



# **Southeast Water Coalition**

A joint powers authority to protect the Central Groundwater Basin

## **Meeting Agenda Announcement**

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-25-20, which allows SEWC Board Members to attend Policy Board meetings telephonically. Please be advised that some, or all, SEWC Board Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

Consistent with mandates of Executive Order No. N-29-20, a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. Commerce City Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting; however viewing and public comment options are provided below.

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Meeting ID: 914 5016 7100

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Public Comment/Question options:

- Email: [kjservicesenviro@gmail.com](mailto:kjservicesenviro@gmail.com)
- Voicemail: (323) 722-4805 ext. 2812

Please submit email and voicemail public comments by at least 5:30 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure SEWC Board Members receive and have time to review them. All email and voicemails received by 5:30 p.m. are forwarded to SEWC Board Members. Email and voicemails received after 5:30 p.m. but before the conclusion of the public comment portion will be entered into the record.

**AGENDA  
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021  
6:30 PM**

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - a. SEWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**  
Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.
  - b. WARRANT REGISTER**  
Recommendation: Approve Warrant Register.

**\*\*End of Consent Calendar\*\***

- 4. WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD) UPDATE**  
Stephan Tucker, General Manager, Water Replenishment District  
Brian Partington, Manager of Hydrogeology, Water Replenishment District  
Phuong Watson, P.E., Senior Engineer, Water Replenishment District  
Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:  
  
Receive and file an update on the Water Replenishment District (WRD).
- 5. UPDATE ON AB 1794 COMPLIANCE: REDISTRICTING OF THE CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (CBMWD)**  
Alex Rojas, General Manager, Central Basin Municipal Water District  
Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:  
  
Receive and file an update on Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) compliance with AB 1974 regarding redistricting of the District.

**6. CENTRAL BASIN UPDATE**

Nick Ghirelli, Richards Watson & Gerhson

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

**7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Gina Nila, AE Chair, City of Commerce

Kristen Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the status of the Administrative Entity's monitoring of current water-related legislative issues.

**8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR / LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Spanish interpreters are also available. For information or to request services, please contact the City of Commerce Public Works Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (323) 722-4805 ext. 2812.

The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors will be on Thursday, October 7, 2021, 6:30 pm, at Commerce City Hall, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA, 90040.

*I, Michelle Keshishian, City of Commerce, do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing notice was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 Et. Seq. and City of Commerce Ordinance at the following locations: Commerce City Hall, Rosewood Neighborhood Library, and the Commerce Senior Center.*

*Dated: August 2, 2021*

Michelle Keshishian  
Environmental Coordinator  
City of Commerce

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Policy Board, conducted electronically over Zoom, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Policy Board Chair Oralia Rebollo.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Kristen Sales (KJServices Environmental Consulting) called roll and all members were present on the Zoom call.

Frank Yokoyama	City of Cerritos, left at 7 p.m.
Oralia Rebollo	City of Commerce, Board Chair
Sean Ashton	City of Downey
Todd Rogers	City of Lakewood
Margarita Rios	City of Norwalk
Isabel Aguayo	City of Paramount
Andrew Lara	City of Pico Rivera
Maria Pilar Avalos	City of South Gate
Melissa Ybarra	City of Vernon, Board Vice-Chair
Henry Bouchot	City of Whittier, left at 7 p.m.
Jessica Martinez	City of Whittier

**Also Present:**

Javier Martinez	City of Cerritos
Michelle Keshishian	City of Commerce
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Jason Wen	City of Lakewood
Sarah Ho	City of Paramount
Gladis Deras	City of South Gate
Joanna Moreno	City of Vernon, AE Vice-Chair
Ray Cordero	City of Whittier

Cesar Rangel	City of Whittier
Todd Dusenberry	City of Vernon
Nick Ghirelli	RWG
Leticia Vasquez-Wilson	CBMWD Board
Kristen Sales	KJServices Environmental Consulting

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were received.

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

SEWC Board Chair Oralia Rebollo (Commerce) asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was made by Board Member Rogers (Lakewood) and seconded by Board Member Ybarra (Vernon). With An abstention on 3a from Board Member Ashton (Downey), and abstentions on both 3a and 3b by Board Members Avalos (South Gate) and Bouchot (Whittier), the motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote by all SEWC Board Members present.

## **4. CENTRAL BASIN UPDATE**

SEWC legal counsel, Nick Ghirelli of Richards, Watson & Gershon, provided a summary report of this item. Mr. Ghirelli went over the details of the settlement agreement between Central Basin and the purveyors regarding the retail meter charge. Mr. Ghirelli stated that ultimately, the appointed Central Basin Board members did not have a conflict with voting on the settlement agreement, and the agreement was approved. It will now go before individual cities' Councils for approval. Mr. Ghirelli added that the Central Basin Board had also introduced a resolution to approve the sale of their District building headquarters, although that sale has already been negotiated.

Board Member Andrew Lara (Pico Rivera) stated that the Central Basin Board of Directors has had a history of discord, and asked legal counsel for an explanation of the CB Board's censure of Director Vasquez. Mr. Ghirelli explained that he had not attended the meeting where the censure took place, and asked Kristen Sales (KJServices Environmental Consulting) to provide an overview. Ms. Sales stated that at the May 24, 2021 Central Basin Board meeting, the Board had voted to approve a Resolution of Censure for Director Leticia Vasquez-Wilson for using Central Basin "identifying materials" (name, logo, letterhead, etc.) for personal use, without prior authorization of the entire Board. The censure explained that this was in violation of the District's Admin Code. Ms. Sales stated that during the meeting, there was no further action discussed or taken besides the official censure.

Board Member Frank Yokoyama (Cerritos) asked Mr. Ghirelli who the attorneys were for the petitioners in the retail meter charge settlement case, and Mr. Ghirelli answered that the firm of Aleshire & Wynder were representing the petitions, with June Ailin acting as litigator.

The item was received and filed by the SEWC Board of Directors.

## **5. WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD) UPDATE**

AE Vice-Chair Joanna Moreno (Vernon) provided a summary of this item to the

Board. AE Vice-Chair Moreno stated that WRD had adopted a new replenishment assessment (RA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022, setting it at \$394 per acre-foot, inclusive of a \$4 per acre-foot charge to fund the WRD PFAS Remediation Program for FY 21-22. AE Vice-Chair Moreno added that this represents a 3.1% increase over the previous year's RA of \$382 per acre-foot.

AE Vice-Chair Moreno then handed the item to Kristen Sales (KJServices Environmental Consulting) to provide a summary of WRD's pursuit of CIP funding for the PFAS Remediation Program. Ms. Sales stated that the WRD CIP committee had held a workshop to discuss the funding options available to WRD for the ongoing PFAS remediation efforts (beyond FY '21-22). Ms. Sales stated that WRD is considering a suite of options, including the allocation of existing unencumbered funds, a Federal WIFIA loan, bond financing, a commercial bank loan, and grants from outside sources. Ms. Sales added that January 8, 2022 is the WIFIA eligibility deadline, and that the SEWC Administrative Entity will continue to monitor the progress of WRD's efforts to fund their PFAS Remediation Program.

Board Member Andrew Lara (Pico Rivera) stated that there was debate between the pumpers and WRD over funding for the remediation projects, including that WRD wants to be indemnified as part of the agreement with pumpers, and that Pico Rivera has requested \$3.4M for PFAS remediation media. Board Member Lara added that PFAS are known carcinogens and that Pico Rivera has higher proportions of PFAS because of its geographical proximity to the spreading grounds. Board Member Lara continued that Pico Rivera is trying to get WRD to pay for yearly O&M costs, which is estimated at approximately \$250K a year. Board Member Lara said that the City is hesitant to sign a contract that would indemnify WRD because Pico Rivera doesn't know what "cancer clusters" might be contained in the groundwater. Board Member Lara asked, if there is a cancer risk, what kind of monetary relief will be provided by WRD or other responsible parties? Board Member Lara added that Pico Rivera will have to raise its water rates because of the cost of remediation.

The item was received and filed by the SEWC Board of Directors.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Kristen Sales (KJServices Environmental Consulting) introduced this item and provided an update. Ms. Sales summarized the status of AB 1195 (C. Garcia), stating it was opposed by ACWA and Central Basin Municipal Water District, which WRD has taken a 'no position' on the bill and continues to work with Cristina Garcia's office on amendments.

In the Zoom Chat, Central Basin Municipal Water District Director Leticia Vasquez wrote that the Central Basin Board did not vote to oppose AB 1195, and that the opposition was made by the General Manager without Board approval. SEWC legal counsel Nick Ghirelli advised that the Chat function be disabled during future meetings.

Ms. Sales continued with the update, summarizing SB 776 (Gonzalez), and the two Dodd bills, SB 222 and SB 223. SB 223 was held on suspense and will become a two-year bill, while SB 776 and SB 222 both passed out of the Senate and have been ordered to the Assembly.

Lastly, Ms. Sales summarized the latest information on the Governor's FY 2021-2022 State Budget, including the Governor's Water Resiliency Package and the Legislature's own proposed Climate Resiliency Package. Ms. Sales stated that the Budget needs to be passed by June 15th, and that the Governor and Legislature will work together until that time to refine policy.

The item was received and filed by the SEWC Board of Directors.

**7. AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION (SEWC) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA) DRAFT BUDGET**

AE Vice-Chair Joanna Moreno (Vernon) summarized the staff report of this item. AE Vice-Chair Moreno stated that the FY '21-'22 Draft Budget assumes a credit of \$7,000 off the \$10,000 member agency annual dues, resulting in a total annual dues of \$3,000 per member agency. She added that this is the same credit applied to the current FY '20-21. AE Vice-Chair Moreno stated that the only change from the current to next FY is an increase in the Financial audit line item from \$6,000 to \$7,000, in anticipation of rising audit costs year-to-year.

SEWC Board Chair Oralia Rebollo asked for a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 SEWC JPA Draft Budget. The motion was made by Board Member Ybarra (Vernon) and seconded by Board Member Rios (Norwalk). The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote by all SEWC Board Members present.

Note: During the staff report for this item, City of Whittier Board Member Henry Bouchot lost internet connection and exited the meeting. However, since Whittier's alternate Board Member, Jessica Martinez, was still in the meeting, Board Member Martinez provided Whittier's vote on Items 7 and 8.

**8. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 TO CHANGE THE TIME OF REGULAR ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEETINGS AND APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 SEWC MEETING CALENDAR**

AE Vice-Chair Joanna Moreno (Vernon) stated that this item would move the AE meetings from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in order to accommodate scheduling conflicts. She added that Board Meetings and AE meetings would continue on the same schedule as normal.

Board Chair Oralia Rebollo (Commerce) asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 and approve the FY '21-'22 SEWC Meeting Calendar. The motion was made by Board Member Ashton (Downey), and seconded by Board Chair Rebollo (Commerce). The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote by all SEWC Members present.



Note: Cerritos Board Member Frank Yokoyama had to leave the Zoom meeting prior to roll call, and therefore did not vote on Item 8.

**9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Board Chair Oralia Rebollo (Commerce) wished everyone a Happy Father's Day, happy post-Mother's Day, and congratulated all graduates. Board Chair Rebollo said that cities are back to opening up from the pandemic and urged everyone to continue to look out for each other, and that we're stronger together.

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR / LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS**

No Administrative Entity Chair / Lead Agency Comments were received.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Policy Board Chair Rebollo (Commerce) adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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# Payment Register

From Payment Date: 5/5/2021 - To Payment Date: 7/29/2021

Number	Date	Status	Void Reason	Reconciled/ Voided Date	Source	Payee Name	Transaction Amount	Reconciled Amount	Difference
GENERAL ACCOUNT - CBB GENERAL ACCOUNT									
<u>Check</u>									
419795	06/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	KJ SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING LLC	\$880.00		
419866	06/15/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	KJ SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING LLC	\$1,260.00		
419877	06/15/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	RICHARDS, WATSON & GERSHON	\$1,312.00		
419953	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	AGUAYO, MARIA, ISABEL	\$150.00		
419956	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	ASHTON, SEAN	\$150.00		
419959	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	BOUCHOT, HENRY	\$150.00		
419963	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	DEL PILAR AVALOS, MARIA	\$150.00		
419977	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	LARA, ANDREW	\$150.00		
419980	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	MARTINEZ, DELPHIN, JESSICA	\$150.00		
419987	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	REBOLLO, ORALIA	\$150.00		
419990	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	RICHARDS, WATSON & GERSHON	\$1,188.10		
419991	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	RIOS, MARGARITA, L	\$150.00		
419992	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	ROGERS, TODD, SCOTT RANDALL	\$150.00		
420005	07/06/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	YBARRA, MELISSA, ANNA	\$150.00		

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Type Check Totals:									
GENERAL ACCOUNT - CBB GENERAL ACCOUNT Totals							\$6,290.10		

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	Reconciled	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
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**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
AGENDA REPORT**

**Date:** August 5, 2021  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Stephan Tucker, General Manager, Water Replenishment District  
Brian Partington, Manager of Hydrogeology, Water Replenishment District  
Phuong Watson, P.E., Senior Engineer, Water Replenishment District

**Subject: Water Replenishment District (WRD) Update**

**Recommendation:** That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the Water Replenishment District (WRD).

**General Manager**

At the June 17, 2021 WRD Board of Directors Meeting, the Board officially approved Stephan Tucker to serve as the new General Manager of the Water Replenishment District. Mr. Tucker was approved with a unanimous vote. Mr. Tucker had previously been appointed to the role of WRD Interim General Manager in April 2021.

Mr. Tucker is a successful Program Management Director and mechanical engineer with more than 35 years of experience managing significant programs at the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power for most of his career.

Stephan has demonstrated continuous success in developing asset management programs; managing capital planning and budgeting platforms, and developing strategy and work plans for project delivery. In addition, he has been involved in several development ventures for which he uses his technical skills along with his business management expertise to provide strategies for completing projects that address water infrastructure needs in California.

Mr. Tucker graduated with a B.A. in Religion from Morehouse College, a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from California State University, Northridge, and an M.B.A in General Management from Pepperdine University. He also completed a series of leadership and certification programs from the UCLA Anderson School of Business and the Project Management Institute.

### **Drought Update**

At the April 1, 2021 SEWC Board of Directors meeting, Directors received their annual “State of the Basin” report from WRD Manager of Hydrogeology, Brian Partington. Mr. Partington summarized the previous water year (October, 2019 - September, 2020), stating that although the state was mostly dry, there were no drought conditions across the southern coastal regions of California, including the Central Basin region. As this last update in April, moderate drought conditions existed in L.A.

However, since then, Governor Newsom has signed Executive Order N-10-21, calling on all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 15%. As of the July 8th Executive Order, 50 of California’s 58 counties were under a drought state of emergency.

WRD Manager of Hydrogeology, Brian Partington, will provide an update on the status of current statewide drought conditions, and their impact in the Central Basin.

### **PFAS Remediation Program Update**

At the August 6, 2020 SEWC Board of Directors meeting, Directors received a report from WRD’s Manager of Water Resources Diane Gatza, regarding WRD’s PFAS Remediation Program. Since then, the Administrative Entity and Board of Directors have continued to receive updates on the status of the purveyors’ applications for funding.

Currently, the cities of Pico Rivera and Commerce have submitted project documentation to WRD. In order to determine if additional funding for their projects is needed, WRD has conducted site visits at the proposed Commerce and Pico Rivera remediation sites. While WRD initially anticipated pumper agreements would be signed and completed by December, 2020, as of now, no purveyors in the Central Basin have signed an agreement with WRD for their PFAS Remediation Program.

WRD Senior Engineer, Phuong Watson, P.E., will provide an update on the current status of the PFAS Remediation Program.

### **Attachments:**

1. WRD Presentation - Drought Conditions and PFAS Remediation Program Update
2. July 8, 2021 Proclamation of A State of Emergency
3. Executive Order N-10-21



**Drought Conditions and PFAS Remediation Program Update  
for the Southeast Water Coalition Board Meeting  
August 5, 2021**

**Stephan Tucker, PE – General Manager  
Brian Partington, PG, CHg – Manager of Hydrogeology  
Phuong Watson, PE – Senior Engineer**

***SECURING OUR WATER FUTURE TODAY***

# Drought Update

**Brian Partington, PG, CHg**

Manager of Hydrogeology

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# WRD SERVICE AREA



**Service Area =  
420 Square Miles**



**43 Cities**



**Population  
> 4 Million**



**550,000 acre feet  
used per year**



**50% Groundwater  
from local water wells**



**50% Imported water**



**WRD supplements  
natural groundwater  
recharge**

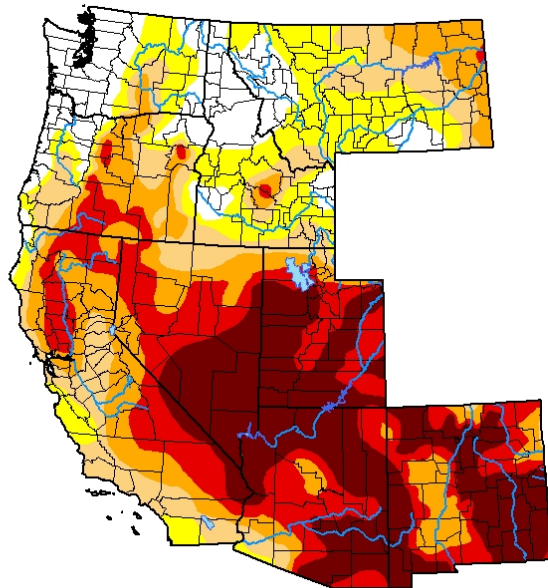




# Drought Conditions since our last update on April 1, 2021

## U.S. Drought Monitor - WEST

March 2021



**Intensity:**

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

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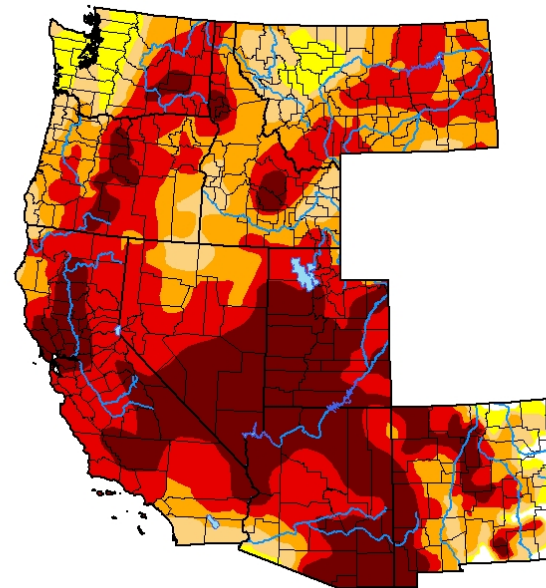
**Author:**

Brad Pugh  
CPC/NOAA



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

July 2021



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**Author:**

Adam Hartman  
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC



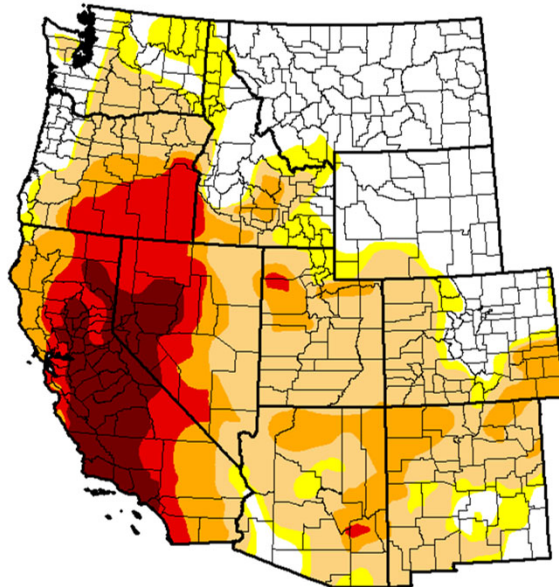
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# How Does this Compare to 2015?

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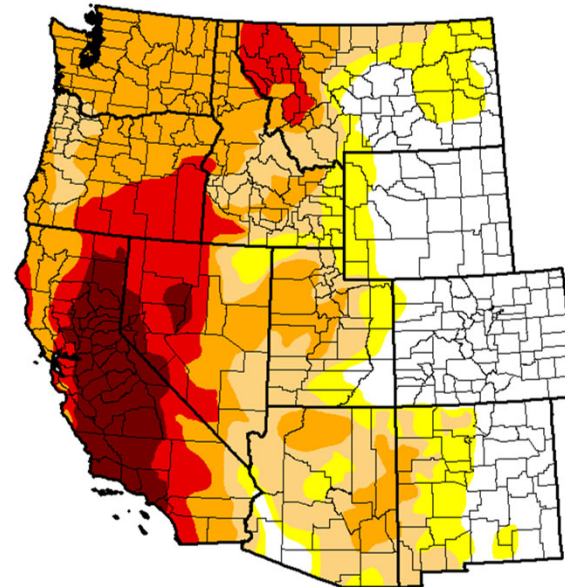
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Author:  
Chris Fenimore  
NCDC/NESDIS/NOAA



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

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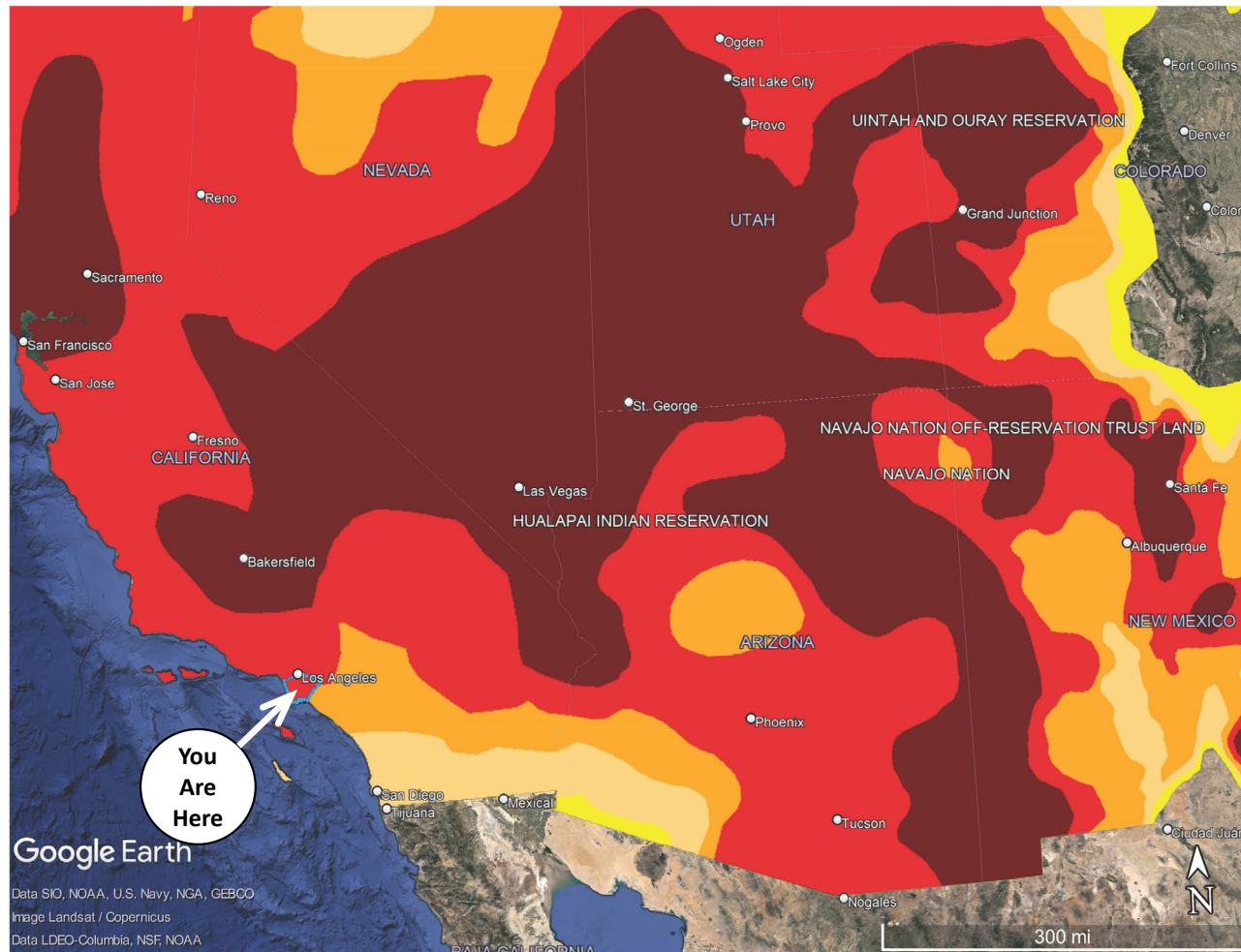
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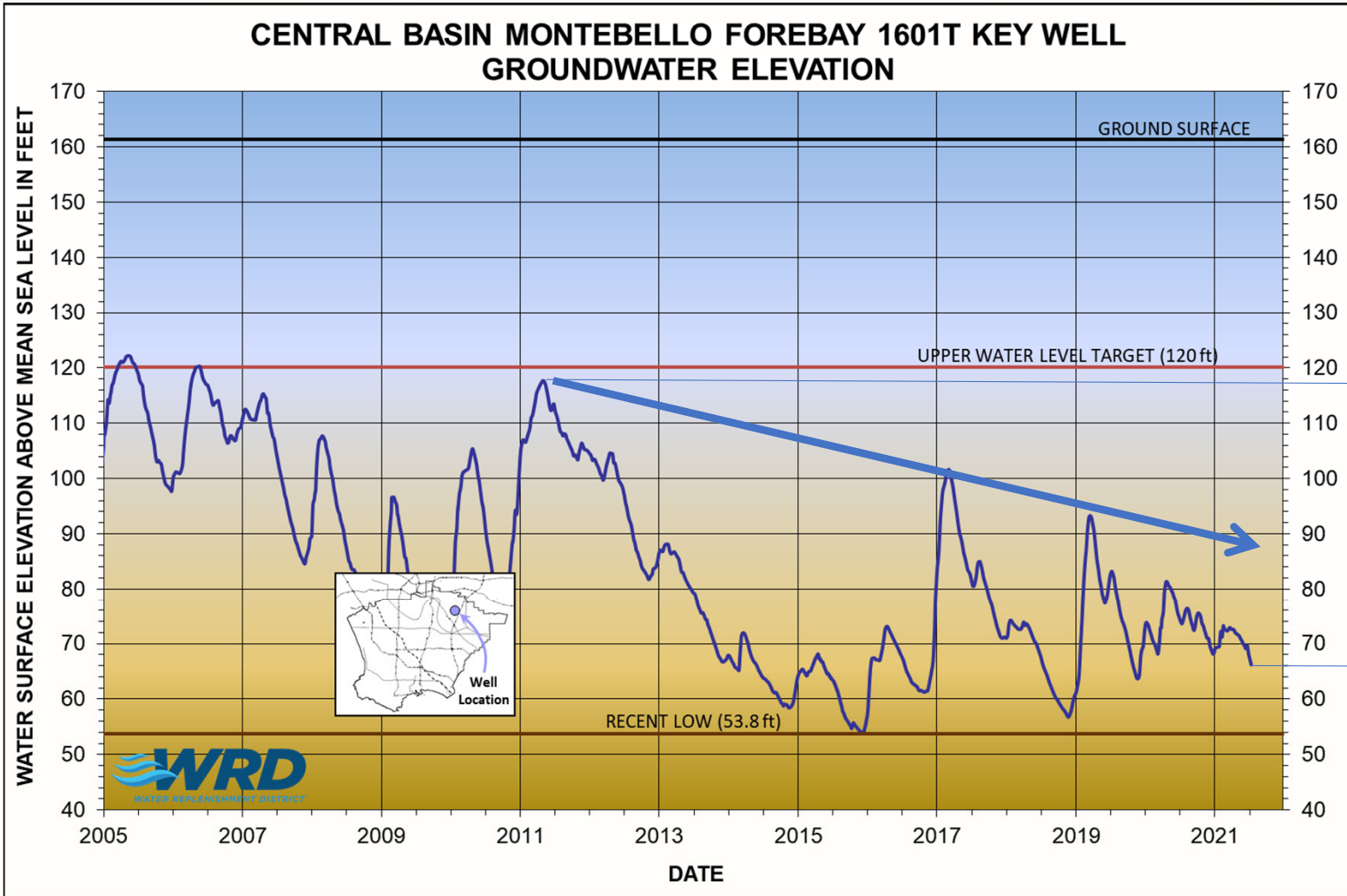
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# WRD Service Area in Relationship to Southwest Drought

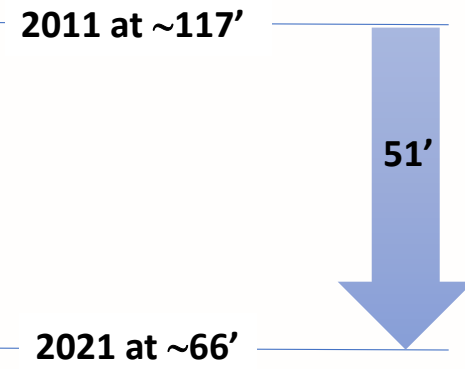


# Persistent Drought Conditions & Local Water Levels

CENTRAL BASIN MONTEBELLO FOREBAY 1601T KEY WELL  
GROUNDWATER ELEVATION



Governor declared the drought was over in 2016/17. However, drought conditions continue...



# Drought Proclamation (July 8, 2021)

- Executive Order N-10-21
  - Extends proclamations issued on April 21 and May 10, 2021.
  - Covers 50 out of 58 Counties.

## 1. Voluntarily Reduce Water Use by 15%.

- Irrigating Landscapes more Efficiently.
- Run Full Dishwashers and Washing Machines.
- Find and Fix Leaks.
- Water Efficient Showerheads / Shorter Showers.
- Shutoff Nozzles on Hoses / Take Cars to Commercial Car Washes that use Recycled Water.
- Tracked by SWRCB (compared to 2020).

## 2. DWR to lead reduced water usage campaign

(<https://saveourwater.com/>).

## 3. DWR to monitor Hydrologic Conditions (precipitation, reservoir storage levels, soil moisture, etc.). Voluntary progress to be monitored by SWRCB.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-10-21

WHEREAS communities across California are experiencing more frequent, prolonged, and severe impacts of climate change including catastrophic wildfires, extreme heat and unprecedentedly dry conditions that threaten the health of our people, habitat for species and our economy; and

WHEREAS severe drought afflicts the American West and increasingly warming temperatures driven by climate change exacerbate harmful drought effects including disruption of drinking water and irrigation supplies, degradation of fish and wildlife habitat, and heightened flammability of wildland vegetation; and

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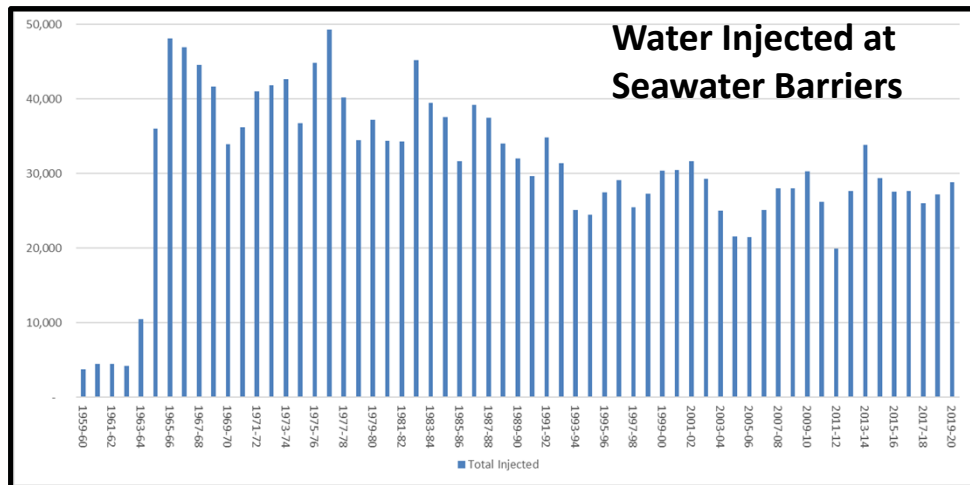
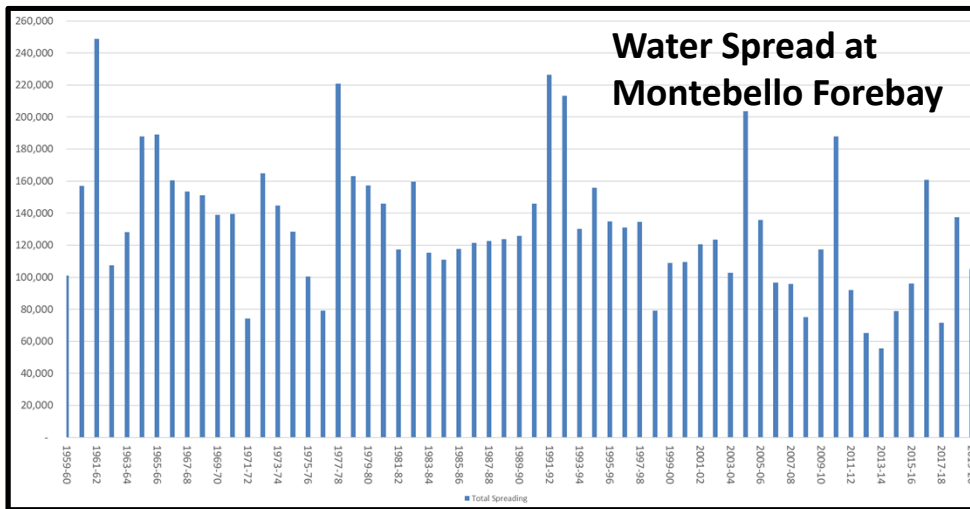
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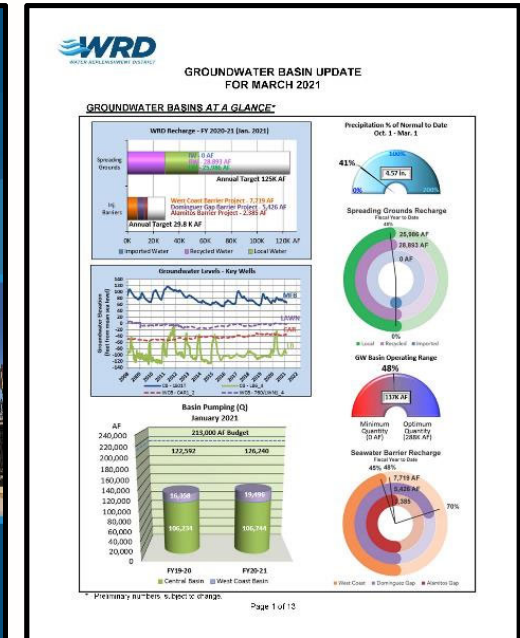
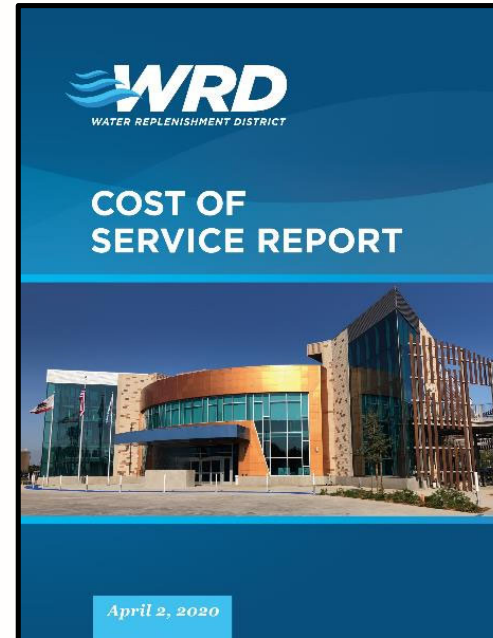
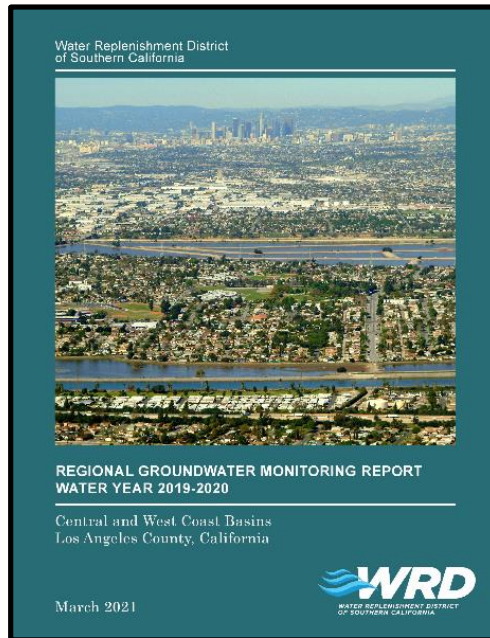
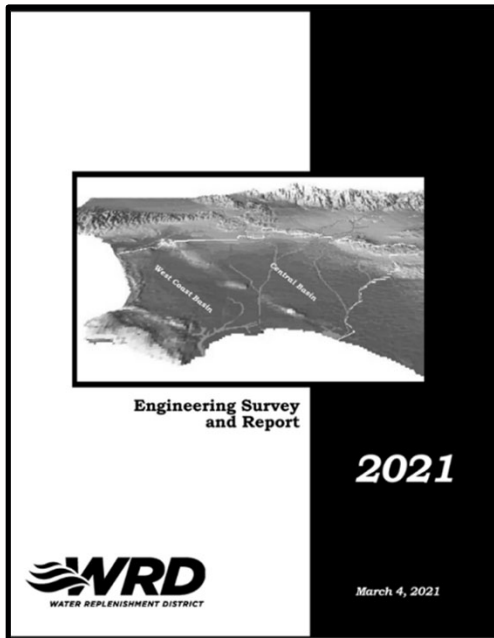
# Planned Water Purchases for Barriers & Spreading Basins



## Plan for 2021/22

- Montebello Forebay
  - 50,000 AF (Tertiary water from SDLAC)
  - 10,000 AF (ARC-AWTF).
  - 1,400 AF (WNOU)
  - Total of 61,400 AF**
- Seawater Barriers
  - 4,500 AF (Alamitos)
  - 8,000 AF (Dominguez)
  - 16,000 AF (West Coast)
  - Total of 28,500 AF**
- **Total of 89,900 AF of planned water purchases to replenish basins and overcome annual overdraft (AOD).**
- **Consistent purchases help protect the basin and also stabilizes the Replenishment Assessment.**

# Groundwater Conditions Discussed in Various Documents



## PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Engineering Survey and Report:

<https://www.wrd.org/report/engineering-survey-and-report>

Cost of Service Report:

<https://www.wrd.org/report/cost-of-service-report>

Regional Groundwater Monitoring:

<https://www.wrd.org/reports/regional-groundwater-monitoring-report>

Groundwater Basin Update:

<https://www.wrd.org/reports/groundwater-basin-update>

# PFAS Remediation Program Update

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# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



PROGRAM  
OVERVIEW



KEY PROGRAM  
REQUIREMENTS



PROGRAM  
PROCESS



PROGRAM STATUS



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## Qualifications

- Wells with PFOA/PFOS ***at or above the Response Level (RL)***
- NOT including PFOA/PFOS within 25% of the RLs at this time, future options to be considered

## Funding Types

- Funding Support Program
- Turnkey Program

## Funding Amount

- Initial program funding level of \$34,000,000
- \$1,000/acre-foot
  - \$5,000,000 total funding cap per pumper
  - Funding based on the most recent 3 full water year average (July 1 to June 30) pumping of the impacted well

## Performance

- 20-year operational life or until PFAS is below regulatory limits
- Annual report will be required
- Annual pumping requirement (consists of a rolling average of the most recent 3 full water years)



# KEY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



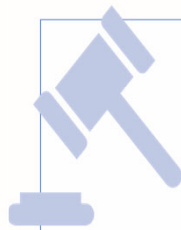
Funding shall be used only for capital costs directly related to the PFAS treatment system(s)



Licensed Engineer as Project Manager



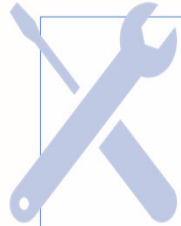
Conditions Assessment by Pumper



Adoption of Financial Capability Resolution by Pumper's governing body



Submittal of PFAS Funding Application



Pumper responsible for all O&M and associated costs

# EXAMPLES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PROGRAM



Funding request is outside Program parameters

> \$1,000/AF

> \$5M Total



Non-reimbursable costs



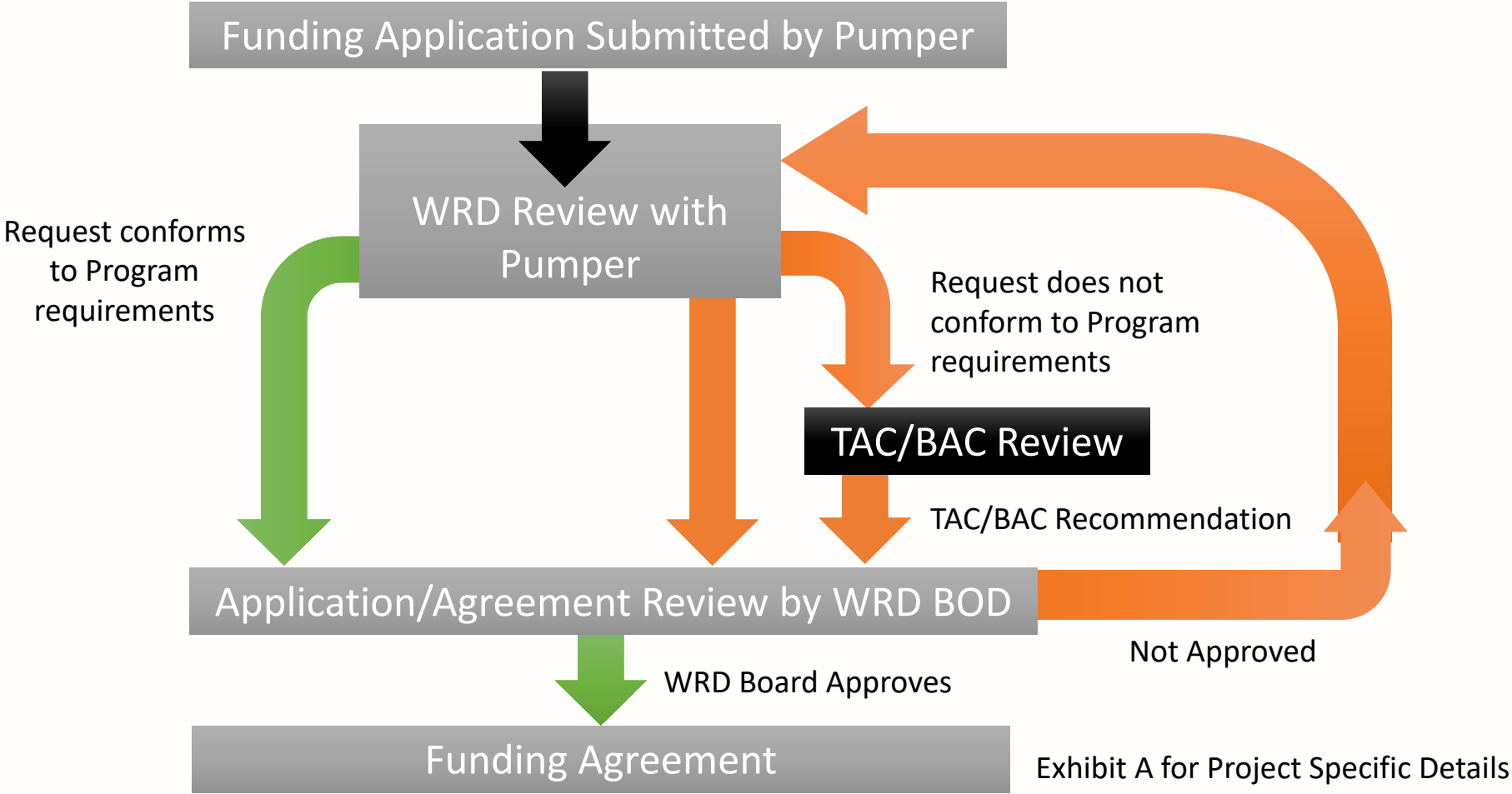
Contract-required deliverables



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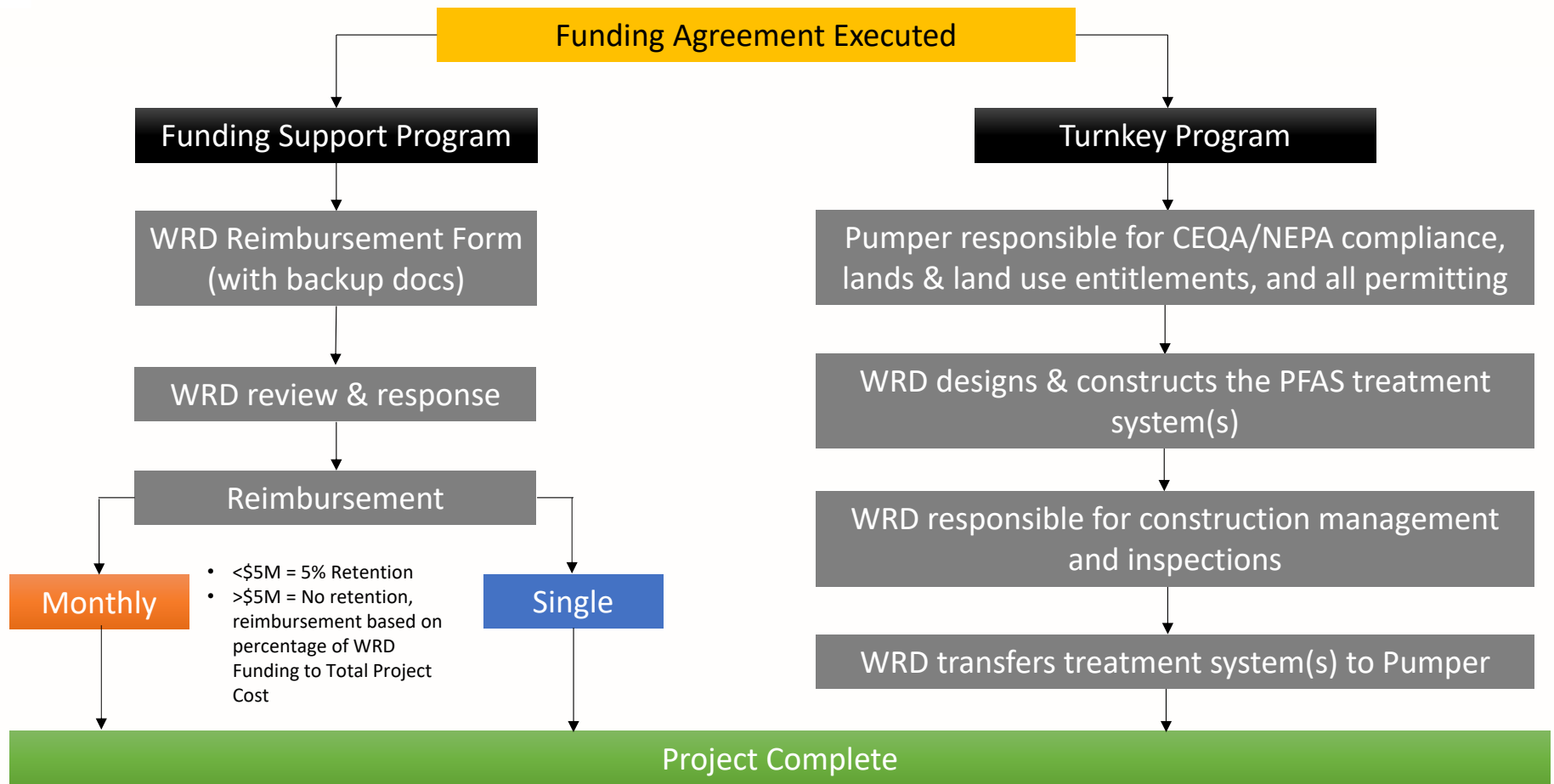


# FUNDING APPLICATION/AGREEMENT PROCESS

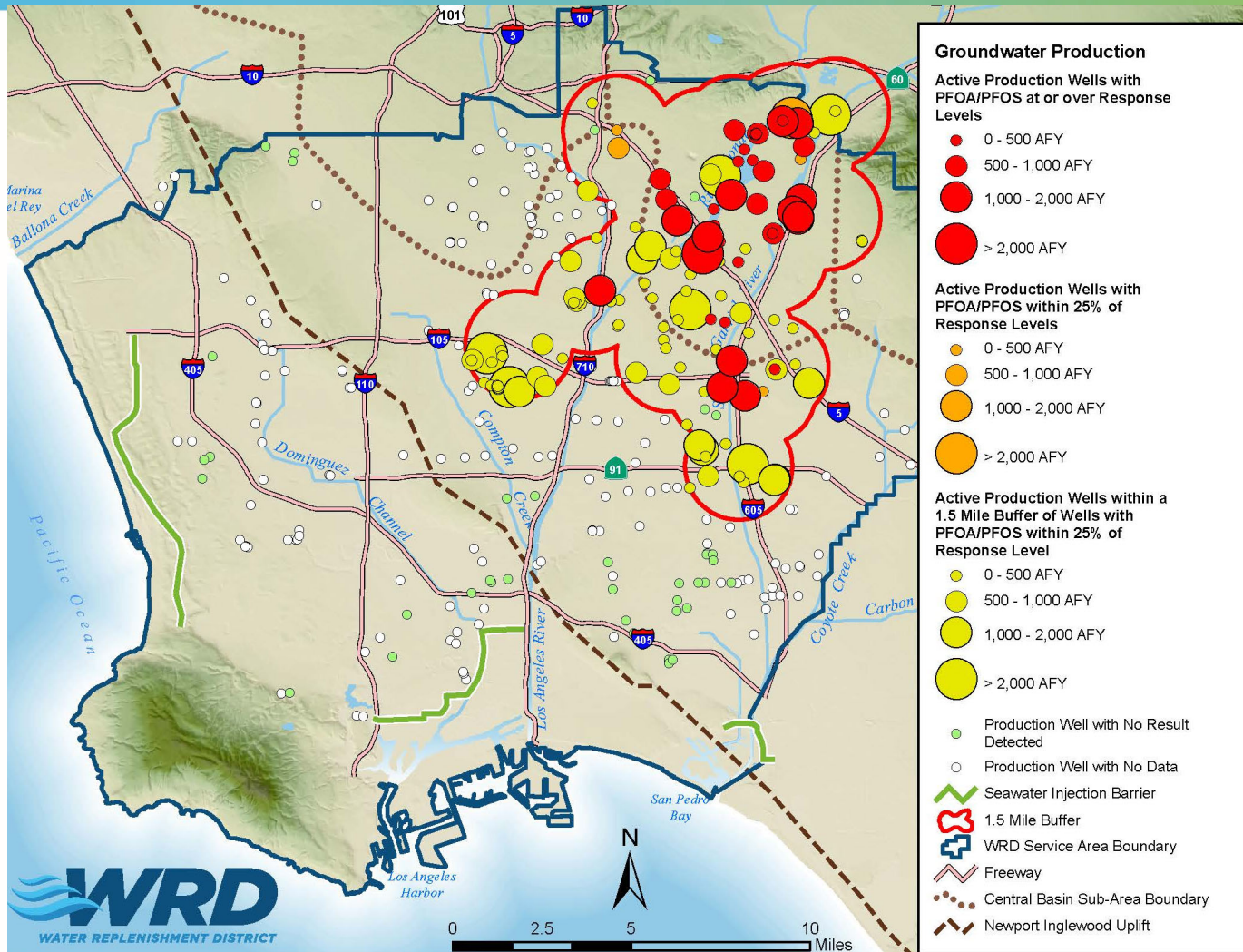




# COMPARISON OF FUNDING PROGRAMS



# MAP OF IMPACTED PRODUCTION WELLS





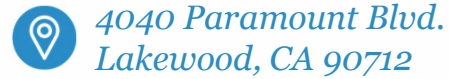
# CURRENT STATUS TABLE

No.	Pumper	Type of Funding	Impacted Wells	Status
1	City of Commerce	Funding Only	1	Working on Contract execution
2	Pico Water District	Funding Only	3	Working on Contract execution
3	City of Pico Rivera	Funding Only	7	Working on Contract execution
4	California Water Service Company	Funding Only	1	Working on Contract execution
5	City of Montebello	Funding Only	1	Working on Contract execution
6	San Gabriel Valley Water Company	Funding Only	TBD	Working on Contract execution





# THANK YOU



## PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** climate change is intensifying the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment, and economy, and California is in a second consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in drought in all parts of the State and extreme or exceptional drought in most of the state; and

**WHEREAS** in response to climate change and worsening drought conditions, I issued proclamations on April 12 and May 10, 2021, proclaiming drought emergencies in the counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba, which have faced the most dire and severe drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS** since my May 10, 2021 Proclamation, California's water supplies continue to be severely depleted, and high temperatures are now increasing water loss from reservoirs and streams (especially north of the Tehachapi Mountains), and thus demands by communities and agriculture have increased, supplies of cold water needed for salmon and other anadromous fish that are relied upon by tribal, commercial, and recreational fisheries have been reduced, and risk has increased of drought impacts continuing in 2022 because of continued water loss from climate change-driven warming temperatures and less water available in reservoirs and streams from two years of below average precipitation; and

**WHEREAS** the counties of Inyo, Marin, Mono, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz are now experiencing emergency drought conditions as well; and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to expeditiously mitigate the effects of the drought conditions to ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS** under Government Code Section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the drought, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely

to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

**WHEREAS** under Government Code Section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS** to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and under Government Code Section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist due to drought in the additional nine counties of Inyo, Marin, Mono, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz, such that a drought state of emergency is now in effect in 50 counties (collectively, "Proclaimed Drought Counties").

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) All agencies of the state government are to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, to protect their safety, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
- 2) The orders and provisions contained in my April 21, 2021 and May 10, 2021 Proclamations remain in full force and effect, except as modified herein. State agencies shall continue to implement all directions from those Proclamations and accelerate implementation where feasible.
- 3) Consistent with the policies stated in Water Code Section 1011.5(a), local agencies are encouraged to take actions to coordinate use of their available supplies and to substitute an alternate supply of groundwater from existing groundwater wells for the unused portion of surface water that the local agency is otherwise entitled to use. For actions taken pursuant to this paragraph in the Proclaimed Drought Counties, the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 85225) of Part 3 of

Division 35 of the Water Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are suspended for any (a) actions taken by state agencies pursuant to this paragraph, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the state agency with primary responsibility for implementing the directive concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits or approvals necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b). The entities implementing this paragraph shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals that rely on the suspension of the foregoing Water Code provisions.

- 4) To ensure adequate, minimal water supplies in the Proclaimed Drought Counties for purposes of health, safety, and the environment, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall consider modifying requirements for reservoir releases or diversion limitations to conserve water upstream later in the year in order to protect cold water pools for salmon and steelhead, enhance instream conditions for fish and wildlife, improve water quality, protect carry over storage, or ensure minimum health and safety water supplies. The Water Board shall require monitoring and evaluation of any such changes to inform future actions. Nothing in this paragraph limits the effect of operative paragraph 4 of my May 10, 2021 Proclamation.
- 5) To support voluntary approaches where hydrology and other conditions allow, the Water Board shall expeditiously consider water transfers requests with respect to the Proclaimed Drought Counties. For purposes of carrying out this paragraph, the following requirements of the Water Code are suspended:
  - a. Section 1726(d) requirements for written notice and newspaper publication, provided that the Water Board shall post notice on its website and provide notice through electronic subscription services where interested persons can request information about temporary changes; and
  - b. Section 1726(f) requirement of a 30-day comment period, provided that the Water Board shall afford a 15-day comment period.
- 6) Operative paragraph 8 of my April 21, 2021 Proclamation and operative paragraph 2 of my May 10, 2021 Proclamation are withdrawn and superseded by the following which shall apply in the Proclaimed Drought Counties.

As necessary to assist local governments and for the protection of public health and the environment, state agencies shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary

to quickly assist with the response to and recovery from the impacts of the drought. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of the drought. Approval of the Department of Finance is required prior to the execution of any contract entered into pursuant to this provision.

- 7) Operative paragraph 7 of my May 10, 2021 Proclamation is withdrawn and superseded by the following which shall apply in the Proclaimed Drought Counties:

To prioritize drought response and preparedness resources, the Department of Water Resources, the Water Board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Finance, shall:

- a. Accelerate funding for water supply enhancement, water conservation, or species conservation projects.
  - b. Identify unspent funds that can be repurposed to enable projects to address drought impacts to people, ecosystems, and economic activities.
  - c. Recommend additional financial support for groundwater substitution pumping to support Pacific flyway habitat needs in the lower Sacramento River and Feather River portions of the Central Valley in the Fall of 2021.
- 8) To ensure protection of water in the Proclaimed Drought Counties needed for health, safety, and the environment, the Water Board shall consider emergency regulations to curtail water diversions when water is not available at water right holders' priority of right or to protect releases of stored water.
- 9) To ensure critical instream flows for species protection, the Water Board and Department of Fish and Wildlife shall evaluate the minimum instream flows and other actions needed to protect salmon, steelhead, and other native fishes in critical streams systems in the State and work with water users and other parties on voluntary measures to implement those actions. To the extent voluntary actions are not sufficient, the Water Board, in coordination with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, shall consider emergency regulations to establish minimum drought instream flows in the Proclaimed Drought Counties.

- 10) To proactively prevent situations where a community runs out of drinking water, the Water Board, the Department of Water Resources, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Office of Planning and Research shall assist local agencies in the Proclaimed Drought Counties with identifying acute drinking water shortages in domestic water supplies, and shall work with local agencies in implementing solutions to those water shortages.
- 11) The Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources and the Water Board, shall identify and coordinate actions to mitigate drought-related fisheries impacts in critical stream systems and identify possible mechanisms for accomplishing those actions.
- 12) For purposes of carrying out or approving any actions contemplated by the directives in operative paragraphs 4 through 9, in the Proclaimed Drought Counties, the environmental review by state agencies required by the California Environmental Quality Act in Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought.

For purposes of carrying out the directives in operative paragraph 3 and 10, in the Proclaimed Drought Counties, for any (a) actions taken by the listed state agencies pursuant to that directive, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the Office of Planning and Research concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b), Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of July 2021.

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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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SHIRLEY WEBER  
Secretary of State

## EXECUTIVE ORDER N-10-21

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**WHEREAS** today, I issued a further proclamation of a state of emergency due to drought conditions in nine additional counties (Inyo, Marin, Mono, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz), and directed state agencies to take further actions to bolster drought resilience and prepare for impacts on communities, businesses, and ecosystems; and

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**WHEREAS** local water suppliers and communities have made strategic and forward-looking investments in water recycling, stormwater capture and reuse, groundwater storage and other strategies to improve drought resilience; and



**WHEREAS** there is now a need to augment ongoing water conservation and drought resilience investments with additional action to extend available supplies, protect water reserves in case drought conditions extend to a third year and maintain critical flows for fish and wildlife.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) To preserve the State's surface and groundwater supplies and better prepare for the potential for continued dry conditions next year, and to join existing efforts by agricultural water users, public water systems, and governmental agencies to respond to water shortages, I call on all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels. Commonsense measures Californians can undertake to save water and money include:
  - a. Irrigating landscapes more efficiently. As much as 50 percent of residential water use goes to outdoor irrigation, and much of that is wasted due to evaporation, wind, or runoff caused by inefficient irrigation methods and systems. Watering one day less per week, not watering during or immediately after rainfall, watering during the cooler parts of the day and using a weather-based irrigation controller can reduce irrigation water use, saving nearly 8,800 gallons of water per year.
  - b. Running dishwashers and washing machines only when full. Full laundry loads can save 15–45 gallons per load. Full dishwasher cycles can save 5–15 gallons per load.
  - c. Finding and fixing leaks. A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste nearly 3,200 gallons per year.
  - d. Installing water-efficient showerheads and taking shorter showers. Keeping showers under five minutes can save 12.5 gallons per shower when using a water-efficient showerhead.
  - e. Using a shut-off nozzle on hoses and taking cars to commercial car washes that use recycled water.

The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall track and report monthly on the State's progress toward achieving a 15-percent reduction in statewide urban water use as compared to 2020 use.

- 2) State agencies, led by the Department of Water Resources and in coordination with local agencies, shall encourage actions by all Californians, whether in their residential, industrial, commercial, agricultural, or institutional use, to reduce water usage, including through the statewide Save Our Water conservation campaign at [SaveOurWater.com](http://SaveOurWater.com), which provides simple ways for Californians to reduce water use in their everyday lives.

- 3) The Department of Water Resources shall monitor hydrologic conditions such as cumulative precipitation, reservoir storage levels, soil moisture and other metrics, and the Water Board shall monitor progress on voluntary conservation as ongoing indicators of water supply risk that may inform future drought response actions.

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A joint powers authority to protect the Central Groundwater Basin

**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
AGENDA REPORT**

**Date:** August 5, 2021  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Alex Rojas, General Manager, Central Basin Municipal Water District

**Subject: Update on AB 1794 Compliance: Redistricting of the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD)**

**Recommendation:** That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) compliance with AB 1794 regarding redistricting of the District.

**AB 1794 Compliance**

AB 1794 requires the Central Basin to undergo redistricting, in accordance with the results from the 2020 Federal U.S. Census. The Central Basin MWD Board held a Special Meeting on May 27, 2021 during which the General Manager held a workshop to gather Directors' input on the redistricting outreach process. During this meeting, Director Heredia expressed interest in reaching out to other water agencies, including SEWC, during this process.

To that end, SEWC Board of Directors will receive an overview on the redistricting process and timeline from Central Basin Municipal Water District General Manager, Alex Rojas.

**Attachments:**

1. Central Basin Municipal Water District - Redistricting 2022



# Central Basin Municipal Water District

Redistricting 2022

July 2021 meeting

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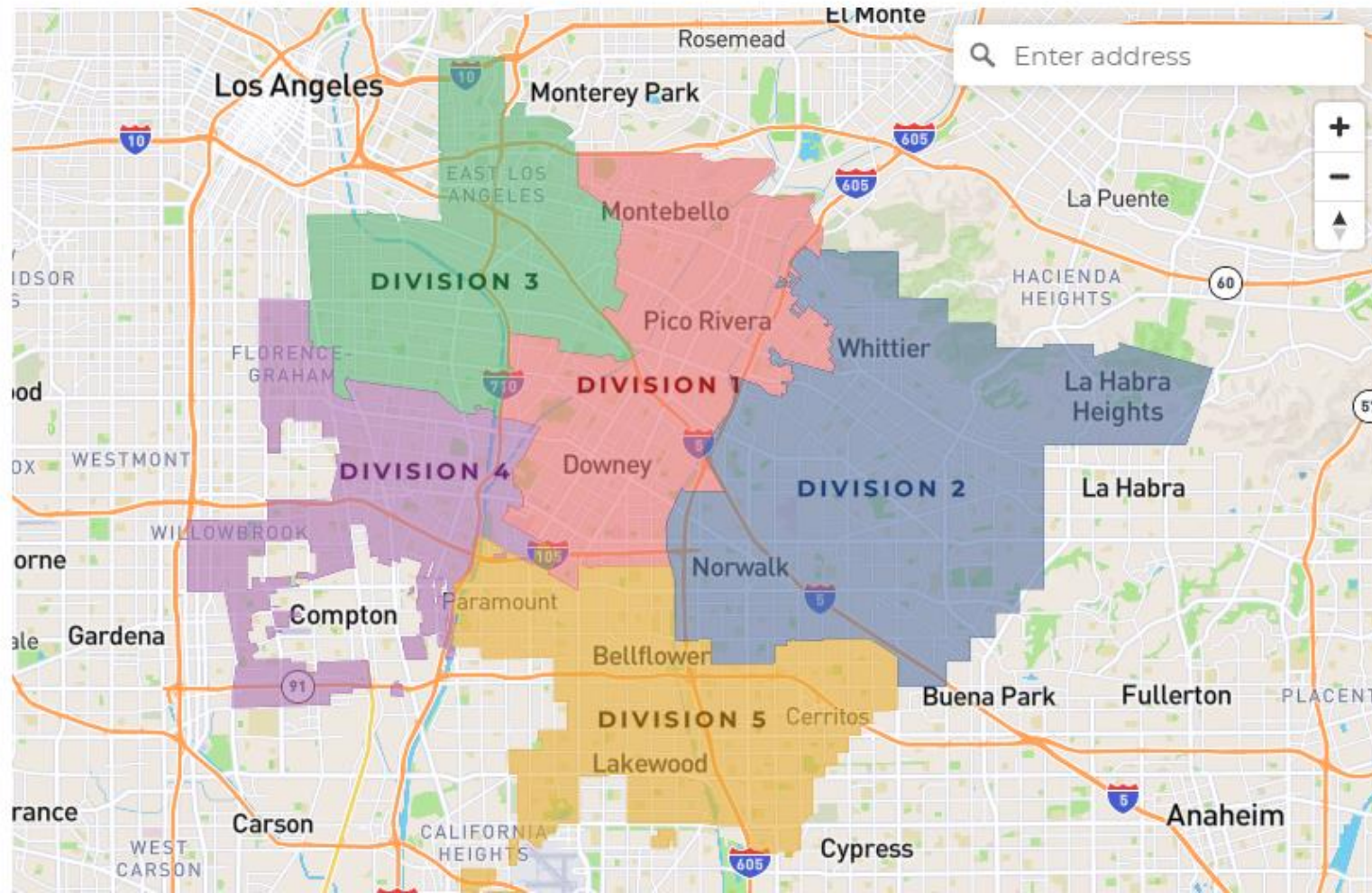
# The Decennial Redistricting of Central Basin Municipal Water District

## What is Redistricting?

# Service Area

Central Basin Municipal Water District serves a population of 1.6 million people living within 24 cities in southeast Los Angeles County as well as unincorporated County areas. We do so by partnering with 40 retail water providers and one water wholesaler. Central Basin's 227 square-mile service area is governed by five publicly elected directors. Voters in each of the five divisions elect one director to serve a four-year term.

District headquarters is located at 6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce, CA 90040-2512; telephone (323) 201-5500; fax (323) 201-5550.

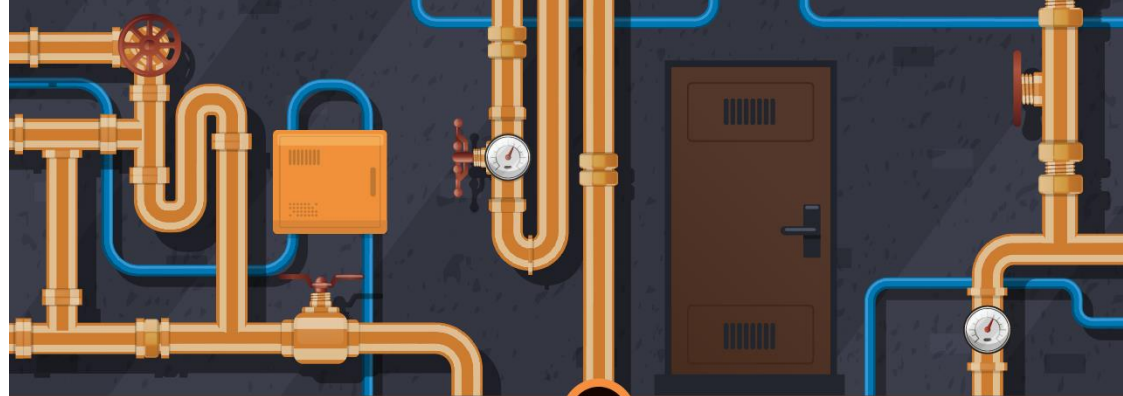


# Redistricting Website

<http://RedistrictingCB.com>

- Learn about the Redistricting Process
- Become informed about the latest news on this process
- Sign-up for our email list
- Find what district you live in.





# CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

## WHAT IS CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Established in 1952, the Central Basin Municipal Water District (Central Basin) indirectly purchases clean water for use by the residents and businesses in Southeast Los Angeles County. Central Basin was established by a vote of the people to buy clean water from the State Water Project as an alternative to over-pumping groundwater in the region. Central Basin also provides the region with recycled water for municipal, commercial and industrial use.

Today, Central Basin serves **1.6 million** people from **24** cities and unincorporated areas in southeast Los Angeles and is governed by an eight-member board. Five of the board members are each elected to different Districts within Central Basin. There are currently five individuals elected to the Central Basin Board. These five individuals are each elected in a different district that represent different areas of the region.



A law passed recently will reduce the representation to four elected board members.

## WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

Most of our politicians are elected by voters who have been sorted into areas called districts. Redrawing the boundary lines for these districts is called redistricting.

Under the U.S. Constitution, redistricting happens about every ten years, after Census to adjust the districts and make them roughly equal in population.



## WHY SHOULD COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE?

Community members have an opportunity to help decide which neighborhoods and communities are in the district where they live.

Community members may decide that their neighborhood should be combined with certain other neighborhoods to form a district of communities that share the same values. These same community members may decide that they do not want to belong to a district where their voice will not be heard.



## WHY IS REDISTRICTING IMPORTANT?

The way a district's boundary lines are drawn may include or exclude certain people. These decisions are often made based on party affiliation, race, or other factors, and can affect who gets heard, whose interests are most represented, and who can win the next election. How and where districts are drawn can shape communities' ability to elect the representatives of their choice.



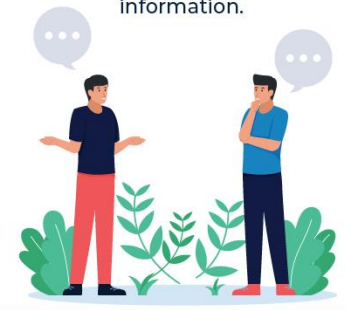
## HOW WILL THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICTS BE DECIDED?

The Central Basin Board of Directors will consider all public input and make a final decision on how the boundaries for each district will be shaped.



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Central Basin will be talking to all stakeholders and community members about how boundaries need to be changed in order to comply with the law. Public outreach meetings will be conducted to provide community members updated information.



## WHEN WILL THESE NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARIES GO INTO EFFECT?

New district boundaries must be adopted by April 2022. Once these new district boundaries are approved by the Central Basin Water District governing body, these boundaries will be used for the November 2022 election.





## redistribución de distritos?

La forma en que se trazan las líneas fronterizas de un distrito puede incluir o excluir a ciertos grupos de personas. Estas decisiones a menudo, se toman en función a la afiliación de un partido político, la raza y o. Estos factores que pueden afectar a quiénes son escuchados, qué intereses son más representados y quién puede ganar las próximas elecciones. Cómo y dónde se dibujan los distritos puede moldear la capacidad de las comunidades para elegir a los representantes de su selección.



## Como participar?

Central Basin Municipal Water District hablará con todas las partes interesadas y miembros de la comunidad sobre cómo se deben cambiar los límites para cumplir con la ley del estado. Se llevarán a cabo reuniones al público para proporcionar información actualizada a los miembros de la comunidad



El proceso de redistribución de distritos brinda a las comunidades la oportunidad de tomar decisiones importantes sobre quién las representará en el futuro.

## ¿Como participar?

Los miembros de la comunidad tienen la oportunidad de ayudar a decidir qué vecindarios y comunidades se encuentran en el distrito donde viven. Los miembros de la comunidad pueden decidir que su vecindario deba combinarse con ciertos vecindarios para formar un distrito de comunidad que comparten los mismos valores. Estos mismos miembros de la comunidad pueden decidir si no quieren pertenecer a un distrito donde su voz no será escuchada.

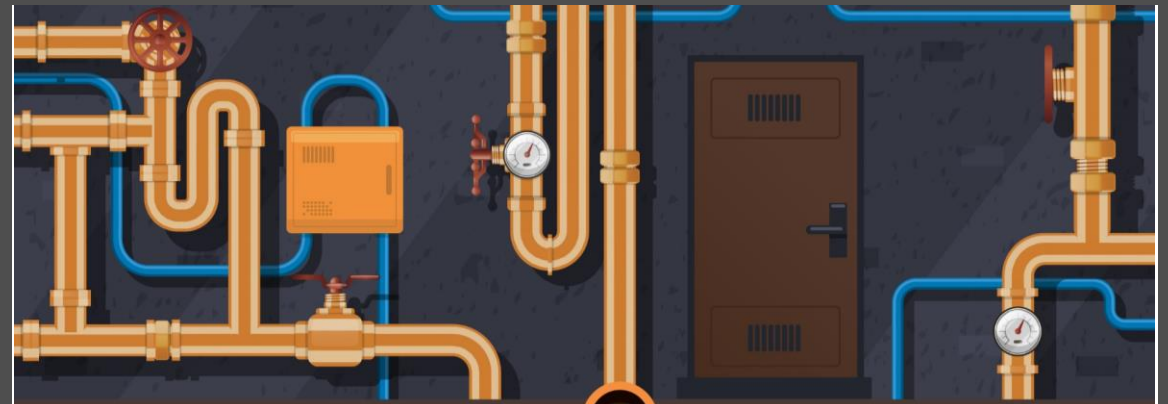
## Cómo se decidirán los límites de los distritos?

La junta directiva de Central Basin Municipal Water District considerará todas las opiniones del público y tomará una decisión final sobre cómo se formarán los límites de cada distrito.



## Cuándo tomaran en efecto estos nuevos límites de distrito?

Los nuevos límites del distrito deben adoptarse, abril del año 2022. Una vez que la nueva distribución de distritos sea aprobada por Central Basin Municipal Water District, estos límites se utilizarán para las elecciones de **Noviembre de 2022**.



# QUÉ ES, CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT?

Establecido en el año **1952**, Central Basin Municipal Water District compra indirectamente agua limpia para el uso de los residentes y negocios en el sureste del condado de Los Angeles. Central Basin Municipal Water District fue establecido por el voto de la gente para comprar agua limpia del Proyecto de Agua del Estado como una alternativa al bombeo excesivo de agua subterránea en la región. Central Basin Municipal Water District también proporciona a la región, agua reciclada para uso municipal, comercial e industrial.

Hoy en día, Central Basin Municipal Water District representa **1.6 millones** de personas en 24 ciudades y áreas no incorporadas en el sureste de Los Angeles y es gobernado por una junta directiva de ocho miembros. Cada uno de los cinco miembros de la junta directiva gobernada por Central Basin Municipal Water District son elegidos en diferentes distritos dentro de Central Basin Municipal Water District.



**Una ley aprobada recientemente reducirá la representación a cuatro miembros electos de la junta.**

## ¿Cuántos miembros electos de la Junta Directiva tiene Central Basin Municipal Water District?

## ¿Qué es la redistribución de distritos?

La mayoría de nuestros miembros son elegidos por votantes que han sido divididos en áreas



# Civic Engagement: Why?

Last discussion centered on Civic Engagement.

The purpose of our initial civic engagement strategies are to identify individuals who are interested in participating in the redistricting process.

Once these individuals are identified, we can transition to relatively inexpensive methods of mass communication.

# Profile of the Central Basin Municipal Water District

## **Central Basin Municipal Water District**

- 819,802 voters in 376,919 households
- 217,000 emails, approximately
- 134,889 unique landline telephones
- 260,682 mobile phones, approximately

# Profile of the Central Basin Municipal Water District

## **Notable Stakeholders**

- 28 Chambers of Commerce
- 20 School Districts
- 27 Cities
- 5 Community College Districts
- 11 Assembly Offices
- 5 Senate Offices
- 6 Congressional Offices
- 3 County Supervisorial Offices
- Other Special Interest Organizations
  - Sierra Club Angeles Chapter
  - Multiple Labor Unions

# Paid Media Strategy

- Pursuant to our May 2021 board meeting, the Lucien Partners team recommends the following community engagement activities to inform voters about the decennial redistricting process that Central Basin Municipal Water District is planning to undertake:
  - Text message notifications
  - Robo-call notifications
  - telephone townhall
  - Email list purchase

# Paid Media Strategy

- We will utilize these paid media strategies to inform voters about the:
  - The District
  - The Redistricting Process
  - How to participate in the Redistricting Process

# Text Message Campaign

- Text messages targeted at mobile phones to inform voters about the District's upcoming redistricting efforts and enabling individuals to sign-up for our email service through their text messages.
- Cost: \$.04 per text message – \$10,400
- Recommendation is to send 2-3 text messages: \$20,000 - \$30,000 approx.





# Telephone townhall & Robocall Notification

- Lucien Partners recommends holding one district-wide telephone townhall to educate community members about Central Basin Municipal Water District, discuss the decennial redistricting process, and inform residents how they can engage in the process.
- This will be an interactive discussion that will enable us to use this venue to build awareness about the need to sign up for our email service and to check the website for updated maps.
- Cost: Telephone townhall – \$21,000 (which includes two robocalls that precede the telephone townhall).



# Email Communication

- Most of our communication will be driven through email correspondence because of its affordability.
- We will also seek to purchase an email list of voters/residents in the District to ensure we are reaching as many households as possible.
- Cost to purchase list:  
Approximately \$2,100 for 217,000 voter emails.



# Community OUTREACH



Total Paid Media Costs

- Text Messaging –
  - \$20,000 - \$30,000
- Townhall / Robocall –
  - \$21,000
- Email Database – \$2,100

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\$43k - \$53k to reach Central  
Basin Voters

## Other Options: Digital Media & Mailings

- Digital Media – 3-month campaign on Facebook and Instagram will cost approximately \$15,440, which includes a \$4,800 per month ad spend plus a \$1,000 management fee. The cost per household is approximately \$0.04. The target audience is the Central Basin Municipal Water District constituents with 1.6 million monthly impressions.
- Mailings – A 4 x 6 postcard mailing will cost approximately .03 cents per unit mailed from a non-union printer. A union printshop will average .07 cents per unit PLUS Postage. Our target universe is approximately 377,000 households.

**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
AGENDA REPORT**

**Date:** August 5, 2021  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Nick Ghirelli, Richards Watson & Gerhson

**Subject: Central Basin Update**

**Recommendation:** That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

**Background**

Previously, the Board had received an update on the Central Basin MWD Board's official censure of Central Basin Director Leticia Vasquez-Wilson for using CBMWD "identifying materials" (name, logo, letterhead, etc.) for personal use, without prior authority of the entire Board.

Since then, the AE has learned that Central Basin, represented by legal counsel Bob Baker, has filed a lawsuit against Director Vasquez on these same grounds. On April 30, 2021, the Central Basin Municipal Water District filed a Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Injunction against Director Leticia Vasquez-Wilson, arguing that her use of Central Basin "identifying materials" in several letters and YouTube videos constitutes a violation of the District Administrative Code. Central Basin also asked the court for an injunction prohibiting Director Vasquez from using these "identifying materials" in any matter that does not adhere to the Admin Code.

On June 30, 2021, Judge Mary H. Strobel heard Central Basin's ex parte application for a temporary restraining order and order to cause re: preliminary injunction. Judge Strobel denied this application for a temporary restraining order. The District could seek a preliminary injunction at a future hearing.

**Attachments:**

1. Case No. 21STCV16320 Verified Complaint For Declaratory Relief and Injunction

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CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER  
7 DISTRICT

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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
10 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

12 CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER  
DISTRICT, a California public agency

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 LETICIA VASQUEZ-WILSON, an individual

16 Defendants.  
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Case No.: 21STCV16320

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR  
DECLARATORY RELIEF AND  
INJUNCTION

1 Plaintiff CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT alleges and pleads as follows:

2 **THE PLAINTIFF**

3 1. Plaintiff CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (hereinafter "**Plaintiff**")  
4 is a California public agency formed by the California State Legislature under the Municipal Water  
5 District Law of 1911 (California Water Code section 71000, et seq.). Plaintiff's formation as authorized  
6 under this code section for the purposes of providing adequate water supply in its service area.

7 **THE DEFENDANT**

8 2. Defendant LETICIA VASQUEZ-WILSON ("**Defendant**"), an individual, is, on  
9 information and belief, a resident of the City of Lynwood, in County of Los Angeles, in the State of  
10 California. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint should it become necessary to correct this description of  
11 Defendant's residence.

12 **JURISDICTION**

13 3. This action is brought to obtain declaratory relief and both a preliminary and permanent  
14 injunction precluding Defendant from utilizing Plaintiff's name in any manner prohibited by Plaintiff's  
15 Administrative Code. This Court has jurisdiction over this action because the remedy of a permanent  
16 injunction is outside of the jurisdiction of a limited civil court and both Plaintiff and Defendants are  
17 located within this County and State for purposes of personal jurisdiction.

18 **VENUE**

19 4. Venue is proper in this County in that all Defendants conduct business in the County of  
20 Los Angeles for purposes of determination of venue.

21 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

22 5. Plaintiff has developed an Administrative Code (the "**Code**") for the purpose of  
23 implementing policies and procedures for the administration of Plaintiff. This Code consists of the  
24 resolutions and ordinances of Plaintiff, codified pursuant to the Municipal Water District Law of 1911,  
25 particularly Water Code section 71281 and Article 2 of the Chapter 1, Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of  
26 the California Government Code. Any changes to the Code must be approved, adopted, and resolved by  
27 Plaintiff's Board of Directors at a duly constituted meeting.

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1           6.       Part 3, Chapter 5, Article 8, Section 8.2(H) of the Code describes the restrictions imposed  
2 on Plaintiff's representatives with respect to the use of Internet-based technology communications sites  
3 and tools. Subsection (H)(b) provides that "[o]nly authorized personnel as designated by the General  
4 Manager should provide content to these sites on behalf of the District" and subsection (H)(e) provides  
5 that "[n]o content should include any District branding without prior approval from General Manager."  
6 In addition, section 8.2(H) general requires that "[a]pproval must be obtained from the General Manager  
7 prior to posting on any site on behalf or in association with the District."

8           7.       Part 2, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 3.2(f) of the Code requires the Board to "[s]afeguard  
9 the assets of the District," including its name, mascot, logo, letterhead, and other identifying items  
10 (hereinafter "**Identifying Materials**"). And Part 2, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 3.3 of the Code  
11 subsequently provides that "Board Members have legal authority only when acting as a unit at scheduled  
12 meetings" and that "Individual Members of the Board have no independent authority." Likewise, Part 3,  
13 Chapter 9, Article 1, Section 1.2 of the Code provides that "[d]irectors do not have individual power or  
14 authority over the District" and that, instead, "[t]he power and authority lie with the full Board." Section  
15 1.2 further requires that Plaintiff's Board members "promote a united message."

16           8.       Part 3, Chapter 9, Article 1, Section 1.7 of the Code provides that "[n]o Director shall use  
17 or permit the use of District equipment, telephones, materials or property, including but not limited to  
18 the District's mascot and other outreach supplies for personal or political gain or profit." Moreover,  
19 "[d]irectors of the District shall not use or alter the District logo, stationery, or other facsimile thereof  
20 for business or non-District business, including any solicitation or other political activity." Finally,  
21 "[d]irectors should contact the General Manager's office for an overview of permissible uses of the  
22 District's mascot or other outreach supplies and equipment."

23           9.       On or about September 27, 2020, Defendant created and caused to be posted on YouTube  
24 a video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hPJz5KKW10>) concerning water quality in the City of  
25 Pico Rivera (the "**Pico Rivera Video**") in which she invoked Plaintiff's name by identifying herself as  
26 being on its Board of Directors, inserting Plaintiff's name into captions within the video, and by stating  
27 that she was in the video "to encourage both the City of Pico Rivera and the Pico Water District to  
28 consider purchasing water from the Central Basin." This video was created in association with a group

1 identifying itself as “Political Life – Peoples’ Media based in Eastern & Southern Los Angeles County.”

2 10. On or about March 22, 2021, Defendant created and caused to be posted on YouTube a  
3 video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O20fAxK3q6E>) concerning water quality in the City of  
4 Downey (the “**Downey Video**”) in which she invoked Plaintiff’s name by identifying herself as being on  
5 its Board of Directors and inserting Plaintiff’s name into captions within the video. This video was also  
6 created in association with “Political Life,” whose website states that Defendant appeared in the video  
7 after agreeing to an interview regarding the video’s subject matter.

8 11. On or about April 26, 2021, Defendant created and caused to be posted on YouTube a  
9 video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lm69FLtrmU0>) concerning AB 1195 (the “**1195 Video**”) in  
10 which she invoked Plaintiff’s name by inserting Plaintiff’s name into a caption within the video. This  
11 video was also created in association with “Political Life.”

12 12. The Pico Rivera Video, the Downey Video, and the 1195 Video (the “**Videos**”) give the  
13 viewer the impression that Defendant is making authorized statements on behalf of Plaintiff or that  
14 Plaintiff was otherwise involved in the creation of, or associated with, the Videos, particularly given  
15 Defendant’s direct reference to her position on Plaintiff’s Board of Directors.

16 13. However, Defendant did not obtain permission from Plaintiff’s General Manager nor the  
17 Board of Directors before invoking and making use of its name in any of the Videos. Plaintiff takes no  
18 position with respect to the subject matter of the Videos, as both Political Life and Defendant are of  
19 course free to express their personal views and opinions; however, the invocation and use of Plaintiff’s  
20 name in public, political statements without Plaintiff’s authorization is contrary to the limitations and  
21 obligations imposed on Defendant under the Code.

22 14. On or about April 6, 2021, Defendant sent a letter to the “Mayor and Members of the  
23 City Council” of the City of Santa Fe Springs to discuss recent litigation over a meter charge. This letter  
24 was written on Plaintiff’s letterhead, addressed from Defendant as a “Central Basin Municipal Water  
25 District Director, and contained language wherein Defendant identified herself as a “as an elected  
26 member of the Central Basin Board of Directors,” altogether giving the impression that the statements  
27 made by Defendant in the letter were authorized by, and issued on behalf of, Plaintiff. A true and  
28 correct copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit “A” to this Complaint.



1           15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that on or about April 13, 2021,  
2 similar letters, also written on Plaintiff's letterhead and repeatedly referencing Defendant's status as a  
3 member of Plaintiff's Board of Directors, were sent to the cities of Signal Hill, Lakewood, and Downey.  
4 True and correct copies of the letters to Lakewood and Downey are respectively attached as Exhibits  
5 "B" and "C" of this Complaint. Collectively, the letters to the cities of Santa Fe Springs, Lakewood,  
6 Downey, and Signal Hill are referred to herein as the "Letters."

7           16. The Letters give the impression that Defendant is making authorized statements on behalf  
8 of Plaintiff, that Plaintiff was involved in the creation of the Letters, and/or that Plaintiff endorsed and/or  
9 ratified the contents therein, particularly given that Defendant addressed the Letters in reference to her  
10 position on Plaintiff's Board of Directors and used Plaintiff's letterhead.

11           17. However, Defendant did not obtain permission from Plaintiff's General Manager nor the  
12 Board of Directors before invoking and making use of its name in any of the Letters. Plaintiff takes no  
13 position with respect to the subject matter of the Letters, as Defendant is of course free to express her  
14 personal views and opinions; however, the invocation and use of Plaintiff's name, Defendant's position  
15 with Plaintiff, and Plaintiff's letterhead in statements to public entities, without Plaintiff's authorization  
16 to do so, is contrary to the limitations and obligations imposed on Defendant under the Code.

17           18. Upon Plaintiff's discovery of the Videos, Defendant was advised by Plaintiff's General  
18 Counsel to cease and desist from her unauthorized use of Plaintiff's Identifying Materials via e-mail. A  
19 true and correct copy of this cease-and-desist e-mail is attached as Exhibit "D" to this Complaint.

20           19. However, Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant ignored this advisement and  
21 request to cease and desist, as despite having been asked and instructed not to misuse Plaintiff's  
22 Identifying Materials, Plaintiff nonetheless sent the Letters. Subsequent to the Letters being sent,  
23 Plaintiff's General Counsel again advised Defendant to cease and desist from her unauthorized use of  
24 Plaintiff's Identifying Materials, but these efforts were to no avail as Defendant continued to ignore  
25 these advisements. As such, Plaintiff has no choice but to rely on the authority of the Court to prevent  
26 further misuse of Plaintiff's Identifying Materials by Defendant.

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**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Declaratory Relief)**  
By Plaintiff against Defendant

20. Plaintiff brings this cause of action only for itself. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 18 above, as though set forth in full in this cause of action.

21. On information and belief, there exists an actual, justiciable controversy between Plaintiff and Defendant as to Defendant's rights, or lack thereof, to unilaterally invoke or otherwise utilize Plaintiff's Identifying Materials in a manner contrary to the Code and without Plaintiff's permission to do so. Declaratory relief will settle this controversy and clarify the parties' rights and obligations.

22. Pursuant to section 1060 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff seek a declaration from the Court that (a) Plaintiff is authorized to control the use of its Identifying Materials, (b) that Defendant is obligated to comply with the Code as it pertains to her use of Plaintiff's Identifying Materials, and (c) that the Code precludes and prohibits Defendant from the unauthorized use of Plaintiff's Identifying Materials in any statement by any manner or means that would imply that Plaintiff in any way prepared, ratified, endorsed, or was in any way associated with such statements, including, but not limited to, the manner and means in which she used Plaintiff's Identifying Materials in the Videos and the Letters.

23. Plaintiff seeks this declaration from the Court based upon the material facts and documents to be presented in this case with respect to Defendant's use of the Identifying Materials.

24. In addition to a judicial declaration setting forth the determination described above, Plaintiff further and respectfully asks the Court, pursuant to C.C.P § 527(a), to issue a preliminary injunction enjoining Defendant from using Plaintiff's Identifying Materials in any manner not expressly permitted under the Code and to subsequently issue a permanent injunction enjoining same. Such injunctions are necessary to protect Plaintiff from being drawn into any disputes or controversies that may arise between Defendant and any persons or entities, such as those in the Videos and Letters, as a result of Defendant's unauthorized use of Plaintiff's Identifying Materials and are further necessary to distinguish Defendant's acts as an individual from those as a member of Plaintiff's Board of Directors.

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1 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

2 **WHEREFORE** Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant follows:

3 1. For a judicial declaration that (a) Plaintiff is authorized to control the use of its  
4 Identifying Materials, (b) that Defendant is obligated to comply with the Code as it pertains to her use of  
5 Plaintiff's Identifying Materials, and (c) that the Code precludes and prohibits Defendant from the  
6 unauthorized use of Plaintiff's Identifying Materials in any statement by any manner or means that  
7 would imply that Plaintiff in any way prepared, ratified, endorsed, or was in any way associated with  
8 such statements, including, but not limited to, the manner and means in which she used Plaintiff's  
9 Identifying Materials in the Videos and the Letters;

10 2. For a preliminary injunction, pursuant to C.C.P. § 527(a), enjoining Defendant from  
11 using Plaintiff's Identifying Materials in any manner not expressly permitted under the Code;

12 3. For a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant from using Plaintiff's Identifying  
13 Materials in any manner not expressly permitted under the Code;

14 4. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.  
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16 DATED: April 30, 2021

BAKER, KEENER & NAHRA, LLP

17 By Robert C Baker  
18 ROBERT C. BAKER  
19 DERRICK S. LOWE  
20 Attorneys for Defendant,  
21 CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
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**VERIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, am a representative duly authorized to make this verification by and for Central Basin Municipal Water District (the "District"), the plaintiff in this action.

I have read the pleading entitled **VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF AND INJUNCTION** (the "Complaint") and know its contents. The Complaint is true and correct to the best of my own knowledge and understanding at this time, except as to the matters which are therein stated upon information and belief; as to those matters, I believe them to be true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 27, 2021, at Los Angeles, CA.

  
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ALEJANDRO ROJAS

# **EXHIBIT “A”**



**Central Basin**  
Municipal Water District

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Leticia Vasquez-Wilson, Central Basin Municipal Water District Director

Date: April 6, 2021

My name is Leticia Vasquez-Wilson and I serve as an elected member of the Central Basin Board of Directors. I come before you to talk about the Central Basin item on today's agenda. I want to share that for the past four years the Central Basin has been led by the appointed Directors that you have placed on our Board. The idea of imposing this meter charge on our customers was proposed and led by Director John Oskoui Assistant City Manager of the city of Downey on July 10, 2019. All of the appointed Directors representing you on the Board voted to support this meter charge. In turn, you pursued litigation costing Central Basin ratepayer's hundreds of thousands of dollars. I've attached a certified copy of the action by the Board for the public record.

Public Works Director Mr. Noe Negrete who is currently serving as Vice Chair of the CBMWD Board and representing the large water users, city of Pico Rivera Public Works Director Monica Heredia serves as a representative for the 24 cities in the Central Basin service area, Mr. Michael Gualtieri of the La Harbra Heights Water District serves as an at-large member. They were all recently installed by you as the appointed representatives to the Central Basin MWD Board of Directors.

I encourage the city council to get more involved in order to reduce the likelihood of unnecessary litigation in the future.



**Central Basin**  
Municipal Water District

**CERTIFICATION**

State of California )  
 County of Los Angeles ) **SS**  
 Central Basin Municipal )  
 Water District )

I, Cecilia Pulido, Board Secretary of Central Basin Municipal Water District and of the Board of Directors thereof, do hereby certify that on a motion by Director Oskoui to approve the budget with a reduction of \$78,000, to reduce the meter charge to \$2 with the caveats that the meter charge be authorized for one year only, that a tolling provision be included with regards to legal suits appropriately, and that the [Ad Hoc] Committee work with the retail agencies and return with a resolution on the fourth Monday of the month [July 22, 2019] at the Regular Board meeting and adopt it at that time, was seconded by Director Apodaca and approved by the Board by the following roll call vote:

Chacon	No
Heldman	Yes
Arrighi	Yes
Hawkins	Yes
Oskoui	Yes
Vasquez	No
Camacho-Rodriguez	Yes
Apodaca	Yes

*Appointed Directors*

Motion was approved at a special Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District held on July 10, 2019.

Dated: September 5, 2019

Board Secretary, Central Basin  
Municipal Water District and to  
the Board of Directors thereof

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## Central Basin Municipal Water District FY 2020 Adopted Budget Meter Charge by Purveyor

	# of Connections	Fixed Charge Amount	Meter Charge
Bell Gardens, City of	1,654	\$ 2.00	\$ 3,308
Bellflower Home Garden Water Company	342	2.00	684
Bellflower, City of	1,826	2.00	3,652
Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company	6,978	2.00	13,956
Cal Water Service Company	28,008	2.00	56,016
Cerritos, City of	15,333	2.00	30,666
Commerce, City of	1,209	2.00	2,418
Compton, City of (Portions)	1,000	2.00	2,000
Downey, City of	23,336	2.00	46,672
Golden State Water Company	42,750	2.00	85,500
Huntington Park, City of	5,625	2.00	11,250
La Habra Heights County Water District	2,004	2.00	4,008
Lakewood, City of	20,247	2.00	40,494
Liberty Utilities (formerly Park Water Company)	28,437	2.00	56,874
Lynwood Park Mutual Water Company	453	2.00	906
Lynwood, City of	9,089	2.00	18,178
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 1	1,163	2.00	2,326
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 2	1,926	2.00	3,852
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 3	2,011	2.00	4,022
Montebello Land & Water Company	3,890	2.00	7,780
Montebello, City of	1,498	2.00	2,996
Norwalk, City of	5,381	2.00	10,762
Orchard Dale Water District	4,280	2.00	8,560
Paramount, City of	7,414	2.00	14,828
Pico Rivera, City of	9,412	2.00	18,824
Pico Water District	5,399	2.00	10,798
Rancho Los Amigos Golf Course	1	2.00	2
San Gabriel Valley Water Company	8,757	2.00	17,514
Santa Fe Springs, City of	5,556	2.00	11,112
Sativa L.A. County Water District	1,643	2.00	3,286
Signal Hill, City of	3,062	2.00	6,124
South Gate, City of	14,422	2.00	28,844
South Montebello Irrigation District	2,356	2.00	4,712
Suburban Water Systems-Whittier/La Mirada	34,053	2.00	68,106
Tract 180 Mutual Water Company	1,149	2.00	2,298
Tract 349 Mutual Water Company	917	2.00	1,834
Vernon, City of	965	2.00	1,930
Walnut Park Mutual Water Company	2,834	2.00	5,668
Whittier, City of	11,366	2.00	22,732
<b>Totals</b>	<b>317,746</b>		<b>\$ 635,492</b>



## **EXHIBIT “B”**



**Central Basin**  
Municipal Water District

To: Lakewood Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Leticia Vasquez-Wilson, Central Basin Municipal Water District Director

**Regarding:** March 23, 2021 Lakewood City Council Closed Session Agenda Item City of Signal Hill et. al v. Central Basin Municipal Water District Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCP03882

Date: April 13, 2021

My name is Leticia Vasquez-Wilson. I'm an elected member of the Central Basin Board of Directors. I come before you to comment on the Central Basin settlement voted on by the Lakewood City Council in closed session on March 23, 2021. For the past four years and since the passage of AB 1794 Central Basin has been led by the Directors you've appointed to our Board. The idea of imposing this meter charge on our customers was proposed and initiated by Director John Oskoui Assistant City Manager of the city of Downey on July 10, 2019. Mr. Jason Wen was present. All of the appointed Directors representing you on the Board voted to support this meter charge. In turn, you pursued litigation costing Central Basin ratepayer's hundreds of thousands of dollars. I've attached a certified copy of the action by the Board for your records with the appointed Directors highlighted in **PINK**

Santa Fe Springs Public Works Director Mr. Noe Negrete is currently serving as Vice Chair of the CBMWD Board and representing the large water users, city of Pico Rivera Public Works Director Monica Heredia serves as the representative for the 24 cities in the Central Basin service area, Mr. Michael Gualtieri of the La Harbra Heights Water District serves as an at-large member. They were all recently installed by you as the appointed representatives to the Central Basin MWD Board of Directors.

I encourage the Lakewood City Council to take a more active approach with your appointed representatives in order to reduce the likelihood of unnecessary litigation moving forward. As I've shared in many public meetings, there exists a number of very serious conflicts of interest as it pertains to the appointed Directors ability to serve on the Central Basin MWD Board. Particularly, their ability to vote on items like the meter charge, which is now being disputed by the very agencies whose representatives initiated it and voted to support it. I welcome an opportunity to further discuss this matter with you.



**Central Basin**  
Municipal Water District

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 Central Basin Municipal )  
 Water District )

I, Cecilia Pulido, Board Secretary of Central Basin Municipal Water District and of the Board of Directors thereof, do hereby certify that on a motion by Director Oskoui to approve the budget with a reduction of \$78,000, to reduce the meter charge to \$2 with the caveats that the meter charge be authorized for one year only, that a tolling provision be included with regards to legal suits appropriately, and that the [Ad Hoc] Committee work with the retail agencies and return with a resolution on the fourth Monday of the month [July 22, 2019] at the Regular Board meeting and adopt it at that time, was seconded by Director Apodaca and approved by the Board by the following roll call vote:

Chacon	No
Heldman	Yes
Arrighi	Yes
Hawkins	Yes
Oskoui	Yes
Vasquez	No
Camacho-Rodriguez	Yes
Apodaca	Yes

*Appointed Directors*

Motion was approved at a special Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District held on July 10, 2019.

Dated: September 5, 2019

Board Secretary, Central Basin  
 Municipal Water District and to  
 the Board of Directors thereof  
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## Central Basin Municipal Water District FY 2020 Adopted Budget Meter Charge by Purveyor

	# of Connections	Fixed Charge Amount	Meter Charge
Bell Gardens, City of	1,654	\$ 2.00	\$ 3,308
Bellflower Home Garden Water Company	342	2.00	684
Bellflower, City of	1,826	2.00	3,652
Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company	6,978	2.00	13,956
Cal Water Service Company	28,008	2.00	56,016
Cerritos, City of	15,333	2.00	30,666
Commerce, City of	1,209	2.00	2,418
Compton, City of (Portions)	1,000	2.00	2,000
Downey, City of	23,336	2.00	46,672
Golden State Water Company	42,750	2.00	85,500
Huntington Park, City of	5,625	2.00	11,250
La Habra Heights County Water District	2,004	2.00	4,008
Lakewood, City of	20,247	2.00	40,494
Liberty Utilities (formerly Park Water Company)	28,437	2.00	56,874
Lynwood Park Mutual Water Company	453	2.00	906
Lynwood, City of	9,089	2.00	18,178
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 1	1,163	2.00	2,326
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 2	1,926	2.00	3,852
Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 3	2,011	2.00	4,022
Montebello Land & Water Company	3,890	2.00	7,780
Montebello, City of	1,498	2.00	2,996
Norwalk, City of	5,381	2.00	10,762
Orchard Dale Water District	4,280	2.00	8,560
Paramount, City of	7,414	2.00	14,828
Pico Rivera, City of	9,412	2.00	18,824
Pico Water District	5,399	2.00	10,798
Rancho Los Amigos Golf Course	1	2.00	2
San Gabriel Valley Water Company	8,757	2.00	17,514
Santa Fe Springs, City of	5,556	2.00	11,112
Sativa L.A. County Water District	1,643	2.00	3,286
Signal Hill, City of	3,062	2.00	6,124
South Gate, City of	14,422	2.00	28,844
South Montebello Irrigation District	2,356	2.00	4,712
Suburban Water Systems-Whittier/La Mirada	34,053	2.00	68,106
Tract 180 Mutual Water Company	1,149	2.00	2,298
Tract 349 Mutual Water Company	917	2.00	1,834
Vemon, City of	965	2.00	1,930
Walnut Park Mutual Water Company	2,834	2.00	5,668
Whittier, City of	11,366	2.00	22,732
<b>Totals</b>	<b>317,746</b>		<b>\$ 635,492</b>

# **EXHIBIT “C”**



**Central Basin**  
Municipal Water District

To: Downey Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Leticia Vasquez-Wilson, Central Basin Municipal Water District Director

**Regarding:** Downey City Council Closed Session Agenda Item City of Signal Hill et. al v. Central Basin Municipal Water District Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCP03882

Date: April 13, 2021

My name is Leticia Vasquez-Wilson. I'm an elected member of the Central Basin Board of Directors. I come before you to comment on the Central Basin settlement voted on by the Downey City Council in closed session.

Over the past four years and since the passage of AB 1794, Central Basin MWD has been led by the Directors you've appointed to our Board. The idea of imposing this meter charge on our customers was proposed and initiated by Director John Oskoui Assistant City Manager of the city of Downey on July 10, 2019. All of the appointed Directors representing you on the Board voted to support this meter charge. In turn, you pursued litigation costing Central Basin ratepayer's hundreds of thousands of dollars. I've attached a certified copy of the action by the Board for your records, with the appointed Directors highlighted in **PINK**

Santa Fe Springs Public Works Director Mr. Noe Negrete is currently serving as Vice Chair of the CBMWD Board and representing the large water users, city of Pico Rivera Public Works Director Monica Heredia serves as the representative for the 24 cities in the Central Basin service area, Mr. Michael Gualtieri of the La Harbra Heights Water District serves as an at-large member. They were all recently installed by you as the appointed representatives to the Central Basin MWD Board of Directors.

I encourage the Downey City Council to take a more active approach with your appointed representatives in order to reduce the likelihood of unnecessary litigation moving forward. I've communicated a series of concerns by way of public meetings, via various emails and text messages to your former Mayor Ms. Pacheco and City Manager Mr. Livas since last year. These concerns have gone ignored. Particularly, there exists a number of very serious conflicts of interests as it pertains to the appointed Directors ability to serve on the Central Basin MWD Board. Specifically, their ability to vote on items like the meter charge, which is now being disputed by the very agencies whose representatives initiated it and voted to support it. I welcome an opportunity to further discuss this matter with you.

## **EXHIBIT “D”**

**Subject:** April 6, 2021 Letter to Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 at 2:35:38 PM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Baker, Robert

**To:** Leticia Vasquez-Wilson

**CC:** Alex Rojas, Lowe, Derrick

Dear Director Vasquez-Wilson

You have written a letter on April 6, 2021 to: " Mayor and Members of the City Council". You wrote this letter on the letterhead of Central Basin Municipal Water District. To my knowledge you had no authority of the Board to write that letter and send it on the Central Basin letterhead. This must stop! The Board of the Central Basin Municipal Water District is a body that works through the actions taken by the Board at board meetings and special meetings of the Board. No director, including you, has authority to unilaterally make representations for the Board without action being taken by the Board, in advance, approving any such action.

It is my understanding the Board refutes the content of your April 6, 2021 letter.

Please provide the names of all cities you sent the letter to so the Board can send a refutation.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Baker  
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# Southeast Water Coalition

A joint powers authority to protect the Central Groundwater Basin

## SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGENDA REPORT

**Date:** August 5, 2021  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Gina Nila, AE Chair, City of Commerce  
Kristen Sales, KJServices Environmental Consulting  
**Subject: Legislative Update**

**Recommendation:** That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on current water-related bills under consideration in State Legislature.

**Note:** The State Legislature is on Summer Recess from July 16 - August 16, 2021. September 10, 2021 is the last day for each house to pass bills.

### **Background**

SEWC's legislative consultant, Jason Gonsalves of Gonsalves & Sons, has provided a memo summarizing current relevant water-related legislation (see Attached). Below is a outline:

- The Resources Budget Trailer Bill (AB 148) includes \$1 billion to fund water/wastewater arrearages.
- The Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) included Drought & Water Infrastructure Provisions, including:
  - \$60 million for implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
  - \$650 million for drinking water projects
  - \$85 million for groundwater cleanup and recycled water projects
- OEHHA released a Public Health Goal (PHG) of 1 ppt for PFOA and 0.007 ppt for PFOS.

### **Attachment(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

1. July 26, 2021 Memorandum - Gonsalves & Sons Water Update to SEWC



## **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**

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**TO:** Members of the Southeast Water Coalition (SEWC)

**FROM:** Anthony, Jason & Paul Gonsalves

**SUBJECT:** Water Update

**DATE:** Monday, July 26, 2021

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On June 14, 2021, the Legislature passed AB 128 which represented the Legislature's budget proposal. On June 28, 2021, the Legislature passed SB 129 representing an agreement between the Legislature and the Governor Newsom. On July 8, 2021, the Legislature passed a trailer bill, AB161, which reflects the agreed upon changes to the main budget.

In addition, there were a number of budget trailer bills that followed the previously mentioned main budget bills, many of the trailer bills have been passed and others are still being negotiated, such as the drought resilience trailer bill.

Over the next several weeks the drought resiliency funding will continue to be negotiated and we do expect to see a trailery bill introduced and likely passed prior to the Legislature's September 10th adjournment.

Thus far the Legislature has passed AB 148, the Resources Budget Trailer Bill, which included Water Arrearages and drought funding. AB 148 includes \$1 billion in funding to reduce water/wastewater arrearages. Additionally, AB 148 provides a separate pot of funds for water so that there is sufficient funding based on estimated water/wastewater arrearages. Other highlights of AB 148 include:

- Disbursement of funds is proportionate to total arrearages
- Prioritizes residential customers with the largest arrearages
- Wastewater is included, though is a second tier relative to water arrearages
- Establishes the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program in the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).
- Requires SWRCB to establishing guidelines

- Requires a community water system to provide customers with arrearages accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Prohibits a community water system from discontinuing water service due to nonpayment before September 30, 2021
- Sunsets these provisions on July 1, 2025.

SB 129, which was signed by the Governor on July 12, 2021, included Drought & Water Infrastructure Provisions that include:

- \$200 million for Small Community Drought Relief Grants
- \$100 million for Urban Community Drought Relief Grants
- \$200 million for Multibenefit Projects
- \$3 million for Immediate Drought Support
- \$60 million for Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- \$100 million for Water Conveyance Projects
- \$650 million for drinking water projects
- \$650 million for wastewater projects
- \$85 million for groundwater cleanup and recycled water projects

In addition to the budget actions being taken by the Legislature and Governor, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) released their Public Health Goals for PFOA and PFOS. The Public Health Goal will be set at 1 part per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and 0.007 ppt for PFOS. Obviously, this is a very difficult standard to meet as the technology is not available to achieve these goals. The public comment period is from July 30 – September 28.

As always, please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns, you may have.