



Southeast Water Coalition

A joint powers authority to protect the Central Groundwater Basin

Meeting Agenda Announcement

Assembly Bill (“AB”) 361, signed into law on September 16, 2021, amends Government Code section 54953 to provide authority and specific requirements for public agencies to hold virtual meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency and remain in compliance with the Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950 et seq.).

Consistent with mandates of AB 361, some, or all, SEWC Board Members may attend this meeting virtually. 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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Public Comment/Question options:

- Email: 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, DECEMBER 2, 2021
6:30 PM**

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a. SEWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**
Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.
 - b. WARRANT REGISTER**
Recommendation: Approve Warrant Register.

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

- 4. UPDATE ON WRD PFAS REMEDIATION PROGRAM**
Rob Beste, Assistant General Manager, Water Replenishment District
Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on WRD's PFAS Remediation Program.
- 5. UPDATE ON CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**
Alex Rojas, General Manager, Central Basin Municipal Water District
Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the latest from the Central Basin Municipal Water District.
- 6. UPDATE ON STATEWIDE DROUGHT CONDITIONS**
Joanna Moreno, AE Vice-Chair, City of Vernon

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the status of statewide drought conditions.

7. MAKE FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E)(3) ESTABLISHED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361 - NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TELECONFERENCING

Nick Ghirelli, Richards, Watson & Gershon

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

- 1) Make the following findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3):
 - a) the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; and
 - b) state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

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, February 3, 2022, 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: November 24, 2021

Michelle Keshishian
Environmental Coordinator
City of Commerce

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 6:31 p.m. by Policy Board Chair Oralia Rebollo.

1. ROLL CALL

Kristen Sales (KJServices Environmental Consulting) called roll and the following Board Members were present on the Zoom call:

Frank Yokoyama	City of Cerritos
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
Annette Rodriguez	City of Santa Fe Springs
Maria Pilar Avalos	City of South Gate
Melissa Ybarra	City of Vernon
Jessica Martinez	City of Whittier
Henry Bouchot	City of Whittier

Also Present:

Gina Nila	City of Commerce, AE Chair
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Derwin Dy	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

Others in Attendance:

Daniel Hernandez	City of Commerce
Cesar Rangel	City of Whittier
Todd Dusenberry	City of Vernon
Nick Ghirelli	RWG
Mark Grajeda	Pico Water District
John Bednarski	MWD
Ivonne Castillo	MWD
Matt Hacker	MWD

Luis Cetina
Lizeth Martinez
Isabelle Guido
Martha Tremblay
Kristen Sales

MWD
MWD
CBMWD Engineer
LA County Sanitation
KJServices Environmental Consulting

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SEWC Board Chair Oralia Rebollo (Commerce) stated that the meeting will use the raise hand feature in Zoom to ask questions. Nick Ghirelli added that Public Comment is open to anyone who is on the call. Seeing no hands raised, the item was closed with no Public Comments 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 Margarita Rios (Norwalk). The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote by all SEWC Board Members present.

4. INTRODUCTION TO MWD'S REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM

Ivonne Castillo and John Bednarski, of Metropolitan Water District, introduced themselves and the item. Mr. Bednarski, the RRWP's chief engineer, stated that the project is starting the environmental planning stage, and that cities should give their input at this time for the maximum regional benefit, adding that SEWC member cities are stakeholders in this process. Mr. Bednarski said that MWD will continue hosting discussions about the pipeline and conveyance system and get input from the community affected.

Mr. Bednarski stated that the RRWP is a \$3.4 billion investment, which will treat water at the Sanitation District's Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson. The goal of the program is to purify treated water, pipe it into local basins, and send it to treatment plants for further purification to drinking water standards. RRWP would provide up to 150 million gallons per day (or 168,00 acre feet), enough water to supply 1.5 million people a year. Mr. Bednarski added that the City of Los Angeles is developing a similar program. The benefits of the RRWP would be increased earthquake and drought resiliency, replenishing groundwater basins, helping grow the local economy, and beneficial use of the wastewater that is currently discharged to the ocean.

RRWP is a joint collaboration between LA County San District, LA County Public Works, LADWP, and all the regional groundwater suppliers across the Central Basin, West Basin, Main San Gabriel, and Orange County Basins.

Mr. Bednarski stated that the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant's secondary effluent is the largest untapped source of treated wastewater, and RRWP has built an Advanced Water Treatment site there to conduct purification trials with

membrane bioreactors, reverse osmosis, and UV light/advanced oxidation.

The program is in the environmental planning stage, working on the Programmatic EIR until 2023. The goal is for the project to be completely online by 2032, and MWD is looking for strategies to expedite the design period. After the EIR is completed, Mr. Bednarski continued, the estimated cost is a little more than \$4 billion.

Mr. Bednarski stated that Phase 1 of the pipeline construction would be to build the backbone conveyance system, at a cost estimate of \$2.6 billion. Phase 2 would increase production at the JWPCP and extend pipelines from the backbone to additional spreading grounds and injection wells for indirect potable reuse. The two proposed alignments for the backbone system follow either the L.A. River or the San Gabriel River, both of which come to a head around the Rio Hondo spreading grounds in Pico Rivera. Mr. Bednarski added that MWD is considering alternate choices that would follow street routes between the two rivers.

Mr. Bednarski asked SEWC to support collaboration on choosing the river alignments, adding that MWD will evaluate alignments based on a criteria of constructability, use of existing infrastructure, stakeholder & environmental considerations, and real property considerations. He add that many local, regional, state, and federal agencies will be involved in the planning and permitting process.

Ms. Castillo added that MWD will provide outreach opportunities at individual meetings with local and regional agencies, and community leaders, presentations to community groups, and tours of the AWT.

Mr. Bednarski concluded by giving the timeline of the Programmatic EIR as follows:

- Fall 2022: notice of PEIR for public review of input
- Spring '23: draft PEIR for public review
- Winter '23: finalize PEIR and distribute
- Winter '24: MWD Board of Directors certifies PEIR

Mr. Bednarski gave the SEWC Board his contact information. Board Chair Rebollo thanked Mr. Bednarski for the presentation and opened up the floor to questions.

SEWC Board Member Andrew Lara (Pico Rivera) thanked Mr. Bednarski for the informative presentation, and asked if MWD had any more specificity with proposed pipelines running through Pico Rivera, particularly if the route will cut through streets or go around the dam. Mr. Bednarski stated that they are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to get onto their property at the dam, and then they are looking at city streets as a backup plan. He continued, stating that the next 12-18 months will determine the feasibility of the plan, and that MWD will work with the City of Pico Rivera if the pipeline ends up going through city streets.

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

5. UPDATE ON WRD PFAS REMEDIATION PROGRAM

AE Chair Gina Nila (Commerce) provided an overview of the item and introduced Mark Grajeda, General Manager of the Pico Water District, to give the staff report. Mr. Grajeda stated that in 2020, WRD opened the applications for the PFAS Remediation Program and received 15 submissions. As of February 1, 2021, applicants had received draft agreements, but no applicants were in accord with WRD's proposed terms. On July 30th, the Pico Water District received a revised agreement with WRD, and further revisions were made during August. On September 15th at the TAC meeting, the Pico Water District asked WMD to raise the program funding ceiling from \$34M to \$61M. The TAC approved this increase, and to fund it, voted to increase the RA by \$8/af. Due to this change, Pico Water District submitted a new application requesting more funding.

Mr. Grajeda added that the process begins for purveyors by submitting a funding application, detailing projects/systems/water capacity, and a proposal to cover any costs not covered by WRD. Mr. Grajeda added that WRD requires an engineer's estimate of probable costs, and WRD will independently validate those engineer's numbers. Mr. Grajeda suggested that the SEWC Board Members review Pico Water District's agreement with WRD and contact him with any questions regarding applications for their own cities.

SEWC Board Member Andrew Lara (Pico Rivera) thanked Mr. Grajeda for being the first pumper to finalize an agreement and advise on the process with WRD. Mr. Lara asked if WRD is considering providing the costs for new filtration systems over the life of the sites, so that the cost is not passed on to the ratepayers. Mr. Grajeda answered that right now, program funding is only for capital costs, not O&M. The goal of the PFAS Remediation Program is to get treatment plants up and running. Mr. Grajeda added that Pico Water District will look to apply for grants from the state to cover O&M costs. Mr. Lara suggested that SEWC members stick together, because they are all pumpers from the Central Basin. Mr. Lara added that future operations & management costs will be passed on to ratepayers, who have no fault in causing PFAS, especially in Pico Rivera, since PFAS was spread to their water supplies via the Rio Hondo spreading grounds. Mr. Grajeda added that it is important to speak with one, united voice, and to mutually meet face to face with WRD and pumpers to discuss terms. He acknowledged that yes, PFAS is coming in through the spreading grounds via recycled water and stormwater. However, if they shut off recycled water, Pico Water District would have to go back to purchasing imported water, which is even more expensive and would cause the RA to increase.

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

6. UPDATE ON CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

SEWC Legal Counsel Nick Ghirelli (RW&G) provided an overview of this item. Mr. Ghirelli stated that at the Central Basin's August Board Meeting, the Board approved increasing the General Manager's salary by \$25,000. At their September meeting, the Board considered amending their Administrative Code dealing with compensation for attending other meetings. The proposed amendment would eliminate CB Board Member compensation for attending SEWC meetings. This item was not passed at the September meeting, but will return at the next CB Board Meeting in October. Mr. Ghirelli added that there was no update in the Central Basin's lawsuit against Director Vasquez for violation of Admin Code, and that the case management conference was moved to January, 2022.

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

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AE Chair Gina Nila (Commerce) provided an overview of the relevant legislation. AE Chair Nila stated that AB 304 had been enrolled and was on the Governor's desk awaiting a decision. She added that the legislative deadline is October 10th. AE Chair Nila added that the following bills failed to pass: AB 1195, SB 222, SB 223. The following bills were chaptered into law: SB 403, SB 776.

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

8. MAKE FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E)(3) ESTABLISHED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361 - NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TELECONFERENCING

SEWC Legal Counsel Nick Ghirelli provided an overview of this item. Mr. Ghirelli recommended the SEWC Board make the findings required by AB 361 at the first meeting since the legislation was passed, since the SEWC Board meets every other month, not every 30 days. LA County continues to recommend social distancing. Mr. Ghirelli added that he recommendation is to approve the staff recommendation.

SEWC Board Chair Oralio Rebollo (Commerce) asked for a motion to approve the item. The motion was made by Board Member Ashton (Downey) and seconded by Board Member Rogers (Lakewood). The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote by all SEWC Board Members present.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

No Board of Directors Comments were received.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR / LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS

No Administrative Entity Chair / Lead Agency Comments were received.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Policy Board Chair Rebollo (Commerce) adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Payment Register

From Payment Date: 10/1/2021 - To Payment Date: 11/22/2021

Number	Date	Status	Void Reason	Reconciled/ Voided Date	Source	Payee Name	Transaction Amount	Reconciled Amount	Difference
GENERAL ACCOUNT - CBB GENERAL ACCOUNT									
<u>Check</u>									
420741	10/19/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	KJ SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING LLC	\$700.00		
420816	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	AGUAYO, MARIA, ISABEL	\$150.00		
420819	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	ASHTON, SEAN	\$150.00		
420823	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	BOUCHOT, HENRY	\$150.00		
420826	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	DEL PILAR AVALOS, MARIA	\$150.00		
420837	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	LARA, ANDREW	\$150.00		
420840	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	MARTINEZ, DELPHIN, JESSICA	\$150.00		
420846	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	REBOLLO, ORALIA	\$150.00		
420848	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	RIOS, MARGARITA, L	\$150.00		
420849	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	RODRIGUEZ, ANNETTE	\$150.00		
420850	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	ROGERS, TODD, SCOTT RANDALL	\$150.00		
420858	11/02/2021	Open			Accounts Payable	YBARRA, MELISSA, ANNA	\$150.00		

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Type Check Totals:							\$2,500.00		
GENERAL ACCOUNT - CBB GENERAL ACCOUNT Totals									

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	Total	13	\$2,500.00	\$0.00

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

Date: December 2, 2021
To: Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors
From: Rob Beste, Assistant General Manager, Water Replenishment District

Subject: Update on WRD PFAS Remediation Program

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

Receive and file an update on WRD's PFAS Remediation Program.

Background:

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. For more than a year, the Administrative Entity and Board of Directors have continued to receive updates on the status of the purveyors' applications for funding.

It is recommended the Board of Directors receive an overview and current status update on the PFAS funding program from WRD Assistant General Manager, Rob Beste.

Attachments:

1. PFAS Remediation Program Table
2. PFAS Remediation Program Map

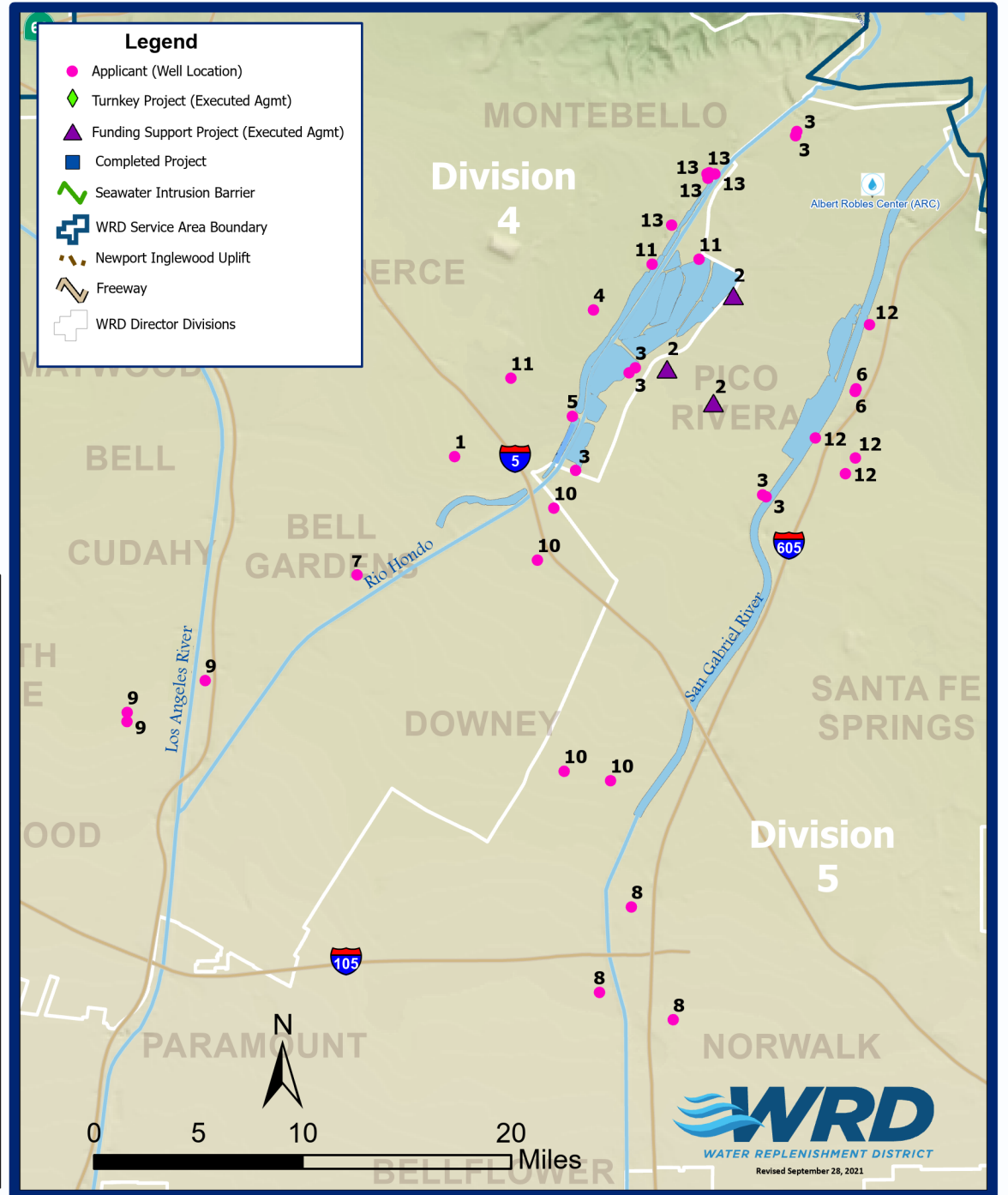
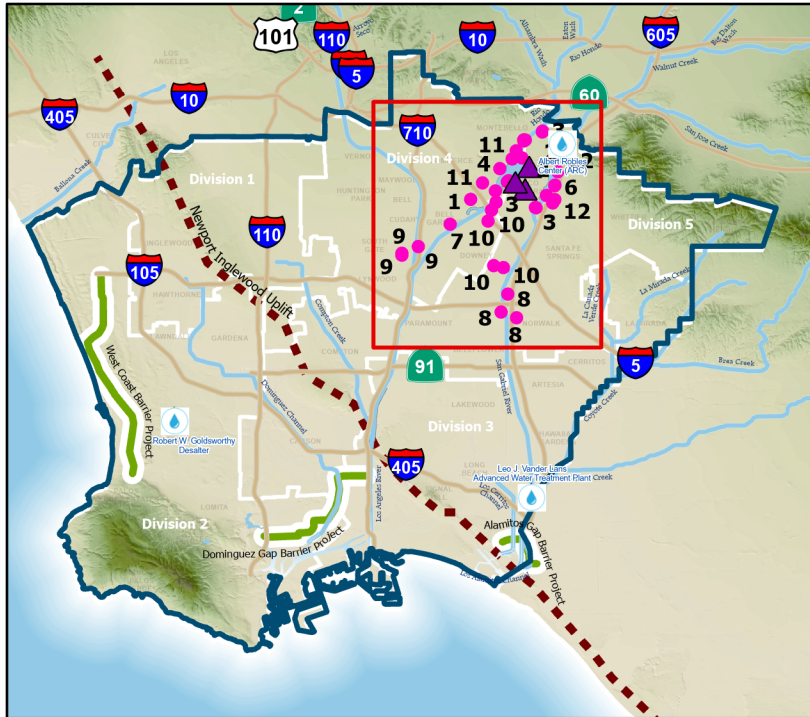


WRD PFAS Remediation Program - Status of Projects

No.	Pumper	Type of Funding Requested	PFAS-Impacted Wells	Quantity of Proposed PFAS Treatment Systems	Pumper's Estimated Total Project Cost	Program Funding Amount	Status
1	City of Commerce	Funding Support	Only 1 well: Well 7-01	1	\$2.5M	\$1.14M	Pumper to submit backup information regarding project costs. Draft Funding Agreement under review by Pumper.
2	Pico Water District	Funding Support	Total of 3 wells: Well 11 Well 8 Well 5A	3	\$5.44M	\$4.25M	Funding Agreement executed on 9/23/21. WRD processing monthly reimbursements.
3	City of Pico Rivera	Funding Support	Total of 7 wells: Well 1 Well 2 Well 3 Well 4 Well 5 Well 11 Well 12	4	\$13.9M	\$4.18	WRD waiting on revised Funding Application from Pumper.
4	California Water Service Company (Cal Water), East Los Angeles (ELA)	Funding Support	Only 1 well: Well 63-01	1	\$4.2M	\$4.11	WRD waiting on revised Funding Application submittal from Pumper.
5	City of Montebello	Funding Support	Only 1 well: Well MONT1	1	TBD	TBD	WRD waiting on Funding Application submittal by Pumper.
6	San Gabriel Valley Water Company	Funding Support	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	WRD waiting on Funding Application submittal by Pumper.
7	City of Bell Gardens	TBD	Only 1 well: Well 1	1	TBD	TBD	WRD waiting on Funding Application submittal by Pumper. Initial PFAS Application from Pumper not submitted during Round 1 (by Oct 2020).

WRD PFAS REMEDIATION PROGRAM

PROJECT NO.	PUMPER	CITY
1	City of Commerce	Commerce
2	Pico Water District	Pico Rivera
3	City of Pico Rivera	Pico Rivera
4	California Service Water Company	Montebello
5	City of Montebello	Montebello
6	San Gabriel Valley Water Company	West Whittier
7	City of Bell Gardens	Bell Gardens
8	Liberty Utilities	Bellflower
9	City of South Gate	South Gate
10	City of Downey	Downey
11	South Montebello Irrigation District	Montebello
12	La Habra Heights County Water District	West Whittier
12	Orchard Dale Water District	West Whittier
13	Montebello Land and Water Company	Montebello





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SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGENDA REPORT

Date: December 2, 2021
To: Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors
From: Alex Rojas, General Manager, Central Basin Municipal Water District

Subject: Update on Central Basin Municipal Water District

Recommendation: That the Administrative Entity take the following action:

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

Purveyor Representative Election:

Currently, there is a vacancy for the Appointed Director, At-Large representative for cities. This vacancy is being filled by an election process of the purveyors. The new At-Large cities Board Member will be seated at the Central Basin's December 20, 2021 Board Meeting.

Redistricting:

The Central Basin Municipal Water District is in the process of redistricting. Per Assembly Bill 1794, the District will change from 5 Divisions represented by elected Board Members, to 4 Divisions. This will change the makeup of the Central Basin Board of Directors to 4 electeds, and 3 appointed members.

The redistricting process will not unseat any current Board Members. All Board Members will serve out their current terms. When an incumbent Directors' term ends, they can only run for office in the new Division in which they reside. Division 3 Director Art Chacon and Division 2 Director Bob Apodaca's terms will expire in December, 2022.

The 2020 Census revealed that the population of Division 3 decreased by approximately 5%, while Division 5 increased in population by approximately 2%. The Election for new Central Basin Board Members will take place in November, 2022.

Attachments:

- 1) Introduction to 2021 Redistricting - Lucien Partners presentation to Central Basin Board of Directors, November 15, 2021

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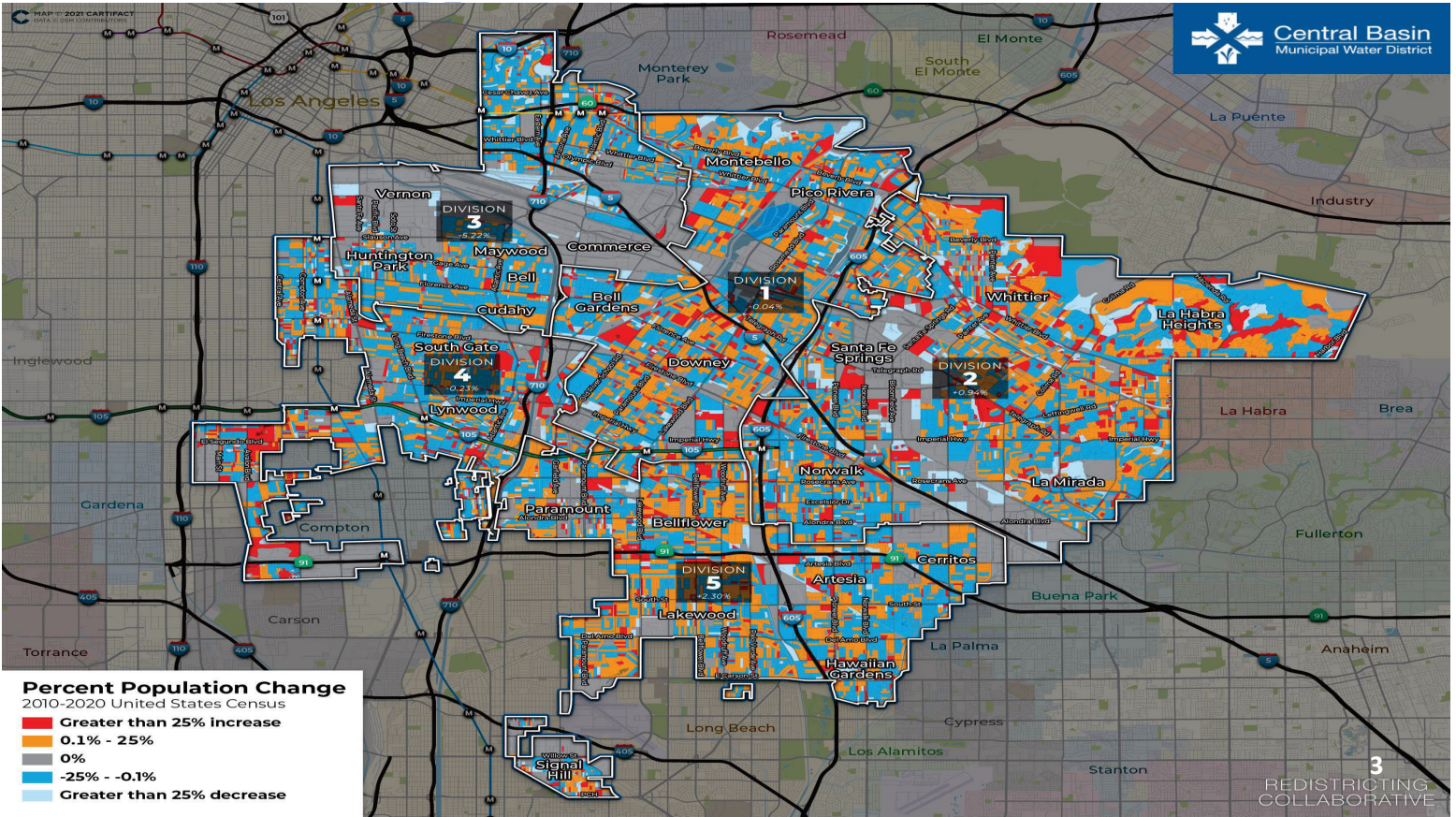
Introduction to 2021 Redistricting

*A Presentation to the
Central Basin Municipal Water District
November 15, 2021*

Population Changes

Division #	2010 Population	2020 Population	Percent Change
1	303,974	303,844	-0.04
2	329,132	332,234	0.94
3	302,429	286,649	-5.22
4	299,887	299,200	-0.23
5	303,543	310,536	2.30





Board Member Feedback

Are there any neighborhoods or communities, within the city that you live in, that **Should** be grouped together in a district?

Are there any neighborhoods or communities that **Should NOT** be combined with your neighborhood?

Are there any policy or social goals that our mapping team should keep in mind as we are creating these districts?

Are there any issues that you are concerned about that you would like our **Mapping** or **Legal** team to know as we undertake this process?

PROCESS & TIMELINE

Sample Step-by-Step Timeline

Public/stakeholder outreach	Spring/Summer 2021 & ongoing
Census Bureau/Statewide Database population counts, demographic data released	9/27/2021
Update re final demographics; board directs preparation of mapping options for consideration at future meetings, advises re criteria for same	11/15/2021
Publish draft maps & first public hearing on draft maps	12/6 or 13/2021
Publish revised map(s)	1/5/2022
Second public hearing on draft maps	1/24/2022
Publish any revised maps	2/5/2022
Final hearing and adoption	2/28/2022
Current legal deadline to adopt (Registrars pushing for earlier completion)	5/22/2022 (E-180)
Election	November 2022

Process: Effect on Incumbents

- No director's term cut short (see Wat. Code § 71266; Elec. Code § 22000(e))
- When his or her term ends, an incumbent can only run from the new director division in which he or she resides (see Wat. Code § 71266; Elec. Code § 22000(f))

Intro to 2021 Redistricting – Central Basin Municipal Water District

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LEGAL & POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Intro to 2021 Redistricting – Central Basin Municipal Water District

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SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGENDA REPORT

Date: December 2, 2021
To: Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors
From: Joanna Moreno, AE Vice-Chair, City of Vernon
Subject: Update on Statewide Drought Conditions

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the status of statewide drought conditions.

Background

On October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom expanded the statewide drought emergency declaration to include every county in the state. Newsom had already called for a voluntary reduction of water use by 15% from 2020 levels.

According to the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), 100% of the counties in California are currently classified as experiencing at least “Moderate Drought” (D1). 80% of Counties statewide are experiencing “Extreme Drought” (D3). Locally, 98.41% of Los Angeles County is classified as experiencing “Extreme Drought” (D3).

On November 9, 2021, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board of Directors declared a Drought Emergency, citing lack of supply from the State Water Project (SWP) water from Northern California. Southern California receives about one-third of its water supplies from Northern California via the SWP. Extremely low reservoir levels in Northern California, combined with two back-to-back historically dry water years, have put that supply into jeopardy.

The MWD Board approved expanding conservation programs, including \$5.5M to install high-efficiency toilets in older apartment buildings; increase its turf replacement program rebate from \$2 to \$3/sq ft for public agencies that replace grass with more water-efficient landscaping; and provide additional \$1.5 million for its program to directly install water-efficient devices for income-qualified customers.

In addition, MWD approved an efficiency program that would increase water savings through leak detection and repair. The proposed pilot program will budget \$2.6M, with a

cap of \$100,000 per Met member agency. Member agencies will apply for a detection or repair grant.

Discussion

It is recommended that the Board of Directors discuss the impact of the drought on their local agencies and provide next steps for water conservation efforts in the SEWC region.

Attachment(s):

1. MWD Board of Directors - Water Planning and Stewardship Committee, November 9, 2021



● **Board of Directors**
Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

11/9/2021 Board Meeting

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Subject

Authorize implementation of a new Municipal Leak Detection and Repair Grant Pilot Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Executive Summary

This letter seeks authorization to implement a proposed municipal agency leak detection and repair grant pilot program to increase water savings throughout the region. On August 17, 2021, Metropolitan's Board of Directors declared a Condition – 2 Water Supply Alert. In response to this declaration and California's ongoing drought conditions, staff developed a series of proposed modifications to conservation programming. These changes provide benefits to the region by offering program assistance and water savings in critical areas such as leak detection, public agency assistance, low income communities, and turf replacement.

Details

Background

Conservation and water use efficiency have played a key part in Metropolitan's Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP) for decades. Metropolitan's regional conservation program is an important tool to help meet the conservation goals established by the IRP. This program provides financial incentives to encourage the installation of drought tolerant landscapes and water-saving fixtures and devices.

Metropolitan seeks to provide public agency assistance in water conservation. Leak detection and repair is an important component of urban water efficiency as it reduces the amount of water lost to beneficial use by leaks in the distribution system. This lost water also results in a loss of revenue for a water agency, as it is water that has been pumped and treated but did not reach the customer for sale. The proposed pilot program would produce water savings and potential revenue for participating agencies.

For the past two years, Metropolitan partnered with the Municipal Water District of Orange County on a novel distribution system leak detection and repair pilot program through the Member Agency Administered Program (MAAP). This project provided financial assistance for finding and repairing municipal distribution system leaks as a possible water conservation measure. Program data from this pilot showed sufficient benefits that in January 2021 staff expanded the ability of member agencies to conduct water main leak detection with a standardized incentive of \$170 per mile of distribution system lines tested. The program described here would expand leak detection and repair beyond the MAAP into a grant program for each member agency.

Beyond the immediate conservation needs of the current drought, water loss reduction is an important element of the comprehensive "Conservation as a California Way of Life" legislative framework. The California legislature enacted SB 555 requiring water agencies to conduct distribution system audits to identify water loss. SB 555 also directs the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet water loss targets. Water loss audits performed through mathematical calculations are the first step in helping an agency identify the volume of losses and areas in the distribution system where those losses may be occurring. The Department of Water Resources collects water loss data annually from water suppliers. Per SB 555, the State Water Board is currently in the process of developing Water Loss Performance Standards for urban retail water suppliers with regulations expected to be adopted in late 2021.

Proposed Approach

The primary objective of this program is to increase water savings and efficiency in municipal distribution systems through leak detection and repair. This pilot program will be budgeted at \$2.6 million, which will be paid during the current and next fiscal years due to individual project timing. The budgeted amount is based on a \$100,000 maximum for each member agency. Member agencies will submit an application for a proposed leak detection or repair project. The application may include: (1) project description; (2) budget; and (3) maps of project area. The project will be evaluated by a panel of water efficiency team staff members to ensure that it meets program requirements before it is approved. Upon completion of the project, member agencies will provide a report containing information such as: (1) leak detection findings; and (2) estimated water savings.

Next Steps

If approved by the Board, staff will implement the municipal leak detection and repair grant pilot program. Staff will monitor data from the program and report progress and results to the Board.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

By Minute Item 50358, dated January 12, 2016, the Board adopted the 2015 Integrated Water Resources Plan Update, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-3 board letter.

By Minute Item 49542, dated September 10, 2013, the Board authorized new conservation program initiatives.

By Minute Item 49068, dated May 8, 2012, the Board authorized changes to Metropolitan's water conservation program.

By Minute Item 48772, dated August 16, 2011, the Board adopted the Long-Term Conservation Plan and revisions to the water conservation policy principles.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed actions are not defined as a project under CEQA because they involve continuing administrative activities, such as general policy and procedure making (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, the proposed actions are not subject to CEQA because they involve other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options

Option #1

Authorize implementation of the Municipal Leak Detection and Repair Grant Pilot Program.

Fiscal Impact: The budget for the 2020 and 2021 budget cycle is \$86 million, and these changes are intended to accelerate participation to achieve the budgeted amount. All expenditures for the Municipal Leak Detection and Repair Grant Pilot Program would remain within the budgeted amount.

Business Analysis: The proposed changes would aim to increase water savings and participation in conservation programs and activities.

Option #2

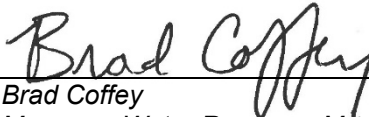
Take no action.

Fiscal Impact: None

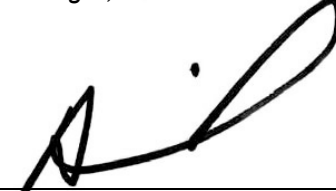
Business Analysis: Staff would consider other initiatives to increase water savings during the current drought conditions.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1



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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: December 2, 2021
To: Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors
From: Nick Ghirelli, Richards, Watson & Gershon
Subject: **Make Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) Established by Assembly Bill 361 - New Legislation Regarding Public Meetings and Teleconferencing**

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

- 1) Make the following findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3):
 - a) the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; and
 - b) state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Summary:

Staff has placed this item on the agenda so that the Board can continue to meet virtually pursuant to AB 361's special Brown Act requirements for teleconference meetings. These special requirements give local public agencies greater flexibility to conduct teleconference meetings when there is a declared state of emergency and either social distancing is mandated or recommended, or an in-person meeting would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Background:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in California due to the spread of COVID-19. The Governor subsequently issued numerous executive orders suspending or modifying state laws to facilitate the response to the emergency. Among other things, these executive orders superseded certain Brown Act requirements and established special rules to give local public agencies greater flexibility to conduct teleconference meetings. Those special rules expired on September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, in anticipation of the then-imminent expiration of his special rules for teleconference meetings, the Governor signed AB 361. In key part, this bill amends the Brown Act to establish special requirements for teleconference meetings if

a legislative body of a local public agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and either state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the body determines, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

To continue to hold meetings under these special teleconferencing requirements, a legislative body of a local public agency need to make two findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3). First, there must be a declared state of emergency and the legislative body must find that it has “reconsidered” the circumstances of such emergency. Second, the legislative body must find that such emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the legislative body’s members to meet in person. Alternatively, for the second finding, the legislative body must find that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing measures. These findings must be made within 30 days after the legislative body teleconferences for the first time under AB 361 and on a monthly basis thereafter. Given that the Board only meets every other month, staff believes that it is appropriate to make these findings at every Board meeting.

The declared emergency is still in effect. Furthermore, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles have recommended measures to promote social distancing. The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health still requires that employers provide training on the effectiveness of physical distancing in the workplace. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health still encourages people at risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19 to take protective measures such as social distancing and, for those not yet fully vaccinated, to physically distance from others whose vaccination status is unknown. The County Health Department also continues to recommend that employers take steps to support physical distancing.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board make the following findings so that meetings of the Board will be subject to the special Brown Act requirements for teleconference meetings: (1) the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; and (2) state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.