

REVISED
(ADDITION OF ZOOM INFORMATION)
NOTICE AND AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
will be held at **3:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 17, 2021**
at 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, CA. - Conference Room

or via TELECONFERENCE
Teleconference Number: 1-888-585-9008
Passcode: 841-456-156#

OR VIA ZOOM
Video: <https://zoom.us/j/92900399487>
Zoom Teleconference Phone Number: 1-669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 929 0039 9487#
Pin Number 180175#

Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in This Meeting: For those who may not attend the meeting in person but wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, please submit any and all comments and materials to the District via electronic mail at general@syrwd.org. All submittals must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021, and should indicate "**August 17, 2021 Board Meeting**" in the subject line.

To the extent practicable, public comments and materials received in advance pursuant to this timeframe will be read into the public record during the meeting. Public comments and materials not read into the record will become part of the post-meeting Board packet materials available to the public and posted on the District's website.

In the interest of clear reception and efficient administration of the meeting, all persons participating via teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their voices after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA**
4. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-agenda matter within the District's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The District is not responsible for the content or accuracy of statements made by members of the public. No action will be taken by the Board on any public comment item.
6. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**
 - A. **General Manager's Report**
7. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2021**

8. **CONSENT AGENDA** - All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be approved or rejected in a single motion without separate discussion. Any item placed on the Consent Agenda can be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion and possible action upon the request of any Trustee.
- CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report
CA-2. Central Coast Water Authority Update
9. **MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
- A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**
1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters
 - a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses
 - b) Approval of Accounts Payable
 2. Resolution No. 807: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Acknowledging the Retirement of Chris Dahlstrom
10. **REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
- A. UPDATE REGARDING STATEWIDE DROUGHT CONDITIONS**
- B. CACHUMA PROJECT – ANNUAL ALLOCATION REQUEST**
1. Update Regarding Cachuma Member Units Allocation Request for Water Year 2021-2022
- C. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**
1. Eastern Management Area Update
11. **REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**
12. **CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS**
13. **REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:** Any member of the Board of Trustees may place an item on the meeting Agenda for the next regular meeting. Any member of the public may submit a written request to the General Manager of the District to place an item on a future meeting Agenda, provided that the General Manager and the Board of Trustees retain sole discretion to determine which items to include on meeting Agendas.
14. **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **September 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**
15. **CLOSED SESSION:**
To accommodate the teleconferencing component of this meeting, the public access line will be closed for up to sixty (60) minutes while the Board of Trustees convenes into closed session. Upon the conclusion of the closed session, the public participation teleconference access will be reopened for the remaining Agenda Items. The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following items:
- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
[Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 2 cases]
1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests

2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 21CV02432

Public teleconference access to the meeting (Dial-In Number and Passcode above) will be reopened when the Board of Trustees concludes closed session.

16. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code

17. ADJOURNMENT

This Agenda was posted at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, California, and notice was delivered in accordance with Government Code Section 54950, specifically Section 54956. This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Board reserves the right to change the order in which items are heard. Copies of the staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business on the Agenda are on file with the District and available for public inspection during normal business hours. A person who has a question concerning any of the Agenda items may call the District's General Manager at (805) 688-6015. Written materials relating to an item on this Agenda that are distributed to the Board of Trustees within 72 hours (for Regular meetings) or 24 hours (for Special meetings) before it is to consider the item at its regularly or special scheduled meeting(s) will be made available for public inspection at 3622 Sagunto Street, during normal business hours. Such written materials will also be made available on the District's website, subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the regularly scheduled meeting. If you challenge any of the Board's decisions related to the Agenda items above in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence to the Board prior to the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to review Agenda materials or participate in this meeting, please contact the District Secretary at (805) 688-6015. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

https://syvnews.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/fred-kovol/article_0c08ebe9-f025-56ba-80cd-064e973be86b.html

Fred Kovol

July 24, 2021

Aug 3, 2021



Frederick passed away suddenly on Saturday evening, July 24, 2021. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 9, 1937 to Peter and Ethel Kovol. He was the oldest of three children. He attended schools in St. Louis and graduated from St. Louis University with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Fred worked for Delco Electronics, a division of General Motors, for his entire career. Field service took him to various parts of North America including: Tucson, Arizona; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ogden, Utah; Long Beach, New York, St. Louis, Missouri; Fitzroy Harbor and Arnprior, Ontario, Canada; Acton, Massachusetts; Fort Worth, Texas; and Goleta, California. His work focused on inertial navigation systems, including the Apollo Project and 747 and C-17 airplanes. Fred met his wife of 54 years, Barbara, when they both worked in Milwaukee and they married June 17, 1967.

After criss-crossing the United States, Fred, Barbara and their children settled in Solvang in 1980. Family was Fred's focus throughout his life and nothing brought him greater joy than his children and grandchildren, who knew him as "Funpa." He was a member of the Catholic Church at Mission Santa Ines as well as frequently attending Bethania Lutheran Church with

Barbara. He was elected to the Solvang City Council in 1996 and served until 2000. He was heavily involved in various political issues in the Valley, including water supply and service. He was well-known around town and had the gift of gab and computer knowledge that made him a friend to many. Fred loved to fly, owning an airplane in his early years of marriage as well as working on an experimental airplane at the Santa Ynez airport in his retirement. He could fix anything and loved home improvement projects. In retirement, Fred and Barbara enjoyed visiting their children and traveling the western United States in their motorhome.

Fred is survived by Barbara, their four children, Cynthia Nicholson (JED), Brian (Kim), Andrea (Nate Cervantes) and Davin (Lesley) and eight grandchildren as well as his sister, Kaye (Gordon) Hartweger and many nieces and nephews in the St. Louis area. He is preceded in death by his sister, Karol Livingston.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethania Lutheran Church in Solvang. All are welcome to attend or view on YouTube, a link to which is available on Barbaras Facebook page.



PRESS RELEASE
August 4, 2021

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ISSUES HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REQUIRING USE OF FACE COVERINGS INDOORS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Indoor Masking Mandate Will Take Effect on Friday, August 6 at 5 P.M.

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department has issued a Health Officer Order which requires the use of masks in indoor public settings. This order requires all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings when indoors in public settings, with limited exceptions, starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021

The Delta variant has been present in Santa Barbara County since April and is highly transmissible. While the risk for COVID-19 infection is highest among unvaccinated people, the incidence of infection among fully vaccinated people is increasing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed in preliminary data that fully vaccinated people who do become infected with the Delta variant can be infectious and can spread the virus to others.

“Hospitalizations have increased, primarily among unvaccinated people. The County of Santa Barbara is also seeing a concerning increase in cases among staff and residents in long-term care facilities and in other congregate living settings,” said Public Health Director Dr. Van Do-Reynoso. “Over the past two weeks, the County’s active COVID-19 cases have increased significantly with a case rate of 12.4 per 100,000 and a test positive of 6.8% which would have placed Santa Barbara County in the Purple Tier if the tier system were still active,” says Do-Reynoso.

“Requiring indoor masking is the least disruptive strategy and can make an immediate impact on limiting the spread of COVID-19, specifically the Delta variant,” said Public Health Officer, Dr. Henning Ansorg. “This Health Officer Order is intended to protect everyone to the greatest extent possible, from the substantial spread of the virus being seen now in our community. In addition, the order is intended to support the continued operations of local businesses, activities and schools,” says Ansorg.

The current Health Officer Order is consistent with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Public Health, which recommend that fully vaccinated people wear masks while in indoor public settings. The full Health Officer Order can be read here: <https://publichealthsb.org/health-officer-orders/>.

Visit <https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine> to learn where you can find a vaccination site near you or call 2-1-1. If you missed your second dose, please find a vaccination clinic near you.

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County Public Health: www.PublicHealthSBC.org, [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

County of Santa Barbara: www.CountyofSB.org, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

2-1-1 Call Center: Dial 211 if calling from within the county; or call (800) 400-1572 if calling from outside the area.

Community

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2021-10.3
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19
FACE COVERINGS
WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

Effective Date: August 6, 2021, 5:00pm PT

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both, or result in administrative fines. (Health and Safety Code §§ 101029, 120295 et seq.; County Ord. No. 5120.) Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including fines or civil penalties per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.

Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Health Officer Orders or guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

Summary: Since June 15, 2021 when most restrictions from the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy were lifted, the average daily incident case rate of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County has increased to reach the "High Transmission" level based on the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Indicators for Levels of Community Transmission. The significantly more transmissible SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant of COVID-19 has become the predominant strain in the US and in Santa Barbara County. To control the spread of COVID-19, this Health Officer Order orders all individuals in the County of Santa Barbara – whether vaccinated or unvaccinated -- to wear a Face Covering at all times in all Indoor Public Settings and Businesses, with limited exemptions, and recommends that Businesses make face coverings available to individuals entering the Business.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 12, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Santa Barbara ("County") as well as throughout California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the lack of healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation are taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to "flatten the curve" of infection and reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

WHEREAS, the CDC categorizes COVID-19 community transmission in four categories: Low, Moderate, Substantial, and High; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has found that “preliminary evidence suggests that fully vaccinated people who do become infected with the Delta variant can be infections and can spread the virus to others”; and

WHEREAS, since April 2021, the Delta variant has been circulating in the County. This variant is highly transmissible in indoor settings and requires multicomponent prevention strategies to reduce spread. Despite high vaccination rates, the County is experiencing substantial levels of community transmission due to the Delta variant. While the risk for COVID-19 infection is highest among unvaccinated persons, the incidence of infection among fully vaccinated persons is increasing. Hospitalizations have also increased, primarily among unvaccinated persons. The County of Santa Barbara is also seeing a concerning increase in cases among staff and residents in long-term care facilities and in other congregate living settings; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States are highly safe and effective. These vaccines provide protection to individuals and communities, particularly against severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalization, and death, and are recommended by the CDC for all populations authorized to receive them by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Health Officer strongly recommends that all eligible persons in the County be vaccinated. Vaccines are available for all persons over 12 years of age. Information on obtaining a COVID19 vaccine in the County of Santa Barbara is available here: <https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine>; and

WHEREAS, as of June 29, 2021, the CDC recommends those not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older should (1) wear a face covering in indoor public places; and (2) in areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>); and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2021, the Health Officer recommended that fully vaccinated persons wear masks in public indoor settings, considering the apparent increased transmissibility of the Delta variant; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the CDC issued new guidance recommending fully vaccinated individuals wear a face covering in public indoor settings in areas with Substantial or High community transmission rates (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>); and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated its mandate requiring face coverings in specific indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status, and for those that are not fully vaccinated. The CDPH also recommends universal masking indoors statewide, as “an extra precautionary measure for all to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, especially in communities currently seeing the highest transmission rates” (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>); and

WHEREAS, as of August 2, 2021, according to the CDC, COVID-19 community transmission is Significant in California and High in Santa Barbara County. Over the past two weeks the County's active COVID-19 cases have increased 55% from the previous 2-week average, with a case rate of 12.4 per 100,000 and a test positivity of 6.8%; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and the CDPH find the use of face coverings may reduce asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 and reinforce physical distancing, and that wearing a face covering combined with physical distancing of at least six feet, and frequent hand washing, will lessen the risk of COVID-19 transmission by limiting the spread of respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, universal indoor use of face coverings, also known as masking, is the least disruptive and most immediately impactful additional measure to take to limit the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. This Order is part of a strategy to support the continued operations of Businesses, activities, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer finds (1) a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 are asymptomatic and can transmit the virus to others; (2) those who may develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms; (3) the incidence of infection among fully vaccinated persons is increasing; (4) scientific evidence shows COVID-19 is easily spread and public activities can result in transmission of the virus; (5) face coverings are necessary because COVID-19 is highly contagious and is spread through respiratory droplets that are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets may land on other people or be inhaled into their lungs, may land on and attach to surfaces where they remain for days, and may remain viable in the air for up to three hours, even after the infected person is no longer present; (6) when worn properly, face coverings have the potential to slow the spread of the virus by limiting the spread of respiratory droplets; and (7) distinctions made in this Order are to minimize the spread of COVID-19 that could occur through proximity and duration of contact between individuals; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to temporarily require the use of Face Coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County to the maximum extent possible. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:

1. This Order 2021-10.3 is effective 5:00 p.m. (PT) August 6, 2021 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PT), on September 5, 2021 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer ("Health Officer"). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").
2. This Order orders that in the County Face Coverings must be worn over the mouth and nose – regardless of vaccination status – in all Indoor Public Settings and Businesses, as defined below, including but not limited to: offices, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters, family entertainment centers, conference and event centers, and State and local government offices serving the public.

3. Individuals, Businesses, venue operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of Indoor Public Settings or Businesses must:
 - a. Require all individuals to wear Face Coverings regardless of vaccination status; and
 - b. Post clearly visible and easy-to-read signage at all entry points to communicate the Face Covering requirements.

4. Exemptions. Individuals are not required to wear Face Coverings in the following circumstances:
 - a. While working alone in a closed office or room;
 - b. While actively eating and/or drinking;
 - c. While swimming or showering;
 - d. While obtaining a medical or cosmetic service involving the head or face for which temporary removal of the Face Covering is necessary to perform the service;
 - e. Performers at indoor live events such as theater, opera, symphony, religious choirs, and professional sports may remove Face Coverings while actively performing or practicing, though such individuals should maximize physical distancing as much as practicable;
 - f. Individuals in indoor religious gatherings may remove Face Coverings when necessary to participate in religious rituals;
 - g. Individuals actively engaged in water-based sports (e.g., swimming, swim lessons, diving, water polo) and other sports where masks create imminent risk to health (e.g., wrestling, judo). All other indoor recreational sports, gyms, and yoga studios shall comply with this Order;
 - h. Persons younger than two years old must not wear a Face Covering because of the risk of suffocation;
 - i. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a Face Covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a Face Covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a Face Covering without assistance;
 - j. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
 - k. Persons for whom wearing a Face Covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

5. Persons exempted from wearing a Face Covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

6. Workplaces subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) and/or the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standards should consult the applicable regulations for additional requirements. The ETS allows local health jurisdictions to mandate more protective measures. (8 CCR § 3205(a)(2).) This Order, which requires Face Coverings for all individuals in Indoor Public Settings and Businesses, regardless of vaccination status, takes precedence over the more permissive ETS regarding employee face coverings.
7. "Business" or "Businesses" for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean any institution, establishment, public or private agency, for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether an organization, corporate entity, partnership, or sole proprietorship.
8. "Face Covering" means a covering made of a variety of materials such as cloth, fabric, cotton, silk, linen, or other permeable materials, that fully covers the tip of a person's nose and mouth, without holes, including cloth face masks, surgical masks, towels, scarves, and/or bandanas. This Order does not require the public to wear medical-grade masks, including masks rated N95, KN95, and their equivalent or better.

A face covering with a one-way valve (typically a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that provides a preferential path of escape for exhaled breath shall not be used as a face covering under this Order because the valve permits respiratory droplets to easily escape which places others at risk.

9. "Indoor Public Setting" or "Indoor Public Settings" for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean an enclosed area whether privately or publicly owned, to which the public have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, whether by payment of money or not, but not a place when used exclusively by one or more individuals for a private gathering or other personal purpose.
10. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the June 28, 2021 Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings issued by the CDPH (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>) as may be amended from time to time, continues to apply throughout the County of Santa Barbara
11. The Health Officer strongly encourages that individuals, Businesses, venue operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of Indoor Public Settings or Businesses provide Face Coverings at no cost to individuals required to wear them.
12. If you cannot afford a face covering one will be provided to you free-of-charge at the following locations:
 - a. Santa Barbara County Administration building lobby, 105 E Anapamu St, Santa Barbara
 - b. Santa Barbara Health Care Center, 345 Camino del Remedio, Santa Barbara
 - c. Santa Maria Health Care Center, 2115 Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria

- d. The Health Officer requests cities within the County of Santa Barbara provide face coverings free-of-charge to those cannot afford them.

This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 which has infected at least 200,213,638 individuals worldwide, in 220 countries and territories, including 36,004 cases, and 464 deaths in the County, and is implicated in over 4,258,196 worldwide deaths.

This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the County and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

This Order is issued because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases, the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482-CA; the June 29, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Your Guide to Masks; the July 28, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; CDPH / Cal-OSHA Interim guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments issued February 26, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-07-21 of June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 of June 11, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued July 26, 2021; and the July 28, 2021 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.

This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

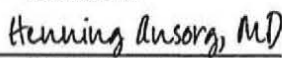
If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected

and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website (publichealthsb.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

DocuSigned by:

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Henning Ansorg, M.D.
Health Officer
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department



PRESS RELEASE July 30, 2021

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COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO RISE SIGNIFICANTLY AMONG UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS

Highly Contagious Delta Variant Continues to Circulate in Santa Barbara County

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) - COVID-19 cases have reached critically high levels in Santa Barbara County as the local case rate has reached 9.8 cases per 100,000 residents and a positivity rate of 6.9%. With these metrics, Santa Barbara County would be in the purple tier in the now retired tiered framework. These metrics mean that we have widespread community transmission of the delta variant. Over 400 active cases have been detected locally, a 55% increase from the previous 2-week average. As of July 20, over 86% of new cases occurred in unvaccinated community members.

New cases of COVID-19 have dramatically increased in July and the demographics of those contracting the virus have shifted. Cases in the past month have trended younger with persons 18-29 years of age making up the majority of cases. More cases are now being detected in the southern part of the county which is a contrast from earlier in the pandemic when the majority of new infections occurred in north county.

The Public Health Department strongly advises all community members to follow these strategies:

- Wear a mask in all indoor spaces outside your home.
- Stay home if you are ill, even if you have been vaccinated.
- Avoid crowded events.
- Get vaccinated if you have not done so already.

“As we enter this new phase of the pandemic, the landscape has changed dramatically from last year’s summer surge”, shared Van Do-Reynoso, County Public Health Director. “We have the safe, effective solution to stop this surge in its tracks. We need every eligible member of this community to act and get vaccinated as soon as possible. There are still 149,688 persons eligible to be vaccinated in Santa Barbara County, who have not been vaccinated.”

For free vaccine opportunities in your area:

- Visit <https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine/>
- Call 2-1-1 for information available in many languages 24/7
- Text GETVAX to 438829 for English or VACUNA to 822862 for Spanish

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PRESS RELEASE
July 19, 2021

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THE COUNTY RECOMMENDS MASKING INDOORS FOR EVERYONE
Precautionary Measure Against Increased Circulation of COVID-19

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The County of Santa Barbara Recommends Masking Indoors for Everyone, as a Precaution Against Increased Circulation of COVID-19. As of July 16, Santa Barbara's reported daily case rate is now 3.6 per 100,000 and rising. With cases of COVID-19 rising locally and increased circulation of the highly transmissible Delta variant, the County of Santa Barbara recommends that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors in public places as an extra precautionary measure for those who are fully vaccinated, and to ensure easy verification that all unvaccinated people are masked in those settings.

As of July, the Delta variants comprised 50 percent of all specimens sequenced in California, and continues to rise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that Delta variants are now responsible for 58 percent of new infections across the country.

Fully vaccinated people are well-protected from infections and serious illness due to known COVID-19 variants including Delta variants, and vaccinating as many people as possible, as soon as possible, continues to be our best defense against severe COVID-19 infection, and the harm it can do to our region. Vaccines are safe, effective, free, and widely available to everyone 12 and older.

Out of an abundance of caution, people are recommended to wear masks indoors in settings like grocery or retail stores, theaters, and family entertainment centers, even if they are fully vaccinated as an added layer of protection for unvaccinated residents. Businesses are urged to adopt universal masking requirements for customers entering indoor areas of their businesses to provide better protection to their employees and customers. Workplaces must comply with Cal/OSHA requirements and fully vaccinated employees are encouraged to wear masks indoors if their employer has not confirmed the vaccination status of those around them.

"It remains critically important that we continue to practice safety guidelines such as staying home if feeling ill, wear a mask in public indoor settings, avoid crowded events, and practice good hand hygiene," said Dr. Henning Ansorg, County Health Officer. For masks to work properly, they need to completely cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face and around your nose.

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department will revisit this recommendation in the coming weeks as they continue to monitor transmission rates, hospitalizations, deaths, and increasing vaccination rates throughout the region. Santa Barbara data can be monitored [here](#).

"We have a method of preventing severe illness and hospitalization from the COVID-19 Delta variant which we know is effective, and that is getting vaccinated," said Santa Barbara

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Public Health Director Dr. Van Do-Reynoso. "It remains critical for protection against infection, especially with circulating variants."

People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. People with only one vaccine dose of Pfizer or Moderna not fully protected. Completion of the vaccine series is necessary to provide full protection.

Visit our [website](#) to learn where you can find a vaccination site near you or call 2-1-1. If you missed your second dose, please find a vaccination clinic near you.

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SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
JULY 20, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 via teleconference and in the Conference Room at 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez.

Trustees Present: Jeff Clay Jeff Holzer
 Brad Joos Lori Parker
 Michael Burchardi (joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Paeter Garcia Mary Martone Karen King
 Gary Kvistad Eric Tambini Fred Kovol

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., he stated this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported that four members of the Board were present, and Trustee Mike Burchardi was absent at the time roll call was conducted.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Clay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA:

Ms. Martone presented the affidavit of posting of the Agenda, along with a true copy of the Agenda for this meeting. She reported that the Agenda was posted in accordance with the California Government Code commencing at Section 54950 and pursuant to District Resolution No. 340. The affidavit was filed as evidence of the posting of the Agenda items contained therein.

Ms. Martone added that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, the Board meeting would occur in person and via teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20 and applicable amendments to the California Brown Act as set forth in those Executive Orders.

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Garcia stated there were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating telephonically and offered time for members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the Agenda. There was no public comment.

Mr. Garcia stated that the Notice and Agenda for this Regular Meeting requested members of the public that are not attending the meeting in person or who are participating telephonically and wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item to submit advance written comments to the District via electronic mail by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

1 6. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

2 A. General Manager's Report

3 Mr. Garcia reported on the current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the
4 District's actions. He reported that effective June 15, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Public
5 Health Department rescinded its mandatory guidance and restrictions issued as part of the
6 California Blueprint for a Safer Economy, as referenced in Santa Barbara County Health
7 Officer Order No. 2021-12.9. Mr. Garcia also explained that, notwithstanding Order No. 2021-
8 12.9, on July 19, 2021 the County Health Department issued a press release recommending
9 masking indoors for everyone regardless of vaccination status as a precautionary measure
10 against increased cases of COVID-19. He also highlighted other documents included in the
11 Board packet pertaining to the Governor's Budget proposal of \$1 billion for water system
12 arrearages relief due to the pandemic; and the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21 signed on
13 June 11, 2021 which will end the water shut-off moratorium effective September 30, 2021. Mr.
14 Garcia explained that the District will resume sending out shut-off notices after September
15 30th for past due customer accounts.

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17 7. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021

18 The Special Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2021 were presented for consideration.

19
20 President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Special Meeting Minutes of
21 June 14, 2021. No changes or additions were requested.

22
23 It was MOVED by Trustee Holzer, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call
24 vote, with Trustee Burchardi absent, to approve the June 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes as
25 presented.

26
27 8. CONSENT AGENDA:

28 The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board packet.

29
30 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of July.

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32 It was MOVED by Trustee Holzer, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote,
33 with Trustee Burchardi absent, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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35 9. MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING
36 SUBJECTS:

37 A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

38 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

39 a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements - Revenues and Expenses

40 The monthly financial statements were included in the handout materials.

41
42 Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of June.
43 She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense transactions that
44 occurred during the month. Ms. Martone reported that revenues exceeded the
45 expenses by \$275,603.02 for the month of June and the year-to-date net income was
46 \$2,520,185.86. She explained that the report represents the unaudited close of the FY
47 2020/2021. Ms. Martone indicated that the year-end total will be adjusted as invoices
48 from vendors and consultants continue to be submitted for work that was completed
49 prior to June 30th. She also announced that the annual audit field work conducted by
50 Bartlett, Pringle, Wolf, LLP will be conducted in late August.

1 b) Approval of Accounts Payable

2 Ms. Martone reported that the Board was provided the Warrant List for June 15, 2021
3 through July 20, 2021 in the handout materials and emailed to the Board members
4 attending the meeting via phone conference.
5

6 The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 23899 through 23955 in
7 the amount of \$490,949.80.
8

9 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Holzer, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll
10 call vote, with Trustee Burchardi absent, to approve the Warrant List for June 15, 2021
11 through July 20, 2021.
12

13 c) Budget Expenditure for District Building

14 Mr. Garcia discussed the District's concept and plans to construct a multi-purpose
15 facility on the existing parcel which may include a water treatment facility, crew
16 quarters, laboratory, storage area, and District Board room. He explained that the
17 Board approved \$375,000 as part of the FY 2021/2022 Budget for initial work
18 associated with the project, and that one aspect of the overall site plan is to repave the
19 District parking lot. He stated that an evaluation of the District's parking lot was
20 conducted and that it is in desperate need of repair and replacement. Mr. Garcia
21 recommended that the District repave the parking lot now to avoid further
22 deterioration and higher costs in the future if the replacement work is delayed. He
23 reported that staff received a preliminary estimate on the cost to repave the parking
24 lot and will be moving forward with bid solicitation to repair and replace the
25 pavement, which will be paid from the budgeted funds. Mr. Garcia provided time for
26 the Board to ask questions and provide comment. Hearing no objections, Mr. Garcia
27 indicated that he would provide updates as the work is completed.
28

29 2. Overview of Potential Leak Forgiveness Policy

30 Mr. Garcia explained that the District currently does not have an approved leak
31 forgiveness policy. He indicated that he wanted to bring the concept before the Board for
32 direction on whether staff should develop a policy for Board consideration. Mr. Garcia
33 reported that staff has researched leak forgiveness policies of numerous other water
34 agencies, including criteria that can be used to protect the District and minimize abuses
35 of such a policy. Mr. Garcia provided examples of District customers who have
36 experienced high water use and resulting charges due to an unforeseen leak or other
37 emergency circumstances. The Board was provided time for questions and comments.
38 The general consensus of the Board was for staff to develop a draft leak forgiveness policy
39 for the Board to consider at a future meeting.
40

41 Mr. Fred Kovol provided public comment to the Board.
42

43 3. 2020 Consumer Confidence Report - Annual Water Quality Report Required by Federal
44 and State Regulations to Protect Public Drinking Water
45

46 The Board packet included the 2020 Annual Water Quality Report.
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48 Mr. Garcia explained that the District is required by state and federal drinking water
49 regulations to prepare and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report, otherwise known
50 as the Annual Water Quality Report. He stated that the law specifies certain content to be
51 included in the report and requires water agencies to distribute these reports to all of their
52 customers annually by July 1st.

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2 Mr. Garcia reported that the Annual Water Quality Report was submitted to the California
3 Division of Drinking Water, posted on the District website, noticed on customer water
4 bills, sent electronically to customers, and made available at the customer counter at the
5 District office in accordance with applicable requirements.
6

7 Mr. Garcia explained that the report includes information on the source(s) of water, the
8 level(s) of any contaminants detected in the water, compliance with drinking water rules
9 and requirements, and other educational material. Additional information on the report
10 was provided by Mr. Eric Tambini, the District's Water Resources Manager.
11

12 Mr. Fred Kovol provided public comment to the Board.
13

14 4. America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 - Risk and Resiliency Assessment

15 The Board packet included July 15, 2021 information relating to the Environmental
16 Protection Agency (EPA) America's Water Infrastructure Act - Risk and Resiliency
17 Assessment.
18

19 Mr. Eric Tambini, Water Resources Manager, explained that all water districts serving
20 more than 3,300 persons must complete risk and resilience assessments and emergency
21 response plans under the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (the Act). He
22 provided a brief overview of the process undertaken by staff throughout the year to
23 achieve this initial stage of compliance, including the methodology, critical assets, and
24 threat categories used to assess the District's potential vulnerabilities in accordance with
25 the Act, and the various standards for preparing risk and resilience assessments. He
26 reported that the assessment results were submitted to the EPA in June. Mr. Tambini
27 reported that the assessment results will also be included in the District's Emergency
28 Response Plan which will be updated within the next six months.
29

30 Mr. Fred Kovol provided public comment to the Board.
31

32 **B. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:**

33 1. Field Operations Update

34 Mr. Garcia updated the Board on numerous projects that recently have been completed
35 and are underway in the field, including but not limited to the installation of a solar
36 powered mixer at the Zone 2 Reservoir; coordination of electrical panel upgrades for the
37 District's booster station facilities; installation of a electric powered mixer at the Zone 1
38 Reservoir; road paving at the Zone 2 Reservoir; final checklist items at the Mattei's Tavern
39 project; Meadowlark booster pump station upgrade & repairs, including the installation
40 of a concrete pad and shade structure to house District equipment; continuation of the
41 District-wide meter replacement program; clean up and organization of the District's field
42 operations shop, including the installation of new roll-up garage doors; and moving and
43 organizing the storage trailers that were previously located in the front office parking area
44 to the District's back lot. Mr. Garcia stated that staff also has been coordinating with
45 Central Coast Water Authority representatives to address and improve water quality
46 issues related to nitrification of SWP supplies. Mr. Garcia thanked and complimented the
47 entire District team, including managerial, administrative, supervisory, field, and office
48 personnel for their extraordinary efforts and ongoing accomplishments.
49

50 Trustee Burchardi joined the Board meeting via teleconference at 4:50 p.m. and Trustee
51 Holzer excused himself and left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.
52

1 2. Notice of Completion – Phase II Lateral Project

2 The Board packet included a Notice of Completion for the Phase II Lateral Project.

3
4 Mr. Garcia reported that the Phase II Lateral Project is complete, and as a result a Notice
5 of Completion (NOC) for the Project has been prepared and will be submitted to Santa
6 Barbara County for recordation. He reported that the contractor for the Project, Tierra
7 Contracting, has been paid and there were no issues with the Project. Mr. Garcia indicated
8 that he would sign and file the NOC with the Santa Barbara County Recorder's Office,
9 and the Board concurred.

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11 **10. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

12
13 **A. UPDATE REGARDING STATEWIDE DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

14 The Board packet included various information related to ongoing statewide drought
15 conditions.

16
17 Mr. Garcia reported on the Board packet materials. He explained that in April and May of
18 2021, the Governor of California issued proclamations that a state of emergency existed in 41
19 of 58 counties due to severe drought conditions. Mr. Garcia noted that on July 8, 2021, the
20 Governor added nine additional counties to the state of emergency via Executive Order N-
21 10-21, including Santa Barbara County. He reported that following the Governor's July 8th
22 Executive Order, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local
23 emergency caused by current drought conditions within Santa Barbara County. Mr. Garcia
24 stated that the Governor also called for all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by
25 15%. He stated that ID No.1 remains in a Water Supply Alert condition, which requires water
26 conservation activities in a manner consistent with neighboring agencies and encourages all
27 customers to reduce water use.

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29 **B. CACHUMA PROJECT – ANNUAL ALLOCATION REQUEST**

- 30 1. Update Regarding Cachuma Member Units Allocation Request for Water Year 2021-2022
31 The Board packet included July correspondence relating to the Cachuma Member Units
32 annual allocation request to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR).

33
34 Mr. Garcia reported that the Cachuma Member Units submitted a joint letter to the Santa
35 Barbara County Water Agency requesting a Cachuma Project allocation from USBR in the
36 amount of 21,317 acre-feet for Water Year 2021-2022, which translates to 83% of a full
37 annual allocation from the Project. He stated that the Santa Barbara County Water Agency
38 submitted the allocation request to USBR on behalf of the Cachuma Member Units via
39 letter dated July 1, 2021. Mr. Garcia indicated that USBR has not issued a response at this
40 time.

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42 **C. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

- 43 1. Eastern Management Area Update

44 The Board packet included an Agenda for the July 22, 2021 Special Meeting of the Eastern
45 Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the Santa Ynez
46 River Valley Groundwater Basin.

47
48 Mr. Garcia reported that the EMA GSA Committee, staffs for the participating agencies,
49 the consultant team, and local stakeholders are continuing work to finalize the
50 Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the EMA by the January 2022 deadline. He reported
51 he and Trustee Joos will attend the July 22nd meeting of the EMA GSA via teleconference.
52 Mr. Garcia reviewed the agenda items for the meeting and several related issues. Mr.

1 Garcia also referenced the June 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
2 Newsletter #4 which is distributed throughout each of the three management areas of the
3 Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin.
4

5 **D. ACTION REGARDING SWP CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 21**

- 6 1. Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water
7 Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 21CV02432
8

9 The Board packet included the title pages of the complaint that was filed in Santa Barbara
10 County Superior Court (Case No. 21CV02432), and a copy of the Santa Barbara County
11 Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Resolution No. 21-73.
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13 Mr. Garcia reported that on April 20, 2021 the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
14 took action to approve SWP Contract Amendment No. 21 pursuant to Resolution No. 21-
15 73 which imposes certain limitations on how CCWA and its member agencies can
16 implement the Amendment. He explained that CCWA and its member agencies disagree
17 with the conditions imposed by Resolution No. 21-73 and contend that the conditions are
18 improper both contractually and from a water management standpoint. Mr. Garcia
19 explained that ID No.1, as a CCWA member agency, is listed as a plaintiff along with
20 CCWA and the seven other CCWA member agencies. Board discussion ensued regarding
21 timing of the case and public outreach efforts. Mr. Garcia stated that more information
22 would be provided during closed session.
23

24 Mr. Fred Kovol provided public comment to the Board.
25

26 **11. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS,**
27 **ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR**
28 **COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**
29

30 Mr. Garcia referenced the ACWA Advisory included in the Board packet that discusses two
31 budget trailer bills (AB 148 and SB 148) regarding COVID-19 water and wastewater arrearages
32 funding.
33

34 The Board packet included two articles discussing Chromium 6. Mr. Garcia provided an
35 informational report on the status of Chromium 6 at the federal level.
36

37 The Board packet included a July 6, 2021 newsletter from the Los Olivos Community Services
38 District regarding Wastewater Reclamation Project Update.
39

40 The Board packet included the Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing for the month of July 2021.
41

42 **12. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS**
43 The Correspondence list was received by the Board.
44

45 **13. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

46 Trustee Clay requested that a District Resolution be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting
47 to acknowledge the retirement of Chris Dahlstrom and express appreciation for his many years
48 of service.

1 **14. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

2 President Clay stated the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for August
3 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
4

5 **15. CLOSED SESSION:**

6 The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:36 p.m.
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8 **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

9 [Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 2 cases]
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- 11 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources
12 Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of
13 Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests
14
- 15 2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood
16 Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court
17 Case No. 21CV02432
18

19 **16. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**

20 [Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]
21

22 The public participation phone line was re-opened, and the Board reconvened to Open Session
23 at approximately 6:36 p.m.
24

25 Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in Closed Session concerning Agenda Items 15.A.1
26 and 15.A.2. He stated that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.
27

28 **17. ADJOURNMENT:**

29 Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and
30 carried by a 4-0-0 voice vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately
31 6:37 p.m.
32

33 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

34 **DRAFT**

35 _____
36 Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board
37

38 **ATTEST:**

39 **DRAFT**
40 _____
41 Jeff Clay, President
42

43 **MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

44 **DRAFT**
45 _____
46 Karen King, Board Administrative Assistant
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
August 17, 2021**

Consent Agenda Report

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report. Total water production in **July (512 AF)** was higher than water production in June (457 AF), slightly lower than the recent 3-year running average (2018-2020) for the month of **July (545 AF)**, and noticeably lower than the previous 10-year running average (2010-2020) for the month of **July (705 AF)**. As previously reported, these numbers reflect the fact that in recent years the District's overall demands have been trending substantially below historic levels for domestic, rural residential, and agricultural water deliveries due to water conservation, changing water use patterns, private well installations, and weather conditions.

For the month of **July**, approximately **162 AF** was produced from the Santa Ynez Upland wells, and **0 AF** was produced from the 6.0 cfs and 4.0 cfs Santa Ynez River well fields. As reflected in the Monthly Water Deliveries Report from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), the District received approximately **350 AF** in SWP supplies for the month, all of which was accounted for as Exchange deliveries. Direct diversions to the County Park and USBR were **2.58 AF**.

The USBR Daily Operations Report for Lake Cachuma in **July** (ending July 31, 2021) recorded the lake elevation at **718.12'** with the end of month storage of **104,875 AF**. USBR recorded total precipitation at the lake of **0.00 inches in July**. For the month, reservoir storage was supplemented with **143.1 AF** of SWP deliveries for South Coast entities. Reservoir evaporation in **July** was **1,329.2 AF**.

Based on the maximum storage of 193,305 AF, Cachuma reservoir currently (as of **August 9, 2021**) is at approximately **53.2%** of capacity, with current storage of **102,919 AF** (Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, Rainfall and Reservoir Summary). At a point when reservoir storage exceeds 100,000 AF, the Cachuma Member Units typically have received a full allocation, which is the case for this federal WY 2020-2021. Conversely, a 20% pro-rata reduction from the full allocation is scheduled to occur in Water Years beginning at less than 100,000 AF, where incremental reductions may occur at other lower storage levels. **For the federal WY 2020-2021** (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021), the Cachuma Member Units requested a 100% allocation of the Project's annual operational yield of 25,714 AF. By letter dated October 19, 2020, USBR issued a 100% allocation decision. ID No.1's share is 10.31% or 2,651 AF. In addition to its 2020-21 allocation, ID No.1 currently holds approximately 1,210 AF of previous years carryover water in the reservoir, subject to evaporation. **By letter dated July 1, 2021**, the Cachuma Member Units submitted a joint request for a Cachuma Project allocation for federal WY 2021-2022 in the amount of 21,317 AF (an approximate 83% allocation). The request is pending with USBR.

Water releases for the protection of fish and aquatic habitat are made from Cachuma reservoir to the lower Santa Ynez River pursuant to the 2000 Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the 2019 Water Rights Order (WR 2019-0148) issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). These releases are made to Hilton Creek and to the stilling basin from the outlet works at the base of Bradbury Dam. The water releases required under the NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion to avoid jeopardy to steelhead and adverse impacts to its critical habitat are summarized as follows:

NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion

- *When Reservoir Spills and the Spill Amount Exceeds 20,000 AF:*
 - 10 cfs at Hwy 154 Bridge during spill year(s) exceeding 20,000 AF
 - 1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge when spill amount exceeds 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach
 - 1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge in the year immediately following a spill that exceeded 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach
- *When Reservoir Does Not Spill or When Reservoir Spills Less Than 20,000 AF:*
 - 5 cfs at Hwy 154 when Reservoir does not spill and Reservoir storage is above 120,000 AF, or when Reservoir spill is less than 20,000 AF
 - 2.5 cfs at Hwy 154 in all years when Reservoir storage is below 120,000 AF but greater than 30,000 AF
 - 1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge if the Reservoir spilled in the preceding year and the spill amount exceeded 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach
 - 30 AF per month to "refresh the stilling basin and long pool" when Reservoir storage is less than 30,000 AF

The water releases required under the SWRCB 2019 Water Rights Order for the protection of fish and other public trust resources in the lower Santa Ynez River and to prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water are summarized as follows:

SWRCB Order WR 2019-0148

- *During Below Normal, Dry, and Critical Dry water years (October 1 – September 30), releases shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion as set forth above.*
- *During Above Normal and Wet water years, the following minimum flow requirements must be maintained at Hwy 154 and Alisal Bridges:*
 - 48 cfs from February 15 to April 14 for spawning
 - 20 cfs from February 15 to June 1 for incubation and rearing
 - 25 cfs from June 2 to June 9 for emigration, with ramping to 10 cfs by June 30
 - 10 cfs from June 30 to October 1 for rearing and maintenance of resident fish
 - 5 cfs from October 1 to February 15 for resident fish
- *For purposes of SWRCB Order WR 2019-0148, water year classifications are determined as follows:*
 - *Wet is when Cachuma Reservoir inflow is greater than 117,842 AF;*
 - *Above Normal is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 117,842 AF or greater than 33,707 AF;*
 - *Below Normal is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 33,707 AF or greater than 15,366 AF;*
 - *Dry is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 15,366 AF or greater than 4,550 AF*
 - *Critical Dry is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 4,550 AF*

For the month of July, water releases for fish were 146.1 AF to Hilton Creek and 511 AF to the outlet works for a total of 657.1 AF. As of the end of July 2021, a total of approximately 43,567 AF of Cachuma Project water has been released under regulatory requirements for the protection of fish and fish habitat below Bradbury Dam since the year after the last spill in 2011.

CA-2. State Water Project (SWP) and Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Updates.

As previously reported, on March 23, 2021 the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) reduced the 2021 State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocation down to 5%, which matches the lowest allocation in the history of the SWP (5% final allocation in 2014). This lowered allocation translates to 35 AF for ID No.1's share of Table A supplies through CCWA. In addition to its 5% allocation, ID No.1 holds 146 AF of SWP carryover supply in San Luis Reservoir.

As reflected in previous reports and the enclosed Agenda for the CCWA Board of Directors meeting on July 22, 2021, CCWA continues to remain strongly engaged in a variety of matters related to the SWP and SWP supplies, including but not limited to: SWP operations and water supplies; the Supplemental Water Purchase Program; adoption of the CCWA 2020 Urban Water Management Plan; Warren Act Contract renewal; water supply management strategies; legislative updates; and pending litigation against the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. CCWA's August 26, 2021 Board of Directors meeting has been cancelled. The next Regular Meeting of the CCWA Board of Directors is scheduled for September 23, 2021.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION-CACHUMA PROJECT-CALIFORNIA

JULY 2021

LAKE CACHUMA DAILY OPERATIONS

RUN DATE: August 1, 2021

DAY	ELEV	STORAGE		COMPUTED* INFLOW AF.	CCWA INFLOW AF.	PRECIP ON RES. SURF. AF.	RELEASE - AF.				EVAP AF.	PRECIP INCH INCHES	
		IN LAKE	CHANGE				TUNNEL	HILTON CREEK	OUTLET	SPILLWAY			
	720.14	109,023											
1	720.09	108,898	-125	11.0	12.4	.0	89.3	7.3	14.0	.0	37.8	.270	.00
2	720.02	108,773	-125	19.9	12.4	.0	98.0	7.1	13.0	.0	39.2	.280	.00
3	719.94	108,607	-166	-12.0	4.1	.0	101.7	7.0	13.0	.0	36.4	.260	.00
4	719.87	108,462	-145	5.0	4.1	.0	97.1	6.9	11.0	.0	39.1	.280	.00
5	719.79	108,295	-167	-15.2	4.1	.0	98.5	6.7	13.0	.0	37.7	.270	.00
6	719.73	108,170	-125	19.2	4.1	.0	87.0	6.5	13.0	.0	41.8	.300	.00
7	719.66	108,025	-145	-1.1	4.1	.0	85.8	6.4	14.0	.0	41.8	.300	.00
8	719.60	107,901	-124	26.2	4.1	.0	86.4	6.2	13.0	.0	48.7	.350	.00
9	719.54	107,778	-123	29.4	4.1	.0	85.9	6.1	13.0	.0	51.5	.370	.00
10	719.48	107,654	-124	41.5	4.0	.0	86.1	5.8	15.0	.0	62.6	.450	.00
11	719.41	107,511	-143	32.0	4.0	.0	86.5	5.6	16.0	.0	70.9	.510	.00
12	719.34	107,367	-144	-2.0	4.1	.0	70.6	5.4	16.0	.0	54.1	.390	.00
13	719.29	107,264	-103	32.1	4.0	.0	62.4	5.2	16.0	.0	55.5	.400	.00
14	719.23	107,141	-123	-0.2	4.1	.0	58.8	5.0	16.0	.0	47.1	.340	.00
15	719.17	107,018	-123	4.9	4.3	.0	79.2	4.8	15.0	.0	33.2	.240	.00
16	719.10	106,875	-143	-11.4	4.3	.0	80.7	4.6	16.0	.0	34.6	.250	.00
17	719.03	106,731	-144	-5.7	4.3	.0	83.6	4.3	16.0	.0	38.7	.280	.00
18	718.97	106,608	-123	20.7	4.2	.0	82.1	4.2	16.0	.0	45.6	.330	.00
19	718.91	106,485	-123	6.2	4.0	.0	80.1	4.0	16.0	.0	33.1	.240	.00
20	718.84	106,341	-144	5.3	4.0	.0	82.4	3.8	16.0	.0	51.1	.370	.00
21	718.78	106,218	-123	27.7	4.1	.0	88.0	3.5	15.0	.0	48.3	.350	.00
22	718.71	106,074	-144	4.2	4.1	.0	83.5	3.2	16.0	.0	49.6	.360	.00
23	718.64	105,930	-144	1.7	4.0	.0	88.1	3.1	20.0	.0	38.5	.280	.00
24	718.57	105,788	-142	6.5	4.0	.0	87.3	2.9	21.0	.0	41.3	.300	.00
25	718.51	105,666	-122	23.8	4.1	.0	86.3	3.1	22.0	.0	38.5	.280	.00
26	718.44	105,524	-142	5.7	4.0	.0	88.0	2.9	21.0	.0	39.8	.290	.00
27	718.39	105,423	-101	21.3	4.0	.0	85.9	2.9	21.0	.0	16.5	.120	.00
28	718.32	105,281	-142	4.5	4.0	.0	88.2	2.9	21.0	.0	38.4	.280	.00
29	718.25	105,139	-142	-12.9	4.0	.0	85.9	2.9	21.0	.0	23.3	.170	.00
30	718.19	104,997	-142	14.8	4.0	.0	86.3	2.8	21.0	.0	50.7	.370	.00
31	718.12	104,875	-122	25.3	4.0	.0	83.5	3.0	21.0	.0	43.8	.320	.00
TOTAL (AF)			-4,148	328.4	143.1	.0	2,633.2	146.1	511.0	.0	1,329.2	9.600	.00
(AVG)		106,865											

COMMENTS:

* COMPUTED INFLOW IS THE SUM OF CHANGE IN STORAGE, RELEASES, AND EVAPORATION MINUS PRECIP ON THE RESERVOIR SURFACE AND CCWA INFLOW.

DATA BASED ON 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800.

INDICATED OUTLETS RELEASE INCLUDE ANY LEAKAGE AROUND GATES.



Santa Barbara County - Flood Control District

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Rainfall and Reservoir Summary

Updated 8am: 8/9/2021

Water Year: 2021

Storm Number: NA

Notes: Daily rainfall amounts are recorded as of 8am for the previous 24 hours. Rainfall units are expressed in inches. All data on this page are from automated sensors, are preliminary, and subject to verification.

*Each Water Year (WY) runs from Sept 1 through Aug 31 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends
 County Real-Time Rainfall and Reservoir Website link: > <http://www.countyofsb.org/hydrology>

Rainfall	ID	24 hrs	Storm 0day(s)	Month	Year*	% to Date	% of Year*	AI
Buellton (Fire Stn)	233	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.54	51%	51%	
Cachuma Dam (USBR)	332	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.53	53%	53%	
Carpinteria (Fire Stn)	208	0.01	0.00	0.01	4.63	27%	27%	
Cuyama (Fire Stn)	436	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.80	50%	49%	
Figueroa Mtn (USFS Stn)	421	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.40	39%	39%	12.5
Gibraltar Dam (City Facility)	230	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.65	41%	41%	12.5
Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros)	440	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.16	50%	50%	
Lompoc (City Hall)	439	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.77	74%	74%	12.5
Los Alamos (Fire Stn)	204	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.41	55%	55%	
San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn)	212	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.24	42%	42%	
Santa Barbara (County Bldg)	234	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.32	40%	40%	
Santa Maria (City Pub. Works)	380	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.18	54%	54%	
Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport)	218	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.33	53%	53%	
Sisquoc (Fire Stn)	256	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.31	42%	42%	

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : **48%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : **48%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2021 (End of WY2021).

AI (Antecedent Index / Soil Wetness)

6.0 and below = Wet (min. = 2.5)
 6.1 - 9.0 = Moderate
 9.1 and above = Dry (max. = 12.5)

Reservoirs

Reservoir Elevations referenced to NGVD-29.
 **Cachuma is full and subject to spilling at elevation 750 ft. However, the lake is surcharged to 753 ft. for fish release water. (Cachuma water storage is based on Dec 2013 capacity revision)

Click on Site for Real-Time Readings	Spillway Elev. (ft)	Current Elev. (ft)	Max. Storage (ac-ft)	Current Storage (ac-ft)	Current Capacity (%)	Storage Change Mo.(ac-ft)	Storage Change Year*(ac-ft)
<u>Gibraltar Reservoir</u>	1,400.00	1,373.11	4,559	324	7.1%	-22	-1,886
<u>Cachuma Reservoir</u>	753.**	717.15	193,305	102,919	53.2%	-1,815	-40,856
<u>Jameson Reservoir</u>	2,224.00	2,209.30	4,848	3,193	65.9%	-40	-1,095
<u>Twitchell Reservoir</u>	651.50	536.47	194,971	1,492	0.8%	-93	-2,328

California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)

CIMIS Daily Report

Rendered in ENGLISH Units.

Friday, July 2, 2021 - Sunday, August 1, 2021

Printed on Monday, August 2, 2021

Santa Ynez - Central Coast Valleys - Station 64

Date	ETo (in)	Precip (in)	Sol Rad (Ly/day)	Avg Vap Pres (mBars)	Max Air Temp (°F)	Min Air Temp (°F)	Avg Air Temp (°F)	Max Rel Hum (%)	Min Rel Hum (%)	Avg Rel Hum (%)	Dew Point (°F)	Avg Wind Speed (mph)	Wind Run (miles)	Avg Soil Temp (°F)
7/2/2021	0.25	0.00	730	15.4	87.5	54.7	66.9	94	38	68	56.1	3.3 Y	78.2 Y	-- S
7/3/2021	0.24	0.00	712	15.3	88.5	55.1	66.6	98	39	69	56.0	3.3 Y	78.5 Y	-- S
7/4/2021	0.24	0.00	709	14.6	88.6	53.6	65.9	96	30	67	54.6	3.2 Y	77.2 Y	-- S
7/5/2021	0.24	0.00	717	14.8	86.3	55.9	65.7	92	37	68	55.0	3.2 Y	76.9 Y	-- S
7/6/2021	0.23	0.00	684	15.2	84.5	56.3	65.6	94	41	70	55.8	3.1 Y	73.8 Y	-- S
7/7/2021	0.22	0.00	683	15.0	82.8	54.5	65.0	97	43	71	55.4	3.1 Y	74.7 Y	-- S
7/8/2021	0.26	0.00	708	15.4	97.4	55.7	74.1	95	25	53	56.1	2.9 Y	69.7 Y	-- S
7/9/2021	0.27 R	0.00	706	16.0	99.5 Y	60.3	79.1 Y	89	27	47 Y	57.3 Y	2.6 R	63.5 R	-- S
7/10/2021	0.27	0.00	691	15.6	98.7	60.9 Y	76.1 Y	84	24	51 Y	56.6 Y	3.1 Y	75.2 Y	-- S
7/11/2021	0.26	0.00	698	15.6	96.5	58.5	73.8	89	28	55	56.6	3.1 Y	73.7 Y	-- S
7/12/2021	0.25	0.00	693	15.4	90.9	56.7	68.9	96	34	64	56.2	3.1 Y	75.4 Y	-- S
7/13/2021	0.23	0.00	653	15.3	89.0	56.2	67.5	93	37	67	56.0	3.1 Y	73.6 Y	-- S
7/14/2021	0.22	0.00	637	15.9	89.8	56.0	67.2	95	39	70	57.0	3.1	74.6	-- S
7/15/2021	0.23	0.00	661	15.9	89.5	55.6	68.9	94	31	66	57.0	3.0	72.7	-- S
7/16/2021	0.22	0.00	664	15.2	86.4	54.8	66.0	97	40	70	55.9	3.1	74.7	-- S
7/17/2021	0.24	0.00	681	14.8	91.8	54.5	68.5	98	31	62	55.0	3.1	74.1	-- S
7/18/2021	0.20	0.00	541	15.1	95.2	54.8	70.9	99	24	59	55.7	2.7 Y	65.4 Y	-- S
7/19/2021	0.27	0.00	701	14.3	97.0	56.8	75.1 Y	91	19	48 Y	54.1 Y	3.3	78.9	-- S
7/20/2021	0.25	0.00	697	15.1	94.0	56.7	69.8	98	25	61	55.6	3.3	79.5	-- S
7/21/2021	0.24	0.00	689	15.0	88.9	55.0	67.5	98	35	65	55.4	3.1	74.9	-- S
7/22/2021	0.21	0.00	622	14.6	86.7	54.4	65.9	96	38	67	54.8	3.1	74.0	-- S
7/23/2021	0.24	0.00	684	15.1	90.2	54.8	67.9	95	37	65	55.6	3.2	77.2	-- S
7/24/2021	0.24	0.00	686	15.2	89.2	53.3	67.6	100	37	66	55.8	3.2	76.9	-- S
7/25/2021	0.23	0.00	648	15.5	90.9	54.8	67.9	96	32	67	56.3	3.1	74.1	-- S
7/26/2021	0.10	0.00	347	16.5	79.3	56.7	67.6	91	55	72	58.1	2.5 Y	60.0 Y	-- S
7/27/2021	0.23	0.00	677	16.3	91.7	56.1	68.8	96	33	68	57.8	2.9	69.5	-- S
7/28/2021	0.22	0.00	612	16.0	90.4	56.9	68.8	95	32	67	57.2	2.9	68.8	-- S
7/29/2021	0.23	0.00	665	15.8	91.0	55.1	67.3	99	35	69	56.9	3.0	71.8	-- S
7/30/2021	0.23	0.00	657	16.2	92.4	56.5	68.7	97	33	68	57.5	2.9 Y	69.2 Y	-- S
7/31/2021	0.21 A	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M
Totls/Avg	6.97	0.00	664	15.4	90.5	55.9	69.0	95	34	64	56.1	3.1	73.3	--

Santa Ynez - Central Coast Valleys - Station 64

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8/1/2021	0.21 A	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M	-- M
Totls/Avg	0.21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Flag Legend		
A - Historical Average	I - Ignore	R - Far out of normal range
C or N - Not Collected	M - Missing Data	S - Not in service
H - Hourly Missing or Flagged Data	Q - Related Sensor Missing	Y - Moderately out of range
Conversion Factors		
Ly/day/2.065=W/sq.m	inches * 25.4 = mm	(F-32) * 5/9 = c
mph * 0.447 = m/s	mBars * 0.1 = kPa	miles * 1.60934 = km



CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Stokes, Executive Director

August 3, 2021

FROM: Julie Baker *JB*

SUBJECT: Monthly Water Deliveries

According to the CCWA revenue meters at each turnout, the following deliveries were made during the month of July, 2021:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro.....	183.95
López.....	311.33
Shandon.....	0.00
Guadalupe.....	0.71
Santa Maria.....	448.46
Golden State Water Co.....	0.42
Vandenberg.....	253.70
Buellton.....	24.54
Solvang.....	81.24
Santa Ynez ID#1.....	352.53
Bradbury.....	<u>136.75</u>
TOTAL.....	1793.63

In order to reconcile these deliveries with the DWR revenue meter, which read 1781 acre-feet, the following delivery amounts should be used for billing purposes:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro.....	182
López.....	309
Shandon.....	0
Guadalupe.....	1
Santa Maria.....	438*
Golden State Water Co.....	7*
Vandenberg.....	252
Buellton.....	24
Solvang.....	81
Santa Ynez ID#1.....	350
Bradbury.....	<u>137</u>
TOTAL.....	1781

*Golden State Water Company delivered 7 acre-feet into its system through the Santa Maria turnout. This delivery is recorded by providing a credit of 7 acre-feet to the City of Santa Maria and a charge in the same amount, to the Golden State Water Company.

Notes: Santa Ynez ID#1 water usage is divided into 0 acre-feet of Table A water and 350 acre-feet of exchange water.

The exchange water is allocated as follows

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Exchange Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Goleta	126
Santa Barbara	84
Montecito	84
Carpinteria	<u>56</u>
TOTAL	350

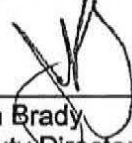
Bradbury Deliveries into Lake Cachuma are allocated as follows:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Carpinteria	0
Goleta	136
La Cumbre	0
Montecito	0
Morehart	1
Santa Barbara	0
Raytheon	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	137

JAB

cc: Tom Bunosky, GWD
James Luongo, Golden State WC
Rebecca Bjork, City of Santa Barbara
Janet Gingras, COMB
Craig Kesler, San Luis Obispo County
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Shannon Sweeney, City of Guadalupe
Robert MacDonald, Carpinteria Valley WD
Mike Peña, City of Guadalupe
Mike Alvarado, La Cumbre Mutual WC
Pernell Rush, Vandenberg AFB
Nick Turner, Montecito WD
Matt van der Linden, City of Solvang
Rose Hess, City of Buellton

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF
DELIVERY RECORDS AND ASSOCIATED
CALCULATIONS**



John Brady
Deputy Director, Operations and Engineering
Central Coast Water Authority

A Meeting of the

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**



will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 2021
via URL: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1450576703>
or via telephone by dialing 1(623) 404-9000 and entering code 145 057 6703#

CCWA's Board meetings are conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders (N-25-20, N-29-20 and N-35-20), temporarily suspending portions of the Brown Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Board will participate in this meeting by video call or telephone.

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Executive Director

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Member Agencies

City of Buellton

Carpinteria Valley
Water District

City of Guadalupe

City of Santa Barbara

City of Santa Maria

Goleta Water District

Montecito Water District

Santa Ynez River Water
Conservation District,
Improvement District #1

Associate Member

La Cumbre Mutual
Water Company

Public Comment on agenda items may occur via video call or telephonically, or by submission to the Board Secretary via email at lfw@ccwa.com no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. In your email, please specify (1) the meeting date and agenda item (number and title) on which you are providing a comment and (2) that you would like your comment read into the record during the meeting. If you would like your comment read into the record during the meeting (as either general public comment or on a specific agenda item), please limit your comments to no more than 250 words.

Every effort will be made to read comments into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Please also note that if you submit a written comment and do not specify that you would like this comment read into the record during the meeting, your comment will be forwarded to Board members for their consideration.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available on the CCWA internet web site, accessible at <https://www.ccwa.com>.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Public Comment – (Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. Individual Speakers may be limited to three minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)

III. Consent Calendar – For Approval

- * A. Minutes of the June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting
- * B. Bills
- * C. Operations Report
- * D. Budget Transfer

IV. Executive Director's Report

- A. CCWA Employee Recognition – *For Information Only*
- * B. Carryover/Transfer Request for CCWA Board Room Audio-Visual Upgrade Project - \$31,900 – *For Approval*
- * C. CCWA 2021 Supplemental Water Purchase Program Update – *For Information Only*
- * D. DWR Calendar Year 2022 Statement of Charges – *For Information Only*
- E. State Water Contractors Update – *For Information Only*
- * F. Legislative Report – *For Information Only*

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* Indicates attachment of document to original agenda packet.

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V. CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code section 54956.9(d) (1)
Name of case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al. (Case No. 21CV02432)
- B. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Government Code section 54956.8
Property: *State Water Contract*
Agency negotiator: *Ray Stokes*

VI. Return to Open Session

VII. Reports from Board Members for Information Only

VIII. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda

IX. Date of Next Regular Meeting: September 23, 2021
Consider cancelling August 26, 2021 meeting

X. Adjournment



CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

July 26, 2021

TO: CCWA Board of Directors

FROM: Ray Stokes
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Cancellation of August 26, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

This memo is notice that after discussion at the Board Meeting conducted July 22, 2021 the CCWA Board meeting scheduled for August 26, 2021 has been canceled.

The next regular meeting of the CCWA Board of Directors is scheduled for September 23, 2021.

Please call me if you have any questions.

RAS

cc: Operating Committee
Stephanie Hastings, Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck, LLP

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ID #1
Statement of Revenues & Expenses
July 2021

	Jul 21	Jun 21	% Change	Jul 21
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
600000 · SERVICE & SALES REVENUE				
WATER SALES INCOME				
601000 · Water Sales - Agri.	183,523.05	134,683.05	36%	183,523.05
602000 · Water Sales - Domestic	515,479.34	486,927.12	6%	515,479.34
602100 · Water Sales - RRLmtd Ag.	282,578.65	268,390.10	5%	282,578.65
602200 · Water Sales - Cach Pk	2,025.00	1,638.18	24%	2,025.00
604000 · Water Sales - Temp.	912.14	499.95	82%	912.14
606000 · Water Sales - Solvang	4,595.81	4,469.71	3%	4,595.81
608000 · Water Sales - On-Demand	1,259.33	1,649.72	-24%	1,259.33
611500 · Fire Service Fees	9,922.62	11,046.00	-10%	9,922.62
Total WATER SALES INCOME	1,000,295.94	909,303.83	10%	1,000,295.94
SERVICE INCOME				
611200 · Reconnection Fees	1,275.00	1,575.00	-19%	1,275.00
611900 · New Fire Services	0.00	4,800.00	-100%	0.00
612400 · Penalties	3,768.82	4,255.93	-11%	3,768.82
Total SERVICE INCOME	5,043.82	10,630.93	-53%	5,043.82
Total 600000 · SERVICE & SALES REVENUE	1,005,339.76	919,934.76	9%	1,005,339.76
625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES & OTHER				
611600 · Capital Facilities Chrg.	0.00	5,457.32	-100%	0.00
620006 · Reimbursed Field Labor	0.00	284.22	-100%	0.00
620008 · Reimbursed Admin Labor	0.00	332.69	-100%	0.00
624000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	13,093.00	3,267.00	301%	13,093.00
625200 · Administrative Fees	1,325.00	500.00	165%	1,325.00
627000 · Tax Revenue - Secured	0.00	43,990.69	-100%	0.00
628000 · INTEREST INCOME				
629000 · Interest Income - LAIF	0.00	10,095.89	-100%	0.00
629100 · Interest Income -PIMMA	248.48	259.77	-4%	248.48
630000 · Interest Income - Cking	0.00	4.93	-100%	0.00
Total 628000 · INTEREST INCOME	248.48	10,360.59	-98%	248.48
890100 · SWP Pmt. from Solvang	2,956,685.28	0.00	100%	2,956,685.28
Total 625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES & OTHER	2,971,351.76	64,192.51	4529%	2,971,351.76
Total Income	3,976,691.52	984,127.27	304%	3,976,691.52
Cost of Goods Sold				
702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES				
703000 · Cach. Water Entitlement	27,794.69	27,794.69	0%	27,794.69
704000 · State Water	130,749.54	164,072.55	-20%	130,749.54
705000 · Ground Water Charges	0.00	22,504.85	-100%	0.00
860000 · Solvang-SWPmt	2,956,685.28	0.00	100%	2,956,685.28
Total 702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES	3,115,229.51	214,372.09	1353%	3,115,229.51

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710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES				
711000 · Maintenance - Wells	1,634.74	6,988.75	-77%	1,634.74
712000 · Maintenance - Mains	0.00	6,257.64	-100%	0.00
713000 · Maintenance - Reservoirs	213.17	37.60	467%	213.17
714000 · Maintenance - Structures	1,618.00	2,972.61	-46%	1,618.00
Total 710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES	3,465.91	16,256.60	-79%	3,465.91
725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES				
726000 · Pumping Expense (Power)	60,479.58	69,251.34	-13%	60,479.58
730000 · Maintenance - Structures	1,575.00	4,653.80	-66%	1,575.00
732000 · Maintenance - Equipmt.	0.00	3.44	-100%	0.00
Total 725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES	62,054.58	73,908.58	-16%	62,054.58
740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES				
744000 · Chemicals	0.00	4,089.99	-100%	0.00
748000 · Maintenance - Equipment	38.59	305.04	-87%	38.59
748100 · Wtr Treatment/Sampling Equip	398.50	38.36	939%	398.50
748200 · Wtr Treatment/Sampling Equip	657.96	12.91	4997%	657.96
749000 · Water Analysis	0.00	95.00	-100%	0.00
Total 740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES	1,095.05	4,541.30	-76%	1,095.05
750000 · TRANSMISSION & DIST. EXPENSES				
799501 · Uniforms T&D	1,129.60	1,625.47	-31%	1,129.60
775401 · ACWA - Health Ins. (T&D)	17,264.92	17,264.92	0%	17,264.92
775201 · ACWA - Delta Dental (T&D)	767.12	767.12	0%	767.12
775301 · ACWA - Vision (T&D)	137.68	137.68	0%	137.68
751000 · Labor	44,310.54	44,298.32	0%	44,310.54
751100 · Labor / Vacation	1,416.33	2,088.93	-32%	1,416.33
751200 · Labor / Sick Leave	256.11	1,284.37	-80%	256.11
752000 · Materials/Supplies				
752100 · Safety Equipment	0.00	12.88	-100%	0.00
752000 · Materials/Supplies - Other	297.84	249.05	20%	297.84
Total 752000 · Materials/Supplies	297.84	261.93	14%	297.84
753000 · SCADA Maintenance	0.00	355.58	-100%	0.00
754000 · Small Tools	3,005.13	2,596.02	16%	3,005.13
754100 · Small Tools - Repairs	0.00	8.18	-100%	0.00
755000 · Transportation	4,594.72	3,744.23	23%	4,594.72
756000 · Meter Services	296.00	-3,776.06	108%	296.00
756100 · Meter Services - Repair	1,051.46	-3,757.84	128%	1,051.46
757000 · Road Contracts	0.00	2,137.60	-100%	0.00
759000 · Maintenance - Structures	326.43	225.00	45%	326.43
763000 · Generators/Maintenance	778.64	0.00	100%	778.64
Total 750000 · TRANSMISSION & DIST. EXPENSES	75,632.52	69,261.45	9%	75,632.52
Total COGS	3,257,477.57	378,340.02	761%	3,257,477.57
Gross Profit	719,213.95	605,787.25	19%	719,213.95

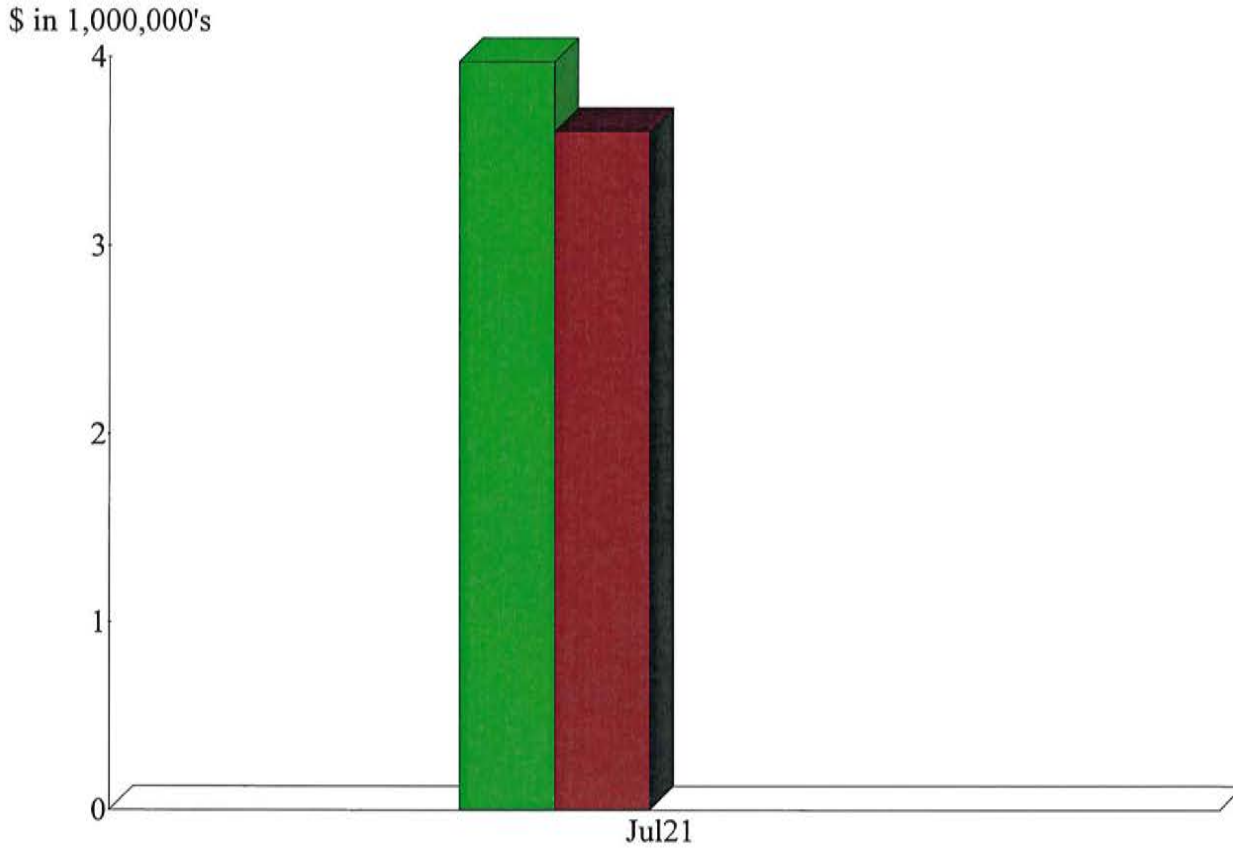
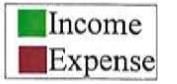
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Expense	Jul 21	Jun 21	% Change	Jul 21
4000 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
770000 · GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES				
774000 Workers Comp. - Ins.	0.00	5,379.77	-100%	0.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	44.00	44.00	0%	44.00
775000 · PERS - Retirement	170,531.26	27,205.61	527%	170,531.26
775200 · ACWA - Dental (Admin)	716.88	716.88	0%	716.88
775300 · ACWA - Vision (Admin)	154.55	154.55	0%	154.55
775400 · ACWA - Medical Insurance(Admin)	20,243.71	20,243.71	0%	20,243.71
777000 · Salaries - Administrative Staff	75,073.16	77,611.29	-3%	75,073.16
777100 · Salaries / Vacation	11,361.49	5,933.08	91%	11,361.49
777200 · Salaries / Sick Leave	839.61	1,626.97	-48%	839.61
778000 · Training, Travel & Conferences	42.08	327.32	-87%	42.08
779000 · Dues,Subscrip,Certif.	60.00	0.00	100%	60.00
780000 · Building Maintenance	1,142.63	881.00	30%	1,142.63
781000 · Office Supplies	650.80	992.07	-34%	650.80
781100 · Computer Supply/Training/Softwr	1,198.08	1,000.00	20%	1,198.08
782000 · Postage & Printing	3,350.45	3,691.05	-9%	3,350.45
783000 · Utilities	879.82	982.29	-10%	879.82
784000 · Telephone	1,218.16	1,222.32	0%	1,218.16
785000 · Special Services	540.00	1,046.97	-48%	540.00
786000 · Insurance & Bonds	5,356.45	5,201.29	3%	5,356.45
787000 · Payroll Taxes	10,089.46	10,346.06	-2%	10,089.46
789000 · Legal - Expenses Gen.	4,290.28	6,868.28	-38%	4,290.28
792000 · Bad Debts	0.00	7,162.97	-100%	0.00
793000 · Office Equip. Service Contracts	3,353.20	3,766.40	-11%	3,353.20
797000 · Trustee Fees	2,200.00	2,400.00	-8%	2,200.00
799000 · Miscellaneous Expenses/Vendors	122.80	3,055.37	-96%	122.80
799525 · Gardening Service	240.00	240.00	0%	240.00
Total 770000 · GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES	313,698.87	188,099.25	67%	313,698.87
Total Expense	313,698.87	188,099.25	67%	313,698.87
Net Ordinary Income	405,515.08	417,688.00	-3%	405,515.08
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING				
800200 · Legal -BB&K/Consultants				
800102 · Sustainable Grndwtr Mgmt Act	2,470.50	2,430.00	2%	2,470.50
800201 · NMFS Biop Recon/Stlhd Rcvry Pln	324.00	202.50	60%	324.00
Total 800200 · Legal -BB&K/Consultants	2,794.50	2,632.50	6%	2,794.50
800203 · River Water Righ Proceed (BHFS)	7,295.50	15,011.00	-51%	7,295.50
800204 · River Wtr Rgt Proced (Stet/Han)	47.75	0.00	100%	47.75
800300 · Engineering	0.00	25.98	-100%	0.00
800500 · Unanticipated Spc Legal Expense	6,235.00	7,525.00	-17%	6,235.00
Total 800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING	16,372.75	25,194.48	-35%	16,372.75
825000 · STUDIES				

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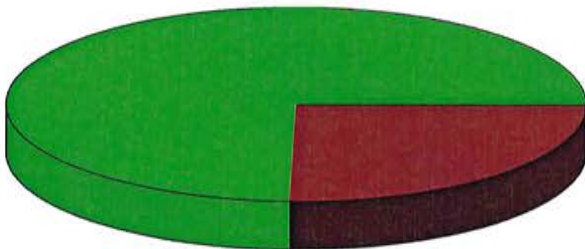
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825400 · CCRB (Shared Consultants)				
825401 · Joint Bio Op Recon.-Consultants	191.00	214.88	-11%	191.00
Total 825400 · CCRB (Shared Consultants)	191.00	214.88	-11%	191.00
825500 · Hydrology SYR;RiverWare-Stetson	0.00	1,432.50	-100%	0.00
825600 · SB Co Water Agency	4,051.00	518.24	682%	4,051.00
825800 · BiOp Implementation	0.00	15,000.00	-100%	0.00
825900 · Water System Study Updt (Stet)	2,269.50	829.50	174%	2,269.50
Total 825000 · STUDIES	6,511.50	17,995.12	-64%	6,511.50
900100 · Constr in Progress CY				
900311 · Chlorine Blg @ Wells	0.00	-5,142.25	100%	0.00
900335 · SWP Pump Station/Pipeline	1,057.92	-1,821.70	158%	1,057.92
900332 · Water Treatment/District Bldg	0.00	-907.52	100%	0.00
900102 · Zone 1, 2, 3 Reserviors	0.00	-35,754.34	100%	0.00
900106 · Rehab/Rplc - Trans. Mains/Lats	0.00	-488,151.08	100%	0.00
900171 · 4.CFS WII Field	0.00	-15,531.10	100%	0.00
900196 · Alamo Pintado BPS	737.50	-7,032.80	110%	737.50
900197 · Refugio 3-BPS-Repairs	175.00	-3,168.80	106%	175.00
900198 · Meadowlark BPS	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
900350 · Uplands Wells	337.50	-3,218.40	110%	337.50
Total 900100 · Constr in Progress CY	2,307.92	-560,727.99	100%	2,307.92
900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY				
900318 · Meter Replace/Utility Billing	0.00	-180,215.18	100%	0.00
900371 · Office Building/Shop Improvemen	10,502.45	-24,596.93	143%	10,502.45
900372 · Office Furn., Computers & Equip	1,951.33	-21,983.19	109%	1,951.33
900373 · Fleet Vehicle Addition/Replace	0.00	-85,290.60	100%	0.00
900376 · Communications/Telemetry-SCADA	0.00	-76,353.57	100%	0.00
900378 · Mjr. Tools, Shop & Garage Equip	0.00	-103,614.16	100%	0.00
Total 900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY	12,453.78	-492,053.63	103%	12,453.78
Total Other Expense	37,645.95	-1,009,592.02	104%	37,645.95
Net Other Income	-37,645.95	1,009,592.02	-104%	-37,645.95
Net Income	367,869.13	1,427,280.02	-74%	367,869.13

Income and Expense by Month
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Income Summary
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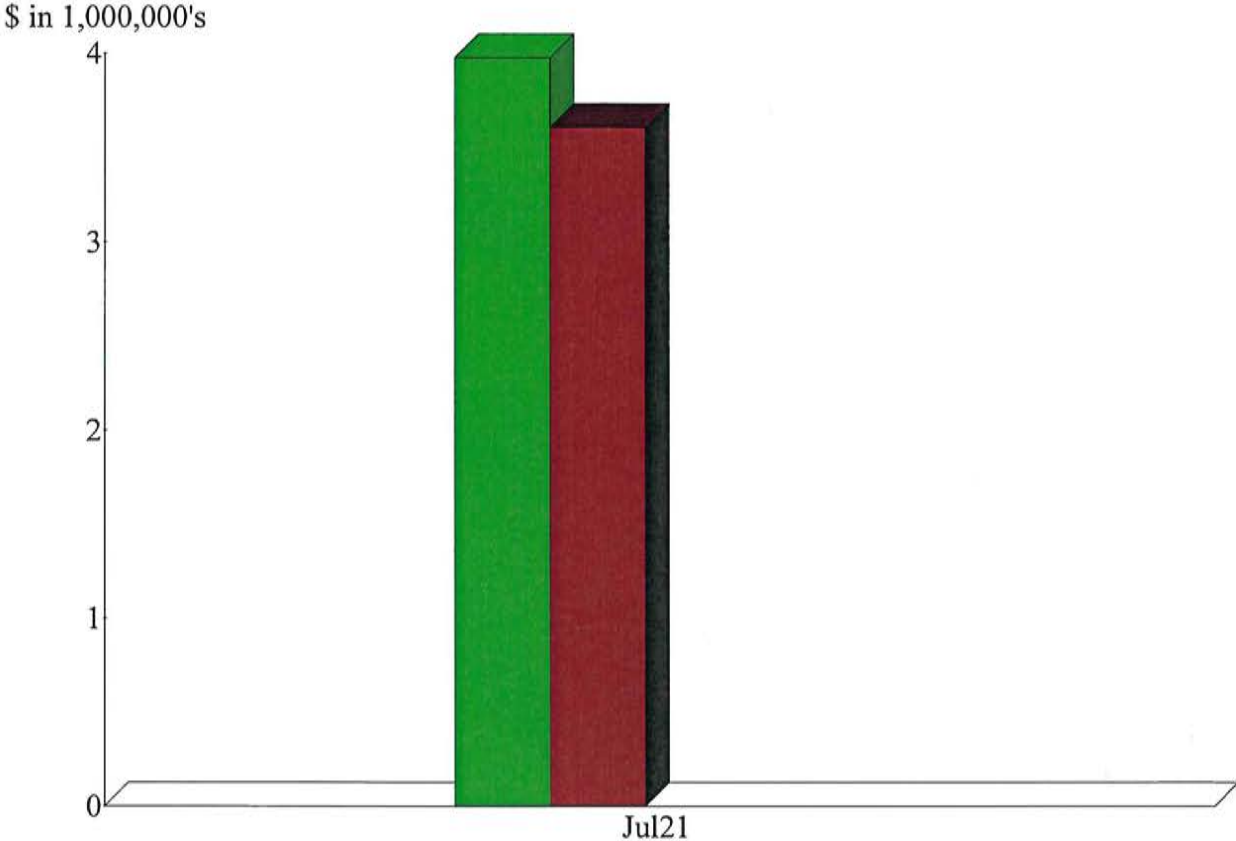
625000	· ASSESSMENTS, FEES & OTH	74.72%
600000	· SERVICE & SALES REVENUE	25.28
Total		\$3,976,691.52



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Income and Expense by Month
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Income
Expense



Expense Summary
July 2021

702000	SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES	86.32%
770000	GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES	8.69
750000	TRANSMISSION & DIST. EXPENSES	2.10
725000	PUMPING EXPENSES	1.72
800000	LEGAL/ENGINEERING	0.45
900370	Capital Improvement Prog - CY	0.35
825000	STUDIES	0.18
710000	INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES	0.10
900100	Constr in Progress CY	0.06
740000	WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES	0.03
Total		\$3,608,822.39



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Jul 21 - Aug 17, 21			
07/30/2021	23956	ACWA/JPIA - Health Premium	\$ 40,184.12
08/17/2021	23957	All Around Landscape Supply/SiteOne	\$ 242.50
08/17/2021	23958	Aquapulse Chemicals, LLC	\$ 7,150.53
08/17/2021	23959	Aramark Uniform Serv Inc.	\$ 1,198.89
08/17/2021	23960	Autosys, LLC	\$ 7,897.58
08/17/2021	23961	B of A Business Card Services-AGM	\$ 3,608.60
08/17/2021	23962	B of A Business Card Services-GM2	\$ 2,016.02
08/17/2021	23963	Best Best & Krieger LLP	\$ 2,985.50
08/17/2021	23964	Brownstein,Hyatt,Farber, Schreck	\$ 17,820.78
08/17/2021	23965	Buellflat Rock Company, Inc.	\$ 158.16
07/30/2021	EFT	CA State Disbursement - July 2021	\$ 513.00
07/30/2021	EFT	CalPERS - Retirement - July 2021	\$ 173,943.94
08/17/2021	23966	Cardenas, Lydia	\$ 25.99
08/17/2021	23967	CCI Office Technologies	\$ 186.59
08/17/2021	23968	Co of SB-Public Works-Water Agency	\$ 4,051.00
08/17/2021	23969	Comcast	\$ 346.17
08/17/2021	23970	Consolidated Overhead Door & Gate	\$ 9,105.00
08/17/2021	23971	Daniels Equipment Inc.	\$ 183.18
08/17/2021	23972	Delgado, Michael	\$ 398.00
08/17/2021	23973	Dig Safe Board	\$ 30.86
07/30/2021	EFT	Employment Dev. Dept. - July 2021 Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,238.00
08/17/2021	23974	Echo Communications	\$ 173.60
08/17/2021	23975	FedEx	\$ 51.45
08/17/2021	23976	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 132,326.81
08/17/2021	23977	Garcia, Paeter	\$ 42.08
08/17/2021	23978	Hach Company	\$ 657.96
08/17/2021	23979	Harrison Hardware Inc	\$ 325.54
08/17/2021	23980	ICONIX Waterworks (US) Inc.	\$ 6,949.40
08/17/2021	23981	Iron Mountain	\$ 97.20
08/17/2021	23982	IVR Technology Group, LLC	\$ 83.03
08/17/2021	23983	J. Winther Chevron, Inc.	\$ 285.82
08/17/2021	23984	Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems	\$ 1,106.00
08/17/2021	23985	JANO Printing & Mailworks	\$ 3,336.49
08/17/2021	23986	Jim Vreeland Ford	\$ 539.97
08/17/2021	23987	JV Outdoor Power Equipment	\$ 166.23
07/30/2021	EFT	Lincoln National Life - July 2021	\$ 2,700.00
08/17/2021	23988	MarBorg Industries	\$ 181.74
08/17/2021	23989	Mark Moniot Electric, Inc.	\$ 1,397.45
07/30/2021	EFT	Mechanics Bank - July 2021 Payroll Taxes	\$ 35,887.75
08/17/2021	23990	Martone Mary/Petty Cash	\$ 37.22
08/17/2021	23991	McCormix Corp	\$ 3,189.73
08/17/2021	23992	Nielsen Building Materials Inc	\$ 807.52
08/17/2021	23993	Otto Electrical, Inc	\$ 1,250.00
08/17/2021	23994	P G & E	\$ 78,883.18

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07/30/2021	EFT	Payroll - July 2021	\$ 94,794.97
08/17/2021	23995	Pacific Petroleum	\$ 985.83
08/17/2021	23996	Pulido B. Landscape Tree Service	\$ 1,815.00
08/17/2021	23997	Quill	\$ 368.72
08/17/2021	23998	Quinn Company	\$ 778.64
08/17/2021	23999	Red Wing Shoes	\$ 194.10
08/17/2021	24000	S Y River Water Conservation District	\$ 9,456.00
08/17/2021	24001	Santa Barbara County Water Agency	\$ 518.24
08/17/2021	24002	Smiths Alarms & Electronics Inc	\$ 90.00
08/17/2021	24003	Stetson Engineers Inc	\$ 2,317.25
08/17/2021	24004	Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth	\$ 2,449.00
08/17/2021	24005	Streamline	\$ 400.00
08/17/2021	24006	SYCSD	\$ 80.78
08/17/2021	24007	TechnoFlo Systems	\$ 1,620.43
08/17/2021	24008	The Gas Company	\$ 20.44
08/17/2021	24009	Todd Pipe & Supply	\$ 186.51
08/17/2021	24010	Underground Service Alert	\$ 99.10
08/17/2021	24011	USA Bluebook	\$ 3,193.46
08/17/2021	24012	Verizon Wireless	\$ 871.20
08/17/2021	24013	Viking Press Inc.	\$ 100.75
08/17/2021	24014	Waste Management of Santa Maria	\$ 291.83
08/17/2021	24015	Water District Jobs	\$ 145.00
Total			\$ 631,353.71

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RESOLUTION No. 807

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No.1
ACKNOWLEDGING THE RETIREMENT OF CHRIS DAHLSTROM
AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR 24 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, on May 15, 1996, Chris Dahlstrom was selected by the Board of Trustees to become the second General Manager in the District's 60-year history and he served continuously for nearly 24 years in many capacities until his retirement on January 2, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Dahlstrom served under 16 Trustees and through 12 Board election cycles as General Manager including holding the offices of Treasurer, District Engineer, Secretary to the Board (from 1998 to 2015), Executive Officer of the ID No.1 Financial Corporation, Chief of ID No.1's water resources, business, and administration, and FEMA Inspector; while doing everything from reading meters in the early days, to repairing mainline leaks, to negotiating complex water supply contracts, to reviewing countless legal and environmental documents, to managing the day-to day operations of the District; and,

WHEREAS, Chris's dedicated service to ID No.1 and its customers is exemplified by his success in maintaining and enhancing a robust profile of water resources and supplies; implementing improvements of the District's infrastructure and distribution system; modernizing the District's operations by bringing in computers and software billing and accounting programs making for more efficient and accurate processing; acting on opportunities to refund and refinance debt obligations saving the District \$100,000's of interest payments; and establishing a professional staff to carry out the Board's directives, policies and customer service as well as to comply with the many Federal and State water quality and resources regulations; and,

WHEREAS, over the past 24 years, he was involved in developing redundant water system infrastructure and expanding production facilities to assure water supplies for the future and during emergencies including his concept engineering and final design approval as well as construction oversight of a multitude of projects such as the Mesa Verde Pump Station (the SWP and Cachuma five-stage pump station and turnout), the 3.25 million gallon Zone 3 Reservoir; 6.0 CFS Well Field expansion; Upland Basin groundwater wells; Refugio 2 and Alamo Pintado Booster Pump Stations 2-and 3-stage redundancy; the SCADA operating system, and other major valve, numerous pipeline and three reservoir improvements; and,

WHEREAS, in 1998, Chris acquired his FEMA inspector certification during the declared flood emergency which allowed the District to recover over \$900,000 in emergency Federal and State funds to repair damage and restore the 4.0 CFS well field water production; and, again in the 2005 flood emergency, he orchestrated the receipt of \$5.1 million in FEMA emergency funds to repair ID No.1 facilities and install five new wells in the Upland Basin to recover lost production from the Santa Ynez River, all of which saved reserves and avoided special water rate increases; and,

WHEREAS, with repairs to the 4.0 CFS well field and expansion of the 6.0 CFS well field in the Santa Ynez River, Mr. Dahlstrom successfully planned and implemented perfecting the long-term permits to acquire permanent licenses from the State Water Resources Control Board for water supplies from the underflow of the River and securing those water rights; and,

WHEREAS, he adamantly protected the District's water rights in Cachuma, the Santa Ynez River, and in the Groundwater Basin against agencies and entities who asserted competing claims to the Valley's water resources; his stand was always for ID No.1, the agricultural interests, and those other agencies and riparian owners extending west to Lompoc; and

WHEREAS, he fiercely defended the District and the best interest of its customers from multiple litigation, claims, and attempts initiated by agencies and individuals and was successful in all including the 1996-1998 Solvang litigation against ID No.1 in which the District received reimbursement of \$1.7 million for its expenses, two employment lawsuits claiming costs with a Superior Court jury finding unanimously in favor of the District, and an Appeals Court finding entirely for the District; two Santa Barbara County lawsuits both resulting in the District prevailing; a water rate lawsuit ending in a victory for the District, and several legal claims all favoring the District and its entire customer base rather than the individual; and,

WHEREAS, because of Mr. Dahlstrom's vast knowledge and experience to manage and respond to situations in a logical and practical manner, he navigated the District through two flood emergencies impacting water supply and finances, a significant drought from 2012 to 2018, and a State Chromium VI regulation, that in combination, brought water sales, revenues, and reserves to all-time lows, and he was able to navigate those turbulent waters to plan and advise the Board of solutions and actions that allowed the District to recover and become financially stable while maintaining a standard of excellence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, he also represented ID No.1 on various Boards, Committees, and Associations including: as the longest standing Alternate Director on the Central Coast Water Authority Board and Chairman and Member of the Operations Committee; a 20-year Member and Chairman of the Mid-Pacific Region Water Users and Planning Committee; Alternate to the Association of California Water Agencies JPIA; and ID No.1's representative on numerous State, County, and local agency committees; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Chris has earned the admiration and respect from all levels of Federal, State, and local government officials, his peer group of General Managers, staff and Boards of other agencies, and individuals in the water industry including receiving acknowledgments and awards from organizations due to his involvement in the water industry that cover the 17 western states to the local region to Washington DC, all of which reflect his especially high standards, professionalism, and special kind of dedication; and,

WHEREAS, Chris always said, "this is not a job but a labor of love" and "I love what I do" which he equated to be the Captain of the ship, who respected his crew and valued every individual and their part in moving the ship forward, and the Board recognizes Chris's unique capabilities in managing the ship with the utmost integrity, dedication and loyalty, while instilling a "can do" attitude and the highest standards for water service, and always placing the interest of the District and its customers first and foremost; and,

WHEREAS, growing up in the Valley, he was invested in everything that the District did and stood for; he was constantly aware of the rural character and importance of agricultural that makes the Valley special, and he strived to preserve that quality by making it his mission to have outstanding service, establishing an organization of the District for future generations, and leaving it as a model of excellence; and,

WHEREAS, Chris Dahlstrom, General Manager (Retired), has earned the boundless respect of past and present Board members, the ID No.1 staff, and members of the public alike, will be greatly missed for his knowledge of the District, his understanding of water resources, his tireless efforts in doing the "right thing" but mostly his friendship and ability to personally interact and connect with the Board members and public; and,

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2020, Chris decided it was time to retire after an amazing 32 years as a public servant in the water profession and spend his days enjoying life with his wife and daughter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, hereby acknowledge the retirement of Chris Dahlstrom, the second General Manager of the District, on January 2, 2020, recognize his contributions and accomplishments on behalf of the District, and wish to express our deepest appreciation and esteem for his 24 years of excellent and dedicated service to the District.
2. The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Board of Trustees, General Manager, Assistant General Manager, Administrative, and Operations staff wish him a long, prosperous, and adventurous retirement, and all the best wishes with everything he does in the future.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being duly qualified and acting President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees of said District at a Regular meeting held on August 17, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES, in favor thereof, Trustees:

NOES, Trustees:

ABSENT, Trustees:

Jeff Clay, President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

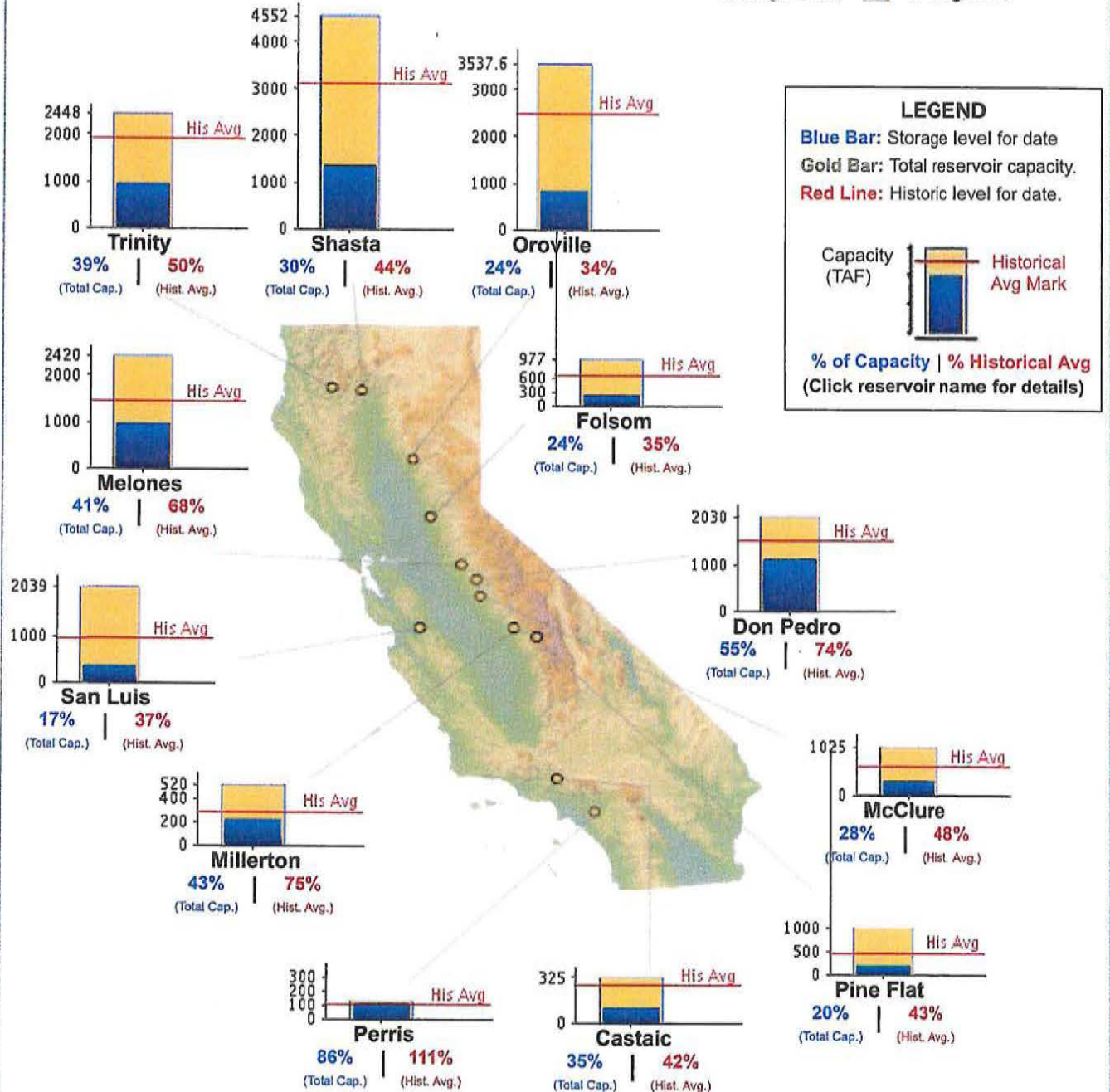
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Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EMERGENCY REGULATION FOR COMMENT AND NOTICE OF WATER UNAVAILABILITY – SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA WATERSHED



This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board

The Notice of Availability of Draft Emergency Curtailment and Reporting Regulation for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) Watershed for Public Review and Comment and Notice of Water Unavailability for Senior Water Right Claims in the Delta Watershed has been posted and can be accessed at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/delta/docs/notice_delta_watershed.pdf

Draft Emergency Curtailment and Reporting Regulation

The proposed emergency regulation will be presented for review and possible adoption by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) at the August 3, 2021 Board Meeting. The proposed emergency regulation would require water right holders and claimants in the Delta watershed to curtail their diversions when the State Water Board determines, based on the best information available to the Board, that water is not available to serve their priorities of water rights. The emergency regulation would also allow the Board to require water right holders and claimants to provide additional information related to their diversion and use of water.

State Water Board staff will hold a **public workshop on July 27, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** to provide information and to receive public input on the proposed emergency regulation. For more information and instructions to participate, please see the [Notice of Staff Workshop](#).

Written comments related to the draft emergency regulation text must be submitted to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, with a **copy** to Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov by **12:00 noon on July 29, 2021**, to be considered before the August 3, 2021 Board Meeting.

Water Unavailability for Senior Water Right Claims

The best information available to the Board indicates that water supply is currently insufficient to support lawful diversions under most senior claims of right (claims identified in Initial Statements of Water Diversion and Use). A list of the pre-1914 appropriative water right claims affected by the Notice of Water Unavailability are available on the [Delta Watershed Drought Information webpage](#).

The [June 15, 2021 Notices of Water Unavailability](#) applicable to all post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Delta watershed remain effective.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or related efforts, you may send an email to Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov, or call the Delta Drought phone line at (916) 319-0960.

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July 29, 2021

Submitted via: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov
bay-delta@waterboards.ca.gov

The Honorable E. Joaquin Esquivel
Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACWA Comments on 8/3/2021 Board Meeting – Item #5 – Draft Emergency Curtailment and Reporting Regulation for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) Watershed and Proposed Resolution

Dear Chair Esquivel:

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) appreciates the opportunity to provide public comments on the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Draft Emergency Curtailment and Reporting Regulation for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) Watershed (draft Emergency Regulation) and Proposed Resolution. ACWA represents more than 460 public water agencies that collectively deliver approximately 90 percent of the water in California for domestic, agricultural, and industrial uses. ACWA's members are implementing significant actions to respond to California's drought emergency, and are continuing to invest in local solutions to manage water supply during dry years. Given the serious concerns with California's ongoing drought, ACWA appreciates the intent of the draft Emergency Regulation to protect previously stored water and water transfers from unauthorized diversions.

While ACWA recognizes the severity of circumstances due to current drought conditions, we are concerned with the State Water Board's public process and timeline. This Emergency Regulation would significantly affect water rights holders, diverters and users throughout the state. However, the currently proposed timeline provides very little time and opportunity for stakeholder review and input prior to adoption. As far as ACWA is aware, there was no outreach or opportunity for stakeholder input in developing the draft regulations. ACWA participated actively in workgroups and other discussions concerning the Water Rights Drought Effort Review (WARDER). The resulting WARDER report found that "Participants unanimously stated the need for earlier and more frequent communication on water availability. Participants recommended that the Division provide opportunities for public input when protocols and water availability analyses are developed." ACWA would be happy to assist the State Water Board in organizing an opportunity for its members to provide their substantial technical expertise in dealing with these critical issues.

It is essential that these public processes continue to be improved prior to next year. ACWA appreciates that the Proposed Resolution would direct staff to engage with stakeholders by December 31, 2021, to identify and explore possible approaches to severe water supply

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shortages. ACWA members remain ready to assist in the development of a more transparent and participatory process.

ACWA requests that the State Water Board consider the following comments.

1. CLARIFY SUSPENSION OF CURTAILMENTS FOR DIVERSIONS TO STORAGE

The ability to capture and store water this wet season is crucial to water resiliency and preparation for subsequent dry years. Proposed Section 876.1 would authorize the Deputy Director to temporarily suspend curtailments when water availability increases or is projected to increase due to precipitation and runoff events. However, the draft Emergency Regulation does not provide the necessary certainty and clarity to public water agencies on the process by which the Deputy Director will suspend curtailments. ACWA is concerned that absent more detail about the methodology that will be utilized for suspending curtailments, there is a significant risk that opportunities to divert available water may be lost.

Consequently, ACWA recommends that the State Water Board direct the Deputy Director to revisit any curtailment decisions promptly at the end of the irrigation season and no later than November 1. The end of the irrigation season will almost certainly result in reduced demands and will hopefully coincide with the first precipitation of the coming winter season.

2. CLARIFY THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRAFT EMERGENCY REGULATION IS NOT A WAIVER OF WATER RIGHTS

ACWA supports the implementation of the water rights priority system as the methodology to address drought conditions. This would create an orderly and predictable system for issuing of curtailment orders while also maintaining the State Water Board's responsibility to protect the water rights priority system.

The Emergency Regulation and Resolution include references to "waste and unreasonable use." However, it is ACWA's understanding that the State Water Board is not making any determination regarding what constitutes "waste and unreasonable use" and instead, the State Water Board is seeking to enforce the water right priority system. To ensure continued protection of water rights, ACWA requests that the State Water Board incorporate language in the draft Emergency Regulation or Proposed Resolution stating that "compliance with the regulation is not an admission or waiver of any rights or claims of affected parties with respect to the legal basis or factual findings supporting the regulation, and the regulation will not be deemed precedent for any future curtailment regulation."

3. CLARIFY CURTAILMENTS DO NOT APPLY TO DIVERSIONS FROM WATER STORAGE

The draft Emergency Regulation should clearly state that curtailments do not apply to diversions from water user storage, consistent with the intent of the draft Emergency Regulation. This clarification can be accomplished by revising § 876.1, subd. (a) to state "This section applies to water diversions in the Delta Watershed as defined in section 877.1. This section does not apply to rights or contracts for the rediversion or use of previously stored water."

4. MINIMIZE BURDENSOME REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

While ACWA recognizes the need for data to inform decisions of water unavailability, the draft Emergency Regulations would allow the Deputy Director to require an unlimited amount of



reporting of future demand projections and past diversions, without demonstrating the need for the data. This could place significant data reporting burdens on public water agencies during a time when staff resources are needed to address the ongoing drought conditions. ACWA requests that the draft Emergency Regulations be edited to more closely track the information that the Deputy Director will actually need after considering the substantial streams of data that ACWA members are already sending to the State Water Board, including its Division of Drinking Water.

5. CLARIFY ENFORCEMENT OF CURTAILMENTS

The State Water Board's enforcement of curtailments is necessary to protect water from unauthorized and unlawful diversion. ACWA requests further clarification regarding the State Water Board's plans to enforce future curtailments.

6. POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT EMERGENCY REGULATION BY TWO WEEKS

The State Water Board noticed that it will consider adoption of the draft Emergency Regulation and Proposed Resolution on August 3. This timeframe does not provide the adequate time for stakeholders to coordinate responses so that we can most effectively assist the State Water Board in making momentous decisions about whether to authorize water right curtailments throughout what is by far California's largest watershed. Given that cropping decisions were made months ago and the critical season for storing water is months away, ACWA requests that the State Water Board postpone its consideration of the draft Emergency Regulation to the August 17 Board Meeting to ensure that it can appropriately consider these enormously important concerns.

ACWA appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments for the State Water Board's consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at chelseah@acwa.com or (916) 206-4078 if you have any questions regarding ACWA's comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chelsea Haines".

Chelsea Haines
Regulatory Relations Manager
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

cc: The Honorable E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board
The Honorable Dorene D'Adamo, Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board
The Honorable Laurel Firestone, Board Member, State Water Resources Control Board
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The Honorable Nichole Morgan, Board Member, State Water Resources Control Board
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Mr. Dave Eggerton, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies
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Paeter Garcia

From: lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 8:06 PM
To: Paeter Garcia
Subject: Emergency Regulation for Drought Minimum Flows in Scott and Shasta Watersheds at Board's August 17 Meeting



This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board

To: Interested Parties

On August 6, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released the agenda for its August 17, 2021 Board Meeting, which includes consideration of a drought emergency regulation for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds. Among other things, if adopted, the emergency regulation would: (1) establish drought minimum instream flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds; and (2) provide curtailment and information order authority to the State Water Board. Please refer to Item 4 of the [August 17 agenda](#) for more information, including a copy of the proposed regulation, which has been updated from the version released on July 16, 2021 to address comments.

To Submit Comments. Written comments related to the proposed emergency regulation (Agenda Item 4) must be **submitted by 12:00 noon on August 12, 2021** to the Clerk to the Board at: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. **Please indicate in the subject line, 8/17/2021 BOARD MEETING – ITEM #4.** Please refer to the agenda for more information.

If you are receiving this notice in a forwarded message and would like to receive email updates about the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds drought effort, please sign up for the State Water Board's "**Scott-Shasta Drought**" email subscription list under "State Water Resources Control Board", then "Water Rights" at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/

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From: lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov
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Subject: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED & INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS



This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board

To Interested Parties,

As a reminder, the State Water Resources Control Board will consider adoption of a proposed emergency regulation for the Russian River watershed at the June 15th State Water Board Meeting which, among other things, will help ensure water is available for: (1) carryover storage in Lake Mendocino in the event conditions remain dry; (2) minimum flows for state and federally listed fish in the Russian River; and (3) minimum human health and safety needs.

How to submit Comments

The June 15, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda provides information on the location of the State Water Board meeting and how to submit written comments. **Written comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 10, 2021.** As noted under the Important Information section of the June 15, 2021 agenda, comments should be sent as follows:

- **Written Comments.** Submittals are to be sent via e-mail to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, 6/15/2021 BOARD MEETING – ITEM 5.
- **Oral Comments at the Board Meeting.** If you wish to provide comments or present at the Board meeting, please refer to the additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting

Information on how to view the Board meeting is available at the top of the June 15 Board Meeting agenda. Once the proposed regulation is submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), OAL will then provide a five-day comment period for interested parties to submit comments. The [Russian River Drought Response website](#) will be updated to provide more information on how to submit comments to OAL as that information becomes available.

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NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN

SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

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Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in Teleconference Meeting: Those who wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, or who otherwise are making a presentation to the GSA Committee, may participate in the meeting using the dial-in number and passcode above. Those wishing to submit written comments instead, please submit any and all comments and materials to the GSA via electronic mail at bbuelow@syrwcd.com. All submittals of written comments must be received by the GSA no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, and should indicate “**June 24, 2021 GSA Meeting**” in the subject line. To the extent practicable, public comments and materials received in advance pursuant to this timeframe will be read into the public record during the meeting. Public comments and materials not read into the record will become part of the post-meeting materials available to the public and posted on the SGMA website.

In the interest of clear reception and efficient administration of the meeting, all persons participating in this teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their phones after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.

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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Introductions and review of SGMA in the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin
- III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public item.)
- V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes from May 27, 2021, EMA GSA meeting.
- VI. Receive update on GSP comments and correspondence received.
- VII. Receive report from the EMA Citizens Advisory Group on the EMA Draft SMCs.
- VIII. Receive presentation from GSI on the "Projects and Management Actions" and schedule for GSP document review and adoption.
- IX. Next "Regular" EMA GSA Meeting: **Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:30 PM**
- X. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XI. Adjournment

[This agenda was posted 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting at 3669 Sagunto Street, Suite 101, Santa Ynez, California, and <https://www.santaynezwater.org> in accordance with Government Code Section 54954. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to review agenda materials or participate in this meeting, please contact the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District at (805) 693-1156. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the GSA to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.]

DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin May 27, 2021

A Regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA) in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by issuing shelter-in-home standards, limiting public gatherings, and requiring social distancing, this meeting occurred solely via video and teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20 and in accordance with the latest Santa Barbara County Health Officer Order.

EMA GSA Committee Members Present: Joan Hartmann, Mark Infanti, Brad Joos,
Brett Marymee

Alternate GSA Committee Member Present: Cynthia Allen, Meighan Diethofer

Member Agency Staff Present: Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Amber Thompson,
Matt van der Linden, Kevin Walsh, and Matt Young

Others Present: Steve Anderson, Jeff Barry (GSI Water Solutions), Mike Burchardi, Russell Chamberlin, Tim Gorham, Gay Infanti, Curtis Lawler (Stetson Engineers), Kevin Merrill, Tim Nicely (GSI Water Solutions), Steve Slack (CDFW), Eric Tambini, and two additional members of the public whose names were not registered.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

GSA Committee Chair, Brett Marymee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Buelow to call roll. All GSA Committee Members were present.

II. Introductions and Review of SGMA in Santa Ynez River Valley Basin

Mr. Buelow announced names of phone and video attendees.

Mr. Buelow reviewed history of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements and what has been completed so far in the Santa Ynez River Basin. He recalled that during the last meeting, direction for Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) was provided by Committee Members. Thus far, the EMA GSA Committee has prepared a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, a Data Management Plan, a Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model including Groundwater Conditions, and a Draft Water Budget toward completing a Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and releasing the document for public review this summer followed with Public Hearings, then submitting a Final GSP to

the Department of Water Resources in January 2022. All documents are accessible on SantaYnezWater.org.

III. Additions or Deletions, if any, to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Review and Consider Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the GSA Committee meetings on February 25, March 25, April 15, April 19, and May 13, 2021 were presented for GSA Committee approval. Discussion followed.

GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 25, March 25, April 15, April 19 and May 13, 2021 as presented. GSA Committee Member Joan Hartmann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VI. Receive EMA GSA financial update and approve EMA Warrant Lists

The GSA Committee reviewed the financial reports of FY 2020-21 Periods 1 through 9 (through March 31, 2021) and the Warrant List for January, February, and March 2021. Mr. Buelow noted that expenses were fully covered by the DWR Prop 1 Grant reimbursements received on behalf of the EMA GSA.

GSA Committee Member Brad Joos made a MOTION to approve the financial reports and the Warrant List for January, February, and March 2021 as presented (No. 1023-1028) totaling \$5,895.61. GSA Committee Member Brett Marymee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. Receive Report from the EMA Citizens Advisory Group on the Draft Water Budget for the EMA

Kevin Merrill reviewed the May 11, 2021 Memorandum prepared by Mary Heyden summarizing EMA Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) meeting held on May 11, 2021 regarding the Draft Water Budget for the EMA as well as the presentation by GSI dated April 29, 2021 on Draft SMCs for the EMA. The CAG Memo was included in the GSA Committee meeting packet.

Discussion followed.

VIII. Receive Presentation from GSI on the Management Actions and Projects

Mr. Jeff Barry and Mr. Tim Nicely (GSI Water Solutions) presented “Management Actions and Projects, Santa Ynez Basin - EMA, May 27, 2021” and reviewed the timeline of deliverables and meetings through January 2022.

Public comment, GSA Committee Member discussion, and follow-up from the consultants and staff from the GSA member agencies occurred during and after the presentation.

- Referencing slide 7, Committee Member Brett Marymee asked what would happen if a volunteer well located in a data gap area is added to the monitoring network. Mr. Barry explained that the consultants will start monitoring water levels in the volunteer well and it could be added to the monitoring well network. He also said that wells in the monitoring network will not be replaced unless a representative volunteer well drops out.
- Committee Member Mark Infanti asked if the EMA should address links to any possible CMA unfavorable conditions before setting Minimum Thresholds for the EMA? Mr. Barry explained that the groundwater flow from EMA to CMA will be addressed and that the EMA GSA has a responsibility to manage the EMA and not compromise downstream Management Areas by a significant and unreasonable reduction in groundwater flow from EMA.
- Referencing slide 10, Steve Slack (CDFW) asked if any Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs), including plants or trees in the area, have roots deeper than 30 feet. Mr. Barry explained that the consultants used data provided by DWR of potential GDE plants and trees present in this area to establish rooting depth needed and the consultants are confident that most plants and trees in area are supplied with water other than groundwater and rooting depth are less than 30 feet.
- Referencing slide 14, Committee Member Brett Marymee asked for clarification on possible Santa Barbara County grant funding for groundwater well meters to improve data of actual water use and asked if the funding would cover maintenance over time or only initial installation. Mr. Matt Young, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, explained that a grant funding program does not exist yet. It is in the planning stages and may possibly be a subsidy reimbursement program to cover initial installation costs and should be available county-wide. Establishment of this preliminary grant program will require Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approval.
- Referencing slide 12, Committee Member Brett Marymee appreciated that the process includes quantifying benefits to the EMA versus costs, reliability, permit ability, and time to implement. He suggested considering a risk-based approach (risk versus impact), rate probability (low to high), and rate risk (low to high) to determine when to take action and what action is needed. Mr. Barry explained the difference between the approaches and will review a risk-based approach with the consultant team.

- Committee Member Brad Joos asked Mr. Young for clarification about the requirement for meters in the Cuyama Basin GSA. Mr. Young explained the processes attempted and history of certain events and clarified that the Cuyama Basin GSA ultimately voted to make meters mandatory for all groundwater users in their basin by the end of this year. Committee Member Joos suggested that mandatory meters may be the best solution for the EMA GSA as well.
- Referencing slide 7, Committee Member Joan Hartmann asked for clarification about undesirable results occurring when water levels fall below Minimum Thresholds after average and above average rainfall periods in 50% of representative wells over 2 consecutive years and what happens with a long-term drought or mega drought. Mr. Barry explained that SGMA takes drought conditions into consideration and states if the basin does not begin to recover, and groundwater levels do not return to or above minimum thresholds after rainfall resumes, then management actions may need to be implemented.
- Referencing slide 10, Committee Member Joan Hartmann asked if the undesirable result and Minimum Threshold for depletion of interconnected surface water refers to rain events. Mr. Barry clarified that undesirable results are from groundwater pumping not long-term drought.
- Referencing Potential Projects on slide 18, Committee Member Brett Marymee asked if consultants toured the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin and looked at actual flow of water? Mr. Barry explained that the Santa Ynez River mainstem is a highly regulated surface water source and that capturing water upstream in certain areas may be considered diverting surface water and could affect downstream users. So, to protect downstream water rights and beneficial uses, a potential stormwater capture and recharge project would be for off channel infiltration in the upland area far from the river alluvium and only to occur during high storm flow events.
 - Mr. Nicely added that the Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model includes a map titled Potential Recharge Areas (Figure 3-17). Those mapped location should be areas of focus for stormwater capture and recharge.
- Committee Member Mark Infanti commented regarding a recycled water program project that the City of Solvang reviewed in connection with its water treatment plant and found it to be very expensive to produce recycled water; plus the City of Solvang would need infrastructure and piping to deliver recycled water to locations benefitting recharge to the City and EMA. Discussion followed.
 - He explained some alternate infrastructure ideas and asked if any financial assistance is available.
 - Committee Member Joan Hartmann advised that the State of California had plans for a water bond to aid in water efficiencies and conservation including potable reuse, but the bond was pulled back for this year. However, she expects it may be available next year. State of California budget lists \$5.1 billion for a water

infrastructure bond earmarked specifically for small or disadvantaged communities.

- Matt van der Linden, City of Solvang, commented that the City of Solvang Public Works Department is tracking grant funding and anticipates significant grant funding in the next few years for recycled water treatment and distribution.
- He added that in general stormwater capture projects tend to be less expensive than recycled water but if one looks at the benefit/cost analysis then the higher monies spent on recycled water projects produce a better benefits ratio.
- Committee Member Joan Hartmann suggested, although controversial, a potential project of exploring conservation water pricing to offer incentives through pricing so that if one has more than the “reasonable” use then tiered pricing increases. She pointed out that the Irvine Water District and others in Orange County have done this to some success. She offered to provide information to consultants.
- Mr. Young emphasized that the Potential Projects is only a potential list and Management Actions are only proposed management actions which were compiled by consultants and staff in order to gather feedback from Committee members and stakeholders on what they deem reasonable for this area.
- Committee Member Joan Hartmann commented about programs with adding compost on agricultural land may help lower carbon emissions but also holds moisture and creates drought resistant soil. There is a lot of discussion at the state level about potentially paying farmers to do this and would be beneficial for this area.
- Tim Gorham commented regarding water conservation that it is worthy to note the City of Santa Barbara was able to reduce water consumption by 30% from promoting water conservation. He pointed out that local water users may not actually be conservative with water use and that local municipal boards may not have promoted conservation efforts. His local water board is currently discussing ways to promote voluntary water conservation.
 - Committee Member Joan Hartmann agreed that water conservation should be one of our potential projects and be more aggressive with conservation.
 - Mr. Barry pointed out water conservation falls under the Potential Management Action listed as “Promote Water Efficiency Program” and could be implemented right away.
- Kevin Merrill suggested looking at successful methods used by other areas like storing water in one place and piping it when needed to another area.
- Discussion continued about potential projects and management actions.

IX. Next “Special” EMA GSA Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021, 6:30 PM

Committee members unanimously agreed to availability for this special meeting.

X. Next "Regular" EMA GSA Meeting: Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:30 PM

Committee members unanimously agreed to availability for this special meeting.

XI. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments

Mr. Buelow thanked Kevin Merrill for writing an article for the Santa Ynez Valley News' May 18, 2021 edition regarding the SGMA efforts.

Committee Member Mark Infanti thanked consultants for the Next Steps calendar slide in the presentation.

Committee Member Joan Hartmann thanked everyone, especially consultants and staff, for how well they have worked together through difficult and sometimes contentious issues and discussions.

Committee Member Brett Marymee suggested that the next SGMA Newsletter include promoting the EMA GSA's need for well information in the areas determined to have a data gap and promote the benefits of being part of the monitoring network. Mr. Buelow replied that can be added to a newsletter. Mr. Tim Nicely advised he can provide a map showing where monitoring wells are needed in the EMA and will work with Mr. Buelow on that.

Committee Member Brett Marymee also asked for clarification on "mega drought" and if the Santa Ynez Basin could be headed toward one. He referenced the unusual heatwave of June 17, 1859. Discussion followed.

Committee Member Brad Joos commented he is pleased with today's discussion and feels the Committee has done a good job being responsible with setting minimum thresholds. He likes the initial proposed management actions discussed and in order to manage fairly, he suggests there is a need to register and meter every well in the basin.

Alternate Committee Member Diethofer announced that she attended the Central Management Area (CMA) and the Western Management Area (WMA) meetings when the GSA Committees discussed and provided guidance on Minimum Threshold levels. She said both CMA and WMA GSA Committees set conservative levels for Minimum Thresholds as did the EMA GSA.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, GSA Committee Member Marymee adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

Projects and Management Actions

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Topics of Discussion

- Discuss recommendations for projects and management actions to address the estimated annual 1,800 AFY deficit.
- Identify the correct list, sequencing, and implementation schedule.

Projects and Management Actions - SGMA

§354.44 Projects and Management Actions

(a) Each Plan shall include a description of the projects and management actions the Agency has determined will achieve the sustainability goal for the basin, including projects and management actions to respond to changing conditions in the basin.

(c) Projects and management actions shall be supported by best available information and best available science.

(d) An Agency shall take into account the level of uncertainty associated with the basin setting when developing projects or management actions.

THE PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS ARE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A NUMBER OF OUTCOMES INCLUDING:

- Achieve EMA sustainability within 20 years of plan adoption.
- Develop projects and management actions that benefit all uses and users of groundwater.
- Develop funding for GSA operation. Funds will also be used for future EMA monitoring, and the implementation of projects and management actions that are identified by the GSA to be appropriate.
- Provide controls and incentives to manage groundwater pumping within limits so that the EMA is operated within its sustainable yield on a long-term basis.

Tiered Implementation Approach

- Implement initial management actions immediately after submittal of the GSP. Monitor EMA groundwater conditions and consider increasingly intensive management actions if SMC's approach minimum thresholds and / or undesirable results are observed based on established criteria.

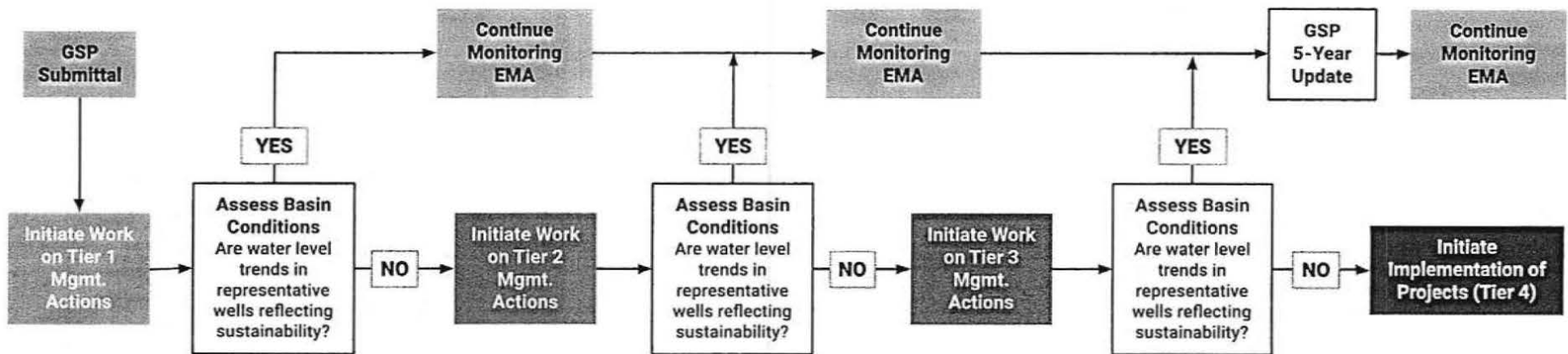
Tier 1 – Initiate Work within 1-Year of GSP Submittal

Tier 2 – Initiate Work within 3-Years of GSP Submittal

Tier 3 – Initiate Work within 5-Years of GSP Submittal (if necessary)

Tier 4 – Projects considered for implementation if lower tiered management actions are proving insufficient.

Implementation Sequence



Tier 1 – Initiate w/in 1-yr of GSP Submittal

ADDRESS DATA GAPS

- Expand Monitoring Well Network in the EMA to Increase Spatial Coverage and Well Density.
- Perform Video Surveys on Wells in the Representative Well Network to Confirm Well Construction.
- Install Shallow Piezometers in Alamo Pintado Creek and Zanja de Cota Creek within Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) Area.
- Review/Update Water Usage Factors and Crop Acreages and Update Water Budget.
- Survey and Confirm Potential GDEs in the EMA.

Tier 1 – Initiate w/in 1-yr of GSP Submittal

GROUNDWATER PUMPING FEE PROGRAM

- Develop funding for GSA operation. Funds will also be used for future EMA monitoring, and the implementation of projects and management actions that are identified by the GSA to be appropriate. The following potential fee structures may be considered:
 - Per Parcel Fee.
 - Parcel Fee and Groundwater Extraction Based Fee.
 - Parcel Tax.
 - Fee on Measured Groundwater Extraction.
 - Fee on Estimated Groundwater Extraction.
 - Member Agency Funding.

Tier 1 – Initiate w/in 1-yr of GSP Submittal

WELL REGISTRATION AND METER INSTALLATION PROGRAM

- The measurement alternatives and data processing methods to be evaluated may include the following:
 - Utilization of Power Records to Correlate Energy Usage with Volume of Water Pumped.
 - Conventional Mechanical or Magnetic Flow Meters.
 - Smart Meter Technology.
- To verify that the volume of groundwater pumped from domestic wells is accurately accounted for in the EMA water budget estimates, the GSA may develop a system for de *Minimis* pumpers to measure and certify what they extract.

Tier 1 – Initiate w/in 1-yr of GSP Submittal

WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

- Enhanced efficient irrigation / best management practices.
- Irrigation audits and delivery of technical support for optimizing water use.
- Development of new weather stations and automated data for landowners using frost protection.
- Conversion to non-water intensive methods for frost protection.
- Increased use of soil amendments (organic compost) to improve health of soils, plant health, and reduce water use.
- More optimal irrigation practices by monitoring crop water use with soil and plant monitoring devices and tie monitoring data to evapotranspiration (ET) estimates.
- Conversion from high water demand crops to lower water demand crops.
- Use satellite spectral / remote sensing data to refine irrigation practices.

GSA may collaborate with other entities including the Cachuma Resource Conservation District (CRCD), USDA NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance Program (CTA), and the CalPoly Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC).

Water Use Efficiency Programs go “hand-in-hand” with the well metering program.

Tier 1 – Initiate w/in 1-Year of GSP Submittal

TIER 1 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS	TIER LEVEL	REQUIRED PERMITS	PUMPING REDUCTION OUTCOME RELIABILITY	ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COST	BENEFIT : COST RATIO
ADDRESS DATA GAPS					
Expand / Infill Monitoring Well Network	1	SB County, if new well	N/A	\$20,000 - \$40,000	High
Perform Video Surveys in Representative Wells to Confirm Well Construction	1	None	N/A	\$75,000 - \$125,000	High
Install Shallow Piezometers in Alamo Pintado Creek & Zanja de Cota Creek GDE Area	1	SB County, CDFW	N/A	\$50,000 - \$100,000	High
Review / Update Water Usage Factors & Crop Acreages and Update Water Budget	1	None	N/A	\$20,000 - \$40,000	High
Survey and Investigate Potential Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems in the EMA	1	None	N/A	\$10,000 - \$30,000	High
GROUNDWATER PUMPING FEE PROGRAM	1	Prop 26 / 218	Moderately Reliable	\$100,000 - \$200,000	Moderate - High
WELL REGISTRATION AND METER INSTALLATION PROGRAM	1	None	Moderately Reliable	\$75,000 - \$150,000	Moderate - High
WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS	1	None	Moderately Reliable	\$50,000 - \$125,000	Moderate - High

Tier 1 PMA – Objectives and Benefits

Groundwater Pumping Fee Program

- The primary purpose of the program will be to provide a source of funding for GSA operations and EMA future monitoring. Funding may also be used for the development and implementation of management actions and potentially future projects.
- In 2018, there was an estimated 7,329 acres of irrigated cropland in the EMA with a corresponding water demand of approximately 14,545 AFY. Assuming a groundwater pumping fee program would result in a 5% reduction in EMA-wide agricultural pumping on an annual basis, the resulting benefit would be approximately 725 AFY.

Tier 1 PMA – Objectives and Benefits

- Well Registration and Meter Installation Program
 - Studies have shown that the installation of meters on wells can directly result in reduced groundwater pumping by 10% or more. Assuming the meter installation program achieves 5% reduction in pumping, the resulting benefit would be approximately 725 AFY.
- Water Use Efficiency Programs
 - The implementation of water use efficiency and best management measures have been shown to reduce water usage by up to 20% or more. Assuming EMA-wide implementation of these programs achieves a 10% reduction in pumping, the resulting benefit would be approximately 1,450 AFY.

Tier 2 – Initiate w/in 3-yrs of GSP Submittal

VOLUNTARY CONVERSION AND FALLOWING PROGRAMS

- The initial phase would be to develop a program framework to address the following:
 - Guidelines for maintaining water rights on land that is temporarily fallowed.
 - Development of a framework for incentivizing landowners to voluntarily fallow.
 - Develop and implement an incentive framework for conversion from irrigated agriculture to dry land farming.
 - Evaluation of future land use alternatives.
 - Insure avoidance of unintended consequences from unmanaged fallowed land.
 - Identification of land restoration goals.
 - Identify land management, inspection, and enforcement procedures.
 - Consider programmatic and/or project-based CEQA review.

Tier 2 – Initiate w/in 3-Years of GSP Submittal

TIER 2 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS	TIER LEVEL	REQUIRED PERMITS	PUMPING REDUCTION OUTCOME RELIABILITY	ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COST	BENEFIT : COST RATIO
VOLUNTARY CONVERSION AND FALLOWING PROGRAMS	2	None	Highly Reliable	\$75,000 - \$150,000	Moderate - High

Tier 2 PMA – Objectives and Benefits

Voluntary Conversion and Fallowing Programs

- In 2018, there was an estimated 7,329 acres of irrigated cropland in the EMA with a corresponding water demand of approximately 14,545 AFY. A voluntary conversion or fallowing program involving 10% of the irrigated cropland would result in a benefit of approximately 1,450 AFY.

Tier 3 – Initiate w/in 5-yrs of GSP Submittal If Necessary

GROUNDWATER BASE PUMPING ALLOCATION (BPA) PROGRAM

- Per SGMA, any limitation on extractions by the GSA “shall not be construed to be a final determination of rights to extract groundwater from the basin or any portion of the basin” (CWC, Section 10726.4(a)(2)).
- Supplemental conditions may be placed on new wells/production.
- Groundwater Base Pumping Allocation (BPA) Program may include the following general components:
 - Re-estimation of the EMA sustainable yield, on a periodic basis,
 - Determination of pumping allocation amounts (i.e. groundwater extraction credits) for each pumper.
 - Pumping allocation reduction recommendations over the implementation period to reach the estimated sustainable yield by 2042.

Tier 3 – Initiate w/in 5-yrs of GSP Submittal If Necessary

GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CREDIT MARKET & TRADING PROGRAM

- Groundwater Extraction Credit (GEC) Market and Trading Program to provide pumpers increased flexibility in utilizing their annual allocations.
- Enable voluntary temporary and permanent transfer of allocations between parties, through an exchange of GEC.
- Prevent unintended consequences and potential gaming of the system.
- Program may include spatial limitations.

Tier 3 – Initiate w/in 5-Years of GSP Submittal if Necessary

TIER 3 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS	TIER LEVEL	REQUIRED PERMITS	PUMPING REDUCTION OUTCOME RELIABILITY	ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COST	BENEFIT : COST RATIO
GROUNDWATER BASE PUMPING ALLOCATION PROGRAM	3	None	Highly Reliable	\$75,000 - \$150,000	Moderate - High
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CREDIT MARKETING & TRADING PROGRAM	3	None	Highly Reliable	\$150,000 - \$200,000	Moderate - High

Tier 4 – Projects (only if Necessary)

- To Be Considered For Implementation Under Scenarios In Which Lower Tiered PMA's Are Proving Insufficient.
 - Distributed Storm Water Managed Aquifer Recharge (DSW-MAR) Basins.
 - WWTF Recycled Water & Reuse In-lieu Of GW Pumping Or Indirect Potable Reuse (City of Solvang, Los Olivos CSD, Santa Ynez CSD, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians).
 - Precipitation Enhancement Program.
 - Conjunctive Use - Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Projects Using Imported Water.
 - In-lieu Recharge Projects To Deliver Unused And Surplus Imported Water To Offset Groundwater Extractions.
 - Aquifer Storage & Recovery Projects.
- GSA has no near-term plans to initiate construction of any specific project, for the purposes of achieving EMA sustainability. There may be interest in proceeding with the study, planning, preliminary design / engineering, and permitting phases for a limited number of projects that are identified by the GSA for potential future consideration.

TIER 4 – Projects (only if necessary)

TIER 4 PMA - NON - PRIORITY PROJECTS	TIER LEVEL	REQUIRED PERMITS	PUMPING REDUCTION OUTCOME RELIABILITY	ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COST	BENEFIT : COST RATIO
DISTRIBUTED STORM WATER MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE (DSW-MAR) BASINS (IN-CHANNEL & OFF-STREAM BASINS)	4	SB County, USACOE, DWR, CA F&W, CEQA	Highly Variable	>1,000,000	Low - Moderate
WWTF RECYCLED WATER & REUSE IN-LIEU OF GW PUMPING OR INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE (CITY OF SOLVANG, LOS OLIVOS CSD, SYCSD, SANTA YNEZ CSD, SANTA YNEZ BAND OF CHUMASH INDIANS)	4	SB County, Waterboard, DWR, ACPB, CEQA	Moderately Reliable	>\$5,000,000	Low
PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM	4	SB County, CEQA	Highly Variable	>\$200,000	Moderate
CONJUNCTIVE USE - MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE (MAR) PROJECTS USING IMPORTED WATER	4	SB County, Waterboard, DWR, CEQA	Moderately Reliable	>\$1,000,000	Low - Moderate
IN-LIEU RECHARGE PROJECTS TO DELIVER UNUSED AND SURPLUS IMPORTED WATER TO OFFSET GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS	4	SB County, DWR, Waterboard, USACOE, CA F&W, DOD, CEQA	Highly Variable	>\$5,000,000	Low - Moderate
AQUIFER STORAGE & RECOVERY PROJECTS	4	SB County, Waterboard, DWR, CEQA	Highly Variable	>\$5,000,000	Low - Moderate

Questions and Discussion

Thank you!

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July 1, 2021

To: General Managers of Water Districts in Santa Barbara County

Re: Regional Water Efficiency Program Partnership for FY 2021-2022

Thank you for your past support of the Santa Barbara County Regional Water Efficiency Program (RWEP), which has raised awareness and provided resources to continue to conserve our water supplies throughout the county. Your participation helps you implement demand reduction programs, educate customers on water use efficiency, meet requirements of Urban Water Management Plans, implement California Water Efficiency Partnership (formerly CUWCC) Best Management Practices, and demonstrate compliance with 2018 Water Conservation and Drought Planning Legislation SB 606 and AB 1668.

We ask all water purveyors to contribute to countywide programs that reach and benefit customers in every water purveyor's service area, including: (1) marketing campaigns; (2) WaterWiseSB.org and GreenGardener.org websites, Plant Database, and brand promotion; (3) youth education programs; (4) landscape education programs; (5) Green Gardener Program; and (6) Garden Wise TV Show.

Please see the attached Benefits of Participation for reasons to support RWEP; then review the attached invoice and contribute for this fiscal year, which starts July 1st, 2021.

All financial contributions by local water purveyors are used as "pass through money" to pay only for external expenditures; contributions do not pay for any County Water Agency staff time. Contributions leverage funding and staffing from other local water purveyors and the County to ensure a much more effective water conservation program than any single purveyor could provide. The County Water Agency also provides funding to cover half of all RWEP costs.

Thank you for being part of this regional partnership. We look forward to working with you to help provide quality resources and service for your customers. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 568-3546 or Kalani Durham at (805) 568-3448.

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Water Agency Manager

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Enclosures: RWEP Benefits of Participation, Programs and Projects Report, Budget, and Invoice

RWEP Benefits of Participation

The Regional Water Efficiency Program (RWEP) offers multiple benefits to partnering water purveyors in Santa Barbara County, including cost efficiencies, access and input to regional programs and projects, networking and collaboration opportunities, technical assistance, and resources to help partners meet emerging mandates for long-term water conservation and drought planning.

Participation in RWEP provides opportunities for your water agency/city to:

- Take credit for RWEP activities in order to demonstrate your agency/city's compliance with best management practices (BMPs) for:
 - Urban Water Management Plan requirements
 - 2018 Water Conservation and Drought Planning Legislation SB 606 and AB 1668 standards
 - SWRCB's Emergency drought-related requirements and goals
 - DWR requirements for receiving State grants or loans
 - CalWEP (formally CUWCC) annual reporting, if you are a member and co-fund reported RWEP activities
- Share in grant-funded programs for short-term projects, such as the former Water Wise Landscaping Rebate Program.
- Permission to display the WaterWiseSB logo, branded materials, and link to the WaterWiseSB.org on your website.
- Help design and direct key outreach through seasonal marketing campaigns and the main website for countywide water conservation: WaterWiseSB.org
- Obtain Water Agency support for your local conservation-oriented events.
- Purchase at cost (or sometimes receive *free*) brochures and other water conservation materials printed by the County.
- Receive annual reports with current countywide information on purveyors' water rates, water use production, and RWEP programs and projects.
- Participate in and co-fund on-going programs, including Green Gardener Program (an award-winning, 22-year standing certification course), water education presentations for elementary schools, and *Garden Wise TV* show.
- Stay informed of water conservation news, issues, and networking opportunities through County coordinated communications. Participate in monthly RWEP meetings with water purveyors in the county and joint-meetings with water purveyors outside the county; represent your agency by being involved in discussions and providing input to countywide programs and projects; receive meeting notes and materials.
- Be part of a successful, long-standing (30 years) collaborative regional program.



REGIONAL WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY Programs and Projects for FY'2021-2022 Report

The Regional Water Efficiency Program of Santa Barbara County (RWEF) intends to carry out programs and projects mentioned in this report starting July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. RWEF is comprised of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and local water purveyors in Santa Barbara County (members) to form a regional partnership. RWEF helps local water purveyors implement demand reduction programs, educate customers on water efficiency, meet the requirements of Urban Water Management Plans, implement California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP, formally CUWCC) Best Management Practices, and achieve compliance with 2018 Water Conservation and Drought Planning Legislation SB 606 and AB 1668 standards. These programs and projects are grouped according to the categories of "Best Management Practices" as Identified by CalWEP.

Updated June 2021

I. Public Information Programs and Projects

Website:

- The Santa Barbara County Water Agency (WA) will maintain RWEF's website, www.WaterWiseSB.org.
- WA staff will coordinate and lead a Website Committee. The Website Committee will identify edits and changes to site; determine how edits will be made; and contribute content.
- Requests for edits will be sent via email to WA staff, who will respond within one week.
- WA will manage and renew website domain urls for WaterWiseSB and GreenGardener websites.
- WA will annually invoice all RWEF members for costs, other than WA staffing costs, for maintaining the website.
- WA will create a SMS bilingual landscaping alerts homepage sign-up button

Marketing Plan:

- RWEF members will continue to follow the Marketing Plan developed in 2012 to promote our brand, logo, and water conservation programs.
- WA will track tasks, products, and members' roles under the marketing plan.
- Some costs will be covered by the annual RWEF invoice; however, other costs may be invoiced separately.

Marketing Campaigns: promote water conservation in TV, movie theatres, streaming, radio, digital, social media and print ads.

- WA will propose a cost allocation for media outreach for FY21-22.
- RWEF members will determine scope, focus, ads, etc. WA or a member will arrange for production of ads, RWEF funds will be used to pay for production of RWEF ads as needed.
- WA will obtain purchase orders with media; place ads; issue press releases when appropriate; pay invoices; keep members informed about status.
- Members will post ads and/or links on their websites and carry out other outreach for any ad campaigns.
- Funding will come from WA's annual invoicing of members as indicated in the "Media Campaigns" payment category on the cost allocation table sent with each invoice.
- If additional funding remains, additional drought messaging will occur as determined by RWEF members.

Water Awareness Month in May: provide display materials and information for libraries.

- WA will prepare display materials; and offer them to member staff and/or directly to libraries.

- WA will set up a public display in North County and South County.
- Members will help set up and promote displays within their service areas.
- WA will prepare a Resolution for Water Awareness Month to be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors.
- Costs, if any, are anticipated to be minor and will be paid by WA and/or participating members.

Outreach materials: maintain a supply of outreach materials

- WA and members will agree on list of materials to maintain.
- WA will edit and design materials as needed and as staff/funding allow.
- WA will order materials when supply is low; and maintain supplies.
- Members will purchase materials from WA as needed.
- WA will coordinate group purchases of drought-related materials such as restaurant table tents, to be purchased by interested RWEF members.

Social Media:

- WA will post current information and program updates on the WaterWise SB Facebook, Twitter and YouTube Channel.
- WA will share content on members' social media pages to help with outreach.

II. Youth Education Programs

Education Committee:

- WA staff will coordinate & lead an Education Committee which will address implementation of all youth education programs.
- WA staff will attend monthly DWR WEC meetings and report updates to the Education Committee.

WaterWise High School Video Contest:

- WA will provide overall coordination; compile videos; print & deliver award checks; send PSAs to NCM.
- WA will coordinate an Award Ceremony and organize an Award Ceremony committee with members. Some members will share duties at the Award Ceremony if held.
- WA and members will help procure private sponsorships for the student awards. WA will send out Sponsorship Confirmation Letters and Thank You cards to our private sponsors.
- WA and members will judge the videos; WA will organize judging forms and results, and coordinate a Group Judging Session to provide the option for members to judge in person as a group.
- WA will update the contest flyer and website for outreach. Members will inform and encourage each high school in their district to participate, and will invite schools to the Awards Ceremony if held.
- WA will disseminate Teacher Questionnaire and share results with the members.

- WA will annually invoice all members for expected costs
- WA and Education Committee will determine how the new Spanish award category should be adopted.
- WA will create a new resource (such as a tutorial video) to communicate contest instructions to teachers based on feedback from the Teacher Questionnaire

High School and Middle School County Science Fair:

- Education Committee will determine how funds are spent.
- Education Committee will promote the Science Fair, and will judge and grant awards to winning entries.
- WA will invoice each RWEF member as part of the annual invoice.

Elementary School Assembly Presentations:

- WA will maintain a contract with "Shows That Teach" for assembly-style and/or virtual presentations in schools.
- WA will work with Shows That Teach to develop a proposal for presentations, which may be virtual, in person, or a combination of both depending on school guidelines.
- RWEF members will work with their schools to schedule shows.
- WA will track presentations and program metrics.
- WA will work with Shows That Teach to schedule a performance at the Santa Barbara Earth Day festival as needed.
- Costs will be co-funded by the WA (50%) and any participating RWEF member (50%); WA will invoice a member after presentations are given in its service area.

School Curriculum:

- WA will monitor NGSS and Project WET for workshops and trainings on environmental school curriculum.

III. Residential (Indoor) Projects

[Currently no major project in this category. Future options include: a home or apartment site evaluation program; a water efficient appliance rebate program, or other program. Showerhead Program was completed.]

IV. Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Projects

[Currently no major project in this category, except some outreach materials, but future options include: a water loss control project; a hotel/motel project and materials; a water efficient appliance rebate program, or other program.]

- Print table tents for restaurants to use; available for members to purchase from WA.
- Print cards & door hangers for hotels/motels to use; available for members to purchase from WA.

V. WaterWise Landscape Programs

Watering Percent Adjust and Watering Calculator:

- WA will calculate the percent adjust and post weekly on website homepage.
- WA will manage and renew Landscape Watering Calculator License Agreement with the City of San Diego that expires 2022.
- WA will coordinate calculator updates through the Website Committee.

Mobile Lab's Large Irrigation System Evaluations: through the Cachuma Resource Conservation District (CRCD).

- WA will provide annual funding to CRCD for mobile lab evaluations. No RWEF funds are utilized towards this program. WA will forward CRCD's reports and share upcoming workshops and trainings to RWEF members.

Green Gardener Program:

- WA will work with Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) and Allan Hancock College (AHC) to administer the Basic and Advanced Green Gardener classes. New projects for this fiscal year include: developing new Student Reader/Manual for the SBCC Advanced class, developing new Recertification class at SBCC for continuing education for Green Gardener students, new instructor training and lesson planning for the AHC class, and starting to work with AHC to develop an Advanced class to be offered in future years.
- WA will continue to roll out new Student Manual and classroom PowerPoint slides, and logo rebranding. WA will produce outreach materials to share and post on www.GreenGardener.org.
- WA will contract with instructor as appropriate; will provide instructor with updated slides and materials, if any.
- WA and members will work with instructor to revise and update curriculum when needed.
- WA will advertise class each semester through Spanish and English flyers, radio and social media ads.
- WA, Goleta WD, and SB City staff will coordinate with SBCC, instructor, etc.
- WA will arrange for translation of quizzes and exams.
- SBCC and Hancock College will handle logistics and binder of instructional materials for their courses (once, twice or three times per year).
- WA will coordinate with the instructor, SBCC and AHC Administration for each class graduation.
- WA will compile student evaluations after each class and share results with RWEF members.
- WA will publish the updated County Green Gardener list bi-annually (January and June) and issue the Green Gardener certification cards.

County will maintain up-to-date Green Gardeners of Santa Barbara County Public List to share with RWEPP members and post on www.GreenGardener.org.

- WA will maintain www.GreenGardener.org website.

Garden Wise TV Show:

- SB City TV will film the show and will contract with the host.
- A Committee (of WA, City of SB, and Goleta WD staff) will serve as Executive Producers, edit and approve scripts, and approve/revise filmed shows.
- City of SB will post final show on City TV and YouTube.
- WA will edit website to include information on each episode and will post link for on-line viewing.
- WA will include Garden Wise TV co-funding as an optional payment in the WA's annual RWEPP invoices. WA, along with Goleta WD and City of S B, will co-fund the program costs.

WaterWise Gardening in Santa Barbara County website:

- Updates for this year include plant photo upgrades.
- WA will renew annual Licensing Agreement with GardenSoft for website.
- WA will share GardenSoft status reports.
- WA will forward edits and change orders to GardenSoft as appropriate.
- WA and members will promote the website.
- Costs will be covered by funds covered in the "website" category billing in the annual RWEPP invoices from the WA.
- WA will print "postcard" size cards to advertise the WWG website.

WaterWise Garden Recognition Contest:

- WA will coordinate with participating members to revise the contest as deemed appropriate by participating members.
- Each participating member will be responsible for outreach and advertising within its service area.
- WA will coordinate the online application process.
- Each participating member will determine its winning applicant.
- WA staff will help each participating member arrange for signs for contest winners.
- Each participating member will convey signs and awards to its winners.
- WA will issue a press release regarding contest winners, and will post results online.
- WA will coordinate photography of winning landscapes and owners as available.

All-Around Landscape Supply Expo: participate in this annual industry-sponsored event in spring.

- WA will register to table at the event on behalf of the WA and RWEPP members, and will coordinate with the sponsor and members.

- WA and some members will staff the display table at the Expo. WA will organize and send out the tabling schedule.
- No additional costs, aside from staffing costs, are anticipated.

Spanish Speaking Landscaper Survey:

- WA will contract with Green Media Creations (GMC) for a Spanish-speaking landscaper survey to reach approximately 100 gardeners.
- WA will share draft surveys and outlines created by GMC for review and input from members.
- WA will share the results from the surveys collected with members.

Bilingual Landscaping SMS Alerts Program

- WA will maintain subscribers and send weekly landscaping alerts to English and Spanish speaking subscribers.
- WA will promote the program to Green Gardener classes and distribute a flyer to Members to promote the program.
- Subscription costs for the SMS message platform (Textedly) will come from RWEF Landscape Program funds.

WaterWise Landscape Maintenance Guidebook:

- WA will coordinate to develop a new WaterWise Landscape Maintenance Guidebook in partnership with the California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP).
- WA will serve on the Technical Advisory Committee to represent RWEF members for the guidebook. WA will serve as the primary contact to work with CalWEP and convey feedback from RWEF subcommittee.
- WA will make drafts available to members to review and provide feedback.
- WA will coordinate printing and invoicing with CalWEP utilizing previous FY landscape education funds already paid by members.

Sustainable Gardening Webinar Series

- WA will look into hosting English and Spanish sustainable gardening webinar series with RWEF.

Public Sustainable Garden Demonstrations

- WA will manage Landscape Renovation Project for the County's Santa Maria Valley Sustainable Garden. Improvements include landscaping, irrigation, and educational informational displays for sustainable landscaping public demonstration. This project is funded by the County and no RWEF funds will be used.
- WA will collaborate with publically-owned Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden on potential sustainable landscaping demonstrations and education informational displays. Any work will be funded by the County and no RWEF funds will be used.

VI. Grant Program

- WA will monitor and share grant opportunities with RWEF members.
- If members agree to pursue a joint grant opportunity, WA will serve as grant project administrator and coordinate the application and reporting with the participating members.

VII. RWEF Management, Coordination and Administration

Meeting Coordination:

- WA will coordinate monthly RWEF meetings, including scheduling, preparing agendas, arranging for notes, and chairing each meeting.
- WA will maintain an online conferencing mechanism, along with telephone conference lines for meetings.
- WA will coordinate a meeting with San Luis Obispo County water purveyors, and will coordinate a meeting with Ventura County's "Water Use Efficiency Group," subject to their interest and availability.
- Members share in some administrative tasks by hosting meetings on a rotating basis, and taking notes at the meetings that they host.
- Costs, aside from members' hosting costs, will be paid by the WA.

Information Sharing:

- WA will share information through email messages and WA staff will reply to members' requests for information via email or phone.
- After the end of the fiscal year, WA will prepare the Annual Report on RWEF activities and accomplishments.
- BMP reports prepared by WA will be shared upon request, as well as any data needed by members for BMP reporting.
- WA will monitor and report to members on local, state, and national legislation related to efficient water use.
- Costs for information sharing tasks will be paid by the WA.

RWEF Amended MOU/Policy Memo

- WA will work with RWEF to adopt an amended MOU or County Policy Memo for RWEF. This will reflect recent updates and developments in water conservation legislation, program offerings, etc.



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A Summary of the Alliance's Recent and Upcoming Activities and Important Water News

Agreement Reached on Bipartisan Infrastructure Package Deal includes significant Western water provisions

The White House and a bipartisan group of senators finally reached an agreement on infrastructure stimulus legislation more than a month after tentatively agreeing to a framework. The Senate voted 67-32 on July 28 to move forward with the deal, which includes significant support for Western water infrastructure.

"This deal signals to the world that our democracy can function, deliver, and do big things," President Biden said in a statement. "The bipartisan infrastructure deal is a blue-collar blueprint to rebuild America that will help make our historic economic recovery a historic long-term boom."

While the Senate vote is a positive sign, the bill may not ultimately clear the chamber until the first week of August, according to

POLITICO.

The deal includes \$550 billion in new federal investments in a wide array of infrastructure categories, including roads, bridges, rail and Amtrak improvements, broadband, clean drinking water, transit, ports, airports, and electric vehicle chargers. The bipartisan legislation includes the West-

ern water and forestry infrastructure provisions found in the Energy Infrastructure Act recently reported out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee.

"The deal makes our communities safer and our infrastructure more resilient to the impacts of climate change," according to a White House press report. "This includes funds to protect against droughts and floods, in addition to a major investment in weatherization."

The package will be



The lead GOP negotiators on the bipartisan infrastructure legislation, Senator Rob Portman and Senator Susan Collins, arrive to speak to reporters. Photo source: Drew Angerer/Getty Images

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financed through a combination of redirecting unspent emergency relief funds, targeted corporate user fees, and other measures, in addition to the revenue generated from higher economic growth as a result of the investments, the White House said.

The Senate voted on July 30 to proceed to the bill.

"This is one critical step in what is likely to be a long and bumpy road to enactment," said Mark Limbaugh, the Family Farm Alliance's representative in Washington, D.C. "Final House-Senate action and enactment is unlikely before October, at the earliest."

Criticism

Not everyone is pleased with the bipartisan package, with critics from both parties vocalizing their concerns within hours of the announcement that a deal had been struck.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OREGON) criticized the bipartisan package and questioned the negotiation process and messaging stemming from the White House.

"At this point, it looks anemic at best on climate change," Rep. DeFazio said, according to *The Hill*.

Rep. DeFazio and a group of 31 Democrats publicly warned party leaders

that they're "concerned about suggestions that the House may take up any Senate product without input or modification."

On the other side of the political spectrum, former President Donald Trump threatened "lots of primaries" ahead for any Republican lawmakers who cooperated with Democrats to get the bipartisan deal passed, according to *Insider*.

"It is a loser for the USA, a terrible deal, and makes the Republicans look weak, foolish and dumb," Mr. Trump tweeted. "Don't do it Republicans — Patriots will never forget! If this deal happens, lots of primaries will be coming your way."

Reconciliation on the Horizon

If the Senate is able to pass the bill in the coming days, Democrats hope to quickly pivot to passing a budget for FY 2022, which would set up a fast-track process to enact much of the rest of President Biden's economic agenda without Republican support.

Senate Budget Chairman Bernie Sanders told reporters he has the 50 votes needed to pass a budget resolution in early August, according to *Bloomberg Government*.

"It is my absolute conviction that you're not going to have a bipartisan bill unless you have a reconciliation bill of \$3.5 trillion," Senator Sanders said. "The working families of this

country, the children of this country, the elderly people of this country deserve to have their needs met, and we intend to do just that."

However, Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-ARIZONA), the lead negotiator for Democrats on the bipartisan bill, said that while she will vote to proceed on the budget resolution, the \$3.5 trillion price-tag is too high for her to support and will need to be modified.

"While I will support beginning this process, I do not support a bill that costs \$3.5 trillion — and in the coming months, I will work in good faith to develop this legislation with my colleagues and the administration," Senator Sinema told the *Arizona Republic*.

Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has also

pushed his Democratic caucus to come to agreement on the budget resolution package of \$3.5 trillion in additional spending for social programs and health care.

"The budget committee has come to an agreement. The budget resolution with instructions will be \$3.5 trillion," Sen. Schumer said. "Every major program that President Biden has asked us for is funded in a robust way."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said that the Senate Democrats' \$3.5 trillion budget deal is "wildly out of proportion to what the country needs now," at a time when inflation is "raging", according to *The Hill*.

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"What Democrats say they want to force through this summer through reconciliation would make our current inflationary mess look like small potatoes," he warned.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CALIFORNIA) has said the House won't act on the Senate's bipartisan package until it also passes the \$3.5 trillion FY 2022 budget resolution.

"I won't put it on the floor until we have the rest of the initiative," she said.

This would unlock the budget reconciliation process that Democrats are hoping will allow them to pass the rest of Biden's domestic infrastructure agenda by a simple majority in the Senate, bypassing the GOP in the evenly divided chamber, with the Vice President breaking the tie.

Family Farm Alliance Actions

Contractors working for the Family Farm Alliance are analyzing the 2,540 page bill.

"So far, it appears that few, if any, changes have been



House T&I Committee Chair Peter DeFazio (D-OREGON), left, talks to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, (D-CALIFORNIA), during a news conference. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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Western Drought Conditions Worsen

Alliance Participates in Federal Western Drought Seminar

Historic drought conditions continue to rapidly worsen and expand with over 80% of the West now in drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Widespread impacts are being felt, particularly by Western farmers and ranchers. The Family Farm Alliance last month was asked by the Biden Administration to provide an overview of the drought impacts facing producers in the Western U.S.

“Our presentation focused on impacts to Western agricultural producers, their communities, and the environment,” said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen, who represented the organization on the 2-½ hour webinar. “These impacts are driven by a combination of extreme hydrology and, in many cases, regulatory inflexibility.”

The Western drought webinar, hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), was organized to provide the latest information on drought conditions across the Southwest, California, Pacific Northwest, and the Missouri River Basin, as well as the serious impacts on diverse sectors of the economy. NOAA’s National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) program joined with federal, state, tribal, and local partners to host the seminar, specifically intended for Western communities.

Stakeholders, decision makers, and drought experts on the webinar discussed the latest on drought conditions and response efforts. Presenters from multiple sectors and communities spoke about the drought related impacts their communities are experiencing. Joining Mr. Keppen on the “Western Perspectives” panel were Jeff Schafer (President, North Dakota Stockmen’s Association), Laura Fox (EPHT Senior Epidemiologist, State of Arizona), Nicole Vaillant (U.S. Forest Service) and Bidtah Becker (Navajo Nation).

“So, the drought is very real. The drought is very, very real here in the Navajo Nation,” Ms. Becker said.

The webinar featured remarks from USDA and Interior Department officials, and an update from NOAA Administrator Richard Spinrad, who said the lingering drought costs the U.S. \$63 billion annually, in addition to multibillion-dollar losses from wildfires.

Representatives from President Biden’s Interagency Drought Relief Working Group discussed the work being done across the federal government to address the drought conditions, financial and technical assistance, and other re-

sources available to bring relief and build more drought-resilient communities.

The webinar included a summary of past and current conditions, looking at a variety of drought indicators such as snowpack, temperatures, precipitation, and soil moisture. Outlook information for drought, heat, and wildfire was also provided.

“The hydrologic and climate presentations made by the government experts clearly showed that, throughout the West, this year is shaping up to be one of the worst in recent history,” said Mr. Keppen.

Impacts to Western Farm and Ranch Communities

Western producers are increasingly

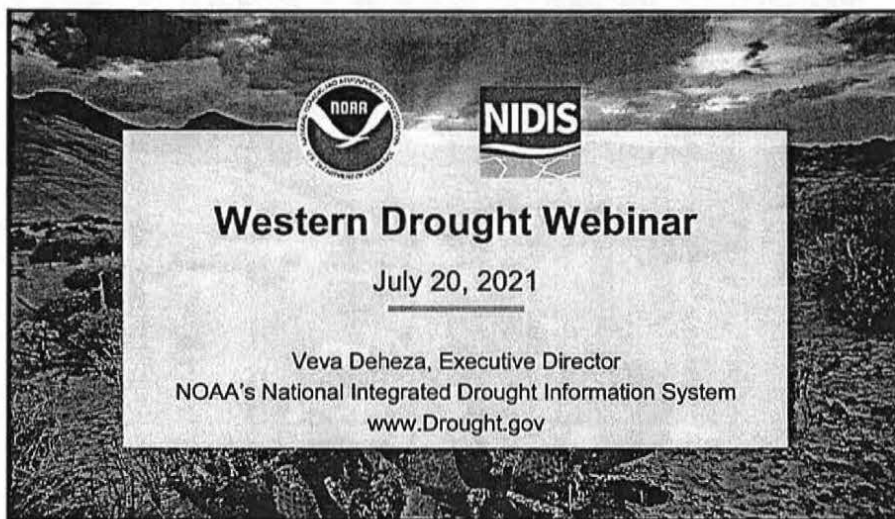
selling livestock and letting fields go fallow due to severe drought in the western U.S. According to an American Farm Bureau survey, 85 percent of ranchers reported selling off portions of livestock herds due to drought impacts on water supplies and grazing lands. Some 77 percent of growers were destroying crops due to water shortages.

“We just ran out of irrigation water on the Musselshell River,” said Pat Riley, the Family Farm Alliance Advisory Committee representative from Montana, late last month. “No dry wells, yet, but a pile of cattle going to sale barns and a lot of crops made to feed after all of those 90 degree days. I think this is the last straw for some farms and ranches.”

Some farmers are tearing out certain crops to plant less water-intensive ones. Others are letting their fields lie fallow. Last month, the Talent Irrigation District (TID) in Oregon’s Rogue River Valley shut off irrigation water, well before crops are ready for harvest at local vineyards and orchards.

“This is the worst year that I remember,” TID President Mike Winters told Jefferson Public Radio. “When the system is full, we have about a three-year supply of water where we can go back-to-back droughts for three years. But we’ve been steadily going down, steadily hitting that savings account and at this point we’re bottoming out.”

With the water turned off for good, irrigated pastureland and hay fields in the same area that was ravaged by the Alameda Fire last year could start turning into fire hazards.



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Mr. Keppen on the webinar explained the other impacts that crop up when once-reliable surface water supplies are no longer available.

"Most importantly, no water for a farmer means no crops, no food, and a very limited ability to take care of his/her family," he said. "Farmers have mortgage payments, property taxes, irrigation district assessments and equipment payments. Many producers have contracts that they have worked years to achieve and retain. If producers cannot deliver on those contracts, those contracts are lost."

Environmental impacts are also being more pronounced as the drought continues. In some agricultural areas, the wildlife – particularly the waterfowl – that rely on the canal systems, ditch banks, and irrigated fields are simply not there. Dust storms – coupled with the horrific air quality from the burning forests – pose health risks to farmers, workers and the general public.

When surface water supplies diminish or disappear, farmers turn to groundwater, if they have access to it. In some areas, canal water is a prime source of recharge for shallow domestic wells.

"That's not happening this year - here in the Klamath Basin, and elsewhere - because the canals are bone dry," said Mr. Keppen. "The Oregon Office of Emergency Management and local agencies are scrambling to get water storage tanks to those properties so they could have running water again."

Thousands of wells in California's Central Valley, the Klamath Basin, and elsewhere are at risk of drying up this summer. Many households are relying on bottled water to drink. Rural residents who don't even farm are having to stay with family and friends to shower and wash clothes.

In the Sacramento Valley, Glenn County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) said this year's drought is breaking records. During the last drought, from 2014 to 2017, the maximum number of residents at one time with dry wells was 30. This year, OES says the statistics are "alarming" – as of July 21, there were 117 reports of dry wells in Glenn County, 75% of which serve family homes.

"You don't appreciate water until you lose it," Glenn County resident Jorge Bautista told KCRA Channel 3 in Redding. "And we've been without water for a good amount of

time now."

Mr. Keppen wrapped up his presentation by noting that the current drought crisis underscores some key concerns. First, it demonstrates that water infrastructure is needed to protect future water supply reliability.

The drought also shows that water management in the West – particularly in those areas served by federal water projects – is becoming too inflexible, often driven by courtroom decisions.

"Now is the time for collaboration, not confrontation," Mr. Keppen urged.

Finally, he and many other presenters noted that fierce Western wildfire disasters are becoming an annual occurrence. More fires have already burned at this point of the year than in any other year in the past decade. Wildfires also pose a threat to watershed health and the safe-

ty of source drinking water in the West.

"Perhaps the only silver lining is that this crisis will hopefully draw more public and political attention to our unique Western challenges," he said. "This could lead to needed, reasonable policies that support farmers and investment in rural communities, including water infrastructure."

In the short-term, he recommended a fast-track response capability from the USDA and Interior Department that enables a localized response by farmers and ranchers.

"This unprecedented West-wide drought requires a level of reaction that is immediate and sustainable," he said.

Mr. Keppen's recent comments at the drought forum were noted in a July 25 story published by *Fox News*.

Congress Calls on USDA for More Drought Relief

The drought is getting political attention in D.C. Forty-five bipartisan lawmakers last month sent a letter urging USDA to come up with new ways to provide relief for Western farmers. The letter summarized impacts to producers and crop yields, and urged disaster declarations be expanded to cover those producers who suffered the greatest heat-related losses, but were either located in counties not covered by the drought designations, or who experienced losses not covered by assistance programs.



A Klamath Project canal—typically full of water this time of year—is empty. Dozens of domestic wells have gone dry in an area near the Oregon-California border where the American West's worsening drought has taken a particularly dramatic toll. Photo source: Nathan Howard, AP.

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"We respectfully invite USDA to work with Congress and provide technical assistance as we craft additional authorities and appropriations to address the 2020 and 2021 seasons that include wildfire, drought, and excessive heat-related losses," the letter concludes.

USDA is authorizing emergency procedures to help agricultural producers impacted by extreme drought conditions. USDA's Risk Management Agency is working with crop insurance companies to streamline and accelerate the adjustment of losses and issuance of indemnity payments to crop insurance policyholders in impacted areas. These new crop insurance flexibilities are part of USDA's broader response to help producers impacted by drought, in the West, Northern Great Plains, and other areas.

GOP Westerners Question Interior Drought Response

Over at the Department of Interior, Secretary Deb Haaland last month defended the Biden administration's response to the drought, while acknowledging that federal and state water managers must do more.

"Every community across the West has my commitment and the commitment of the Department of the Interior that we will do everything we can to protect and manage our precious water resources, not only during times of drought, but every single day," Haaland said at an event in Denver (COLORADO).

Secretary Haaland also highlighted the bipartisan infrastructure framework currently under consideration in Congress and President Biden's jobs proposal as offering key measures.

Some Western Republicans in the House of Representatives believe the Administration needs to do more. In April, President Biden established an Interagency Working Group to address the drought crisis, but Republicans claim the administration has yet to provide any plans or details.

House Natural Resources Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (AR-04) recently hosted a Special Order alongside 10 Western Caucus Members to call on the Biden Administration and Democrats in Congress to address the severe drought crisis plaguing communities throughout the West.

Western Caucus Members spoke about the impacts this historic drought is placing on the constituents and communities they represent.

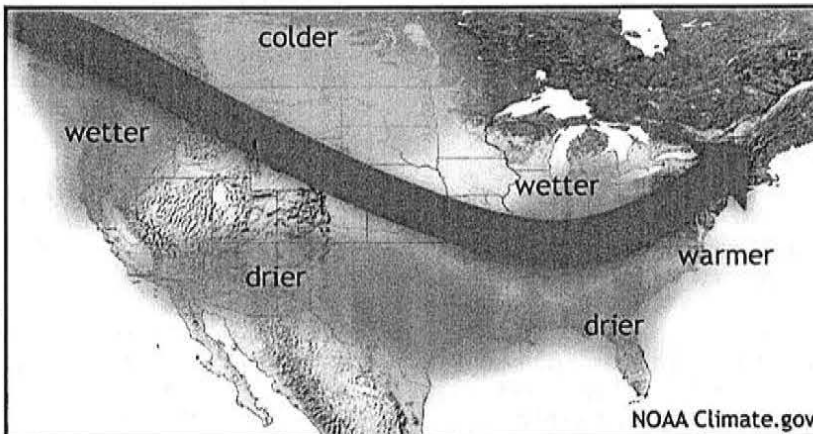
"When we talk about the drought situation, it also effects not just people, the food supply, and the water supply" said Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CALIFORNIA). "What does that mean for wildlife – when we don't keep track of our water supply or put it where it's most beneficial? This isn't just about farms, food, and money. It's also about habitat."

Earlier in the month, Members of the GOP Western Caucus and Natural Resources Committee sent a letter to the Biden Administration urging for a clear plan to address the drought crisis and deliver relief to impacted communities.

The Outlook

There has been some good news to report in some regions of the West, as a strong monsoon is bringing heavy rain to the Southwest. This has provided short-term drought relief and should cut down wildfire risk in several Western states. The latest U.S. Drought Monitor shows improvement in parts of five Southwestern states.

Additional heavy rainfall hit parts of southern Colorado and Utah in late July and was forecast to spread farther north. While the precipitation is welcome, some experts believe it is not enough to relieve the long-term



A La Nina condition in the Pacific affects the jet stream, the west-to-east flowing wind pattern in the upper atmosphere that drives North American weather. It usually means colder winter temperatures in the Pacific Northwest and northern plains, and drier and warmer conditions in the Southwest.

drought conditions.

"Drought over the western U.S. is expected to mostly persist," Dan Collins, a meteorologist with the Climate Prediction Center, said during a conference call with reporters last month.

The punishing drought conditions afflicting much of the West are expected to endure for months, climate experts with NOAA recently reported. Forecasters are assessing the odds of a La Nina emerging, where currently conditions are neutral in the tropical Pacific and favored to last through the American summer and into the fall.

La Nina episodes in the winter months feature a wave-like jet stream flow across the United States and Canada, which causes colder and stormier than average conditions across the North, and warmer and less stormier conditions across the south.

There is a 60% chance, NOAA experts said, of a La Niña event this winter.

Administration Moves Forward to Replace Trump WOTUS Rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Army have announced plans for upcoming community engagements to inform their efforts to revise the Trump Administration's definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) to "better ensure clean and safe water for all".

"We are committed to crafting an enduring definition of WOTUS by listening to all sides so that we can build on an inclusive foundation," said EPA Administrator Michael Regan. "Uncertainty over the definition of WOTUS has harmed our waters and the stakeholders and communities that rely on them. I look forward to engaging all parties as we move forward to provide the certainty that's needed to protect our precious natural water resources."

The agencies intend to replace the Trump Administration's Navigable Waters Protection Rule following a process that includes two rulemakings. A forthcoming foundational rule would restore the regulations defining WOTUS that were in place for decades until 2015, with updates to be consistent with relevant Supreme Court decisions. A separate, second rulemaking process would refine this regulatory foundation and establish an updated and durable definition of "waters of the United States."

Public Outreach Planned by the Administration

To help ensure that EPA and Army hear from diverse perspectives, future engagement activities will be developed in coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"It is vital that farmers and rural Americans have a seat at the table and a voice in this process so that the rule responds to concerns and realities on the ground," said Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "The engagement in the coming months is important and I encourage all stakeholders to provide their experiences and views in order to help shape future policy."

EPA and Army have announced a series of engagement opportunities, including an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to provide written recommendations and a series of public meetings in August to hear perspectives on both rules. In addition, the agencies are initiating consultations for the foundational rule. The agencies also intend to host a series of dialogues with state and Tribal co-regulators this fall to discuss both rulemakings.

The agencies plan to convene ten regionally focused and inclusive roundtables during the upcoming fall and winter. These roundtables will allow a full range of stakeholders to engage and discuss their experience with definitions of WOTUS—including what has worked and what has not within their geographic areas.

WOTUS Controversy Continues

The 1972 Clean Water Act (CWA) prohibits the discharge of pollutants from a point source to navigable waters unless otherwise authorized under the Act. Navigable waters are

defined in the Act as "the waters of the United States, including the territorial seas." Thus, "waters of the United States" is a threshold term establishing the geographic scope of federal jurisdiction under the CWA.

The term "waters of the United States" is not defined by the Act but has been defined by EPA and the Army in regulations since the 1970s and jointly implemented in the agencies' respective programmatic activities.

Conservationists have challenged the Trump rule in multiple courts across the country.

EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) earlier in the year said they would withdraw the Trump WOTUS regulation because it did not adequately protect waterways and wetlands in arid states. The agencies said they were also aware of 333 projects that would have required dredge-and-fill CWA permits before the Trump rule, but no longer do.

A group of Republican senators wrote a letter to the Biden Administration demanding more details, including "the complete analysis" conducted by the agencies to identify the 333 projects that no longer required permits under the Trump-era rule. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) led that effort, and raised the issue with Michael Connor, President Biden's nominee for Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) at his recent confirmation hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

"Underpinning the administration's decision were several assertions that have yet to be substantiated by evidence of practical environmental harm," said Senator Capito. "Instead, the absence of federal jurisdiction is cited as de facto evidence of environmental harm."

Mr. Connor said the goal "would be to have a clear rule that has enough level of input that hopefully we can get out of this litigation cycle and move on with a rule that will be in place for a number of years."

Federal Court Denies Request to Vacate Trump Rule

A federal court last month denied a request from conservation groups to throw out the Trump-era WOTUS rule while the Biden Administration works to draft its new regulation.

The Biden Administration in June asked judges to remand the Trump WOTUS rule back to EPA while it writes a new rule, but not to throw it out in the interim. The conservation groups protested, filing a motion opposing the Biden Administration's request.

"[T]he Agencies' anticipated revision of the Rule — a process of undefined duration and uncertain outcome," they wrote, "does nothing to prevent the Rule's harmful effects on the nation's waters during what is likely to be a lengthy rule-making period".

In a short order without explanation, the U.S. District Court in South Carolina remanded the Trump WOTUS rule without vacating it. The court then dismissed the case, effectively leaving the Trump WOTUS rule in place in the interim.

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Alliance Supports Forest Resilience Legislation

As the drought worsens across the West, wildfire is threatening the entire ecosystem which includes the forests that provide the watersheds forming the basis of supplying water to rural communities and farms. With smoke from Western wildfires clouding the skies in Washington, D.C., Congress teed up a slew of forest policy bills last month.

One of those was the *Resilient Federal Forests Act* (H.R. 4641), re-introduced from the past Congress by House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.). This bill – supported by 85 organizations, including the Family Farm Alliance – would address the environmental and economic threats of catastrophic wildfires.

"Record-breaking wildfires in the West repeatedly highlight the need for proactive, scientific forest management," Rep. Westerman said.

"Decades of mismanagement have led to insect infestation, hazardous fuel buildup and dead and decaying trees, creating tinderboxes for the smallest stray spark to ignite a raging inferno. It's time for Congress to stop sitting on our hands and actually allow the Forest Service to use proven, scientific methods when managing our forests so that we can prevent these fires from occurring in the first place."

The bill enjoys the support of 67 original cosponsors from both parties. The Alliance in July issued an alert, asking its members to support H.R. 4641 and share that support with Members of Congress.

"The current, disastrous drought and the horrific damage caused by the Bootleg Fire here in Klamath County underscores the importance of improving on-the-ground management actions that can lead to improved forest health, which benefits every Western watershed," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen, who lives in Klamath Falls, Oregon. "Congressman Westerman's legislation gives the Forest Service the tools they need to improve forest health and reduce the risk and severity of catastrophic wildfires on federal forest lands."

New bills from Oregon Democratic Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley would allow the president to declare smoke emergencies and provide various assistance tied to smoke-related ailments worsened by wildfires. The Oregon senators introduced the bills as the Bootleg Fire in their state grows. Wildfire smoke has wafted all the way to the East Coast, prompting air quality alerts for D.C., Baltimore and New York City, where, according to *USA Today*, "the sun glowed

red-orange as haze clouded" the skies.

"It's the largest wildfire currently burning nationwide, and it's so big it's creating its own weather patterns with its smoke traveling all the way across the country," Senator Wyden said in a press release.

The three introduced bills – the *Wildfire Smoke Emergency Declaration Act*, the *Smoke Planning and Research Act*, and the *Wildfire Smoke Relief Act* – are intended to help the public, businesses, and agricultural operators combat the effects of wildfire smoke, and recover from the damage it causes.

In addition to those bills, lawmakers in both chambers introduced multiple proposals to encourage more intensive forest management, including thinning trees on national forests and streamlining environmental reviews that delay many projects.

Many of the GOP-sponsored forest management bills will likely face opposition from some environmental organizations and Democrats, but some provisions could be dropped into larger legislative packages.

"There's quite a few new bills out there," said Chris Kearney, with The Ferguson Group in D.C. "Any that have a money hook may end up in the reconciliation package under the guise of forest health."

Meanwhile out West, over 60 large, active wildfires have destroyed homes and burned

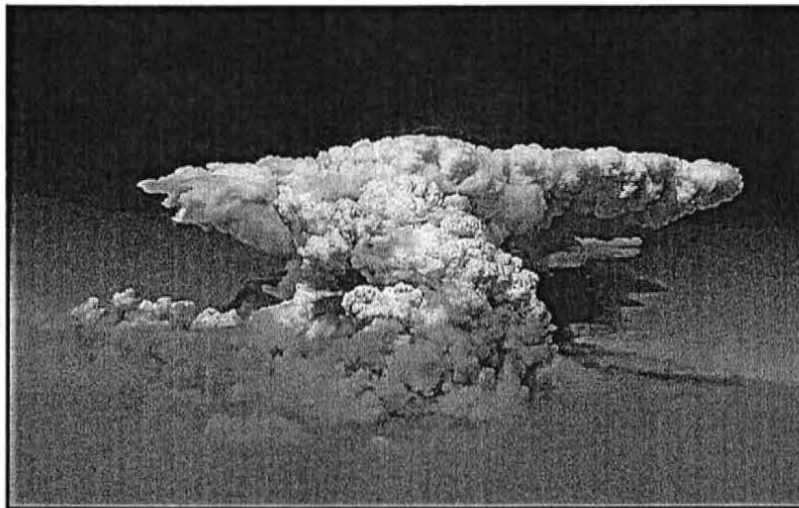
through close to a million acres in a dozen states, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

Governors of Western states facing severe fires called for federal action on climate change and forest management in a virtual meeting with President Biden and Vice President Harris on July 30. Montana Governor Greg Gianforte (R) said the fires illustrate the need for more effective forest management in the affected areas, according to *The Hill*.

"I can take you 10 miles west of the state capitol in Helena and show you a forest where 90 percent of the trees are standing dead," Gov. Gianforte said, noting that these conditions create a "tinder box" in those areas.

President Biden concurred, and highlighted the additional forest management and Bureau of Land Management funds in the bipartisan infrastructure package backed by the White House (see related story, Page 1).

California Governor Gavin Newsom (D), along with Washington state Governor Jay Inslee (D) also urged the president to more aggressively take steps to address climate change, according to *VOA*. The president said climate change is helping drive fire conditions and the factor cannot be ignored.



Smoke and heat from the Bootleg Fire in southeastern Oregon are creating giant "fire clouds" over the blaze — dangerous columns of smoke and ash visible from more than 100 miles away. This is the largest wildfire burning in the U.S. Photo source: Bootleg Fire Incident Command via AP.

Alliance Backs Bills to Reduce Rural Water Infrastructure Costs

The Family Farm Alliance last month formally supported the *Water and Agriculture Tax Reform (WATER) Act of 2021*, reintroduced in the Senate by Michael Bennet (D-COLORADO) and Mike Crapo (R-IDAHO). A companion bill was introduced in the House by Reps. Ken Buck (R-COLORADO) and Joe Neguse (D-COLORADO).

This important legislation seeks to reform section 501(c) (12) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide mutual irrigation and ditch companies with added flexibility that will promote new economic activity such as rehabilitation or extraordinary maintenance on aging water delivery infrastructure to better meet the challenges of the future, including drought.

"Mutual irrigation, reservoir, and water companies play a critical role in the agriculture industry in Colorado and throughout the nation," said Rep. Buck. "Farmers and ranchers should be able to maintain and develop their water infrastructure without being penalized for it."

The bill would reform outdated tax provisions that hinder mutual ditch and irrigation companies' ability to raise capital to invest in their infrastructure. Current law dictates that mutual ditch and irrigation companies must receive 85 percent of their income from shareholder investment to maintain its non-profit designation. The bill allows these companies to receive

other sources of income for operations and maintenance and still maintain its non-profit status. The legislation requires that the extra revenue be used exclusively for operations and maintenance of the mutual ditch and irrigation company.

"The cost of maintaining and operating aging water infrastructure has skyrocketed in recent years, forcing higher price tags on Idaho's farmers and ranchers," said Senator Crapo.

"Existing tax law penalizes mutual ditch and irrigation companies' investments in much-needed water infrastructure projects necessary for maintaining a thriving agriculture sector. The WATER Act would update and reduce these current burdensome restrictions."

"Mutual irrigation, reservoir, and water companies play a critical role in the agriculture industry in Colorado and throughout the nation. Farmers and ranchers should be able to maintain and develop their water infrastructure without being penalized for it."
Rep. Ken Buck (R-COLORADO)

Currently, when mutual ditch and irrigation companies incur a large capital expense, such as extraordinary maintenance on a canal in disrepair, they are severely limited in how they can collect revenue. This legislation eases restrictions while still ensuring that the revenue is used solely for operations and maintenance expenses.

"Across the West, farmers and ranchers in this time of unprecedented drought struggle to make ends meet," said Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance Executive Director. "This bill will help keep mutual irrigation and ditch companies in business and will help meet the needs of America's Western farmers and ranchers. We urge Congress to consider and pass this important legislation."

House Passes E&W Development Appropriations Bill

The House last month approved a seven-bill package of appropriations measures for Fiscal Year 2022, including the Energy and Water (E&W) Development Appropriations bill. The E&W bill is \$1.5 billion above the FY 21 level and includes just over \$1.9 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, just under a 14 percent increase over Reclamation's FY 2021 appropriation.

The bill includes \$67 million for the WIIN Act authorized water storage account, the same level approved by the House for FY 21, but half the amount ultimately approved in the final FY 21 E&W bill.

Storage was a hot topic of discussion when the appropriations package was debated earlier before the House Appropriations Committee, where Democrats denied multiple storage-related amendments offered by Republicans, including one that would extend funds for the WIIN Act.

"I don't understand the problem with extending these authorizations," said Rep. Mike Simpson (R-IDAHO).

The committee similarly rebuffed amendments from other Republicans from Western states who complained their proposals weren't included in the underlying appropriations legislation.

The measure that was ultimately passed by the House would increase Reclamation's WaterSMART program to \$75

million, \$20 million more than was approved for FY 21. The bill also includes just over \$63 million for the Title XVI program, including \$10 million for water reuse projects eligible for funding under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 (WIIN Act) authority.

"We expect the final E&W bill for FY 22 to include additional resources for Title XVI projects, above the House-passed funding level," said Mark Limbaugh, the Family Farm Alliance's representative in Washington, D.C.

The Senate Energy and Water Development Subcommittee is expected to mark up their version of the FY 2022 E&W bill sometime prior to the Senate's August break.

Separately, the Department of the Interior has submitted its official request to the Hill for Title XVI projects authorized under the WIIN Act. The department seeks \$205 million for water storage project construction, \$30 million for water reuse projects, and \$12 million for desalination project construction.

"We were pleased to see Interior's request for water storage," said Dan Keppen, Alliance Executive Director. "Four important projects – Sites Reservoir, Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir, and the reservoir expansions at Los Vaqueros and B.F. Fisk - will better allow our California water users to deal with future droughts."

House Resources Committee Marks Up Ocean-Based Climate Bill

The House Committee on Natural Resources last month held a markup, reporting a total of 14 bills out of committee.

Twelve of these bills were bipartisan and passed by unanimous consent. However, committee Democrats also advanced legislation opposed by the Family Farm Alliance, the *Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act* (H.R. 3764).

An Alliance representative in June appeared before the same committee for a virtual, fully remote legislative hearing that focused on several of these bills. Mauricio Guardado, the general manager of United Water

Conservation District represented his district and the Alliance at the hearing, where he focused his comments on concerns with H.R. 3764, sponsored by Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ).

"H.R. 3764 is well-intended legislation," Mr. Guardado testified at the hearing, while also raising concerns. "Several areas of the new legislation have the potential for far-ranging and uncertain impacts to water management and agriculture, impeding the development of critically needed water infrastructure, especially in the drought stricken Western states."

In advance of the July markup of H.R. 3764, the Alliance and several of its members wrote opposition letters expressing serious concerns

with the bill and the impacts it could have on Western farmers, ranchers and water managers.

"If passed and signed into law as written, among other things, the bill would lay a foundation for restricting inland and upland activities deemed to affect newly designated ocean and coastal protected areas," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen.

"While we expected the bill to make it out of Committee, we wanted to ensure

that Committee members more aligned with our perspective understood that user groups are paying attention to this bill. Shoring up that support will lay an important foundation as the bill moves to the full House and possibly the Senate."

Republican committee members offered 32 amendments to remedy some of the issues in H.R. 3764 and H.R. 2780, the *Insular Area Climate Change Act*. Committee Democrats rejected almost all of them, according to a press release issued by Committee GOP members.



Mauricio Guardado, GM of United Water Conservation District (CALIFORNIA) testifies remotely for the Alliance before the House Resources Committee on H.R. 3764 on June 22, 2021.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Package (Continued from Page 2)

made to the Western Water Title in the infrastructure bill reported out of the Senate ENR Committee," said Mr. Limbaugh.

That bill included \$8.3 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, including \$3.2 billion for aging infrastructure, \$1.15 billion for new storage and conveyance, \$100 million for small scale storage projects, \$250 million for ecosystem restoration, \$100 million for multi-benefit watershed projects and \$400 million for WaterSMART, including \$100 million for natural infrastructure projects.

Those provisions closely match the infrastructure package advanced by a Western water coalition that collectively represents thousands of Western farmers, ranchers, water providers, businesses and communities who help provide \$120 billion of agricultural production on millions of acres of productive land. The coalition is led by a steering committee comprised of the Alliance, Association of California Water Agencies, California Farm Bureau, National Water Resources Association (NWRA) and Western Growers. The coalition also represents many of the local and regional public water agencies that supply water to over 75 million Western urban, suburban and rural residents.

The Alliance and this coalition are urging the Senate to pass the bipartisan legislation, which includes the Western

water and forestry infrastructure provisions found in the Energy Infrastructure Act recently reported out of the ENR Committee. These provisions align with the over \$13 billion needed to meet existing demand for a suite of Bureau of Reclamation programs that the coalition outlined in a June letter to the Committee.

Media attention on this matter continues to grow. New coverage in media outlets like *Politico Pro Energy* and *AgriPulse* reported on the Western ag/urban coalition's efforts, and Western water and ag interests have been steadily peppering the op/ed pages of Western newspapers with guest columns.

Alliance President Pat O'Toole (WYOMING) and NWRA President Christine Arbogast (COLORADO) advocated for these provisions in a July 26 guest opinion that ran in the *Colorado Sun*.

"With the current infrastructure negotiations on Capitol Hill, our representatives have a once-in-a-generation chance to help us adjust to climate change, protect the environment, and maintain a safe and abundant local food supply," they wrote. "We call on Congress to act now in creating a better future for Colorado and the nation."

GOP Pushes Back on President Biden's Nominee for BLM Director

Amidst growing resistance by Republicans in both chambers of Congress, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee deadlocked on President Biden's nominee for director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ms. Tracy Stone-Manning, after more than an hour of contentious debate over her involvement in a tree-spiking case more than three decades ago.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) joined a large group of Republicans, including Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.), who led 75 members in a letter to President Joe Biden, urging him to withdraw his nomination of Ms. Stone-Manning.

"The White House should immediately withdraw her nomination," Mr. McConnell said in a statement to *The Hill*.

At last month's ENR Committee hearing, Idaho Sen. James Risch (R) called Stone-Manning an "attempted murderer" for her association with the men she later helped to convict of planning to sabotage a planned timber sale in Idaho by driving metal nails and spikes into nearly 300 trees in 1989. Sen. John Barrasso (R-WYOMING), the committee's Ranking Member, branded Ms. Stone-Manning as an "eco-terrorist."

But committee Chairman Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) said the court record shows she did not participate in the tree-spiking and he saw no evidence she knew in advance of the plan to sabotage the trees.

"What I find instead is compelling evidence that she built a solid reputation over the past three decades as a dedicated public servant and as a problem solver that brought people together," said Chairman Manchin.

Other committee Democrats also strongly defended Ms. Stone-Manning.

The 10-10 committee vote, split evenly along party lines, is likely little more than a procedural speed bump for Ms.

Stone-Manning on her path toward eventual confirmation as director of BLM, the federal government's largest landowner, one that has a strong presence in many Western rural communities.

While the tie vote will force her nomination to be referred "unfavorably" to the full Senate, Democrats are expected to eventually approve a motion to discharge her nomination from the committee, setting up a narrow vote (timing uncertain) to eventually approve her as BLM director. It's possible the full Senate vote could end up in a 50-50 tie, requiring Vice President Kamala Harris to serve as tiebreaker.

The committee also approved Mr. Robert Anderson as Department of the Interior Solicitor by a vote of 10-9. Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski was the lone Republican to vote in favor of Mr. Anderson, who is currently serving as the agency's principal deputy solicitor. The committee initially voted, by the same margin, to approve Mr. Anderson in May, but last month's revote was required to correct a procedural mistake.

Elsewhere at Interior, several key appointments were recently made to the agency leadership team, including Joe Younkle as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Sciences, Tanya Trujillo, who oversees the Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Geological Service. Mr. Younkle is a descendant of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and most recently served as Congressional Relations Associate at the National Indian Health Board where he led their Congressional advocacy on Medicare and Medicaid.

"I am thrilled to welcome these talented leaders to the Department, who bring with them invaluable skills, backgrounds, and experiences that will help carry out Interior's mission for the American public," said Interior Chief of Staff Lawrence Roberts.

According to an Interior press statement, more than 50% of the Biden leadership team identifies as Black, Indigenous or people of color, and 75% as women.

Judge Requires CWA Permit Under Supreme Court Groundwater Ruling

A federal judge is requiring a Hawaii county's treatment plant to obtain a Clean Water Act (CWA) permit to govern discharge of treated wastewater into its injection wells that then makes its way to the Pacific Ocean. This is the first-time application of the Supreme Court's landmark test on when pollutants that travel through groundwater require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The District Court's decision is an interesting - if not surprising - read. It contains a seemingly straight-forward analysis under the seven factors set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court. Four factors - including the most important, time and distance - weighed heavily in favor of a permit. Two factors - change in chemical composition and dilution - weighed against a permit. One factor was found not to favor either. The District Court also added another factor - the volume of wastewater reaching the ocean - which weighed in favor of a permit.

Adding all of the factors up, the District Court easily found that an NPDES permit is required.

"But even if this court relies only on the evidence from the monitored seeps, the County was required to get an NPDES permit," the Court ruled.

The decision, which comes after the suit was remanded back to the district court following the Supreme Court's April 2020 ruling in *Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, et al., v. County of Maui*, is winning praise from environmentalists, who are signaling they plan to use the precedent in a series of other pending cases over such releases from pipelines, animal feeding operations and coal ash disposal facilities.

There is a takeaway message for Western irrigators.

"Absent additional guidance from EPA or Congress, it will be difficult to defeat a 'functional equivalent' argument under the Supreme Court's factors," said Norm Semanko, general counsel for the Family Farm Alliance. "This makes it even more important to protect and, where possible, strengthen existing point source/permit exemptions, such as those for irrigation return flows, storm water and water transfers."

Senate Committee Holds Hearing on USDA Undersecretary

The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee last month held a hearing on the nomination of Robert Bonnie, a former USDA undersecretary during the Obama Administration, for Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation. The hearing also considered the nomination of former Rep. Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM) for Undersecretary for Rural Development.

Mr. Bonnie was questioned about the administration's approach to carbon markets as they affect farmers.

"If they don't work for producers and landowners, they're not going to work for the climate," said Mr. Bonnie. "Making sure we get that right is going to be a high priority."

Among other challenges, the Biden Administration is weighing whether and how to use USDA's Commodity Credit

Corporation (CCC) as part of a carbon-trading setup, a move congressional Republicans largely oppose. Mr. Bonnie spoke at length in response Senator Roger Marshall (R-KANSAS), who questioned the link between commodities and carbon sequestration activities.

"Whatever you do in the CCC has to be about commodity production, agricultural commodities," he said. "Thinking about how you take advantage of that and manage to create opportunities for producers that may grow those commodities using climate smart agriculture and forestry is the potential link with the CCC."

He said he would consult both Congress and farmers while designing climate programs.

Alliance Provides Rx to Treasury on Use of Recovery Funds

The Family Farm Alliance last month developed formal comments to the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding eligibility requirements for water infrastructure projects to receive funding made available in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for "necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure."

This year, farms and communities across the Western United States face significant impacts from historic drought conditions. Inadequate water storage, along with aging and failing existing western water supply infrastructure, is exacerbating the impacts of the current drought.

The Interim Final Rule aligns eligibility for ARPA water investments with existing criteria in the Drinking Water State

Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The Alliance letter notes that the two State Revolving Funds have been successful and support important wastewater and drinking water projects. However, limiting eligibility for ARPA funding based on the criteria for those programs will eliminate needed federal support for other essential water supply projects.

"As Treasury moves to a Final Rule, we recommend changes to the eligibility criteria to allow funding for all water supply-related infrastructure," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. "This includes surface and groundwater storage, conveyance, water management, habitat restoration and enhancement in support of water supply resiliency, and system improvements and upgrades."

Court Denies Request to Vacate Trump Rule (Continued from Pg 6)

WOTUS in the West

Radhika Fox, recently confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Administrator for Water at EPA, says everyone with a stake in the issue will need to be engaged in the new rulemaking effort.

"We are going to have public meetings that will be happening later this summer, where any interested stakeholder can share their views," she told the Associated Press in an interview last month. "We're going to be doing regional roundtables in different parts of the country so we can understand the regional variation. When we do those, we're going to try to bring all sides together in one discussion."

When asked about the challenge of addressing Western growth while drought conditions and water scarcity worsen, she said every tool in the toolbox will be used to meet the water needs of all communities.

"There's incredible innovation that has been happening around diversifying local water supplies and reuse," she said. "We need to really double down on a lot of those types of projects. The reality is we have millions of people living in

the West. It is a critical economic center for America. So we really need to invest in those things that are going to promote diversification of water supplies."

The Family Farm Alliance has made engagement on WOTUS – which now spans three presidential administrations- a top priority. During the Trump Administration era, working with a team of Western attorneys and water managers, the Alliance developed detailed comment letters to EPA and the Corps, urging them to repeal the 2015 rule, and providing guidance as to how the new rule should look.

"We thought the Trump rule repeal and replacement was actually a good thing for the West, despite what the media outlets said," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. "It looks like we'll be dusting off our comments on the Trump rule to once again express our foundational concerns on any new WOTUS rule."

For more information on submitting written recommendations or to register for the public meetings, see www.epa.gov/wotus.

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STATE WATER BOARD COLLECTING DATA FOR ADMINISTRATION OF WATER ARREARAGES FUNDING

BY ACWA STAFF AUG 4, 2021 WATER NEWS

The State Water Resources Control Board plans to email community water systems information regarding how to complete an important survey for the collection of information on residential and commercial drinking water arrearages, as well as revenue shortfalls during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACWA encourages members to complete the survey to help the State Water Board determine the extent of statewide arrearages, which is the first step in allocation of funds to community water systems.

ACWA member agencies should expect to receive the email during the week of August 9. Community water systems will complete the survey using a special link on the Electronic Annual Report portal. When released, systems will have 30 days to complete the survey.

The State Water Board will conduct a public webinar on Aug. 19, 10-11:30 a.m. to provide an overview of the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program, explain how to navigate the survey and answer questions.

AB 148, which Gov. Newsom signed on July 22, requires the State Water Board to conduct the survey as the first step in administering the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program so that it can distribute the \$985 million in arrearages relief funding.

For more details about the webinar, including a link to watch and instructions for asking a question, view the State Water Board's webinar notice.

For questions about AB 148 and the State Water Board's survey, please contact ACWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations Cindy Tuck or ACWA Director of State Relations Adam Quiñonez.

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Agenda Item 12.

1. Notice and agenda received July 15, 2021 from the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Groundwater Basin for the July 22, 2021 Meeting
2. Notice and agenda received July 19, 2021 from Santa Ynez Community Services District for the July 21, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
3. Notice and agenda received July 19, 2021 from Central Coast Water Authority for the July 22, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
4. Letter from District dated July 19, 2021 to Mr. Dominguez regarding existing water service letter - North Refugio Road - APN 141-060-017
5. Notice and agenda received July 22, 2021 from Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting on August 12, 2021
6. Eight letters received August 2, 2021 from Pacific Gas and Electric Company regarding planned electrical service interruption - August 11, 2021 (Lindero St., N. Refugio, Meadowlark Rd., Meadowvale Rd., Baseline Ave, & Sagunto St.)
7. Letter received August 2, 2021 from Santa Barbara County Public Works Department regarding the Regional Water Efficiency Program partnership for FY 2021-2022
8. Letter from District dated August 3, 2021 mailed to nine District customers regarding backflow testing requirement reminder
9. Letter from District dated August 3, 2021 to Mr. J. Volk regarding water service account for Tiana Drive
10. Letter from District dated August 4, 2021 to Mr. & Mrs. Fogleman regarding water service requirements letter - Refugio Road - APN 141-111-005
11. Letter from District dated August 4, 2021 to College School District regarding termination of rural residential/limited agriculture water service - Cuesta -Elks Field - Pine Street - APN 143-010-010
12. Press Release received August 4, 2021 from Santa Barbara County Public Health Department recommending masking indoors for everyone