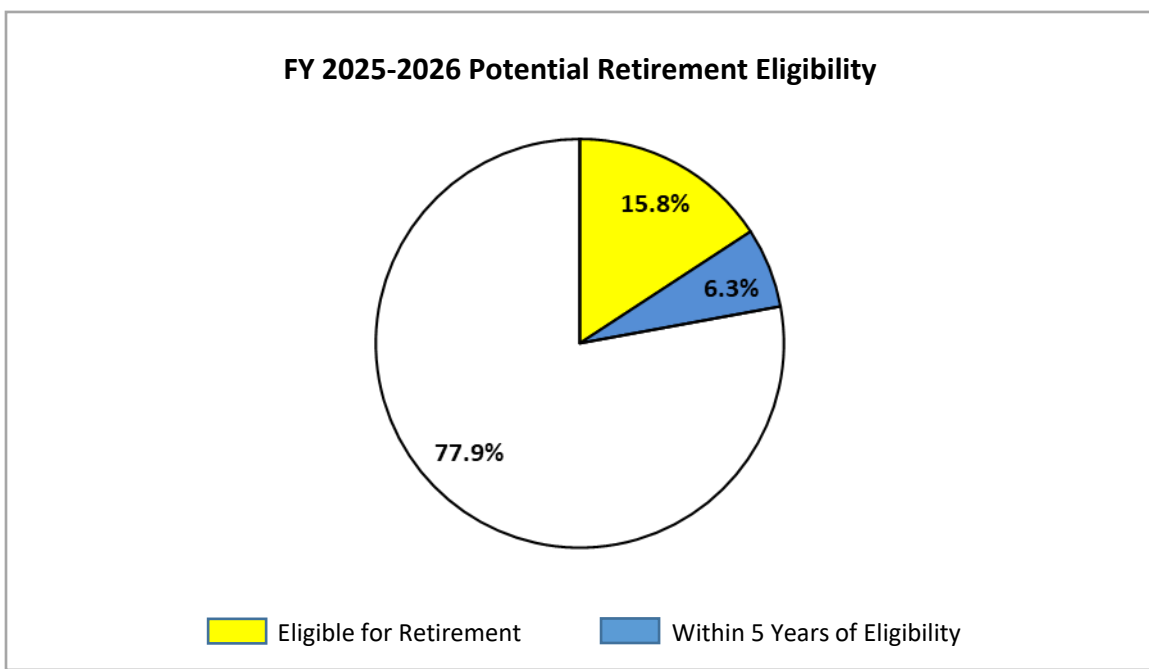
In FY 2020-2021, two vacant Utility positions were frozen due to COVID-19, therefore, the actual headcount was 89, in FY 2021-2022 the headcount was 90, in FY 2022-2023 the headcount was 91, and in FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 the headcount was 93. For the coming, 2025-2026 fiscal year, the two Utility positions will continue to be frozen (with the exact level Utility I/II/III dependent on department need) keeping the headcount at 93 total staff. While OMWD has been utilizing outside contractors for major leaks, the General Manager anticipates unfreezing the Utility positions in the next two-year budget that starts in FY 2026-2027.

The following chart also shows the approved staffing level as a trend over the past 10 years including a percentage change in approved staffing from year to year.



Two new positions were added in FY 2016-2017, the Assistant General Manager (AGM) and Department Assistant I for the new AGM. In FY 2017-2018 two new additional positions were also approved, the IT Senior Systems Administrator and the Cathodic Protection Technician. For FY 2018-2019, no additions were requested. In FY 2019-2020, one Administrative Analyst position was approved. For FY 2020-2021, no additions were requested. For FY 2021-2022, one IT Systems Administrator position was approved. For FY 2022-2023, one Water Treatment Plant Operator Level II position was approved. In FY 2023-2024, one Collection System Operator and one Customer Service Representative I were approved. For FY 2024-2025, no additions were requested. For

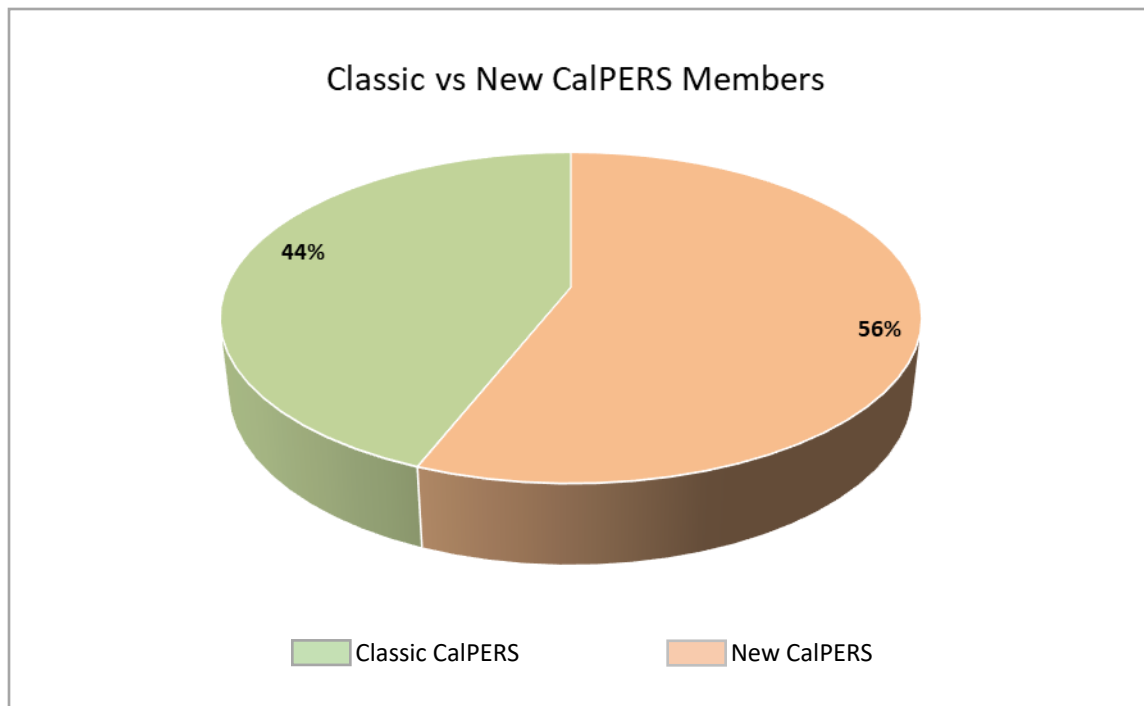
the coming FY 2025-2026, no new positions are being requested. Thus, the recommended staffing level will remain at 95 total positions, with two positions frozen. The number of employees that will be eligible for retirement places an additional emphasis on workforce stability and the need for succession planning. For FY 2025-2026 approximately 15.8% of staff will be eligible for full CalPERS retirement benefits based on their age and CalPERS retirement benefits formula (classic or new members.) In addition, another 6.3% of staff will be within five years of full retirement eligibility. Thus, as illustrated on the following chart, approximately 22% of total staff (21 of proposed 95 total employees) will be either already eligible or within 5 years of eligibility for retirement during the coming FY 2025-2026.



By 2030, the number of employees reaching retirement eligibility jumps to approximately 37%. Staff will work on cross training, mentoring, and succession planning in areas that will see turnover.

Currently less than half (44%) of the employees are CalPERS classic members while a majority (56%) are new PEPRA members as required for new CalPERS members hired after January 1, 2013. Under the classic 2.5% at 55 formula the minimum retirement age is 50, while under the new 2% at 62 formula the minimum age is 52 with full benefits at the retirement age of 55 and 62 respectively.





The number of new CalPERS (PEPRA) members will be increasing over time as new hires come on board replacing classic members, especially for entry-level positions that do not require prior water industry or public sector experience. For higher level positions that require more experience, positions may be filled with classic or new members depending on job requirements and candidate experience. Five years ago, approximately a third (34%) of employees were new members while now they comprise over half (56%) of total staff.

The District CalPERS employer contribution cost is significantly less for new versus classic members. These required employer retirement pension costs are determined annually by CalPERS. The employer cost is composed of two components, a percentage of bi-weekly payroll plus an annual unfunded lump sum liability payment.

CalPERS lowered their assumed rate of investment return, also known as the discount rate, from 7.5% to 7.0% over a three-year period. The CalPERS Board then voted to further lower the discount rate to 6.8% on July 1, 2021. The CalPERS Board also changed their actuarial amortization policy assumptions effective on June 30, 2019, starting with the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The actuarial policy changes include a shorter amortization period from 30 to 20 years, level dollar amortization payments for unfunded accrued liability and elimination of the five-year ramp up and ramp down “rate smoothing.” These changes will impact future employer contribution requirements by increasing the percentage of payroll costs and the employer annual unfunded liability payments. As a result, employers that contract with CalPERS will see additional increases in their normal

costs and unfunded actuarial liabilities over the next few years even as the number of classic members decreases.

Per the most recent Annual Valuation Report for FY 2025-2026, the District required employer contributions (normal cost plus unfunded liability payment) will be increasing over the next five years as shown on the following tables.

Employer CalPERS Contributions – Classic Members					
Fiscal Year	2025-26 (Actual)	2026-27 (Projected)	2027-28 (Projected)	2028-29 (Projected)	2029-30 (Projected)
Employer Normal Cost (% of Payroll)	13.46%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%
Annual Unfunded Liability Payment	\$1,599,086	\$1,783,000	\$1,967,000	\$2,151,000	\$2,159,000

Employer CalPERS Contributions – New Members					
Fiscal Year	2025-26 (Actual)	2026-27 (Projected)	2027-28 (Projected)	2028-29 (Projected)	2029-30 (Projected)
Employer Normal Cost (% of Payroll)	7.96%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Annual Unfunded Liability Payment	\$26,429	\$35,000	\$44,000	\$53,000	\$53,000

For the current 2024-2025 fiscal year, the District has budgeted the required payroll-based employer contribution portion (13.41% of payroll for classic members and 7.87% for new members) plus the required annual unfunded liability payments (\$1.270 million for classic members and \$11,683 for new members) for a total of approximately \$2.334 million in required employer CalPERS contributions, plus \$311,000 in Additional Discretionary Payments (ADP) per the District’s pension funding plan, for total CalPERS contributions of \$2.645 million.

For fiscal year 2023-2024, the District paid the required payroll-based employer contribution portion of \$961,570 (13.34% of payroll for classic members and 7.68% for new members) plus the required annual unfunded liability payment (\$1.001 million for classic members and \$0 for new members) for a total of approximately \$1.963 million in

required employer CalPERS contributions, plus \$311,000 in ADP per the District's pension funding plan, for total CalPERS contributions of \$2.274 million.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The Pump/Motor Technician Level I position is a salary grade 4 and Technician Level II a salary grade 6. The GYO promotion is anticipated to increase the employee's rate of pay by 5% upon promotion (or \$2.35 per hour) to  $\$49.43 \times 1.75 \times 1,040 = \$89,962.60$  for first half of the year (1.75 accounts for overhead and there are 2,080 work hours in a full year.) Then, following an estimated 5% pay increase at the end of six months in the position, the cost would be  $\$51.90 \times 1.75 \times 1,040 = \$94,458.00$ . Thus, \$184,420.60 annual total less the \$171,371.20 expected annual cost without the promotional salary increases. This would be approximately a \$13,049.40 increase over the fiscal year. Thus, it will have a minimal fiscal impact on the 2025-2026 budget.

Note that the Senior Risk Administrative Analyst position that was originally projected for 2024-2025 has been delayed to 2026-2027 and will result in cost savings in the 2025-2026 budget year. In addition, two Utility positions will remain unfilled for 2025-2026 contributing to further reduced salary and benefits costs.

### **Discussion**

#### **Organizational Charts**

The following organizational charts reflect the current and anticipated workforce needs required to maintain service levels. Staff will continue to present to the Board the Staffing Analysis document with recommendations for Board consideration and approval each fiscal year. Staff is only requesting the Board approve the recommendation for FY 2025-2026. The organizational charts for FY 2026-2027 and beyond reflect future projections that will later need approval.

The organizational charts were color coded to identify anticipated changes and employees currently eligible for retirement (in yellow) or close to retirement age (in blue) for succession planning. Color pie charts were also included to depict workforce age as employees near eligibility for retirement. For those employees eligible for or within five years of retirement age, it has also been noted if a CalPERS new or classic member. The current 2024-2025 organizational chart is included for comparison purposes.



Organizational charts projecting labor needs for the next 5 fiscal years are attached as follows:

- 2025-2026
- 2026-2027
- 2027-2028
- 2028-2029
- 2029-2030

**The FY 2025-2026 Organizational chart reflects:**

No additions requested for 2025-2026. Two Utility positions will remain frozen.

Staff recommends the reclassification of one Pump/Motor Technician Level I position to Level II via the internal Grow Your Own (GYO) program. This reclassification will not increase headcount but instead serve as a training tool for succession planning purposes and more accurately reflect the level of job tasks performed.

The General Manager will be moving the Engineering Technician III to report to the Engineering Manager instead of the Engineering Services Supervisor starting in 2025-2026. This is not a change in the position itself, instead it will simply be a change in the supervisor the position reports to within the same department. This reporting change will lead to greater department efficiencies, mentorship opportunities, as well as aiding the current Engineering Technician III in obtaining the engineering experience required to eventually register as a professional engineer.

**The FY 2026-2027 Organizational chart reflects:**

For FY 2026-2027, staff recommends the addition of a new Senior Risk Administrative Analyst position (delayed from original 2024-2025 projection). This position will primarily be responsible for assisting the Human Resources and General Manager's departments with litigation preparation and claims processing. While the exact pay grade is yet to be determined, it is anticipated that this will be an exempt level job classification. The proposed total headcount for FY 2026-2027 will be 96 total employees.

Staff also recommends the reclassification of the Assistant General Manager's Department Assistant Level I to Level II and the Engineering Technician Level I to Level II via the GYO program. These reclassifications would more accurately reflect anticipated changes and additions in the job duties performed by the incumbents including

Executive Secretary back-up support and increased Right-Of-Way job duties respectively.

**The FY 2027-2028 Organizational chart reflects:**

No changes anticipated for 2027-2028.

**The FY 2028-2029 Organizational chart reflects:**

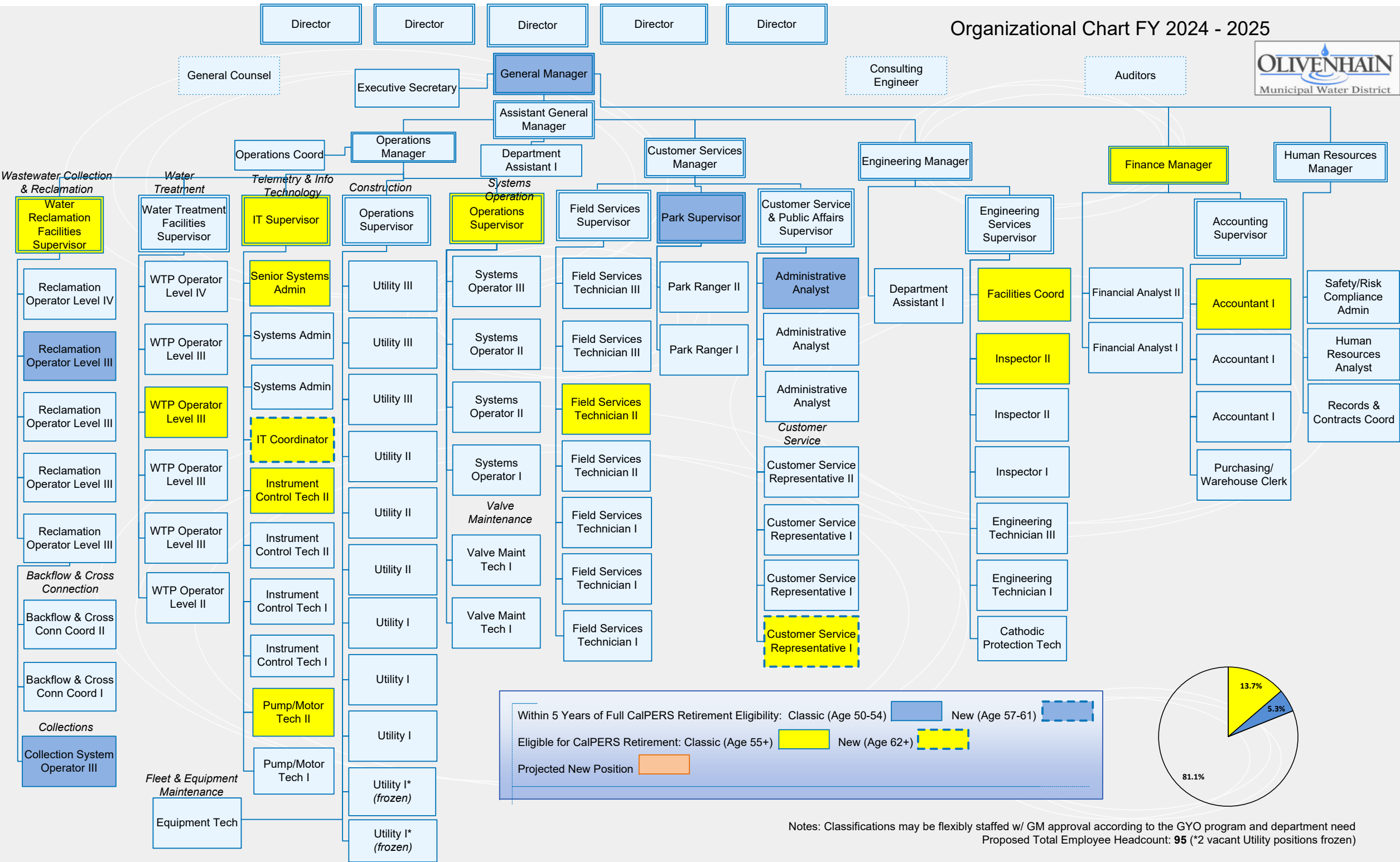
No changes anticipated for 2028-2029.

**The FY 2029-2030 Organizational chart reflects:**

No changes anticipated for 2029-2030.

The brackish/reuse plant and staff that were previously projected in prior Staffing Analysis documents (including a Technical Services Manager, Department Assistant I, and plant operator staff) are no longer expected to come online during the timeframe covered by this five-year document. Thus, they are not reflected in the organizational charts and will be revisited at a later date, if needed.

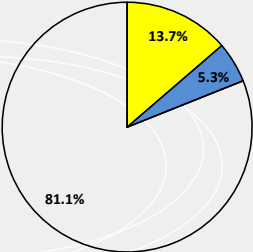
Organizational Chart FY 2024 - 2025



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Eligible for CalPERS Retirement: Classic (Age 55+)  New (Age 62+)

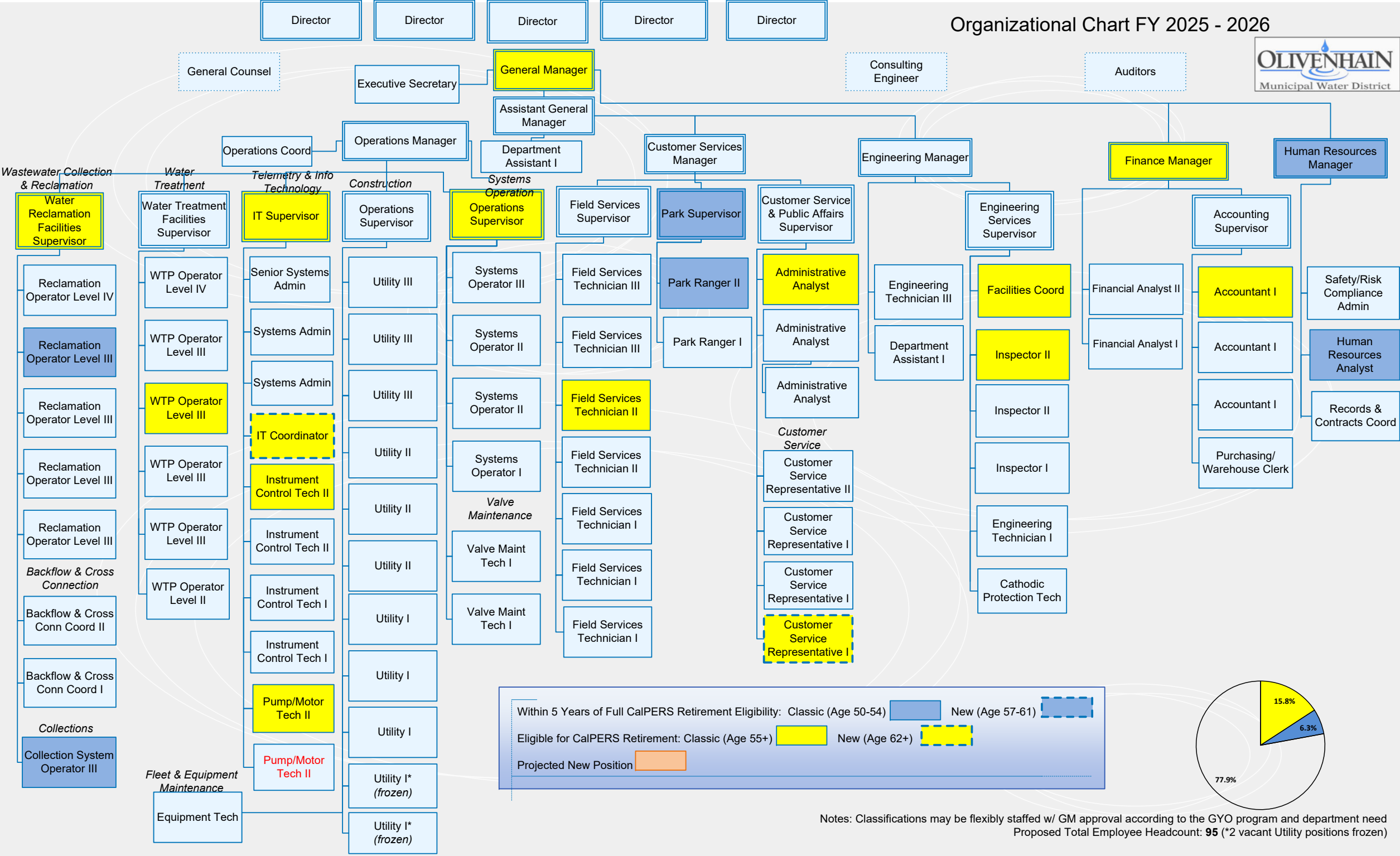
Projected New Position



Notes: Classifications may be flexibly staffed w/ GM approval according to the GYO program and department need  
Proposed Total Employee Headcount: **95** (\*2 vacant Utility positions frozen)



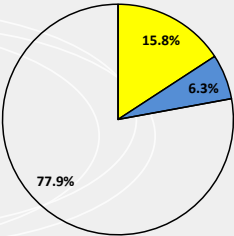
Organizational Chart FY 2025 - 2026



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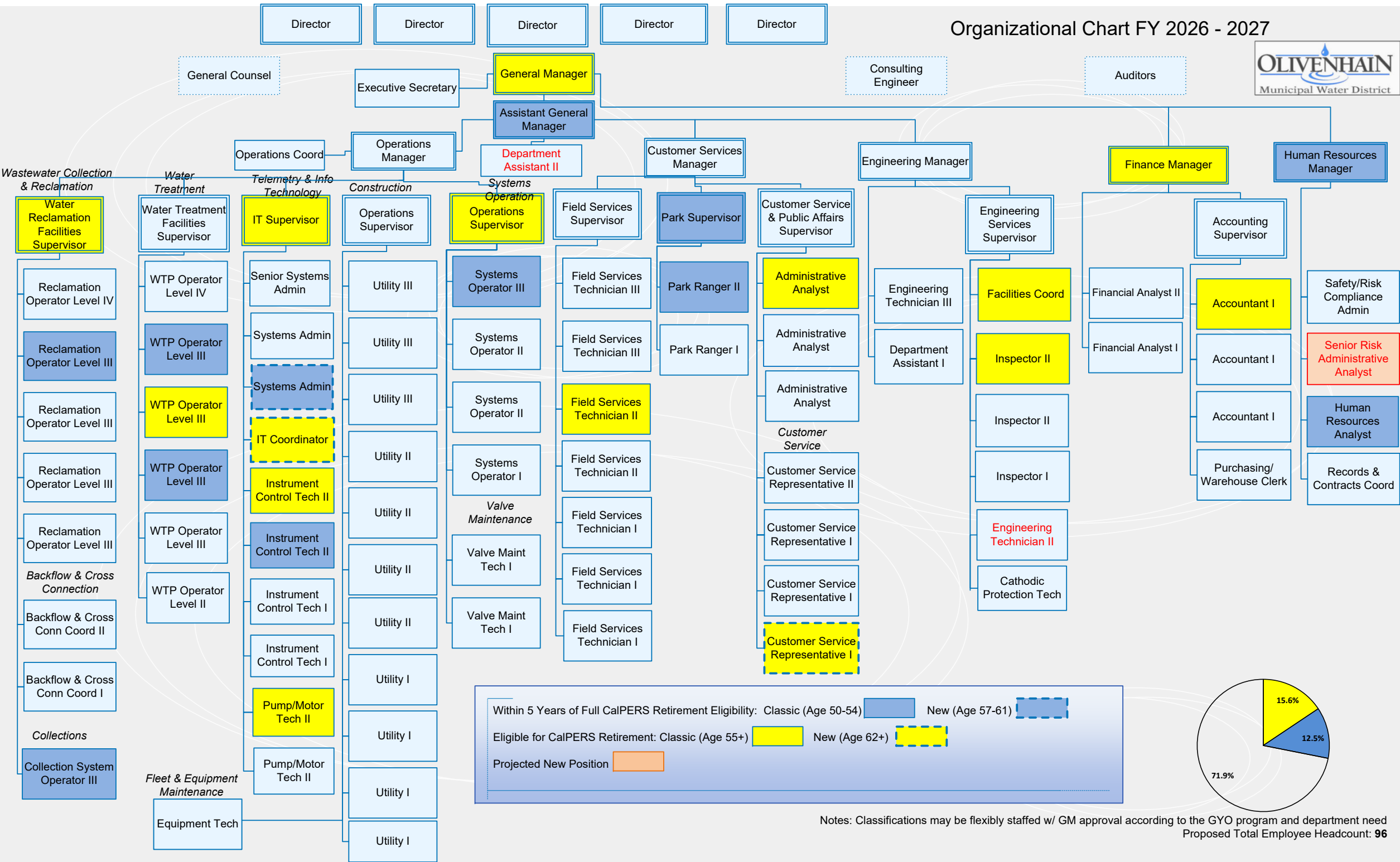
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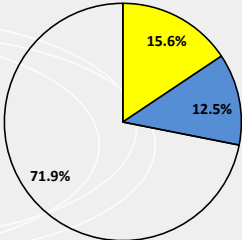
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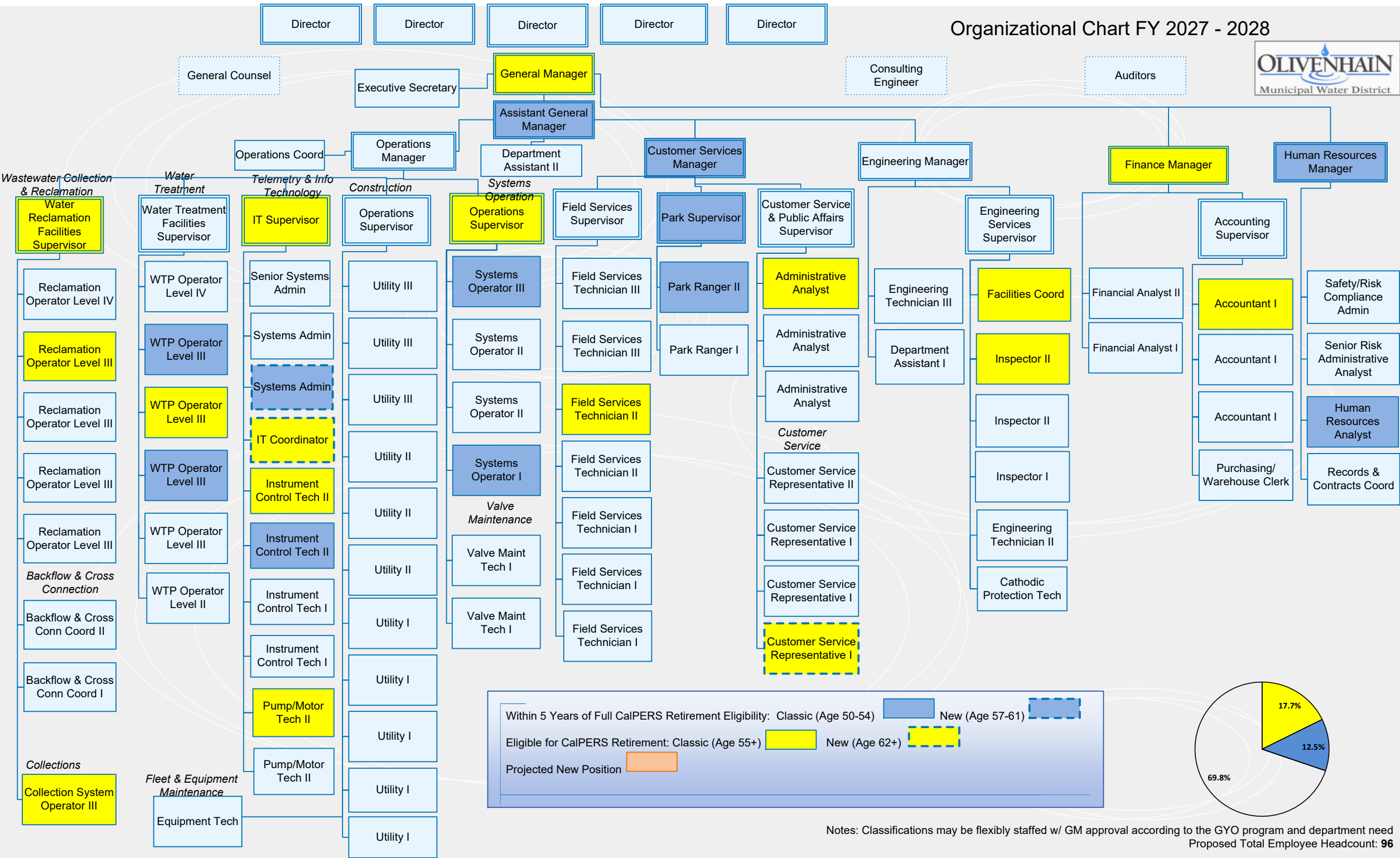
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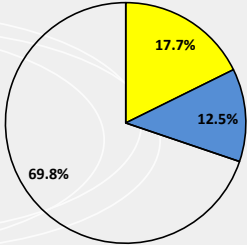
Organizational Chart FY 2027 - 2028



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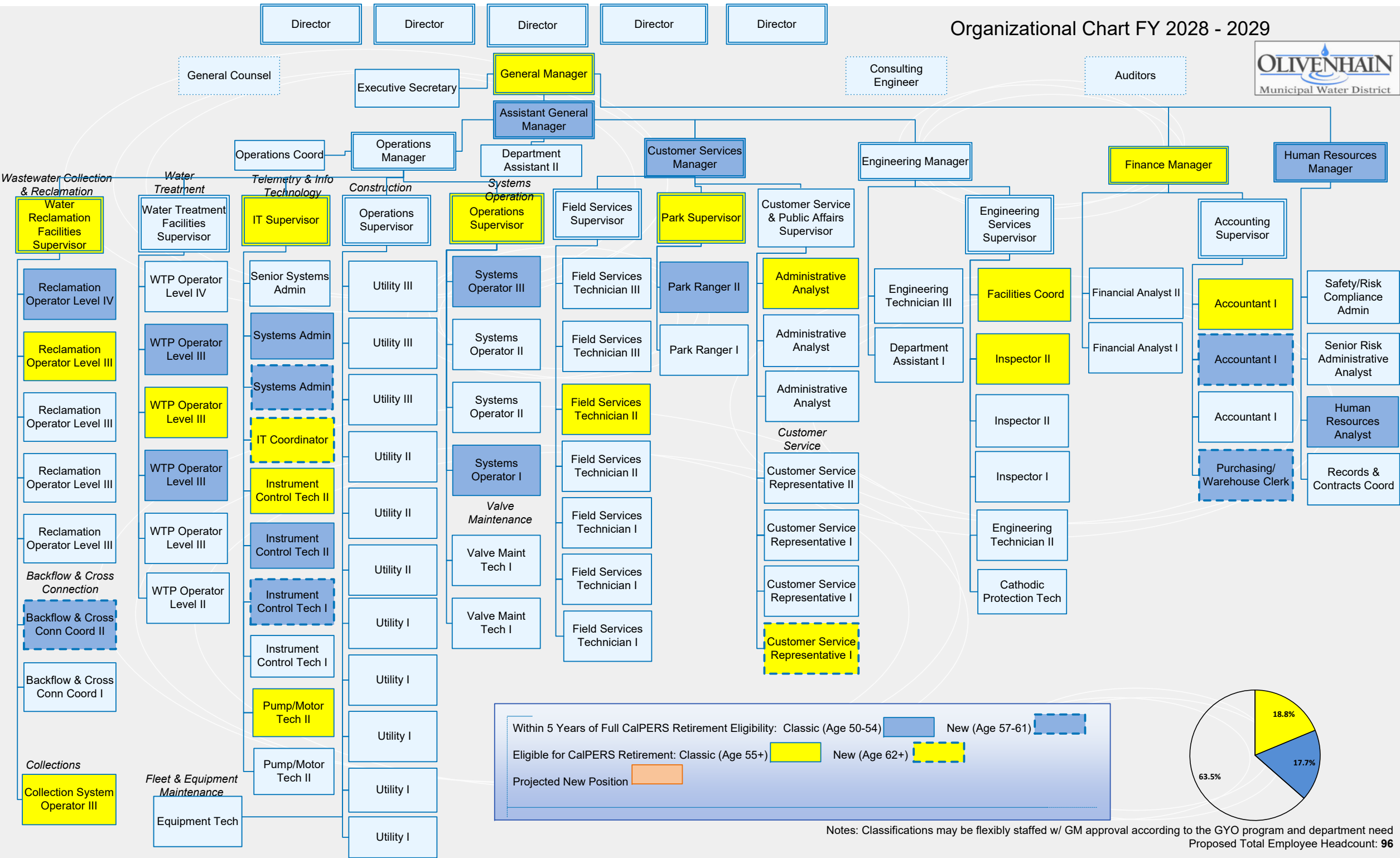
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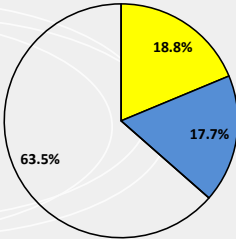
Organizational Chart FY 2028 - 2029



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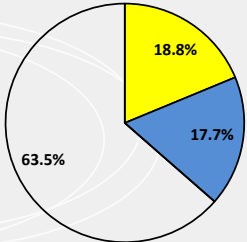
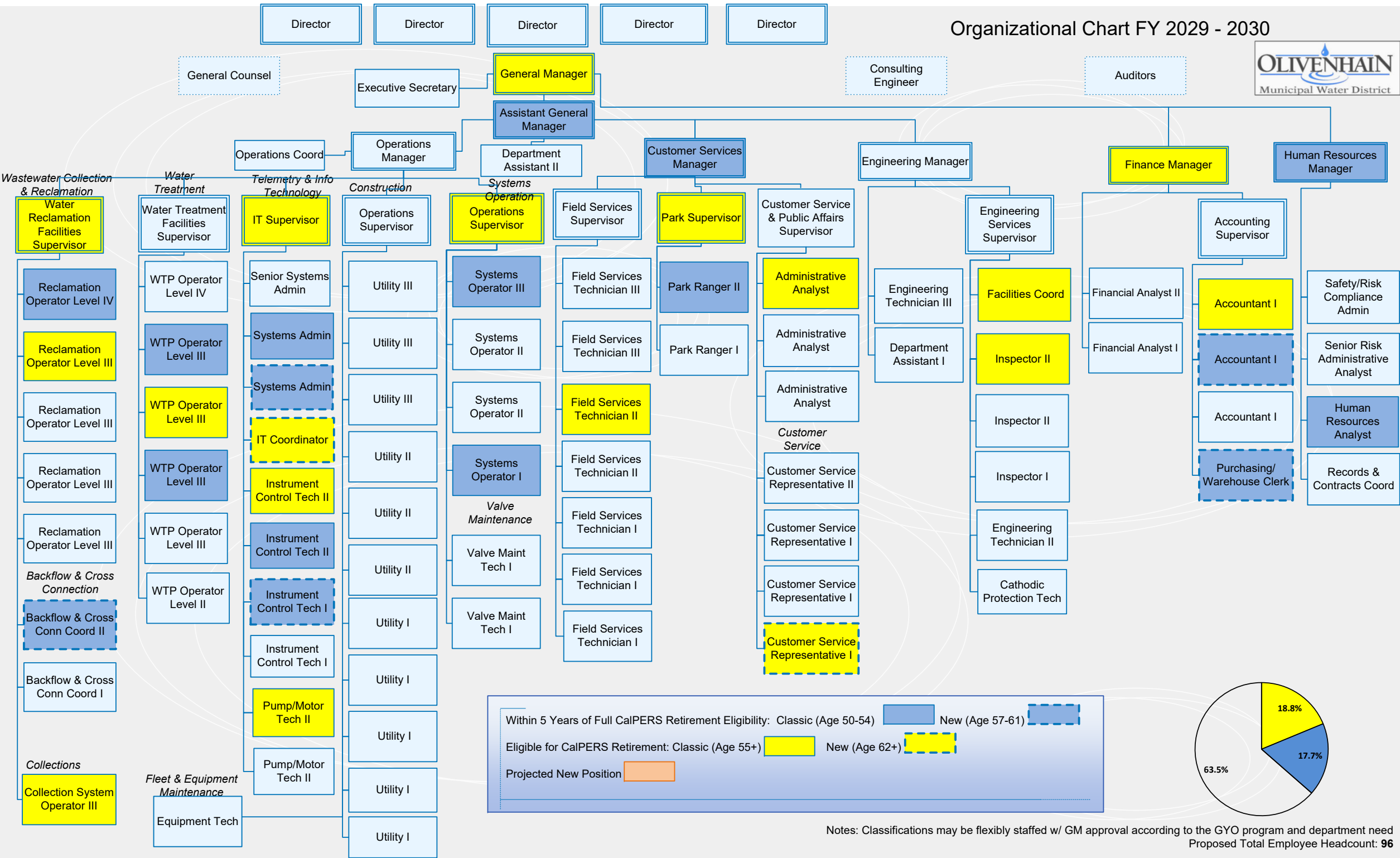
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Organizational Chart FY 2029 - 2030



# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Joe Jansen, Administrative Analyst  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS AND LONG-TERM WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the board with updates on water supply conditions, OMWD's customer notification and enforcement activities, and water use legislation affecting OMWD customers.

## Recommendation

This is an informational item; no action is required.

## Alternative(s)

Not applicable; informational item only.

## **Background**

Since June 2015, staff presents at the board's request a quarterly report on statewide water supply conditions, recent and near-term events pertaining to drought, and/or a summary of activity taken by staff.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There are no costs directly associated with this informational report.

## **Discussion**

Staff will review the attached presentation with the board at the April 16 meeting and further discuss water supply related developments.

*Attachments: PowerPoint presentation*

# WATER SUPPLY AND LONG-TERM WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

April 16, 2025





# Water Supply Conditions

# U.S. Drought Monitor California

**April 1, 2025**

*(Released Thursday, Apr. 3, 2025)*

**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	43.71	56.29	39.81	24.73	11.77	0.73
<b>Last Week</b> 03-25-2025	43.71	56.29	39.81	24.73	11.76	0.73
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-31-2024	40.90	59.10	31.52	5.70	1.06	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-07-2025	39.11	60.89	35.93	10.43	1.06	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2024	28.40	71.60	10.67	0.08	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-02-2024	95.46	4.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

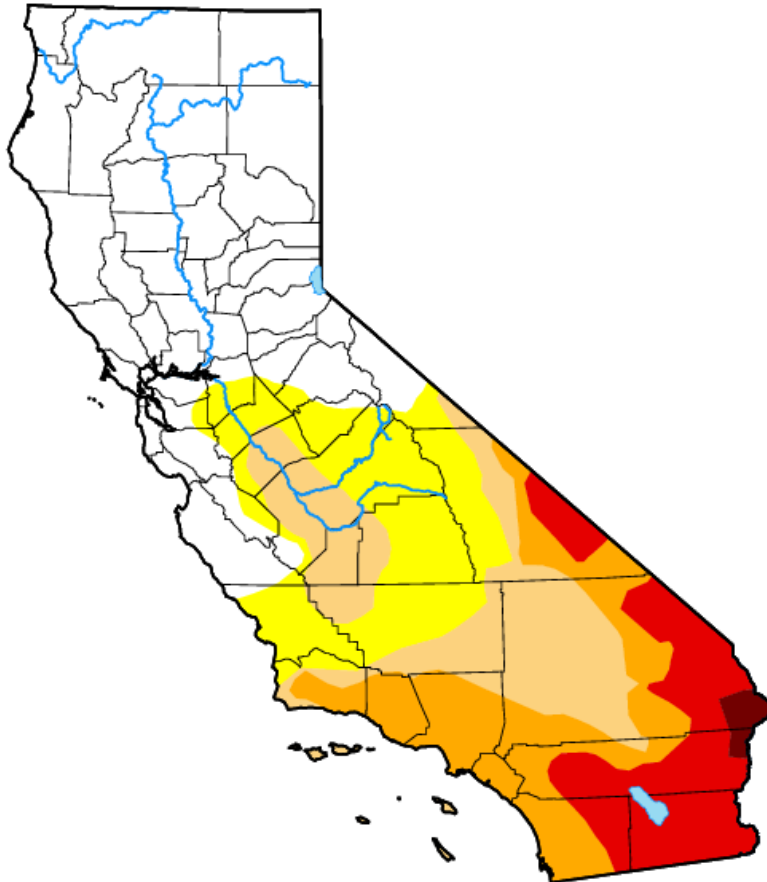
*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

## Author:

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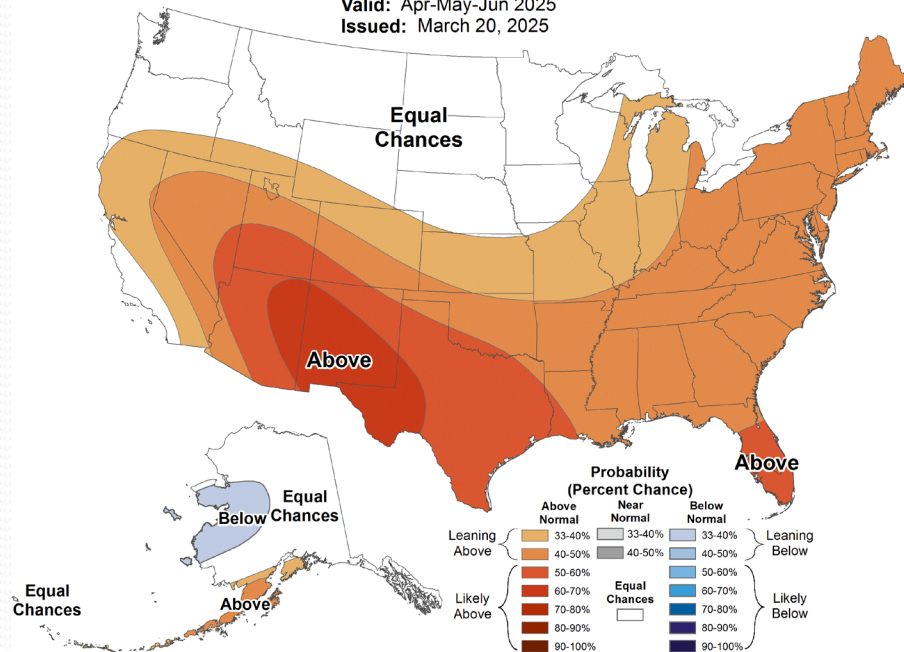
# National Weather Service Outlook

## April 2025 – June 2025



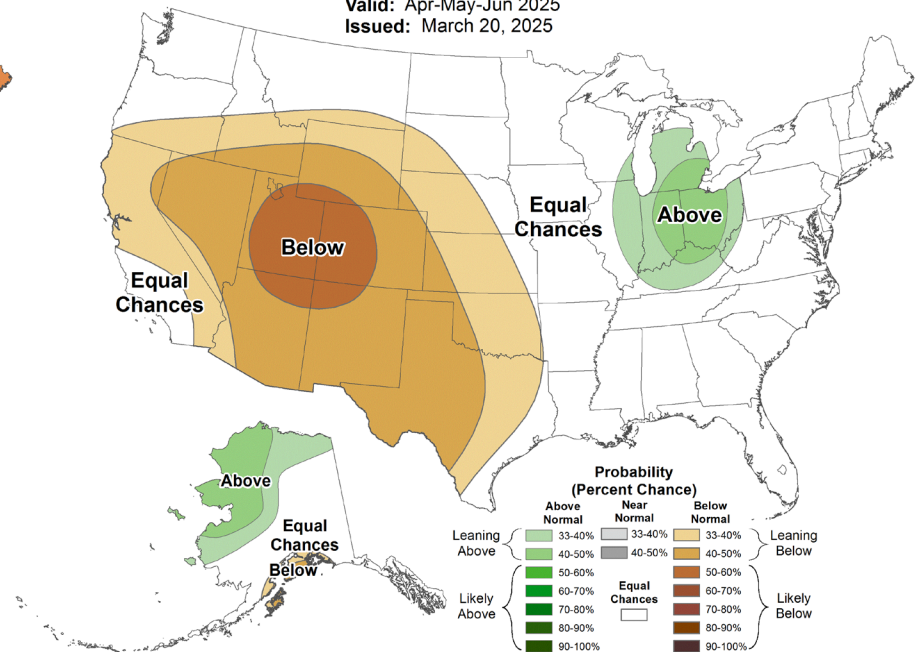
### Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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Issued: March 20, 2025

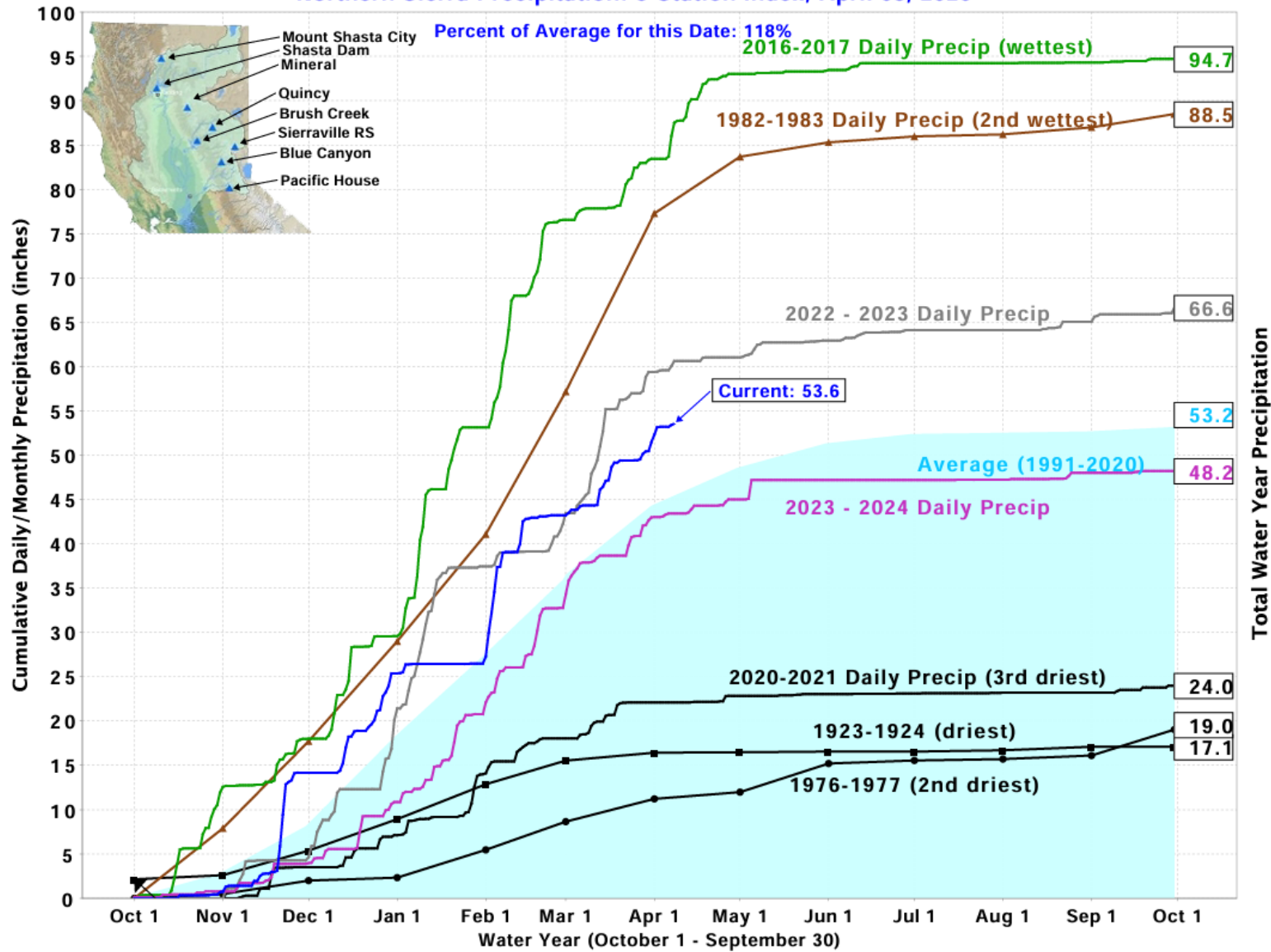


### Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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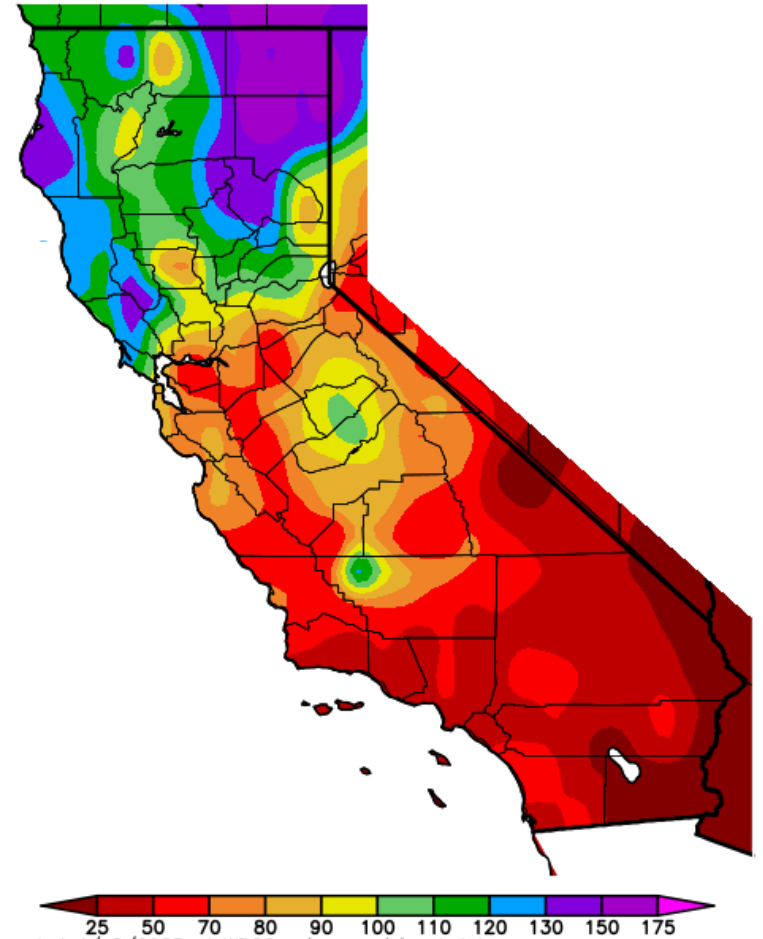
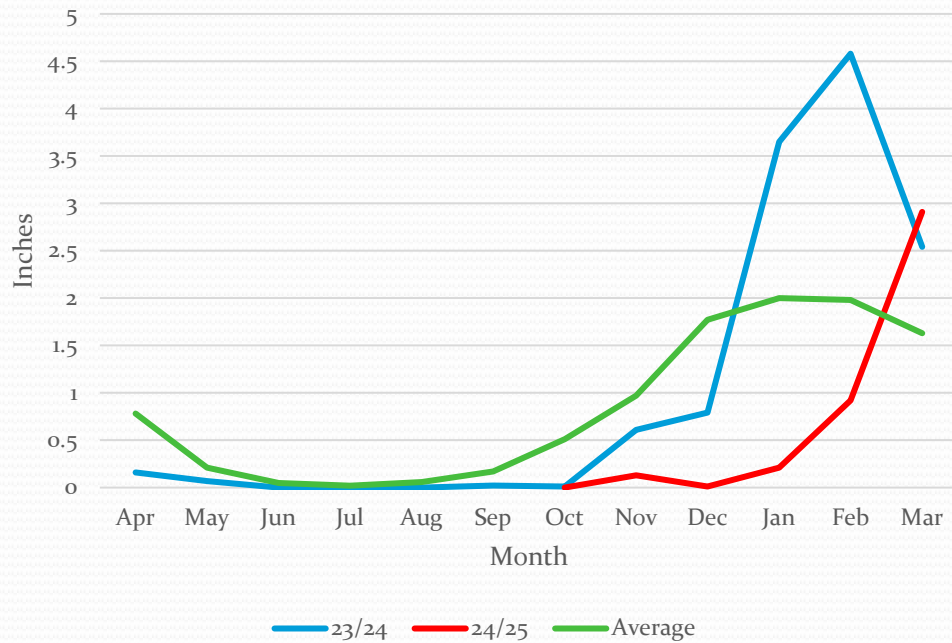
## Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, April 08, 2025





# Percent of Average Precipitation (%) 10/1/2024 – 4/7/2025

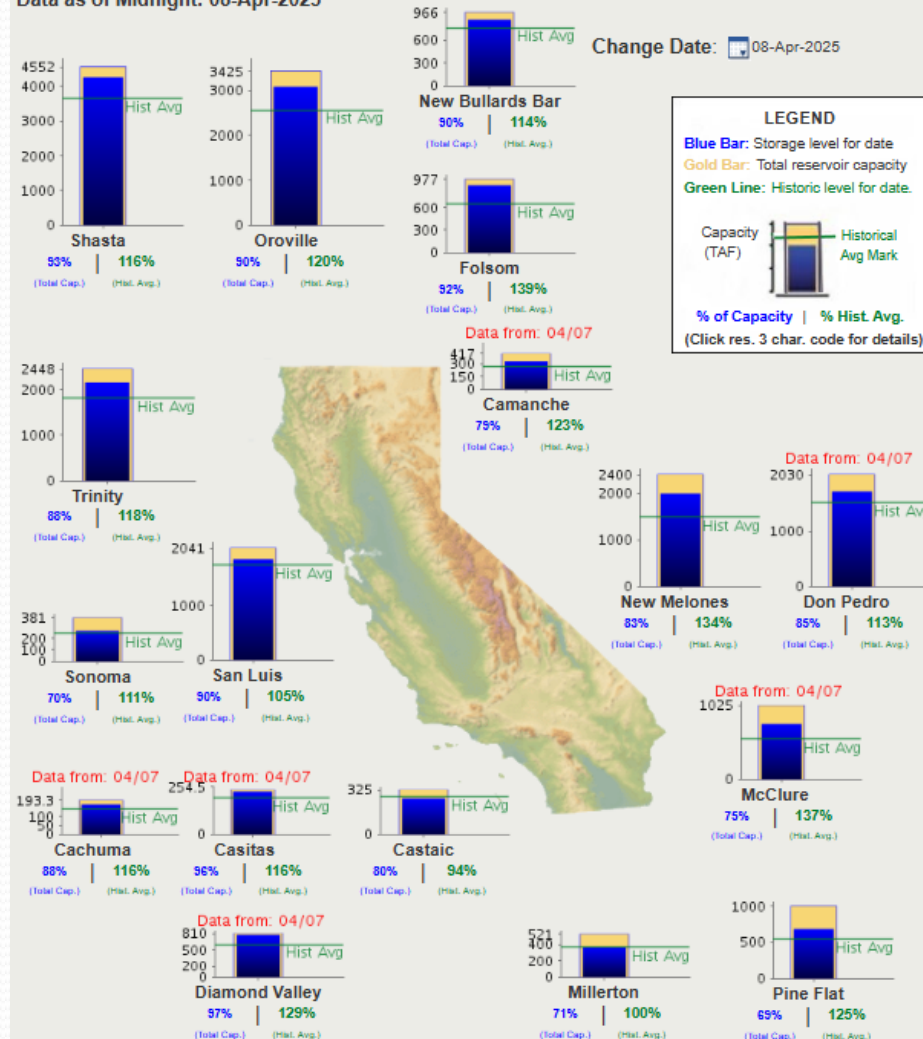
## San Diego Rainfall



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NOAA Regional Climate Centers

# CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:08-APR-2025

Data as of Midnight: 08-Apr-2025



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*\*Oroville up from 71% in January*



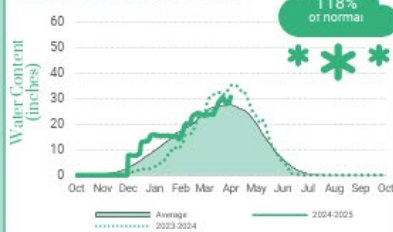
# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Water Supply Conditions Report (WSCR)

Water Year 2024-2025

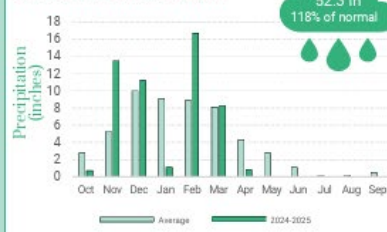
As of: 04/01/2025

State Water Project

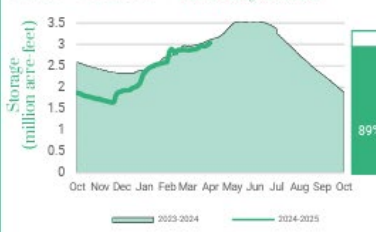
## Northern Sierra Snow



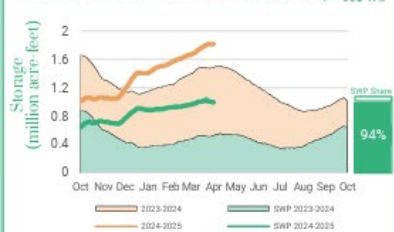
## 8 Station Index Rain



## Lake Oroville



## San Luis Reservoir



Colorado River

## Colorado River Basin Snow



## Colorado River Basin Rain



## Lake Powell

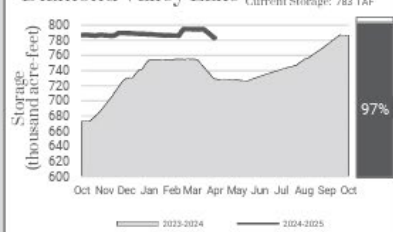


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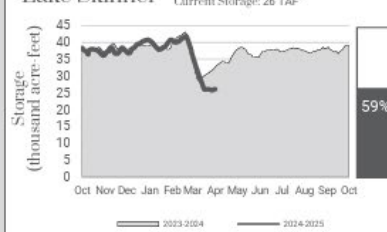


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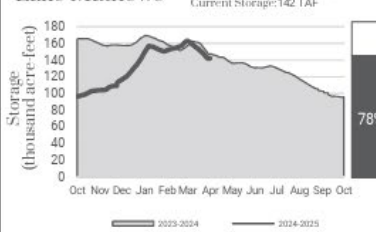
## Diamond Valley Lake



## Lake Skinner



## Lake Mathews



## 2025 State Water Project Allocation

40%  
of Table A

(As announced on March 25, 2025)

# OMWD Activity

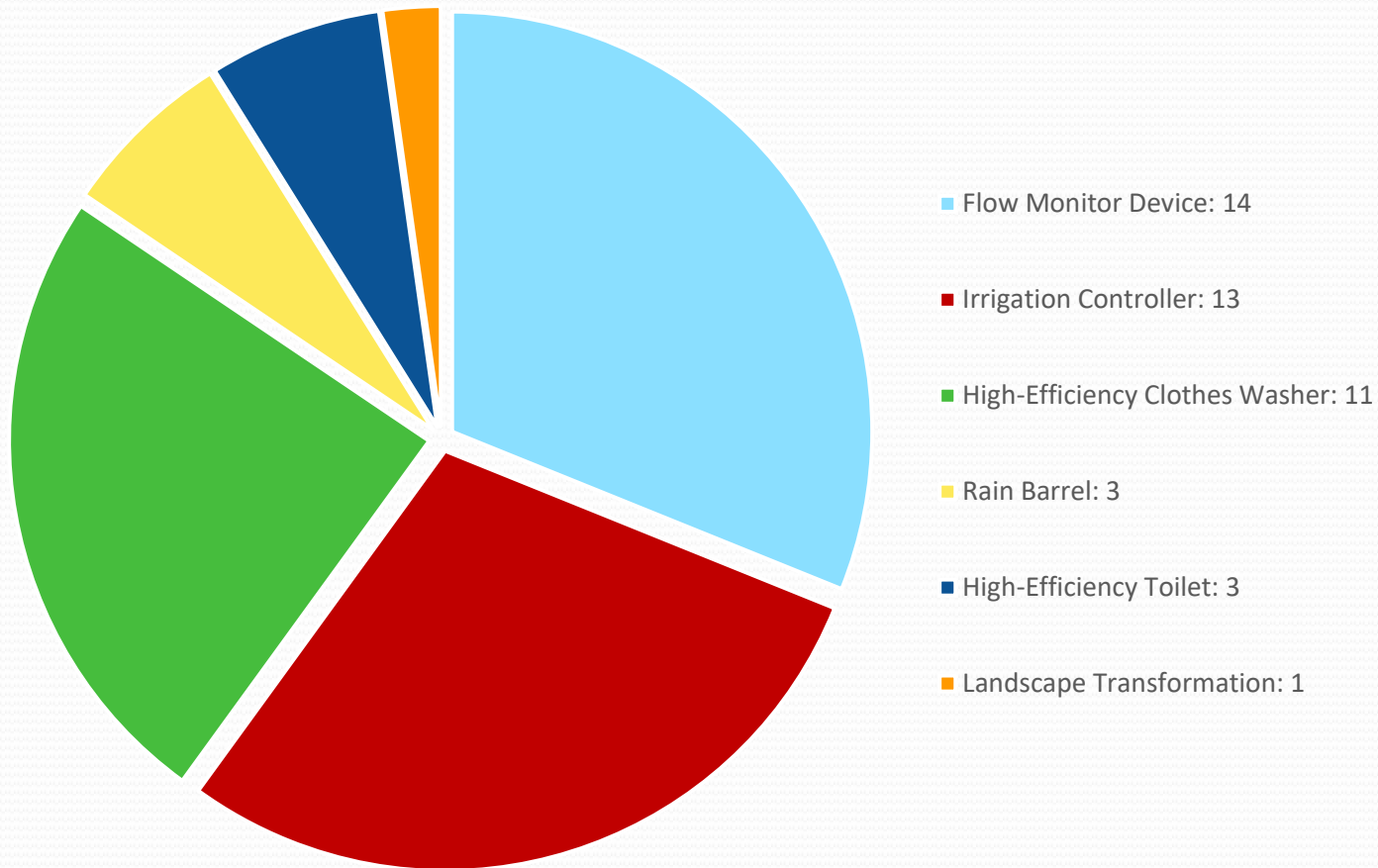


# Water Waste Reports

Month/Year	Reports	Actions	Fines
November '23	2	2	0
December '23	0	0	0
January '24	0	0	0
February '24	5	5	0
March '24	2	2	0
April '24	0	0	0
May '24	2	2	0
June '24	1	1	0
July '24	2	2	0
August '24	2	2	0
September '24	2	2	0
October '24	1	1	0
November '24	0	0	0
December '24	2	2	0
January '25	4	4	0
February '25	2	2	0
March '25	7	7	0
Totals	34	34	0

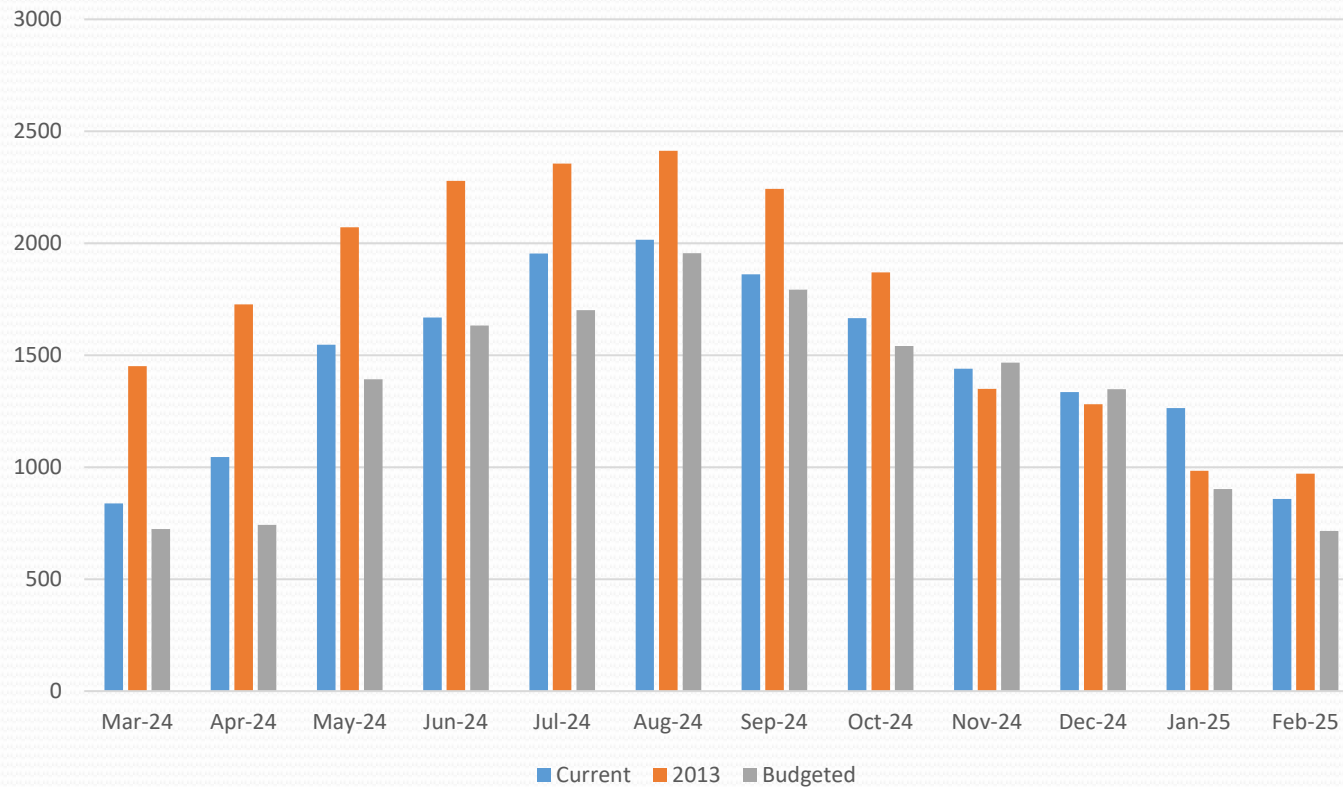


# January - March Rebate Application Activity



*Figures are based on applications received*

# Potable Monthly Demand



## Water Consumption Compared to 2013

Mar-24	-42%
Apr-24	-39%
May-24	-25%
Jun-24	-27%
Jul-24	-17%
Aug-24	-16%
Sep-24	-17%
Oct-24	-11%
Nov-24	7%
Dec-24	4%
Jan-25	28%
Feb-25	-12%

# Legislation & Regulations



# Water Supply Leg and Reg Update

- Staff engaging Sacramento:
  - SB 72 (California Water for All)
    - Support
  - AB 514 (Emergency Water Supplies)
    - Support

# Recent Updates



CALIFORNIA  
**Water Boards**  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

**Save  
Our  
Water**



# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Melody Colombo, Administrative Analyst  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NOSSAMAN, LLP FOR STATE GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$104,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF OMWD**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of a professional services agreement with Nossaman, LLP for state government advocacy services, and to authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends awarding a 13-month professional services agreement to align with the budget year with Nossaman, LLP, for state government advocacy services; and authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of OMWD.

## **Alternative(s)**

The board could elect to:

- 1) Reject the recommended state government advocacy services agreement with Nossaman, LLP, and approve an agreement for state government advocacy services with one of the other firms that responded to the Request for Proposals.
- 2) Reject the recommended state government advocacy services agreement with Nossaman, LLP, and direct staff to delay selection by soliciting another Request for Proposals. However, this option could result in no state government advocacy services lobbyist under contract after May 30, 2025, until a contract is executed, and may not yield a better response.

## **Background**

OMWD has a legislative program that represents its interests and those of its customers through proactive action in a rapidly changing political environment. OMWD utilizes state legislative consultants, who report to the general manager and assist in accomplishing board-directed priorities and engagement in the legislative and regulatory process. Past OMWD lobbyists include Hatch & Parent, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, and The San Diego Group for Outreach and Media Relations Services.

Since 2015, OMWD has contracted with Nossaman, LLP, to perform state legislative advocacy services in Sacramento. In 2024, Nossaman, LLP lobbying and advocacy services cost \$6,750 per month. The firm's scope of work included reporting on legislation; state budget and regulatory action that may affect OMWD; making recommendations to OMWD regarding strategy on when to engage on issues impacting OMWD; conveying the positions of OMWD through direct advocacy with Sacramento decision-makers; ensuring that OMWD is part of all discussion and negotiation before legislation and regulatory issues are finalized; facilitating meetings for OMWD with legislators/regulatory decision-makers; and assisting OMWD in educating local and state policymakers/regulators on the development of local water supply projects within OMWD's service territory.

OMWD's contract with Nossaman, LLP, expires on May 30, 2025.



### **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of this agreement is a total not-to-exceed amount of \$104,000 for services using a monthly fixed fee of \$8,000. In addition, the agreement allows Nossaman, LLP to charge OMWD for reasonable reimbursable costs for travel, computer research, postage, court filings, photocopying, printing services, and faxes as needed; however, they haven't historically charged for these costs.

The FY 2026 budget includes sufficient funds to cover these projected legislative advocacy services costs for the fiscal year.

### **Discussion**

Maintaining a strong presence in Sacramento for OMWD's legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts is necessary to navigate water affordability, influencing low-income rate assistance policy, advanced clean fleet regulations, PFAS regulations and liability concerns, water supply reliability, drought resilience, regional self-reliance, and water supply independence in 2025.

OMWD periodically undergoes a competitive selection process for recurring professional services as a sound fiscal practice to ensure fair market pricing. On February 13, 2025, OMWD issued a Request for Proposals for a 13-month state government advocacy services agreement to align with the fiscal year. A total of 13 contractors downloaded and reviewed the RFP. Three proposals were submitted in response to the RFP by the deadline of March 10, 2025, which are summarized in the table below.

<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Monthly Cost</b>	<b>13-Month Cost</b>
Environmental & Energy Consulting	\$7,000	\$91,000
Nossaman, LLP	\$8,000	\$104,000
Catalyst	\$10,000	\$130,000

In accordance with OMWD's Administrative and Ethics Code, Article 6, staff convened a panel to review and rank firms. The panel unanimously selected Nossaman, LLP for its depth of experience and reasonable cost. Nossaman, LLP was the second-lowest bidder

to the RFP. It has an established relationship with institutional knowledge that provides efficiencies of scale.

Nossaman, LLP's client portfolio includes Rainbow Municipal Water District, Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District, Metropolitan Water District, East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority, San Diego Association of Governments, Cities of San Diego, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, and Padre Dam Municipal Water District. Their work with these agencies provides them with an understanding of water-related legislation, regulation, and stakeholder dynamics, making them well-positioned to advocate effectively on OMWD's behalf. Nossaman, LLP's representation of water agencies benefits OMWD by providing valuable alignment of opportunities and increased influence. Nossaman, LLP's familiarity with OMWD operations and its integrated legal counsel services enable it to anticipate issues, tailor strategies more effectively, and advocate with a deep understanding of OMWD's needs.

Nossaman, LLP actively engages with key water associations such as WaterReuse, Association of California Water Agencies, and California Municipal Utilities Association, allowing them to act as a bridge between OMWD and Sacramento. Nossaman, LLP provides OMWD with services that include identifying key stakeholders, coordinating coalition building, and developing advocacy campaigns that align with OMWD's legislative and regulatory priorities. More recently, this was demonstrated by Nossaman, LLP in their work coordinating and developing an advocacy campaign for OMWD, leading several San Diego water agencies in a low-income rate assistance coalition letter. In this effort, Nossaman, LLP also coordinated advocacy meetings with Senator Durazo and key legislative staff, State Water Resources Control Board staff, and ACWA. Of note, Jennifer Capitolo brings deep policy and political experience, with decades of advocacy on behalf of public agencies and extensive engagement with key state agencies including California Air Resources Board, Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, and California Water Association.

Staff is satisfied with Nossaman, LLP's work products and finds them to be aligned with OMWD's policy goals. They demonstrate a sound understanding of legislative dynamics, ensuring that OMWD is informed and positioned in policy discussions.

Given its strong track record, institutional knowledge, and influence in Sacramento, Nossaman, LLP offers OMWD a high-value partnership. Its existing relationships across the legislature, state agencies, and regional stakeholders provide OMWD with an advantage in advancing our legislative priorities at a fiscally responsible cost.

Staff recommends that the board authorize the General Manager to execute the PSA with Nossaman, LLP.

*Attachments:*

- *Professional Services Contract with Nossaman, LLP*

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**STATE GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY SERVICES**  
**FOR THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

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This Agreement is entered into by and between Olivenhain Municipal Water District, a Municipal Water District organized and operating pursuant to Water Code Sections 71000 *et seq.* (hereinafter the District) and Nossaman, LLP, a California corporation organized and operating in the State of California (hereinafter “CONSULTANT”).

**R-E-C-I-T-A-L-S**

1. The District is a public agency organized and operating pursuant to Water Code Sections 71000 *et seq.*, which provides water, recycled water, and sewer service within certain areas of northern San Diego County.
2. CONSULTANT is a qualified consultant licensed to do business in the State of California.
3. CONSULTANT has submitted to District a proposal, dated March 10, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit A (CONSULTANT’S PROPOSAL) and incorporated herein, to provide professional services to District pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
4. CONSULTANT possesses the skill, experience, ability, background, certification, and knowledge to perform the services described in this Agreement on the terms and conditions described herein.
5. The District desires to retain CONSULTANT to perform the services as provided herein and CONSULTANT desires to provide such professional services as set forth in this Agreement.

**C-O-V-E-N-A-N-T-S**

1. Services to Be Performed. CONSULTANT agrees to perform all work and services in strict accordance with the work and services more particularly described in the Scope and Cost Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference. All work



performed by CONSULTANT shall be subject to review and approval by the District. The District shall have no obligation to approve any work found defective by the District, in its sole discretion.

2. Correction of Defective Work. CONSULTANT agrees to correct all labor or materials found defective by the District at its sole cost and expense. All work found defective by the District shall be corrected in the time specified by the District by written notice to CONSULTANT.

3. Price for Work. CONSULTANT agrees to perform all work described in Exhibit "A" for a total price not to exceed \$8,000 per month for the term of the contract, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. No increase in this price shall be allowed without the express written consent of the District. The District shall have no obligation to grant this consent and may deny consent to any price increase, in its sole discretion.

4. Payment for Work. CONSULTANT shall bill the District monthly for all labor and materials provided during the previous month. All billings shall include a complete description of all work completed during the previous month, including hours and costs of each person performing the work, and shall also include a detailed description of progress to date on each task of work described in Exhibit "A". All bills shall be subject to review and approval by the District. Invoices approved by the District will be paid on a monthly basis thirty (30) days after the invoice has been approved by the District. The District shall have no obligation to pay for any work not expressly approved by the District. The District's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. CONSULTANT shall provide the District with any additional information requested by the District from time to time to support any item contained on an invoice no later than seven (7) days after a written request for this information from the District.

5. Extra Work. The District may request additional work or services from CONSULTANT from time to time, as the District shall determine, in its sole discretion. CONSULTANT shall not commence any extra work without a written change order expressly approved by the District, in writing. Work performed by CONSULTANT without an approved change order signed by the District will not be paid for by the District. In the event the District determines that additional work is justified, the parties shall agree on the additional work to be performed and the price to

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be paid for this additional work prior to commencement of any additional work by CONSULTANT. It is understood by the parties that CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to any payment for extra work unless the District determines that it desires extra work to be performed and a written change order has been executed by the parties. Attached as Exhibit "B" is the Request for Additional Work Form required by the District for all requests for additional work or task transfers.

6. Standard of Care. In performing all work and services required by this Agreement, CONSULTANT agrees to use the highest degree of skill and expertise ordinarily exercised, under similar circumstances, by a professional consultant with expertise in the services described in the Scope and Cost Proposal attached as Exhibit "A". As a material term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT warrants and represents that it has secured all licenses required by federal or California law to perform all work and services required by this Agreement. CONSULTANT agrees to perform all work required by this Agreement at all times in strict accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations which apply to the labor or materials being provided.

7. Work Performance Standards. CONSULTANT agrees to perform all work and services required by this Agreement in a manner which complies with all federal and state health and safety standards and in a manner which avoids damage or injury to any real or personal property of any person or entity, including any real or personal property of the District. CONSULTANT agrees to perform the work at all times in a manner that avoids the creation of any trespass or private or public nuisance during the conduct of the work.

8. Liability for Work of Agents, Independent Contractors, and Subcontractors. CONSULTANT shall be solely liable and responsible for all labor and materials provided by any director, officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, supplier, or independent contractor hired or retained by CONSULTANT to perform any work or to provide any materials or supplies. The District shall have no liability whatsoever for any work or services performed or any materials or supplies provided by CONSULTANT or its directors, officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, suppliers, or independent contractors.

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9. Time for Completion of Services. As a material term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT agrees to complete all work and services required by this agreement by no later than June 30, 2026 with the option of two (2) one-year contract renewals or one two-year extension, at the sole discretion of The District.

10. District Termination Right. The District shall have the express right to terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving seven (7) consecutive days advance written notice to CONSULTANT. This Agreement shall be automatically terminated without further action of any party upon expiration of the seven (7) day period. Promptly upon receipt of any termination notice from the District, CONSULTANT shall cease all further work and services, except as otherwise expressly directed by the District in the written termination notice. In the event the District exercises its termination right, CONSULTANT shall be paid only for work and services performed and approved by the District to the date this Agreement terminates. The District shall have the express right to withhold any payment otherwise due CONSULTANT to correct any labor or materials determined to be defective by the District at the time of termination. All plans, maps, drawings, reports, designs, or other writings of any type or nature prepared by CONSULTANT as a result of this Agreement shall become and remain the sole property of the District. All such writings shall be provided to the District not later than seven (7) consecutive days after termination of this Agreement for any reason. All labor, supplies, work, and materials provided by CONSULTANT in conjunction with this Agreement shall become and remain the sole property of the District.

11. Independent Contractor. As a material term of this Agreement, it is expressly agreed between the parties that CONSULTANT is performing all work and services for the District pursuant to this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as an agent or employee of the District. The parties further agree and acknowledge that the District expects CONSULTANT to make its own independent determination of the means and methods to perform all work required by this Agreement, and will not be directed as to any of these means or methods by the District.

12. Conflicts of Interest Prohibited. As a material term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall not in any way attempt to use its position to influence any decision of the District in which it

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knows, or has reason to know, it has a financial interest other than the compensation provided in this agreement. As a material term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT warrants and represents that it does not, to the best of its knowledge, have any economic interests which would conflict with any of its duties under this Agreement. CONSULTANT agrees not to secure any economic interest during the performance of this Agreement which conflicts with its duties to the District under this Agreement.

13. Breach. The breach of any term or provision of this Agreement by CONSULTANT shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

14. District Remedies for Breach. In the event CONSULTANT breaches any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement or fails to perform any work or services required by this Agreement, the District shall be entitled to elect all or any of the following remedies at the District's sole option:

14.1 Unilateral Termination. Unilaterally terminate this Agreement by written notice to CONSULTANT. Upon election of this remedy by the District, Paragraph 10 governing District Termination Right shall apply; or

14.2 Specific Enforcement. Enforce any provision of this Agreement by specific performance. If this remedy is elected by the District, CONSULTANT agrees that specific performance is appropriate and reasonable given the unique and special services being performed by CONSULTANT and expressly waives the right to contest the right of the District to seek specific performance in any subsequent action or proceeding between the parties; or

14.3 File suit against CONSULTANT for damages arising from breach of this Agreement. In the event the District elects this remedy, it shall be entitled to recover all damages authorized by law; and/or

14.4 The District shall be entitled to withhold such amounts as the District determines are appropriate, in its sole discretion, to complete the work or services required by this Agreement, or to correct any labor or materials resulting from CONSULTANT's negligence.

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In the event the District is required to pay any sum or amount to complete any labor or materials services required by this Agreement, or to correct any labor or materials resulting from CONSULTANT's negligence, amounts paid by the District shall earn interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date of payment until the District is repaid in full.

15. Insurance. At all times during the term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT must maintain a commercial liability insurance policy, workers' compensation insurance, and professional liability insurance in strict accordance with all terms of this paragraph. The insurance required by this paragraph shall be provided as follows:

15.1 Liability Insurance. Following execution of this Agreement, and prior to commencement of any work, CONSULTANT shall provide the District with proof of liability insurance coverage with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of California and acceptable to the District, providing \$1,000,000 of coverage per occurrence and \$2,000,000 minimum aggregate. The liability insurance coverage shall include each of the following types of insurance:

**A. General Liability:**

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| 1. Comprehensive Form                   | 6. Contractual Insurance                 |
| 2. Premises-Operations                  | 7. Broad form Property Damage, Including |
| 3. Explosion and Collapse Hazard        | Completed Operations                     |
| 4. Underground Hazard                   | 8. Independent Contractors               |
| 5. Projects/Completed Operations Hazard | 9. Personal Liability                    |

**B. Auto Liability**

1. Comprehensive Form
2. Owned
3. Hired

The policy shall include contractual coverage sufficiently broad to insure the matters set forth in the section entitled "Indemnity" in this Agreement. The deductible amount shall not exceed \$5,000. Also included in such insurance shall be a "cross-liability" or "severability of interest" clause.

15.2 Workers' Compensation Insurance. Following the execution of this Agreement and prior to commencement of any work, CONSULTANT shall submit proof of insurance showing they have obtained, for the period of the agreement, full workers' compensation

insurance coverage for no less than the statutory limits covering all persons whom CONSULTANT employs or may employ in carrying out the work under this agreement.

15.3 Professional Liability Insurance. Following the execution of this Agreement, and prior to commencement of any work, CONSULTANT shall provide the District with proof of professional liability insurance with an insurance provider licensed to do business in the State of California, providing \$1,000,000 of coverage per occurrence and \$2,000,000 minimum aggregate. This insurance shall have a deductible not to exceed \$5,000.

15.4 ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements. All insurance required by Paragraphs 15.1, 15.2, and 15.3 of this agreement shall be submitted on an ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance. Insurers must be authorized to do business and have an agent for service of process in the State of California and have an 'A' financial strength rating and a financial size rating of at least Class VI in accordance with the most current A.M. Best's Rating Guide. Additional Insured Endorsements must be provided for the Liability Insurance called out in Paragraph 15.1 with the **Olivenhain Municipal Water District (District), the District's Engineer/Architect, the District's Representatives, CONSULTANTS, and each of the District's Directors, Officers, Agents, and Employees** named as additional insureds. The insurance must include a Waiver of Subrogation and must be Primary and non-Contributory. The additional insured endorsements must be provided on Form CG 20 10 10 01. The insurance certificate and endorsements shall be cancelable with notice delivered to the District in accordance with the policy provisions.

16. Job Site Safety. CONSULTANT shall be solely liable and responsible for complying with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to job safety for all agents, employees, subcontractors, suppliers, and independent contractors retained by CONSULTANT to perform any work or services or to provide any materials required by this Agreement. However, CONSULTANT shall not be liable or responsible for overall job site safety or the job site safety for any workers or agents employed by any construction contractor performing any work for the District on any construction project.

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17. Indemnity. As a material term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the District and its directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all demands, liability, claims, suits, actions, damages, costs, fees, expenses, fines, and penalties, of whatever type or nature, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees, to the extent arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the willful misconduct, recklessness, or negligence of CONSULTANT, including its directors, officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, sub-consultants, suppliers, independent contractors, or other persons and entities employed or utilized by CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement. In the event that any administrative proceeding, litigation, or arbitration is instituted naming the District or any other indemnified parties as a defendant, the District and such other indemnified parties shall be entitled to appoint their own independent counsel to represent them, and CONSULTANT agrees to pay all reasonable attorney's fees, expert fees and costs, and litigation costs associated with this defense within thirty (30) days of any billing; provided however, that the CONSULTANT's obligation shall be limited as provided by Civil Code Section 2782.8 to the extent that the CONSULTANT establishes its proportionate percentage of fault by stipulation of all the parties to the proceeding or a final adjudicatory determination.

18. Financial Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest. Although CONSULTANT is retained as an independent contractor, CONSULTANT may still be required, under the California Political Reform Act to file quarterly and/or annual disclosure reports. CONSULTANT agrees to file such financial disclosure reports upon request by the District. Failure to file financial disclosure reports upon request and/or by deadlines are grounds for termination of this Agreement.

19. Confidentiality and Restrictions on Disclosure Provisions.

19.1 Confidentiality Nature of Materials. CONSULTANT understands that all documents, records, reports, data, or other materials (collectively "Materials") provided by the District to CONSULTANT pursuant to the Agreement, including but not limited to draft reports, final report(s) and all data, information, documents, graphic displays and other items that are not proprietary to CONSULTANT and that are utilized by CONSULTANT pursuant to the Agreement are to be considered confidential for all purposes.

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19.2 No Disclosure of Confidential Materials. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for protecting the confidentiality and maintaining the security of District materials and records in its possession. All materials shall be deemed confidential and shall remain the property of the District. CONSULTANT understands the sensitive nature of the above and agrees that neither its officers, partners, employees, agents, or sub-consultants will release, disseminate, or otherwise publish said reports or other such data, information, documents, graphic displays, or other materials except as provided herein or as authorized, in writing, by the District's representative. CONSULTANT agrees not to make use of such materials for any purpose not related to the performance of the services under the Agreement. CONSULTANT shall not make written or oral disclosures thereof, other than as necessary for its performance of the services hereunder, without the prior written approval of District. Disclosure of confidential materials shall not be made to any individual, agency, or organization except as provided for in the Agreement or as provided for by law.

19.3 Protections to Ensure Control Over Materials. All confidential materials saved or stored by CONSULTANT in an electronic form shall be protected by adequate security measures to ensure that such confidential materials are safe from theft, loss, destruction, erasure, alteration, and any unauthorized viewing, duplication, or use. Such security measures shall include, but not be limited to, the use of current virus protection software, firewalls, data backup, passwords, and internet controls. The provisions of this section survive the termination or completion of the Agreement.

19.4 Ownership of Documents and Displays. All original written or recorded data, documents, graphic displays, reports, or other materials that contain information relating to CONSULTANT'S performance hereunder and which are originated and prepared for District pursuant to the Agreement are instruments of service and shall become the property of District upon completion or termination of the scope of work. CONSULTANT hereby assigns all of its right, title and interest therein to District, including but not limited to any copyright interest. In addition, District reserves the right to use, duplicate, and disclose in whole or in part, in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever, all such data, documents, graphic displays, reports, or

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other materials delivered to District pursuant to this Agreement and to authorize others to do so.

To the extent that CONSULTANT utilizes any of its property (including, without limitation, any hardware or software of CONSULTANT or any proprietary or confidential information of CONSULTANT or any trade secrets of CONSULTANT) in performing services hereunder, such property shall remain the property of CONSULTANT, and District shall acquire no right or interest in such property.

CONSULTANT hereby assigns to District or District's designee, for no additional consideration, all CONSULTANT's intellectual property rights, including, but not limited to, copyrights, in all deliverables, and other works prepared by the CONSULTANT.

## 20. Miscellaneous Provisions.

20.1 California Law Governs. This Agreement shall be governed by California law.

20.2 Jurisdiction and Venue. In the event of any legal or equitable proceeding to enforce or interpret the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the parties agree that jurisdiction and venue shall lie only in the federal or state courts in or nearest to the North County Judicial District, County of San Diego, State of California.

20.3 Modification. This Agreement may not be altered in whole or in part except by a written modification approved by the District and executed by all the parties to this Agreement.

20.4 Attorneys' Fees. In the event any arbitration, action, or proceeding is initiated to challenge, invalidate, enforce, or interpret any of the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to all attorneys' fees, all expert fees and costs, and all litigation fees, costs, and expenses in addition to any other relief granted by law. This provision shall apply to the entire Agreement.

20.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with all exhibits attached hereto, contains all representations and the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. Any prior correspondence, memoranda, or agreements,

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whether or not such correspondence, memoranda, or agreements are in conflict with this Agreement, are intended to be replaced in total by this Agreement and its exhibits. CONSULTANT warrants and represents that no District representative has made any oral representations or oral agreements not contained in this Agreement. CONSULTANT further warrants and represents that CONSULTANT has not relied upon any oral statements or promises made by any District representative or agent in executing this Agreement. The parties mutually declare that this Agreement and its exhibits constitute a final, complete, and integrated agreement between the parties.

20.6 Prohibition on Assignment. CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to assign or transfer all or any portion of its rights or obligations in this Agreement without obtaining the express prior written consent of the District. The District shall have no obligation to give its consent to any assignment and may deny any requested assignment, in its sole discretion.

20.7 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and on their respective purchasers, successors, heirs, and assigns.

20.8 Unenforceable Provisions. The terms, conditions, and covenants of this Agreement shall be construed whenever possible as consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement, as so interpreted, is held to violate any applicable law or regulation, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless be carried into full force and effect and remain enforceable.

20.9 Representation of Capacity to Contract. Each party to this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she has the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the entity represented by that individual. This representation is a material term of this Agreement.

20.10 Opportunity to be Represented by Independent Counsel. Each of the parties to this Agreement warrants and represents that it has been advised to consult independent counsel of its own choosing and has had a reasonable opportunity to do so prior to executing this Agreement.

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20.11 No Waiver. The failure of either party to enforce any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement on the date it is to be performed shall not be construed as a waiver of that party's right to enforce this, or any other, term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement at any later date or as a waiver of any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement. No waiver shall occur unless the waiver is expressly stated in writing and signed by the person for the party having the authority to expressly waive the benefit or provision, in writing. No oral waivers shall be effective against either party.

20.12 No Joint Venture and No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create a joint venture, partnership, or common enterprise relationship of any kind between the District and CONSULTANT. No third parties shall be construed as beneficiaries of any term, covenant, or provision of this Agreement.

20.13 Time of Essence. The parties agree that time is of the essence as to all matters specified in this Agreement. The parties mutually declare that this is a material term of this Agreement.

20.14 Notices. All letters, statements, or notices required pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt when personally served, transmitted by facsimile machine, or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

To: "CONSULTANT"  
Nossaman, LLP  
Attn:  
621 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

To: "District"  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Attn: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
1966 Olivenhain Road  
Encinitas, California 92024

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20.15 Effective Date. The effective date of this Agreement executed in counterparts in Encinitas, California, within the North County Judicial District, County of San Diego, State of California, is \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Olivenhain Municipal Water District,  
a public agency

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Nossaman, LLP

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXHIBIT “A”

### STATE GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY SERVICES

The scope of work for such support services, using a monthly fixed fee of \$8,000 includes the following:

1. Represent OMWD’s interests with the governor’s office, legislators and staff, state agencies (e.g., Department of Water Resources, California Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Agency), boards (e.g., State Water Resources Control Board), commissions, and legislative bodies.
2. Establish an active presence and day-to-day involvement in political, regulatory, and legislative actions on behalf of OMWD.
3. Provide legislative tracking, analysis, and advocacy including, but not limited to:
  - a. Monitor and report on legislative initiatives of interest that may promote or hinder OMWD’s goals or interests.
  - b. Provide strategic guidance and recommendations to assist OMWD in maximizing its policy influence and achieving its legislative and regulatory goals/objectives. Make recommendations to OMWD regarding strategy on when to engage on issues impacting OMWD and proposing legislative guidelines for policy on legislation.
  - c. Advocate on legislation and issues in response to OMWD’s formal positions. Convey OMWD’s positions through direct advocacy with Sacramento decision-makers. Ensure that OMWD is part of discussions and negotiations before legislation and regulatory issues that affect OMWD are finalized.
  - d. Attend legislative and/or public hearings, testify as needed at hearings regarding OMWD’s position or comments, and upon request provide information regarding those hearings as they may affect OMWD.
  - e. Facilitate meetings for OMWD with legislators, regulators, and state officials as needed and upon request on legislation, funding/grants, regulations, or bills that may affect any of OMWD’s services (inclusive of water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and the operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve) within OMWD’s service territory.
  - f. Prepare legislative and regulatory correspondence, written testimony, and/or talking points for hearings and other legislative activities. Draft letters for OMWD to send on important topics affecting OMWD both at the request of OMWD staff and as determined to be necessary.
4. Prepare monthly written state legislative report and additional items (as requested) for OMWD’s monthly board meeting and provide a legislative bill report summarizing pertinent bills. Deliverables shall include:
  - a. Monthly reports to the board on all legislation and state budget actions that affect OMWD, to be provided to OMWD staff at least 10 days prior to the board meeting (dates posted at [www.olivenhain.com/boardmeetings](http://www.olivenhain.com/boardmeetings)).

- b. Monthly reports to the board on regulatory issues affecting OMWD, to be provided to OMWD staff 10 days prior to the date of the board meeting.
  - c. Weekly reports to OMWD staff on legislation/regulatory issues that impact OMWD.
- 5. Identify opportunities for funding in the state budget, grant opportunities for state funding, and/or Integrated Regional Water Management opportunities, and support pursuit of those funds.
  - a. Meet with relevant state agency staff to review the project's scope and the components necessary to submit a successful application.
  - b. Coordinate support for the application from local government partners, local organizations, political leaders, and community groups as needed.
  - c. Meet with regional partners, OMWD leadership, board members, or the community to educate and advocate for the project.
- 6. Attend and actively participate (as requested) in OMWD's board meetings.
- 7. Attend and actively participate (as needed and upon request) at statewide association meetings/events, San Diego County Water Authority legislative working groups, and other groups. Written reports/meeting summaries shall be emailed promptly to OMWD within 3 working days of the meeting or event.
- 8. Comply with and submit all applicable legal registering and reporting requirements (e.g., California Form 635).

In addition to the \$8,000 monthly fixed fee, Nossaman, LLP charges the following reimbursable costs.

**Travel:**

Reasonable travel expenses will be charged in accordance with OMWD's reimbursement policies.

**Computer Research:**

Computer-assisted research expenses will be charged at the actual cost. However, in instances where Nossaman maintains a fixed subscription contract with the vendor, they will prorate the cost for the fixed subscription charges among all of their clients using computerized research during the research period.

**Postage:**

Nossaman, LLP will pass onto OMWD postage-related charges at the actual cost.

**Court Filings:**

Nossaman, LLP will pass onto OMWD the direct cost of any filing fees charged by outside vendors for court filings, including fees for electronic court filings.

**Photocopying and Printing Services:**

Nossaman, LLP will charge for reproductions at the following rates: black and white printing/photocopying (\$0.10/page), color printing/photocopying (\$0.35/page).

**Faxes:**

Nossaman, LLP will charge \$1.00/page for outgoing faxes.

## EXHIBIT "B"

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**Request for Additional Work**  
**(Includes Authorization to Perform Additional Services and Inter-Task Transfers)**

Consultant name \_\_\_\_\_

Request # \_\_\_\_\_

Project name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Required \_\_\_\_\_

Project Task	Current Budget	Change	Revised Budget
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>Total Contract Change Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Original Project Budget \_\_\_\_\_

Prior requests approved \_\_\_\_\_

This request \_\_\_\_\_

Revised Project Budget \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requested change(s). *please attach supporting documentation*


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Signature of consultant representative

Date

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Email the completed form to [mcolombo@olivenhain.com](mailto:mcolombo@olivenhain.com) or mail to 1966 Olivenhain Rd., Encinitas, CA. 92024

OMWD use only below this line

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Workorder number(s) to charge \_\_\_\_\_

OMWD Record No. \_\_\_\_\_

Original to General Manager ☐

Copies to

Originating Dept. ☐Consultant ☐Project Acct ☐

# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER UPDATED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR CY 2025-2026 MADE BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for (1) the Board President to make updated Committee Assignments for the next two year period for the newly appointed Director Lanfried and (2) for the board to vote on OMWD's representative to the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors.

## Recommendation

The Board President is assigning Director Lanfried to the Ad Hoc Customer Outreach and Conservation Subcommittee and the Elfin Forest Executive Committee that were previously assigned to former Director San Antonio.

Staff would support any member of the board who wishes to serve on the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors.



## **Background**

Per Article 2, Section 2.2 of the Administrative and Ethics Code (Admin. Code), Committee assignments are made by the board President. Director San Antonio previously served on the Ad Hoc Customer Outreach and Conservation Subcommittee and the Elfin Forest Executive Committee. His departure from the board left vacancies on these two committees.

Director San Antonio had also served as OMWD's primary representative to the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors which is also now vacant. The General Manager and Human Resources Manager are alternates designated by the OMWD board. The ACWA JPIA representative is not appointed by the Board President and will need to be voted on by the full board. The primary representative to the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors should be a board member. The time commitment requires multiple day workshops/meetings that take place prior to the ACWA conferences about 3 times per year and could require up to 6 to 10 full days of travel across the state per year.

Director Lanfried was sworn-in on the Board of Directors on March 24, 2025.

## **Fiscal Impact**

N/A

## **Discussion**

Below is a list of all current Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees.

1. Standing Finance Committee – Directors Maloni and Meyers
2. Standing Personnel Committee – Directors Guerin and Meyers
3. Standing Safety Committee – Directors Guerin and Hahn
4. Ad Hoc Facilities Subcommittee – Directors Guerin and Maloni
5. Ad Hoc Customer Outreach and Conservation Subcommittee – Director Hahn and Lanfried
6. Ad Hoc Public Policy Subcommittee – Directors Maloni and Hahn
7. EFRR Executive Committee – Director Maloni and Lanfried

ACWA JPIA primary representative – **vacant**, Alternates – General Manager and HR Manager. Any Board Member interested in serving as OMWD's primary representative to the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors must file a Statement of Economic Interest Assuming Office Statement within 30 days of appointment.



# Memo

Date: April 16, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT NOMINATING DIRECTOR MALONI AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## Purpose

This item is to nominate and adopt a resolution of support for Director Maloni for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 term.

## Recommendation

Staff supports Director Maloni in seeking nomination as a candidate to the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors. Board Members and General Managers are eligible to serve on the ACWA Region 10 Board.

## Alternative(s)

The board may choose against approving a resolution supporting Director Maloni in running for ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors.

## **Background**

Each of ACWA's ten regional divisions features a board of directors comprised of a chair and vice chair—both of whom also serve on ACWA's statewide board of directors—and up to five board members. Members of the board hold staggered two-year terms. Any ACWA public member agency is eligible to designate a representative for candidacy for their respective region's board. Director Maloni has expressed interest in running for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors and OMWD's presence on the ACWA Region 10 Board benefits OMWD through representation on key regional and statewide water issues.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There are no costs associated with adopting a resolution of support. Should Director Maloni be selected to serve on the Region 10 Board of Directors, he is expected to attend board meetings that are held at least quarterly, including at the ACWA spring and fall conferences, for which OMWD is responsible for the cost of travel. Costs for Board Member attendance at ACWA events is already included in the annual budget.

## **Discussion**

ACWA member districts that wish to nominate a candidate for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors must submit by June 20 a resolution of support with nomination documentation. The elections begin on July 21 and close at 5:00 p.m. on September 19. The election results will be announced on September 26 and the winners will be introduced at the fall conference on December 3.

### ***Attachments:***

- *Resolution of support for Director Maloni*
- *2025 ACWA Region Election Timeline*

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACING IN A NOMINATION AND SUPPORT  
FOR SCOTT MALONI AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF  
CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a member district of the Association of California Water Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District encourages and supports the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Scott Maloni of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors has indicated a desire to serve on the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District that this district places its full and unreserved support in the nomination of Scott Maloni to the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby determines that the expenses attendant with the service of Scott Maloni in Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 shall be borne by Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District held on April 16, 2025.

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Matthew R. Hahn, President  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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Christy Guerin, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District



## 2025 ACWA Region Election Timeline 2026-2027 Term

**February 28:**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEES APPOINTED**

- With concurrence of the region board, the region chairs appoint at least three region members to serve as the respective region's Nominating Committee
- Those serving on nominating committees are ineligible to seek region offices
- Nominating Committee members are posted online at [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com)

**March 1-31:**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE TRAINING**

- Nominating Committee packets will be e-mailed out to each committee member
- ACWA staff will hold a training session via conference call with each nominating committee to educate them on their specific role and duties
  - Regions 1-10 Nominating Committees: via Zoom Meetings

**April 21:**

### **CALL FOR CANDIDATES**

- The call for candidate nominations packet will be e-mailed to ACWA member agency Board Presidents and General Managers

**June 20:**

### **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS**

- Deadline to submit all Nomination Forms and board resolutions of support for candidacy for region positions
- Nominating Committee members may need to solicit additional candidates in person to achieve a full complement of nominees for the slate

**June 20:**

### **CANDIDATE INFORMATION TO NOMINATING COMMITTEES**

- All information submitted by candidates will be forwarded from ACWA staff to the respective region Nominating Committee members with a cover memo explaining their task

**June 23 – July 10: RECOMMENDED SLATES SELECTED**

- Nominating Committees will meet to determine the recommended individuals for their region. The slate will be placed on the election ballot.
- Nominating Committee Chairs will inform their respective ACWA Regional Affairs Representative of their recommended slate by July 10
- Candidates will be notified of the recommended slate by July 14
- The Nominating Committee Chair will approve the official region ballot

**July 21:****ELECTIONS BEGIN**

- All 10 official electronic ballots identifying the recommended slate and any additional candidates for consideration for each region will be produced and e-mailed to ACWA member agencies only
- Only one ballot per agency will be counted

**September 19:****ELECTION BALLOTS DUE**

- ***Deadline for all region elections. All region ballots must be received by ACWA by September 19, 2025***

**September 26:****ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS**

- Newly-elected members of the region boards will be contacted accordingly
- An ACWA Advisory will be distributed electronically to all members reporting the statewide region election results
- Results will be posted at [acwa.com](http://acwa.com) and will be published in the October issue of ACWA News

# Memo

**A**

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS  
PRESIDENT

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Any report will be oral at the time of the Board meeting.

# Memo

**B**

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS  
GENERAL MANAGER

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April 16, 2025

Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
1966 Olivenhain Road  
Encinitas, CA 92024

The following are brief highlights of the District's departmental operations for the months of  
**March 2025:**

<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>March 2025</b>	<b>February 2025</b>
<b>David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant (DCMWTP)</b>	0 million gallons	123.0 million gallons
<b>Total Production</b>	*Offline for construction	
<b>DCMWTP Average Daily Production</b>	0 million gallons	4.39 million gallons
<b>DCMWTP Peak Day Production</b>	0 million gallons	18.7 million gallons
<b>Source Water Blend (% State Project Water)</b>	N/A	7.1%
<b>Total Deliveries to Vallecitos Water District</b>	0 acre feet 0 million gallons	80.08 acre feet 26.09 million gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Total Inflow</b>	40.17 million gallons	34.76 million gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Average Daily Inflow</b>	1,295,727 gallons	1,241,712 gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Peak Day Inflow</b>	1,487,168 gallons	1,513,373 gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Low Day Inflow</b>	1,206,879 gallons	1,098,331 gallons
<b>4S Water Reclamation Facility (4SWRF) Average Daily Production</b>	315,888 gallons	348,574 gallons
<b>4SWRF Peak Day Production</b>	999,705 gallons	639,524 gallons
<b>4SWRF Total to Recycled Water Distribution System</b>	9.8 million gallons	9.76 million gallons
<b>4S Recycled Water Storage Pond Volume</b>	203 acre feet	140 acre feet
<b>Repaired Potable Water Main Leak(s)</b>	0	1
<b>Repaired Potable Water Service Lateral Assembly Leak(s)</b>	2	3
<b>Repaired Recycled Water Main Leak(s)</b>	0	0
<b>Repaired Recycled Water Service Lateral Leak(s)</b>	0	0
<b>Repaired Hit Fire Hydrant Lateral Assembly Leak(s)</b>	1	1
<b>Replaced Valve(s) Monthly Total</b>	4	1
<b>Replaced Valve(s) Calendar Year to Date</b>	5	2
<b>Recycled Water Use Site Inspections &amp; Visits</b>	11	11
<b>Recycled Water Use Site Cross Connection Tests</b>	1	5
<b>Cross Connection Site Surveys</b>	2	3
<b>Backflow Inspections &amp; Testing (New)</b>	5	12
<b>IT Help Requests</b>	18	20
<b>Customer Services</b>	<b>March 2025</b>	<b>February 2025</b>
<b>Customer Calls and Inquiries</b>	1,695	1,499
<b>Total Monthly Bills Issued</b>	23,005	23,011
<b>Service Orders</b>	575	499
<b>New Potable Meters</b>	1	1
<b>New Fire Meters</b>	1	3
<b>New Recycled Water Meters</b>	0	0

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Troubleshooting Investigations	74	86
<b>Customer Services - Continued</b>	<b>March 2025</b>	<b>February 2025</b>
Stopped/Underperforming Meters Replaced	160	118
Meter Accuracy Tests Performed	0	8
Water Use Evaluations	16	9
Water Use Violation Reports	7	2
Workshops, Events, and Tours	1	0
High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Applications	1	6
Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Rebate Applications	5	4
Hose Irrigation Controller Rebate Applications	0	1
High-Efficiency Rotating Nozzle Rebate Applications	0	0
High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Applications	0	0
Rain Barrel Rebate Applications	1	2
Flow Monitor Device Rebate Applications	4	4
Turf Removal Project Rebate Applications	0	1
Social Media Posts	32	24
News Releases/Media Advisories	3	6
<b>EFRR</b>	<b>March 2025</b>	<b>February 2025</b>
Special Use/Event Permits	1	1
Parking Notices	156	183
Incident Reports	3	10
Vehicle Count	5,402	4,334
Trail Use Count	10,854	9,702
Days Closed Due to Rain/Red Flag	3.5	3
Days Interpretive Center (IC) Open	14	14
Number of IC Visitors	446	378
Volunteer Trail Patrol Shifts	11	13
Volunteer Docent Hours	85	102
Total Number of Docents	68	68
<b>Finance</b>	<b>March 2025</b>	<b>February 2025</b>
Infosend Payments (ACH and Credit Card)	15,583	15,012
California Bank & Trust Lockbox Payments	2,260	1,910
Over the Counter Payments	369	356
Check-free, Metavante and Chase	4,191	3,736
Finance Calls and Walk-ins	38	39
Service Orders/New Meters Processed	4	11
Service Orders Closed Out	1	4
Purchase Orders	13	13
Inventory Items Received	474	532
Invoices Processed	401	539
Payroll Direct Deposits Processed	243	242
Payments to Vendors	226	248

## **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

### **Engineering Manager Lindsey Stephenson Highlights for March 2025:**

The Recycled Water Pipeline Extensions Project continues to progress with pipeline installations nearing completion in Carlsbad and Encinitas. Activities related to the construction of the DCMWTP 4<sup>th</sup> Stage Plant Improvement Project continues to progress, and the DCMWTP shutdown continues. Gardendale and Village Park West Pressure Reducing Stations Replacement Project construction has commenced, with mobilization expected in April. The Reservoirs Safety Improvements Project is underway. The 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility (4S WRF) Headworks Screening System, Off-Specification and Wet Weather Diversion, and Strainer Improvements Project is in the contracting phase. Staff continued planning and design efforts on multiple CIP projects, processed developer requests, continued to assist other departments with engineering-related work, and continued to manage OMWD's facilities, cathodic systems, cell sites, and right of ways.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

### **Human Resources Manager Jennifer Joslin Highlights for March 2025:**

Held a Personnel Committee meeting to review the Division 1 Director application materials. Human Resources staff presented the annual Staffing Analysis succession planning document and Employee Turnover Data report to the Human Resources/Employee Association (HEART) and Personnel Committees to review and discuss. Held the Human Resources department briefing with Director Maloni. Conducted interviews via the Grow Your Own (GYO) program for the Senior Systems Administrator. Coordinated the recruitment for the Systems Administrator and Utility I/II/III positions. Collected Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests from all required District filers. Hosted human resources related training presented by Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for staff and other members of the North San Diego Employment Relations Consortium. Hosted the annual Safety Awards luncheon event for all employees. Attended the Women in Water symposium at Cuyamaca College. Safety staff hosted the Air Pollution Control District at District headquarters for an inspection of the emergency generator and fuel storage tank. Facilitated the annual fire extinguisher inspection and recharge event for all District fire extinguishers. Hosted on-site respirator fit testing for necessary staff. Conducted a Safety Committee meeting.

### **Requests Received Pursuant to the Public Records Act (March 1-31):**

<b><u>Requestor</u></b>	<b><u>Documents Requested</u></b>
Sugar Sweet Farm, Inc.	Any pictures/reports/records pertaining to a private property
SmartProcure	Quarterly Purchasing Records
Blackburn Wirth	Employment file for a specific District employee

## **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

### **Operations Manager Jesse Bartlett-May Highlights for March 2025:**

Water Treatment staff have completed the refurbishment of second stage membrane train 1 along with the installation of new membranes in first stage train 10 as part of the Membrane Replacement Project. Membrane train 10 is currently undergoing commissioning in preparation for its startup. Operations staff are completing the installation of two new chlorine analyzers at the Ammonia Feed Injection Facility. The DCMWTP Fourth Stage Process Upgrades Project is in its final phase, with equipment verifications and testing underway on the new centrifuge. The plant is expected to be placed back into service in early April. Repairs to the Firehouse sewer pump station force main have been completed, and the station is now back online. IT staff continued with server and operating system upgrades, and the SCADA Upgrade Project is 65% complete. Instrument Control Technicians and Pump & Motor Technicians staff are capitalizing on the DCMWTP shutdown to perform the necessary maintenance and repairs. System Operators and Utility Service Group continued with the biennial washouts of Miller Reservoir. They began repairs on Peay Reservoir to prepare for the washout, including the completion of a 14-inch bypass valve rebuild. System Operators also performed a leak repair at the Rancho Santa Fe Lakes 4 Pressure Reducing Station. Construction performed valve replacements at DCMWTP as part of the Valve Replacement Project, replaced sidewalk panels and the meter box at 2315 Levante Street, and assisted Field Services with meter replacements in the 4S Ranch neighborhood. Construction also began collecting and hauling surplus items from satellite sites to Headquarters for April's upcoming auction.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Customer Services Manager John Carnegie Highlights for March 2025:**

Sent e-newsletter on March 3; submitted application to American Public Works Association San Diego/Imperial Chapter for its Project of the Year awards program; hosted California-friendly landscape workshop with spotlight on using My Water Use leak alerts; submitted to Department of Water Resources final desalination program grant report for San Dieguito Valley Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project; submitted to State Historic Preservation Office a Cultural Resources Report for Environmental Protection Agency Community Project Funding grant for San Dieguito Groundwater Hydrogeological Project; mailed over 600 postcards notifying customers affected by pressure reducing station replacement project in Encinitas; submitted to Association of California Water Agencies JPIA annual renewal packet for property insurance program; participated in SDCWA's Water Use Efficiency regulations, water loss control, and 2025 Urban Water Management Plan workshops; submitted to SDCWA demand projections for inclusion in 2025 Urban Water Management Plan; signed on to or submitted letters of support regarding the PFAS Liability Protection Act, AB 259 regarding open meetings, AB 514 regarding emergency water supplies, SB 496 regarding zero-emission vehicles, and H.R. 1871/S. 857 regarding eliminating federal taxes on water efficiency rebates; and signed on to SB 350 comment letter regarding the low-income rate assistance program.

At EFRR, held six "Habitat" field trips for Escondido Unified School District students; completed installation of new EFRR entrance signs; commenced 2025 GSOB surveying utilizing volunteers; installed new displays in interpretive center; commenced Creek Trail fence replacement; and held

three volunteer events to remove invasive cape ivy from EFRR.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Manager Rainy Selamat Highlights for March 2025:**

Staff completed 2025 Fitch Surveillance Review and helped successfully maintain AAA rating; kicked off midterm budget review with managers for the fiscal year 2025 and 2026 biennial budget; met with Raftelis to discuss Wastewater CIP; held meeting with GM Thorner and HR Manager Joslin to finalize draft vacation and sick cash out policies advised by Tax Attorney; met with HYAS Group to discuss review of District's 457(b) and 401(a) retirement plans; met with Lincoln representatives to discuss retirement plan compliance; filed 941-X with IRS to claim \$32 thousand in tax credits from COVID leave payments paid to employees during COVID; distributed \$6.1 million in Title XVI pass-through grant payments to partner agencies; assisted Operations Department in completing electronic Annual Report (eAR) for calendar year 2024; completed inventory stock-up purchase orders in light of tariffs; completed SDCWA Meter Count Survey; hosted a purchase order refresher training for employees; attended demand forecast summary review meeting; attended the annual Safety Awards luncheon; several staff attended the Women in Water Symposium; attended managers and supervisors teambuilding event.

### **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER:**

#### **The Assistant General Manager reports the following for March 2025:**

Attended OMWD Safety Recognition Luncheon, Coordinated OMWD Manager/Supervisor Teambuilding at Encinitas Community Center, attended Encinitas State of the City, Swearing in of New Director Ebin Lanfried and OMWD Safety Committee Meeting. Personnel matters including participating in GYO interviews for Senior Systems Administrator position, review and preparation of upcoming projects including EV Fleet Migration, exploring and strategizing on Federal grant opportunities, mid-term budget analysis, North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition coordination and public records requests.

### **GENERAL MANAGER:**

#### **The General Manager reports the following for March 2025:**

General Manager Thorner held an employee forum, held a Safety recognition luncheon, held two Personnel Committee meetings, attended a recycled water cost of service meeting with San Elijo JPA, held an HR briefing for Director Maloni, met with Raftelis to discuss Wastewater CIP, held a managers and supervisors teambuilding event, had a legislative check-in call with Nossaman, attended a purchase order lunch and learn for employees, served on the Senior Systems Administrator Grow-Your-Own interview panel, met with staff and consultant about changes to sick & vacation policies and OMWD's 401 plans, completed HR training, met regarding OMWD's Updated Demand Forecast Summary Review for Urban Water Management Plan, held a Human Resources/Employee Association Team Committee Meeting, conducted negotiations on both Vallecitos and San Diego recycled water contracts, attended the Member Agency Managers meeting, attended the Council of Water Utilities Luncheon, met with California Special District



Association Roundtable with the Office of Assemblymember Patel, held a Safety Committee meeting, presented at the Women in Water Symposium at Cuyamaca College, attended the Encinitas State of the City, attended the North County Manager's meeting, met with SDCWA General Manager Denham and staff, conducted a swearing-in ceremony for Director Lanfried, met with San Elijo JPA General Manager about recycled water, held a Staff Leadership meeting, met with the Bridges Development Director, met with Electric Vehicle consultant Terra Verde, held a GM Staff meeting, and dedicated significant time to reviewing the mid-term budget, preparing for the Women in Water Symposium presentation, personnel matters, safety issues, legal matters, and preparing to testify in Sacramento for SB 496.

# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

CONSULTING ENGINEER

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Kimberly Thorner, Esq., Olivenhain MWD Board of Directors

From: Don MacFarlane, Consulting Engineer

Subject: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)  
Committee Meetings

Date: April 7,8, 2025

This is a report on the Finance and Asset Management Committee, One Water and Adaptation Committee, and the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee meetings held on April 7,8, 2025. This report is based on the Board presentations and reports.

### Finance, Affordability, Asset Management Committee, and Efficiency Committee

1. Through February 2025, water transactions are on budget and resulting revenues are 4 percent greater than budget.

### One Water and Stewardship Committee –

1. Water Surplus and Drought Management –
  - a. The SWP allocation increased from 35 to 40 percent.
  - b. Currently, staff is estimating that 2025 demands are approximately 32 TAF lower than supplies, creating a surplus supply
  - c. A summary of hydrologic conditions is attached.
2. Canceling Delivery of Colorado River Water to Tijuana – MWD, in coordination with CWA and Otay Water District, regularly make water deliveries to Tijuana, according to Treaty Minute 327. Although these deliveries are called “emergency,” they are common. On March 20, 2025, the State Department announced that: “Mexico’s continued shortfalls in water deliveries, under the 1944 water-sharing treaty, are decimating American agriculture—particularly farmers in the Rio Grande Valley.” As a result, for the first time, the US will deny Mexico’s non-treaty request for Tijuana deliveries.

## MEMORANDUM

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

April 7,8, 2025 Committee Meetings

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### Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee –

1. March 2025 Demands - 85 TAF, approximately 6 TAF more than in 2024.
2. Target Percentage of SWP Water Delivered to the Skinner Water Treatment Plant (and OMWD Raw Water Supply) – 0 percent.

AVEK – Antelope Valley -East Kern

CWA – San Diego County Water Authority

DCP – Delta Conveyance Project

EIR – Environmental Impact Statement

DWR – California Department of Water Resources

EIS – Environmental Impact Statement

IID - Imperial Irrigation District

MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level

MGD – Million Gallons per Day

MAF – Million acre-feet

MWD – Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

PFAS – Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

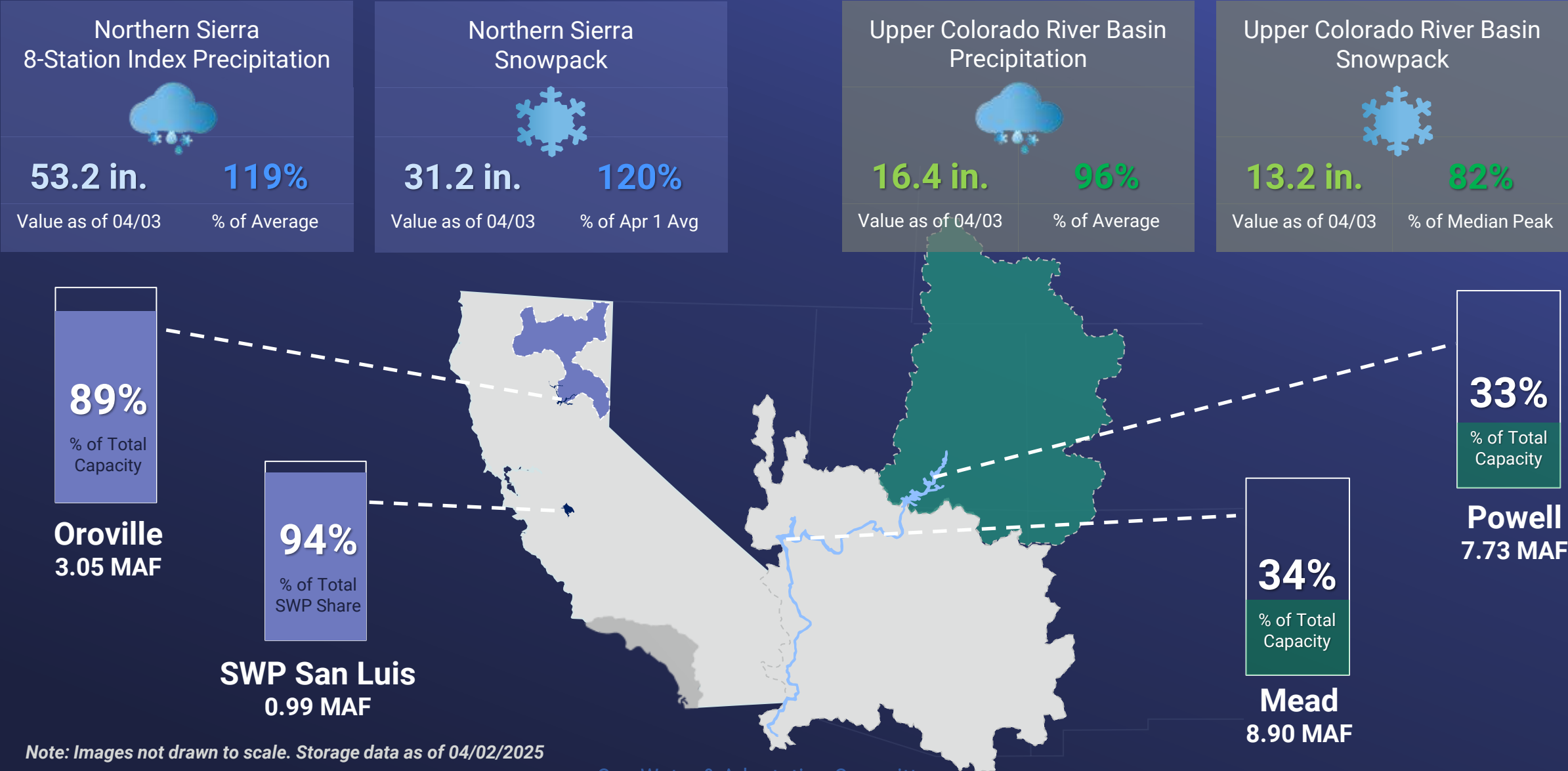
PWSC – Pure Water Southern California

SWP – State Water Project

TAF – Thousand acre-feet

USBR – United States Bureau of Reclamation

# Hydrologic Conditions Summary





# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

GENERAL COUNSEL

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**TO:** Olivenhain Municipal Water District

**FROM:** Alfred Smith

**DATE:** April 16, 2025

**RE:** Attorney Report: Employment Law Update  
150152-0005

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## **I. INTRODUCTION.**

This attorney report provides an employment law update regarding public agency retirement benefits. The California Court of Appeal recently published an opinion in *Sandhu v. Bd. of Admin. of CalPERS*. The Court found that a CalPERS retiree, Tarlochan Sandhu (“Sandhu”), violated restrictions on working after retirement by providing services to a CalPERS contracting agency. In reaching its decision, the appellate court found that Sandhu was an employee of the agency and therefore subject to the restrictions on working after retirement contained in the Public Employees’ Retirement Law (“PERL”). As such, Sandhu was retroactively reinstated into CalPERS membership and ordered to repay the benefits he received during the period of unlawful employment.

This decision is significant because many water districts and other public agencies utilize retired annuitants for a variety of purposes, such as when specialized services are needed, when temporary services are needed, when an employee departs and experienced personnel are needed to step in until a replacement is onboarded, and other circumstances. The decision provides important guidance for how water districts and other local agencies can properly hire retired annuitants to provide necessary services.

## **II. BACKGROUND.**

### **A. Factual Background.**

In this case, Sandhu retired from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority in 2011 as a financial accounting manager. In 2015, Sandhu began working part-time for Regional Government Services (“RGS”). In his role with RGS, Sandhu worked with several cities on their budgets. Sandhu’s employment agreement with RGS provided that he was an “at-will” employee of RGS. Sandhu was paid an hourly rate from RGS, and RGS in turn billed the Cities for Sandhu’s time. RGS provided Sandhu with workers’ compensation, disability insurance, sick leave, and a retirement plan. RGS withheld payroll taxes and issued Sandhu W-2s as his employer.

## **B. Applicable Law.**

CalPERS contracting agencies must enroll all employees in CalPERS benefits, subject to a few exceptions. One such exception is for a retired annuitant. A retired annuitant is a CalPERS retiree who, without applying for reinstatement from retirement, returns to work for a CalPERS contracting agency. As a retired annuitant, a retiree does not accrue service credit or any additional retirement benefits. A contracting agency need not make CalPERS contributions for a retired annuitant. The retiree and the contracting agency must follow specific requirements in order to qualify as a retired annuitant. Failure to adhere to the requirements for a retired annuitant is considered “unlawful employment,” and requires that the retiree be reinstated as an active member in CalPERS benefits.

When a retiree engages in “unlawful employment,” the retiree is ineligible for their CalPERS allowance (“pension”) for the period of unlawful employment and may subsequently have to pay back the retirement allowance that they received during the period of unlawful employment. The retiree has to “re-retire” in order to become eligible for CalPERS benefits again. In addition, the agency and retiree become responsible for paying the contributions they owe as a result of the retroactive reinstatement. That said, a retiree who receives CalPERS benefits may, without losing CalPERS benefits, work as an independent contractor for a contracting agency or work for an employer who does not contract with CalPERS.

The California Supreme Court has found that in order to determine whether someone qualifies as an employee of a contracting agency under PERL, a court must apply the common law employee test. (*Metropolitan Water Dist. v. Superior Court* (2004) 32 Cal.4th 491 (“*Metropolitan*”). Therefore, in determining whether an independent contractor of an agency has engaged in unlawful employment, two issues are raised. The first question is whether the retiree is a common law employee of a CalPERS contracting agency. If so, the second issue is whether the employee falls into an exception to mandatory enrollment in CalPERS benefits, such as a retired annuitant exception.

## **III. COURT ANALYSIS.**

On February 14, 2025, the California Third District Court of Appeal ruled for the first time in years on the issue of Retired Annuitants and specifically on the issue of common law employers. *Sandhu v. Bd. of Admin. of Pub. Employees’ Ret. Sys.*, No. C100028, 2025 WL 500938 (Cal. Ct. App. Feb. 14, 2025). The Court of Appeal affirmed a 2023 decision by the Sacramento Superior Court that found Sandhu in violation of restrictions on working after retirement.

First, the appellate court reaffirmed its holding in the *Metropolitan* case cited above, finding that the common law employment test applies to determine whether an

individual is an employee of a contracting agency. The common law employment test looks at “whether the person or entity to whom service is rendered has the right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the result desired.” (Citing *S. G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Department of Industrial Relatio* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 341, 350).

Applying this test, the appellate court found that the Cities had the right to control Sandhu's work, evidenced by the fact that they could effectively terminate his services without cause because they had the right to terminate their contracts with RGS without cause. Furthermore, although the contracts for services stipulated that the Cities could not direct how Mr. Sandhu's work was to be performed, he would often meet with the city managers concerning his work, and they would provide him feedback.

In addition, the Court of Appeal found other factors weighed in favor of the employee-employer relation. For example, the appellate court noted that the work Sandhu performed was part of the regular business of the Cities; that his work was usually done by a city employee under the direction of a city; and that Sandhu was paid by the hour rather than by the job (although the court stated this factor weighed only “slightly in favor of an employee-employer relationship”).

The appellate court underscored the notion that the parties' intent in creating an independent contractor relationship is disregarded when faced with the actual conduct establishing a different relationship. The appellate court also stated that the amount of the actual control exerted is not dispositive because what mattered under the common law test is not how much control an employee *exercises*, but how much control the employer retains throughout the course of the employee's service. This is particularly important when considering highly skilled employees who, by nature, may not require much day-to-day supervision.

The court concluded that Sandhu was an employee of a CalPERS contracting agency, and that he therefore did not qualify as a retired annuitant. Consequently, Sandhu was retroactively reinstated into CalPERS and ordered to repay the benefits he received during the period of unlawful employment.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION.**

This case reinforces the importance of ensuring that independent contractors used by water districts and other agencies are truly independent contractors rather than employees. The appellate court also underscores the need to confirm that independent contractors remain independent throughout the time they are providing services and that the district is not retaining control over those contractors. This is particularly true when an individual providing service to the water district is a CalPERS retiree.

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# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

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Any report will be oral at the time of the Board meeting.





## SUMMARY OF FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MARCH 27, 2025

1. Administrative and Finance Committee Work Plan for Calendar Year 2025 and 2026.  
The Board adopted the Administrative and Finance Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026, **with the addition of direction to complete a comprehensive rate structure review by December 2027.**
2. Engineering and Operations Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.  
The Board adopted the Engineering and Operations Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.
3. Imported Water Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.  
The Board adopted the Imported Water Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.
4. Legislation and Public Outreach Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.  
The Board adopted the Legislation & Public Outreach Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.
5. Water Planning and Environmental Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.  
The Board adopted the Water Planning and Environmental Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026.
6. Monthly Treasurer's Report on Investments and Cash Flow.  
The Board noted and filed the Treasurer's report.
7. Professional services contract with DCSE, Inc., to provide continued maintenance for the Water Authority's Data Archival and Invoicing System.  
The Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract to DCSE, Inc., for continued maintenance of the Data Archival and Invoicing System (DAIS), for a period of two years with an option to extend for an additional two years, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$220,000.
8. Amendment to the public works services contract with OneSource Distributors, LLC, for Preventative Maintenance Plus services.  
The Board authorized the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to the contract with OneSource Distributors, LLC, for Preventative Maintenance Plus services for five medium voltage and three low voltage Rockwell Automation variable frequency drives, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager, or General Counsel, for a period of two years, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$282,760, increasing the authorized cumulative amount from \$141,381, to \$424, 141, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the amendment.



9. Butterfly Valve procurement for the Ramona Pipeline Buried Valves Replacement project.  
The Board authorized the General Manager, or designee, to reject seven bids and solicit new bids for 23 butterfly valves.
10. Increase the not-to-exceed amount for the Lease with North County Transit District for Operations and Maintenance storage.  
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The Board approved the amendment, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Counsel or General Manager, to the professional services contract with Flume, Inc., to update the water use dashboard and implement a direct distribution program, increase the contract amount by \$349,930, to be funded by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Member Agency Administered Program, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$449,930, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the amendment.
12. The Board approved the minutes of the Formal Board of Directors' meeting of February 27, 2025.

# OMWD WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

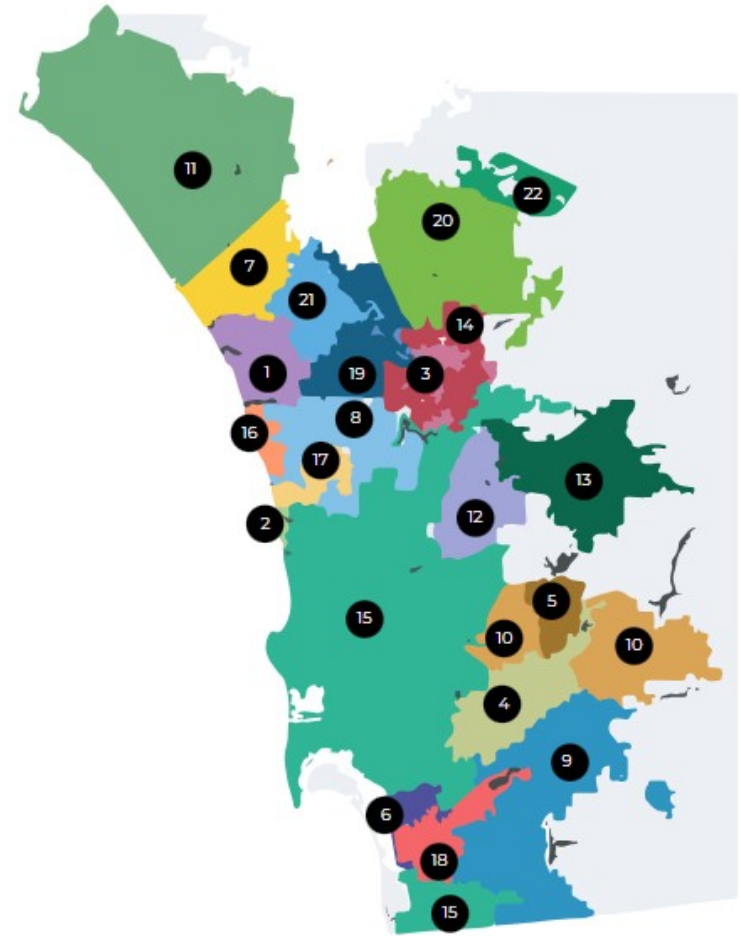
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# OMWD WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

## Bullet points

- Initial Budget and Rate Presentation on 3/27/25
- The entire CWA Presentation Package is attached
- A Few Selected Discussion Slides Follow
- Budget Overall Increase about **1%**
- The initial “Starting Point” rate increase proposal is expected at **18%** to cover for reduced consumption (less revenue), legacy high debt loads (Over \$2B), expected MWD Rate increases, depleted reserves, detachment, and other factors.
- Does not include \$20M federal funds received that can be applied and other proposals
- Actual Sales and Demand Forecasts are still in Progress
- It’s not where we start but where we finish. Expect Lower.
- Reminder: SDCWA Rate Increase last year was 14%. OMWD kept its rate increase under 5%.

- 1 Carlsbad MWD
- 2 City of Del Mar
- 3 City of Escondido
- 4 Helix Water District
- 5 Lakeside Water District
- 6 City of National City
- 7 City of Oceanside
- 8 Olivenhain MWD
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- 11 Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base
- 12 City of Poway
- 13 Ramona MWD
- 14 Rincon del Diablo MWD
- 15 City of San Diego
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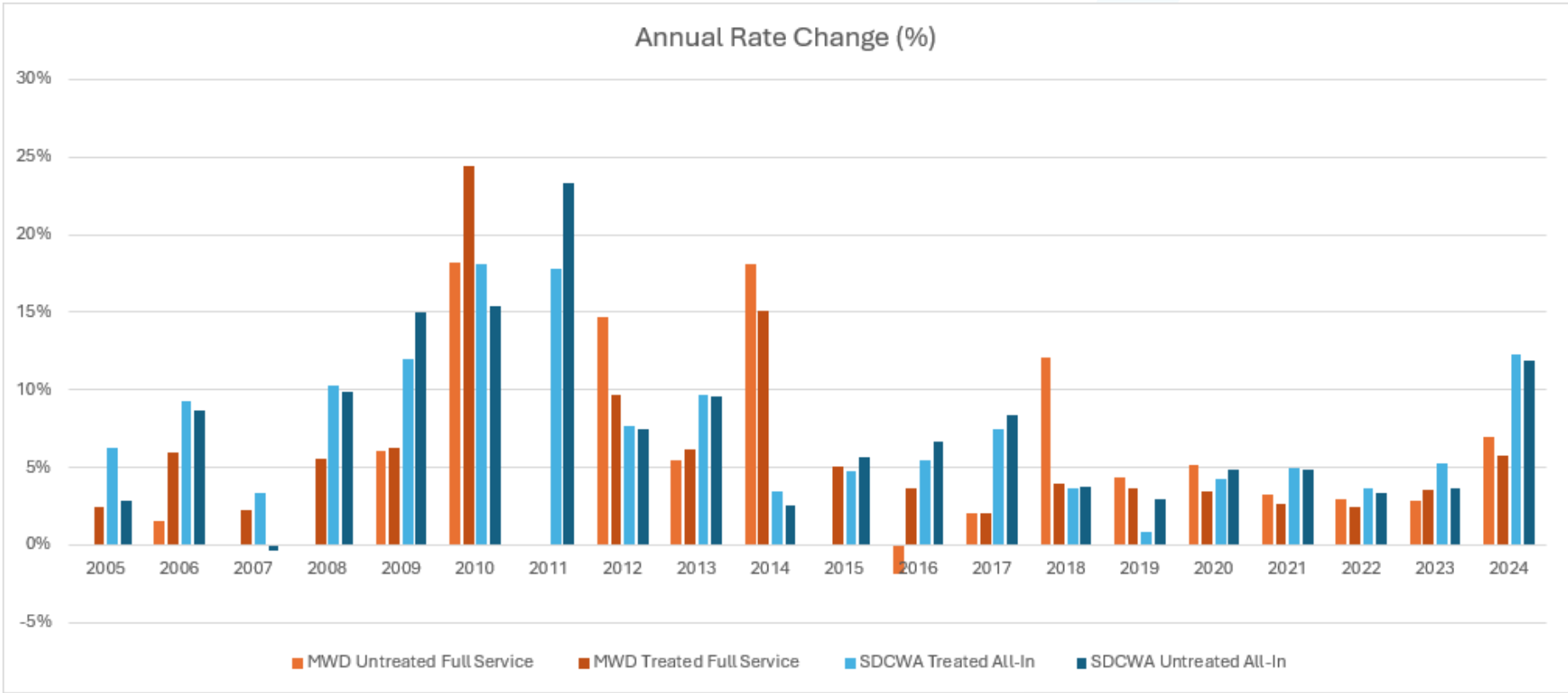
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Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_

SDCWA Formal Board Meeting: March, 2025

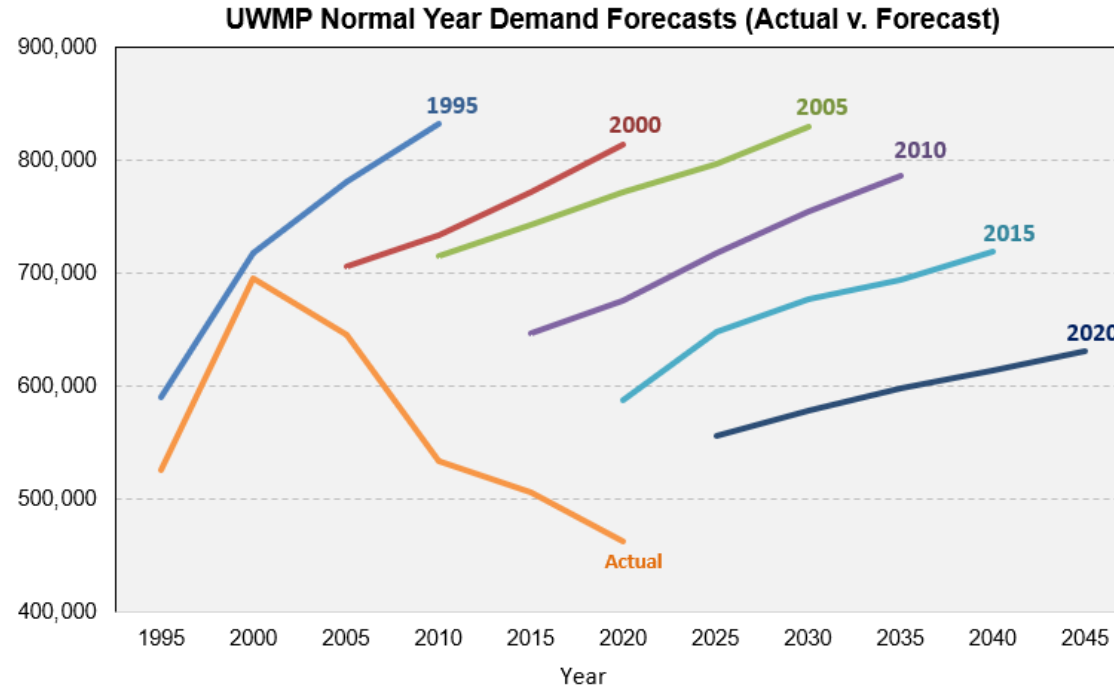
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Carlsbad, MWD	Acosta			67.550	2.0435%
	Flesse			67.550	2.0435%
Del Mar, City of	Katz			10.777	0.3260%
Escondido, City of	Paul			119.759	3.6230%
Helix WD	Coates-Hedberg			114.643	3.4685%
	Scalzitti			114.643	3.4685%
Lakeside WD	Hilliker			26.401	0.7990%
National City, City of	Yamane			23.785	0.7200%
Oceanside, City of	Leahy			184.410	5.5790%
Olivenhain MWD	Meyers			123.203	3.7280%
Otay WD	Croucher			109.864	3.3240%
	Robak			109.864	3.3240%
Padre Dam MWD	Qualin			94.756	2.8670%
Pendleton Military Res.	Eich			2.546	0.0770%
Poway, City of	Heidemann			75.997	2.2990%
Ramona MWD	Norman			49.690	1.5030%
Rincon del Diablo MWD	Wahl			49.824	1.5070%
San Diego, City of	Abdullahi			139.680	4.2260%
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San Diego, City of	Whitburn			139.680	4.2260%
San Dieguito WD	Lyndes			38.613	1.1680%
Santa Fe ID	Friehauf			58.299	1.7640%
South Bay Water	Castaneda			64.215	1.9430%
Vallecitos WD	Boyd-Hodgson			112.207	3.3950%
Valley Center MWD	Arant			168.946	5.1110%
Vista ID	Miller			102.524	3.1020%
Yuima MWD	Reeh			18.369	0.5570%
San Diego, County of	Desmond			0.0000	0.0000%
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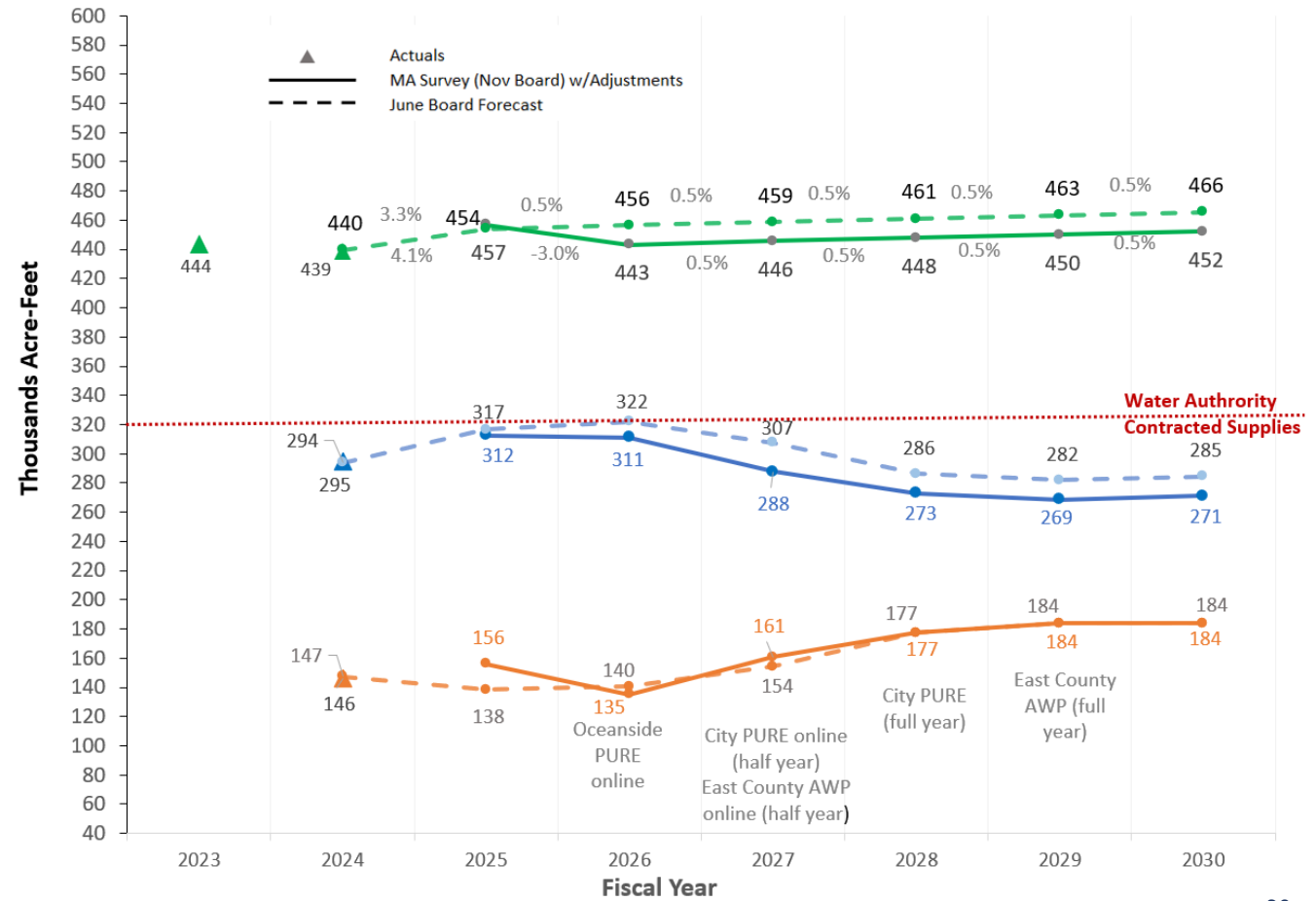
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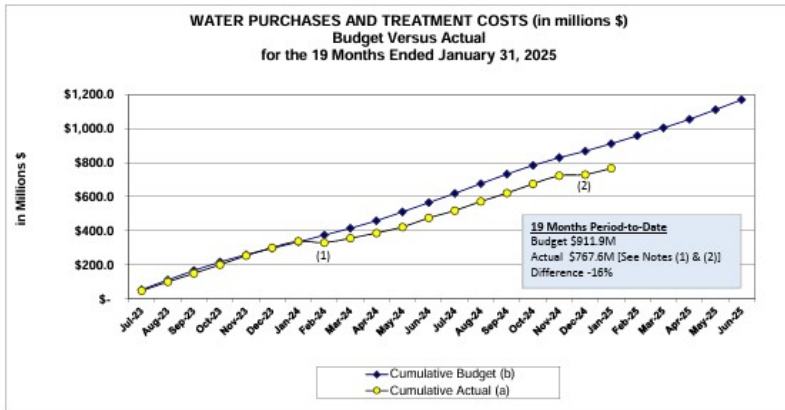
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# November Member Agency Survey Results

New February/ March Survey to be reflected in April Rate Update





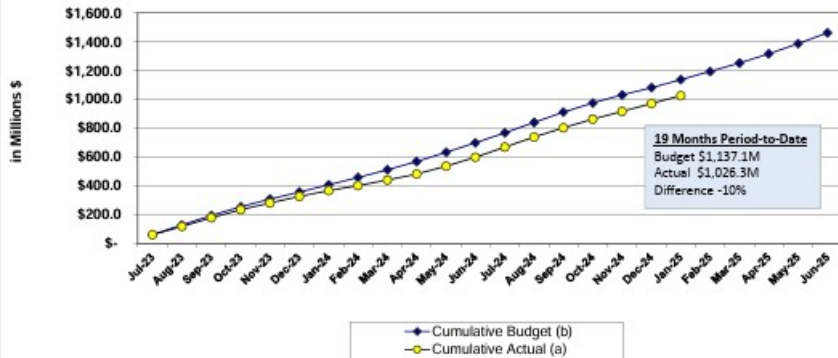
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Note (1): The \$38,848,500 reimbursement from IID related to the System Conservation Implementation Agreement to conserve water in Lake Mead was received and recorded in February 2024. The related costs had been recorded in November and December also on a cash basis.

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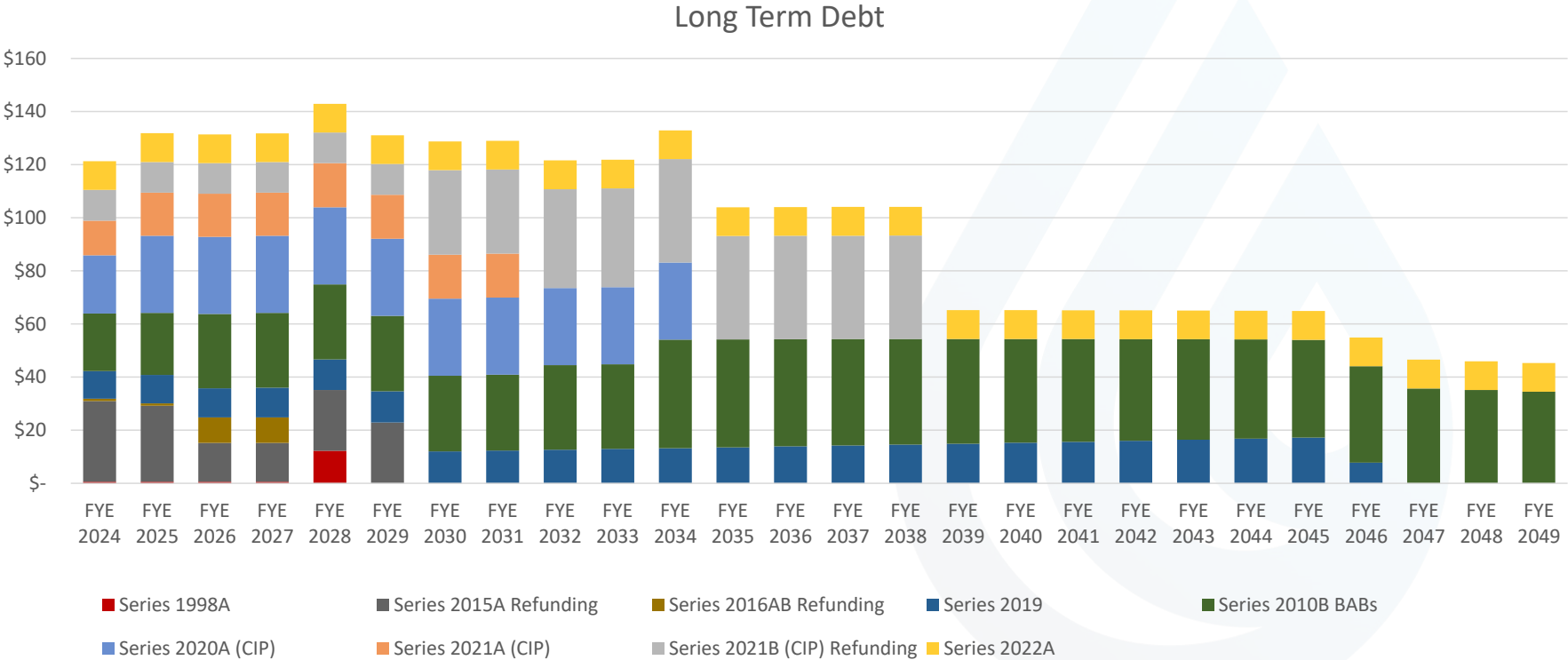


**WATER SALES REVENUES (in millions \$)  
Budget Versus Actual  
for the 19 Months Ended January 31, 2025**



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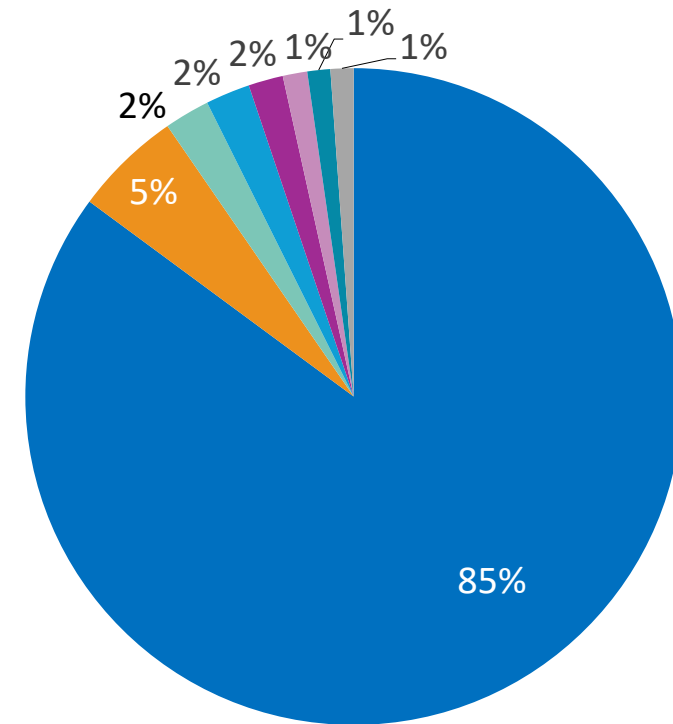
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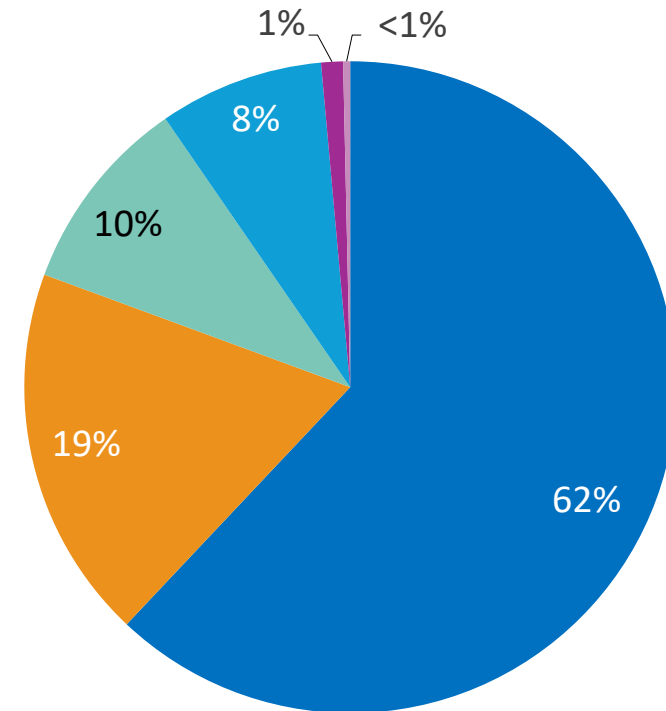
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## Summary of Major Issues

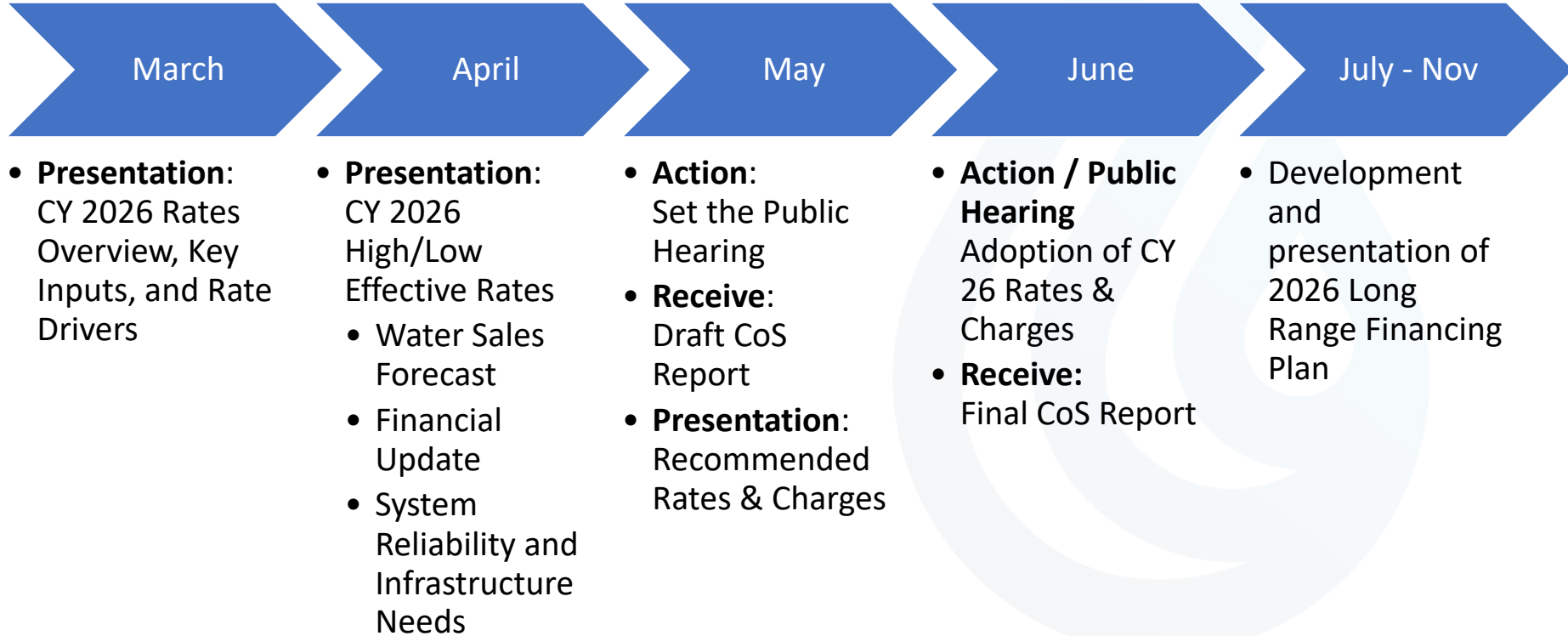
- Extraordinary efforts over the past three years leave little leeway for CY26 rates
- MWD continues to forecast large increases:
  - 8% adopted for CY26
  - 18% forecasted in CY27
  - 12% forecasted in CY28
- Financial, Economic, and Governmental Uncertainty
- Changes to QSA delivery schedule to meet pipeline rehabilitation creates swings in cashflow and fiscal financial metrics
- Demands near or below contractual creates sizable financial variability

**Objective is balancing financial and system risk over the short and long-term**



# CY 2026 Rates & Charges Timeline

Regular updates and recommendations to be informed based on actuals sales and hydrology



# Going Forward Future- Big Picture (Lots of Work to Do)

- CWA General Managers' Business Model Group
  - Discussion group- GMs Only (for now)
  - Near-term and long-term Budget/Rate structure
  - Will report to the Board when initial discussions are completed
  - Interim Reports from GM Thorner on its progress
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
  - Municipal Service Review (MSR) of Water Authority
  - In progress
  - Will result in recommendations, possibly on:
    - Governance
    - Rate Structure
    - Long-term viability



## **Budget and Rates Preview**

March 27, 2025  
Administrative and Finance Committee

**Dan Denham**  
General Manager

# Overview

- Strategies have been executed with regional and Board support over decades
- Near-term financial challenges are the direct result of a build-up of factors
- Aggressive \$500M response to unprecedented challenges over the past few years
- In the second year of a three-year roadmap to make rates smoother and more predictable
- Strategic, data-driven approach to the FY26&27 budget designed to maintain financial and infrastructure stability





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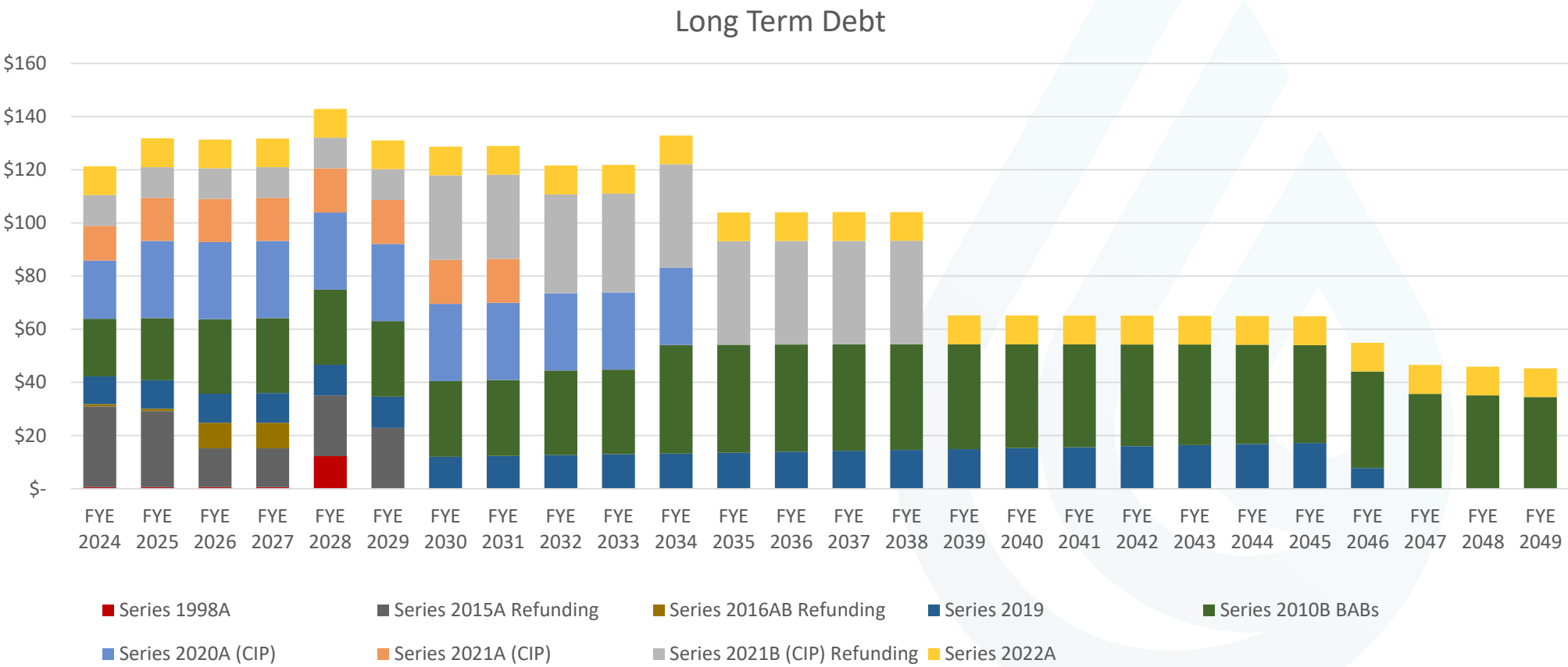
- Regional drought response in the 1990s spawned \$3 billion in capital investments
- Supply investments mitigated allocations in 2007 drought and avoided them in 2014 and 2021 droughts
- Regional storage and reliability was fortified
- Asset management became the focus
- Rates and debt-load increased



**50% Water-Delivery Cut Will Be Blow to San Diego**  
■ **Drought:** Metropolitan Water District directors also vote a 90% cut in allocation for agricultural users.

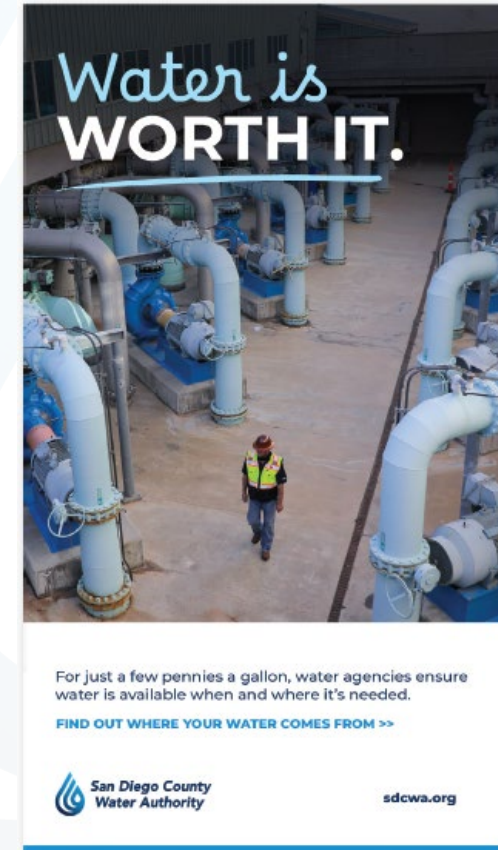


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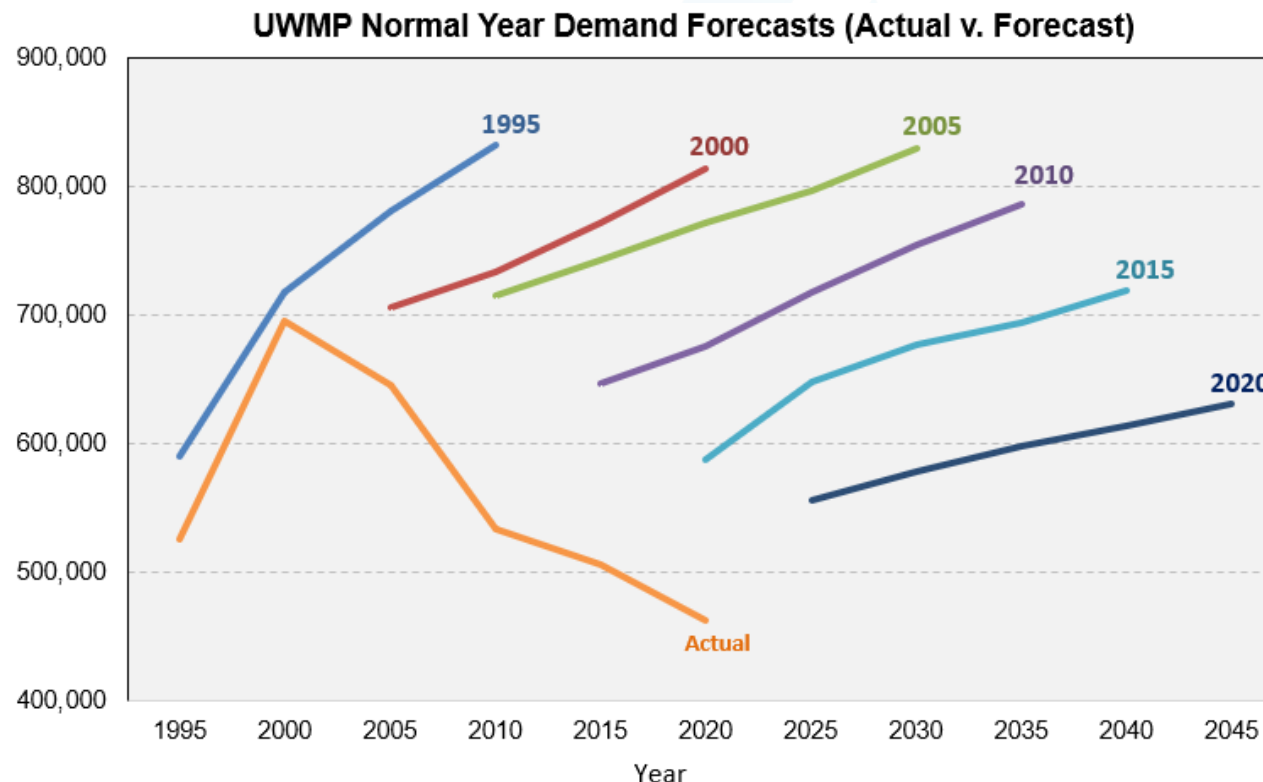
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- Transporting 50% of the regions imported supply continued to disproportionately impact San Diegans
- MWD litigation initially sought solutions to affordability; long-term relationship implications and operational flexibility became collateral damage
- Local water supply development continued independently, sometimes due to wastewater concerns, and was planned for financially at the Water Authority

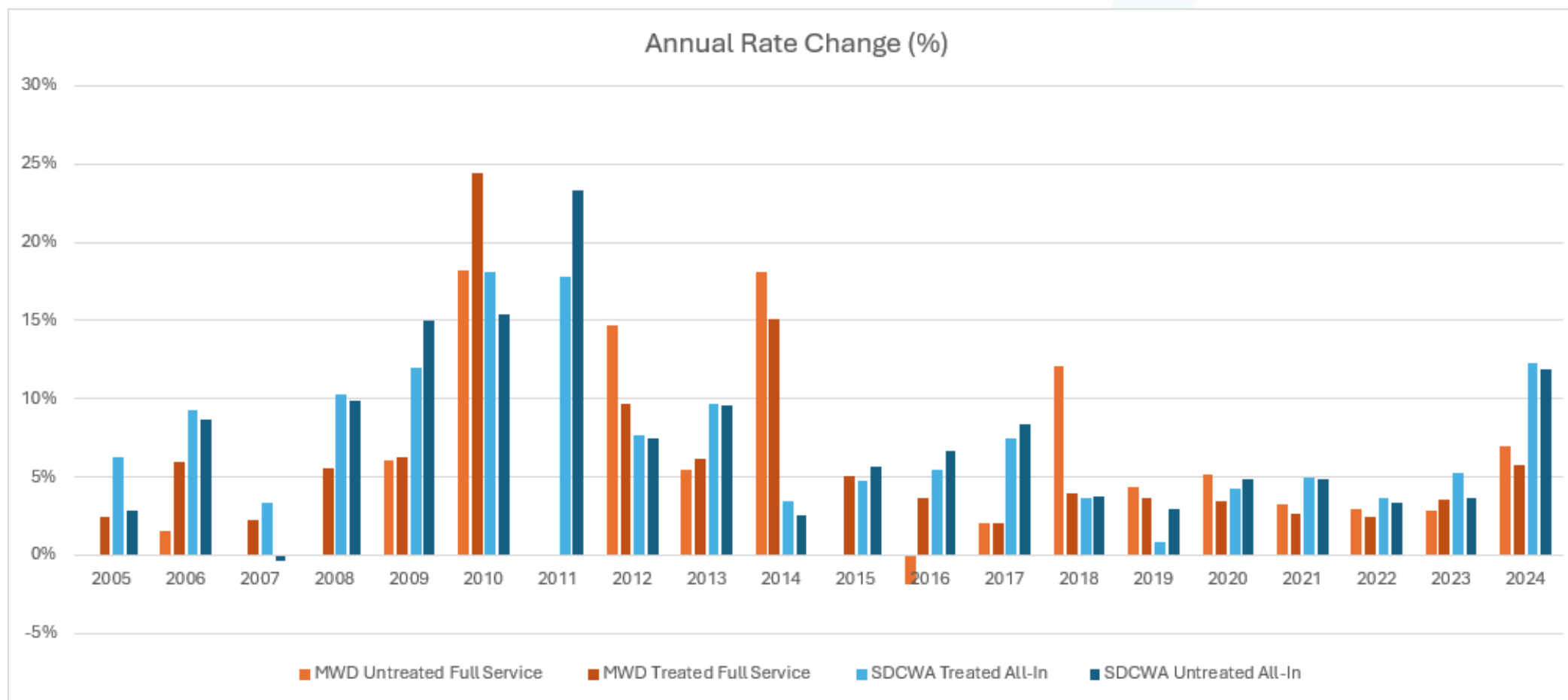


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# **\$500M Response to Rate Pressures**

- Drawing Rate Stabilization Fund down by \$78M to minimum Board policy
- Returning \$91M in litigation proceeds to member agencies
- Reducing desal purchases to save \$17M
- Water sales and transfers to save \$40M
- ~\$4.8M Budget cut – ERF/open positions/reduced CIP/operating depts
- Securing grant funds (~\$40M for SVESF & desal + \$44M in pending applications)
- Piloting pre-payment program for member agencies for 4% savings
- Refunding and defeasing bonds to save \$200M+
- Curtailing pension contributions – no additional payments since 2020
- Restructuring rates to promote predictability



# Budget Priorities

- Maintaining and operating aging infrastructure in a cost-effective way that ensures long-term delivery of safe and reliable water supplies.
- Additional water exchanges and transfers
- Aggressively applying for state/federal grants
- Maintaining strong financial metrics
- Minimizing the cost of debt through refinancing
- Member Agency Business Model Workgroup



# Moving Forward

**Budget and rates data are provisional and expected to change**

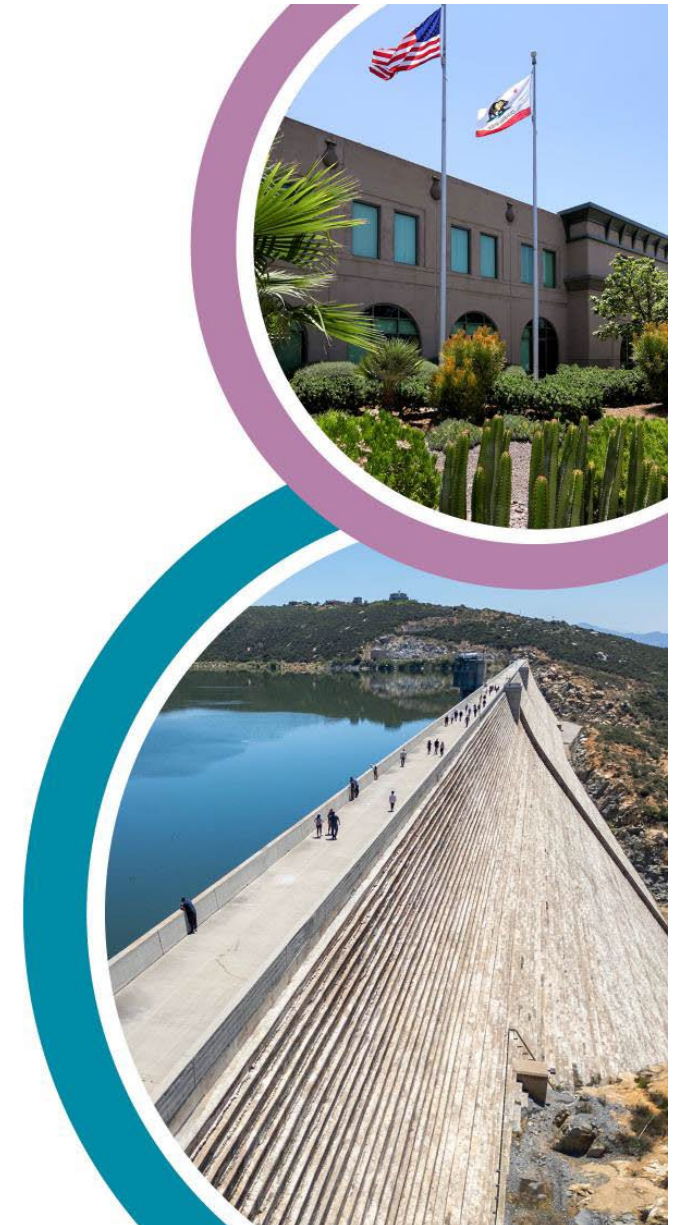
- 1% overall increase
- Operating costs increases driven by collective bargaining agreement, CalPERS funding and non-discretionary items
- Capital program is data-driven assessment of needs
- Flexibility limited by law, Board policy, and past decisions
- Continued focus on cost control and revenue generation
- Much will hinge on water sales over the next few months and board policies

# Fiscal Years 2026 & 2027 Draft Recommended Budget

Administrative and Finance Committee  
March 27, 2025



Liana M. Whyte  
Budget and Treasury Manager



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PRESENTED BY SDCWA STAFF ON 3/27/25

# Overview

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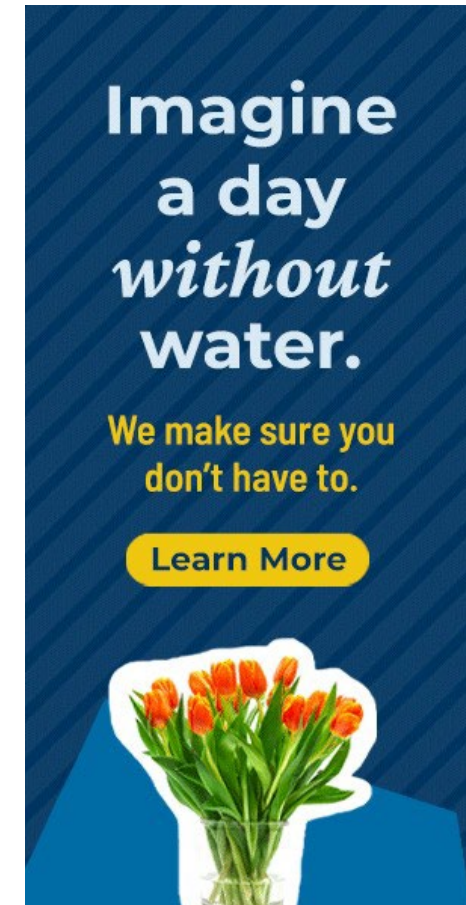
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- FYs 2024 and 2025 Accomplishments
- Factors impacting FYs 2026 and 2027

March 2025

- Distribution of Draft Recommended Budget FYs 2026 and 2027

# Budget Cost Drivers

- Water Purchases and Treatment Costs
- Debt Service Obligations
- Operating Departments
  - Labor and Benefits Increases
    - Approved MOU Salary Schedules for FY2026
    - CalPERS Contribution Rates
  - Services/Utilities/Insurance





# Draft Recommended Budget FYs 2026 & 2027

- \$1.88 billion, a 1% increase from the prior two-year budget
- 91% is for Water Purchases & Treatment, Debt Service, and CIP
- Cost control and revenue generation:
  - Securing additional water sales and transfers
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  - Investigating new revenue opportunities
  - Reassessing long-term water contracts

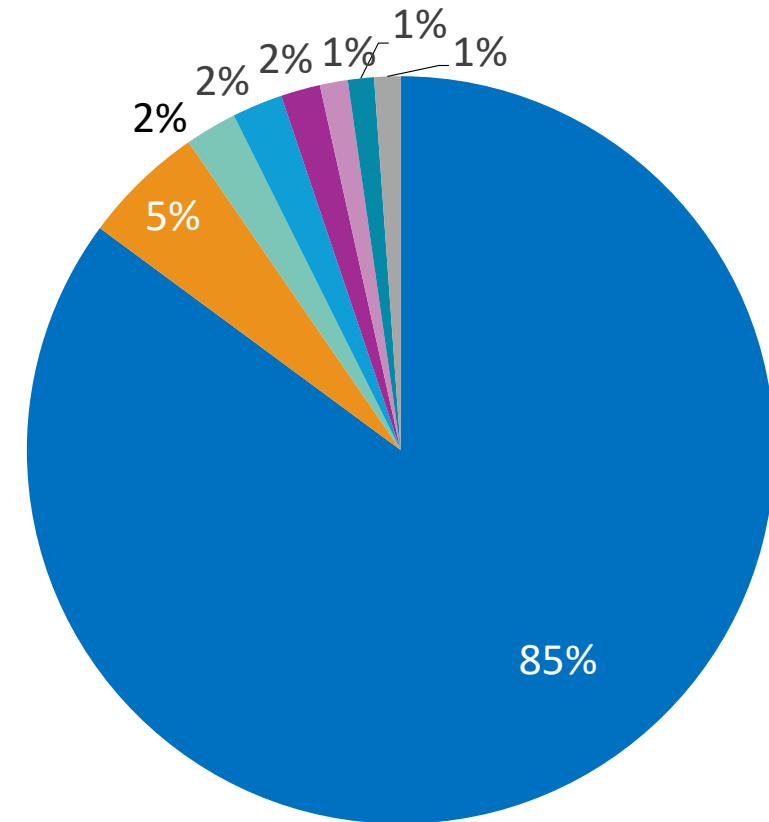
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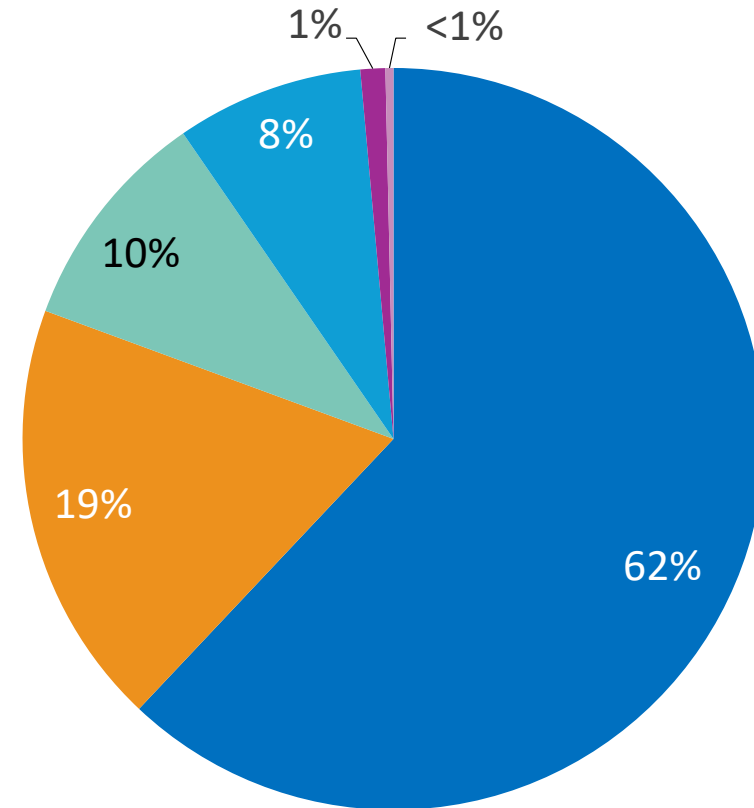
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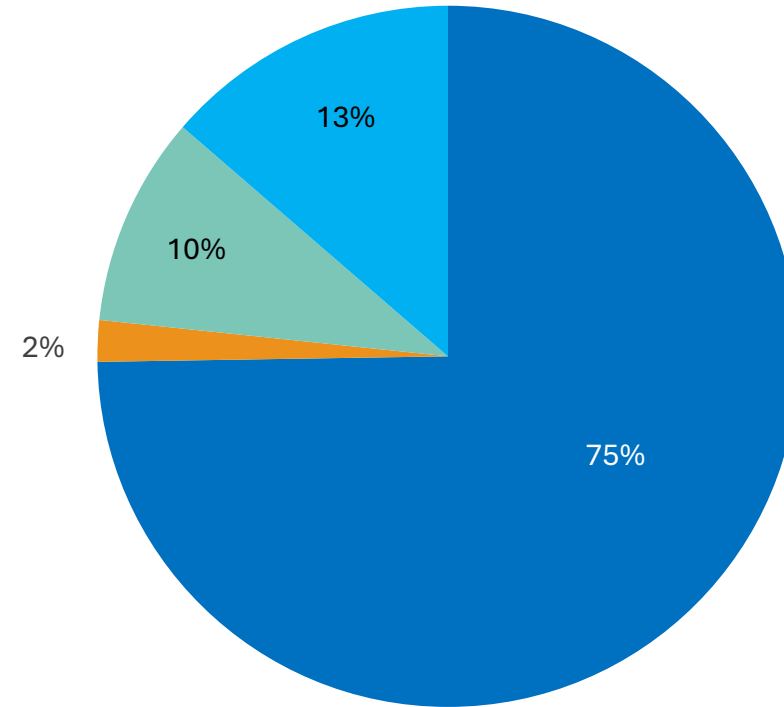


San Diego County  
Water Authority

# CIP Spending Projection

Draft Recommended CIP Expenditures by Project Type			
(\$ Thousands)	FY26 Draft Recommended	FY27 Draft Recommended	FYs 26&27 Draft Recommended
Asset Management	\$ 65,858	\$ 87,729	\$ 153,587
Emergency Storage Program	3,636	5,976	9,611
Environmental Mitigation	7,678	4,169	11,847
Planning & Studies	1,205	1,282	2,488
Regional Resiliency	2,837	3,500	6,337
Total	\$ 81,215	\$ 102,656	\$ 183,870

# CIP Asset Management



- AM - Pipelines (\$114.8M)
- AM - Flow Control Facilities (\$2.9M)
- AM - Pumping and Hydroelectric Facilities (\$14.9M)
- AM - Other (\$21.0M)



# Operating Departments

Category	FY24&25 Amended	FY26&27 Dept. Req.	Variance	
			\$	%
Labor & Benefits	\$99,752,669	\$117,692,453	\$17,939,785	18%
<b>Non-Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$43,172,114</b>	<b>\$48,525,486</b>	<b>\$5,353,372</b>	<b>12%</b>
Capitalized Overhead	(9,894,035)	(12,811,501)	(2,917,466)	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133,030,748</b>	<b>\$153,406,439</b>	<b>\$20,375,691</b>	<b>15%</b>

- Labor and Benefits Increases
  - Approved MOU Salary Schedules for FY2026
  - CalPERS Contribution Rates
- Increases in Services/Utilities/Insurance

# Budget and Rates Development Schedule

<b>January 23</b>	Discussion on Development of FYs 2026 & 2027 Budget
<b>February 27</b>	Approval of CY2026 Interim Rate Redesign
<b>March 13</b>	Draft Recommended Budget to Board of Directors
<b>March 27</b>	Presentation of Budget and Rates to Board of Directors
<b>April 24</b>	Presentation of Budget and Rates to Board of Directors
<b>April 29 &amp; 30</b>	Special A&F Committee Meeting – Budget and Rates Workshops
<b>May 22</b>	Presentation of Recommended FYs 2026 & 2027 Budget and Proposed CY2026 Rates & Charges / Set the Public Hearing for Rates & Charges
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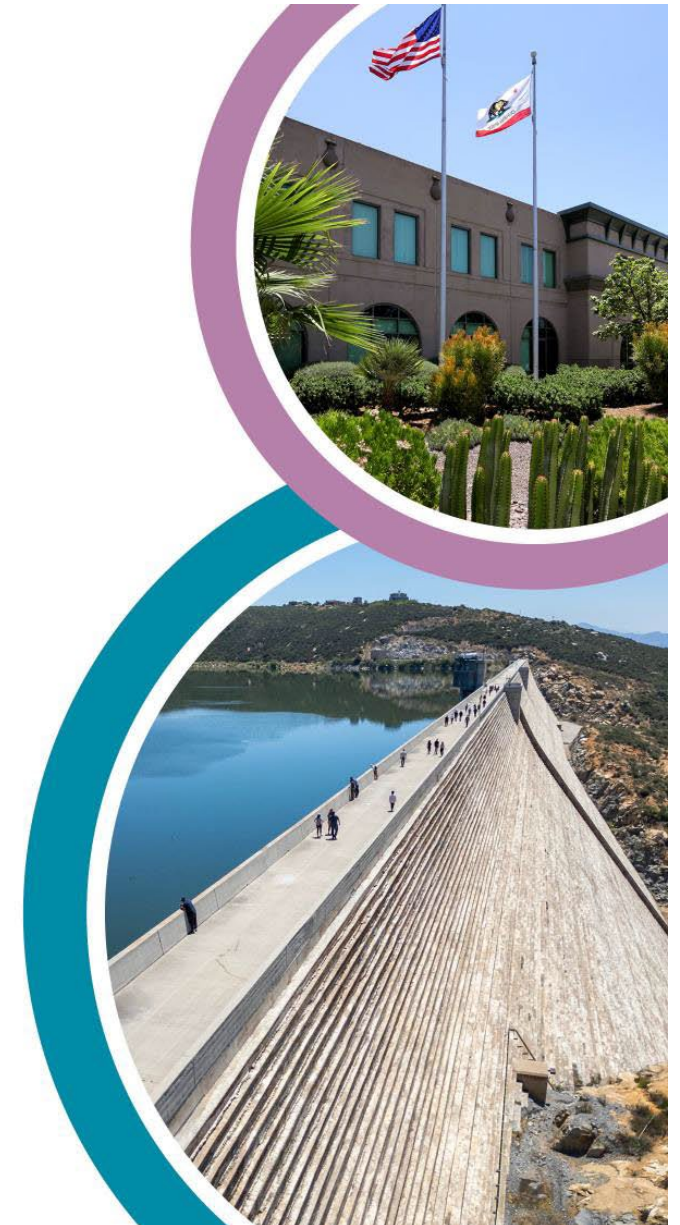
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# **CY 2026 Rates & Charges Cost of Service Drivers and Overview**

March 27, 2025

Administrative & Finance Committee

**Pierce Rossum**  
Financial Planning Manager

# Rate-Setting Priorities & Framework

## Financial Goal

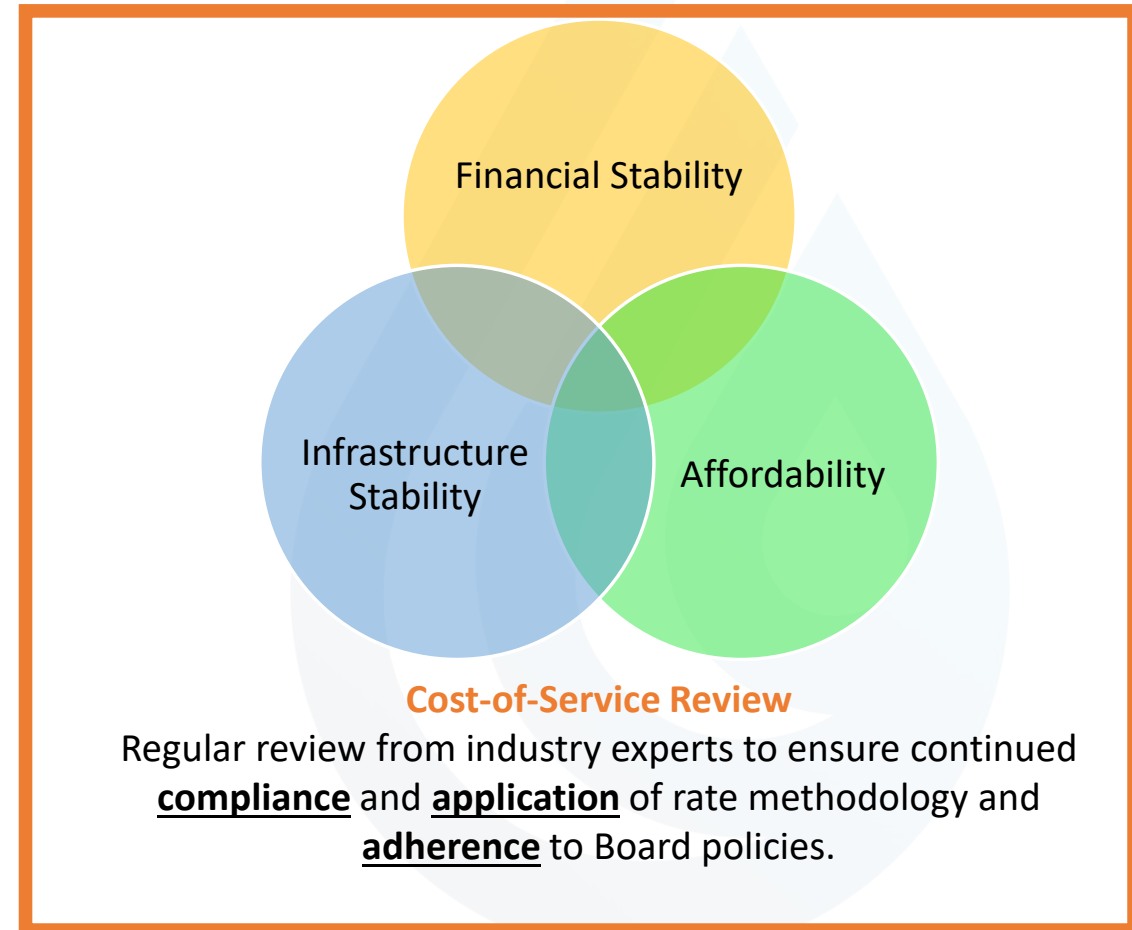
Maintain strong credit ratings to achieve **greatest interest savings** and **lowest cost** of capital.

## Rate Framework

Minimize rate-payer impacts, **while maintaining** fiscal responsibility and sustainability.

## Operational Goal

Maintain financial flexibility to **sustain system and supply reliability** for the region.





# SDCWA Rate Development Process



## Revenue Requirement Analysis

- Determination of total revenues required to fund operations, capital, debt service and coverage, and policy requirements

## Functional Allocation by Rate Category

- Objective and reasonable division of revenue requirements to the core definition of service
- The Water Authority's five water rate and charge categories

## Water Rates & Charges

- Calculation of rates and charges designed to recover net revenue requirements based on key metrics (i.e., sales, water sales projections, MEUs)

## Member Agency Allocation

- Distribution fixed charge rate categories to each member agency based on water demand patterns and other key metrics

**Regular  
3<sup>rd</sup> Party  
Review**  
*(Carollo  
Engineers)*

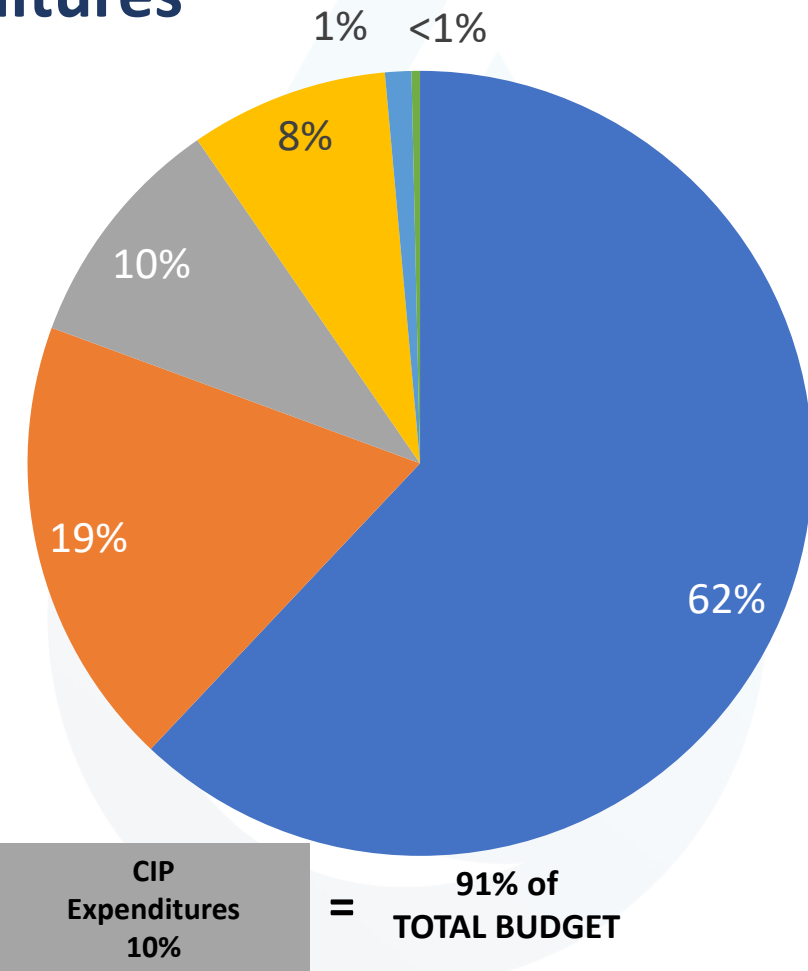
# PSAWR Program 5-Year Re-Evaluation

Board Adopted PSWAR program and rates in 2020

- Condition of the program's adoption was to re-evaluate the program in 5-years, including the review of current and forecasted demands as well as supplies
- Customers pay a water rate that reflects a reduced level of service and supply reliability
  - Subject to higher cutbacks compared to M&I customers in the event of a supply allocation
  - Does not pay the supply differential between the Water Authority's melded supply rate and MWD's full service untreated volumetric rate.
- Re-evaluation will be part of the CY26 rates and charges and cost of service review

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# Recent Efforts to Increase Revenues & Reduce Rates

One-time revenues and use of reserves have helped in keeping rates low and financials stable

- ✓ Awarded \$19M federal grant for desal plant intake
- ✓ Generated \$40M savings from water transfers to raise Lake Mead
- ✓ Reduced costs by \$17M by cutting back desal deliveries
- ✓ Returned \$91M in litigation proceeds to member agencies
- ✓ Drew \$80M Rate Stabilization Fund
- ✓ Full depletion of PAYGO Fund
- ✓ \$190M net present value savings from debt refunding
- ✓ \$32.3M Upfront Annual Fixed Charges Payment
- ✓ Secured \$25M from Detachment Exit Fees

# Build, then Use of Stored Water Presented Significant Cashflow Volatility

Had sales continued to drop or weather been less, reserves would not have rebounded





# Reserve Position Improved Compared to Last Year

San Diego County Water Authority  
Schedule of Cash and Investments  
As of January 31, 2025  
Unaudited

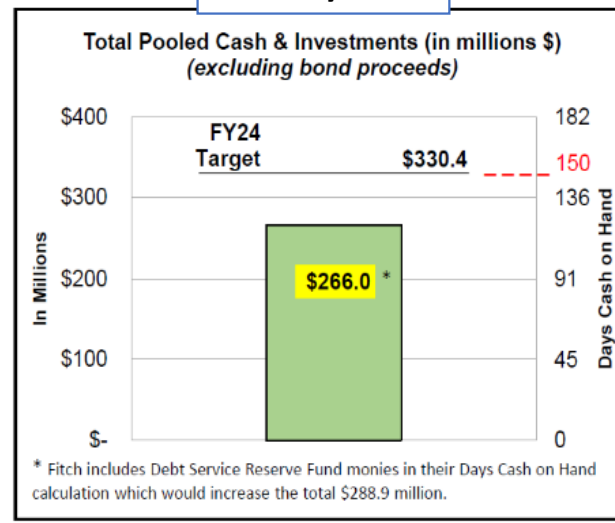
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	January 2025	January 2024
Operating Fund	\$ 295,541,902	\$ 167,767,449
Rate Stabilization Fund	78,540,740	80,239,582
Pay-As-You-Go Fund	22,390,559	13,672,765
Equipment Replacement Fund	2,005,395	3,663,008
Canal Maintenance Fund	851,473	616,009
<b>Total Pooled Funds</b>	<b>89%</b> 399,330,069	265,958,813
CIP/Bond Construction Fund	24,314,339	123,724,936
Debt Service Reserve Fund	23,249,572	22,934,025
<b>Total Bond Funds</b>	<b>11%</b> 47,563,911	146,658,961
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$ 446,893,980</b>	<b>\$ 412,617,774</b>

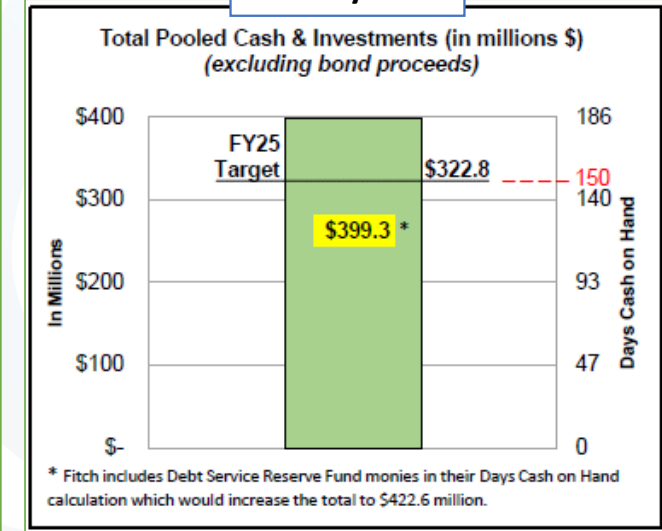
Total Cash & Investments increased less as Construction Fund (Bond Proceeds) we expended on CIP

Operating Fund rebounded, now above 150 Days minimum, largely due to CY24 Rate Adjustment (9.5%), '25 Upfront Payment Program (\$32M), Detachment Fees (\$23M), both SCIA Water Deals (\$40M), and water sold from storage (~\$19M)

January 2024

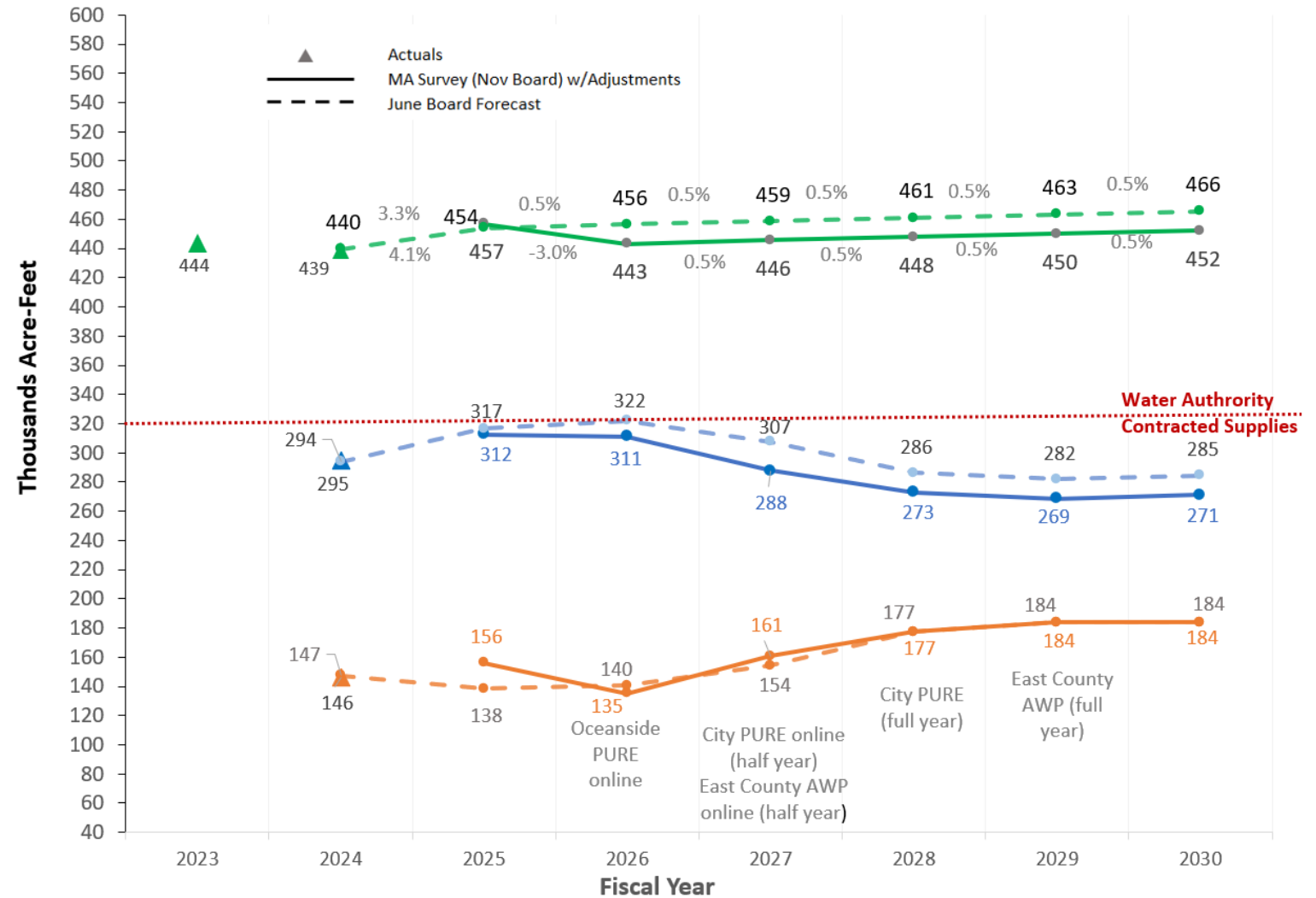


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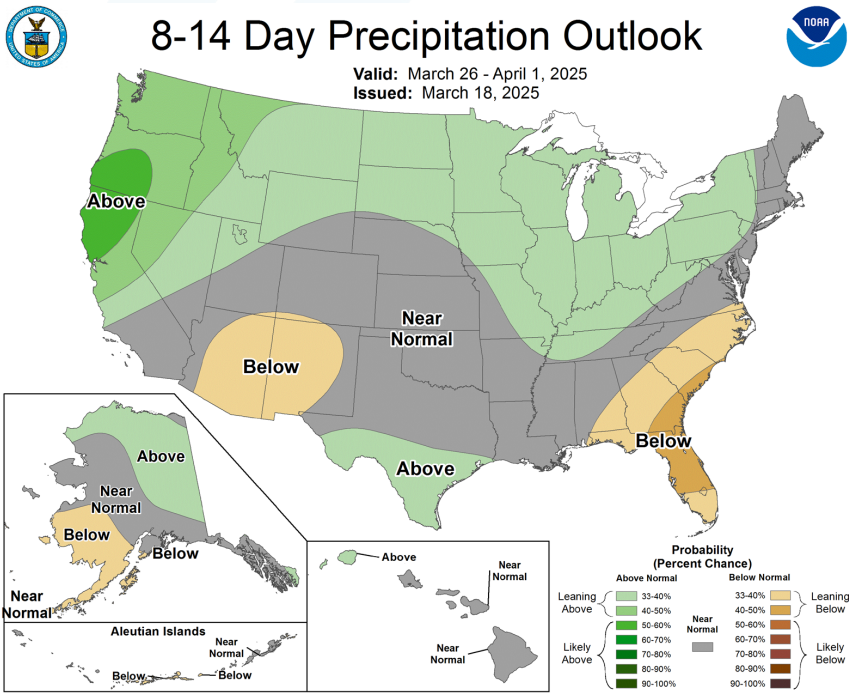
# November Member Agency Survey Results

New February/  
March Survey to  
be reflected in April  
Rate Update



# Demands, and by Proxy Rates, Highly Conditional on Current and Future Conditions

Water Year 2025				
	Month To-Date February 1-27, 2025		Water Year To-Date Oct 1, 2024 – Feb 27, 2025	
Station	Actual	% Normal	Actual	% Normal
Lindbergh Field	0.92 in.	49%	1.27 in.	18%
Ramona Airport	2.21 in.	72%	3.00 in.	30%



# Monitoring Potential Outside Influences on Financials

- Inflation, Tariffs, and GDP
  - Feds currently holding interest rates steady
- Changes with Federal Government and potential threat of not receiving grant funds
  - Awaiting the \$19M grant for the desal intake project
- Water Demands and Sales
  - Dry weather forecasted; however, potential bounce back in demands deemed minimal

# Rating Agencies Have Been Clear that Financial Performance is Essential to Maintaining Ratings

Moody's (Aa2)	S&P (AAA)	Fitch (AA+)
Debt ratio exceeds that of similarly rated credits within California and nationwide...and debt to operating revenues also exceeds medians	<b>Maintaining the RSF at the current level and continuing to implement reasonable rate increases are critical to maintaining the rating</b>	Leverage is on the higher end of the 'aa' assessment level...
Days' liquidity is roughly one-half of the median...for Aa-rated water utilities nationally	<b>...the rating could be pressured if the authority depletes its RSF beyond the minimum target level...or fails to implement rate adjustments to maintain financial metrics commensurate with a AAA rating</b>	SDCWA's liquidity profile is adequate and considered neutral to the rating
1.5x DSC target...[is] less than the DSC median for Aa2 water utilities nationally that exceeds 2x	<b>Maintaining target RSF levels and keeping up with rising water costs will be key drivers for stability</b>	<b>Preservation of the existing ratings will be highly dependent on leverage declining...beginning in FY 2024</b>
<b>Greater utilization of the RSF or total available cash at under 100 days...would materially pressure credit quality</b>	...continued declines in water sales will necessitate higher rate increases than projected in the LRFP...	[Rating could be downgraded due to] failure to implement rate increases sufficient to support the current capital plan
Should Fallbrook and Rainbow MWD detach from the Authority, water rates would likely need to be increased to recover lost revenues	Uncertainty resulting from two member agencies' applications to detach...is a credit risk in our view	
<b>...the Authority's current ratings reflects our expectation that management will adhere to adopted policies and draws on the rate stabilization fund will not significantly exceed projections.</b>	Liquidity is critical to SDCWA's financial health given variable hydrology...and significant additional local supply	



## **Debt Financing Reduces Annual Debt Service Payments Significantly – Reducing Annual Rates**

	Annual Debt Service Without Refundings	Annual Debt Service With Refundings	Budget Cuts Through Debt Refundings
2019	\$132.0M	\$124.3M	\$7.7M
2020	\$132.5M	\$124.6M	\$7.9M
2021	\$134.5M	\$110.7M	\$23.8M
2022	\$134.5M	\$94.4M	\$40.1M
2023	\$131.9M	\$110.7M	\$21.2M
Total: \$101 Million Budget Reduction			

### **Significant Budget Lever**

Strong financial management coupled with current strong credit ratings provides critical tool cut the budget long-term, without cuts to services or reliability.

**Over the past 10 years, the Water Authority has refinanced outstanding debt for approximately \$190 million in net present value savings; these refundings provided pure long-term rate savings**

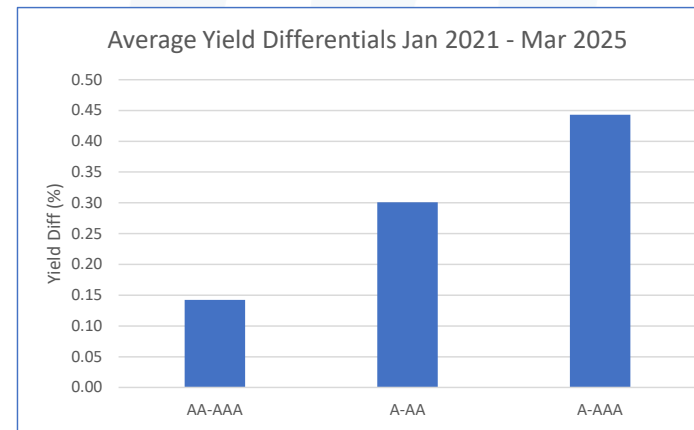
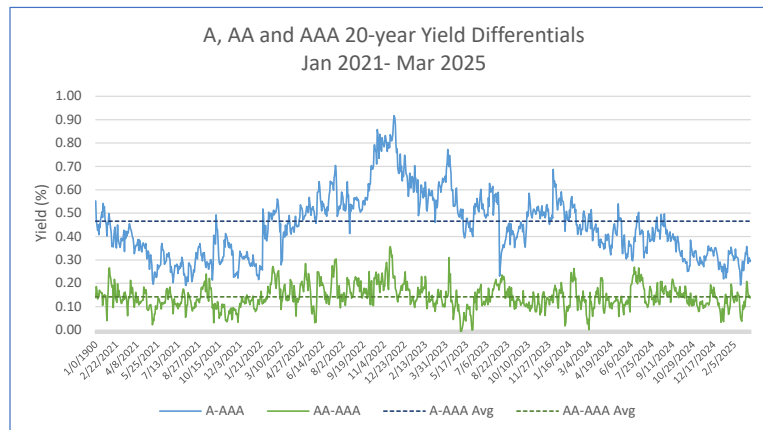
# Rating Downgrades Could Increase Debt Costs by \$38M

Debt	Timing <sup>1</sup>	Amount	Credit Impact	Annual Cost	5 Years	10 Year	Total
CP	2025 / 29	245,000,000	0.15%	367,500	1,837,500	3,675,000	11,025,000
Refunding	2026	65,000,000	0.08%	28,226	112,903	n/a	112,903
New Money	2026	340,000,000	0.15%	334,649	1,673,245	3,346,490	10,039,470
Sub Notes	2028	146,000,000	0.15%	143,702	718,511	1,437,022	4,311,067
Refunding	2031	230,000,000	0.08%	112,504	562,518	n/a	562,518
Refunding	2032	135,000,000	0.15%	124,037	620,187	1,240,374	2,480,748
Poseidon	TBD	500,000,000	0.15%	482,535	2,412,675	4,825,349	9,650,698
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,661,000,000</b>		<b>1,593,153</b>	<b>7,937,539</b>	<b>14,524,235</b>	<b>38,182,404</b>

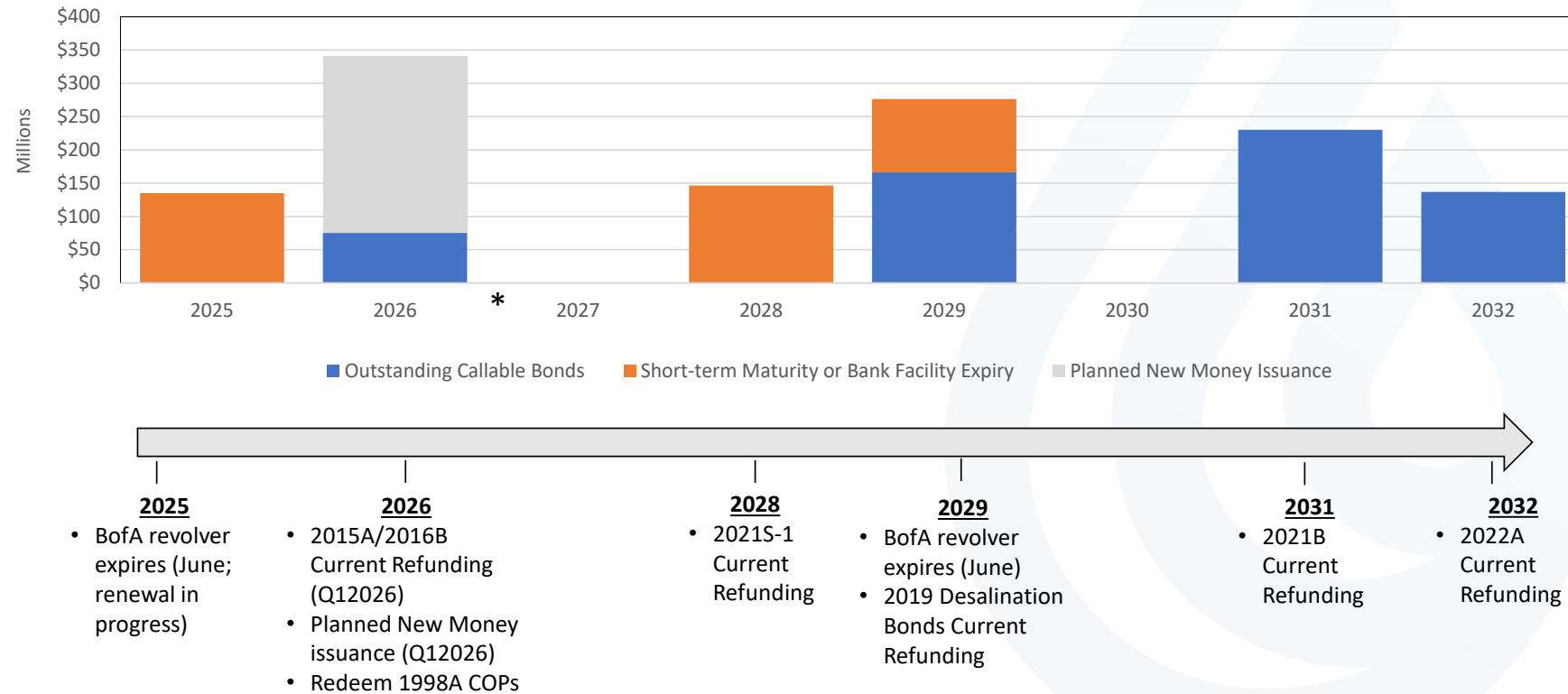
\$38 Million

<sup>1</sup> Calendar Year

Annual cost is difference in estimated debt service for par bonds issued with a AAA rating vs. par bonds issued with a AA rating  
Total for CP, 2026 new money and 2028 subordinate notes assume 30 year final maturity; Total for 2032 refunding and Poseidon refunding assume 20 year final maturity



# Significant Borrowing Needs and Debt Refinancing Opportunities in Near-term



\* Desal Plant Refunding currently callable and to be executed when market conditions allow. SDCWA to receive 50% of savings.

# Peer Agency Credit Metric Comparison (Fitch 2024 Peer Review)

The Water Authority's 2024 metrics fall behind "median A" and comparable peer agencies

	AAA (median)	AA (median)	A (median)	Water Authority	MWD	City of San Diego (water)	LADWP	East Bay MWD (water)
<b>Capital Expenditures/Depreciation</b> (5-year Average) (%)	210	186	360	95	74	341	351	264
<b>Operating Revenues</b> (\$000)	123,269	46,845	130,560	625,791	1,426,315	568,229	1,681,611	644,332
<b>Coverage of Full Obligations</b> (high better)	2.7x	1.5x	1.7x	<b>1.0x</b>	0.8x	1.09x	1.74x	2.5x
<b>Fitch-calculated Total DSC</b> (high better)	3.4x	1.5x	1.8x	<b>1.0x</b>	0.72x	1.17x	1.89x	2.5x
<b>Current Days Cash on Hand</b> (high better)	686	471	678	<b>134</b>	198	198	170	405
<b>Long-Term Debt</b> (\$000)	169,262	270,490	1,807,659	2,265,261	4,385,813	1,564,130	7,439,774	2,800,991
<b>Adjusted Funds Available for Debt Service</b> ("FADS") (\$000)	76,108	36,582	162,855	356,359	721,432	242,965	903,629	480,072
<b>Net Adjusted Debt to FADS</b> (lower better)	1.05x	5.99x	8.80x	<b>9.54x</b>	8.18x	8.83x	8.62x	7.01x
<b>Agency Current Fitch Rating</b>				AA+	AA+	AA	AA	AA+

# Additional Options to Weaken or Strengthen Policies

The Board has the discretion to have any item agendized for future discussion and analysis of rate impacts

Financial Funds	Financial Policies & Benchmarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Operating Fund</b></li><li>• Equipment Replacement Fund</li><li>• <b>Rate Stabilization Fund</b></li><li>• PAYGO Capital Facilities Fund</li><li>• Construction Fund</li><li>• Debt Service Reserve Fund</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Debt Service Coverage Ratio Target</b></li><li>• Debt Management and Disclosure Policy</li><li>• <b>Maintenance of a AA+ Rating Policy</b></li><li>• <b>Fixed/Variable-Rate Debt Mix</b></li><li>• <b>Debt/Cash Funding Mix</b></li><li>• <b>Days of Cash</b></li><li>• Investment Policy</li></ul>

The Water Authority’s management of debt is complex and dynamic. These actions cannot be performed in a vacuum and must be viewed holistically.

As staff develops the FY ‘26 & ‘27 Budget, CY26 rates and charges, as well as the 2026 Long Range Financing Plan, the Board has an opportunity to weigh multiple options while considering the cost and benefits to weaken or strengthen the Authority’s financial policies.



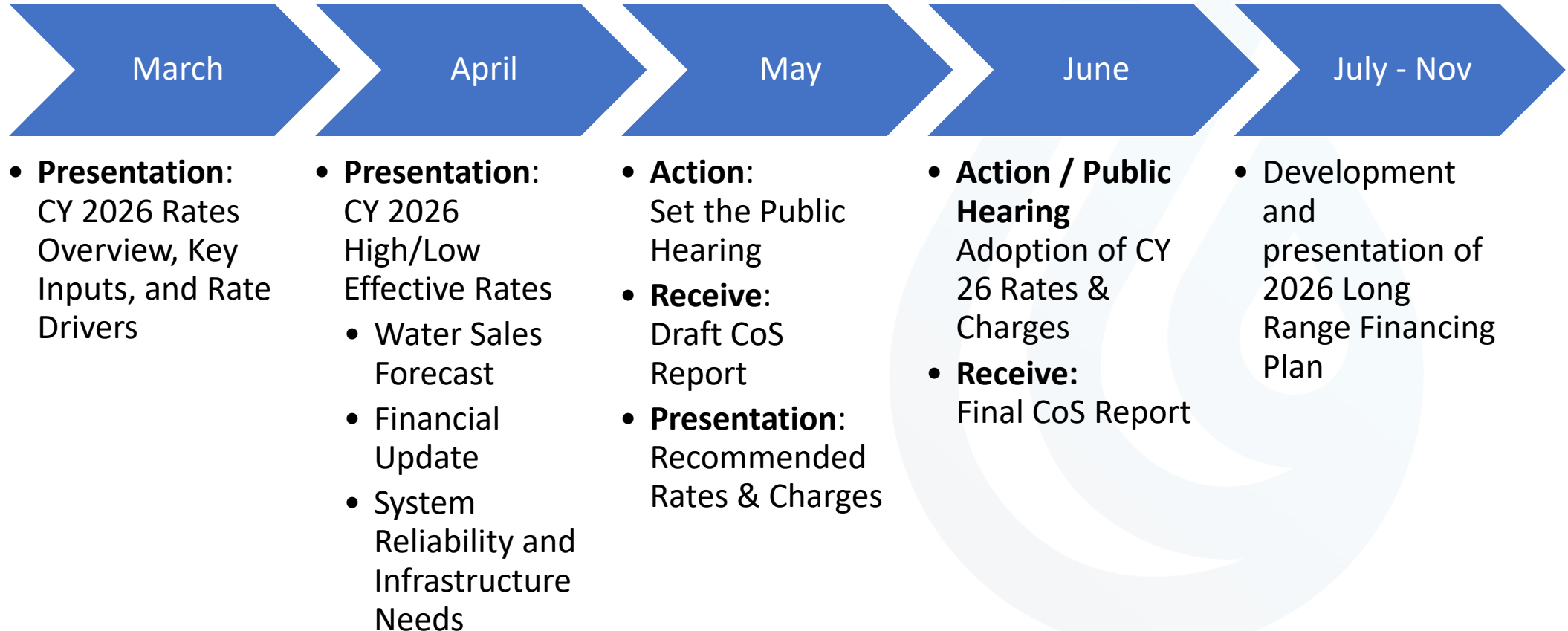
## Summary of Major Issues

- Extraordinary efforts over the past three years leave little leeway for CY26 rates
- MWD continues to forecast large increases:
  - 8% adopted for CY26
  - 18% forecasted in CY27
  - 12% forecasted in CY28
- Financial, Economic, and Governmental Uncertainty
- Changes to QSA delivery schedule to meet pipeline rehabilitation creates swings in cashflow and fiscal financial metrics
- Demands near or below contractual creates sizable financial variability

**Objective is balancing financial and system risk over the short and long-term**

# CY 2026 Rates & Charges Timeline

Regular updates and recommendations to be informed based on actuals sales and hydrology



# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS  
LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Any written report will be attached; any oral report will be provided at the time of the Board Meeting.



# NOSSAMAN LLP | Memorandum

**TO:** Olivenhain Municipal Water District

**FROM:** Ashley Walker, Senior Policy Advisor, Nossaman LLP  
Jennifer Capitolo, Jennifer M. Capitolo and Associates LLC

**DATE:** April 2, 2025

**RE:** April 2025 Public Policy Report

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## **State Legislative Updates:**

**Status of the Legislature:** Policy committee hearings are in full swing, with bills being heard and voted on. With the bill limit being set by legislative leadership of 35 bills per member for the 2-year cycle, many members initially filed spot bills. The deadline to amend spot bills has now passed, and we have a better understanding of what bills to focus on now that there is substantive content to review. The legislature will take a Spring Recess from April 11 – April 20. The first policy committee deadline is on May 2 for fiscal bills, and May 9 is the deadline for nonfiscal bills.

**Status of the State Budget:** The budget subcommittees have been meeting to discuss the governor's January proposals, and to receive public comment on the budget. The legislature has not yet released its state budget priorities or cast any votes on the governor's proposals. It is expected that there will be a substantial deviation from the January budget proposal to the May revision of the budget, given both the wildfire disasters and the recently announced Medi-Cal shortfalls. We anticipate the legislature and governor will have to address a substantial deficit, making difficult decisions about where to pull back state funding. The final budget must be passed by the legislature by June 15.

**Legislation:** Below is an update on bills we currently have a position on.

- **AB 259 (Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences:** The Ralph M. Brown Act mandates that meetings of local legislative bodies be open and accessible to the public. Until January 1, 2026, the law permits alternative teleconferencing where a quorum of members physically attends from a public location within the agency's jurisdiction, with certain requirements for remote participation by members. This limit includes participating remotely for a maximum of two meetings annually if the legislative body meets once a month or less. This bill would remove the 2026 deadline, making these alternative teleconferencing procedures permanent.  
Position: ACWA has a support position on the bill. OMWD filed a letter of support and joined a coalition letter with CSDA.  
Status: The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Local Government on April 9.
- **AB 514 (Petrie-Norris) Water: emergency water supplies:** The Urban Water Management Planning Act mandates that all urban water suppliers, whether public or private, create and implement an urban water management plan. This plan must include a contingency strategy for water shortages. This bill states that it is the state's policy to promote, but not require, local water suppliers to

develop emergency water supplies. The bill advocates for using these emergency supplies during droughts or unexpected interruptions to services or supply.

Position: OMWD signed onto a coalition support letter with IRWD.

Status: The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on April 29.

- **SB 72 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets:** This bill proposes to revise the current California Water Plan by expanding the advisory committee to include representatives from tribes, labor, and environmental justice groups. It also requires setting an interim planning target for 2050 in the 2033 update. This target should address the water needs for sustainable urban, agricultural, and environmental sectors, and ensure safe drinking water for all. The plan must include cost-benefit analyses of recommended projects and actions. Additionally, the department must report the plan's updates, conclusions, and recommendations to the legislature and conduct public workshops for feedback.  
Position: OMWD submitted a support position on the bill. CSAC is sponsoring the bill and ACWA has a support position.  
Status: The bill was heard in Senate Natural Resources and Water, and received minor amendments, including the addition of labor representatives. It is now scheduled to be heard again in the Natural Resources and Water on April 8.
- **SB 496 (Hurtado) Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions:** This bill proposes the creation of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee to review denied exemption requests. This committee will include representatives from various governmental and non-governmental organizations and will meet monthly. The committee must recommend a decision on appeals within 60 days, and the ARB must address these recommendations publicly within 60 days as well. Additionally, the bill expands the emergency vehicle exemption and modifies requirements under the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. It also alters the conditions for daily usage exemptions and restricts the ARB from requiring documentation of zero-emission vehicle purchase agreements for certain compliance extensions.  
Position: OMWD signed a coalition letter in support on CSDA.  
Status: The recent wildfires have focused CARB's attention on the fact that ACF implementation (the way the regulation is currently written) would cause further strain to public fleets in the event of wildfires or other natural disasters. This bill was heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on April 2, and General Manager Kimberly Thorner testified in favor of the bill. SB 496 would allow OMWD to continue protecting our communities by responding efficiently to emergencies and natural disasters. The committee voted unanimously to approve the bill, and it has been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee.
- **SB 454 (McNerney) State Water Resources Control Board:** This bill would create the PFAS Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury and would authorize the fund to be expended by State Water Resources Control Board, upon appropriation by the legislature, for purposes of these provisions. This bill would authorize SWRCB to seek out and accept nonstate, federal, and private funds, require those funds to be deposited into the PFAS Reduction Account within the PFAS Mitigation Fund, and continuously appropriate the moneys in the account to SWRCB for purposes of these provisions thereby making an appropriation.  
Position: OMWD signed a coalition letter in support on ACWA.  
Status: This bill was heard in Senate Environmental Quality Committee on April 2.



**Proposition 4 - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024:** Agencies are preparing for funding allocations once the June budget has been approved. We are advocating that members of both houses reject any diversions from Proposition 4 funds as previously approved by the legislature and voters. Nossaman has testified against the diversions on Proposition 4 before both the Senate and Assembly. Once the budget has been finalized, agencies will begin the solicitation process for grant awards. We will continue to monitor and advise OMWD on potential grant programs that may align with local projects.

**Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program:** This year, two legislative proposals have been introduced, and both are aimed at creating water rate assistance programs:

**AB 532 (Ransom) Water Rate Assistance Program:** The bill is sponsored by California Municipal Utilities Association and would require, upon appropriation by the legislature, a voluntary local water agency-administered and implemented program for water agencies that have more than 3,000 water service connections. For water agencies with less than 3,000 water service connections, Department of Community Services and Development would establish and administer the program. Of note, this bill does not have a concrete or sustainable funding source, introduces exorbitant administrative overhead costs to water agencies, and requires additional annual reporting requirements to State Water Resources Control Board regardless of whether a local agency has opted to institute a program or not. This bill has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials but has not been set for a hearing yet. CSAC has a favor position on the bill, and ACWA is watching the bill for now. Position: OMWD has a watch position.

- **SB 350 (Durazo) Water Rate Assistance Program:** This bill is being sponsored by environmental justice groups and is the anticipated reintroduction of a water rate assistance program by Senator Durazo. Upon appropriation by the legislature, this bill would mandate a local water agency-administered and implemented program. State Water Resources Control Board has centralized authority of program oversight, development of guidelines, and program implementation. The bill also creates additional local water agency reporting requirements. SWRCB is given the option to contract with one or more third-party vendors to conduct eligibility determinations of sensitive data and is given the authority to outsource call center management and services, internet-based enrollments, document intake and processing, and distribution of funds. The bill would establish a Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services. Further, the bill requires SWRCB to take various actions in administering the fund, including tracking and managing revenue in the fund separately from all other revenue. This bill does not have a concrete or viable funding source and introduces exorbitant administrative overhead costs to water agencies. This bill has been referred to Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee but has not been set for a hearing yet. Although there have been some minor amendments made to the bill, there is still no funding source identified.
- Position: OMWD has an Oppose Unless Amended position on this bill. ACWA has an Oppose Unless Amended position on the bill and has made good progress in negotiations. San Diego County Water Authority staff has indicated that it will propose a Support Unless Amended position on this bill to the SDCWA board in April.

Both proposals lack sustainable funding and impose significant financial burdens on local water agencies for program implementation and administration. Implementing and administering these programs will inevitably lead to higher water rates, disregarding the voter-approved requirements of Proposition 218 and Proposition 26, which protect ratepayers from unfair cost increases.

Additionally, the proposals fail to consider the SWRCB AB 401 Report (2020), which provides a plan for implementing a state-administered statewide low-income water rate assistance program that ensures equitable access to essential water services. These bills overlook low-income renters, many of whom do not receive direct water bills, as water costs are typically embedded in rental payments. Without addressing this benefit distribution issue, the proposed measures risk excluding a substantial portion of the population in need of financial assistance, further exacerbating affordability challenges. Nossaman continues to participate in statewide coalition meetings on LIRA to discuss OMWD's concerns with these proposals.

**Governor's Actions and Executive Orders:** The following actions have been taken by the state since the last report. This list is compiled from CalOES, California Health and Human Services, California Department of Public Health, and FEMA.

- **March 27** - California urged FEMA to add businesses, non-profits, and multi-family structures to the Los Angeles fire debris cleanup.
- **March 27** - Governor Newsom signed an executive order to build Los Angeles back faster and prevent fires.
- **March 20** - Engaged California - [engaged.ca.gov](https://engaged.ca.gov) - went live, and sign-ups soared as thousands joined the conversation on California's new deliberative democracy platform.
- **March 18** - Governor Newsom and Los Angeles community-based organizations announced \$25 million to advance educational outreach to workers and businesses about vital health, safety, and workplace protections.
- **March 13** - Governor Newsom announced expanded partnership with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory to monitor air and water using cutting-edge technologies.
- **March 7** - The Federal Emergency Management Agency extended the deadline for survivors of the Los Angeles fires to register for federal aid to March 31.
- **March 7** - Governor Newsom issued an executive order extending protections to help ensure that Los Angeles firestorm survivors can access rental housing.
- **March 1** - Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to fast-track critical projects protecting communities from wildfire, ahead of peak fire season.

#### **Regulatory Updates:**

**State Revolving Fund Policy Amendments:** On March 21, State Water Resources Control Board released Notices of Consideration to adopt policy amendments to both Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. These policy amendments will update the requirements for obtaining CWSRF and DWSRF dollars that align with the respective annual Intended Use Plans. There will be a CWSRF public hearing on May 6 at 9:00 am and a DWSRF public hearing on May 6 at 9:00 am.

**Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation:** The California Air Resources Board has delayed bringing Assembly Bill 1594 Amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation for CARB approval following recent stakeholder input. CARB staff will bring the ACF Amendments to a board hearing later in 2025. Comments on proposed ACF Amendments due May 31.



## Olivenhain Legislative Report 2025-26

Report as of 4/3/2025

### Oppose Unless Amended

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

**Current Text:** 03/25/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/12/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/25/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E., U & C.

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

**Position:** Oppose Unless Amended

**Notes:**

3/13/25 - ACWA Coalition letter.

### Support

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

**Current Text:** 01/16/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/16/2025

**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** The Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, as specified, and requires a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing to comply with specified requirements, including that the local agency post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing if, during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, and the legislative body complies with prescribed requirements. Current law requires a member to satisfy specified requirements to participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including that specified circumstances apply. Current law establishes limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location pursuant to these

alternative teleconferencing provisions, including prohibiting such participation for more than 2 meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. This bill would remove the January 1, 2026, date from those provisions, thereby extending the alternative teleconferencing procedures indefinitely. (Based on 01/16/2025 text)

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

2/25/25 filed letter of support and shared with all cc's.

3/5/25 - signed on to CSDA coalition letter of support.

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

**Current Text:** 02/10/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/10/2025

**Status:** 03/21/2025 - In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

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

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

3/4/25 - Signed on to IRWD coalition letter of support.

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

**Current Text:** 03/18/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/15/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/18/2025

**Status:** 03/28/2025 - Set for hearing April 8.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include, among others, tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050, as provided. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for a sustainable urban sector, agricultural sector, and environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things. (Based on 03/18/2025 text)

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

2/11/25 letter submitted to portal and shared with delegates.

**SB 454 (McNerney, D) State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/19/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/24/2025 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

**Summary:** Existing law designates the State Water Resources Control Board as the agency responsible for administering specific programs related to drinking water, including, among others, the California Safe Drinking Water Act and the Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Funding Program. This bill would create the PFAS Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury and would authorize the fund to be expended by the state board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of these provisions. The bill would authorize the state board to seek out and accept nonstate, federal, and private funds, require those funds to be deposited into the PFAS Reduction Account within the PFAS Mitigation Fund, and continuously appropriate the moneys in the account to the state board for purposes of these provisions, thereby making an appropriation. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

3/5/25 - signed on to ACWA coalition letter of support.

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

**Current Text:** 02/19/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/19/2025

**Status:** 03/11/2025 - Set for hearing April 2.

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

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

3/5/25 - signed on to CSDA coalition letter of support.

## Watch

**AB 24 (DeMaio, R) San Diego Association of Governments: board of directors.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** The San Diego Regional Transportation Consolidation Act reorganizes the transportation responsibilities in the San Diego region by consolidating the San Diego Association of Governments and the transit operations of 2 specified transit boards. Current law establishes a 21-member board of directors to govern the consolidated agency that includes, among others, 2 members of the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County. This bill would instead require the board of directors to include, among others, one member of the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County from an unincorporated area of the county and one representative from the Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County to be selected by their respective governing bodies. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch



**AB 43 (Schultz, D) Wild and scenic rivers.**

**Current Text:** 12/02/2024 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to take specified actions relating to the addition of rivers or segments of rivers to the state's wild and scenic rivers system if, among other things, the federal government enacts a statute that, upon enactment, would require the removal or delisting of any river or segment of a river in the state that was included in the national wild and scenic rivers system and not in the state wild and scenic rivers system. Current law authorizes, only until December 31, 2025, the secretary to take action under these provisions to add a river or segment of a river to the state wild and scenic rivers system. Current law requires those actions to remain in effect until December 31, 2025, except as otherwise provided. This bill would indefinitely extend the date by which the secretary is authorized to take the specified actions relating to the addition of rivers or segments of rivers to the state's wild and scenic rivers system, as described above. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/07/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

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

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 01/17/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/17/2025

**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and NAT. RES.

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

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 01/22/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/22/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Summary:** Current law requires a groundwater sustainability plan to be developed and implemented for each medium- or high-priority basin by a groundwater sustainability agency. Current law authorizes any

local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin, as provided. Current law requires members of the board of directors and the executive, as defined, of a groundwater sustainability agency to file statements of economic interests with the Fair Political Practices Commission using the commission's online system for filing statements of economic interests. This bill would require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish the membership of its board of directors on its internet website, or on the local agency's internet website, as provided. The bill would also require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish a link on its internet website or its local agency's internet website to the location on the Fair Political Practices Commission's internet website where the statements of economic interests, filed by the members of the board and executives of the agency, can be viewed. (Based on 01/22/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 01/23/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/23/2025

**Status:** 03/24/2025 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 01/23/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/23/2025

**Status:** 03/24/2025 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Summary:** The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. Of these funds, the act makes available \$1,500,000,000, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for wildfire prevention, including, among other things, by making \$25,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for technologies that improve detection and assessment of new fire ignitions. This bill would require, of the \$25,000,000 made available to the department, \$10,000,000 be allocated for purposes of the ALERTCalifornia fire camera mapping system. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 339 (Ortega, D) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements.**

**Current Text:** 01/28/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/28/2025

**Status:** 03/19/2025 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 0.) (March 19). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act contains various provisions that govern collective bargaining of local represented employees and delegates jurisdiction to the Public Employment Relations Board to resolve disputes and enforce the statutory duties and rights of local public agency employers and employees. Current law requires the governing body of a public agency to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations. Current law requires the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body, to give reasonable written notice, except in cases of emergency, as specified, to each recognized employee organization affected of any ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the governing body or the designated boards and commissions. This bill would require the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body of a public agency, to give the recognized employee organization no less than 120 days' written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization. The bill would require the notice to include specified information, including the anticipated duration of the contract. (Based on 01/28/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/28/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/03/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/28/2025

**Status:** 04/01/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on E.M.

**Summary:** Would require a water supplier that supplies water to more than 20 residential dwellings that is used for the suppression of fire in either a high or very high risk fire hazard severity zone in the County of Ventura to have a backup energy source with sufficient power to promptly operate wells and pumps servicing the high or very high risk hazard severity zone at normal capacity for at least 24 hours in the case of a power shutoff unless the relevant water delivery systems are gravity fed and do not need any backup power to continue to operate during a power shutoff. The bill would require the Ventura County Fire Department to annually inspect facilities that provide water, as specified. The bill would require a water supplier to take various actions, including alerting the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services whenever its water delivery capacity has been reduced due to equipment failure or maintenance. The bill would require, if any fire destroys more than 10 residential dwellings or causes more than \$3,000,000 in damages to any residential dwelling serviced by a water supplier, a report be made by the water supplier that services the dwellings where the fire occurred and the Ventura County Fire Department that assesses the appropriateness of the water delivery system, as specified. By levying new requirements on the Ventura County Fire Department, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. (Based on 03/28/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/03/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/03/2025

**Status:** 03/28/2025 - Referred to Coms. on E.M and E.S & T.M.

**Summary:** Current law establishes, within the office of the Governor, the Office of Emergency Services (OES), under the direction of the Director of Emergency Services. Current law charges the OES with coordinating various emergency activities within the state. The California Emergency Services Act, contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, requires the OES to enter into a joint powers agreement pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program relating to structure hardening and retrofitting and prescribed fuel modification activities. Current law authorizes the joint powers authority to establish financial assistance limits and matching funding or other recipient contribution requirements for the program, as provided. This bill, contingent on funding being appropriated pursuant to a bond act, as specified, would establish the Rural Water Infrastructure for

Wildfire Resilience Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to communities within the Wildland Urban Interface in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure, as prescribed. (Based on 02/03/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 428 (Rubio, Blanca, D) Joint powers agreements: water corporations.**

**Current Text:** 03/28/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/05/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/28/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (April 2). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** The Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes 2 or more public agencies, if authorized by their governing bodies, by agreement to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. Current law authorizes 2 or more local public entities, or a mutual water company, as defined, and a public agency, to provide insurance, as specified, by a joint powers agreement. Current law authorizes a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of risk pooling, as specified. This bill would authorize a water corporation, as defined, a mutual water company, and one or more public agencies to provide insurance, as specified, by a joint powers agreement. The bill would also authorize a water corporation, a mutual water company, and one or more public agencies to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of risk pooling, as specified. The bill would prohibit the Public Utilities Commission from allowing a water corporation to join a joint powers agency for insurance coverage if there are no greater benefits to the customers of the water corporation than are provided by the water corporation's current insurance policy. (Based on 03/28/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/05/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/05/2025

**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

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

**Position:** Watch

**AB 465 (Zbur, D) Local public employees: memoranda of understanding.**

**Current Text:** 03/13/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/06/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/13/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (April 2). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act authorizes local public employees, as defined, to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on matters of labor relations and defines various terms for these purposes. The act prohibits a public agency from, among other things, refusing or failing to meet and negotiate in good faith with a recognized employee organization. Current law states that the Legislature finds and declares that the duties and responsibilities of local agency employer representatives under the act are substantially similar to the duties and responsibilities required under existing collective bargaining enforcement procedures and therefore the costs incurred by the local agency employer representatives in performing those duties and responsibilities under that act are not reimbursable as state-mandated costs. This bill

would require, on or after January 1, 2026, a memorandum of understanding between a public agency and a recognized employee organization to include specified provisions including, among other things, a provision providing for a system of progressive discipline that grants due process to an employee when they are disciplined, upon the request of the recognized employee organization. The bill would define “progressive discipline” and “due process” for this purpose. (Based on 03/13/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 04/01/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/11/2025

**Last Amended:** 04/01/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Community Services and Development to administer the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in this state, and to receive and expend moneys appropriated and allocated to the state for purposes of that program, pursuant to specified described federal law. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program was only operative until March 31, 2024. This bill would repeal the above-described requirements related to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. The bill would instead require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Community Services and Development to establish and administer the California Low Income Household Water Assistance Program to provide water rate assistance to residential ratepayers of community water systems, and urban retail water suppliers that serve disadvantaged communities, as specified. (Based on 04/01/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 614 (Lee, D) Claims against public entities.**

**Current Text:** 03/27/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/13/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/27/2025

**Status:** 03/28/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** The Government Claims Act establishes the liability and immunity of a public entity for its acts or omissions that cause harm to persons and requires that a claim against a public entity relating to a cause of action for death or for injury to person, personal property, or growing crops be presented not later than 6 months after accrual of the cause of action. Under current law, claims relating to any other cause of action are required to be presented no later than one year after the accrual of the cause of action. This bill would remove the provisions requiring a claim against a public entity relating to a cause of action for death or for injury to person, personal property, or growing crops to be presented not later than 6 months after accrual of the cause of action and would instead require a claim relating to any cause of action to be presented not later than one year after accrual of the cause of action, unless otherwise specified by law. (Based on 03/27/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/13/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** Current law establishes the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program (program) within the Air Quality Improvement Program to make financing tools and nonfinancial supports available to operators of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fleets to enable those operators to transition their fleets to zero-emission vehicles. This bill, for any regulation adopted to develop or implement the program, or other regulations that are regarding the procurement or use of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles by a public or private fleet, would require the state board



to consider specified things, including, among other things, the environmental and supply chain benefits of renting medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles compared to procuring them. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 623 (Dixon, R) Fuel modification and reduction projects: California Environmental Quality Act: coastal development permits: exemptions.**

**Current Text:** 03/17/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/13/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/17/2025

**Status:** 03/18/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would exempt a fuel modification project to maintain defensible space of 100 feet from each side and from the front and rear of a building or structure and a fuel reduction project to prevent and contain the spread of wildfires from the requirements of CEQA. Because a lead agency would be required to determine whether a project qualifies for this exemption, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 03/17/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 624 (Dixon, R) Office of Emergency Services: federal grant funding; Community Relief Act.**

**Current Text:** 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/13/2025

**Status:** 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.M.

**Summary:** The California Emergency Services Act establishes the Office of Emergency Services (OES) within the office of the Governor and sets forth its powers and duties relating to addressing natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies, including responsibility for activities necessary to prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters to people and property. This bill would require the OES, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide to local operational areas and urban areas the maximum local share of federal grant funding administered by the office from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The bill would also require the OES, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide specified legislative committees with copies of agreements entered into with local governments to spend the state share of federal grant funding administered by the office from specified federal grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/19/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/13/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/19/2025

**Status:** 03/26/2025 - Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Summary:** The Stormwater Resource Planning Act authorizes one or more public agencies to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards to address the capture of stormwater, as defined, and dry weather runoff, as defined. The act requires the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2016, to establish guidance for purposes of the act. This bill would require the board, by June 1, 2026, to establish guidance for stormwater capture and use for the irrigation of urban public lands, as defined. (Based on 03/19/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 717 (Aguiar-Curry, D) Water rights: appropriation: small restoration use.**

**Current Text:** 03/10/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/14/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/10/2025

**Status:** 03/11/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

**Summary:** The Water Rights Permitting Reform Act of 1988 authorizes any person to obtain a right to appropriate water for a small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use, as defined, upon registering the use with the State Water Resources Control Board, as prescribed, payment of a registration fee, and application of the water to reasonable and beneficial use with due diligence. Current law requires a person, in registering their water use to the board, to set forth a certification that the registrant has contacted the Department of Fish and Wildlife and to include a copy of any conditions required by the department. This bill would authorize any person to also obtain a right to appropriate water for a small restoration use, as defined. The bill would also authorize a person to apply for a restoration management permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as provided, and if the permit is issued, the person would be required to include a copy of any conditions required by the restoration management permit with the required certification. (Based on 03/10/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/18/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/18/2025

**Status:** 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

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

**Position:** Watch

**AB 807 (Dixon, R) Conservation and mitigation bank: marine artificial reefs.**

**Current Text:** 02/18/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/18/2025

**Status:** 03/10/2025 - Referred to Coms. on W. P., & W. and NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Current law provides that mitigation banks and conservation banks provide for the conservation of important habitats and habitat linkages, take advantage of economies of scale that are often not available to individualized mitigation projects, and simplify the state regulatory compliance process while achieving conservation goals. Current law provides that no conservation bank, mitigation bank, or conservation and mitigation bank is operative, vested, or final, nor bank credits issued, until the Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved in writing and a conservation easement has been recorded on the site. Current law authorizes banks to issue and sell bank credits to private and public entities. Current law defines "conservation bank" and "mitigation bank" for these purposes. This bill would expand the definition of "conservation bank" and "mitigation bank" to include marine artificial reefs. The bill would authorize a person to, after completion of a full environmental review in compliance with applicable California and federal laws and regulations, create a marine artificial reef for purposes of establishing a mitigation or conservation bank. (Based on 02/18/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 883 (Lowenthal, D) California Public Records Act: personal information of elected and appointed officials.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/19/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Summary:** The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. That act, among other things, prohibits a state or local agency from publicly posting the home address, telephone number, or both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual. The act also makes it a misdemeanor for a person to knowingly post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official, or of the official's residing spouse or child, on the internet, knowing that person is an elected or appointed official and intending to cause imminent great bodily harm or threatening to cause imminent great bodily harm, as provided. The act additionally prohibits a person, business, or association from soliciting, selling, or trading on the internet the home address or telephone number of an elected or appointed official with the intent to cause imminent great bodily harm to the official or to any person residing at the official's home address. The act further prohibits a person, business, or association from publicly posting or publicly displaying on the internet the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official if that official has made a written demand of that person, business, or association to not disclose the official's home address or telephone number. This bill would remove the references in those provisions to the home address, telephone number, name, and assessor's parcel number, and instead prohibit the disclosure of protected information under those provisions. The bill would define the term "protected information" to include, among other things, an individual's residential address, telephone number, social security number, or driver's license number. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 990 (Hadwick, R) Public water systems: emergency notification plan.**

**Current Text:** 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Status:** 03/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

**Summary:** Current law prohibits a person from operating a public water system without an emergency notification plan that has been submitted to and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. Current law requires the emergency notification plan to provide for immediate notice to the customers of the public water system of any significant rise in the bacterial count of water or other failure to comply with any primary drinking water standard that represents an imminent danger to the health of the water users. This bill would authorize and encourage a public water system to provide notification to water users in their preferred language when updating the emergency notification plan, if resources are available. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1000 (Gallagher, R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: Five-Mile Basin.**

**Current Text:** 03/17/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/17/2025

**Status:** 03/18/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA a project to remove sediment from the Five-Mile Basin in the City of Chico. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Chico. (Based on 03/17/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1001 (Rubio, Blanca, D) Drought.**

**Current Text:** 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Status:** 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes an implementing agency to provide advance payment of up to 25% of grant funds awarded to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, mobilehome parks, mutual water companies, farmers and ranchers, federally recognized California Native American tribes, nonfederally recognized Native American tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission for specified purposes, administrators, and groundwater sustainability agencies that have demonstrated cashflow problems according to the satisfaction of the implementing agency. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that authorization. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1096 (Connolly, D) Mutual water companies: board members: training.**

**Current Text:** 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Status:** 03/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

**Summary:** Under existing law, a mutual water company is defined as a corporation organized for or engaged in the business of selling, distributing, supplying, or delivering water for irrigation or domestic purposes that provides in its articles or bylaws that the water shall be sold, distributed, supplied, or delivered only to owners of its shares, as specified. Existing law requires each board member of a mutual water company that operates a public water system, within 6 months of taking office and every 6 years thereafter, to complete a course offered by a qualified trainer regarding the duties of board members of mutual water companies, as provided. This bill would require a board member of a mutual water company to provide proof of completion of that training to the State Water Resources Control Board no later than 30 days after completing the training. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/17/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/17/2025

**Status:** 03/18/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

**Summary:** Would prohibit the release of stored water from a reservoir in this state if the release is done under false pretenses, which the bill would define to mean a release of water from a reservoir in a manner that is knowingly and designedly under any false or fraudulent representation or assumption as to the purpose and intended use of the water. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to issue an interim relief order, as specified, to a reservoir operator to prohibit the release of stored water in violation of the above-described prohibition. The bill would authorize the board to commence an interim relief proceeding on its own motion or upon the petition of an interested party, and would specify information required to be included in the petition. The bill would provide any person who violates these provisions would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment in the county jail, or both. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 03/17/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1203 (Ahrens, D) Water conservation: water wise designation.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 03/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, to adopt long-term standards for the efficient use of water and performance measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use (CII water use), among other water uses, before June 30, 2022. Current law requires the department, in coordination with the board, to conduct necessary studies and investigations and make recommendations, no later than October 1, 2021, for purposes of those standards and performance measures for CII water use. This bill would require the department and the Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications to include, within the Save Our Water Campaign, a statewide "water wise" designation to be awarded to businesses in the CII sector that meet or exceed the recommendations for CII water use best management practices pursuant to those performance measures. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1313 (Papan, D) Water quality: permits.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

**Summary:** Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Existing law requires each regional board to formulate and adopt water quality control plans for all areas within the region, as provided. The bill would require the state board, after making the necessary findings, to establish a statewide commercial, industrial, and institutional NPDES order, for properties of 5 acres or more, regulating stormwater and authorized nonstormwater discharges from facilities with impervious surfaces that are significant contributors of pollutants to federally protected surface waters, as determined by the state board. The bill would require the state board to publish a draft order of the statewide order for public comment on or before December 31, 2028, or 18 months after the reissuance of a specified statewide permit, as specified. The bill would require the state board to contemporaneously develop a model memorandum of understanding to issue with the publication of the draft statewide order for public comment that details the necessary components of an agreement between commercial, industrial, and institutional permittees and local municipalities for achieving offsite stormwater capture and use within the adopted final statewide commercial, industrial, and institutional NPDES order. The bill would require the NPDES order to include multiple options to achieve compliance with water quality standards, including, but not limited to, compliance options incentivizing onsite or offsite stormwater capture and use. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1367 (Gallagher, R) The California Water Plan: water storage.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 03/13/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the California Water Plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state. This bill would require the department to amend The California Water Plan to state that water storage is the preferred method to be used by the state to meet increased water demands by urban, agricultural, and environmental interests. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1373 (Soria, D) Water quality: state certification.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

**Summary:** Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Under federal law, any applicant seeking a federal license or permit for an activity that may result in any discharge into the navigable waters of the United States is required to first seek a state water quality certification, as specified. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes the state board to certify or provide a statement to a federal agency, as required pursuant to federal law, that there is reasonable assurance that an activity of any person subject to the jurisdiction of the state board will not reduce water quality below applicable standards. The federal act provides that if a state fails or refuses to act on a request for this certification within a reasonable period of time, which shall not exceed one year after receipt of the request, then the state certification requirements are waived with respect to the federal application. This bill would require the state board to hold a public hearing at least 21 days before taking action on an application for a certificate or statement. The bill would prohibit the authority to issue a certification for a license to operate a hydroelectric facility from being delegated. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025 (Spot bill)

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

**Summary:** Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law requires the department to periodically review the groundwater sustainability plans developed by groundwater sustainability agencies pursuant to the act to evaluate whether a plan conforms with specified laws and is likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin covered by the plan. Existing law authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency that adopts a groundwater sustainability plan to file a court action to determine the validity of the plan no sooner than 180 days following the adoption of the plan, as provided. This bill would instead authorize groundwater sustainability agencies to file those actions within 180 days following the adoption of the plan. The bill would prohibit the court, in those validation actions, from adjudicating certain matters delegated to the department for evaluation. Existing law provides that an action against a groundwater sustainability agency that is located in a basin that is being adjudicated is subject to transfer, coordination, and consolidation with a comprehensive adjudication, as appropriate, if the action concerns the adoption, substance, or implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, or the groundwater sustainability agency's compliance with the timelines in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill would require an action against a groundwater sustainability agency that is located in a basin that is being adjudicated to be consolidated with a comprehensive adjudication if the action concerns the adoption, substance, or implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, or the groundwater sustainability agency's compliance with the timelines in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The bill would also require the court hearing the consolidated action to try the cause of action for judicial review of the groundwater sustainability plan's determination of a basin's sustainable yield before trying any other issue in the action. Existing law authorizes a court to enter judgment in an adjudication action for a basin required to have a groundwater sustainability plan if, in addition to other criteria, the court finds the judgment will not substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency, the State Water Resources Control Board, or the department to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to achieve sustainable groundwater management. This bill, among other things, would provide that a judgment substantially impairs the ability of those entities to comply with the act and to achieve sustainable groundwater management if it allows more total pumping from the basin annually or on average than the sustainable yield of the basin established in the latest groundwater sustainability plans that have been validated by a final judgment or by operation of law when no validation action or action to invalidate the validation was filed. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1466 (Hart, D) Groundwater adjudication: burden of proof.**



**Current Text:** 04/01/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Last Amended:** 04/01/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

**Summary:** The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Current law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin and imposes specified duties upon that agency or combination of agencies, as provided. Current law establishes various methods and procedures for a comprehensive adjudication of groundwater rights in civil court. Generally, a party has the burden of proof as to each fact the existence or nonexistence of which is essential to the claim for relief or defense that the party is asserting, except as specified. This bill would provide that in any action to adjudicate groundwater rights, as provided, if a party to the action is seeking judicial review of an action taken by a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to a groundwater sustainability plan that has been approved by the department, that party has the burden of proof using substantial evidence standard of review. The bill would require the court to, in any adjudication in a basin where one or more groundwater sustainability agencies have adopted a groundwater sustainability plan that has been approved by the department, request that the groundwater sustainability agency provide a technical report that, at a minimum, quantifies and describes the groundwater use of parties that have not otherwise appeared before the court, as provided. (Based on 04/01/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1469 (Hart, D) Disaster preparedness: public water systems.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

**Summary:** 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. Current law requires these public water systems to, following a declared state of emergency, furnish an assessment of their emergency response and recommendations to the Legislature within 6 months after each disaster, and to implement the recommendations in a timely manner. Current law requires the office to establish emergency response and recovery plans in coordination with these public water systems. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 1486 (Soria, D) Climate resiliency: research farms: grant program.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (March 26).

**Summary:** The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. Of these funds, the act makes \$300,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for improving climate resilience and sustainability of agricultural lands, including, among other things, by making \$15,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, for purposes of providing grants to public postsecondary educational institutions that are designated as Agricultural Experiment Stations or Agricultural Research Institutes, to

develop research farms to improve climate resiliency, as specified. This bill would, upon an appropriation by the Legislature for this purpose, require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, on or before January 1, 2026, to establish a grant program to provide grants to public postsecondary educational institutions that are designated as Agricultural Experiment Stations or Agricultural Research Institutes to develop or expand research farms to improve climate resiliency, in accordance with the above-described provisions. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**ACA 11 (Macedo, R) California Water Resiliency Act.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee April 24.

**Summary:** This measure, the California Water Resiliency Act, would require the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to 1% of all state revenues from the General Fund to the Water Conveyance and Capacity Infrastructure Fund, which the measure would create. The measure would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the California Water Commission for its actual costs of implementing these provisions and for administering grants for the entitlement, repair, design, and construction of water infrastructure projects that will maintain or expand the availability of clean, safe drinking water for homes and businesses, and water for agricultural uses, consistent with area of origin water rights. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**ACR 32 (Carrillo, D) March4Water Month.**

**Current Text:** 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/13/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - From committee: Ordered to third reading.

**Summary:** Would declare the month of March to be March4Water Month in California and would encourage all Californians to participate in activities and programs during March4Water Month to promote awareness, education, and actions that prioritize water as a vital resource for the state's future. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 2 (Jones, R) Low-carbon fuel standard: regulations.**

**Current Text:** 03/12/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Last Amended:** 03/12/2025

**Status:** 03/19/2025 - March 19 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 3. Noes 2.) Reconsideration granted.

**Summary:** The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions to ensure that the statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, as defined, no later than December 31, 2030. Pursuant to the act, the state board has adopted the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations. This bill would void specified amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations adopted by the state board on November 8, 2024, or as subsequently adopted, as specified. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. (Based on 03/12/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/26/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Last Amended:** 03/26/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Set for hearing April 30.

**Summary:** The Water Recycling Law generally provides for the use of recycled water. Current law requires any person who, without regard to intent or negligence, causes or permits an unauthorized discharge of 50,000 gallons or more of recycled water in or on any waters of the state to immediately notify the appropriate regional water board. This bill would, for the purposes of the above provision, redefine "recycled water" and provide that water discharged from a decorative body of water during storm events is not to be considered an unauthorized discharge if recycled water was used to restore levels due to evaporation. (Based on 03/26/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/12/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/22/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/12/2025

**Status:** 03/12/2025 - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

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

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 03/26/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/27/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/26/2025

**Status:** 03/28/2025 - Set for hearing April 7.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to gather and correlate information and data pertinent to an annual forecast of seasonal water crop. Current law also requires the department to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a new water supply forecasting model and procedures that better address the effects of climate change and implement a formal policy and procedures for documenting the department's operational plans and the department's rationale for its operating procedures, including the department's rationale for water releases from reservoirs. The bill would also require the department to establish, and publish on the department's internet website, the specific criteria that it will employ to determine when its updated water supply

forecasting model has demonstrated sufficient predictive capability to be ready for use in each of the watersheds. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its progress toward implementing the new forecasting model and to post the report on the department's internet website. The bill would also require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that explains the rationale for the department's operating procedures specific to the previous water year. (Based on 03/26/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 01/30/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 01/30/2025

**Status:** 03/24/2025 - Set for hearing April 2.

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

**Position:** Watch

**SB 317 (Hurtado, D) Wastewater surveillance.**

**Current Text:** 02/11/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/11/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Set for hearing April 23.

**Summary:** The State Department of Public Health administers the California Wastewater Surveillance Dashboard that provides an overview of data from testing wastewater for SARS-CoV-2 virus in California. The data in the dashboard is generated by those participating in the department's California Surveillance of Wastewaters (Cal-SuWers) network, including the Cal-SuWers program, WastewaterSCAN, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Wastewater Surveillance System, wastewater utilities, and academic, laboratory, and other state and federal partners. This bill would require a county to establish and maintain at least one wastewater surveillance site to monitor for pathogens and public health indicators. The bill would require the department to expand the Cal-SuWers network to include all counties and prioritize underserved and high-risk areas, as specified. The bill would require the department and counties to share wastewater surveillance data with health care providers to enable early intervention for emerging health threats. (Based on 02/11/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 375 (Grove, R) Wildfire prevention activities: Endangered Species Act: California Environmental Quality Act: California Coastal Act of 1973.**

**Current Text:** 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/13/2025

**Status:** 03/17/2025 - Set for hearing April 8.

**Summary:** Would authorize a city, county, city and county, special district, or other local agency to submit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife a wildfire preparedness plan to conduct wildfire preparedness activities on land designated as a fire hazard severity zone, as defined, that minimizes impacts to wildlife and habitat for candidate, threatened, and endangered species. The bill would require the wildfire preparedness plan to include, among other things, a brief description of the planned wildfire preparedness activities, the approximate dates for the activities, and a description of the candidate, endangered, and threatened species within the plan area. The bill would require the department, if sufficient information is included in the wildfire preparedness plan for the department to determine if an incidental take permit is required, to notify the local agency within 90 days of receipt of the wildfire preparedness plan if an incidental take permit or other permit is needed, or if there are other considerations, exemptions, or streamlined pathways that the wildfire preparedness activities qualify for, including, but not limited to, the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's California Vegetation Treatment Program. The bill would require the department to provide the local agency, in its notification, with guidance that includes, among other things, a description of the candidate, endangered, and threatened species within the plan area and measures to avoid, minimize, and fully mitigate the take of the candidate, threatened, and endangered species, as provided. The bill would require the department, on or before July 1, 2026, to make a standard wildfire preparedness plan submission form publicly available on its internet website. The bill also would require the department, commencing January 1, 2027, to annually post on its internet website a summary of the wildfire preparedness plans submitted and include specified information in that summary. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/14/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/14/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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

**Position:** Watch

**SB 466 (Caballero, D) Drinking water: hexavalent chromium: civil liability: exemption.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/19/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Re-referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD.

**Summary:** The California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the operation of public water systems and imposes on the State Water Resources Control Board various duties and responsibilities for the regulation and control of drinking water in the State of California. The act requires the state board to adopt primary drinking water standards for contaminants in drinking water based upon specified criteria, and requires a primary drinking water standard to be established for hexavalent chromium. Existing law authorizes the state board to grant a variance from primary drinking water standards to a public water system. This bill would prohibit a public water system from being held liable in any civil action related to hexavalent chromium in drinking water while implementing a state board-approved hexavalent chromium maximum contaminant level (MCL) compliance plan, or during the period between when it has submitted

a hexavalent chromium MCL compliance plan for approval to the state board and action on the proposed compliance plan by the state board is pending, except as specified. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 470 (Laird, D) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.**

**Current Text:** 02/19/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/19/2025

**Status:** 03/27/2025 - Set for hearing April 8.

**Summary:** The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act authorizes meetings through teleconference subject to specified requirements, including, among others, that the state body post agendas at all teleconference locations, that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that the agenda provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body directly at each teleconference location, and that at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting. The act authorizes an additional, alternative set of provisions under which a state body may hold a meeting by teleconference subject to specified requirements, including, among others, that at least one member of the state body is physically present at each teleconference location, as defined, that a majority of the members of the state body are physically present at the same teleconference location, except as specified, and that members of the state body visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, except as specified. The act authorizes, under specified circumstances, a member of the state body to participate pursuant to these provisions from a remote location, which would not be required to be accessible to the public and which the act prohibits the notice and agenda from disclosing. The act repeals these provisions on January 1, 2026. This bill would delete the January 1, 2026 repeal date, thereby authorizing the above-described additional, alternative set of teleconferencing provisions indefinitely. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 556 (Hurtado, D) Habitat enhancement and restoration: floodplains.**

**Current Text:** 03/28/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/28/2025

**Status:** 03/28/2025 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Summary:** The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. The act makes available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, \$870,000,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Board for grant programs to protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources and habitat and achieve the state's biodiversity, public access, and conservation goals. This bill would, from the above-described bond funds made available to the board, appropriate \$43,000,000 to the board to support projects in the Counties of Kern, Kings, and Tulare for floodplain acquisition, habitat restoration, and associated conservation on floodplains, as provided. (Based on 03/28/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 557 (Hurtado, D) Sustainable groundwater management: basin boundaries.**

**Current Text:** 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on RLS.



**Summary:** Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. The act requires the boundaries of a basin to be those identified in a specified report of the department, unless other basin boundaries are established, as prescribed. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in the provision relating to basin boundaries. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 594 (Padilla, D) Waste discharge permits: landfills.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/24/2025 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

**Summary:** Existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act. This bill would prohibit a state agency from issuing a waste discharge permit for a new Class III landfill, as defined, until after a local enforcement agency has held a separate publicly noticed hearing and has certified to the department that the landfill will not disproportionately impact or harm an environmental justice community, as defined. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 599 (Caballero, D) Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program: Enabling Climate Adaptation Through Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations and Hazard Resiliency (AR/FIRO) Program in the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the department to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection, and to reoperate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers. Existing law requires the department to research, develop, and implement new observations, prediction models, novel forecasting methods, and tailored decision support systems to improve predictions of atmospheric rivers and their impacts on water supply, flooding, post-wildfire debris flows, and environmental conditions. This bill would, for novel forecasting methods researched, developed, and implemented by the department, require the department to include the use of experimental tools that produce seasonal and subseasonal atmospheric river forecasts, as defined. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Status:** 03/11/2025 - Set for hearing April 2.

**Summary:** Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (act) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Current law requires, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, or renewal thereof, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry, as defined, to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES permit program by providing specified information, under penalty of perjury, on the application. Current

law includes in this specified information, among other things, the Standard Industrial Classification Codes for the business, and a Waste Discharger Identification number (WDID), as specified. This bill would revise the above-described requirement to demonstrate enrollment with NPDES to instead require demonstrating enrollment with NPDES or the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) permit programs by providing the specified information. The bill would require, when applying to a city or a county for a building or construction permit, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry and seeks permission for construction activities over one acre to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES or WDR permit programs by providing specified information under penalty of perjury on the initial building or construction permit application, or renewal thereof. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 654 (Stern, D) California Environmental Protection Agency: contract: registry: greenhouse gas emissions that result from the water-energy nexus.**

**Current Text:** 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/20/2025

**Status:** 03/11/2025 - Set for hearing April 2.

**Summary:** The California Environmental Protection Agency is required to oversee the development of a registry for greenhouse gas emissions that result from the water-energy nexus using the best available data. Current law provides that participation in the registry is voluntary and open to any entity conducting business in the state. Existing law authorizes the agency to enter into a contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to do specified things, including to recruit broad participation in the registry from all economic sectors and regions of the state. Current law limits the term of the contract to 3 years, except as provided. This bill would instead require the agency to oversee the administration of the above-described registry and would authorize the agency to enter into a new contract, limited to a term of 3 years and with a total budget of \$2,000,000, to do specified things, including to recruit broad participation in the registry from all economic sectors and regions of the state to meet the different needs of water users throughout the state by various means, as provided. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 682 (Allen, D) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 03/11/2025 - Set for hearing April 2.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, on or before January 1, 2029, to adopt regulations to enforce specified covered perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) restrictions, which include prohibitions on the distribution, sale, or offering for sale of certain products that contain specified levels of PFAS. Current law requires the department, on and after July 1, 2030, to enforce and ensure compliance with those provisions and regulations, as provided. Current law requires manufacturers of these products, on or before July 1, 2029, to register with the department, to pay a registration fee to the department, and to provide a statement of compliance certifying compliance with the applicable prohibitions on the use of PFAS to the department, as specified. Current law authorizes the department to test products and to rely on third-party testing to determine compliance with prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as specified. Current law requires the department to issue a notice of violation for a product in violation of the prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as provided. Current law authorizes the department to assess an administrative penalty for a violation of these prohibitions and authorizes the department to seek an injunction to restrain a person or entity from violating these prohibitions, as specified. This bill would, beginning January 1, 2027, prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a covered product that contain intentionally added PFAS, as defined, except for previously used products and as otherwise preempted by federal law. The bill would define "covered product" to include cleaning products, cookware, dental floss, juvenile products, food packaging, and ski wax, as specified. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (March 25). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to hold proceedings to determine all rights to water of a stream system whether based upon appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right. Current law provides various requirements for the board when determining adjudication of water rights, including, among other things, performing a detailed field investigation of a stream system, as defined, issuing an order of determination, providing notice and a hearing process, and filing a final order. This bill would revise the above-described provisions regarding the board's statutory adjudication of water rights during an investigation of a stream system to, among other things, require representatives of the board to investigate in detail the use of water with the authority, but no requirement, to conduct a field investigation, authorize the board to issue information orders that require claimants to submit monthly reports of water use from the stream system through a form provided by the board, and require claimants to respond to that order within 45 days of the date of issuance by the board. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 03/24/2025 - Set for hearing April 2.

**Summary:** Would, until January 1, 2030, require a city council or a county board of supervisors to comply with additional meeting requirements, including that all open and public meetings include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic option or a two-way audiovisual platform, as defined, that a system is in place for requesting and receiving interpretation services for public meetings, as specified, and that good faith efforts are made to encourage residents to participate in public meetings, as specified. By imposing additional meeting requirements on city councils and county boards of supervisors, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 724 (Richardson, D) Public water systems: public housing: lead testing.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Set for hearing April 30.

**Summary:** Existing law prohibits a person from using any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, solder, or flux that is not lead free in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing water for human consumption, except when necessary for the repair of leaded joints of cast iron pipes. Existing law requires a community water system to compile an inventory of known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system and identify areas that may have lead user service lines in use in its distribution system, as provided. Existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to apply these requirements to, and enforce them against, public water systems and community water systems, as specified. This bill would require a public water system, including community water systems and noncommunity water systems, that provides service to residents of public housing owned or managed by a city, county, city and county, or city, county, or city and county housing authority, to provide information to those residents regarding any applicable existing program that offers free testing of the water for lead. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 740 (Rubio, D) Municipal wastewater agency: new agreement or amendment.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 03/24/2025 - Set for hearing April 2.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a municipal wastewater agency to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management, including, but not limited to, municipal, industrial, and commercial stormwater dischargers, for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff. Current law requires a municipal wastewater agency, if the agency enters into a new agreement or amends an agreement pursuant to those provisions, to file a copy of the agreement or amendment with the local agency formation commission in each county where any part of the municipal wastewater agency's territory is located within 30 days after the effective date of the new agreement or amendment. This bill would extend that filing requirement timeline to 40 days. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025 (Spot bill)

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

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

**Position:** Watch

**SB 746 (Alvarado-Gil, R) Water: Urban Water Community Drought Relief program: Small Community Drought Relief program: high fire hazard and very high fire hazard severity zones.**

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Status:** 03/12/2025 - Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Existing law requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal, as provided. This bill would establish in the department the Urban Water Community Drought Relief program and the Small Community Drought Relief program to provide grants for similar interim or immediate drought relief. These programs, upon a specified appropriation, would authorize funding for benefits in addition to drought relief, including, among other projects, projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods and communities through water delivery system improvements for fire suppression purposes in high fire hazard severity zone communities or very high fire hazard severity zone communities, as designated by the State Fire Marshal or by a local agency. This bill contains other existing laws. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 838 (Durazo, D) Housing Accountability Act: housing development projects.**

**Current Text:** 03/26/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 02/21/2025

**Last Amended:** 03/26/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - Re-referred to Coms. on HOUSING and L. GOV.

**Summary:** The Housing Accountability Act, among other things, prohibits a local agency from disapproving, or conditioning approval in a manner that renders infeasible, a housing development project for very low, low-, or moderate-income households unless the local agency makes written findings as to one of certain sets of conditions, as specified. Current law defines, for its purposes, a housing development project as a use consisting of, among other things, mixed-use developments consisting of residential and nonresidential uses meeting one of several conditions, including that at least 2/3 of the new or converted square footage is designated for residential use. This bill would revise the definition of "housing development project" to, in the case of mixed-use developments with at least 2/3 of the new or

converted square footage designated for residential use, require that no portion of the project designated for use as a hotel, motel, bed and breakfast inn, or other transient lodging, except as specified. (Based on 03/26/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SCR 3 (Laird, D) Safe Drinking Water Act: 50th anniversary.**

**Current Text:** 12/02/2024 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 02/06/2025 - Read. Adopted. (Ayes 33. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Held at Desk.

**Summary:** Would commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**Position:** Watch

Total Measures: 69

Total Tracking Forms: 69

# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

TWELVE MONTH CALENDAR / OTHER MEETINGS /

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Any report will be oral at the time of the Board meeting. Please refer to the TWELVE MONTH Calendar (attached) for meetings attended.



**TWELVE MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS (AS OF 4/7/25)**

Date(s)	Event	Time	Location	Attending Board Member(s)	Additional Information (Speakers' Topic, Cohosts, etc.)
<b><u>MARCH 2025</u></b>					
20-Mar	Encinitas State of the City	5:30-8:00 PM	Encinitas Community Center	Guerin	
24-Mar	Oath of Office Ceremony for Director Lanfried	4:00 PM	Boardroom	Lanfried, Maloni	
25-Mar	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: SDCWA			Meyers	
26-Mar	Safety Committee Meeting	2:30 PM	Boardroom	Guerin, Hahn	
<b><u>APRIL 2025</u></b>					
1-Apr	Meeting with IT	8:00 AM		Lanfried	
2-Apr	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: Committee Assignments			Hahn	
3-Apr	Meeting with IT	2:00 PM		Guerin	
8-Apr	Spring VIP Tour	8:30 - 2:00 PM		Meyers	
15-Apr	Board Meeting Pre-Briefing			Hahn	
30-Mar	Liz Retirement Luncheon	11:30 AM	Jack's Shack		

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

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Any correspondence is attached.

March 18, 2025

The Honorable Melissa Hurtado  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6510  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 496 (Hurtado): Advanced Clean Fleets – Support [As Introduced]**

Dear Senator Hurtado:

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District is pleased to support your Senate Bill 496, related to the Advanced Clean Fleets mandates.

Local agencies like ours continue to do our part in achieving the State's climate and emissions goals. SB 496 will enable us to better meet this challenge and effectively navigate the current Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) mandates and their associated ambitious compliance deadlines. Of critical concern to our community, the ACF mandates on local agencies are creating unnecessary challenges in complying while maintaining the many critical services Californians rely upon for their most essential daily needs as well as during emergencies and disasters.

SB 496 will provide some relief to local agencies by establishing an Appeals Advisory Committee by which local agencies may request a review of exemption request denials. This ensures transparency while protecting due process for those seeking further review.

Additionally, SB 496 would update the emergency vehicle exemption, allowing those vehicles that respond to and support critical operations related to emergencies and disasters, often under austere conditions, to continue to protect our communities.

SB 496 also modifies the requirements of the daily usage exemption, removing barriers for the applicant to comply with the mandate. Moreover, the legislation promotes affordability amid rapidly rising cost pressures on essential local services by averting the costly acquisition of ZEVs before it is possible to install the infrastructure required to use them.

These improvements to the ACF will protect the health and safety of Californians, avoid unnecessary costs detrimental to our shared long-term goals, and ensure that local agencies can continue to work diligently to decarbonize their fleet operations and comply with the ACF without being penalized for factors beyond their control. For these reasons Olivenhain Municipal Water District is pleased to support your Senate Bill 496. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

CC: Anthony Tannehill, Legislative Representative, California Special Districts Association [advocacy@cda.net]

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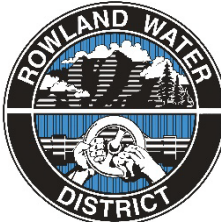
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March 26, 2025

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear  
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
Capitol Office, Suite 7720  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 454 (McNerney) – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Blakespear:

On behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), and the undersigned organizations, we are writing to express our strong support for SB 454, which would establish a statewide PFAS Mitigation Fund intended to help local water agencies, including cities, leverage funding to pay for cleanup of manmade PFAS contamination in drinking water and wastewater. This much-needed funding tool would help water and wastewater agencies pay for costs that would otherwise be covered by local ratepayers on their water and wastewater bills to help maintain water affordability.

Public water agencies are responsible for delivering safe, clean, and affordable drinking water throughout California. To fulfill that responsibility, public water agencies must comply with federal and state drinking water standards. Drinking water standards can have significant financial impacts on public water agencies, which are passed on to water ratepayers and ultimately, impact water affordability.

PFAS, characterized as “forever chemicals” due to their stability in the environment and resistance to breaking down, are a large group of man-made chemicals that have been used extensively since the 1940s and can today be found in our food system, drinking water supplies, and air. Despite legislative efforts, PFAS are still manufactured, distributed, and used globally and continue to passively contaminate water supplies and wastewater systems. Local water agencies are not the source of PFAS or responsible for the development of the products that introduced PFAS into the water supply and wastewater systems, yet they are responsible for the costs of monitoring for their presence, treating the water, and disposing of the contamination.

In April 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced new national, legally enforceable maximum contaminant levels (MCL) of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and PFOS as individual contaminants and a standard of 10 ppt for three other chemicals – PFNA, PFHxS, and HFPO-DA (commonly referred to as GenXChemicals). The EPA estimates that the nationwide cost for public water agencies to comply with the proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) will be between \$772 million and \$1.2 billion annually. The specific cost for California’s public water agencies to comply with the NPDRWs is currently unknown.

This year, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is expected to initiate a formal rulemaking process to set a drinking water standard for PFAS. Existing law requires a contaminant’s MCL to be established at a level as close to its public health goal as is technologically and economically feasible. Existing law also requires state drinking water standards to be at least as stringent as federal standards set by the EPA. **With California’s MCL anticipated to be at least as protective as the federal MCL, the costs associated with treating California’s water supplies will be significant.**

SB 454 would propose the development of the PFAS Mitigation Fund to leverage current and future state, federal, and private funding sources to dedicate funding for the State Water Board to support local water agencies in addressing the critically important infrastructure costs to treat for PFAS and help ensure safe drinking water supplies for communities.

For the reasons above, ACWA, Cal Cities, and the undersigned organizations strongly support SB 454 and respectfully request your “AYE” vote when the bill is heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. If you have any questions about our position, please contact Chelsea Haines at [chelseah@acwa.com](mailto:chelseah@acwa.com) or Melissa Sparks-Kranz at [msparkskranz@calcities.org](mailto:msparkskranz@calcities.org).

Sincerely,

Chelsea Haines  
State Regulatory Director  
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Cathy Lee  
General Manager  
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Melissa Sparks-Kranz  
Legislative Advocate  
League of California Cities

Chris Berch, P.E.  
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General Manager  
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March 17, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Rubio  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5250  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio) – Support [As Introduced]**

Dear Assembly Member Rubio:

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District is pleased to support your Assembly Bill 259, related to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Recognizing the evolving landscape of public meetings and the demonstrated value of remote participation options when members of governing bodies are unable to attend a physical gathering, your office introduced, and the Legislature passed, Assembly Bill 2449 in 2022, which amended the Ralph M. Brown Act. Beginning in 2023, special districts and other local agencies began using the procedures established by AB 2449, successfully facilitating remote participation for officials that would otherwise been encumbered by illness, official travel, or medical emergency. The provisions of that bill, having been negotiated by civil society groups and local government stakeholders, contained numerous safeguards and requirements, including the presence of an in-person quorum at the official meeting location.

While the provisions added by AB 2449 were modified slightly by technical amendments made by subsequent legislation, the January 1, 2026 sunset included in the original bill remains. To preserve the flexibility provided by your AB 2449, Assembly Bill 259 would eliminate this sunset date, thereby preserving indefinitely the remote meeting procedures added by the earlier legislation. AB 259 would not otherwise change any other elements of the remote meeting provisions.

For these reasons, Olivenhain Municipal Water District is pleased to support your Assembly Bill 259. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

CC: Marcus Detwiler, Legislative Representative, California Special Districts Association [advocacy@cdda.net]

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April 7, 2025

The Honorable Jerry McNerney  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 6640  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 454 State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator McNerney:

On behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, I am writing in support of SB 454, which would create a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances Mitigation Fund for water suppliers and wastewater systems to access contamination cleanup costs. OMWD provides 87,000 northern San Diego County customers with water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectric, and recreational services.

PFAS are a group of manmade chemicals used in a vast number of consumer and industrial products. They are often referred to as "forever chemicals" because most don't break down. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects. Last year, United States Environmental Protection Agency established minimum safety standards for six different PFAS found in drinking water, requiring public water systems to monitor PFAS contamination and those with public water systems to monitor PFAS contamination levels above the healthy level to implement PFAS reduction efforts.

Existing law designates State Water Resources Control Board as the agency responsible for administering specific programs related to drinking water. This bill would create the PFAS Mitigation Fund in the General Fund and would authorize the fund to be expended by SWRCB. This much-needed funding would help water and wastewater agencies pay for costs that would otherwise be covered by local ratepayers on their water and wastewater bills to help maintain water affordability. Local water agencies are not the source of PFAS or responsible for the development of the products that introduced the chemicals into the water supply and wastewater systems, yet they are responsible for the costs of monitoring for their presence, treating the water, and disposing of the contamination. These costs challenge water affordability, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Any assistance mitigating the cost of clean-up would directly assist water ratepayers.



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For the reasons stated above, OMWD supports SB 454. If you or your staff should need any additional details, please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-753-6466 or [kthorner@olivenhain.com](mailto:kthorner@olivenhain.com).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Thorner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kimberly" being more prominent.

Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

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April 7, 2025

Senator Shannon Grove  
1021 O Street, Room 7150  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 375 Wildfire prevention activities: Endangered Species Act: California Environmental Quality Act: California Act of 1973- SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Grove:

On behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, I am writing in support of your legislation, SB 375, which seeks to streamline wildfire preparedness efforts by removing unnecessary regulatory hurdles under the California Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act, and California Coastal Act. By cutting through bureaucratic tape, SB 375 will allow wildfire mitigation projects such as vegetation management, controlled burns, and firebreak construction to move forward more efficiently, ultimately protecting lives, homes, and communities. OMWD provides 87,000 northern San Diego customers with water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectric, and recreational services.

California continues to face increasingly devastating wildfires that destroy communities, displace families, and strain emergency response resources. Recent fires, including the Palisades and Eaton fires, have caused billions of dollars in damage, underscoring the urgent need for proactive wildfire prevention efforts. Unfortunately, current regulations often delay critical projects, increasing the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

SB 375 offers a balanced solution by streamlining permitting processes while ensuring that environmental protections remain in place through science-backed conservation measures. The bill enhances coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife by requiring timely guidance on incidental take permits and environmental compliance, preventing unnecessary delays. Additionally, the bill mandates annual updates on wildfire preparedness plans, ensuring transparency and accountability in fire prevention efforts.

By prioritizing efficiency and collaboration, SB 375 will empower local agencies to take necessary action to reduce wildfire risks, protect property, and save lives.

For these reasons, OMWD supports SB 375 and appreciates your leadership on this issue. If you or your staff should need any additional details, please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-753-6466 or [kthorner@olivenhain.com](mailto:kthorner@olivenhain.com).





Regards,



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# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS /  
CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

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The Board may desire to attend a meeting that requires Board approval.

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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The Board may have items to be considered at a Future Board meeting.

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There may be public comments before the Board meeting is adjourned.

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: CLOSED SESSION

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It may be necessary to go into Closed Session.

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: OPEN SESSION

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# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: ADJOURNMENT

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We are adjourned.

# North County water agencies further partnership to minimize costs

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 [northcoastcurrent.com/encinitas/2025/03/north-county-water-agencies-further-partnership-to-minimize-costs](https://northcoastcurrent.com/encinitas/2025/03/north-county-water-agencies-further-partnership-to-minimize-costs)

News Release

March 25, 2025

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District and Vallecitos Water District approved entering into a partnership agreement March 19 allowing Vallecitos to install communication equipment at Olivenhain's Denk Reservoir site in Carlsbad.

Olivenhain's Denk Reservoir overlooks the southern portion of Vallecitos' service area and provides a clear line of sight between Vallecitos' Meadowlark Water Reclamation and San Elijo Hills Pump Station facilities.

By partnering with Olivenhain to use the Denk Reservoir site to host the Ethernet radio equipment, Vallecitos will connect its two facilities with a reduced amount of equipment. The improved communications will ensure that system operators can monitor flow and pressure levels to make operational changes throughout the distribution system.

"This agreement is a great example of how we can work together with our neighbors to improve the services provided to customers," Olivenhain board Treasurer Scott Maloni said. "Finding creative ways to share resources allows projects such as this to be completed at reduced costs, which will benefit ratepayers."

Similar partnership agreements have allowed the Olivenhain Municipal Water District to install communication equipment at Vallecitos and Santa Fe Irrigation District facilities to take advantage of strategic locations that improve network connectivity. One such agreement allowed for cooperative use of Vallecitos' Double Peak Reservoir site in San Marcos, giving permission for Olivenhain to install a radio antenna to read water meters in its service area, saving ratepayers over \$100,000 in additional equipment that would have been otherwise necessary.

"This partnership is a win-win for both districts and the communities we serve," Vallecitos board President Jim Pennock said. "By leveraging existing infrastructure, we're enhancing system reliability and communication while keeping costs down for our customers."

Additionally, both water districts participate in the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition, which works to expand the use of recycled water in north San Diego County. Working together across jurisdictional boundaries allows agencies to share resources and make system improvements at reduced costs.

# Who's News: 4/4/25

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staff

March 31, 2025

## BOARD MEMBER

Ebin Lanfried was sworn in as Olivenhain Municipal Water District's newest board member. The board appointed him on March 19 to represent Division 1 of the district's service area. The seat was previously vacated by former director Marco San Antonio, who resigned to serve on Encinitas City Council.

## WATER DISTRICTS

Olivenhain Municipal Water District and Vallecitos Water District have partnered to allow Vallecitos to install communication equipment at Olivenhain's Denk Reservoir site in Carlsbad, which overlooks the southern portion of the Vallecitos service area.

## BOND RATING

Fitch Ratings reviewed Olivenhain Municipal Water District's revenue bonds on March 13 and determined the water district will maintain its AAA rating. Since 2016, district's revenue bonds have held the AAA rating, which is the highest grade awarded by Fitch Ratings, a global rating agency that offers independent credit opinions.

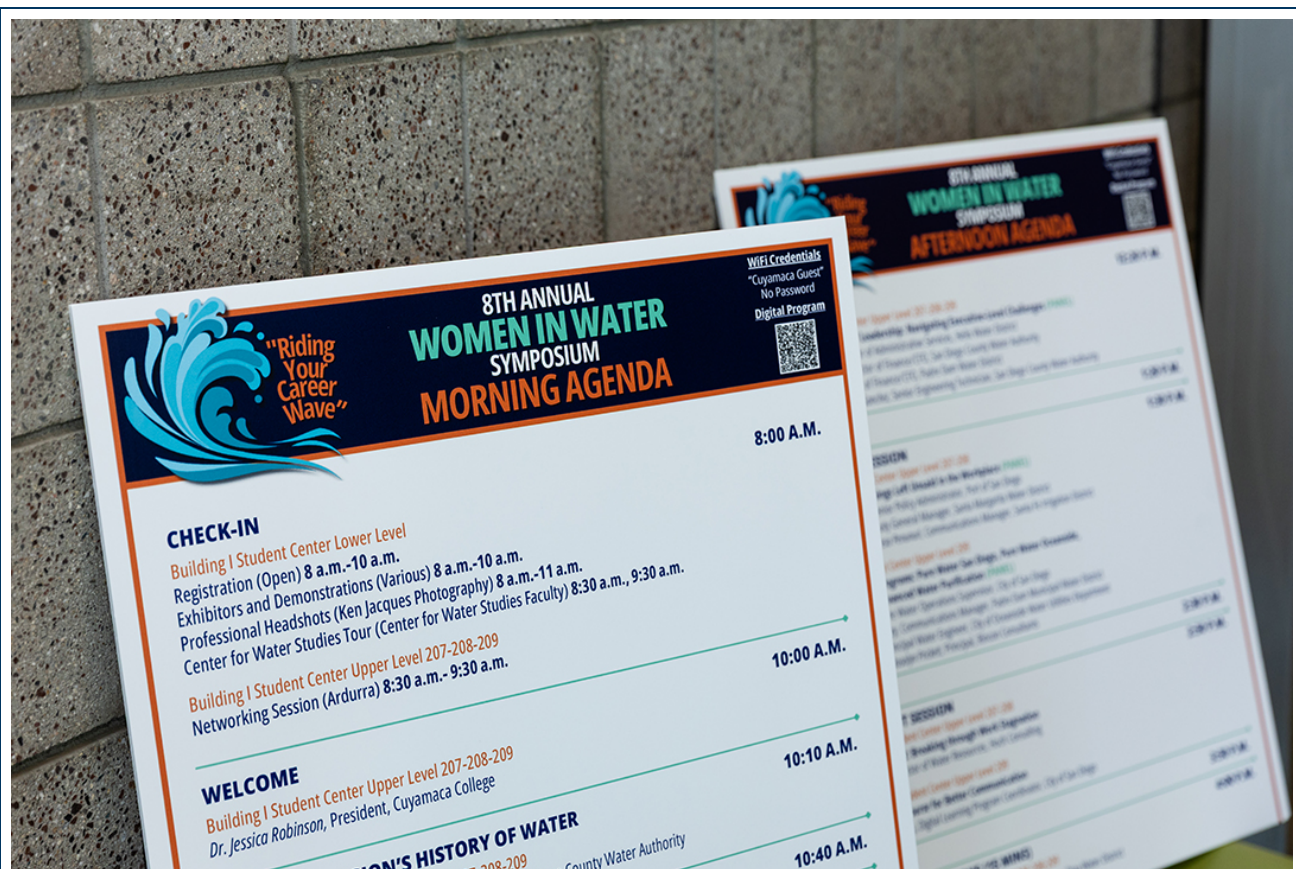
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# Women in Water Conference Sells Out For Second Year in 2025

March 31, 2025

The popular Women in Water Conference achieved a sellout for its second straight year with its eighth annual full-day event on March 20, 2025, at Cuyamaca College.

The in-person event welcomed high school and college students, along with industry veterans. Under this year's theme, "Riding Your Career Wave," attendees took advantage of the opportunity to network and learn from peers and leaders in the water industry.



*Now in its eighth year, the Women In Water Conference continues to grow and build its reputation as a vital resource for water and wastewater industry professionals. Photo: San Diego County Water Authority*

"It's been very organic the way it's grown," said event chairperson Maria Rose, a management analyst with the San Diego County Water Authority. "People hear about it, and they talk about it.

"One thing we really try to do is have every speaker tell their own story. No matter what topic they're speaking to, everybody has a story. How did you get to where you are? It makes it more personal, and you can connect more with them," said Rose.

## Presenters and Topics For All Career Levels



*Olivenhain Municipal Water District General Manager Kimberly Thorner talks about career advancement at the 2025 Women In Water Conference. Photo: San Diego County Water Authority*

Speakers represented multiple disciplines, discussing a variety of topics from the water industry's history in San Diego County to current career opportunities and career paths. Rose said the Women In Water Conference works hard to have something for everyone.

"We try to touch on what's going on and what's relevant at that time. What are we going through as a community? What would be of interest to us? What are we missing? We want to have topics that touch a variety of levels, but touch everyone as a woman, so that when they leave, they feel connected and they feel like a part of something," said Rose.





*Conference participants visited displays and talked to member agencies and other organizations about employment opportunities, including the Padre Dam Municipal Water District. Photo: San Diego County Water Authority*

Presenters represented the San Diego County Water Authority, City of Oceanside, City of San Diego, Helix Water District, Hoch Consulting, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Otay Water District, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District and Santa Margarita Water District.

Panel discussions included “Silent Currents: Things Left Unsaid in the Workplace,” “Riding the Waves of Leadership: Navigating Executive-Level Challenges”, “Beneath the Surface: A Day in the Life of Unseen but Essential Positions” and a review of the county’s current potable reuse programs, including Pure Water San Diego, Pure Water Oceanside, and East County Advanced Water Purification Project.





*Seevani Bista, San Diego County Water Authority principal water resources specialist, talked with conference attendees about the San Diego region's water history. Photo: San Diego County Water Authority*

Seevani Bista, a principal water resources specialist with the San Diego County Water Authority, presented a popular session to start the day, discussing the San Diego region's water history.

"A lot of people assume that everybody in the water industry knows that, but many don't," said Rose. "There's quite an interesting history here in San Diego, and it's something that connects all of us there, how water was first brought to San Diego. I thought that was a pretty interesting way to start the day."

## Positive Feedback From Participants



*Conference participants have offered positive feedback about the programs at the 2025 Women In Water Conference. Photo: San Diego County Water Authority*

Positive feedback is already being received and will help guide next year's event. Among the comments:

"I felt honored to participate and be a part of this special event, which showcases the accomplishments of women and where we can grow."

"This event highlights women's collective power to make changes in the water industry, despite the climate on the outside, and we can speak to the things that are left unsaid and inspire those in the future."

## Wide Diversity In Career Opportunities





*Lisa Marie Harris, CFO and Director of Finance for the San Diego County Water Authority, was among the featured speakers at the 2025 Women in Water Conference. Photo: San Diego County Water Authority*

The water and wastewater industry offers vast opportunities in engineering, operations, finance, public affairs, human resources, administration, and information technology.

Approximately 4,500 professionals serve the San Diego region in water and wastewater careers. More than 1,400 of those workers are expected to reach retirement age within the next five years. California is one of the states with the greatest employment opportunities in this career field.

# SB 496 Passes First Committee Following Testimony of Water District GM



By [Morgan Leskody](#) posted yesterday



By: Anthony Tannehill

[SB 496 \(Hurtado\)](#) passed unanimously out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee last week and is expected to next be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on April 22. Co-sponsored by CSDA, this measure reforms the ZEV mandates on state and local fleets imposed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation.

Olivenhain Municipal Water District, General Manager, Kim Thorner provided compelling, expert testimony during the first Senate policy committee hearing. This testimony and the entire hearing can be viewed [HERE](#).

The Senate Environmental Quality Committee voted to pass SB 496 on an 8-0 vote with amendments to remove provisions related to the daily usage exemption and to adjust the bill's emergency vehicles exemption. However, the legislation retains a powerful bundle of

provisions that will provide significant improvements for California's front-line local agencies to ensure they have the tools necessary to protect our communities.

As local agencies strive to achieve the State's climate and emissions goals, while confronting the barriers outside their control, SB 496 will help state and local agencies more effectively navigate the ACF regulation and its associated risks and costs to our communities. Of critical concern to local governments, the ACF mandates on medium-duty and heavy-duty fleets are creating unnecessary challenges to maintaining the many critical services Californians rely upon for their most essential daily needs as well as during emergencies and disasters.

## **Take Action:**

[Submit Automated Form Letter to Support ACF Reform Measure Today](#)

As amended, SB 496 will help state and local agencies meet both the needs of our communities and California's climate goals in three important areas:

### **Protecting the health and safety of our communities:**

SB 496 updates the emergency vehicle exemption within the ACF to allow those vehicles that respond to and support critical operations related to emergencies and disasters, often under austere conditions, to continue to protect our communities. Our front-line workers need to be able to rely on their vehicle working under any condition during a fire, earthquake, storm, or other emergency where their service is critical.

### **Prioritizing affordability for our hard-working families:**

SB 496 eliminates the current requirements to purchase vehicles prior to applying for an exception simply for lack of infrastructure availability. This legislation promotes affordability amid rapidly rising cost pressures on essential local services by averting the costly acquisition of ZEVs before it is possible to install the infrastructure required to use them.

### **Promoting transparency and accountability for our government:**

SB 496 establishes an Appeals Advisory Committee by which local agencies may request a review of exemption request denials. This ensures transparency while protecting due process for those seeking further review.

CARB passed its Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation effective October 1, 2023. It mandates state and local agencies annually report all vehicles added to and removed from a state or local government agency's fleet. In addition to the required reporting, state and local agencies must determine which lower-emissions vehicles can meet their needs while instituting a process to go about procuring, fueling/charging, and acquiring the necessary infrastructure and training to maintain and service these vehicles.

SB 496, authored by State Senator Melissa Hurtado (D-Bakersfield), is a bi-partisan bill that is co-authored by Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), Senator Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks), and Assembly Member Juan Alanis (R-Modesto). CSDA is co-sponsoring the legislation together with

the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, and the Rural County Representatives of California.

Join the fight and take action at [Advanced Clean Fleets Reform Measure - California Special Districts Association](#) where you can learn more about the ACF mandate and the CSDA co-sponsored reform measure. Download a sample letter to send to your legislator or fill out our Automated Form Letter for CSDA to use in its advocacy on your behalf.