

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, February 20, 2024**
1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, CA - Conference Room

Notice Regarding Public Participation: For those who may not attend the meeting but wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, please submit any and all comments and written materials to the District via electronic mail at general@syrwd.org. All submittals should indicate “February 20, 2024 Board Meeting” in the subject line. Materials received by the District during and prior to the meeting will become part of the post-meeting Board packet materials available to the public and posted on the District’s website.

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. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2024**
7. **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
8. **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
 - c) Quarterly Balance Sheet Inclusive of Reserve Accounts
 2. Personnel Recruitment Update
 - B. **OPERATIONS UPDATE**
9. **REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
 - A. **SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**
 1. Eastern Management Area (EMA) Update
 - B. **HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM (CR6) – PROPOSED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)**
 1. Update on SWRCB Proposed Drinking Water MCL for Cr6 of 10 parts per billion

10. **REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**
11. **CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS**
12. **REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:** Any member of the Board of Trustees may request to place an item on the 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.
13. **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **March 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**
14. **CLOSED SESSION:**

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
 - B. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

[Subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – Significant Exposure to Litigation Against the Agency – One Matter]
 - C. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

[Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – Potential Initiation of Litigation By the Agency – One Matter]
15. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

This Agenda was posted at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, California, and notice was delivered in accordance with Government Code Section 54950 et seq., 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 any 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 at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez. 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. Questions concerning any of the Agenda items may be directed to the District's General Manager at (805) 688-6015. If a court challenge is brought against any of the Board's decisions related to the Agenda items above, the challenge may be limited to those issues raised by the challenger or someone else during the public meeting or in written correspondence to the District prior to or during the public meeting. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any individual needing special assistance to review Agenda materials or participate in this meeting may contact the District Secretary at (805) 688-6015. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will best enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
JANUARY 16, 2024 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, January 16, 2024, in-person at 1070 Faraday Street and via teleconference.

Trustees Present: Jeff Clay
Brad Joos
Nick Urton
Michael Burchardi (via teleconference)

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Paeter Garcia Mary Robel
Karen King Dan Drugan
Gary Kvistad Jeff Dinkin

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

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

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. Robel presented the affidavit of posting 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 54953, as well as District Resolution No. 340.

President Clay announced that former Trustee Kevin Walsh passed away on January 11, 2024 and in recognition of Mr. Walsh’s service to the District and the community he dedicated the Board meeting in his honor. Various Trustees and staff gave tribute to Mr. Walsh.

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

There were no requests from the Board.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Clay welcomed any members of the public 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 reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2023:

The Regular Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2023 were presented for consideration.

President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023. There were no changes or additions requested.

It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Urton, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, to approve the December 19, 2023 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

1 7. CONSENT AGENDA:

2 The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board Packet.

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4 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of December.

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6 It was MOVED by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Clay, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call
7 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

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12 A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

13 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

14 a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses

15 Ms. Robel announced that the Financial Statements were provided to the Board via
16 email earlier today and were included in the handout materials and posted on the
17 District’s website in the Board packet materials section for any member of the public
18 wishing to follow along or receive a copy.

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20 Ms. Robel reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of
21 December. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense
22 transactions that occurred during the month and referred to the Fiscal-Year-to-Date
23 Statement of Revenues and Expenses that provides a budget to actual snapshot for
24 the month of December. Ms. Robel reported that the District revenues for the month
25 of December exceeded the expenses by \$559,905.21 and the year-to-date net income
26 was \$2,202,409.65.

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28 b) Approval of Accounts Payable

29 Ms. Robel announced that the Warrant List was provided to the Board via email
30 earlier today and included in the handout materials and posted on the District’s
31 website in the Board packet materials section for any member of the public wishing
32 to follow along or receive a copy.

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34 The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 25614 through 25669
35 in the amount of \$484,240.51.

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37 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Urton, and carried by a 4-0-0
38 roll call vote, to approve the Warrant List for December 20, 2023 through January 16,
39 2024.

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41 2. Personnel Policy Manual

42 a) Resolution No. 841: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River
43 Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Amending the District’s
44 Personnel Policy Manual

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46 The Board packet included a January 10, 2024 Memorandum from Stradling Yocca
47 Carlson & Rauth and a copy of Resolution No. 841.

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49 Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Jeff Dinkin of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, the
50 District’s employment legal counsel, to present this item.

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52 Mr. Dinkin explained that he conducted an annual review of the District’s Personnel
53 Policy Manual, and based upon his assessment of existing policies, changes in the law,
54 and discussion with management, five revisions to the Personnel Policy Manual are

1 being proposed to the Board. He reviewed the suggested revisions to Section 1.9(c)(8)
2 - Merit Increases, Section 1.9(c)(11) - Existing Employees, Section 3.4 - Sick Leave, and
3 Section 3.6 - Pregnancy Related Disability, and the addition of Section 3.11 -
4 Reproductive Loss Leave.
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6 No public comment was provided.
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8 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Urton, to adopt Resolution No.
9 841, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water
10 Conservation District, Improvement No.1 Amending the District's Personnel Policy
11 Manual.
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13 The Motion carried and Resolution No. 841 was adopted by the following 4-0-0 roll
14 call vote:
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16 **AYES, Trustees:** Mike Burchardi
17 Jeff Clay
18 Brad Joos
19 Nick Urton
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21 **NOES, Trustees:** None
22 **ABSTAIN, Trustees:** None
23 **ABSENT, Trustees:** None
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25 3. Personnel Recruitment Update

26 Mr. Garcia reported that staff has been working with Regional Governmental Services
27 (RGS) on recruitment for the District's vacant positions. He stated that the Regulatory
28 Specialist position was retitled to Water Resources Specialist I/II to allow for a broader
29 applicant base. Mr. Garcia stated that the Water Resources Specialist I/II recruitment
30 closes on January 17, 2024. To date RGS has indicated that several applications have
31 been received for the position. He stated that once the application period closes a
32 minimum qualification screening process will occur, followed by final candidate
33 interviews, which are slated to occur by the end of February. Mr. Garcia announced that
34 the application period for the Administrative & Financial Manager position was opened
35 on January 11th and will close in early February.
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37 4. Board of Trustees Vacancy for Division 1

38 a) Procedural Update; Consideration of Applications; Possible Recommendation for
39 Appointment
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41 Mr. Garcia reported that he was contacted by Trustee Jeff Holzer on December 26,
42 2023, wherein Mr. Holzer provided notice of his resignation from the Board of
43 Trustees effective immediately. Mr. Garcia stated that Trustee Holzer had
44 approximately one year left in his term of office and that his position will need to be
45 filled until the next election occurs for the Division 1 seat.
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47 Mr. Garcia explained that the resignation prompts certain procedural steps that must
48 be followed to fill the vacancy. He stated that ID No.1 sent written notification of the
49 vacancy on December 26, 2023 to both the Santa Barbara County Elections Office and
50 the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD), which is the appointing
51 agency for the ID No.1 Board of Trustees. Mr. Garcia reported that the Public Notice
52 of Trustee Vacancy was posted on December 26, 2023 in accordance with statutory
53 requirements, with an application deadline of 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2024. He

1 reported that one application was received from Mr. Mark Moniot. Mr. Garcia
2 explained that because the application period closed after the January Board packet
3 was posted, the application for the vacant position was emailed to the Trustees prior
4 to today's meeting, posted on the District's website, and provided as handout material
5 at today's meeting. Mr. Garcia stated that he has confirmed the qualifying information
6 set forth in Mr. Moniot's application; and has determined through direct conversation
7 with Mr. Moniot that no actual or perceived conflicts appear to exist that would
8 prevent him from being appointed as a Trustee. He explained that the SYRWCD also
9 has a vacancy on their Board and that they are planning to schedule a special meeting
10 in late January or early February to appoint their new Board Member. He noted that
11 if the ID No.1 Board chose to approve Mr. Moniot's application this evening and
12 recommend his appointment as the Division 1 Trustee, staff could notify SYRWCD of
13 ID No.1's recommendation so that the appointment could be included for action as
14 part of their upcoming special meeting.
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16 Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Moniot's application, community involvement, and
17 references. Based on the discussion, it was MOVED by Trustee Burchardi, seconded
18 by Trustee Urton, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, to approve the application
19 submitted by Mr. Moniot and recommend to the Santa Ynez River Water
20 Conservation District that Mr. Mark Moniot be appointed to fill the vacant Division 1
21 Trustee position for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement
22 District No.1.
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24 **9. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**
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26 **A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

27 **1. Eastern Management Area (EMA) Update**

28 The Board packet included the December 14, 2023 Notice and Agenda for the Regular
29 Meeting of the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainable Agency, a January 4,
30 2024 Staff Memorandum to the WMA, CMA, and EMA GSA Committees, and a January 5,
31 2024 letter regarding the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plans.
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33 Mr. Garcia reported on the December 14, 2023 meeting of the EMA GSA. He reviewed
34 the topics discussed at the meeting, including a review of requests for written verifications
35 for new well proposals, an update on the SGMA governance and the draft Joint Powers
36 Agreement for the EMA, and the 3rd Annual Report for the EMA. Mr. Garcia reported
37 that \$5.4 million dollars has been awarded by the Department of Water Resources (DWR)
38 to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin which will be allocated among the
39 three Management Areas of the Basin. He stated that a check delivery ceremony will be
40 held on February 8, 2024 in Buellton, and that a press release will be posted soon regarding
41 the details of the ceremony.
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43 Mr. Garcia also reported that on January 5, 2024 a joint meeting of the GSAs for the WMA,
44 CMA, and EMA was held to review and approve a supplemental Action Plan for the Basin
45 to address comments received from State Water Resources Control Board staff regarding
46 wells located in the River alluvium. He explained that the Action Plan outlines a
47 commitment by the three GSAs to ensure that all well production and well owners in the
48 Santa Ynez River Alluvium Area are registered and reporting to the appropriate
49 regulatory agencies in accordance with SGMA. Mr. Garcia indicated that DWR is
50 expected to issue its determination on the sufficiency of the GSPs very soon as the two-
51 year review period is almost complete.

1 **B. CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

2 1. Proposed Santa Ynez II Pipeline Project

3 The Board packet included a January 4, 2024 Central Coast Water Authority
4 Memorandum and related materials regarding the potential Santa Ynez II Long-Term
5 Project.
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7 Mr. Garcia reported that the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) is considering a
8 new long-term plan to replace and realign the pipeline from the Santa Ynez Pumping
9 Plant to Lake Cachuma which is used to deliver State Water Project (SWP) supplies from
10 CCWA to entities on the South Coast. He reported that CCWA staff has been monitoring
11 the condition of the pipeline and has not observed any significant issues; however, due
12 to the pipeline exceeding its estimated service life, a long-term replacement/realignment
13 plan is being considered. Mr. Garcia explained that as part of the recent CCWA
14 Operations Committee meeting, his initial comments on the matter were that various
15 important factors would need to be considered and accommodated as part of any project,
16 such as the history of the CCWA pipeline, the Exchange Agreement, the 2002 Settlement
17 Agreement, and water rights releases under State Board Order 2019-0148. The Board
18 discussed several issues related to the Project as described by CCWA. Mr. Garcia stated
19 that further information would be provided as it becomes available.
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21 **10. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS,**
22 **ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS**
23 **NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:**
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25 The Board packet included news articles entitled "California Snowpack Lowest in Decade
26 Despite Hope with December Storms" and "Snow Drought Seen Despite Storms," a diagram
27 from the Department of Water Resources regarding Current Reservoir Conditions, and the
28 January 2024 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing.
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30 Trustee Urton provided compliments to the front office staff for contacting customers with
31 higher than usual water use which could signal a possible leak, and thanked staff for their
32 proactive efforts to assist customers.
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34 Mr. Garcia reported that Mr. Jim Morrill, a key member of the District's field operations staff,
35 has announced his retirement effective May 31, 2024 after nearly 25 years of employment with
36 the District.
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38 Mr. Garcia reported that the Los Olivos Community Service District continues to discuss
39 treatment alternatives, including the possibility of partnering with the City of Solvang.
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41 **11. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS:**

42 The Correspondence List was received by the Board.
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44 **12. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

45 There were no requests from the Board.
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47 **13. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

48 President Clay stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
49 February 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

1 **14. CLOSED SESSION:**

2 The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:09 p.m.
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4 **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

5 [Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 2 Cases]

6 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources
7 Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of
8 Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests
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10 2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood
11 Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court
12 Case No. 21CV02432
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14 **B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

15 [Subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – Significant Exposure to
16 Litigation Against the Agency – One Matter]
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18 **15. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**

19 [Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]
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21 The Board reconvened to open session at approximately 5:43 p.m. Mr. Garcia announced that
22 the Board met in closed session in accordance with Agenda Items 14.A.1, 14.A.2, and 14.B. He
23 reported that there was no reportable action for any of the closed session Agenda Items.
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25 **16. ADJOURNMENT:**

26 Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Urton, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried
27 by a 3-0-0 vote, with Trustee Burchardi absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:44 p.m.
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29 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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33 Mary Robel, Secretary to the Board
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36 **ATTEST:**

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38 Jeff Clay, President
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40 **MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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43 Karen King, Board Administrative Assistant
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
February 20, 2024**

Consent Agenda Report

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report. Total water production in **January 2024 (90 AF)** was 77 AF lower than total production in **December 2023** (167 AF), 23 AF lower than the most recent 3-year running average (2021-2023) for the month of **January** (113 AF), and 49 AF lower than the most recent 10-year running average (2014-2023) for the month of **January** (139 AF). Generally speaking, the District's overall demands and total production have been trending well below historic levels for domestic, rural residential, and agricultural water deliveries due to water conservation, changing water use patterns, and private well installations.

For the month of **January 2024**, approximately **26 AF** was produced from the Santa Ynez Upland wells, and approximately **64 AF** was produced from the 6.0 cfs well field in the Santa Ynez River alluvium. As reflected in the Monthly Water Deliveries Report from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), the District used **0 AF** of SWP supplies for the month. Direct diversions to the County Park and USBR were **1.02 AF**.

The USBR Daily Operations Report for Lake Cachuma in **January** (ending January 31, 2023) recorded the end of month reservoir elevation at **747.47'** with the end of month storage of **176,616 AF**. USBR recorded total precipitation at the lake of **1.87 inches** for the month. ****NOTE** February 2024 data show substantial increases** SWP deliveries to the reservoir for South Coast entities were **37.6 AF**. Reported reservoir evaporation in **January** was **317.9 AF**.

Based on the updated maximum storage capacity of 192,978 AF (previously 193,305 AF), as of **February 15, 2024** Cachuma reservoir was reported at **99.2%** of capacity, with then-current storage of **191,517 AF** (Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, Rainfall and Reservoir Summary). ****NOTE** USBR declared spill conditions effective February 1st** At a point when reservoir storage exceeds 100,000 AF, the Cachuma Member Units typically have received a full allocation. 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 (and previously have occurred) at other lower storage levels. For the federal WY 2021-2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022), USBR issued a 70% allocation, equal to 18,000 AF. ID No.1's 10.31% share of that allocation was 1,855 AF. In the Fall of 2022 when reservoir conditions were low, the Cachuma Member Units initially requested an approximate 15% Cachuma Project allocation for federal WY 2022-2023. By letter dated September 30, 2022, USBR issued an initial 0% allocation for WY 2022-2023. **Based on extraordinary rain conditions that filled and spilled the reservoir early this year, in February 2023 USBR issued a revised 100% Project allocation for WY 2022-2023. ID No.1's share of that allocation is 2,651 AF. By letter dated June 30, 2023 the Cachuma Member Units submitted a joint request for another 100% Cachuma allocation for WY 2023-2024. On July 10, 2023 USBR approved that request, which translates to another 2,651 AF for ID No.1.**

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 portion of 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 Water Rights Order 2019-0148 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 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*

Based on recent hydrology, inflows to Cachuma Reservoir this water year have exceeded 33,707 AF and therefore increased fishery flow requirements (Table 2 flows under Order 20219-0148; highlighted above) will be in place for the remainder of this year. Also noted above, USBR announced spill conditions for the Cachuma Project effective February 1, 2024.

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

In 2022, the SWP Table A allocation for SWP Contractors was only 5 percent, which translated to 35 AF for ID No.1's share of Table A supplies through CCWA. As previously reported, by Notice to the SWP Contractors dated December 1, 2022, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued an initial 2023 SWP Table A allocation of 5 percent, along with a provisional allocation of additional SWP supplies to certain Contractors to ensure the needs for human health and safety. **As a result of last year's extraordinary rain events, DWR declared the 2023 SWP Table A allocation at 100 percent for the first time since 2006.** The 2023 Table A allocation translated to 2,200 AF for ID No.1. Of that amount, 700 AF was available to ID No.1 and the remaining 1,500 AF was available under contract to the City of Solvang. **By notice to the State Water Contractors dated December 1, 2023 DWR has issued an initial 10 percent Table A allocation for 2024.** DWR's initial 10 percent allocation was based on the following rationale:

Water year 2023 provided much-needed relief following three of the most severely dry years on record. However, water year 2024 is off to a slow start with precipitation amounts at about half of average in October and November. To make the initial 2024 allocation, DWR forecasts what water supplies will be available if the current dry pattern continues through the remainder of the water year 2024. As a result, DWR is initially allocating 10 percent of most SWP contractors' requested Table A amounts for 2024.

To determine the available SWP water supplies, DWR considers factors including SWP contractors' anticipated 2023 carryover supplies into 2024, projected 2024 demands, existing storage in SWP conservation facilities, estimates of future runoff, SWP operational and regulatory requirements from the Federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act, and water rights obligations under the State Water Resources Control Board's authority. DWR may revise the SWP allocation if hydrologic conditions change.

Recent statewide storm events, including those in northern California watersheds, would seem to provide a basis for DWR to increase the 2024 Table A allocation above 10 percent.

As reflected in the Agendas for the January 25 and February 22, 2024 meeting of the CCWA Board of Directors, CCWA remains engaged in a variety of matters relating to the SWP, including but not limited to: SWP supplies and related SWP operations; facility improvements (i.e., water quality concerns, Santa Ynez Pipeline replacement); CCWA water transfer policies; and the CCWA Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget process. CCWA and its member agencies also remain engaged in their pending litigation against the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to maintain CCWA sovereignty over important decisions pertaining to SWP supplies. The next regular meeting of the CCWA Board of Directors is scheduled for January 25, 2024.



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Lake Cachuma Daily Operations

Run Date: 2/10/2024

January 2024

DAY	STORAGE ACRE-FEET		COMPUTED* INFLOW AF.	CCWA INFLOW AF.	PRECIP ON			RELEASE - AF.			EVAPORATION		PRECIP INCHES
	ELEV	IN LAKE			CHANGE	RES. SURF. AF.	TUNNEL	HILTON CREEK	OUTLET SPILLWAY	AF.	INCH		
	746.87	174,872											
1	746.91	174,988	116	150.0	16.2	0.0	20.5	13.3	10.0	0.0	6.3	0.040	0.00
2	746.94	175,075	87	139.0	0.0	0.0	21.3	13.3	9.0	0.0	7.9	0.050	0.00
3	746.98	175,192	117	69.0	0.0	101.5	25.7	13.3	10.0	0.0	4.7	0.030	0.42
4	746.99	175,221	29	93.0	0.0	0.0	28.2	13.3	10.0	0.0	12.6	0.080	0.00
5	747.00	175,250	29	96.0	0.0	0.0	29.3	13.3	9.0	0.0	15.7	0.100	0.00
6	747.02	175,308	58	122.0	0.0	0.0	28.5	13.3	10.0	0.0	12.6	0.080	0.00
7	747.02	175,308	0	21.0	0.0	33.8	27.8	13.3	9.0	0.0	4.7	0.030	0.14
8	747.03	175,337	29	95.0	0.0	0.0	29.9	13.3	10.0	0.0	12.6	0.080	0.00
9	747.04	175,366	29	91.0	0.0	0.0	28.1	13.3	10.0	0.0	11.0	0.070	0.00
10	747.05	175,395	29	88.0	0.0	2.4	29.5	13.3	9.0	0.0	9.4	0.060	0.01
11	747.02	175,308	-87	-29.0	0.0	7.3	28.4	13.3	10.0	0.0	14.1	0.090	0.03
12	747.04	175,366	58	125.0	0.0	0.0	28.5	13.3	9.0	0.0	15.7	0.100	0.00
13	747.05	175,395	29	91.0	0.0	0.0	29.0	13.3	10.0	0.0	9.4	0.060	0.00
14	747.05	175,395	0	58.0	0.0	2.4	28.7	13.3	9.0	0.0	9.4	0.060	0.01
15	747.04	175,366	-29	27.0	0.0	0.0	29.0	13.2	9.0	0.0	4.7	0.030	0.00
16	747.04	175,366	0	62.0	0.0	0.0	29.1	13.3	10.0	0.0	9.4	0.060	0.00
17	747.04	175,366	0	58.0	0.0	4.8	31.5	13.3	9.0	0.0	9.4	0.060	0.02
18	747.04	175,366	0	65.0	0.0	0.0	33.6	13.2	9.0	0.0	9.4	0.060	0.00
19	747.04	175,366	0	59.0	0.0	0.0	33.7	13.4	6.0	0.0	6.3	0.040	0.00
20	747.07	175,424	58	91.0	0.0	31.5	34.9	13.3	2.0	0.0	14.2	0.090	0.13
21	747.07	175,424	0	-7.0	0.0	60.5	32.5	13.3	3.0	0.0	4.7	0.030	0.25
22	747.14	175,657	233	119.0	0.0	169.5	33.4	13.3	2.0	0.0	6.3	0.040	0.70
23	747.21	175,860	203	231.0	0.0	29.1	33.7	13.3	2.0	0.0	7.9	0.050	0.12
24	747.28	176,064	204	270.0	0.0	2.4	35.0	13.3	3.0	0.0	17.3	0.110	0.01
25	747.33	176,209	145	187.0	0.0	7.3	32.6	13.4	2.0	0.0	1.6	0.010	0.03
26	747.36	176,296	87	143.0	2.0	0.0	33.4	6.7	2.0	0.0	15.8	0.100	0.00
27	747.38	176,355	59	114.0	5.9	0.0	30.4	13.4	3.0	0.0	14.2	0.090	0.00
28	747.41	176,442	87	135.0	5.9	0.0	27.7	13.3	2.0	0.0	11.1	0.070	0.00
29	747.43	176,500	58	109.0	5.9	0.0	27.3	13.3	2.0	0.0	14.2	0.090	0.00
30	747.45	176,558	58	112.0	1.7	0.0	26.1	13.4	2.0	0.0	14.2	0.090	0.00
31	747.47	176,616	58	112.0	0.0	0.0	27.3	13.3	2.0	0.0	11.1	0.070	0.00
TOTALS			1,744	3,096.0	37.6	452.5	914.6	405.9	204.0	0.0	317.9	2.020	1.87
AVERAGE		175,617											

Comments: *Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases and evaporation minus precip on the reservoir surface and ccwa inflow.
Indicated outlet release includes leakage from outlet valves and spillway gates.
Data based on a 24 hour period ending 0800.



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Lake Cachuma Daily Operations

Run Date: 2/15/2024

February 2024

DAY	ELEV	STORAGE ACRE-FEET		COMPUTED* INFLOW AF.	CCWA INFLOW AF.	PRECIP ON		RELEASE - AF.			EVAPORATION		PRECIP INCHES
		IN LAKE	CHANGE			RES. SURF. AF.	TUNNEL	HILTON CREEK	OUTLET	SPILLWAY	AF.	INCH	
	747.47	176,616											
1	747.92	177,935	1,319	802.0	0.0	591.4	25.7	13.4	3.0	0.0	32.0	0.170	2.42
2	748.97	181,038	3,103	5,686.0	0.0	131.2	18.2	13.5	2.0	2,665.0	15.3	0.080	0.53
3	748.31	179,083	-1,955	-40.0	0.0	0.0	13.9	13.5	274.0	1,602.0	11.3	0.060	0.00
4	746.87	174,872	-4,211	3,931.0	0.0	86.9	15.8	13.4	275.0	7,921.0	3.7	0.020	0.36
5	751.67	189,192	14,320	20,737.0	0.0	1,263.8	13.3	13.5	225.0	7,429.0	0.0	0.000	4.95
6	751.88	189,839	647	10,715.0	0.0	634.7	16.7	13.8	191.0	10,481.0	0.0	0.000	2.48
7	751.80	189,592	-247	6,082.0	0.0	12.8	20.3	13.8	199.0	6,085.0	23.6	0.120	0.05
8	752.08	190,424	832	3,828.0	0.0	123.1	21.9	13.9	198.0	2,873.0	11.8	0.060	0.48
9	752.50	191,749	1,325	2,987.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	13.9	153.0	1,463.0	9.9	0.050	0.00
10	752.82	192,743	994	2,410.0	0.0	0.0	22.6	13.9	78.0	1,284.0	17.9	0.090	0.00
11	753.04	193,430	687	2,108.0	0.0	0.0	22.3	14.0	80.0	1,289.0	16.0	0.080	0.00
12	753.16	193,804	374	1,798.0	0.0	0.0	22.8	14.0	79.0	1,292.0	16.0	0.080	0.00
13	753.12	193,679	-125	1,599.0	0.0	0.0	27.5	14.0	375.0	1,293.0	14.0	0.070	0.00
14	753.04	193,430	-249	1,499.0	0.0	0.0	31.8	14.0	396.0	1,292.0	14.0	0.070	0.00
TOTALS			16,814	64,142.0	0.0	2,843.9	294.8	192.6	2,528.0	46,969.0	185.5	0.950	11.27
AVERAGE		187,915											

Comments: *Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases and evaporation minus precip on the reservoir surface and ccwa inflow.
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Santa Barbara County - Flood Control District

130 East Victoria Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 - 805.568.3440 - www.countyofsb.org/pwd

Rainfall and Reservoir Summary

Updated 8am: 2/15/2024

Water Year: 2024

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: ➤ <https://rain.cosbpw.net>

Rainfall	ID	24 hrs	Storm 0day(s)	Month	Year*	% to Date	% of Year*	AI
Buellton (Fire Stn)	233	0.00	0.00	5.18	12.56	120%	76%	
Cachuma Dam (USBR)	332	0.00	0.00	10.00	17.50	141%	88%	
Carpinteria (Fire Stn)	208	0.00	0.00	6.03	15.35	141%	89%	
Cuyama (Fire Stn)	436	0.09	0.00	2.28	5.66	120%	74%	
Figueroa Mtn. (USFS Stn)	421	0.00	0.00	5.06	11.78	89%	55%	7.1
Gibraltar Dam (City Facility)	230	0.00	0.00	13.08	25.02	149%	95%	4.9
Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros)	440	0.00	0.00	7.12	15.17	129%	82%	
Lompoc (City Hall)	439	0.03	0.00	6.29	13.82	150%	94%	5.6
Los Alamos (Fire Stn)	204	0.01	0.00	5.15	12.14	129%	79%	
San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn)	212	0.00	0.00	15.35	30.69	139%	89%	
Santa Barbara (County Bldg)	234	0.00	0.00	8.89	19.43	166%	106%	
Santa Maria (City Pub. Works)	380	0.07	0.00	3.15	9.44	112%	71%	
Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport)	218	0.00	0.00	6.24	12.31	125%	78%	
Sisquoc (Fire Stn)	256	0.04	0.00	3.19	8.73	93%	58%	

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : **129%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : **81%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2024 (End of WY2024).

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 based on Dec 2021 capacity revision)

Click on Site for Real-Time Readings	Spillway	Current	Max.	Current	Current	Storage	Storage
	Elev. (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Capacity (%)	Change Mo.(ac-ft)	Change Year*(ac-ft)
<u>Gibraltar Reservoir</u>	1,400.00	1,400.09	4,693	4,713	100.4%	-55	1,531
<u>Cachuma Reservoir</u>	753.**	752.53	192,978	191,517	99.2%	13,952	7,523
<u>Jameson Reservoir</u>	2,224.00	2,224.04	4,848	4,853	100.1%	-62	69
<u>Twitchell Reservoir</u>	651.50	550.53	194,971	8,008	4.1%	5,592	-47,424

[Previous Rainfall and Reservoir Summaries](#)

California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)

CIMIS Daily Report

Rendered in ENGLISH Units.

Monday, January 1, 2024 - Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Printed on Thursday, February 1, 2024

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)
1/1/2024	0.05 R	0.00	237	9.2	66.5	36.5	47.6	100	42	82	42.3	1.4	34.4	58.6 Y
1/2/2024	0.05 R	0.00	236	9.8	66.0	34.9	48.7	100	50	84	43.9	1.5	35.1	58.0
1/3/2024	0.06	0.00	246	10.5	60.1	43.5	51.3	99	57	81	45.8	2.9	70.7	57.7
1/4/2024	0.08	0.00	277	7.7	64.0	38.1	50.3	89	34	62	37.7	3.3	78.4	57.5
1/5/2024	0.07 R	0.00	272	7.5	67.2	34.2	48.1	95	36	66	37.2	2.0	48.7	56.9
1/6/2024	0.05 R	0.11	235	8.0	63.6	27.4	45.3	98	35	78	38.7	1.5	35.5	56.3
1/7/2024	0.07	0.01	298	6.8	56.6	30.9	44.9	93	38	67	34.6	3.6	86.1	55.8
1/8/2024	0.07 R	0.13	295	5.7	61.2	26.3	41.9	97	29	63	30.4	1.7	40.2	55.2
1/9/2024	0.07 R	0.08 H	298	7.6	64.7	26.8	45.1	97	37	75	37.6	2.8	66.2	54.5
1/10/2024	0.08	0.02	293	9.3	60.0	37.3	50.4	94	46	74	42.6	4.0	96.0	54.3
1/11/2024	0.08	0.00	307	6.7	59.7	29.0	48.0	92	32	59	34.2	3.9	93.4	54.6
1/12/2024	0.06 R	1.36	309	5.6	62.1	23.6	39.7	96	30	67	29.7	1.5	36.6	54.3
1/13/2024	0.07 R	0.00	0 R	8.1	46.8 Y	36.2	40.0	98	42	97	39.2	1.0	24.2	53.5
1/14/2024	0.07 R	0.00	285	11.2	66.3	36.1	51.0	100	59	87	47.4	2.9	70.5	53.7
1/15/2024	0.05	0.00	214	11.4	66.9	44.2	52.2	99	54	85	48.0	1.6	38.5	54.6
1/16/2024	0.06 R	0.00	271	11.1	68.0	40.4	51.6	100	47	85	47.3	1.9	45.0	55.4
1/17/2024	0.06	0.00	239	13.3	70.9	50.6	56.6	97	54	85	52.1	2.1	50.6	56.0
1/18/2024	0.06	0.00	250	11.9	64.8	46.0	54.2	97	63	83	49.2	2.1	50.4	56.9
1/19/2024	0.06	0.00	203	10.6	71.0	44.8	57.0	98	30	66	46.0	3.3	80.3	57.2
1/20/2024	0.02	0.19	96	13.6	62.4	52.8 Y	57.1	97	74	86	52.8	2.0	47.8	57.3
1/21/2024	0.06	0.01	237	12.5	67.0	51.4	57.2	96	62	78	50.5	2.5	61.0	57.6
1/22/2024	0.04 R	0.39	185	14.1	65.9	53.6 Y	57.9	98	73	86	53.8	3.1	73.7	58.0
1/23/2024	0.09	0.00	0	12.2	55.4	46.3	52.5	95	59	90	49.7	1.7	40.7	58.4
1/24/2024	0.01 R	0.01	93	11.3	57.5	43.0	51.0	98	73	89	47.8	1.2	28.7	58.5
1/25/2024	0.07 R	0.19 H	297	12.7	68.3	41.0	55.0	99	56	86	50.9	2.2	53.6	58.1
1/26/2024	0.08 R	0.00	328	9.6	74.3	37.3	52.2	99	28	72	43.5	1.4	33.8	58.4
1/27/2024	0.08 R	0.00	306	10.5	79.7	40.7	56.9	99	24	66	45.7	1.1	26.9	58.3
1/28/2024	0.10 R	0.00	0	10.5	62.7	43.6	50.7	99	27	83	45.8	1.0	23.9	58.7
1/29/2024	0.10 R	0.00	344	9.5	78.4	37.6	54.2	99	25	66	43.2	1.9	46.8	58.8
1/30/2024	0.07 R	0.00	273	9.7	74.8	35.9	51.5	99	30	75	43.8	1.6	37.7	58.6
1/31/2024	0.08	0.45	254	10.4	66.2	39.2	53.4	99	42	75	45.6	4.3	102.7	58.3
Tots/Avgs	2.02	2.95	232	10.0	65.1	39.0	50.8	97	45	77	43.8	2.2	53.5	56.8

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: Dessi Mladenova, Controller
FROM: Lacey Adam, Senior Accountant
SUBJECT: Monthly Water Deliveries

February 8, 2024

According to the CCWA revenue meters at each turnout, the following deliveries were made during the month of January 2024:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro	121.39
López.....	132.45
Shandon.....	0.00
Guadalupe.....	36.11
Santa Maria.....	292.97
Golden State Water Co.....	0.00
Vandenberg.....	177.59
Buellton	13.73
Solvang	48.34
Santa Ynez ID#1	0.00
Bradbury.....	<u>25.06</u>
TOTAL	847.64

In order to reconcile these deliveries with the DWR revenue meter, which read 859 acre-feet, the following delivery amounts should be used for billing purposes:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro	123
López	134
Shandon.....	0
Guadalupe.....	37
Santa Maria.....	287*
Golden State Water Co	10*
Vandenberg	180
Buellton	14
Solvang	49
Santa Ynez ID#1	0
Bradbury	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	859

*Golden State Water Company delivered 10 acre-feet into its system through the Santa Maria turnout. This delivery is recorded by providing a credit of 10 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 0 acre-feet of exchange water.

The exchange water is allocated as follows

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Exchange Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Goleta	0
Santa Barbara	0
Montecito	0
Carpinteria	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0

Bradbury Deliveries into Lake Cachuma are allocated as follows:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Carpinteria	0
Goleta	0
La Cumbre	23
Montecito	0
Morehart	2
Santa Barbara	0
Raytheon	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	25

cc: Tom Bunosky, GWD
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A Meeting of the
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 OF THE
 CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 25, 2024
 at 255 Industrial Way, Buellton, California 93427

Members of the public may participate by video call or telephone via
 URL: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1449556383>
 or by dialing (623)404-9000 and entering access Code/Meeting ID: 144 955 6383 #

Please note: public participation by video call or telephone is for convenience only and is not required by law. If technical interruptions to the video call/telephone occur, the chair has the discretion to continue the meeting and participants are invited to take advantage of the other participation options above.

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>.

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City of Guadalupe

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Goleta Water District

Montecito Water District

Santa Ynez River Water
 Conservation District,
 Improvement District #1

Associate Member

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 Water Company

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Closed Session

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d) (4): 1 case
- B. 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)
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.(a): 1 case
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
 CCWA negotiator: Jeffrey Dinkin
 Unrepresented employees: All employees except management and confidential

III. Return to Open Session

IV. 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 five minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)

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- * Indicates attachment of document to original agenda packet.
- ★ Additional materials related to the item will be posted at CCWA.com prior to meeting.
- ◆ Hard copies of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report are included for Board members and are available to all interested parties upon request, or online at www.ccwa.com.

V. Consent Calendar

- * A. Minutes of the October 23, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - * B. Minutes of the November 27, 2023 Special Meeting
 - * C. Bills
 - * D. Controller's Report
 - * E. Operations Report
- Staff Recommendation: Approve the Consent Calendar*

VI. Executive Director's Report

- A. Water Supply Situation Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- * B. Draft CCWA Water Transfer Administrative Policies
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- * C. Santa Ynez II Long-Term Project Overview
Staff Recommendation: Request decision by board on whether to begin pursuit of this project now or wait for another time.
- * D. Water Treatment Plant Main Gate Erosion Repair Project, Proposed Budget: \$45,000
Staff Recommendation: 1. Authorize the Executive Director to utilize \$45,000 of funds from the Water Treatment Plant Appropriate Contingency Budget for the purpose of repairing the erosional damage near the main gate of the Water Treatment Plant.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to award the repair work contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.
- * E. CCWA Deputy Director Pay Classification and Recruitment Services from the Widroe Group, Inc.
Staff Recommendation: 1. Approve the pay grade classification of 62 for the CCWA Deputy Director position with a salary range of \$209,565 to \$255,669 and 2. Approve the contract with The Widroe Group, Inc. for services in recruiting for the Deputy Director position based on a fee of 18.50% of the annualized salary, estimated to be around \$46,250 based on a \$250,000 annualized salary.
- * F. FY 2023/24 Second Quarter Investment Report
Staff Recommendation: Accept report.
- * G. FY Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
◆ *Staff Recommendation: Approve the FY Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*
- * H. FY 2024/25 Budget Preparation Schedule
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- * I. The Economy of the State Water Project
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- J. State Water Contractors Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- K. Voluntary Agreements Support Letter from the State Water Contractors
Staff Recommendation: Approval to join the support letter for the Voluntary Agreements from the State Water Contractors.
- * L. Legislative Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- * M. JPIA President's Special Recognition Award
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.

VII. Reports from Board Members for Information Only

VIII. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda

IX. Date of Next Regular Meeting: February 22, 2024

X. Adjournment



A Meeting of the
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 22, 2024
at 255 Industrial Way, Buellton, California 93427

Members of the public may participate by video call or telephone via
URL: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1440921689>
or by dialing (623)404-9000 and entering access Code/Meeting ID: #144 092 1689

Please note: public participation by video call or telephone is for convenience only and is not required by law. If technical interruptions to the video call/telephone occur, the chair has the discretion to continue the meeting and participants are invited to take advantage of the other participation options above.

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>.

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III. Return to Open Session

IV. 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 five minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)

V. Consent Calendar

- * A. Minutes of the January 25, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - * B. Bills
 - * C. Controller's Report
 - * D. Operations Report
- Staff Recommendation: Approve the Consent Calendar*

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VI. Executive Director's Report

- A. Water Supply Situation Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- *B. Preliminary DRAFT Administrative Rules for the Transfer and Exchange of Water
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- *C. State Water Contractors Science Program Overview and Presentation
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- D. Update on CCWA Statement of Charges Protest Items
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- E. DRAFT FY 2024/25 CCWA Objectives
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- F. State Water Contractors Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.
- *G. Legislative Report
Staff Recommendation: Informational item only.

VII. Reports from Board Members for Information Only

VIII. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda

IX. Date of Next Regular Meeting: March 28, 2024

X. Adjournment



**Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1
Reserve Balance Summary
as of December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1
Statement of Changes in Cash and Investments
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)

	Net Investment in Capital Assets	Restricted Development Fee & SY Septic	Unrestricted, Board Reserved				Unrestricted, Unreserved	TOTAL	Total Unrestricted, Board Reserved
			State Water Project	Debt Repayment Obligation	Repairs & Replacement	Plant Expansion			
Total Cash & Investments - Sept. 30, 2023		109,212.00	3,000,000.00	\$837,927.24	6,054,018.00	7,336,450.00	10,458,389.46	27,795,966.70	17,228,395.24
Purchases of capital							-	-	-
Debt Repayments (SOD, Series 2004A, SWP)		-		\$ (223,704.45)			-	(223,704.45)	(223,704.45)
Transfers between funds					-	-	\$ -	-	-
Unreserved receipts and disbursements, net		-			-		1,642,950.14	1,642,980.14	-
Total Cash & Investments - Dec. 31, 2023	\$ -	\$ 109,212.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 614,222.79	\$ 6,054,018.00	\$ 7,336,450.00	\$ 12,101,339.60	\$ 29,215,242.39	\$ 17,004,690.79
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Historical Balances - Board Reserved

12/31/2023	\$ 17,004,690.79	2nd Qtr FY 23/24
9/30/2023	\$ 17,228,395.24	1st Qtr FY 23/24
6/30/2023	\$ 16,681,709.00	} Fiscal Year End
6/30/2022	\$ 14,657,393.00	
6/30/2021	\$ 10,536,803.00	
6/30/2020	\$ 6,963,101.50	
6/30/2019	\$ 8,415,028.62	

Notes:



**Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1
Balance Sheet Summary
as of December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1
Balance Sheet by Net Position Category (Summary)
As of December 31, 2023

	Net Investment in Capital Assets	Restricted	Unrestricted, Board Reserved					Unrestricted, Unreserved	TOTAL	Total Unrestricted, Board Reserved
			State Water Project	Debt Repayment Obligation	Contingency	Repairs & Replacement	Plant Expansion			
ASSETS										
Current Assets										
Checking/Savings										
120100 · Checking account								\$ 37,709.47	\$ 37,709.47	\$ -
120500 · Cash Operating (PIMMA)								12,600,708.77	12,600,708.77	-
120620 · Cash - BNY/Series 2004		-						-	-	-
123000 · Investment in LAIF			3,000,000.00	614,222.79		6,054,018.00	7,336,450.00	(537,078.64)	16,467,612.15	17,004,690.79
123001 · Investments - Restricted (LAIF)		109,212.00						-	109,212.00	-
Total Checking/Savings	-	109,212.00	3,000,000.00	614,222.79	-	6,054,018.00	7,336,450.00	12,101,339.60	29,215,242.39	17,004,690.79
Accounts Receivable										
125000 · Accounts Receivable								688,486.50	688,486.50	-
Total Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	688,486.50	688,486.50	-
Total Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,254,020.22	2,254,020.22	4,508,040.44
Total Current Assets	-	109,212.00	3,000,000.00	614,222.79	-	6,054,018.00	7,336,450.00	15,043,846.32	32,157,749.11	17,004,690.79
Total Fixed Assets	10,087,913.84							-	10,087,913.84	-
Total Other Assets	4,787,216.86	10,759.58	-	-	-	-	-	2,717,364.03	7,515,340.47	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,875,130.70	\$ 119,971.58	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 614,222.79	\$ -	\$ 6,054,018.00	\$ 7,336,450.00	\$ 17,761,210.35	\$ 49,761,003.42	\$ 17,004,690.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY										
Liabilities										
Total Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	592,418.84	592,418.84	-
Total Credit Cards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,486.67	1,486.67	-
Total Other Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,115,062.41	3,115,062.41	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,708,967.92	3,708,967.92	-
Total Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,129,863.00	6,129,863.00	-
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,838,830.92	\$ 9,838,830.92	\$ -
Total Net Position	\$ 14,875,130.70	\$ 119,971.58	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 614,222.79	\$ -	\$ 6,054,018.00	\$ 7,336,450.00	\$ 7,922,379.43	\$ 39,922,172.50	\$ 17,004,690.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	\$ 14,875,130.70	\$ 119,971.58	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 614,222.79	\$ -	\$ 6,054,018.00	\$ 7,336,450.00	\$ 17,761,210.35	\$ 49,761,003.42	\$ 17,004,690.79



**Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1
Balance Sheet Detailed
as of December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1
Balance Sheet by Net Position Category (Detailed)
As of December 31, 2023

	Net Investment in Capital Assets	Restricted	Unrestricted, Board Reserved					Unrestricted, Unreserved	TOTAL	Total Unrestricted, Board Reserved
			State Water Project	Debt Repayment Obligation	Contingency	Repairs & Replacement	Plant Expansion			
ASSETS										
Current Assets										
Checking/Savings										
120100 · Checking account							\$ 37,709.47	\$ 37,709.47	\$ -	
120500 · Cash Operating (PIMMA)							12,600,708.77	12,600,708.77	-	
120620 · Cash - BNY/Series 2004		-					-	-	-	
123000 · Investment in LAIF			3,000,000.00	614,222.79		6,054,018.00	7,336,450.00	(537,078.64)	16,467,612.15	17,004,690.79
123001 · Investments - Restricted (LAIF)		109,212.00						-	109,212.00	-
Total Checking/Savings	-	109,212.00	3,000,000.00	614,222.79	-	6,054,018.00	7,336,450.00	12,101,339.60	29,215,242.39	17,004,690.79
Accounts Receivable										
125000 · Accounts Receivable							-	688,486.50	688,486.50	-
Total Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	688,486.50	688,486.50	-
Other Current Assets										
128000 Interest Receivable								-	-	-
122000 · Petty Cash								145.00	145.00	-
131000 · Inventory								191,155.22	191,155.22	-
141001 - Deferred Outflows - OPEB								1,275,829.00	1,275,829.00	-
1499 Undeposited funds								572.00	572.00	-
141000 - Deferred Outflows Res.-Pension								786,319.00	786,319.00	-
Total Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,254,020.22	2,254,020.22	4,508,040.44
Total Current Assets	-	109,212.00	3,000,000.00	614,222.79	-	6,054,018.00	7,336,450.00	15,043,846.32	32,157,749.11	17,004,690.79
Fixed Assets										
100100 · Construction in Progress										-
100101 - Capital Improvement Projects	292,856.23								292,856.23	-
100102 - Zone 1,2,3 Reservoirs	-								-	-
100106 · Rehab/Rplc - Trans. Mains/Lats	-								-	-
100140 · New District Building	-								-	-
100170 · Well Field-6.0 CFS	125,123.67								125,123.67	-
100171 · 4.CFS Wll Field	180,225.28								180,225.28	-
100181 · Security Zone 1	6,147.14								6,147.14	-
100182 · Water CAD	2,693.75								2,693.75	-
100183 · GIS Engineering	9,599.95								9,599.95	-
100189 · Well #24	4,014.54								4,014.54	-
100195 · Refugio II BPS	997.69								997.69	-
100196 · Alamo Pintado BPS	20,502.59								20,502.59	-
100197 · Refugio 3-BPW-Repairs	2,268.96								2,268.96	-
100198 - Meadowlark BPS	-								-	-
100350 · Uplands Wells	\$ -								\$ -	\$ -

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1
Balance Sheet by Net Position Category (Detailed)
As of December 31, 2023

	Net Investment in Capital Assets	Restricted	Unrestricted, Board Reserved					Unrestricted, Unreserved	TOTAL	Total Unrestricted, Board Reserved
			State Water Project	Debt Repayment Obligation	Contingency	Repairs & Replacement	Plant Expansion			
155110 CCWA - Solvang RCR								1,237,973.98	1,237,973.98	-
100200 · Reimbursable Projects										
100224 · Winter Storm Damage 2005										
100223 · 6 & 4 CSF Well Fields Infrast.	33,308.64								33,308.64	-
100225 · Well #23	97,004.96								97,004.96	-
100226 · Well #24	902,112.30								902,112.30	-
100227 · Well #25	1,200,719.31								1,200,719.31	-
100229 · Well #27	1,489,572.28								1,489,572.28	-
100230 · Well #28	1,034,561.00								1,034,561.00	-
100331 · Well #10	29,938.37								29,938.37	-
Total 100224 · Winter Storm Damage 2005	4,787,216.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,787,216.86	-
100260 · Chumash Reservation Reimb.										
100263 · Casino Expansion								5,658.42	5,658.42	-
100264 · WWTP								552.50	552.50	-
100265 · Wonanne Mainline Extension								42.16	42.16	-
100260 · Chumash Reservation Reimb. - Other								1,575.00	1,575.00	-
Total 100260 · Chumash Reservation Reimb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,828.08	7,828.08	-
100280 · Trabucco/Reimbursable										
Total 100200 · Reimbursable Projects	4,787,216.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,828.08	4,795,044.94	-
124100 · CD SY Indian Septic		10,759.58							10,759.58	-
132100 · Prepaid State Water								405,209.68	405,209.68	-
132150 · Prepaid Cachuma Water								58,379.44	58,379.44	-
132200 · Prepaid Insurance								77,641.56	77,641.56	-
155000 · Prepaid Expenses CCWA								62,163.61	62,163.61	-
155100 · CCWA Rate Coverage Reser								868,167.68	868,167.68	-
Total Other Assets	4,787,216.86	10,759.58	-	-	-	-	-	2,717,364.03	7,515,340.47	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,875,130.70	\$ 119,971.58	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 614,222.79	\$ -	\$ 6,054,018.00	\$ 7,336,450.00	\$ 17,761,210.35	\$ 49,761,003.42	\$ 17,004,690.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY										
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities										
Accounts Payable										
222000 · Accounts Payable								\$ 592,418.84	\$ 592,418.84	\$ -
Total Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	592,418.84	592,418.84	-
Credit Cards										
120000 · Credit Card Account - General								2,087.76	2,087.76	-
120001 · Ace (Harrison) Hrdwr Chrg Acct								-	-	-

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Balance Sheet by Net Position Category (Detailed)
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			State Water Project	Debt Repayment Obligation	Contingency	Repairs & Replacement	Plant Expansion			
120003 - Credit Card Account - AGM								(37.66)	(37.66)	-
120004-Credit Card -GM2								(754.75)	(754.75)	-
120005 - Credit Card - Supt.								-	-	-
120002 · Credit Card Account - GM								191.32	191.32	-
Total Credit Cards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,486.67	1,486.67	-
Other Current Liabilities										
220000 - Deferred Inflows-Pension								185,782.00	185,782.00	-
220001 - Deferred Inflows - OPEB								1,115,317.00	1,115,317.00	-
2100 - 228000 Payroll Liabilities								5,142.59	5,142.59	-
21000 · Retentions Payable								-	-	-
223000 · Interest Payable								-	-	-
227000 · Accrued Vacation								206,669.59	206,669.59	-
245100 · Deferred Water Revenue								62,163.61	62,163.61	-
245200 · CCWA - Solvang RCR								1,237,973.98	1,237,973.98	-
270000 · Deposits - Meters								279,770.76	279,770.76	-
27100 - Main Extension								3,500.00	3,500.00	-
27003 · Deposits - CUSI								16,252.88	16,252.88	-
274000 · Deposit SY Indian Sep Re								2,490.00	2,490.00	-
Total Other Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,115,062.41	3,115,062.41	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,708,967.92	3,708,967.92	-
Long Term Liabilities										
230000 - Net Pension Liability								2,611,721.00	2,611,721.00	-
21001 · OPEB Liability								3,518,142.00	3,518,142.00	-
218200 · Series 2004 Bond	-							-	-	-
218300 · Series 2004 Bond OID	-							-	-	-
Total Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,129,863.00	6,129,863.00	-
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,838,830.92	\$ 9,838,830.92	\$ -
Net Position										
271100 · Invest. in Utility Plant	\$ 14,875,130.70								\$ 14,875,130.70	\$ -
271380 - Debt Repayment				\$ 614,222.79					\$ 614,222.79	\$ 614,222.79
271800 · Repairs & Replacements						6,054,018.00			6,054,018.00	6,054,018.00
271900 · Contingency					-				-	-
272000 · Plant Expansion							7,336,450.00		7,336,450.00	7,336,450.00
272100 · SWP Reserve			3,000,000.00						3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
272300 · Restricted Net Asset		119,971.58							119,971.58	-

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1
Balance Sheet by Net Position Category (Detailed)
As of December 31, 2023

	Net Investment in Capital Assets	Restricted	Unrestricted, Board Reserved					Unrestricted, Unreserved	TOTAL	Total Unrestricted, Board Reserved
			State Water Project	Debt Repayment Obligation	Contingency	Repairs & Replacement	Plant Expansion			
3000 · Opening Bal Equity								-	-	
3900 · 271210 Unreserved Retained Earn							5,266,156.34	5,266,156.34	-	
Net Income							2,656,223.09	2,656,223.09	-	
Total Net Position	\$ 14,875,130.70	\$ 119,971.58	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 614,222.79	\$ -	\$ 6,054,018.00	\$ 7,336,450.00	\$ 7,922,379.43	\$ 39,922,172.50	\$ 17,004,690.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	\$ 14,875,130.70	\$ 119,971.58	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 614,222.79	\$ -	\$ 6,054,018.00	\$ 7,336,450.00	\$ 17,761,210.35	\$ 49,761,003.42	\$ 17,004,690.79

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023
With Comparative Actual Amounts at June 30, 2022**

	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Actual</u>
Operating Revenues:				
Water sales	\$ 8,600,192	\$ 8,901,713	\$ (301,521)	\$ 9,308,543
State water contract revenue	2,141,668	2,240,562	(98,894)	3,035,510
Miscellaneous billings and fees	140,719	153,000	(12,281)	209,774
Total operating revenues	<u>10,882,579</u>	<u>11,295,275</u>	<u>(412,696)</u>	<u>12,553,827</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Source of supply	1,581,661	1,574,023	7,638	1,439,564
State water contract expense	2,141,668	2,240,562	(98,894)	3,035,510
Pumping expense	646,488	721,500	(75,012)	734,032
Water treatment	92,454	111,732	(19,278)	93,833
Transmission and distribution	1,076,006	1,082,032	(6,026)	1,031,354
Administrative and general	2,357,485	2,880,990	(523,505)	2,448,944
Special programs and study fees	214,341	517,500	(303,159)	250,984
Unanticipated and special legal fees	99,574	266,000	(166,426)	212,178
Depreciation expense	919,648	-	919,648	843,266
Total operating expenses	<u>9,129,325</u>	<u>9,394,339</u>	<u>(265,014)</u>	<u>10,089,665</u>
Operating income	<u>1,753,254</u>	<u>1,900,936</u>	<u>(147,682)</u>	<u>2,464,162</u>
Other Income:				
Capital facilities fees	85,089	70,000	15,089	122,520
Interest income	583,144	55,000	528,144	68,569
Unrealized loss	(636,704)	-	(636,704)	(207,231)
Special assessment	900,478	875,000	25,478	986,254
Total other income	<u>932,007</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>(67,993)</u>	<u>970,112</u>
Other Expenses:				
Interest expense	407	5,088	(4,681)	8,286
Loss on disposal of assets	12,770	-	12,770	25,376
Total other expenses	<u>13,177</u>	<u>5,088</u>	<u>8,089</u>	<u>33,662</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 2,672,084</u>	<u>\$ 2,895,848</u>	<u>\$ (223,764)</u>	<u>\$ 3,400,612</u>

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SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY BASIN GSAS

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**RE: SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS,
GROUNDWATER BASIN NO. 3-015 – ACTION PLAN**

Dear GSP Review Section Managers Salais and Edmunds:

This letter is provided as a further response to comments on behalf of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”), the Western Management Area (“WMA”), Central Management Area (“CMA”) and Eastern Management Area (“EMA”) GSAs, which collectively cover Basin No. 3-015 (“Basin”) and are responsible for providing sustainable groundwater management of the Basin as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”).

As background, State Water Resources Control Board (“State Board”) staff provided comments dated April 14, 2023, to the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) on the three Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) for the Basin concerning the GSPs’ characterization of subsurface water within the Santa Ynez River Alluvium above the Lompoc Narrows (“Santa Ynez Alluvium Area”) as river underflow and not “groundwater” as defined by SGMA. The three GSAs that prepared the GSPs then provided DWR with a joint letter, dated August 11, 2023, addressing the State Board staff comments.

Representatives from DWR, the State Board, and the GSAs then met to discuss the comments and response to comments. As a result of those meetings the GSAs developed the enclosed “Action Plan for Management of All Well Production Along the Santa Ynez River, Above the Lompoc Narrows” (“Action Plan”), which includes various actions intended to, among other

things, achieve the goal of educating, gaining additional information, and ensuring that all well production and well owners in the Santa Ynez Alluvium Area are registered and reporting to the applicable GSA, State Board, and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District. Based on DWR's recommendation, the GSAs have approved and authorized submission of the Action Plan as a further response to comments that address the State Board's concerns.

The GSAs remain committed to ongoing coordination with DWR and the State Board to ensure that surface and groundwater system interactions along the lower Santa Ynez River are fully addressed and managed by the GSAs in accordance with SGMA and other applicable authorities and wish to thank DWR and the State Board for their assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Buelow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William J. (Bill) Buelow, SGMA Point of Contract
For the WMA, CMA, and EMA GSAs

Enclosure

Action Plan for Management of All Well Production Along the Lower Santa Ynez River, Above the Lompoc Narrows

In the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Western Management Area (WMA), Central Management Area (CMA) and Eastern Management Area (EMA) each characterize a portion of the lower Santa Ynez River and its underflow – extending from Bradbury Dam to the Lompoc Narrows – as a “surface water” system that exists in parallel with the “groundwater” system of the Basin. In accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the GSPs characterize and demarcate the surface water system based on best available science and data.

The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the WMA, CMA, and EMA are committed to ensuring that all well production in the Basin is accounted for, quantified, reported to the appropriate regulatory agency or agencies, and managed in a sustainable and responsible manner. As a corollary, the GSAs are committed to the goal of ensuring that all well production and well owners in the Santa Ynez River Alluvium Area are registered and reporting to the applicable GSA, or to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD).

The following Action Plan provides the foundation of a programmatic approach to achieve these objectives.

1. The GSAs will prepare and publish for public review a detailed illustration of the surface water system that is demarcated in each of the GSPs for the WMA, CMA, and EMA (referred to as the “Above Narrows Alluvium Area”).
2. The GSAs will identify all existing wells located within the Above Narrows Alluvium Area.
3. The GSAs will specifically identify all wells in the Above Narrows Alluvium Area that are currently registered and reporting to the SYRWCD. (See, e.g., SYRWCD 45th Annual Report, Section 2.4 [reflecting 242 Active Wells and 68 Inactive Wells in Zone A].)
4. The GSAs will specifically identify all wells in the Above Narrows Alluvium Area that are currently registered and reporting to the SYRWCD, and those that also are claiming surface water production to the State Board, as reflected in the State Board’s Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database.
5. The GSAs will arrange educational workshops (at least two per year for the next two years) to educate all well owners and producers in the Above Narrows Alluvium Area with the goal of ensuring that all such diversions are properly reported to the applicable GSA, or to the State Board, and SYRWCD.

The GSAs will:

- Mail notices regarding the workshops to all well owners and producers in the Above Narrows Alluvium Area that report to the SYRWCD.
 - Post and publish notice of the workshops at locations throughout the boundaries of the GSAs.
 - Explain the importance of monthly and annual measuring and reporting for each subsurface diversion, including upcoming well registration and reporting programs under SGMA, and filing of Statements of Water Diversion and Use with the State Board.
 - Provide information and direction on how to prepare and file Statements of Water Diversion and Use.
 - Explain the consequences of not reporting subsurface diversions, including potential management and/or investigation by a GSA, the State Board, or the SYRWCD, potential penalties, and enforcement actions.
6. Annual Reports by the GSAs will include an update on these educational workshops and other outreach to well owners and producers in the Above Narrows Alluvium Area, along with a summary of information obtained through the ongoing Action Plan process.
 7. At the Periodic Evaluation, the GSPs will be revised, as appropriate, in light of new information developed and new well registration and reporting programs in place based on actions by the GSAs under the ongoing Action Plan process.
 8. In conjunction with actions by the GSAs, the SYRWCD will continue its robust programs for the Above Narrows Alluvium Area, including well registration, well production reporting and production charges, and coordination of releases from the Cachuma Project for underflow alluvial storage and replenishment per applicable State Board Orders.
 9. The GSAs will further analyze the Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) surveys conducted throughout the Basin and incorporate them into the Periodic Evaluations of the GSPs.
 10. The GSAs will further analyze and define the interconnection of surface and groundwater systems as described in the GSPs.
 11. The GSAs remain committed to ongoing coordination with DWR and the State Board to ensure that surface and groundwater system interactions along the lower Santa Ynez River are fully addressed and managed by the GSAs in accordance with SGMA and other applicable authorities.



State Water Resources Control Board

January 16, 2024

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SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS, GROUNDWATER BASIN NO. 3-015

In April 2023, the State Water Board's SGMA staff sent a letter to the Department of Water Resources expressing concerns about the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin GSPs' characterization of the alluvial area located along the Santa Ynez River and description of how that area would be managed. A particular concern was that the GSPs seemed to carve the alluvial area out of SGMA management based on the assumption that the State Water Board is managing that area under the surface water rights system. Staff explained that the State Water Board generally follows the presumption that groundwater is percolating and that although the Board's Division of Water Rights does have records for several water rights claims to the Santa Ynez River that divert water through wells, it does not consider the alluvial area as a whole to be subject to the surface water rights system or to be managed by the State Water Board. Staff questioned whether these circumstances would result in the alluvial area being unmanaged.

Board staff have had further discussions with the GSAs and Department, and based on those discussions staff understand that a significant majority of the wells in the alluvial area depicted in the GSPs are currently being managed under local efforts, including management actions related to the Cachuma Project (Order WR 2019-0148). In addition, the GSAs have shared an action plan that states the GSAs' commitment to ensuring that all well production in the Basin is accounted for, properly reported, and sustainably managed. The action plan describes measures intended to achieve those objectives. Implementation of the action plan should help to develop information needed to sustainably manage the basin and provide a better understanding of interconnections and interactions between groundwater and surface water in the Santa Ynez River watershed.

The GSAs' action plan includes technical assistance efforts to help groundwater users file statements of diversion and use to the State Water Board. Staff would like to note that while filing a statement of diversion and use with the Board can serve to document

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the filer's claim of right and beneficial use, filing a statement does not go so far as to establish a water right where a right does not exist. In other words, a water user cannot create a new water right simply by filing a statement of diversion and use. Reporting and accounting for percolating groundwater users should be submitted to the appropriate GSA, and should not submit a statement to the Board, especially in instances where reporting and accounting is currently being submitted to the appropriate GSA. We recommend including State Water Board staff in any outreach effort by the GSA that includes technical assistance on filing statements. If necessary, staff will reach out to water users who appear to be filing statements in error and work with those users and the respective GSA to correct inaccuracies and ensure that only persons extracting or diverting water subject to the Board's jurisdiction are submitting statements. The development of additional information regarding water use in the alluvial area will assist these processes.

Board staff appreciate the GSAs' responses to the staff concerns and look forward to continued discussions with the GSAs and DWR regarding management of the Basin and the future updates to the GSPs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Stork".

Natalie Stork, P.G.
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January 18, 2024

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RE: Santa Ynez River Valley Basin - 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plans

Dear Bill Buelow,

The Department of Water Resources (Department) has evaluated the three groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) submitted for the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin (Basin), as well as the materials considered to be part of the required coordination agreement. Collectively, the three GSPs and the coordination agreement are referred to as the Plan for the Basin. The Department has determined the Plan is approved. The approval is based on recommendations from the Staff Report, included as an exhibit to the attached Statement of Findings, which describes that the Basin GSPs satisfy the objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and substantially comply with the GSP Regulations. The Staff Report also proposes recommended corrective actions that the Department believes will enhance the Plan and facilitate future evaluation by the Department. The Department strongly encourages the recommended corrective actions be given due consideration and suggests incorporating all resulting changes to the GSPs in future updates.

Recognizing SGMA sets a long-term horizon for groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to achieve their basin sustainability goals, monitoring progress is fundamental for successful implementation. GSAs are required to evaluate their GSPs at least every five years and whenever the Plan is amended, and to provide a written assessment to the Department. Accordingly, the Department will evaluate approved GSPs and issue an assessment at least every five years. The Department will initiate the first periodic review of the Basin GSP no later than January 20, 2027.

Please contact Sustainable Groundwater Management staff by emailing sgmps@water.ca.gov if you have any questions related to the Department's assessment or implementation of your GSP.

Thank You,

Paul Gosselin
Paul Gosselin
Deputy Director
Sustainable Groundwater Management

Attachment:

1. Statement of Findings Regarding the Approval of the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

**STATEMENT OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE
APPROVAL OF THE
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

The Department of Water Resources (Department) is required to evaluate whether a submitted groundwater sustainability plan (GSP or Plan) conforms to specific requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA or Act), is likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the Plan, and whether the Plan adversely affects the ability of an adjacent basin to implement its GSP or impedes achievement of sustainability goals in an adjacent basin. (Water Code § 10733.) The Department is directed to issue an assessment of the Plan within two years of its submission. (Water Code § 10733.4.) This Statement of Findings explains the Department's decision regarding the three GSPs (collectively referred to as "the Plan") submitted by the Western Management Area, Central Management Area, and Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs or Agencies) for the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin (No. 3-015).

Department management has discussed the Plan with staff and has reviewed the Department Staff Report, entitled Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Groundwater Sustainability Plan Assessment Staff Report, attached as Exhibit A, recommending approval of the Plan. Department management is satisfied that staff have conducted a thorough evaluation and assessment of the Plan and concurs with staff's recommendation and all the recommended corrective actions. The Department therefore **APPROVES** the Plan and makes the following findings:

- A. The Plan satisfies the required conditions as outlined in § 355.4(a) of the GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 350 et seq.):
 1. The Plan was submitted within the statutory deadline of January 31, 2022. (Water Code § 10720.7(a); 23 CCR § 355.4(a)(1).)
 2. The Plan was complete, meaning it generally appeared to include the information required by the Act and the GSP Regulations sufficient to warrant a thorough evaluation and issuance of an assessment by the Department. (23 CCR § 355.4(a)(2).)
 3. The Plan, either on its own or in coordination with other Plans, covers the entire Basin. (23 CCR § 355.4(a)(3).)
- B. The general standards the Department applied in its evaluation and assessment of the Plan are: (1) "conformance" with the specified statutory requirements, (2) "substantial compliance" with the GSP Regulations, (3) whether the Plan is likely

to achieve the sustainability goal for the Basin within 20 years of the implementation of the Plan, and (4) whether the Plan adversely affects the ability of an adjacent basin to implement its GSP or impedes achievement of sustainability goals in an adjacent basin. (Water Code § 10733.) Application of these standards requires exercise of the Department's expertise, judgment, and discretion when making its determination of whether a Plan should be deemed "approved," "incomplete," or "inadequate."

The statutes and GSP Regulations require Plans to include and address a multitude and wide range of informational and technical components. The Department has observed a diverse array of approaches to addressing these technical and informational components being used by GSAs in different basins throughout the state. The Department does not apply a set formula or criterion that would require a particular outcome based on how a Plan addresses any one of SGMA's numerous informational and technical components. The Department finds that affording flexibility and discretion to local GSAs is consistent with the standards identified above; the state policy that sustainable groundwater management is best achieved locally through the development, implementation, and updating of local plans and programs (Water Code § 113); and the Legislature's express intent under SGMA that groundwater basins be managed through the actions of local governmental agencies to the greatest extent feasible, while minimizing state intervention to only when necessary to ensure that local agencies manage groundwater in a sustainable manner. (Water Code § 10720.1(h).) The Department's final determination is made based on the entirety of the Plan's contents on a case-by-case basis, considering and weighing factors relevant to the particular Plan and Basin under review.

- C. In making these findings and Plan determination, the Department also recognized that: (1) the Department maintains continuing oversight and jurisdiction to ensure the Plan is adequately implemented; (2) the Legislature intended SGMA to be implemented over many years; (3) SGMA provides Plans 20 years of implementation to achieve the sustainability goal in a Basin (with the possibility that the Department may grant GSAs an additional five years upon request if the GSA has made satisfactory progress toward sustainability); and, (4) local agencies acting as GSAs are authorized, but not required, to address undesirable results that occurred prior to enactment of SGMA. (Water Code §§ 10721(r); 10727.2(b); 10733(a); 10733.8.)
- D. The Plan conforms with Water Code §§ 10727.2 and 10727.4, substantially complies with 23 CCR § 355.4, and appears likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the Basin. It does not appear at this time that the Plan will adversely affect the ability of adjacent basins to implement their GSPs or impede achievement of sustainability goals.

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1. The sustainable management criteria that have been established for chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater storage, seawater intrusion, degraded water quality, land subsidence, and interconnected surface water are reasonable. While Department staff have identified multiple recommended corrective actions to improve the sustainable management criteria, they do not believe that these issues should preclude Plan approval. The GSPs rely on credible information and science, such as historical groundwater elevation data, well impacts analyses, historical groundwater quality data, and groundwater quality regulatory thresholds to quantify the groundwater conditions that the Plan seeks to avoid and to provide an objective way to determine whether the Basin is being managed sustainably in accordance with SGMA. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(1).)
2. The Plan identifies data gaps related to monitoring networks, the hydrogeologic conceptual model, interconnected surface water, and understanding pumping from the Santa Ynez River Alluvium. The Plan contains potential projects and management actions associated with filling data gaps, including but not limited to installing monitoring wells, refining the hydrogeological conceptual model, and improving the understanding of groundwater conditions. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(2).)
3. The projects and management actions proposed in the Plan are designed to eliminate long-term overdraft conditions in the Basin through target demand reduction, increased groundwater or surface water supply, filling data gaps, improving groundwater quality, and possibly implementing a credit or trading program. The projects and management actions appear reasonable and commensurate with the level of understanding of the Basin setting. The projects and management actions described in the Plan provide a feasible approach to achieving the Basin's sustainability goal and should provide the GSAs with greater versatility to adapt and respond to changing conditions and future challenges during GSP implementation. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(3).)
4. The Plan provides a detailed explanation of how the varied interests of groundwater uses and users in the Basin were considered in developing the sustainable management criteria and conducts well analyses to show how those interests, such as domestic, municipal, and agricultural well users, would be impacted by the chosen minimum thresholds. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(4).)
5. The Plan's projects and management actions appear feasible at this time and capable of preventing undesirable results and ensuring that the Basin is operated within its sustainable yield within 20 years. The Department

- will continue to monitor Plan implementation and reserves the right to change its determination if projects and management actions are not implemented or appear unlikely to prevent undesirable results or achieve sustainability within SGMA timeframes. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(5).)
6. The Plan includes a reasonable assessment of overdraft conditions and includes reasonable means to mitigate overdraft, if present. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(6).)
 7. At this time, it does not appear that the Plan will adversely affect the ability of an adjacent basin to implement its GSP or impede achievement of sustainability goals in an adjacent basin (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(7).)
 8. A satisfactory coordination agreement has been adopted by all relevant parties. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(8).)
 9. The member agencies of the GSAs include the City of Lompoc, Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Mission Hills Community Services District, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and Santa Barbara County Water Agency in the Western Management Area GSA; the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, and City of Buellton in the Central Management Area GSA; and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; Santa Barbara County Water Agency; City of Solvang; and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 in the Eastern Management Area GSA. The member agencies have historically developed and implemented water management plans, water management programs, and water resource monitoring within their respective management areas. The GSAs' member agencies and their history of groundwater management provide a reasonable level of confidence that the GSAs have the legal authority and financial resources necessary to implement the Plan. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(9).)
 10. Through review of the Plan and consideration of public comments, the Department determines that the GSAs adequately responded to comments that raised credible technical or policy issues with the Plan, sufficient to warrant approval of the Plan at this time. The Department also notes that the recommended corrective actions included in the Staff Report are important to addressing certain technical or policy issues that were raised and, if not addressed before future, subsequent plan evaluations, may preclude approval of the Plan in those future evaluations. (23 CCR § 355.4(b)(10).)

E. In addition to the grounds listed above, DWR also finds that:

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January 18, 2024

1. The Department developed its GSP Regulations consistent with and intending to further the State's human right to water policy through implementation of SGMA and the Regulations, primarily by achieving sustainable groundwater management in a basin. By ensuring substantial compliance with the GSP Regulations, the Department has considered the state policy regarding the human right to water in its evaluation of the Plan. (Water Code § 106.3; 23 CCR § 350.4(g).)
2. The Plan acknowledges and identifies interconnected surface waters within the Basin. The GSAs propose initial sustainable management criteria to manage this sustainability indicator and provide measures to improve understanding and management of interconnected surface water. The GSAs acknowledge, and the Department agrees, that many data gaps related to interconnected surface water exist. The GSAs should continue filling data gaps, collecting additional monitoring data, and coordinating with resources agencies and interested parties to understand beneficial uses and users that may be impacted by depletions of interconnected surface water caused by groundwater pumping. Future periodic evaluations of the Plan and amendments to the Plan should aim to improve the initial sustainable management criteria as more information and improved methodology becomes available.
3. Projections of future basin extractions are likely to stay within current and historic ranges, at least until the next periodic evaluation by the GSAs and the Department. Basin groundwater levels and other SGMA sustainability indicators are unlikely to substantially deteriorate while the GSAs implement the Department's recommended corrective actions. State intervention is not necessary at this time to ensure that local agencies manage groundwater in a sustainable manner. (Wat. Code § 10720.1(h).)
4. The California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*) does not apply to the Department's evaluation and assessment of the Plan.

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Accordingly, the GSP submitted by the Agencies for the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin is hereby **APPROVED**. The recommended corrective actions identified in the Staff Report will assist the Department's future review of the Plan's implementation for consistency with SGMA and the Department therefore recommends the Agencies address them by the time of the Department's periodic review, which is set to begin on January 18, 2027, as required by Water Code § 10733.8. Failure to address the Department's recommended corrective actions before future, subsequent plan evaluations, may lead to a Plan being determined incomplete or inadequate.

Signed:



Karla Nemeth, Director
Date: January 18, 2024

Exhibit A: Groundwater Sustainability Plan Assessment Staff Report – Santa Ynez River Valley Basin

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The State Water Resources Control Board is extending the written public comment period for materials added to the rulemaking record for the proposed Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) regulation. The public comment period ends on **4 March 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**.

The Revised Notice of Public Availability of Additional Documents Relied Upon, materials added, and other documents related to this rulemaking are available at the following link:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/SWRCBDDW-21-003_hexavalent_chromium.html

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The State Water Resources Control Board is accepting written public comments on the addition of the material described below to the rulemaking record for the proposed Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) regulation. The public comment period ends on 16 February 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

- OEHHA. (2023). Public Review Draft of a Proposed Health-Protective Concentration for the Noncancer Effects of Hexavalent Chromium in Drinking Water. California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.
- SWRCB. (2024). Consolidation and Alternatives Analysis. State Water Resources Control Board.

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Additional information about hexavalent chromium may be found at:

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TITLE 22. Social Security DIVISION 4. Environmental Health CHAPTER 15 – Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations

SUBJECT: HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (SWRCB-DDW-21-003)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has added materials to the list of Documents Relied Upon for the proposed Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) regulations and is making the additional documents available for public comment for 15 days prior to adoption of the proposed regulations. The additional documents relied upon are available at the State Water Board's office at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/SWRCBDDW-21-003_hexavalent_chromium.html.

LIST OF MATERIAL ADDED TO DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

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- SWRCB. (2024). Consolidation and Alternatives Analysis. State Water Resources Control Board.

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Any interested person, or their representative, may submit written comments on the addition of the above-described material to the rulemaking record. Government Code section 11346.8(d) requires that additions of material to the rulemaking record must be made available to the public for an additional 15-day comment period. Any written comments pertaining to the added material, regardless of method of transmittal, must be received by the Clerk by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on February 19, 2024**. Comments received after this time will not be considered timely.

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PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

Proposed Health-Protective Concentration for the Noncancer Effects of Hexavalent Chromium in Drinking Water

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PREFACE

Public Health Goal (PHG) technical support documents provide information on health effects from contaminants in California drinking water. PHGs are developed for chemical contaminants based on the best available data in the scientific literature and using the most current principles, practices, and methods used by public health professionals. These documents and the analyses contained therein provide estimates of the levels of contaminants in drinking water that would pose no significant health risk to individuals consuming the water on a daily basis over a lifetime.

Under the California Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996 (Health and Safety Code, Section 116365), the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) develops PHGs for drinking water contaminants in California based exclusively on public health considerations. OEHHA periodically reviews PHGs and revises them as necessary based on the occurrence of the respective chemicals in California drinking water supplies and the availability of new scientific data. In October 2016, OEHHA initiated the PHG update for Cr(VI), and provided interested parties the opportunity to submit information for OEHHA to consider. A second data call-in was announced in March 2023.

If a chemical has been identified as a human or animal carcinogen, health-protective water concentrations are determined for both cancer and noncancer effects and the lowest value is selected as the PHG. This document presents the proposed updated noncancer health-protective concentration for hexavalent chromium, a known human carcinogen. A separate document for the derivation of a health-protective concentration based on cancer will be released at a later date. Once cancer and noncancer health-protective concentrations are determined, the lowest value will be selected as the PHG.

PHGs published by OEHHA are for use by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in establishing primary drinking water standards (California Maximum Contaminant Levels, or CA MCLs). Whereas PHGs are based solely on scientific and public health considerations, MCLs adopted by SWRCB consider economic factors and technological feasibility. State law requires that MCLs be set at a level that is as close as feasible to the corresponding PHG, placing emphasis on the protection of public health. Thus, a PHG represents a health-protective level for a contaminant that SWRCB and California's public water systems aim to achieve if it is feasible to do so. However, a PHG is not a boundary line between a "safe" and "unsafe" level of a contaminant, and drinking water can still be considered acceptable for public consumption even if it contains contaminants at levels exceeding the PHG.

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Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level Consolidation and Alternatives Analysis

In response to comments received, State Water Resources Control Board staff have reviewed data for potential consolidation and blending feasibility. A summary table (presented below) was developed from system-level data (Attachment 1) with the following notes and considerations:

- This Alternatives Analysis is based on the Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Rulemaking dataset (SWRCB, 2021b&c), which includes systems with at least one source that has an annual average exceeding 10 ug/L from January 1, 2010, to June 21, 2021 (details are available in Initial Statement of Reasons, Attachment 2 section I.3.a).
- A breakdown of the public water systems (PWS) included in this analysis can be found in ISOR Attachment 1: Table 22 shows all systems by type, and Tables 7.1A and 7.1B show size breakdowns of community water systems (CWS) and nontransient-noncommunity water systems (NTNCWS), respectively.
- Some systems were not included in this analysis: all 7 NTNCWS, 2 systems that already have best available technology (BAT) installed; one system that consolidated subsequent to June 21, 2021, and no longer exists; and one system that placed their only contaminated source on inactive status subsequent to June 21, 2021.
- Consolidation potential was based on the following methodology (detailed in the July 14, 2023, Draft White Paper Discussion on: Proposed Drinking Water Cost Assessment Model Assumptions on Physical Consolidation, Appendix A):
 - Potential physical consolidation routes to other water systems were based on distances of less than 3 miles, and potential interconnections were based on intersecting system boundaries.
 - Distances between systems were determined using water system boundaries in ArcGIS through the Network Analysis tool within ArcPro, which measures the real-world street distance between two points (water pipelines are generally placed along streets).
 - Distances were based on the shortest possible routes with no impedances, measuring the distance between the outer perimeter of a receiving system and the center of a joining system (i.e., not based on actual known potential connection points).
 - In the cases that a system did not have a verified service area boundary, a circular artificial boundary (with a 1-mile diameter centered on the system's facilities/wells) was used as a proxy so that the system could be included in the analysis.

- The consolidation summary in the table below did not double count systems. If a system was already involved in an existing Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) consolidation as the subsuming system, it was not counted again for either the potential intersection or connection route categories.
- Blending potential was based on the number of sources in a system that exceeded or did not exceed 10 ug/L. Additional system-specific factors were not considered, such as the location and proximity of sources to each other, costs associated with bringing water to a central blending location, system configuration, and comparative source size or volume.
- In addition to the Hexavalent Chromium MCL Rulemaking dataset, the following were used in this analysis:
 - ESRI. (2022). ArcGIS StreetMap Premium.
 - SWRCB. (2023d). Draft White Paper Discussion on: Proposed Drinking Water Cost Assessment Model Assumptions on Physical Consolidation. Retrieved from: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/docs/2023/20230714-final-cost-assessment-consolidation-white-paper.pdf.
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Summary Table: Consolidation and Alternatives Analysis

Categories	Total Number of PWS	% of Total PWS	SC < 100	100 ≤ SC < 200	200 ≤ SC < 1,000	1,000 ≤ SC < 5,000	5,000 ≤ SC < 10,000	SC ≥ 10,000
Total PWS Impacted by Cr6 (all types)	233	-						
- Impacted PWS in this Analysis	222	100%	125	13	14	26	13	31
Consolidation Potential								
- Existing SAFER Project to Consolidate	24	11%	20	2	1	1	-	-
- Potential Intersection	35	16%	6	-	-	3	4	22
- Potential Connection Route	22	10%	17	-	3	1	-	1
- Total	81	36%	43	2	4	5	4	23
Blending Potential								
- Blending when < 25% of sources exceed MCL	39	18%	3	-	1	9	7	19
- Blending when ≤ 25% of sources exceed MCL	47	21%	5	1	4	11	7	19
- Blending when < 50% of sources exceed MCL	70	32%	11	3	7	15	8	26
- Blending when ≤ 50% of sources exceed MCL	95	43%	31	4	10	15	9	26
Both Blending and Consolidation Potential								
- Blending when < 25% of sources exceed MCL	24	11%	1	-	-	2	3	18
- Blending when ≤ 25% of sources exceed MCL	28	13%	2	-	1	4	3	18
- Blending when < 50% of sources exceed MCL	34	15%	4	-	2	4	3	21
- Blending when ≤ 50% of sources exceed MCL	43	19%	12	-	3	4	3	21
Neither Blending nor Consolidation Potential								
- Blending when < 25% of sources exceed MCL	126	57%	77	13	11	13	5	7
- Blending when ≤ 25% of sources exceed MCL	122	55%	76	12	9	13	5	7
- Blending when < 50% of sources exceed MCL	105	47%	72	10	7	9	4	3
- Blending when ≤ 50% of sources exceed MCL	89	40%	60	9	5	9	3	3

SC = service connections; Cr6 = hexavalent chromium



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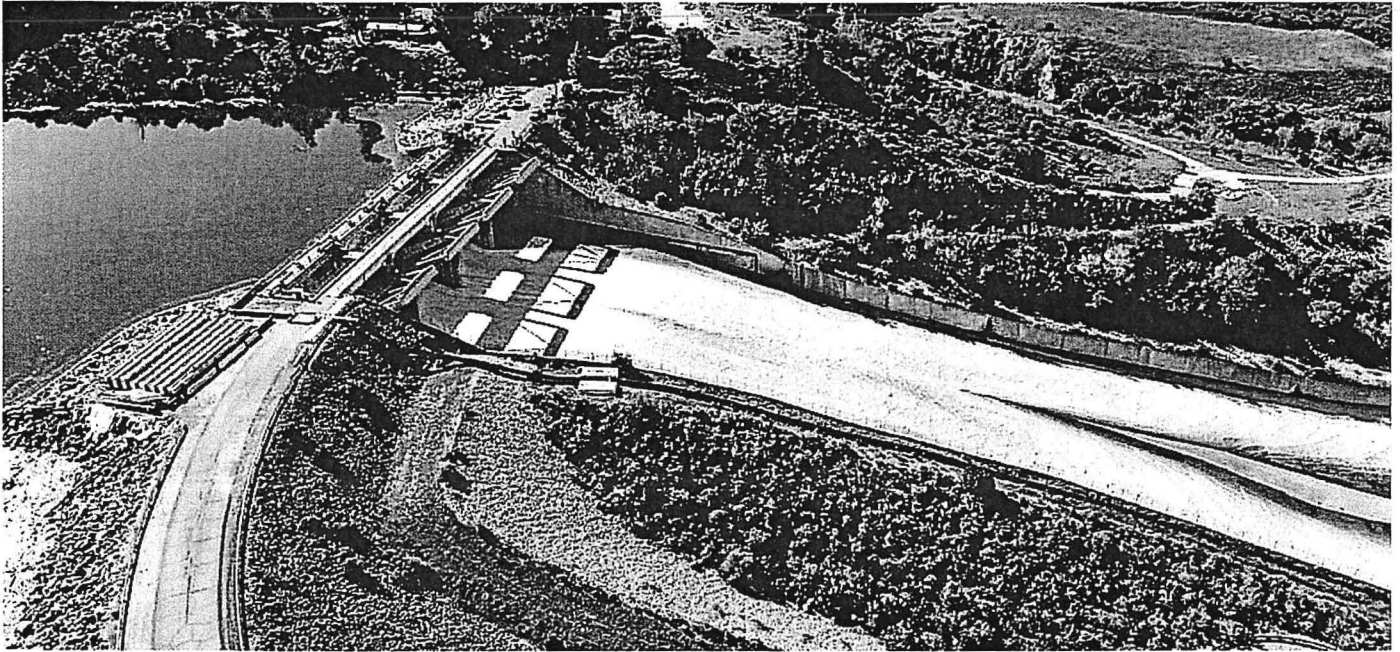
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ENVIRONMENT

This Central Coast reservoir is almost full again. When will it spill?

BY TOM BOLTON *NOOZHAWK.COM*

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Water is released down the Bradbury Dam spillway at Lake Cachuma on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023. Two of the dam's four gates were opened to let water out of the lake, which was within inches of being full. The lake is close to spilling again. LAEL WAGENECK *Santa Barbara County Public Works*



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Runoff from the weekend's big storm continued pouring into Lake Cachuma on Monday, and officials say they expect the reservoir to fill to capacity later this week.

When that happens, it will mark the first time in nearly two decades that Cachuma has spilled in back-to-back years, according to Matthew Young, Water Agency manager for Santa Barbara County.

The last time that happened was 2005 and 2006, Young told Noozhawk.

At midday Monday, the lake was about a foot below spill level, and was 97% full, according to the county Public Works Department.

feet per second (cfs) down the spillway, but boosted that to more than 1,000 cfs on Monday.

Bradbury Dam at Lake Cachuma is operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in coordination with the county.

“The bureau will slowly let the lake come up to full later this week,” Young said.

Gibraltar Reservoir and Jameson Lake upstream on the Santa Ynez River are both full and spilling, so all the runoff from the watershed will flow down into Cachuma.

Officials will monitor the flow on the river and other creeks feeding into the lake to determine how long to continue releasing water downstream from Cachuma, Young said.

“We were at roughly 90% full at Cachuma ahead of this storm,” Young said. “It’s nice to be in early February and know we will be finishing the season with a full Cachuma.”

A full Cachuma means local water purveyors — primarily those on the county’s South Coast, including the city of Santa Barbara and the Goleta Water District — will be receiving their entire allocations of lake water this year.

It also provides a significant buffer for the future, after years of increasing concern about the persistent drought that has gripped the Central Coast region and the state as a whole.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor map, Santa Barbara County, like virtually the entire state of California, is currently experiencing no drought impacts.

This year’s heavy rains, coming after last year’s very wet winter, are also good news for local groundwater basins, which have been drawn down by years of

“Consecutive wet years are extremely important for groundwater basins,” Young said, noting that they take longer than reservoirs to refill and recharge.

“It’s extremely beneficial.”

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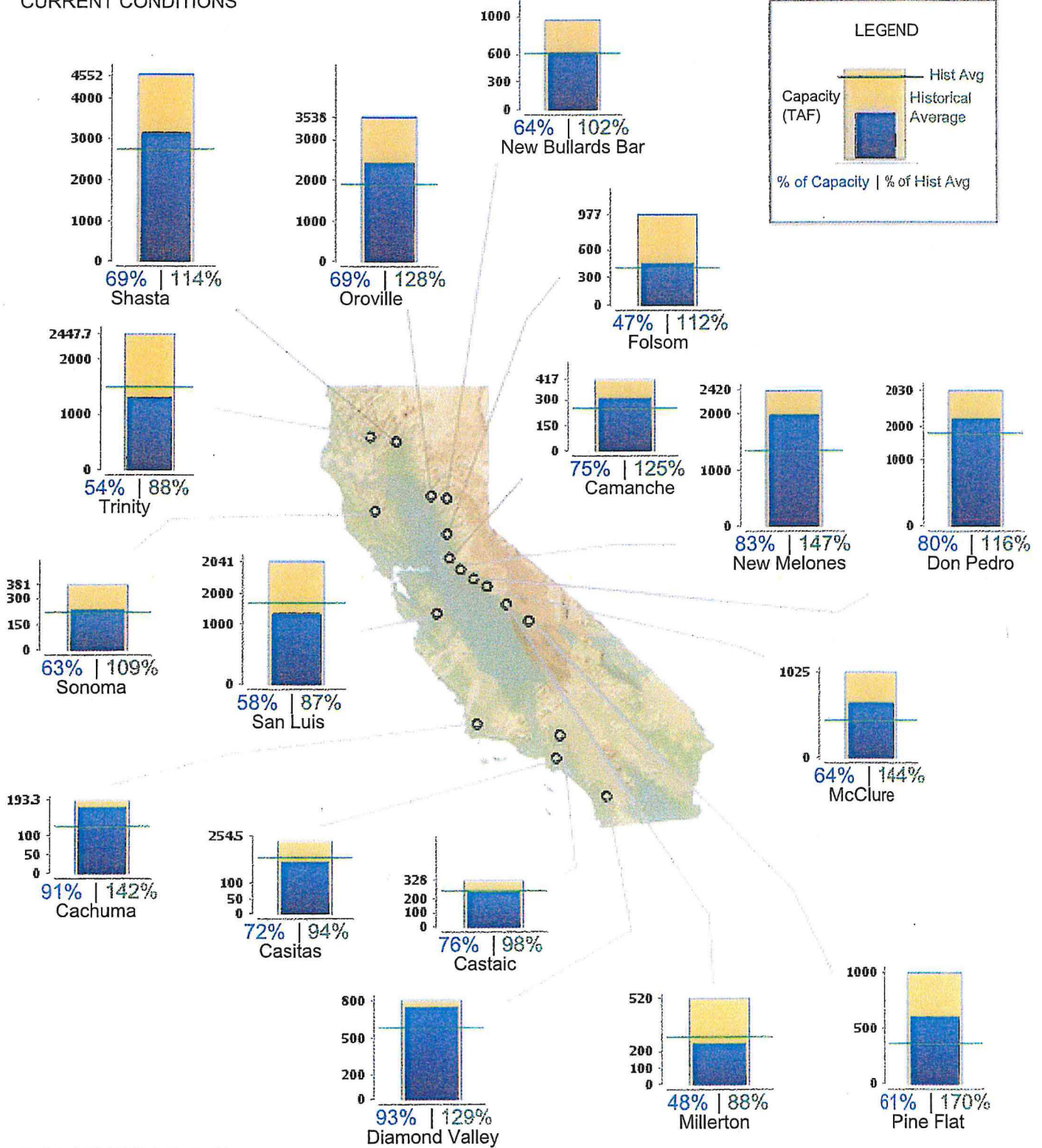
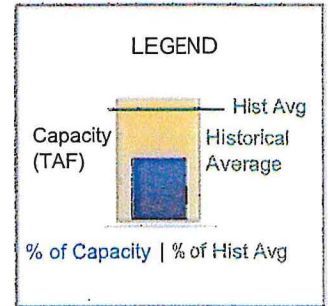


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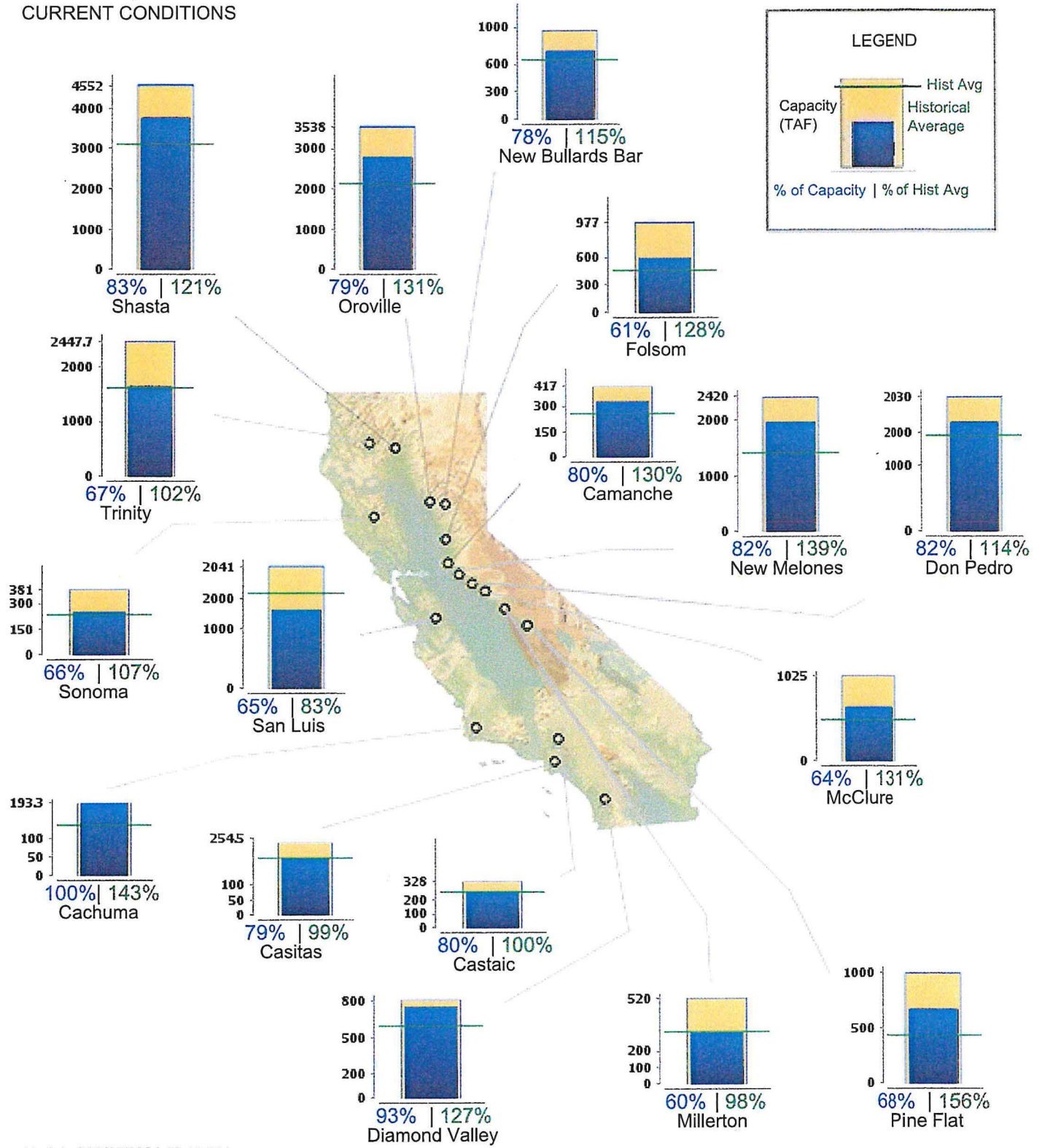


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5. January 23, 2024 – Notice and Agenda received from the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District for the January 25, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
6. January 24, 2024 – Letter received from Santa Barbara County Public Works Department regarding a County of Santa Barbara Paving Project
7. January 29, 2024 – Water Service Requirements letter sent for APN 137-610-002
8. January 29, 2024 – Water Service Requirements letter sent for APN 141-350-003
9. January 31 2024 – Letter from District to one customer regarding backflow testing requirement
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