

**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
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VIA TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON**

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DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

**TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

PLACE: HYBRID REGULAR MEETING VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON

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*NOTE: ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF SEQUENTIAL ORDER  
AS THEIR PRIORITY IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. CONSIDER ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOLLOWED BY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY THE 2025-2026 BOARD PRESIDENT
5. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
7. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS
8. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Service Awards, Promotions and Honorable Mentions

- \*Tong Tang – Field Services Technician II – 20 Years
- \*Jeff Herrmann – Field Services Technician II – 5 Years

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2024, REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE OMWD FINANCE CORPORATION, AND MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE OMWD FINANCING AUTHORITY (JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY)
10. CONSENT CALENDAR

*NOTE: ANY ITEM MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION*

C-a	CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF LISTED WARRANTS FROM THE DISTRICT’S REVOLVING AND REGULAR ACCOUNTS; LISTED TRANSFERS OF FUNDS; REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF; AND MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS
C-b	CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT’S CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, CONSOLIDATED ACTUAL VS BUDGET SUMMARY, AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS REPORTS
C-c	CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,578 FOR URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON OMWD’S BEHALF
C-d	CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE 16177 VALLE DE ORO 2-INCH WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION PROJECT (NICK DORMAN) INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED

11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT’S ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE (Article 2 – Organization of Board of Directors)
12. CONSIDER DRAFT ANNUAL OBJECTIVES AND SET A MAXIMUM EMPLOYER’S 401(A) PLAN CONTRIBUTION FOR COMPLETING ANNUAL OBJECTIVES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025
13. CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS AND LONG-TERM WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION
14. CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES FOR 2025

15. REVIEW OF GENERAL MANAGER’S DECLARATION OF THE OLIVENHAIN ROAD LEAK REPAIR PROJECT AS AN EMERGENCY PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A TIME AND MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CASS ARRIETA FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$35,000, APPROPRIATE \$70,000 TO THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM THE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT BUDGET, AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT, CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CEQA FINDINGS AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK AND THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH, ACCEPT INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY RECORDER
  
16. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
  - A. PRESIDENT
  - B. GENERAL MANAGER
  - C. CONSULTING ENGINEER
  - D. GENERAL COUNSEL
  - E. SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE
  - F. LEGISLATIVE
  - G. TWELVE MONTH CALENDAR / OTHER MEETINGS / REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS PER AB 1234
  - H. BOARD COMMENTS
  
17. CORRESPONDENCE
  
18. AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS
  
19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  
20. CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS
  
21. CLOSED SESSION
  - A) CONSIDER LITIGATION – OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT v. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9]
  
  - B) CONSIDER LITIGATION – STANLEY D. JONES ET AL. VS. OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9]
  
22. OPEN SESSION
  
23. ADJOURNMENT



# Memo

To: Board of Directors  
From: Stephanie Kaufmann, Executive Secretary  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Draft minutes of the most recently held Board of Directors meeting will be provided separately. Following board approval, the minutes will be posted on OMWD's website.

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOLLOWED BY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY THE 2025-2026 BOARD PRESIDENT**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider election of officers and then Committee Assignments by President Hahn for 2025 and 2026.

## Recommendation

Per the Board's discussion at the December 11, 2024 Board Meeting and sequential rotation, OMWD officers would be as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>New Office</u>
4	Hahn	President
5	Meyers	Vice President
1	San Antonio	Treasurer
2	Maloni	Director
3	Guerin	Secretary

Committee assignments will be made by President Hahn.

## Background

Per Article 2, Section 2.2 of the Administrative and Ethics Code, Committee assignments are made by the Board President with the Treasurer serving on the Finance Committee.

At the December 2024 Board Meeting, a list of the committees and officer positions were presented for preliminary review.

### **Fiscal Impact**

N/A.

### **Discussion**

Below is the list of committees that President Hahn proposed at the December 2024 Board Meeting.

1. Standing Finance Committee – Directors San Antonio and Meyers
2. Standing Personnel Committee – Directors Guerin and Meyers
3. Standing Safety Committee – Directors Guerin and Hahn
4. Ad Hoc Facilities Subcommittee – Directors Guerin and Maloni
5. Ad Hoc Customer Outreach and Conservation Subcommittee – Directors San Antonio and Hahn
6. Ad Hoc Public Policy Subcommittee – Directors Maloni and Hahn
7. EFRR Executive Committee – Directors San Antonio and Maloni
8. ACWA JPIA Representative – Director San Antonio with General Manager and HR Manager as Alternate(s)

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager  
Via: Kimberly Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF LISTED WARRANTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S REVOLVING AND REGULAR ACCOUNTS; LISTED TRANSFERS OF FUNDS; REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF; AND MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS**

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The following monthly financial reports are enclosed for review and approval by the Board of Directors:

- December 2024 Summary of payment of listed warrants from the District's checking account and listed transfer of funds.
- December 2024 Monthly Summary of Reimbursement Expenses to Board Members and Staff.
- October and November 2024 Monthly Investment Reports

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Proposed Motions for January 15, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting  
December 2024 Activities  
Consent Calendar Item # C-a

Proposed Motions:

I. That the following warrants and transfers be approved:

Regular Account	Warrants - by check	036278 ✓	to	036396 ✓		\$ 1,675,820.40
	Warrants - by EFT	EFT000000001896 ✓	to	EFT000000002001 ✓		1,372,025.06
						3,047,845.46 ✓
	ACH Payments - Payroll					239,476.62
	Wire - SDCWA - Monthly Purchased Water Payment					3,086,683.50
	ACH Payments - Payroll					334,476.14
						\$ 6,708,481.72 ✓

Major Category of Disbursements

Total warrants from the District's checking account: \$ 3,047,845.46

Following is a breakdown of this total by major categories:

<u>Category</u>	\$
Outside services	2,075,577.50
Inventory and supplies	470,947.28
Utilities	181,973.43
Repairs and maintenance	99,757.54
Other	3,678.60
Refunds	4,506.35
Insurance	167,610.26
Permit Fees	43,794.50
Total	\$ 3,047,845.46

Sincerely,



Rainy K. Selamat/Finance Manager



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California Bank and Trust

Regular Account

Warrants - by check	036278	to	036396	\$	1,675,820.40
Warrants - by EFT	EFT000000001896	to	EFT000000002001		1,372,025.06
					3,047,845.46
	12/5/2024 ACH Payments - Payroll				239,476.62
	12/13/2024 Wire - SDCWA - Monthly Purchased Water Payment				3,086,683.50
	12/19/2024 ACH Payments - Payroll				334,476.14
			Total	\$	6,708,481.72

ACH Payments - Payroll

For Board Consideration and Approval

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
December 2024 Warrant List - Check & EFT**

Number	Date	Name	Amount	Inv Reference	Multiple Invoices?
036278	12/4/2024	American Messaging	66.05	L1-072035	
036279	12/4/2024	Arlene Stephenson	216.93	REF:1032167_198570	
036280	12/4/2024	Blue Wave Real Estate, Inc	258.47	REF:1089807_210740	
036281	12/4/2024	Bobcat Unlimited, Inc	1,862.87	REF:1093876_303630	
036282	12/4/2024	California State Disbursement Unit	123.23	Garnishment	
036283	12/4/2024	Cash	183.77	PETTY CASH	
036284	12/4/2024	CBIONE	119.08	PARKS TRAILER SUPPLIES	
036285	12/4/2024	D&H Water Systems	91.18	WTP SUPPLIES	
036286	12/4/2024	Edco Waste & Recycling	683.19	25-4A 861816	Yes
036287	12/4/2024	Encinitas Ford	316.26	PU96 SUPPLIES	Yes
036288	12/4/2024	Ferguson Enterprises Inc. #1083	234.68	SUPPLIES	
036289	12/4/2024	Golden State Labor	850.00	Labor Compliance for the Recycled Water Pipeline Extension for CB, VP, & SH Project	Yes
036290	12/4/2024	Grangetto's Ag. Supply	29.81	SUPPLIES	
036291	12/4/2024	Guy Roney	120.37	REF:1090400_221560	
036292	12/4/2024	Infosend	4,119.33	10/24 MAINTENANCE FEE	
036293	12/4/2024	Interstate Battery Of San Diego Inc	475.36	SHOP SUPPLIES	
036294	12/4/2024	Pacific Star Chemical, LLC	27,636.19	WTP CHEMICALS	
036295	12/4/2024	Pacific Pipeline Supply	191.13	MISC TOOLS	
036296	12/4/2024	Republic Services	2,010.45	4-4530-0333405	
036297	12/4/2024	Republic Services #661	868.07	3-0661-1001776	
036298	12/4/2024	Tetra Tech Inc	2,205.00	Engineering Support PLC Replacement Project (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
036299	12/4/2024	Tim Milligan	512.65	REF:1090244_115875	
036300	12/4/2024	US Bank	2,190.51	Printers lease	
036301	12/4/2024	Walters Wholesale Electric Co	221.95	PARKS TRAILER SUPPLIES	
036302	12/4/2024	Zahid Shaikh Hossain	320.56	REF:1059024_303130	
036303	12/11/2024	American Conservation & Billing Solutions, Inc.	3,251.00	12/24 AQUAHAWK SERVICES	
036304	12/11/2024	AmeriGas	147.41	4438 CALLE MESSINA	
036305	12/11/2024	Charles Simpson	51.29	REF:1084880_230970	
036306	12/11/2024	City Treasurer	345.00	AED PGM MANAGEMENT SERVICES	
036307	12/11/2024	Coast Waste Mgmt Inc	557.08	19-55615-83004	
036308	12/11/2024	Cogsdale Corporation	2,250.00	MEKORMA CUSTOMIZATION - MICROSOFT GP PAYROLL	
036309	12/11/2024	County Of San Diego	603.00	15839 VIA APICE	
036310	12/11/2024	Daniel Holian	43.80	REF:1090170_207540	
036311	12/11/2024	DCL Enterprise Inc Dba	18.86	KEYS (BOBCAT)	
036312	12/11/2024	Ferguson Enterprises Inc. #1083	8,231.07	Gate valves and other inventory items	Yes
036313	12/11/2024	Grangetto's Ag. Supply	59.86	RSF RD LEAK REPAIR SUPPLIES	
036314	12/11/2024	Hi-Line Electric Company, Inc.	260.09	SHOP SUPPLIES	
036315	12/11/2024	Jeff Herrmann	150.00	EDUCATION INCENTIVE	
036316	12/11/2024	Jessica Arroyo	94.32	REF:1090876_191550	
036317	12/11/2024	Michael Mendoza	86.02	REF:1094135_202235	
036318	12/11/2024	Nicole Loftus	104.13	REF:1084250_223470	
036319	12/11/2024	Pacific Pipeline Supply	629.34	HIT HYDRANT SUPPLIES	Yes
036320	12/11/2024	Paul Zamora	190.00	D3 OP CERT/ EXAM FEE EXP REIMB	
036321	12/11/2024	RECON Environmental, Inc.	3,842.50	ELFIN FOREST/CIELO AZUL TRAIL	Yes
036322	12/11/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	21,363.00	UTILITIES	Yes
036323	12/11/2024	Sue Figueroa	29.87	REF:1010275_239725	
036324	12/11/2024	Kim Thorner	76.81	EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS	
036325	12/11/2024	Tom Acuna	122.22	REF:1000179_177595	
036326	12/11/2024	Tri Signal Integration Inc	387.25	WTP SERVICES	
036327	12/11/2024	UniFirst Aid Corp	499.35	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	
036328	12/11/2024	Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	1,849.70	100000112726	Yes
036329	12/11/2024	Weichert Corporate Housing	158.94	REF:1086515_136390	
036330	12/11/2024	Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	12,791.54	SUPPLIES	Yes
036331	12/18/2024	Corning Ford Inc.	53,263.79	Base Vehicle Potable Water Budget	Yes
036332	12/18/2024	Advanced Air & Vacuum	3,684.88	WWTP SUPPLIES	
036333	12/18/2024	Alfa Laval Inc.	953.67	WWTP SUPPLIES	
036334	12/18/2024	Applied Ind. Tech.	5,876.64	Supplies	Yes
036335	12/18/2024	AT & T	1,301.10	Utilities	Yes
036336	12/18/2024	Avantpage, Inc.	401.50	WTR SVC DISCONNECT TRANSLATE	
036337	12/18/2024	Bee Rescue LLC	2,350.00	Bee removal - various locations	Yes
036338	12/18/2024	California State Disbursement Unit	123.23	Garnishment	
036339	12/18/2024	CCL Contracting Inc.	536,189.49	For Construction Contract for the Unit A RSF Potable Water Pipeline Replacement Project	Yes
036340	12/18/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service	6,075.00	964 RANCHO SANTA FE RD, EL CMNO REAL & MTN VISTA	Yes
036341	12/18/2024	Teresa L Chase	240.55	EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	
036342	12/18/2024	City Treasurer	853.93	RECYCLED WATER	
036343	12/18/2024	City Treasurer	56,016.95	11/24 51.86 AF RECYCLED WATER	
036344	12/18/2024	Corodata	305.86	OFFSITE RECORDS STORAGE	
036345	12/18/2024	Corodata Shredding, Inc	69.87	PAPER DESTRUCTION SERVICES	
036346	12/18/2024	County Of San Diego	3,561.50	PERMIT FEES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS	Yes
036347	12/18/2024	DCL Enterprise Inc Dba	438.01	KEYS	Yes
036348	12/18/2024	DXP Enterprises, Inc.	3,293.75	WTP SUPPLIES	
036349	12/18/2024	ECS Imaging Inc	4,676.00	LASERFICHE SUPPORT SERVICES	
036350	12/18/2024	Ferguson Enterprises Inc. #1083	6,994.05	1208N/Gv8 Valve Can Body and Lids	Yes
036351	12/18/2024	Fieldman, Rolapp & Assoc	217.50	CDIAC CONSULTING SERVICES	
036352	12/18/2024	Firehawk Fire & Safety	1,012.90	OMWD HQ FIRE SPRINKLER TESTING	
036353	12/18/2024	First Choice Technology	163.20	13001474	Yes
036354	12/18/2024	Home Depot/Gecf	9,061.45	11/24 SUPPLIES	Yes

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Number	Date	Name	Amount	Inv Reference	Multiple Invoices?
036355	12/18/2024	Infosend	7,539.53	WATER BILL STATEMENTS	
036356	12/18/2024	Infrastructure Engineering Corporation	11,366.60	Hydraulic Model/Master Plan	Yes
036357	12/18/2024	Interstate Battery Of San Diego Inc	168.35	SHOP SUPPLIES	
036358	12/18/2024	J.M.D. Landscape Inc	980.00	MT ISRAEL ROAD	
036359	12/18/2024	Janet Shichman	67.97	REF:1092044_103630	
036360	12/18/2024	Jennette Company Inc.	3,680.00	WWTP SUPPLIES	
036361	12/18/2024	Vince Dixon Ford dba	2,602.80	VEHICLE SUPPLIES	Yes
036362	12/18/2024	Line X Of Escondido	4,601.50	WWTP SERVICES	
036363	12/18/2024	Marco San Antonio	142.04	ACWA MTG MILEAGE REIMB.	
036364	12/18/2024	Marshee Castrejon	6.33	REF:1045899_193430	
036365	12/18/2024	Nargis Lengascher	77.25	REF:1083965_237245	
036366	12/18/2024	Nathaniel Armendariz	85.03	REF:1094241_189685	
036367	12/18/2024	Pacific Pipeline Supply	7,369.13	WWTP SUPPLIES	Yes
036368	12/18/2024	Rancho Santa Fe Community Svs	14,008.06	11/24 16.97 AC/FT RECYCLED WTR	
036369	12/18/2024	RCP Block & Brick Inc	101.07	SUPPLIES	Yes
036370	12/18/2024	Republic Services #661	3,350.83	WASTE DISPOSAL	Yes
036371	12/18/2024	S D G & E	264.85	UTILITIES	
036372	12/18/2024	San Diego County Recorder	50.00	NOE FILING FEE - RSVR SAFETY	Yes
036373	12/18/2024	San Diego County Vector	546.07	VECTOR CONTROL SVCS (S10064)	
036374	12/18/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	81,082.82	UTILITIES	Yes
036375	12/18/2024	Santa Fe Irrigation Dist	4,308.89	008128-009	Yes
036376	12/18/2024	Sean Elgar	77.78	REF:1094276_237240	
036377	12/18/2024	Shane Sullivan	24.00	11/24 GYM REIMBURSEMENT	
036378	12/18/2024	Sherry Landow	89.84	REF:1093064_177710	
036379	12/18/2024	SoCal Saltworks LLC	7,409.99	WTP CHEMICALS	
036380	12/18/2024	Sonsray Machinery LLC	140.97	BA07 SUPPLIES	Yes
036381	12/18/2024	Sean Stevenson	90.00	D3 RENEWAL EXP REIMBURSEMENT	
036382	12/18/2024	Stilson Kent Scott Db	2,419.00	DENK RSVR REPAIR WORK	Yes
036383	12/18/2024	SWRCB Accounting Office	39,630.00	WWTP, HQ ANNUAL PERMIT FEE	Yes
036384	12/18/2024	Tara Gaston	119.71	REF:1084790_223050	
036385	12/18/2024	Teichert Energy & Utilities Group, Inc.	528,292.67	Construction of the RW Pipeline Extensions for CB, Village Park & Summerhill	Yes
036386	12/18/2024	Tetra Tech Inc	245.00	Engineering Support PLC Replacement Project (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
036387	12/18/2024	US Postal Service	1,020.00	BRM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEE	
036388	12/18/2024	Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	57,486.65	Firehouse SPS Wetwell Liner Repairs Pump By-Pass System	Yes
036389	12/26/2024	AT & T	758.42	UTILITIES	
036390	12/26/2024	Guardian	959.14	1/25 DENTAL ADMIN FEE	
036391	12/26/2024	Infosend	4,131.82	11/24 MAINTENANCE FEE	
036392	12/26/2024	Republic Services	2,225.45	WASTE DISPOSAL	
036393	12/26/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	8,102.39	UTILITIES	Yes
036394	12/26/2024	TASC	592.90	12/24 VEBA CLAIMS PROCESSING	
036395	12/26/2024	VWR International LLC	870.19	WTP SUPPLIES	
036396	12/26/2024	Zebron	77,510.00	Firehouse SPS Wetwell Liner Repairs	Yes
EFT000000001896	12/4/2024	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC.	4,383.54	FUEL SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001897	12/4/2024	Interface Automation Inc.	8,336.25	WTP COMM ISSUES	Yes
EFT000000001898	12/4/2024	CFM-San Diego Inc	12,539.85	Materials	Yes
EFT000000001899	12/4/2024	Mesa Products	423.00	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001900	12/4/2024	Traffic Supply Inc	1,156.97	VEHICLE DECALS	
EFT000000001901	12/4/2024	Controlled Entry Specialists	364.00	WWTP GATE REPAIRS	
EFT000000001902	12/4/2024	North County Powder Coating	543.41	WTP - PARTS COATING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001903	12/4/2024	Evoqua Water Technologies	6,430.52	WWTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000001904	12/4/2024	McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	671.84	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001905	12/4/2024	Sloan Electric	2,277.42	WTP SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001906	12/4/2024	CyberlinkASP Technology	10,453.96	HOSTING SERVICES	
EFT000000001907	12/4/2024	Mission Electric Supply, Inc.	989.16	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001908	12/4/2024	Transnet Investigative Group Inc.	390.00	PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND	
EFT000000001909	12/4/2024	Parkhouse Tire Inc	1,375.95	WWTP STORAGE TRAILER SVCS & VEHICLE SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001910	12/4/2024	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	528.73	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000001911	12/4/2024	Rincon Consultants Inc.	35,059.69	NSDWRC GRANT ADMIN SUPPORT, DESAL GROUNDWATER PROJECT SUPPORT	Yes
EFT000000001912	12/4/2024	TerraVerde Energy, LLC	3,019.69	Vehicle Fleet Electrification Feasibility Study & Conceptual Plan Phase 1	Yes
EFT000000001913	12/4/2024	West Coast Sand & Gravel	1,386.83	YARD MATERIALS	
EFT000000001914	12/4/2024	Express Services Inc	3,607.92	TEMP LABOR	Yes
EFT000000001915	12/4/2024	Bay City Electric Works	1,702.17	WTP SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001916	12/4/2024	Valley Construction Management	72,220.50	Construction Management Services for various District projects	Yes
EFT000000001917	12/4/2024	Integrity Municipal Systems	3,537.00	WWTP ODOR SCRUBBER SERVICE	Yes
EFT000000001918	12/4/2024	Harrington Industrial Plastics Inc	536.29	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001919	12/4/2024	Water for People	63.00	WTRPL 12/5/2024	
EFT000000001920	12/11/2024	Standard Insurance Co.	6,375.90	12/24 LIFE, LTD INSURANCE PREM	
EFT000000001921	12/11/2024	DLM Engineering Inc	4,133.24	ENGINEER CONSULTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001922	12/11/2024	Mesa Products	4,729.57	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001923	12/11/2024	Hasa	7,001.84	WTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000001924	12/11/2024	Ninyo & Moore	14,724.95	Geotech Observations & Material Testing for Unit A, WTP coating inspection project	Yes
EFT000000001925	12/11/2024	Sloan Electric	1,168.30	WTP - MOTOR ALIGNMENT SVCS	

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EFT000000001926	12/11/2024	Brax Company, Inc.	25,411.18	45 WRF TWAS Pump and Motor Repair	Yes
EFT000000001927	12/11/2024	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	1,205.08	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000001928	12/11/2024	Ignacio Tool Supply Inc.	226.28	SHOP TOOLS	
EFT000000001929	12/11/2024	Blue-White Industries	277.79	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001930	12/11/2024	Rusty Wallis Inc.	4,550.00	WTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000001931	12/11/2024	Rincon Consultants Inc.	717.75	Groundwater Desalination Project Support	Yes
EFT000000001932	12/11/2024	McGrath RentCorp dba	748.86	PARKS TRAILER RENTAL	
EFT000000001933	12/11/2024	Aqua Metric	46,720.61	Cordonel Meters 1.5", and 2" w/ pressure sensors	Yes
EFT000000001934	12/11/2024	Engineered Fluid Inc	11,675.30	Pressure Reducing Station Replacement for the Village Park PRS Station Project	Yes
EFT000000001935	12/11/2024	USA Blue Book	287.71	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001936	12/11/2024	Express Services Inc	2,555.56	TEMP LABOR PPE	Yes
EFT000000001937	12/11/2024	Global Power Group Inc	7,576.27	WWTP SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001938	12/11/2024	Samba Holdings Inc	198.67	DRIVER RECORD MONITORING	
EFT000000001939	12/11/2024	Nossaman LLP	41,339.56	10/24 LEGAL SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001940	12/11/2024	NBS	2,451.00	CONTINUING DISCLOSURE RPT	
EFT000000001941	12/11/2024	Rockwell Construction	2,375.00	Construction Mgmt Services PLC Replacement Project (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
EFT000000001942	12/11/2024	Univar Solutions Usa Inc	3,364.70	WWTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000001943	12/11/2024	Insight Public Sector, Inc.	1,126.43	PALO GLOBAL PROTECT (1 YR)	
EFT000000001944	12/11/2024	Motion Industries	480.48	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001945	12/11/2024	Integrity Municipal Systems	1,303.00	WWTP ODOR SCRUBBER SVCS	
EFT000000001946	12/18/2024	ACWA - JPIA	160,275.22	1/25 GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUM	
EFT000000001947	12/18/2024	TS Industrial Supply	2,445.97	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001948	12/18/2024	Boot World Inc	200.00	Safety Boots	Yes
EFT000000001949	12/18/2024	Underground Service Alert	307.85	DIG ALERT TICKETS	
EFT000000001950	12/18/2024	Ababa Bolt Inc	628.67	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001951	12/18/2024	Vallecitos Water District	48,395.97	RECLAIMED WATER SALES	
EFT000000001952	12/18/2024	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC.	6,749.69	FUEL SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001953	12/18/2024	AG Tech Llc	2,204.40	WWTP BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL	
EFT000000001954	12/18/2024	Traffic Supply Inc	47.91	STRIPING PAINT - BLACK	
EFT000000001955	12/18/2024	B. Weber Consulting LLC	4,111.19	CONSULTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001956	12/18/2024	Hasa	20,230.64	WWTP CHEMICALS	Yes
EFT000000001957	12/18/2024	Controlled Entry Specialists	362.00	NBHD #3 SPS GATE REPAIR	
EFT000000001958	12/18/2024	Evoqua Water Technologies	560.27	WWTP SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001959	12/18/2024	San Elijo Joint Powers Auth.	48,348.30	11/24 25.3 AC/FT RECYCLED WTR	
EFT000000001960	12/18/2024	McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	1,420.02	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001961	12/18/2024	Ninyo & Moore	12,238.50	Geotech Observations & Material Testing for Recycled Water Pipeline Extensions	Yes
EFT000000001962	12/18/2024	Fallbrook Printing Corp	1,307.73	Printing Services FY 2025	Yes
EFT000000001963	12/18/2024	Sloan Electric	3,801.36	WTP SERVICES	
EFT000000001964	12/18/2024	Calif. Surveying & Drafting Supply	385.50	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001965	12/18/2024	Volt Management Corp DBA	5,457.06	WWTP INTERN W/E 11/22 & 11/29	Yes
EFT000000001966	12/18/2024	Traffic Safety Solutions	1,100.00	CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN	
EFT000000001967	12/18/2024	The Pun Group LLP	20,000.00	6/30/2024 AUDIT FINAL BILLING	
EFT000000001968	12/18/2024	G. Briest Consulting, Inc.	1,040.64	ENGINEER CONSULTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001969	12/18/2024	Mission Electric Supply, Inc.	241.77	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001970	12/18/2024	Transnet Investigative Group Inc.	259.95	PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND	
EFT000000001971	12/18/2024	Industrial Solution Services, Inc.	6,052.18	Annual Liquid Ammonium Sulfate Supply	Yes
EFT000000001972	12/18/2024	PWLC I, INC	17,078.00	LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	Yes
EFT000000001973	12/18/2024	Orion Construction Corporation	396,404.07	Construction Services for N1SPS	Yes
EFT000000001974	12/18/2024	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	1,370.82	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000001975	12/18/2024	Rincon Consultants Inc.	13,964.75	Groundwater Desalination Project Support	Yes
EFT000000001976	12/18/2024	KDC Inc. dba	144,245.20	PLC Replacement Project Construction	Yes
EFT000000001977	12/18/2024	TerraVerde Energy, LLC	450.00	Vehicle Fleet Electrification Feasibility Study & Conceptual Plan Phase 1	Yes
EFT000000001978	12/18/2024	Aqua Metric	15,586.91	1 1/2" OMNI R2 Measuring Chamber MMP 100 CF	Yes
EFT000000001979	12/18/2024	Nobel Systems	4,500.00	WATER AUDIT VALIDATION, PRS MODULE HOSTING	Yes
EFT000000001980	12/18/2024	Tesco Controls Inc	404.07	WWTP SERVICES	
EFT000000001981	12/18/2024	Jauregui & Culver Inc	1,765.76	APCD TESTING	
EFT000000001982	12/18/2024	West Coast Sand & Gravel	1,284.42	YARD MATERIALS	
EFT000000001983	12/18/2024	Patriot Environmental	1,914.75	WWTP ROLLOFF BIN DISPOSAL SVC	Yes
EFT000000001984	12/18/2024	Global Power Group Inc	614.58	WWTP PREVENT MAINT SERVICES	
EFT000000001985	12/18/2024	Whitson CM	300.00	OMWD HQ SITE INSPECTIONS	
EFT000000001986	12/18/2024	CDW Government Inc	117.92	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000001987	12/18/2024	MGM Plastics Inc	2,047.26	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001988	12/18/2024	Nossaman LLP	15,699.60	11/24 LEGAL SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000001989	12/18/2024	Insight Public Sector, Inc.	3,244.65	SECURITY SOFTWARE	Yes
EFT000000001990	12/18/2024	County of San Diego, RCS	177.00	11/24 RADIO SERVICES	
EFT000000001991	12/18/2024	Integrity Municipal Systems	2,606.00	WWTP ODOR SCRUBBER SVCS	Yes
EFT000000001992	12/18/2024	Harrington Industrial Plastics Inc	2,800.44	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000001993	12/18/2024	Water for People	63.00	WTRPL 12/19/2024	
EFT000000001994	12/18/2024	Express Services Inc	7,492.61	TEMP LABOR	Yes
EFT000000001995	12/26/2024	Westamerica Communications, Inc.	6,444.93	OMWD ACFR 2024- - Design and Printing	Yes
EFT000000001996	12/26/2024	WREGIS	1.52	RENEW ENERGY	
EFT000000001997	12/26/2024	West Coast Sand & Gravel	1,058.11	YARD MATERIALS	

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EFT000000001998	12/26/2024	Express Services Inc	2,883.24	TEMP LABOR PPE	Yes
EFT000000001999	12/26/2024	CDW Government Inc	437.94	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002000	12/26/2024	Nossaman LLP	13,500.00	11/24, 12/24 LOBBYING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002001	12/26/2024	ESS	672.00	WWTP ALARM MONITORING	Yes
			<u>3,047,845.46</u>		

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Monthly Directors Fee and Reimbursed Expenses for Directors and Staff  
December 2024**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Check#/ Credit Card</u>	<u>Meals &amp; Lodging</u>	<u>Travel &amp; Transport</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Reimbursed Expenses</u>	<u>Directors Fee*</u>
Director Guerin			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Director Hahn			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Director Maloni			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Director Meyers			0.00	40.20	0.00	40.20	750.00
			0.00	40.20	0.00	40.20	750.00
Director San Antonio	12/18/2024	36363	0.00	142.04	0.00	142.04	750.00
			0.00	142.04	0.00	142.04	750.00
Director Watt			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
General Manager Thorner	12/11/2024	36324	0.00	0.00	76.81	76.81	
			0.00	0.00	76.81	76.81	
Human Resources Manager Joslin			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Finance Manager Selamat			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operations Manager Bartlett-May			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Engineering Manager Stephenson			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Assistant General Manager Randall			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Customer Service Manager Carnegie			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

\*Includes November and December 2024 Per Diems.

Notes:

- (1) Reviewed and discussed with the Finance Committee (02/05/18).
- (2) Reimbursement of expenses are in compliance with Article 19 of the District's Administrative and Ethics Code.
- (3) Travel and other expenses charged to District's credit cards and paid by the District are recorded and maintained separately.

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**MONTHLY CASH AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY**  
**As of October 31, 2024**

**Active Deposits**

	<b>Book Value</b>
Checking Accounts	\$ 4,464,464
Cash Restricted for Specific Use	150,964
Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness	1,496
Total Active Deposits	\$ 4,616,924

**Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy**

Cash with Fiscal Agents	1,381,699
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<b>Investments</b>	<b>Face Value</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Current Yield</b>	<b>Book Value</b>
LAIF	\$ 9,990,006	10,010,596	4.52%	\$ 9,990,006
CAMP - US Bank	25,208,734	25,208,734	5.03%	25,208,734
Money Market Funds	3,164,121	3,164,121	4.17%	3,164,121
Municipal Bonds	1,000,000	998,150	5.01%	1,216,760
U.S. Treasury Securities	13,311,000	13,192,491	4.51%	13,154,943
U.S. Agency Securities	35,975,000	35,078,310	2.23%	35,973,275
Total Investments	\$ 88,648,862	\$ 87,652,403	3.74%	\$ 88,707,840
<b>Total - All Deposits/Investments</b>				<b>\$ 94,706,463</b>

**Maturity Analysis of Investments**

	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Demand Deposits	43.2%	\$ 38,362,862
Maturity within the next two months	13.2%	11,707,577
Maturity within three months and one year	9.8%	8,679,923
Maturity beyond one year	33.8%	29,957,478
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 88,707,840</b>
<b>Weighted Average Days to Maturity</b>	<b>249</b>	

**Other Required Disclosures:**

Accrued interest receivable as of 10/31/2024 \$ 258,691

The above investments are in accordance with the portfolio limitations in the Investment Policy approved by the Board in December 2023.

The District has sufficient funds on hand to meet the next 60 days' obligations.





**Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
MONTHLY INVESTMENTS DETAIL  
October 31, 2024**

**ACTIVE DEPOSIT**

	<b>Book Value</b>
<b>Checking A/C:</b> California Bank and Trust for General Purpose	4,464,464
California Bank and Trust for Specific Purpose	150,964
<b>Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness</b>	1,496
<b>Total - Active Deposits</b>	<b>4,616,924</b>

**DEPOSITS NOT COVERED BY INVESTMENT POLICY**

**Cash with Fiscal Agents:**

Union Bank - RAD 96-1 Refunding Bond	281,157
Union Bank - 2015A Refunding Bond	3,635
SRF Loan	1,091,553
Union Bank - 2016A Refunding Bond	3,475
Union Bank - 2021A WW Revenue Bond	873
Union Bank - 2021B Refunding Bond	1,007

**Total Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy**

**1,381,699**

	<b>RATING</b>		<b>DATE</b>				<b>Weighted Average Days to Maturity</b>	<b>Call</b>	<b>Stated Coupon</b>	<b>Current Yield</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Face Value</b>	<b>Book Value</b>
	<b>Moody's</b>	<b>S&amp;P</b>	<b>Purchase</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Next Call</b>	<b>Next S-U</b>							

**INVESTMENTS**

<b>Invest. Pools:</b> US Bank Calif. Asset Mgmt Prgm (CAMP)							1		5.03%	\$ 25,208,734	\$ 25,208,734	\$ 25,208,734
State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)							1		4.52%	10,010,596	9,990,006	9,990,006
First American Government 31846V567							1		4.74%	29,734	29,734	29,734
CB&T Money Market Account							1		4.16%	3,134,387	3,134,387	3,134,387

**U.S. Treasury Notes/Bills**

912797HP5	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	09/05/24	11/29/24		30		5.02%	5.04%	1,992,860	2,000,000	1,976,938
912797LE5	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	08/22/24	11/21/24		22		5.08%	5.09%	1,895,136	1,900,000	1,876,256
912797LF2	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	09/05/24	12/05/24		36		5.02%	5.04%	995,660	1,000,000	987,638
912797LP0	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	09/18/24	12/12/24		43		4.76%	4.78%	994,780	1,000,000	989,039
912797LP0	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	09/11/24	12/12/24		43		4.91%	4.93%	906,245	911,000	899,875
912797MR5	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	10/01/24	12/31/24		62		4.55%	4.59%	1,984,920	2,000,000	1,977,556
912797LR6	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	10/08/24	01/02/25		64		4.58%	4.62%	1,488,330	1,500,000	1,483,973
912797LX3	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	10/17/24	01/09/25		71		4.57%	4.61%	1,982,880	2,000,000	1,979,190
91282CBQ3	U.S. Treasury Notes	Aaa	-	03/09/21	02/28/26		486		0.50%	0.53%	951,680	1,000,000	984,478
							<b>29</b>		<b>4.47%</b>	<b>4.51%</b>	<b>\$ 13,192,491</b>	<b>\$ 13,311,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,154,943</b>

**U.S. Agency Securities**

3130AKEW2	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	11/04/20	11/04/24	Anytime		5	1	0.43%	0.43%	1,999,420	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AXS33	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/17/24	11/13/24	None		14		5.25%	5.25%	1,000,140	1,000,000	1,000,275
3130ANGN4	FHBL Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/18/21	02/18/25	11/18/24	None	111	19	1.50%	1.51%	990,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AMKE1	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	05/27/21	02/27/25	11/27/24		120	28	0.66%	0.67%	987,170	1,000,000	1,000,000
3134GWAQ9	FHLMC Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/28/20	07/28/25	None		271		0.65%	0.67%	973,880	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B35S8	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/09/24	10/09/25	01/09/25		344	71	4.65%	4.66%	997,810	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKGX8	FHBL Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/15/20	12/15/25	12/15/24	12/15/24	411	46	1.00%	1.02%	1,956,020	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AKMD5	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/26/21	01/26/26	01/26/25		453	88	0.50%	0.52%	954,340	1,000,000	999,500
3130AKU53	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	11/28/25		455	394	0.52%	0.54%	954,370	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKN69	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	01/28/25		455	90	0.50%	0.52%	954,130	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKVN3	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/29/21	01/29/26	01/29/25		456	91	0.52%	0.54%	954,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKWK8	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/12/21	02/12/26	11/12/24		470	13	0.51%	0.54%	952,780	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKX43	FHBL Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	11/24/24	None	482	25	0.70%	0.73%	1,910,960	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AL7M0	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	11/24/24		482	25	0.63%	0.66%	953,100	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKYR1	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		483	118	0.55%	0.58%	952,060	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AL6K5	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		483	118	0.58%	0.61%	952,440	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALD76	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	11/25/24		483	26	0.70%	0.73%	953,950	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALCW2	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		483	118	0.63%	0.66%	953,000	1,000,000	998,500
3130ALGJ7	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/23/21	03/23/26	11/23/24		509	24	1.00%	1.05%	931,320	975,000	975,000
3130B2RS6	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/27/24	03/27/26	03/27/25		513	148	4.33%	4.33%	999,070	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALPC1	FHBL Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/30/21	03/30/26	12/30/24	03/30/25	516	61	1.50%	1.55%	967,920	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALVC5	FHBL Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	04/14/21	04/14/26	01/14/25	04/14/25	531	76	1.50%	1.55%	966,880	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B1PZ4	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	06/13/24	06/11/26	12/11/24		589	42	5.35%	5.35%	999,450	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2GY5	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/23/24	08/12/26	11/12/24		651	13	5.20%	5.20%	999,650	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2J89	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/28/24	08/14/26	11/14/24		653	15	5.15%	5.15%	999,240	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130APAY1	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/21/21	10/21/26	01/21/25		721	83	1.10%	1.17%	940,620	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130APL78	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/28/21	10/28/26	01/28/25		728	90	1.38%	1.46%	944,670	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B1GJ0	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	05/21/24	11/20/26	11/20/24		751	21	5.50%	5.50%	999,770	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2DX0	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/27/24	11/27/26	Anytime		758	1	4.55%	4.57%	995,500	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B1TA5	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/09/24	07/09/27	07/09/25		982	252	5.20%	5.18%	1,003,020	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2N43	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/10/24	09/10/29	09/10/26		1,776	680	4.00%	4.07%	982,390	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2NM3	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/17/24	09/17/29	03/17/25		1,783	138	4.92%	4.92%	999,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3BF9	FHBL Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/16/24	10/11/29	04/11/25		1,807	163	4.90%	4.90%	999,340	1,000,000	1,000,000
							<b>573</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2.17%</b>	<b>2.23%</b>	<b>\$ 35,078,310</b>	<b>\$ 35,975,000</b>	<b>\$ 35,973,275</b>	

**Municipal Bonds**

882724RA7	TEXAS ST PUB FIN AUTH	Aaa	AAA	10/30/20	10/01/25		336		5.00%	5.01%	998,150	1,000,000	1,216,760
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**Total Investments**

<b>11</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>5.01%</b>	<b>\$ 998,150</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,216,760</b>
<b>249</b>	<b>3.70%</b>	<b>3.74%</b>	<b>\$ 87,652,403</b>	<b>\$ 88,648,862</b>	<b>\$ 88,707,840</b>

**TOTAL - ALL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**\$ 94,706,463**

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
INVESTMENTS TRANSACTION  
October 31, 2024**

**PURCHASED**

DATE				Investment Description	Stated	Current	Face Value	Book Value
Purchase	Maturity	Call	Step-Up		Coupon	Yield		
10/01/24	12/31/24			U.S. Treasury Bills	4.552%	4.587%	2,000,000	1,977,556
10/08/24	01/02/25			U.S. Treasury Bills	4.584%	4.620%	1,500,000	1,483,973
10/09/24	10/09/25	01/09/25		FHLB Callable	4.650%	4.660%	1,000,000	1,000,000
10/16/24	10/11/29	04/11/25		FHLB Callable	4.900%	4.903%	1,000,000	1,000,000
10/17/24	11/13/24	None		FHLB Callable	5.250%	5.249%	1,000,000	1,000,275
10/17/24	01/09/25			U.S. Treasury Bills	4.569%	4.608%	2,000,000	1,979,190

**MATURED / REDEEMED / CALLED**

DATE				Investment Description	Stated	Current	Face Value	Book Value
Redemption	Maturity	Call	Step-Up		Coupon	Yield		
10/03/24	10/03/24			U.S. Treasury Bills	5.311%	5.312%	1,500,000	1,462,852
10/08/24	10/08/24			U.S. Treasury Bills	5.275%	5.280%	1,000,000	986,457
10/10/24	02/10/26	10/10/24		FHLB Callable	5.250%	5.262%	1,000,000	1,000,000
10/17/24	10/17/24			U.S. Treasury Bills	5.321%	5.332%	4,000,000	3,925,885
10/17/24	10/17/24	None		FHLB Callable	0.500%	0.501%	1,000,000	1,000,000
10/17/24	04/17/29	10/17/24		FHLB Callable	6.000%	5.997%	1,000,000	1,000,000

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**UNAUDITED CASH POSITION BY FUNDING SOURCES**  
**As of October 31, 2024**

<b><u>Water Funds (Potable &amp; Recycled)</u></b>		<b><u>Balance</u></b>
10050-100	Cash - Petty Cash Fund	1,496
10010-100	Cash - Operating Fund	16,469,197
10030-100	Cash - Capital and Equipment Fund	42,997,880
10040-100	Cash - Rate Stabilization Fund	11,523,303
10080-100	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	685,506
10060-100	Cash - Deposit Work for Other	187,947
14000-500	Restricted Cash - Capacity Fee Fund	6,804,709
<b>Total Water Funds (Potable &amp; Recycled)</b>		<b><u>78,670,039</u></b>
<b><u>Wastewater Funds</u></b>		
10010-110	Wastewater - Operating Fund	2,932,838
10030-110	Wastewater - Capital Replacement Fund	8,720,223
10040-110	Wastewater - Rate Stabilization Fund	2,789,294
10080-110	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	61,405
<b>Total Wastewater Funds</b>		<b><u>14,503,761</u></b>
<b><u>Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash</u></b>		
14020-570	Cash non-agent - RAD 96-1	139,763
10070-561	Cash non-agent - Bond 2015A	621
10070-581	Cash non-agent - Bond 2016A	10,580
<b>Total Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash</b>		<b><u>150,964</u></b>
<b><u>Debt Service Funds</u></b>		
14030-510	SRF Loan - Fiscal Agent	1,091,553
14105-570	Redemption fund - RAD 96-1	230,402
14110-570	Reserve fund - RAD 96-1	50,755
14100-561	Redemption fund - Bond 2015A	3,635
14100-581	Redemption fund - Bond 2016A	3,475
14100-521	Redemption fund - Bond 2021A	873
14100-522	Redemption fund - Bond 2021B	1,007
<b>Total Debt Service Funds</b>		<b><u>1,381,699</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>		 <b><u><u>94,706,463</u></u></b>

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**MONTHLY CASH AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY**  
**As of November 30, 2024**

**Active Deposits**

	<b>Book Value</b>
Checking Accounts	\$ 3,993,085
Cash Restricted for Specific Use	261,495
Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness	1,496
Total Active Deposits	\$ 4,256,077

**Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy**

Cash with Fiscal Agents	1,817,775
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<b>Investments</b>	<b>Face Value</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Current Yield</b>	<b>Book Value</b>
LAIF	\$ 16,990,006	17,025,024	4.48%	\$ 16,990,006
CAMP - US Bank	25,309,373	25,309,373	4.87%	25,309,373
Money Market Funds	5,172,810	5,172,810	4.15%	5,172,810
Municipal Bonds	1,000,000	1,005,830	4.97%	1,216,760
U.S. Treasury Securities	9,411,000	9,339,917	4.27%	9,301,749
U.S. Agency Securities	30,975,000	30,122,231	2.03%	30,973,000
Total Investments	\$ 88,858,189	\$ 87,975,184	3.71%	\$ 88,963,697
<b>Total - All Deposits/Investments</b>				<b>\$ 95,037,549</b>

**Maturity Analysis of Investments**

	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Demand Deposits	53.4%	\$ 47,472,189
Maturity within the next two months	9.3%	8,317,271
Maturity within three months and one year	5.9%	5,216,760
Maturity beyond one year	31.4%	27,957,478
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 88,963,697</b>

**Weighted Average Days to Maturity** **223**

**Other Required Disclosures:**

Accrued interest receivable as of 11/30/2024 \$ 306,361

The above investments are in accordance with the portfolio limitations in the Investment Policy approved by the Board in December 2023.

The District has sufficient funds on hand to meet the next 60 days' obligations.



**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**MONTHLY INVESTMENTS DETAIL**  
November 30, 2024

ACTIVE DEPOSIT		Book Value
Checking A/C:	California Bank and Trust for General Purpose	3,993,085
	California Bank and Trust for Specific Purpose	261,495
Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness		1,496
<b>Total - Active Deposits</b>		<b>4,256,077</b>

DEPOSITS NOT COVERED BY INVESTMENT POLICY		Book Value
<b>Cash with Fiscal Agents:</b>		
	Union Bank - RAD 96-1 Refunding Bond	281,158
	Union Bank - 2015A Refunding Bond	193,649
	SRF Loan	1,092,599
	Union Bank - 2016A Refunding Bond	183,489
	Union Bank - 2021A WW Revenue Bond	50,873
	Union Bank - 2021B Refunding Bond	16,007
<b>Total Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy</b>		<b>1,817,775</b>

	RATING		DATE				Weighted Average Days to Maturity	Call	Stated Coupon	Current Yield	Market Value	Face Value	Book Value
	Moody's	S&P	Purchase	Maturity	Next Call	Next S-U							
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>													
<b>Invest. Pools:</b>													
	US Bank Calif. Asset Mgmt Prgm (CAMP)						Demand	1		4.87%	\$ 25,309,373	\$ 25,309,373	\$ 25,309,373
	State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)						Demand	1		4.48%	17,025,024	16,990,006	16,990,006
	First American Government 31846V567						Demand	1		4.52%	2,028,571	2,028,571	2,028,571
	CB&T Money Market Account						Demand	1		3.91%	3,144,238	3,144,238	3,144,238

**U.S. Treasury Notes/Bills**

912797LF2	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	09/05/24	12/05/24								
912797LP0	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	09/18/24	12/12/24								
912797LP0	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	09/11/24	12/12/24								
912797MR5	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	10/01/24	12/31/24								
912797LR6	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	10/08/24	01/02/25								
912797LX3	U.S. Treasury Bills	Aaa	-	10/17/24	01/09/25								
91282CBQ3	U.S. Treasury Notes	Aaa	-	03/09/21	02/28/26								
							<b>22</b>		<b>4.24%</b>	<b>4.27%</b>	<b>\$ 9,339,917</b>	<b>\$ 9,411,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,301,749</b>

**U.S. Agency Securities**

3130ANGN4	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/18/21	02/18/25	02/18/25	None	81	81	1.50%	1.51%	993,090	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AMKE1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	05/27/21	02/27/25	02/27/25		90	90	0.66%	0.67%	990,590	1,000,000	1,000,000
3134GWAQ9	FHLMC Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/28/20	07/28/25		None	241		0.65%	0.67%	975,910	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B35S8	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/09/24	10/09/25	01/09/25		314	41	4.65%	4.66%	998,180	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKGX8	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/15/20	12/15/25	12/15/24	12/15/24	381	16	1.00%	1.02%	1,955,280	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AKMD5	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/26/21	01/26/26	01/26/25		423	58	0.50%	0.52%	956,750	1,000,000	999,500
3130AKU53	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	11/28/25		425	364	0.52%	0.54%	956,800	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKN69	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	01/28/25		425	60	0.50%	0.52%	956,580	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKVN3	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/29/21	01/29/26	01/29/25		426	61	0.52%	0.54%	956,710	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKWK8	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/12/21	02/12/26	02/12/25		440	75	0.51%	0.53%	955,190	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKX43	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	02/24/25	None	452	87	0.70%	0.73%	1,912,900	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AL7M0	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	02/24/25		452	87	0.63%	0.65%	954,970	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKYR1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		453	88	0.55%	0.58%	954,320	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AL6K5	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		453	88	0.58%	0.61%	954,680	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALD76	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		453	88	0.70%	0.73%	956,100	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALCW2	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		453	88	0.63%	0.65%	955,210	1,000,000	998,500
3130ALGJ7	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/23/21	03/23/26	12/23/24		479	24	1.00%	1.04%	933,641	975,000	975,000
3130B2RS6	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/27/24	03/27/26	03/27/25		483	118	4.33%	4.33%	999,020	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALPQ1	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/30/21	03/30/26	12/30/24	03/30/25	486	31	1.50%	1.55%	968,520	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALVC5	FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	04/14/21	04/14/26	01/14/25	04/14/25	501	46	1.50%	1.55%	967,420	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B1PZ4	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	06/13/24	06/11/26	12/11/24		559	12	5.35%	5.35%	1,000,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130APAY1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/21/21	10/21/26	01/21/25		691	53	1.10%	1.17%	942,250	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130APL78	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/28/21	10/28/26	01/28/25		698	60	1.38%	1.45%	946,070	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2DX0	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/27/24	11/27/26	Anytime		728	1	4.55%	4.57%	995,580	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B1TA5	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/09/24	07/09/27	07/09/25		952	222	5.20%	5.19%	1,002,050	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3PL1	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	11/15/24	11/15/27	05/15/25		1,081	167	4.88%	4.88%	999,400	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2N43	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/10/24	09/10/29	09/10/26		1,746	650	4.00%	4.06%	984,720	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2NM3	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/17/24	09/17/29	03/17/25		1,753	108	4.92%	4.92%	999,990	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3BF9	FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/16/24	10/11/29	04/11/25		1,777	133	4.90%	4.90%	1,000,010	1,000,000	1,000,000
							<b>604</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1.97%</b>	<b>2.03%</b>	<b>\$ 30,122,231</b>	<b>\$ 30,975,000</b>	<b>\$ 30,973,000</b>	

**Municipal Bonds**

882724RA7	TEXAS ST PUB FIN AUTH	Aaa	AAA	10/30/20	10/01/25			306		5.00%	4.97%	1,005,830	1,000,000	1,216,760
							<b>12</b>		<b>5.00%</b>	<b>4.97%</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,830</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,216,760</b>	

<b>Total Investments</b>							<b>223</b>		<b>3.68%</b>	<b>3.71%</b>	<b>\$ 87,975,184</b>	<b>\$ 88,858,189</b>	<b>\$ 88,963,697</b>
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<b>TOTAL - ALL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS</b>											<b>\$</b>	<b>95,037,549</b>
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**Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
INVESTMENTS TRANSACTION  
November 30, 2024**

**PURCHASED**

DATE				Investment Description	Stated	Current	Face Value	Book Value
Purchase	Maturity	Call	Step-Up		Coupon	Yield		
11/15/24	11/15/27	05/15/25		FHLB Callable	4.875%	4.878%	1,000,000	1,000,000

**MATURED / REDEEMED / CALLED**

DATE				Investment Description	Stated	Current	Face Value	Book Value
Redemption	Maturity	Call	Step-Up		Coupon	Yield		
11/04/24	11/04/24	Anytime		FHLB Callable	0.430%	0.430%	2,000,000	2,000,000
11/12/24	08/12/26	11/12/24		FHLB Callable	5.200%	5.202%	1,000,000	1,000,000
11/13/24	11/13/24	None		FHLB Callable	5.250%	5.249%	1,000,000	1,000,275
11/14/24	08/14/26	11/14/24		FHLB Callable	5.150%	5.154%	1,000,000	1,000,000
11/20/24	11/20/26	11/20/24		FHLB Callable	5.500%	5.501%	1,000,000	1,000,000
11/21/24	11/21/24			U.S. Treasury Bills	5.076%	5.089%	1,900,000	1,876,256
11/29/24	11/29/24			U.S. Treasury Bills	5.023%	5.041%	2,000,000	1,976,938

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**  
**UNAUDITED CASH POSITION BY FUNDING SOURCES**  
**As of November 30, 2024**

<b><u>Water Funds (Potable &amp; Recycled)</u></b>		<b><u>Balance</u></b>
10050-100	Cash - Petty Cash Fund	1,496
10010-100	Cash - Operating Fund	17,482,759
10030-100	Cash - Capital and Equipment Fund	41,738,293
10040-100	Cash - Rate Stabilization Fund	11,491,437
10080-100	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	687,727
10060-100	Cash - Deposit Work for Other	159,990
14000-500	Restricted Cash - Capacity Fee Fund	6,850,247
<b>Total Water Funds (Potable &amp; Recycled)</b>		<b><u>78,411,949</u></b>
<b><u>Wastewater Funds</u></b>		
10010-110	Wastewater - Operating Fund	3,079,004
10030-110	Wastewater - Capital Replacement Fund	8,607,393
10040-110	Wastewater - Rate Stabilization Fund	2,798,328
10080-110	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	61,604
<b>Total Wastewater Funds</b>		<b><u>14,546,330</u></b>
<b><u>Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash</u></b>		
14020-570	Cash non-agent - RAD 96-1	250,294
10070-561	Cash non-agent - Bond 2015A	621
10070-581	Cash non-agent - Bond 2016A	10,580
<b>Total Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash</b>		<b><u>261,495</u></b>
<b><u>Debt Service Funds</u></b>		
14030-510	SRF Loan - Fiscal Agent	1,092,599
14105-570	Redemption fund - RAD 96-1	230,403
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14100-521	Redemption fund - Bond 2021A	50,873
14100-522	Redemption fund - Bond 2021B	16,007
<b>Total Debt Service Funds</b>		<b><u>1,817,775</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>		 <b><u><u>95,037,549</u></u></b>



# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Rainy K. Selamat, Finance Manager  
Via: Kimberly Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, CONSOLIDATED ACTUAL VS BUDGET SUMMARY, AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS REPORTS**

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The following unaudited monthly financial reports are enclosed for review and approval by the Board of Directors:

- October and November 2024 Monthly Statement of Net Position Reports.
- October and November 2024 Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Reports.
- October and November 2024 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.
- October and November 2024 Monthly Consolidated Actual VS Budget Summary and explanation of significant variance reports.
- October and November 2024 Construction In Progress Reports.

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)  
All Funds  
10/31/2024

**Assets**

Current assets:

Unrestricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$84,944,456
Accounts receivable - water and wastewater, net	10,051,881
Interest Receivable	258,691
Taxes receivable	212,142
Other receivables	309,630
Lease receivable	418,980
Inventories	1,792,194
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,716,298
Total unrestricted assets	<u>99,704,274</u>

Restricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	8,191,341
Assesments receivable	58,909
Grants receivable	565,716
Total restricted assets	<u>8,815,967</u>

Total current assets 108,520,240

Noncurrent assets:

Capital assets, nondepreciable	53,187,674
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>319,215,259</u>
Capital assets, net	372,402,933
Prepaid bond insurance	12,550
Lease receivable	<u>10,556,981</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>382,972,464</u>
Total assets	<u>491,492,704</u>

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred amount on refunding	(676,072)
Deferred amount from pension	<u>(7,033,805)</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>(7,709,877)</u>

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities

Liabilities payable from unrestricted assets:

Accounts payable	7,615,521
Accrued payroll	634,396
Customer deposits	413,785
Payable related to work in progress	178,885
Compensated absences, current portion	1,150,779
Current portion of long-term debt:	
Wastewater Revenue Bonds 2021A	216,210
Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bonds 2021B	581,980
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2016A	615,000
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2015A	2,035,000
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commi...	912,774
Notes Payable	855,907
Subscription Liability	<u>38,096</u>
Total liabilities payable from unrestricted assets	<u>15,248,332</u>

Liabilities payable from restricted assets:

Interest payable	522,607
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>522,607</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>15,770,939</u>

Noncurrent liabilities

Compensated absences	1,161,630
Net pension liability	17,930,299
Long-term debt, excluding current portion:	
Wastewater Revenue Bonds 2021A	4,161,270
Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bonds 2021B	1,786,450
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2016A	11,727,104
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2015A	7,129,990
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commi...	1,885,077
Notes Payable	8,652,907
Subscription Liability	<u>9,704</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>54,444,432</u>

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)

All Funds  
10/31/2024

Total liabilities 70,215,371

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred amounts on pension 298,346  
Deferred amounts on leases 9,811,059

Total deferred inflows of resources 10,109,405

Net Position

Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt 332,471,536  
Restricted Net Position 8,293,360  
Unrestricted Net Position 78,112,910  
Total Net Position 418,877,805

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)  
All Funds  
11/30/2024

**Assets**

Current assets:

Unrestricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$84,670,398
Accounts receivable - water and wastewater, net	9,303,276
Interest Receivable	306,361
Taxes receivable	212,142
Other receivables	322,166
Lease receivable	418,980
Inventories	1,765,364
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,850,303
<b>Total unrestricted assets</b>	<u>98,848,990</u>

Restricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	8,793,379
Assesments receivable	58,674
Grants receivable	565,716
<b>Total restricted assets</b>	<u>9,417,770</u>

<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>108,266,759</u>
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Noncurrent assets:

Capital assets, nondepreciable	54,911,544
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	318,376,741
Capital assets, net	373,288,285
Prepaid bond insurance	12,258
Lease receivable	10,556,981
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<u>383,857,523</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>492,124,283</u>

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Deferred amount on refunding	(665,849)
Deferred amount from pension	(7,033,805)
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<u>(7,699,654)</u>

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities

Liabilities payable from unrestricted assets:

Accounts payable	7,172,787
Accrued payroll	612,552
Customer deposits	419,985
Payable related to work in progress	152,445
Compensated absences, current portion	1,150,779
Current portion of long-term debt:	
Wastewater Revenue Bonds 2021A	216,210
Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bonds 2021B	581,980
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2016A	615,000
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2015A	2,035,000
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commi...	912,774
Notes Payable	855,907
Subscription Liability	38,096
<b>Total liabilities payable from unrestricted assets</b>	<u>14,763,514</u>

Liabilities payable from restricted assets:

Accounts payable	22,856
Interest payable	617,564
<b>Total liabilities payable from restricted assets</b>	<u>640,419</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>15,403,933</u>

Noncurrent liabilities

Compensated absences	1,195,217
Net pension liability	17,930,299
Long-term debt, excluding current portion:	
Wastewater Revenue Bonds 2021A	4,161,270
Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bonds 2021B	1,786,450
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2016A	11,720,559
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2015A	7,112,233
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commi...	1,885,077
Notes Payable	8,652,907
Subscription Liability	9,704

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)

All Funds

11/30/2024

Total noncurrent liabilities	54,453,717
Total liabilities	<u>69,857,650</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred amounts on pension	298,346
Deferred amounts on leases	9,811,059

Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,109,405</u>
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Net Position

Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt	333,370,967
Restricted Net Position	8,777,350
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>77,708,566</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>419,856,883</u></u>

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Unaudited)  
All Funds  
For the Four Months Ending 10/31/2024

	2025
Operating Revenues:	
Water Sales	\$27,149,978
Wastewater Charges	197,409
Other Water Operating revenues	624,162
Total Operating Revenues	27,971,548
Operating Expenses	
Cost of Purchased Water Sold	14,590,222
Pumping and Water Treatment	1,699,357
Transmission and Distribution	1,461,614
Wastewater Collection and Treatment	584,197
Elfin Forest Recreation Operations	142,501
Facilities Maintenance	391,080
Customer Service	800,455
General and Administrative	3,059,708
Depreciation and Amortization	3,732,280
Total Operating Expenses	26,461,414
Operating Income (Loss)	1,510,134
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Investment income	1,027,621
Property taxes	260,487
Capacity charges	179,890
Benefit assessments	40,669
Other nonoperating revenues	358,181
Interest expense, net	(326,618)
Other nonoperating expenses	(420,290)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	1,119,940
Income before capital contributions	2,630,074
Capital contributions	8,238
Change in net position	2,638,313
Net Position, Beginning of year	416,239,493
Net Position, End of year	418,877,805

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Unaudited)  
All Funds  
For the Five Months Ending 11/30/2024

	2025
Operating Revenues:	
Water Sales	\$32,752,260
Wastewater Charges	604,023
Other Water Operating revenues	715,917
Total Operating Revenues	34,072,199
Operating Expenses	
Cost of Purchased Water Sold	17,675,228
Pumping and Water Treatment	2,133,282
Transmission and Distribution	1,896,281
Wastewater Collection and Treatment	773,697
Elfin Forest Recreation Operations	196,926
Facilities Maintenance	478,962
Customer Service	1,023,728
General and Administrative	3,498,385
Depreciation and Amortization	4,665,350
Total Operating Expenses	32,341,838
Operating Income (Loss)	1,730,362
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Investment income	1,329,117
Property taxes	676,837
Capacity charges	223,431
Benefit assessments	153,281
Other nonoperating revenues	412,260
Interest expense, net	(407,495)
Other nonoperating expenses	(508,641)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	1,878,790
Income before capital contributions	3,609,152
Capital contributions	8,238
Change in net position	3,617,390
Net Position, Beginning of year	416,239,493
Net Position, End of year	419,856,883

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)  
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2024

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Receipts from water and wastewater customers	\$	28,138,685
Payments for water		(14,251,483)
Payments for services and supplies		(4,540,817)
Payments for employee wages, benefits and related costs		(5,536,903)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		3,809,482

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Property taxes and benefit assessments received		291,695
<b>Net cash provided by noncapital and related financing activities</b>		291,695

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(4,924,864)
Proceeds from Grants		2,882,381
Principal paid on long-term debt		(1,410,799)
Interest paid on long-term debt		(96,614)
Capacity charges received		179,890
Other capital financing receipts (expenses)		(19,977)
<b>Net cash used by capital and related financing activities</b>		(3,389,983)

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:**

Investment income received		1,182,595
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>		1,182,595

**Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents** 1,893,789

**Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year** 57,755,606

**Cash and cash equivalents, end of period** \$ 59,649,395

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:**

Cash and cash equivalents - current assets		54,023,355
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted assets		5,626,040
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		\$ 59,649,395

<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS RECONCILIATION</b>			
		<b>Balance Includes Mkt Securities</b>	<b>Without Mkt Securities</b>
Unrestricted cash	10/31/2024	84,944,456	54,023,355
Restricted cash	10/31/2024	8,191,341	5,626,040
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>			<b>59,649,395</b>



OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)  
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Receipts from water and wastewater customers	\$	34,981,605
Payments for water		(17,752,216)
Payments for services and supplies		(5,203,677)
Payments for employee wages, benefits and related costs		(6,862,416)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		5,163,296

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Property taxes and benefit assessments received		820,892
<b>Net cash provided by noncapital and related financing activities</b>		820,892

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(6,743,286)
Proceeds from Grants		2,882,381
Principal paid on long-term debt		(1,435,101)
Interest paid on long-term debt		(82,534)
Capacity charges received		223,431
Other capital financing receipts (expenses)		(43,731)
<b>Net cash used by capital and related financing activities</b>		(5,198,840)

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:**

Investment income received		1,436,421
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>		1,436,421

**Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents** 2,221,769

**Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year** 57,755,606

**Cash and cash equivalents, end of period** \$ 59,977,375

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:**

Cash and cash equivalents - current assets		53,749,297
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted assets		6,228,078
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		\$ 59,977,375

<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS RECONCILIATION</b>			
		<b>Balance Includes Mkt Securities</b>	<b>Without Mkt Securities</b>
Unrestricted cash	11/30/2024	84,670,398	53,749,297
Restricted cash	11/30/2024	8,793,379	6,228,078
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>			<b>59,977,375</b>

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Consolidated Actual vs Budget Summary  
For the Four Months Ending 10/31/2024

	Approved Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance Amt	Variance %	Notes
<b>Operating Revenues</b>						
Commodity Water Sales	\$46,817,000.00	\$21,315,682.32	\$20,454,900.00	\$860,782.32	4.2%	1
Water Fees and Services	19,701,000.00	6,458,456.70	6,567,000.00	(108,543.30)	(1.7%)	
Wastewater Revenue	5,725,000.00	197,408.77	191,800.00	5,608.77	2.9%	
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>72,243,000.00</b>	<b>27,971,547.79</b>	<b>27,213,700.00</b>	<b>757,847.79</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Purchased Water - Variable	27,264,000.00	11,558,121.75	12,086,000.00	527,878.25	4.4%	2
Purchased Water - Fixed	9,593,000.00	3,032,100.00	3,035,400.00	3,300.00	0.1%	
General Manager Dept	2,232,000.00	692,817.13	744,040.00	51,222.87	6.9%	3
Engineering Dept	2,577,000.00	784,024.05	858,680.00	74,655.95	8.7%	3
Finance Dept	1,875,000.00	637,799.63	625,320.00	(12,479.63)	(2.0%)	3
Customer Service Dept	3,226,500.00	950,528.80	1,076,092.00	125,563.20	11.7%	3
Human Resources Dept	878,000.00	294,156.89	292,732.00	(1,424.89)	(0.5%)	3
Water Operations and Maintenance Dept	13,026,000.00	3,912,720.07	4,343,516.00	430,795.93	9.9%	3
Parks Dept	542,800.00	157,811.05	181,384.00	23,572.95	13.0%	3
Other Operating Expenses	50,000.00		16,800.00	16,800.00	100.0%	
Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Dept	3,397,000.00	967,316.05	1,133,448.00	166,131.95	14.7%	3
Recycled Water Operations Dept	1,252,500.00	399,845.77	416,840.00	16,994.23	4.1%	3
Paygo Transfers						
Water Operations	5,382,000.00	1,796,000.00	1,796,000.00		0.0%	
Wastewater Operations	3,245,000.00	1,080,000.00	1,080,000.00		0.0%	
Recycled Operations	1,700,000.00	568,000.00	568,000.00		0.0%	
Capitalized Operations Expenditures	(1,969,700.00)	(369,827.41)	(656,240.00)	(286,412.59)	43.6%	4
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>74,271,100.00</b>	<b>26,461,413.78</b>	<b>27,598,012.00</b>	<b>1,136,598.22</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(2,028,100.00)</b>	<b>1,510,134.01</b>	<b>(384,312.00)</b>	<b>1,894,446.01</b>		
<b>Nonoperating Revenues</b>						
Water Funds	7,289,000.00	1,269,994.49	1,121,680.00	148,314.49	13.2%	5
Debt Service Funds	1,057,000.00	54,534.84	60,120.00	(5,585.16)	(9.3%)	5
Wastewater Funds	145,000.00	71,736.66	48,400.00	23,336.66	48.2%	5
Recycled Water Funds	342,000.00	87,364.08	114,000.00	(26,635.92)	(23.4%)	5
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenue</b>	<b>8,833,000.00</b>	<b>1,483,630.07</b>	<b>1,344,200.00</b>	<b>139,430.07</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	
<b>Nonoperating Expense</b>						
Capacity Fee Funds	30,000.00	23,547.40	9,920.00	(13,627.40)	(137.4%)	
Debt Service Funds	1,242,400.00	355,609.47	414,680.00	59,070.53	14.2%	6
Potable Water Funds	748,000.00	367,751.22	326,200.00	(41,551.22)	(12.7%)	7
<b>Total Nonoperating Expense</b>	<b>2,020,400.00</b>	<b>746,908.09</b>	<b>750,800.00</b>	<b>3,891.91</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	
<b>Inc before Cap Fees and Capital Contributions</b>	<b>4,784,500.00</b>	<b>2,246,855.99</b>	<b>209,088.00</b>	<b>2,037,767.99</b>		
Capacity Fee Funds	1,457,000.00	383,218.34				
Capital contributions	1,772,000.00	8,238.30				
<b>Change in Net Position</b>		<b>2,638,312.63</b>				

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Actual vs Budget Variance  
For the Four Months Ending 10/31/2024

1. Water Sales revenue was higher than Budget YTD by approximately \$860 thousand resulting in a favorable variance of 4.2% due to the timing of unbilled water estimates and slightly higher actual water sales over budgeted. Customers' total water usage through October was 166 acre feet, or 2%, more than Budget YTD.
2. Purchased water variable expenses were lower than the Budget YTD for a favorable variance of \$528 thousand or 4.4%. This is primarily due to the timing of the final take or pay amount owed to the City of San Diego per the recycled water agreement which is included in Budget YTD but not yet paid to the City.
3. Actual departmental expenses varied from the Budget YTD amounts due to the timing of actual operating expenses. The Budget YTD amounts assume expenditures are incurred evenly throughout the year. Finance Department actual departmental costs exceeded Budget YTD primarily due to the printing, mailing, and consulting fees for OMWD's Prop 218 notice and Water Cost of Service Study being higher than staff's estimate, coupled with the timing of expenses hitting at the beginning of the fiscal year.
4. Actual Capitalized Operating Expenses were lower than the Budget YTD amount due to the timing of capitalized labor spent on District projects. The Budget YTD amount assumes expenditures are incurred evenly throughout the year.
5. Actual Non-operating Revenues – Water Funds, Debt Service Funds, Wastewater Funds, and Recycled Water Funds were overall greater than Budget YTD for a positive variance due to higher interest income earned on short-term investments over budgeted returns and by the timing of property tax revenues received from the County. This is partially offset by the timing of proceeds from the sale of the District's Wiegand parcels included in the budget.
6. Actual Non-operating Expenses - Debt Service Funds were lower than the Budget YTD amount for a positive variance because amortization of the issuance premium is not included in the 2015A Bonds interest expense.
7. Actual Non-operating Expenses – Potable Water Funds were greater than Budget YTD for a negative variance primarily due to grant administrative expenses being reclassified to Non-Operating Expenses rather than Customer Service departmental operating where originally budgeted.

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Consolidated Actual vs Budget Summary  
For the Five Months Ending 11/30/2024

	Approved Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance Amt	Variance %	Notes
<b>Operating Revenues</b>						
Commodity Water Sales	\$46,817,000.00	\$25,416,389.10	\$24,519,700.00	\$896,689.10	3.7%	1
Water Fees and Services	19,701,000.00	8,051,787.56	8,208,750.00	(156,962.44)	(1.9%)	
Wastewater Revenue	5,725,000.00	604,022.75	470,000.00	134,022.75	28.5%	2
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>72,243,000.00</b>	<b>34,072,199.41</b>	<b>33,198,450.00</b>	<b>873,749.41</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Purchased Water - Variable	27,264,000.00	13,885,102.51	14,589,750.00	704,647.49	4.8%	3
Purchased Water - Fixed	9,593,000.00	3,790,125.00	3,794,100.00	3,975.00	0.1%	
General Manager Dept	2,232,000.00	849,697.39	930,050.00	80,352.61	8.6%	4
Engineering Dept	2,577,000.00	946,541.31	1,073,350.00	126,808.69	11.8%	4
Finance Dept	1,875,000.00	770,103.98	781,650.00	11,546.02	1.5%	4
Customer Service Dept	3,226,500.00	1,198,280.58	1,345,115.00	146,834.42	10.9%	4
Human Resources Dept	878,000.00	355,762.75	365,915.00	10,152.25	2.8%	4
Water Operations and Maintenance Dept	13,026,000.00	4,819,213.87	5,429,395.00	610,181.13	11.2%	4
Parks Dept	542,800.00	215,635.79	226,730.00	11,094.21	4.9%	4
Other Operating Expenses	50,000.00	50,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	100.0%	
Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Dept	3,397,000.00	1,284,856.83	1,416,810.00	131,953.17	9.3%	4
Recycled Water Operations Dept	1,252,500.00	500,344.35	521,050.00	20,705.65	4.0%	4
Paygo Transfers						
Water Operations	5,382,000.00	2,245,000.00	2,245,000.00		0.0%	
Wastewater Operations	3,245,000.00	1,350,000.00	1,350,000.00		0.0%	
Recycled Operations	1,700,000.00	710,000.00	710,000.00		0.0%	
Capitalized Operations Expenditures	(1,969,700.00)	(578,826.49)	(820,300.00)	(241,473.51)	29.4%	5
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>74,271,100.00</b>	<b>32,341,837.87</b>	<b>33,979,615.00</b>	<b>1,637,777.13</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(2,028,100.00)</b>	<b>1,730,361.54</b>	<b>(781,165.00)</b>	<b>2,511,526.54</b>		
<b>Nonoperating Revenues</b>						
Water Funds	7,289,000.00	1,934,606.26	1,548,850.00	385,756.26	24.9%	6
Debt Service Funds	1,057,000.00	168,223.35	125,600.00	42,623.35	33.9%	6
Wastewater Funds	145,000.00	90,689.23	60,500.00	30,189.23	49.9%	6
Recycled Water Funds	342,000.00	113,286.73	142,500.00	(29,213.27)	(20.5%)	6
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenue</b>	<b>8,833,000.00</b>	<b>2,306,805.57</b>	<b>1,877,450.00</b>	<b>429,355.57</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	
<b>Nonoperating Expense</b>						
Capacity Fee Funds	30,000.00	24,839.91	12,400.00	(12,439.91)	(100.3%)	
Debt Service Funds	1,242,400.00	439,094.51	518,350.00	79,255.49	15.3%	7
Potable Water Funds	748,000.00	452,201.69	395,000.00	(57,201.69)	(14.5%)	8
<b>Total Nonoperating Expense</b>	<b>2,020,400.00</b>	<b>916,136.11</b>	<b>925,750.00</b>	<b>9,613.89</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	
<b>Inc before Cap Fees and Capital Contributions</b>	<b>4,784,500.00</b>	<b>3,121,031.00</b>	<b>170,535.00</b>	<b>2,950,496.00</b>		
Capacity Fee Funds	1,457,000.00	488,120.57				
Capital contributions	1,772,000.00	8,238.30				
<b>Change in Net Position</b>		<b>3,617,389.87</b>				

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Actual vs Budget Variance  
For the Five Months Ending 11/30/2024

1. Water Sales revenue was higher than Budget YTD by approximately \$897 thousand resulting in a favorable variance of 3.7% due to the timing of unbilled water estimates and slightly higher actual water sales over budgeted. Customers' total water usage through November was 145 acre feet, or 1.5%, more than Budget YTD.
2. Wastewater Revenue was greater than Budget YTD due to timing. 4S Ranch and Rancho Cielo Sanitation Districts' wastewater service fees are collected on the County's tax roll when customers pay their property tax to the County. Actual YTD wastewater service revenue will be closer to the Budget YTD amount as the year progresses.
3. Purchased water variable expenses were lower than the Budget YTD for a favorable variance of \$705 thousand or 4.8%. This is primarily due to the timing of the final take or pay amount owed to the City of San Diego per the recycled water agreement which is included in Budget YTD but not yet paid to the City.
4. Actual departmental expenses varied from the Budget YTD amounts due to the timing of actual operating expenses. The Budget YTD amounts assume expenditures are incurred evenly throughout the year.
5. Actual Capitalized Operating Expenses were lower than the Budget YTD amount due to the timing of capitalized labor spent on District projects. The Budget YTD amount assumes expenditures are incurred evenly throughout the year.
6. Actual Non-operating Revenues – Water Funds, Debt Service Funds, Wastewater Funds, and Recycled Water Funds were overall greater than Budget YTD for a positive variance due to higher interest income earned on short-term investments over budgeted returns and by the timing of property tax revenues received from the County. This is partially offset by the timing of proceeds from the sale of the District's Wiegand parcels included in the budget.
7. Actual Non-operating Expenses - Debt Service Funds were lower than the Budget YTD amount for a positive variance because amortization of the issuance premium is not included in the 2015A Bonds interest expense.
8. Actual Non-operating Expenses – Potable Water Funds were greater than Budget YTD for a negative variance primarily due to grant administrative expenses being reclassified to Non-Operating Expenses rather than Customer Service departmental operating where originally budgeted.

**Construction Work In Progress Report as of 10/31/2024**

Project Name	Total Project Budget	Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25	Total Expended Thru 10/31/2024 <sup>1</sup>	(Over) Under Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25
Replace Neighborhood 1 Sewer Pump Station	\$8,382,000	\$8,382,000	\$8,131,459	\$250,541
San Dieguito Desalination	\$75,437,000	\$6,514,000	\$5,052,025	\$1,461,975
HOA Recycled Pipeline Ext - CB, VP, SH	\$4,145,000	\$4,145,000	\$1,624,963	\$2,520,038
DCMWTP 4th Stage Centrifuge	\$3,340,000	\$3,340,000	\$730,281	\$2,609,719
RSFe Rd Unit A North Pipeline	\$2,094,000	\$1,936,000	\$1,303,512	\$632,488
District-Wide PLC Replacements	\$1,466,000	\$1,466,000	\$333,049	\$1,132,951
District-Wide PLC Replacement Wastewater	\$1,456,000	\$1,456,000	\$300,684	\$1,155,316
Village Park Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$296,221	\$1,113,779
Gardendale Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$381,279	\$1,028,721
Replace Headworks Manual System	\$3,369,000	\$1,221,000	\$450,941	\$770,059
Replace DCMWTP Membranes	\$11,231,000	\$936,000	\$12,028	\$923,972
Replace Potable Meters	\$9,304,000	\$830,000	\$168,539	\$661,461
Replace Valves	\$8,604,000	\$750,000	\$116,107	\$633,893
Fixed Base AMI	\$715,000	\$715,000	\$365,960	\$349,040
Raw Water Equalizer Tank Rehabilitation	\$671,000	\$671,000	\$9,703	\$661,297
Off-Spec and High Flow Diversion Pipeline	\$685,000	\$610,000	\$0	\$610,000
Tank Safety Improvements	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$110,567	\$479,433
Potable & Recycled Master Plan	\$583,000	\$583,000	\$561,975	\$21,025
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Basin & Beam	\$1,784,000	\$577,000	\$0	\$577,000
Units B & K Pipeline Rehabilitation	\$2,142,000	\$562,000	\$235,080	\$326,920
DCMWTP 1st Stage Beam Replacement	\$2,206,000	\$560,000	\$0	\$560,000
Replace Pipelines	\$5,725,000	\$500,000	\$11,240	\$488,760
EFRR Parking Lot Expansion	\$1,385,000	\$476,000	\$97,820	\$378,180
Steel Mains Protection	\$3,484,000	\$304,000	\$13,380	\$290,620
Palms I and II Reservoirs	\$1,792,000	\$277,000	\$100,492	\$176,508
Encinitas Blvd Inspection & Repair	\$677,000	\$274,000	\$16,428	\$257,572
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Membrane Train	\$472,500	\$272,500	\$165,514	\$106,986
Replace 75HP Digester Blower	\$263,000	\$263,000	\$758	\$262,242
District-Wide Scada Upgrades	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$141,323	\$114,677
CIS System Upgrade	\$400,500	\$216,500	\$5,896	\$210,604
Replace WW Pumps, Motors & Equipment	\$2,539,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Chlorine Gen Rm Lining Rehabilitation	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$105,980	\$89,020
Fleet Electrification Plan	\$2,450,000	\$193,000	\$35,365	\$157,635
DCMWTP Combined Filter Influent & Backwash Pipe Replacement	\$708,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
Replace Potable Pumps and Motors	\$2,004,000	\$175,000	\$10,944	\$164,056
Rancho La Cima/Aliso Canyon Pipeline	\$315,000	\$165,000	\$63,359	\$101,641
Firehouse SPS Liner Replacement	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000
Replace Meter Anodes	\$1,811,000	\$158,000	\$72,994	\$85,006
Golem 14" Pipeline Condition Assessment	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$16,901	\$133,099
Santa Fe Valley Reservoir Improvements	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Manchester Recycled Pipeline Extension	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$42,033	\$107,967
Wanket RW Reservoir Rehabilitation	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$20,096	\$129,904
Del Dios SPS Improvements	\$773,000	\$160,100	\$160,072	\$28
District-Wide Facility Security	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$94,551	\$35,449
Dusty Trails Pipeline Replacement	\$1,180,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
Replace MSB-S & Transfer Switch	\$1,286,000	\$113,000	\$0	\$113,000
Network Security	\$1,210,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
DCMWTP Equipment Replacement	\$1,434,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Collection System Pipeline Rehabilitation and Replacement	\$865,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Replace Recycled Valves	\$850,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
DCMWTP Bridge Crane Rehabilitation	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000
Recycled Conversions	\$819,000	\$65,000	\$4,121	\$60,879
4S WRF Scada Upgrades	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$60,860	\$3,140
DCMWTP Inlet Strainer MOV	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$0	\$63,000
Site Asphalt Improvements	\$200,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
Replace WRF Electrical Conduits, Enclosures, and Lighting	\$367,000	\$54,000	\$0	\$54,000
Replace PRS Valves	\$642,000	\$54,000	\$0	\$54,000
Replace Overflow Pond Strainer	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$15,096	\$34,904
WW Pump Station Rehab & Replace	\$813,000	\$28,900	\$0	\$28,900
Replace Recycled Pipeline	\$590,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Collection System Manhole Rehabilitation Program	\$770,000	\$43,000	\$0	\$43,000
DCMWTP Membrane Train Control	\$395,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Replace Recycled Meters	\$543,000	\$30,000	\$8,700	\$21,300
4S Physical Security Upgrades	\$180,000	\$30,000	\$525	\$29,475
WRF Equipment Replacement Program	\$269,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
Physical Security Upgrades	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$6,021	\$18,979
Rehab Concrete Tanks	\$295,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Gano & San Dieguito Access Improvements	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Upgrade Filter Electrical	\$118,000	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000
Fleet Electrification Wastewater	\$950,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Automotive Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$126,167	\$83,833
Shop & Field Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$179,000	\$179,000	\$39,249	\$139,751
Computer Hardware/Software Purchases (Small Cap)	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$2,219	\$75,781
Office Furniture/Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$19,334	\$666
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$181,994,000</b>	<b>\$45,713,000</b>	<b>\$21,641,811</b>	<b>\$24,071,189</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes encumbrances

**Construction Work In Progress Report as of 11/30/2024**

Project Name	Total Project Budget	Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25	Total Expended Thru 11/30/2024 <sup>1</sup>	(Over) Under Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25
Replace Neighborhood 1 Sewer Pump Station	\$8,582,000	\$8,582,000	\$8,156,431	\$425,569
San Dieguito Desalination	\$75,437,000	\$6,514,000	\$5,080,692	\$1,433,308
HOA Recycled Pipeline Ext - CB, VP, SH	\$4,145,000	\$4,145,000	\$1,781,307	\$2,363,693
DCMWTP 4th Stage Centrifuge	\$3,340,000	\$3,340,000	\$813,320	\$2,526,680
RSFe Rd Unit A North Pipeline	\$2,094,000	\$1,936,000	\$1,360,113	\$575,887
District-Wide PLC Replacements	\$1,466,000	\$1,466,000	\$399,182	\$1,066,818
District-Wide PLC Replacement Wastewater	\$1,456,000	\$1,456,000	\$365,149	\$1,090,851
Village Park Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$305,238	\$1,104,762
Gardendale Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$382,855	\$1,027,145
Replace Headworks Manual System	\$3,369,000	\$1,221,000	\$455,632	\$765,368
Replace DCMWTP Membranes	\$11,231,000	\$936,000	\$777,534	\$158,466
Replace Potable Meters	\$9,304,000	\$830,000	\$262,826	\$567,174
Replace Valves	\$8,604,000	\$750,000	\$139,482	\$610,518
Fixed Base AMI	\$715,000	\$715,000	\$434,667	\$280,333
Raw Water Equalizer Tank Rehabilitation	\$671,000	\$671,000	\$11,278	\$659,722
Off-Spec and High Flow Diversion Pipeline	\$685,000	\$610,000	\$0	\$610,000
Tank Safety Improvements	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$122,819	\$467,182
Potable & Recycled Master Plan	\$583,000	\$583,000	\$576,713	\$6,287
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Basin & Beam	\$1,784,000	\$577,000	\$0	\$577,000
Units B & K Pipeline Rehabilitation	\$2,142,000	\$562,000	\$235,080	\$326,920
DCMWTP 1st Stage Beam Replacement	\$2,206,000	\$560,000	\$0	\$560,000
Replace Pipelines	\$5,725,000	\$500,000	\$52,293	\$447,707
EFRR Parking Lot Expansion	\$1,385,000	\$476,000	\$101,663	\$374,337
Steel Mains Protection	\$3,484,000	\$304,000	\$19,823	\$284,177
Palms I and II Reservoirs	\$1,792,000	\$277,000	\$104,948	\$172,052
Encinitas Blvd Inspection & Repair	\$677,000	\$274,000	\$18,596	\$255,404
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Membrane Train	\$472,500	\$272,500	\$176,509	\$95,991
Replace 75HP Digester Blower	\$263,000	\$263,000	\$758	\$262,242
District-Wide Scada Upgrades	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$149,254	\$106,746
CIS System Upgrade	\$400,500	\$216,500	\$7,033	\$209,467
Replace WW Pumps, Motors & Equipment	\$2,539,000	\$200,000	\$25,411	\$174,589
Chlorine Gen Rm Lining Rehabilitation	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$188,707	\$6,293
Fleet Electrification Plan	\$2,450,000	\$193,000	\$40,581	\$152,419
DCMWTP Combined Filter Influent & Backwash Pipe Replacement	\$708,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
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Shop & Field Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$179,000	\$179,000	\$131,768	\$47,232
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<sup>1</sup> Excludes encumbrances

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Joe Jansen, Administrative Analyst  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,578 FOR URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON OMWD'S BEHALF**

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of a professional services agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$85,578 for Urban Water Management Planning services through Fiscal Year 2026 and authorize the General Manager to sign on OMWD's behalf. If approved, Rincon will prepare OMWD's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approving the agreement with Rincon in the amount of \$85,578 and authorizing the General Manager to sign on OMWD's behalf.



## **Alternative(s)**

- The board may choose not to approve the contract with Rincon and direct staff to reissue a new Request for Proposals; however, reissuing the RFP would result in project delays that could result in failing to meet data request deadlines by SDCWA.
- The board may choose not to approve the contract with Rincon and direct staff to complete the UWMP with in-house staff; however, due to the complexity and the legal requirements of the plan, the use of a consultant knowledgeable and experienced in UWMP preparation is preferred.

## **Background**

California Water Code requires urban water suppliers to prepare and adopt an UWMP every five years. The purpose of the UWMP is to assess the reliability of water sources over a minimum 20-year planning horizon, describe demand management measures and water shortage contingency plans, report progress toward meeting state-imposed conservation targets, and discuss the use and planned use of recycled water. The water supply and demand forecasts published in the UWMP can be used as an indicator of supply availability for future development planning. As an example, in 2016, Vallecitos Water District entered into litigation with property owners regarding the accuracy of the water supply forecasts and demand projections publicized in its 2015 UWMP. The plaintiff argued that the supply projections under multiple dry year scenarios were not sufficient to support the issuance of the statutory documents prepared by Vallecitos to analyze water availability for a new housing development. As such, and due to the legal implications of providing accurate data to mitigate potential liability, OMWD has relied on professional consultants for development of the plan.

For example, Don MacFarlane, OMWD's Consulting Engineer, participated in the preparation of OMWD's 2010 UWMP under the employment of AECOM, and led these efforts in 2015 and 2020 under direct contract with OMWD as DLM Engineering. DLM Engineering's team in both 2015 and 2020 included Doug Gillingham of Gillingham Water Planning and Engineering, Inc. who is qualified with expertise in developing water demand forecast planning documents.

OMWD's 2020 UWMP was prepared in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act and SB X7-7 (2009). The board accepted the 2020 UWMP via Resolution 2021-15 on June 16, 2021, and the California Department of Water Resources notified

OMWD on April 5, 2022 that the 2020 UWMP addressed all California Water Code requirements.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact associated with this agreement is not to exceed \$85,578. These expenditures were anticipated in the board-approved budget for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026.

### **Discussion**

In preparation for the development of the 2025 UWMP, staff engaged DLM Engineering, which declined to provide a quote for the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan. At that time, staff began working directly with Gillingham to provide the demand projection elements of the 2025 UWMP as owner-furnished to another contractor of OMWD's choosing. Gillingham has prepared several studies for OMWD including the 2015 Master Plan Demand and EDU Forecast, and the 2020 Demand and EDU Forecast. Gillingham also developed the water demand projections used for both the 2015 and 2020 Urban Water Management Plans while working as a subconsultant with DLM Engineering. Gillingham's extensive knowledge of OMWD's service area, expertise in demand forecasting, and recent services provided create economies and efficiencies of scale by having them produce the demand projections to be used in the 2025 UWMP. OMWD entered into a PSA with Gillingham in December 2024 under the General Manager's signature authority.

The PSA with Gillingham was signed by the GM to facilitate demand forecast data requested from all member agencies by SDCWA no later than March 31, 2025. Historically, SDCWA has used SANDAG population forecasts combined with their own consultant to generate the regional water demand projections for all member agencies used within its UWMP. OMWD staff has been vocal for years about the variances between its own demand projections and those within the SDCWA UWMP. For 2025, SDCWA has agreed to compare the member agency provided demand projections against those generated by its consulting firm; SDCWA has also agreed to commit solely to the member agency generated demand projections starting in 2030. The demand forecast data generated by Gillingham will be provided to OMWD's 2025 UWMP consultant.

Per Article 6.9.A of the Administrative and Ethics Code, “For professional service contracts that are anticipated to be less than \$200,000, staff shall provide written or oral Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to at least two firms.”

Due to the complexity and legal requirements of the UWMP, there are a limited number of qualified firms who provide such services. Staff targeted firms with familiarity of OMWD’s service area and operations to ensure the onboarding process would be quick and efficient.

To ensure compliance with the requirements outlined in Article 6.9.A, staff sent out the RFP in December 2024, to two qualified engineering firms, Rincon Consultants and Carollo Engineers, Inc. Both firms acknowledged receipt of the RFP and suggested they would be submitting proposals. Rincon reached out to staff with additional questions prior to submitting their proposal, while Carollo did not have any additional correspondence. Ultimately, only one proposal was received, from Rincon; Carollo did not submit. Staff followed up with Carollo which advised that, although the RFP was received and considered, their staff was unable to submit a proposal due to capacity constraints on their end that would make the project deliverables unachievable. Upon consideration of the proposal received by Rincon, staff determined that the attention to detail included within and their staff’s familiarity with OMWD’s operations make them a qualified firm to take on the project.

The board-approved FYs 2025/2026 budget anticipated expenditures of up to \$150,000 for the development of the 2025 UWMP. The agreement with Gillingham allocates an amount up to \$25,960 for the development of the demand projections to be used within the 2025 UWMP. Together, the Rincon proposal and Gillingham agreement total \$111,538, well within the amount budgeted by which to complete this work.

Rincon is an engineering firm with expertise in water resources management and planning services and with experience in executing UWMPs for other water retail agencies. Rincon has developed UWMPs for agencies including City of Carlsbad, City of Oceanside, City of Poway, City of Escondido, San Dieguito Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District, Sweetwater Authority, as well as San Diego County Water Authority. In addition to their team of qualified personnel, Rincon's primary principal, Rosalyn Prickett, has extensive knowledge and expertise of OMWD operations having worked with OMWD in an advisory capacity for well over a decade through Woodard & Curran. Rosalyn's current work with OMWD includes demonstrating compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act for Title XVI-funded projects, and administering the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition's Title XVI/WIIN grant award from the United States Bureau of Reclamation. OMWD projects receiving funding through this grant agreement include the Manchester Avenue Recycled Water Pipelines Project, Recycled

Water Extensions Project, 4S Ranch Neighborhood 1 Pump Station Replacement, as well as the Rancho Paseana and Surf Cup recycled water conversions.

Staff has reviewed the proposal and qualifications and recommends Rincon as the only responsive and responsible firm. If approved by the board, the General Manager is available to execute a professional services agreement with Rincon for an amount not to exceed \$85,578 and sign on behalf of OMWD.

*Attachments:*

- *Professional services agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc.*

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**FOR PLANNING SERVICES**  
**FOR THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

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This Agreement is entered into by and between Olivenhain Municipal Water District, a Municipal Water District organized and operating pursuant to Water Code Sections 71000 *et seq.* (hereinafter the District) and Rincon Consultants, Inc., a California corporation organized and operating in the State of California (hereinafter “Rincon”).

**R-E-C-I-T-A-L-S**

1. The District is a public agency organized and operating pursuant to Water Code Sections 71000 *et seq.*, which provides water, recycled water, and sewer service within certain areas of northern San Diego County.
2. In accordance with California’s Urban Water Management Planning Act, the District is required to submit an Urban Water Management Plan to California’s Department of Water Resources every five years, and the 2025 plan is due July 1, 2026.
3. Rincon is an engineering consulting firm in the State of California with expertise in the preparation of planning documents for water agencies.
4. The District desires to retain Rincon to provide services more particularly described in the Cost Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference.

**C-O-V-E-N-A-N-T-S**

1. Services to Be Performed. Rincon agrees to perform planning services more particularly described in the Scope and Cost Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference. All work performed by Rincon shall be subject to review and

approval by the District. The District shall have no obligation to approve any work found defective by the District, in its sole discretion.

2. Correction of Defective Work. Rincon agrees to correct all labor or materials found defective by the District at its sole cost and expense. All work found defective by the District shall be corrected in the time specified by the District by written notice to Rincon.

3. Price for Work. Rincon agrees to perform all work described in Exhibit "A" for a total price not to exceed \$85,578. No increase in this price shall be allowed without the express written consent of the District. The District shall have no obligation to grant this consent and may deny consent to any price increase, in its sole discretion.

4. Payment for Work. Rincon shall bill the District monthly for all labor and materials provided during the previous month. All billings shall include a complete description of all work completed during the previous month, including hours and costs of each person performing the work and shall also include a detailed description of progress to date on each task of work described in Exhibit "A". All bills shall be subject to review and approval by the District. Invoices approved by the District will be paid on a monthly basis thirty (30) days after the invoice has been approved by the District. The District shall have no obligation to pay for any work not expressly approved by the District. The District's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Rincon shall provide the District with any additional information requested by the District from time to time to support any item contained on an invoice no later than seven (7) days after a written request for this information from the District.

5. Extra Work. The District may request additional work or services from Rincon from time to time, as the District shall determine, in its sole discretion. Rincon shall not commence any extra work without a written change order expressly approved by the District, in writing. Work performed by Rincon without an approved change order signed by the District will not be paid for by the District. In the event the District determines that additional work is justified, the parties shall agree on the additional work to be performed and the price to be paid for this additional work prior to commencement of any additional work by Rincon. It is

understood by the parties that Rincon shall not be entitled to any payment for extra work unless the District determines that it desires extra work to be performed and a written change order has been executed by the parties. Attached as Exhibit "B" is the Request for Additional Work Form required by the District for all requests for additional work or task transfers.

6. Standard of Care. In performing all work and services required by this Agreement, Rincon agrees to use the highest degree of skill and expertise ordinarily exercised, under similar circumstances, by a professional firm with expertise in the services described in the Scope and Cost Proposal attached as Exhibit "A". As a material term of this Agreement, Rincon warrants and represents that it has secured all licenses required by federal or California law to perform all work and services required by this Agreement. Rincon agrees to perform all work required by this Agreement at all times in strict accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations which apply to the labor or materials being provided.

7. Work Performance Standards. Rincon agrees to perform all work and services required by this Agreement in a manner which complies with all federal and state health and safety standards and in a manner which avoids damage or injury to any real or personal property of any person or entity, including any real or personal property of the District. Rincon agrees to perform the work at all times in a manner which avoids the creation of any trespass or private or public nuisance during conduct of the work.

8. Liability for Work of Agents, Independent Contractors, and Subcontractors. Rincon shall be solely liable and responsible for all labor and materials provided by any director, officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, supplier, or independent contractor hired or retained by Rincon to perform any work or to provide any materials or supplies. The District shall have no liability whatsoever for any work or services performed or any materials or supplies provided by Rincon or its directors, officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, suppliers, or independent contractors.

9. Time for Completion of Services. As a material term of this Agreement, Rincon agrees to complete all work and services required by this agreement by no later than July 1, 2026. The breach of this paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

10. District Termination Right. The District shall have the express right to terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving seven (7) consecutive days advance written notice to Rincon. This Agreement shall be automatically terminated without further action of any party upon expiration of the seven (7) day period. Promptly upon receipt of any termination notice from the District, Rincon shall cease all further work and services, except as otherwise expressly directed by the District in the written termination notice. In the event the District exercises its termination right, Rincon shall be paid only for work and services performed and approved by the District to the date this Agreement terminates. The District shall have the express right to withhold any payment otherwise due Rincon to correct any labor or materials determined to be defective by the District at the time of termination. All plans, maps, drawings, reports, designs, or other writings of any type or nature prepared by Rincon as a result of this Agreement shall become and remain the sole property of the District. All such writings shall be provided to the District not later than seven (7) consecutive days after termination of this Agreement for any reason. All labor, supplies, work and materials provided by Rincon in conjunction with this Agreement shall become and remain the sole property of the District.

11. Hazardous and Toxic Waste. For purposes of this section, the term “hazardous or toxic waste” means any solid, liquid, or gaseous product classified as a hazardous or toxic waste under any federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances, and all gas and oil products and by-products of every kind or nature. Rincon shall be solely liable and responsible for the proper clean-up and removal of all hazardous or toxic waste used, handled, stored, or spilled by Rincon or any director, officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, independent contractor or representative of Rincon. Rincon shall pay all fees, costs, expenses and fines necessary to clean-up or remediate any hazardous or toxic waste for which Rincon is liable under this paragraph in strict accordance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and



regulations at Rincon's sole cost and expense. Rincon shall not be liable for any hazardous or toxic waste used, handled, stored or spilled by the District or its directors, officers, employees or contractors.

In the event any third party, including any regulatory agency, brings any claim or cause of action against the District to clean-up or remediate any hazardous or toxic waste for which Rincon is liable under this section, Rincon shall also indemnify and hold harmless the District and its directors, officers, agents, and employees from all claims, actions, losses, costs, fees, expenses, fines, and penalties, of whatever type or nature, including all costs of defense and attorneys fees, upon written demand for indemnity from the District.

12. Independent Contractor. As a material term of this Agreement, it is expressly agreed between the parties that Rincon is performing all work and services for the District pursuant to this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as an agent or employee of the District. The parties further agree and acknowledge that the District expects Rincon to make its own independent determination of the means and methods to perform all work required by this Agreement, and will not be directed as to any of these means or methods by the District.

13. Conflicts of Interest Prohibited. As a material term of this Agreement, Rincon shall not in any way attempt to use its position to influence any decision of the District in which it knows, or has reason to know, its has a financial interest other than the compensation provided in this agreement. As a material term of this Agreement, Rincon warrants and represents that it does not, to the best of its knowledge, have any economic interests which would conflict with any of its duties under this Agreement. Rincon agrees not to secure any economic interest during the performance of this Agreement which conflicts with its duties to the District under this Agreement.

14. Breach. The breach of any term or provision of this Agreement by Rincon shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

15. District Remedies for Breach. In the event Rincon breaches any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement or fails to perform any work or services required by this

Agreement, the District shall be entitled to elect all or any of the following remedies at the District's sole option:

15.1 Unilateral Termination. Unilaterally terminate this Agreement by written notice to Rincon. Upon election of this remedy by the District, Paragraph 10 governing District Termination Right shall apply; or

15.2 Specific Enforcement. Enforce any provision of this Agreement by specific performance. If this remedy is elected by the District, Rincon agrees that specific performance is appropriate and reasonable given the unique and special services being performed by Rincon and expressly waives the right to contest the right of the District to seek specific performance in any subsequent action or proceeding between the parties; or

15.3 File suit against Rincon for damages arising from breach of this Agreement. In the event the District elects this remedy, it shall be entitled to recover all damages authorized by law; and/or

15.4 The District shall be entitled to withhold such amounts as the District determines are appropriate, in its sole discretion, to complete the work or services required by this Agreement, or to correct any labor or materials resulting from Rincon's negligence.

In the event the District is required to pay any sum or amount to complete any labor or materials services required by this Agreement, or to correct any labor or materials resulting from Rincon's negligence, amounts paid by the District shall earn interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date of payment until the District is repaid in full.

16. Insurance. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Rincon must maintain a commercial liability insurance policy, workers' compensation insurance, and professional liability insurance in strict accordance with all terms of this paragraph. The insurance required by this paragraph shall be provided as follows:

16.1 Liability Insurance. Following execution of this Agreement, and prior to commencement of any work, Rincon shall provide the District with proof of liability insurance

coverage with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of California and acceptable to the District, providing \$1,000,000 of coverage per occurrence and \$2,000,000 minimum aggregate. The liability insurance coverage shall include each of the following types of insurance:

**A. General Liability:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Comprehensive Form                   | 6. Contractual Insurance                                      |
| 2. Premises-Operations                  | 7. Broad form Property Damage, Including Completed Operations |
| 3. Explosion and Collapse Hazard        | 8. Independent Contractors                                    |
| 4. Underground Hazard                   | 9. Personal Liability   |
| 5. Projects/Completed Operations Hazard |   |

**B. Auto Liability**

1. Comprehensive Form
2. Owned
3. Hired

The policy shall include contractual coverage sufficiently broad to insure the matters set forth in the section entitled "Indemnity" in this Agreement. The deductible amount shall not exceed \$5,000.00. Also included in such insurance shall be a "cross-liability" or "severability of interest" clause.

16.2 Workers' Compensation Insurance. Following execution of this Agreement and prior to commencement of any work, Rincon shall submit proof of insurance showing they have obtained, for the period of the agreement, full workers' compensation insurance coverage for no less than the statutory limits covering all persons whom Rincon employs or may employ in carrying out the work under this agreement.

16.3 Professional Liability Insurance. Following execution of this Agreement, and prior to commencement of any work, Rincon shall provide the District with proof of professional liability insurance with an insurance provider licensed to do business in the State of California, providing \$1,000,000 of coverage per occurrence and \$2,000,000 minimum aggregate. This insurance shall have a deductible not to exceed \$5,000.

16.4 ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements. All insurance required by Paragraph 16.1, 16.2, and 16.3 of this agreement shall be submitted on an ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance. Insurers must be authorized to do business and have an agent for service of process in the State of California and have an 'A' financial strength rating and a financial size rating of at least Class VI in accordance with the most current A.M. Best's Rating Guide. Additional Insured Endorsements must be provided for the Liability Insurance called out in Paragraph 16.1 with the **Olivenhain Municipal Water District (District), the District's Engineer/Architect, the District's Representatives, Rincon's, and each of the District's Directors, Officers, Agents, and Employees** named as additional insureds. The insurance must include a Waiver of Subrogation and must be Primary and non-Contributory. The additional insured endorsements must be provided on Form CG 20 10 10 01. The insurance certificate and endorsements shall be cancelable with notice delivered to the District in accordance with the policy provisions.

17. Job Site Safety. Rincon shall be solely liable and responsible for complying with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations pertaining to job safety for all agents, employees, subcontractors, suppliers, and independent contractors retained by Rincon to perform any work or services or to provide any materials required by this Agreement. However, Rincon shall not be liable or responsible for overall job site safety or the job site safety for any workers or agents employed by any construction contractor performing any work for the District on any construction project.

18. Indemnity. As a material term of this Agreement, Rincon agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the District and its directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all demands, liability, claims, suits, actions, damages, costs, fees, expenses, fines, and penalties, of whatever type or nature, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees, to the extent arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the willful misconduct, recklessness, or negligence of Rincon, including its directors, officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, sub-consultants, suppliers, independent contractors, or other persons and entities employed or utilized by Rincon in the performance of this Agreement. In the event

that any administrative proceeding, litigation or arbitration is instituted naming the District or any other indemnified parties as a defendant, the District and such other indemnified parties shall be entitled to appoint their own independent counsel to represent them, and Rincon agrees to pay all reasonable attorneys fees, expert fees and costs, and litigation costs associated with this defense within thirty (30) days of any billing; provided however, that the Rincon's obligation shall be limited as provided by Civil Code Section 2782.8 to the extent that the Rincon establishes its proportionate percentage of fault by stipulation of all the parties to the proceeding or a final adjudicatory determination.

19. Miscellaneous Provisions.

19.1 California Law Governs. This Agreement shall be governed by California law.

19.2 Jurisdiction and Venue. In the event of any legal or equitable proceeding to enforce or interpret the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the parties agree that jurisdiction and venue shall lie only in the federal or state courts in or nearest to the North County Judicial District, County of San Diego, State of California.

19.3 Modification. This Agreement may not be altered in whole or in part except by a written modification approved by the Board of Directors of the District and executed by all the parties to this Agreement.

19.4 Attorneys' Fees. In the event any arbitration, action or proceeding is initiated to challenge, invalidate, enforce or interpret any of the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to all attorneys' fees, all expert fees and costs, and all litigation fees, costs, and expenses in addition to any other relief granted by law. This provision shall apply to the entire Agreement.

19.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with all exhibits attached hereto, contains all representations and the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. Any prior correspondence, memoranda, or

agreements, whether or not such correspondence, memoranda or agreements are in conflict with this Agreement, are intended to be replaced in total by this Agreement and its exhibits. Rincon warrants and represents that no District representative has made any oral representations or oral agreements not contained in this Agreement. Rincon further warrants and represents that Rincon has not relied upon any oral statements or promises made by any District representative or agent in executing this Agreement. The parties mutually declare that this Agreement and its exhibits constitute a final, complete and integrated agreement between the parties.

19.6 Prohibition on Assignment. Rincon shall not be entitled to assign or transfer all or any portion of its rights or obligations in this Agreement without obtaining the express prior written consent of the District. The District shall have no obligation to give its consent to any assignment and may deny any requested assignment, in its sole discretion.

19.7 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and on their respective purchasers, successors, heirs and assigns.

19.8 Unenforceable Provisions. The terms, conditions, and covenants of this Agreement shall be construed whenever possible as consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement, as so interpreted, is held to violate any applicable law or regulation, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless be carried into full force and effect and remain enforceable.

19.9 Representation of Capacity to Contract. Each party to this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she has the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the entity represented by that individual. This representation is a material term of this Agreement.

19.10 Opportunity to be Represented by Independent Counsel. Each of the parties to this Agreement warrants and represents that it has been advised to consult independent counsel of its own choosing and has had a reasonable opportunity to do so prior to executing this Agreement.

19.11 No Waiver. The failure of either party to enforce any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement on the date it is to be performed shall not be construed as a waiver of that party's right to enforce this, or any other, term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement at any later date or as a waiver of any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement. No waiver shall occur unless the waiver is expressly stated in writing and signed by the person for the party having the authority to expressly waive the benefit or provision, in writing. No oral waivers shall be effective against either party.

19.12 No Joint Venture and No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create a joint venture, partnership or common enterprise relationship of any kind between the District and Rincon. No third parties shall be construed as beneficiaries of any term, covenant or provision of this Agreement.

19.13 Time of Essence. The parties agree that time is of the essence as to all matters specified in this Agreement. The parties mutually declare that this is a material term of this Agreement.

19.14 Notices. All letters, statements, or notices required pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt when personally served, transmitted by facsimile machine, or sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

To: "Rincon Consultants"  
Attn: Rosalyn Prickett  
2215 Faraday Ave, Suite A  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

To: "District"

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Attn: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
1966 Olivenhain Road  
Encinitas, California 92024

19.15 Effective Date. The effective date of this Agreement executed in counterparts in Encinitas, California, within the North County Judicial District, County of San Diego, State of California, is \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Olivenhain Municipal Water District,  
a public agency

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Rincon

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

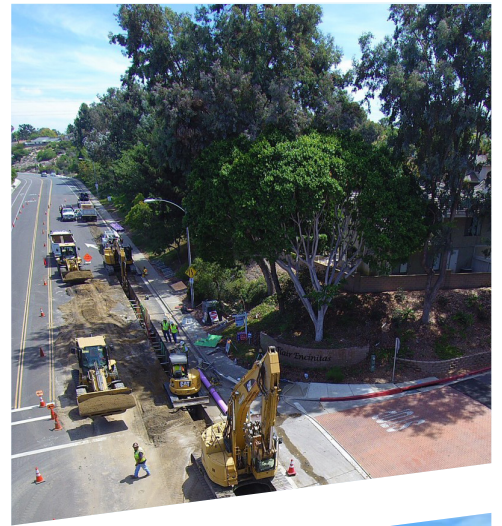
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# Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Rincon Consultants Proposal to Prepare 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

Encinitas, California • December 20, 2024





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**Rincon Consultants, Inc.**  
2215 Faraday Avenue, Suite A  
Carlsbad, California 92008  
760-918-9444

December 20, 2024

Joe Jansen, Administrative Analyst  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California 92024

Via email: [jjansen@olivenhain.com](mailto:jjansen@olivenhain.com)

**Subject: Proposal to Prepare 2025 Urban Water Management Plan**

Dear Mr. Jansen,

**Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon)** is excited to submit this proposal to assist the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) with the preparation of its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), in compliance with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR's) forthcoming 2025 UWMP Guidebook.

**Rincon's Water team has spent the last few decades focused on planning and implementation of water quality and water supply reliability projects. The Water team's vision is to support public and private entities with environmental science, planning, and sustainability services to contribute to clean and reliable water sources.** Preparation of UWMPs fit squarely within our Water team's goals. Rincon's Water team comprises highly skilled professionals who provide technical qualifications and considerable knowledge of UWMPs, including through experience on similar projects. The Water team brings diverse experience and technical depth from 30 years of environmental consulting experience throughout California.

**Highlights of our qualifications include:**

- **Technical Knowledge of UWMPs.** The Rincon team assembled for this important project brings technical expertise and experience working on Southern California and San Diego County water issues that makes us particularly well qualified to support OMWD with its 2025 UWMP, including the lead authors on the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) 2020 UWMP. Our team has prepared UWMPs in each 5-year cycle since 2010 and has participated in DWR's UWMP Workgroups on multiple topics throughout 2024, providing input and feedback on DWR's approach to supply planning.
- **Local Experience and Understanding of OMWD.** Rincon has a long history of collaboration with municipalities and agencies throughout Southern California and has been providing consulting services in San Diego County since the establishment of our San Diego office in 2002. Our staff have supported OMWD directly with coalition building, recycled water planning, environmental compliance, outreach and engagement, and funding support. We understand OMWD's water system, facilities, and diversification goals. Our team for this proposal has worked closely with OMWD and SDCWA, among other local agencies, and is familiar with local dynamics, challenges, and stakeholders.
- **Experienced and Responsive Project Leadership.** Rincon provides a highly professional project management team that is committed to consistent, reliable communication and responsiveness, have previous experience in preparing UWMPs, and is adaptable to unforeseen circumstances. Rosalyn Prickett is local to OMWD's service area and will serve as the Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager on this contract. Rosalyn has a depth of knowledge of water supply priorities specific to OMWD.



**WHY RINCON?**

- Technical Knowledge of Urban Water Management Plans
- Local Experience and Understanding of OMWD
- Experienced and Responsive Project Leadership

Our Rincon team, tailored to meet the specific demands of this project, offers the technical excellence, organization, and flexibility needed to support OMWD in the successful completion of the 2025 UWMP, including navigating any unanticipated issues that may arise. We proactively address issues, starting with early anticipation, followed by creative problem-solving, which we will conduct in coordination with OMWD to meet the project requirements and exceed expectations.

Rincon has reviewed the Professional Services Agreement included in the RFP and finds the terms to be acceptable. Rincon has also completed the Consultant Response Section and New Vendor Application Packet forms included in the RFP, which are presented in the proposal below.

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to support your project. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact me at 760-930-7671 or [rprickett@rinconconsultants.com](mailto:rprickett@rinconconsultants.com).

Sincerely,  
**Rincon Consultants, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R Prickett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rosalyn Prickett  
Principal, Water Resources Planning  
[rprickett@rinconconsultants.com](mailto:rprickett@rinconconsultants.com)  
760-930-7671  
Authorized to contractually obligate and negotiate on behalf of Rincon Consultants, Inc.

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## Appendix

Resumes



# 1. Consultant Response Form

## ATTACHMENT A

### CONSULTANT RESPONSE SECTION

RFP – 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2024, AT 12:00 P.M. PST

NAME OF COMPANY: Rincon Consultants, inc.

ADDRESS: 2215 Faraday Avenue, Suite A

Carlsbad, California 92008

Office Phone: 760-918-9444

SIGNATURE: 

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): Rosalyn Prickett

TITLE: Principal, Water Resources Planning

PHONE NUMBER: 760-930-7671

EMAIL: rprickett@rinconconsultants.com

PROJECT MANAGER:

CONTACT NAME: Rosalyn Prickett

PHONE NUMBER: 760-930-7671

EMAIL: rprickett@rinconconsultants.com



## 2. Exceptions

Rincon Consultants, Inc. has no exceptions to the contract language as outlined in the OMWD Professional Services Agreement (Attachment B) and in the New Vendor Application Packet (Attachment C).

### Professional Services Agreement

Rincon Consultants, Inc. does not have requested edits to the Professional Services Agreement provided as Attachment B to the RFP.

### New Vendor Application Packet

Rincon Consultants, Inc., does not have requested edits to the New Vendor Application Packet provided as Attachment C to the RFP.

Rincon Consultants would also like to confirm that, if selected as a vendor for the OMWD, we will complete and submit all the necessary forms and documentation as outlined in the Vendor Application Packet. This includes:

- Vendor Information Form
- Insurance Requirements/Indemnity Agreement
- Signed W-9 Form

We understand that these documents are required to do business with the District, and we will ensure all forms are submitted in a timely manner to avoid any delays or withholding of payments.

### 3. Project Organization and Key Personnel

This section introduces Rincon with a focus on the team specifically assembled for this project, including roles and responsibilities, as well as our unique qualifications to meet OMWD’s needs through the development of high-quality, accurate, efficient, and innovative 2025 UWMP. Rincon will work closely with Gillingham Water and OMWD through the execution of the scope of work detailed in Section 4 of this proposal. No subcontractors are included, and no off-shore work will be conducted. Professional references are provided under “Project Manager Experience” and may be contacted at OMWD’s discretion.

#### About Rincon

Rincon is a multi-disciplinary environmental science, planning, and permitting consulting firm that provides quality professional services to assist government and industry clients to implement the vision for their projects. Rincon strives to advance the adaptation of California communities, infrastructure, and natural systems to create a resilient water future. We seek to transform competing interests into collaborative and creative solutions that safeguard the well-being of residents, businesses, and the natural environment.

Rincon has been supporting water districts throughout California for nearly 30 years. Our principal service is to provide planning, scientific research, and regulatory support to create and sustain innovative solutions to water supply, natural resources, sustainability, and other environmental issues of our time. Rincon prides itself on the considerable depth of its staff, which includes environmental scientists, planners, and engineers. Our approach to every project is centered upon the design and development of solutions that respond to our clients’ specific needs in a collaborative and cost-effective manner.



#### RINCON’S WATER VISION

Water managers hold the key to California’s water future. Rincon’s Water Team is entrusted and dedicated to providing public and private water purveyors the environmental science, planning, and sustainability services necessary to contribute to a clean and reliable water supply.

Our planners and scientists are leading California in resolving one of the most pressing twenty-first century challenges – water security. Rincon partners with our clients to transform competing values into collaborative solutions in delivering one water: water supply, recycled water, storm water, groundwater sustainability and wastewater.

#### Summary of Rincon Consultants Firm Organization

Our guiding principles and core values hold strong to this day



**1994**  
Year Rincon was Founded

**450+**  
Number of Rincon Staff



1. Sacramento
2. Oakland
3. San José
4. Fresno
5. Monterey
6. San Luis Obispo
7. Santa Barbara
8. Ventura
9. Los Angeles
10. Riverside
11. Palm Springs
12. Carlsbad
13. San Diego

Rincon is a leading environmental consulting firm with 13 offices in California

<b>Legal Name</b>	<b>Legal Form</b>	<b>Headquarters</b>
Rincon Consultants, Inc.	California "S" Corporation	Ventura, California

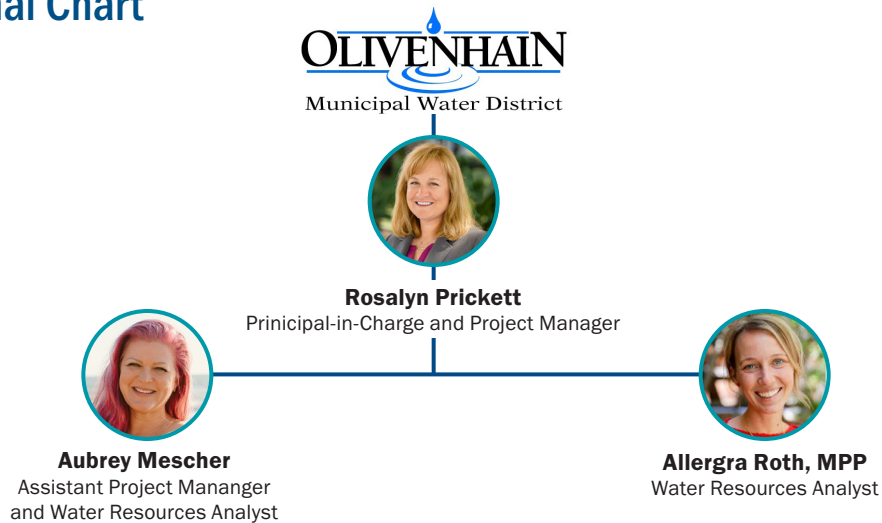
#### Project Team

Our team members were specifically selected for the key experience they bring individually and collaboratively. Rincon’s proposed organizational chart for this team is below, followed by an introduction to our core team including **Rosalyn Prickett, Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager** and **Aubrey Mescher, Assistant Project Manager/Water Resources Analyst**, with direct support provided by **Allegra Roth, Water Resources Analyst**. This team has a well-established rapport and working relationship through ongoing and recent project experience, as discussed following the organizational chart below, which will facilitate the smooth and effective execution of the scope of work proposed herein. This team also provides all the technical expertise and experience, as well as local familiarity, understanding of nuance, ability to communicate effectively with different types of parties, and availability needed to provide OMWD with a 2025 UWMP that will meet or exceed all expectations.



**Experienced and Responsive Project Leadership.** Rincon provides a highly professional project management team that is committed to consistent, reliable communication and responsiveness, have previous experience in preparing UWMPs, and is adaptable to unforeseen circumstances. Rosalyn Prickett is local to OMWD’s service area and will serve as the Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager on this contract. Rosalyn has a depth of knowledge of water supply priorities specific to OMWD.

## Organizational Chart



Rincon’s team for the preparation of OMWD’s 2025 UWMP will be led by Rosalyn Prickett. As Rincon’s Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for this effort, Rosalyn brings local familiarity with current and ongoing work with OMWD and throughout San Diego County, including with SDCWA and its Member Agencies. Rosalyn has been working directly with OMWD for over a decade with multiple water resources planning and environmental compliance efforts. Since 2014, Rosalyn has been supporting monthly meetings for the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition. She has led the Coalition in development of a Regional Recycled Water Feasibility Study, CEQA and NEPA compliance, stakeholder outreach and workshops, and funding acquisition and administration. In addition, Rosalyn has also led the preparation of multiple UWMPs for water districts in San Diego County, as shown below. Rosalyn’s experience is further discussed under “Project Manager Experience,” which presents a selection of recent work relevant to Rincon’s proposed scope of work for OMWD’s 2025 UWMP.

Aubrey Mescher and Allegra Roth are both Water Resources Planners with demonstrated experience conducting analyses for water supply projects throughout Southern California. Relevant projects are detailed in the resumes provided below, which include but are not limited to the following:

- Grant writing for North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition (NSDWRC)’s Regional Recycled Water Project
- Assessment of water supply sources for the Darden Clean Energy Project including local groundwater, and surplus surface flows procured as Article 21 water and stored via groundwater banking
- Preparation of a Regional Early Action Plan and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Water Supply Study for the San Joaquin Valley and eight participating counties
- Develop response to a legal challenge to The Village of Lakeview development in Riverside County through preparation of a Water Supply Technical Report characterizing the current (2024) and projected conditions of the Colorado River system and the State Water Project
- Management of the Regional Water Resilience Plan for Coachella Valley Water District
- Preparation of a Title XVI WaterSMART Feasibility Study for Calleguas Municipal Water District

Rosalyn, Aubrey, and Allegra regularly work together on planning and development projects for local water and wastewater agency clients. They have established clear channels of communication and a collaborative working relationship that facilitates the seamless execution of water and wastewater infrastructure and planning projects, including the early identification of potential issues to allow for effective resolution.





**23 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

**Rosalyn Prickett**

Excels at managing stakeholder-based water management programs for potable reuse, recycled water, and domestic water supply and sewer efforts.



**19 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

**Aubrey Mescher**

Focused expertise in Southern California water supply projects, adept at conveying complex information in a manner that can be understood by the general public.



**8 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

**Allegra Roth**

Water and climate policy specialist skilled in grant writing and funding procurement, as well as development of water supply reliability and adaptation strategies.

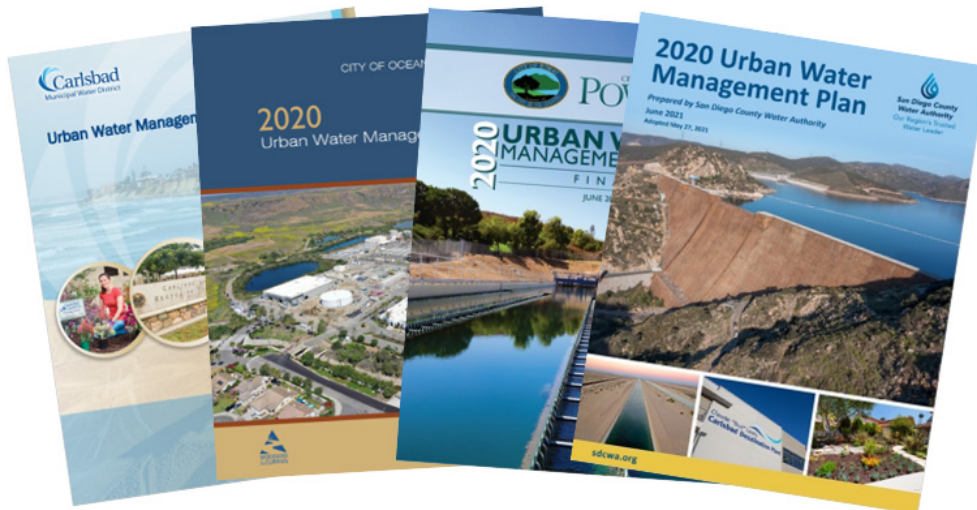
## Project Manager Experience

This section highlights some of the recent and relevant experience of Rosalyn Prickett, Rincon’s proposed Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager. Rosalyn is an established water resources planner in San Diego County, with more than 23 years of experience as well as recent and ongoing work with OMWD and SDCWA.

Rosalyn has led the preparation of UWMPs for SDCWA and multiple SDCWA Member Agencies, and is therefore directly familiar with the water supply sources and challenges related to OMWD’s water supply portfolio. She has supported multiple agencies with drought resiliency assessment (5-year dry cycles), climate change scenarios (both demand and supply side impacts), and planning for sustained future reliability. Through this experience, Rosalyn also has direct familiarity with the relevant agencies and stakeholders in water supply management throughout San Diego County.

### Rincon Project Manager Experience

Agency	UWMP year		
	2020	2015	2010
San Diego County Water Authority	✓		
City of Carlsbad	✓	✓	
City of Escondido		✓	
City of Oceanside	✓	✓	
City of Poway	✓	✓	
San Dieguito Water District	✓		
Santa Fe Irrigation District	✓	✓	✓
Sweetwater Authority		✓	✓



Rosalyn has led the preparation of UWMPs for multiple local agencies over the last 15 years

In addition to extensive work on past UWMP cycles, Rosalyn has been actively participating in several UWMP Workgroups hosted by DWR in their development of the 2025 UWMP Guidebook. She is engaging in discussions of potable reuse and groundwater storage accounting, climate change analysis, and SBx7-7 compliance, and will preview UWMP Guidebook chapters as DWR releases them for early comments from workgroup members.

Rosalyn’s experience with UWMPs is complimented by her work on other types of water supply planning efforts, including but not limited to work on water management plans and groundwater sustainability plans throughout Southern California. Rosalyn has supported numerous other Southern California water supply providers through planning and engineering efforts, including Eastern Municipal Water District and Coachella Valley Water District. This small selection of Project Manager experience is presented to demonstrate Rosalyn’s unwavering qualifications and ability to lead Rincon’s team in preparing OMWD’s 2025 UWMP.

## Project Manager Experience

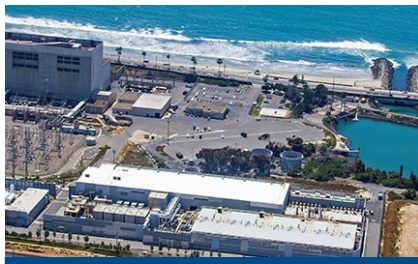


Photo Source: San Diego County Water Authority

### 2020 Urban Water Management Plan San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), San Diego County

As Project Manager and Principal-in-Charge, Rosalyn led preparation of SDCWA's 2020 UWMP, which was approved by SDCWA's Board of Directors in May 2021, along with the accompanying Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Appendix M Addendum to its 2015 UWMP. Rosalyn provided technical review on all draft UWMP sections, directly coordinated with SDCWA's project manager and key team members, provided oversight of staff assisting with analyses and draft chapters, and conducted overall project management. Rosalyn also advised SDCWA on how to address regulatory changes since adoption of the 2015 UWMP, and coordinated closely with SDCWA management and staff to ensure that all regulatory requirements were appropriately addressed in the 2020 UWMP, facilitating timely adoption of the document and no substantial corrections requested from DWR after conducting the required filings.



Photo Source: City of Oceanside

### 2015 and 2020 UWMP and Water Conservation Master Plan (WCMP) City of Oceanside, San Diego County

Rosalyn served as the Project Manager and Principal-in-Charge for the City of Oceanside's 2015 and 2020 UWMPs. Water supply sources addressed in the UWMPs included the City's brackish groundwater, recycled water, and imported supplies. Calculations of baseline water demands and water use targets were developed for both UWMPs in compliance with SB X7-7 (the Water Conservation Act of 2009), which required water suppliers to reduce their per capita water use by 20 percent by 2020. A WCMP was also prepared in parallel to both the 2015 and 2020 UWMPs, with each WCMP involving the development of multiple conservation portfolios to evaluate the efficacy of demand management measures. Three conservation portfolios were defined in each WSCP, consisting of multiple conservation measures developed to evaluate the cumulative benefit of coordinating the implementation of multiple measures together over time. The Oceanside City Council adopted the 2015 and 2020 UWMPs, which were filed with DWR on time and required no substantial corrections.

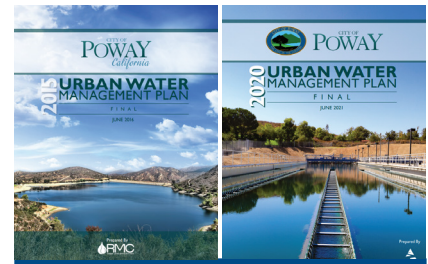


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### 2015 and 2020 UWMPs City of Poway, San Diego County

Rosalyn served as Project Manager and Principal-in-Charge for preparation of the City of Poway's 2015 UWMP and 2020 UWMP. The City of Poway relies on imported surface water purchased from SDCWA, as well as recycled water purchased from the City of San Diego and local surface water runoff from Lake Poway, although the latter is variable and therefore not included in supply projections. Poway sources the vast majority of its potable water from SDCWA, and its UWMPs are therefore aligned with SDCWA's UWMP projections for water supply availability and anticipated demand. Poway is also working to reduce reliance on imported supply and improve local supply reliability through active and passive conservation savings. Both the 2015 and 2020 UWMPs were adopted by the Poway City Council and filed with DWR on time and with no substantial corrections necessary.



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**Technical Knowledge of UWMPs.** The Rincon team, with expertise in Southern California and San Diego County water issues, is well qualified to support OMWD with its 2025 UWMP, including the lead authors of the SDCWA 2020 UWMP. Our team has prepared UWMPs in each 5-year cycle since 2010 and has participated in DWR's UWMP Workgroups on multiple topics throughout 2024, providing input and feedback on DWR's approach to supply planning.

## Project Manager Experience



Photo Source: Rosalyn Prickett, NSDWRC Tour

### North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition Feasibility Study, Environmental Impact Report, and Funding Olivenhain Municipal Water District, San Diego County

Rosalyn has supported monthly meetings of the Coalition since 2014. She prepared a Regional Recycled Water Feasibility Study and EIR, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This regional project includes recycled water production, storage, and distribution facilities necessary to optimize use of recycled water throughout the service areas of 10 water and wastewater agencies in northern San Diego County, along with U.S. Marine Base Camp Pendleton. Extensive public outreach program has included multiple fact sheets and brochures, website ([www.nsdwrc.org](http://www.nsdwrc.org)), and workshops for recycled water landscapers. She has led preparation of multiple successful grant applications from the San Diego IRWM program and USBR WIIN program. She continues to support the Coalition with monthly meetings, NEPA compliance associated with their USBR grant award, and ongoing funding support.



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### 2022 Indio Subbasin Water Management Plan Update Coachella Valley Water District, Riverside County

Rosalyn served as the Demand/Supply Lead (under Todd Groundwater as prime) for preparation of the Indio Subbasin 2022 Water Management Plan Update, which served as an Alternative to a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Alternative Plan) for SGMA compliance. Rosalyn fulfilled multiple roles for preparation of the Alternative Plan, including leading the water demand forecast and local supply analysis, as well as coordinating the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for respective input to the Alternative Plan, as well as review and approval of the Alternative Plan. Rosalyn's analysis addressed all local (non-groundwater) supply sources, including imported water used for groundwater recharge, surface water diversions, non-potable supplies from Coachella Canal, and recycled water. She also led development of the demand forecast, which included the development and implementation of a Communications Plan for stakeholders and members of the public and local tribal nations. In addition, Rosalyn coordinated monthly meetings of the Indio Subbasin GSAs and quarterly public workshops with basin stakeholders.

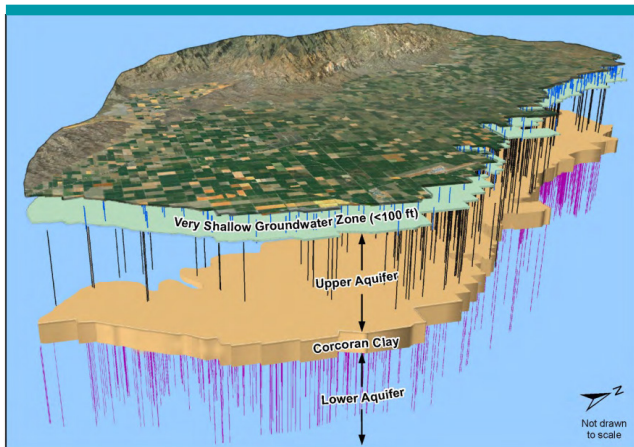


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## Rincon Projects

Rincon offers a broad range of water resources planning expertise to support preparation of OMWD's 2025 UWMP. As mentioned above, Aubrey Mescher will provide Assistant Project Manager support and serve as a lead Water Resources Analyst for the preparation of OMWD's 2025 UWMP, and Allegra Roth will provide support as a Water Resources Analyst. This team has well-established channels of communication and technical expertise developed through experience working on other projects together. This section provides a brief overview of some of the other recent projects relevant to water supply planning and management that have been completed by the Rincon team assembled to prepare OMWD's 2025 UWMP.



### Darden Clean Energy Project Intersect Power, Fresno County

In coordination with Rosalyn as Principal-in-Charge, and with support from Allegra as a Water Resources Analyst, Aubrey prepared a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) for the Darden Clean Energy Project, which included development of a solar facility to power an electrolyzer producing clean renewable hydrogen. Aubrey, Allegra, and Rosalyn also prepared the water supply portions of application documents for the California Energy Commission (CEC), submitted in November 2023, to obtain water supply for the project through the acquisition of property and use of landowner groundwater rights. While water supply for the solar facility component would consist of groundwater obtained through the purchase of land with attached groundwater rights, water supply for the clean renewable hydrogen portion of the project was proposed to consist of surplus surface water flows that occurred during the 2022/2023 water year and would be purchased as Article 21 water from Westlands Water District (WWD). The Article 21 water would be stored via aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) for use as needed over the life of the project. Preparation of the WSA and the CEC application materials required close coordination with the Applicant and consideration of numerous technical documents and regional planning documents. The CEC is currently considering approval of the project application.



### Water Supply Assessments (WSAs) Various Counties/Cities, California

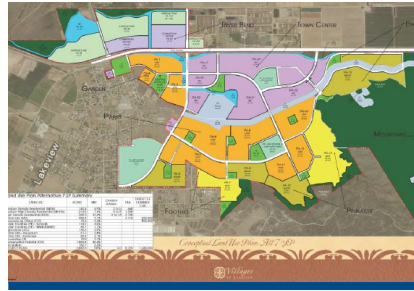
With Principal-in-Charge support and reviews provided by Rosalyn, Aubrey leads Rincon's service line for WSAs, and Allegra provides technical support and analysis for WSAs, assessing development and other projects throughout California. Aubrey also provides technical review and guidance on WSAs to facilitate compliance with CEQA and California Water Code. These projects are often located in areas dependent on imported surface water supplies and with limited local groundwater, including areas where groundwater resources are adjudicated or otherwise carefully managed due to scarcity and the effects of drought. This experience provides Aubrey and Allegra with fluency in the requirements of SGMA and the contents of GSPs, particularly as important resources to inform project-specific WSAs. Aubrey has also prepared WSAs for projects located outside the management area of UWMPs, and in areas not subject to the requirements of SGMA, which require creative approaches to characterize existing demands and supply availability. Common challenges navigated in WSAs include a lack of thorough data and currently unknown effects of SGMA compliance. Common issues addressed include but are not limited to the conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water resources, and consideration to climatic variables that affect imported water supply reliability. No WSA prepared or managed by Rincon has been legally challenged to date.



### Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) and SGMA Water Supply Study

**Fresno Council of Governments, San Joaquin Valley (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties)**

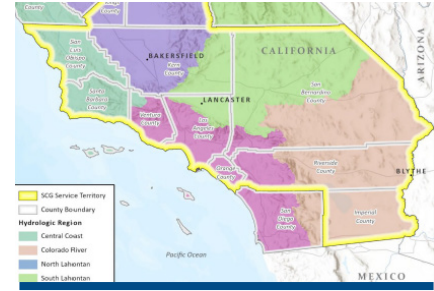
Rosalyn served as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for this effort. Aubrey and Allegra supported preparation of a Water Supply Study for this regional project addressing the entire San Joaquin Valley of Central California. Our team completed an analysis of the effects of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) on future housing production across the San Joaquin Valley. The Water Supply Study characterized water supply availability within the eight councils of government in the San Joaquin Valley to meet existing and anticipated water demands. The study forecast water demands necessary to serve the housing units from the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and compare those to the water supplies identified within the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for San Joaquin Valley groundwater basins. Known, planned, and potential alternate sources of water supply were identified to serve planned housing production. This report concluded with recommendations for use by the councils of government in allocating resources and improving alignment between housing development and water supply availability.



### The Village at Lakeview (TVOL) Water Supply Technical Report

**Lewis Management Corporation, Riverside County**

Rosalyn served as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for this effort, and Aubrey provided support as a lead analyst through the preparation of a technical report addressing water supply availability for the proposed TVOL project, in response to a legal challenge to the TVOL Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This project involved characterizing the current conditions of imported water supply systems including the Colorado River system and the State Water Project, evaluating the reliability of those sources for the project, and assessing whether the project's water demands were previously accounted for in regional planning documents, including the UWMPs of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Coordination with EMWD was conducted to incorporate findings of a WSA and to ensure the findings of the WSA were applicable to the current project design. The technical report was provided to support court proceedings in response to legal challenge of the project's EIR.



### Angeles Link Water Resources Evaluation

**Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), California**

Aubrey recently finalized preparation of a Water Resources Evaluation as part of the Phase One feasibility investigation conducted for SoCalGas' proposed Angeles Link project (Angeles Link). Pursuant to the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC)'s Decision 22-12-055 (Decision), the Water Resources Evaluation included preparation of a Water Availability Study to identify and characterize potential water supply sources to support future third-party production of clean renewable hydrogen. Criteria used to identify potential supply sources included avoiding competition for water with existing and planned uses, and avoiding the degradation of existing water supply sources. The study also included agency outreach, analysis of water resources availability, identification of water quality requirements for hydrogen production, development of acquisition and purification costs, discussion of risks and opportunities, a water option prioritization analysis, and development of analogous water use activities. Key challenges include the large amount of water required to support hydrogen development, the ongoing long-term drought conditions throughout California, and characterization of supply availability that accounts for water agencies' plans to reuse and conserve their supplies.

## 4. Proposed Method to Accomplish the Work

This section presents Rincon’s proposed method to accomplish the scope of work to develop OMWD’s 2025 UWMP and provide the necessary filings for the UWMP. This method begins with a solid understanding of the intended purpose and required contents of a UWMP, as discussed below under “Project Understanding.” Rincon’s team has repeatedly demonstrated familiarity with UWMP contents and processes through the successful completion of numerous UWMPs in San Diego County.

Rincon’s proposed scope of work is presented under “Scope of Work,” below, which includes all items specifically requested in the RFP for this effort, as well as additional steps that Rincon anticipates will support the successful completion of this scope of work. Assumptions used to inform the contents or level of effort for this scope of work are specified under the respective subtask.

This section also presents Rincon’s approach to quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC), to demonstrate how Rincon’s entire team takes care to ensure that our deliverables are of the highest quality possible and designed to meet or exceed all requirements and expectations.

Rincon’s proposed schedule for the completion of this scope of work is presented under “Schedule,” below. All dates identified in the RFP are highlighted in the schedule, including but not limited to the availability of SDCWA’s Draft UWMP in January 2026, an initial OMWD public hearing for the Draft UWMP in March 2026, another OMWD public hearing for consideration to adopt the Final Draft UWMP in May 2026, and submittal of the Final UWMP to DWR no later than July 1, 2026.

### Project Understanding

As a California public water system, OMWD provides potable water and recycled water throughout its service area, as well as wastewater management, hydroelectricity, and park services. OMWD’s service area covers incorporated and unincorporated areas within San Diego County, including within the cities of Encinitas, Carlsbad, San Diego, Solana Beach, and San Marcos in San Diego County, as well as areas within the unincorporated communities of Elfin Forest, Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, Santa Fe Valley, and 4S Ranch. OMWD is a member agency of SDCWA and currently relies upon SDCWA for 100 percent of its potable water supply, which is sourced either as treated water, or as raw water that is conveyed to OMWD’s David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant for treatment prior to distribution.

In 1983, the State of California Legislature enacted the Urban Water Management Planning Act, which requires urban water suppliers providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or serving more than 3,000 acre-feet annually, to prepare and adopt a UWMP to demonstrate water supply reliability. The reliability analysis must include assessment of supply availability in normal, single dry, and multiple dry water years. The UWMP must be prepared, updated, and adopted every five years. OMWD adopted its UWMPs in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020 and is currently preparing for the 2025 update.

In advance of the 2025 UWMP update, DWR will provide new guidance for consideration in its forthcoming 2025 UWMP Guidebook. Release of the 2025 UWMP Guidebook was originally anticipated for November 2024; however, at the time of preparation of this proposal, DWR is still in the process of developing the updated Guidebook. Rincon is tracking DWR’s development of the updated Guidebook and, upon its public release, Rincon will immediately review the updated Guidebook for new or revised guidance relevant to the preparation of 2025 UWMPs, ensuring that OMWD’s 2025 UWMP is consistent with the most up-to-date guidance. Anticipated updates to the Guidebook include new guidance on issues including “double counting” for groundwater replenishment, SBx7-7 reporting, seawater desalination and direct potable reuse, water loss accounting, climate change, and energy analysis.



A well-constructed UWMP can be a valuable tool that provides the supplier’s staff, the public, and elected officials with an understanding of both short- and long-term water supply conditions, challenges, and priorities. The UWMP provides for the integration of local and regional land use planning with regional water supply availability and reliability planning, as well as identification and prioritization of water infrastructure projects and demand management actions. UWMPs serve to answer the following questions:

- What are the existing and potential sources of water supply and what is the probable yield?
- What is the probable water demand within the service area, considering anticipated growth and realistic water conservation practices?
- How does water supply compare to demand in average, wet, and dry year scenarios? How do they compare under multiple year drought?
- How will droughts, outages, and emergencies be addressed?
- How will water conservation practices be implemented?
- What are alternative options, opportunities, and future projects to meet anticipated water demands?

## Scope of Work

The proposed scope of work detailed herein is structured in compliance with DWR’s 2020 UWMP Guidebook and will need to be revisited once the 2025 UWMP Guidebook is released. In addition, this proposed scope of work is informed by Rincon’s understanding of Gillingham Water’s scope of work for the development of water demand projections, including water conservation savings and climate change considerations on demand. Assumptions regarding the work products from Gillingham Water that will inform deliverables provided by Rincon are identified where applicable, and time for coordination between Rincon and Gillingham Water is also included.

### Task 1 Kick-off Meeting & Preliminary Work

Task 1 encompasses all project management activities associated with the successful execution of the scope of work detailed herein. Subtasks 1.1 and 1.2 provide for data collection including review of OMWD’s 2020 UWMP and execution of the project kick-off meeting, as specified in the RFP. Also included are Subtask 1.3, to provide agency coordination and public outreach, and Subtask 1.4, to address SDCWA supply availability projections in coordination with Gillingham Water’s development of demand projections. In addition, Subtask 1.5 provides project management to ensure the proposed scope of work is completed on time and within budget, with high-quality deliverables that meet or exceed OMWD’s expectations for its 2025 UWMP.

#### Subtask 1.1 Data Collection & Review of OMWD’s 2020 UWMP

Under Subtask 1.1, Rincon will review OMWD’s 2020 UWMP and DWR’s 2020 UWMP Guidebook, and develop a list of data requests for discussion during the project kick-off meeting to be conducted under Subtask 1.2. The data requests will be developed based upon anticipated needs to provide the information required in DWR’s 2020 UWMP Guidebook and complete the Subtasks detailed in this scope of work, including with consideration of Gillingham Water’s scope of work for water demand forecasting. We anticipate the data request for this project will include the following:

- Water production by supply source from 2021-2025
- Anticipated water supply sources for 2025-2045
- Description and status of implementation for conservation measures
- Relevant sections or excerpts from hazard mitigation plans
- GIS shapefiles

### Project Management Objectives



This scope of work does not include water demand forecasts, which will be developed by Gillingham Water. Rincon will work closely with Gillingham Water throughout execution of this scope of work to coordinate and streamline efforts, ensure consistency of data and approach to analysis, and effectively inform development of OMWD’s 2025 UWMP. It is anticipated the Gillingham Water will participate in the kick-off meeting provided under Subtask 1.2, and that water demand forecasting will be discussed during the kick-off meeting; however, as reflected in the preliminary list above, Rincon’s data requests for information to inform the Subtasks detailed herein will not include water demand information.

In addition, at OMWD’s request, Rincon can provide a collaborative SharePoint that can be accessed by the project team including OMWD and Gillingham Water, to house and share project files.

### Subtask 1.2 Kick-off Meeting

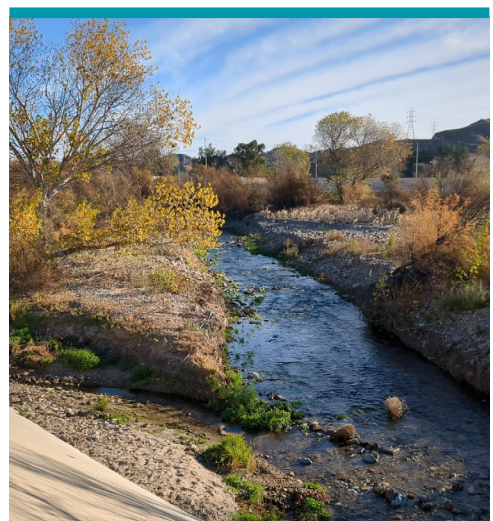
Rincon aims to seamlessly operate as an extension of OMWD, avoiding disruption in day-to-day priorities of OMWD staff supporting this effort. In service to this goal, effective coordination will be a project management priority throughout execution of this scope of work, initiating with the planning and execution of a kick-off meeting. Rincon we will host a kick-off meeting that includes key staff from OMWD and Gillingham Water, and will serve to accomplish the following:

- Confirm points of contact and project roles
- Discuss affected agencies and interested parties to be included in the process
- Establish communication protocols and preferred methodologies for information sharing, including whether to use a SharePoint for the project
- Review and confirm the project schedule, including dates for milestone deliverables
- Discuss data requests and methods to obtain data, including coordination with SDCWA
- Review the technical approaches proposed by Rincon and Gillingham Water to ensure consistency and collaborative efforts
- Establish schedule for weekly or bi-weekly check-in meetings (to be conducted under Subtask 1.5, *Project Management*)

The kickoff meeting will be scheduled at OMWD’s discretion, anticipated to be within one week of OMWD’s issuance of Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the approved scope of work. We assume the kickoff meeting will be held virtually. Rincon will prepare and distribute a brief agenda with the kick-off meeting invitation, as well as meeting notes after the meeting, including any action items discussed.

### Subtask 1.3 Agency Coordination and Public Outreach

Rincon understands that the California Water Code mandates communication and collaboration with the other users of the common supply source. Accordingly, in coordination with OMWD, Rincon will prepare a 60-Day Notice Letter. The Notice Letters will request involvement and comment on the 2025 UWMP, to facilitate the development of a planning document that is relevant and useful to other users of the common supply source. This scope of work assumes Rincon will produce and distribute up to 20 letters via Certified Mail (\$6.50 per standard business envelope).





### Subtask 1.4 SDCWA Forecast Data

SDCWA has requested that all member agencies, including OMWD, provide the preliminary forecast data listed below by March 31, 2025; as mentioned in Subtask 1.1, Gillingham Water will provide demand forecast data for OMWD's 2025 UWMP. Rincon will work with Gillingham Water to ensure that the following data below are provided to SDCWA by March 31, 2025.

1. Normal-year projections in five-year increments from 2030 to 2050
2. Single dry-year projections in five-year increments from 2030 to 2050
3. Multiple dry-year projections for each year from 2030 to 2050
4. Climate change influenced total water demand in five-year increments from 2030 to 2050
5. Population projections in five-year increments from 2030 to 2050.

Rincon will review the projections developed by Gillingham Water, and coordinate with Gillingham Water and OMWD regarding any implications for the UWMP sections that will be prepared under the Task 2 Subtasks, below. Rincon will also review the San Diego Association of Governments population and socio-demographic data for the OMWD service area and coordinate with Gillingham Water, OMWD, and SDCWA as needed to inform water supply availability analyses and the UWMP sections addressed in Task 2.

### Subtask 1.5 Project Management

This task includes regular communication with OMWD staff via up to 36 bi-weekly project status meetings to be conducted throughout the anticipated 18-month duration of the contract, including through submittal of the Final UWMP to DWR by July 1, 2026. This scope of work assumes that all project status meetings will be conducted virtually and will last up to 30 minutes per meeting. Rincon will provide a brief agenda prior to each meeting, and will distribute summary notes with action items following each meeting.

Due to the extended duration of the contract and accounting for workflow coordination between Rincon and Gillingham Water, there may be times when a project status meeting is not necessary, or when more than 30 minutes may be required to sufficiently update the team on progress and resolve any potential issues. Rincon will manage the project schedule and budget proactively to address this variability, anticipating fluctuations in the needs for project coordination and status meetings to ensure that the time budgeted under Subtask 1.5 for project status meetings is sufficient for the duration of the contract.

Rincon will manage the schedule and budget using Ajera, a project management and billing software tool that can track budgets in real-time, and provide a monthly progress statement with each invoice.

## Task 2 Draft 2025 UWMP

The subtasks outlined herein are designed to address requirements identified under Task 2 in the RFP. Specifically, RFP item 2.1 is included below in Subtask 2.2, Demand Forecast and Coordination, with respect to coordination with Gillingham Water, as well as in Subtask 2.6, Climate Change, and Subtask 2.7, Administrative Draft UWMP. RFP item 2.2 addresses review and response to SDCWA's anticipated 2025 UWMP in January of 2026, as included under Subtask 2.8, Draft UWMP. Also included under Subtask 2.8 are RFP item 2.3, for distribution of the Draft UWMP to local and public agencies, and RFP item 2.4, for presentation of the Draft UWMP to OMWD's board and the public.





### Subtask 2.1 UWMP Work Plan and Checklist

This subtask includes the preparation of an outline for the 2025 UWMP and development of DWR’s UWMP Checklist, based upon guidance from DWR’s UWMP Guidebook which is currently being updated for 2025. The UWMP outline will address all required topics based upon DWR’s UWMP Checklist, thereby ensuring alignment of OMWD’s 2025 UWMP with DWR requirements, as well as facilitating consistency in process and milestone accomplishment between Rincon and Gillingham Water, as further discussed below. Based upon DWR’s 2020 UWMP Guidebook, the UWMP Checklist will identify the location in the 2025 UWMP where each requirement of California Water Code relevant to UWMPs is addressed. It will also include cross-references to relevant sections from DWR’s UWMP Guidebook and provide summary descriptions of how each requirement applies to OMWD’s 2025 UWMP.

2020 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook Appendix F

### Appendix F: UWMP Checklist

Retail	Wholesale	2020 Guidebook Location	Water Code Section	Summary as Applies to UWMP	Subject	2020 UWMP Location (Optional Column for Agency Review Use)
x	x	Chapter 1	10615	A plan shall describe and evaluate sources of supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation and demand management activities.	Introduction and Overview	
x	x	Chapter 1	10630.5	Each plan shall include a simple description of the supplier’s plan including water availability, future requirements, a strategy for meeting needs, and other pertinent information. Additionally, a supplier may also choose to include a simple description at the beginning of each chapter.	Summary	
x	x	Section 2.2	10620(b)	Every person that becomes an urban water supplier shall adopt an urban water management plan within one year after it has become an urban water supplier.	Plan Preparation	

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Rincon understands that Gillingham Water will develop OMWD’s water demand forecast data, and Rincon will use data provided by Gillingham Water to inform the writing of chapters for OMWD’s 2025 UWMP. Under this subtask, Rincon will establish a work plan with Gillingham Water consisting of regular meetings to ensure effective collaboration, streamline data development and analysis, provide consistency in the analysis approach and use of templates, and effectively respond to agency needs. Rincon will use the UWMP Checklist to ensure that work conducted by Gillingham Water and Rincon collectively addresses all topics required for inclusion in the UWMP. This scope of work assumes that Gillingham Water will be included in the kick-off meeting provided under Task 1.2. In addition, this scope of work includes 24 hours of Rincon staff time for additional meetings and coordination with Gillingham Water.

The timeline for submittal of 2025 UWMP to DWR extends through June 2026, or approximately 18 months from the time of preparation of this scope of work; due to this extended timeline, it is anticipated that needs for coordination between Rincon and Gillingham Water will fluctuate, and meetings will be planned accordingly. As mentioned in Subtask 1.5, Project Management, Rincon will complete this scope of work within budget, which will include conserving budget for coordination across the entire timeline of the project.

### Subtask 2.2 Administrative Draft UWMP

Preparation of the Administrative Draft UWMP will involve the assembly of UWMP sections including Service Area Description; Demand Forecast; SBx7-7 Compliance; Water Supply; Water Supply Reliability and Drought Risk Assessment; Water Shortage Contingency Plan; and Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment. These sections will be prepared and reviewed as discussed under respective subheadings below; as such, when the Administrative Draft UWMP is provided to OMWD for review and comment, OMWD will have already seen most of the sections comprising the UWMP. This approach is conducted to support streamlined reviews and facilitate thorough document coordination and consistency between sections.

#### Service Area Description

Rincon will update the description of OMWD’s service area and required demographics from its 2020 UWMP, based upon information provided. This service area description will include discussion of the water system, recent improvements, major potential developments, socioeconomic information, agency coordination, and climate change conditions. The service area description will include detailed population data, which Rincon will receive from Gillingham Water under Subtask 2.2, below.

#### Demand Forecast

Gillingham Water will provide the following information as requested by SDCWA of its Member Agencies, including OMWD, and as detailed above in Subtask 1.4. Rincon will review all data provided by Gillingham Water in comparison to SDCWA’s requirements and address any needed revisions with Gillingham Water during either a regularly scheduled meeting or an impromptu phone call as needed to maintain the project schedule. Rincon will write the water demand chapter for the 2025 UWMP, including assessment of demand trends and historical events and conditions have affected water use. Water use for the last five years and projected water use by customer type will be provided by Gillingham Water in 5-year increments from 2025 to 2050, as listed above.



It is assumed that Gillingham Water's demand forecast will account for future water savings from compliance with adopted codes, standards, and ordinances, as well as land use changes within the service area. It is further assumed that the approach to development of water demand estimates will be consistent with past methodologies or, where different, those differences will be identified and described by Gillingham Water, for inclusion in the 2025 UWMP. The methodologies and values used to inform future water demand projections will be explained in a clear and easily digestible manner.

### **Demand Management Measures**

The 2025 UWMP will evaluate historical, current, and projected future water conservation and demand management measures (DMMs). Rincon will prepare the DMMs chapter of the 2025 UWMP including discussion of the current and anticipated future programs implemented by OMWD to meet its urban water use reduction targets. DMMs will address strategies including water waste prevention ordinances, metering, conservation pricing, public education/outreach, programs to assess and manage distribution system losses, and conservation program coordination and staffing support, as well as any other measures that are identified as having an impact on water use as measured in gallons per capita per day. Rincon will collaborate with coordinate with Gillingham Water regarding per capita water use and other demand data that may help to inform DMMs. Rincon will develop innovative measures as feasible, to maximize the effectiveness of DMMs on water supply reliability.

### **SBx7-7 Compliance**

Rincon will use historical demand data to calculate OMWD's compliance with its Senate Bill x7-7 (SBx7-7) per capita water use targets. Rincon will also complete the required DWR reporting tables, which will present baselines and targets for OMWD to evaluate and confirm progress over the previous ten years towards achieving 2020 water use targets. While the purpose of SBx7-7 was to incentivize agencies to meet year 2020 targets, DWR has indicated that it will continue to require reporting against those targets in the 2025 UWMPs; therefore, this scope of work for OMWD's 2025 UWMP includes continued assessment of SBx7-7 targets.

### **Water Supply**

In 2020, OMWD purchased 100 percent of its potable water supply from SDCWA. OMWD does not currently use local groundwater or self-supplied surface water, although it does have rights for operational storage of surface water in the SDCWA system. OMWD also does not currently use stormwater as a supply source, although stormwater capture is a component of groundwater recharge projects discussed in the 2020 UWMP. In 2020, OMWD met approximately 13 percent of its water demands with recycled water, towards an overall goal to meet 20 percent of demands with recycled water.

Rincon will update OMWD's description of its existing water supply portfolio for the 2025 UWMP. In addition, existing and foreseeable water supply limitations such as water quality issues will be discussed as applicable. The 2025 UWMP will include projections of water supply availability for each source included in OMWD's updated water supply portfolio. These availability projections will be provided in 5-year periods from 2025 through 2050. Opportunities for development of additional water supplies will also be discussed.

### **Water Supply Reliability and Drought Risk Assessment**

Analysis of water service reliability will consider long-term drought conditions throughout the state, as well as a Drought Risk Assessment (DRA). Working in close coordination with OMWD, Rincon will determine which water years shall be used as the basis for estimating supply reliability for the normal [water] year, single-dry-year, and 5-year multiple-dry-year scenarios. For each assessment, we will summarize the supply yields for existing and planned sources. We will conduct a water supply analysis and compare supply and demand over a 20-year projection from 2020 through 2050. This analysis will account for normal year, single-dry-year, and multiple-dry-year scenarios.

Rincon will prepare the DRA to assess the reliability of each water source over a near-term 5-consecutive-year drought under a variety of water shortage conditions. Separate DRA analysis will be prepared for potable and non-potable sources. As required by DWR, each DRA will assess plausible changes in climate based upon known data such as historical drought hydrology, as well as regulations and applicable local criteria. The outcome of each DRA will be used to inform development of DMMs included in the 2025 UWMP (see Subtask 2.2, Demand Forecast and Coordination, under “Demand Management Measures”).

### Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Rincon will prepare updated information regarding OMWD’s water conservation measures for the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The WSCP provides a detailed plan for how OMWD will respond in the event of an actual water shortage. Many of the required elements of a WSCP are part of standard operations and maintenance protocols of water suppliers. Rincon will work in close coordination with OMWD to describe how OMWD has responded to previous substantial drought conditions, and incorporate those response actions into the WSCP for the 2025 UWMP. Rincon understands that DWR may have new requirements for the 2025 UWMP cycle and will adapt the WSCP as needed.

### Climate Change Assessment

Under Subtask 2.6, Rincon will conduct a Climate Change Assessment for the 2025 UWMP, based upon the climate change assessment provided in OMWD’s 2020 UWMP, which will be expanded where applicable to address updated conditions or developments. California Water Code does not specify technical or general methods for how to consider climate change in the UWMPs; however, it does emphasize in several sections that climate change is appropriate to consider, including the projected future uses, water supply characterization projections, and reliability of supplies. The DWR addresses climate change in the 2020 UWMP Guidebook, Appendix I, Considering Climate Change Impacts, which will be used to inform the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment.

OMWD obtains 100 percent of its potable water supply from SDCWA. The water supply sources provided by SDCWA include the Colorado River, which is climate-sensitive, and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (“Metropolitan”). Metropolitan’s two sources of supply are the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta via the State Water Project, and the Colorado River, both of which are also climate-sensitive. These supply sources will be discussed in the Climate Change Assessment and efforts being conducted by SDCWA and Metropolitan to address the climate sensitivity of their respective water supply sources will be characterized.

### Compile Administrative Draft UWMP

The Administrative Draft UWMP will consist of all deliverables provided under Subtasks 2.1 through 2.5, above, as well as other required and supporting sections of the UWMP (e.g., Table of Contents, List of Tables & Figures, Acronyms & Abbreviations, References, Appendices, etc.). The Administrative Draft UWMP will be compiled as directed by DWR’s Draft UWMP Guidebook (and the Final UWMP Guidebook, when released) to ensure the 2025 UWMP is technically sound and conforms to all applicable requirements. Rincon will also compile DWR’s standardized tables in an Excel file, and conduct technical and editorial reviews of the complete Administrative Draft UWMP prior to submittal to OMWD for review and comment.

Rincon will submit the Administrative Draft UWMP to OMWD electronically for one round of review and comment. This scope of work assumes OMWD will provide all comments in a consolidated, electronic format, and OMWD will resolve any internal conflicts among commenters prior to providing the comments to Rincon. Rincon will submit the revised Administrative Draft UWMP to OMWD electronically, with a response provided for each comment from OMWD, and all revisions shown in tracked changes. The Administrative Draft UWMP will not be published for public review.

### Subtak 2.3 Draft UWMP

The Draft UWMP will consist of the revised Administrative Draft UWMP provided under Subtask 2.2, with all tracked changes accepted. If needed, revisions to the Draft UWMP will be incorporated to address SDCWA’s 2025 UWMP, anticipated to be released in January 2026, and to address comments from OMWD’s Board of Directors and the public received during the public hearing anticipated to be held in March 2026.

2020 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook Appendix I

## Appendix I. Considering Climate Change Impacts

### I.1 Legislative Language on Considering Climate Change in UWMPs

There are several sections in the revised California Water Code (Water Code) relevant to urban water management plans (UWMPs) that refer to climate change, many of which are new since the 2015 UWMP Guidebook. The Water Code does not specify the technical nor general methods for how to consider climate change in the UWMPs, but it does emphasize in several sections that climate change is appropriate to consider, including the projected future uses, water supply characterization projections, and reliability of supplies. The flexibility within the Water Code to conduct the analysis appropriately allows water suppliers (suppliers) to incorporate climate change as is relevant for their sources and water uses.

This guidance is not prescriptive but is written recognizing that some suppliers seek guidance on how to consider climate change in their UWMPs. As such, this appendix describes common approaches to incorporate climate change in planning and management, pulling from the California Department of Water Resources’ (DWR’s) experience, as well as experiences of water suppliers, local, state, and national governments, non-governmental organizations, and research scientists. The fields and practice of climate change science and climate adaptation have grown tremendously in the last decade, offering experiences and perspectives from which suppliers can use.

For quick reference the climate change sections of the UWMP-relevant Water Code are listed below:

Water Code Section 10608

*The Legislature finds and declares all of the following: [...]*

*(b) Growing population, climate change, and the need to protect and grow California’s economy while protecting and restoring our fish and wildlife habitats make it essential that the state manage its water resources as efficiently as possible.*

### SDCWA Draft 2025 UWMP

It is anticipated that SDCWA's Draft 2025 UWMP will be published for public review in January 2026. Under this scope of work, Rincon will review SDCWA's UWMP immediately upon its public release, and incorporate any necessary updates or revisions to OMWD's Draft UWMP. If needed, Rincon will submit the revised Draft 2025 UWMP electronically to OMWD for review and approval of revisions, which will be shown in tracked changes. In order to accommodate review and response to SDCWA's 2025 UWMP as well as public agency distribution of OMWD's Draft 2025 UWMP in January 2026 (see below), this scope of work assumes that OMWD will be available to review and approve any potential revisions to the Draft UWMP within three (3) business days.

### Subtask 2.4 Local and Public Agency Distribution of the Draft UWMP

Rincon will distribute the Draft 2025 UWMP electronically to up to five (5) local water agencies and seven (7) other public agencies that may be identified by OMWD staff; alternatively, as specified in the RFP (item 2.3), notification of the Draft UWMP's availability may be posted online in lieu of electronic notification to specific agencies. This scope of work assumes that OMWD will provide direction regarding the preferred method of notification during execution of Subtask 1.3, Agency Coordination and Public Outreach, under Task 1, Kick-off Meeting & Preliminary Work.

Agency distribution of the Draft UWMP and notification of the public hearing for consideration of the Draft UWMP will be conducted at least 60 days prior to the public hearing. As discussed below, the public hearing will occur no later than March 2026; therefore, agency notifications will be distributed in January 2026.

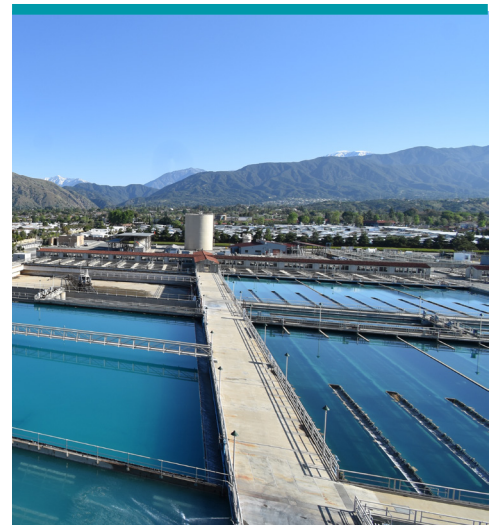
### Subtask 2.5 Public Hearing for Consideration of the Draft UWMP

A public hearing will be held no later than March 2026 to present the Draft 2025 UWMP to OMWD's Board of Directors and the public, and to receive public and agency comments on the UWMP. Rincon will prepare a PowerPoint presentation on the findings and recommendations of the Draft UWMP, and the presentation will be provided either in person or virtually, depending upon OMWD's preferences, by Rosalyn Prickett (Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager) or Aubrey Mescher (Assistant Project Manager/Water Resources Analyst). Rincon will also answer questions during the Public Hearing regarding the preparation process, requirements, findings, or recommendations. This scope of work assumes that OMWD will collect all comments and provide them to Rincon for review and responses, which are addressed below in Task 3, Final 2025 UWMP.

### Task 3 Final 2025 UWMP

Task 1 encompasses all project management activities associated with the successful execution of the scope of work detailed herein. Subtasks 1.1 and 1.2 provide for data collection including review of OMWD's 2020 UWMP and execution of the project kick-off meeting, as specified in the RFP. Also included are Subtask 1.3, to provide agency coordination and public outreach, and Subtask 1.4, to address SDCWA supply availability projections in coordination with Gillingham Water's development of demand projections.

In addition, Subtask 1.5 provides project management to ensure the proposed scope of work is completed on time and within budget, with high-quality deliverables that meet or exceed OMWD's expectations for its 2025 UWMP.



### Subtask 3.1 Final Draft UWMP

The Final Draft UWMP will consist of the revised Draft UWMP provided under Subtask 2.8, with revisions consisting of those necessary to respond to comments from OMWD Board of Directors and the public, Rincon will submit the Final Draft UWMP to OMWD electronically with all revisions shown in tracked changes, for one round of review and comment. This scope of work assumes OMWD will provide all comments in a consolidated, electronic format, and OMWD will resolve any internal conflicts among commenters prior to providing the comments to Rincon.

### Subtask 3.2 Public Hearing for Adoption of the Final Draft UWMP

In accordance with the California Water Code, Section 10608.26(a), a public hearing will be conducted to discuss the adoption, implementation, and economic impact of water use targets addressed in the 2025 UWMP. As specified in the RFP (item 3.2), this public hearing is anticipated to be held in May 2026. In conjunction with OMWD staff, Rincon will present the Final Draft UWMP to the OMWD Board of Directors and the public. If requested by OMWD, Rincon will prepare a PowerPoint presentation outlining any changes in the Final Draft UWMP since the March 2026 public hearing on the Draft UWMP (Subtask 2.5), including responses to comments received. The presentation will be conducted either in person or virtually, depending on OMWD's preferences, by Rosalyn Prickett (Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager) or Aubrey Mescher (Assistant Project Manager/Water Resources Analyst).

Rincon will provide notification of the public hearing for consideration of adoption of the Final Draft UWMP at least 60 days prior to the public hearing. Notification will be provided electronically to the same agencies notified under Subtask 2.8, Draft UWMP, or via online posting (the preferred method of notification will be determined by OMWD during execution of Subtask 1.3). Rincon will draft notices as required by the California Water Code, Sections 10621(b), 10620(d), and 110642. Notice of the hearing is also required to be published in a newspaper with circulation in the project area. Rincon will provide notice of the public hearing in a local newspaper, in accordance with Section 6066 of the Government Code. This scope of work also includes publication of the notice in one newspaper for one day, at a maximum direct expense of \$600. The public hearing will occur in May 2026; therefore, notifications will be distributed and the newspaper notice published in March 2026.

### Subtask 3.3 Final Adopted UWMP

The Final UWMP will consist of the revised Final Draft UWMP provided under Subtask 3.1. Following the public hearing discussed in Subtask 3.2, Rincon will address comments on the Final Draft UWMP by the OMWD Board of Directors and incorporate associated revisions, as needed. Rincon will electronically submit the revised Final Draft UWMP with revisions shown in tracked changes to OMWD for review and approval.

Upon OMWD's approval of revisions to the Final Draft UWMP, Rincon will accept all tracked changes and conduct Accessibility Basic Remediation to address compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). Accessibility Basic Remediation does not guarantee Section 508/WCAG compliance; however, will satisfy the requirement to attempt accessibility "to the maximum extent possible given the undue financial and administrative burden accessibility may impose onto a public entity." For the purposes of estimating cost for this effort, it is assumed that the Final UWMP will consist of up to 250 pages and Accessibility Basic Remediation will require approximately two minutes per page, for a total of nine (9) Rincon staff hours. If preferred by OMWD, Rincon can provide Accessibility Full Compliance Remediation under an expanded scope of work; Accessibility Full Compliance Remediation would ensure Section 508/WCAG compliance and would require approximately 15 minutes per page, for a total of up to 63 staff hours.

Rincon will provide the Final UWMP electronically to OMWD by June 2026, for adoption and submittal to the DWR no later than July 1, 2026. This scope of work assumes that OMWD will produce and distribute printed copies of the Final Draft UWMP to interested parties as determined necessary; this scope of work does not include the production of hard copy deliverables.

## Task 4 Plan Submittal

Within 30 days of adoption of the Final UWMP by OMWD's Board of Directors, and no later than July 1, 2026, Rincon will submit the Final UWMP electronically to DWR, the State Library, and San Diego County. The UWMP and tables will be uploaded to DWR's Water Use Efficiency (WUE) online data portal (<https://wuedata.water.ca.gov/>). The checklist completed as part of Subtask 2.1 will be uploaded to DWR's WUE portal along with the final 2025 UWMP.

## Task 5 Corrections

DWR will review the Final UWMP and may provide a letter to request additional or revised information related to the Final 2025 UWMP. Should such a letter be provided, Rincon will immediately review DWR's comments and alert OMWD of any necessary revisions to the UWMP. Rincon will develop the requested data or revisions as necessary, with any revisions to the Final UWMP incorporated in tracked changes. Rincon will electronically submit the revised Final UWMP with all revisions shown in tracked changes to OMWD for review and approval for re-submittal to DWR. Upon OMWD's approval, Rincon will re-submit the revised Final UWMP to DWR for review and approval.

## Quality Assurance / Quality Control

At Rincon, we believe that project management is an integral part of a project’s success, and we employ a variety of standards of practice to provide clear, thorough, and effective management of task orders. One of our key strengths is our involvement in projects from “inception-to-implementation,” which spans from pre-planning activities to project analysis, through agency coordination and project implementation. As a result, we have a full understanding of the demands of large and small-scale projects, and the interaction between environmental issues and the directives of the responsible regulatory agencies.

We have found that close project tracking, early identification of issues, consistent quality control, and effective client communication are essential. We take pride in our structured management of complex, multidisciplinary environmental review projects. These techniques result in outcomes of high quality, meeting both study objectives and budgets.

### Communication and Documentation Procedures.

Communication is critical. We have established a program of weekly planning and coordination meetings to review work in progress, plans, and schedules. We also have a formal process for tracking and disseminating information and data. We employ an electronic, centralized recordkeeping system for all data relevant to the project.

**Technical Direction and Control.** Our team operates in accordance with its rigorous QA/QC Manual, which establishes clear roles and responsibilities for each client, as well as protocols for the execution of each assignment, and protocols for internal/external communication. We will send weekly or bi-weekly planning and coordination e-mails or conference call status updates to the appropriate members of OMWD staff to review work in progress, plans, and schedules and to ensure the project is proceeding in line with expectations. Rincon also can provide access to video conference call technology upon request.

**Cost and Schedule Control.** Rincon believes in finding creative solutions to maintaining low budgets and completing work in the most efficient and cost effective way achievable. Rincon achieves cost, schedule, and resource control pursuant to the following three-step process: (1) Cost and schedule baselines are established. (2) Actual cost and schedule data are collected and reported on a weekly basis to the Project Manager. (3) Deviations in cost or schedule performance are discussed internally, and if necessary, with OMWD staff and corrective actions are taken. Rincon uses Deltek Ajera®, a project-based accounting system that controls all aspects of project management and accounting with real-time project information.

**Project Reporting and Editorial Review.** We work closely with clients for the duration of the project to ensure that progress is carefully tracked, attention is drawn to any difficulties encountered, and the project is conducted in a highly professional manner. We hold formal monthly status review meetings in which assigned staff meet with the Project Manager for a technical, schedule, and budgetary assessment of progress. This provides a continuing forum for mutual discussion and peer review of the quality of our work.

**Problem Anticipation and Management.** Rincon recognizes its obligation to anticipate, identify, and resolve all problems—technical, managerial and financial—as early as possible. Problems can most often be avoided by thoroughly planning the program; realistically budgeting time, labor and costs; clearly communicating with clients; and closely monitoring the actual performance of Rincon staff and subcontractors. Problems that do occur may be practical (e.g., conditions at field sites delay test operations) or conceptual and relating to steps in the technical approach. Many can be quickly solved by the involved staff members; otherwise, they are brought to the immediate attention of the Project Manager, who will decide the best resolution.

**Ensuring Comprehensiveness and Legal Adequacy.** At Rincon we take pride in offering our clients Principal-level staff involvement in all projects, to help ensure that a client’s documents meet accepted standards for comprehensiveness and legal adequacy. We understand the importance of strict adherence to process and procedures including scoping, notification, filing/posting of documents, statutory timelines and content guidelines to avoid or withstand legal challenges on procedural grounds.

## QA/QC Process





# Schedule

This section provides an overview of the essential points of activity identified in the SOW outlined above, including the amount of time allotted to each activity. Rincon highly values our proven track record of accomplishing projects on time and within budget, which is accomplished in part through the use of clear milestone targets, early identification of potential issues, and effective adjustments where needed.

## Proposed Project Schedule

### January 2025 - July 2026

	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	OCT 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>																				
<b>Notice to Proceed</b> <i>Mid-January 2025</i>	■																			
<b>Kick-off meeting</b> <i>Late January 2025</i>		■																		
<b>Agency Notice Letters via Certified Mail</b> <i>Early February 2025</i>			■																	
<b>OMWD demand forecast data to SDCWA ▲</b> <i>Late March 2025</i>				■																
<b>Administrative Draft UWMP</b> <i>Mid-September 2025 - to OMWD for Review</i>																				
<b>OMWD Review/Comment - Admin Draft UWMP</b> <i>3 weeks (Mid-September to Early October 2025)</i>																				
<b>SDCWA Draft 2025 UWMP available ■</b> <i>Early January 2026</i>																				
<b>Draft UWMP</b> <i>Mid-January 2026 - to OMWD for Review</i>																				
<b>OMWD Review/Comment - Draft UWMP</b> <i>3 Weeks (Mid-January to Early February 2026)</i>																				
<b>60-day Notice of Public Hearing for Draft UWMP</b> <i>Late January 2026</i>																				
<b>Final Draft UWMP</b> <i>Late April 2026 - to OMWD for Review</i>																				
<b>OMWD Public Hearing for Draft UWMP</b> <i>Late March 2026</i>																				
<b>60-day Notice of Public Hearing for Final Draft UWMP</b> <i>Late March 2026</i>																				
<b>OMWD Review Final Draft UWMP</b> <i>2 Weeks (Mid to Late April 2026)</i>																				
<b>OMWD Public Hearing for Final Draft UWMP</b> <i>Late May 2026</i>																				
<b>Final UWMP</b> <i>Early June 2026 - to OMWD for Review</i>																				
<b>OMWD Board of Directors adopts Final UWMP</b> <i>Mid to Late June 2026</i>																				
<b>Final UWMP to DWR, State Library, and San Diego County</b> <i>July 1, 2026</i>																				

▲ OMWD’s water demand forecast data will be prepared by Gillingham Water and submitted to San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) by March 31, 2025; Rincon will coordinate with Gillingham Water to ensure the most updated demand forecast data is included in OMWD’s 2025 UWMP.

■ SDCWA is anticipated to publish its Draft 2025 UWMP in January 2026; Rincon will review SDCWA’s UWMP and incorporate any needed changes to OMWD’s Draft UWMP prior to distribution of the 60-day Notice of Public Hearing for the Draft UWMP.





## 5. Cost Proposal and Payment Schedule

Rincon's proposed cost to complete the SOW outlined in Section 4, Proposed Method to Accomplish the Work, is presented below.

This proposed cost is based upon Rincon's 2025 Standard Fee Schedule for Environmental Sciences and Planning Services, presented on the following page.



### RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. 24-17051 OMWD 2025 UWMP Cost Estimate

	Hours	Labor Budget	Direct Expenses	Total Budget
<b>Task 1. Kickoff Meeting &amp; Preliminary Work</b>	107.00	\$26,951.00	\$130.00	\$27,081.00
Subtask 1.1 Data Collection & Review of OMWD's 2020 UWMP	9.00	\$2,239.00	\$0.00	\$2,239.00
Subtask 1.2 Kick-off Meeting	8.00	\$2,124.00	\$0.00	\$2,124.00
Subtask 1.3 Agency Coordination and Public Outreach	10.00	\$2,338.00	\$130.00	\$2,468.00
Subtask 1.4 SDCWA Forecast Data	10.00	\$2,668.00	\$0.00	\$2,668.00
Subtask 1.5 Project Management	70.00	\$17,582.00	\$0.00	\$17,582.00
<b>Task 2. Draft 2025 UWMP</b>	171.00	\$42,239.00	\$696.00	\$42,935.00
Subtask 2.1 UWMP Work Plan and Checklist	26.00	\$6,410.00	\$0.00	\$6,410.00
Subtask 2.2 Administrative Draft UWMP	112.00	\$27,400.00	\$0.00	\$27,400.00
Subtask 2.3 Draft UWMP	16.00	\$3,874.00	\$696.00	\$4,570.00
Subtask 2.4 Local and Public Agency Distribution of the Draft UWMP	7.00	\$1,695.00	\$0.00	\$1,695.00
Subtask 2.5 Public Hearing for Consideration of the Draft UWMP	10.00	\$2,860.00	\$0.00	\$2,860.00
<b>Task 3. Final 2025 UWMP</b>	37.00	\$9,262.00	\$696.00	\$9,958.00
Subtask 3.1 Final Draft UWMP	11.00	\$2,479.00	\$0.00	\$2,479.00
Subtask 3.2 Public Hearing for Adoption of the Final Draft UWMP	10.00	\$2,860.00	\$696.00	\$3,556.00
Subtask 3.3 Final Adopted UWMP	16.00	\$3,923.00	\$0.00	\$3,923.00
<b>Task 4. Plan Submittal</b>	5.00	\$1,116.00	\$0.00	\$1,116.00
	5.00	\$1,116.00	\$0.00	\$1,116.00
<b>Task 5. Corrections</b>	18.00	\$4,488.00	\$0.00	\$4,488.00
	18.00	\$4,488.00	\$0.00	\$4,488.00
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>338.00</b>	<b>\$84,056.00</b>	<b>\$1,522.00</b>	<b>\$85,578.00</b>

Direct Expenses Summary	Amount
Filing Fees & Newspaper Notices	\$1,392.00
Postage, Shipping, Delivery	\$130.00
<b>Direct Expenses Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,522.00</b>

## Payment Schedule

Professional, Technical and Support Personnel*	Hourly Rate		
	January 1 – December 31, 2024	January 1 – December 31, 2025	January 1 – December 31, 2026
Senior Principal	\$319	\$330	\$342
Principal	\$307	\$318	\$329
Director	\$307	\$318	\$329
Senior Supervisor II	\$292	\$302	\$313
Supervisor I	\$272	\$282	\$292
Senior Professional II	\$255	\$264	\$273
Senior Professional I	\$238	\$246	\$255
Professional IV	\$211	\$218	\$226
Professional III	\$196	\$203	\$210
Professional II	\$174	\$180	\$186
Professional I	\$155	\$160	\$166
Associate III	\$130	\$135	\$140
Associate II	\$117	\$121	\$125
Associate I	\$109	\$113	\$117
Field Technician	\$94	\$97	\$100
Data Solutions Architect	\$196	\$203	\$210
Senior GIS Specialist	\$187	\$194	\$201
GIS/CADD Specialist II	\$167	\$173	\$179
GIS/CADD Specialist I	\$150	\$155	\$160
Technical Editor	\$147	\$152	\$157
Project Accountant	\$125	\$129	\$134
Billing Specialist	\$107	\$111	\$115
Publishing Specialist	\$120	\$124	\$128
Clerical	\$107	\$111	\$115

\* Professional classifications include environmental scientists, urban planners, biologists, geologists, marine scientists, GHG verifiers, sustainability experts, cultural resources experts, and other professionals. Expert witness services consisting of depositions or in-court testimony are charged at the hourly rate of \$400.



**Resumes**

## Rosalyn Prickett | Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager



**23** Years of Experience

### Education:

MS, Landscape Architecture/  
Environmental Planning,  
University of California, Berkeley

MS, City & Regional Planning,  
University of California, Berkeley

BS, City & Regional Planning,  
California Polytechnical State  
University, San Luis Obispo

Rosalyn is a water resources planner with 23 years of experience leading water resources management programs and environmental compliance for water supply, wastewater, and recycled water infrastructure. She excels at managing stakeholder-based supply planning and engineering programs, including potable reuse, recycled water, and domestic water supply and sewer consolidation efforts. She has led development of Water Supply Strategic Plans, Groundwater Sustainability Plans, Integrated Regional Water Management Plans, Water Reuse Strategic Plans, Salt & Nutrient Management Plans, Urban Water Management Plans, Water Conservation Master Plans, and Consolidation Master Plans. Rosalyn supports the planning phases of infrastructure projects from concept and feasibility studies to environmental and regulatory compliance. To support the planning phase, she also leads funding acquisition through a variety of federal, state, and local funding programs. Rosalyn is a versatile and collaborative principal with a passion for building client and stakeholder relationships. She has worked with water agencies throughout Southern California to evaluate water supply availability and plan for new water supplies to meet forecasted demands.

### Relevant Project Experience

#### Principal-in-Charge, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, CA – North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition, Encinitas, California

Rosalyn has supported monthly meetings of the Coalition since 2014, a role that continues at Rincon. She prepared a Regional Recycled Water Feasibility Study, Program EIR, and three funding applications under Title XVI to USBR. Rosalyn is currently negotiating the Title XVI funding awards and supporting NEPA approvals from USBR.

#### Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager, San Diego County Water Authority – 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, San Diego County, California

Rosalyn led development of the Water Authority's 2020 UWMP. Rosalyn provided technical review on the draft UWMP sections, advising the Water Authority on how to address regulatory changes since the 2015 UWMP, directly coordinating with Water Authority's project manager and key team members, oversight of staff assisting with analyses and draft chapters, and overall project management.

#### Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager, City of Oceanside – 2015 and 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Conservation Master Plan, Oceanside, California

Rosalyn led development of the City's 2015 and 2020 UWMP covering the City's brackish groundwater, recycled water, and imported supplies. Included calculation of baseline water use and water use targets in compliance with SB X7-7. The 2015 and 2020 WCMP involved development of multiple conservation portfolios to evaluate the efficacy of demand management measures.

#### Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager, Various Clients – 2010, 2015, and 2020 Urban Water Management Plans, San Diego County, California

Rosalyn served as Project Manager and/or Principal-in-Charge for each of the following UWMPs: Sweetwater Authority, CA – 2010 and 2015 UWMPs; Santa Fe Irrigation District, CA – 2010, 2015, and 2020 UWMPs; City of Escondido, CA – 2015 UWMP; City of Poway, CA – 2015 and 2020 UWMPs; City of Carlsbad, CA – 2015 and 2020 UWMPs; and San Dieguito Water District, CA – 2020 UWMP.

#### Principal-in-Charge, Fresno Council of Governments– San Joaquin Valley REAP and SGMA Water Supply Study, San Joaquin Valley, California

Rosalyn led development of a Water Supply Study that characterized water supply availability within the eight councils of government in the San Joaquin Valley to meet anticipated water demands associated with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, as compared to the water supplies identified within the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for San Joaquin Valley groundwater basins. Known, planned, and potential alternate sources of water supply were identified to serve planned housing production.

**Project Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District, CA – Water Supply Strategic Plan, Riverside County, California**

Rosalyn led development of the Strategic Plan, which involves demand forecasting for the District's five retail water service areas and several outlying wholesale areas. The planning process involves identification of baseline supplies aligned with the recent GSP and supply options for future implementation, including phasing. She compiled the supply options into alternative portfolios and led stakeholder workshops at key milestones in this strategic planning process.

**Principal-in-Charge, San Diego County Water Authority, City of San Diego, and County of San Diego – San Diego IRWM Plan and Program Management, San Diego County, California**

Rosalyn supported the San Diego IRWM Region in developing an integrated, balanced, and consensus-based approach to ensuring the long-term viability of San Diego's water supply, water quality, and natural resources. She led development of the 2010, 2013, and 2019 San Diego IRWM Plans. She facilitated meetings of the 32-member multi-disciplinary Regional Advisory Committee. She developed web database tools and positioned the Region for near-term funding opportunities (including 7 grant applications). She implemented a public outreach program with an emphasis on engaging disadvantaged and environmental justice communities. She also led a Disadvantaged Community Water Needs Assessment for the San Diego RWQCB area.

**Project Manager, City of San Diego, CA – San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), San Diego, California**

Rosalyn led development of the GSP and how technical hydrogeological information is conveyed to San Pasqual Valley stakeholders. She coordinated quarterly meetings with an Advisory Committee of local basin stakeholders and quarterly meetings with Peer Reviewers that were identified by the GSA. Following receipt of a contract amendment, she led GSP implementation activities, including a preliminary feasibility study for surface water recharge; preparation of outreach materials; installation of transducers; and SGMA-mandated Annual Reports

**Project Manager, City of Poway and City of San Diego – Poway Valley Groundwater Basin Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP), Poway, California**

Rosalyn led development of the Poway Valley SNMP, prepared by the City of Poway in partnership with the City of San Diego in a collaborative process with local and regional stakeholders. The SNMP included a well sampling program developed together with the City of Poway to collect data from private wells for the basin characterization. Management strategies and projects were identified to maintain and improve the basin water quality conditions in support of the SNMP goals.

**Project Manager, City of Oceanside, CA – Recycled Water and Wells Feasibility Studies, Oceanside, California**

Rosalyn led development of two separate feasibility studies to achieve eligibility for the USBR Water Reclamation and Reuse Program. One feasibility study evaluated the cost and benefits of expanding the City's recycled water system to both upper and lower/downtown areas. The other evaluated the hydrogeologic feasibility of installing multiple new production wells in the Mission Basin to increase potable water supplies available to the Mission Basin Desalter.

**Principal-in-Charge, East Valley Water District (EVWD), CA – Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC), Highland, California**

Rosalyn is leading overall permitting and project approval, including SWRCB 1211, DDW GRRP, and RWQCB WDR permitting applications and supporting documentation. She led the preparation of a Title 22 Engineering Report and facilitates quarterly meetings to secure regulatory permits. The SNRCWDRs were issued by Santa Ana RWQCB in December 2023 and Rosalyn supports ongoing hydrogeological studies and reporting for plant operation.

**Principal-in-Charge, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District – Bunker Hill B Regional Recycled Water Coalition, San Bernardino County, California**

Rosalyn is facilitating agreements among four water and wastewater agencies in development of collaborative regional strategies for salinity management of the local groundwater basin. This effort includes Coalition facilitation, stakeholder outreach, water quality modeling, and cost share analysis.

**Demand/Supply Lead, Coachella Valley Water District, CA – Indio Subbasin Water Management Plan Update, Riverside County, California**

Rosalyn served as lead for demand forecast, local supply analysis, and GSA coordinator. She focused on analysis of all local (non-groundwater) sources including imported water used for groundwater recharge, surface water diversions, non-potable supplies from Coachella Canal, and recycled water. She led development of the demand forecast. She developed and implemented a communications plan for stakeholders and members of the public and local tribal nations. She coordinated monthly meetings of the Indio Subbasin GSAs and quarterly public workshops.

## Aubrey Mescher | Assistant Project Manager and Resources Analyst



**19** Years of Experience

### Education:

MESM, Water Resources Management; University of California Santa Barbara

BA, Environmental Studies/Film Studies; Emory University

### Certifications/Registrations:

California Association of Environmental Professionals

Water Education Foundation, Water Leaders Class, 2014

Aubrey has 19 years of experience as an Environmental Planner specializing in water resources and water supply reliability planning. Aubrey has managed and prepared CEQA and NEPA documentation and technical impact analyses for a variety of projects, specializing in water infrastructure projects and working to meet the needs of water agencies and districts of all sizes. Her technical analysis expertise includes water supply, groundwater resources, hydrology, flood control, drainage pattern alterations, water quality, waste discharge, the use of potentially hazardous materials, and consideration of existing hydrology-related hazards such as landslide and runoff potential.

Aubrey works on regional efforts to identify and assess potential water supply sources for a variety of infrastructure and development projects. This involves the preparation and management of supply feasibility studies to assess the water source options available to a given project, as well as Water Supply Assessments (WSAs) required for compliance with California Water Code, as amended by Senate Bill 610. Aubrey is skilled at communicating complex, technical concepts and issues in an approachable manner, including for public hearings, scoping meetings, and informational workshops. In addition, she is adept at coordinating with both public and private entities, and has thorough understanding of the respective interests and requirements of different types of clients.

## Relevant Project Experience

### Service Line Lead, Public and Private Clients – WSAs, Various Counties/Cities, California

Aubrey leads Rincon's service line for WSAs, preparing and managing the preparation of WSAs for renewable energy and development projects throughout California. Aubrey also provides technical review and guidance on WSAs to facilitate compliance with CEQA and California Water Code. Aubrey often works on projects located in areas dependent on imported surface water supplies and with limited local groundwater, including areas where groundwater resources are adjudicated or otherwise carefully managed due to scarcity and the effects of drought. No WSA prepared or managed by Aubrey has been legally challenged to date.

Aubrey is fluent in the requirements of SGMA and the contents of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), particularly as important resources to inform project-specific WSAs. Aubrey has also prepared WSAs for projects located outside the management area of Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs), and in areas not subject to the requirements of SGMA, which require creative approaches to characterize existing demands and supply availability. Common challenges navigated in WSAs include a lack of thorough data and currently unknown effects of SGMA compliance; common issues addressed include but are not limited to the conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water resources, and consideration to climatic variables that affect the reliability of imported water supplies.

### Water Supply Specialist, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) – Angeles Link Water Resources Evaluation, SoCalGas Service Territory, Various Counties/Cities, California

Aubrey recently finalized preparation of a Water Resources Evaluation as part of the Phase One feasibility investigation conducted for SoCalGas' proposed Angeles Link project (Angeles Link). Pursuant to the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC)'s Decision 22-12-055 (Decision), the Water Resources Evaluation included preparation of a Water Availability Study to identify and characterize potential water supply sources to support future third-party production of clean renewable hydrogen. Criteria used to identify potential supply sources included avoiding competition for water with existing and planned uses, and avoiding the degradation of existing water supply sources. The study also included agency outreach, analysis of water resources availability, identification of water quality requirements for hydrogen production, development of acquisition and purification costs, discussion of risks and opportunities, a water option prioritization analysis, and development of analogous water use activities. Key challenges include the large amount of water required to support hydrogen development, the ongoing long-term drought conditions throughout California, and characterization of supply availability that accounts for water agencies' plans to reuse and conserve their supplies.

**Water Supply Specialist, Intersect Power – Darden Clean Energy Project, Fresno County, California**

Aubrey prepared a WSA for the Darden Clean Energy Project, which included development of a solar facility to power an electrolyzer producing clean renewable hydrogen. Aubrey also prepared the water supply portions of application documents for the California Energy Commission (CEC), submitted in November 2023, to obtain water supply for the project through the acquisition of property and use of landowner groundwater rights. While water supply for the solar facility component would consist of groundwater obtained through the purchase of land with attached groundwater rights, water supply for the clean renewable hydrogen portion of the project would consist of surplus surface water flows that occurred during the 2022/2023 water year and would be purchased as Article 21 water from Westlands Water District (WWD). The purchased Article 21 water would be stored via aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), also referred to as “groundwater banking,” for use as needed over the life of the project. Preparation of the WSA and the CEC application materials required close coordination with the Applicant and consideration of numerous technical documents and regional planning documents. The CEC is currently considering approval of the project application.

**Water Supply Specialist, Lewis Management Corporation – The Village at Lakeview (TVOL) Water Supply Technical Report, Riverside County, California**

Aubrey prepared a technical report addressing water supply availability for the proposed TVOL project, in response to a legal challenge to the TVOL EIR. This project involved characterizing the current conditions of imported water supply systems including the Colorado River system and the State Water Project, evaluating the reliability of those sources for the project, and assessing whether the project’s water demands were previously accounted for in regional planning documents, including the UWMPs of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Coordination with EMWD was conducted to incorporate findings of a WSA and to ensure the findings of the WSA were applicable to the current project design. The technical report was provided to support court proceedings in response to legal challenge of the project’s EIR.

**Water Supply Planner, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) – Chino Basin Program (CBP), San Bernardino County, California**

Aubrey served as a Water Supply Planner for the Chino Basin Program EIR, which provided CEQA compliance for the CBP. The CBP is both a local water supply project that combines local infrastructure needs and long-term salinity management with groundwater storage and improved water supply reliability throughout IEUA’s service area, while also providing ecosystem and habitat benefits in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed. The CBP would be implemented as a 25-year conjunctive use project that uses advanced water purification to treat and store recycled water in the Chino Groundwater Basin, then extract water according to a schedule of deliveries that was selected based in part on the environmental analysis. Due to schedule requirements of the State funding program supporting the CBP, Rincon helped publish the Public Review Draft EIR within approximately two months of execution of notice to proceed.

**Program Manager, City of Santa Monica – Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project IS-MND, Santa Monica, California**

Aubrey managed the preparation of CEQA documentation (IS/MND) for the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project in the City of Santa Monica. The Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project consisted of three elements: (1) brackish/saline impaired groundwater reuse; (2) recycled water production and conjunctive reuse; and (3) stormwater harvesting and reuse. Together these elements will provide for advance treatment and reuse of brackish/saline-impaired groundwater, recycled municipal wastewater, and stormwater runoff. Sensitive issues associated with this project included construction noise that would affect nearby residences, and the potential for historical structures.

## Allegra Roth, MPP | Water Resources Analyst



**8** Years of Experience

### Education:

Masters of Public Policy (MPP),  
University of California, Berkeley

BS, Community and Regional  
Development, University of  
California, Davis

Allegra has eight years of professional experience in California-based water, climate and agricultural project management, with skills in grant writing, quantitative and qualitative research, group facilitation, policy analysis and advocacy, and stakeholder engagement. Projects include advancing Natural and Working Lands priorities in local climate planning efforts, forwarding implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and securing funding for multi-stakeholder research and demonstration efforts. She has developed and managed projects in the fields of organic waste management, stormwater green infrastructure, climate-smart agriculture and groundwater hydrology. She has collaborated and contracted with several agencies from all sectors including Resource Conservation Districts, County Sustainability Divisions, UC Cooperative Extension, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF), Arcadis Inc, Sustainable Conservation, and private farmers and ranchers.

### Relevant Project Experience

#### Grant Writer, North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition (NSDWRC) – Regional Recycled Water Project, Encinitas, California

Allegra prepared a WaterSMART Reclamation and Reuse Project grant application to secure approximately \$6 million in funding for NSDWRC's Regional Recycled Water Project, to build and upgrade recycled water facilities for member agencies. This project will deliver an additional 9,060 AFY of recycled water and will result in increased local water supply reliability, improved water quality, reduced reliance on imported water and reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

#### Project Manager, Coachella Valley Water District – Regional Water Resilience Plan, Coachella Valley, California

As Project Manager for the Coachella Valley Regional Water Resilience Plan, launched in October, Allegra works closely with the client to oversee the multi-partner project focused on building water resilience for vulnerable communities in the Coachella Valley. Working closely with Coachella Valley Water District and key partners, including Tribal and community-based organizations, she advances the project's foundational tasks, including community-driven visioning sessions, climate vulnerability assessments, and development of adaptation actions and strategies. The project has a clear focus on community-driven input through various engagement platforms, including a project website, surveys, and workshops that provide meaningful opportunities for public participation and dialogue.

#### Deputy Project Manager, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency - Pajaro River Watershed Resilience Plan, Watsonville, California

In Allegra's role as Deputy Project Manager for the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency's Watershed Resilience Pilot Program, launched in October, she contributes to the strategic planning, client management, and task coordination of this new project. She coordinates key project scoping administration and deliverables, collaborating with internal teams and client representatives to refine and activate an integrated work plan of 12 tasks aligned with DWR's guidance. This project is one of five watershed resilience projects statewide funded by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Her focus includes developing adaptation strategies for the Pajaro River Watershed to address climate vulnerabilities, including cost-benefit analyses, facilitating robust community engagement that will inform future watershed resilience efforts.



**Assistant Project Manager, Calleguas Municipal Water District – Title XVI WaterSmart Feasibility Study, Thousand Oaks, California**

Allegra prepared a Title XVI Feasibility Study under the WaterSMART program at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. This Feasibility Study comprehensively assessed the viability of water reuse and recycling projects proposed by Calleguas MWD, including an expansion of a salinity management pipeline and development of groundwater desalting facilities. Allegra led review of technical groundwater studies, economic and cost analysis and articulation of regional project description and project benefits. The Feasibility Study provides a roadmap for project implementation and is essential for securing federal funding through the USBR's WaterSMART program.

**Technical Writer, City of Berkeley, Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry – Hydrology/Water Quality Existing Conditions and Constraints Draft Technical Study, Berkeley, California**

Assisted in the preparation of the Hydrology and Water Quality Technical Study for the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry project, a multifaceted initiative involving waterside and landside infrastructure improvements to support zero-emission ferry operations. Conducted detailed assessments of surface water, groundwater, and water quality conditions, as well as flooding, tides, and drainage within the project area. Researched and synthesized regulatory requirements, including Clean Water Act Sections 401 and 404, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, and local stormwater management standards. Analyzed potential project constraints such as sediment disturbance, impervious surface changes, and floodplain impacts.

**Grant Writer, Three Valleys Municipal Water District – Master On-call Consulting Services, Los Angeles County, California**

As part of Rincon's on-call professional services agreement with TVMWD, Allegra assisted with preparation of grant applications for the following assignments:

- **WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects Grant Application.** Allegra prepared a WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects grant application for TVMWD's Miramar Pumpback Upgrades project, which will increase pumping capacity by 20,000 AF for the district. This project involves a partnership with Metropolitan to upgrade three pump stations that will pump from the Weymouth Water Treatment Plant to TVMWD's service area to increase water supply reliability in State Water Project-dependent communities.
- **WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant Application.** Allegra prepared a WaterSMART Planning and Project Design grant application for TVMWD's development of their Regional Distribution Network. This network will convey treated water from their wellhead treatment system to the distribution systems of TVMWD member agencies including the City of Glendora, Walnut Valley Water District, and Rowland Water District. This project is part of a larger effort of TVMWD's to distribute local water sources and mitigate the impact of drought on regional water supplies.

**Policy Consultant, Sustainable Conservation – Advanced Policy Analysis, Sustainable Groundwater Management & Cover Crops: A study of San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, Sacramento, California**

Under a previous employer, Allegra assessed Groundwater Sustainability Agency regulatory approaches to achieving sustainable management of over-drafted groundwater basins in the San Joaquin Valley. The goal of this analysis was to assess to what extent Groundwater Sustainability Agency regulatory frameworks implicate adoption of vegetative cover practices and identify opportunities to align implementation of SGMA and state nutrient reduction programs and grant programs. She analyzed adopted Rules and Regulations, Groundwater Sustainability Plans, Consumptive Use Methodologies, technical water budgets and grower allocation approaches. This work included regulatory review, policy analysis, twenty stakeholder interviews, agricultural site visits, and strategic planning with the internal Sustainable Conservation team.

**Water Resilience & Planning Intern, Arcadis North America – Opportunities and Challenges to Green Infrastructure Stormwater Solutions: A Policy Framework for Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads, Hampton Roads, Virginia**

Under a previous employer, Allegra worked with the Hampton Roads Arcadis team to identify opportunities for the inclusion of green infrastructure design in company bids for stormwater infrastructure projects. Using an integrated watershed-based management approach, she assessed the policy, regulatory and funding potential to implement upstream rural interventions to achieve downstream water system benefits. In this role, she developed a framework to guide use of municipal bonds and green infrastructure principles to achieve cost-effective capital improvement.

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## Office Locations

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559-228-9925

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510-834-4455

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### **San Luis Obispo**

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### **Santa Barbara**

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### **Ventura (headquarters)**

180 North Ashwood Avenue  
Ventura, California 93003  
805-644-4455



EXHIBIT "B"

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Request for Additional Work  
(Includes Authorization to Perform Additional Services and Inter-Task Transfers)**

Consultant name \_\_\_\_\_ Request # \_\_\_\_\_

Project name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Required \_\_\_\_\_

Project Task	Current Budget	Change	Revised Budget
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>Total Contract Change Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Original Project Budget	_____
Prior requests approved	_____
This request	_____
Revised Project Budget	_____

Reason for requested change(s), please attach supporting documentation

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Signature of consultant representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Email the completed form to cbarrow@olivenhain.com or mail to 1966 Olivenhain Rd., Encinitas, CA. 92024**

**OMWD use only below this line**

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Workorder number(s) to charge \_\_\_\_\_ OMWD Record No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Original to General Manager**

Copies to

Originating Dept.  Consultant  Project Acct

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Paul Martinez, Engineering Technician I  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE 16177 VALLE DE ORO 2-INCH WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION PROJECT (NICK DORMAN) INTO OMWD'S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED**

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider acceptance of the transfer of the facilities constructed by Nick Dorman (Developer) into OMWD's system and authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends acceptance of the potable water facilities into OMWD's system.

## **Alternative(s)**

None; the Project is complete, and facilities were constructed according to the approved plans and to OMWD's Standard Specifications and Drawings per the Development Construction Agreement.

## **Background**

The 16177 Valle de Oro 2-inch Water Service Installation Project (Project) is located on Valle de Oro, north of Calzada del Bosque in Director Division 1 (Director San Antonio). The Project consisted of the installation of (1) 2-inch water service.

OMWD entered into an agreement with the Developer in October of 2024 to construct and dedicate the facilities to OMWD. The facilities are now complete and have been built in accordance with the approved plans and OMWD Standard Specifications and Drawings. The warranty period will terminate one (1) year following the acceptance of the facilities by OMWD's Board.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to accepting the facilities into OMWD's system. The new assets will be reported to Finance for capitalization.

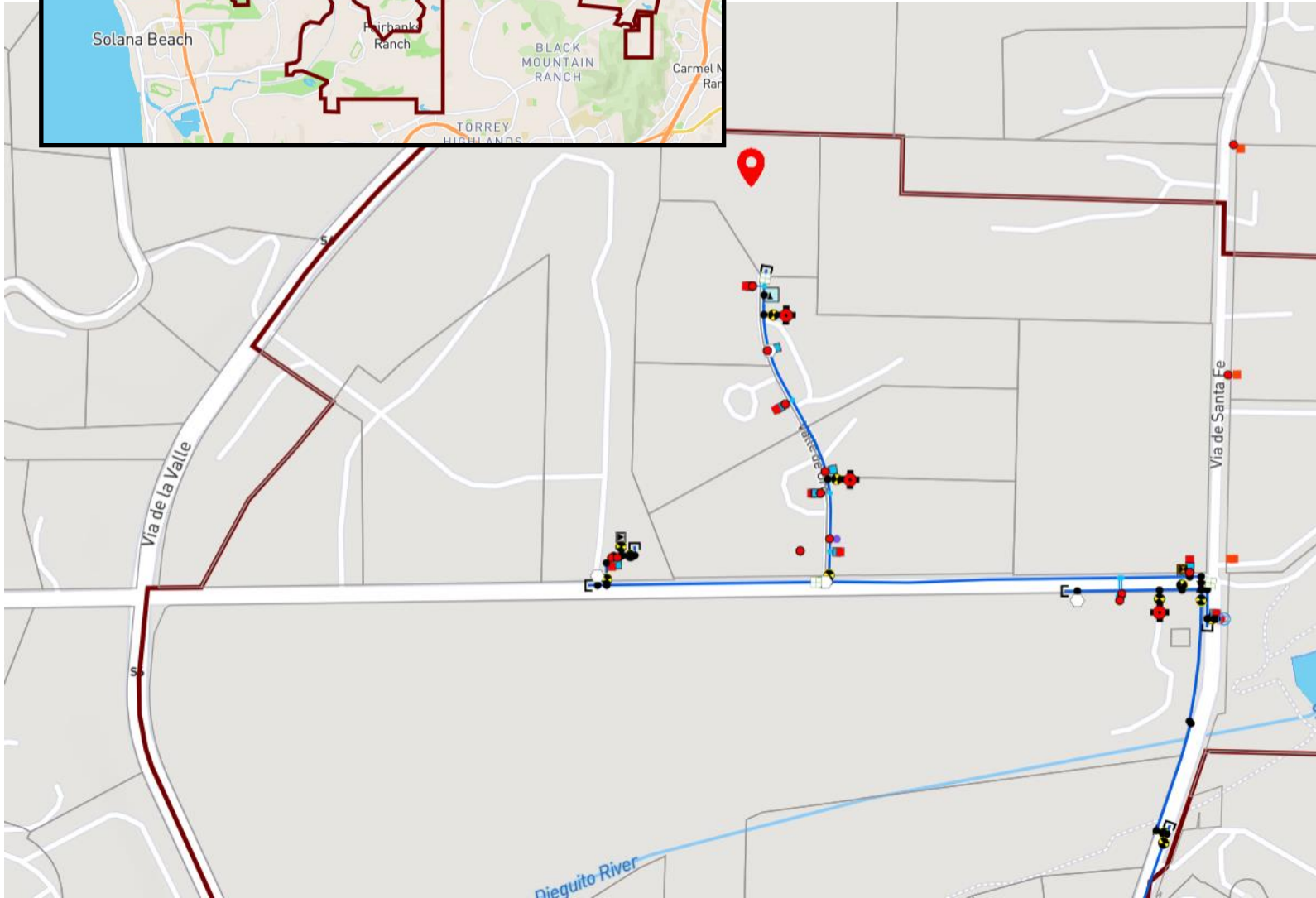
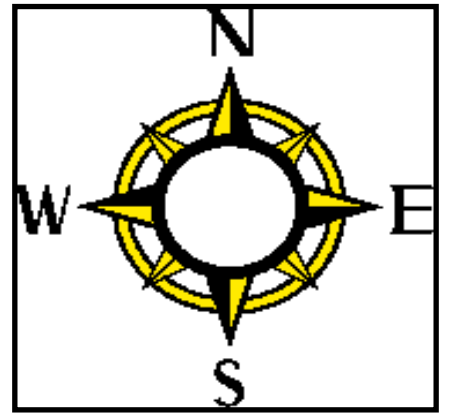
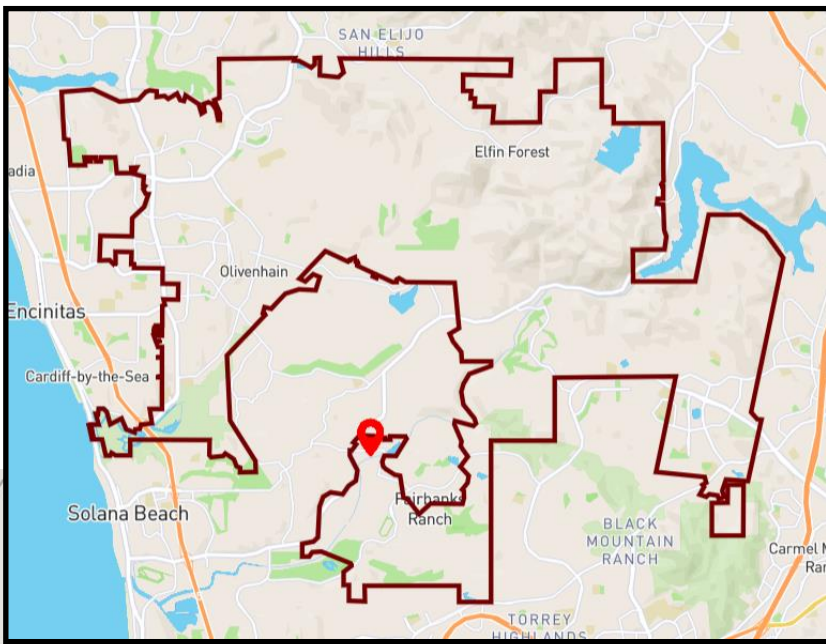
## **Discussion**

Staff is available to answer questions.

*Attachments:*

*Location Map*

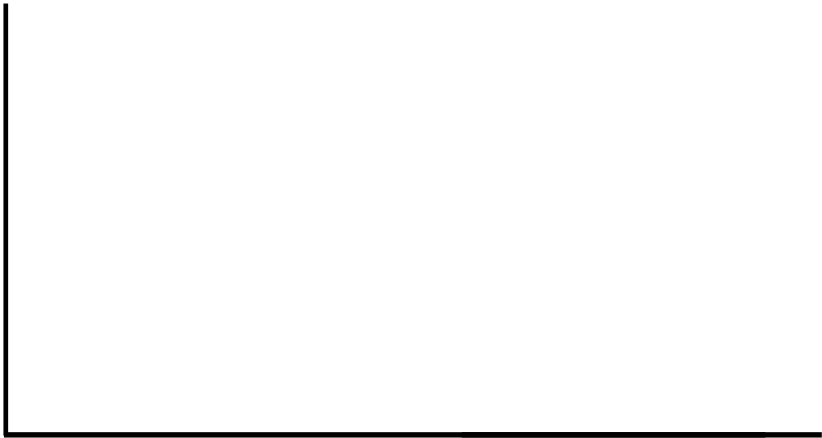
*Notice of Completion*



**LOCATION MAP**  
**16177 VALLE DE ORO**  
**DISTRICT PROJECT NO. W590335**

**RECORDING REQUESTED BY &  
WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:**

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
1966 Olivenhain Road  
Encinitas, California, 92024-5699



(This space for recorder's use)

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the facilities shown on improvement plans for Parcel 268-180-46-00 of Map No. 13035, recorded on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1993 Recording located in the County of San Diego, State of California for which Nick Dorman, (“Developer”) contracted with the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (“Owner,” in fee, of the facilities), headquartered at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024, have been completed in accordance with the approved plans and standard specifications as of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The facilities have been accepted by the Board of Directors of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

In witness whereof this Notice of Completion has been executed under authority from the Board of Directors of said OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT by Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager.

KIMBERLY A. THORNER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is General Manager of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT and is familiar with the facts stated in the foregoing Notice of Completion executed for and on behalf of said Agency, that she has read the foregoing Notice of Completion and knows the contents thereof and that the same are true.

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE (Article 2 – Organization of Board of Directors)**

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this housekeeping item is to consider adoption of the attached Ordinance, required by Section 71253 of the Water Code and amending the District's Administrative and Ethics Code to reflect minor edits and the new term of the elected Board members. (Sec. 2.1)

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Ordinance amending the District's Administrative and Ethics Code with the noted revisions.

## **Background**

AB 72 (Holden) was passed and approved by the Governor in June 2013. This bill requires the directors of a municipal water district, except directors elected at a district formation election, to take office on the first Friday in December succeeding their election. The



attached Ordinance satisfies this requirement and lists the updated terms of Board Members in Article 2 of the Administrative and Ethics Code.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with amending this section of the Administrative and Ethics Code.

### **Discussion**

Staff will be available to answer any questions.

*Attachment: Ordinance No. 5XX*

ORDINANCE NO. 5XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE (*Article 2 – Organization of Board of Directors*)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District as follows:

SECTION 1: Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of Article 2 of OMWD's Administrative and Ethics Code, Policy for District's Facilities, are hereby revised to read as shown on Exhibit A (attached).

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District held on January 15, 2025 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Matthew R. Hahn, President  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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Christy Guerin, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

<i>Olivenhain Municipal Water District</i>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE</b>	Article No. 2	Page 1 of 9
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	Latest Revision Date January 15, 2025	ORDINANCE NO. 5XX

ARTICLE 2. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Sec. 2.1 revised by Ordinance No. 5XX / January 15, 2025*
- Sec. 2.1 revised by Ordinance No. 506 / January 18, 2023*
- Sec. 2.1 revised by Ordinance No. 488 / June 16, 2021*
- Sec. 2.1 revised by Ordinance No. 482 / January 13, 2021*
- Sec. 2.1 revised by Ordinance No. 480 / December 9, 2020*
- Sec. 2.1 revised by Ordinance No. 461 / December 12, 2018*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance No. 447 / January 18, 2017*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 422 / January 14, 2015*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 413 / February 12, 2014*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 404 / January 16, 2013*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 393 / January 18, 2012*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 385 / February 9, 2011*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 368 / December 10, 2008*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 342 / January 12, 2007*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 331 / June 9, 2006*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance 320 / July 27, 2005*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance No. 299 / November 27, 2002*
- Sec. 2.1. revised by Ordinance No. 298 / September 18, 2002*

Sec. 2.1 Executive Officers. All powers, privileges, and duties vested in or imposed upon the District by law and the Municipal Water District Act shall be exercised and performed by the Board of Directors except such powers as the Board may delegate to others by ordinance, resolution or motion.

Effective December 2014, per AB 72, elected water Directors will now be required to take office at noon on the first Friday in December succeeding their election. Outgoing Directors will end their term on the first Friday in December at 11:59 A.M.

The current terms of the Board of Directors of the District are as follows:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CURRENT TERM</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>
1	12/02/22 to 12/04/26	San Antonio
2	12/0 <del>64</del> /2 <del>40</del> to 12/0 <del>601</del> /2 <del>84</del>	<del>Watt Maloni</del>
3	12/0 <del>64</del> /2 <del>40</del> to 12/0 <del>16</del> /2 <del>84</del>	Guerin
4	12/02/22 to 12/04/26	Hahn
5	12/0 <del>62</del> /2 <del>42</del> to 12/0 <del>16</del> /2 <del>84</del>	Meyers

The Executive Officers of the Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer; and they shall serve a two-year term or until their successors are elected. Elections shall be held at the January meeting of the Board in the odd numbered years.

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At the Board's first meeting in January of each odd-numbered year, in accordance with Section 71273 of the Municipal Water Code as amended, election of officers shall be rotated sequentially by Director Divisions, commencing with the Office of President, except that the District's Representative serving on the San Diego County Water Authority Board shall not hold the office of President on the Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board. Any Board Director not wishing to hold a particular office may pass on filling that position.

If a Board Member passes on filling a particular position, consensus shall be reached on the remaining Board Officer positions to be filled by the Board. If consensus cannot be reached, all remaining Board Officer positions with the exception of President, shall be voted on individually by a majority vote of the board. All Board Members are eligible for the office of President, Treasurer, Secretary, and appointment to the San Diego County Water Authority representative per Sec. 2.18, provided they have served no less than one year on the Board. The office of President shall always rotate sequentially by division. A board member may pass on filling the office of President.

- A. President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors, and the President shall authenticate all official records of the District where required by law or as directed by a majority of the Board, and such other duties and responsibilities as required or imposed by law or a majority of the Board of Directors.
- B. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall exercise the powers and duties of the President, if the President is absent or unable to act.
- C. Secretary. The Secretary shall authenticate all official records of the District, and shall maintain in a safe location the official records of the District, certify all records wherever required and where necessary, and perform such other duties and responsibilities as imposed upon the Secretary by law or by a majority of the Board of Directors.

In the absence of the Secretary, the duties of the Secretary shall be performed by the Assistant Secretary.

- D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and a Deputy Treasurer may also be appointed by the Board of Directors.

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The Treasurer shall be custodian of all monies deposited in the treasury. Such monies shall be paid out upon the presentation of warrants or demands legally drawn, and without such warrant or demand, shall pay out no money, except the principal and interest of bonds payable by the District when due. The Treasurer shall make payments by warrants drawn against the funds deposited in the commercial accounts of the District. Such warrants, when approved by the General Manager as to authorization of expenditure and availability of appropriated funds, shall be signed by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall, so far as practicable, deposit the money under the treasurer's supervision and control in such institutions and upon such terms as the laws of the State of California may permit and as directed by the Board of Directors, and evidence of such deposits shall be counted and considered as cash in the treasury of the District.

The Treasurer shall purchase, sell or exchange approved securities to the best advantage of the District, with discretion, and with approval of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall report to the Board at least monthly the condition of the District's finances.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the duties of the Treasurer shall be performed by the Deputy Treasurer.

The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

The General Manager shall serve as the Assistant Secretary and the Finance Manager shall serve as the Deputy Treasurer.

*Sec. 2.2 revised by Ordinance 451 / July 19, 2017*

*Sec. 2. 2. revised by Ordinance 375 / March 24, 2010*

Sec. 2.2. Executive Committees. There may be committees created from time to time to take care of matters which arise and require committee study and recommendation.

Each committee shall have a chairperson and vice chairperson, to be appointed by the President of the Board. Each committee shall meet at stated times to be agreed upon by the committee chairperson, and shall

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consider matters referred to it by the Board, or matters within the scope of its duties, which are presented to it by its members or by the General Manager. Each committee, having authority only to recommend to the Board, shall carry on its work if two or more of its members are present at the Meeting. A meeting of any committee may be called by the President of the Board at any time for consideration of matters requiring immediate attention.

Each committee chairperson shall report to the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors' Meeting regarding matters considered at committee meetings.

The Safety, Personnel, and Finance, Committees shall conduct business in Public Session in conformance with the provisions of the Brown Act as amended, Government Code 54950 et. seq. Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed from time to time and shall only meet as necessary. Not more than two Board Directors shall serve on any one committee.

*Sec. 2.3. revised by Ordinance 409 / July 24, 2013*

Sec. 2.3. Appointment of Staff Personnel. The Board of Directors shall appoint the following staff personnel and fix their compensation: General Manager, Attorney, Auditor, and any other employee who may not be subject directly to the supervision of the General Manager.

*Sec. 2.4. revised by Ordinance No. 423 / Mar. 18, 2015*

*Sec. 2.4 revised by Ordinance No. 368 / Dec. 10, 2008*

*Sec. 2.4. revised by Ordinance No. 356 / Dec. 5, 2007*

*Sec. 2.4. revised by Ordinance No. 321 / Sept. 20, 2005*

*Sec. 2.4. revised by Ordinance No. 310 / May 14, 2004*

Sec. 2.4. Time and Place of Regular Board Meetings. There shall generally be one regular Board Meeting per month scheduled by annual calendar to be presented to the Board for consideration on or before November of each calendar year. The regular Board Meeting shall usually be held with notice on the second or third Wednesday of every month at 4:00 P.M. In the event a second regular Board Meeting is scheduled for a particular month, it shall usually be held with notice on the fourth Wednesday of that month, also at 4:00 P.M. The annual calendar is considered in compliance with the standing policy of the Board of Directors that when a regular Board Meeting conflicts with holidays or conferences for the Association of

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California Water Agencies (ACWA) or California Special District Association (CSDA), the regular Board Meeting shall be scheduled so as not to conflict with the aforementioned conferences or holidays. Rescheduled Board meetings shall comply with Section 2.7 of the Administrative and Ethics Code for adjourned and continued meetings. One or both regular Board Meetings shall be held prior to the monthly San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting.

The meetings are held in the room designated as the Boardroom at the offices and principal place of business of the District located at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California.

*Sec. 2.4.1. DELETED by Ordinance No. 321 / Sept. 20, 2005*

*Sec. 2.4.1. revised by Ordinance No. 310 / May 14,, 2004*

*Sec. 2.4.1. revised by Ordinance No. 305 / October 22, 2003*

*Sec. 2.4.1. revised by Ordinance No. 295 / July 24, 2002*

**Sec. 2.5. Call for Special Meeting.** A special meeting may be ordered at any time by the President of the Board of Directors, or by members of the Board of Directors constituting a majority of the Board by delivering personally or by mail, written notice to each Board Director and to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio or television station requesting notice in writing. The call and notice shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to a special meeting in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public.

Such notice must be delivered personally or by mail at least twenty-four hours before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice. The order shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. No other business shall be considered at such meetings by the Board of Directors.

Written notice need not be given to any Board Director who files a written waiver of notice at or before the meeting or for any Board member actually present at the meeting.

**Sec. 2.6. Emergency Meetings.** The Board may hold an emergency meeting without complying with the 24-hour notice and posting requirements if an emergency exists as defined in Government Code Section 54956.5. The President of the Board, or his/her designee, shall telephone any local newspaper of general circulation, radio, or television station, which has requested notice of special meetings one hour prior to the emergency meeting.

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If telephone services are not functioning, local newspapers of general circulation, radio, or television stations requesting notice of special meetings shall be contacted as soon after the emergency meeting as possible and advised of the purpose and actions taken at this meeting. The Board shall not meet in closed session during any emergency meeting.

All special meeting requirements, other than the 24-hour notice and posting requirements, shall be followed at the emergency meeting. Minutes of the emergency meeting, a list of persons the District notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the roll call vote, and any action taken shall be posted for a minimum of ten (10) days, in a public place, as soon after the emergency meeting as possible.

Sec. 2.7. Adjourned and Continued Meetings. The Board may adjourn or continue any regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment or continuance. Less than a quorum of the Board may adjourn from time to time. The Clerk or Secretary of the District may adjourn a meeting if all Board members are absent as provided in the Brown Act.

A copy of any order of adjournment shall be posted on the door of the meeting room within twenty-four (24) hours after the time of adjournment continuance to a subsequent date. Notice of continued meetings held within twenty-four (24) hours of the meeting shall be posted on the door of the meeting room immediately after the meeting setting the continuance date. If an order of adjournment or continuance does not state a meeting time, the Board's normal meeting time for regular meetings shall be the designated time.

Sec. 2.8. Quorum. A quorum necessary for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board shall be declared to exist whenever there are present at least three Board Directors. However, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is not present may be continued from time to time until a quorum is present to transact the business of the Board.

*Section 2.9. revised by Ordinance 385 / January 26, 2011*

Sec. 2.9. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be expressed and determined by motions duly made and adopted by a majority vote of the Board Directors who are present provided a quorum exists. A roll call vote shall be had if requested by any Board Director. When not requested or ordered by the President, a



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roll call vote shall be deemed dispensed with. A roll call vote shall be taken on all Ordinances.

Sec. 2.10. Order of Procedure at Meetings. Except as otherwise provided by law or Ordinance, the business of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the order of procedure shall be as provided by "Robert's Rules of Order, revised." The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in his/her absence, the Vice-President. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the presiding officer shall be selected by a majority vote of the members of the Board attending such meeting.

*Section 2.11. revised by Ordinance 486 / April 14, 2021*

Sec. 2.11. Agenda Posting and Public Comment. The Agenda for regular meetings shall be posted in a location accessible to the public at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting date. The Agenda shall specify the time and location of the meeting and a brief general description of each item listed. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the Agenda except as provided by Government Code Section 54954.2 or any successor statute. The Agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board. The Board may adopt reasonable regulations from time to time limiting the amount of time for public input and individual speakers on Agenda items.

Sec. 2.12. Minutes of the Board Meetings. The Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be recorded and kept permanently by the Secretary in a book maintained for that purpose entitled "Book of Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors, Olivenhain Municipal Water District." Unless otherwise expressly directed by the Board at the time of their adoption, the Ordinances and Resolutions adopted by the Board may be referred to in the Minutes by number and title only, but the same shall be recorded in full in books kept for that purpose entitled "Book of Ordinances" and shall authenticate the Minutes, Ordinances and Resolutions after they have been transcribed and approved by the Board of Directors and placed into the appropriate books and when so authenticated shall constitute the official Minutes, Ordinances and Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

Sec. 2.13. Official Seal of the District. The following design is hereby determined to be and it is hereby adopted as and for the official seal of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District:

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A CIRCLE WITH THE WORDS: "OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT," INSCRIBED AROUND. THE PERIMETER THEREOF WITH THE WORDS: "ORGANIZED APRIL 6, 1959" AND "CALIFORNIA" IN THE CENTER THEREOF.

*Section 2.14. revised by Ordinance 486 / April 14, 2021*  
*Section 2.14. revised by Ordinance 320 / July 27, 2005*

Sec. 2.14. Agenda Creation. The General Manager shall prepare the Agenda for all meetings of the Board of Directors so that the Agenda can be posted in a location accessible to the public at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting date. The General Manager shall place on the Agenda all matters reasonable to be brought before the Board within his/her knowledge, and any matters requested to be placed on the Agenda by any two Board Directors. The General Manager shall place on the Consent Calendar all items, which appear to be routine or which he/she believes will require no discussion by the Board.

Items may be removed from the Consent Calendar by request of a Board Director or the General Manager. No reason must be given for the request. The President will call all items on the Consent Calendar by Agenda number item. The request to remove from the calendar any item must be made prior to or at the end of the time of the call. All items not removed may then be voted upon at the conclusion of the Consent Calendar Call by one (1) motion and by one (1) vote. A Board Director may have his/her vote recorded differently on the various items on the Consent Calendar. A Consent Calendar item will be identified by a "C" in front of the Agenda item number.

Sec. 2.15. Closed Sessions. The Board may hold closed sessions on Agenda items as provided in the Brown Act.

Sec. 2.16. Directors Fees, Expenses. Effective April 17, 2000, each Board Director shall receive compensation in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a Board Director by request of the Board, not to exceed a total of ten (10) days in any calendar month, together with expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties requested or authorized by the Board.

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Sec. 2.17. Director Absence. Any Board Director who will be absent from the State for a period of sixty (60) days or more must receive permission from the Board of Directors prior to the expiration of the 60-day period. Failure to receive permission shall constitute abandonment of the position and shall create a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

*Section 2.18. added by Ordinance 483 / January 13, 2021*

Sec. 2.18. San Diego County Water Authority Representative. The Board shall select a representative by majority vote to fill its seat on the San Diego County Water Authority Board. If OMWD acquires a second seat on the San Diego County Water Authority Board in the future, the same process for selection shall be followed. Only a member of the Board or the General Manager may be selected to serve as the San Diego County Water Authority representative for OMWD. The term of appointment shall comply with the County Water Authority Act stated term of office of six years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The OMWD representative to the San Diego County Water Authority Board may be removed by a majority vote of the OMWD Board at any time without cause and serves at the will of the OMWD Board.

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Teresa L. Chase, Administrative Analyst  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER DRAFT ANNUAL OBJECTIVES AND SET A MAXIMUM EMPLOYER'S 401(A) PLAN CONTRIBUTION FOR COMPLETING ANNUAL OBJECTIVES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present OMWD's draft 2025 annual objectives, and establish a maximum 401(a) Plan contribution to be made by OMWD for covered employees for completing 2025 objectives, consistent with OMWD Resolution No. 2024-18. A total of 69 annual objectives and nine stretch objectives are proposed by staff in the attached PowerPoint presentation for the board's consideration.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the proposed 69 annual objectives and nine stretch objectives.

Additionally, staff recommends establishing a maximum 401(a) contribution consistent with OMWD Resolution No. 2024-18, to be based on superior performance in achieving the objectives adopted for the year, at a level deemed appropriate by the board.

## **Alternative(s)**

- The board may choose to modify or delete any of the proposed CY 2025 objectives or suggest additional objectives.
- The board may alter the proposed maximum 401(a) contribution for completing 2025 objectives.

## **Background**

Objectives, in strategic planning terminology, refer to specific, measurable statements of what will be accomplished to achieve goals. OMWD's managers and supervisors annually draft a series of objectives to be completed over the course of the year in support of the twelve goals set forth in OMWD's Strategic Plan. These objectives are designed to challenge staff and provide a way to measure superior performance.

In prior years, the board has established a maximum annual goal incentive amount to be awarded to managerial and supervisory personnel if the board determined at year-end that superior performance had been demonstrated by the achievement of annual objectives in a given calendar year. The specific progress of each objective is periodically reported to the board so they can monitor the progress of each and then determine if all objectives have been completed to the board's satisfaction at year-end. Occasionally, an objective may be determined to be unobtainable due to extenuating circumstances and thus will not be considered when awarding a goal incentive.

On September 18, 2024, the board adopted Resolution No. 2024-18, relating to district-sponsored retirement plans. The resolution established that any annual goal incentive would mandatorily be contributed to the covered employees' respective 401(a) accounts. Covered employees include the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, Managers, and Supervisors.

The General Manager may receive up to 100% of the maximum 401(a) contribution amount at the board's discretion each calendar year. In 2024, the board set the goal incentive at \$7,596. At the General Manager's discretion, the Assistant General Manager may receive up to 65%, department managers may receive up to 50%, and supervisors may receive up to 30% of the maximum 401(a) contribution value if they demonstrate exceptional performance and all objectives under their purview are completed.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There are no costs directly associated with the approval of the CY 2025 annual objectives. Any costs necessary to achieve the annual objectives proposed by staff are included in the annual budget. The addition of objectives beyond those proposed by staff could require the appropriation of additional funds if necessary.

The fiscal impact of a maximum 401(a) contribution is determined by the board. For reference, the maximum 401(a) contribution previously established by the board for CY 2024 is shown below.

\$7,596	General Manager (100% share)
\$4,937	Assistant General Manager (65% share)
\$18,990	Five department managers (50% share; up to \$3,798 each)
<u>\$22,790</u>	<u>Ten supervisors (30% share; up to \$2,279 each)</u>
\$54,313	Maximum 401(a) contribution in CY 2024

### **Discussion**

These 69 draft objectives and nine stretch objectives were developed over several meetings with all managers and supervisors. Additionally, staff incorporated input on 2025 annual objectives received from Director Meyers.

The board may choose to modify the draft objectives at the January 15 board meeting. The final version of the 2025 objectives reflecting any such changes will be brought back for final approval on the February 19, 2025 consent calendar. After final approval, the 2025 objectives will be included in the 2025 update to OMWD's Strategic Plan, which is posted online at [www.olivenhain.com/mission](http://www.olivenhain.com/mission).

Staff will report on the status of each objective on the consent calendar of the April, July, and October board meetings; these reports will also contain updates on OMWD's Tiger Team program cost-saving efforts. Following the review of the annual objectives status report in October, the board may choose to award a maximum 401(a) contribution up to any amount established today.

*Attachment: 2025 Annual Objectives PowerPoint Presentation*

# 2025 Annual Objectives

January 15, 2025

Board of Directors Meeting



# 2025 Annual Objectives

- A total of 69 objectives and nine stretch objectives are proposed for calendar year 2025



## 1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.

### Objective

1. Complete wrap up construction on the Unit A North Rancho Santa Fe Road Potable Water Pipeline Replacement Project
2. Complete construction of Gardendale and Village Park pressure reducing station replacements to minimize water loss and control replacement of aging infrastructure
3. Complete construction of Stage 4 upgrades, including second centrifuge, at David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant (DCMWTP)
4. Commence planning for next round of pipeline condition assessments; provide update to Facilities Committee
5. Commence construction on the Tank Safety Project
6. Complete design of Palms Reservoirs Replacement Project
7. Commence feasibility study to rehabilitate DCMWTP membrane basins; provide update to Facilities Committee
8. Complete Train 10 membrane replacement at DCMWTP

# 1. Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water to each customer in a cost-effective manner.

## Objective

9. Enhance experience of in-house staff by completing the replacement of 25 valves in support of the Valve Replacement Project
10. Complete second stage cassette refurbishments at DCMWTP
11. Complete final phase of SCADA upgrades
12. Complete triennial lead and copper customer sampling
13. Continue lead service line inventory per regulatory requirement and record results in Geoviewer
14. Outside of bird breeding season, complete maintenance of five impacted easements

### Stretch:

- Complete replacement of five additional valves beyond Objective 9
- Complete maintenance of three additional impacted easements beyond Objective 14

**2. Providing wastewater collection and treatment services in an environmentally responsible manner, and producing and supplying high-quality recycled water to irrigation customers in support of regional water conservation efforts.**

**Objective**

15. Complete construction of the Calle Barcelona, Village Park, and Summerhill recycled water pipelines
16. Commence construction of headworks rehabilitation at 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility (4S WRF)
17. Complete installation of second Digester Aeration Blower
18. Complete three new connections to recycled water system
19. Complete next phase of systemwide programmable logic controller upgrades at sewer lift stations

**Stretch:**

- Complete two additional connections to the recycled water distribution beyond Objective 18

### 3. Operating Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve in the most cost-effective, safe, environmentally responsive, and service-oriented manner.

#### Objective

20. Investigate feasibility of incorporating QR codes to EFRR signage to increase accessibility; report findings to EFRR Executive Committee
21. Continue education program for elementary schools in partnership with the Escondido Creek Conservancy, providing at least 2,000 students with in-person field trips to EFRR
22. Utilize volunteer groups such as San Diego Mountain Biking Association and EFRR trail patrol for two trail maintenance/repair projects
23. Utilize volunteer groups to conduct two non-native plant removal projects
24. Participate in I Love a Clean San Diego Creek to Bay Cleanup event
25. Launch 19th annual photo contest
26. Install water bottle fill station at EFRR Staging Area to improve access for persons with disabilities
27. Utilize past Gold Spotted Oak Borer monitoring data to identify and treat problem areas, focusing on "high value" trees for treatment (e.g., 12"+ diameter, in aesthetically valuable area, etc.); target treatment of at least 150 trees

### 3. Operating Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve in the most cost-effective, safe, environmentally responsive, and service-oriented manner.

#### Objective

##### Stretch:

- Utilize volunteer groups for two additional maintenance or cleanup events at EFRR

#### 4. Pursuing alternative and renewable energy sources as a means of offsetting costs and energy charges, providing sustainability.

##### Objective

28. Progress plan to address new California Air Resources Board zero-emission vehicle requirements, including timeline, compliance, phasing, budgets, financing options, and exemption request; provide report to Facilities Committee
29. Continue partnerships with energy providers and third-party consultants to optimize energy costs

**5. Providing a safe, healthful, and rewarding work environment which encourages communication as well as values employee participation and personal achievement.**

**Objective**

30. Conduct departmental briefings with new board director prior to the end of March
31. Prepare the five-year staffing analysis succession planning document; present to Personnel Committee then to full board
32. Conduct review of staff turnover to evaluate if moving to the 65th percentile as midpoint of salary grades has reduced turnover; present to Personnel Committee
33. Conduct staff training on identifying areas for personal growth and establishing meaningful goals
34. Host a lunch-and-learn for staff related to financial planning for retirement
35. Hold a career day in partnership with neighboring agencies and junior colleges

**Stretch:**

- Achieve maximum amount of participation points under 2025-26 Special District Risk Management Authority's workers compensation credit incentive program

## 6. Exceeding all federal, state, and local regulatory requirements for providing potable water, wastewater treatment, and recycled water.

### Objective

36. Commence work on 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and complete long-range water demand projection
37. Per newly adopted water use efficiency regulations, identify existing commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) water users at or above the supplier's 80th percentile and at the 97.5th percentile for CII water use
38. Continue interdepartmental Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan committee to provide greater oversight for stormwater issues at headquarters; conduct four quarterly meetings
39. Commence replacement of two finished water quality instruments at DCMWTP
40. Initiate routine quarterly PFAS testing at DCMWTP
41. Submit formal request to Department of Drinking Water to reduce bac-t sampling frequency from daily to weekly



## 7. Minimizing all of OMWD's operational costs while maintaining a high level of customer service.

### Objective

42. Continue to pursue local, state, federal, and private grant funding to offset costs
43. Launch outreach campaign to raise customer awareness of My Water Use dashboard's leak alert feature
44. Increase customer use of online billing services, targeting 500 accounts newly enrolled in online payments
45. Identify and replace at least 1,000 underperforming meters to improve revenue recapture and reduce apparent water loss
46. Propose updates to Administrative and Ethics Code to address higher density development, meter sizing, and fines for unauthorized use

### Stretch:

- Achieve one or more new grant awards
- Add 500 new subscribers to the My Water Use dashboard

**8. Maintaining open communication and participation with the public through active conservation and educational programs as well as continually seeking customer input for informed decision-making.**

**Objective**

- 47. Partner with local businesses, vendors, and community organizations on an open house event
- 48. Achieve Special District Leadership Foundation's Transparency Certificate of Excellence and District of Distinction re-accreditation
- 49. Conduct review of Social Media Outreach Policy and recent changes in law; share results with Customer Outreach and Conservation Committee
- 50. Develop informational resources, including a webpage, related to AB 1572's ban on potable irrigation of non-functional turf
- 51. Conduct outreach campaign on the value of water
- 52. Enhance outreach promoting public facilities tours

**Stretch:**

- Win award from California Special Districts Association, Association of California Water Agencies, California Water Environment Association, or other industry group

## 9. Ensuring that financial plans, policies, and practices maintain the ability of OMWD to construct, operate, and maintain all approved facilities including replacement funds for future needs.

### Objective

53. Develop a policy on the frequency and methodology on adjustments to OMWD's water-related service fees
54. Review Pension Funding Plan to achieve the minimum targeted funded ratio set by the board and included in Pension Funding Policy
55. Implement third phase of water capacity fee increases
56. Complete fiscal years 2025 and 2026 mid-term budget review and propose adjustments to FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budget
57. Complete Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, audit, and single audit for Fiscal Year 2025
58. Review the operational experience of the 401(a) plan and 457(b) plans; report to Finance Committee
59. Review vacation and sick buy-back policies to comply with IRS rules; present findings to Finance Committee
60. Complete annual review of water rates and charges for 2026

### Stretch:

- Maintain expenses so as not to exceed the maximum pass-through increase

**10. Planning and constructing the Master Plan of Facilities to meet the long-term water storage, treatment, transmission, and distribution needs of OMWD.**

**Objective**

- 61. Review and update the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan and incorporate near-term changes into mid-term budget adjustments

**11. Establishing programs and policies to develop alternative water supplies to serve existing and future customers.**

**Objective**

- 62. If grant funding is available from the federal government, secure Community Partner Funding agreement for \$959,752 and complete pilot test well installation and pump test; report progress and findings to board

**12. Cultivating supportive and positive relationships with the federal, state, and local agencies which may impact OMWD's operations.**

**Objective**

- 63. Work with SDCWA to advance OMWD's legislative proposal to amend Public Contract Code to raise the limit for public works bidding requirements to match other public agencies throughout California
- 64. Engage and influence legislators and policy groups to advance a state-administered low-income water rate assistance program
- 65. Present to board on OMWD's historic position on delta conveyance project
- 66. Continue efforts with statewide coalition to reintroduce and advance SB 366; report progress to Public Policy Committee
- 67. Complete Municipal Service Review with LAFCO
- 68. Continue participation on Municipal Service Review for water wholesalers in the region; report to Public Policy Committee on progress
- 69. Facilitate board tours of local supply development projects at other local water agencies

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Joe Jansen, Administrative Analyst  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS AND LONG-TERM WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION**

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the board with updates on water supply conditions, OMWD's customer notification and enforcement activities, and water use legislation affecting OMWD customers.

## **Recommendation**

This is an informational item; no action is required.

## **Alternative(s)**

Not applicable; informational item only.

## **Background**

Since June 2015, staff presents at the board's request a quarterly report on statewide water supply conditions, recent and near-term events pertaining to drought, and/or a summary of activity taken by staff.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There are no costs directly associated with this informational report.

## **Discussion**

Staff will review the attached presentation with the board at the January 15 meeting and further discuss water supply related developments.

*Attachments: PowerPoint presentation*



# WATER SUPPLY AND LONG-TERM WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

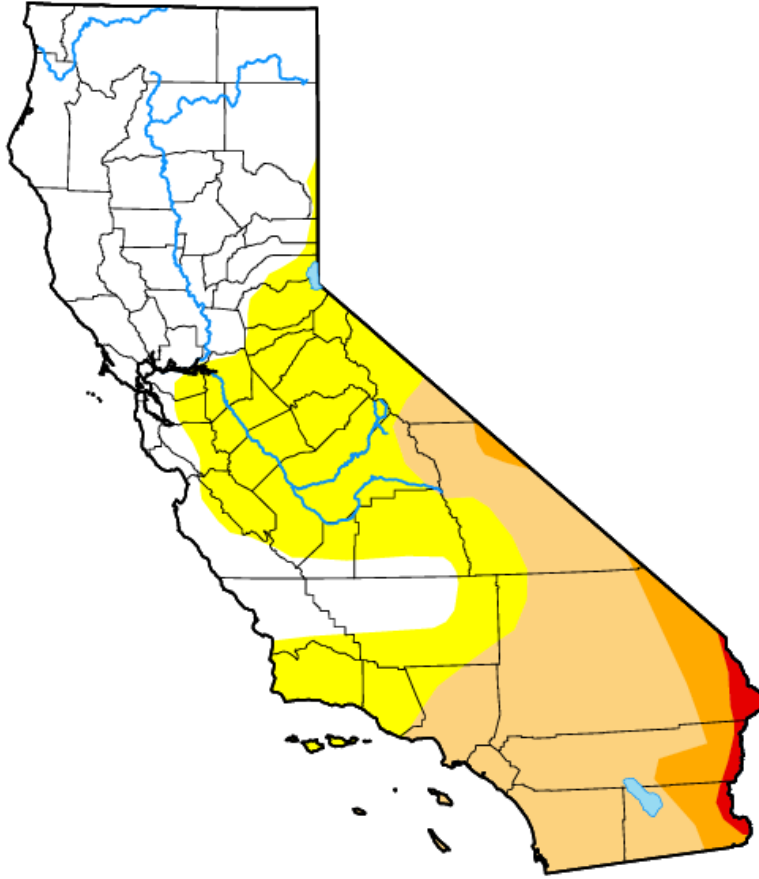
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# Water Supply Conditions

# U.S. Drought Monitor California

**December 31, 2024**  
(Released Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	40.90	59.10	31.52	5.70	1.06	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 12-24-2024	43.49	56.51	16.72	5.70	1.03	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 10-01-2024	28.40	71.60	10.67	0.08	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2024	96.65	3.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2024	28.40	71.60	10.67	0.08	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 01-02-2024	96.65	3.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

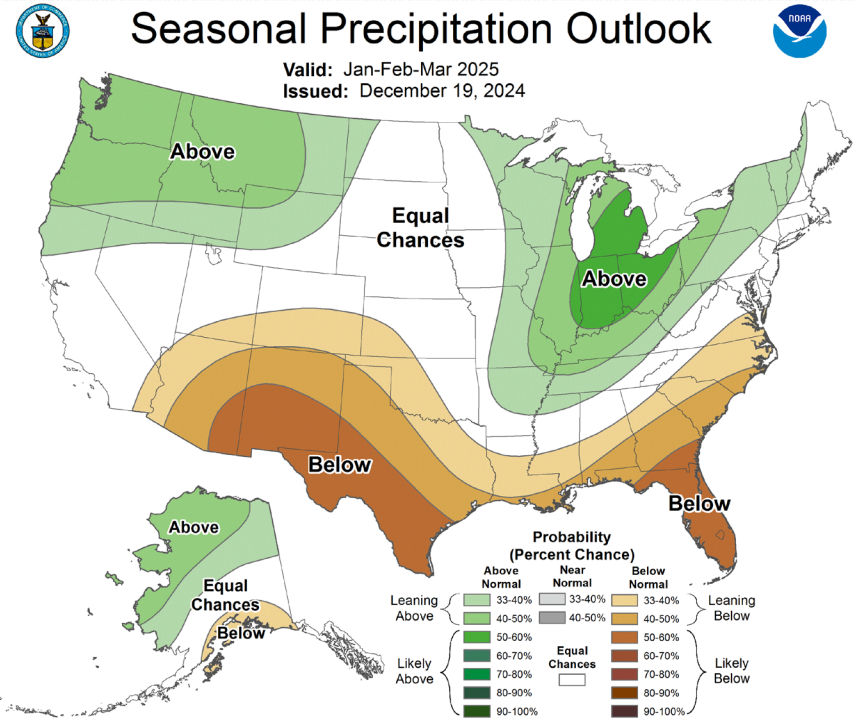
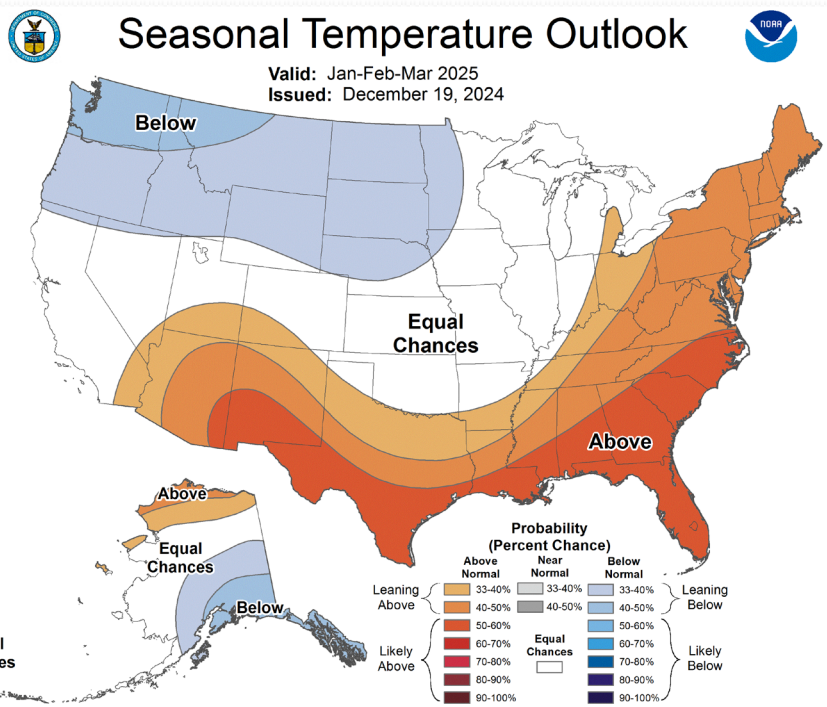
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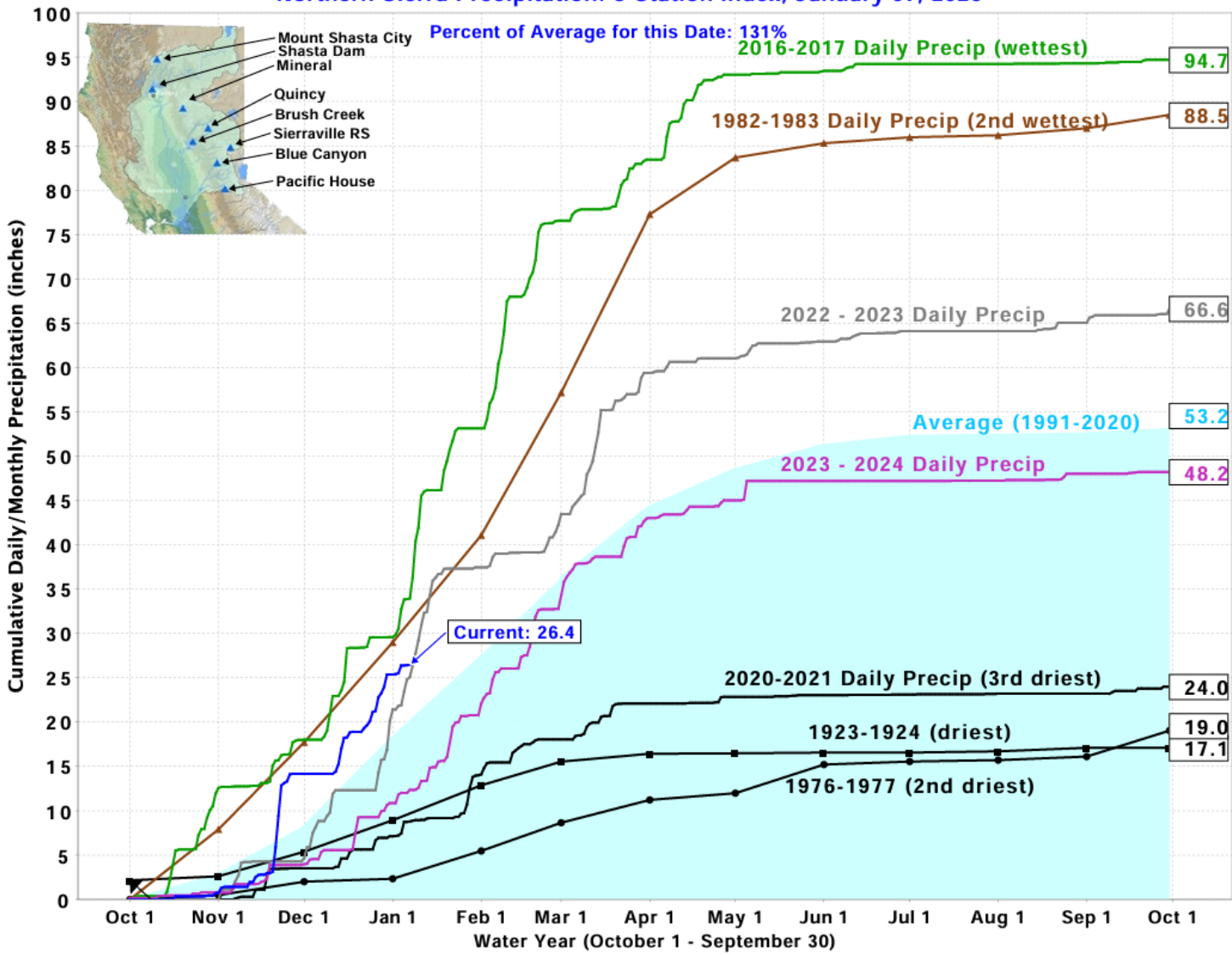
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# National Weather Service Outlook

## January 2025 – March 2025



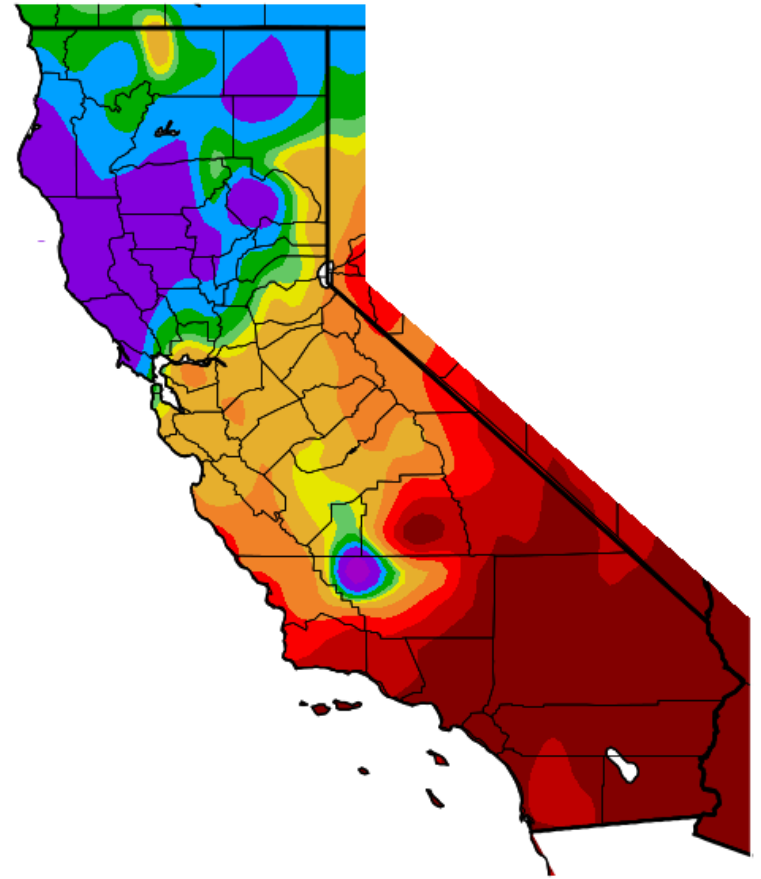
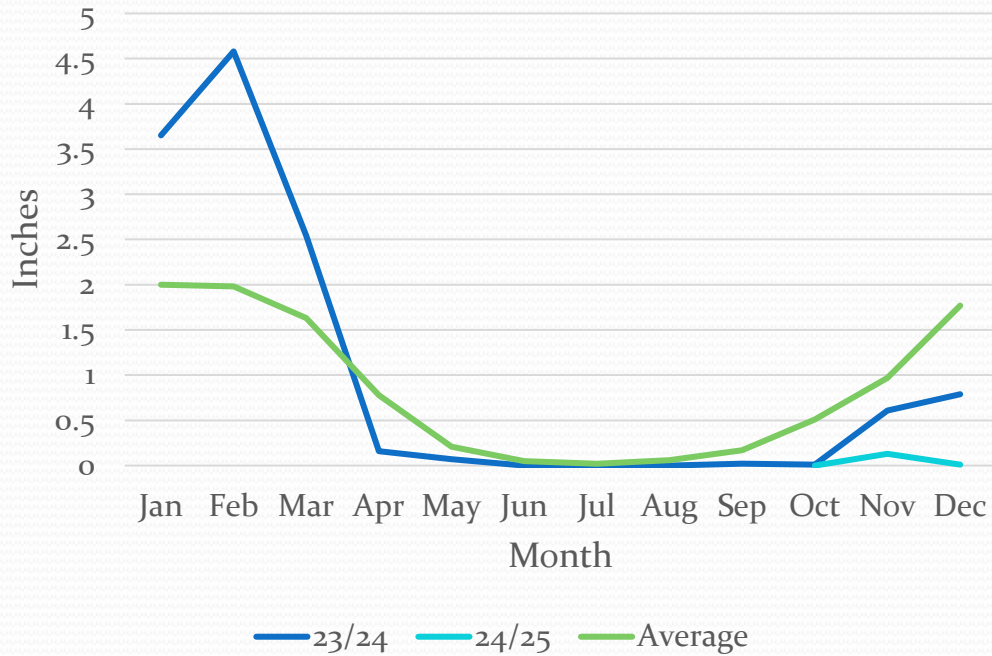
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Total Water Year Precipitation

Percent of Average Precipitation (%)  
10/1/2024 – 1/6/2025

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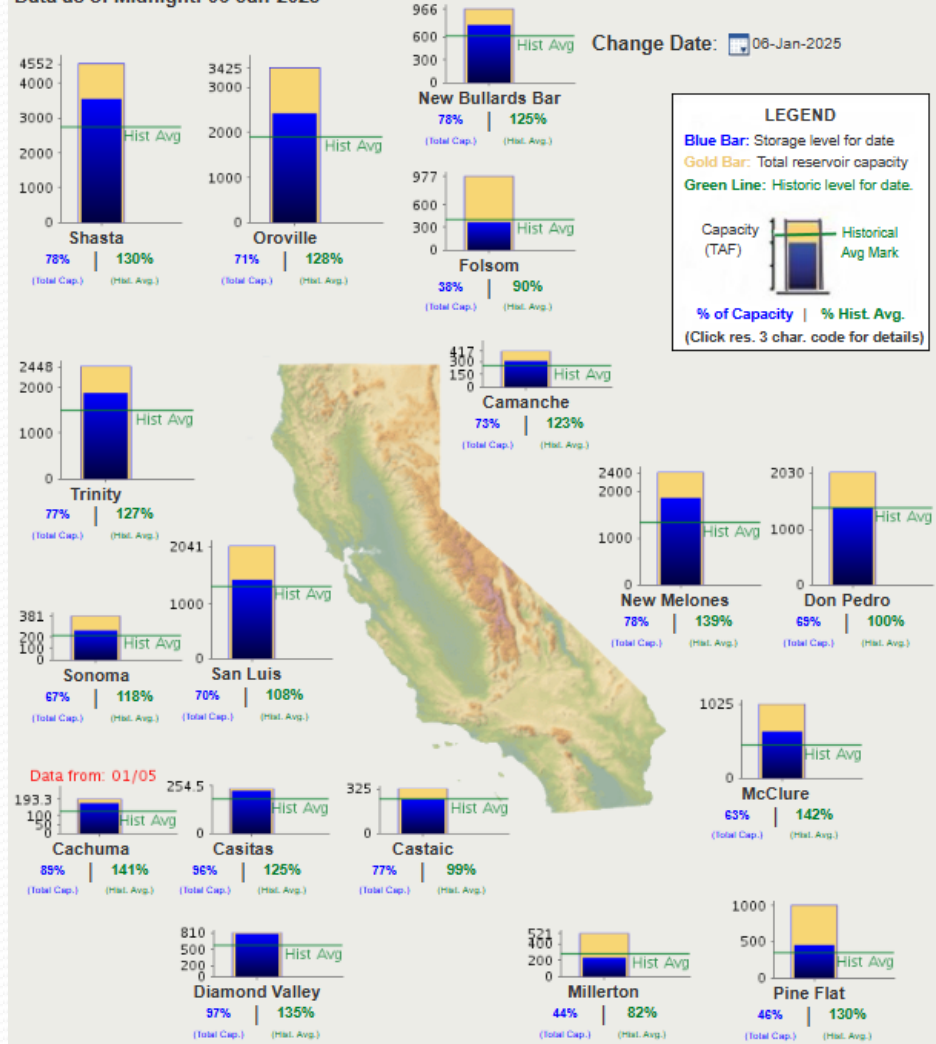


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NOAA Regional Climate Centers

**CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:06-JAN-2025**

Data as of Midnight: 06-Jan-2025

Change Date: 06-Jan-2025



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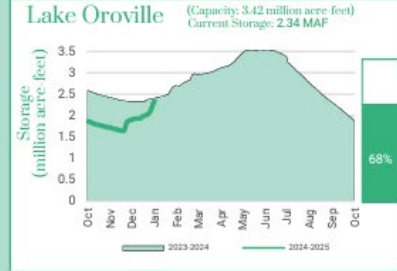
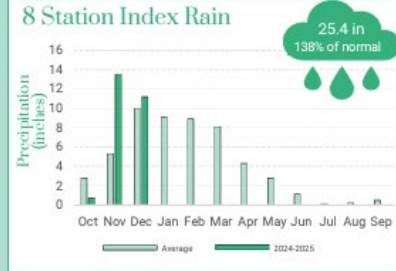
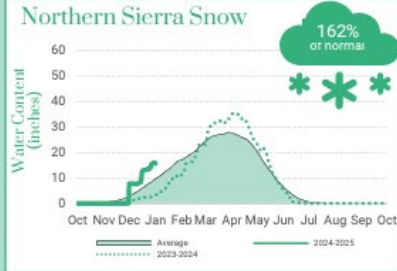
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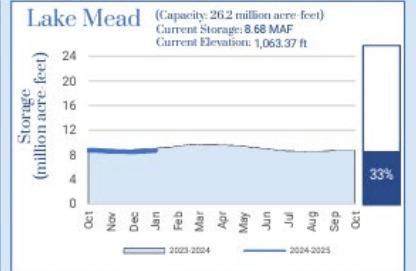
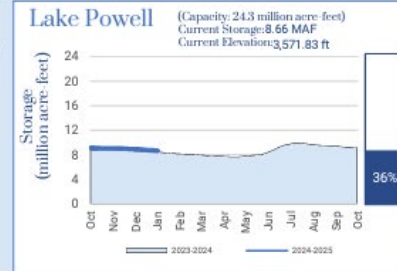
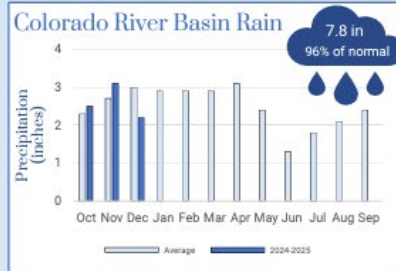
# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Water Supply Conditions Report (WSCR)

Water Year 2024-2025  
As of: 01/01/2025

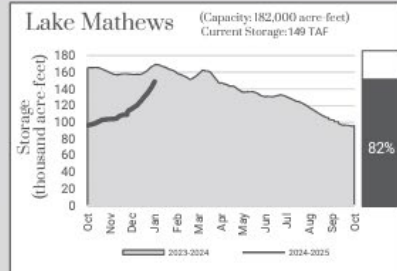
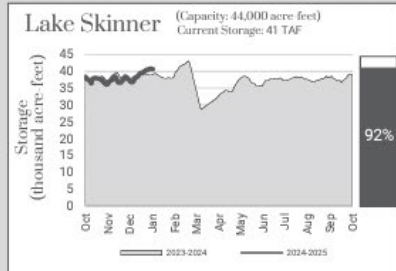
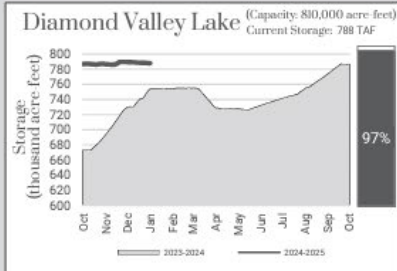
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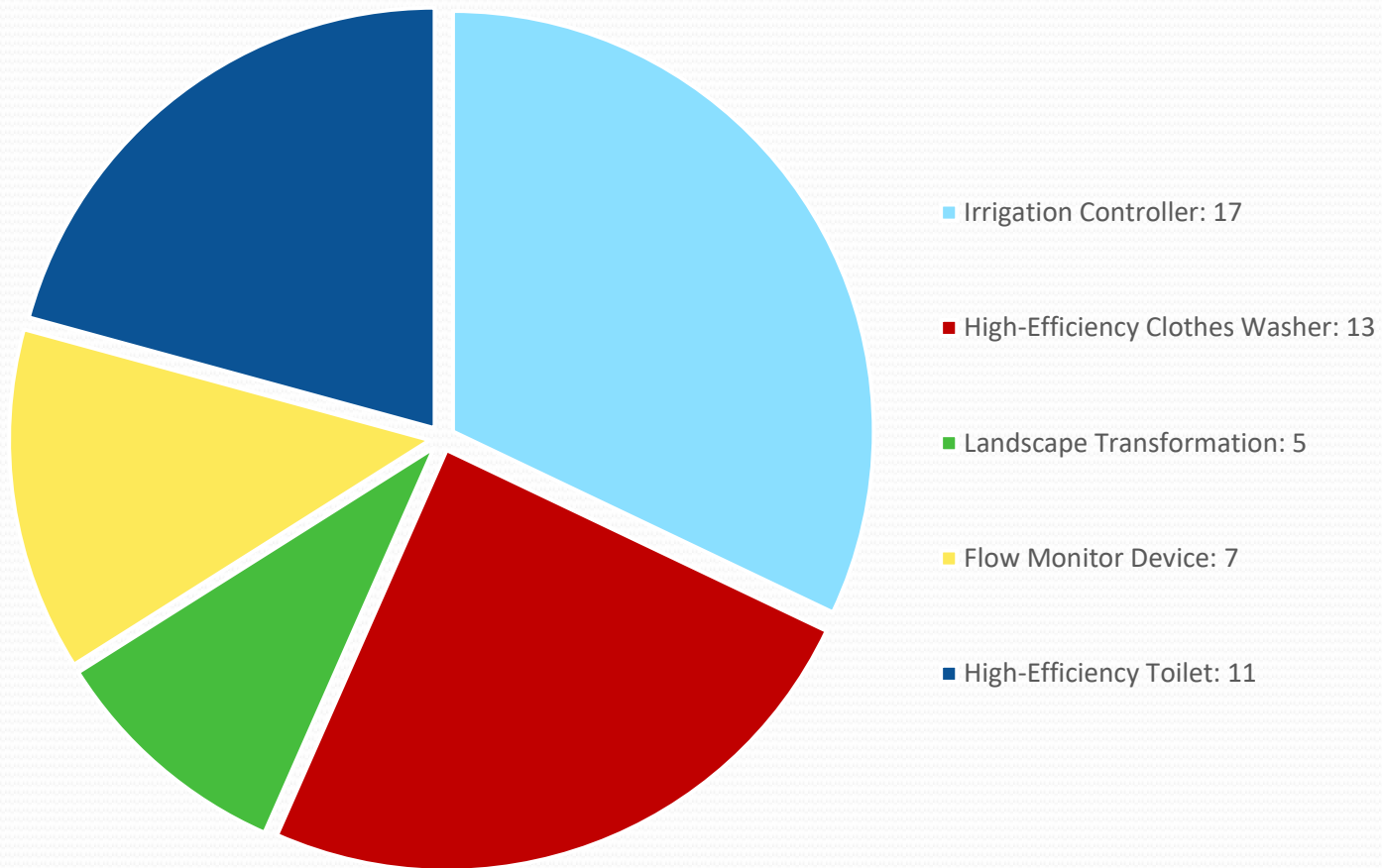
# OMWD Activity

# Water Waste Reports

Month/Year	Reports	Actions	Fines
August '23	5	5	0
September '23	5	5	0
October '23	5	5	0
November '23	2	2	0
December '23	0	0	0
January '24	0	0	0
February '24	5	5	0
March '24	2	2	0
April '24	0	0	0
May '24	2	2	0
June '24	1	1	0
July '24	2	2	0
August '24	2	2	0
September '24	2	2	0
October '24	1	1	0
November '24	0	0	0
December '24	2	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>

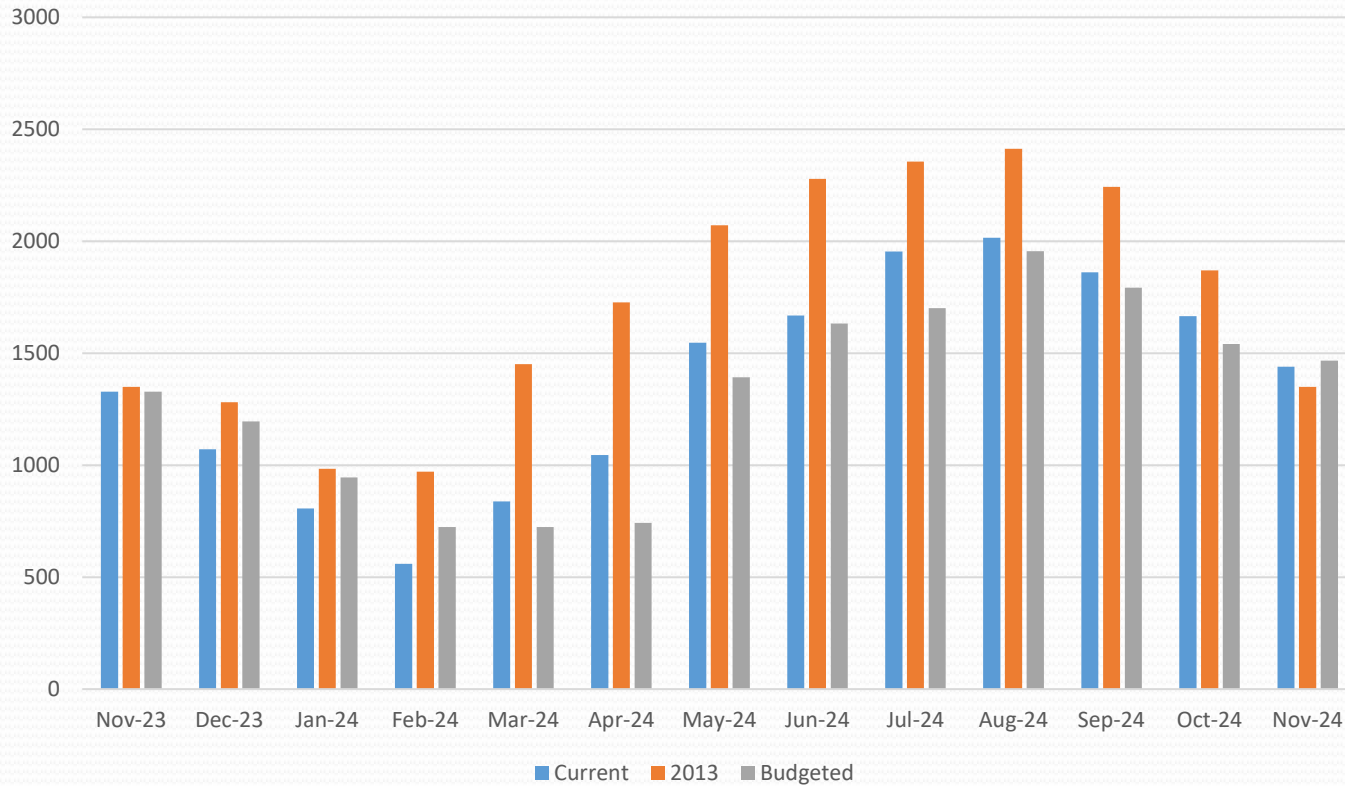


# October - December Rebate Application Activity



*Figures are based on applications received*

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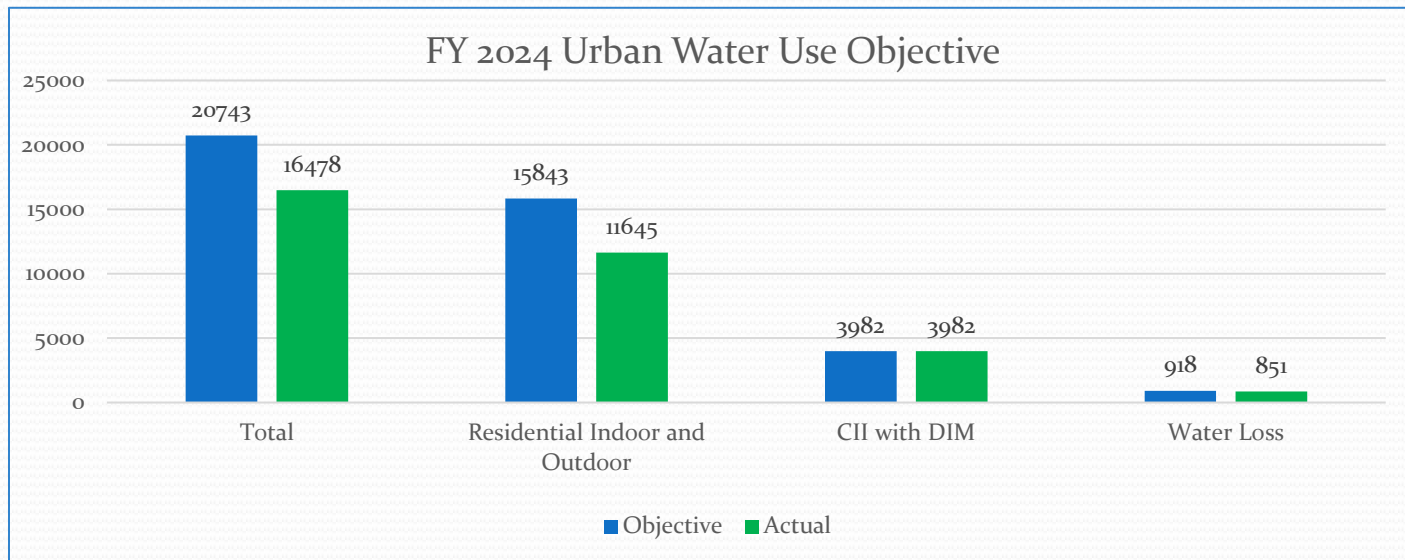
## Water Consumption Compared to 2013

Nov-23	-2%
Dec-23	-16%
Jan-24	-18%
Feb-24	-42%
Mar-24	-42%
Apr-24	-39%
May-24	-25%
Jun-24	-27%
Jul-24	-17%
Aug-24	-16%
Sep-24	-17%
Oct-24	-11%
Nov-24	7%

# Legislation & Regulations

# Legislative and Regulatory Update

- CY 2023 Water Loss Audit Submitted to DWR November 26
  - Infrastructure Leak Index = 1.0
    - ILI is the ratio of real loss to unavoidable loss. Unavoidable loss is a theoretical value that represents the amount of water that would be expected to be lost from a well managed system and is calculated based on miles of pipeline, number of connections, and operating pressure.
  - Data Validity Score = 73 (tier IV)
    - Data validity reflects the level of confidence that the data are accurate. Tier IV was the highest tier achieved by the ~400 reporting water districts for 2023, with ~33% achieving this level.
- FY 2024 Annual Water Use Report submitted to SWRCB December 23



# Legislative and Regulatory Update

- Colorado River Negotiations
  - Current operational guidelines expire in 2026
  - US Department of the Interior developed consensus-based conservation proposal in May 2023 to conserve water on the River through 2026
  - Upper and Lower Basin States submitted separate alternative operational guidelines in March 2024
  - Negotiations between the Upper and Lower Basin on a single alternative plan have not progressed due to a lack of cooperation
  - US Department of Interior released five proposed alternatives in November 2024 that will be used to create a framework for a path forward post 2026
  - USBR is now analyzing the alternative plans to develop a draft Environmental Impact Statement

# Recent Updates



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# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025  
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors  
From: Melody Colombo, Administrative Analyst  
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager  
Subject: **CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES FOR 2025**

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this item is to consider proposed update's to OMWD's Legislative Guidelines for 2025.

## **Recommendation**

The Ad Hoc Public Policy Committee recommends approval of the proposed revisions to the Legislative Guidelines.

## **Alternative(s)**

- The board could choose against approval of changes to the Legislative Guidelines for 2025.
- The board could direct staff as otherwise deemed appropriate.

## Background

OMWD's Legislative Guidelines were originally drafted at the direction of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee (since dissolved) and approved by the board in 2008. The guidelines provide a framework for staff to evaluate the potential impact of state and federal legislation upon OMWD, and to establish positions on legislation accordingly.

The guidelines also identify board positions on issues that may arise through administrative or regulatory actions. Having such guidelines in place allows staff to act expeditiously between board meetings on legislation that falls within the guidelines. Legislative guidelines provide a framework for efficient decision-making and serve as a practical tool for timely action.

Substantive changes to the guidelines in 2016 reflected the retention of Nossaman LLP for legislative and regulatory government relations at the state level as well as grant support services, which have since been extended annually by the board each December.

Staff brings the guidelines to the board each December with any proposed modifications for the coming year and look at ACWA, CSDA, and SDCWA to see if they are proposing edits to their own guidelines.

In May 2024, the board adopted water bond priorities for a state climate bond and approved proposed revisions to the 2024 Legislative Guidelines concerning water bonds.

In December 2024, staff proposed new guidelines for 2025. At the December 11 board meeting, Director Meyers raised concerns and noted the potential risks to OMWD's imported water supply reliability if the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee system is not maintained to ensure protection from earthquakes and other hazards.

Director Meyers also provided comments on the proposed water affordability guideline's reference to the final AB 401 report, expressing concerns with some of the potential funding mechanisms listed in the AB 401 report such that he did not feel the proposed guideline should refer to the report. Specifically, he spoke against the report's revenue collection options that would impose a tax on bottled water and/or income.

Director Meyers proposed the following new guidelines to be included additional to the staff-proposed changes.

“To support and advance a Delta Freshwater Pathway levee improvement including levee modernization for the existing Delta levee system and levee maintenance programs to protect it from earthquake and other hazards to the levee system.”

“Create a low-income water assistance program that addresses the unique needs of low-income households for equitable access to water in a centralized approach that is equitably funded, does not exert upward pressure on water rates or create undue burdens on individual water agencies.”

After discussion, it was determined that the board would refer this matter to the Ad Hoc Public Policy Committee for further consideration and for staff to return to the board with a recommendation from the committee on January 15, 2025. Director Meyers also commented that guidelines should be broad and less specific to ensure wide application, and the committee should reconvene annually to review and update guidelines prior to board approval.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with revising the Legislative Guidelines.

### **Discussion**

On January 6, 2025, the Ad Hoc Public Policy Committee, consisting of Directors Maloni and Hahn, met to discuss proposed updates to the legislative guidelines. The committee determined that in most cases, guidelines that are specific and well-defined reduce ambiguity, promote consistent application across all situations, and establish clear expectations and accountability. The committee decided that a standing meeting is unnecessary, as the ad hoc status allows for reconvening periodically as needed. Staff does not act upon legislation with potentially complicated, cost-prohibitive, or indeterminate implications prior to obtaining guidance from the board.

Staff presented to the committee a detailed analysis to address Director Meyers’ concerns. Included below is revised language for the proposed 2025 guidelines that aims to address Director Meyers’ concerns while also considering the findings of staff’s analysis.

### **Analysis: The Delta**

OMWD receives varying amounts of water annually from the State Water Project. At certain times of the year, as much as two thirds of the water delivered to our treatment

plant is SWP water. In 2023, 40% of water deliveries came from the SWP. In 2024, 23% was SWP water. Ensuring the reliability and resilience of this supply is important for OMWD's drinking water supply.

### **Seismic Risk**

According to the United States Geological Survey, it is predicted that a 6.7 magnitude earthquake may occur in the Delta by 2043. This could cause widespread failures along the 1,100 miles of levees that surround Delta islands, allowing seawater to enter and render the freshwater that travels between the levees undrinkable for months, or even years. To address this risk, Metropolitan Water District, the state, and federal government are working together to modernize the levees and create standards that account for sea level rise and climate change. They are utilizing dogs, drones, and satellites to monitor for voids in the levees or burrowing animals, such as invasive nutria. Emergency stockpiles of materials for levee repairs are strategically located along the freshwater pathway. Based on this information, it is appropriate for OMWD to support legislation that continues to harden Delta levees against seismic risk.

### **Freshwater Pathway Project**

OMWD's Consulting Engineer engaged a variety of contacts, including Metropolitan Water District and San Diego County Water Authority, for information on the Delta's Freshwater Pathway Project. The research revealed conflicting information about the pathway's purpose. (Exhibit C)

MWD's Bay-Delta Program described the Freshwater Pathway Project as an emergency plan that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California developed to deal with a seismic event that would disrupt the ability to divert water supplies in the south Delta. The project is not a substitute for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. It involves reinforcing some levees and stockpiling rock and sheet piling to facilitate quicker levee repairs and restoration of the Delta conveyance and does not address critical challenges such as redundancy, sea-level rise, or earthquake resilience for the entire California water supply.

A source at Metropolitan Water District described the Freshwater Pathway Project as a collaborative effort between the State Department of Water Resources, US Army Corps of Engineers, Metropolitan Water District, local reclamation districts, and others. The goal of the project is to enhance the reliability of the levees during high-river outflows, seismic events, and future sea-level rise. Enhancements include levee improvements, emergency rock, and material stockpiles, real-time levee monitoring, new modern levee designs for seismic, and sea-level risks. The Freshwater Pathway Project is not considered to be a viable alternative on its own. It was previously reviewed as the

through-Delta component of “Dual Conveyance” alternatives in the past but was excluded from the Environmental Impact Report as it failed to meet project objectives, specifically water supply.

In contrast, a contact at the San Diego County Water Authority noted that SDCWA analysis was incomplete and described it as a “Restore the Delta” proposal opposing the Delta Conveyance Project. According to this source, the project involves improvements along the path from the Sacramento River to the pumps and does not increase redundancy, sea level rise, or earthquake resilience.

Several news articles (attached as Exhibit B) show that opponents to the Delta Conveyance Project are using the Freshwater Pathway as the counter-proposal, urging MWD to not continue to fund the Delta Conveyance Project.

Given the varying feedback and conflicting information regarding the Freshwater Pathway Project’s scope and purpose, staff did not advise that OMWD establish guidelines specific to the Freshwater Pathway Project at this time. However, Director Meyers’ concern regarding the seismic risk to OMWD’s imported water supply is founded. A new staff proposed legislative guideline for 2025 would address his concern to support the Delta levee improvements including levee modernization for the existing Delta levee system and levee maintenance programs to protect it from earthquake and other hazards. The following new guideline was proposed for inclusion in the Imported Water Supply Section I., in support of legislation that:

Advances Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee improvements, funded by statewide and/or federal funding, including levee modernization for the existing Delta levee system and levee maintenance programs, that protect it from earthquake and other hazards to the levee system, that improve water supply reliability, and that are not in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project.

### **Water Affordability**

The retail price of water in California has continued to escalate and OMWD supports the concept of a well-designed, efficient, and effective low-income rate assistance program. In recognition that many Californians may not be able to pay their water bills, the legislature enacted AB 401 in 2015, which directed the State Water Resources Control Board to submit recommendations for a statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

OMWD acknowledged the recommendations of the final AB 401 Report which was published in 2020. OMWD also supported revenue collection options presented in the

report, submitting a comment letter to legislators in August 2020, as these options were considerably less impactful to retail water agencies than the tax on water bills previously proposed by the legislature. The state-administered program highlighted in detail in the report was successfully piloted through California Department of Community Services and Development during the covid-19 pandemic and offers a strong framework, although it would require a sustainable funding source if implemented on a permanent basis.

In 2024, SB 1255, a low-income water rate assistance program bill, was introduced in the legislature. SB 1255 would have required all public water agencies with more than 3,300 residential connections to implement a universal opt-out (automatic contribution on their water bill) water rate assistance program by July 1, 2027. Funding for the program would be from contributions paid by customers through charges on their water bills that the water agency would need to establish, manage, and administer. According to the bill language, these voluntary contributions would be automatically charged by the water agencies, and customers would need to be notified of the option and method of opting out of the voluntary contribution. In addition, water agencies would be required to manage eligibility for the program on an ongoing basis.

OMWD expressed strong opposition to this bill for reasons which included the following.

- Conflicted with the AB 401 Report recommendation that explicitly did not recommend pursuing options associated with a fee levied on community water system bill statements.
- The program relied on voluntary contributions from ratepayers which is unrealistic, unpredictable, and insufficient.
- The program required automatic enrollment of eligible ratepayers and provisions that were inconsistent with state law (Proposition 26 and Proposition 218).
- The program required each water agency to develop separate agreements with local publicly owned electric and/or gas utilities to obtain program eligibility data derived from the CARE program. Administering this program would require new privacy protection measures and require new or modified software. The financial burden on water agencies to manage such a program would be exorbitant.

SB 1255 did not advance to the governor's desk in 2024. In anticipation of a possible reintroduction of a similar or new bill, OMWD has been meeting with many state organizations and opposition coalition members to discuss alternatives and strategies for implementing a workable program. The state-administered program piloted successfully during the Covid-19 pandemic as detailed in the AB 401 Report outlines such a framework. Subsequent to the Ad Hoc Public Policy Committee meeting, staff met with Senator Durazo, the author of SB 1255, to discuss collaborating on a bill that

uses a state-administered framework to implement a low-income water rate assistance program (please see attached letter as Exhibit D for further details).


In order to provide staff with ongoing direction on how to support a state-administered low-income water rate assistance program aligned with aspects of the final State Water Resources Control Board AB 401 Report, while addressing Director Meyers' concerns about supporting a tax on income and/or bottled water, a new guideline was proposed in Section V. Water Affordability, to support legislation that:

Creates a low-income water rate assistance program in which funding is state and/or federally provided, benefit distribution is state-administered, eligibility is state-determined, and there is no direct impact or burden to retail agencies or ratepayers.

The Ad Hoc Public Policy Committee was in support of the proposed revisions and directed staff to present the proposed updates to the full board for consideration.

*Attachments:*

- *Exhibit A, Proposed 2025 Legislative Guidelines – redlined*
- *Exhibit B, Delta Tunnel Critics Urge Metropolitan Water District to Vote No on \$141.6 Million For Project*
- *Exhibit C, DLM Engineering: Public Policy Input Regarding the Delta Conveyance Project, Through Delta Conveyance Alternatives, and The Freshwater Pathway Project*
- *Exhibit D, Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program Coalition Letter*
- *Exhibit E, 8-26-2020 LIRA comment letter*

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**Introduction**

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a multi-purpose public agency established in 1959. OMWD provides water, wastewater, recycled water, and recreation management services to its customers in northern San Diego County.

OMWD faces growth necessitating the acquisition and development of water treatment and supply opportunities, infrastructure expansion and improvements, and enhanced customer services. OMWD also operates in an environment of escalating costs, increased regulatory compliance, customer demands for continuously improving services, and competition for resources.

In this dynamic environment, OMWD strives to accomplish its mission of providing safe, reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water services to its customers in a cost-efficient and environmentally responsible manner. To support the accomplishment of this objective, OMWD has developed a legislative program to represent its interests and those of its customers in Sacramento and Washington, DC. OMWD is fully committed to proactive legislative action in a rapidly changing water supply environment.


These guidelines provide direction to staff as to how to respond to state and federal legislation that may impact OMWD. The guidelines may also be applied as appropriate to administrative or regulatory issues of concern. Legislation that meets or fails to meet the principles set forth in these guidelines may be supported or opposed accordingly. These guidelines permit staff to act expeditiously between board meetings on issues that fall within the guidelines; such actions are then reported to the board at their next meeting. Staff will not act upon legislation with potentially complicated, cost-prohibitive, or indeterminate implications without guidance from the board. Concepts for new legislation may be presented to the board for action in the event that OMWD seeks sponsorship of a bill.

OMWD will also use the monthly Legislative Report to inform the board and generate discussion of legislative, regulatory, or administrative items of significance.

**Legislative Program**

- Staff will maintain a current list of bills or proposed legislation that may affect OMWD and its customers.
- Staff will prepare regular updates accessible to the Board of Directors, the General Manager, and the executive team.
- Staff will represent OMWD before state and federal legislative and administrative bodies.



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- Staff will defend, sponsor, or promote legislation that serves OMWD and its customers.

### Legislative Advocate

OMWD’s current state legislative advocate is Nossaman LLP. The firm’s scope of work includes but is not limited to reporting to the board and staff on legislation, budget action, and regulatory action that may affect OMWD; making recommendations to OMWD regarding strategy on when to engage on issues impacting OMWD; conveying the positions of OMWD through direct advocacy with Sacramento decision-makers; ensuring that OMWD is part of all discussion and negotiation before legislation and regulatory issues are finalized; facilitating meetings for OMWD with legislators/regulatory decision makers; and assisting OMWD in educating local and state policymakers/regulators on the development of local water supply projects within OMWD's service territory.


In the role of state legislative advocate, Nossaman LLP’s scope also includes identifying grant opportunities for the priority projects of OMWD; drafting and coordinating the preparation of grant applications for state funding and/or Integrated Regional Water Management opportunities; meeting with relevant state agency staff to review the scope of projects and review the components necessary to submit successful grant applications; coordinating support for grant applications from local government partners, local organizations, political leaders, and community groups; providing direct advocacy for grant projects with SWRCB members and/or executive staff; providing availability to meet with regional partners, district leadership, board members, or the community to educate and advocate for grant projects; and providing other services as determined by mutual agreement that will lead to OMWD receiving state financial assistance for construction of a project.

### Guidelines for Policy on Legislation


OMWD’s Legislative Guidelines for the current legislative session shall be applied at the direction of the General Manager as relevant legislation arises. Actions taken by staff shall be reported to the board, citing the guideline(s) with which the action complies.

#### ***I. Imported Water Supply - It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:***

1. Provides for development of a comprehensive state water plan that balances California's competing water needs in an equitable “fair share” approach that balances costs amongst regions and results in a reliable and affordable supply of high-quality water for the San Diego region.
2. Provides conveyance and storage facilities that are cost-effective and are proportionate to the benefits they receive, improve the reliability and quality of the San Diego region's water supplies, and protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta’s ecosystem.

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3. Investigates and provides financial support to projects designed to mitigate potential negative impacts of climate change on water supply reliability.
4. Authorizes and appropriates the federal share of funding for the long-term Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta solution.
5. Provides the ongoing state share of funding for the long-term Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta solution.
6. Provides state funding for aquatic toxicity monitoring in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Such legislation should not place a surcharge on water supply exports nor should it substantively reduce funding for other measures that protect the environment and public health.
7. Supports implementation and funding of the California Colorado River Water Use Plan, including the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program.
8. Provides funding for Colorado River salinity control projects and other water quality management efforts.
9. Encourages and facilitates voluntary water transfers and exchanges consistent with other OMWD policies and agreements.
10. Provides appropriate protection or mitigation for the environment, groundwater basins, water-rights holders, and third-party impacts within the district transferring water.
11. Streamlines the permitting and approval process for implementing transfers and exchanges that will improve water management.
12. Encourages efficient use of existing facilities to advance voluntary transfers and exchanges of water.
13. Provides an appropriate level of accountability and cost control over Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and San Diego County Water Authority spending. When time permits, legislation on this issue is to be brought to the board before any action is taken.
14. Requires Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the San Diego County Water Authority to refund or credit to their member agencies revenues collected from them that result in reserve balances greater than the maximum reserve levels established pursuant to state legislation.

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~~15. Promotes the sustainability of the Colorado River through the development of water supply storage in order to provide flexibility with annual transfer volumes and support drought contingency planning.~~

~~15. Supports the sustainability of the Colorado River and provides operational flexibility through the development of storage, including in Lake Mead, and through the renegotiation of the new interim shortage guidelines for the Colorado River's continued operation.~~

16. Provides federal and/or state authorization, resources to manage, and appropriations of funding to implement, Salton Sea mitigation efforts, and the state's phased approach to restoration consistent with the Salton Sea Management Program.

17. Supports the state's Salton Sea Management Program adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in November 2017.

~~18. Supports a more equitable voting structure at the San Diego County Water Authority.~~

~~19. Advances strategic long-term water management that includes the ability to transfer, share, and exchange supplies both within the state of California and across state lines.~~

~~20. Incorporates seawater desalination and brackish groundwater desalination as part of a slate of long-term infrastructure projects to support the Colorado River.~~


~~18-21. Advances Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee improvements, funded by statewide and/or federal funding, including levee modernization for the existing Delta levee system and levee maintenance programs, that protect it from earthquake and other hazards to the levee system, that improve water supply reliability, and that are not in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project.~~

**II. Imported Water Supply - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Establishes a broad-based user fee that does not support a specific Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta conveyance option; any fee must provide a clear nexus to the benefit the fee would provide.

2. Makes urban water supplies less reliable or substantially increases the cost of imported water without also improving the reliability and/or quality of the water.


3. Adversely affects local water management efforts ~~by granting property rights status for the right to use or receive water and requires compensation for federal actions that impact users of water from federal projects.~~

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4. ~~Impedes the ability to implement water transfers and exchanges both inter-state and intra-state through increased regulatory or procedural impediments. Creates a water transfer clearinghouse that is anything other than a neutral information resource.~~
5. ~~Does not adhere to the Law of the River, nor protect water rights. Increases regulatory or procedural impediments to water transfers at the local or state level.~~
- 5-6. ~~As part of the development of the next set of Colorado River management guidelines, imposes potential future reductions on just the Lower Basin rather than balancing potential reductions between both the Upper and Lower Basins.~~

**III. Local Water Resources - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:**

1. Provides funding to the San Diego County Water Authority and/or its member agencies for conservation, peak management programs, water recycling (including potable reuse), groundwater recovery and recharge, surface water and groundwater development and management projects, including reservoir management, source water protection and watershed planning studies, and facilities that sustain long-term, cost-effective, and reliable water resources.
2. Provides funding to the San Diego County Water Authority and/or its member agencies for cost-effective seawater and brackish groundwater desalination studies and facilities.
3. Recognizes and supports the development of seawater desalination as a critical new water supply for the state, including San Diego County.
4. Preserves and protects potential cost-effective seawater desalination sites and existing coastal facilities including intake and discharge infrastructure that could be used or reused by a seawater desalination facility.
5. Ensures that desalination intake and discharge regulations are science-based, considering site-specific conditions, and recognizing that all technologies or mitigation strategies are feasible or cost-effective at every site.
6. Recognizes and supports the development of potable water reuse as critical water sources for San Diego County and the State of California.
7. Authorizes and/or facilitates expanded use of cost-effective local water resources including water recycling, potable reuse, graywater, and rainwater harvesting, and brackish groundwater.

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8. Facilitates and encourages the safe use of rainwater capture systems (e.g., barrels and cisterns) and alternative water sources (e.g., air conditioner condensate) for use in irrigation.
9. Authorizes local governmental agencies to regulate the discharge of contaminants to the sewer collection system that may adversely affect water recycling and reuse.
10. Facilitates and encourages the use of recycled water in commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential settings.
11. Encourages dual-plumbing in all new development to enable utilization of recycled water when available.
12. Provides financial incentives to assist in the disposal of concentrate, sludge, and other byproducts created in the water treatment process and supports the appropriate degree of regulation commensurate with the effect on the environment.
13. Ensures OMWD receives the dry-year water supply benefits of its investment in local water supply sources.
14. Provides for the interchangeability of funding for groundwater and surface water enhancements to best fit the hydrogeological attributes of a particular region.
15. Provides for watershed planning, watershed signage, and actions to protect source water (including reservoirs), such as land acquisition around reservoirs, limited land use, and increased buffer areas.
16. Promotes uniform regulatory interpretation of state recycled water system standards.
17. Supports beneficial revisions to the California Plumbing Code that address recycled water systems.
18. Authorizes, promotes, and/or provides incentives or credits for development of local drought-resilient water supply projects such as desalination, non-potable recycling, and potable reuse projects.
19. Streamlines regulatory processes and requirements to encourage and support the development of potable reuse as a municipal water supply.
20. Defines purified recycled water as a source of water supply and not as waste.

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21. Ensures that decision-making with regard to stormwater management and recapture is kept at the local or regional level through local water agencies, stormwater districts, cities, counties, and regional water management groups.
22. Recognizes that stormwater management and recapture are important tools in a diversified water portfolio that can help to achieve improved water quality in local surface and groundwater supplies, augment surface and groundwater supplies for local water agencies, and promote landscape conservation from a water runoff perspective.
23. Promotes and encourages the use of stormwater best management practices to reduce pollutant loading, increase local municipal water supplies, and improve water quality through low-impact development and watershed-based stormwater treatment systems.
24. Provides incentives for the local or regional use of stormwater management, nutrient management, and/or recapture.
25. Reduces or removes regulatory hurdles that hinder the use of stormwater management and recapture.
26. Preserves local water agencies' ability to establish local priorities for water resources planning decisions.

**IV. Local Water Resources - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Limits the ability of local governmental agencies to regulate the discharge of contaminants to the sewer collection system that may adversely affect water recycling and reuse.
2. Establishes unreasonable regulatory requirements or fees relative to the safe use of recycled water, which may unreasonably impede or create a disincentive to its further development.
3. Contributes to the degradation of source water quality in and around reservoirs and groundwater basins.
4. Promotes unreasonable and burdensome restrictions on reporting requirements on the effective operation of OMWD facilities, such as the classification of a water treatment plant as a chemical facility under Homeland Security reporting provisions.
5. Restricts OMWD's ability to manage, store, or distribute water supplied through actions to manage or recapture stormwater.

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6. Diminishes the water rights of downstream water users through actions to manage or recapture stormwater.
7. Imposes unnecessary regulations or costs upon local retail agencies developing alternative water supplies such as recycled water, desalination, brackish groundwater desalination, etc.
8. Limits local water agencies' ability to establish local priorities for water resources planning decisions.
9. Mandates the reduction of wastewater discharges to the ocean absent the inclusion of funding to offset the significant costs of implementation.

**V. Water Affordability – It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:**

1. Is consistent with, and does not conflict in any way with, the standard of Proposition 218 and Proposition 26 in the California Constitution regarding proportionality of water rates and cost-of-service provisions.
2. Requires data-driven analysis to be included in California’s Water Plan, including water affordability analysis.
3. Creates a low-income water rate assistance program that provides financial relief to ratepayers by utilizing existing resources within the State’s General Fund, or by allocating cap-and-trade funding.
- ~~4.~~ Does not include burdensome or prescriptive mandates, including collecting water taxes or water rate and water district boundary data.
- ~~4.5.~~ Creates a low-income water rate assistance program in which funding is state/or federally provided, benefit distribution is state-administered, eligibility is state-determined, and there is no direct impact or burden to retail agencies or ratepayers.

**VI. Water Affordability – It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Is not targeted in scope to low-income households and individuals.
2. Does not have a sustainable funding source, or relies on a water tax or water surcharge.
3. Does not use an existing benefit distribution method, and requires water agencies to create a new method.


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4. Imposes unfair financial and legal leverage to other parties for damages to water infrastructure.

**VII. *Water Quality Issues - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:***

1. Assists in achieving a year-round blend of imported water supplies that achieves board-adopted water quality objectives, which allow OMWD and the region to maximize the development of recycled water and reduce financial costs to the customer due to high levels of total dissolved solids in imported water supplies.
2. Assures cost-effective remediation and cleanup of contaminants of concern that have impacted groundwater and surface water.
3. Provides the necessary funding for research on the occurrence, treatment, health effects, and environmental clean-up related to contamination of drinking water sources.
4. Incorporates sound scientific principles in adopting drinking water standards for drinking water contaminants.
5. Provides for the protection of source water such as reservoirs and groundwater basins so that the waters can be beneficially used for consumptive purposes.
6. Implements and funds the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's triennial review of water quality standards.
7. Supports enhancements to treatment technology beneficial to the water industry.
8. Provides funds for water treatment facility upgrades in order to comply with future regulations.
9. Exempts the conveyance, storage, or release of water supplies from regulation as a discharge under the Clean Water Act and other water quality control laws.
10. Appropriately protects drinking source water reservoirs as special-purpose, man-made water bodies different in nature than natural waterways, rivers, lakes, and coastal waters, while allowing maximum flexibility for operations as part of a managed water supply system.
11. Establishes appropriate quality standards, testing procedures, and treatment processes for emerging contaminants.
12. Directs the state's participation or assistance in water quality issues related to or threatening the Colorado River water source.



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13. Provides funding and support for Colorado River salinity control projects and other water quality management efforts.
14. Alters the definition of “lead free” to reduce the permissible amount of lead in fixtures, plumbing, and pipe fittings to be installed for the delivery of drinking water.
15. Exempts purified wastewater from regulation as a discharge under the Clean Water Act.
16. Streamlines permitting of facilities constructed for the purpose of improving water quality.
17. Implements source control for management and prevention of contamination by constituents of emerging concern.

**VIII. Water Quality Issues - It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Creates unreasonable and costly restrictions on water treatment facilities.
2. Makes water suppliers financially and legally responsible for mitigation of pollution and/or contamination caused by third parties.
3. Makes water suppliers financially and legally responsible for testing or correcting any water quality-related issues associated with private property or on-site plumbing systems

**IX. Integrated Regional Water Management Planning - It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:**

1. Defines the "San Diego sub-region" and "San Diego County watersheds" as those portions of the westward-flowing watersheds of the South Coast hydrologic region situated within the boundaries of San Diego County.
2. Requires the state agencies responsible for preparing the integrated regional water management grant program guidelines to conduct a comprehensive public outreach process that ensures stakeholders have an opportunity to provide adequate input on preparation of the guidelines and that the state agencies consider and respond to comments received through the outreach process.
3. Provides for population-based distribution of funds to ensure adequate distribution of grant funding throughout the state.

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4. Allows for creation of sub-area plans that enhance, but do not duplicate, or replace, a larger recognized integrated regional water management plan.
5. Establishes a task force to provide recommendations to the state on improving the integrated regional water management planning process in California.
6. Provides for the use of state funds for binational projects where projects benefit water supply or water quality in the San Diego region.
7. Improves and streamlines the state’s reimbursement process to ensure timely remittance of IRWM funds.
8. Promotes the ability of the Regional Water Management Group to more directly administer state grant funds specifically identified for IRWM programs.
9. Promotes cost sharing amongst regions for regional conveyance.

**X. *Integrated Regional Water Management Planning - It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose legislation that:***

1. Dilutes public water agency participation ~~on~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ Regional Water Management Group.
2. Establishes funding criteria that limit local discretion in project selection.

**XI. *Water Facilities/Facility Improvement - It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:***


1. Funds or otherwise facilitates planning, design, construction, and/or maintenance of public water storage, watershed areas, and treatment and delivery facilities and facilitates maintenance and/or enhancement of groundwater recharge spreading areas and groundwater basin rehabilitation that benefit OMWD and/or San Diego County.
2. Provides funding for water infrastructure development, security, rehabilitation, and/or replacement projects that benefit OMWD and/or San Diego County.
3. Funds enhancements to water treatment, recycling, and potable reuse facilities to meet more stringent regulations.
4. Funds improvements to water treatment facilities that allow greater use of State Project water.

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5. Provides funding for the preservation of cultural resources affected by construction or operation of water conveyance and storage facilities.
6. Provides funding for habitat preservation programs that address impacts resulting from construction or operation of water system facilities.
7. Provides OMWD with greater flexibility in the management of environmental mitigation parcels.
8. Provides funding for the control, prevention, or eradication of non-indigenous aquatic species, including dreissenid mussels.
9. Authorizes state and federal wildlife agencies to provide assistance to local water agencies in the control, prevention, and eradication of non-indigenous aquatic species, including dreissenid mussels.
10. Exempts owners and operators of water supply facilities from criminal and civil liabilities associated with dreissenid mussel infestations if due diligence requirements are being met.
11. Provides incentives that encourage the optimization, expansion, and cooperative use of existing surface reservoirs.
12. Provides funding for projects that improve the security of OMWD facilities and operations.
13. Provides funding to water agencies for the voluntary retrofit of facilities for on-site generation of chlorine.
14. Permits the use of grant funding for projects implemented under public-private partnerships where the grant provides funding for a public benefit.

**XII. *Water Facilities/Facility Improvement - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:***


1. Impairs OMWD's ability to provide and operate the necessary facilities for a safe, reliable, and operationally flexible water system.
2. Limits OMWD's sole jurisdiction over the bidding, planning, design, routing, approval, procurement, construction, operation, or maintenance of its water facilities.

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3. Limits OMWD’s discretion over protecting the security and privacy of comprehensive inventories of all assets, which includes infrastructure location, condition, performance, and useful life.
4. Shifts the risks of indemnity for damages and defense of claims from contractors to OMWD.
5. Impairs OMWD’s ability to execute the planning, design, and construction of projects using its own employees.
6. Authorizes state and federal wildlife agencies to control, prevent, or eradicate invasive species in a way that excessively interferes with the operations or water supplies of local water agencies.
7. Requires prior to the construction of new facilities any consultation, mitigation, or restitution to the Native American Heritage Commission and/or local tribal authorities additional to the existing requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
8. Prohibits or in any way limits the ability of water agencies from making full beneficial use of any water, wastewater, or recycling facility and resource investments.
9. Impedes individual water agency discretion for achieving water loss efficiency objectives or any state-mandated water use efficiency goals, targets, or standards.
10. Establishes meter testing requirements that fail to consider industry standards and cost-effectiveness.
11. Limits the autonomy or discretion of water suppliers to develop and execute asset management inspection programs that include visual inspections, internal/external inspections, asset condition assessments, and corrosion mitigation in a manner that recognizes the individuality and uniqueness of each water supplier and its systems.

**XIII. Water Use Efficiency - It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:**

1. Preserves individual water agency discretion and options for achieving water use efficiency objectives or any state-mandated water use efficiency goals, targets, or standards.
2. Establishes multiple compliance options for urban retail water suppliers for achieving water use efficiency objectives or any state-mandated water use efficiency goals, targets, or standards.


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3. Establishes an appropriate existing “baseline” and recognizes unique hydrology, weather, and land-use patterns, as well as past conservation efforts, within a particular water supplier’s jurisdiction for achieving water use efficiency objectives or any state-mandated water use efficiency goals, targets, or standards.
4. Provides full credit for past and future distribution of recycled water for non-potable uses and indirect potable groundwater recharge and reservoir augmentation where advanced treatment is part of the full treatment.
5. Allows for individual water agencies to collaborate, if so desired, to establish integrated regional water conservation goals.
6. Allows for local agencies to account for all water supplies available during droughts or other events when calculating a water supply shortage level.
7. Recognizes the variations among communities, regions, and counties with respect to their abilities to withstand the impacts and effects of droughts, and assurance that any temporary or permanent statutory or regulatory direction for improving water use efficiency to meet statutory or regulatory goals, targets, or standards is focused on regional achievement of objectives rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.
8. Assists OMWD’s ability to provide and operate the necessary facilities for a safe, reliable, and operationally flexible water storage, treatment, and delivery system.
9. Requires installation and use of retail water meters.
10. Sets cost-effective efficiency standards for water-using devices.
11. Provides loans and grants to fund incentives for water-efficient devices or practices, and demonstration projects and studies.
12. Ensures accurate and meaningful reporting of implementation of water conservation measures.
13. Encourages implementation of effective water management practices for urban landscape and agricultural irrigation.
14. Recognizes local control in determining water use efficiency criteria, such as the impact of recycled water salinity on irrigation use and efficiency for the application of non-potable recycled water
15. Encourages the use of decentralized non-potable water systems and graywater where it complies with local guidelines and regulations and is cost-effective.

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16. Establishes standards for the utilization of high-efficiency commercial and residential clothes washers.
17. Requires sub-metering connections to be built in new construction of multiple commercial or residential buildings.
18. Encourages plumbing fixture retrofit upon real property resale.
19. Encourages stakeholders to investigate and develop statewide landscape water conservation standards and regulations.
20. Restricts Property Owner Associations from forbidding the use of California native plants, other low-water-use plants, or artificial turf in well-maintained landscapes.
21. Restricts Property Owner Associations from forbidding retrofits of multiple unit facilities for the purpose of sub-metering, if feasible.
22. Ensures plumbing codes and standards facilitate the installation and/or retrofit of water-efficient devices.
23. Encourages and/or supports programs that promote a sustainable approach to landscape design, construction, and maintenance.
24. Provides for federal tax-exempt status for water use efficiency rebates, consistent with income tax treatment at the state level.
25. Recognizes local control in determining how to meet an overall efficient water use goal, based on the combined efficient indoor use, outdoor use, and leak loss, as established under the criteria provided for in any applicable statute.
26. Facilitates and encourages the development and use of new agricultural technologies (e.g., vertical farming, integrated remote soil moisture monitoring, hydroponics) resulting in irrigation water savings and other “Agtech” irrigation water savings technologies.
27. Supports and encourages the transfer and storage of water during both emergency and non-emergency conditions to reduce the impact of drought.
- ~~26-28.~~ Streamlines reporting requirements to reduce redundant efforts.


**XIV. Water Use Efficiency - It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose legislation that:**

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1. Repeals cost-effective efficiency standards for water-using devices.
2. Prescribes mandatory urban water conservation management practices that override the authority of the board of directors of local water agencies to adopt management practices that are most appropriate for the specific needs of their water agencies.
3. Prescribes mandatory conservation-based rate structures that override the authority of the boards of directors of local water agencies to set rate structures and management practices according to the specific needs of the water agencies in accordance with cost-of-service requirements.
4. Creates a disincentive or impedes water agencies from making investments to maximize the potential for recycled water, potable reuse, desalination, and other drought-resilient water supplies.
5. Mandates regulation of the commercial sector in a manner that is discriminatory, sets unachievable compliance targets, or would otherwise impair economic activity or the viability of the commercial sector.
6. Requires redundant reporting of water conservation-related information.

**XV. *Biological and Habitat Preservation - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:***

1. Supports development of comprehensive multi-species habitat conservation plans that anticipate and mitigate project development impacts while preserving representative ecosystems, rather than individual species.
2. Exempts operation, maintenance, and repair of water system facilities from endangered species and other habitat conservation regulations because they provide beneficial cyclical habitat values to declining species and foster biological diversity in California.
3. Provides environmental regulatory certainty for implementation of existing and proposed long-term water supply programs.
4. Authorizes federal and state funding to develop and implement regional or sub-regional wildlife and habitat conservation programs, including but not limited to property acquisition, re-vegetation programs, and watershed plans.
5. Incorporates an emergency exemption for "take" of a listed species listed under the state or federal Endangered Species Acts when necessary to mitigate or prevent loss of or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services.

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6. Encourages species listings, critical habitat designation, and recovery plans developed pursuant to the state or federal Endangered Species Acts to be consistent with existing interstate compacts, tribal treaties, and other state and federal agreements.
7. Provides federal and/or state funding to implement actions that address the ecological, watershed, and water supply management issues of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta.
8. Provides federal and/or state funding for restoration of the Salton Sea.
9. Consolidates wetland regulations to alleviate multi-agency jurisdiction over the same environmental resource.


**XVI. *Biological and Habitat Preservation - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:***

1. Provides for after-the-fact reduction in quantity or quality of a public water supply due to new restrictions on the operation or use of water supply facilities unless, funding for alternate sources of water is provided.
2. Imposes endangered species or habitat conservation requirements that restrict the operation, maintenance, or repair of public water supply, conveyance, treatment, or storage facilities.
3. Imposes a "user utility fee" or "surcharge" on water for the purposes of financing open space/habitat preservation, restoration, or creation.

**XVII. *Fiscal Policy and Water Rates - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:***

1. Requires the federal and state governments to provide a subvention to reimburse local governments for all mandated costs or regulatory actions.
2. Provides OMWD with additional forms of cost-effective financing for public facilities.
3. Provides OMWD with grant funding for public facilities.
4. Provides OMWD with additional investment opportunities.
5. Maintains the authority and requirements of water agencies to establish water rates locally, consistent with cost-of-service requirements of the law.
6. Maximizes the ability of water agencies to design rate structures to meet local water supply goals.




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7. Protects or enhances OMWD’s ability to receive/collect funds it is owed.
8. Provides OMWD and water ratepayers with financial relief during economic downturns and/or economic shocks such as pandemics through a variety of means, including but not limited to, direct financial assistance and flexibility in debt management.
- 8.9. Makes updates to Public Contract Code to establish reasonable limits for public works contracts and allow OMWD the flexibility to cost-effectively procure goods and services according to its needs.

**XVIII. Fiscal Policy and Water Rates - It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose legislation that:**


1. Imposes mandated costs or regulatory constraints on local governments without providing subventions to reimburse local governments for such costs.
2. Is inconsistent with OMWD’s current investment policies and practices.
3. Makes any unilateral reallocation of OMWD’s revenues by the state.
4. Impairs OMWD’s ability to provide reliable service at reasonable costs or to charge the same or similar rate for each class of service consistent with cost-of-service requirements of the law.
5. Pre-empts OMWD’s ability to impose or change rate charges, fees, or assessments.
6. Impairs OMWD’s ability to maintain reasonable reserve funds and obtain and retain reasonable rates of return on its reserve accounts.
7. Imposes additional administrative requirements and/or restricts OMWD or its ability to finance public facilities through the issuance of long-term debt.
8. Reduces OMWD’s revenues without giving OMWD a commensurate public benefit that is clearly identifiable and separate from a general statewide benefit.
9. Restructures OMWD’s responsibilities without also providing the commensurate restructuring of revenues.
10. Requires the expenditure of OMWD or member agency funds to accomplish federal water supply commitments such as may be required in national treaties.
11. Weakens the protections afforded OMWD under California's Proposition 1A (2004) or Proposition 26 (2010).

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12. Mandates a specific rate structure for retail water agencies.
13. Imposes a water user fee on water agencies or water users that do not provide a commensurate and directly linked local benefit in the local area or region from which the water user fee is collected.
14. Imposes a water user fee for statewide projects or programs for which the projects or programs are not clearly defined, the beneficiaries identified, and the reasonable cost identified.
15. Imposes a water user fee in order to create a state fund that can be used to finance undefined future projects and programs.
16. Imposes a “public goods charge” on public water agencies or their ratepayers.
17. Interferes with the responsibility of a region, operating under an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, for setting priorities and generating projects to be paid from any IRWM accounts and grants.
18. Interferes with the control exercised by the San Diego funding sub-region over the use and expenditure of any water user fee revenues that may be dedicated to the region.
19. Reduces or eliminates the tax-exempt status of municipal financing.

**XIX. Water Bond Legislation or Initiative – It shall be OMWD’s policy to support water bond (legislation and/or an initiative) that:**

1. Allocates funds to developing water storage infrastructure that will bolster resilience against droughts and ensures reliable supplies.
2. Provides OMWD’s wholesalers with funding that protects local ratepayers from rising costs while offering solutions that benefit the region.
3. Allocates resources for the rehabilitation and modernization of aging water and wastewater (recycled) infrastructure that improves operational efficiency and minimizes water loss.
4. Finances robust cybersecurity measures that are necessary to safeguard water infrastructure against state and non-state cyber targeting of American interests from cyber threats, protect sensitive data, and ensure uninterrupted service delivery.

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5. Provides funding for the Lake Hodges Dam which serves OMWD in an emergency capacity and helps to control wholesale rates.
6. Dedicates funds towards regulatory compliance efforts, with a specific focus on addressing emerging contaminants such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to ensure water quality and public health protection.
7. Advances investment in new water supply projects that maximize and diversify limited water resources.
8. Prioritizes the allocation of funds for open spaces surrounding water reservoirs.
9. Ensures that the application process for funding is not unnecessarily burdensome and costly, with an emphasis on auditing and streamlining the process.
10. Consolidates administration of all voter-approved water-related bond funding in one place, preserves existing expertise within the state bureaucracy to manage bond funding processes, and provides consistent application and evaluation of bond funding applications.

**XX. *Water Bond Legislation or Initiative – It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose water bond (legislation and/or an initiative) that:***


1. Imposes a fee on water users to repay the principal and interest on a statewide general obligation bond.
2. Prioritizes hydroelectric generation, or is laden with investment criteria that do not adequately bolster water infrastructure.
3. Disproportionately funds non-water or wastewater related priorities.

**XXI. *Right of Way and Property - It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:***

1. Improves OMWD’s efforts to maintain and protect its property, rights of way, easements, pipelines, and related facilities and minimizes liability to OMWD.
2. Protects OMWD’s properties from restriction when surrounding properties are incorporated into preservation areas.

**XXII. *Right of Way and Property - It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose legislation that:***


1. Impairs OMWD’s efforts to acquire property or property interests required for essential capital improvement projects.

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2. Increases the cost of property and right of way acquisition.
3. Restricts OMWD’s use of public rights of way or increases the cost of using public rights of way.
4. Restricts the transfer of property acquired for purposes of environmental mitigation credits to other public entities for long-term management.

**XXIII. Energy - It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:**

1. Provides opportunities for reduced energy rates for OMWD.
2. Provides greater flexibility in the utilization of OMWD facilities for generation and acquisition of electrical power.
3. Provides OMWD with greater flexibility in the licensing, permitting, interconnection, construction, and operation of its existing and potential in-line hydroelectric, solar, or other renewable energy generation or energy storage projects.
4. Provides protection from energy rate increases and provides rate relief.
5. Makes State Water Project power available for seawater and brackish groundwater desalination.
6. Promotes the classification of electricity generated by in-line hydroelectric and off-stream pumped storage facilities as environmentally sound.
7. Provides state and federal grants for the construction of in-line hydroelectric, solar, wind, biogas cogeneration, and off-stream pumped storage facilities as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs.
8. Promotes funding for use of renewable energy in the operation of OMWD facilities.
9. Provides for restrictions on price gouging during public safety power shutoff events and for at least 72 hours following restoration of power.
10. Provides that de-energization or public safety power shutoff events may be included as a condition constituting a state emergency or local emergency.
11. Provides a tax exemption for the sale of, or the storage, use, or consumption of, a backup electrical resource, that is purchased for exclusive use by a city, county, special


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district, or other entity of local government, during a de-energization or public safety power shutoff event.

12. Establishes the use of alternative power sources, such as generators, by essential public services during de-energization or public safety power shutoff events shall not be limited by state or local regulations or rules.

**XXIV. Energy - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Adversely affects the cost ~~e~~for reliability of energy needed to move, treat, or deliver water.
2. Adversely affects OMWD's ability to own, operate, and/or contract work for supplying its own facilities with natural gas and electricity.
3. Impedes OMWD's ability to contract for the purchase of gas and electricity from the United States, the State of California, and any other public agency or private entity and sell the gas and electricity to any public agency or private entity engaged in retail sales of electricity and gas.
4. Restricts or caps future energy demands needed for possible expansion of recycled water, potable reuse, and desalination projects.
5. Adversely affects OMWD's ability to expand cogeneration at planned or existing facilities.
6. Prevents OMWD from enhancing energy reliability and independence for its facilities.
7. Imposes greenhouse gas reduction obligations on public water agencies for energy purchased or produced for the sole purpose of operating its system.
8. Does not count or credit qualified renewable energy projects toward accomplishment and satisfaction of the California Renewables Portfolio Standard objectives.
9. Mandates that water agencies include an embedded energy calculation for their water supply sources in the Urban Water Management Plan or any other water resource planning or master planning document.
10. Results in a lengthy, more complicated, or more costly interconnection of energy loads and resources such as solar, in-line hydroelectricity, pumped storage, and other renewable energy generation or storage technologies to the electric distribution and transmission grid.

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11. Authorizes air quality management districts or other regulatory bodies to adopt or maintain rules that would limit or prohibit a local government entity's use of a state and/or federally compliant power generator during a de-energization or public safety power shutoff event.

**XXV. Local Autonomy - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Diminishes the power of OMWD's Board of Directors to govern OMWD's affairs.
2. Diminishes OMWD's power or rights to govern relations with its employees.
3. Limits or restricts the ability of OMWD, or professional associations, trade groups, or regional coalitions it is a part of, to engage in public outreach, educational activities, legislative advocacy, training seminars, regional coordination, and similar activities that promote OMWD's mission.

**XXVI. Land Use and Water Management Planning - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:**

1. Promotes enhanced coordination and linkage of general plans and water management plans.
2. Discourages piecemeal or uncoordinated land use and water management planning.
3. Requires that projected population and other demographic factors utilized in forecasting future water demands in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act and state law be consistent with the regional growth management plans and general plans applicable to the territory within the service area of the supplier.
4. Allows and funds land exchanges between local public agencies and federal or state agencies when mutually beneficial to all agencies and enhances water resources for the region.
5. Designates public lands that are tributary to drinking source water reservoirs as wilderness, habitat preserve, open space, or other protected status, provided such designation does not impede current or reasonable future use of those water resources.
6. Provides funding for, or otherwise facilitates, development of groundwater management plans pursuant to the sustainability efforts under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

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7. Protects floodplains and lands over prime groundwater recharge zones for stormwater catchment and bioremediation.
8. Considers the multiple local variables and priorities that are associated with water supply planning and the selection of water resources for implementation.

**XXVII. *Land Use and Water Management Planning - It shall be OMWD’s policy to oppose legislation that:***

1. Restricts OMWD’s ability to utilize a demand forecasting methodology that is best suited for the region.
2. Imposes land use designations that preclude the use of such lands for public water infrastructure determined necessary to ensure a cost-effective, safe, and reliable water supply.
3. Requires the use of specific evaluation criteria in water supply planning and selection of potential water supply projects that fail to take into account or conflict with existing local and regional planning policies and implementation priorities.
4. Imposes mandates requiring specific water resources to be developed by water agencies that fail to take into account local factors such as water reliability, hydrologic and geographic characteristics, and the economic, political, public acceptance, and social environment, which can influence selection of resources, and/or fails to take into account or conflicts with existing local and regional planning policies and implementation priorities.

**XXVIII. *Safety & Security - It shall be OMWD’s policy to support legislation that:***

1. Provides funding for water infrastructure development, infrastructure security, cybersecurity, and replacement projects that benefit OMWD.
2. Provides funding for projects that provide security against terrorist acts or other criminal threats to water operations, facilities, or supplies.
3. Provides funding for security and cybersecurity vulnerability assessments.
4. Recognizes water agencies as emergency responders in the event of a sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services due to natural disasters (e.g., wildfires, earthquakes), power outages, and terrorist or other criminal activities.

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5. Provides or expands protections of utility workers and vehicles by creating criminal penalty enhancements for violence or harassment against a worker and adding utility vehicles to the list of stationary vehicles drivers must treat with caution.

**XXIX. Safety & Security - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Restricts OMWD's ability to respond swiftly and decisively to an emergency that threatens to disrupt water deliveries or restricts the draining of pipelines or other facilities in emergencies or for repairs or preventive maintenance.

**XXX. Jurisdictional Authority - It shall be OMWD's policy to refer all such legislation to the Board of Directors.**

**XXXI. Climate Change - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:**

1. Incorporates state-provided climate change information into statewide, regional, and local water management planning, and provides funding for projects that assist in adapting to the effects of climate change on the water supply portfolios across the state.
2. Provides financial support to local projects designed to mitigate or adapt to potential negative impacts of climate change on water supply reliability.
3. Promotes continued development and deployment of more sophisticated and integrated hydrological, water quality, and meteorological water monitoring for the purpose of assessing water supply conditions resulting from climate change.


**XXXII. Climate Change - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Places an undue burden or compromises OMWD's ability to implement its primary mission.

**XXXIII. Employment Matters - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:**

1. Continues to reform workers' compensation.
2. Results in predictable costs and benefits for employees.
3. Provides a pathway for military veterans to apply their advanced skills and experience toward state and industry-supplied certifications in the water and wastewater treatment and distribution operator fields.



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**XXXIV. Employment Matters - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Creates unrealistic ergonomic protocol.
2. Interferes with OMWD's efficient operation.
3. Results in unreasonable costs associated with unnecessary requirements such as providing 24 hours' notice for overtime work.

**XXXV. Governance - It shall be OMWD's policy to support legislation that:**

1. Promotes transparent government processes when burdens upon OMWD are reasonable and cost-neutral.
2. Ensures an open and transparent process for adoption of regulations, policies, and guidelines by state agencies.

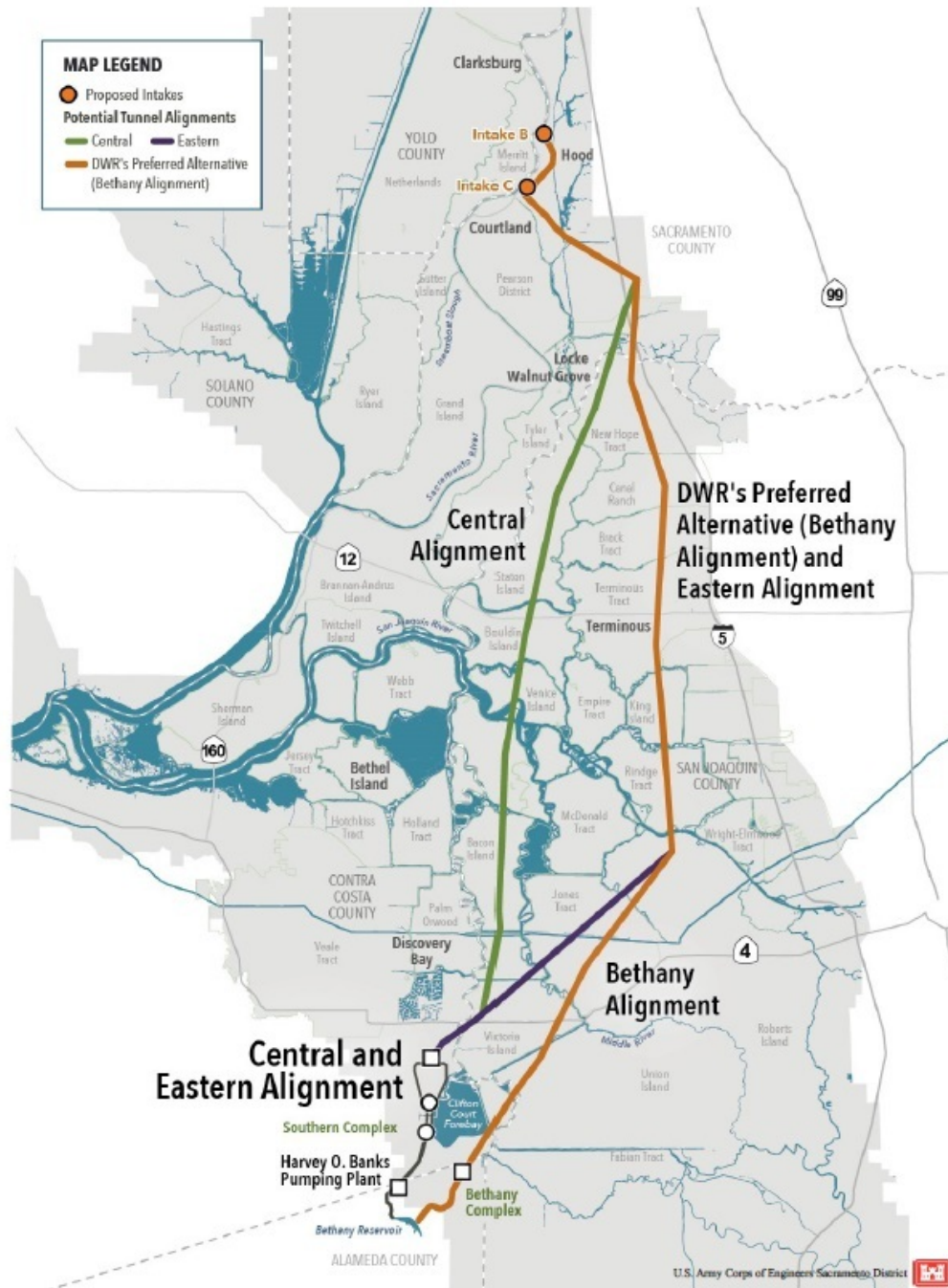
**XXXVI. Governance - It shall be OMWD's policy to oppose legislation that:**

1. Does not provide resources, while requiring additional burdensome governance-related requirements.

# Delta Tunnel critics urge Metropolitan Water District to vote no on \$141.6 million for project

by Dan BacherCommunity (This content is not subject to review by Daily Kos staff prior to publication.) :

## Potential Tunnel Alignments



The One Water and Stewardship Committee of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California yesterday voted to approve \$141.6 million for planning for the Delta Conveyance Project after receiving comments both for and against the project.

**The agenda item will go to a full vote (or be delayed) at today's joint meeting of the MWD Board of Directors and the Executive Committee starting at 12 p.m.**

The specific agenda item was: "8-4 Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work planned for 2026-2027."

The vote was 13 to 1, with 1 abstention. Mark Gold was the one vote against the funding.

Dozens of people from both Northern and Southern California made comments urging MWD to vote against the funding or to delay the vote, citing both environmental and financial impacts of the projects.

Krystal Moreno, Traditional Ecological Knowledge Program Manager for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, stated, "MWD should draw lessons from the past two decades - demand is down, people are being more efficient with water usage. Costs are up and affordability is a growing crisis."

"This project is being sold on fear and lies. Fear that without it there won't be enough water for Southern California's economy. Lies that there is not an affordable alternative," Moreno noted.

Emily Popilardo, Delta resident and engineer, urged the committee to consider an "armored pathway" alternative to the Delta Tunnel.

"I've worked on levees and permitted many projects over the past 15 years," she stated. "I want to reach across the aqueduct and create a project that actually benefits you. The Delta Conveyance Project is not that project."

"The engineers in the Delta have promoted an armored pathway to improve the levees through the paths that water travels to heighten the levee crowns, thereby increasing flood resilience, benefitting fish species, and protecting the water supply for the State Water Project," said Popilardo.

Barbara Barrigan Parilla, Executive Director of Restore the Delta, also urged the board to consider the freshwater pathway plan.

"Has your staff fully analyzed the freshwater pathway plan for the Delta?" she asked. "Your mindset seems to be that it's the tunnel versus abandoning the state water project and that's not true."

"We ask that you delay the vote," Barrigan-Parrilla urged. "We'd really like to see Met board members come to the Delta and speak with Delta engineers, local residents, and community groups. I have a feeling you'd change your thinking for costs and conveyance strategies."

In her comments, Sierra Club California staffer Caty Wagner, asked, "Met has spent nearly \$1 billion since the initial planning for the peripheral canal and what does Met have to show for it? Sites and Pure Water are going to cost billions and Met can't afford it all."

Nancy Blastos, Inland Empire Resident and water ratepayer, stated, "I strongly discourage spending more money on studying the Delta Conveyance Project. We can catch water and store stormwater and we can also recycle and practice conservation. This is a catastrophic plan for our environment."

Sierra Club California Staffer Layne Fajeau disagreed with the Department of Water Resources's contention that the tunnel will increase water security in the face of earthquakes, drought, and climate change.

"In reality, the tunnel will increase greenhouse gas emissions and further destabilize the hydrology of Northern California. It diverts funding away from levee stabilization that would actually protect the State Water Project in the event of an earthquake," Fajeau explained.

Bruce Resnick, Executive Director of the LA Waterkeeper, stated, "All of these previous projects have failed because the folks in charge won't sincerely sit down and meet with folks - tribal folks and environmentalists - and make genuine compromises. That's why these projects fail."

Other opponents of the tunnel testified to the destructive impacts the project would have upon salmon, other fish species and San Francisco Bay-Delta Ecosystem.

"Already, the water that is being taken out of the Delta and sent South is having serious environmental consequences," argued Karen Jacques, a resident of Sacramento, "We're seeing the potential extinction of a number of different species including salmon."

Likewise, John, a Delta resident, stated bluntly: "This is the worst idea I've ever heard. The DCP ensures environmental disaster to the largest estuary in western North America. It is not necessary, safe, or practical. Local water capture projects are a much better use of California's funds."

Director Desi Alvarez, the representative of the West Basin Municipal Water District on MWD's Board of Directors, said the "financial aspects are a real consideration here."

"I don't understand the urgency. Our current budget is in a \$240 million deficit. With this expenditure, this agency has some serious financial issues and needs to think about how it's spending its money," Alvarez pointed out.

John, a professor at Dominguez Hills, said, "MWD must grow beyond its traditional role to becoming a water benefactor, investing in water conservation and recycling. We're looking to MWD for this leadership,"

Mario Barrigan from IEW Local 11 claimed, "This project will serve disadvantaged communities and it is about the human right to clean water."

However, ratepayer Wesley Chung pointed to the rate increases that would result from investing \$141 million in the project.

"As a low-income person, [the tunnel] cost increase would be prohibitive, alongside the rises in cost of living. I would urge you to invest \$140 million in other local projects," he said.

In a similar vein, Sydney, local resident, said, "I do not want our water rates to go up and our hard-earned dollars be spent on a project that might not even hold up as water disappears. I demand that we invest more of our budget in sustainable projects, like rainwater harvesting and stormwater capture."

Cynthia Cortez of Restore the Delta summed up the environmental and economic consequences of the board's decision.

"Today you will decide on whether to continue investing in a project that harms local communities and wildlife or fund local projects that supports local communities in Southern California and ecosystem health in the Delta," Cortez concluded.

**In today's meeting beginning at noon, members of the public may present their comments to the Board on matters within their jurisdiction as listed on the agenda via in-person or teleconference. To participate via teleconference 1-833-548-0276 and enter meeting ID: 815 2066 4276 or to join by computer click here.**

Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work planned for 2026-2027

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**Olivenhain Municipal Water District**

**Public Policy Input Regarding the Delta Conveyance Project, Through Delta Conveyance Alternatives, and The Freshwater Pathway Project  
(12/18/24)**

**Definitions**

The goal of the DCP is to restore and protect the reliability of the State Water Project (SWP).

Proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – The DCP protects against future water supply losses caused by climate driven weather extremes, sea level rise, and earthquakes. It will help the SWP safely capture, move, and store water from big, but infrequent, storm events.

The Project is a “dual conveyance” alternative that includes two new intakes with fish screens in the North Delta and a 16-foot diameter tunnel approximately 45 miles long. Existing through-Delta waterways would continue to be utilized for a portion of the conveyance.

Through-Delta Conveyance Alternatives – These alternatives would continue to utilize existing water conveyance facilities consisting of open channels defined by earthen levees. Several of the alternatives would include in-Delta barriers to reduce salinity intrusion from San Francisco Bay, or provide separate Delta channels for water as compared to fish passages. The alternatives did not include a general rebuilding of Delta levees to meet seismic criteria.

Freshwater Pathway – This is an emergency plan that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) developed to deal with a seismic event that would disrupt the ability to divert water supplies in the south Delta. This project is not a substitute for the DCP. It involves reinforcing some levees, and stockpiling rock and sheet piling to facilitate quicker levee repairs and restoration of the existing Delta conveyance.

**EIR Alternatives Screening Criteria**

Climate Resiliency – Addresses anticipated sea-level rise and other reasonably foreseeable consequences of climate change and extreme weather events.

Seismic Resiliency – Minimizes health/safety risk to public from earthquake-caused reductions in water delivery quality and quantity from the SWP.

Water Supply Reliability – Restores and protects ability of the SWP to deliver water in compliance with regulatory and contractual constraints.

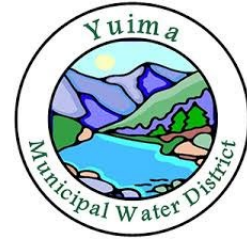
Operational Resiliency – Provides operational flexibility to improve aquatic conditions and manage future regulatory constraints.

**Screening Results**

The EIR assigned a “yes” or “no” answer to the criteria was based on how well the alternative could meet project objectives, compared to the proposed project, as well as regulatory, cost, technological, health and safety, and logistical considerations. An alternative had to meet at least two of the four criteria, and also had to be feasible to be carried forward for further analysis.

In the EIR, the “Through-Delta” alternatives were assigned a no answer to each of the four criteria. The EIR noted there is “no improvement in seismic resiliency due to the continuous need for improvement of levees, including increased height to maintain flood management with sea-level rise and climate change conditions. With no alternative means of conveyance in the event of a seismic disruption, this alternative would not meet seismic resilience criteria.”

With respect to improving Delta levees to reduce the vulnerability of Delta water supplies to earthquakes, the EIR noted, “these actions would require extensive construction and result in substantial environmental impacts. It would be difficult and expensive to reconstruct all levees to meet water supply reliability goals.” There are an estimated 1,100 miles of levees in the Delta.



Senator Maria Elena Durazo  
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December 11, 2024

**Re: Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program**

Dear Senator Durazo,

The undersigned organizations write you to express that we understand and agree with the intent of a low-income water rate assistance program, and we would like to collaborate with you in developing a program that addresses the unique needs of low-income households for equitable access to water, an



essential service. Regrettably, we could not offer our support for SB 1255 (Durazo, 2024) due to its decentralized approach and fiscal uncertainties which would ultimately exert upward pressure on the very water rates that the bill intended to address. We have prepared this letter to offer potential solutions for consideration and discussion, and to demonstrate our commitment to developing an effective, mutually agreeable program in this new legislative session.

One particular concern we had with SB 1255 was that it would benefit rental property owners, rather than low-income renters, as water bills are often included in rent and paid by landlords. Given the high cost of housing in California, many low-income residents live in rentals, meaning the program's intent could be undermined. Further, SB 1255 would have required the roughly 2,900 water agencies throughout California to individually implement and manage their own unique low-income water rate assistance programs. The resulting exorbitant overhead costs of implementing these individual programs would divert funds directly from helping those the program was meant to serve.

As an alternative, we would like to collaborate with your organizations on developing legislation that leverages existing low-income assistance to effectively address long-term water affordability goals.

#### **AB 401: The Low-Income Rate Assistance Final Report, 2020.**

**Experts devised a plan – Why aren't we using it?** AB 401 (2015) required State Water Resources Control Board, in collaboration with State Board of Equalization and relevant stakeholders, to develop a plan for funding and implementing a low-income water rate assistance program. The report was published in 2020 and outlined components for developing a successful program to help low-income households afford their drinking water. Specifically, the report identified potential program recipients, different mechanisms for delivering assistance to low-income households, and possible funding sources to implement such a program. The purpose of the report was to present recommendations for a low-income water rate assistance program devised by subject matter experts and based on data for the consideration of the legislature.

**We have a tried and tested framework for implementation – Why reinvent the wheel?** During the Covid-19 pandemic, California Department of Community Services and Development was charged with piloting a statewide low-income water rate assistance program, in consultation with SWRCB, which also considered the recommendations of the AB 401 Report. CSD has been serving low-income communities for more than 50 years. It is a state department under the California Health and Human Services Agency that partners with a network of non-profit and local government organizations dedicated to reducing poverty by helping low-income individuals and families achieve and maintain economic security, meet their home energy needs, and reduce their utility costs. CSD has been successfully administering the low-income energy assistance program (LIHEAP) for decades, and this expertise should be leveraged.

CSD successfully administered the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program statewide and published a 14-page LIHWAP Program Guidelines (revised in April 2024) documenting the successful statewide implementation of this program, which concluded in 2024, with the following details:

- Allocation methods
- Service delivery models
- Household eligibility
- Benefit payment and issuance

**Need for a centralized state program.** California is the nation's most populous state, with nearly 40 million residents. Close to one-third of the population lives in households with incomes below \$50,000 a year, or approximately 200 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of four. The state has roughly 2,900

community water systems that serve 98 percent of the population; over 2,400 of these systems have fewer than 3,000 service connections and serve communities with fewer than 15,000 residents. The other two percent of the population is served by small systems with fewer than 15 service connections or private wells. It is not practical or realistic to implement policies in Sacramento that don't consider the diversity in size, and resource capability of water districts throughout the state. The centralized administration of a low-income water rate assistance program of California's numerous water agencies would ensure consistent statewide policy implementation, avoid the considerable overhead costs associated with 2,900 water agencies administering their own individual unique programs, and promote equitable access to the program across the entire state.

Further benefits of a state-administered program:

- **Efficient Resource Allocation.** Leveraging the existing Department of Health and Human Services framework minimizes administrative overhead, allowing for more efficient distribution of resources and faster program implementation, which a decentralized approach may delay. For example, one possible solution we propose the use of EBT cards to distribute benefit allocations for a low-income water rate assistance program to pay water bills in person, and incentivizing payment processors to allow the use of online EBT transactions for water bills. This offers an efficient and secure method for reaching eligible households statewide, leveraging an existing system to ensure seamless delivery of support to qualifying households. As an alternative solution, Department of Health and Human Services could allocate payments directly to water agencies, similar to the method of distributing the direct subsidy mechanism employed for low-income rental property owners. In this model, payments are issued directly to property owners through government managed financial systems, ensuring funds reach eligible recipients promptly. Applying a similar approach would allow direct payments to water agencies, streamlining the process and providing timely assistance on behalf of low-income water customers throughout the state.
- **Broader Access.** State-managed programs like those proposed in SWRCB's AB 401 Report can more effectively address disparities in service provision, ensuring low-income households in all regions receive consistent support, whereas local management may lead to uneven service coverage. Underfunded agencies will be overextended and unable to assist those in need, while well-funded agencies will lack recipients for their resources.
- **Regulatory Alignment.** SWRCB's AB 401 Report framework aligns with state law (Proposition 218 and Proposition 26), ensuring compliance and reducing the burden on local water districts to establish new administrative systems which would be necessary under any bill that would place the administrative burden on water agencies.
- **Equity and Accountability.** A centralized program based on SWRCB's AB 401 Report increases accountability, oversight, and equity, ensuring that underserved communities and vulnerable populations are prioritized consistently, rather than depending on local water district resources and capabilities.
- **Streamlined Oversight.** A state-administered program under SWRCB's AB 401 Report allows for centralized oversight and auditing, ensuring that funds are used effectively.
- **Economies of Scale.** Reducing per-household administrative costs and maximizing the impact of available funding compared to a fragmented local administration model is more efficient, ensuring low-income ratepayers receive significant benefits.
- **Enhanced Public Awareness and Outreach.** A statewide program can run consistent public awareness campaigns, ensuring that low-income residents across the state are informed and able

to access assistance, something local water districts might struggle with due to budget or outreach limitations.

**Perhaps the most salient justification for a statewide program is the fact that many individual water systems in California cannot financially support rate assistance programs on their own.** AB 401 research showed that individual California water systems would bear vastly different cost burdens to independently assist their eligible customers. Even among some large systems that serve 3,000 or more customers, imposing a requirement to run standalone rate assistance programs would likely cause outsized affordability burdens. Overall, more than 22 percent of California water systems of all sizes throughout the state would have over half of qualifying residential customers needing assistance.

**Potential funding solutions** that the undersigned agencies would support and advocate for are listed below for your consideration. Funding would be directed to the state Department of Health and Human Services to manage and administer the program and distributed via several possibilities including a direct cash benefit through the existing EBT Card program, utilizing tested distribution models through California Department of Community Services and Development as demonstrated through the LIHEAP program, or another distribution model.

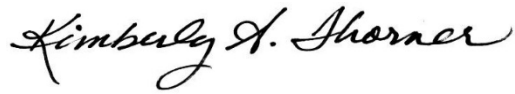
- State Budget Allocation – dedicating a portion of the state’s general fund to water affordability programming.
- A bill to create a proposition for voters to decide on a contribution of funds option on property tax bills that would fund a state-managed water affordability program.
- Allow for a contribution of funds option on tax bills which would be tax deductible and would fund a state-managed water affordability program.
- Federal Grants – Advocate for federal funding grant funding for low-income water rate assistance programming and seek Senator Padilla as an ally in this effort. LIHEAP has been successfully funded for decades through federal grants, and there is no reason why water shouldn’t be either.
- Philanthropic Grants or Donations – Seek contributions from philanthropic organizations, companies, or environmental foundations in California that prioritize access to water services, environmental, or essential services that would be tax-deductible contributions.

The coalition represented in this letter, strongly encourages a state-funded model as recommended in the AB 401 Report. The program would be most efficiently managed through California’s Health and Human Services Agency leveraging existing social services resources and expertise in a streamlined manner. An example of this model was successfully tried and tested in 2020 when Congress recognized the growing water affordability challenge and established the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program at the Department of Health and Human Services. That program was managed effectively and efficiently by HHS and was funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan.

There can be a workable and efficient state low-income water rate assistance program in California. The undersigned organizations believe through collaboration, we can reach our common goal of implementing a sustainable and successful program to help low-income households afford their drinking water.

We appreciate your consideration of our proposal and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to further discuss strategies to reach a mutually agreed-upon low-income water rate assistance program. Please contact Ashley Walker, Senior Policy Advisor at Nossaman LLP, at [awalker@nossaman.com](mailto:awalker@nossaman.com) to coordinate a meeting with our coalition.

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August 24, 2020

Hon. Henry I. Stern, Chair  
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 Committee on Natural Resources and Water  
 California State Senate  
 State Capitol, Room 5046  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Hon. Eduardo Garcia, Chair  
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 Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife  
 California State Assembly  
 1020 N Street, Room 160  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Comments on SWRCB Recommendations for a Statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program**

Dear Senator Stern, Senator Jones, Assemblymember Garcia, and Assemblymember Dahle,

On behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, I am writing in regard to State Water Resources Control Board's February 2020 report, entitled "Recommendations for a Statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program," which was prompted by the passage of AB 401 (2015) Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Act. OMWD provides over 86,000 customers in northern San Diego County with water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectric, and recreational services.

OMWD appreciates the time and effort by SWRCB to complete the report and the opportunities to provide feedback. Prior to the proposal of future legislation inspired by the report, OMWD would like to offer its initial comment on several areas of the report.

**Program Eligibility & New Administrative Functions**

The report envisions a statewide low-income assistance program with benefits distributed through water bills. Before benefits can be distributed, program eligibility and mechanisms for said distribution will need to be established for all water agencies throughout California. As proposed in the report, eligibility determination and program enrollment could either be migrated from the California Alternative Rates for Energy program, which could raise issues with regard to customer privacy, or via self-certification, which would entail additional burdens for both low-income households and agencies such as OMWD.

If enrollment information is derived from the CARE program, it is important that customer data be secured by the SWRCB and easily accessible to water agencies. It should be the responsibility of SWRCB to draw on the existing database of low-income families in the CARE program and ensure all legal requirements are met to ensure customer privacy. While CARE and other existing assistance programs in the state have privacy protections in place for household income data used to determine program eligibility, this would be new to water agencies such as OMWD and would likely require new privacy protection measures. To ease this burden, SWRCB should make every effort to streamline the process of retrieving the customer data for local agencies.



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While OMWD supports the use of existing assistance programs such as CARE or CalFresh for data on low-income families, we strongly oppose a self-certification program. Both will have large financial burdens on local water agencies with regard to implementation and any future legislation should take this financial impact into consideration. However, a self-certification program would trigger even more administrative costs, such as billing system changes, compliance with requirements for reimbursement with state funding, enhanced customer interaction, and program promotion costs. Furthermore, additional staff may be needed, or existing staff would need to be trained, in analyzing and managing income data. The cumulative financial burden upon water agencies from this approach could register in the billions of dollars statewide. Placing such a heavy financial mandate upon water agencies will necessarily cause upward pressure on future water rates, which will only exacerbate problems with the water affordability this program is intended to alleviate.

Lastly, OMWD is concerned with the additional administrative function of a state claims administrator with regard to executing the water crisis assistance component. As written, this component allows customers that received shutoff notices due to nonpayment to enroll in the state program for assistance. Water agencies would then be required to submit reimbursement claims for lost revenues from the nonpaying customers to a claims administrator for review. As stated in the report itself, the administrative complexity of setting up and operating a water crisis assistance component would require additional layer of service to water agencies. Future legislation should revise how this component is formulated and executed. OMWD requests a more streamlined approach to this component that is easily understood by the consumer and does not impose onerous and costly requirements onto water agencies.

### **Basis of Assistance**

Water agencies throughout California have varying rate structures designed to meet the needs of their respective service areas. Thus, OMWD agrees that benefits assigned as a percentage of a specified consumption level is more viable option than a flat benefit discount or a discount to a certain component of the bill.

OMWD is delighted that SWRCB has modified the consumption level calculations based off our previous comments on the draft report. Future legislation derived from this report should ensure that benefits of the program be based on six centum cubic feet per month tied to indoor water use. This is because the original intent of AB 401 is to provide assistance of water use for basic human needs. Thus, including outdoor water use when determining consumption levels is not consistent with that intent. OMWD supports ensuring that water used for basic human needs remains affordable, and offers the lowest rate possible to all of our residential customers for the first six CCF of water.

In addition, OMWD is pleased that, at our urging, the final report modified its average household size with regard to consumption level calculations. The US Census Bureau reports that the median household size in California is just under three, and this should be the basis of any calculation moving forward regarding average household size.

### **Program Funding**

As with food, there should not be a tax on water at the retail and customer level, as water is a basic necessity. The report recommends the potential use of progressive personal income tax and/or revenue sources that have a nexus to water use such as a soda tax or bottled water tax. OMWD concurs with such revenue collection options and urges any future legislation not use local water bills to generate revenue for the program.



### **Infringing on Local Control**

The report's appendices proposes that the legislature evaluate the need for additional authority by which to exercise more oversight over how each water agency, such as OMWD, sets its rates. Local water districts are best suited to determine the most appropriate rate structure for their ratepayers and are responsible for ensuring the financial security of the district. Furthermore, recommending SWRCB or the legislature to become involved in financial management or rate-setting activities of locally elected governments is not relevant and outside the parameters set out in AB 401.

OMWD looks forward to working with your committee and staff on any future proposed legislation that is inspired by the report. If you or your staff should need any additional details pertaining to this assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-753-6466 or [kthorner@olivenhain.com](mailto:kthorner@olivenhain.com).

Regards,



Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

CC: Senator Bill Dodd  
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Assemblymember Marie Waldron  
Assemblymember Brian Maienschein  
Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath  
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Dave Bolland, Association of California Water Agencies

# Memo

Date: January 15, 2025

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

From: Jesse Bartlett-May, Operations Manager

Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager

Subject: **REVIEW OF GENERAL MANAGER’S DECLARATION OF THE OLIVENHAIN ROAD LEAK REPAIR PROJECT AS AN EMERGENCY PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A TIME AND MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CASS ARRIETA FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$35,000, APPROPRIATE \$70,000 TO THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM THE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT BUDGET, AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT, CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CEQA FINDINGS AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK AND THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH, ACCEPT INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY RECORDER**

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the emergency declaration of the Olivenhain Road (Olivenhain) Leak Repair Project as an Emergency Project in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 1102.

Additionally, the purpose of this agenda item is to consider adoption of the proposed Resolution and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and would authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Olivenhain Road Leak Repair Project with the San Diego County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse at the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and accept the Project into OMWD’s system and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

The General Manager declared an emergency on December 26, 2024. Pursuant to the Administrative and Ethics Code Section 3.2.1, the Board shall review the General Manager's emergency action at the next Board meeting. Today's agenda item will review the emergency declaration by the General Manager and order a Notice of Completion to be filed.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board (1) review and affirm the General Manager's emergency declaration, including (2) approval of the time and materials contract with Cass Arrieta (Cass) in the amount of \$35,000, and (3) authorize an appropriation of \$70,000 from the Pipeline Replacement Project Budget.

Additionally, (4) staff recommends adoption of the proposed Resolution which makes CEQA findings for declaration of the Olivenhain Road Leak Repair Project as an Emergency Project exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2), as well as a Statutorily Exempt project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) and (c), and Section 15282(k). Beginning on January 1, 2024, Senate Bill (SB) 69 (Cortese, 2023) requires local agencies to file NOEs with the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Staff recommends approval to (5) file a NOE for the project with the San Diego County Clerk for posting per CEQA Guideline Section 15062 and with the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and (6) recommends acceptance of the Olivenhain Road Emergency Leak Repair Project into OMWD's system and (7) authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

### **Alternative(s)**

California Public Contract Code Section 1102 states, "Emergency, as used in this code, means a sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services." The failure to complete the Olivenhain Road Leak Repair Project could cause public property damage, impacts to public health, impacts to the environment, and limit potable water and fire service to customers within a portion of OMWD thereby creating a loss of essential public services.

Although the proposed Project qualifies as an Emergency Project under California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) and as Statutorily Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) and (c) and Section 15282(k), the Board could:

- Adopt the NOE and direct staff to not file the NOE, which would increase the Statue of Limitation for filing protests against the project from 35 days to 180 days; There

are no alternatives to accepting the projects into OMWD's system. Emergency work to repair the leak is complete.

- Determine that CEQA is not required for this project and not adopt the Resolution; There are no alternatives to accepting the projects into OMWD's system. Emergency work to repair the leak is complete.

### **Background**

Olivenhain Road is a heavily trafficked road located in Director Division 2 (Maloni) and contains a 10-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) line which acts as a Fire Department Connection (FDC) lateral and is critical to maintain fire protection to the adjacent business, Olivenhain Self-Storage (Self-Storage).

### **Fiscal Impact**

The Pipeline Replacement (D120171) Project has \$500,000 approved in the fiscal year 24/25 capital budget with \$437,084.45 available. OMWD budgets an allotment of funds for unknown leak repairs in its annual operating budget. The proposed appropriation of \$70,000 will cover: 1) OMWD labor, 2) materials needed to repair the leak, and 3) any support services required by outside contractors on a time and materials basis.

Is this a Multi Fiscal Year Project? **No**

In which FY did this capital project first appear in the CIP budget? **2025**

Total Project Budget: **\$70,000**

Current Fiscal Year Appropriation: **\$500,000**

To Date Approved Appropriations: **\$0**

Target Project Completion Date: **January 3, 2025**

Expenditures and Encumbrances as of (January 8, 2025): **\$0**

Is this change order within the appropriation of this fiscal year? **N/A**

If this change order is outside of the appropriation, Source of Fund? **N/A**

## Discussion

On the morning of Tuesday, December 10, 2024, water was observed coming from a backflow device in front of the Olivenhain Self-Storage, located at 1605 Olivenhain Road, and flowing onto Olivenhain Road. System Operators quickly arrived on site and were able to determine the leak was coming from OMWD facilities and not the customer backflow device or irrigation system. Operators were able to get a successful closure of the valve and stop the leak. Dig Alert was called for excavation to commence.

On Wednesday morning, December 12, an OMWD crew began excavating to determine where exactly the leak was coming from. Due to the location of the work and the surrounding pipelines, crews had to dig by hand. Once the crew reached a depth of 6 feet, the walls began sloughing off. Because of this, crews were unable to determine the origin of the leak and decided to regroup, obtain more shoring materials, and complete the repair the following Monday morning, December 16. The only customer affected was Self-Storage's fire sprinkler system, and staff communicated with Self-Storage management throughout the process.

Construction began hand digging, assisted with the mini excavator, and vac truck on Monday, December 16. Crews dug to about 10-feet and were able to expose the fire hydrant lateral which tees off the 10-inch Fire Department Connection (FDC) lateral and determined the leak was not coming from the hydrant line. It was then determined the leak was coming from the FDC line. Due to the FDC lateral crossing under a storm drain, the top of the pipe was 13-feet deep and crews needed to dig 15-feet to perform the repair. This depth was beyond the capabilities of OMWD owned equipment. Staff reached out to our as-needed construction team, TC Construction (TC), to assemble a crew. Unfortunately, TC was also extremely busy and unable to assist in a timely manner.

OMWD's crew gave it one more attempt on the morning of Wednesday, December 18, by hand digging, but the OMWD vac truck could no longer reach at the depth of 14-feet and the crew quickly determined the job to be unsafe.

As TC was unavailable, staff reached out to Cass Arrietta (Cass), another reputable construction firm we have worked with recently, to determine if they could help with the final repair. Cass was able to inspect the site and determined they could have a crew out the following Monday, December 23, to make the repairs for under \$35,000, which is the public bidding threshold, and no emergency declaration would be needed. Staff updated Self-Storage, and they were satisfied with the plan. Self-Storage remained in water the entire time. However, the building's fire sprinkler system was down, but they still had other fire hydrants on site and were happy with OMWD's communication with them throughout this event. For additional safety, OMWD had boarded and plated the hole and added fencing around the site.

On Monday, December 23, Cass was able to get the excavation to roughly 15-16 feet. The crew exposed the line and made it safe to perform the repairs on Tuesday morning. On Tuesday, December 24, staff discovered nuisance water from the adjacent creek filling the hole, causing excavation to become unstable. Staff monitored the site over the holiday, December 25, and removed 8-feet of water from the hole with a Vac Truck the morning of Thursday, December 26.

A subcontractor to Cass constructed a special deep shoring box that stabilized the excavation to make it safe for staff to enter and make repairs. Staff and Cass monitored the hole and removed the intrusion water.

Due to the depth of the excavation, 16-feet x 12-feet, along a heavily trafficked roadway, safety concerns due to a collapsing trench and the need for heavy equipment and shoring materials to conduct the repair, the General Manager declared an emergency based on both the OMWD Administrative Code §3.2.1 and California Public Contract Code §1102 to prevent and mitigate the loss of property.

On Thursday, December 26, staff and Cass were able to secure the hole with appropriate shoring, stemmed the continual collapse of the trench, and determined that the leak was due to a leaking mechanical joint which was immediately repaired. They initiated the backfill, and clean-up efforts were completed on Friday, December 27. The FDC was put back in service on Friday, January 3, 2025.

Pursuant to CEQA, staff has determined the Olivenhain Repair Project to be considered an Emergency Project under Public Resources Code 21080(b)(2) and Statutorily Exempt under CEQA guidelines Section 15269(b) and (c) for emergency projects, and Section 15282(k) for the maintenance, repair or restoration of an existing pipeline as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

Work for the Project is now complete. This will be the final report on the emergency declaration to the Board and staff recommends acceptance of the Project into OMWD's system and filing the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

*Attachment(s):*

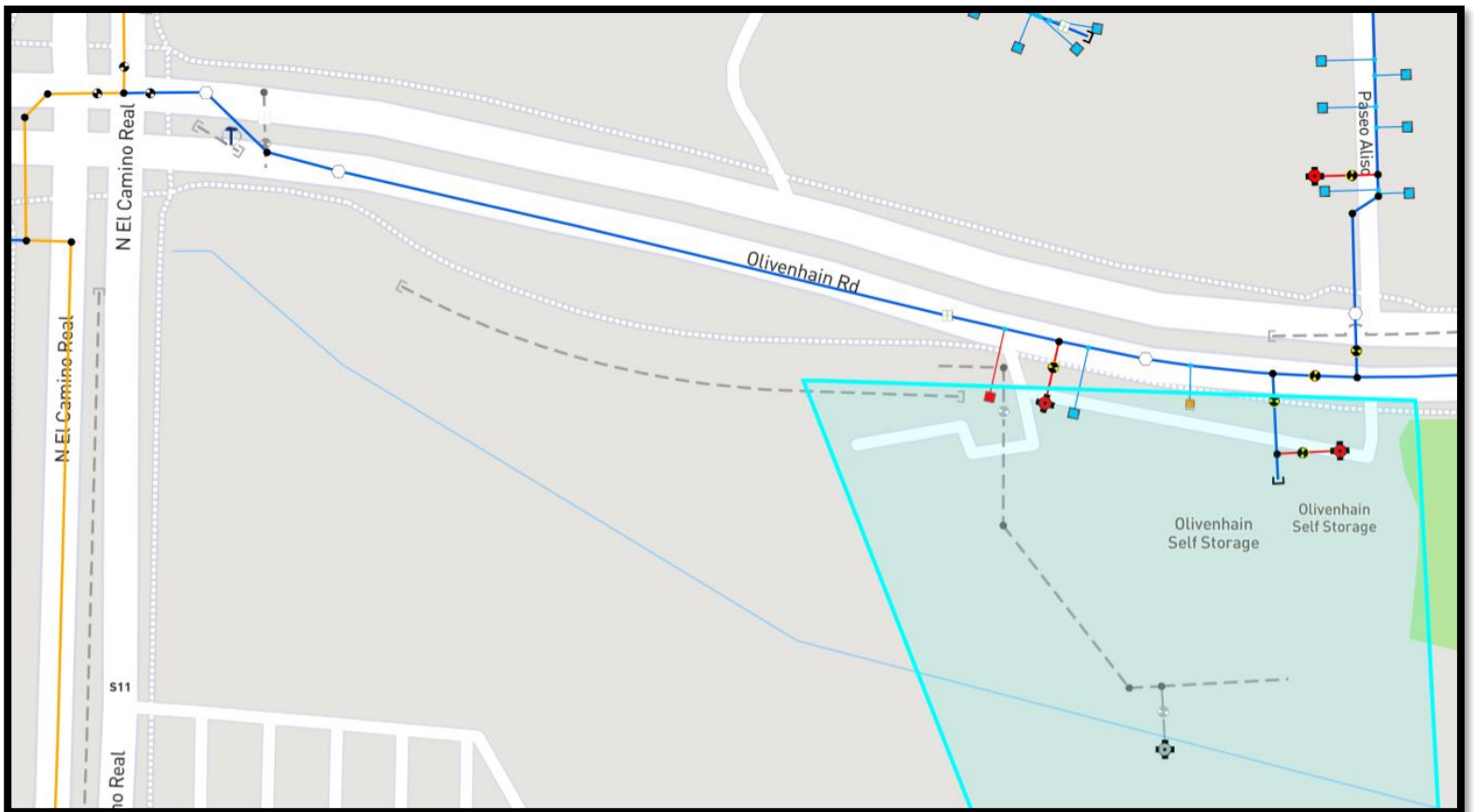
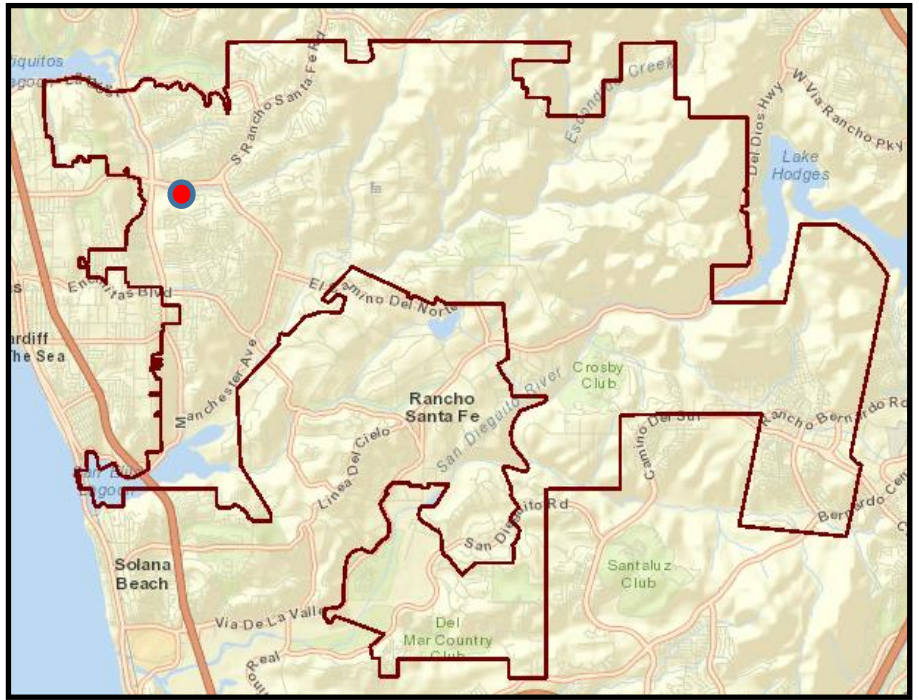
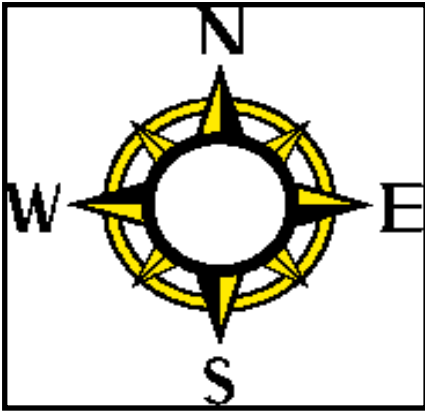
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*Notice of Exemption;*

*Notice of Completion;*

*Olivenhain Road Emergency Leak Repair Update PowerPoint Presentation*



**OLIVENHAIN ROAD EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT**  
**OMWD PROJECT NO. D120207**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS FOR THE OLIVENHAIN ROAD LEAK REPAIR PROJECT AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a water agency organized and operating pursuant to California Water Code Section 71000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District owns and operates a 10-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Fire Department Connection (FDC) line which acts as a Fire Department Connection (FDC) lateral and is critical to maintain fire protection to the adjacent business, Olivenhain Self-Storage; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, OMWD water was observed coming from near a backflow device in front of Olivenhain Self Storage, located at 1605 Olivenhain Road. Staff commenced excavation and discovered a leaking mechanical joint and executed the repair of the leaking joint; and

WHEREAS, under the State of California Public Resources Code Sections 21080(b)(2) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Article 18, Sections 15269(b) and (c), the Olivenhain Road Leak Repair (Olivenhain) project qualifies as an Emergency Project necessary to maintain service essential to public health and safety and the repair is necessary to prevent an emergency, which statutorily exempts the Olivenhain project from the provisions of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15282(k) additionally statutorily exempts the maintenance, repair, and restoration of an existing pipeline, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length and does not involve any above-ground appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors has caused to be prepared a Notice of Exemption according to CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15062; and

WHEREAS, having heard, considered, and reviewed information from interested persons who expressed their views to the Board of Directors, it is in the interest of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District and the people it serves to order a Notice of Exemption filed with the County Clerk, County of San Diego and the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District does hereby find, determine, resolve and order as follows:

SECTION 1: The foregoing facts are found and determined to be true and correct.

SECTION 2: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061, the Board of Directors finds and determines that the Olivenhain Road Leak Repair



project is exempt from CEQA for the following reasons:

- 1) California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) allows for Emergency repairs to public service facilities necessary to maintain service.
- 2) CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15269(b) statutorily exempts emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare.
- 3) CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15269(c) statutorily exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.
- 4) CEQA Guidelines Article 18, Section 15282(k) statutorily exempts the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length and does not involve any above-ground appurtenances.

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District hereby finds and determines that immediate action is required to repair the Fire Department Connection (FDC) lateral mechanical joint which is vital to the provision of potable water and fire service to the business at 1605 Olivenhain Road, Olivenhain Self-Storage. For this reason, the Board of Directors of the District finds that an emergency exists within the meaning of Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2) requiring the commencement of immediate emergency repair work to the Fire Department Connection lateral line to ensure fire service is maintained to the business.

SECTION 4: The Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District hereby directs staff to promptly file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the County of San Diego and the State Clearinghouse at the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research stating that the project is exempt from the reporting requirements of CEQA in accordance with Public Resources Code Sections 21080(b)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(b) and (c), and 15282(k), and to immediately commence all work repair necessary to the Fire Department Connection lateral line as quickly as possible.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

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Matthew Hahn, President  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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Christy Guerin, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Diego

1600 Pacific Hwy, Suite 260

San Diego, CA 92101

**From:** (Public Agency): Olivenhain MWD

1966 Olivenhain Road

Encinitas, CA 92024

(Address)

Project Title: Olivenhain Road Leak Repair Project

Project Applicant: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:

**Olivenhain Self-Storage located at 1605 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024**

Project Location - City: Encinitas

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

**Emergency project to repair a leaking 10-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) line which acts as a Fire Department Connection (FDC) lateral located at 1605 Olivenhain Road.**

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

**The failure to complete the Olivenhain Road Leak Repair Project could pose a clear and imminent danger resulting in loss of property and essential public services to the business within a portion of OMWD.**

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jesse Bartlett-May

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-632-4647

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDING REQUESTED BY &  
WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:**

Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
1966 Olivenhain Road  
Encinitas, California, 92024-5699

(This space for recorder's use)

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the facilities for the Olivenhain Road Emergency Leak Repair Project located 1605 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024 located in the County of San Diego, State of California for which OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (“Owner,” in fee), headquartered at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024, contracted with CASS ARRIETA (“Contractor”), located at 1105 N. Marshall Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020, have been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications as of December 27, 2024. The facilities have been accepted by the Board of Directors of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT on this 15th day of January, 2025.

In witness whereof this Notice of Completion has been executed under authority from the Board of Directors of said OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT by Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager.

KIMBERLY A. THORNER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is General Manager of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT and is familiar with the facts stated in the foregoing Notice of Completion executed for and on behalf of said Agency, that she has read the foregoing Notice of Completion and knows the contents thereof and that the same are true.

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A. Thorner  
General Manager

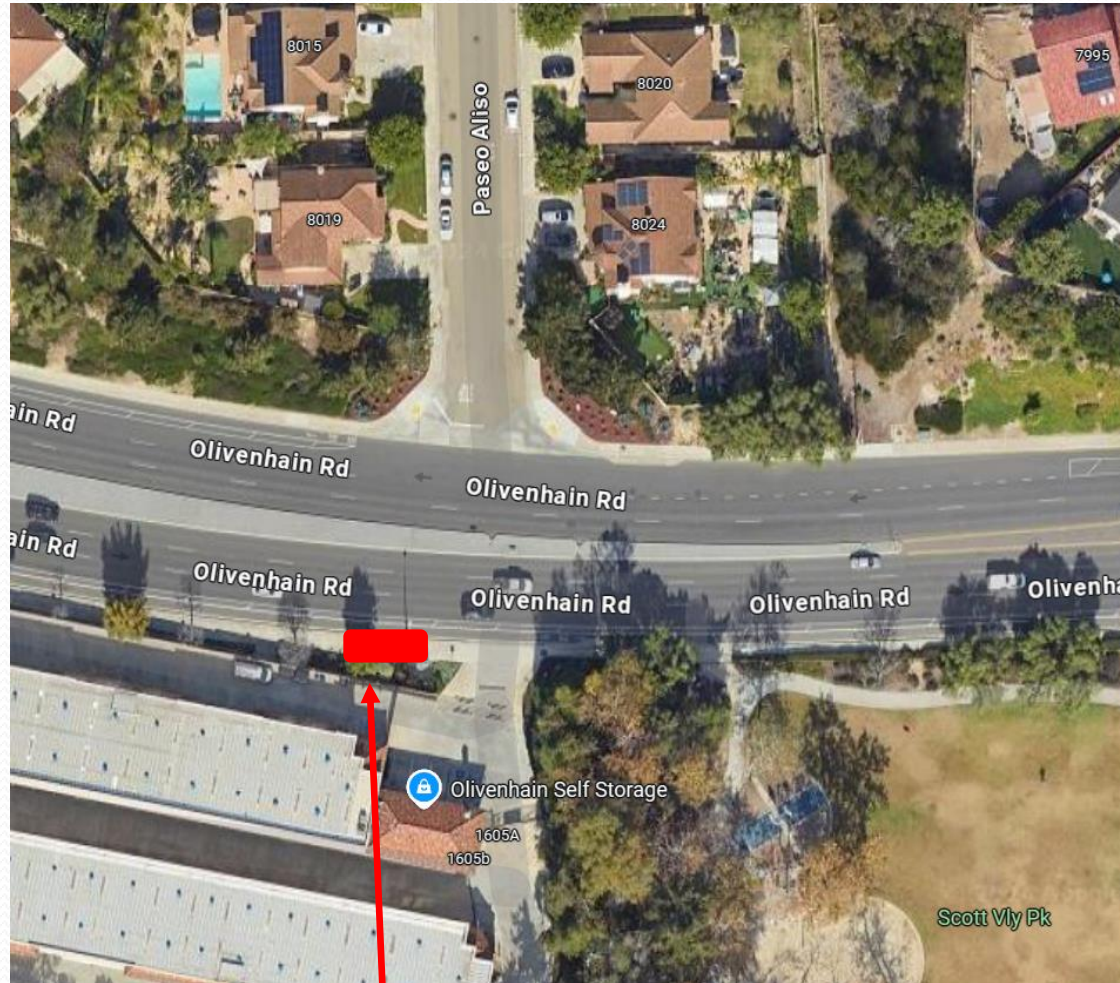
District Project No. D120207 – Olivenhain Road Emergency Leak Repair

# Olivenhain Self-Storage Emergency Project Declaration

January 15, 2025



# Olivenhain Self-Storage 1605 Olivenhain Road



**WORK AREA**

# 10-inch Fire Department Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipeline



# Excavation To Identify Leak

Fire Hydrant  
Lateral ~6'  
Deep





# Excavation Challenges



# Cass Arrietta and Equipment



# Lowering Shields In Place



# Shielding Boxes Installed



# Final Repairs



# Backfill Complete



# Thank You!

Big thank you to everyone involved in making this repair happen. Thank you to Cass Arrieta for being available last minute and providing the equipment and shielding to safely make the repair. Thank you Director San Antonio for bringing coffee to the crews.



# Questions?



# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS  
PRESIDENT

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Any report will be oral at the time of the Board meeting.

# Memo

**B**

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS  
GENERAL MANAGER

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Any written report will be attached; any oral report will be provided at the time of the Board Meeting.

January 15, 2025

Board of Directors  
 Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
 1966 Olivenhain Road  
 Encinitas, CA 92024

The following are brief highlights of the District's departmental operations for the months of **November and December 2024:**

<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>December 2024</b>	<b>November 2024</b>
<b>David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant (DCMWTP) Total Production</b>	534 million gallons	319 million gallons
<b>DCMWTP Average Daily Production</b>	17.2 million gallons	10.6 million gallons
<b>DCMWTP Peak Day Production</b>	20.3 million gallons	22.1 million gallons
<b>Source Water Blend (% State Project Water)</b>	13%	23%
<b>Total Deliveries to Vallecitos Water District</b>	312.01 acre feet 101.67 million gallons	69.92 acre feet 22.78 million gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Total Inflow</b>	40.7 million gallons	39.19 million gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Average Daily Inflow</b>	1,312,289 gallons	1,306,227 gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Peak Day Inflow</b>	1,419,622 gallons	1,369,997 gallons
<b>4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Low Day Inflow</b>	1,212,202 gallons	1,229,434 gallons
<b>4S Water Reclamation Facility (4SWRF) Average Daily Production</b>	671,935 gallons	740,388 gallons
<b>4SWRF Peak Day Production</b>	966,411 gallons	1,017,024 gallons
<b>4SWRF Total to Recycled Water Distribution System</b>	20.83 million gallons	22.2 million gallons
<b>4S Recycled Water Storage Pond Volume</b>	54 acre feet	38-acre feet
<b>Repaired Potable Water Main Leak(s)</b>	2	0
<b>Repaired Potable Water Service Lateral Assembly Leak(s)</b>	2	4
<b>Repaired Recycled Water Main Leak(s)</b>	0	1
<b>Repaired Recycled Water Service Lateral Leak(s)</b>	0	0
<b>Repaired Hit Fire Hydrant Lateral Assembly Leak(s)</b>	2	1
<b>Replaced Valve(s) Monthly Total</b>	2	3
<b>Replaced Valve(s) Calendar Year to Date</b>	26	24
<b>Recycled Water Use Site Inspections &amp; Visits</b>	37	27
<b>Recycled Water Use Site Cross Connection Tests</b>	14	12
<b>Cross Connection Site Surveys</b>	4	2
<b>Backflow Inspections &amp; Testing (New)</b>	6	11
<b>IT Help Requests</b>	20	28
<b>Customer Services</b>	<b>December 2024</b>	<b>November 2024</b>
<b>Customer Calls and Inquiries</b>	1,632	1,500
<b>Total Monthly Bills Issued</b>	23,001	23,021
<b>Service Orders</b>	549	741
<b>New Potable Meters</b>	2	1
<b>New Fire Meters</b>	1	0
<b>New Recycled Water Meters</b>	0	1

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Troubleshooting Investigations	125	98
<b>Customer Services - Continued</b>	<b>December 2024</b>	<b>November 2024</b>
Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Troubleshooting	0	6
Stopped/Underperforming Meters Replaced	142	162
Meter Transceiver Units (MXU) Upgraded to AMI	0	253
Meter Accuracy Tests Performed	11	0
Water Use Evaluations	18	20
Water Use Violation Reports	2	0
Workshops, Events, and Tours	0	1
High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Applications	6	5
Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Rebate Applications	6	2
Hose Irrigation Controller Rebate Applications	3	1
High-Efficiency Rotating Nozzle Rebate Applications	0	0
High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Applications	0	0
Rain Barrel Rebate Applications	0	0
Flow Monitor Device Rebate Applications	4	4
Turf Removal Project Rebate Applications	1	2
Social Media Posts	22	18
News Releases/Media Advisories	1	3
<b>EFRR</b>	<b>December 2024</b>	<b>November 2024</b>
Special Use/Event Permits	4	7
Parking Notices	146	130
Incident Reports	12	10
Vehicle Count	4,288	4,916
Trail Use Count	10,720	9,675
Days Closed Due to Rain/Red Flag	2	2
Days Interpretive Center (IC) Open	13	17
Number of IC Visitors	387	492
Volunteer Trail Patrol Shifts	9	11
Volunteer Docent Hours	84	102
Total Number of Docents	68	66
<b>Finance</b>	<b>December 2024</b>	<b>November 2024</b>
Infosend Payments (ACH and Credit Card)	13,415	14,763
California Bank & Trust Lockbox Payments	2,136	1,911
Over the Counter Payments	357	397
Check-free, Metavante and Chase	4,375	3,609
Finance Calls and Walk-ins	26	47
Service Orders/New Meters Processed	8	8
Service Orders Closed Out	1	0
Purchase Orders	15	12
Inventory Items Received	127	730
Invoices Processed	395	468
Payroll Direct Deposits Processed	240	242
Payments to Vendors	309	236

## **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

### **Engineering Manager Lindsey Stephenson Highlights for November 2024:**

4S Ranch Neighborhood 1 Sewer Pump Station Replacement Project was completed. Work for the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant (DCMWTP) Chlorine Generation Room Floor Repair Project was completed. Unit A Potable Water Pipeline Replacement Project progressed towards completion. The Recycled Water Pipeline Extensions Project continues to progress with pipeline installations underway in Carlsbad and Encinitas. Activities related to the construction of the DCMWTP 4<sup>th</sup> Stage Plant Improvement Project continue to progress. Construction of the Gardendale and Village Park West Pressure Reducing Stations Replacement Project continues through contracting phase. Staff completed the Potable and Recycled Water Master Plan Update. Staff continued planning and design efforts on multiple CIP projects, processed developer requests, continued to assist other departments with engineering-related work, and continued to manage OMWD's facilities, cathodic systems, cell sites, and right of ways.

### **Engineering Manager Lindsey Stephenson Highlights for December 2024:**

4S Ranch Neighborhood 1 Sewer Pump Station Replacement Project completion was accepted at the December board meeting and the Notice of Completion has been filed. The DCMWTP Chlorine Generation Room Floor Repair Project completion was accepted at the December board meeting and the Notice of Completion has been filed. Unit A Potable Water Pipeline Replacement Project is nearly complete, with punchlist items remaining. The Recycled Water Pipeline Extensions Project continues to progress with pipeline installations underway in Carlsbad and Encinitas. Activities related to the construction of the DCMWTP 4<sup>th</sup> Stage Plant Improvement Project continue to progress. Notice to Proceed was issued for the Gardendale and Village Park West Pressure Reducing Stations Replacement Project. Staff continued planning and design efforts on multiple CIP projects, processed developer requests, continued to assist other departments with engineering-related work, and continued to manage OMWD's facilities, cathodic systems, cell sites, and right of ways.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

### **Human Resources Manager Jennifer Joslin Highlights for November 2024:**

Human Resources staff conducted interviews for the vacant Utility I, II, and III positions. Held benefits open enrollment for employee annual health insurance plan changes, supplemental insurance additions, and flexible spending account enrollments. Generated the mid-year performance reviews for all employees for completion by the Supervisors and Managers. Hosted harassment prevention training sessions for all managers, supervisors, non-supervisory employees, and temporary staff. Held a Human Resources/Employee Association (HEART) Committee meeting to discuss the voluntary employee benefit savings account (VEBA) employee and employer contributions. Toured the MiraCosta College Technology Career Institute facility. Attended the WUHRC (Water Utilities Human Resources Committee) interagency meeting to discuss various human resources topics. Safety staff conducted a safety inspection of the water treatment plant and worked on various property damage claims.

Requests Received Pursuant to the Public Records Act (November 1-30):

<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Documents Requested</u>
Center for Contract Compliance	Contract Documents for the Gardendale and Village Park West PRS Replacements
Prince Lobel	Bid Documents and Project Specifications for the Lake Hodges Emergency Storage Project
Saddle Ridge HOA	Information pertaining to the sale of District property adjacent to the Saddle Ridge community.

**Human Resources Manager Jennifer Joslin Highlights for December 2024:**

Held the December employee forum including a Water for People speaker regarding their charity work. Conducted a human resources new staff member orientation with Director Maloni. Hosted the annual Festivus holiday employee potluck luncheon event. Human Resources staff continued recruitments for the vacant Utility I, II, and III positions. Safety staff completed the annual recertification of the Hazardous Material Business Plan for the 4S Water Reclamation facility. Updated the District's records retention schedule.

Requests Received Pursuant to the Public Records Act (December 1-31):

<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Documents Requested</u>
SteepSteel , LLC	All active leases/licenses for rooftop antennas, or other wireless installations on District property, and twenty-four months of payment histories
SmartProcure	Quarterly Purchasing Records

**OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

**Operations Manager Jesse Bartlett-May Highlights for November 2024:**

During the untreated water shutdown, staff replaced four electric actuators, repaired leaks on the strainer backwash discharge piping, tested equipment connected to two programmable logic controllers (PLC) following their replacement as part of the PLC Replacement Project. Staff also replaced the chlorine generation system brine pump, repaired leaks, and broken equipment on the sodium hypochlorite delivery systems. Wet well liner repairs were completed at the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station. Mira Costa College, San Elijo Campus conversion to recycled water irrigation is complete. Pump & Motor Technicians (PMT) staff replaced and refurbished over six pumps and motors during the WTP shutdown and IT staff ran new power and data to the new Parks trailer office. New Instrument Control Technicians (ICT) staff, Salden Stone, joined the team. System Operators assisted in the completion of the Rancho Santa Fe Road Unit A Pipeline Replacement Project by filling, flushing, and sampling the line before placing online. System Operations replaced a defective strainer on Pump 4 at the Village Park Pump Station and Operators assisted Construction on two nylon bushing leaks on Rancho Santa Fe Road on the 16" cement mortar lined coated steel pipeline. Construction hosted American Flow Control for a training on their new Wet Barrell Hydrant in which staff earned one Continuing Education Unit (EDU) for attending. Construction and TC Construction, with support from System Operations and Engineering,

repaired a 12” recycled water main break on El Camino Real and Mountain Vista in Encinitas.

### **Operations Manager Jesse Bartlett-May Highlights for December 2024:**

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) operators and Instrument Control Technicians (ICT) staff worked on installing the sodium hypochlorite generation and fluoridation equipment following facility maintenance that had begun in July 2024 as part of the DCMWTP Chlorine Generation Room Floor Repair Project. The fluoridation and chlorine generation systems are expected to be returned to service in late December. Staff collected the final round of Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) samples, and the results were approved. WTP and System Operators attended training held by the San Diego County Water Authority on the regions aqueduct systems. The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses on South El Camino Real has converted to recycled water for landscape irrigation. This change is estimated to save approximately 2 acre-feet per year (AFY) of potable water. System Operators repaired the 8-inch cla-valve overflow to the control valve for the 4S Recycled Water Storage Reservoir (Pond) and troubleshot the 4-inch cla val at 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, which is responsible for water processing, and assisted with ordering backup valves. Due to powerful Santa Ana winds that hit San Diego County in mid-December, San Diego Gas & Electric performed Public Safety Power Shutoffs that impacted Santa Fe Valley Sewer Pump Station. Due to this outage, System Operators turned Extension 153 around in order to supply the recycled water system via the San Diego #2 recycled connection. Construction, with support from System Operations, repaired two nylon bushing leaks on Dove Hollow Road and Woodwind Drive, repaired a leaking hydrant gate valve can on Centella Street, and responded to and repaired a 1” curbstoep leak on Olive Crest Drive and a hit hydrant on Wandering Road and Valleda Lane. Construction also completed two tie-ins for Village Park Recycled at Parkdale Lane and Gate Post and discovered and repaired a fire detector check leak at Olivenhain Self Storage on Olivenhain Road with support from Cass Arrietta.

### **CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### **Customer Services Manager John Carnegie Highlights for November 2024:**

Sent e-newsletter on November 1; held facilities tour for 17 customers; participated in a City of Encinitas Climate Action Plan Workgroup meeting and San Diego County Water Authority’s workshop on Water Use Efficiency Legislation implementation; submitted to Department of Water Resources the certified Water Loss Audit for calendar year 2023; completed Title VI Civil Rights Act compliance program requirements for federal grants administered by US Environmental Protection Agency; and received notification from San Diego Foundation that OMWD was awarded \$5,000 from the Hans and Margaret Doe Charitable Trust fund for My Water Use dashboard outreach.

At Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, held tour of David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant for volunteers; held training for two new Trail Patrol docents; held an Escondido Creek palm removal volunteer event and a trail trimming volunteer event on the Manzanita and Equine Incline trails; held five “Habitat” field trips for Escondido Unified School District students; submitted to County of San Diego a Community Enhancement grant for \$8,780 for trail and emergency access road improvements; and launched eighteenth annual photo contest.

### **Customer Services Manager John Carnegie Highlights for December 2024:**

Published December issue of Watching Water newsletter; launched annual fourth grade poster contest; submitted to SWRCB the FY 2024 Annual Water Use Report; completed annual audit of Permanent Special Agricultural Water Rate customers; participated in DWR's webinar on water loss and leak detection and Interagency Customer Service Managers Meeting at Helix Water District; provided overview of Customer Services Department to new board member; and submitted to Senator Durazo a letter regarding potential collaboration on the development of a low-income water rate assistance program.

At Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, held five "Habitat" field trips for Escondido Unified School District students; hosted Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council's Keepin' It Rural 5K/10K trail run/hike; completed transition to new park department office trailer; and initiated installation of new "Seasons of EFRR" exhibit that will be on display in the interpretive center mid-January through June 2025.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Finance Manager Rainy Selamat Highlights for November 2024:**

Finalized and reviewed FY 2023/24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Single Audit Report; finalized pre-buying water terms with SDCWA finance staff and discussed with GM Thorner; held quarterly finance committee meeting to discuss audit results, investment activities, and financial reports; updated annual investment policy for 2025; attended Harassment Prevention Training; attended bi-monthly OMWD's CIP meeting to review CWIP report; attended California Asset Management Program (CAMP) monthly market updated; reviewed departmental operating statement and labor tracking reports with Engineering Manager Stephenson; staff updated finance presentation for briefing with new board members; staff completed RAD 96-1 annual disclosure report with assistance from NBS (OMWD's RAD 96-1 administrator); staff attended Fraud Detection Training hosted by California Bank and Trust; staff updated 2024 capacity fees; and completed all Finance goals for 2024.

#### **Finance Manager Rainy Selamat Highlights for December 2024:**

Attended 2-day Government Tax Seminar; attended Staff Leadership meeting to discuss 2025 goals; attended swearing in of new board member; met with Operations Manager Barlett-May to discuss budget for annual reservoirs management and maintenance program; auditors presented FY 2024 annual audit results to the Board; submitted FY 2023/24 ACFR to Government Finance Officers Association for their annual ACFR award program; reported pension funding progress to the Board and received direction from the Board; staff completed Section 125 nondiscrimination testing for compliance with IRS rules; staff worked with Field Customer Service to update the District's new meter installation process; updated Microsoft General Dynamics Payroll module for 2025 payroll taxes; staff completed annual finance house-keeping items for approval by the Board; staff completed calendar year 2024 payroll year-end process; completed and scheduled payment for prebuying water from SDCWA; sent OMWD's Additional Discretionary Payment of \$311,000 for 2024 to CalPERS; staff participated in GFOA and CSMFO budget award programs;



completed staff mid-year performance reviews; staff updated payroll deduction files for all employees for calendar 2025; and reviewed and completed 2021A and 201B annual bond reports to California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission.

#### **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER:**

##### **The Assistant General Manager reports the following for November 2024:**

Attended Integrated Regional Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting, San Diego North Economic Development Council Board of Directors Meeting and OMWD Supervisor/Manager Harassment Prevention Training. Continued project management efforts on San Dieguito Valley Brackish Groundwater Project including grant application development and easement assessment coordination, dedicated significant time to Customer Services, Engineering and Operations annual objective development, personnel matters including beginning mid-year employee reviews, participation in Utility interviews, review and preparation of upcoming grant funding opportunities, Community Partners budget and North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition coordination.

##### **The Assistant General Manager reports the following for December 2024:**

Attended new OMWD Board Member swearing-in ceremony and Customer Services Department Briefing for new Board Member. Coordinated response on unplanned construction activities and emergency leak response. Continued project management efforts on San Dieguito Valley Brackish Groundwater Project, dedicated significant time to records request production, personnel matters, including mid-year employee reviews and participation in interview panel for Utility I/II/III, and review and preparation of upcoming projects including Electric Vehicle Fleet Migration.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER:**

##### **The General Manager reports the following for November 2024:**

General Manager Thorner held a Finance Committee Meeting, attended a tour of Mira Costa College's Technology Career Institute facility, held a Human Resources/Employee Association Team Committee meeting, coordinated regional coalition on low income potential legislation, held an Employee Forum, met with a Mt. Laguna water board member, attended the Member Agency Managers Meeting, prepared responses for the San Diego County Taxpayers Association inquiry to San Diego County water agencies, attended the North County Managers Meeting, and dedicated significant time reviewing records requests, reviewing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, preparing board memos, personnel matters, and legal matters including Neighborhood 1, Jones et al.

##### **The General Manager reports the following for December 2024:**

General Manager Thorner attended the Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference, hosted an Oath of office Ceremony for Director Maloni, negotiated City of San Diego and Vallecitos recycled water contracts, held a Staff Leadership Meeting, chaired a San Diego Local

Agency Formation Commission Ad Hoc Rules Review Committee meeting, held a Customer Service briefing for Director Maloni, hosted a Festivus event, coordinated OMWD's Municipal Service Review response, chaired a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Advisory Committee meeting, prepared mid-year reviews, and dedicated significant time to negotiating OMWD's recycled water agreements, reviewing records requests, preparing board memos, personnel matters, and legal matters including Neighborhood 1, Jones et al.

# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

CONSULTING ENGINEER

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# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

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GENERAL COUNSEL

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**TO:** Olivenhain Municipal Water District

**FROM:** Alfred Smith

**DATE:** January 15, 2025

**RE:** Attorney Report: CEQA Update  
150152-0005

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**I. INTRODUCTION.**

This attorney report provides an update on a recent appellate court decision finding for the first time that the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) requires an environmental impact report (“EIR”) to contain a substantive analysis of project-specific wildfire ignition risks. In *People ex rel. Bonta v. County of Lake* (2024) 105 Cal.App.5th 1222, the First District Court of Appeal (“Court”) held that an EIR for a development project in a high-risk fire area did not adequately analyze wildfire risks because (1) it failed to sufficiently inform the public of project-specific ignition sources; (2) it failed to consider the Project’s impacts on the community’s ability to evacuate from wildfire; and (3) it failed to adequately assess the increased risk of human-caused wildfires the project created.

The Court ruled in favor of the County on the remaining issues. The Court found that the EIR’s commitment to carbon credit mitigation did not violate CEQA. The County required the Project proponent to purchase carbon credit offsets as a mitigation measure. The Court affirmed the validity of the County’s approach, holding that CEQA does not preclude a Lead Agency from considering a potentially beneficial measure, even though there were feasibility questions due to the limited number of mitigation credits available.

The Court also ruled that the EIR adequately analyzed the impacts for a potential off-site water well, even though the County did not quantify well drawdown amounts for the off-site well. The Court held that the EIR adequately disclosed the impacts of the off-site well which was planned as a contingency measure for unanticipated shortfalls of water. Because the well would only be used in extreme circumstances that would not arise even under the County’s most conservative model of water supplies, the Court held that CEQA did not require the County to go into further specificity in the EIR with respect to the impacts of the well.

**II. BACKGROUND.**

At issue in the case was the County of Lake’s Environmental Impact Report for a proposed mixed-use project consisting of a luxury resort, residential estate villas, hotel

units and related infrastructure across 16,000 acres of unincorporated and largely undeveloped land in an area of Lake County known as the Guenoc Valley Ranch.

The petitioners included the Center for Biological Diversity and the California Native Plant Society (“Petitioners”). The California Attorney General also submitted comment letters in response to the County’s EIR for the Project. The Petitioners challenged, among other things, the adequacy of disclosure and mitigation measures pertaining to Project impacts, including the exacerbation of wildfire risk, a decrease in groundwater supply, and the generation of greenhouse gases. In particular, the Petitioners criticized the EIR for failing to address how the influx of new residents would increase the potential for wildfire ignitions as compared to existing conditions at the site.

In response, the County published an errata to the EIR and a supplemental report addressing these comments. While the errata acknowledged that development of the site would introduce additional wildfire risks by increasing vehicular traffic and inhabitants, the County maintained its previous determination that the EIR’s Wildfire Plan would ensure that wildfire risks of the Project were limited—notably only analyzing the Project’s current wildfire risk.

The Attorney General asserted that the errata merely provided a cursory overview of the risk factors the Project created and failed to provide a Project-specific analysis of the increased threat. Despite Petitioners’ requests to further revise the EIR and recirculate it for public review, the County certified the EIR and approved the Project.

The Petitioners and the Attorney General filed writ petitions, alleging the EIR failed to properly analyze, disclose, or mitigate the Project’s wildfire and community safety impacts, greenhouse gas emissions, offsite water use, and project alternatives. The trial court ruled that the EIR violated CEQA by failing to consider the Project’s impacts on wildfire risk and the community’s ability to evacuate from wildfire. The trial court rejected the other assertions raised by the Petitioners and the Attorney General. The Petitioners appealed the trial court’s ruling.

### **III. APPELLATE COURT’S ANALYSIS.**

#### **A. Wildfire Risks**

As a preliminary matter, the Court determined that the County’s errata only provided a cursory review of the increased wildfire risks of the Project and did not address Petitioners’ concerns that the project-level analysis of these risks was inadequate. The errata was also too late, as the Court determined an agency cannot remedy an EIR’s deficiencies through post-EIR analysis.

Although the County countered that there was no need to discuss the Project impacts on wildfire risk because the Wildfire Plan's design features were a central part of the Project, the Court found that the lack of this information "plainly" obstructed required disclosure of the Project's environmental impacts. While the Court refused to prescribe the appropriate manner of discussing these potentially significant impacts, it held that an EIR must sufficiently inform the public of the risk of increased human-caused wildfires as a result of the Project by assessing the increased risk as compared to the existing baseline conditions on a property.

Despite finding that the errata could not overcome the EIR's deficiencies, the Court comprehensively reviewed the errata's failures. The errata pointed generally to human-caused ignitions and a study that concluded "increased fire education, a decline in smoking, and modern vehicles" contributed to the reduction of human-caused wildfires. The Court noted that this unrelated scientific study and summary of modern wildfire reduction factors did not inform the public of how the County concluded that the Wildfire Plan eliminated those risks.

The Court further concluded that the errata in "no way" explained the extent to which "bringing in over 4,000 new residents" to the largely undeveloped area altered the community's risk levels. Such a "bare" discussion, the Court noted, prevented the public and decision makers from adequately evaluating the merits of the associated Wildfire Plan.

In addition, the Court found that the errata did not revise the Wildfire Plan, but merely restated the EIR's conclusion that the Wildfire Plan would prevent the exacerbation of current wildfire risks. The Court observed that, while the Wildfire Plan comprehensively analyzed the Project site's current wildfire risk, it did not "expound on the anthropogenic risks that the errata admits development at the project site" would introduce. Accordingly, the Project's failure to separately identify and analyze the significant impacts of the fire risk it would create before proposing mitigation measures violated CEQA.

Notably, the Court did not prescribe the appropriate manner of discussing the Project's impacts, instead leaving the choice of methodologies for wildfire impact disclosure and mitigation to the County's discretion. However, the court emphasized that the County cannot completely jettison its responsibility under CEQA to inform the public about wildfire risks by failing to disclose its analytic route, such as for example presenting industry standard modeling tools, methodologies or other explanation supporting its impact conclusion.

## **B. Greenhouse Gas Credits**

The EIR concluded that the Project's impact due to greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions would be significant even after adopting feasible mitigation measures. Despite the County's determination in response to comments that the purchase of

carbon offsets for the Project would be infeasible, the County added, through the errata, a condition to the EIR's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan that the developer purchase these credits anyway. While Petitioners did not challenge the infeasibility finding, they challenged as ineffective the EIR's inclusion of a carbon credit program to address GHG emissions. Petitioners argued that the carbon credit program needed to adhere to CEQA's requirements for feasible mitigation measures to be included in the EIR.

The Court noted that Petitioners cited no authority for the contention that CEQA bars consideration of potentially beneficial measures that an agency has determined to be infeasible, and the Court declined to find that the carbon credit program needed to meet CEQA's standard for feasible mitigation measures simply because it was included in the EIR. The Court further noted that Petitioners did not allege that the program would impose adverse effects, and the Petitioners provided no support for their assertion that CEQA bars consideration of "potentially beneficial measures that agencies deem too uncertain to be feasible."

Accordingly, the Court concluded that even if the program's inclusion in the EIR violated CEQA, there was no prejudicial error, as the Petitioners presented no evidence concerning any adverse effects of the mitigation program. The Court affirmed the validity of the County's approach, holding that CEQA does not preclude a Lead Agency from considering a potentially beneficial measure, even though there were feasibility and uncertainty questions associated with the limited number of mitigation credits available.

### **C. Offsite Water Well Impacts**

Petitioners argued that the EIR should have attempted to quantify the amount of groundwater the Project would draw from the off-site well. The EIR identified that the well "may be developed" to provide a supplemental non-potable water supply and only vaguely defined the aquifer it would be drawn from. However, the County did evaluate the potential well's production capacity and use of the corresponding groundwater basin. The Court accordingly found the EIR's discussion of potential uses for an offsite well adequate. Because the use and extent of the water drawn from the off-site well was uncertain, the EIR was "prepared with a sufficient degree of analysis and specificity" regarding the amount of water the off-site well would draw if it was developed and did not need to quantify specific amounts.

## **IV. CONCLUSION.**

This decision marks the first time that an appellate court has required a project-specific wildfire ignition risk analysis be included in an EIR. The Court's decision suggests that EIRs for projects in undeveloped, unincorporated, or wildfire-prone areas must evaluate a project's potential for exacerbating human-caused wildfire risks. According to the Court, such an assessment requires an EIR to establish a baseline for



the likelihood of wildfire ignition and compare it to the increased risk once the project is completed.

The appellate court's decision also offers a cautionary tale against reliance on late, substantive EIR material for which the public has not had an adequate opportunity to review. The Court's decision suggests that where an agency wishes to substantively bolster the EIR's impact analysis, the agency should seriously consider publishing the document for another round of public review.

The Court's decision further suggests that even where a project may not result in a potentially significant increase in wildfire risk, the CEQA lead agency's failure to adequately document this conclusion in the EIR is fatal and requires the lead agency to restart the CEQA process.

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# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

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# Memo

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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# NOSSAMAN LLP | Memorandum

**TO:** Olivenhain Municipal Water District

**FROM:** Ashley Walker, Senior Policy Advisor, Nossaman LLP  
Jennifer Capitolo, Jennifer M. Capitolo and Associates LLC

**DATE:** January 8, 2025

**RE:** January 2025 Public Policy Report

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## **State Legislative Updates:**

**Status of the Legislature:** The 2025 legislative session reconvened on January 6, 2025, after swearing-in newly elected members on December 2, 2024. This year in the Assembly, 65% of the members will have two or fewer years of legislative experience. In the Senate, that number is closer to 30%. While we expect there to be growing pains as new members and staffers acclimate to their new positions, this is also a great opportunity to build new relationships and rethink existing policies.

Both Pro Tem McGuire and Speaker Rivas have encouraged members to focus their introduced bills, limiting them to 35 per member for the two-year session. We expect to see many bills this session focused on improving water quality and affordability, reducing energy costs, addressing climate policy, improving public infrastructure, and alleviating everyday Californians' financial burdens.

Also, in response to anticipated federal policy, we also expect to see many bills focused on supporting immigrants and connecting those in need with essential services to bolster protections.

**Committee Appointments:** The Senate has recently announced full committee assignments, whereas Speaker Rivas has so far only announced the committee chair assignments. Although we engage various policy committees throughout the year on OMWD's behalf, the committees and their respective chairs with which we tend to engage the most are noted below.

## **SENATE**

Appropriations  
Senator Anna M. Caballero, Chair

Governmental Organization  
Senator Steve Padilla, Chair (NEW)

Budget and Fiscal Review  
Senator Scott D. Wiener, Chair

Health  
Senator Caroline Menjivar, Chair (NEW)

Budget Subcommittee #4 on State  
Administration and General Government  
Senator Christopher Cabaldon, Chair (NEW)

Local Government  
María Elena Durazo, Chair

## ASSEMBLY

### Appropriations

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, Chair

### Governmental Organization

Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, Chair

### Budget

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Chair

### Health

Assemblymember Mia Bonta, Chair

### Emergency Management

Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom, Chair  
(New)

### Local Government

Assemblymember Juan Carrillo, Chair

**Legislative Delegation:** Most of OMWD's delegates remained the same for this legislative cycle, as listed below. However, Assemblymember Darshana Patel replaced Brian Maienschein and has been sworn in for the first time, so we will immediately work to schedule a meeting and establish a connection. Senator Dr. Weber has replaced Senator Brian Jones and Senator Toni Atkins in our service area. We developed a strong relationship with her during her time as an Assemblymember and, therefore, will continue working closely with her and her staff.

#### OMWD Members:

Senate: 38<sup>th</sup> District - Catherine Blakespear (D) (INCUMBENT)  
39<sup>th</sup> District - Dr. Akilah Weber Assembly (D) (NEW to Senate)

Assembly: 76<sup>th</sup> District - Darshana Patel (D) (NEW)  
77<sup>th</sup> District - Tasha Boerner (D) (INCUMBENT)

**Governor's January State Budget Proposal:** The governor's budget proposal will be released on January 10. We will provide updates on the details as we have them. It was estimated that the budget would have a \$2 billion deficit for 2025-26; however, during the governor's January 6 press conference, he announced a balanced budget. He also announced at this press conference, a new website meant to create transparency and accountability focused on homelessness, housing, and behavioral health. It will be focused on counties and reaching the state's goals.

Now that the governor's budget proposal is released, both the Senate and Assembly budget committees' staff will begin preparing a summary overview. In early March, the subcommittees will begin holding hearings and taking testimony from the Department of Finance, Legislative Analyst's Office, respective state agencies and departments, and members of the public. In mid-May, the governor will release the May revision of the budget once April tax receipts are known. State of California Constitution requires the legislature to pass the budget by June 15, which is done by a majority vote on the floor of both chambers. Once passed, the bill takes effect immediately.

**Special Session:** The governor called a special session, which commenced on December 2, to safeguard civil liberties as threatened by the incoming presidential administration's promises. With the special session, the governor proposed to create a litigation fund to bolster the state's legal resources to respond to policy proposals that could be harmful to Californian's immigration, abortion access, climate change, and civil rights.

Aside from the fact that a special session is limited to the subject matter for which it was called, there are no significant differences in the legislative process between a regular and a special session. However, one important note, regular session bills generally take effect on the following January 1, yet special session bills take effect on the 91<sup>st</sup> day after the adjournment of the special session. Of course, a bill with an urgency clause in a special session will take effect immediately once the governor signs, just like an urgency clause bill in a regular session.

Below are the bills introduced in this special session, which the legislature has submitted to provide funding to the California Department of Justice should it be necessary.

- **SBX1 1 (Wiener)** - Includes \$25 million in funding proposed by Governor Newsom for California Department of Justice to bolster legal resources and adds \$10 million for county counsels and city attorneys for similar purposes. It also expands on that effort by including \$25 million for legal aid efforts and legal services for local communities.
- **ABX1 1 (Gabriel)** - Will set aside up to \$25 million in funding to cover potential litigation costs for California Department of Justice and other state agencies to challenge any unconstitutional or unlawful federal actions that threaten California's interests or values.
- **ABX1-2 (Gabriel)** - Will immediately allocate \$500,000 to fund initial case preparation for California Department of Justice and other state agencies to challenge any unconstitutional or unlawful federal actions threatening California's interests or values.

**Legislation:** We are currently tracking about 10 bills for OMWD. However, most will be amended in the coming months and/or are spot bills. At this time, there is not a bill of significant interest, but we will continue to monitor. Nossaman has also been working on other legislative items, including:

- **Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program:** On December 11, Nossaman circulated a coalition letter drafted by OMWD with input from Nossaman to Senator Durazo, copying the sponsors and many interested advocacy groups detailing concerns with last year's SB 1255's Low Income Rate Assistance proposal. The letter expresses interest in revisiting the AB 401 (Dodd, 2015) report that was completed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in 2020, which outlines a framework where SWRCB would administer LIRA. On January 8, we met with Senator Durazo and members of the signatory coalition to discuss this letter. Nossaman is also working to coordinate a meeting with the sponsors of SB 1255. As expected, California Municipal Utilities Association announced that they will sponsor a LIRA bill. They are currently looking for an author and finalizing the language. The bill will focus on three areas:
  - Local authority for local programs;
  - Mandatory reports to water board for accountability; and
  - Systems with customers of 3,000 or less would go to the state.
- **SB 659 (Ashby) - California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023:** This bill was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor in October 2023. It requires the Department of Water Resources to develop recommendations for increasing groundwater recharge to improve water availability in California. Additionally, DWR is charged with including an advisory committee of representatives from agricultural and urban water suppliers, local government, business, production agriculture, environmental interests, and other interested parties to assist in updating the California Water Plan. Nossaman has been in communication with DWR and has learned that DWR is in the process of filling a Supervising Water Resources Engineer position that will lead the effort to

implement SB 659. The hiring was delayed due to budgeting. The expectation is that the formal organizing of the advisory committee will occur in early 2025. DWR is aware that OMWD would like to be included in the advisory committee. Nossaman will continue to communicate with DWR and provide updates.

**Governor's Actions and Executive Orders:** The following actions have been taken by the state since the last report. This list is compiled from CalOES, California Health and Human Services, California Department of Public Health, and FEMA.

- January 3 - Governor Newsom issued an executive order to crack down on ultra-processed foods and further investigate food dyes.
- January 2 - Governor Newsom issued an executive order to boost paid family leave benefits for 2025.
- December 27 - Governor Newsom announced an extension of California Highway Patrol surge operations in the Bay Area.
- December 24 - CalOES announced the release of the Flexible Assistance for Survivors Pilot Program grant. Deadline for grant submission is January 24, 2025.
- December 24 - Governor Newsom and other west coast governors requested a federal fishery disaster to support communities reliant on the industry following the worst albacore fishery season in over 30 years.
- December 21 - Governor Newsom announced that President Biden has signed a federal funding bill allocating \$250 million to fully repair and expand the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant near the U.S.-Mexico border in San Diego.
- December 20 - CalOES held a bird flu legislative briefing for members and staff members of the legislature, with briefs from CDFA, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, and CalOES representatives.
- December 18 - Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to streamline and expedite California's response to Avian Influenza A (H5N1), providing state and local agencies with additional flexibility around staffing, contracting, and other rules to support the state's evolving response.
- December 17 - CalOES coordinated with local authorities in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties to preposition wildfire firefighting resources ahead of a red flag wind event.
- December 17 - California joined federal and community partners to launch pilot project to help clean up Tijuana River.
- December 10 - California secured federal assistance to support response to Franklin Fire in Malibu.

### **Regulatory Updates:**

**Proposed Updated Public Health Goal for N-Nitrosodimethylamine in Drinking Water:** Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has announced a proposed updated Public Health Goal (PHG) for N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) in drinking water, the availability of a draft technical support document, a 45-day public comment period, and a hybrid public workshop on January 20, 2025. The draft technical support document presents the scientific information available on the cancer and noncancer toxicity of NDMA. The proposed updated PHG for NDMA of 0.0005 parts per billion.



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January 8, 2025**

**AB 10 (Essayli, R) California Coastal Commission: consistency determinations: Vandenberg Space Force Base.**

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 12/03/2024 - From printer. May be heard in committee January 2.

**Location:** 12/02/2024 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The California Coastal Act of 1976 provides for the regulation of development of certain lands within the coastal zone, as defined. Under the act, the California Coastal Commission generally has primary responsibility for the implementation of the act and is designated as the state coastal zone planning and management agency for any and all purposes, and is authorized to exercise any and all powers set forth in the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 or any other federal act that relates to the planning or management of the coastal zone. Current federal law requires federal agency activity within or outside the coastal zone that affects any land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone to be carried out in a manner that is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of approved state management programs, as defined. Current federal law requires a consistency determination to contain specified information and outlines the process that follows a state agency objection to a federal agency's consistency determination. This bill would deem the commission's objection to concurrence on Consistency Determination CD-0007-24 null and void. The bill would deem the activities at Vandenberg Space Force Base, outlined by Consistency Determination CD-0007-24, consistent with the objectives of the California Coastal Act of 1976. The bill would provide that it shall act as a concurrence regarding consistency with the California Coastal Act of 1976. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**Position:** Watch

**ABX1 1 (Gabriel, D) Budget Act of 2024.**

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 12/02/2024 - Read first time. To print.

**Location:** 12/02/2024 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The Budget Act of 2024 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2024–25 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2024 by making changes to existing appropriations, as provided. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**ABX1 2 (Gabriel, D) Department of Justice: federal litigation expenses.**

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 12/02/2024 - Read first time. To print.

**Location:** 12/02/2024 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Current law establishes the Department of Justice, under the direction and control of the Attorney General, and makes the department responsible for investigation and enforcement of various laws. This bill would appropriate \$500,000 to the department to pay the department for federal litigation expenses. The bill would require the department to report certain information regarding funds used pursuant to this bill and other law and to maintain an internet website, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2029. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**SB 2 (Jones, R) Low-carbon fuel standard: regulations.**

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 12/03/2024 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 2.

**Location:** 12/02/2024 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions to ensure that the statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, as defined, no later than



December 31, 2030. Pursuant to the act, the state board has adopted the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations. This bill would void specified amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations adopted by the state board on November 8, 2024. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 31**      **(McNerney, D) Water quality: water recycling facilities: state policy.**

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 12/03/2024 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 2.

**Location:** 12/02/2024 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** Current law states the intention of the Legislature that the state undertake all possible steps to encourage development of water recycling facilities so that recycled water may be made available to help meet the growing water requirements of the state. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that statement. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SBX1 1**      **(Wiener, D) Budget Act of 2024.**

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 12/03/2024 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 2.

**Location:** 12/02/2024 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** The Budget Act of 2024 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2024–25 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2024 by making changes to existing appropriations, as provided. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**SCR 3**      **(Laird, D) Safe Drinking Water Act: 50th anniversary.**

**Introduced:** 12/02/2024

**Status:** 12/02/2024 - Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 12/02/2024 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** Would commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

**Position:** Watch

Total Measures: 7

Total Tracking Forms: 7

# Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

TWELVE MONTH CALENDAR / OTHER MEETINGS /

REPORTS / BOARD COMMENTS

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Any report will be oral at the time of the Board meeting. Please refer to the TWELVE MONTH Calendar (attached) for meetings attended.

**TWELVE MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS (AS OF 1/6/25)**

Date(s)	Event	Time	Location	Attending Board Member(s)	Additional Information (Speakers' Topic, Cohosts, etc.)
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>					
12-Dec	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: OMWD Issues			Meyers	
12-Dec	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: Board Meeting Debrief			Guerin	
16-Dec	Customer Services Briefing		OMWD	Maloni	
16-Dec	ACWA Region 10 Meeting			Maloni	
18-Dec	Festivus			Maloni, Meyers	
20-Dec	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: LAFCO Issues			Guerin	
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>					
6-Jan	Meeting with President Hahn			Guerin, Hahn	
6-Jan	Public Outreach Committee Meeting	2:00 PM	OMWD Boardroom	Hahn, Maloni	
7-Jan	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: OMWD Issues			San Antonio	
8-Jan	Meeting with the General Manager RE: OMWD Issues			Meyers	
13-Jan	Board Meeting Pre-Briefing			Hahn	

# Memo

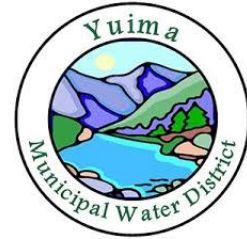
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

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Any correspondence is attached.



Senator Maria Elena Durazo  
1021 O Street, Suite 7530  
Sacramento, CA 95814

December 11, 2024

**Re: Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program**

Dear Senator Durazo,

The undersigned organizations write you to express that we understand and agree with the intent of a low-income water rate assistance program, and we would like to collaborate with you in developing a program that addresses the unique needs of low-income households for equitable access to water, an

essential service. Regrettably, we could not offer our support for SB 1255 (Durazo, 2024) due to its decentralized approach and fiscal uncertainties which would ultimately exert upward pressure on the very water rates that the bill intended to address. We have prepared this letter to offer potential solutions for consideration and discussion, and to demonstrate our commitment to developing an effective, mutually agreeable program in this new legislative session.

One particular concern we had with SB 1255 was that it would benefit rental property owners, rather than low-income renters, as water bills are often included in rent and paid by landlords. Given the high cost of housing in California, many low-income residents live in rentals, meaning the program's intent could be undermined. Further, SB 1255 would have required the roughly 2,900 water agencies throughout California to individually implement and manage their own unique low-income water rate assistance programs. The resulting exorbitant overhead costs of implementing these individual programs would divert funds directly from helping those the program was meant to serve.

As an alternative, we would like to collaborate with your organizations on developing legislation that leverages existing low-income assistance to effectively address long-term water affordability goals.

#### **AB 401: The Low-Income Rate Assistance Final Report, 2020.**

**Experts devised a plan – Why aren't we using it?** AB 401 (2015) required State Water Resources Control Board, in collaboration with State Board of Equalization and relevant stakeholders, to develop a plan for funding and implementing a low-income water rate assistance program. The report was published in 2020 and outlined components for developing a successful program to help low-income households afford their drinking water. Specifically, the report identified potential program recipients, different mechanisms for delivering assistance to low-income households, and possible funding sources to implement such a program. The purpose of the report was to present recommendations for a low-income water rate assistance program devised by subject matter experts and based on data for the consideration of the legislature.

**We have a tried and tested framework for implementation – Why reinvent the wheel?** During the Covid-19 pandemic, California Department of Community Services and Development was charged with piloting a statewide low-income water rate assistance program, in consultation with SWRCB, which also considered the recommendations of the AB 401 Report. CSD has been serving low-income communities for more than 50 years. It is a state department under the California Health and Human Services Agency that partners with a network of non-profit and local government organizations dedicated to reducing poverty by helping low-income individuals and families achieve and maintain economic security, meet their home energy needs, and reduce their utility costs. CSD has been successfully administering the low-income energy assistance program (LIHEAP) for decades, and this expertise should be leveraged.

CSD successfully administered the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program statewide and published a 14-page LIHWAP Program Guidelines (revised in April 2024) documenting the successful statewide implementation of this program, which concluded in 2024, with the following details:

- Allocation methods
- Service delivery models
- Household eligibility
- Benefit payment and issuance

**Need for a centralized state program.** California is the nation's most populous state, with nearly 40 million residents. Close to one-third of the population lives in households with incomes below \$50,000 a year, or approximately 200 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of four. The state has roughly 2,900

community water systems that serve 98 percent of the population; over 2,400 of these systems have fewer than 3,000 service connections and serve communities with fewer than 15,000 residents. The other two percent of the population is served by small systems with fewer than 15 service connections or private wells. It is not practical or realistic to implement policies in Sacramento that don't consider the diversity in size, and resource capability of water districts throughout the state. The centralized administration of a low-income water rate assistance program of California's numerous water agencies would ensure consistent statewide policy implementation, avoid the considerable overhead costs associated with 2,900 water agencies administering their own individual unique programs, and promote equitable access to the program across the entire state.

Further benefits of a state-administered program:

- **Efficient Resource Allocation.** Leveraging the existing Department of Health and Human Services framework minimizes administrative overhead, allowing for more efficient distribution of resources and faster program implementation, which a decentralized approach may delay. For example, one possible solution we propose the use of EBT cards to distribute benefit allocations for a low-income water rate assistance program to pay water bills in person, and incentivizing payment processors to allow the use of online EBT transactions for water bills. This offers an efficient and secure method for reaching eligible households statewide, leveraging an existing system to ensure seamless delivery of support to qualifying households. As an alternative solution, Department of Health and Human Services could allocate payments directly to water agencies, similar to the method of distributing the direct subsidy mechanism employed for low-income rental property owners. In this model, payments are issued directly to property owners through government managed financial systems, ensuring funds reach eligible recipients promptly. Applying a similar approach would allow direct payments to water agencies, streamlining the process and providing timely assistance on behalf of low-income water customers throughout the state.
- **Broader Access.** State-managed programs like those proposed in SWRCB's AB 401 Report can more effectively address disparities in service provision, ensuring low-income households in all regions receive consistent support, whereas local management may lead to uneven service coverage. Underfunded agencies will be overextended and unable to assist those in need, while well-funded agencies will lack recipients for their resources.
- **Regulatory Alignment.** SWRCB's AB 401 Report framework aligns with state law (Proposition 218 and Proposition 26), ensuring compliance and reducing the burden on local water districts to establish new administrative systems which would be necessary under any bill that would place the administrative burden on water agencies.
- **Equity and Accountability.** A centralized program based on SWRCB's AB 401 Report increases accountability, oversight, and equity, ensuring that underserved communities and vulnerable populations are prioritized consistently, rather than depending on local water district resources and capabilities.
- **Streamlined Oversight.** A state-administered program under SWRCB's AB 401 Report allows for centralized oversight and auditing, ensuring that funds are used effectively.
- **Economies of Scale.** Reducing per-household administrative costs and maximizing the impact of available funding compared to a fragmented local administration model is more efficient, ensuring low-income ratepayers receive significant benefits.
- **Enhanced Public Awareness and Outreach.** A statewide program can run consistent public awareness campaigns, ensuring that low-income residents across the state are informed and able

to access assistance, something local water districts might struggle with due to budget or outreach limitations.

**Perhaps the most salient justification for a statewide program is the fact that many individual water systems in California cannot financially support rate assistance programs on their own.** AB 401 research showed that individual California water systems would bear vastly different cost burdens to independently assist their eligible customers. Even among some large systems that serve 3,000 or more customers, imposing a requirement to run standalone rate assistance programs would likely cause outsized affordability burdens. Overall, more than 22 percent of California water systems of all sizes throughout the state would have over half of qualifying residential customers needing assistance.

**Potential funding solutions** that the undersigned agencies would support and advocate for are listed below for your consideration. Funding would be directed to the state Department of Health and Human Services to manage and administer the program and distributed via several possibilities including a direct cash benefit through the existing EBT Card program, utilizing tested distribution models through California Department of Community Services and Development as demonstrated through the LIHEAP program, or another distribution model.

- State Budget Allocation – dedicating a portion of the state’s general fund to water affordability programming.
- A bill to create a proposition for voters to decide on a contribution of funds option on property tax bills that would fund a state-managed water affordability program.
- Allow for a contribution of funds option on tax bills which would be tax deductible and would fund a state-managed water affordability program.
- Federal Grants – Advocate for federal funding grant funding for low-income water rate assistance programming and seek Senator Padilla as an ally in this effort. LIHEAP has been successfully funded for decades through federal grants, and there is no reason why water shouldn’t be either.
- Philanthropic Grants or Donations – Seek contributions from philanthropic organizations, companies, or environmental foundations in California that prioritize access to water services, environmental, or essential services that would be tax-deductible contributions.

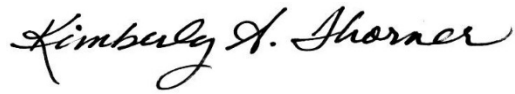
The coalition represented in this letter, strongly encourages a state-funded model as recommended in the AB 401 Report. The program would be most efficiently managed through California’s Health and Human Services Agency leveraging existing social services resources and expertise in a streamlined manner. An example of this model was successfully tried and tested in 2020 when Congress recognized the growing water affordability challenge and established the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program at the Department of Health and Human Services. That program was managed effectively and efficiently by HHS and was funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan.

There can be a workable and efficient state low-income water rate assistance program in California. The undersigned organizations believe through collaboration, we can reach our common goal of implementing a sustainable and successful program to help low-income households afford their drinking water.

We appreciate your consideration of our proposal and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to further discuss strategies to reach a mutually agreed-upon low-income water rate assistance program. Please contact Ashley Walker, Senior Policy Advisor at Nossaman LLP, at [awalker@nossaman.com](mailto:awalker@nossaman.com) to coordinate a meeting with our coalition.



Sincerely,



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California League of Conservation Voters  
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation  
California Water Association  
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water  
Environmental Working Group  
Food and Water Watch  
Friends of the River  
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Northern California Water Association  
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Planning and Conservation League  
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Ashley Walker, Senior Policy Advisor, Nossaman LLP  
Meggan Quarles, Government Relations Manager, San Diego County Water Authority



**December 31, 2024**

**The Escondido Creek Conservancy  
P.O. Box 460791  
Escondido, CA 92046**

**Donation**

Please accept the attached donation of \$500.00 to be used for the Interpretive Center at the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don MacFarlane".

Don MacFarlane, PE  
Principal  
DLM Engineering, Inc.

CC: Kimberly Thorner, OMWD General Manager  
Joey Randall, OMWD Assistant General Manager

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS /  
CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

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The Board may desire to attend a meeting that requires Board approval.

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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The Board may have items to be considered at a Future Board meeting.

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There may be public comments before the Board meeting is adjourned.

# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: CLOSED SESSION

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It may be necessary to go into Closed Session.



# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: OPEN SESSION

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# Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: ADJOURNMENT

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We are adjourned.

## Who's News: 12/13/24

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### RINCON WATER

The Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District has sworn in veteran water executive Tom Kennedy to its Board of Directors. Kennedy will replace long-time board member Gregory Quist to represent Division I. Kennedy is currently the president of Kennedy Water Consulting, LLC and has a long history of work in the water and wastewater sectors.

### RINCON BOARD

In other Rincon Water news, three members of the water district's board were re-elected to new terms in November. David Drake will return to represent Division II, Evan Wahl to Division IV and Inki Welch to Division V.

### OLIVENHAIN WATER

Scott Maloni was recently sworn in as the newest member of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District's Board of Directors. Carlsbad and Encinitas voters in Division 2 overwhelmingly chose Maloni as their water district representative in the November election.

## **A PLACE AT HOME**

A senior-focused home care provider franchise known as A Place At Home has opened its fourth California location in Encinitas under local franchisee couple Joscelyn Perez-Van Valzah and Sam Van Valzah. North County has the largest growing senior population in the county. The new location will serve Encinitas, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo and other surrounding communities.

## **MORE BOOKS**

Carlsbad City Library cardholders now have access to more than 9 million additional titles through LINK+, a free service that allows patrons to borrow books not available in the local library system. Library patrons can use their library card to check out books, movies and music from libraries in San Francisco, Loyola Marymount University, San Diego Public Library and beyond.

## **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Visit Oceanside is collecting new and unused toys for its annual Toys for Tots drive at the California Welcome Center at 928 N. Coast Hwy in Oceanside until Dec. 16. The center is generally open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## **Related Articles:**

- [Who's News: 2/25/22](#) February 21, 2022
- [Who's News: 6/28/24](#) June 24, 2024

# Scott Maloni joins Olivenhain Municipal Water District board

 [northcoastcurrent.com/coastline/2024/12/scott-maloni-joins-olivenhain-municipal-water-district-board/](https://northcoastcurrent.com/coastline/2024/12/scott-maloni-joins-olivenhain-municipal-water-district-board/)

News Release

December 11, 2024



Scott Maloni was sworn in Dec. 5 as the newest member of Olivenhain Municipal Water District's Board of Directors.

Voters in OMWD's Division 2, consisting of communities in Carlsbad and Encinitas, selected Maloni as their representative by 58.31% to the Board of Directors as one of four candidates in the Nov. 5 election. Incumbent Division 5 member Neal Meyers, who was appointed to the board in 2021, won election by 54.48%, according to San Diego County Registrar of Voters results.

"The Olivenhain Municipal Water District is one of the most recognized and respected public water agencies in California," Maloni said. "I look forward to working collaboratively with my colleagues and our professional staff to build on the District's legacy of providing reliable and cost-effective water and wastewater services to our residents and businesses."

# Government NEWS RELEASE

Maloni's professional experience includes his work at Black & Veatch, an employee-owned global infrastructure engineering firm, where he serves as the Desalination Solution Growth leader. In his professional capacity, Maloni partners with the private sector and state and local governments in California and the western United States with a focus on distributed energy, electrification and decarbonization, and sustainability.



Scott Maloni

Maloni formerly was the vice president of Project Development for Poseidon Water, where he was a member of the executive team that developed the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Seawater Desalination Plant as a public-private partnership.

He and his wife have lived in Encinitas for 20 years where they raised their three children. Maloni holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy from Brown University.

Maloni takes over the Division 2 seat from Larry Watt, who was appointed by the board in 2011. Watt did not seek reelection. The board consists of five members who hold office for four-year terms.

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