



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2:00 PM Tuesday, September 15, 2026

ZOOM INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items except as authorized by law. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

2) CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Appointment
Title: Special Counsel

2.2 Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Appointment
Title: Special Counsel

- 2.3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Government Code 54954.5(b): Assessor Parcel Number 0264-261-09, 0264-201-27, and 0264-201-31 Agency Negotiators: Joanna Gibson and Heather Dyer Negotiating Parties: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for 0264-261-09, West Valley Water District for 0264-201-27, and Pepper Avenue Partners LLC for 0264-201-31 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

3) CONSENT CALENDAR

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8) ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES
OF
THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

July 21, 2026

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, Paul R. Kielhold, Susan Longville, and Jose Velasquez.

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR Habitat Conservation Program
Wen Huang, PE, MS – Chief Operating Officer/Assistant General Manager
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy General Manager
Cindy Saks, CPA – Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager

Stephanie Chesin, MA – Principal Communications Specialist
Owen Cross, BS – Environmental Compliance Analyst I
Anthony Flordelis – Senior Business Systems Analyst
Greg Herzog, BS – Principal Water Resources Analyst
Aaron Jones, EIT, MEng – Senior Engineer
Matthew Olivo – Senior Accountant
Sayer Pinto, MBA – Principal Water Resources Analyst
Alliah Smith – Senior Administrative Assistant
Andreea Tanase, MPA – Administrative Analyst I
Francisco Wences – Associate Engineer

Brad Neufeld, Varner & Brandt
Meredith Nikkel, Downey Brand
Sam Bivins, Downey Brand

Members of the Public in Attendance:

David Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company
George Hansen, Bear Valley Mutual Water Company
Miguel Guerrero, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Mario Salcedo, City of Redlands
James Morales, East Valley Water District
Michael Moore, East Valley Water District
David Smith, East Valley Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Mark Falcone, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

John Longville, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
 Lance Eckhart, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
 Emmett Campbell, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
 Matthew Howard, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
 Larry Smith, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
 Joseph Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Erin Anton, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Mike Kostelecky, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Allison Edmisten, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Matt Porras, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Micah Knox, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Brett Granlund, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Duncan MacEwan, ERA Economics
 Linda Jadeski, West Valley Water District
 Greg Young, West Valley Water District:
 Ben Kelly, Western Heights Mutual Water Company
 Chris Fealy, Fontana Water Company
 Justin Castruita, Fontana Water Company
 Kevin Alexander, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
 Brendon Moeller
 Courtney Hamilton, CV Strategies

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Harrison at 2:01 p.m. President Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment.

Miguel Guerrero, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department, commended the Board and staff for the comprehensive financial analysis supporting the proposed ad valorem tax rate, stating that it was the most thorough review he had seen during his nearly 15 years working with the Agency. He noted that the Water Department is the Agency's largest retailer and expressed appreciation for the staff's recommendation and the Board's careful consideration of the long-term financial needs of the State Water Project (SWP). Mr. Guerrero noted the close working relationship between San Bernardino Municipal Water Department and SB Valley staff and thanked the Board for its continued commitment to supporting the region's water reliability.

Greg Young, speaking in his personal capacity and not on behalf of the West Valley Water District Board of Directors, thanked the Board and staff for their thoughtful evaluation of the Agency's long-term financial responsibilities. He acknowledged the longstanding partnership between the agencies and encouraged the Board to continue balancing present needs with future obligations to ensure adequate financial resources are available to maintain regional water supplies over the coming decades.

David Armstrong, General Manager of South Mesa Water Company, expressed support of the current ad valorem tax rate, noting that South Mesa Water Company (SMWC) customers have contributed to funding the SWP for many years. He stated that SB Valley's partnership with the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) on the County Line Road Recharge Facility has enabled SMWC to benefit directly from imported SWP supplies and emphasized that maintaining the current tax rate supports SB Valley's contractual obligations, regional groundwater recharge infrastructure, and long-term water supply reliability for agencies throughout the region.

Larry Smith, San Geronio Pass Water Agency Board of Director, advised that after reviewing SB Valley's budget workshop presentation with his Board, he had been asked to express SGPWA's support for the Board's upcoming decision. He stated that the workshop clearly explained the Agency's future financial obligations and the need to fund them responsibly. Mr. Smith emphasized the value of the longstanding partnership between the two agencies and expressed confidence that continued regional cooperation would enable SWP contractors to meet future infrastructure and water supply challenges.

Lance Eckhart, General Manager of San Geronio Pass Water Agency, described his agency's experience maintaining a stable ad valorem tax rate while prudently planning for future SWP obligations, including participation in the SWP East Branch, Sites Reservoir, and the Delta Conveyance Project. He noted that although SGPWA does not have the financial capacity to cash-fund major infrastructure projects to the same extent as SB Valley, it has remained committed to preserving its restricted SWP funds for their intended statutory purposes. Mr. Eckhart advised against suggestions to use restricted ad valorem revenues for unrelated purposes, recognizing both the legal limitations governing those funds and the importance of maintaining adequate financial resources for future SWP obligations. He commended SB Valley's long-range financial planning and expressed support for its continued commitment to fiscal stewardship and regional water supply reliability.

George Hanson, General Manager of Bear Valley Mutual Water Company, described SB Valley as a critical partner in providing supplemental imported water when local surface water supplies are insufficient. He thanked the Board for the detailed July 14 workshop presentation, stating that it provided a thorough foundation for the Board's decision-making process, and expressed support for maintaining the Agency's current approach to funding the SWP in order to preserve reliable, imported water supplies for participating agencies.

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar.

2.1) Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting – General Fund Budget Workshop – June 25, 2026

2.2) Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting – Policy / Administration Workshop - July 2, 2026

2.3) Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting – July 7, 2026

The Board of Directors approved the items on the Consent Calendar by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Velasquez	APPROVED 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

3.1) Consider adopting the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 State Water Contract Fund Budget and Setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Heather Dyer reminded the Board of the presentation at the July 14, 2026, Workshop and drew attention to the analysis by ERA Economics.

Ms. Dyer noted the comprehensive review of the State Water Contract (SWC) Fund, including the Agency's long-term financial obligations and the factors the Board might consider in setting the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 before the statutory filing deadline with San Bernardino and Riverside counties. She noted that the proposed FY 2026-2027 SWC Fund budget would authorize expenditures not to exceed \$100.3 million from the restricted fund. The rate determined appropriate by the Board would be incorporated into the resolution for adoption.

Ms. Dyer reminded that this Board was formed by the voters in 1954 to provide supplemental water supply and represent the interests of the taxpayers. She briefly reviewed operation of the State Water Project, bringing water supplies from northern to southern California through a network of systems to the terminus of the aqueduct in the SGPWA service area. She explained the Agency's role as a SWP contractor, explaining that the SWP is operated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and financed primarily through long-term contracts with the 29 participating public water agencies. She emphasized that most SWP costs are fixed regardless of the amount of water delivered, making the Agency responsible for paying its contractual obligations for its allocation of 102,600 acre-feet, whether water deliveries are abundant or limited.

Ms. Dyer summarized the major cost drivers, including annual SWP charges, East Branch Extension debt, Sites Reservoir participation, and anticipated Delta Conveyance Project costs. She explained that staff had projected SWC expenditures over the next several fiscal years in order to evaluate both current obligations and future financial commitments. While annual costs would fluctuate as major capital programs progressed, the projections demonstrated the importance of maintaining adequate reserves to meet long-term contractual responsibilities without creating sudden impacts to taxpayers.

Ms. Dyer next reviewed the Reserve Policy adopted by the Board on July 7, 2026, explaining that the policy established reserve targets specifically aligned with anticipated

State Water Contract obligations. She stated that the policy provided for operating reserves, catastrophic risk and emergency reserves, and capital project reserves, enabling the Agency to prepare for both expected expenditures and high-impact events. She recommended considering the existing reserve balance together with projected budgeted revenues and expenditures to ensure the Agency remained financially prepared while avoiding unnecessary tax collections.

Ms. Dyer also briefly reviewed historical trends, noting that the SWC ad valorem tax had changed considerably over the SB Valley's history as financial conditions, assessed valuation, and SWP obligations evolved. She explained that significant growth in assessed valuation throughout the Agency had strengthened property tax revenues, along with the effects of redevelopment agency dissolution, now allow the Board greater flexibility when considering future tax rates.

Ms. Dyer explained that these long-range expenditure projections show a significant increase in SWP costs beginning around Fiscal Years 2030 through 2033, driven primarily by the anticipated construction phase of the Sites Reservoir project, which staff currently expects to begin construction around Fiscal Year 2027-2028. She emphasized that these projections are estimates because the Agency does not control the pace or timing of major statewide projects, including Sites Reservoir, Delta Conveyance, and California Aqueduct subsidence repairs. While Sites Reservoir is expected to account for most of the construction costs in the early 2030s, she noted that Delta Conveyance follows a slightly delayed timeline, with planning costs already included in the near-term budget and major construction costs anticipated to begin coming online around 2034-2035, creating a second wave of capital expenditures beyond the period shown on the current projections. Ms. Dyer stated that staff updates these estimates annually using the DWR's five and ten year capital investment programs and other available planning information so the Board can anticipate future funding needs while recognizing that actual schedules and costs remain subject to change.

Staff calculated several property tax rate alternatives ranging from \$0.04 to \$0.08 per \$100 of assessed valuation using the Reserve Policy adopted by the Board on July 7, 2026 as the primary framework. Beginning with the policy's target reserve levels, staff modeled the impact each tax rate would have on projected property tax revenues, SWC reserve balances, and the Agency's ability to meet both current and long-term financial obligations. Ms. Dyer explained that the analysis considered not only projected revenues and expenditures, but also the timing of anticipated capital commitments and the Agency's ability to preserve adequate reserves over multiple years. She emphasized that the alternatives reflected different approaches to balancing the desire to reduce the tax burden on property owners with the Board's responsibility to prudently fund the Agency's long-term SWP obligations and protect the interests of future generations.

Referring to the projected reserve balances, Ms. Dyer explained that tax rates of \$0.08 and \$0.07 were projected to maintain or increase reserve balances and therefore would not achieve the Reserve Policy objective of beginning to draw reserves down. She noted that rates of \$0.06, \$0.05, and \$0.04 would begin reducing reserve balances, although the lower rates may require the Board to consider increasing the tax rate in the next few

years if reserves approached the minimum policy targets, reducing the flexibility to respond to future capital obligations and unforeseen events. She reminded the Board that reserve balances must be evaluated over multiple years because major SWP expenditures, including Sites Reservoir and Delta Conveyance, are expected to occur over an extended planning horizon.

Ms. Dyer noted that staff had carefully considered the effect of continued growth in assessed valuation throughout the Agency. While increasing assessed values generate additional property tax revenue, she explained that they also provide the Board with an opportunity to reduce the tax rate without proportionately reducing revenues. She emphasized that the Agency's objective was not to maximize tax collections, but to collect revenues necessary to satisfy current and anticipated obligations under the SWC while maintaining the financial stability established through the Reserve Policy.

The Board could consider a reduction from the previous year's rate while continuing to provide sufficient revenue to meet projected SWP obligations, maintain reserves consistent with Board policy, and prepare for future infrastructure investments, Ms. Dyer noted. She acknowledged that reasonable arguments could be made for both higher and lower tax rates and stated that staff's role was to provide the Board with the information necessary to make an informed policy decision, recognizing that each alternative involved different tradeoffs between immediate taxpayer relief and long-term financial preparedness. She reiterated that the Reserve Policy provided an objective benchmark for evaluating those alternatives.

Public comment: Yucaipa Valley Water District General Manager Joseph Zoba encouraged the Board to consider the prior year's over- or under-collection of property tax revenues, observed that the ERA analysis assumed a conservative 3 percent annual increase in assessed valuation compared to recent historical trends of 6 to 14 percent, and questioned the estimated assessed valuation figures shown in the analysis. Ms. Dyer responded that the Agency had received updated preliminary assessed valuation data the previous day showing growth of approximately 3.7 percent, and Chief Financial Officer Cindy Saks added that the difference from the 3 percent estimated assumption would increase projected property tax revenues by less than \$200,000, indicating that the assessed value estimates used in the analysis remained very close to preliminary values received from the County.

President Harrison opened Board discussion. All directors thanked Ms. Dyer, Ms. Saks, and SB Valley staff team, along with ERA Economics, legal counsel, retail agencies, and their representatives present, for the significant work behind the analysis.

Director Longville expressed support for establishing the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation, explaining that the rate would begin drawing down reserve balances while preserving flexibility should major projects such as Sites Reservoir experience additional delays. She stated that she favored a gradual reduction that would avoid the need to increase the tax rate again in only a few years and commended the ERA analysis as one of the best investments the Agency had made in improving its financial decision-making.

Vice President Botello suggested that the Board consider approving the budget as presented in a separate vote and made a motion to approve the fiscal year 26/27 budget as presented by Staff.

The Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 State Water Contract Fund Budget in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,335,217 by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Longville	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Vice President Botello continued by stating that the Board's extensive discussions over the previous meetings has provided a much clearer understanding of the Agency's financial position and long-term obligations. While acknowledging that significant uncertainties remain regarding the ultimate costs of major projects, particularly Sites Reservoir, he emphasized that the Board retained the flexibility to revisit the tax rate annually as additional information becomes available. He stated that this ability to adjust course in future years gave him confidence that the Board could make a prudent decision based on the information currently available.

Director Velasquez indicated this was the clearest and most comprehensive analysis the Board had received. He observed that the recently adopted Reserve Policy establishes target reserve levels that will continue to adjust as SWP costs change and stated that the staff report demonstrated that tax rates between \$0.04 and \$0.06 would satisfy the policy objectives. He further noted that the average homeowner occupies a residence for 10 to 12 years, demonstrating the importance of balancing the cost of long-term infrastructure fairly among current and future property owners.

Director Kielhold noted that the Board had received more comprehensive financial information during the past few meetings than at any time during his tenure. He stated that reviewing all the relevant financial factors together, rather than individually, had provided a much clearer picture of the Agency's fiscal position. Observing that nearly every major variable (including assessed valuation, redevelopment pass-through revenues, and future SWP costs) remains outside the Board's control, he stated that the ad valorem tax rate is the sole factor the Board can influence. He advocated for annual review of the financial analysis presented rather than allowing the tax rate to remain unchanged for extended periods, explaining that increased assessed valuations over the years and revenue received from the redevelopment pass payments has changed the economic landscape and allows in-depth discussions regarding Agency's ad valorem tax revenues and tax rate. He expressed support for a \$0.06 tax rate to provide a measured reduction while maintaining healthy reserves.

President Harrison acknowledged the substantial effort devoted to developing the analysis, describing it as a significant advancement over prior years. He stated that the Board should remain flexible and be willing to adjust the tax rate in future years as conditions surrounding Sites Reservoir, Delta Conveyance, and other SWP obligations evolve. Observing that the Agency currently possesses substantial reserve balances accumulated from prior tax collections and investment income, he stated that the Board has an obligation to avoid unnecessarily increasing those reserves and favored reducing the tax rate as much as reasonably possible. Concluding that the Agency will revisit the issue annually as new information becomes available, President Harrison expressed support for reducing the ad valorem tax rate as low as possible, at \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Director Velasquez concurred with President Harrison, observing that even at the lower rate, reserve balances were projected to remain within the targets established by the Reserve Policy over the next several years and made a motion to the set rate at \$0.04.

Vice President Botello seconded the motion. President Harrison asked if there were any other comments from the Board and hearing none asked the Clerk for roll call.

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 1205 to set the debt service property tax rate at \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed value for the 2026-2027 year by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Velasquez	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

RESOLUTION NO. 1205

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
NEEDED TO MAKE ANNUAL PAYMENTS FOR
INDEBTEDNESS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS PRIOR TO
JULY 1, 1978, AND/OR FOR WHICH A TAX LEVY IS
REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE I, SECTION 10 OF THE
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND MAKING A TAX
LEVY THEREFOR**

(See Resolution Book)

Following the vote, Ms. Dyer expressed appreciation to Agency staff, legal counsel, ERA Economics, and all those who had spent months researching historical records, refining financial data, and preparing the comprehensive analysis presented to the Board. She described the effort as a true team accomplishment and committed to continuing to provide this level of financial analysis in future years. President Harrison agreed, describing the work as establishing a new foundation for future financial planning and a significant improvement in the information available to the Board. Vice President Botello concluded by noting that longtime property owners, particularly those in Division 1, had borne much of the tax burden that built the Agency's reserves over the years and stated that the Board's action provided meaningful tax relief while maintaining prudent financial stewardship.

Agenda Item 4. Reports. (Discussion and Possible Action)

4.1) Directors' Report of Activities and Travel Requests in accordance with Resolution 1100.

Director Kielhold reported that he attended:

- Jul. 20 – San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency meeting

Director Velasquez reported that he attended:

- Jul. 20 – Association of Special Districts dinner

President Harrison reported that he attended:

- Jul. 14 – Association of Special Districts Board meeting
- Jul. 20 – Association of Special Districts dinner

Director Botello reported that he attended:

- Jul. 15 – San Bernardino City Council meeting
- Jul. 16 – West Valley Water District Board meeting
- Jul. 20 – Association of Special Districts dinner

Director Longville reported that she attended:

- Jul. 8 – Participated in the making of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department's regional water history video

4.2) General Counsel Report. No report.

4.3) SAWPA Meeting Report. Director Botello presented the July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting and Strategic Planning Workshop of the SAWPA Commission report:

- The Commission authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order WEST374-04 with West Yost for development of the Ambient Water Quality Database and consolidation of Groundwater Quality Data through 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$147,543.
- The Commission authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order WEST374-05 with West Yost for completion of the Santa Ana River Reach 3 Total Dissolved Solids Special Study in an amount not to exceed \$197,494.
- The Commission received and filed the following Informational Report:
 - SAWPA Strategic Plan Development Update

Director Harrison reported there had been a major break in the Brine Line and working overnight, almost all brine line material was collected and the pipeline is back in service.

4.4) Water Delivery Report. Principal Water Resources Analyst Sayer Pinto reported the following for the month of June 2026:

June 2026	acre-feet (af)
Imported State Project Water (SPW) delivered to the District	3,308
Baseline Feeder Wells	636
Santa Ana River diversions (7,078 acre-feet YTD)	1,361
Direct deliveries June 2026 (28 percent of operating plan)	3,307
Recharge deliveries (72 percent of plan)	2,147

Ms. Pinto reported:

- As of July 19, Northern Sierra precipitation has measured an average of 50.8 inches total (2.4 inches below average)
- As of July 19, the local 3-station index has measured an average of 35.32 inches (4.26 inches above average)
- Productive discussions with the DWR regarding metering discrepancies, and coordination on a net-positive resolution
- Re-evaluation of the Operating Plan for Recharge to ensure delivery of new sources of water that may become available in the near future, and retain all the

carry-over water stored in the San Luis Reservoir if there is a decision before the end of the year

Monitoring reservoir levels to assure water can be moved if climate conditions change.

4.5) CEO/General Manager's Report. CEO/General Manager Heather Dyer:

- Reported successful spawning of native fish at the restored Anza Creek tributary, marking an important milestone for the Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan and demonstrating the success of the habitat restoration project.
- Announced publication of a peer-reviewed scientific journal article on Santa Ana River ecosystem health, recognizing UC Riverside researchers and congratulating SB Valley staff member Kai Palenscar for serving as a co-author.
- Reported participation, along with Director Longville, in the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department's regional water history video documenting the agencies' longstanding partnership and collaborative accomplishments.
- Highlighted presentation of a \$160,000 Demand Management Program incentive check to West Valley Water District in support of innovative water conservation projects, including turf removal and the Rosena Ranch project.
- Reported participating in an ACWA Region 9 leadership panel discussing water infrastructure, long-term water planning, and implementation of SB 72 with water industry leaders.
- Announced that Chief of Planning and Watershed Resilience Greg Woodside would represent SB Valley at the National Water Supply Alliance annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Agenda Item 5. Future Business. None.

Agenda Item 6. Announcements.

6.1) List of Announcements. Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy General Manager Jose Macedo reviewed the List of Announcements. President Harrison noted that he would not be present in person at the August 4 meeting, and Vice President Botello would chair the meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Closed Session. District Counsel Brad Neufeld announced the Closed Session. President Harrison opened the Closed Session at 3:24 p.m.

- 7.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9
(one potential case)

President Harrison returned the meeting to Open Session at 3:35 p.m. Counsel Brad Neufeld announced that the Board voted unanimously to reject the tort claim of Stella Kenney, and directed General Counsel to issue the rejection letter.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment. President Harrison adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing minutes of the
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Secretary

Date _____

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

**MINUTES
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August 4, 2026

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, Paul R. Kielhold, Susan Longville, and Jose Velasquez.

Directors Absent: T. Milford Harrison

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
 Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR Sustainable Resources Alliance
 Wen Huang, PE, MS – Chief Operating Officer/Assistant General Manager
 Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy General Manager
 Cindy Saks, CPA – Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager
 Michael Plinski, PE – Chief of Water Resources

Owen Cross, BS – Environmental Analyst
 Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
 Greg Herzog, BS – Principal Water Resources Analyst
 Kelly Malloy, MPA – Manager of Strategic Communications and Special Initiatives
 Leo Ferrando – Assistant Chief Engineer
 Matthew Olivo – Senior Accountant
 Kai Palenscar, Ph.D. – Preserve System Program Manager
 Sayer Pinto, MBA – Principal Water Resources Analyst
 Karen Resendez, MAOL – Human Resources & Risk Manager
 Andreea Tanase, MPA – Administrative Analyst I
 Francisco Wences – Associate Engineer
 Jay Rodriguez – Intern
 Evan Soto – Intern

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Sarah Wargo, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Allison Edmisten, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Michah Knox, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Michael Moore, East Valley Water District
 Geoff Cromwell, United States Geological Survey (USGS)
 John Newby, USGS
 Brock Huntsman, USGS
 Courtney Hamilton, CV Strategies
 Chuck Vahovick

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Botello at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 2. Discussion and Possible Action Items.

2.1) Consider State Water Project Water Transfer from Crestline - Lake Arrowhead Water Agency for Up To 2,000 Acre-Feet. Chief of Water Resources Michael Plinski presented a proposed SWP water transfer of up to 2,000 acre-feet from the Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (CLAWA) pursuant to the long-term transfer agreement approved by both agencies in 2025. He explained that CLAWA recently declared a 2,000-acre-foot surplus and that the transfer would benefit both agencies by maximizing the efficient use of available SWP supplies. Mr. Plinski reviewed San Bernardino Valley's 2026 delivery plan, noting that although additional Yuba Accord water had become available since the plan was developed, approximately 9,000 acre-feet of recharge orders remained on hold. He stated that the proposed transfer, together with future coordination with retail agencies regarding unused direct delivery orders and possible adjustments to 2027 carryover storage, would help maximize fulfillment of those recharge orders.

Director Kielhold inquired about cost, and Mr. Plinski explained that no payment would be exchanged between the agencies. Under the existing long-term agreement, San Bernardino Valley would repay CLAWA one-half acre-foot in the future for each acre-foot received through the transfer, with the repayment obligation remaining in effect for up to ten years.

The Board directed the CEO/General Manager to proceed with a 2026 State Water Project water transfer from the Crestline - Lake Arrowhead Water Agency to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for up to 2,000 acre-feet by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Velasquez	APPROVED 4-0
AYES:	Botello, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison	

2.2) Consider the Joint Funding Agreements for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Cooperative Program with the United States Geological Survey. Principal Water Resources Analyst Sayer Pinto presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 United States Geological Survey (USGS) Cooperative Program agreements. She noted that although each agreement is separate, they are presented together to demonstrate the collaborative value of the long-standing partnership between San Bernardino Valley and the USGS in providing the scientific foundation for regional water management and decision-making.

Ms. Pinto, along with Principal Water Resources Analyst Greg Herzog and Executive Director Upper SAR Sustainable Resources Alliance Joanna Gibson reviewed the agreements for consideration:

- **Hydrologic Data Collection and Monitoring Program:** the Redlands Field Office monitors and maintains streamflow, precipitation, and groundwater level data that support the Western San Bernardino and Santa Ana River Watermasters, the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency, the Basin Technical Advisory Committee, groundwater model development, the Habitat Conservation Plan, basin optimization efforts, the Rialto Basin Groundwater Council, and Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations. She emphasized that the data are essential to numerous agency programs and annual Watermaster reporting. The total program cost is \$1,344,760, with a \$159,000 USGS contribution, approximately \$300,000 from Watermaster partners, and a net cost to San Bernardino Valley of \$885,614.
- **Water Resources Investigations Program:** Continues efforts to improve understanding of regional groundwater basins through groundwater and surface water sampling, hydro stratigraphic investigations, basin inflow modeling, geophysical studies near recharge facilities, and analysis of groundwater recharge sources in the Yucaipa Basin. This year's work will include siting a new multi-level monitoring well to improve understanding of groundwater movement from recharge areas into the basin. The total program cost is \$874,186, with the USGS contributing nearly \$200,000, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency contributing \$2,000, and a net cost to San Bernardino Valley of \$676,572.
- **Native Fishes Survey and Data Analysis:** The annual native fish monitoring surveys provide a scientifically defensible dataset required to support existing and future water infrastructure permits and to evaluate populations of the Santa Ana

sucker and other native fish species. The USGS requested a three-year agreement to reduce administrative burden; however, annual program costs would continue to be presented to the Board for approval. The total program cost for the coming year is \$192,412, with USGS contribution of \$32,457 and Habitat Conservation Plan partner cost sharing (\$95,973) resulting in a net cost to San Bernardino Valley of \$63,982.

Ms. Pinto reported that the total cost of the three cooperative agreements is \$2,411,358, including contributions from the USGS, Watermaster partners, the San Geronio Pass Water Agency, and Habitat Conservation Plan partners, for a net cost to San Bernardino Valley of \$1,626,167.

Vice President Botello asked whether the investigations include monitoring for water quality contaminants. Mr. Herzog responded that the sampling includes a broad range of analyses and provides an overall assessment of basin conditions. Mr. Plinski added that staff recently requested inclusion of PFAS sampling in surface water. Director Kielhold inquired about the timing of HCP partner reimbursements, and Ms. Gibson explained that East Valley Water District had already begun contributing its share and that remaining partner agencies would be billed as the agreement advances and ongoing work proceeds.

The Board authorized the General Manager / CEO to execute joint funding agreements in fiscal year 2026-2027 with the United States Geological Survey for the following aspects of the Cooperative Program:

1. Hydrologic Data Collection and Monitoring Program in the amount of \$1,185,760 (27ZGJFA22000053);
2. Water Resources Investigations in the amount of \$ 678,624 (22ZGJFA21000008); and
3. USGS California Water Science Center 3-year proposal to continue native fishes surveys and data analyses work in the amount of \$159,955 (26ZGJFA08000074))

by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Kielhold	SECONDED: Velasquez	APPROVED 4-0
AYES:	Botello, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison	

Agenda Item 3. Reports. (Discussion and Possible Action)

3.1) State Water Project Update. Chief of Water Resources Michael Plinski reported:

Golden Mussel Update

- DWR established an Incident Command structure to coordinate statewide response to the invasive golden mussel. State Water Contractors and Department of Fish and Wildlife are meeting monthly to coordinate response efforts and share lessons learned. DFW now requires agencies with golden mussel detections to develop control plans.
- San Bernardino Valley has not detected golden mussels within its system; EarthTec treatment continues to provide protection despite detections at Silverwood Lake and Devil Canyon Afterbay.
- DWR's pilot chemical treatment at Devil Canyon First Afterbay has successfully reduced/eliminated mussels and will continue. San Bernardino Valley, San Gabriel Valley, and San Geronimo Pass requested that DWR evaluate permanent treatment facilities.
- Metropolitan Water District is considering similar chemical treatment at its Devil Canyon Second Afterbay, validating San Bernardino Valley's early proactive approach. Prior and current staff whose early planning helped protect San Bernardino Valley infrastructure were acknowledged. Director Velasquez commented on the rapid response and partnership.
- Director Botello asked about sharing lessons learned; staff confirmed ongoing statewide coordination.

State Water Project Subsidence

- DWR presented interim repairs to address subsidence in the California Aqueduct while long-term solutions are developed. The interim project would restore conveyance capacity through approximately 46 miles of canal and is estimated to cost \$75 million, with grant funding being pursued.
- Permanent subsidence repairs are estimated to exceed \$3 billion, with roughly \$2 billion attributable to the State Water Project (SWP). Staff emphasized the need to plan for future SWP repair costs.

DWR Leadership / Revenue Bond Billing

- Governor Newsom appointed Tom Gibson as Director of the Department of Water Resources; staff looks forward to continued collaboration under his leadership.
- Staff is working with DWR and State Water Contractors to reconcile Water System Revenue Bond debt service billing following implementation of new accounting software. Resolution is anticipated in 2027, with any resulting adjustments expected to appear on the 2028 Statement of Charges.

San Luis Reservoir

- Much of the reservoir currently contains carryover storage from prior years.
- DWR anticipates possible spill conditions under forecasted wet El Niño conditions. San Bernardino Valley previously moved its carryover supplies, leaving only Table A water that is not subject to spill.

- Staff is preparing to maximize use of any resulting Article 21 water if it becomes available.

Sites Reservoir Project

- Sites Reservoir received an additional \$270 million in Proposition 1 funding, increasing total Proposition 1 funding to approximately \$1.36 billion.
- Water rights proceedings continue before the State Water Resources Control Board. The Administrative Hearing Officer requested additional testimony regarding project water supply benefits.
- Revised draft water right is anticipated in September, followed by public comment and final State Water Board consideration later in the year.
- Sites Authority continues negotiating numerous agreements necessary before investor commitments. A future investor commitment request may return to the Board after remaining project elements are finalized.
- Director Botello discussed the importance of the water rights decision to investor participation. San Bernardino Valley will not recommend an investor commitment until water rights, agreements, costs, and project benefits are fully defined.

Delta Conveyance Project

- Water rights proceedings for the change in point of diversion continue, with a permit anticipated in late 2027.
- Court injunctions affecting geotechnical investigations have been lifted, allowing field work to resume later this year.
- DWR is preparing contract amendments addressing Delta Conveyance cost recovery and benefit allocation among participating SWP contractors.
- Federal NEPA review has been completed following issuance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Record of Decision.
- Significant volumes of water could have been captured during recent wet years if Delta Conveyance had been operational.
- Director Botello asked whether the draft water right allocation might increase above the previously proposed amount; staff expressed cautious optimism.

3.2) Directors' Report of Activities and Travel Requests in accordance with Resolution 1100.

Director Botello noted that President Harrison was currently in attendance at a workshop on FIRO. Director Kielhold indicated he had nothing to report.

Director Velasquez reported that he attended:

- July 28 – City of Rialto City Council meeting
- July 30 – Yucaipa Valley Water District dedication of water treatment facility

Director Longville reported that she attended:

- July 22 – Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Community Strategic Plan hearing

- July 21 – State Water Resources Control Board hearing on Sites water rights
- July 28 – San Bernardino Municipal Water Department demand management program check presentation
- July 30 – Yucaipa Valley Water District dedication of water treatment facility

Director Botello reported that he attended:

- July 28 – San Bernardino Municipal Water Department demand management program check presentation

3.3) General Counsel Report. No report.

3.4) Treasurer's Report. Director Longville presented the report:

The Board approved the following cash disbursements for the month of June 2026:

State Water Contract Fund	\$ 3,063,910.97
General Fund	\$ 3,520,541.58

by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Velasquez	APPROVED: 4-0
AYES:	Botello, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison	

3.5) Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee Reports. None.

3.6) SAWPA Meeting Report. Director Botello presented the report on the August 4, 2026, SAWPA meeting.

SAWPA Commission

- The Commission authorized the General Manager to execute a General Services Agreement with Engineering Solutions Services, Inc. (ESS) for on-call grant writing and funding support services for an initial term through June 30, 2028, with an initial aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$146,500 for FY 2027, subject to final contract negotiations and legal review.
- The Commission approved the salary schedule for FY 2027 as required by CalPERS.
- The Commission received and filed the following informational reports:
 - SAWPA Strategic Plan Update
 - Education and Outreach Program Update – Regional Events and Community Engagement Highlights

PA 24 Committee

- The Committee approved the following:
 - Received and filed Status Report.
 - Retroactively authorized the General Manager to issue work orders to contractors for an amount to be determined to contain the spill and make repairs due to the Reach V Pipeline Failure and Spill.
 - Retroactively directed staff to pay all expenses from the Brine Line Self-Insurance Fund, to file a claim with SAWPA's insurance carriers, and to deposit any insurance payments received into the Self-Insurance Fund.
- The Committee received and filed the following informational report:
 - Inland Empire Brine Line 10-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Agenda Item 4. Future Business. None.

Agenda Item 5. Announcements.

5.1) List of Announcements. Chief Administrative Officer / Deputy General Manager Jose Macedo reviewed the List of Announcements.

Agenda Item 6. Closed Session. There was no closed session.

Agenda Item 7. Adjournment. Vice President Botello adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing minutes of the
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Secretary

Date _____

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

**MINUTES
OF
THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
RESOURCES/ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

August 11, 2026

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, Paul R. Kielhold, Susan Longville, Jose Velasquez

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Wen B. Huang, PE, MS – Chief Operating Officer/Assistant General Manager
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy General Manager
Cindy Saks, CPA – Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager

Owen Cross, BS – Environmental Analyst
Leo Ferrando, PE, MS – Assistant Chief Engineer
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Kelly Malloy, MPA – Manager of Strategic Communications and Special Initiatives
Adekunle Ojo, MPA – Manager of Integrative Planning
Matthew Olivo – Senior Accountant
Kai Palenscar, Ph.D. – Preserve System Program Manager
Sayer Pinto, MBA – Principal Water Resources Analyst
Alliah Smith – Senior Administrative Assistant
Andreea Tanase, MPA – Administrative Analyst I
Francisco Wences – Associate Engineer

Members of the Public in Attendance:

James Morales, East Valley Water District
Mark Falcone, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Allison Edmisten, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Nyles O’Harra, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Joseph Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Jim Schaefer, PRIDE Industries One, Inc.
Kristy Moyer, PRIDE Industries One, Inc.
Charles Vahovick

The Resources/Engineering Workshop of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Susan Longville at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was noted present.

Agenda Item 1. Introductions.

- Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion and Possible Action Items.

3.1) Consider Construction Bid Award to PRIDE Industries One, Inc. for the Direct Installation Program Turf Removal and Indoor Water Fixture Replacement Project.

Manager of Strategic Communications and Special Initiatives Kelly Malloy advised the Board about an error in the procurement process and explained that this contract item was being returned to the Board for reconsideration to correct a step required by the grant requirements. She presented the proposed construction contract for the Direct Installation Program, funded through a \$5.7 million Department of Water Resources 2022 Urban Communities Drought Relief Grant. She explained that approximately \$3 million of the grant was designated for direct installation of indoor water-efficient fixtures and turf removal and replacement, with all work and grant reporting required to be completed by December 31, 2026.

Ms. Malloy explained that staff had previously procured the work as a professional services contract through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, resulting in the Board's award of a contract to EcoTech Services, Inc. During preparation of the grant's quarterly reporting, it was discovered that the grant required the work to be procured as a public works construction project through a formal, advertised competitive bidding process. Because the RFQ had not included the required legal advertisement in an adjudicated newspaper, work performed under the EcoTech contract would not have been eligible for grant reimbursement. Ms. Malloy stated that staff identified the issue before construction began, stopped the work, rescinded the EcoTech contract, and initiated the required public works bidding process. She emphasized that the cancellation was an administrative matter and was not attributable to any deficiency by EcoTech. District Legal Counsel and engineering staff subsequently worked through the termination of the prior contract and implementation of the new procurement process.

Ms. Malloy described the public works bidding process. She assured that Legal Counsel had been closely involved, including review of the EcoTech contract termination and the new procurement process, and confirmed that the revised public works bidding process complied with applicable legal and grant requirements. Two eligible bids were received: PRIDE Industries One, Inc. at \$1,322,319 and EcoTech at \$2,998,600. Ms. Malloy requested that the Board waive a minor irregularity in PRIDE's bid resulting from a typographical error in a bond/insurance line item, explaining that the correction did not materially alter the bid, provide a competitive advantage, or change the apparent low

bidder. Ms. Malloy stated that staff had verified PRIDE's pricing, including equipment, materials, labor, and prevailing wage requirements, and determined that PRIDE was a responsible and responsive apparent low bidder.

President Harrison and Director Kielhold both expressed concern about the approximately \$1.6 million difference between the two bids and questioned whether PRIDE could complete the work within the grant's firm deadline. Staff explained that PRIDE is a different type of business model and operates at a substantially larger geographic and project scale than EcoTech, routinely performs similar work for government agencies, and could mobilize crews from multiple locations. The public works construction process imposed additional bonding, insurance, and prevailing wage requirements. EcoTech's bid remained similar to its previously approved contract amount despite the additional requirements and a reduced scope, while staff confirmed that PRIDE's substantially lower bid included equipment, materials, labor, and compliance with prevailing wage requirements. Staff had checked references and found no indication of problematic performance or excessive change orders from PRIDE.

Directors also discussed the difference between the outreach used for professional services procurements and the broader public advertisement required for construction contracts. Director Velasquez recommended that San Bernardino Valley consider establishing internal procurement guidelines requiring broader public advertising even when not legally required. Vice President Botello supported the recommendation, stating that routine public advertising could expand opportunities for firms that may not already be included on the agency's vendor notification lists. CEO/General Manager Heather Dyer indicated that staff could incorporate newspaper advertising into its internal RFQ/RFP practices to broaden the pool of potential respondents beyond the agency's existing vendor lists.

At the Board's request, representatives of PRIDE Industries joined the meeting remotely. Jim Schaefer, director of PRIDE's Project Management Services, responded to questions regarding the company's local presence, capacity, pricing, and ability to meet the project schedule. Mr. Schaefer explained that PRIDE maintains operations in the region and manages significant government facility and landscaping work, although its principal landscape operation serving the area is based in Pacoima. Addressing the low bid, he stated that PRIDE intentionally priced the project near cost as an opportunity to expand its landscaping business in the region and potentially develop additional future clients and work. He assured the Board that PRIDE currently had the capacity to perform the work, noting that the company manages approximately 13 million square feet of landscaping nationwide and can draw personnel and equipment from multiple locations.

Vice President Botello emphasized the importance of PRIDE having existing capacity rather than relying on future expansion. In response to a question about the grant's hard deadline, Mr. Schaefer stated that PRIDE understood the schedule and anticipated deploying approximately 15 to 16 employees in multiple crews, with the goal of completing the work before the end of November. In response to Chair Longville, he further stated that PRIDE believed it could approximately double, and potentially exceed, the initial scope within the available timeframe if more grant funds were made available. Ms. Malloy

reported that sufficient participating properties were already identified to support an expanded scope and that additional properties were available as backups. If the initial contract were approved, PRIDE could immediately mobilize on the \$1.3 million first phase while staff simultaneously developed a second phase intended to utilize as much as possible of the remaining direct-installation grant funding, with any proposed expansion returning to the Board.

Vice President Botello also asked whether local small businesses could participate in the project. Ms. Malloy explained that the public works bidding process requires subcontractors to be identified in the bid documents so their licenses and qualifications can be verified. Accordingly, additional subcontractors could not be added to this contract after bidding, although staff could encourage participation by local businesses in future opportunities.

The Board of Directors:

1. Waived the minor irregularity contained in PRIDE Industries One, Inc. bid, awarded the construction contract for the Direct Installation Program Turf Removal and Indoor Water Fixture Replacement Project to PRIDE based on the bid amount of \$1,322,319, and authorized execution of the agreement for the Direct Installation Program Turf Removal and Indoor Water Fixture Replacement Project; and
2. Authorized contingency costs of up to ten (10) percent above the contract amount, or \$132,231, subject to review and approval by the CEO/General Manager

by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Harrison	SECONDED: Velasquez	APPROVED: 4-1
AYES:	Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	Botello	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 4. Future Business. Vice President Botello requested the next meeting agenda include consideration of formation of a Personnel/Workforce Development standing committee.

The Board of Directors added this item to a future agenda by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Kielhold	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville, Velasquez	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment. Chair Longville adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing minutes of the
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Secretary

Date _____

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Greg Woodside, Chief of Planning and Watershed Resilience
Wen Huang, Chief Operating Officer/Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: Consider Extension of End Date for Memorandum of Understanding Regarding
Request for State Water Project Recharge at Cactus Basins with San Bernardino
County

Staff Recommendations

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of San Bernardino and San Bernardino County Flood Control District for the proposed Cactus Basins Recharge Project to extend the MOU's end date.

Summary

In October 2024, San Bernardino Valley, San Bernardino County (County) and San Bernardino County Flood Control District (Flood Control District) executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding planning recharge of supplemental water at the Cactus Basins. The MOU outlines collaborative activities the parties to the MOU will engage with Rialto-Colton Basin stakeholders and develop an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP). The goal of implementing this effort is to collaboratively develop an agreement that will facilitate recharge of supplemental water at Cactus Basins in the City of Rialto and include sufficient mechanisms to protect the County and Flood Control District from potential increased risk associated with groundwater contamination movement due to recharge.

The MOU identifies formation of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to provide input on factors to consider in developing the AMP, provide input on assumptions used in preparation of the AMP, provide information and data, provide comments on the proposed AMP, and discuss legal and cost protections for the County and Flood Control District.

Since the execution of the MOU, the TAG has met five times. The Technical Subgroup working at the TAG's direction has met six times. These efforts are making good progress in developing the AMP.

The MOU expires on October 7, 2026. In collaboration with County staff, Agency staff has prepared an MOU amendment which will extend the end date to October 7, 2027, with the option to extend for one additional year upon mutual written approval from the County Chief Executive Officer and the San Bernardino Valley Chief Executive Officer/General Manager.

Background

Areas of groundwater contamination exist in the Rialto-Colton Groundwater Basin that are under regulatory oversight of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (RWQCB-SA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The RWQCB-SA has primary regulatory oversight of the western plume, and USEPA has primary regulatory oversight of the eastern plume associated with the Rockets, Fireworks and Flares Superfund Site.

The County is under RWQCB-SA order to remediate the western plume; remediation operations are overseen by the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division. The Cactus Basins overlie the eastern plume, and the western plume is located within that area that may be hydraulically influenced by recharge activities at Cactus Basins.

Due to the existence of groundwater contamination in the area of Cactus Basins, the groundwater basin stakeholders need to consider potential impacts of artificial recharge on the groundwater contamination and remediation efforts overseen by the RWQCB-SA and USEPA.

The AMP will describe an approach to monitor groundwater conditions to assess if the proposed recharge activities may have unforeseen, unintended impacts on the movement of groundwater contamination or on groundwater remediation systems. The AMP would also identify threshold criteria and mitigative actions, such as adjusting the rate of recharge so that threshold criteria are not exceeded.

Participants in the TAG

The entities that are invited to participate in meetings of the TAG include the following:

- San Bernardino Valley staff

- County and Flood Control District staff
- RWQCB-SA
- USEPA
- Parties under regulatory oversight for Operable Unit 1 and Operable Unit 2 of the Rockets, Fireworks and Flares Superfund Site
- Participants in the Rialto Basin Groundwater Council (City of Rialto, City of Colton, West Valley Water District, and Fontana Water Company)

District Strategic Plan Application

The MOU and planning recharge at Cactus Basins implements Strategic Plan Strategy 2 'Proactively manage a diverse, adaptable water supply portfolio to maximize the value of the region's water assets.' This effort also supports Goal 2.3 'Protect and maximize value of local groundwater basins,' and Goal 2.4 'Maximize operational flexibility and connection of assets within San Bernardino Valley and regional water infrastructure systems.'

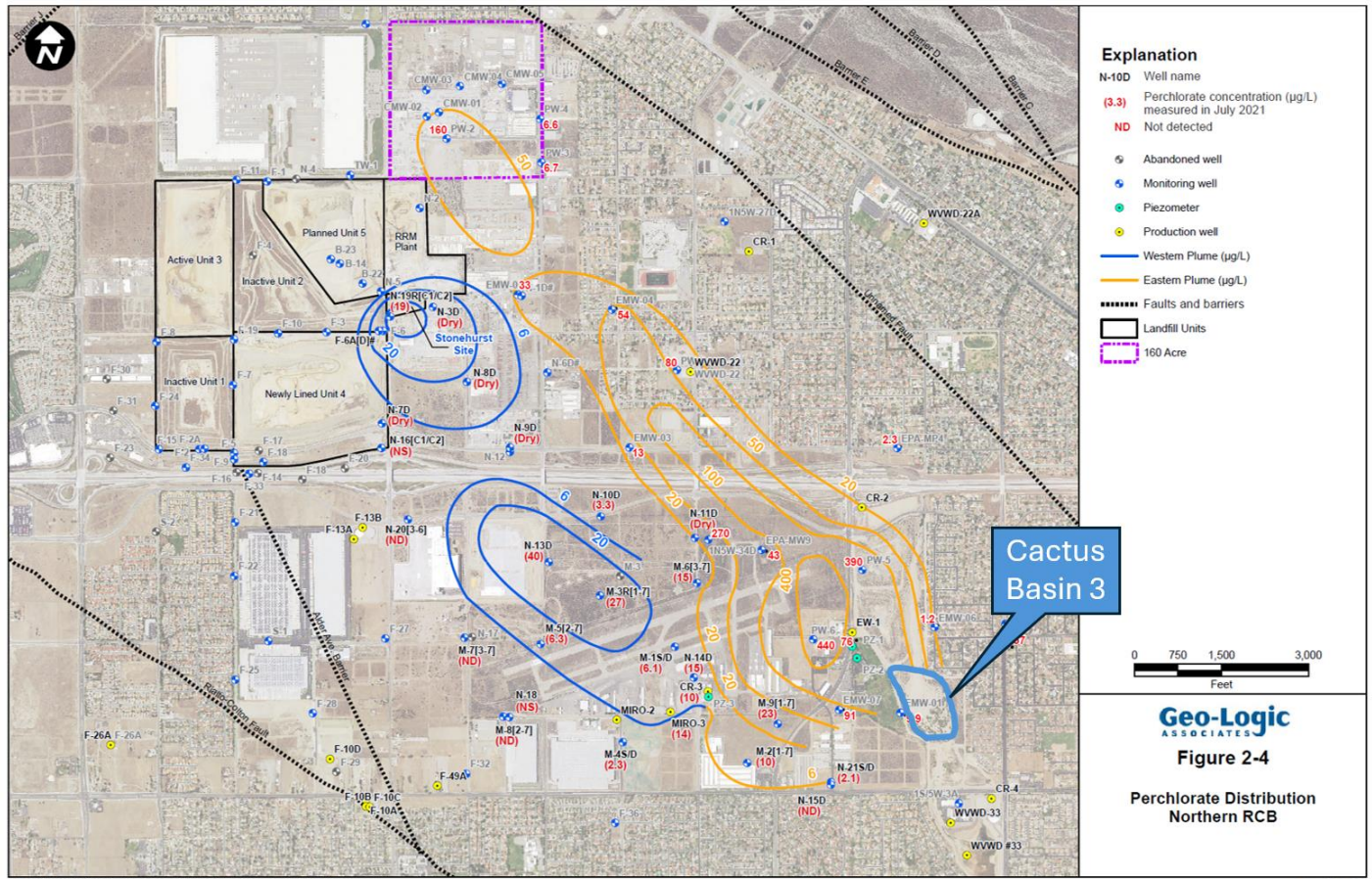
Fiscal Impact

No direct fiscal impact for approving the Amendment. Costs associated with the technical work in support of the TAG and the Technical Subgroup discussions will be evaluated and considered separately.

Attachment:

1. Proposed Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding

Location Map of Cactus Basins and Groundwater Contamination Plumes



Source of Figure: Updated 2022 Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring Plan, Rialto Groundwater Treatment System Perchlorate & VOC Remediation; Prepared by Geo-Logic Associates (2022); Location of Cactus Basin 3 added by SB Valley

**AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING REQUEST FOR STATE WATER PROJECT RECHARGE
AT CACTUS BASINS**

This AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING REQUEST FOR STATE WATER PROJECT RECHARGE AT CACTUS BASINS (“**Amendment**”) is effective on the date it is duly executed (“**Effective Date**”) by San Bernardino County (“**County**”), San Bernardino County Flood Control District (“**Flood Control District**”), and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (“**San Bernardino Valley**”). This Amendment may refer to each of the foregoing as a “**Party**,” or collectively as “**Parties**.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2024, the Parties entered into that certain Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Request for State Water Project Recharge at Cactus Basins (“**MOU**”) governing the Parties’ agreement to explore and evaluate the potential for groundwater recharge via Cactus Basins and the associated development of an adaptive management plan (“**AMP**”) should the Parties reach an agreement to pursue such recharge;

WHEREAS, the MOU, at section 5, provided for a Term of “one year from October 8, 2024,” setting expiration of the MOU on October 7, 2025;

WHEREAS, the MOU, at section 5, contained a provision allowing the Parties to exercise an option to extend the Term an additional year upon mutual written approval, without the need to amend the MOU;

WHEREAS, during the initial Term, the Parties made significant progress on implementation of the activities described in the MOU, including forming a Technical Advisory Group, and determined it would be mutually beneficial to all Parties to exercise the option;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2025, the Parties executed a writing that exercised the option and extended the Term to expire on October 7, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Parties continue to make progress on implementing the provisions of the MOU, but the complexity of the activities covered therein and the need for additional environmental review prior to reaching an agreement on those activities necessitates a further extension of the Term to provide additional time to explore and evaluate;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Capitalized Terms. All capitalized terms used in this Amendment and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the MOU.

2. Ratification. Except as expressly modified hereby, the MOU shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

3. Inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Amendment and the terms and conditions of the MOU, the terms and conditions of this Amendment shall control.

4. Amendments to MOU. Section 5 of the MOU is hereby amended to read as follows:

5. TERM: The term of this MOU shall be from October 8, 2024 through October 7, 2027, with the option to extend for one additional year upon mutual written approval from the County Chief Executive Officer and the San Bernardino Valley Chief Executive Officer/General Manager, which the Parties may elect to exercise prior to the expiration of the Term.

5. Entire Agreement. This Amendment sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters set forth herein. There have been no additional oral or written representations or agreements related to amending the MOU.

6. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, and all of which, together, constitute one and the same instrument.

7. Authority to Execute. Each signatory of this Amendment represents that he or she has the authority to execute and deliver the same on behalf of the Party for which such signatory is acting.

[SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have each caused this Amendment to be subscribed by its respective duly authorized officers, on their behalf.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR SAN
BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
Its: _____
Date: _____

Meredith E. Nikkel,
San Bernardino Valley Municipal
Water District Special Counsel

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FLOOD
CONTROL DISTRICT

Dawn Rowe, Chair
Date: _____

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CONTROL DISTRICT

Laura Feingold, County Counsel

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Deputy County Counsel

Sophie A. Curtis
Deputy County Counsel

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director, Upper Santa Ana River HCP

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 1206 Declaring Exempt Surplus Land, and Submission of Lot Line Adjustment Applications to the City of Rialto

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors: (1) adopt Resolution No. 1206, declaring an approximately 0.78-acre portion of San Bernardino Valley's Assessor's Parcel No. 0264-261-09 as exempt surplus land under the Surplus Land Act (Attachment 1); and (2) authorize staff to submit, and to cooperate with WVWD in submitting, lot line adjustment applications to the City of Rialto necessary to facilitate San Bernardino Valley's acquisition of the grant-funded portion of APN 0264-201-31.

Summary

As previously reported to the Board, San Bernardino Valley received notice of full funding for a Fiscal Year 2024 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Nontraditional Recovery Land Acquisition Program Grant (RLA Grant) in the amount of \$1,068,375, and tentative full funding of an additional \$375,375 from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB Grant), for a combined \$1,443,750 toward the acquisition of approximately 33 acres of San Bernardino kangaroo rat (SBKR) habitat in Frisbee Wash, tributary to Lytle Creek. The original grant application identified acquisition of approximately 33 acres from two Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) owned by two separate private sellers: APN 0264-191-13 (approximately 20 acres) and a 13-acre portion of APN 0264-201-31 (out of approximately 16 acres total) ("**Parcel-31**"). The owner of APN 0264-191-13 is no longer a willing seller using grant funding, and the owner of Parcel-31 has requested, as a condition of sale, that the 13-acre portion be split from the remainder of the parcel.

Because Parcel-31 is not contiguous with any property owned by San Bernardino Valley, a standard lot line adjustment to accomplish the required split is not currently feasible, and the alternative — a parcel map — would be significantly more costly and time-consuming. Staff

identified that a narrow, approximately 0.78-acre “panhandle” portion of WVWD’s APN 0264-201-27, located on the west side of Pepper Avenue (“**Parcel-27**”), separates Parcel-31 from San Bernardino Valley’s adjacent APN 0264-261-09 (“**Parcel-09**”). If San Bernardino Valley were to acquire this panhandle portion from WVWD, San Bernardino Valley’s property would become contiguous with Parcel-31, allowing the required split to be accomplished through a simpler, faster, and less costly subsequent lot line adjustment, rather than a parcel map (see Attachment 2 for detailed proposal).

To achieve this, staff negotiated with WVWD an exchange of properties of equivalent size, at no purchase price to either party, to be accomplished through two reciprocal lot line adjustments: WVWD would convey the approximately 0.78-acre panhandle portion of its Parcel-27 to San Bernardino Valley, and San Bernardino Valley would convey an equivalent approximately 0.78-acre portion of its Parcel-09, located on the east side of Pepper Avenue, to WVWD. WVWD has indicated it may use the property it acquires as mitigation land for its obligations under the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan. As part of the exchange, San Bernardino Valley would also grant WVWD a non-exclusive easement over the panhandle portion to preserve WVWD’s access to its existing buried pipeline within that area.

Because San Bernardino Valley is transferring a portion of its property to WVWD, another local agency, for WVWD’s own use, the property qualifies as “exempt surplus land” under the Surplus Land Act (Gov’t Code § 54220 et seq.), specifically Government Code section 54221(f)(1)(D). Resolution No. 1206 (Attachment 1) makes this declaration for San Bernardino Valley’s portion of Parcel-09 and finds that the declaration is not a project subject to CEQA.

Following the Board’s adoption of Resolution No. 1206 and WVWD’s adoption of its reciprocal resolution, staff will submit, in cooperation with WVWD, lot line adjustment applications to the City of Rialto. Once the lot line adjustments are recorded, staff will pursue a subsequent lot line adjustment to complete the parcel split requested by the owner of Parcel-31, allowing San Bernardino Valley to move forward with acquisition of the 13-acre grant-funded portion using the previously awarded RLA and WCB grant monies, consistent with the Board’s prior authorization of related due diligence.

Background

The ~13 acres identified in the FY24 RLA and WCB grant applications are within close proximity to land previously acquired by San Bernardino Valley from Riverside Highland Water Company, within SBKR Critical Habitat. Combined, these lands will form a larger block of contiguous habitat with significant conservation value for SBKR, in a location where additional mitigation lands are needed

by the Upper SAR HCP. Conservation of these ~13 acres, together with the 78.5 acres already secured by San Bernardino Valley, will support comprehensive habitat management and land protection — strategies that are highly valued by CDFW and USFWS in evaluating mitigation lands.

WVWD is also a participating agency under the Upper SAR HCP and has its own SBKR mitigation obligations. The proposed exchange allows both districts to advance their respective mitigation and conservation goals at no direct cost to either party, while enabling San Bernardino Valley to complete the parcel split required to finalize its grant-funded acquisition of Parcel-31, within term of the grant.

District Strategic Plan Application

The exchange and subsequent lot line adjustments will facilitate San Bernardino Valley's acquisition of grant-funded mitigation lands for SBKR in a location where additional mitigation lands are needed. Securing these lands supports the issuance of Incidental Take Permits from USFWS and CDFW, which are necessary to permit construction of water infrastructure projects — contributing to a resilient water supply and healthy watershed for future generations.

Fiscal Impact

Engineering and application fees associated with the lot line adjustments are not anticipated to exceed approximately \$70,000 and are identified in Line Item 67600 (Land Purchase) of the approved 2026-2027 General Fund Budget.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 1206 Declaring Exempt Surplus Land
2. Proposed Land Exchange and Lot Line Adjustment Proposal

RESOLUTION NO. 1206

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND, AND FINDING THAT SUCH DECLARATION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (“*San Bernardino Valley*”) owns property located along Pepper Avenue, south of the Interstate 210 Freeway, consisting of a portion of Assessor’s Parcel No. 0264-261-09, as more particularly described in *Exhibit “A”* attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the “*Property*”).

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Valley is the fee simple owner of the Property and the Property is current using a portion of property for a water main pipeline and associated facilities.

WHEREAS, the Surplus Land Act (Gov’t Code § 54220 *et seq.*) (the “*Act*”) applies when a local agency disposes of “surplus land,” which is defined in the Act as “land owned in fee simple by any local agency for which the local agency’s governing body takes formal action in a regular public meeting declaring that the land is surplus and is not necessary for the agency’s use.” (Gov’t Code § 54221(b)(1).)

WHEREAS, the Act expressly does “not apply to the disposal of exempt surplus land.” (Gov’t Code § 54222.3.)

WHEREAS, under the Act, “exempt surplus land” includes land that a local agency is transferring to another local, state, or federal agency for the transferee agency’s use. (Gov’t Code § 54221(f)(1)(D).)

WHEREAS, the Act requires local agencies such as San Bernardino Valley to declare certain real property they own as either “surplus land” or “exempt surplus land,” as supported by written findings, prior to any disposition of such real property.

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Valley desires to transfer the Property to the West Valley Water District (“*WVWD*”), which is a “local agency” under the Act, via a lot line adjustment, and upon acquiring of the Property, WVWD intends to use the Property for its own agency’s uses, which may include preservation as mitigation land.

WHEREAS, none of the characteristics listed under Government Code section 54221(f)(2) apply to the Property.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed this Resolution and now desires to declare the Property as exempt surplus land under the Act, based on the findings and justifications contained in this Resolution.

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Valley staff has reviewed this Resolution with respect to the applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*) (“*CEQA*”), as implemented under the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15000 *et seq.*). San

Bernardino Valley staff has determined that the mere designation of the Property as exempt surplus land and authorization for the General Manager to comply with the Act do not qualify as a “project” as defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378. First, Section 15378 defines a project as an activity that “has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.” (CEQA Guidelines § 15378(a).) Here, the action is to declare the Property as exempt surplus land, which will not result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Accordingly, the action is not a “project” subject to CEQA. (CEQA Guidelines § 15060(c).) Second, Section 15378 explicitly excludes from its definition of “project” “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.” (CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(5).) The action to designate the Property as exempt surplus land constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in a physical change in the environment, and therefore is not subject to CEQA. This Resolution does not constitute a binding commitment to any particular use of the Property.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed this Resolution and now desires to declare that designation of the Property as exempt surplus land under the Act, based on the findings and justifications contained in this Resolution, does not qualify as a “project” as defined under CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution and findings of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Exempt Surplus Land. The Board of Directors hereby declares that the Property is exempt from the Act as exempt surplus land pursuant to Government Code section 54221(f)(1)(D), based on the findings contained in this Resolution for the Property, namely that San Bernardino Valley intends to transfer the Property to WVWD, another local agency, for WVWD’s use of the Property for its own agency uses, and that none of the characteristics listed under Government Code section 54221(f)(2) apply to the Property.

SECTION 3. Exemption from CEQA. The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the designation of the Property as exempt surplus land does not qualify as a “project” as defined under CEQA and is exempt from CEQA.

SECTION 4. Further Acts. The General Manager or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the California Department of Housing and Community Development in accordance with the requirements of Section 400(e) of the SLA Guidelines.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of Directors of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

T. Milford Harrison
President

ATTEST:

Jose Macedo
Secretary

Proposed Land Exchange Between SBVMWD and WVWD, and Subsequent Lot Line Adjustments

Background:

- SBVMWD is pursuing the acquisition of approximately 13 acres of a 16-acre parcel (APN 0264-201-31) (Parcel -31) occupied by San Bernardino kangaroo rat (state and federally listed as endangered) in the Lytle Creek area in Rialto (Figure 1).
- The acquisition is relying on state and federal grant funds.
- The seller has requested a parcel split as part of the real estate transaction.
- SBVMWD has been researching the most expeditious process to achieve the parcel split, preferably while avoiding a costly and lengthy parcel map process.
- A cheaper and easier lot line adjustment is currently not feasible because Parcel -31 is not contiguous with property owned by SBVMWD.

Proposed Solution:

- Parcel -31 is separated from SBVMWD's APN 0264-261-09 (Parcel -09) by a narrow "panhandle" portion of APN 0264-201-27 (Parcel -27) located on the west side of Pepper Avenue and owned by West Valley Water District (WVWD). The larger portion of Parcel -27 is located on the east side of Pepper Avenue (Figure 2).
- If SBVMWD can acquire this "panhandle" portion (0.78 acres) of WVWD's Parcel -27, then the lot "split" to acquire part of Parcel -31 can be accomplished by a simpler, quicker, and cheaper lot line adjustment (SBVMWD would own the parcel adjacent to the privately owned Parcel -31).
- To achieve the proposed solution, SBVMWD is proposing a land exchange between SBVMWD and WVWD, to be accomplished via another lot line adjustment¹.

Step 1

Step 1 would be accomplished with a lot line adjustment modifying the boundaries of WVWD's Parcel -27 and SBVMWD's Parcel -09 in two places:

1. Transfer from WVWD to SBVMWD:
 - WVWD would transfer the "panhandle" portion of Parcel -27, located on the west side of Pepper Avenue (approximately 0.78 acres), to SBVMWD (Figure 3).

¹ This process would then facilitate an additional lot line adjustment for SBVMWD to acquire a portion of Parcel -31 and achieve the parcel split required by the seller.

2. Transfer from SBVMWD to WVWD:

- SBVMWD would transfer equivalent acreage (approximately 0.78 acres) of Parcel -09, located immediately south of WVWD's Parcel -27 on the east side of Pepper Avenue to WVWD (Figure 3).

The net effect of this lot line adjustment would leave the total areas of both parcels unchanged (Figure 4).

Step 2

1. SBVMWD would grant an easement to WVWD over the "panhandle" portion of Parcel -27 transferred to SBVMWD on the west side of Pepper Avenue to facilitate WVWD's existing buried pipeline.

Benefit to WVWD:

- WVWD would acquire (at no charge) 0.78 acres of habitat occupied by SBKR that can be used by WVWD as mitigation. WVWD would retain access to its pipeline via the new easement.

Benefit to SBVMWD:

- SBVMWD could achieve its primary goal of acquiring the desired 13 acres of Parcel -31 through a second lot line adjustment (saves significant time, money, and effort when compared to a parcel map).



Figure 1. SBVMWD Proposed Private Property Land Acquisition



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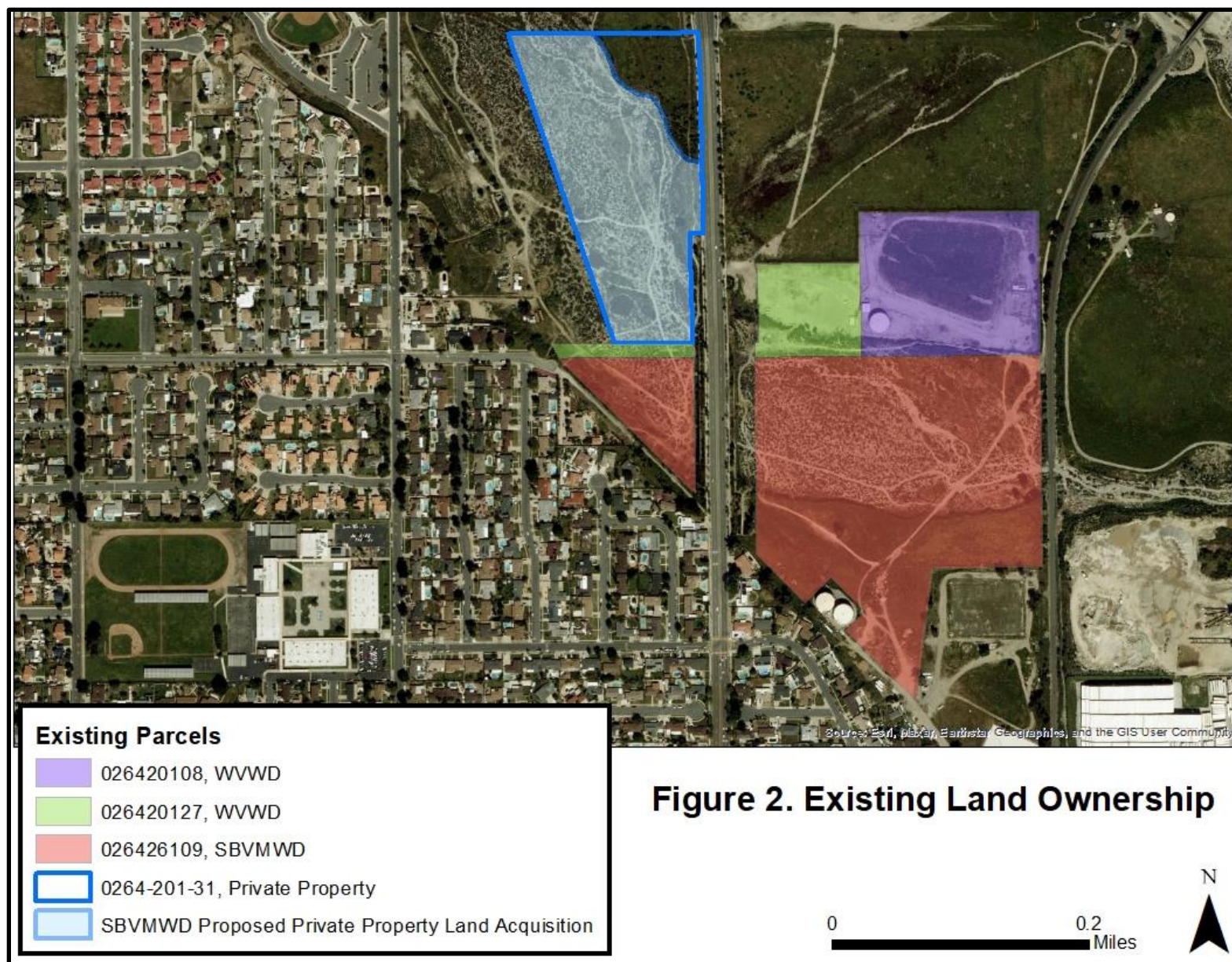


Figure 2. Existing Land Ownership

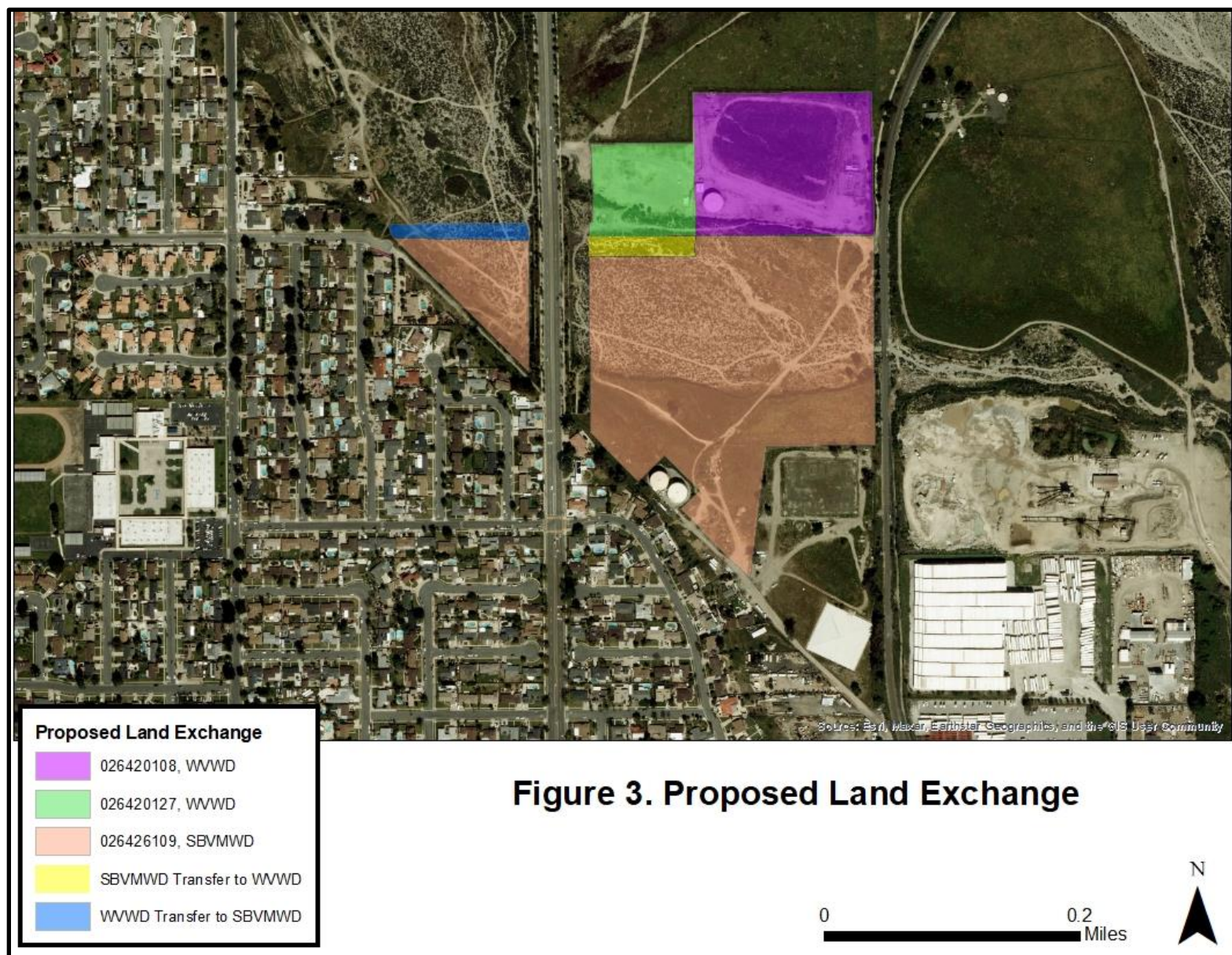


Figure 3. Proposed Land Exchange



Lot Line Adjustment

-  026420108, WWWD
-  026420127, WWWD
-  026426109, SBVMWD

Figure 4. Proposed Lot Line Adjustment

0 0.2 Miles



**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
RECAP OF DIRECTORS FEES AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
PAID IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026**

		GIL	MILFORD	PAUL	SUSAN	JOSE	
		BOTELLO	HARRISON	KIELHOLD	LONGVILLE	VELASQUEZ	
DIRECTOR COMPENSATION - JULY MEETINGS		2,990.00	2,990.00	2,392.00	2,990.00	1,794.00	
EXPENDITURES / REIMBURSEMENTS							
EDUCATION							
TRAVEL							
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - MEETINGS OUTSIDE DISTRICT SERVICE AREA			118.90				
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - MEETINGS WITHIN DISTRICT SERVICE AREA							
NATIONAL HCP ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV			468.85				
CSDA LEGISLATIVE DAYS - SACRAMENTO, CA			477.31				
ACWA 2025 FALL CONFERENCE, SAN DIEGO			208.20				
ACWA 2026 SPRING CONFERENCE - SACRAMENTO, CA			924.96				
MEALS							
ACWA 2025 FALL CONFERENCE, SAN DIEGO			59.94				
ACWA 2026 SPRING CONFERENCE - SACRAMENTO, CA			74.67				
LODGING							
CSDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - PALM DESERT, CA			182.41				
MISCELLANEOUS							
<i>THIS REPORT IS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE TO RESOLUTION 1100</i> <i>EACH BOARD MEMBER SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A MONTHLY REPORT SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED BY EACH BOARD MEMBER.</i>							



Director's Activity Report

Director's Name Gil J. Botello

Month Reporting Activity August 2026

	Date	Meeting/Activity Description	Provide description of the meeting or activity and brief explanation on the benefits to the District and work of the Board by your attendance. (Not required for Valley District meetings)	Explanation	Max 10/month	Travel Cost Estimate (Staff)
1	08/04/2026	SB Valley Board Mtg 1	Valley District		\$299	
2	08/05/2026	City Council meeting	SB City Council		\$299	
3	08/06/2026	Workshop - Policy/Admin	Valley District		\$299	
4	08/11/2026	Workshop - Resources/Eng	Valley District		\$299	
5	08/12/2026	Other	SAWHA Meet & Greet - Valley District		\$299	
6	08/14/2026	Water Forum	SO CA BIA Water Forum		\$299	
7	08/18/2026	SB Valley Board Mtg 2	Valley District		\$299	
8	08/19/2026	City Council meeting	SB City Council		\$299	
9	08/20/2026	Other	Uninvited Guests: Webinar on Invasive Species		\$299	
10	08/25/2026	Retail Agency Board Meeting	SBMWD Board Meeting		\$299	
11		Select from List			Per diem?	
12		Select from List			Per diem?	
13		Select from List			Per diem?	
14		Select from List			Per diem?	
15		Select from List			Per diem?	
			Total Requested Compensation		\$ 2,990.00	

The undersigned certifies that the claims hereby stated are for authorized activities as described in the District's approved Resolution establishing rules and procedures for compensation of Directors.

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Date: 08/25/2026



Director Request for Compensation & Public Disclosure Form

Reset Form

Director's Name **T. Milford Harrison**

Month Reporting Activity **AUGUST 2026**

	Date	Meeting/Activity Description	Explanation Provide description of the meeting or activity and brief explanation on the benefits to the District and work of the Board by your attendance. (not required for Valley District meetings)	Max 10/month	Travel Cost Estimate (Staff)
1	08/02/2026	Assigned Committee Mtg	SCBPPS INST. FIRO CONFERENCE	\$799	-
2	08/03/2026	Assigned Committee Mtg	SCBPPS INST. FIRO CONFERENCE	\$799	-
3	08/04/2026	Assigned Committee Mtg	SCBPPS INST. FIRO CONFERENCE	\$799	-
4	08/05/2026	Assigned Committee Mtg	SCBPPS INST. FIRO CONFERENCE	\$799	-
5	08/06/2026	Workshop - Policy	PUBLISHED AGENDA	\$799	-
6	08/07/2026	Chamber of Commerce Mtg	REDLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$799	-
7	08/10/2026	CSDA Mtg	ASBCSD BOARD MEETING	\$799	-
8	08/11/2026	Workshop - Engineering	PUBLISHED AGENDA	\$799	-
9	08/14/2026	Assigned Committee Mtg	BIA ANNUAL WATER CONF	\$799	-
10	08/17/2026	CSDA Mtg	ASBCSD MONTHLY DINNER	Per diem?	-
11	08/18/2026	Valley District Board Mtg 2	PUBLISHED AGENDA	Per diem?	-
12	08/23/2026	CSDA Mtg	ANNUAL CONFERENCE - PALM DESERT	Per diem?	-
13	08/24/2026	CSDA Mtg	ANNUAL CONFERENCE - PALM DESERT	Per diem?	-
14	08/25/2026	CSDA Mtg	ANNUAL CONFERENCE - PALM DESERT	Per diem?	-
15	08/26/2026	SDV Water Conservation District Mtg	ANNUAL CONFERENCE - PALM DESERT	Per diem?	-
Total Requested Compensation				\$ 2,990.00	\$ 0.00

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Director's Activity Report

Director's Name Paul Kielhold

Month Reporting Activity August 2026

	Date	Meeting/Activity Description	Explanation Provide description of the meeting or activity and brief explanation on the benefits to the District and work of the Board by your attendance. (Not required for Valley District meetings)	Max 10/month	Travel Cost Estimate (Staff)
1	8/4/26	Valley District Board Mtg 1		\$299	
2	8/11/26	Workshop - Engineering		\$299	
3	8/12/26	Other	SAWHA	\$299	
4	8/14/26	Other	BIA Water Conference	\$299	
5	8/18/26	Valley District Board Mtg 2		\$299	
6	8/24/26	CSDA Mtg	CSDA Statutory Training for Directors	\$299	
7	8/25/26	CSDA Mtg	CSDA Conference	\$299	
8	8/27/26	Assigned Committee Mtg	Fiscal - Fleet Management Policy	\$299	
9				\$0	
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15				\$0	
			Total Requested Compensation	\$2,392.00	\$ 0.00

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Signed: Paul Kielhold

Date: August 27, 2026



Director's Activity Report

Director's Name Susan Longville

Month Reporting Activity August 2026

	Date	Meeting/Activity Description	Explanation Provide description of the meeting or activity and brief explanation on the benefits to the District and work of the Board by your attendance. (Not required for Valley District meetings)	Max 10/month	Travel Cost Estimate (Staff)
1	08/04/2026	SB Valley Board Mtg 1		\$299	
2	08/06/2026	Workshop - Policy/Admin		\$299	
3	08/11/2026	Workshop - Resources/Eng		\$299	
4	08/12/2026	Water Forum	Santa Ana Hydro Authority Board Meeting	\$299	
5	08/13/2026	Presentation	ACWA Vision for Our Water Future Initiative Update Webinar	\$299	
6	08/18/2026	SB Valley Board Mtg 2		\$299	
7	08/19/2026	Select from List	NYT Global Climate Report on History of El Nino: Inner Workings and Destructive Capacity Webinar	\$299	
8	08/24/2026	Other	THE CLIMATE CENTER Board Meeting	\$0	
9	08/25/2026	Water Forum	California Water Plan 2028 Advisory Committee Meeting Webinar	\$299	
10	08/26/2026	Presentation	Voices From the Field- El Nino Explained by Dr. Daniel Swain Webinar	\$299	
11	08/27/2026	Water Forum	2026-2027 Recharge Readiness Webinar Series: Expanding Recharge and Preparing for Wet Winter	\$299	
12		Select from List		Per diem?	
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			Total Requested Compensation	\$ 2,990.00	

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Signed: Susan Longville

Date: 12/20/2024 9/8/26



Director's Activity Report

Director's Name Jose Velasquez

Month Reporting Activity August 2026

	Date	Meeting/Activity Description	Provide description of the meeting or activity and brief explanation on the benefits to the District and work of the Board by your attendance. (Not required for Valley District meetings)	Explanation	Max 10/month	Travel Cost Estimate (Staff)
1	08/04/2026	SB Valley Board Mtg 1	SBVMWD Regular Meeting		\$299	
2	08/06/2026	Workshop - Policy/Admin	SBVMWD Workshop Meeting		\$299	
3	08/11/2026	Workshop - Resources/Eng	SBVMWD Workshop Meeting		\$299	
4	08/12/2026	Other	SAWHA Meeting		\$299	
5	08/14/2026	Other	BIA Southern California Water Conference		\$299	
6	08/18/2026	SB Valley Board Mtg 2	SBVMWD Regular Meeting		\$299	
7	08/20/2026	Other	County of Supervisors, 2nd District Community Event		\$299	
8	08/27/2026	Assigned Committee Mtg	Fiscal Policy Committee		\$299	
9	08/28/2026	Other	HYDRO JPA Meeting		\$299	
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			Total Requested Compensation		\$ 2,691.00	

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Date: 09/10/2026



DATE: September 15, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Sayer Pinto, Principal Water Resources Analyst
SUBJECT: Water Delivery Report

The following amounts of water were delivered by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District:
(in acre-ft)

	AUG	Year to Date
State Water Project	4,805	18,972
Groundwater		
Baseline Feeder Wells	378	2,910
San Bernardino Avenue Well	0	0
Santa Ana River Diversions	1,240	10,572

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Delivery of Water For Calendar Year 2026 - Acre Feet

Measurement / Delivery Point	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIES													
<u>STATE WATER PROJECT DELIVERY CATEGORIES</u>													
Yuba Accord Water (14-819)													
Article-21													
MWDSC Transfer													
CLAWA exchange water SWPAO #25-033													
Kern Delta Water Bank (11-015)													
Carryover	955	408											1,363
Table A		1,438	1,775	2,224	2,165	3,391	3,311						14,304
* SWP into SBV Service Area (DWR Meters)	955	1,846	1,775	2,244	2,165	3,391	3,311						15,687
RECHARGE DELIVERIES													
Sweetwater													
Sweetwater - Valley District													
Sweetwater - City of San Bernardino							76	532					608
Sweetwater - SNRC Settlement Agreement		101					76						176
Sweetwater - BLF Obligation to SBB													
Waterman													
Waterman - Valley District													
Waterman - BLF Obligation to SBB													
Waterman - SBB Non-GC Contribution (SBVWCD)													
Waterman - SNRC Settlement Agreement		572	16	15	15	1,429	777						2,824
Waterman - City of San Bernardino								17					17
City Creek													
City Creek - SBB GC													
Santa Ana Low													
Santa Ana Low - BVMWC (purchase)													
Santa Ana Low - Redlands (purchase)													
Santa Ana Low - Valley District													
Santa Ana Low - SBB Non-GC Contribution (SBVWCD)													
Plunge Creek Spreading													
Plunge Creek - Northfork Delivery													
Mill Creek Spreading													
Mill Creek Spreading - Redlands													
Mill Creek Spreading - Valley District													
S.A.R.C.													
S.A.R.C. to Redlands Aqueduct - Recharge (purchased by Redlands)													
S.A.R.C. to Conservation District													
S.A.R.C. to Redlands													
Zanja East Weir to WCD - Valley District (USE WITH GREENSPOT OR TATE ONLY)													
Zanja East Weir to WCD - Valley District													
Wilson Basins													
Wilson Basins - YVWD							180	1,483					1,663
Wilson Basins - Valley District													
Oak Glen Basins - Valley District													
Oak Glen Basins - YVWD								47					47
Sub-total Recharge		673	16	15	15	1,429	1,109	2,079					5,335

Delivery of Water For Calendar Year 2026 - Acre Feet

Measurement / Delivery Point	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
DIRECT DELIVERIES													
Lytle Creek													
West Valley Water District	219	252	467	461	526	305	342	762					3,334
Fontana													
Marygold Mutual				41	45	46	54	53					239
RHWC													
SB County - Glen Helen													
WMWD/MWDSC (MWDSC SWP Water)													
Lytle Creek - Fontana Water Company WTP	17												17
Lytle Creek - Fontana Water Company - CEMEX													
SALES/RETURNS/BANKING													
CLAWA Exchange (08-063)													
CLAWA Exchange (09-079)													
CLAWA Exchange (22-021)					12	26	47	37					122
EVWD Plant 134													
EVWD Plant 134 - BB Agreement (In-Lieu)													
EVWD Plant 134 - BVMWC purchase (for EVWD)													
EVWD Plant 134 - EVWD (purchase)			85	187	245	427	440	582					1,966
Northfork													
Northfork - EVWD (purchase)	355	324	231										910
Northfork - EVWD - BB Agreement													
Northfork - BVMWC purchase (for EVWD)													
Edwards Canal Pump - BVMWC In-Lieu													
Edwards Canal Pump - EVWD purchase for Farmer													
S.A.R.C.													
S.A.R.C. - Valley District													
S.A.R.C. to Redlands Aqueduct - Sandbox (purchased by Redlands)													
S.A.R.C. to Redlands Aqueduct - BB Agreement													
S.A.R.C. to Redlands Aqueduct - BVMWC purchase (for Redlands)													
S.A.R.C. to Redlands - Greenspot Forebay Replacement													
Arrowhead Springs													
Arrowhead Springs Turnout (Yuhaaviatam)				0									0
Bear Valley Highline Connector [Out of Service - Under Repair]													
Newport Ave.													
Newport Ave. - Greenspot Mutual													
Newport Ave. - BVMWC													
Newport Ave. - BVMWC (Greenspot Forebay Replacement)	1	2	6	6	7	7	12	11					51
Tres Lagos													
Tres Lagos - Greenspot Mutual													
Tres Lagos - BVMWC													
Tres Lagos - BVMWC (Greenspot Forebay Replacement)			5	21	22	21	24	23					116
Unger Lane to Zanja													
Unger Lane to Zanja - Crafton - BVMWC In-Lieu													
Unger Lane to Zanja - Crafton - BVMWC								67					67
Boullioun Box													
Boullioun Box to Zanja													
Boullioun Box to Highline In-Lieu													
Boullioun Box to Highline - BVMWC													
Boullioun Box to Highline - BVMWC (Greenspot Forebay Replacement)	127	171	332	268	268	328	418	432					2,344
City of Redlands													
City of Redlands - Tate Treatment In-Lieu													
City of Redlands - Tate Treatment													
Yucaipa													
Yucaipa Regional Park		18	18	1	85	18	34	28					202
Yucaipa Valley Water District Treatment Plant	2	118	560	703	724	701	733	731					4,271
Western Heights													
Sub-total Direct Deliveries within SBV Service Area	720	884	1,703	1,688	1,933	1,879	2,105	2,726					13,637
<i>SGPWA Service Area</i>	<i>1,327</i>	<i>1,881</i>	<i>2,155</i>	<i>1,143</i>	<i>1,625</i>	<i>2,424</i>	<i>1,745</i>	<i>2,230</i>					<i>14,530</i>
Sub-total Direct Deliveries (SBV + SGPWA)	2,047	2,765	3,858	2,831	3,558	4,303	3,850	4,956					28,167

Delivery of Water For Calendar Year 2026 - Acre Feet

Measurement / Delivery Point	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
SUMMARY													
Recharge in SBV Service Area		673	16	15	15	1,429	1,109	2,079					5,335
Direct Deliveries in SBV Service Area	720	884	1,703	1,688	1,933	1,879	2,105	2,726					13,637
* Deliveries to SGPWA Service Area	1,327	1,881	2,155	1,143	1,625	2,424	1,745	2,230					14,530
* Total Deliveries	2,047	3,438	3,874	2,846	3,572	5,732	4,958	7,035					33,502
Total Deliveries within SBV Service Area	720	1,557	1,719	1,703	1,947	3,308	3,213	4,805					18,972
SAN BERNARDINO BASIN PUMPING													
Baseline Feeder													
Ninth Street North Replacement Well				235	282	192	159	222					1,091
Ninth Street South Replacement Well	223	197	263	226	270	237	248	156					1,820
Sub-total Baseline Feeder	223	197	263	462	552	429	407	378					2,910
San Bernardino Avenue Well No. 1 - Redlands													
San Bernardino Avenue Well No. 1 - Redlands - In Lieu													
San Bernardino Avenue Well No. 1 - Water Quality Testing		0.3			0.4			0.2					0.9
Redlands Pump Station													
De-watering Well # 1													
De-watering Well # 2													
Total San Bernardino Basin Pumping	223	197	263	462	552	429	407	378					2,911

* Pending final verification by San Bernardino Valley and Department of Water Resources staff.



DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Heather Dyer, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

SUBJECT: CEO/General Manager's Report

In this report:

- 1. 2026 Santa Ana River Native Fish Survey**
- 2. CMUA Innovative Projects and Programs Award**
- 3. Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA)**
- 4. Engagement Activities**
 - Upcoming CEO/General Manager and Staff Speaking Engagements**
- 5. Project Status Updates**

I. 2026 Santa Ana River Native Fish Survey

San Bernardino Valley and a team of volunteers and partners completed the annual Santa Ana River Native Fish Survey. This collaborative effort tracks the distribution and abundance of native and non-native species in the Santa Ana River from the Rialto Channel to the Van Buren Bridge. The 2026 surveys found native species at almost every sampling location and low numbers of non-native aquatic predators.

This ongoing annual effort supports permit requirements for water capture and water recycling projects. Findings from the survey are used to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures and to establish permit requirements by regulatory agencies.

II. CMUA Innovative Projects and Programs Award

A collaborative, solutions-based approach to water infrastructure has earned the Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge Phase 1-B Project statewide recognition for innovation while significantly expanding the region's ability to capture and store local stormwater. The project was delivered through collaboration among San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (San Bernardino Valley), Western Water, Riverside Public Utilities, and the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

The California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) recently awarded the Enhanced Recharge Project first place in the medium-sized utility category for Innovative Projects and Programs as part of its 2026 CMUA Impact Awards. The awards recognize innovative ideas and best practices in California's water and energy industries.

The result is more than an award-winning infrastructure project. It is a long-term investment in a more resilient watershed, one that captures water when it is available, stores it underground for future dry years, and creates habitat that supports the Santa Ana River ecosystem.

III. Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA)

In a milestone for water supply resiliency nationwide, the WRDA 2024 defined Water Supply as an Army Corps primary mission. Since that time, Army Corps staff have not developed guidance for implementing this priority. As a result, the National Water Supply Alliance (NWSA), along with public agencies from across the country, has been advocating for the establishment of an Office of Water Supply, Water Conservation and Drought Resiliency within WRDA 2026.

This office would support water supply, conservation, and drought resiliency efforts by enabling personnel, planning, and project development within existing authorities. It would also facilitate federal agreements and improve the Army Corps' capacity to carry out critical studies, including water supply feasibility and reallocation efforts, as well as the evaluation of new innovative approaches. The Seven Oaks Dam FIRO efforts would be an effort included within the purview of the new office.

Staff continues to be a partner in the NWSA effort to have language included in the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA) to establish an Office of Water Supply at the

Army Corps Headquarters. Senator Warnock from Georgia and Senator Moran from Kansas filed a bipartisan stand-alone bill to create the Office of Water Supply. Additionally, the coalition is working to garner support for inserting the Warnock-Moran bill into the Senate's version of WRDA. These items are anticipated to be considered during the legislature sessions this fall.

IV. Engagement Activities

The Board of Directors, CEO/General Manager, and staff have participated in multiple community and industry events in recent weeks to highlight the ongoing priorities of the Strategic Plan. Activities included:

- August 18 – Colton Demand Management Check Presentation: President Harrison and the CEO/General Manager presented a ceremonial check for the City's FY 2025/26 Demand Management project.
- August 24 – West Valley Water District Roemer Water Filtration Facility Upgrade Ribbon Cutting: Director Velasquez and staff joined West Valley Water District to commemorate the completion of the facility upgrades. The CEO/General Manager provided remarks during the ceremony.
- August 25-26 – California Water Plan Advisory Commission: The CEO/General Manager participated in the statewide commission established to provide recommendations to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and inform development of the California Water Plan 2028.
- September 8 – City of Rialto Demand Management Check Presentation: Director Velasquez and the CEO/General Manager presented a ceremonial check for the City's FY 2025/26 Demand Management project.
- September 9 – SB 827 Training: San Bernardino Valley partnered with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to host mandatory SB 827 essential fiscal and financial management training.
- September 9 – UCR California Biodiversity Week Presentation: Joanna Gibson provided a presentation on the Upper Santa Ana River HCP during the "Wild California: Stories of Science, Water and Life" workshop hosted by UCR.
- **Upcoming CEO/General Manager and Staff Speaking Engagements**
 - State Water Project Tour (9/16-18)
 - Learning in Local Nature (10/8)
 - Redlands Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program (10/9)

- County Line Road Dedication Event (10/14)
- Hydro Dedication Event (10/22)
- Redlands Rotary (10/30)
- California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (11/18)

V. Project Status Updates

See attached.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.

Attachments

1. September Project Status Update
2. September 3-Month Look Ahead

Agendas: 3 Month Look Ahead

Item	October	November	December	Pending/In Progress
Annual Review of the Investment Policy		X		
City Creek Crossing Update (Board Request)				X
Contract Procurement Review (Board Request)				X
East Branch Extension Intertie Update	X			
Federal Legislative Update	X		X	
FY 2025/26 Audit			X	
Greenspot Pump Station Upgrades	X			
Headwater Resiliency Partnership (Board Request)				X
Policy Review and Consideration (Board Request)				X
Procurement Policy Review (Board Request)				X
Quarterly Investment Portfolio Update from PFM Asset Management		X		
Reimbursement Policy for Board of Directors Travel / Agency Compensation (Board Request)				X
Reserve Policy Review (Board Request)				X
SoCal STEAM Update	X			
State Legislative Update		X		

Strategies and Outcomes for the Cost of Service Study (Board Request)				X
Summary Review of District's Existing Agreements (Board Request)				X
Vehicle Replacement Policy		X		
Watershed Fellow Introductions		X		

Project Status Updates

Item	Status	Estimated Next Board Update or Action
Basin Optimization Plan	In progress. The Basin Optimization Plan Phase 1 concluded in early 2024. San Bernardino Valley and Western Water are working on the scope of work for Phase 2, including a historical State of the Basin document.	Update as needed
Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update/ Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Alternative	In progress. State Water Resources Control Board conducted hearings on the Healthy Rivers & Landscapes alternative April 2024. This alternative would result in adaptive management of the Bay Delta and provide more regulatory certainty for our State Water Project (SWP) supplies.	Update as needed
Bunker Hill Conjunctive Use Project	In progress. Staff is continuing coordination with local partners to develop alternatives and identify how best to move forward.	Update as needed
Cactus Basins Recharge	In progress. San Bernardino County and San Bernardino Valley have contracted with the Facilitator authorizing continued efforts. The Facilitator gathered preliminary input and hosted four Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meetings. Serving as technical representatives, staff reviewed information provided by the three	Update as needed

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	remediation projects regarding how the remedies are monitored for performance (the County's and two Superfund remediation projects) Staff reviewed groundwater model results that will be used to develop the Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) and are beginning to develop the monitoring program for the AMP.	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP)	In progress. Staff are working on implementation of the CARP that was approved by the Board in October 2024.	Update as needed
Cost of Service and Rate Design Study	In progress. Work on the study is underway.	Update as needed
County Line Road Basin Recharge Project	In progress. Staff are working with San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) on this project. The Board of Directors awarded the SWP turnout construction contract at the April 21 meeting. A joint ribbon cutting event is being planned for October 14. Construction is anticipated to be completed by December 2026.	Ribbon Cutting event, Fall 2026
CSUSB Regional Water Fellowship	In progress. The Institute for Watershed Resiliency has welcomed seven 2026-27 Fellows sponsored by San Bernardino Valley. Introductions of the new students will be brought to a Board Meeting in the fall.	Introduction event, Fall 2026
Cybersecurity Improvements	In progress. Staff continue to identify and implement policies, procedures,	Update as needed

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	and systems to enhance the Agency's digital security.	
Delta Conveyance Project	In progress. The Water Rights Hearing is continuing through 2027, including an extensive public input process.	Update as needed
Delta Conveyance Proposed Amendment to SWP Contract	In progress. Staff reviewed and provided comments on the 2024 draft agreement. Once a consensus on language is reached a final agreement will be brought to the Board for consideration.	2027
Demand Management Program	Complete. FY 2025/26 program pivoted to be more grant style rather than automatic incentives, making the program more flexible to local water retailers' unique needs. The Agency completed ceremonial presentations of the awards to water retailers in September.	Update as needed
Devil Basin Preliminary Design	In progress. Devil Basin Preliminary Design involves improving the existing Sweetwater SWP turnout and basins, constructing a new SWP turnout in Devil Canyon, and improving the basins for enhanced recharge capabilities. The Agency is preparing the turnout design proposals for Board consideration. Simultaneously staff is working with SBCoFCD and City of San Bernardino on recharge agreements. The Agency is	Fall 2026

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	preparing for a percolation test and has initiated cultural and biological surveys.	
East Branch Extension and Central Feeder Intertie Project	Under construction. The construction contract for this project was awarded by the Board in December 2025. The Contractor will mobilize once long lead-time materials arrive. This project will be completed in 2027.	Update as needed
Emergency Response Program	In progress. Staff continue to identify and implement measures that enhance the Agency's operational resiliency during emergencies, including enhancing the communications system which allows for additional security cameras, more reliable internet, and increased SCADA data security. The Agency is working on updating the Emergency Response Plan.	Update as needed
Engagement Activities	In progress. The Board of Directors, Heather Dyer, and staff have participated in multiple community and industry events in recent months to highlight the ongoing priorities of the Strategic Plan. Communications resources supporting projects and programs include informative social media posts, project materials, industry conference and community presentations.	Update as needed

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Foothill Pipeline Crossing (City Creek Crossing) Project	In progress. The Feasibility Study was completed in 2023, and design phase is 95% complete. Staff are currently working with the SBCoFCD and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) to discuss alternative solutions for this project.	Update as needed
Foothill Pump Station and Inland Feeder Intertie Project	In progress. San Bernardino Valley has authorized the joint operational agreement with Metropolitan, with implementation pending their Board approval. Staff have been assisting on permit preparations and a mitigation strategy for potential impacts to SBKR. Construction is anticipated to begin following contract award by Metropolitan.	Update as needed
Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) at Seven Oaks Dam Preliminary Viability Assessment, UC San Diego & USACOE	In progress. The final Preliminary Viability Assessment report was published in July 2026. Meetings of the FIRO Steering Committee are progressing, and staff are participating in multiple Work Teams. The Final Viability Assessment Kick-off Meeting is planned for September 2026. Staff continues to work with Western Water on the updated Cost Share Agreement for the next two years of work and on the selection of a consultant for water quality analysis.	Update as needed
Golden Mussel	In progress. Staff are actively monitoring SWP pipelines for presence	Update as needed

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	of golden mussel. The Agency is coordinating with DWR, and San Gabriel Municipal Water District regarding the on-going pilot study for treatment location along the Azusa Pipeline at the Devil Basin Afterbay. The Agency continues to dose the East Branch with EarthTec. As of September, no mussels have been detected within the service area.	
Grant Management	In progress. Along with our Grant consultant (Kennedy Jenks), staff are managing 10 active grants: US Bureau of Reclamation (5 grants); Wildlife Conservation Board (1 grant); SARCCUP/SAWPA/ Department of Water Resources (1 grant); US Fish and Wildlife Service/California Department of Fish and Wildlife (2 grants); and Department of Water Resources (1 grant).	Update as needed
Groundwater Model Update	In progress. The Agency is working with a consultant to work through the groundwater model update. There have been eight meetings of the Steering Committee to guide the model update. The model completion is anticipated in 2026.	Update as needed
Headwaters Resiliency Partnership (HRP)	In progress. Staff continue to coordinate with partners on program development, monitoring plans, and implementation of joint projects. Staff participated in a field	Update as needed

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	trip to North Big Bear Project area with Forest Service staff and other partners. The team is advancing strategic plans: forest-wide nonnative plant management with the USFS, Bear Creek watershed treatment, and a communications plan. Staff are working with the Funding Work Group to evaluate Proposition 4 and other funding opportunities.	
Legislative Activities	In progress. The Agency continues to monitor State and Federal legislative activities including budget discussions, leadership appointments, and grant funding opportunities.	Monthly updates
Louis Rubidoux Parkland & Pecan Grove (LRPPG) Master Plan Development	In progress. Work is ongoing on the development of a master plan. Planning and coordination are also underway to identify sustainable water sources to support irrigation and habitat restoration.	Update as needed
Mitigation Credit Agreement Application	In progress. Following Board direction, staff are working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to prepare the Mitigation Credit Agreement application. The Agency recently received "Due Diligence" approval for long-term land management. This is a formal process stipulated in government code for all entities proposing to manage mitigation lands. Staff continue	September/ October 2026

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	working to receive approval to hold mitigation endowment funds.	
Native Fish Habitat Enhancement Structures in the Santa Ana River	In progress. The project was initiated in 2022 and successfully achieved performance criteria for 2023 - 2025. 2026 field work will continue through September. It is important to note that this is an effective, yet labor-intensive process.	October/ November 2026
Native Fish Survey	Complete. Native Fish Surveys took place August 17-September 4. This was a collaborative effort to track the distribution and abundance of native and non-native species in the Santa Ana River from Rialto Channel to Van Buren Bridge. This on-going annual effort supports water capture and water recycling project permit requirements. Findings from this effort are used to evaluate effectiveness of mitigation measures and are used by regulatory agencies to set permit requirements.	Update as needed
On-going Species Surveys	On-going. Least Bell's vireo surveys along the Santa Ana River were completed for the SNRC and HCP permit requirements by the in-house certified biologist. Staff developed methodology and implementation based on the importance of strict statistical analysis to ensure robust methodology and data analysis. Additionally, the Agency has submitted a plan to	Update as needed

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	establish an in-house brown-headed cowbird management program to reduce impacts on native bird species.	
Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)	Staff are participating in SAWPA's watershed-wide PFAS study and engaging in other regional PFAS related activities.	Update as needed
Rialto Basin Perchlorate Task Force	In progress. The Task Force meets quarterly. Discussions within the group have been very collaborative.	Update as needed
Riverside Habitat, Parks, and Water Project	In progress. Staff are working with Riverside Public Utilities on design and CEQA. Work to revise the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and associated technical assessments is ongoing. Staff are working with RPU to develop their 1211 Wastewater Change Petition to submit to the State Water Resources Control Board.	Update as needed
Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Groundwater Basins	In progress. The Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) workgroup met to discuss an update on the Regional Salt Mitigation Feasibility Study. Staff are coordinating with Regional Board staff to address comments on the assumptions that will be used for groundwater modeling. Staff are executing cost share agreements with the parties for the SNMP Phase 3A consultant expenses as approved by the Board.	Update as needed

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Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge Phase 1-B Habitat Restoration	Ongoing. Staff coordinated with SBCoFCD for delivery of excess sediment caused by the Line Fire from local stormwater channels that is now being used for habitat restoration groundcover. As required by the project permits, habitat restoration and preservation will be on-going through at least 2029.	Update as needed
Sites Reservoir Project	In progress. The Water Rights hearing began in 2024 and may be completed in late 2026. Staff is reviewing the Draft Water Rights released on September 3 in preparation for the November 4 SWRCB action consideration. This complex process has included multiple extensions for public comment, prior to consideration for a proposed order to the full State Water Board.	November/ December 2026
Sites Reservoir Project Governance Approach and Accompanying Agreements	In progress. Work to develop and reach a consensus on the following agreements continues: Benefits & Obligations Contract, Updated Joint Powers Agreement, Updated Bylaws, Agreement with DWR (statement of charges). The Benefits & Obligations Contract has been updated to strengthen the governance of the project in parallel with a legislative solution sponsored by Metropolitan. The Agency may hold a joint workshop with SGPWA to present final draft of agreements.	November/ December 2026

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Southern California Edison East End Hydroelectric Facilities	In progress. The Agency entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with SCE to acquire 7 hydroelectric plants. The transfer has been approved by the CPUC and FERC. All parties have executed the JPA agreement. The first board meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Hydro Authority is scheduled for September 2026. Staff are preparing draft permit applications and engineering design for critical repair projects, including access road repair, for next steps after the close of escrow.	September 2026
State Water Project Tour	The Agency is preparing for the Fall 2026 tour of State Water Project facilities in the Delta.	Update as needed
Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC) Mitigation Measures Assistance	In progress. Staff are managing implementation and reporting on behalf of East Valley Water District (EVWD) for all their mitigation obligations for the SNRC Project. All permit requirement expectations have been met or exceeded. Staff are beginning preparations for the 2026 Reimbursement Agreement between San Bernardino Valley and EVWD. As part of this partnership, San Bernardino Valley incurs over \$50,000 in staffing expenses that are being provided in kind, as well as coordinating over 1,000 volunteer hours annually for these mitigation measures.	October/ November 2026

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Sunrise Ranch Property Master Plan	In progress. The project team is working on Phase 1 as approved by the Board of Directors in the 2026 Sunrise Ranch Master Plan. Biologic, cultural, and technical site surveys needed for preliminary analysis relating to the potential reservoir and mitigation credit acreage are underway. The Agency is also researching the creation of a non-profit organization.	Update as needed
Tributary Restoration Projects	In progress. Staff are managing habitat restoration efforts at four locations (Hidden Valley Creek, Lower Hole Creek, Anza Creek, and Old Ranch Creek). The Agency has now transitioned from construction to on-going managing and monitoring of the habitat in coordination with RivCo Parks Rangers.	Update as needed
Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan	In progress. The entire document has been provided to USFWS for review by the Solicitor. Work on the NEPA will be underway following review by the USFWS. Additionally, all analysis and mitigation strategies prepared for the USFWS will also be used for review and consideration by state regulatory agencies.	October 2026, pending USFWS
Waterman Basins Mitigation	In progress. As part of the Waterman Basins mitigation, staff are managing habitat restoration at two locations,	Update as needed

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	totaling 60 acres, at Hidden Valley Wildlife Area.	
Weaver Basins Mitigation	In progress. Staff are managing San Bernardino kangaroo rat habitat restoration for construction of Weaver Basins. Approximately 22 acres are under active habitat management which includes habitat restoration with Agency Operations staff and heavy equipment. The Agency is working with the San Diego Zoo on species monitoring on site.	Update as needed
West Valley Water District:(WVWD) Lower Cactus Basin #2 Mitigation Assistance	In progress. Staff are managing WVWD's mitigation obligation for their Lower Cactus Basin #2 Long-term Maintenance Agreement with CDFW. 12 acres of habitat are under active management at Hidden Valley Wildlife Area over the next four years. Environmental and Finance staff have worked to prepare the 2026 Reimbursement Agreement for execution and annual invoice processing.	Update as needed
Western-San Bernardino Watermaster (1969 Judgement)	In progress. Data collection is underway for analysis and document development. Efforts will result in the report for submittal to the courts prior to the October 30 extension deadline.	Update as needed
Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency	In progress. Staff continue to participate in quarterly Groundwater Sustainability	September/ October 2026

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	Agency meetings and engage with both water retailers and private well owners.	

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: List of Announcements

- A. September 16, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA by Teleconference (Cancelled)
- B. September 16 - 18 – San Bernardino Valley State Water Project Tour
(Sacramento)
- C. September 21, 6 p.m. – ASBCSD dinner (Location: Courtyard Marriott Hesperia
9619 Mariposa Road Hesperia CA 92344)
- D. September 24, 10 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting – Santa Ana Watershed Hydro
Authority (SAWHA) – Tentative
- E. October 1, 2 p.m. – Board of Directors Special Meeting – Policy/Administration
Workshop by Teleconference or In-Person
- F. October 6, 08:30 a.m. – PA 23 Committee Meeting by Teleconference or In-Person
- G. October 6, 09:30 a.m. – SAWPA Commission Meeting by Teleconference or In-
Person
- H. October 6, 10:00 a.m. – PA 24 Committee Meeting by Teleconference or In-Person
- I. October 6, 2 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting by Teleconference or In-Person
- J. October 12 – Agency closed for Federal Holiday
- K. October 13, 2 p.m. – Board of Directors Special Meeting – Resources/Engineering
Workshop by Teleconference or In-Person

- L. October 14, 1:00 p.m. – County Line Road Recharge Project Ribbon Cutting
(Location: Adjacent to Fourth Street Community Park located at 960 4th St,
Calimesa, CA 92320)
- M. October 14, 1:30 p.m. – SBVW Conservation District Board Meeting
- N. October 19, 6 p.m. – ASBCSD dinner – Location: TBD
- O. October 20, 09:30 a.m. – SAWPA Commission Meeting by Teleconference or In-
Person
- P. October 20, 2 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting by Teleconference or In-Person
- Q. October 21, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA by Teleconference (Cancelled)
- R. October 22, 9:00 a.m. – Edison Dedication - SAWHA Dedication Ceremony
- S. October 25-28 – National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting