

**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, MARCH 19, 2025

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: HYBRID REGULAR MEETING VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON

The meeting is being held virtually as a convenience to the public. The meeting will not stop or suspend its in-person meeting should a technological interruption occur with respect to the Zoom or call-on options listed on the agenda.

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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. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 7. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Service Awards, Promotions and Honorable Mentions

- *Timothy Sheppard – Backflow & Cross-Connection Coordinator I – 10 Years
- *Justin Fichtelman – Valve Maintenance Technician I – 10 Years

- 8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025, REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- 9. 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 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH, MAY 4-10, 2025 AS NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK, AND MAY 18-24, 2025 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
C-d	CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
C-e	CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE EL CAMINO REAL RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE REPAIR INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED
C-f	CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE 702 FOXGLOVE STREET WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION PROJECT (JAMES GROTTING) INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED
C-g	CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE 3919 AVENIDA BRISA WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION PROJECT (JUDY LAND) INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED
C-h	CONSIDER A JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT REGARDING PLACEMENT OF NEW COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON DENK TANK AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN

- 10. CONSIDER DIVISION 1 VACANCY ON THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONDUCT INTERVIEWS, AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT

11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF TERESA ACOSTA TO VOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DISTRICT’S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
12. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER’S DECLARATION OF THE FIREHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT
13. CONSIDER WAIVING THE PROVISION IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE ALLOWING DIRECTOR MALONI TO SERVE AS TREASURER
14. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES AND AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONEY OF THE DISTRICT AND DESIGNATING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT DEPOSITS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2025-03
15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH GSE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,095,200 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 4S RANCH WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY HEADWORKS SCREENING SYSTEM, OFF-SPECIFICATION AND WET WEATHER DIVERSION, AND STRAINER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, INCREASE THE PROJECT BUDGET BY AN ADDITIONAL \$1,500,000 FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF OMWD, AND INCREASE THE GENERAL MANAGER’S CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL LIMIT FROM \$75,000 TO \$400,000 FOR THE PROJECT
16. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
 - A. PRESIDENT
 - B. GENERAL MANAGER
 - C. CONSULTING ENGINEER
 - D. GENERAL COUNSEL
 - E. SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE
 - F. LEGISLATIVE - 2025 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY REVIEW
 - 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]
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

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: March 19, 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 REPORT**

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

- February 2025 Summary of payment of listed warrants from the District's checking account and listed transfer of funds.
- February 2025 Monthly Summary of Reimbursement Expenses to Board Members and Staff.
- January 2025 Monthly Investment Report

Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Proposed Motions for March 19, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting
February 2025 Activities
Consent Calendar Item # C-a

Proposed Motions:

I. That the following warrants and transfers be approved:

Regular Account	Warrants - by check	036523	to	036642		\$ 862,807.16
	Warrants - by EFT	EFT000000002085	to	EFT000000002179		1,143,979.46
						2,006,786.62
	ACH Payments - Payroll					234,607.14
	Wire - SDCWA - Monthly Purchased Water Payment					2,637,991.80
	ACH Payments - RAD 96-1					627,355.77
	ACH Payments - Payroll					237,740.22
						\$ 5,744,481.55

Major Category of Disbursements

Total warrants from the District's checking account:

\$ 2,006,786.62

Following is a breakdown of this total by major categories:

<u>Category</u>	\$
Outside services	1,074,142.74
Inventory and supplies	331,769.85
Utilities	353,682.71
Repairs and maintenance	64,087.86
Other	2,610.42
Refunds	12,919.61
Insurance	164,987.93
Permit Fees	2,585.50
Total	\$ 2,006,786.62

Sincerely,



Rainy K. Selamat/Finance Manager

Olivenhain Municipal Water District
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California Bank and Trust

Regular Account

Warrants - by check	036523	to	036642	\$	862,807.16
Warrants - by EFT	EFT000000002085	to	EFT000000002179		1,143,979.46
					2,006,786.62
	2/13/2025 ACH Payments - Payroll				234,607.14
	2/14/2025 Wire - SDCWA - Monthly Purchased Water Payment				2,637,991.80
	2/26/2025 ACH Payments - RAD 96-1				627,355.77
	2/27/2025 ACH Payments - Payroll				237,740.22
			Total	\$	5,744,481.55

ACH Payments - Payroll

For Board Consideration and Approval

Olivenhain Municipal Water District
February 2025 Warrant List - Check & EFT

Number	Date	Name	Amount	Inv Reference	Multiple Invoices?
036523	2/5/2025	AmeriGas	429.28	TANK PICKUP FEE (202539985)	
036524	2/5/2025	Asbury Environmental Services	192.00	USED OIL/FILTERS DISPOSAL	Yes
036525	2/5/2025	County Of San Diego	617.00	14177 RANCHO SANTA FE FARMS	
036526	2/5/2025	D&H Water Systems	3,908.18	WTP SUPPLIES	
036527	2/5/2025	DCL Enterprise Inc Db	308.00	BLDG J DOOR SERVICES	
036528	2/5/2025	Edco Waste & Recycling	683.19	25-4A 861816	Yes
036529	2/5/2025	Encinitas Ford	686.04	PU106 SUPPLIES	Yes
036530	2/5/2025	Ferguson Enterprises Inc. #1083	1,562.38	SUPPLIES	
036531	2/5/2025	Justin Fichtelman	100.00	10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD	
036532	2/5/2025	Golden State Labor	850.00	Labor Compliance for the Recycled Water Pipeline Extension for CB, VP, & SH Project	Yes
036533	2/5/2025	Grangetto's Ag. Supply	14.88	SUPPLIES	
036534	2/5/2025	J.M.D. Landscape Inc	3,120.00	ZORRO RSVR TREE SERVICES	
036535	2/5/2025	Marlene Ruiz	106.94	REF:1084954_159975	
036536	2/5/2025	Mary Belasquez	196.71	REF:1061957_235290	
036537	2/5/2025	Republic Services	2,799.95	4-4530-0333405	
036538	2/5/2025	RS Instruments & Services	5,069.16	SUPPLIES	Yes
036539	2/5/2025	Teichert Energy & Utilities Group, Inc.	244,810.09	Construction of the RW Pipeline Extensions for CB, Village Park & Summerhill	Yes
036540	2/5/2025	Tim Sheppard	100.00	10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD	
036541	2/5/2025	US Bank	2,190.51	PRINTERS LEASE	
036542	2/5/2025	Utility Cost Management Llc	18,078.08	ELECTRICTY SERVICES	
036543	2/12/2025	American Battery Supply	340.92	BATTERIES	
036544	2/12/2025	AT & T	31.53	9391056562	
036545	2/12/2025	Brennan Burrows	120.96	REF:1094728_196230	
036546	2/12/2025	California State Disbursement Unit	123.23	Garnishment	
036547	2/12/2025	Camac Industries	6,614.66	Recirculation Pump 7.5Hp - (Camac)	Yes
036548	2/12/2025	CCL Contracting Inc	1,636.49	REF:1088574_304270	
036549	2/12/2025	Coast Waste Mgmt Inc	603.37	19-55615-83004	
036550	2/12/2025	County Of San Diego	687.00	VIA RANCHO CIELO	
036551	2/12/2025	DCL Enterprise Inc Db	2,015.79	HQ DOOR HARDWARE RPLCMNT	
036552	2/12/2025	Encinitas Ford	1,544.36	PU106 SUPPLIES	Yes
036553	2/12/2025	Federal Express Corp	166.86	WTP SHIPPING CHARGES	
036554	2/12/2025	Feliciano Sotto Jr.	1,476.35	REF:1043766_303675	
036555	2/12/2025	Ferguson Enterprises Inc. #1083	422.84	1" U-Branch Twinsetter	Yes
036556	2/12/2025	First Choice Technology	163.60	13001474	Yes
036557	2/12/2025	Hi-Line Electric Company, Inc.	399.50	SHOP SUPPLIES	
036558	2/12/2025	Home Depot/Geef	3,778.15	1/25 SUPPLIES	Yes
036559	2/12/2025	Infrastructure Engineering Corporation	17,237.20	Hydraulic model, hydraulic analysis	Yes
036560	2/12/2025	Ingersoll-Rand Company	8,061.75	4-year Ingersoll Rand PackageCARE Agreement	Yes
036561	2/12/2025	Interstate Battery Of San Diego Inc	365.78	SHOP TOOL	Yes
036562	2/12/2025	Jennifer Moss	245.85	REF:1061779_231590	
036563	2/12/2025	Jonathan Pettit	137.84	REF:1058236_105935	
036564	2/12/2025	Juliana Arrant	82.81	REF:1085932_185580	
036565	2/12/2025	Vince Dixon Ford dba	1,382.84	PU109 SERVICES	Yes
036566	2/12/2025	Kyocera	77.79	PRINTING CONTRACT	
036567	2/12/2025	L A Design Studio Inc	2,235.00	WEB DESIGN SERVICES	
036568	2/12/2025	Laura Krey	111.67	REF:1095530_188070	
036569	2/12/2025	Mariana Young	42.52	REF:1083211_223180	
036570	2/12/2025	Megan Campitiello	865.27	REF:1061867_145740	
036571	2/12/2025	Leo Mendez	489.00	CPA license renewal reimbursement	
036572	2/12/2025	Noel McNamara	86.67	REF:1093697_103935	
036573	2/12/2025	Pacific Pipeline Supply	13,713.72	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
036574	2/12/2025	Patriot General Engineering	2,392.72	REF:1042897_304340	Yes
036575	2/12/2025	Rachel Scherz	136.52	REF:1029808_211605	
036576	2/12/2025	Rajesh Mehta	610.08	REF:1093868_303625	
036577	2/12/2025	Rancho Santa Fe Community Svcs	10,953.85	1/25 13.27 AC/FT RECYCLED WTR	
036578	2/12/2025	RECON Environmental, Inc.	1,060.50	RANCHO PASEANA REVEGETATION	Yes
036579	2/12/2025	Republic Services #661	5,124.82	WASTE DISPOSAL	Yes
036580	2/12/2025	San Diego Gas & Electric	37,100.53	UTILITIES	Yes
036581	2/12/2025	Scott Voak	115.86	REF:1094858_127990	
036582	2/12/2025	Shane Sullivan	24.00	1/25 GYM REIMBURSEMENT	
036583	2/12/2025	SoCal Saltworks LLC	7,408.14	WTP CHEMICALS	
036584	2/12/2025	U.S. Bank	5,425.00	BOND TRUSTEE FEES	Yes
036585	2/12/2025	ULINE	4,914.21	WTP SUPPLIES	
036586	2/12/2025	Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	924.85	100000112726	
036587	2/12/2025	Yun Monahan	45.41	REF:1094513_185120	
036588	2/19/2025	AT & T	1,280.50	9391056789	Yes
036589	2/19/2025	Corodata Shredding, Inc	63.87	PAPER DESTRUCTION SERVICES	
036590	2/19/2025	County Of San Diego	1,281.50	OLD COURSE ROAD	Yes
036591	2/19/2025	Dept Of Industrial Relations	225.00	WTP SERVICES	
036592	2/19/2025	Zeller, Jonathan	200.00	SAFETY BOOT EXPENSE REIMBURSE	
036593	2/19/2025	Napa Auto Parts	663.84	1/25 PARTS/SUPPLIES	
036594	2/19/2025	SoCal Pacific Construction Corp.dba National Co	4,523.82	RETENTION	
036595	2/19/2025	Pape Material Handling, Inc.	2,891.59	WWTP SERVICES	
036596	2/19/2025	Republic Services	1,148.05	4-4530-0333405	
036597	2/19/2025	S D G & E	264.85	400000078	
036598	2/19/2025	San Diego Gas & Electric	66,932.36	UTILITIES	Yes
036599	2/19/2025	Santa Fe Irrigation Dist	3,679.22	008128-009	Yes
036600	2/19/2025	UniFirst Aid Corp	1,192.60	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	Yes

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036601	2/26/2025	HOECK SAMUEL	970.00	RM REFUND: DEBIT000000000597	
036602	2/26/2025	Aguirre & Associates	7,456.00	Survey Services for Wiegand Lot Line Adjustment & Easement Dedication	Yes
036603	2/26/2025	Alfa Laval Inc.	4,230.19	WWTP SUPPLIES	Yes
036604	2/26/2025	All Time Fence Company, Inc.	2,426.00	CIELO RSVR GATE SERVICES	
036605	2/26/2025	American Conservation & Billing Solutions, Inc.	3,251.00	3/25 AQUAHAWK SERVICES	
036606	2/26/2025	AT & T	818.61	9391059578	Yes
036607	2/26/2025	Bee Rescue LLC	1,000.00	SITIO LIMA	Yes
036608	2/26/2025	California State Disbursement Unit	123.23	Garnishment	
036609	2/26/2025	Cass Construction	25,267.24	OLIVENHAIN RD EMERGENCY RPR	Yes
036610	2/26/2025	CCL Contracting Inc.	9,292.52	UNIT A - RSF RD PL RPLCMNT	Yes
036611	2/26/2025	City Treasurer	382.01	620000109372	
036612	2/26/2025	City Treasurer	200,881.45	UNUSED RECYCLED WTR CY 2024	
036613	2/26/2025	Corodata	316.06	OFFSITE RECORDS STORAGE	
036614	2/26/2025	Edco Waste & Recycling	2,351.26	25-4R 912759	Yes
036615	2/26/2025	Eric Backous	13.08	REF:1086309_177605	
036616	2/26/2025	Erica Proffitt	120.48	REF:1094482_241840	
036617	2/26/2025	Federal Express Corp	188.42	SHIPPING	
036618	2/26/2025	Firehawk Fire & Safety	247.90	WWTP SERVICES	
036619	2/26/2025	Golden State Labor	850.00	Labor Compliance for the Recycled Water Pipeline Extension for CB, VP, & SH Project	Yes
036620	2/26/2025	Granetto's Ag. Supply	60.67	SUPPLIES	
036621	2/26/2025	Guardian	959.14	3/25 DENTAL ADMIN FEES	
036622	2/26/2025	Infosend	10,260.46	WATER BILL STATEMENT	
036623	2/26/2025	Infrastructure Engineering Corporation	2,935.00	Palms PRS Bypass Valve Sizing	Yes
036624	2/26/2025	J.R. Filanc Construction	44,650.00	Village Park West Pressure Reducing Station Construction	Yes
036625	2/26/2025	JJ Mullen	1,302.17	REF:1096146_304400	
036626	2/26/2025	Just Right General Home Improvement	40.41	REF:1084832_231670	
036627	2/26/2025	Marsee Castrejon	56.98	REF:1045899_193430	
036628	2/26/2025	Nat'L Safety Compliance	150.00	ANNUAL ADMIN FEE	
036629	2/26/2025	One Source Distributors	1,089.93	SUPPLIES	
036630	2/26/2025	Pacific Pipeline Supply	452.55	1"Swt X 3/4" Mip Adapter	Yes
036631	2/26/2025	Ranganadh Karella	709.16	REF:1082740_148020	
036632	2/26/2025	San Diego Gas & Electric	14,861.55	UTILITIES	Yes
036633	2/26/2025	Scott Maloni	32.06	SDCWA MTG MILEAGE REIMB.	
036634	2/26/2025	Shane Lunneborg	46.04	REF:1092539_244140	
036635	2/26/2025	Specialty Seals & Accessories	4,993.93	SUPPLIES	Yes
036636	2/26/2025	State Water Resources	60.00	T2 CERT RENEWAL - ADAM CALM	
036637	2/26/2025	Streakwave Wireless Inc	1,360.32	SUPPLIES	Yes
036638	2/26/2025	TASC	592.90	2/25 VEBA ADMIN FEES	
036639	2/26/2025	Schuette, Tim	500.00	EDUCATION INCENTIE PAY	
036640	2/26/2025	Trevor Kouma	1,250.62	REF:1095579_304325	
036641	2/26/2025	US Bank	2,190.51	PRINTERS LEASE	
036642	2/26/2025	VWR International LLC	2,399.91	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002085	2/5/2025	Boot World Inc	200.00	Safety Boots	Yes
EFT000000002086	2/5/2025	Standard Insurance Co.	6,285.26	2/25 LIFE & LTD PREMIUM	
EFT000000002087	2/5/2025	Dudek	12,500.50	Design Services	Yes
EFT000000002088	2/5/2025	Ababa Bolt Inc	660.49	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002089	2/5/2025	Controlled Entry Specialists	210.00	UNIT Z PUMP STATION GATE SVCS	
EFT000000002090	2/5/2025	North County Powder Coating	559.58	WTP - COATING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002091	2/5/2025	Solar-Care	450.00	WINDOW TINT - PU119	Yes
EFT000000002092	2/5/2025	McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	3,461.02	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002093	2/5/2025	A1157 Design DBA Cultura	767.21	WWTP OFFICE DRAWER SET	
EFT000000002094	2/5/2025	Radwell International, Inc.	222.18	WWTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002095	2/5/2025	PFM	3,250.00	ARBITRAGE LIABILITY CALC	
EFT000000002096	2/5/2025	Woodard & Curran	5,361.25	NSDWRC GRANT ADMIN SUPPORT	Yes
EFT000000002097	2/5/2025	Mission Electric Supply, Inc.	426.69	WTP SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002098	2/5/2025	Transnet Investigative Group Inc.	70.00	PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND	
EFT000000002099	2/5/2025	AVI Systems, Inc.	768.75	BOARD ROOM AV SUPPORT SVCS	
EFT000000002100	2/5/2025	Industrial Solution Services, Inc.	8,243.20	Annual Liquid Ammonium Sulfate Supply	Yes
EFT000000002101	2/5/2025	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	833.76	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000002102	2/5/2025	Rusty Wallis Inc.	4,550.00	WTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000002103	2/5/2025	Rincon Consultants Inc.	5,499.50	NSDWRC GRANT ADMIN SUPPORT	Yes
EFT000000002104	2/5/2025	Aqua Metric	48,195.99	Meter stock-up	Yes
EFT000000002105	2/5/2025	Express Services Inc	4,226.72	TEMP LABOR PPE 011925	Yes
EFT000000002106	2/5/2025	ESS	1,198.95	WTP SECURITY SYSTEM REPAIRS	Yes
EFT000000002107	2/5/2025	Konecranes Inc	694.91	Crane/Hoist PM Service & Inspections at DCMWTP	Yes
EFT000000002108	2/5/2025	Harrington Industrial Plastics Inc	765.68	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002109	2/12/2025	ACWA - JPIA	157,743.53	3/25 GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUM	
EFT000000002110	2/12/2025	Escondido Metal Supply	30.17	PARKS SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002111	2/12/2025	Ababa Bolt Inc	832.54	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002112	2/12/2025	Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.	5,952.70	Engineering Services During Construction - Chlorine Gen Room Floor Repair	Yes
EFT000000002113	2/12/2025	DLM Engineering Inc	4,587.36	ENGINEER CONSULTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002114	2/12/2025	Mesa Products	287.61	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002115	2/12/2025	Traffic Supply Inc	380.53	ASPHALT COVER UP PAINT	

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Number	Date	Name	Amount	Inv Reference	Multiple Invoices?
EFT000000002116	2/12/2025	Hasa	9,393.05	WWTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000002117	2/12/2025	Controlled Entry Specialists	2,314.00	WWTP GATE SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002118	2/12/2025	North County Powder Coating	250.39	SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002119	2/12/2025	San Elijo Joint Powers Auth.	33,060.30	1/25 17.30 AF RECYCLED WTR	
EFT000000002120	2/12/2025	Ninyo & Moore	1,613.00	NBHD #1 SPS REPLACEMENT PJT	Yes
EFT000000002121	2/12/2025	Sloan Electric	34,750.38	WTP SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002122	2/12/2025	G. Briest Consulting, Inc.	3,913.20	ENGINEER CONSULTING SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002123	2/12/2025	WREGIS	0.70	RENEW ENERGY	
EFT000000002124	2/12/2025	Orion Construction Corporation	14,250.00	Construction Services	Yes
EFT000000002125	2/12/2025	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	529.61	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000002126	2/12/2025	Be Gone Graffiti	1,000.00	HQ SERVICES	
EFT000000002127	2/12/2025	RS AMERICAS INC.	1,982.60	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002128	2/12/2025	McGrath RentCorp dba	748.86	PARKS TRAILER RENTAL	
EFT000000002129	2/12/2025	USA Blue Book	287.71	SUPPLIES	
EFT000000002130	2/12/2025	West Coast Sand & Gravel	1,106.38	YARD MATERIALS	
EFT000000002131	2/12/2025	Global Power Group Inc	614.58	WWTP PREVENT MAINT SERVICES	
EFT000000002132	2/12/2025	Samba Holdings Inc	188.29	DRIVER RECORD MONITORING	
EFT000000002133	2/12/2025	CDW Government Inc	3,640.74	BLUEBEAM	Yes
EFT000000002134	2/12/2025	Bay City Electric Works	3,613.34	RANCHO LAKES PS #1	Yes
EFT000000002135	2/12/2025	Rockwell Construction Services LLC	2,090.00	Construction Mgmt Services PLC Replacement Project (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
EFT000000002136	2/12/2025	Univar Solutions Usa Inc	2,802.12	WWTP CHEMICALS	
EFT000000002137	2/12/2025	Insight Public Sector, Inc.	1,953.84	SOLARWINDS SVR/APP MONTIORING	
EFT000000002138	2/12/2025	Harrington Industrial Plastics Inc	2,525.27	WTP SUPPLIES	Yes
EFT000000002139	2/12/2025	Water for People	58.00	WTRPL 2/13/2025	
EFT000000002140	2/19/2025	Boot World Inc	200.00	Safety Boots	Yes
EFT000000002141	2/19/2025	PSI Water Technologies, Inc	53,580.64	ASM, ELECTROLYTIC CELL (2) for WTP	Yes
EFT000000002142	2/19/2025	Orion Construction Corporation	352,408.88	N1SPS PROJECT	
EFT000000002143	2/19/2025	Be Gone Graffiti	3,420.00	DESERT ROSE EASEMENT CLEARING	
EFT000000002144	2/19/2025	West Coast Sand & Gravel	515.85	YARD MATERIALS	
EFT000000002145	2/19/2025	TK Elevator Corporation	1,089.19	WTP ELEVATOR SERVICES	
EFT000000002146	2/19/2025	The Dumbell Man Fitness Equipment	185.00	FITNESS EQUIPMENT SERVICES	
EFT000000002147	2/26/2025	Vallecitos Water District	48,395.97	RECLAIMED WATER SALES	No
EFT000000002148	2/26/2025	AG Tech Llc	3,814.25	BIOSOLIDS WASTE DISPOSAL	No
EFT000000002149	2/26/2025	B. Weber Consulting LLC	8,290.50	IT CONSULTING SERVICES - DECEMBER AND JANUARY	Yes
EFT000000002150	2/26/2025	Hasa	8,610.33	WWTP CHEMICALS	No
EFT000000002151	2/26/2025	Controlled Entry Specialists	1,598.00	WTP GATE SERVICES	No
EFT000000002152	2/26/2025	Evoqua Water Technologies	654.60	HEADWORKS WTR SOFTENER SVCS	Yes
EFT000000002153	2/26/2025	McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	1,064.28	SUPPLIES	No
EFT000000002154	2/26/2025	Ninyo & Moore	41,442.90	NBHD #1 SPS REPLACEMENT PJT	Yes
EFT000000002155	2/26/2025	Hazen and Sawyer	2,665.50	Engineering Services During Construction of the DCMWTP Stage 4 Upgrades	Yes
EFT000000002156	2/26/2025	NexusTek Phoenix	6,360.48	CLOUD STORAGE	No
EFT000000002157	2/26/2025	IKG Environmental	8,068.42	PSA with IKG for quarterly Well Monitoring for the San Dieguito Valley Groundwater	Yes
EFT000000002158	2/26/2025	Alpha Mechanical, Inc	18,440.00	UV AC Compressor (4S WRF)	Yes
EFT000000002159	2/26/2025	PWLC I, INC	29,745.50	ZORRO RESERVOIR	Yes
EFT000000002160	2/26/2025	Gillingham Water Planning and Engineering, Inc.	7,817.50	water demand forecasts	Yes
EFT000000002161	2/26/2025	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	473.56	YARD MATERIALS	Yes
EFT000000002162	2/26/2025	Be Gone Graffiti	3,100.00	EASEMENT CLEARING - SEAVIEW WY	No
EFT000000002163	2/26/2025	KDC Inc. dba	59,730.92	PLC Replacement Project Construction (Potable/Recycled)	Yes
EFT000000002164	2/26/2025	TerraVerde Energy, LLC	808.75	PSA for Vehicle Fleet Electrification Feasibility Study & Conceptual Plan Phase 1	Yes
EFT000000002165	2/26/2025	Aqua Metric	33,063.64	1.5" C2 MMP- Chambers	Yes
EFT000000002166	2/26/2025	Tesco Controls Inc	2,429.77	REACTIVE AIR SYSTEM	No
EFT000000002167	2/26/2025	Gallade Chemical	5,009.34	WTP CHEMICALS	No
EFT000000002168	2/26/2025	USA Blue Book	1,370.64	WTP SUPPLIES	No
EFT000000002169	2/26/2025	Patriot Environmental	1,592.75	WWTP GRIT PICKUP & DISPOSAL	No
EFT000000002170	2/26/2025	Express Services Inc	5,037.31	TEMP LABOR PPE 021625	Yes
EFT000000002171	2/26/2025	Global Power Group Inc	614.58	WWTP PREVENT MAINTENANCE SVC	No
EFT000000002172	2/26/2025	Whitson CM	300.00	1/24 SITE INSPECTIONS	No
EFT000000002173	2/26/2025	Nossaman LLP	12,738.39	12/24 LEGAL SERVICES	Yes
EFT000000002174	2/26/2025	Bay City Electric Works	11,878.47	WTP GENERATOR SERVICE	Yes
EFT000000002175	2/26/2025	County of San Diego, RCS	177.00	1/25 RADIO SERVICES	No
EFT000000002176	2/26/2025	ESS	268.00	CONNEMARA PS GATE SERVICES	No
EFT000000002177	2/26/2025	Integrity Municipal Systems	4,840.00	WWTP ODOR SCRUBBER SYS MAINT	Yes
EFT000000002178	2/26/2025	Harrington Industrial Plastics Inc	218.11	WWTP SUPPLIES	No
EFT000000002179	2/26/2025	Water for People	58.00	WTRPL 2/27/2025	No
			<u>2,006,786.62</u>		

Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Monthly Directors Fee and Reimbursed Expenses for Directors and Staff
February 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Check#/ Credit Card</u>	<u>Meals & Lodging</u>	<u>Travel & 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	1,050.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00
Director Maloni	2/26/2025	36633	0.00	32.06	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
			0.00	32.06	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
Director Meyers			0.00	40.20	0.00	40.20	900.00
			0.00	40.20	0.00	40.20	900.00
General Manager Thorner			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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 January & February 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 January 31, 2025

Active Deposits

	Book Value
Checking Accounts	\$ 4,317,149
Cash Restricted for Specific Use	681,669
Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness	1,496
Total Active Deposits	\$ 5,000,314

Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy

Cash with Fiscal Agents	1,904,923
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Investments	Face Value	Market Value	Current Yield	
LAIF	\$ 19,399,242	19,439,225	4.37%	\$ 19,399,242
CAMP - US Bank	25,508,928	25,508,928	4.55%	25,508,928
Money Market Funds	938,044	938,044	4.06%	938,044
Commercial Paper	1,010,000	1,002,799	4.35%	1,000,034
Municipal Bonds	1,000,000	1,003,670	4.98%	1,216,760
U.S. Treasury Securities	3,031,000	2,965,833	3.07%	2,984,069
U.S. Agency Securities	35,475,000	34,764,736	2.34%	35,473,000
Total Investments	\$ 86,362,214	\$ 85,623,236	3.56%	\$ 86,520,076

Total - All Deposits/Investments

\$ 93,425,313

Maturity Analysis of Investments

	Percent	Balance
Demand Deposits	53.0%	\$ 45,846,214
Maturity within the next two months	2.3%	2,000,000
Maturity within three months and one year	13.0%	11,215,884
Maturity beyond one year	31.7%	27,457,978
Total Investments	100.0%	\$ 86,520,076

Weighted Average Days to Maturity

258

Other Required Disclosures:

Accrued interest receivable as of 01/31/2025 \$ 255,389

The above investments are in accordance with the portfolio limitations in the Investment Policy approved by the Board in December 2024.

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

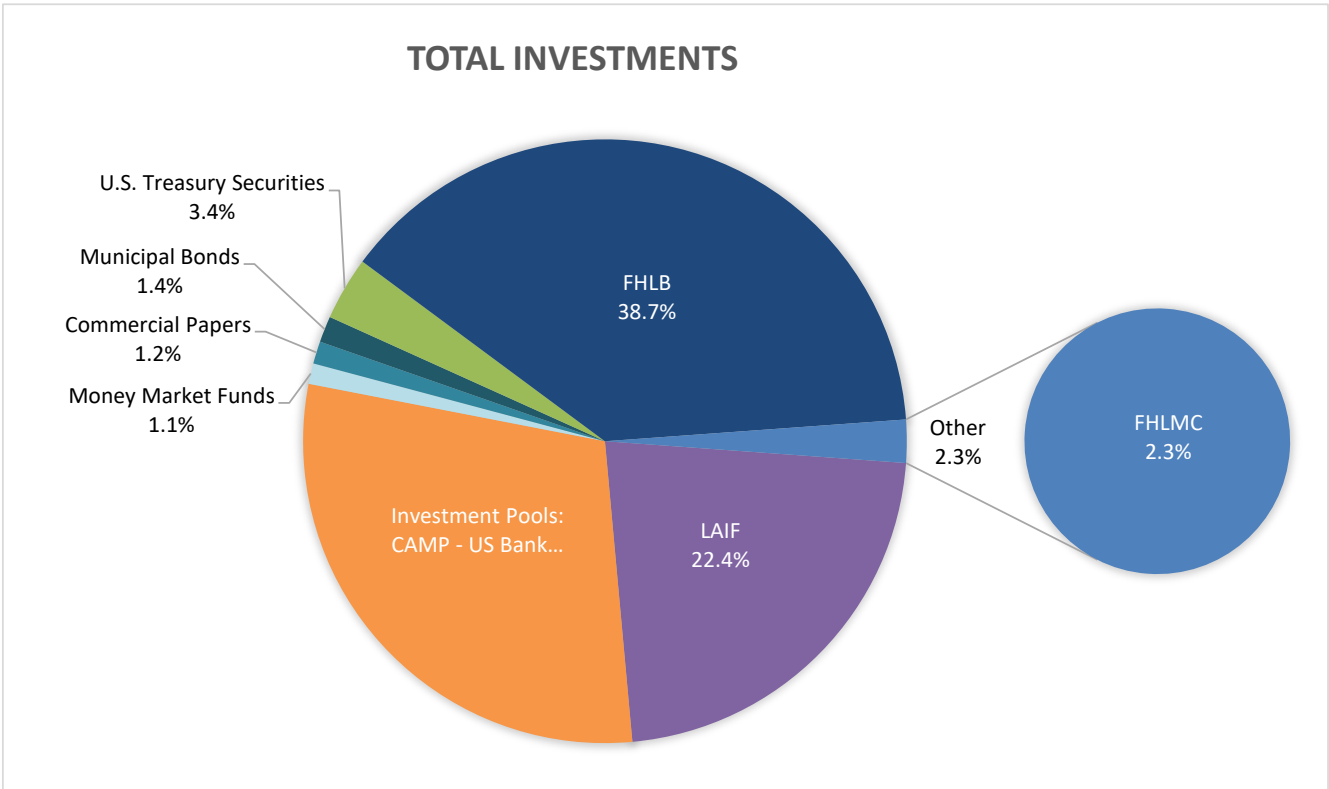
**Olivenhain Municipal Water District
PORTFOLIO LIMITATIONS ANALYSIS PER INVESTMENT POLICY
January 31, 2025**

	Book Value	Percent	Permitted Percent	In Compliance?
LAIF	\$ 19,399,242	22.4%	50.0%	(1) Yes
Investment Pools: CAMP - US Bank	25,508,928	29.5%	30.0%	Yes
Money Market Funds	938,044	1.1%	20.0%	(2) Yes
Commercial Papers	1,000,034	1.2%	20.0%	(3) Yes
Municipal Bonds	1,216,760	1.4%	30.0%	Yes
U.S. Treasury Securities	2,984,069	3.4%	100.0%	(3) Yes
U.S. Agency Securities	35,473,000	41.0%	50.0%	Yes
<i>FHLB</i>	<i>Federal Home Loan Bank</i>	<i>33,473,000</i>	<i>38.7%</i>	
<i>FHLMC</i>	<i>Freddie Mac</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	

Total Investments **\$ 86,520,076** **100%**

Note:

- (1) No more than 50% of the total value of all District Investments or \$40 million.
- (2) May not exceed 5% in any money market fund.
- (3) No limit.



* Total may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

**Olivenhain Municipal Water District
MONTHLY INVESTMENTS DETAIL
January 31, 2025**

ACTIVE DEPOSIT		Book Value
Checking A/C: California Bank and Trust for General Purpose		4,317,149
California Bank and Trust for Specific Purpose		681,669
Petty Cash/Disaster Preparedness		1,496
Total - Active Deposits		5,000,314

DEPOSITS NOT COVERED BY INVESTMENT POLICY		
Cash with Fiscal Agents:		
Union Bank - RAD 96-1 Refunding Bond		281,160
Union Bank - 2015A Refunding Bond		4,508
SRF Loan		1,610,310
Union Bank - 2016A Refunding Bond		2,403
Union Bank - 2021A WW Revenue Bond		4,034
Union Bank - 2021B Refunding Bond		2,507
Total Deposits Not Covered by Investment Policy		1,904,923

	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							
INVESTMENTS													
Invest. Pools: US Bank Calif. Asset Mgmt Prgm (CAMP)							1		4.55%	\$ 25,508,928	\$ 25,508,928	\$ 25,508,928	
State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)							1		4.37%	19,439,225	19,399,242	19,399,242	
First American Government 31846V567							1		4.28%	779,283	779,283	779,283	
CB&T Money Market Account							1		2.96%	158,761	158,761	158,761	
U.S. Treasury Notes/Bills													
912797NB9 U.S. Treasury Bill	Aaa	-	01/10/25	04/10/25			70		4.25%	4.28%	1,002,233	1,010,000	999,526
912797LW5 U.S. Treasury Bill	Aaa	-	01/10/25	07/10/25			161		4.22%	4.30%	1,002,540	1,021,000	1,000,065
91282CBQ3 U.S. Treasury Notes	Aaa	-	03/09/21	02/28/26			394		0.50%	0.52%	961,060	1,000,000	984,478
							17		3.00%	3.07%	\$ 2,965,833	\$ 3,031,000	\$ 2,984,069

U.S. Agency Securities													
3130ANGN4 FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/18/21	02/18/25	02/18/25	None	19	19	1.50%	1.50%	998,780	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AMKE1 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	05/27/21	02/27/25	02/27/25		28	28	0.66%	0.66%	997,500	1,000,000	1,000,000
3134GWAQ9 FHLMC Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/28/20	07/28/25	None		179		0.65%	0.66%	982,720	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKGX8 FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/15/20	12/15/25	03/15/25	06/15/25	319	44	1.50%	1.52%	1,967,980	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AKMD5 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/26/21	01/26/26	04/26/25		361	86	0.50%	0.52%	964,580	1,000,000	999,500
3130AKU53 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	11/28/25		363	302	0.52%	0.54%	964,610	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKN69 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/28/21	01/28/26	01/28/26		363	363	0.50%	0.52%	964,330	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKVN3 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/29/21	01/29/26	04/29/25		364	89	0.52%	0.54%	964,510	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKWK8 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/12/21	02/12/26	02/12/25		378	13	0.51%	0.53%	963,040	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKX43 FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	02/24/25	None	390	25	0.70%	0.73%	1,927,060	2,000,000	2,000,000
3130AL7M0 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/24/21	02/24/26	02/24/25		390	25	0.63%	0.65%	962,270	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AKYR1 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		391	26	0.55%	0.57%	962,120	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130AL6K5 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		391	26	0.58%	0.60%	962,430	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALD76 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		391	26	0.70%	0.73%	963,660	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALCW2 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	02/25/21	02/25/26	02/25/25		391	26	0.63%	0.65%	962,890	1,000,000	998,500
3130ALGJ7 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/23/21	03/23/26	02/23/25		417	24	1.00%	1.04%	940,046	975,000	975,000
3130B2RS6 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/27/24	03/27/26	03/27/25		421	56	4.33%	4.33%	999,040	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALPQ1 FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	03/30/21	03/30/26	03/30/25	03/30/25	424	59	1.50%	1.54%	974,210	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130ALVC5 FHLB Step-up Callable	Aaa	AA+	04/14/21	04/14/26	04/14/25	04/14/25	439	74	1.50%	1.54%	973,120	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3YT4 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/06/24	06/05/26	03/05/25		491	34	4.55%	4.55%	999,530	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B44P3 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	12/12/24	06/12/26	03/12/25		498	41	4.50%	4.50%	1,498,980	1,500,000	1,500,000
3130APAY1 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/21/21	10/21/26	04/21/25		629	81	1.10%	1.16%	947,840	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130APL78 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/28/21	10/28/26	04/28/25		636	88	1.38%	1.44%	951,790	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2DX0 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	08/27/24	11/27/26	Anytime		666	1	4.55%	4.56%	997,320	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B1TA5 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	07/09/24	07/09/27	07/09/25		890	160	5.20%	5.20%	1,000,470	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4JD4 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/14/25	07/14/27	07/14/25		895	165	4.65%	4.65%	1,000,170	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4TL5 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/30/25	07/30/27	07/30/25		911	181	4.50%	4.50%	999,200	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3PL1 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	11/15/24	11/15/27	05/15/25		1,019	105	4.88%	4.88%	999,760	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B4TN1 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/30/25	01/28/28	01/28/26		1,093	363	4.50%	4.50%	999,690	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2N43 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/10/24	09/10/29	09/10/26		1,684	588	4.00%	4.09%	978,370	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B2NM3 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	09/17/24	09/17/29	03/17/25		1,691	46	4.92%	4.93%	998,370	1,000,000	1,000,000
3130B3BF9 FHLB Callable	Aaa	AA+	10/16/24	10/11/29	04/11/25		1,715	71	4.90%	4.91%	998,610	1,000,000	1,000,000
3134HAX65 FHLMC Callable	Aaa	AA+	01/10/25	01/10/28	04/10/25		1,075	70	4.50%	4.50%	999,740	1,000,000	1,000,000
							599	98	2.30%	2.34%	\$ 34,764,736	\$ 35,475,000	\$ 35,473,000

Commercial Paper													
48306AR33 Kaiser Foundation			01/10/25	04/03/25			63		4.32%	4.35%	1,002,799	1,010,000	1,000,034
							2		4.32%	4.35%	\$ 1,002,799	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 1,000,034
Municipal Bonds													
882724RA7 TEXAS ST PUB FIN AUTH	Aaa	AAA	10/30/20	10/01/25			244		5.00%	4.98%	1,003,670	1,000,000	1,216,760
							8		5.00%	4.98%	\$ 1,003,670	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,216,760
Total Investments							258		3.53%	3.56%	\$ 85,623,236	\$ 86,362,214	\$ 86,520,076

TOTAL - ALL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS											\$	93,425,313
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**Olivenhain Municipal Water District
INVESTMENTS TRANSACTION
January 31, 2025**

PURCHASED

DATE				Investment Description	Stated	Current	Face Value	Book Value
Purchase	Maturity	Call	Step-Up		Coupon	Yield		
01/10/25	04/10/25			U.S. Treasury Bill	4.250%	4.283%	1,010,000	999,526
01/10/25	07/10/25			U.S. Treasury Bill	4.222%	4.300%	1,021,000	1,000,065
01/10/25	01/10/28	04/10/25		FHLMC Callable	4.500%	4.501%	1,000,000	1,000,000
01/10/25	04/03/25			Kaiser Foundation	4.320%	4.351%	1,010,000	1,000,034
01/14/25	07/14/27	07/14/25		FHLB Callable	4.650%	4.649%	1,000,000	1,000,000
01/30/25	07/30/27	07/30/25		FHLB Callable	4.500%	4.504%	1,000,000	1,000,000
01/30/25	01/28/28	01/28/26		FHLB Callable	4.500%	4.501%	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		
01/02/25	01/02/25			U.S. Treasury Bills	4.584%	4.584%	1,500,000	1,483,973
01/09/25	01/09/25			U.S. Treasury Bills	4.569%	4.573%	2,000,000	1,979,190
01/09/25	10/09/25	01/09/25		FHLB Callable	4.650%	4.650%	1,000,000	1,000,000

Olivenhain Municipal Water District
UNAUDITED CASH POSITION BY FUNDING SOURCES
As of January 31, 2025

<u>Water Funds (Potable & Recycled)</u>		<u>Balance</u>
10050-100	Cash - Petty Cash Fund	1,496
10010-100	Cash - Operating Fund	14,976,879
10030-100	Cash - Capital and Equipment Fund	40,961,797
10040-100	Cash - Rate Stabilization Fund	11,420,059
10080-100	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	911,437
10060-100	Cash - Deposit Work for Other	202,667
14000-500	Restricted Cash - Capacity Fee Fund	6,979,022
Total Water Funds (Potable & Recycled)		<u>75,453,357</u>
<u>Wastewater Funds</u>		
10010-110	Wastewater - Operating Fund	4,089,416
10030-110	Wastewater - Capital Replacement Fund	8,401,587
10040-110	Wastewater - Rate Stabilization Fund	2,813,424
10080-110	Cash - Pension Stabilization Fund	80,937
Total Wastewater Funds		<u>15,385,364</u>
<u>Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash</u>		
14020-570	Cash non-agent - RAD 96-1	670,468
10070-561	Cash non-agent - Bond 2015A	621
10070-581	Cash non-agent - Bond 2016A	10,580
Total Non Fiscal Agent Debt Service Cash		<u>681,669</u>
<u>Debt Service Funds</u>		
14030-510	SRF Loan - Fiscal Agent	1,610,310
14105-570	Redemption fund - RAD 96-1	230,405
14110-570	Reserve fund - RAD 96-1	50,755
14100-561	Redemption fund - Bond 2015A	4,508
14100-581	Redemption fund - Bond 2016A	2,403
14100-521	Redemption fund - Bond 2021A	4,034
14100-522	Redemption fund - Bond 2021B	2,507
Total Debt Service Funds		<u>1,904,923</u>
 TOTAL FUND BALANCES		 <u>93,425,313</u>

Memo

Date: March 19, 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**

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

- January 2025 Monthly Statement of Net Position Report.
- January 2025 Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Report.
- January 2025 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.
- January 2025 Monthly Consolidated Actual VS Budget Summary and explanation of significant variance reports.
- January 2025 Construction In Progress Report.

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)
All Funds
1/31/2025

Assets

Current assets:

Unrestricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$82,435,910
Accounts receivable - water and wastewater, net	7,944,315
Interest Receivable	255,389
Taxes receivable	212,142
Other receivables	72,831
Lease receivable	418,980
Inventories	4,310,823
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,778,250
Total unrestricted assets	<u>97,428,640</u>

Restricted assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	9,408,867
Assesments receivable	56,123
Grants receivable	6,932,568
Total restricted assets	<u>16,397,558</u>

Total current assets 113,826,198

Noncurrent assets:

Capital assets, nondepreciable	57,773,908
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>316,568,295</u>
Capital assets, net	374,342,203
Prepaid bond insurance	11,674
Lease receivable	<u>10,556,981</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>384,910,858</u>
Total assets	<u>498,737,056</u>

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred amount on refunding	(645,404)
Deferred amount from pension	<u>(7,033,805)</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>(7,679,209)</u>

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Liabilities payable from unrestricted assets:

Accounts payable	4,115,271
Accrued payroll	229,864
Customer deposits	428,780
Payable related to work in progress	192,916
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>11,372,576</u>

Liabilities payable from restricted assets:

Accounts payable	3,177
Interest payable	294,980
Grants payable	<u>6,134,957</u>
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>6,433,113</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>17,805,689</u>

Noncurrent liabilities

Compensated absences	1,107,921
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	11,707,468
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds 2015A	7,076,720
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commi...	1,885,077
Notes Payable	8,652,907

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)

All Funds

1/31/2025

Subscription Liability	9,704
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>54,317,816</u>
Total liabilities	<u>72,123,505</u>

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	334,453,044
Restricted Net Position	9,964,445
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>79,765,866</u>
Total Net Position	<u>424,183,354</u>

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Unaudited)
All Funds
For the Seven Months Ending 1/31/2025

	2025
Operating Revenues:	
Water Sales	\$42,833,100
Wastewater Charges	3,077,567
Other Water Operating revenues	1,036,373
Total Operating Revenues	46,947,040
Operating Expenses	
Cost of Purchased Water Sold	23,242,652
Pumping and Water Treatment	2,903,826
Transmission and Distribution	2,704,138
Wastewater Collection and Treatment	1,173,961
Elfin Forest Recreation Operations	278,402
Facilities Maintenance	692,066
Customer Service	1,485,922
General and Administrative	5,395,900
Depreciation and Amortization	6,531,490
Total Operating Expenses	44,408,357
Operating Income (Loss)	2,538,683
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Investment income	1,830,936
Property taxes	2,830,653
Capacity charges	346,494
Benefit assessments	585,512
Other nonoperating revenues	564,773
Interest expense, net	(615,472)
Other nonoperating expenses	(6,810,843)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(1,267,947)
Income before capital contributions	1,270,734
Capital contributions	6,673,128
Change in net position	7,943,862
Net Position, Beginning of year	416,239,493
Net Position, End of year	424,183,354

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2025

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Receipts from water and wastewater customers	\$ 49,473,536
Payments for water	(28,901,921)
Payments for services and supplies	(6,603,486)
Payments for employee wages, benefits and related costs	(10,493,311)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,474,818

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Property taxes and benefit assessments received	3,409,490
Net cash provided by noncapital and related financing activities	3,409,490

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(9,365,306)
Proceeds from Grants	2,882,381
Principal paid on long-term debt	(1,483,705)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(613,095)
Capacity charges received	346,494
Other capital financing receipts (expenses)	(37,520)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(8,270,751)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Investment income received	1,989,212
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,989,212

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents 602,769

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

Cash and cash equivalents, end of period \$ 58,358,375

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:

Cash and cash equivalents - current assets	51,514,809
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted assets	6,843,566
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 58,358,375

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS RECONCILIATION			
		Balance Includes Mkt Securities	Without Mkt Securities
Unrestricted cash	1/31/2025	82,435,910	51,514,809
Restricted cash	1/31/2025	9,408,867	6,843,566
Total cash and cash equivalents			58,358,375

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Consolidated Actual vs Budget Summary
For the Seven Months Ending 1/31/2025

	Approved Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance Amt	Variance %	Notes
Operating Revenues						
Commodity Water Sales	\$46,817,000.00	\$32,418,036.80	\$29,992,500.00	\$2,425,536.80	8.1%	1
Water Fees and Services	19,701,000.00	11,451,436.71	11,492,250.00	(40,813.29)	(0.4%)	
Wastewater Revenue	5,725,000.00	3,077,566.74	3,115,300.00	(37,733.26)	(1.2%)	
Total Operating Revenues	72,243,000.00	46,947,040.25	44,600,050.00	2,346,990.25	5.3%	
Operating Expenses						
Purchased Water - Variable	27,264,000.00	17,755,133.16	18,503,250.00	748,116.84	4.0%	2
Purchased Water - Fixed	9,593,000.00	5,487,519.00	5,392,800.00	(94,719.00)	(1.8%)	
General Manager Dept	2,232,000.00	1,232,963.70	1,302,070.00	69,106.30	5.3%	3
Engineering Dept	2,577,000.00	1,358,757.11	1,502,690.00	143,932.89	9.6%	3
Finance Dept	1,875,000.00	1,105,401.56	1,094,310.00	(11,091.56)	(1.0%)	3
Customer Service Dept	3,116,500.00	1,751,598.43	1,823,161.00	71,562.57	3.9%	3
Human Resources Dept	878,000.00	518,851.79	512,281.00	(6,570.79)	(1.3%)	3
Water Operations and Maintenance Dept	12,836,000.00	6,977,643.50	7,601,153.00	623,509.50	8.2%	3
Parks Dept	542,800.00	304,694.87	317,422.00	12,727.13	4.0%	3
Other Operating Expenses	50,000.00		29,400.00	29,400.00	100.0%	
Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Dept	3,397,000.00	1,939,928.42	1,983,534.00	43,605.58	2.2%	3
Recycled Water Operations Dept	1,252,500.00	697,567.86	729,470.00	31,902.14	4.4%	3
Paygo Transfers						
Water Operations	5,382,000.00	3,143,000.00	3,143,000.00		0.0%	
Wastewater Operations	3,245,000.00	1,890,000.00	1,890,000.00		0.0%	
Recycled Operations	1,700,000.00	994,000.00	994,000.00		0.0%	
Capitalized Operations Expenditures	(1,969,700.00)	(748,700.73)	(1,148,420.00)	(399,719.27)	34.8%	4
Total Operating Expenses	73,971,100.00	44,408,358.67	45,670,121.00	1,261,762.33	2.8%	
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(1,728,100.00)	2,538,681.58	(1,070,071.00)	3,608,752.58		
Nonoperating Revenues						
Water Funds	7,289,000.00	4,561,368.65	4,203,190.00	358,178.65	8.5%	5
Debt Service Funds	1,057,000.00	603,629.56	602,060.00	1,569.56	0.3%	5
Wastewater Funds	145,000.00	126,120.00	84,700.00	41,420.00	48.9%	5
Recycled Water Funds	342,000.00	158,465.33	199,500.00	(41,034.67)	(20.6%)	5
Total Nonoperating Revenue	8,833,000.00	5,449,583.54	5,089,450.00	360,133.54	7.1%	
Nonoperating Expense						
Capacity Fee Funds	30,000.00	24,839.91	17,360.00	(7,479.91)	(43.1%)	
Debt Service Funds	1,242,400.00	665,774.99	725,690.00	59,915.01	8.3%	6
Potable Water Funds	858,000.00	600,743.75	563,600.00	(37,143.75)	(6.6%)	7
Recycled Water Funds		6,134,956.54		(6,134,956.54)	0.0%	8
Total Nonoperating Expense	2,130,400.00	7,426,315.19	1,306,650.00	(6,119,665.19)	(468.3%)	
Inc before Cap Fees and Capital Contributions	4,974,500.00	561,949.93	2,712,729.00	(2,150,779.07)		
Capacity Fee Funds	1,457,000.00	708,783.87				
Capital contributions	1,772,000.00	6,673,127.74				
Change in Net Position		7,943,861.54				

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Actual vs Budget Variance
For the Seven Months Ending 1/31/2025

1. Water Sales revenue was higher than Budget YTD by approximately \$2.43 million resulting in a favorable variance of 8.1% due to the timing of unbilled water estimates and higher actual water sales over budgeted. Customers' total water usage through January was 494 acre feet, or 4%, more than Budget YTD.
2. Purchased water variable expenses were lower than the Budget YTD for a favorable variance of \$748 thousand or 4.0%. 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, the timing of treated water purchases included in Budget YTD which assumed additional cost is incurred evenly throughout the year, and savings from the pre-buy of untreated water from San Diego County Water Authority at calendar year 2024 rates.
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.
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 the increase in the Rate Reimbursement Credit to customers effective January 1st from 11 cents per unit as budgeted to 22 cents per unit, as approved by the Board in November 2024.
8. Actual Non-operating Expenses – Recycled Water Funds were greater than Budget YTD for a negative variance due to pass-through grant expenses on Title XVI grant receipts received that are due to other agencies. An equal offsetting revenue amount is included in Capital contributions.

Construction Work In Progress Report as of 1/31/2025

Project Name	Total Project Budget	Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25	Total Expensed Thru 1/31/2025 ¹	(Over) Under Cumulative Appropriation Thru FY '25
Replace Neighborhood 1 Sewer Pump Station	\$8,582,000	\$8,582,000	\$8,578,788	\$3,212
San Dieguito Desalination	\$75,437,000	\$6,514,000	\$5,106,486	\$1,407,514
HOA Recycled Pipeline Ext - CB, VP, SH	\$4,395,000	\$4,345,000	\$2,401,813	\$1,943,187
DCMWTP 4th Stage Centrifuge	\$3,340,000	\$3,340,000	\$994,047	\$2,345,953
RSFe Rd Unit A North Pipeline	\$2,094,000	\$1,986,000	\$1,956,256	\$29,744
District-Wide PLC Replacements	\$1,466,000	\$1,466,000	\$518,791	\$947,209
District-Wide PLC Replacement Wastewater	\$1,456,000	\$1,456,000	\$486,845	\$969,155
Village Park Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$327,066	\$1,082,934
Gardendale Pressure Reducing Station	\$1,410,000	\$1,410,000	\$435,104	\$974,896
Replace Headworks Manual System	\$3,369,000	\$1,221,000	\$481,220	\$739,780
Replace DCMWTP Membranes	\$11,231,000	\$936,000	\$809,277	\$126,723
Replace Potable Meters	\$9,304,000	\$830,000	\$378,790	\$451,210
Replace Valves	\$8,604,000	\$750,000	\$166,121	\$583,879
Fixed Base AMI	\$715,000	\$715,000	\$439,841	\$275,159
Raw Water Equalizer Tank Rehabilitation	\$671,000	\$671,000	\$13,676	\$657,324
Off-Spec and High Flow Diversion Pipeline	\$685,000	\$610,000	\$0	\$610,000
Tank Safety Improvements	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$125,374	\$464,626
Potable & Recycled Master Plan	\$583,000	\$583,000	\$584,295	(\$1,295) ²
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Basin & Beam	\$1,784,000	\$577,000	\$3,573	\$573,427
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	\$94,048	\$405,952
EFRR Parking Lot Expansion	\$1,385,000	\$476,000	\$104,559	\$371,441
Steel Mains Protection	\$3,484,000	\$304,000	\$38,266	\$265,734
Palms I and II Reservoirs	\$1,792,000	\$277,000	\$148,008	\$128,992
Encinitas Blvd Inspection & Repair	\$677,000	\$274,000	\$20,930	\$253,070
DCMWTP 2nd Stage Membrane Train	\$472,500	\$272,500	\$207,441	\$65,059
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	\$7,822	\$208,678
Replace WW Pumps, Motors & Equipment	\$2,539,000	\$200,000	\$25,411	\$174,589
Chlorine Gen Rm Lining Rehabilitation	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$211,105	(\$16,105) ²
Fleet Electrification Plan	\$2,450,000	\$193,000	\$44,817	\$148,183
DCMWTP Combined Filter Influent & Backwash Pipe Replacement	\$708,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
Replace Potable Pumps and Motors	\$2,004,000	\$175,000	\$11,141	\$163,859
Rancho La Cima/Aliso Canyon Pipeline	\$315,000	\$165,000	\$63,359	\$101,641
Firehouse SPS Liner Replacement	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$155,053	\$4,947
Replace Meter Anodes	\$1,811,000	\$158,000	\$132,089	\$25,911
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	\$55,526	\$94,474
Wanket RW Reservoir Rehabilitation	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$21,235	\$128,765
Del Dios SPS Improvements	\$773,000	\$160,100	\$160,072	\$28
District-Wide Facility Security	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$98,438	\$31,562
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	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$5,288	\$79,712
Recycled Conversions	\$819,000	\$65,000	\$5,865	\$59,135
4S WRF Scada Upgrades	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$60,860	\$3,140
DCMWTP Inlet Strainer MOV	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$2,050	\$60,950
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	\$19,000	\$31,000
WW Pump Station Rehab & Replace	\$813,000	\$28,900	\$0	\$28,900
Replace Recycled Pipeline	\$590,000	\$145,000	\$112,761	\$32,239
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	\$9,538	\$20,462
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	\$8,440	\$16,560
Rehab Concrete Tanks	\$295,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Gano & San Dieguito Access Improvements	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$807	\$19,193
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	\$181,463	\$28,537
Shop & Field Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$179,000	\$179,000	\$131,769	\$47,231
Computer Hardware/Software Purchases (Small Cap)	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$5,463	\$72,537
Office Furniture/Equipment Purchases (Small Cap)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$19,335	\$665
Total :	\$182,464,000	\$46,278,000	\$26,371,840	\$19,906,160

¹ Excludes encumbrances

² Project is complete. Overage is within Manager approval limit.

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Melody Colombo, Administrative Analyst
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH, MAY 4-10, 2025 AS NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK, AND MAY 18-24, 2025 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider supporting the statewide Water Awareness Month campaign which will be celebrated in May 2025, the American Water Works Association's National Drinking Water Week which will be celebrated May 4-10, 2025, and the American Public Works Association's National Public Works Week which will be celebrated May 18-24, 2025.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the board show its support of Water Awareness Month, National Drinking Water Week, and National Public Works Week by adopting this resolution.

Alternative(s)

The board may choose not to support Water Awareness Month, Drinking Water Week, and/or National Public Works Week in 2025.

Background

The month of May is recognized each year as Water Awareness Month as part of a statewide campaign to heighten public awareness of water and the role water agencies play in water use efficiency, water supply management, water quality, and distribution. Key elements of OMWD's outreach efforts include the WaterSmart Landscape Contest, the fourth-grade calendar contest, as well as water awareness outreach and education in collaboration with local elementary schools.

For more than 40 years, the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated National Drinking Water Week – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. National Drinking Water Week will be celebrated May 4-10, 2025.

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week-long celebration seeks to enhance the prestige of the professionals who serve the public good every day. The theme for this year's effort is "People, Purpose, Presence" highlighting three cornerstone ideals that motivate public works professionals to serve in their communities every day. NPWW will be celebrated May 18-24, 2025.

Historically, the board has annually recognized Water Awareness Month, National Drinking Water Week, and National Public Works Week, including most recently in 2024 with the approval of Resolution 2024-03.

Fiscal Impact

There are no costs associated with this item outside of normal operations.

Discussion

The board's adoption of this resolution demonstrates its support of Water Awareness Month, National Drinking Water Week, and National Public Works Week.

The three events will be highlighted on OMWD's website and on social media.

In honor of NPWW, OMWD's General Manager will plan an event to thank employees for their hard work and dedication all year long.

Attachments: Resolution 2025-xx

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-xx

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OLIVENHAIN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS
WATER AWARENESS MONTH, MAY 4-10, 2025 AS NATIONAL
DRINKING WATER WEEK, AND MAY 18-24, 2025 AS NATIONAL
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

WHEREAS, Water Awareness Month, American Water Works Association's National Drinking Water Week, and American Public Works Association's National Public Works Week are events designed to raise public awareness of how public works services provide the community with an integral part of the quality of citizens' everyday lives, and how vital water quality and water supply are for California; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems, public outreach, and water use efficiency programs; and

WHEREAS, public agencies throughout California have supported Water Awareness Month, National Drinking Water Week, and National Public Works Week and are participating in this program under the philosophy that ongoing annual events and outreach will keep people informed about the vital role played by these facilities and services in the quality of life, safety, and comfort of the community, as well as the need for water use efficiency year-round; and

WHEREAS, Olivenhain Municipal Water District will work to increase the awareness of water as a precious resource, and will celebrate its delivery by qualified and dedicated personnel, and of the importance of the work they perform.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District does hereby find, determine, resolve, and order as follows:

SECTION 1: The Board of Directors does proclaim May 2025 as Water Awareness Month, May 4-10, 2025 as National Drinking Water Week, and May 18-24, 2025 as National Public Works Week.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors does hereby urge water agencies, members of the business community, chambers of commerce, service clubs, schools, and other organizations to support and assist in the public awareness of water use efficiency and public works services.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

Christy Guerin, Secretary
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Purpose

This item is to nominate a candidate to fill the Southern Network's Seat B on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors for the 2026-2028 term.

Recommendation

Staff would support any board member interested in running for election to CSDA's Board of Directors.

Alternative(s)

The board may choose against nominating a candidate for this year's CSDA election.

Background

Each of CSDA's six regional divisions has three seats on the Board of Directors, holding staggered three-year terms. Any independent special district in good standing with "Regular Member" status in CSDA is eligible to nominate one of its board members or managerial employees for election as a director of CSDA. Southern Network's Seat B

incumbent, Don Bartz of Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District is expected to run for reelection.

Fiscal Impact

There are no costs associated with drafting or adopting a nomination resolution. If an OMWD representative is elected to the CSDA Board of Directors, there are two conferences annually as well as four modules of the Special District Leadership Academy for which OMWD is responsible for the cost of attendance. There are also four to five board meetings and three to five committee meetings annually for which CSDA will reimburse the cost of travel.

Discussion

Should the board wish to nominate a candidate from OMWD, a copy of the resolution or minutes showing the nominating vote along with the candidate information sheet will be submitted to CSDA. CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 10, 2025. All votes must be received by July 25, 2025. The newly appointed Board Member for the Southern Network's Seat B will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Monterey, CA on August 2025.

Attachments:

- *Memorandum from CSDA to member agencies, dated February 10, 2025*
- *2026-2028 Board Appointment for Seat B Southern Network Nomination Form and Candidate Information Sheet*



CSDA

**California Special
Districts Association**

Districts Stronger Together

DATE: February 10, 2025

TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers

FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

SUBJECT: **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT B**

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2026 - 2028 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent.
(See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, professional development, and other resources for members. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member district in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations in the Northern Network is April 21, 2025. The deadline for receiving nominations in all other Networks is April 11, 2025. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: 916.442.7889
E-mail: amberp@csda.net

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 10, 2025. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 25, 2025. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 29, 2025. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Monterey, CA in August 2025.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

Northern Network	Seat B – Kim Seney, Director, Gold Mountain Community Services District
Sierra Network	Seat B – Jerry Gilmore, Director, Truckee Sanitary District*
Bay Area Network	Seat B – Ryan Clausnitzer, General Manager, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District*
Central Network	Seat B – Lorenzo Rios, CEO, Clovis Veterans Memorial District*
Coastal Network	Seat B – Scott Duffield, General Manager, Heritage Ranch Community Services District*
Southern Network	Seat B – Don Bartz, General Manager, Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District*

(* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely. *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 10, 2025.* All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 25, 2025.

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail amberp@csda.net by **April 25, 2025** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

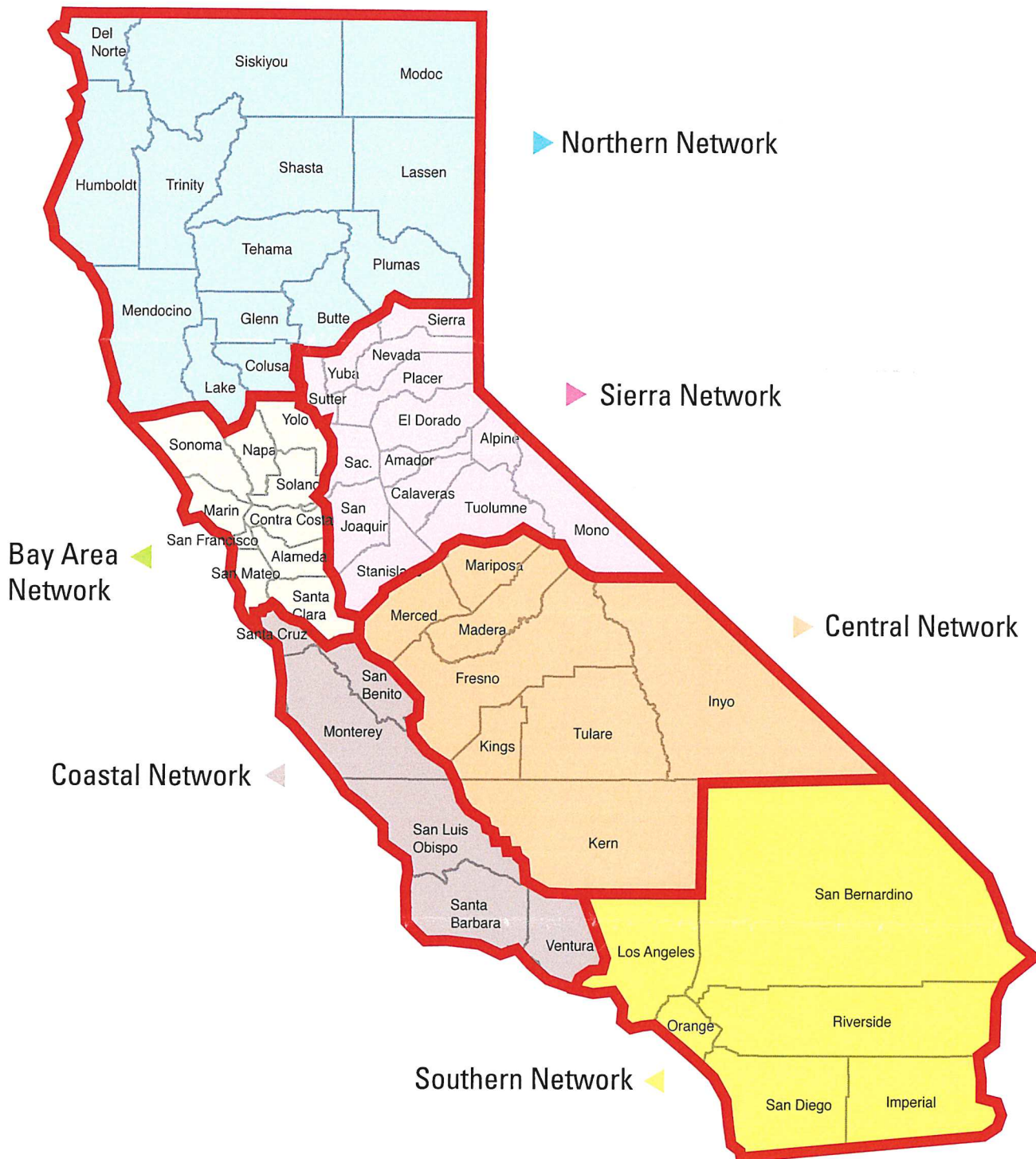
CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 10, 2025 per district request only.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at amberp@csda.net.



California Special Districts Association

DISTRICT NETWORKS





**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

2026-2028 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Title: _____

Elected/Appointed/Staff: _____

Length of Service with District: _____

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

4. List civic organization involvement:

****Candidate Statement – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after the nomination deadlines will not be included with the ballot.**



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

2026-2028 TERM BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Network: _____ (see map)

Telephone: _____

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Return this form, a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate, and Candidate Information Sheet by mail or email to:

CSDA
Attn: Amber Phelen
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732

amberp@csda.net

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:

Northern Network - Extended due to vacancy: April 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

All other networks: April 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Jesse Bartlett-May, Operations Manager
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE EL CAMINO REAL RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE REPAIR INTO OMWD'S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED**

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider acceptance of the El Camino Real Recycled Water Pipeline Repair 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 El Camino Real Recycled Water Pipeline Repair into OMWD's system.

Alternative(s)

None; the repair is complete and constructed in accordance with the contract documents.

Background

The Village Park Recycled Water Zone is in the Northwest Quadrant of the Recycled Water Service Area. This zone is supplied by the Weigand Recycled Water Reservoir via an agreement with the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA). Within this zone, is a 12" PVC recycled water main runs down Mountain Vista Rd and El Camino Real, located in Director Division 2 (Maloni). On 11/26/24 a leak formed from a failed PVC restraint on the recycled water pipeline creating a small sink hole on El Camino Real. With this leak occurring on the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday and the Utility Crews already responding to other leaks, OMWD's As Needed contractor TC Construction (TC) was called upon to help assist with the repairs. TC had been previously selected as the Districts As Needed and Emergency On-Call General Contractor at the 9/18/24 Board Meeting.

Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts to accepting the facilities into OMWD's system, and the new assets will be reported to Finance for capitalization.

Although there are no fiscal impacts related to acceptance of the facilities, costs were incurred from the repair of the pipeline and the paving of El Camino Real.

Repair costs - \$95,919.22

Paving costs - \$91,386.85

Contractor Total - \$187,306.07

The funds for the contracted work listed above were previously approved in the As Needed General Contractor Services Contract presented to the Board on 9/18/24 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 which was included in the Board approved Operations Budget. These funds will be transferred and capitalized per OMWD policies and practices.

Discussion

On the morning of 11/26/24, OMWD System Operators responded to a call of uplifting asphalt in the intersection of El Camino Real and Mountain Vista Rd. Staff responded and quickly determined the leak to be coming from a 12" recycled water main. Staff was able to isolate the leak, call dig alert, and mobilize traffic control. By 2pm that same day, our as needed contractor TC Construction (TC) was onsite, mobilizing equipment, and excavation began shortly after. OMWD staff allowed TC to dump spoils at our yard which helped expedite the excavation work.

Once the pipe was exposed the leak was determined to be coming from a failed PVC restrainer in which the threaded rod let loose from the restrainer. Due to the conflicting

utilities on the main road of El Camino Real the 12” recycled line had many complex angles, which presented complications in the repair. TC was able to utilize a restrained Alpha Coupling to allow for enough deflection to mitigate the complex angles of the existing pipeline. TC was able to make the repair quickly, temporarily repair the roadway, and get staff off the busy intersection just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

OMWD staff and TC then worked with the City of Encinitas to finalize plans and obtain permits for the final roadway repairs. TC completed the asphalt repairs on 2/20/25.

As the Project is now complete, staff recommends acceptance of the Project into OMWD’s system and filing the Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

Staff is available to answer any questions.

Attachment(s):

Notice of Completion;

Location Map

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

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

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the facilities for the El Camino Real Recycled Water Pipeline Repair located in the intersection of El Camino Real and Mountain Vista Road in 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 TC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. ("Contractor"), located at 10540 Prospect Avenue, Santee, CA 92071, have been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications as of March 19, 2025. The facilities have been accepted by the Board of Directors of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT on this 19th day of March, 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.

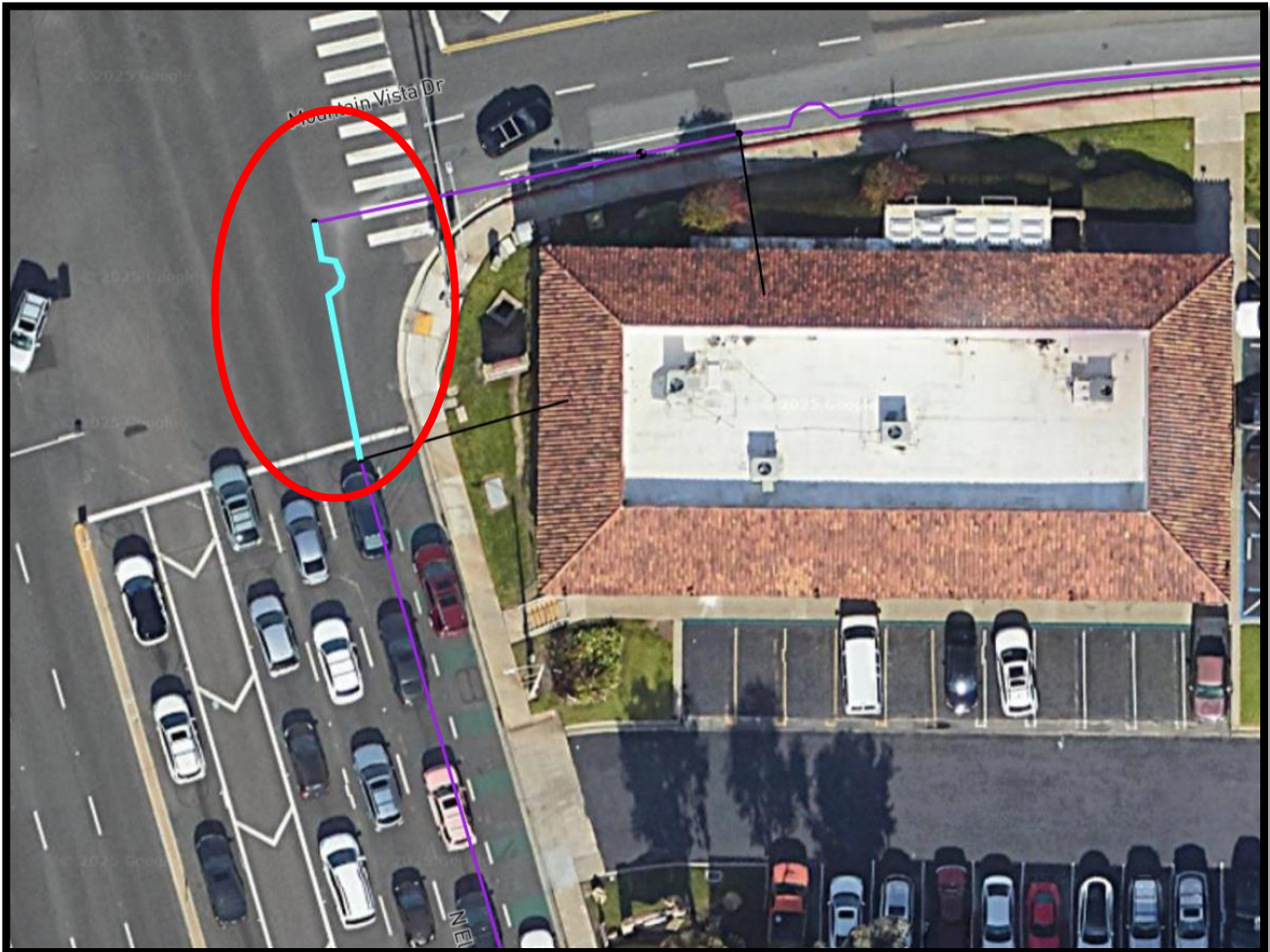
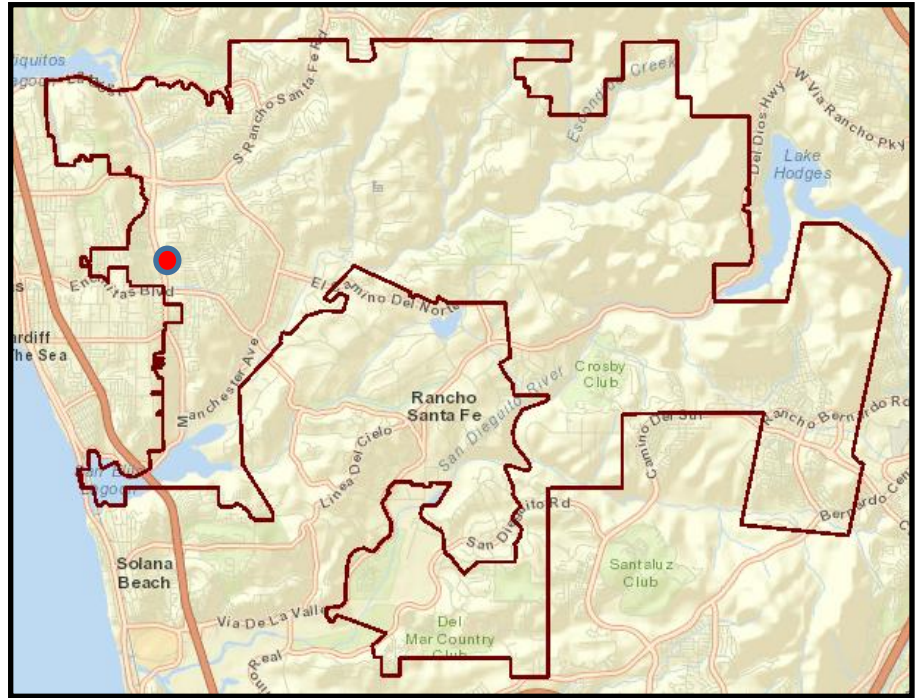
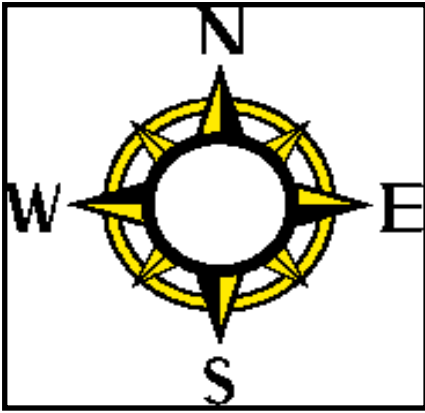
KIMBERLY A. THORNER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is General Manager of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT and is familiar with the facts stated in the foregoing Notice of Completion executed for and on behalf of said Agency, that she has read the foregoing Notice of Completion 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 – El Camino Real Recycled Water Pipeline Repair



El Camino Real Recycled Water Pipeline Repair

Memo

Date: March 19, 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 702 FOXGLOVE STREET WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION PROJECT (JAMES GROTTING) INTO OMWD'S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED**

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider acceptance of the transfer of the facilities constructed by James Grotting (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 OMWD's Standard Specifications and Drawings per the Development Construction Agreement.

Background

The 702 Foxglove Street Water Service Installation Project (Project) is located on Foxglove north of Encinitas Boulevard in Director Division 2 (Director Maloni). The Project consisted of installing an additional 1-inch water service to support property's fire sprinkler system on the front side of the property, along Foxglove Street.

OMWD entered into an agreement with the Developer in December of 2024 to construct the facilities and dedicate said 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.

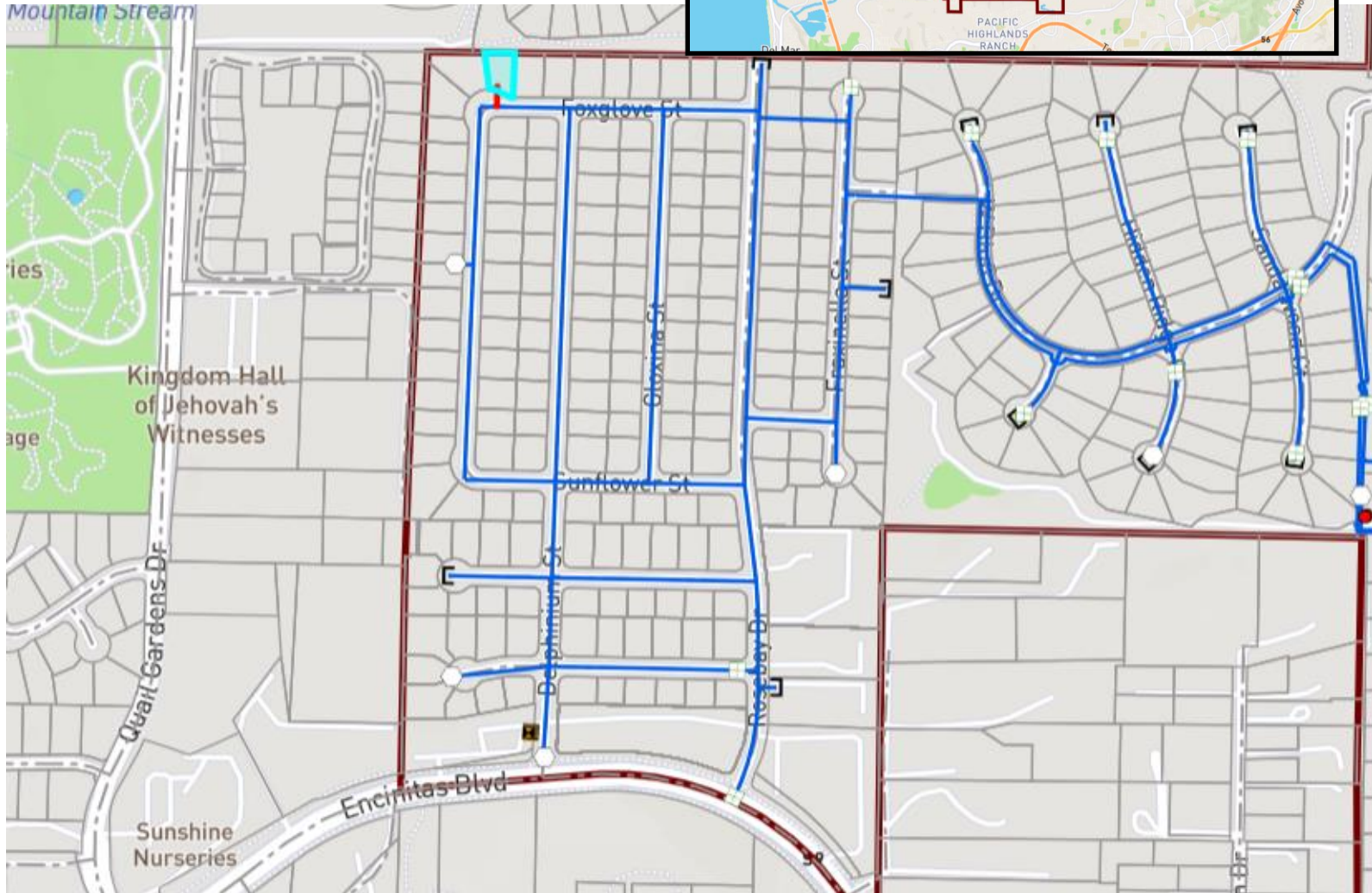
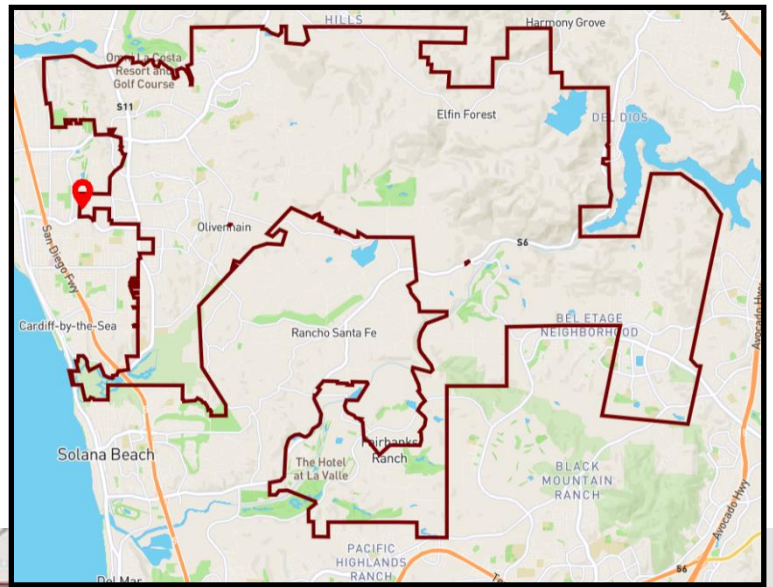
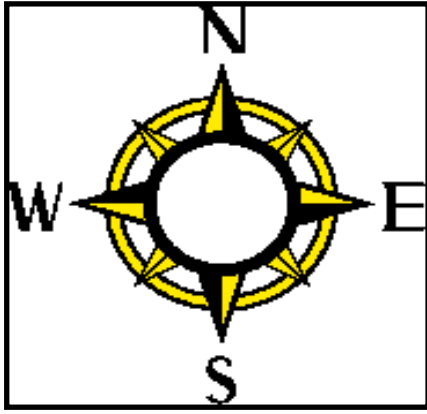
Discussion

Staff is available to answer questions.

Attachments:

Location Map

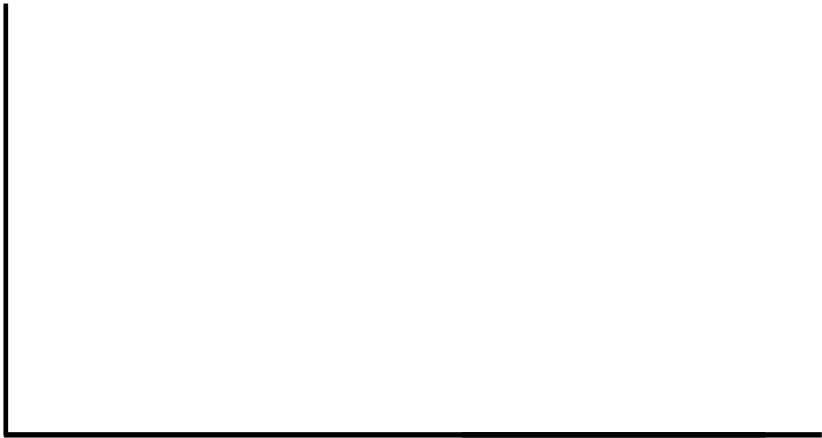
Notice of Completion



**702 FOXGLOVE ST WATER SERVICE
INSTALLATION PROJECT
DISTRICT PROJECT NO. W590334**

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

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



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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the facilities shown on improvement plans for Parcel 257-090-20-02 of Map No. 6599, recorded on March 10th, 1970, located in the County of San Diego, State of California for which James Grotting (“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 and drawings as of February 5th, 2025. The facilities have been accepted by the Board of Directors of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT on this 19th day of March 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: March _____, 2025

By: _____
Kimberly A. Thorner
General Manager

Memo

Date: March 19, 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 3919 AVENIDA BRISA WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION PROJECT (JUDY LAND) INTO OMWD'S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED**

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider acceptance of the transfer of the facilities constructed by Judy Land (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 OMWD's Standard Specifications and Drawings per the Development Construction Agreement.

Background

The 3919 Avenida Brisa Water Service Installation Project (Project) is located on Avenida Brisa, east of Via de la Valle in Director Division 1 (Vacant). The Project consisted of the installation of a 1-inch water service on the front side of the property, along Avenida Brisa.

OMWD entered into an agreement with the Developer in November of 2024 to construct the facilities and dedicate said 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.

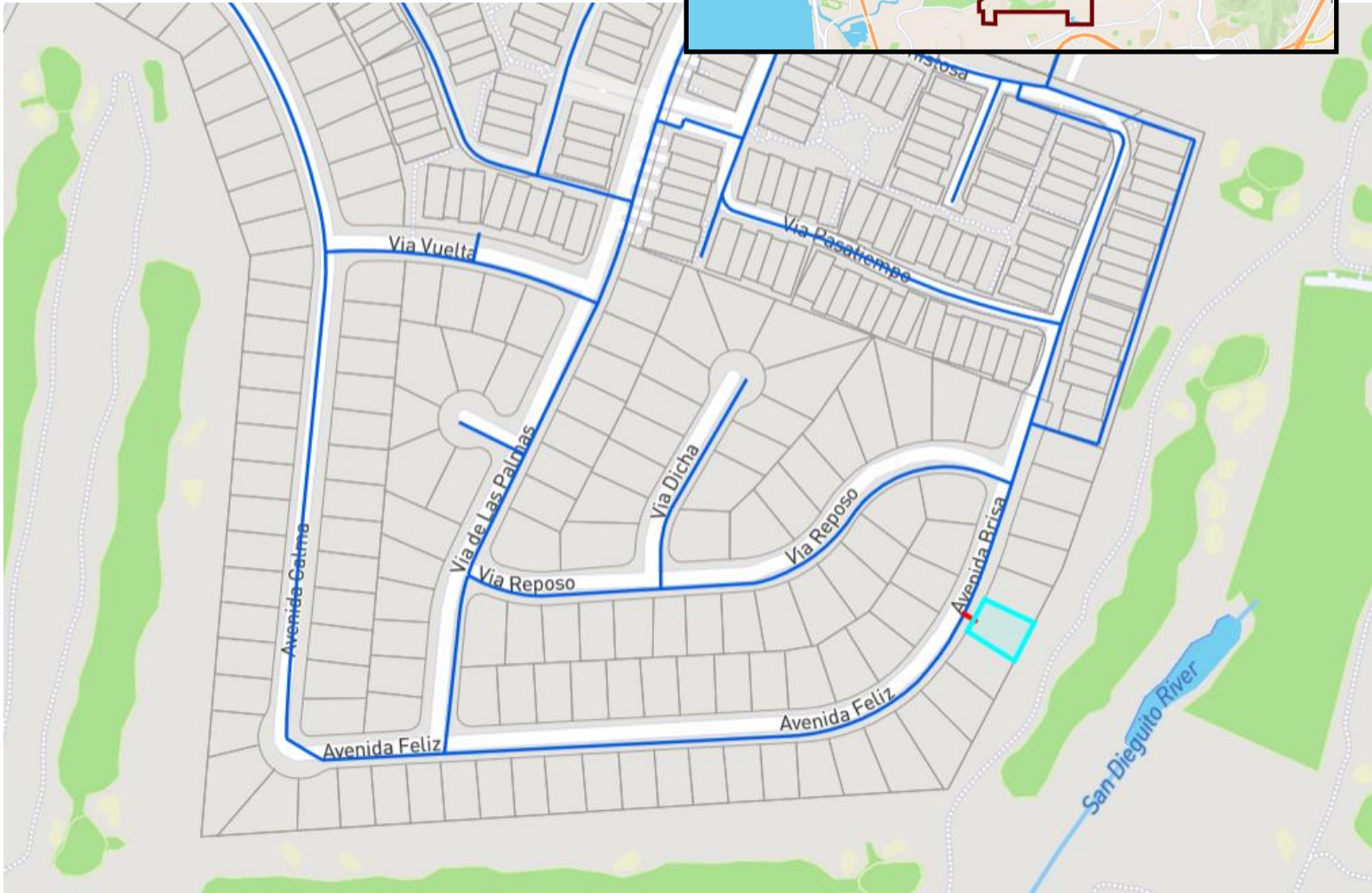
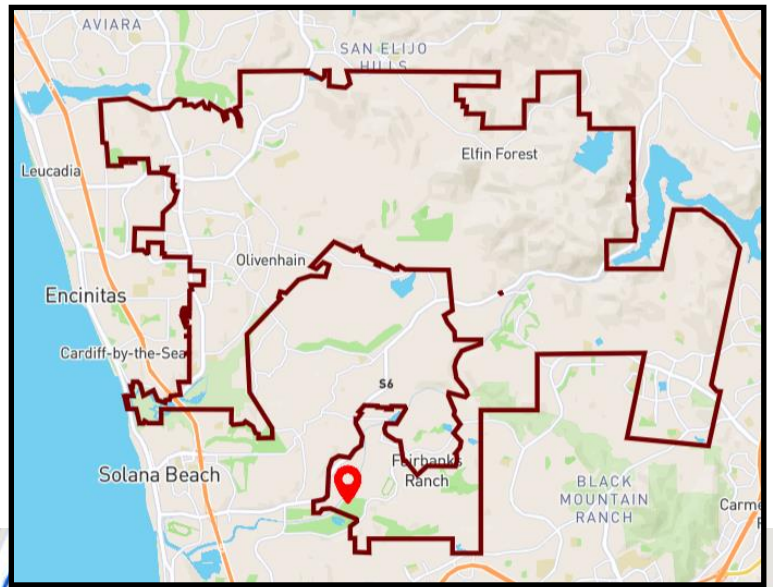
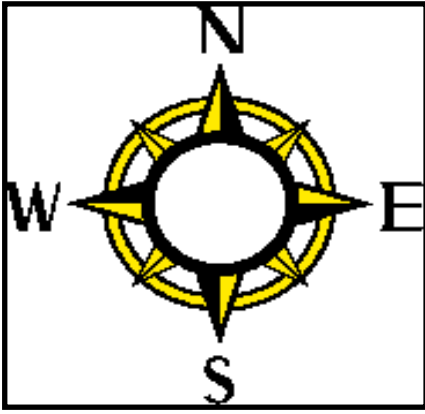
Discussion

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Attachments:

Location Map

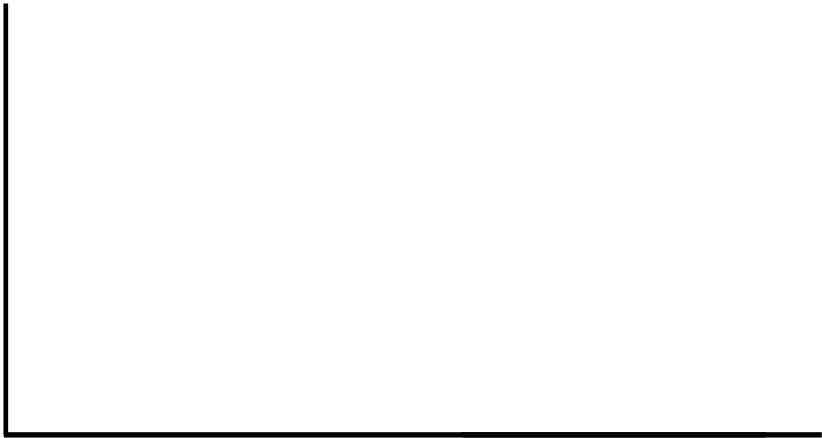
Notice of Completion



**3919 AVENIDA BRISA WS INSTALL PROJECT
DISTRICT PROJECT NO. W590345**

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

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



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the facilities shown on improvement plans for Parcel 302-164-06-00 of Map No. 6492, recorded on June 4th, 1969, located in the County of San Diego, State of California for which Judy Land (“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 and drawings as of February 12th, 2025. The facilities have been accepted by the Board of Directors of the OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT on this 19th day of March 2025.

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OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Date: March _____, 2025

By: _____
Kimberly A. Thorner
General Manager

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Paul Martinez, Engineering Technician I
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER A JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT REGARDING PLACEMENT OF NEW COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON DENK RESERVOIR AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN**

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval to enter into a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with the Vallecitos Water District (VWD), for installation of new radio communications infrastructure at OMWD's Denk Reservoir property. Approval would additionally authorize the General Manager to sign the JUA on behalf of OMWD. The proposed JUA has been reviewed with OMWD General Counsel.

Recommendation

Staff recommends authorizing the General Manager to enter into the JUA with VWD to place new communication infrastructure at the Denk Reservoir site.

Alternative(s)

The Board could elect to:

- Direct the General Manager not to enter into the JUA as currently written;
- Direct staff to modify the JUA language; or

- Proceed in a manner as otherwise directed by the Board.

Background

The proposed JUA consists of allowing VWD to install and mount electrical and communication equipment on the northwesterly part of the Denk Reservoir, located within Director Division 5 (Director Meyers). The new communication facilities will help VWD by providing network connectivity between VWD's facilities via wireless radio infrastructure. Additional redundancy of radio network is necessary for VWD to provide continuity of data communications between their sites. All VWD facilities will be constructed in a way that there is no interference with existing OMWD assets.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to OMWD in approving the JUA. The documents stipulate VWD is responsible for all costs incurred to install its facilities within the property for any reason whatsoever.

Discussion

OMWD and VWD coordinate closely on initiatives in efforts to reduce costs to ratepayers of both agencies. VWD has similarly allowed OMWD to place communication at VWD's Double Peak site to benefit OMWD's AMI program. OMWD also has a similar JUA with SFID for AMI communication equipment that benefits both agencies.

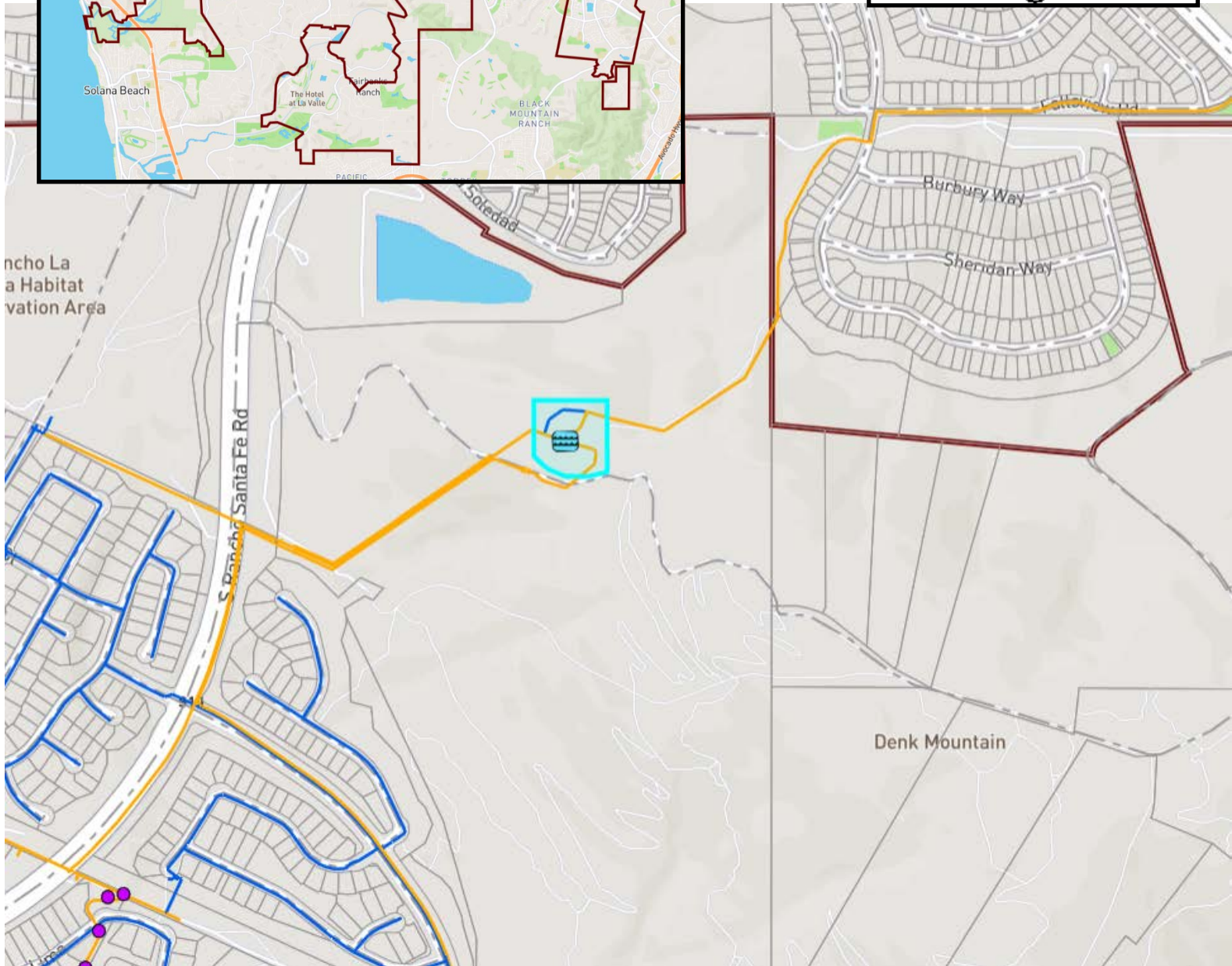
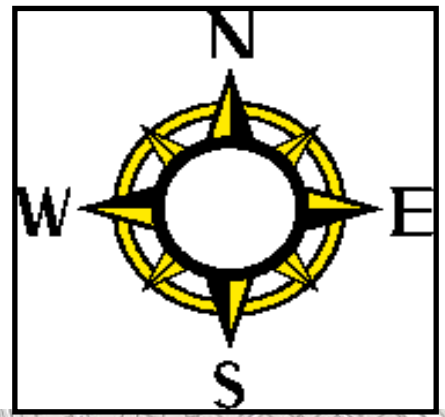
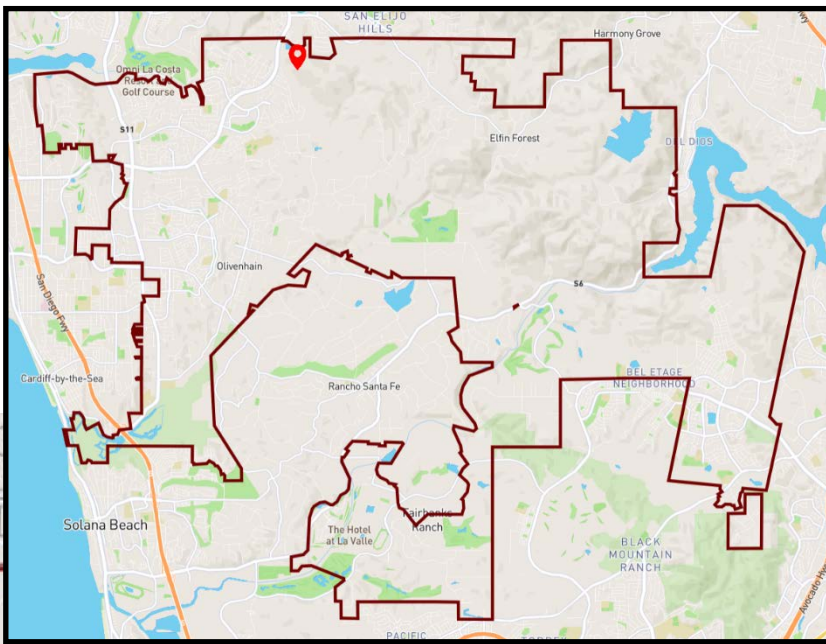
The proposed VWD assets will be installed in a manner that will not unduly affect OMWD's daily operations or maintenance of facilities. A copy of the JUA, which has been reviewed and approved by General Counsel, is attached for review, and staff recommends approval given the proposed VWD communication infrastructure will not interfere with OMWD business and are a benefit to the surrounding community and neighboring agency.

Staff is available to answer any questions.

Attachments:

Location Map

JUA with Exhibits



**JOINT USE AGREEMENT FOR
VWD'S NEW COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE
AT OMWD'S DENK RESERVOIR**

**JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
AND
VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
REGARDING
COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON DENK RESERVOIR**

This Joint Use Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between the Vallecitos Water District (“VWD”), a public agency existing and operating pursuant to the County Water District Law, California Water Code Section 30000 et seq., and the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (“OMWD”), a public agency existing and operating pursuant to the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, California Water Code Section 71000 et seq., collectively referred to hereinafter as “Parties,” and individually as “Party.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties have contiguous service area boundaries within San Diego County and OMWD possesses and controls certain real estate and VWD possesses and controls certain infrastructure near said contiguous boundaries; and

WHEREAS, VWD is in the process of upgrading their SCADA system to improve reliability in the event of a radio failure, and VWD provides network connectivity between VWD’s facilities via wireless radio infrastructure, and additional redundancy of radio network is necessary to provide continuity of data communications between sites; and

WHEREAS, OMWD owns real property located in San Diego County, California, more particularly depicted and described in Exhibit “A”, upon which it operates the Denk Reservoir site (Denk Reservoir), which is advantageously located for VWD’s radio system upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the Parties find it desirable and in the public’s best interest to enter into this Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions for jointly using OMWD’s Denk Reservoir to further VWD’s needs related to the SCADA system upgrades (SCADA Upgrades).

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Site
 - A. OMWD Denk Reservoir location, subject to this Agreement, is identified in Exhibit “A,” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. Use
 - A. VWD Use of Denk Reservoir. OMWD has legal possession and control of Denk Reservoir and will allow VWD to use Denk Reservoir, as provided for herein.

B. OMWD and VWD SCADA Radio Network. VWD will install ethernet radio equipment and a weatherproof enclosure for the SCADA Upgrades at Denk Reservoir as reflected in Exhibit B. Where applicable, a separate conduit may be mounted to Denk Reservoir that is utilized by VWD. OMWD shall have first rights of location over VWD. The location and heights of SCADA radio equipment must be approved in writing by OMWD in advance. Approval by OMWD will not be unreasonably withheld; provided however that OMWD may, in its sole and absolute discretion, deny approval, or require modifications, when necessary for the security and operation of OMWD facilities, or in response to the results of any environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Public Resources Code section 21000 et.seq, as may be applicable. The cost for the installation of the SCADA Upgrades (including permitting) would be VWD’s responsibility. The cost for the installation and environmental compliance or permitting of SCADA Upgrades, including any responsibilities as lead agency under CEQA, will be the responsibility of VWD. VWD’s SCADA Upgrades shall not impair OMWD’s operation, use, and maintenance of Denk Reservoir. VWD shall be responsible for maintenance, replacement, or upgrade costs related to VWD’s equipment, as reflected in Exhibit “B” attached hereto. The Parties hereby agree that, as a ministerial matter, the General Manager of VWD and General Manager of OMWD, may from time to time as it is necessary and/or appropriate, amend Exhibit “B” to add or delete Facilities to or from this Agreement, as agreed to in writing by both Parties.

C. VWD Appurtenant Facilities. VWD is hereby granted a non-exclusive license for using Denk Reservoir site from OMWD for installing, operating, maintaining, and repairing the VWD’s SCADA Upgrades and appurtenant equipment adjacent and connected to the Denk Reservoir. OMWD shall approve in writing the layout and location of VWD’s appurtenant SCADA Upgrades. Approval from OMWD shall not be unreasonably withheld.

D. VWD Access. VWD is hereby granted a non-exclusive license from OMWD for ingress and egress to and from OMWD’s property at the site for access to and work related to VWD Facilities, provided however that OMWD reserves the right to close access to OMWD’s property for periods of time that it reasonably determines are not safe for use or are necessary for protecting or maintaining OMWD’s property or facilitating work thereupon, and further provided that OMWD will make good faith efforts to provide VWD with at least ten (10) days’ prior notice of the need to close access for such reasons and promptly notify VWD that it has reopened such access upon the expiration of the need for the closure. In the event OMWD needs to do maintenance on OMWD’s Property, VWD will be required to remove and reinstall VWD equipment at their own expense. OMWD will make good faith efforts in notifying VWD for construction and routine maintenance needs with a minimum of at least a 96-hour notice prior to maintenance activities, and VWD will make good faith efforts in notifying OMWD as soon as is practical for any and all emergency type access needs. VWD will be allowed to apply a lock at OMWD’s Property via a daisy chain system. VWD will submit notifications for access purposes to engineer@olivenhain.com.

E. Electricity Service. VWD may use such service as detailed in Exhibit B.

F. Approvals and Compliance with Laws. Each Party will obtain any necessary governmental approvals and comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws and other requirements, including but not limited to those governing construction projects by public agencies, related to the installation and use of that Party’s equipment. Each Party will use best

efforts to coordinate with the other Party wherever joint approvals for the Parties' concurrent installation of equipment is possible.

G. Additional Documents. The Parties hereto acknowledge that it may be necessary to execute additional documents in order to complete the work contemplated in this Agreement, and the Parties hereby agree to cooperate with each other by executing such other documents or taking such other action as may be reasonably necessary to complete said work in accordance with the intent of the Parties that is evidenced by this Agreement.

3. Mutual Indemnification

A. VWD shall defend, hold and save OMWD free and harmless from any and all claims and damages arising from VWD's negligence or misconduct or the negligence or misconduct of its representatives, employees, contractors, agents or assigns relating to the work in this Agreement, or injury to VWD's representatives, employees, contractors, agents, or assigns related to their entering upon OMWD's Property, including but not limited to any challenges brought under CEQA related to the installation or use of VWD's equipment, except for damages due to the fault, negligence or intentional acts of OMWD, its representatives, employees, contractors, agents or assigns.

B. OMWD shall defend, hold and save VWD free and harmless from any and all claims and damages arising from OMWD's operation, use and maintenance of Denk Reservoir or its representatives, employees, contractors, agents or assigns relating to the work in this Agreement, or injury to OMWD's representatives, employees, contractors, agents, or assigns related to their entering upon OMWD's Property, including but not limited to any challenges brought under CEQA related to the installation or use of VWD's equipment, except for damages due to the fault, negligence or intentional acts of VWD, its representatives, employees, contractors, agents or assigns.

C. It is the intent of the Parties that where negligence is determined to have been joint or contributory as between the Parties, principles of comparative negligence will be followed, and each Party shall bear the proportionate cost of any loss damage, expense or liability attributable to that Party's negligence.

4. Termination

A. If either Party fails to adequately perform any material obligation required by this Agreement, that failure shall constitute a default. The non-defaulting Party shall promptly give the defaulting Party written notice of the occurrence of the default, and shall allow the defaulting Party thirty (30) calendar days thereafter to cure the default. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and in good faith to resolve any disputes regarding the performance of material obligations required by this Agreement within the thirty (30) calendar day cure period. Failure to cure the default within said thirty (30) calendar day period shall entitle the non-defaulting Party to terminate this Agreement.

B. Either Party may terminate this agreement upon three hundred and sixty-five (365) calendar days' notice.

5. Disputes

A. Before any Party to this Agreement may bring suit in any court concerning an issue relating to this Agreement, such Party must first seek in good faith to resolve the issue through mediation or other form of non-binding alternative dispute resolution mutually acceptable to the Parties.

B. Either Party may initiate informal dispute resolution by written demand on the other. No lawsuit or other remedy may be pursued until at least one informal meeting session has occurred or until the passage of thirty (30) calendar days from the date of mailing of the demand for dispute resolution, whichever occurs first. 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.

6. Notices

A. All notices, requests, demands, and other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given, if in writing and delivered personally or mailed by first-class (postage prepaid) registered or certified mail, as follows:

To VWD: VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT:
General Manager – James Gumpel
201 Vallecitos de Oro
San Marcos, CA 92069

To OMWD: OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
General Manager – Kimberly A. Thorner
1966 Olivenhain Road
Encinitas, CA 92024

A Party may change the address to which such communications are to be directed by giving written notice to the other Party. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication made pursuant to this Article shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at such time as it is personally delivered or on the third business day after it is mailed, as the case may be.

7. Miscellaneous

A. To the extent permitted by law, the Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of exchanged information when requested to do so by the providing Party.

B. This Agreement may not be assigned, transferred or hypothecated without the written consent of the other Party. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and authorized assigns, and no other person or entity shall have or acquire any right by virtue of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer on any person other than the Parties hereto and the respective

successors and authorized assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

C. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof, and all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings of the Parties hereto, oral or written, are hereby superseded.

D. No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and executed by the Parties hereto.

E. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

F. No covenant, term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to be waived by any Party hereto unless such waiver is in writing and executed by the Party making the waiver. No waiver of a breach of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall be construed or held to be a waiver of any succeeding or preceding breach of the same or any other term, covenant or condition herein contained.

G. In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or other portion of this Agreement becomes illegal, null or void or against public policy, for any reason, or shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, null or void or against public policy, the remaining portions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent permissible by law.

H. This Agreement is deemed to have been prepared jointly by the Parties hereto with the advice of counsel and, if any inconsistencies or ambiguities exist herein, they shall not be interpreted or construed against any particular Party as the drafter.

I. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California. This Agreement shall be deemed made and entered into in San Diego County, which shall also be deemed to be the sole proper venue for any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement.

J. The captions of this Agreement are for purposes of reference only and shall not limit or define the meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

K. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Agreement as though fully set forth herein.

L. The persons who have executed this Agreement represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of each Party in their representative capacity as indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Joint Use Agreement as of the day and year first above-written.

VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

James Gumpel, General Manager

Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT “A”

SCADA Ethernet Radio Site Location Map

Location Site: OMWD Denk Reservoir Site – APN 223-617-25

Parcel Legal Description:

All that portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Meridian, in the County of San Diego, State of California, according to the Official Plat thereof described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section 32; thence along the Easterly line of said Northwest Quarter, South 0°36'31" West 950.65 feet; thence South 31°28'50" West 341.61 feet; thence South 58°42'49" West 456.37 feet; thence North 76°12'27" West 230.37 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 0°36'31" East 77.00 feet; thence North 89°23'29" West 350.00 feet; thence South 0°36'31" West 265.00 feet; thence South 46°28'07" East 68.28 feet; thence South 55°28'26" East 34.95 feet; thence South 67°10'26" East 76.69 feet; thence South 89°23'29" East 110.00 feet; thence North 78°04'47" East 92.20 feet to a line which bears South 0°36'31" West from the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said line, North 0°36'31" East 263.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

General Site Location Map



EXHIBIT “B” Sheet 1 of 2

VWD SCADA Upgrades

Upgrades to VWD District Wireless Radio Network is necessary to provide continuity of data communications between sites in the event of a radio failure. The additional data communications added to OMWD Denk Reservoir will provide connectivity between the VWD’s Meadowlark and San Elijo Hills Pump Station facilities.

VWD has identified the initial requirements for associated equipment for OMWD Denk Reservoir which includes the following components:

- Installation of 1 – Ubiquiti Wave AP Ethernet radio
- 1-lockable weatherproof enclosure, approximately 24” x 24” in size, and its contents listed below:
 - 1-120 VAC receptacle fed from OMWD’s supplied distribution panel.
 - 1-120 VAC to 24VDC power supply
 - 1-thermostat
 - 1-24VDC Fan
 - 1-section of DIN rail with terminal blocks attached to it
 - 1 – PoE (power over ethernet) power supply brick for ethernet radio
 - Approximately 200-feet of rigid conduit raceway (1-inch)
 - All clamps, nuts, bolts etc. to secure above contents to Denk Reservoir
- A pole-mounted cellular modem (approximately 1.0 ft x 1.0 ft) may be temporarily installed during prolonged outages.

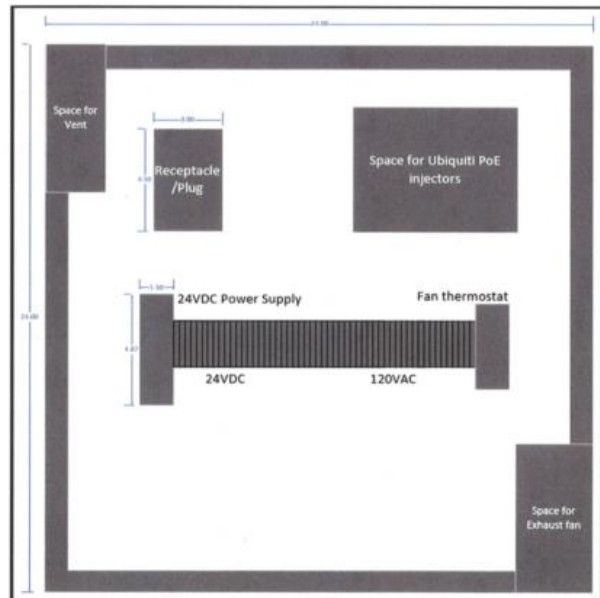
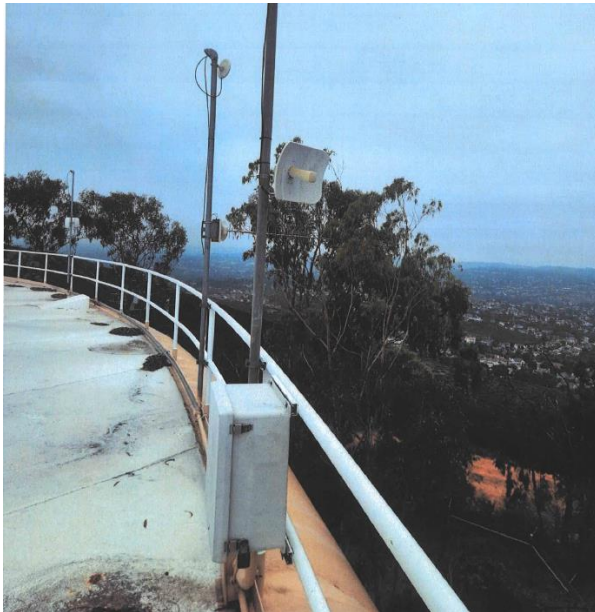
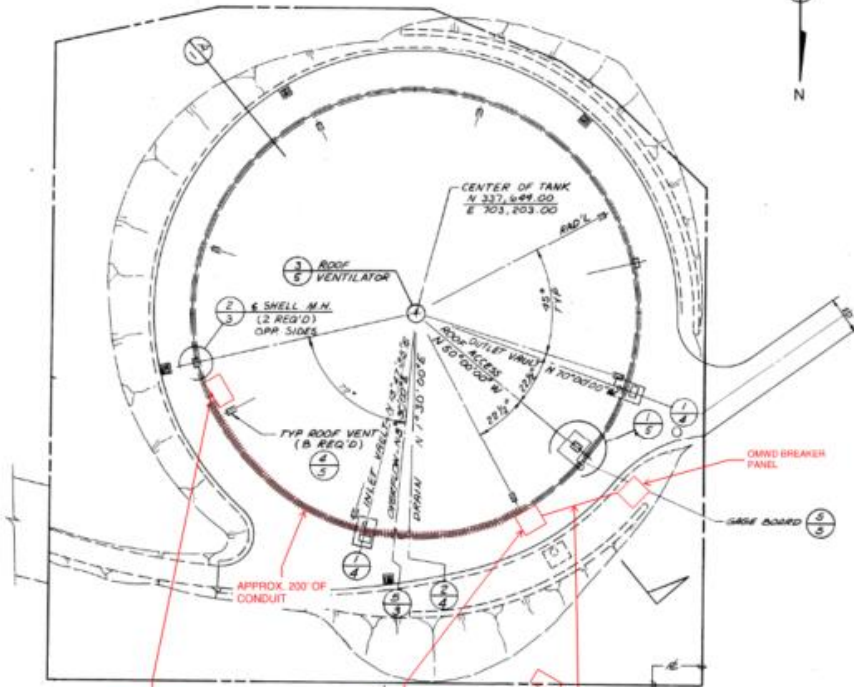


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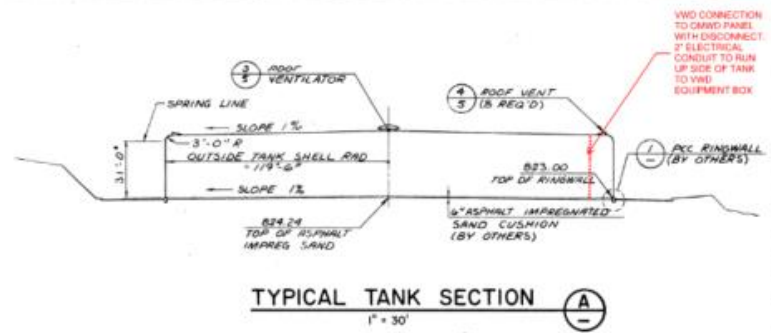
RESERVOIR LAYOUT
 1" = 30'

VWD EQUIPMENT BOX ATTACHED TO RAILING
 16" X 16" X 24"
 DETAILS ON SHEET 2 OF 2

OMWD RTU PANEL
 VWD DISCONNECT WITHIN PANEL

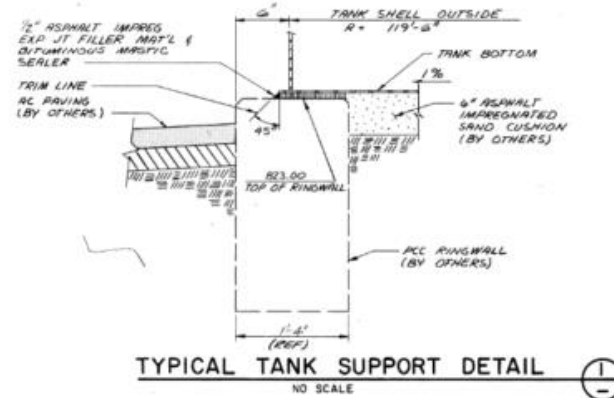
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OMWD BREAKER PANEL
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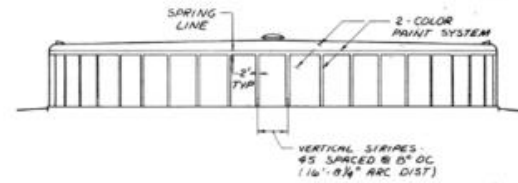


TYPICAL TANK SECTION (A)
 1" = 30'

VWD CONNECTION TO OMWD PANEL WITH DISCONNECT 2" ELECTRICAL CONDUIT TO RUN UP SIDE OF TANK TO VWD EQUIPMENT BOX



TYPICAL TANK SUPPORT DETAIL (1)
 NO SCALE



PAINT SCHEDULE (2)
 1" = 30'

CHANGES WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY DISTRICT ON 10/28/05.
 DATE OF CHANGES: 10/28/05 BY: *[Signature]*

DESIGNED BY: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE: 10/28/05
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OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	
DENK RESERVOIR	
RESERVOIR LAYOUT & TANK DETAILS	
CITY: DENVER	DATE: 10/28/05
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Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER DIVISION 1 VACANCY ON THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONDUCT INTERVIEWS, AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT**

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to assist the Board with the interview, discussion, and appointment of a new Board Member. Staff notified the County of San Diego of the vacancy and of the OMWD Board's intent to fill the Division 1 vacancy on or before March 25, 2025. The selected candidate will fill the remaining 20 months of Director San Antonio's term, until December 3, 2026.

OMWD Board must make this appointment within 60 days of the vacancy (which will be before the end of the day on March 25, 2025) and notify the County elections official of the appointment no later than 15 days after the appointment date. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in the appointment of a director by the County Board of Supervisors as stated in §1780(d) of the Election Code.

Recommendation

The Board Personnel Committee recommends that the Board interview the four applicants that turned their applications in by the posted deadline as follows:

4:00 p.m. Board Meeting begins at the District's administrative offices
(Doors open at 3:30 p.m.)

@4:10 p.m. Consideration of Item #10 – Division 1 Vacancy

- Candidate Order - One candidate is out of the country and will be conducting their interview remotely via phone, so they will interview first. All others will be asked to wait in another room so that they do not hear the questions. Each candidate will be brought in one by one and asked the same questions, which the board has been provided under separate cover. The Board Personnel Committee has recommended the following order, and candidates have been informed of the order:
 1. Bob Van Epps – Remote interview
 2. Don Billings
 3. Ebin Lanfried
 4. Kevin Sabellico
- The Interviews - The candidates have been informed that they will have three minutes at the beginning of the interview for an opening statement before board questions begin. The candidates have also been told they will be asked to leave after their interview and notified of the results the next day.
- Board Deliberation – The Board should make their selection at the Board Meeting. If the Board cannot make their selection, they should announce another meeting on or before March 25th to make their selection. If the Board fails to make a selection before the end of the day on March 25th, the decision will revert to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for appointment.
- The General Manager can administer the oath of office to the selected candidate at a time following the meeting, likely Monday the 24th.

Background

In accordance with California Election Code 1780 (b), OMWD has 15 days to notify the County of San Diego of a vacancy on our Board and whether an appointment will be made. Upon the vacancy by Director San Antonio on January 24, 2025, OMWD staff notified the County of San Diego and the Elections Office of the vacancy and of the OMWD Board's intent to appoint someone to fill the vacancy by appointment within 60 days of the day of the vacancy. The person appointed will serve until the first Thursday of December of 2026.

At the January 15th Board Meeting, the board approved the timeline to hold interviews and to fill the Division 1 vacancy.

OMWD received four applications within the posted deadline of March 3rd at 5:00 p.m. All four applicants were moved forward by the Personnel Committee (Guerin and Meyers) for interviews at the March 19, 2025, Board Meeting. The General Counsel has opined that there are no known conflicts of interest known for any of the four candidates, however there were follow up questions for one candidate which were provided and the answers were satisfactory to move forward. The applications, follow up questions by the General Counsel (if any) and interview questions will be sent to the Board under separate cover. All candidates have been invited to attend the March 19, 2025, Board Meeting for their interviews.

One candidate turned in their application two days late after the closing of applications, without a resume and without a cover letter. It was not possible for the General Counsel to do a complete conflict review without a resume. No explanation was given for the application being submitted two days late. The Board Personnel Committee was not provided the application nor the name of the candidate and made the determination without knowing who the candidate was that they would not move the candidate forward for an interview. The late candidate was informed of this decision and did not respond as of the posting of this agenda.

Discussion

The Board President will oversee the opening and closing of all interviews in the order stated above. The first interview will be via phone due to the candidate being out of the country.

The Board should note that to appoint a new board member, a majority vote must occur, which means three votes. The Board may wish to discuss informal voting procedures prior to casting their official vote.

After discussion, the Board may announce one of the candidates to serve the remaining 20-month term.

The Board President will make committee assignments at the April 16, 2025, Board Meeting.

Staff will be available at the Board Meeting to address any issues and concerns.

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF TERESA ACOSTA TO VOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Purpose

The purpose of this resolution is to provide the District with a San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) vote should its representative be unable to attend an SDCWA board meeting. The last designee approved by the board in April 2013 was Michael Hogan of Santa Fe Irrigation District who has retired from the SDCWA Board of Directors.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the proposed resolution be adopted to designate Teresa Acosta of Carlsbad Municipal Water District to vote on behalf of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District when our representative is absent from a meeting of the SDCWA. This is otherwise known as a proxy vote.

Alternative(s)

- The board may choose not to adopt this resolution. However, this will leave the District's SDCWA representative without a proxy vote should he be unable to attend an SDCWA meeting.
- The board may choose to designate a different representative from the SDCWA Board of Directors.

Background

Effective April 2013, Michael Hogan of the Santa Fe Irrigation District was designated to vote in the absence of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District's representative. Michael Hogan retired from the SDCWA Board after his term ended on December 13, 2024.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to adopting this resolution.

Discussion

This request was made in order to select and update the District's current proxy resolution and the District's proxy designee. Staff is available to answer any questions.

The recommendation of staff of the proxy was made in concert with the SDCWA Representative, Director Meyers. Consideration was given to each SDCWA agency and factors such as whether or not the agency supplies recycled water, operates its own water treatment plant and the similarities in composition of the agency (residential, industrial, institutional, and agricultural composition.) While Carlsbad does not have its own water treatment plant, it does meet the other factors considered. OMWD also needs to be cognizant of issues that are pending in front of the SDCWA Board and which agencies are likely to vote similarly to OMWD on these issues, in case Director Meyers unexpectedly can not make a SDCWA meeting. Carlsbad met the criteria of like-mindedness on issues that are anticipated at SDCWA over the next year.

Attachment: Resolution 2025-xx

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF TERESA ACOSTA OF THE CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT TO VOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Section 6(g) of the County Water Authority Act provides that a member agency's representative to the San Diego County Water Authority may designate another member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority to vote in the absence of such representative, provided the designee is confirmed by the governing body of the member agency; and

WHEREAS, Neal Meyers, the District's representative to the San Diego County Water Authority, wishes to designate Teresa Acosta of the Carlsbad Municipal Water District to vote in his absence; and

WHEREAS, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District desires to confirm the designation.

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

Section 1. The designation of Teresa Acosta of the Carlsbad Municipal Water District to vote in the absence of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District's representative to the San Diego County Water Authority board of directors is hereby confirmed.

Section 2. The Secretary of the board is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of the San Diego County Water Authority.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District at a regular meeting held on March 19, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

Christy Guerin, Secretary
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: John Onkka, Water Reclamation Facilities Supervisor
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION OF THE FIREHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT**

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an informational update on the General Manager's emergency declaration of the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Force Main Emergency Leak Repair Project (Firehouse).

The General Manager declared an emergency on Thursday 2/6/2025. Pursuant to the Administrative and Ethics Code Section 3.2.1, the Board shall review the General Manager's emergency action at each Board meeting until work on the emergency is complete.

Recommendation

N/A. This is an update required by law. The Board reviewed the emergency action at the February 19th Board meeting.

Alternative(s)

No alternatives as this is just an informational item.

Background

OMWD owns and operates the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station, located in Director Division 4 (Hahn). The Firehouse collection area includes the 4S Ranch business park and a majority of the commercial properties in the 4S Ranch Collection System. Firehouse is the oldest pump station in the collection system, originally built by the County of San Diego in 1989, and rebuilt by OMWD in 2009. On the most recent Wastewater Master Plan, Firehouse was scheduled for a complete overhaul in Fiscal Year (FY) 31/32. It is a critical pump station that pushes roughly 200,000 gallons per day of sewage to the 4S Water Reclamation Facility (WRF).

Fiscal Impact

This is an informational item, no fiscal impact at this time. At the April Board Meeting, staff will be bringing a recommendation for an appropriation and notice of completion.

Discussion

On the morning of Thursday, 2/6/25, OMWD received a call of a possible sewage spill at the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station. Wastewater staff arrived onsite and found that the leak was emanating from the pump station force main. Staff turned the pump station off and was able to control the leak. All Best Management Practices were deployed for containment and immediately commenced trucking sewage from the pump station to the Neighborhood 3 Sewer Pump Station (SPS), as the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station was turned off. The leak was contained immediately. Regulators were notified per our Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). Clean up began, including vacuuming up waste.

The sudden sewer force main leak posed a clear and imminent danger to property, requiring immediate action. 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 and essential services.

OMWD staff determined the repairs exceeded the capabilities of OMWD owned equipment and staff called Cass Arrietta (Cass) onsite to undertake emergency repairs. Cass mobilized and commenced construction on Friday, 2/7/25. Waste continued to be hauled in 5,000-gallon trucks to the Neighborhood 3 SPS until 10pm Friday night. The tankers were able to be called off thanks to the quick thinking of our Collections System Operator, Jason Emerick, who thought of a creative solution to pump from the station wetwell directly to the force main heading back to the 4S Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). This saved the District money on both hauling costs and overtime for additional staff providing traffic control for the tankers.

Cass mobilized additional equipment Saturday morning and continued excavation. Cass brought in a second crew and continued their excavation efforts through Saturday night and into Sunday morning. The source of the leak was finally discovered Sunday morning 2/9/25. The leak was emanating from a silver dollar sized hole in the 10" ductile iron pipeline that was just downstream from the pump station wall.

A temporary repair was made to the leaking ductile iron pipe, but bypass pumping continued until further investigation of the remaining ductile iron pipe could be made. Further investigation of the ductile iron pipe was made with a sewer inspection camera contractor on 2/13/25. The camera detection displayed significant deficiencies with the remaining ductile iron pipe. The General Manager extended the emergency to include replacement of the remaining ductile iron pipe onsite based on these significant deficiencies. Cass then came back to the District with an idea to save considerable time and money by abandoning the old ductile iron pipe and making a new more direct run of PVC pipe from the pump station to the existing force main line connecting to the flow meter and ultimately back to the WRF.

Once this approach was approved by OMWD staff, after careful consideration of possible effects on the pump station, Cass continued work on excavation and pipeline replacement. Staff worked closely with Cass to get the parts ordered, properly coated and parts were delivered to the site on Friday 2/28/25. Cass worked through the weekend to get this Project complete before the incoming rains. On Monday, 3/3/25 staff put the pump station back in operation while Cass installed cathodic protection. All work should be finalized by Monday 3/17/25 (weather permitting). Final costs will then be calculated and a Notice of Completion prepared for the April Board meeting.

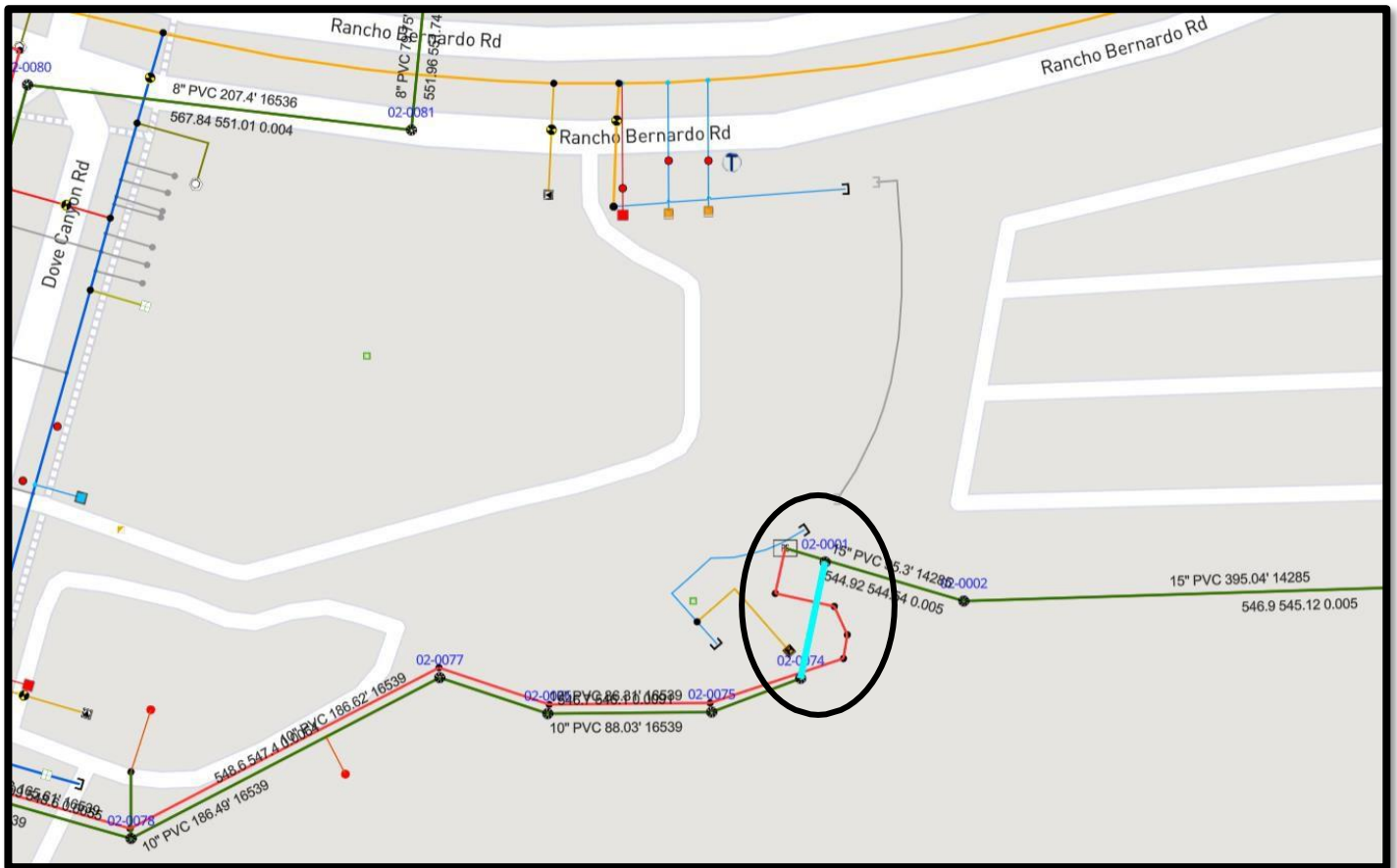
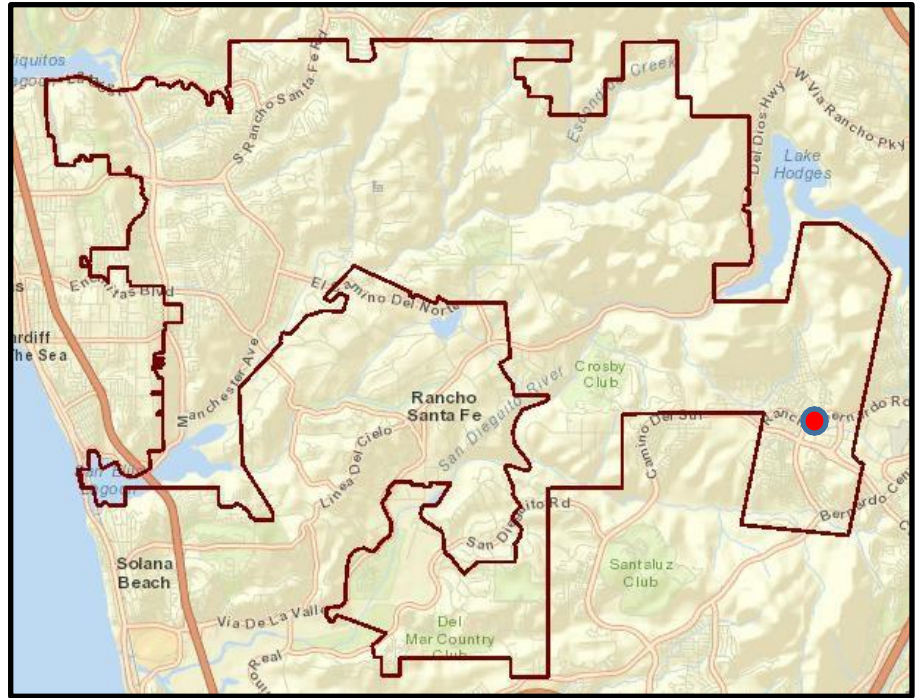
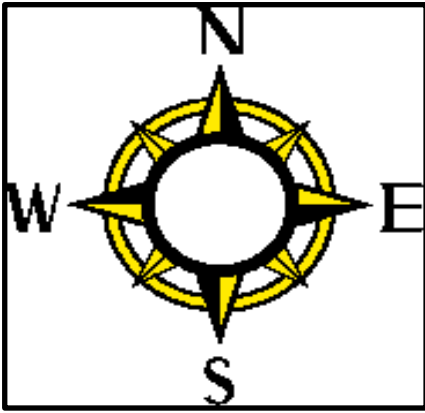
Work at this location was difficult with the tight confines and existing utilities, but Cass did a great job performing the needed repairs and are commended by OMWD staff for their thoughtful approach to repairs that saved considerable time and money. This emergency could have been much worse, but thanks to the quick response from all OMWD departments and Cass Arrietta, this fix was made quickly and properly giving OMWD a new PVC force main that will last for many years to come.

This update is given in accordance with Section 22050(b)(3) of the Public Contract Code, which requires staff to present the project's status for review at subsequent regularly scheduled Board meetings until the work is complete. Staff is available to answer questions.

Attachment(s):

Location Map;

Firehouse Pump Station Sewer Force Main Emergency Leak Repair Update PowerPoint Presentation



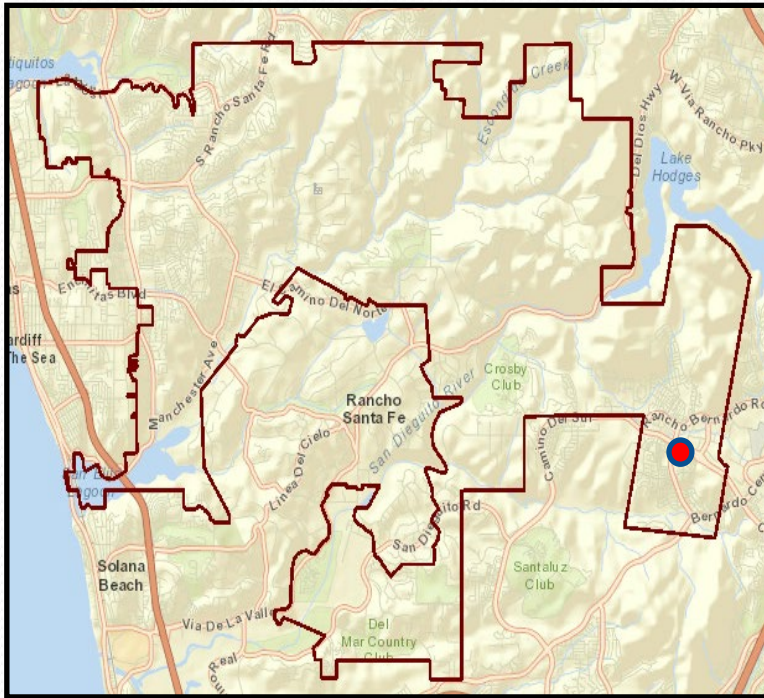
FIREHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT
OMWD PROJECT NO. D700056

Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Force Main Emergency Leak Repair Update

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Firehouse Sewer Pump Station



Spill Location

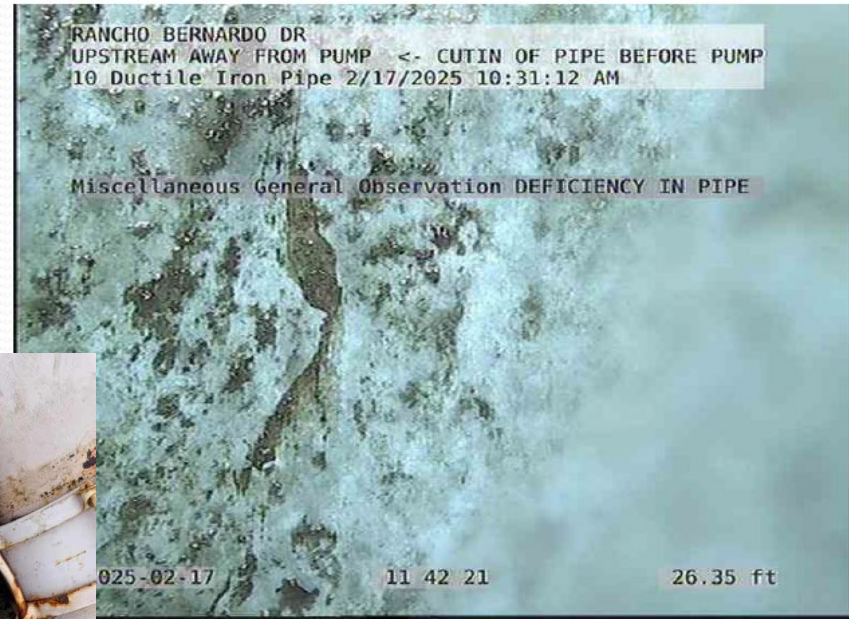
Old Ductile Iron VS. New PVC Force Main Connection







Corroded Ductile Pipe



Excavation Against Pump Station



Exposing Connection Points



New PVC Connections



Final Repairs





Questions?

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER WAIVING THE PROVISION IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE ALLOWING DIRECTOR MALONI TO SERVE AS TREASURER**

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to consider waiving the provision of Article 2.1 that states the Treasurer needs no less than one year of service and to approve Director Maloni to serve as Treasurer.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board waive the year of service provision in this instance to allow for Director Maloni to serve as Treasurer. Per the Board consensus at the February 19, 2025 Board Meeting, the new rotation of officers would be as follows:

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

Alternative(s)

The board could choose to have a different board member serve as Treasurer.

Background

With the departure of former Director San Antonio who served as Treasurer, it left a vacancy in Treasurer position. The Administrative and Ethics Code currently states that “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.”

At the February 19, 2025 board meeting, there was board consensus to waive the one year requirement in order for Director Maloni as Treasurer.

Per Article 2, Section 2.1 of the Administrative and Ethics Code, 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 Directors, and evidence of such deposits shall be counted and considered as cash in the treasury of the District.

As the Deputy Treasurer, the Finance Manager has been performing the duties for the Treasurer.

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.

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors
From: Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager
Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager
Subject: **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES AND AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONEY OF THE DISTRICT AND DESIGNATING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT DEPOSITS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2025-03**

Purpose

This is a housekeeping item to consider adoption of a resolution to update Director Maloni's officer title to Treasurer on the list of designated signatories of the District's bank and investment accounts.

Recommendation

Staff is recommending that the Board adopt the attached resolution and rescind Resolution 2025-03. This resolution will need to be updated again in April once a new Board member is selected, however it is important to update the resolution now to match the current Board roster and officer positions.

Alternative

This is a housekeeping item. The Board may decide not to adopt the attached resolution as recommended by staff and instruct staff otherwise.

Background

This resolution is updated regularly to reflect changes to the Board or staffing and any changes to the District's financial institutions that are designated as depositories of the District's funds.

The Board adopted resolution 2025-03 at the February 19, 2025 meeting to remove prior Board Members Watt and San Antonio as designated signatories, and to add Director Maloni. The attached resolution is to rescind 2025-03 and update the resolution to reflect Director Maloni's officer title as Treasurer.

Former Board Member San Antonio, previously serving as Treasurer, vacated his Board position on January 24, 2025. The Treasurer position has since been vacant, with the Finance Manager performing the Treasurer's duties in the interim as Deputy Treasurer, per the District's Administrative and Ethics Code.

At the February meeting, there was Board consensus to bring an agenda item in March on the officer positions and to waive the one-year of service requirement for Director Maloni to serve as Treasurer. The Administrative and Ethics Code currently states that "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." Assuming the Board approves the previous item to waive the one-year requirement to serve as Treasurer, staff recommends approval of this item.

Fiscal Impact

Not Applicable.

Discussion

Staff will be available at the meeting to answer questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-xx

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES AND
AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONEY OF THE DISTRICT
AND DESIGNATING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
THE DISTRICT DEPOSITS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2025-03

WHEREAS, there is a Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury, Government Code Section 16429.1 et. seq., which Fund is used as a depository for the District; and

WHEREAS, there is a Business Checking Account, Payroll Account, and Money Market Account in California Bank & Trust which are used as depositories for the District; and

WHEREAS, there is a First American Government Obligations Money Market Fund in US Bank NA, which is used as a depository for the District; and

WHEREAS, there is an Investment Pool of permitted investments under Government Code Section 53601 (p) in California Asset Management Program, A California Joint Powers Authority ("JPA"), which Fund is used as a depository for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to deposit funds for safekeeping in State and National banks or State or Federal savings and loan associations under the conditions outlined in Government Code Section 53635.5 et. seq. (Deposit of Funds); and Government Code Section 61737.01 et. seq. (Deposit of Funds); and Government Code Section 61737.01 et. seq. (Alternate Depository of District Money); and the District desires to continue to utilize those facilities for the deposit of funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has from time to time authorized the deposit of funds in various banks and savings and loan associations and has consolidated those resolutions into a single resolution together with the authorization for signatories in the management of the District's accounts; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 71361 provides that "The Treasurer, or such other person or persons as may be authorized by the Board, shall draw checks or warrants or electronic fund transfers to pay demands when such demands have been audited and approved in the manner prescribed by the Board"; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to make investments under the conditions outlined in Government Code Section 53601 et. seq. (Investment of Surplus); and

WHEREAS, the District desires to invest surplus funds in investments as permitted under Government Code Sections 53600, et seq.; and

RESOLUTION 2025-xx *continued*

WHEREAS, Section 71365 of the California Water Code provides for bonding the General Manager, Secretary, Treasurer and other employees or assistants as designated by the Board with premiums to be paid by the District and Section 71306 provides that the Board may require and fix the amount of all official bonds necessary for protection of the funds and property of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The following financial institutions are designated as depositories of the District funds:

CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST	(Business Checking Account, Payroll Account, Money Market Account, Loan, and Investments)
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INS	(Deferred Compensation Plan Only)
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 457 PLAN	(Deferred Compensation Plan Only)
U.S. BANK NA	(Investments and Bond Reserve & Service Funds)
MULTI-BANK SECURITIES, INC	(Investment)
UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	(Investment)
RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL, INC	(Investment)

SECTION 2: The persons authorized to sign documents relating to the management of any District funds listed in Section 1 are any one of the following persons:

PRESIDENT	MATTHEW R. HAHN
VICE PRESIDENT	NEAL MEYERS
TREASURER	SCOTT MALONI
SECRETARY	CHRISTY GUERIN
DIRECTOR	VACANT
GENERAL MANAGER	KIMBERLY A. THORNER
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER	JOSEPH RANDALL

RESOLUTION 2025-xx *continued*

FINANCE MANAGER

RAINY K. SELAMAT

SECTION 3: The State Treasury's Local Agency Investment Fund, the California Asset Management Program (CAMP), California Bank and Trust, and US Bank First American Government Obligations Money Market Fund are further designated as depositories of District funds.

Any transaction where District funds are transferred from one to another of the following accounts of the State Treasury Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), the California Asset Management Program (CAMP), U.S. Bank NA, Raymond James, Multi-Bank Securities, Inc, UBS Financial Services, and California Bank & Trust or any institution holding bond reserves or providing bond services shall require authorization by telephone, facsimile, or letter by only one of the following persons:

PRESIDENT

MATTHEW R. HAHN

VICE PRESIDENT

NEAL MEYERS

TREASURER

SCOTT MALONI

SECRETARY

CHRISTY GUERIN

DIRECTOR

VACANT

GENERAL MANAGER

KIMBERLY A. THORNER

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

JOSEPH RANDALL

FINANCE MANAGER

RAINY K. SELAMAT

FINANCIAL ANALYST

JARED GRAFFAM

ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR

LEO MENDEZ

All such withdrawals shall be deposited into the District's Business Checking Account at California Bank & Trust. The Business Checking Account shall be used to pay accounts of the District.

SECTION 4: Any withdrawal from the District's Business Checking Account (more than \$25,000.00) shall require signatures of any two (2) of the following persons:

PRESIDENT

MATTHEW R. HAHN

VICE PRESIDENT

NEAL MEYERS

TREASURER

SCOTT MALONI

SECRETARY

CHRISTY GUERIN

DIRECTOR

VACANT

RESOLUTION 2025-xx *continued*

GENERAL MANAGER
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER
FINANCE MANAGER

KIMBERLY A. THORNER
JOSEPH RANDALL
RAINY K. SELAMAT

SECTION 5: Any withdrawal from the District's Business Checking Account (less than \$25,000.00) shall require signatures from any two (2) of the following persons:

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
DIRECTOR

MATTHEW R. HAHN
NEAL MEYERS
SCOTT MALONI
CHRISTY GUERIN
VACANT

GENERAL MANAGER
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER
FINANCE MANAGER
FINANCIAL ANALYST
ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR

KIMBERLY A. THORNER
JOSEPH RANDALL
RAINY K. SELAMAT
JARED GRAFFAM
LEO MENDEZ

SECTION 6: Any withdrawal from the District's payroll checking account shall require signatures of any two (2) of the following persons:

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
DIRECTOR

MATTHEW R. HAHN
NEAL MEYERS
SCOTT MALONI
CHRISTY GUERIN
VACANT

GENERAL MANAGER
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER
FINANCE MANAGER
ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR

KIMBERLY A. THORNER
JOSEPH RANDALL
RAINY K. SELAMAT
LEO MENDEZ

SECTION 7: The General Manager and Treasurer shall ensure that each depository is furnished with current signature certificates of the incumbents of the positions designated above in Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 and that the signature authorizations are terminated when assignment to the foregoing positions are terminated.

RESOLUTION 2025-xx *continued*

SECTION 8: Any transaction with respect to District funds shall require action by the individuals assigned to the positions set forth in Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 as follows:

8.1 Any transaction to reassign funds to different accounts maintained with any single depository, or to transfer funds from a District account in one authorized depository to a District account in another authorized depository, shall require action by one of the persons designated in Section 3 above.

8.2 Any transaction relating to the expenditure of District funds not covered by Sections 4,5, or 6 shall require signature by two of the persons designated in Section 2.

8.3 Any transaction to buy or sell securities held by the District shall require two signatures of any of the persons listed in Section 3.

SECTION 9: The District's investment policy, annually reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors, shall provide specific guidelines for the permitted investment of District Funds.

SECTION 10: Resolution 2025-03 of the District is hereby rescinded and superseded by the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 11: Each of the incumbents of the positions designated in Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be bonded in an amount not less than \$250,000 for the faithful performance of their duties with respect to the management of District Funds.

SECTION 12: The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the District's depositories.

SECTION 13: Depositories, banks, and financial institutions are authorized to rely upon this resolution in handling financial transactions for the District.

SECTION 14: This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

RESOLUTION 2025-xx *continued*

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District held on March 19, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

Christy Guerin, Secretary
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Memo

Date: March 19, 2025

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

From: Lindsey Stephenson, Engineering Manager

Via: Kimberly A. Thorner, General Manager

Subject: **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF: 1) A CONTRACT WITH GSE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,095,200 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 4S RANCH WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (4S WRF) HEADWORKS SCREENING SYSTEM, OFF-SPECIFICATION AND WET WEATHER DIVERSION, AND STRAINER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; 2) INCREASE THE PROJECT BUDGET BY AN ADDITIONAL \$1,500,000 FROM WASTEWATER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND; 3) AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF OMWD; AND 4) INCREASE THE GENERAL MANAGER’S CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL LIMIT FROM \$75,000 TO \$400,000 FOR THE CONTRACT WITHIN PROJECT BUDGET**

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of a contract with GSE Construction Company, Inc. (GSE) in the amount of \$4,095,200 for the construction of the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility (4S WRF) Headworks Screening System, Off-Specification and Wet Weather Diversion, and Strainer Improvements Project (Project); increase the project budget by \$1,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund; authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD); and increase the General Manager’s change order approval limit from \$75,000 to \$400,000 for the contract, which is approximately 10% of the construction contract. This item supports calendar year 2025 Annual Goal 2, Objective 16 to “Commence construction of headworks rehabilitation at 4S WRF.”

Recommendation

Staff recommends awarding a contract to GSE in the amount of \$4,095,200 for construction of the Project, increasing the project budget by \$1,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund, authorizing the General Manager to sign on behalf of OMWD, and increasing the General Manager's change order approval limit from \$75,000 to \$400,000 for the contract.

Alternative(s)

The Board could elect to:

- Reject all bids and direct staff to re-bid the Project;
- Elect to delay the Project until a future date, although delays could impact OMWD's ability to reliably treat wastewater, to comply with a regulatory requirement for off-specification diversion, and to potentially accept federal grant funds for the Project; or
- Proceed in a manner as otherwise directed by the Board.

Background

OMWD owns and operates the 4S WRF, located in Director Division 4 (Hahn). The plant operates continuously to provide wastewater treatment to the OMWD wastewater service area. The headworks of the 4S WRF serves as the primary treatment process and receives raw wastewater from the surrounding collection systems and provides physical screening of the influent, removing large solids prior to additional treatment downstream. The existing headworks screening equipment includes one mechanical screen and one coarse screen for maintenance. The existing headworks equipment was installed in 2005, has been in continuous service since that time, in a corrosive environment, and has reached the end of its service life.

The 2015 Capital Improvement Plan for 4S Ranch and Rancho Cielo Wastewater Systems identified the existing screening equipment as "in poor condition" due to corrosion and recommended replacement with redundant mechanical screens. To continue providing high quality recycled water in support of regional water conservation efforts, the Project will replace the existing screening equipment with redundant units.

To complete the design of the Project, a Request for Proposals for preliminary and final design services was advertised in 2020. Dudek was competitively selected to complete the design. During the design phase, OMWD identified opportunities to integrate other concurrent plant efforts to replace other aging infrastructure and address a regulatory requirement from the

Division of Drinking Water (DDW) to install an off-specification water diversion within 5 years. The Project will also install a new pipe to provide dilution capabilities, install a pump and pipe to divert off-specification or wet weather flows, and replace the existing pond strainer with an automatic self-clearing system. The 4S WRF operates 24/7/365. The contract documents were developed to recognize this criticality, including a planned bypass, shutdown constraints, and requirements that the contractor and subcontractors be qualified to perform such work. Once the design was completed, the contract documents for the Project were prepared to advertise for bid.

The Project qualifies for categorical exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301(b) and 15302(c) which allows for categorical exemptions for repair and replacement, respectively, of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use or capacity. At the September 18, 2024 Board meeting, the Board adopted a resolution making CEQA exemption findings and authorized staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of San Diego.

Fiscal Impact

The Project is included in the FY 2025 budget under CIP accounts for the Headworks Screening System Improvement (D700025), Off-Spec and High Flow Diversion Pipeline (D700050), and Overflow Pond Strainer (D700023) projects. The cumulative budgets for all three projects are presented in the following fiscal table. The anticipated duration of the Project is approximately 20 months.

The Project does not have sufficient budget available to complete construction. Staff requests that an additional \$1,500,000 be added to the overall Project budget and appropriated to the Project (D700025) in FY 2027 to complete the work. This request includes Project budget for construction management services, engineering support during construction by the engineer of record, staff time, and a 10% contingency to cover potential construction change orders.

As of the writing of this memo, the wastewater capital reserve fund has a balance of \$10,576,000. Future new debt issuance of \$6.5 million is forecasted to be issued in fiscal year 2026 (recommended in the 2024 Wastewater Rate Study) to pay for planned wastewater CIP for the next 3 years starting fiscal year 2026. Planned capital expenditures in fiscal year 2026 will be discussed with the Finance Committee and the full Board during the mid-term budget process in April/May 2025.

Is this a Multi Fiscal Year Project? **Yes**

In which FY did this capital project first appear in the CIP budget? **2016**

Current Approved Total Project Budget: **\$4,104,000**

Requested Increase to Project Budget: **\$1,500,000**

Proposed Total Project Budget: **\$5,604,000**

Current Fiscal Year Appropriation: **\$1,405,288**

To Date Approved Appropriations: **\$1,881,000**

Target Project Completion Date: **FY 2027**

Expenditures and Encumbrances as of (2/27/25): **\$523,630**

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**

OMWD is also pursuing grant funding through the United States Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program (USBR, Title XVI) for the Project to improve reliability of the recycled water system. However, due to Federal unpredictability relative to grants, no funding from this grant has been assumed in the fiscal impact analysis.

To be eligible for funding, the Project is required to adhere to terms established in the Title XVI grant agreement, including Buy America procurement, encouragement for bidders to solicit work from qualified minority businesses, and other federal requirements. Although the grant funding has not yet been secured, these terms and conditions for USBR Title XVI were incorporated into the final construction contract documents to preserve funding eligibility. Additionally, as part of the bidding process, the contractor formally acknowledged and accepted the standard terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Due to the nature of the work at a continuously operating facility, which requires a full bypass of the headworks to maintain treatment to OMWD's wastewater customers, prompt approval of any change orders under GM authority will be necessary to minimize incurring additional

bypass costs and to minimize regulatory risk exposure. Typical change order rates in the industry for a project of this size and complexity is 10%.

Discussion

In accordance with Administrative and Ethics Code, Section 6, staff publicly issued a Request for Bids for the Project on January 14, 2025. Following the bid posting, a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held. Three (3) addenda were issued during the bidding process to respond to questions received by contractors. Seven (7) bids were publicly received on February 20, 2025. Summary of bid results is presented in the following table. The engineer's cost estimate for the project was \$3.8M (Dudek). The bids are valid for 60 days as specified in the special provisions of the contract documents.

Contractor	Total Base Bid Schedule
GSE Construction	\$4,095,200.00
Shimmick Construction	\$4,282,624.05
Filanc Construction	\$4,421,999.05
Metro Builders & Engineers Group	\$4,858,722.05
SCW Contracting	\$4,978,314.00
Innovative Construction Solutions	\$5,066,500.00
Ahrens Mechanical	\$5,385,849.05

Staff has reviewed the apparent low bid and their qualifications and recommends GSE as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Staff recommends awarding a contract to GSE in the amount of \$4,095,200 for construction of the Project, increasing the Project budget by \$1,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund, and authorizing the General Manager to sign on behalf of OMWD.

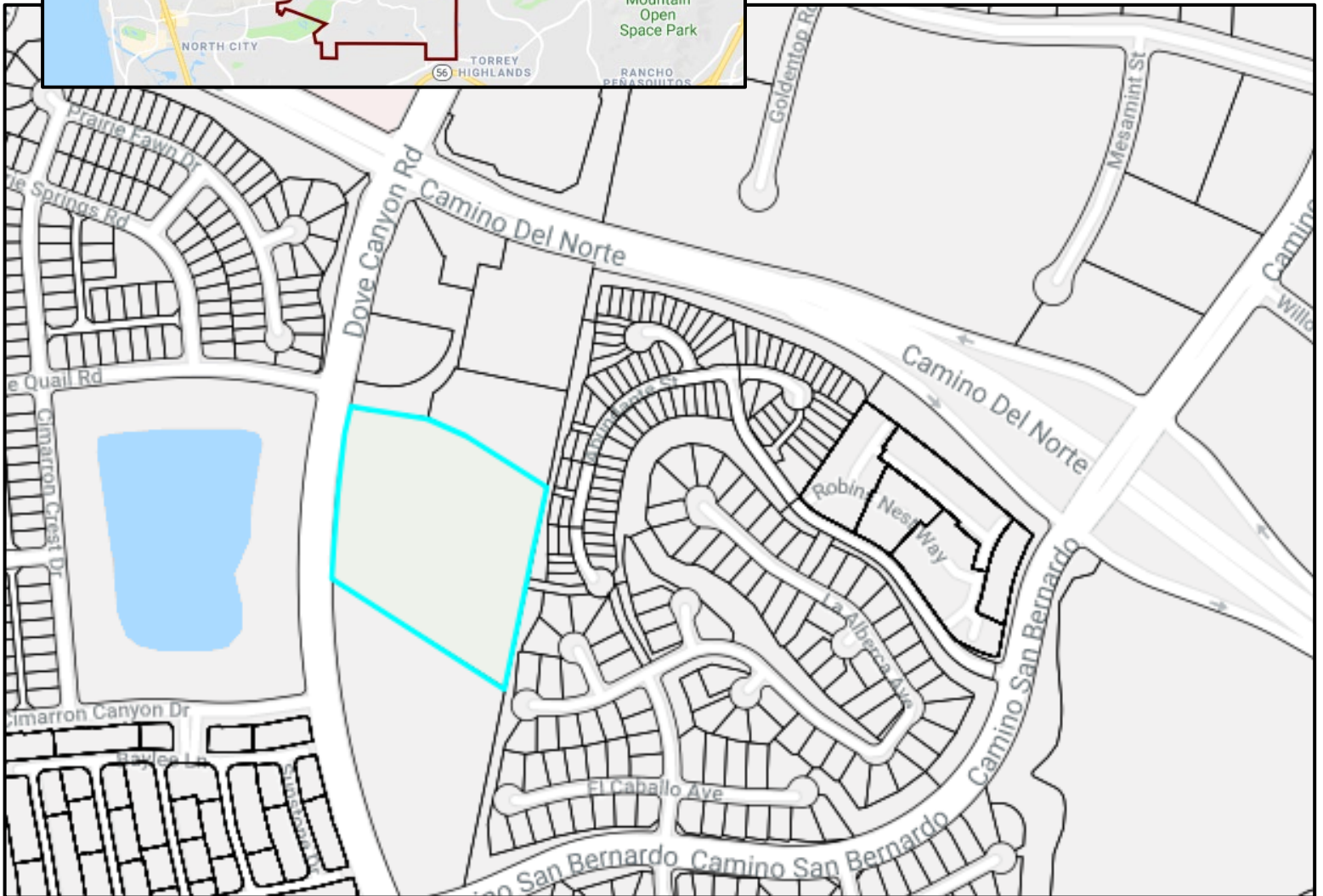
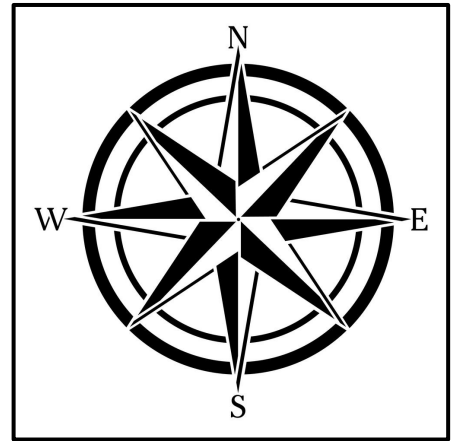
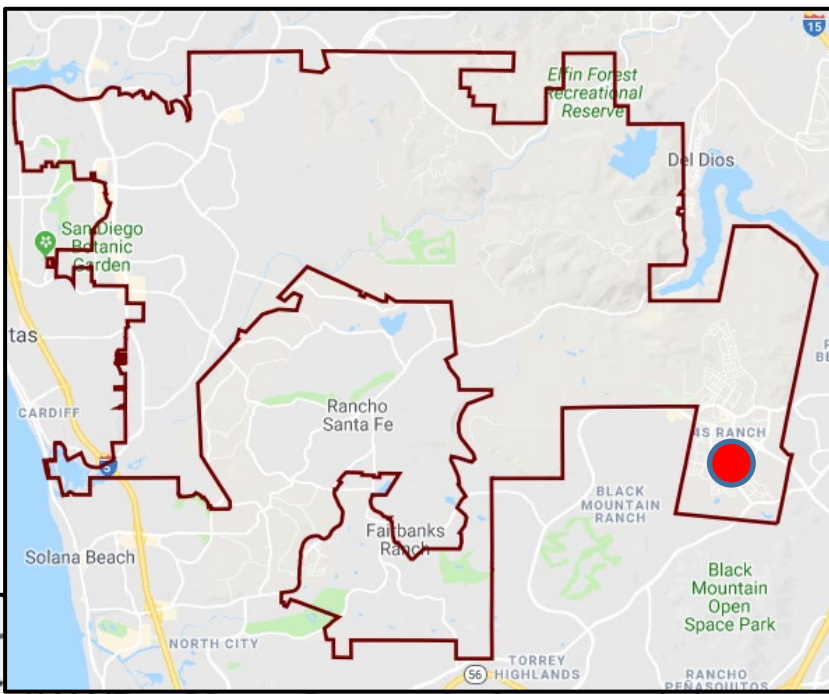
Staff is recommending an increase in the General Manager's authority for construction change orders to \$400,000 (10%) from the current \$75,000 for this contract. The need for this increase in General Manager change order authority is driven by the nature of the work, which involves rehabilitating and upgrading critical infrastructure that is continuously in service and often below grade or submerged, some of which was constructed by the County. Previous projects on site have identified conditions out of conformance with the record drawings, and this increase in authority limit allows OMWD to respond more effectively. Potential unknown concerns include potential issues with the condition of existing conduits or other electrical systems, potential conflicts in the below grade pipe corridor, potential condition concerns below surface level of the wastewater stream, and other unforeseen factors that can only be

fully assessed once construction begins. Given the complexity of the project, increasing the General Manager's authority will provide the flexibility needed to promptly address these challenges, helping the Project stay on schedule and transition off bypass operations as efficiently as possible, thereby minimizing additional bypass costs and regulatory risk exposure. Staff will provide updates on the status of these change orders through quarterly updates to the standing Finance Committee.

The authorization for Engineering Services during Construction and Construction Management Services will be considered separately in the future, following the award of the construction contract, in accordance with Article 6 of OMWD's Administrative and Ethics Code.

Staff is available to answer questions.

Attachment(s):
Project Site Map
Bid Results



**4S WRF
HEADWORKS SCREENING SYSTEM, OFF-SPECIFICATION AND WET
WEATHER DIVERSION, AND STRAINER IMPORVEMENTS PROJECT**

DISTRICT PROJECT NOS. D700025, D700023, D700050



**4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility
Headworks Screening System, Off-Specification and Wet Weather Diversion, and Strainer Improvements Project
Bid Opening 2.20.25 at 2pm**

Contractor	Base Bid Schedule Total*	Bid Form Checklist (Y/N)	Addendum No. 1 (Y/N)	Addendum No. 2 (Y/N)	Addendum No. 3 (Y/N)	Bid Bond (Y/N)
GSE Construction	\$4,095,200.00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shimmick Construction	\$4,282,624.05	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Filanc Construction	\$4,421,999.05	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Metro Builders & Engineers Group	\$4,858,722.05	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SCW Contracting	\$4,978,314.00	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Innovative Construction Solutions	\$5,066,500.00	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ahrens Mechanical	\$5,385,849.05	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Cells highlighted in orange indicate discrepancies found in Bid Schedule tabulations submitted by Contractors; General Provisions Section 2.3 states listed unit price prevails.

Innovative Construction Solutions submitted Bid Schedule Total as \$5,062,500 (total) and \$5,066,500 (itized).

Metro Builders & Engineers Group submitted Bid Schedule Total as \$5,301,270 (total) and \$4,858,722.05 (itized).

The irregularities do not change the outcomes of the bid.

Final determination and Award to be considered by OMWD Board of Directors.

Memo

A

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
PRESIDENT

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

Any written report will be attached; any oral report will be provided at the time of the Board Meeting.

March 19, 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 **February 2025:**

Operations & Maintenance	February 2025	January 2025
David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant (DCMWTP) Total Production	123.0 million gallons	528.6 million gallons
DCMWTP Average Daily Production	4.39 million gallons	17.1 million gallons
DCMWTP Peak Day Production	18.7 million gallons	21.3 million gallons
Source Water Blend (% State Project Water)	7.1%	8%
Total Deliveries to Vallecitos Water District	80.08 acre feet 26.09 million gallons	329.06 acre feet 107.22 million gallons
4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Total Inflow	34.76 million gallons	39.74 million gallons
4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Average Daily Inflow	1,241,712 gallons	1,282,130 gallons
4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Peak Day Inflow	1,513,373 gallons	1,387,560 gallons
4S and Rancho Cielo Sewer Systems Low Day Inflow	1,098,331 gallons	1,178,404 gallons
4S Water Reclamation Facility (4SWRF) Average Daily Production	348,574 gallons	688,721 gallons
4SWRF Peak Day Production	639,524 gallons	1,061,579 gallons
4SWRF Total to Recycled Water Distribution System	9.76 million gallons	21.35 million gallons
4S Recycled Water Storage Pond Volume	140 acre feet	74 acre feet
Repaired Potable Water Main Leak(s)	1	1
Repaired Potable Water Service Lateral Assembly Leak(s)	3	4
Repaired Recycled Water Main Leak(s)	0	0
Repaired Recycled Water Service Lateral Leak(s)	0	0
Repaired Hit Fire Hydrant Lateral Assembly Leak(s)	1	2
Replaced Valve(s) Monthly Total	1	1
Replaced Valve(s) Calendar Year to Date	2	1
Recycled Water Use Site Inspections & Visits	11	18
Recycled Water Use Site Cross Connection Tests	5	6
Cross Connection Site Surveys	3	4
Backflow Inspections & Testing (New)	12	13
IT Help Requests	20	25
Customer Services	February 2025	January 2025
Customer Calls and Inquiries	1,499	1,682
Total Monthly Bills Issued	23,011	23,019
Service Orders	499	456
New Potable Meters	1	1
New Fire Meters	3	0
New Recycled Water Meters	0	1

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Troubleshooting Investigations	86	78
Customer Services - Continued	February 2025	January 2025
Stopped/Underperforming Meters Replaced	118	97
Meter Accuracy Tests Performed	8	0
Water Use Evaluations	9	11
Water Use Violation Reports	2	4
Workshops, Events, and Tours	0	2
High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Applications	6	4
Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Rebate Applications	4	1
Hose Irrigation Controller Rebate Applications	1	0
High-Efficiency Rotating Nozzle Rebate Applications	0	0
High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Applications	0	0
Rain Barrel Rebate Applications	2	0
Flow Monitor Device Rebate Applications	4	2
Turf Removal Project Rebate Applications	1	0
Social Media Posts	24	24
News Releases/Media Advisories	6	4
EFRR	February 2025	January 2025
Special Use/Event Permits	1	2
Parking Notices	183	195
Incident Reports	10	10
Vehicle Count	4,334	4,096
Trail Use Count	9,702	10,240
Days Closed Due to Rain/Red Flag	3	10
Days Interpretive Center (IC) Open	14	11
Number of IC Visitors	378	658
Volunteer Trail Patrol Shifts	13	10
Volunteer Docent Hours	102	61
Total Number of Docents	68	68
Finance	February 2025	January 2025
Infosend Payments (ACH and Credit Card)	13,135	15,346
California Bank & Trust Lockbox Payments	1,910	2,126
Over the Counter Payments	356	527
Check-free, Metavante and Chase	3,736	4,306
Finance Calls and Walk-ins	39	52
Service Orders/New Meters Processed	11	13
Service Orders Closed Out	4	0
Purchase Orders	13	19
Inventory Items Received	532	319
Invoices Processed	539	472
Payroll Direct Deposits Processed	242	242
Payments to Vendors	248	247

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Engineering Manager Lindsey Stephenson Highlights for February 2025:

Unit A Potable Water Pipeline Replacement Project is complete and Notice of Completion was approved by the Board at February meeting. The Recycled Water Pipeline Extensions Project continues to progress with pipeline installations progressing in Carlsbad and Encinitas. Activities related to the construction of the DCMWTP 4th Stage Plant Improvement Project continues to progress, and the DCMWTP shutdown is underway. Gardendale and Village Park West Pressure Reducing Stations Replacement Project continues through City of Encinitas permitting processes. The Notice to Proceed was issued for the Reservoirs Safety Improvements Project. Staff conducted a lessons learned session on the Neighborhood 1 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 February 2025:

Created the individualized Benefits Cost Statements for each employee showing the value of their District benefits package. Held the annual Healthy Heart exercise and breakfast event for interested employees. Hosted a training workshop for staff on identifying areas for personal growth and establishing meaningful goals. Human Resources staff conducted interviews for the vacant Utility I, II, and III positions. Safety staff conducted safety orientations for two SDCWA interns and performed a test of a potential new emergency radio communication system. All employees completed on-line defensive driving training.

Requests Received Pursuant to the Public Records Act (February 1-28):

<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Documents Requested</u>
None	N/A

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Operations Manager Jesse Bartlett-May Highlights for February 2025:

The water treatment plant is currently offline while GSE Construction contractors construct the new centrifuge and associated process equipment as part of the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant Stage Four Process Upgrades Project. The new centrifuge has been installed on the equipment platform and many of the chemical and process feed pumps are currently being installed. Staff are also completing various maintenance projects while the plant is offline such as valve and water quality analyzer replacements and chemical feed system repairs and upgrades. As part of the Membrane Replacement Project, refurbishments on membrane train 10 continue into phase two, with new membranes being installed. Membrane train 10 is expected to be completed within three weeks and before the plant restart in April. Staff completed chlorine

generator (MicrOclor) system maintenance, cell replacement, and rotations as part of the system's annual maintenance. The forcemain at the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station failed on February 6 which led to a sewer spill. The response included immediately shutting down the pump station, containing the spill, hauling the incoming flows to another pump station, beginning repair efforts, and ultimately installing a pump by-pass system, which allowed hauling operations to end. Repair work is continuing and expected to be completed by the first week of March. California Water Environment Association (CWEA) notified Water Reclamation Facility staff that OMWD was awarded first place for the state-wide Plant of the Year in the small category. IT staff performed server Operating System (OS) Upgrades. All sewer lift stations have been upgraded with new programmable logic controllers (PLC) as part of the PLC Replacement Project, and the SCADA Upgrade Project is 65% complete. System Operators and Utility Service Group (USG) completed the biennial washouts of Zorro and Miller Reservoirs and continued to provide support to Engineering for the Recycled Water Pipeline Extensions Capital Improvement Project (CIP). Construction staff and TC Construction, with support from Engineering, completed paving from the repaired 12" recycled water main break on El Camino Real and Mountain Vista in Encinitas and performed hot-mix paving at eight (8) leak sites that had been temporarily cold-mixed.

CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Customer Services Manager John Carnegie Highlights for February 2025:

Published February newsletter; published 2025 Strategic Plan; launched annual "WaterSmart" landscape contest; began campaigns to raise customer awareness of My Water Use dashboard's leak alert feature and the value of water; submitted to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation a final grant report for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project's phases 9 & 10; participated in City of Encinitas' Climate Action Plan Workgroup meeting and SDCWA's meeting on new SWRCB Leak Registry reporting requirements; submitted a comment letter in support of AB 259, extending indefinitely teleconferencing under the Ralph M. Brown Act; submitted comment letters in support of SB 72 and providing funding for a modernized California Water Plan in the state budget; signed on to coalition letter in support of SB 72; submitted letter of support regarding the PFAS Liability Protection Act and providing statutory liability protections for water utilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; participated in a meeting with Nossaman, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and the co-sponsors of Senator Durazo's proposed Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) legislation to advance a state-administered low-income water rate assistance program; and sent electronic newsletter on February 21.

At EFRR, held five "Habitat" field trips for Escondido Unified School District students; conducted 2025 goldspotted oak borer beetle survey training for Palomar College volunteers; hosted volunteer cape ivy removal event; and was nominated for "best place to volunteer" category in The Coast News' "The Best of North County" annual contest.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Manager Rainy Selamat Highlights for February 2025:

Staff was successful in collecting another \$795 thousand from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for Title

XVI claim in addition to the \$296 thousand collected last month for AMI grant; discussed proposed changes to vacation and sick cash out policies advised by Tax Attorney with GM Thorner and HR Manager Joslin; staff worked with Tax Attorney to get tax credits of \$32 thousand from COVID leave payments paid to employees during COVID; prepared and presented Finance Briefing for Director Maloni; held one quarterly Finance Committee meeting with Director Meyers; worked on 2025 Fitch Surveillance Review and provided financial and fund balance forecasts to maintain AAA rating; attended recycled water discussion with GM Thorner at the City of San Diego's Public Utility Department office; reviewed the City of San Diego's 2024 Water Rate Study Report and drafted OMWD's protest letter on the proposed 92.6% recycled water rate increase for 2026; staff completed review of annual Continuing Disclosure Reports; completed SDCWA's water demand forecasts; attended 2025 Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) webinar on District investments; and attended various in-house training sessions and internal meetings in preparation for Fiscal Year 25/26 Mid-term budget review process.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER:

The Assistant General Manager reports the following for February 2025:

Attended and presented on OMWD Wildfire Preparedness at Cal Desal Conference, attended North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition meeting, San Diego North Economic Development Council Board meeting, Neighborhood 1 Lunch and Learn hosted by Engineering, meeting with Escondido, SEJPA and 'The Bridges at Rancho Santa Fe' on recycled water and Operations Department Briefing for Director Maloni. Personnel matters including participating in interviews for vacant Utility position, review and preparation of upcoming projects including EV Fleet Migration, exploring and strategizing on Federal grant opportunities, NSDWRC coordination and claims management.

GENERAL MANAGER:

The General Manager reports the following for February 2025:

General Manager Thorner hosted a Lunch & Learn on Annual Objectives for all employees, held Finance, Operations, and HR Briefings for Director Maloni, attend the California Water Environment Association Plant of the Year finalist tour/judging at 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, presented at the Employee Forum, held a GM Staff Meeting, attended HR's Personal Goals Training, held a Finance Committee Meeting, attended the WaterReuse California Conference Planning meeting, attended the OMWD Healthy Heart Walk, participated in a Nossaman webinar on Executive Actions' Impact on Energy, Transportation, and Water, attended the LAFCO SDCWA Municipal Service Review Working Group, had a legislative check-in meeting with Nossaman, attended the Member Agency Managers meeting, met with SFID General Manager, hosted a Social Media Department Challenge luncheon, attended the North County Managers Meeting, hosted a thank you luncheon for System Operations' cost savings efforts, coordinated meeting with Poway and Otay General Managers on recycled costs, attended the February CIP Meeting, held a Remote Site Safety meeting, held a staff leadership meeting, attended the Neighborhood 1 lessons learned lunch, researched and prepared fluoride memo for the Board, held two meetings on new leave cashout laws, met with staff regarding

Low Income Rate Assistance bills, continued negotiations with multiple agencies on new recycled water contracts, attended and presented at the OMWD Safety luncheon, met with the City of San Diego staff on recycled rates, and dedicated significant time to board member briefings, legislative position letters, and coordination with the City of San Diego, coordinating the Firehouse Sewer Pump Station Emergency leak declaration, preparing board memos on the Division 1 Vacancy, preparing for the Women in Water Symposium, personnel matters including the upcoming Staffing Analysis for Board, and coordinating legal matters with the General Counsel on outstanding litigation, specifically Neighborhood 1, Jones and Lynxt Pars.

Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

CONSULTING ENGINEER

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GENERAL COUNSEL

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TO: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

FROM: Alfred Smith

DATE: March 19, 2025

RE: Attorney Report: Clean Water Act Update
150152-0005

I. INTRODUCTION.

This attorney report provides an update on a recent United States Supreme Court decision involving the Clean Water Act. On Tuesday, March 4, the United States Supreme Court issued a major decision limiting the scope of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (“EPA”) authority under the Clean Water Act (“CWA”) as it relates to permits governing discharges by water districts and other local agencies. The Supreme Court’s decision concludes that “end-result” requirements routinely imposed by the EPA in permits are not allowed under the Clean Water Act (CWA). This pivotal opinion has major implications for the manner in which permits under the CWA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) are administered across the country.

A divided Supreme Court in a 5-4 ruling in *City and County of San Francisco v. Environmental Protection Agency* held that EPA cannot enforce permit provisions that “make a permittee responsible for the quality of the water in the body of water into which the permittee discharges pollutants.” (Case No. 23-753). The Supreme Court ruled that EPA cannot impose on discharging facilities the responsibility of achieving water quality results (“end-result” criteria) without providing specific direction on what permit holders can and cannot do, such as by imposing limits on each specific pollutant released by a facility.

The Supreme Court’s decision limits the scope of EPA’s regulatory enforcement power, providing a measure of relief to local agencies who have faced an increasing threat of Clean Water Act enforcement for sources of pollution outside their control.

II. BACKGROUND.

A. Statutory Background

Under the CWA, EPA and authorized state agencies may issue permits that impose requirements on entities that wish to discharge “pollutants” into waters of the United States. A cornerstone of the CWA’s regulatory structure is the NPDES permitting program. These permits typically include “effluent limitations” on discharges that restrict the “quantities, rates, and concentrations of chemical, physical, biological, and other

constituents.” NPDES permits also commonly set out other steps that a permittee must take, including testing, recordkeeping and reporting as well as requirements obligating a permittee to follow specified practices designed to reduce pollution. Failure to comply with permit limitations exposes permittees to civil penalties and even criminal prosecution. Under what is known as the “permit shield” provision, however, an entity that adheres to the terms of its permit is deemed to be compliant with the statute.

This case involved a challenge to permit obligations known as “end-result” requirements or “receiving water limitations.” EPA imposed these end-result requirements under 33 U.S.C. § 1311(b)(1)(C). Rather than spell out the precise actions a permittee must take or refrain from taking, end-result permit requirements regulate by reference to the effect a polluting discharge will have on the quality of the waters that receive it. Accordingly, these end-result permit provisions would effectively make a permittee responsible for the quality of the water into which the discharge occurs.

B. Factual and Procedural Background

The City of San Francisco operates two combined treatment facilities: the Bayside facility, which discharges into San Francisco Bay, and the Oceanside facility, which empties into the Pacific Ocean. The permit at issue in this case concerned only the Oceanside facility. For many years, the Oceanside facility’s NPDES permit was renewed without controversy, but in 2019, the two end-result requirements that San Francisco challenged in this lawsuit were added. The first of these prohibited the Oceanside facility from making any discharge that “contribute[s] to a violation of any applicable water quality standard” for receiving waters. The second provided that the City cannot perform any treatment or make any discharge that “create[s] pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined by California Water Code section 13050.”

All relevant state and federal agencies approved these two end-result requirements. San Francisco appealed to EPA’s Environmental Appeals Board (EAB), objecting to, among other things, the two new end-result provisions. The EAB rejected San Francisco’s challenge, and the city then filed a petition for review in the Ninth Circuit under 33 U.S.C. section 1369(b)(1)(F). A divided Ninth Circuit panel denied that petition, holding that section 1311(b)(1)(C) authorizes EPA to impose “any” limitations that seek to ensure that applicable water quality standards are satisfied in a receiving body of water.

III. SUPREME COURT ANALYSIS.

The Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision, written by Justice Samuel Alito, in favor of San Francisco, finding that the two challenged provisions of San Francisco’s NPDES permit “exceed EPA’s authority.” In reaching this decision, the Court reasoned that the CWA’s text, the legislative history leading to the CWA and the CWA’s statutory scheme all demonstrate that EPA cannot regulate using end-result requirements.

First, the Court looked to the text of section 1311(b)(1)(C), which requires a permit to contain, in addition to “effluent limitations,” “any more stringent *limitation*” that is “necessary to *meet*” certain “water quality standards” that are imposed under state law “or any other federal law or regulation”; and “any more stringent *limitation*” that is “required to *implement* any applicable water quality standard established pursuant to this chapter.” The Court stated that all the words highlighted in the prior sentence “suggest that the most natural reading of section 1311(b)(1)(C) is that it authorizes the EPA to set rules that a permittee must follow to achieve a desired result, namely, a certain degree of water quality.”

Second, the Court examined the history of federal water pollution control. The Court noted that before 1972, the Water Pollution Control Act held permittees liable if the quality of the water into which they discharge pollutants failed to meet water quality standards. However, when Congress overhauled that statute by passing the CWA, it chose not to regulate in the same way. Congress instead imposed a regulatory scheme that sought to achieve “acceptable quality standards” by means of “direct restrictions” on polluters. (Citing *EPA v. California*, 426 U.S. at 204). Thus, according to the Court, EPA’s imposition of end-use requirements “would undo what Congress plainly sought to achieve when it scrapped the Water Pollution Control Act’s backward-looking approach.”

Third, the Court reasoned that two features of the broader statutory scheme of the CWA also militate against the validity of end-use requirements: (1) the statute’s “permit shield” and (2) the statute’s lack of a mechanism for fairly allocating responsibility among multiple dischargers contributing to water quality violations. The permit shield provision, 33 U.S.C. section 1342(k), deems a permittee to be in compliance with the CWA as long as it follows all the terms in its permit. This protection is “very valuable because violations of the CWA, even if entirely inadvertent, are subject to hefty penalties.” The Court reasoned that this valuable protection would be “eviscerated if the EPA could impose a permit provision making the permittee responsible for any drop in water quality below the accepted standard” -- regardless of whether the permittee complies with all other concrete provisions in its NPDES permit.

Next, the Court pointed to the absence of any provision in the CWA dealing with the “problem that arises when more than one permittee discharges into a body of water with substandard water quality.” The Court explained that it is hard to accept the idea that Congress contemplated the enforcement of end-use requirements when it did not provide any method for dealing with multi-discharger situations—a common occurrence, since “dozens or even hundreds of permitted and unpermitted discharges” flow into the same water body.

Finally, the Court relied on two policy arguments for its holding: (1) public agencies and businesses would not be harmed by the elimination of end-use requirements, and (2) the “EPA possesses the expertise and the resources necessary to determine what a permittee should do.” In other words, the Court determined that

EPA should use its own resources to determine how to protect water quality rather than leave businesses and local government agencies to figure out how to do so.

IV. CONCLUSION.

The Supreme Court's decision provides a measure of relief to local agencies facing increasing threats of Clean Water Act enforcement for sources of pollution beyond their control. The Supreme Court's decision upholds local agency challenges to two "narrative" permit conditions in the permits for wastewater facilities. Those permit conditions effectively imposed liability for any discharge that contributes to a violation of water quality standards -- notwithstanding compliance with numerical effluent limitations and other permit requirements.

The local agency's position was supported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, multiple other local agencies and trade associations, in large part because of the vague, uncertain and burdensome nature of end-use requirements. This decision will require EPA to issue more concrete requirements in its NPDES permits, which should provide industry and local agencies with greater certainty about what they will need to do to comply with those permits. Such certainty will likely lead to decreased compliance risk and a greater sense of preparedness on the part of an agency or business when a facility is reviewed by EPA to ensure CWA compliance.

Moreover, this decision places responsibility for figuring out how to maintain overall water quality on the regulators. This should result in cost savings for local agencies and businesses, which will have reduced mandates for determining how discharge levels interact with overall water quality.

However, the decision also poses potential challenges, as it could lead to increased delays or denials of NPDES permits. As Justice Amy Coney Barrett noted in her dissent, EPA often lacks the requisite information to issue an NPDES permit prescribing the specific effluent limitations a business or agency can discharge. Because that information can often take a very long time to gather, EPA often issues NPDES permits with end-use requirements to avoid lengthy delays or denials that could slow business projects and municipal developments. In the words of Justice Barrett, it might be "preferable for EPA to impose broadly worded conditions in its permits than to deny permits altogether and potentially shut down San Francisco's sewer system."

The Court's decision is notable for both its direct impact on NPDES permits and its wider implications for judicial review of regulatory agency decisions. The Supreme Court's opinion provides a clear indication that the Court will not defer to regulatory agencies on questions of statutory interpretation in the post-*Chevron* era, following the Court's decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, 603 U. S. 369 (2024). The Supreme Court tersely dismissed EPA's citation to agency interpretative guidance,

stating only that “we are not obligated to accept administrative guidance that conflicts with the statutory language it purports to implement.” The Supreme Court once again signaled that interpretations of federal law advanced by EPA and other federal agencies will be entitled to little if any deference, and that the outcome of challenges to regulatory agency actions will in many cases depend on judicial parsing of the meaning of ambiguous words and phrases embedded within complex statutory language.

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Any report will be oral at the time of the Board meeting.



SUMMARY OF FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2025

1. Monthly Treasurer's Report on Investments and Cash Flow.
The Board noted and filed the Treasurer's report.
2. Resolution for State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for Local and Tribal Governments Application for Cybersecurity Projects.
The Board adopted Resolution 2025-04, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, supporting the Water Authority's grant application, authorizing the General Manager to accept any funds awarded, and committing the Water Authority to the financial and legal obligations associated with the receipt of grant funds.
3. Resolution approving the distribution of tax apportionment funds related to Rainbow Municipal Water District to Eastern Municipal Water District.
The Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-05, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, authorizing the General Manager, or designee, to distribute tax apportionment funds received after October 31, 2024, from the County of San Diego for Rainbow Municipal Water District to the Eastern Municipal Water District.
4. Approval of the Calendar Year 2026 Interim Rate Redesign Recommendation.
The Board approved an increase apportionment to 50 percent (up from 40 percent) of the Transportation's revenue requirement on the annual fixed basis (Transportation Fixed Rate), allocated to member agencies by a seven-year average in water demands and continue progress on the Items for Consideration to implement Phase 2 and 3 by Subgroup (page 73 of the February 27, 2025 board packet). The volumetric-based Transportation Rate will be set to recover the remaining 50 percent of the determined annual revenue requirement. Additionally, direct the General Manager to convene a working group of the Member Agency General Managers, providing the board with the attendee list, and develop a timeline and structure to further consider the above referenced items at the General Manager's discretion as part of a discussion on rate structure and business model policy changes for board consideration.
5. Service contracts with Capstone Fire and Safety Management, National Safety Services Inc., and Pro Safety and Rescue Inc. to provide Confined Space Rescue Services.
The Board authorized the General Manager to execute three individual service contracts with Capstone Fire and Safety Management in the amount of \$550,000, National Safety Services Inc. in the amount of \$325,000, and Pro Safety and Rescue in the amount of \$325,000 to provide confined space rescue services on an as-needed basis for two years, with an option to extend contracts for an additional two years.



6. Adopt positions on various bills.
The Board adopted a position of Support on: HR 831 (Calvert), to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes; S.291 (Padilla), a bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes; AB 259 (Blanca Rubio), Open meetings, local agencies, teleconferences; AB 514 (Petrie-Norris), Water, emergency water supplies; and SB 72 (Caballero), the California Water Plan, long-term water supply targets.
7. The Board approved the minutes of the Formal Board of Directors' meeting of January 23, 2025.
8. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-06, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, honoring Dan McMillan upon his retirement from the Board of Directors.
9. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-07, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, honoring Vicki Quiram upon her retirement from the Board of Directors.

Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

2025 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY REVIEW

The 2025 Legislative and Regulatory Review provides an overview of legislative and regulatory activities to customers, interested parties, and the OMWD Board of Directors.

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MISSION

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 87,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

OMWD is committed to serving present and future customers with safe, reliable, high-quality water while exceeding all regulatory requirements in a cost-effective and environmentally responsive manner.

OMWD is dedicated to providing recycled water, wastewater treatment, and hydroelectricity in the most cost-effective, environmentally responsive, and service-oriented manner.

OMWD is devoted to the safe operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve and providing all users with a unique recreational, educational, and environmental experience.

OMWD is committed to pursuing alternative and/or renewable resources with the most sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective approach.

OMWD is steadfast in complying with policies and procedures that adhere to local, state, and federal guidelines for national security and disaster preparedness.



LEADERSHIP

OMWD is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected for staggered four-year terms, with each director being elected from a specific geographic area of OMWD's service area. Current directors are as follows:

Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Board of Directors



Matthew R. Hahn, President

Term of Office: 2022-2026 Division 4



Neal Meyers, Vice President

Term of Office: 2024-2028 Division 5



Christy Guerin, Secretary

Term of Office: 2024-2028 Division 3



Scott Maloni, Director

Term of Office: 2024-2028 Division 2

Vacant, Director

Division 1

INTRODUCTION

LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Olivenhain Municipal Water District has established itself as a regional leader by engaging federal and state leaders on a wide array of legislative and regulatory issues. Many of OMWD's priorities are outlined through its legislative guidelines, which offer a framework to evaluate the impact of legislation upon OMWD and its customers. In addition to the staff analysis, OMWD has contracted professional representation at the federal and state level. On behalf of the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition, BlueWater Strategies, LLC, provides legislative and regulatory advice and assistance with federal agencies, United States House of Representatives, and United States Senate. Nossaman, LLP, provides staff with legislative and regulatory relations services at the state level.

LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY REVIEW

The 2025 Legislative & Regulatory Review provides an overview of legislative and regulatory activities to customers, interested parties, and OMWD's Board of Directors.

This report is comprised of three main components, beginning with an overview of legislative and regulatory outreach conducted by OMWD staff in calendar year 2024. This section begins with a summary of major developments impacting legislation during the year. The summary is followed with an outline of official legislative and regulatory correspondence sent by OMWD on key issues facing our customers, along with a summary of collaborative advocacy conducted by staff.

After a review of the past year, this report offers a general outline of policy and regulatory issues that are anticipated in calendar year 2025. This assessment is formulated through staff analysis, with information from professional representatives.

Finally, the report concludes with OMWD's Legislative Guidelines, which were approved at the January 15, 2025 Board of Directors meeting. OMWD staff uses these guidelines to take action on pressing issues, provide regulatory comments, and take positions on pending legislation.

REVIEW OF 2024

SUMMARY

Legislative Session Overview

California's 2023-2024 legislative session concluded on August 31, 2024. Over 4,821 bills were introduced, with 1,206 reaching the governor's desk. Of these, 1,017 were signed into law, while 189 were vetoed largely due to budget constraints.

Throughout the year, Olivenhain Municipal Water District prioritized advocacy on key legislative issues, including regulatory standards, water affordability policy, Proposition 218 reforms, labor and contracting policy, and water and wastewater-related legislation.

Regulatory and Rulemaking Updates

State Water Resources Control Board finalized the long-term water conservation standards and announced on October 22, 2024 that the Office of Administrative Law had approved the Long-term Water Conservation Standards "Framework" Regulation. The first compliance deadline was set for January 1, 2025, and applied to annual reports that urban water suppliers submit to Department of Water Resources and SWRCB. Throughout 2024, OMWD submitted comments to SWRCB on the proposed Regulatory Framework for Making Conservation a California Way of Life. While the adopted regulations addressed some of OMWD's feasibility, cost, and flexibility concerns, SWRCB did not resolve all of OMWD's concerns, as shared in several comment letters and stakeholder workshops in 2024. The new rules affect how much water OMWD can provide customers and don't consider available water supplies.

California Air Resources Board conducted workshops throughout 2024 on targeted amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, refining requirements for fleet transitions under AB 1594 (2023). OMWD continued to monitor and engage, as necessary. Meanwhile, new PFAS regulations were introduced at the federal level, with OMWD supporting PFAS liability protections for water and wastewater agencies under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. OMWD continues to advocate for the CERCLA "polluter pays" principle to protect water systems and ratepayers served by supporting a tailored legislative exemption from PFAS liability.

OMWD also provided input on US Environmental Protection Agency's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper. OMWD shared concerns regarding lead service line replacement requirements and the unprecedented transfer of liability and costs to the public associated with replacing customer-owned service lines.

Additionally, OMWD and San Diego County Water Authority advocated for updates to California Public Contract Code to promote greater procurement flexibility while maintaining fiscal accountability.

Water Affordability and Proposition 4

Recognizing water affordability as a key issue, Senator Durazo introduced SB 1255 to establish a Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance program. While well-intentioned, the bill raised transparency, data security, administrative burdens, and inevitable financial impacts on ineligible ratepayers. The bill proposed an opt-out funding mechanism, requiring water agencies to collect voluntary contributions unless customers explicitly declined. Additionally, Propositions 218 and 26 legally constrained the redistribution of funds under the proposed framework. Nossaman worked closely with Association of California Water Agencies at the end of the legislative session to raise these concerns and request the bill be held in the fiscal committee. Due to significant fiscal and regulatory concerns, SB 1255 stalled in the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file and failed to advance.

Following the bill's failure, OMWD led a coalition of San Diego water districts and sent a comment letter to Senator Durazo, urging a review of the AB 401 report and advocating for a more sustainable, data-driven approach to long-term affordability. OMWD and the coalition offered potential solutions and input in developing an effective, mutually agreeable program in the new legislative session. Additionally, Nossaman coordinated a meeting with State Water Resources Control Board to discuss the AB 401 report and concerns with the proposals in SB 1255. SWRCB was open to continuing the dialogue on this issue.

Meanwhile, voters approved Proposition 4 in November 2024, authorizing \$10 billion in bonds for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, and climate resilience projects. OMWD's Board of Directors established and approved climate bond priorities, which were incorporated into OMWD's Legislative Guidelines in 2024. OMWD may choose to apply for Proposition 4 funding that will become available via competitive grant opportunities administered by California Natural Resources Agency.

Drought Conditions and Water Resilience

Improved water supply conditions in 2024 allowed for the expiration of SWRCB's drought emergency order. The drought-related State of Emergency that Governor Newsom had declared in 2021 was lifted in September 2024 for 19 coastal and desert counties representing 70 percent of California's population, including San Diego County. At the same time, however, the governor decided to keep the state of emergency in effect in California's remaining 39 counties, where significant impacts from the multi-year drought persisted. These 39 counties included part of the Central Valley and in the watersheds of the Scott, Shasta, and Klamath rivers, among other areas where long-term recovery from the three driest years on record continued. In addition, SWRCB's emergency regulations to ban decorative grass watering in commercial, industrial, and institutional areas expired in June 2024.

OMWD activated Level 1 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan in 2016. At the Level 1 condition, customers were encouraged to take voluntary actions to reduce water waste, such as promptly fixing leaks, preventing runoff from inefficient irrigation, irrigating only during night and early morning hours, and avoiding washing down paved surfaces.

Throughout 2024, OMWD continued to champion funding for recycled water infrastructure, which resulted in the savings of more than 12.5 million gallons of imported water each year. OMWD was successful in achieving approximately \$900,000 in grant funding toward 2024 recycled water projects from the US Bureau of Reclamation, and the California Department of Water Resources to offset project costs and make these projects more cost-effective for OMWD ratepayers.

While California's surface water conditions greatly improved in 2024, the state remained ready to respond to changing water conditions. OMWD, along with a statewide coalition, worked to raise awareness among California policymakers and leaders on the ongoing water supply crisis. OMWD supported SB 366 through the legislature in 2024, which would have set specific targets for new water supply development and adequate funding for water supply projects. With estimates that hotter, drier conditions could reduce California's water supply, the state worked on approaches to safeguard and boost water supplies as outlined in the California Water Plan, Water Supply Strategy, and Water Resilience Portfolio. Although SB 366 was vetoed by the governor, the coalition continues to work on this important legislation, reintroduced in the new legislative session as SB 72 for sustainable water supply policies impacting future generations of Californians.

[November 2024 Election Results: Impacts on OMWD's Legislative Delegation](#)

On December 2, 2024, newly elected members of the state legislature were sworn in, resulting in 65 percent of California Assembly members having two or fewer years of legislative experience, while the Senate saw a 30 percent turnover. OMWD's state legislative delegation remained largely unchanged, except for Assemblymember Darshana Patel replacing Assemblymember Brian Maienschein.

At the federal level, Representative Adam Schiff won the US Senate seat replacing Senator Laphonza Butler, who resigned effective December 8, 2024. Governor Newsom appointed Senator-elect Schiff to complete the remainder of the term before his elected service officially began.

OMWD’S LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY OUTREACH

On nearly a daily basis, OMWD’s public affairs team communicates and works with San Diego County Water Authority, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, neighboring agencies, elected representatives, advocacy organizations, along with state and federal agencies on a wide array of issues. These communications are made through formal correspondence and collaborative meetings.

Formal Correspondence

On occasion, OMWD provides formal comments on proposed regulatory frameworks and takes positions on proposed legislation and policies. The list below provides an at-a-glance “snapshot” of the formal correspondence OMWD produced in 2024:

February 1, 2024 Comments provided to United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper.

February 14, 2024 Position letter provided to California State Assembly in support of AB 2257, which would authorize public agencies to adopt procedures for the submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water and sewer rates and assessments.

March 11, 2024 Position letter provided to United States Senate supporting perfluoroalkyl substances liability protections for water and wastewater agencies under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

March 13, 2024 Position letter provided to California State Senate in support of SB 1218, which would enact a state policy to encourage greater investment and development in emergency water supplies across the state.

March 21, 2024 Position letter provided to members of United States House of Representatives in support of H.R. 7525, which would direct federal agencies to recognize special districts as local governments for the

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In 2024, OMWD produced 38 comments on proposed regulatory frameworks and positions on proposed legislation and policies.

purpose of ensuring that districts are eligible to receive appropriate forms of federal assistance, including funding and resources through key grant programs.

- March 25, 2024** Comment letter provided to California Department of Housing and Community Development related to the Surplus Land Act draft updated guidelines, which were inconsistent with recently adopted statutes that could result in operational challenges for special districts.
- March 25, 2024** Comment letter provided to State Water Resources Control Board regarding proposed regulations on Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life.
- March 27, 2024** Coalition comment letter provided to State Water Resources Control Board regarding regulations on Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life.
- April 9, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to member of California State Senate in support of SB 1218, which would enact a state policy to encourage greater investment and development in emergency water supplies across the state.
- April 17, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to California State Assembly in support of SB 366, which would bring fundamental changes necessary to ensure a sustainable water future.
- April 24, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to California State Assembly in support of AB 2257, which would authorize public agencies to adopt procedures for the submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water and sewer rates and assessments.
- May 2, 2024** Position letter provided to members of California State Assembly in support of AB 1827, which would clarify that the law allows a water supplier to impose fees or charges for property-related water services that include the incrementally higher costs of water service due to higher water usage demand, maximum potential water use, and projected peak water usage parcels.

- May 8, 2024** Position letter provided to California State Assembly in support of SB 366, which would bring fundamental changes necessary to ensure a sustainable water future.
- May 20, 2024** Coalition floor alert sent to California State Senate supporting SB 1218, which would enact a state policy to encourage greater investment in and development of emergency water supplies across the state.
- May 29, 2024** Comment letter provided to members of United States Senate, offering input on the proposed Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act (S. 3830), which would permanently enshrine low-income water and wastewater ratepayer aid in the federal safety net.
- May 29, 2024** Position letter provided to California State Senate in support of SB 1072, which would provide that if a court determines that a fee or charge for a property-related service violates Proposition 218, then the local agency must credit that amount against the cost of providing the property related service.
- May 29, 2024** Comment letter provided to State Water Resources Control Board, offering input on proposed regulations on Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life.
- June 3, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to California State Assembly supporting SB 366, which would bring fundamental changes necessary to ensure a sustainable water future.
- June 4, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to California State Senate supporting AB 2257, which would authorize public agencies to adopt procedures for the submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water and sewer rates and assessments.
- June 10, 2024** Position letters provided to members of California State Senate opposing SB 1255, which would establish a low-income rate assistance program that conflicts with State Water Resources Control Board recommendations and worsen the affordability crisis, among other concerns.
- June 24, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to California State Senate supporting AB 2257, which would authorize public agencies to adopt procedures for the

submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water and sewer rates and assessments.

- June 28, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to members of California State Assembly supporting SB 1218, which would enact a state policy to encourage greater investment and development in emergency water supplies across the state.
- June 28, 2024** Comment letter provided to State Water Resources Control Board offering input on proposed regulations on Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life.
- July 1, 2024** Coalition comment letter provided to State Water Resources Control Board sharing feedback on proposed regulations on Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life.
- July 2, 2024** Position letter provided to members of California State Assembly opposing SB 1255, which would establish a low-income rate assistance program that conflicts with State Water Resources Control Board recommendations and worsen the affordability crisis, among other concerns.
- July 23, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to members of California State Assembly opposing SB 1255, which would establish a low-income rate assistance program that conflicts with State Water Resources Control Board recommendations and worsen the affordability crisis, among other concerns.
- July 29, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to members of California State Assembly opposing SB 1255, which would establish a low-income rate assistance program that conflicts with State Water Resources Control Board recommendations and worsen the affordability crisis, among other concerns.
- August 1, 2024** Position letter provided to California State Assembly supporting SB 366, which would bring fundamental changes necessary to ensure a sustainable water future.

- August 5, 2024** Coalition Senate floor alert provided to each California State Senate office supporting AB 2257, which would authorize public agencies to adopt procedures for the submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water and sewer rates and assessments.
- August 6, 2024** Position letter provided to members of California State Senate supporting SB 1330, which would make substantial changes to the urban water use efficiency framework including moving several dates to reflect implementation delays, among other provisions.
- August 23, 2024** Position letter provided to member of California State Assembly supporting SB 366, which would bring fundamental changes necessary to ensure a sustainable water future.
- August 26, 2024** Position letter provided to California State Governor in support of AB 1827, which would clarify that the law allows a water supplier to impose fees or charges for property-related water services that include the incrementally higher costs of water service due to higher water usage demand, maximum potential water use, and projected peak water usage parcels.
- August 29, 2024** Position letter of support provided to California State Governor regarding SB 366, which would bring fundamental changes necessary to ensure a sustainable water future.
- August 30, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to California State Governor in support of AB 2257, which would authorize public agencies to adopt procedures for the submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water and sewer rates and assessments.
- September 12, 2024** Position letter provided to California State Governor requesting veto of SB 399, which would prohibit an employer from subjecting, or threatening to subject, an employee to any adverse action because the employee declines to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or affirmatively declines to participate in, receive, or listen to any communications with the employer, the purpose of which is to communicate the employer's opinion about religious or political matters.

- September 19, 2024** Coalition position letter provided to members of United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, opposing proposed budget cut to the Title XVI Water Reuse Grants Program.
- November 8, 2024** Position letter of support provided to United States Bureau of Reclamation for the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Program’s Landscape Efficiency and Direct Installation Project for funding.
- December 11, 2024** Coalition comment letter provided to a member of California State Senate, offering input and requesting collaboration in developing new legislation that considers solutions for a state-administered, statewide low-income water rate assistance program.

Legislative and Regulatory Collaboration

OMWD collaborates extensively with partners and stakeholders throughout California. Staff participates in multiple meetings to advocate for OMWD customers on a wide range of issues from water reuse to governance of water resources in the San Diego region. The list below provides an overview of the meetings and agencies OMWD worked on within 2024:

Association of California Water Agencies

ACWA Fall and Spring Conferences & Exhibitions

ACWA conferences offer comprehensive and relevant analyses of issues surrounding the reliable delivery of safe water to millions of Californians. The OMWD Board of Directors and General Manager attended these conferences in 2024.

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In 2024, OMWD participated in over 300 meetings or workgroups with partners and stakeholders.

ACWA Region 10

As a member of ACWA Region 10, OMWD's General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner participated in the election of officers. OMWD attended the ACWA Region 10 meeting held at Santa Fe Irrigation District in January 2024.

ACWA Monday Morning Lobby Group Meeting

Nossaman, LLP participates in these meetings that include lobbyists representing the water industry from all over California.

ACWA Regulatory Committees: Water Management, Water Quality, Energy, Groundwater and Legal Affairs

Nossaman, LLP regulatory subconsultants participate in these regulatory meetings on behalf of OMWD. OMWD's Director Meyers serves on ACWA's Legal Affairs Committee for the 2024-2025 term, and Director Maloni served on ACWA's Energy Committee in 2024.

American Public Works Association-San Diego Chapter Meeting

American Public Works Association provides education, idea exchange, and networking opportunities through a network of professionals dedicated to public works.

American Water Works Association California-Nevada Section

AWWA is an international, nonprofit, scientific, and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions, assuring the effective management of water. OMWD holds a membership with the AWWA California-Nevada Section.

San Diego Women in Water

San Diego Women in Water January Meeting

The January 2024 San Diego Women in Water meeting was held in the City of Carlsbad. OMWD's General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner attended to share ideas and connect with industry professionals.

San Diego Women in Water August Meeting

The August 2024 San Diego Women in Water meeting held at Sweetwater Authority's Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant (and co-sponsored by OMWD, Otay Water District, and Santa Fe Irrigation District) brought more than 150 water professionals and elected officials together, including OMWD's General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner, to exchange ideas with industry professionals.

Women in Water Symposium

The Women in Water Symposium (in partnership with Cuyamaca College) is a multi-day, online conference offering workshops for students, water industry professionals, and those exploring careers in water and wastewater.

CalDesal

CalDesal is a statewide association comprised of water industry leaders, representing public and private sector entities as well as non-profit organizations, integrating the use of desalination to ensure a sustainable water future for communities throughout California. OMWD's Assistant General Manager Joseph Randall, serves on the Regulatory Committee. OMWD's involvement in CalDesal speaks to regional collaboration, industry leadership, and knowledge sharing in desalination and water sustainability.

California Special Districts Association

CSDA Special Districts Annual Conference

This annual conference highlights in-depth topics on issues that special districts are facing through presentations and panel discussions. General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner presented at the "So You Want to be a General Manager" workshop, supporting the development of the next generation of general managers.

CSDA San Diego Chapter Quarterly Meeting

These quarterly meetings are attended by CSDA members, including OMWD, other special districts, and representatives of industry. Meetings discuss upcoming legislation, regulatory changes, and conversations on good governance and improving core local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for special districts.

CSDA Special District Leadership Academy

Provides the knowledge base to perform essential governance responsibilities and is designed for both new and experienced special district board members. Modules include courses on

Governance Foundations, Setting Direction/Community Leadership, Board's Role in Human Resources, and the Board's Role in Finance and Fiscal Accountability. General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner served as faculty for this program in 2024.

CSDA Special District Leadership Foundation

OMWD achieved reaccreditation with the District of Distinction Award at the Platinum level (one of the most prestigious local government awards in the state of California) in 2022, which remains valid for three years. This award recognizes OMWD's commitment to good governance, and to ethical and sound operating practices.

Council of Water Utilities San Diego County

COWU is a quarterly forum for regional San Diego water utility agencies. Meetings are designed to inform participants and share information relevant to water and related agencies. These monthly collaborative meetings have also included notable guest speakers from the water industry.

County of San Diego

Department of Environmental Health and Quality - Recycled Water Program & Recycled Water Purveyors

San Diego County Department of Health and Quality recycled water staff meets biannually with San Diego's large recycled water system purveyors and OMWD staff. Discussions primarily focus on recycled water use management processes and procedures to protect the public from potential health risks associated with cross-connections of recycled water and drinking water supplies. Meetings also facilitate discussion on preventing health risks from direct contact with recycled water.

Cross-Connection Control Advisory Committee of San Diego

As a nonprofit, the Cross-Connection Control Advisory Committee is a collaborative effort between stakeholders concerned with a safe and healthy water supply. The Cross-Connection Control Advisory Committee exists to protect the public health by increasing awareness of the best cross-connection control and backflow prevention methods. OMWD staff participates in biannual meetings of the Cross-Connection Control Advisory Committee, working to prevent dangerous backflow into potable water systems.

Center for Water Studies Industry Advisory Commission at Cuyamaca College

The IAC plays a critical role in ensuring that Cuyamaca College's program meets the water industry's employment needs and assists the Center for Water Studies staff in staying current on local waterworks issues so that programs have the necessary resources to meet the challenges ahead. General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner and Operations Manager Jesse Bartlett-May served on this Advisory Commission in 2024 and will continue to serve in 2025.

Local Agency Formation Commission - San Diego

Special Districts Advisory Committee

OMWD's General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner serves as Chair of San Diego LAFCO's Special Districts Advisory Committee. The committee provides feedback and recommendations on germane topics to assist LAFCO in fulfilling its regulatory and planning functions.

Bylaws, Rules, and Policy Review Ad hoc Committee

The ad hoc committee reviews and considers modernizing its rules as part of the Commission's adopted work plan. OMWD's General Manager, Kimberly A. Thorner, serves as Chair of this ad hoc committee.

Municipal Service Review for Water Wholesalers Advisory Committee

The committee advises on matters related to water wholesaling within the San Diego region. General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner served on this committee in 2024 and will continue to serve in 2025.

North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition

The NSDWRC consists of nine water and wastewater agencies collaborating and taking inventory of where there is a supply of wastewater and a demand for recycled water for irrigation, industrial, or potable uses. The coalition periodically meets with legislators, works with BlueWater Strategies, LLC to assist in securing grant funding, and makes advocacy trips when possible.

One Water North San Diego Coalition

The coalition consists of local agencies in North County who actively support a future regional Potable Reuse project. These agencies will have input into the final potable reuse concept, institutional structure, financing approach, and branding efforts.

San Diego County Water Authority

Board of Directors

SDCWA is governed by a 34-member board of directors representing the 22 member agencies in San Diego County, one of which is OMWD. The board of directors establishes and administers policies for SDCWA at its monthly meetings. OMWD's Board of Directors appointed Director Meyers as its representative to the SDCWA board of directors in 2024.



Administrative and Finance Committee

The committee is responsible for administrative and finance matters, including rates, fees, charges, other sources of revenue, budget, and investments. Administrative responsibilities include human resources, employer-employee relations, information technology, insurance, risk management, and other matters of general business operations. Director Meyers served on this committee in 2024.

Imported Water Committee

The Imported Water Committee is responsible for imported water supply matters including: activities and issues as a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; administration of the Quantification Settlement Agreement and related agreements; Colorado River Board; State Water Project; CalFed; and other matters relating to water supplies from sources outside San Diego County. Director Meyers served as Vice Chair of this committee in 2024 and will serve as Chair in 2025.

Finance Planning Work Group

General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner served on the Finance Planning Work Group which aimed to evaluate and enhance prudent financial practices, policies, and opportunities in collaboration with member agencies.

Joint Public Information Council

SDCWA hosts monthly JPIC meetings with representatives from its member agencies, including OMWD. Representatives to these collaborative meetings discuss ongoing regional water topics focused, outreach initiatives, and a focus on water conservation issues.

Member Agency Managers Meeting

This meeting is held monthly to discuss and coordinate upcoming SDCWA topics and their impact on member agencies. General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner attends monthly meetings and hosted one meeting at OMWD headquarters in 2024.

Member Agency Managers / Member Agency Finance Officers Work Group

This workgroup meets to discuss and coordinate rate design and its impact on member agencies. General Manager Thorner and OMWD's Finance Officer served on this committee which met seven times in 2024.

Member Agency Legislative Liaisons Meeting

Hosted by SDCWA's Manager of Government Relations, this meeting discusses water legislation and updates from Sacramento. OMWD staff and Nossaman, LLP participate in the meetings, which are held monthly. The Legislative Liaisons Meeting also strives to set up yearly meetings with select legislators.

San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Group/Regional Advisory Committee

The Regional Advisory Committee to San Diego IRWM plays a critical role in shaping and developing such key elements of the IRWM Plan as goals and objectives, long-term targets, the proposed institutional structure, and project prioritization. The Regional Advisory Committee currently meets on a bi-monthly basis to provide guidance on upcoming IRWM planning and funding application activities. OMWD is represented by General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner, with Assistant General Manager Joey Randall serving as an alternate member.

San Diego North Economic Development Council

OMWD participates in SDNEDC's quarterly meetings with the mission of building a stronger North County economy through regional collaboration and leadership. SDNEDC facilitates public and private sectors working together as community partners to sustain and strategically grow the economic base of northern San Diego County. OMWD is represented by Assistant General Manager Joey Randall serving on the board.

WateReuse Association

California Board of Trustees

WateReuse is a trade association that focuses on advancing laws, policy, and funding to increase water reuse. The California section is governed by the Board of Trustees and is actively engaged in working with appointed and elected officials to pass legislation and develop regulations that will accelerate the implementation of both non-potable and potable reuse. OMWD's General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner was an officer of the Board of Trustees, serving as Secretary, and also served on the Executive Committee in 2024 (serving in this capacity for six years). WateReuse California Board of Trustees and Executive Committee meet monthly.

WateReuse Executive Committee

General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner served on the Executive Committee as Secretary, through the end of her term in 2024. The Executive Committee meets and plans all Association agendas and activities.

WateReuse CA Legislative and Regulatory Committee

The Legislative and Regulatory Committee reviews, analyzes, and recommends positions on state legislation that affects the goals and objectives of the section and its membership. Policy framework and the annual agenda for advocacy are established through the group.

California Communications Collaborative Group

The group provides a forum to discuss and collaborate on potable water reuse communications. Participants meet quarterly to learn about current challenges facing reuse communications, discuss tools and resources, and network with colleagues.

San Diego Regional Chapter

The San Diego Regional Chapter of the WateReuse Association provides a quarterly forum for

the exchange of information to promote the beneficial use of recycled water in the San Diego region. In 2024, OMWD Engineering Manager Lindsey Stephenson served as board president, and participated in monthly board meetings. Members of the San Diego Regional Chapter include recycled water purveyors, recycled water customers, regulatory agencies, engineering and consulting firms, and equipment vendors.

WateReuse California Annual Conference

The annual WateReuse conference features numerous technical sessions and panels on the most pressing reuse issues in the state.

WateReuse Symposium

The annual WateReuse Symposium provides a virtual online event about water reuse policy, technology, operations, research, and public acceptance. Presenters and exhibitors include elected officials, academic researchers, public officials, and industry leaders. Attendees also participate in several session groups with experts to advance the goals of WateReuse.

Urban Water Institute

OMWD participates in the annual conference. The group provides non-partisan information to the water industry with an emphasis on water economics, management, and resource policies as they affect consumers and the general economy.

Water for All (SB 366)

Water for All seeks to raise awareness among California policymakers and leaders on the ongoing water supply crisis impacting residents, economic growth, community health, the environment, and the future generation of Californians. General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner serves as an officer on the steering committee as well as the board of directors, which are comprised of 15 general managers representing each California region.

In 2024, General Manager Kimberly A. Thorner advocated for SB 366 through a series of meetings with Assemblymember Christopher Ward, Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber, and Senator Brian Jones. OMWD staff briefed San Diego Union-Tribune on the Legislative Analyst's Office report on urban conservation regulations and how they related to SB 366 for an editorial.

With the statewide coalition, OMWD successfully advanced SB 366 through the legislature, which would have set specific targets for new water supply development and adequate funding for these projects. However, this bill was vetoed by the governor in 2024. The coalition will need to continue to work on this important legislation in 2025, which has been reintroduced as SB 72.

State Water Resources Control Board Meetings

The State Water Resources Control Board held meetings regarding emergency regulations to prohibit wasteful water use practices in 2024 to save water and preserve California's water

supply. OMWD Public Affairs Supervisor Brian Sodeman participated in these meetings and provided testimony on a draft proposed emergency regulation for water conservation.

State Legislature Committee Hearings

Nossaman, LLP conveyed OMWD’s legislative positions on proposed bills through testimony at approximately 24 committee hearings throughout the year.

ANTICIPATED ISSUES IN 2025

SUMMARY

OMWD has developed a general outlook regarding anticipated legislation and legislative/regulatory areas of focus expected in 2025. This assessment is formulated through staff analysis, with information from professional representatives.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

- State funding for potential federally frozen grant funding
- Cross-connection and backflow protection control policy
- Direct potable reuse
- Recycled water regulations
- Water use efficiency standards and making conservation a way of life:
 - Water Loss
 - Indoor Water Efficiency Standard
 - Outdoor Water Use Standard
 - CII Dedicated Irrigation Meter Standard
 - Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment
- Water affordability
- Low-income water rate assistance
- Lead and copper regulations
- PFAS regulations and CERCLA designation rule without exempting water and wastewater systems
- Natural resource protection and restoration
- Emergency preparedness and planning
- Dams and water storage
- Climate change resilience
- Public meetings and the Brown Act
- Cybersecurity
- Climate change bond allocations and implementation
- Balancing the state budget
- Co-sponsor a legislative measure with SDCWA to amend California Public Contract Code:
 - Adjust the authority limit from \$35,000 to \$70,000
 - Align the code with established procurement practices

- Account for CPI inflation since 1999
- New legislator outreach and education

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Potential impact on the continuity of federal grant funding due to administration transition
- Tariffs on imports imposed by the new administration
- Colorado River crisis
- PFAS regulations and CERCLA designation rule without exempting water and wastewater systems
- Federal court finding that EPA must take regulatory action to evaluate risk of fluoridation of drinking water
- Governance at water wholesalers
- San Diego's congressional delegation will be contacted and informed of projects and needed policy changes based upon OMWD board adopted positions in the Legislative Guidelines

LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES

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 water supply uncertainty in addition to minimal 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 OMWD's Board of Directors, the General Manager, and the executive team
- Staff will represent OMWD before state and federal legislative and administrative bodies
- 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; providing strategy on 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.

In addition, OMWD's current federal legislative advocate is BlueWater Strategies, LLC. The firm's scope of work is to assist OMWD and its North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition partners with federal lobbying and government relations services.

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.
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.
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.
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.
4. Impedes the ability to implement water transfers and exchanges both inter-state and intra-state through increased regulatory or procedural impediments.
5. Does not adhere to the Law of the River, nor protect water rights.
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.
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.
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.

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.
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.
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.
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.
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 a 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.
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.
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.
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.

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.

28. Streamlines reporting requirements to reduce redundant efforts.

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

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.
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. Supports development of comprehensive multi-species habitat conservation plans that anticipate and mitigate project development impacts while preserving representative ecosystems, rather than individual species.

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, 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.
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.
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).
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.
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.
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 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 or 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.
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.
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.
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 its 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.

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.

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DATE: March 5, 2025

RE: March 2025 Public Policy Report

State Legislative Updates:

Status of the Legislature: The deadline to introduce bills was on February 21, and about 2,350 bills have been introduced this legislative session. Roughly 1,500 bills are from the Assembly, and 850 are from the Senate. About a third of the bills are spot bills, meaning they are placeholders for future language. The Assembly and Senate Rules Committees have given Members until March 17 and 26, respectively, to update spot bills with substantive language. We will monitor amendments as they come through and will continue to make inquiries with Member offices on the intent of certain spot bills of interest. The Assembly and the Senate have been holding many informational hearings, including on the Proposition 4 spending plan. Policy committee hearings to discuss specific bills are expected to start in early March.

Status of the State Budget: As we previously reported, the governor's January budget proposal initially projected a state of optimism; however, as the state has begun the slow recovery from the devastating wildfires in Los Angeles, legislators have moved to a more cautious position. The state budget relies on property, income, and sales tax returns. The governor suspended tax deadlines for various impacted areas, making projected budget numbers more conservative than initially anticipated. Due to strong receipt collections before the fires, the state's cash position is currently strong. However, future budget deficits are expected to be very large. Climate Bond funding has been a key topic of discussion as the state General Fund continues to have limited resources available for new spending. The governor is proposing to shift various water and climate-related expenditures onto the Climate Bond to reduce pressure on the General Fund, including \$51 million for recycled water and \$47 million for dam safety. Additionally, given that there could be additional costly cuts by the federal government in funding, the legislature is preparing for a substantially different budget proposal to be released by the Governor in May. This will inevitably impact the success of bills that require costly investments.

Legislation: Below are bills with recommended positions for consideration.

- **SB 454 (McNearney) State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program:** State Water Resources Control Board is currently responsible for managing several drinking water programs. This bill proposes the creation of the PFAS Mitigation Fund within the General Fund. This fund would be used by the board, with legislative approval, to support initiatives related to reducing PFAS contamination. The board is also authorized to accept federal and private funding, which would be deposited into a specific PFAS Reduction Account and used to finance the initiatives continuously. Funds from this account could be provided as grants, loans, or contracts to aid water suppliers and wastewater operators. This would help cover costs associated with ensuring drinking water meets

state and federal PFAS standards. To qualify for these funds, water suppliers or operators must demonstrate a clear plan for using them to enhance public safety related to drinking water or treated wastewater. The board can also establish guidelines to assist in implementing these measures.

ACWA Position: Sponsor

Recommended Position: Support

Proposition 4 - Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Recently, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2, and Senate Budget and Fiscal on Resources, Environmental Protection, and Energy held informational overviews to provide a general overview of the Governor's Budget on Proposition 4 allocations. The Legislative Analyst's Office and Department of Finance provided reports summarizing their analysis of the governor's proposal. Each commented on the reversions of funds from Proposition 4 to the General Fund for allocations already approved in previous budget years. Members from both committees expressed concern with this backfilling issue. We are advocating for the legislature to reject these reversions and reserve all Proposition 4 funds for distributions in accordance with the Bond Act. The legislature will also weigh the pros and cons of implementing a multi-year plan to roll out the Climate Bond funds or address yearly instead. It was also suggested by the LAO that the legislature require reporting on the fund allocations to track the progress and impacts of projects. Finally, Secretary Crowfoot noted that the California Natural Resources Agency is preparing solicitations so that once the budget is finalized in June, it can immediately begin the process of awarding funds.

SB 659 (Ashby) California Water Supply Solutions Act of 2023: This bill requires the Department of Water Resources, as part of the 2028 update to the California Water Plan, and each subsequent update thereafter to the plan, to provide actionable recommendations to develop additional groundwater recharge opportunities that increase the recharge of the state's groundwater basins. Nossaman has communicated with DWR to ensure they are aware that OMWD would like to be included in the advisory committee that will be set up to implement SB 659.

San Diego County Water Authority Governance Issue: Nossaman has been working to meet Senator Jones and staff to discuss the governance structure at SDCWA. To adjust the governance structure at SDCWA, the majority of member agencies, would have to be in support. The City of San Diego has expressed interest in this adjustment because they would like to scale down their financial responsibilities to the Water Authority, meaning they would also have to reduce their voting rights. The primary objective of this discussion is to expand the voting rights of other agencies to increase policy influence beyond those currently with the majority of the voting rights. Nossaman will continue discussions to determine if members of the legislature are interested in pursuing this issue.

California Public Contract Code Legislative Proposal: Nossaman continues to engage and gather feedback on the Public Contract Code legislative proposal. The proposal seeks to increase the monetary threshold from \$35,000 to \$70,000 in Section 20642 and Section 10108 of California Public Contract Code. This proposal preserves OMWD's current oversight and decision-making authority and prioritizes maintaining local control rather than the alternative of adopting the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, which would shift certain procurement and contracting decisions away from local control. SDCWA has prioritized this issue but is not sponsoring legislation as they have received feedback that there is no path forward for such a proposal. This was partly based on Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's decision to abandon similar legislation earlier this year and instead pursue CUPCCA.

Nossaman has been meeting with stakeholders to advocate on OMWD's behalf and to determine if there is an opportunity for OMWD to pursue this legislative goal.

Fluoride Issue: California law requires water systems with 10,000 or more connections to fluoridate if state funding is available. In a September 24, 2024 ruling, a federal judge found that Environmental Protection Agency is required to provide a regulatory response under the Toxic Substances Control Act. The judge's order did not dictate precisely what EPA's regulatory response must be. Currently, OMWD is funding the fluoridation of its water and is in full compliance with federal and state drinking water regulations. It is important to note that drinking water is regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act and not TSCA. Nossaman has been discussing this with other agencies and state-wide organizations to determine if the state is interested in providing funds to maintain fluoride in the water. There is interest in the topic, but there are no current proposals.

Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program: Nossaman has been working with OMWD on advocacy efforts related to legislative proposals attempting to create water rate assistance programs for several years. OMWD opposed both SB 222 (Dodd) in 2022, ultimately vetoed by the governor, and SB 1255 (Durazo) in 2024, which died in the appropriations committee. OMWD opposed both measures for several reasons, but largely due to a lack of sustainable funding, implementation issues, and local agency cost implications.

This year, two legislative proposals have been introduced, and both are aimed at creating water rate assistance programs:

- **AB 532 (Ransom) Water Rate Assistance Program:** The bill is sponsored by California Municipal Utilities Association and would require, upon appropriation by the legislature, a voluntary local water agency-administered and implemented program for water agencies that have more than 3,000 water service connections. For water agencies with less than 3,000 water service connections, Department of Community Services and Development would establish and administer the program. Of note, this bill does not have a concrete or sustainable funding source, introduces exorbitant administrative overhead costs to water agencies, and requires additional annual reporting requirements to State Water Resources Control Board regardless of whether a local agency has opted to institute a program or not.
- **SB 350 (Durazo) Water Rate Assistance Program:** This bill is being sponsored by environmental justice groups and is the anticipated reintroduction of a water rate assistance program by Senator Durazo. Upon appropriation by the legislature, this bill would mandate a local water agency-administered and implemented program. State Water Resources Control Board has centralized authority of program oversight, development of guidelines, and program implementation. The bill also creates additional local water agency reporting requirements. SWRCB is given the option to contract with one or more third-party vendors to conduct eligibility determinations of sensitive data and is given the authority to outsource call center management and services, internet-based enrollments, document intake and processing, and distribution of funds. The bill would establish a Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services. Further, the bill requires SWRCB to take various actions in administering the fund, including tracking and managing revenue in the fund separately from all other revenue. This bill does not have a concrete or viable funding source and introduces exorbitant administrative overhead costs to water agencies.

Both proposals lack sustainable funding while imposing significant financial burdens on local water agencies for program implementation and administration. Implementing and administering these programs will

inevitably lead to higher water rates, disregarding the voter-approved requirements of Proposition 218 and Proposition 26, which protect ratepayers from unfair cost increases.

Additionally, the proposals fail to consider the SWRCB AB 401 Report (2020), which provides a plan for implementing a state-administered statewide low-income water rate assistance program that ensures equitable access to essential water services. These bills overlook low-income renters, many of whom do not receive direct water bills, as water costs are typically embedded in rental payments. Without addressing this benefit distribution issue, the proposed measures risk excluding a substantial portion of the population in need of financial assistance, further exacerbating affordability challenges.

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.

- **February 26** - Governor Newsom announced the California Jobs First Economic Blueprint, including additional investment in wildfire recovery in Los Angeles County.
- **February 19** - Governor Newsom announced a new proposal to create an over \$125 million mortgage relief program to assist homeowners whose homes were destroyed or severely damaged by recent natural disasters, placing them at risk of foreclosure.
- **February 16** - In response to the deadly flooding in Kentucky, Governor Newsom authorized the deployment of four IST personnel to assist in ongoing response and recovery efforts.
- **February 14** - Governor Newsom praised California's work to pre-deploy resources ahead of the week's major storms, as it paid off with successful rescue efforts and no major damage reported.
- **February 14** - CalOES Watershed and Debris Flow Task Force proactively placed 630,250 feet of critical watershed protection materials throughout Eaton and Palisades burn scar areas.
- **February 13** - Governor Newsom issued an executive order to further cut red tape and streamline the rebuilding and recovery of homes in communities impacted by the recent Los Angeles area firestorms.
- **February 12** - CalOES strategically prepositioned critical resources to respond to any threats near recent LA burn scar areas ahead of another winter storm.
- **February 11** - At Governor Newsom's direction, the state installed emergency protection materials to contain burn scar debris from the Eaton and Palisades fires to protect local bodies of water and mitigate impacts to surrounding areas.
- **February 11** - Governor Newsom issued an executive order ordering the state to ensure that childcare providers impacted by the recent wildfires in LA were aware of their potential eligibility for Disaster Unemployment Assistance and had the support needed to apply.
- **February 11** - Governor Newsom, along with federal and local partners, marked the fastest large-scale debris removal operation in modern state history from the Eaton and Palisades fires.
- **February 10** - California launched a new dashboard on the CA.gov/LAfires website to track wildfire recovery efforts for Los Angeles.
- **February 10** - Governor Newsom sponsored new legislation by Assemblymember Harabedian to allow homeowners who receive insurance payments for lost or damaged property to receive the interest accrued rather than lenders.
- **February 8** - The state's largest watershed protection mission reached 80 percent completion to protect hazardous runoff from entering waterways. CalOES mission-tasked over 500 state personnel to place emergency protective materials throughout burn scar areas in Palisades and Eaton sites.

- **February 06** - Governor Newsom signed an executive order to launch key initiatives to continue adapting to future extreme firestorm events in urban communities and leading the way to build a more resilient state.
- **February 04** - Governor Newsom issued an executive order removing bureaucratic barriers, extending deadlines, and providing critical regulatory relief to help LA fire survivors rebuild, access essential services, and recover.
- **February 01** - Governor Newsom directed the augmentation of flood fighting and swift water resources across Northern and Central California to protect communities from the significant wet weather expected through the upcoming days.

Regulatory Updates:

State Water Resources Control Board – Prioritization of Drinking Water Regulations Development: On February 19, State Water Resources Control Board approved a resolution adopting the prioritization of drinking water regulations development for calendar year 2025. Below, please find the list in order of priority.

1. Maximum Contaminant Levels
 - a. Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances ([PFAS](#))
 - b. Disinfection Byproducts
 - c. Arsenic
 - d. N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA)
 - e. Styrene
 - f. Cadmium and Mercury
2. Onsite Treated Non-potable Water Systems
3. Lead and Copper Rule and Revisions
4. Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting
 - a. Metals
 - b. Organics
5. Notification and Response Levels
 - a. Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances ([PFAS](#))
 - b. Manganese (revision)
 - c. Cyanotoxins
6. Primacy Package Approvals
 - a. Public Water System Definition
 - b. Public Notification
 - c. Revised Total Coliform Rule
 - d. Groundwater Rule
 - e. Consumer Confidence Reports
7. Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data
8. Quinquennial Maximum Contaminant Levels Review
9. Financial Assurance



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Support

AB 259 (Rubio, Blanca, D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Current Text: 01/16/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/16/2025

Status: 02/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, as specified, and requires a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing to comply with specified requirements, including that the local agency post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing if, during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, and the legislative body complies with prescribed requirements. Current law requires a member to satisfy specified requirements to participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including that specified circumstances apply. Current law establishes limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including prohibiting such participation for more than 2 meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. This bill would remove the January 1, 2026, date from those provisions, thereby extending the alternative teleconferencing procedures indefinitely. (Based on 01/16/2025 text)

Position: Support

Notes:

2/25/25 filed letter of support and shared with all cc's.

SB 72 (Caballero, D) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.

Current Text: 03/05/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/15/2025

Last Amended: 03/05/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050, as provided. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for a sustainable urban sector, agricultural sector, and environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things. (Based on 03/05/2025 text)

Position: Support

Notes:

2/11/25 letter submitted to portal and shared with delegates.

Watch

AB 43 **(Schultz, D) Wild and scenic rivers.**

Current Text: 12/02/2024 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Status: 02/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Summary: Current law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to take specified actions relating to the addition of rivers or segments of rivers to the state's wild and scenic rivers system if, among other things, the federal government enacts a statute that, upon enactment, would require the removal or delisting of any river or segment of a river in the state that was included in the national wild and scenic rivers system and not in the state wild and scenic rivers system. Current law authorizes, only until December 31, 2025, the secretary to take action under these provisions to add a river or segment of a river to the state wild and scenic rivers system. Current law requires those actions to remain in effect until December 31, 2025, except as otherwise provided. This bill would indefinitely extend the date by which the secretary is authorized to take the specified actions relating to the addition of rivers or segments of rivers to the state's wild and scenic rivers system, as described above. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)

Position: Watch

AB 93 **(Papan, D) Water resources: demands: artificial intelligence.**

Current Text: 01/07/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/07/2025

Status: 01/08/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee February 7.

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would maintain water and energy efficiency to the extent that new technology, including, but not limited to, artificial intelligence, increases the demands on already limited resources. (Based on 01/07/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 267 **(Macedo, R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: high-speed rail: water infrastructure and wildfire prevention.**

Current Text: 01/17/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/17/2025

Status: 02/18/2025 - Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and NAT. RES.

Summary: Would suspend the appropriation to the High-Speed Rail Authority for the 2026–27 and 2027–28 fiscal years and would instead require those amounts from moneys collected by the State Air Resources Board to be transferred to the General Fund. The bill would specify that the transferred amounts shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to augment funding for water infrastructure and wildfire prevention. (Based on 01/17/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 293 **(Bennett, D) Groundwater sustainability agency: transparency.**

Current Text: 01/22/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/22/2025

Status: 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

Summary: Current law requires a groundwater sustainability plan to be developed and implemented for each medium- or high-priority basin by a groundwater sustainability agency. Current law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin, as provided. Current law requires members of the board of directors and the executive, as defined, of a groundwater sustainability agency to file statements of economic interests with the Fair Political Practices Commission using the commission's online system for filing statements of economic interests. This bill would require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish the membership of its board of directors on its internet website, or on the local agency's internet website, as provided. The bill would also require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish a link on its internet website or its local agency's internet website to the location on the Fair Political Practices Commission's internet website where the statements of economic interests, filed by the members of the board and executives of the agency, can be viewed. (Based on 01/22/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 295 **(Macedo, R) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: water storage, water conveyance, and groundwater recharge projects: streamlined review.**

Current Text: 01/23/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/23/2025

Status: 02/10/2025 - Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and W. P., & W.

Summary: The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021 authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2032, to certify environmental leadership development projects that meet specified requirements for certain streamlining benefits related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The act, among other things, requires a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings for an environmental leadership development project, as provided, and to provide a specified notice within 10 days of the Governor certifying the project. The act is repealed by its own term on January 1, 2034. This bill would extend the application of the act to water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects that provide public benefits and drought preparedness. Because a lead agency would be required to prepare the record of proceedings for water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects pursuant to the act, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 307 **(Petrie-Norris, D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: fire camera mapping system.**

Current Text: 01/23/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/23/2025

Status: 02/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. Of these funds, the act makes available \$1,500,000,000, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for wildfire prevention, including, among other things, by making \$25,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for technologies that improve detection and assessment of new fire ignitions. This bill would require, of the \$25,000,000 made available to the department, \$10,000,000 be allocated for purposes of the ALERTCalifornia fire camera mapping system. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 339 **(Ortega, D) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements.**

Current Text: 01/28/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/28/2025

Status: 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on P. E. & R.

Summary: The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act contains various provisions that govern collective bargaining of local represented employees and delegates jurisdiction to the Public Employment Relations Board to resolve disputes and enforce the statutory duties and rights of local public agency employers and employees. Current law requires the governing body of a public agency to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations. Current law requires the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body, to give reasonable written notice, except in cases of emergency, as specified, to each recognized employee organization affected of any ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the governing body or the designated boards and commissions. This bill would require the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body of a public agency, to give the recognized employee organization no less than 120 days' written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization. The bill would require the notice to include specified information, including the anticipated duration of the contract. (Based on 01/28/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 362 **(Ramos, D) Water policy: California tribal communities.**

Current Text: 01/30/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/30/2025

Status: 01/31/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 2.

Summary: The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act establishes a statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters in the state and makes certain legislative findings and declarations. Current law defines the term "beneficial uses" for the purposes of water quality as certain waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation, to include, among others, domestic, municipal, agricultural, and

industrial supplies. This bill would add findings and declarations related to California tribal communities and the importance of protecting tribal water use, as those terms are defined. The bill would add tribal water uses as waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation for purposes of the defined term "beneficial uses." (Based on 01/30/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 367 **(Bennett, D) County water districts: County of Ventura: fire suppression.**

Current Text: 02/03/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/03/2025

Status: 02/04/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 6.

Summary: The County Water District Law authorizes the formation of county water districts and authorizes those districts to appropriate, acquire, and conserve water and water rights for any useful purpose and to operate water rights, works, properties, rights, and privileges useful or necessary to convey, supply, store, or make use of water for any purpose authorized by that law. Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. This bill would require a water district that supplies water to more than 20 residential dwellings that is used for the suppression of fire in either a high or very high risk fire hazard severity zone in the County of Ventura to have a backup energy source with sufficient power to promptly operate wells and pumps servicing the high or very high risk hazard severity zone at normal capacity for at least 24 hours in the case of a power shutoff unless the relevant water delivery systems are gravity fed and do not need any backup power to continue to operate during a power shutoff. The bill would require the Ventura County Fire Department to annually inspect facilities that provide water, as specified. The bill would require a water district to take various actions, including alerting the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services whenever its water delivery capacity has been reduced due to equipment failure or maintenance. The bill would require, if any fire destroys more than 10 residential dwellings or causes more than \$3,000,000 in damages to any residential dwelling in a specified water district, a report be made by the water district where the fire occurred and the Ventura County Fire Department that assesses the appropriateness of the water delivery system, as specified. (Based on 02/03/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 372 **(Bennett, D) Office of Emergency Services: state matching funds: water system infrastructure improvements.**

Current Text: 02/03/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/03/2025

Status: 02/04/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 6.

Summary: Current law establishes, within the office of the Governor, the Office of Emergency Services (OES), under the direction of the Director of Emergency Services. Current law charges the OES with coordinating various emergency activities within the state. The California Emergency Services Act, contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, requires the OES to enter into a joint powers agreement pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program relating to structure hardening and retrofitting and prescribed fuel modification activities. Current law authorizes the joint powers authority to establish financial assistance limits and matching funding or other recipient contribution requirements for the program, as provided. This bill, contingent on funding being appropriated pursuant to a bond act, as specified, would establish the Rural Water Infrastructure for Wildfire Resilience Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to communities within the Wildland Urban Interface in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure, as prescribed. (Based on 02/03/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 428 **(Rubio, Blanca, D) Joint powers agreements: water corporations.**

Current Text: 02/05/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/05/2025

Status: 02/18/2025 - Referred to Coms. on INS. and L. GOV.

Summary: The Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes 2 or more public agencies, if authorized by their governing bodies, by agreement to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. Existing law authorizes 2 or more local public entities, or a mutual water company, as defined, and a public agency, to provide insurance, as specified, by a joint powers agreement. Current law authorizes a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of risk pooling, as specified. Current law vests the Public Utilities Commission with regulatory authority over public utilities, including water

corporations. This bill would authorize a water corporation, as defined, a mutual water company, and one or more public agencies to provide insurance, as specified, by a joint powers agreement. The bill would also authorize a water corporation, a mutual water company, and one or more public agencies to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of risk pooling, as specified. The bill would require the joint powers agency to be 100% reinsured with no joint and several liability, no assessments, and no financial liability attributable to the participating members, as provided. (Based on 02/05/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 430 **(Alanis, R)** State Water Resources Control Board: emergency regulations.

Current Text: 02/05/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/05/2025

Status: 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

Summary: Current law provides that an emergency regulation adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board following a Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions, for which the board makes specified findings, may remain in effect for up to one year, as provided, and may be renewed if the board determines that specified conditions relating to precipitation are still in effect. This bill would require the board, before the 2nd renewal of any emergency regulation or upon its repeal, to conduct a comprehensive economic study assessing the impacts of the regulation and would require the board to make the study publicly available on its internet website (Based on 02/05/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 514 **(Petrie-Norris, D)** Water: emergency water supplies.

Current Text: 02/10/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/10/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

Summary: The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan. The act requires an urban water management plan to include a water shortage contingency plan, as provided. This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies by local water suppliers, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 532 **(Ransom, D)** Water rate assistance program.

Current Text: 02/11/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/11/2025

Status: 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

Summary: Current federal law, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, among other things, requires the federal Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program, which is also known as the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, for making grants to states and Indian tribes to assist low-income households that pay a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services, as provided. Current law requires the Department of Community Services and Development to administer the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in this state, and to receive and expend moneys appropriated and allocated to the state for purposes of that program, pursuant to the above-described federal law. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program was only operative until March 31, 2024. This bill would repeal the above-described requirements related to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. The bill would instead require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Community Services and Development to establish and administer the California Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. (Based on 02/11/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 614 **(Lee, D)** Claims against public entities.

Current Text: 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Status: 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on JUD.

Summary: The Government Claims Act establishes the liability and immunity of a public entity for its acts or omissions that cause harm to persons and requires that a claim against a public entity relating to a cause of action for death or for injury to person, personal property, or growing crops be presented not later than 6

months after accrual of the cause of action. Under current law, claims relating to any other cause of action are required to be presented no later than one year after the accrual of the cause of action. This bill would remove the provisions requiring a claim against a public entity relating to a cause of action for death or for injury to person, personal property, or growing crops to be presented not later than 6 months after accrual of the cause of action and would instead require a claim relating to any cause of action to be presented not later than one year after accrual of the cause of action. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 620 **(Jackson, D) Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program: rental vehicles.**

Current Text: 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Status: 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on TRANS.

Summary: Current law establishes the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program (program) within the Air Quality Improvement Program to make financing tools and nonfinancial supports available to operators of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fleets to enable those operators to transition their fleets to zero-emission vehicles. This bill, for any regulation adopted to develop or implement the program, or other regulations that are regarding the procurement or use of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles by a public or private fleet, would require the state board to consider specified things, including, among other things, the environmental and supply chain benefits of renting medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles compared to procuring them. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 623 **(Dixon, R) Fuel modification and reduction projects: California Environmental Quality Act: coastal development permits: exemptions.**

Current Text: 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Status: 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would exempt a fuel modification project to maintain defensible space of 100 feet from each side and from the front and rear of a building or structure from the requirements of CEQA. Because a lead agency would be required to determine whether a project qualifies for this exemption, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 624 **(Dixon, R) Office of Emergency Services: federal grant funding; Community Relief Act.**

Current Text: 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Status: 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.M.

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act establishes the Office of Emergency Services (OES) within the office of the Governor and sets forth its powers and duties relating to addressing natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies, including responsibility for activities necessary to prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters to people and property. This bill would require the OES, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide to local operational areas and urban areas the maximum local share of federal grant funding administered by the office from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The bill would also require the OES, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide specified legislative committees with copies of agreements entered into with local governments to spend the state share of federal grant funding administered by the office from specified federal grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 638 **(Rodriguez, Celeste, D) Stormwater: reuses: irrigation.**

Current Text: 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Status: 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

Summary: The Stormwater Resource Planning Act authorizes one or more public agencies to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards to address the capture of stormwater, as defined, and

dry weather runoff, as defined. The act requires the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2016, to establish guidance for purposes of the act. This bill would require the board, by June 1, 2026, to establish guidance for stormwater capture and reuse for the irrigation of urban public lands, as defined. The bill would require the guidance to include, but not be limited to, the use of captured stormwater for irrigation to offset the use of potable water, as specified, and criteria including, among other things, pathogens and pathogen indicators and total suspended solids. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 794 **(Gabriel, D) California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations.**

Current Text: 02/18/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/18/2025

Status: 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

Summary: The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. The state board's duties include, but are not limited to, enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (federal act) and adopting and enforcing regulations. Current law authorizes the state board to adopt as an emergency regulation, a regulation that is not more stringent than, and is not materially different in substance and effect than, the requirements of a regulation promulgated under the federal act, with a specified exception. This bill would provide that the authority of the state board to adopt an emergency regulation pursuant to these provisions includes the authority to adopt requirements of a specified federal regulation that was in effect on January 19, 2025, regardless of whether the requirements were repealed or amended to be less stringent. The bill would prohibit an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards, as provided, and would authorize the regulation to include requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of the federal regulation. (Based on 02/18/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 883 **(Lowenthal, D) California Public Records Act.**

Current Text: 02/19/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/19/2025

Status: 02/20/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.

Summary: The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. That act prohibits a state or local agency from publicly posting the home address, telephone number, or both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 990 **(Hadwick, R) Public water systems: emergency notification plan.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: Current law prohibits a person from operating a public water system without an emergency notification plan that has been submitted to and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. Current law requires the emergency notification plan to provide for immediate notice to the customers of the public water system of any significant rise in the bacterial count of water or other failure to comply with any primary drinking water standard that represents an imminent danger to the health of the water users. This bill would authorize and encourage a public water system to provide notification to water users in their preferred language when updating the emergency notification plan, if resources are available. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 995 **(Caloza, D) California Safe Drinking Water Act: public water systems: random testing.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: The California Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the state board to take certain actions relating to the inspection of public water systems, including inspecting and copying any records, reports, test results, or other information required to carry out the provisions of the act. This bill would require the state board to additionally inspect each public water system by establishing a program for the testing of water quality that

tests random samples of water taken from locations within the public water system that are at or near to an ultimate destination of water delivery in order to test for water quality consistency throughout the delivery system. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1000 **(Gallagher, R) Water quality: statewide program.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act designates the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards as the principal state agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. The act requires the state board and the regional boards to, among other things, coordinate their respective activities to achieve a unified and effective water quality control program in the state. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provision. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1001 **(Rubio, Blanca, D) Drought.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: Current law authorizes an implementing agency to provide advance payment of up to 25% of grant funds awarded to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, mobilehome parks, mutual water companies, farmers and ranchers, federally recognized California Native American tribes, nonfederally recognized Native American tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission for specified purposes, administrators, and groundwater sustainability agencies that have demonstrated cashflow problems according to the satisfaction of the implementing agency. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that authorization. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1096 **(Connolly, D) Mutual water companies: board members: training.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: Under existing law, a mutual water company is defined as a corporation organized for or engaged in the business of selling, distributing, supplying, or delivering water for irrigation or domestic purposes that provides in its articles or bylaws that the water shall be sold, distributed, supplied, or delivered only to owners of its shares, as specified. Existing law requires each board member of a mutual water company that operates a public water system, within 6 months of taking office and every 6 years thereafter, to complete a course offered by a qualified trainer regarding the duties of board members of mutual water companies, as provided. This bill would require a board member of a mutual water company to provide proof of completion of that training to the State Water Resources Control Board no later than 30 days after completing the training. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1146 **(Papan, D) Water infrastructure: dams and reservoirs.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: Existing law provides for the regulation and supervision of dams and reservoirs exclusively by the state. This bill would make a non-substantive change to that provision. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1203 **(Ahrens, D) Water conservation: water wise designation.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, to adopt long-term standards for the efficient use of water and performance

measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use (CII water use), among other water uses, before June 30, 2022. Current law requires the department, in coordination with the board, to conduct necessary studies and investigations and make recommendations, no later than October 1, 2021, for purposes of those standards and performance measures for CII water use. This bill would require the department and the Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications to include, within the Save Our Water Campaign, a statewide "water wise" designation to be awarded to businesses in the CII sector that meet or exceed the recommendations for CII water use best management practices pursuant to those performance measures. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1313 **(Papan, D) Watermaster service: district.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to divide the state into watermaster service areas for the purpose of distributing water in accordance with certain water rights determinations. The Irrigation District Law authorizes certain irrigation districts that, among other things, include land included within a watermaster service area to appoint one or more watermasters to regulate the use of water within the district. Current law defines "district" for those purposes. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that definition. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1367 **(Gallagher, R) The California Water Plan: water storage.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the California Water Plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state. This bill would require the department to amend The California Water Plan to state that water storage is the preferred method to be used by the state to meet increased water demands by urban, agricultural, and environmental interests. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1373 **(Soria, D) Water delivery systems.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: Current law declares that the protection of the public interest in the development of the water resources of the state is of vital concern to the people of the state and that the state shall determine in what way the water of the state, both surface and underground, should be developed for the greatest public benefit. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would improve water delivery systems. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1413 **(Papan, D) Groundwater adjudication.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin and imposes specified duties upon that agency or combination of agencies, as provided. This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would establish a deferential standard for groundwater sustainability plans in a groundwater adjudication and consolidate challenges to a groundwater sustainability plan and a groundwater adjudication when both occur in the same basin. This bill contains other existing laws. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1466 (**Hart, D**) **Groundwater adjudication: burden of proof.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin and imposes specified duties upon that agency or combination of agencies, as provided. This bill would provide that in any action to adjudicate groundwater rights, as provided, if a party to the action is seeking judicial review of an action taken by a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to a groundwater sustainability plan that was adopted after January 30, 2020, that party has the burden of proof. This bill contains other existing laws. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1469 (**Hart, D**) **Disaster preparedness: public water systems.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act requires all public water systems, as defined, with 10,000 or more service connections to review and revise their disaster preparedness plans in conjunction with related agencies, including, but not limited to, local fire departments and the Office of Emergency Services to ensure that the plans are sufficient to address possible disaster scenarios. Current law requires these public water systems to, following a declared state of emergency, furnish an assessment of their emergency response and recommendations to the Legislature within 6 months after each disaster, and to implement the recommendations in a timely manner. Current law requires the office to establish emergency response and recovery plans in coordination with these public water systems. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

AB 1486 (**Soria, D**) **Climate resiliency: research farms: grant program.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. Of these funds, the act makes \$300,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for improving climate resilience and sustainability of agricultural lands, including, among other things, by making \$15,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, for purposes of providing grants to public postsecondary educational institutions that are designated as Agricultural Experiment Stations or Agricultural Research Institutes, to develop research farms to improve climate resiliency, as specified. This bill would, upon an appropriation by the Legislature for this purpose, require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, on or before January 1, 2026, to establish a grant program to provide grants to public postsecondary educational institutions that are designated as Agricultural Experiment Stations or Agricultural Research Institutes to develop or expand research farms to improve climate resiliency, in accordance with the above-described provisions. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

ACR 32 (**Carrillo, D**) **March4Water Month.**

Current Text: 02/13/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/13/2025

Status: 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: Would declare the month of March to be March4Water Month in California and would encourage all Californians to participate in activities and programs during March4Water Month to promote awareness,

education, and actions that prioritize water as a vital resource for the state's future. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 2 **(Jones, R) Low-carbon fuel standard: regulations.**

Current Text: 12/02/2024 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Status: 01/29/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.Q.

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: recycled water.**

Current Text: 02/10/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Last Amended: 02/10/2025

Status: 02/19/2025 - Re-referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.

Summary: The Water Recycling Law generally provides for the use of recycled water. Current law requires any person who, without regard to intent or negligence, causes or permits an unauthorized discharge of 50,000 gallons or more of recycled water in or on any waters of the state to immediately notify the appropriate regional water board. This bill would, for the purposes of the above provision, redefine "recycled water" and provide that water discharged from a decorative body of water during storm events is not to be considered an unauthorized discharge if recycled water was used to restore levels due to evaporation. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 90 **(Seyarto, R) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: grants: improvements to public evacuation routes: mobile rigid water storage: electrical generators.**

Current Text: 02/26/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/22/2025

Last Amended: 02/26/2025

Status: 02/26/2025 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. The act makes \$135,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency Services for a wildfire mitigation grant program to provide, among other things, loans, direct assistance, and matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires, increase resilience, maintain existing wildfire risk reduction projects, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or increase home or community hardening. The act provides that eligible projects include, but are not limited to, grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers authorities, tribes, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, and nonprofit organizations for structure hardening of critical community infrastructure, wildfire smoke mitigation, evacuation centers, including community clean air centers, structure hardening projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods and communities, water delivery system improvements for fire suppression purposes for communities in very high or high fire hazard areas, wildfire buffers, and incentives to remove structures that significantly increase hazard risk. This bill would include in the list of eligible projects grants to the above-mentioned entities for improvements to public evacuation routes in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, mobile rigid dip tanks, as defined, to support firefighting efforts, prepositioned mobile rigid water storage, as defined, and improvements to the response and effectiveness of fire engines and helicopters. (Based on 02/26/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 224 **(Hurtado, D) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting.**

Current Text: 01/27/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/27/2025

Status: 02/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to gather and correlate information and data pertinent to an annual forecast of seasonal water crop. Current law also requires the department to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a new water supply forecasting model and procedures that better address the effects of climate change and implement a formal policy and procedures for documenting the department's operational plans and the department's rationale for its operating procedures, including the department's rationale for water releases from reservoirs. (Based on 01/27/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 239 **(Arreguín, D) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.**

Current Text: 01/30/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 01/30/2025

Status: 02/14/2025 - Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and JUD.

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as specified. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes specified neighborhood city councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions related to notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed, if, among other requirements, the city council has adopted an authorizing resolution and 2/3 of the neighborhood city council votes to use alternate teleconference provisions, as specified. This bill would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The bill would require the subsidiary body to post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location. The bill would require the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, as specified. (Based on 01/30/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 317 **(Hurtado, D) Wastewater surveillance.**

Current Text: 02/11/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/11/2025

Status: 02/19/2025 - Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Summary: The State Department of Public Health administers the California Wastewater Surveillance Dashboard that provides an overview of data from testing wastewater for SARS-CoV-2 virus in California. The data in the dashboard is generated by those participating in the department's California Surveillance of Wastewaters (Cal-SuWers) network, including the Cal-SuWers program, WastewaterSCAN, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Wastewater Surveillance System, wastewater utilities, and academic, laboratory, and other state and federal partners. This bill would require a county to establish and maintain at least one wastewater surveillance site to monitor for pathogens and public health indicators. The bill would require the department to expand the Cal-SuWers network to include all counties and prioritize underserved and high-risk areas, as specified. The bill would require the department and counties to share wastewater surveillance data with health care providers to enable early intervention for emerging health threats. (Based on 02/11/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 350 **(Durazo, D) Water Rate Assistance Program.**

Current Text: 02/12/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/12/2025

Status: 02/19/2025 - Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and E., U & C.

Summary: Would establish the Water Rate Assistance Program. As part of the program, the bill would establish the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income residential ratepayers, as specified. The bill would require the state board to take various actions in administering the fund, including, among other things, track and manage revenue in the fund separately from all other revenue. The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with relevant agencies and after a public hearing, to adopt guidelines for implementation of the program and adopt an annual report to be posted on the state board's internet website identifying how the fund has performed, as specified. The bill would require the guidelines to include minimum requirements for eligible systems, including the ability to confirm eligibility for enrollment through a request for self-certification of eligibility under penalty of perjury. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the state board to take various actions in administering the program, including, but not limited to, providing guidance, oversight, and funding for low-income rate assistance for residential ratepayers of eligible systems. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to bring an action in state court to restrain the use of any method, act, or practice in violation of these provisions, except as provided. (Based on 02/12/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 394 **(Allen, D) Water theft: fire hydrants.**

Current Text: 02/14/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/14/2025

Status: 03/04/2025 - Set for hearing March 19.

Summary: Current law authorizes a utility to bring a civil action for damages against any person who commits, authorizes, solicits, aids, abets, or attempts certain acts, including, diverting or causing to be diverted, utility services by any means whatsoever. Current law creates a rebuttable presumption that there is violation of these provisions if, on premises controlled by the customer or by the person using or receiving the direct benefit of utility service, certain actions occur, including that there is an instrument, apparatus, or device primarily designed to be used to obtain utility service without paying the full lawful charge for the utility. This bill would add to the list of acts for which a utility may bring a civil cause of action under these circumstances to include tampering with a fire hydrant, fire hydrant meter, or fire detector check, or diverting water, or causing water to be diverted, from a fire hydrant with knowledge of, or reason to believe, that the diversion or unauthorized connection existed at the time of use for nonfirefighting purposes or without authorization from the appropriate water system or fire department. (Based on 02/14/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 454 **(McNerney, D) State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program.**

Current Text: 02/19/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/19/2025

Status: 02/26/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.Q.

Summary: Would create the PFAS Mitigation Fund in the General Fund and would authorize the fund to be expended by the State Water Resources Control Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of these provisions. The bill would authorize the state board to seek out and accept nonstate, federal, and private funds, require those funds to be deposited into the PFAS Reduction Account within the PFAS Mitigation Fund, and continuously appropriate the moneys in the account to the state board for purposes of these provisions, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would authorize the state board to expend moneys from the fund and account in the form of a grant, loan, or contract, or to provide assistance services to water suppliers and wastewater operators, as those terms are defined, for multiple purposes, including, among other things, to cover or reduce the costs for water suppliers associated with treating drinking water to meet the applicable state and federal maximum PFAS contaminant levels. The bill would require a water supplier or wastewater operator to include a clear and definite purpose for how the funds will be used to provide a public benefit related to safe drinking water or treated wastewater in order to be eligible to receive funds. The bill would authorize the state board to adopt guidelines to implement these provisions. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 470 **(Laird, D) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.**

Current Text: 02/19/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/19/2025

Status: 02/26/2025 - Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.

Summary: The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act authorizes meetings through teleconference subject to specified requirements, including, among others, that the state body post agendas at all teleconference locations, that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or

proceeding, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that the agenda provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body directly at each teleconference location, and that at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting. The act authorizes an additional, alternative set of provisions under which a state body may hold a meeting by teleconference subject to specified requirements, including, among others, that at least one member of the state body is physically present at each teleconference location, as defined, that a majority of the members of the state body are physically present at the same teleconference location, except as specified, and that members of the state body visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, except as specified. The act authorizes, under specified circumstances, a member of the state body to participate pursuant to these provisions from a remote location, which would not be required to be accessible to the public and which the act prohibits the notice and agenda from disclosing. The act repeals these provisions on January 1, 2026. This bill would delete the January 1, 2026 repeal date, thereby authorizing the above-described additional, alternative set of teleconferencing provisions indefinitely. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 556 **(Hurtado, D) Habitat enhancement and restoration: floodplains.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. The act makes available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, \$870,000,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Board for grant programs to protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources and habitat and achieve the state's biodiversity, public access, and conservation goals. This bill would, from the above-described bond funds made available to the board, appropriate \$43,000,000 to the board to support projects in the Counties of Kern, Kings, and Tulare for the restoration and conservation of habitats along floodplains, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 557 **(Hurtado, D) Sustainable groundwater management: basin boundaries.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. The act requires the boundaries of a basin to be those identified in a specified report of the department, unless other basin boundaries are established, as prescribed. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in the provision relating to basin boundaries. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 594 **(Padilla, D) Waste discharge permits: landfills.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.Q.

Summary: Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes and delete obsolete cross-references in those provisions of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989. This bill contains other existing laws. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 599 **(Caballero, D) Groundwater recharge: floodflows: diversion.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: Current law declares that all water within the state is the property of the people of the state, but the right to the use of the water may be acquired by appropriation in the manner provided by law. Existing law requires the appropriation to be for some useful or beneficial purpose. Existing law provides that the diversion of floodflows for groundwater recharge, commenced before January 1, 2029, does not require an appropriative water right if certain conditions are met, including that the diversion does not use new permanent infrastructure or permanent construction. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 601 **(Allen, D) Water: waste discharge.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD.

Summary: Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (act) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Current law requires, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, or renewal thereof, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry, as defined, to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES permit program by providing specified information, under penalty of perjury, on the application. Current law includes in this specified information, among other things, the Standard Industrial Classification Codes for the business, and a Waste Discharger Identification number (WDID), as specified. This bill would revise the above-described requirement to demonstrate enrollment with NPDES to instead require demonstrating enrollment with NPDES or the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) permit programs by providing the specified information. The bill would require, when applying to a city or a county for a building or construction permit, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry and seeks permission for construction activities over one acre to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES or WDR permit programs by providing specified information under penalty of perjury on the initial building or construction permit application, or renewal thereof. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 654 **(Stern, D) California Environmental Protection Agency: contract: registry: greenhouse gas emissions that result from the water-energy nexus.**

Current Text: 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/20/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.Q.

Summary: The California Environmental Protection Agency is required to oversee the development of a registry for greenhouse gas emissions that result from the water-energy nexus using the best available data. Current law provides that participation in the registry is voluntary and open to any entity conducting business in the state. Existing law authorizes the agency to enter into a contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to do specified things, including to recruit broad participation in the registry from all economic sectors and regions of the state. Current law limits the term of the contract to 3 years, except as provided. This bill would instead require the agency to oversee the administration of the above-described registry and would authorize the agency to enter into a new contract, limited to a term of 3 years and with a total budget of \$2,000,000, to do specified things, including to recruit broad participation in the registry from all economic sectors and regions of the state to meet the different needs of water users throughout the state by various means, as provided. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 682 **(Allen, D) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and HEALTH.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, on or before January 1, 2029, to adopt regulations to enforce specified covered perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) restrictions, which include prohibitions on the distribution, sale, or offering for sale of certain products that contain specified levels of PFAS. Current law requires the department, on and after July 1, 2030, to enforce and ensure compliance with those provisions and regulations, as provided. Current law requires manufacturers of these products, on or before July 1, 2029, to register with the department, to pay a registration fee to the department, and to provide a statement of compliance certifying compliance with the

applicable prohibitions on the use of PFAS to the department, as specified. Current law authorizes the department to test products and to rely on third-party testing to determine compliance with prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as specified. Current law requires the department to issue a notice of violation for a product in violation of the prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as provided. Current law authorizes the department to assess an administrative penalty for a violation of these prohibitions and authorizes the department to seek an injunction to restrain a person or entity from violating these prohibitions, as specified. This bill would, beginning January 1, 2027, prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a covered product that contain intentionally added PFAS, as defined, except for previously used products and as otherwise preempted by federal law. The bill would define "covered product" to include cleaning products, cookware, dental floss, juvenile products, food packaging, and ski wax, as specified. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 697 **(Laird, D) Determination of water rights: stream system.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 03/05/2025 - Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and JUD.

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to hold proceedings to determine all rights to water of a stream system whether based upon appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right. Current law provides various requirements for the board when determining adjudication of water rights, including, among other things, performing a detailed field investigation of a stream system, as defined, issuing an order of determination, providing notice and a hearing process, and filing a final order. This bill would revise the above-described provisions regarding the board's statutory adjudication of water rights during an investigation of a stream system to, among other things, require representatives of the board to investigate in detail the use of water with the authority, but no requirement, to conduct a field investigation, authorize the board to issue information orders that require claimants to submit monthly reports of water use from the stream system through a form provided by the board, and require claimants to respond to that order within 45 days of the date of issuance by the board. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 707 **(Durazo, D) Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2030, require a city council or a county board of supervisors to comply with additional meeting requirements, including that all open and public meetings include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic option or a two-way audiovisual platform, as defined, that a system is in place for requesting and receiving interpretation services for public meetings, as specified, and that good faith efforts are made to encourage residents to participate in public meetings, as specified. By imposing additional meeting requirements on city councils and county boards of supervisors, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 724 **(Richardson, D) Public water systems: public housing: lead testing.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.

Summary: Existing law prohibits a person from using any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, solder, or flux that is not lead free in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing water for human consumption, except when necessary for the repair of leaded joints of cast iron pipes. Existing law requires a community water system to compile an inventory of known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system and identify areas that may have lead user service lines in use in its distribution system, as provided. Existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to apply these requirements to, and enforce them against, public water systems and community water systems, as specified. This bill would require a public water system, including community water systems and noncommunity water systems, that provides service to residents of public housing owned or managed by a city, county, city and county, or city, county, or city and county housing authority, to provide information to those residents regarding any applicable existing program that offers free testing of the water for lead. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 740 **(Rubio, D) Municipal wastewater agency: new agreement or amendment.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.

Summary: Current law authorizes a municipal wastewater agency to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management, including, but not limited to, municipal, industrial, and commercial stormwater dischargers, for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff. Current law requires a municipal wastewater agency, if the agency enters into a new agreement or amends an agreement pursuant to those provisions, to file a copy of the agreement or amendment with the local agency formation commission in each county where any part of the municipal wastewater agency's territory is located within 30 days after the effective date of the new agreement or amendment. This bill would extend that filing requirement timeline to 40 days. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 742 **(Pérez, D) Water systems and water districts.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.

Summary: The California Water District Law provides for the establishment of water districts, and grants a district the power to acquire, plan, construct, maintain, improve, operate, and keep in repair the necessary works for the production, storage, transmission, and distribution of water for irrigation, domestic, industrial, and municipal purposes. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation related to the regulation of water systems and water districts. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 746 **(Alvarado-Gil, R) Water: Urban Water Community Drought Relief program: Small Community Drought Relief program: high fire hazard and very high fire hazard severity zones.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.

Summary: Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Existing law requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal, as provided. This bill would establish in the department the Urban Water Community Drought Relief program and the Small Community Drought Relief program to provide grants for similar interim or immediate drought relief. These programs, upon a specified appropriation, would authorize funding for benefits in addition to drought relief, including, among other projects, projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods and communities through water delivery system improvements for fire suppression purposes in high fire hazard severity zone communities or very high fire hazard severity zone communities, as designated by the State Fire Marshal or by a local agency. This bill contains other existing laws. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SB 838 **(Durazo, D) City or county general plan: groundwater sustainability plan: groundwater management plan.**

Current Text: 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 02/21/2025

Status: 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.

Summary: Current law requires, before the adoption or any substantial amendment of a city or county's general plan, the planning agency to review and consider, among other things, an adoption of, or update to, a groundwater sustainability plan, or ground water management plan, or groundwater management court order, judgment, or decree. This bill would revise that requirement to require the planning agency to review and consider, among other things, a groundwater sustainability plan, groundwater management plan, or an alternative adopted or updated pursuant to specified groundwater management laws, or groundwater management court order, judgment, or decree. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

Position: Watch

SCR 3 **(Laird, D) Safe Drinking Water Act: 50th anniversary.**

Current Text: 12/02/2024 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Introduced: 12/02/2024

Status: 02/06/2025 - Read. Adopted. (Ayes 33. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Held at Desk.
Summary: Would commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act. (Based on 12/02/2024 text)
Position: Watch

Total Measures: 63
Total Tracking Forms: 63

Memo

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To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

TWELVE MONTH CALENDAR / OTHER MEETINGS /

REPORTS / BOARD COMMENTS

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 3/12/25)

Date(s)	Event	Time	Location	Attending Board Member(s)	Additional Information (Speakers' Topic, Cohosts, etc.)
<u>FEBRUARY 2025</u>					
20-Feb	Operations Briefing	2:00 PM		Maloni	
25-Feb	Document Signing			Guerin	
26-Feb	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: SDCWA			Meyers	
26-Feb	Document Signing			Guerin	
27-Feb	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: SDCWA			Meyers	
27-Feb	CSDA Quarterly Dinner	6:00 - 9:00 PM	The Butcher Shop	Meyers	
27-Feb	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: Division 1 Vacancy			Maloni	
<u>MARCH 2025</u>					
5-Mar	Safety Award Lunch	11:30 AM	Jack's Shack	Hahn	
6-Mar	Personnel Committee Meeting	2:00 PM	Seaside Conference Room	Guerin, Meyers	
6-Mar	HR Briefing	3:00 PM		Maloni	
11-Mar	Conference Call with the General Manager RE: CWA MSR			Guerin	
17-Mar	Board Meeting Pre-Briefing			Hahn	
18-Mar	COWU Luncheon	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	The Butcher Shop	Hahn, Meyers	
18-Mar	Personnel Committee Meeting	3:30 PM	Seaside Conference Room	Gueirn, Meyers	

Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

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CORRESPONDENCE

Any correspondence is attached.

Board of Directors

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February 20, 2025

State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water
Joseph Guzman, P.E.
San Diego District Engineer
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108-2700

Dear Mr. Guzman,

I am writing on behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District inquiring as to the availability of funds identified by the State Board for the noncapital operations and maintenance costs for OMWD to continue to fluoridate its water supply from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

In July of 2012, OMWD accepted funding **for a portion of the capital costs** for fluoridation facilities at our David C. McCollom Water treatment plant. The OMWD proceeded with construction of the fluoridation facilities, obtaining funding in the amount of \$892,384 from First 5, in addition to \$110,000 received from the California Dental Association Foundation, however the capital cost of the facilities at that time was \$1,182,022, leaving a construction-only deficit of \$179,638 paid for by OMWD ratepayer funds. Further, no additional funds were provided for the operations and maintenance costs incurred by OMWD.

According to regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") in accordance with the statute in Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 22, § 64433(f)(2), public water systems with over 10,000 service connections shall be exempt from fluoridation requirements in the following circumstances:

The water system received sufficient capital funds from a source identified by the State Board and not excluded by Health and Safety Code section 116415 and subsequently installed a fluoridation system or the water system meets the criteria in subsection (b), and **the water system did not receive sufficient funds from a source identified by the State Board and not excluded by Health and Safety Code section 116415 to cover the noncapital operation and maintenance costs to fluoridate.** The water system shall be exempted for any fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) for which it does not receive the funds for noncapital operation and maintenance costs.



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OMWD would like to inquire as to whether there are funds identified by the State Board for operations and maintenance costs for OMWD's fluoride system for the time period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. OMWD's current and projected annual operations and maintenance costs for the fluoridation system is \$157,000.

Can you please advise at your earliest convenience as to the availability of funding from a source identified by the State Board? I can be reached at kthorner@olivenhain.com if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,



Kimberly A. Thorner, Esq.
General Manager

cc: Sean Sterchi, P.E. Southeast Section Chief, State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water – Sean.Sterchi@waterboards.ca.gov

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February 24, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Rubio
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 5250
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 259 (Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences- SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Rubio:

On behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, I am writing in support of AB 259, which seeks to amend and extend indefinitely provisions that authorize local agency legislative bodies to conduct meetings via teleconferencing under the Ralph M. Brown Act. OMWD provides 87,000 northern San Diego County customers with water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectric, and recreational services.

OMWD regularly notices, holds, and conducts meetings in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Ralph M. Brown Act generally requires that all meetings of a local agency's legislative body be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Until January 1, 2026, if a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it must post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice, and make each teleconference location accessible to the public. AB 259 would remove the January 1, 2026 sunset date from those provisions.

AB 259 (Rubio) would indefinitely provide flexibility in meeting formats, accommodating both in-person and remote participation to enhance accessibility and public engagement. By removing the sunset, this measure ensures that local agencies can continue to utilize teleconferencing as a tool to conduct public meetings, thereby promoting transparency and public participation in government proceedings.

For the reasons stated above, OMWD supports AB 259 and appreciates your leadership on this issue. If you or your staff should need any additional details, please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-753-6466 or kthorner@olivenhain.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly A. Thorner". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kimberly A. Thorner
General Manager



cc: Assemblymember Darshana Patel
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Senator Catherine Blakespear
Ashley Walker, Nossaman, LLP (awalker@nossaman.com)

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February 27, 2025

Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Celeste Maloy
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Passive Receiver PFAS Liability Protection: Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act

Dear Representative Gluesenkamp Perez and Representative Maloy:

On behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, I am writing in support of the reintroduction of the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act, which would provide statutory liability protections for water utilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, ensuring that polluters, not the public, pay for PFAS cleanup. OMWD provides 87,000 northern San Diego County customers with water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectric, and recreational services.

Last year, the US Environmental Protection Agency formally designated two of the most common PFAS – perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid – as hazardous substances under CERCLA. This puts drinking water and wastewater utilities at risk of being forced to pay a portion of environmental cleanup costs after they legally dispose of water treatment byproducts or biosolids containing the contaminants – and allowing polluters to avoid their own responsibilities. The Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act would simply protect innocent water systems from CERCLA liability when they follow all applicable laws for disposing of PFAS.

The Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act of 2025 is identical to bipartisan legislation introduced in the 118th Congress as H.R. 7944. It will ensure that polluters, rather than water utilities and their ratepayers, are held responsible for cleaning up the PFAS they introduced into the environment. This legislation would protect water and wastewater utilities from opportunistic third-party litigation that would effectively shift significant portions of the clean-up cost from actual responsible parties to water and wastewater ratepayers.

For the reasons stated above, OMWD supports and appreciates your leadership on this issue to ensure that the underlying “polluter pays” principle of CERCLA is upheld and passive receivers of PFAS chemicals, such as public water and wastewater agencies, can continue to provide these essential services cost-effectively. If you or your staff should need any additional details, please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-753-6466 or kthorner@olivenhain.com.



Regards,



Kimberly A. Thorner
General Manager

cc: Representative Mike Levin
Representative Scott Peters
Senator Alex Padilla
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Jason Matthews, BlueWater Strategies, LLC (jmatthews@bwstrategies.com)

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February 28, 2025

Metro Wastewater JPA

Attn: Lori Anne Peoples
Board Secretary
P.O. Box 1072
National City, CA 91950

**City of San Diego Mayor and Council Members
C/O Office of the City Clerk**

Diana J.S. Fuentes
202 C St., Second Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Metro Board Members, City Council Members and Mayor,

I am writing on behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District (Olivenhain) for consideration by both the Metropolitan Wastewater JPA and City of San Diego Public Utilities Department (City) on upcoming recycled water rates changes and increases. We understand from a recent meeting with City staff that rate increases being proposed for 2026 implementation are significant.

Our requests below are based on the proposed recycled water rates for 2026 included in the City of San Diego Wastewater Financial Plan, Cost of Service, and Rate Study Report dated December 4, 2024 (2024 Rate Study Report) and the agreement between the City of San Diego and the Olivenhain Municipal Water District for purchase of recycled water from the North City Water Reclamation Plant dated November 17, 2004.

Olivenhain staff has been working with the City staff to get clarifications regarding the allocation of cost of service included in the 2024 Rate Study and will continue to work with the City staff through this process, however we have specific requests for your consideration.

Our requests for your review and consideration are as follows:



- **A four-year phase-in program for implementing the City's proposed recycled water increase** of 92.6% based on the City Council's approved rate of \$2.46 per Hundred Cubic Foot (HCF) effective January 1, 2025 to the proposed rate of \$4.74/HCF effective January 1, 2026 based on the four year study period included in 2024 Rate Study Report. A 92.6% pass-through increase on the City's recycled water supply cost will create a significant burden to not only Olivenhain's recycled water customers but also to the City's recycled water customers, that are served by Olivenhain.
- **A higher recycled water credit as an offset to proposed increases to the City's Recycled Water Commodity Rates for the City's customers served by Olivenhain to pay for higher water transmission costs to deliver tertiary water from the City's point of delivery to customers' end point.** Olivenhain currently receives a credit of \$25 per acre foot for recycled water delivered by the City's point of delivery to customers' end point located within the City's jurisdiction based on the agreement. This \$25 credit was set in 2004 and has not increased in 20 years, even though the cost from the City for recycled water has increased. OMWD is essentially a wholesale purchaser from the City and we own and have constructed all of the infrastructure (miles of pipelines and facilities) to deliver recycled water to City Customers, including Fairbanks Ranch Country Club and Surf Club Sports. Costs to operate and maintain recycled water facilities have increased significantly over the last 20 years. A significant increase in the supply cost will reduce available PAYGO funds used to pay for replacement of our recycled water infrastructure.

Olivenhain has been the City's recycled wholesale water customer for 20 years. The financial impact of our requests on the City's Total Recycled and Wastewater Net Revenue Requirements from wastewater and recycled rates of approximately \$369 million included in the 2024 Rate Study Report is insignificant.

Olivenhain is respectfully requesting the Metropolitan Wastewater Utility and the City of San Diego to consider our requests. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned at kthorner@olivenhain.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,



Kimberly A. Thorner, Esq.
General Manager

cc: OMWD Board of Directors
Lisa Celaya, Executive Assistant Director, City of San Diego



Attention: 5500 Central Team
3840 Murphy Canyon Road
San Diego, CA 92123

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OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD
1966 OLIVENHAIN RD
ENCINITAS, CA 92024-5676

February 3, 2025

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Re: California Broker Compensation Disclosure Report for OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Reporting Period: 01/2024 - 12/2024

California law requires health plans and insurers to annually disclose broker compensation information to the governing boards of public agency employer groups. Enclosed is your Broker Compensation Disclosure Report. Information reported includes broker compensation related to your public agency's Kaiser Permanente health plan contract and its group policies, if any, with Kaiser Permanente Insurance Company (KPIC). Along with the report, you'll find a Q&A to help answer questions about the law.

This report is considered informational, and you are not required to take any action. You may choose to keep this report as part of your files, but you are not required by the legislation to do so.

California law AB 2589 was enacted in 2008 and went into effect January 1, 2009. The law requires that health plans and insurers annually disclose to the governing boards of public agencies any fees or commissions paid to agents, brokers, or other individuals as part of the group's contract. The report must include the following information:

- The agent, broker, or individual's name and address
- Any amount paid to the agent, broker, or individual (including non-monetary compensation) during your plan's contract year

In addition, the report also provides the following information:

- Total premiums applied by Kaiser Permanente during your plan's contract year
- Member and subscriber counts (as of the last period day of your plan's contract year)

Reporting is required annually, so you can expect to receive the Broker Compensation Disclosure Report for your group each year within approximately 60 days of the end of the contract year. If you have questions about the information, please contact us at 5500-Central-Team@kp.org.

We value our business relationship with you. Our practices for broker compensation disclosure reporting under AB 2589 reflect our shared commitment to full compliance with the law. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Kaiser Permanente
5500-Central-Team@kp.org

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CALIFORNIA BROKER COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES

Health Plans and Insurance companies are required to provide the following information pursuant to California Insurance Code Section 10604.5 which requires that broker compensation be disclosed to the governing board of any public agency which is covered under a group health insurance policy.
This report is considered informational and you do not need to take any action.

Information Concerning Insurance Coverage, Fees, and Commissions

Region: CA
Name of Insurance Carrier: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
Plan Sponsor's Name: OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage

Insurance Carrier: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
Group Contract or Identification Number: 105432
Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy contract year: 70
Contract Year from 01/2024 - 12/2024
Premium applied by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. during your group's contract year:
\$480,992.03

Information Concerning Insurance Contract Fees and Commissions

Total Amount of Commissions Paid: \$4,367.76
Total Amount of Fees Paid: \$0.00

1) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid:

WSP Corporate Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc.
5650 EL CAMINO REAL STE 207
CARLSBAD, CA 92008-7128

Amount of sales and base commissions paid to WSP Corporate Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc.:
\$4,367.76

Fees and other compensation paid to WSP Corporate Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc.: \$0.00
Bonus Amount: \$0.00
Bonus Purpose:
Value of Non-Monetary Compensation: \$0.00
Type/Purpose of Non-Monetary Compensation:

2) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid:

None

Amount of sales and base commissions paid to None \$0.00

Fees and other compensation paid to None: \$0.00
Bonus Amount: \$0.00
Bonus Purpose: None
Value of Non-Monetary Compensation: \$0.00
Type/Purpose of Non-Monetary Compensation: None

3) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid:

None

Amount of sales and base commissions paid to None \$0.00

Fees and other compensation paid to None: \$0.00

Bonus Amount: \$0.00

Bonus Purpose: None

Value of Non-Monetary Compensation: \$0.00

Type/Purpose of Non-Monetary Compensation: None

4) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid:

None

Amount of sales and base commissions paid to None \$0.00

Fees and other compensation paid to None: \$0.00

Bonus Amount: \$0.00

Bonus Purpose: None

Value of Non-Monetary Compensation: \$0.00

Type/Purpose of Non-Monetary Compensation: None

5) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid:

None

Amount of sales and base commissions paid to None \$0.00

Fees and other compensation paid to None: \$0.00

Bonus Amount: \$0.00

Bonus Purpose: None

Value of Non-Monetary Compensation: \$0.00

Type/Purpose of Non-Monetary Compensation: None

6) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid:

None

Amount of sales and base commissions paid to None \$0.00

Fees and other compensation paid to None: \$0.00

Bonus Amount: \$0.00

Bonus Purpose: None

Value of Non-Monetary Compensation: \$0.00

Type/Purpose of Non-Monetary Compensation: None

7) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid:

None

Amount of sales and base commissions paid to None \$0.00

Fees and other compensation paid to None: \$0.00

Bonus Amount: \$0.00

Bonus Purpose: None

Value of Non-Monetary Compensation: \$0.00

Type/Purpose of Non-Monetary Compensation: None

Date Report Produced: February 3, 2025

Q&A

AB2589 California Broker Compensation Disclosure Reporting for Public Agencies

California AB2589 requires health plans and insurers to disclose broker compensation information to public agency employer groups. This Q&A will answer some of your questions about the law.

Q: What is AB2589?

A: AB2589 is California legislation that requires health plans and insurers to annually disclose broker compensation information to the governing boards of public agency employer groups. The law specifically requires that the health plan and insurer disclose to the governing board of the public agency that has a group contract with Kaiser Permanente; the name and address of, and amount paid to, any agent, broker, or individual to whom the plan paid fees or commissions related to the public agency's group contract.

Q: Why am I receiving this report?

A: You are receiving the report because you were identified as the governing board representative for a public agency (or the representative of a public agency without a governing board) that holds a health insurance contract with Kaiser Permanente. If you are the designated contract signer for a public agency, you will also receive a copy of the report. California Broker Compensation Disclosure Reports will be sent to the governing boards and contract signers of Kaiser Permanente's California public agency employer groups, regardless of the size of the group.

Q: What types of employers are considered public agencies?

A: Public agencies are defined in the California Government Code (§6500) as follows:

"Public Agency" includes, but is not limited to, the federal government or any federal department or agency, this state, another state or any state department or agency, a county, county board of education, county superintendent of schools, city, public corporation, public district, regional transportation commission of this state or another state, or any joint powers authority formed pursuant to this article by any of these agencies.

Q: What types of compensation are included in this report?

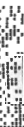
A: In addition to monetary fees or commissions related to the public agency's group contract, Kaiser Permanente must report the value of any other gifts or prizes awarded to the agent, broker, or individual if those items were based on placement or retention of business related to that group.

Examples of non-monetary compensation include sporting event or concert tickets, trips, gift cards, and any other non-cash items of tangible value.

Q: Why is this report sent directly to my public agency's governing board?

A: The law requires that the reports be distributed annually to the governing board of any public agency contracted for coverage with Kaiser Permanente. Since the law specifically states the Broker Compensation Disclosure Report should be addressed to the governing board, we are unable to address the primary copy of the report to another resource. However, we do provide the contract signer a copy of the report as a courtesy.

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Q: When will I receive this report?

A: You can expect to receive the report annually, approximately 60 days after the last day of the contract year. For example, if your contract year is on a January–December schedule, you can expect the Broker Compensation Disclosure Report in early March for the preceding year. If your contract year is July–June, you can expect to receive the report in early September of that year.

Q: Is this the same as an ERISA 5500 Schedule A Disclosure Report?

A: Federal law requires certain employer groups to receive an annual report known as an ERISA 5500 Schedule A Disclosure Report, which contains the same type of information that's required for the Broker Compensation Disclosure Report. However, unlike the 5500 Schedule A Disclosure Report, the Broker Compensation Disclosure Report is informational only, and public agencies aren't required to submit the information to the U.S. Department of Labor or to any other state or federal agency. Although public agencies have been exempt from the federal reporting requirements under ERISA 5500 guidelines, some public agencies have requested to receive the 5500 Schedule A Disclosure Report from Kaiser Permanente. The information contained in that report is identical to what is included on the Broker Compensation Disclosure Report. If you received a 5500 Schedule A Disclosure Report in the past, and you're a California public agency, you'll now receive the Broker Compensation Disclosure Report instead.

Q: We don't have a broker. Why are we getting this report?

A: The law requires all health plans or health insurers to disclose all monetary and non-monetary compensation that's paid to any agent, broker, or individual if it's related to your public agency's contract with us. That includes consultants and other individuals who may not be referred to as a broker, but who have a compensation

arrangement based on placement or retention of business with us.

Q: Will I get a copy if there's no compensation to report?

A: Yes. To ensure compliance, a report will be sent to any California public agency with whom we're contracted, even if the amounts being reported are zero.

Q: Why don't the numbers on the report match my records?

A: The reported compensation and premiums are based on what was actually paid to and applied by us during the contract year, regardless of what was due. For example, if your December premium is paid in January, it will show up on the following year's report (if you're on a January— December contract). Membership numbers on the report may also be different from your records. They're based on the number of members enrolled at the end of the last calendar month of the contract.

Q: What should I do with this report?

A: This report is considered informational, and you are not required to take any action. You may choose to keep this report as part of your files, but you are not required by the legislation to do so.

Q: If we don't keep our copy of the report can we get a copy from you if we need it?

A: We'll electronically store copies of all Broker Compensation Disclosure Reports for a minimum of six years. However, we can't guarantee we'll be able to provide you with a hard copy if you request it after six years, so you should keep a copy in your files.

Q: Who should I contact for more information?

A: You can contact the 5500 Central Team at 5500-Central-Team@kp.org





March 10, 2025

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris
 California State Assembly, 73rd District
 1021 O Street, Suite 8120
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 514 (Petrie-Norris): Emergency Water Supplies- Support

Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris:

We, the undersigned coalition of statewide associations, cities, water suppliers, business organizations, and regional stakeholders are writing to express our support for AB 514 (Petrie-Norris) and to thank you for authoring this important measure, which would enact a state policy to encourage investment in and development of emergency water supplies across the state.

California has always had a climate that cycles between periods of large amounts of precipitation and times of drought. With climate change, however, we are experiencing greater weather whiplash. As the state sees more rainfall and less snow, earlier snowmelt, more intense rain events, aridification, and increasingly more frequent droughts, the state should support every responsible tool to enhance water resilience.

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris
California State Assembly, 73rd District
March 10, 2025
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While adherence to feasible water use efficiency standards will continue to play an important role in the face of climate change, water resilience for the future will also require California to maximize various innovative approaches to ensure sufficient water for the state's ecosystem, urban, and agriculture needs in times of shortage.

The development of emergency water supplies — a water supply that has been developed by a water supplier to enhance its water supply reliability during times of shortage and is a supply in addition to the baseline water supplies that the agency draws upon during non-shortage times to meet water demands within its service area — is one tool that can aid the state in mitigating the impacts of more frequent droughts. Unfortunately, few water suppliers have made the investment in emergency supplies because the state has not formally recognized them.

AB 514 seeks to remedy this by enacting a policy in the Water Code that recognizes emergency water supplies, encourages their development, and supports their use during times of shortage. Our coalition believes that such a policy will encourage investment in and development of emergency supplies— making communities more resilient, better able to withstand drought and flood, and more prepared to provide safe and reliable water supplies to residents, businesses and the environment.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 514 and urge you and your colleagues to vote “Aye” on this important measure. Please feel free to contact Christine Compton with the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) at (949) 453-5338 or IRWD's Sacramento advocate Alfredo Arredondo at (805) 598-9350 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kris Murray
Executive Director
Association of California Cities – Orange
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March 12, 2025

The Honorable Mike Levin
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Protecting Water Utilities from Unfair PFAS Cleanup Costs – Support the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act

Dear Representative Levin:

On behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, which serves 87,000 residents in northern San Diego County, I urge your support for the reintroduction of the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act. This critical legislation ensures that the financial burden of cleaning up per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances falls on the industries responsible for contamination – not on public water utilities and their ratepayers.

Last year, the US Environmental Protection Agency designated two of the most common PFAS – perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid – as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. While this move is an important step toward addressing PFAS pollution, it also places water and wastewater agencies at risk of bearing an unjust share of cleanup costs simply for legally disposing of water treatment byproducts or biosolids that contain these contaminants. This effectively shields the real polluters from accountability.

The Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act would restore fairness to the CERCLA framework by exempting water utilities from liability when they comply with all applicable disposal regulations. Introduced by Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA) and Congresswoman Celeste Maloy (R-UT), this legislation mirrors the bipartisan H.R. 7944 from the 118th Congress and upholds the fundamental “polluter pays” principle that CERCLA was designed to enforce. Without this protection, water agencies – and by extension, the communities they serve – will be forced to shoulder immense costs, diverting resources from critical infrastructure and public health initiatives.

Water and wastewater agencies exist to serve the public, not to clean up pollution they did not create. We urge you to stand with utilities and ratepayers who depend on fair and sustainable policies. Your leadership is essential to ensuring that those responsible for PFAS contamination – not the communities struggling to provide clean water – bear the cost of remediation.

Given the importance of this legislation to your constituents, we ask you to consider cosponsoring the House bill. We appreciate your attention to this pressing issue. Please feel free to contact me at 760-753-6466 or kthorner@olivenhain.com.



Regards,

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The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Given the importance of this legislation to your constituents, we ask you to consider introducing Senate companion legislation. We appreciate your attention to this pressing issue. Please feel free to contact me at 760-753-6466 or kthorner@olivenhain.com.



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Given the importance of this legislation to your constituents, we ask you to consider cosponsoring the House bill. We appreciate your attention to this pressing issue. Please feel free to contact me at 760-753-6466 or kthorner@olivenhain.com.



Regards,



Kimberly A. Thorner
General Manager

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March 12, 2025

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Protecting Water Utilities from Unfair PFAS Cleanup Costs – Support the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act

Dear Senator Schiff:

On behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, which serves 87,000 residents in northern San Diego County, I urge your support for the reintroduction of the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act. This critical legislation ensures that the financial burden of cleaning up per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances falls on the industries responsible for contamination – not on public water utilities and their ratepayers.

Last year, the US Environmental Protection Agency designated two of the most common PFAS – perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid – as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. While this move is an important step toward addressing PFAS pollution, it also places water and wastewater agencies at risk of bearing an unjust share of cleanup costs simply for legally disposing of water treatment byproducts or biosolids that contain these contaminants. This effectively shields the real polluters from accountability.

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly A. Thorner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'A'.

Kimberly A. Thorner
General Manager

Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS /
CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

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

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

There may be public comments before the Board meeting is adjourned.

Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: CLOSED SESSION

It may be necessary to go into Closed Session.

Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: OPEN SESSION

Memo

To: Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors

Subject: ADJOURNMENT

We are adjourned.

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OMWD still accepting applications for vacancy on board of directors



By **NEWS RELEASE**

PUBLISHED: February 21, 2025 at 3:11 PM PST

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is calling for applications to fill the Division 1 vacancy on its board of directors. Departing director Marco San Antonio resigned from OMWD on Jan. 24.

OMWD's board intends to conduct interviews at its March 19 board meeting to fill the vacancy. The newly appointed director will represent Division 1 through Dec. 4, 2026, filling the remaining 20 months of the four-year term, according to a news release.

Individuals interested in completing the remaining portion of the Division 1 directorship shall submit a completed application package to OMWD's general manager no later than 5 p.m. on March 3. Candidates must reside in OMWD's Division 1, which includes portions of Encinitas, Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove, Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Cielo, 4S Ranch, and Fairbanks Ranch.

Applications, a map of Division 1, and additional information about the appointment process are available at www.olivenhain.com/division1.

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COLLEGE GRADUATES

The following local residents graduated in the fall from their respective schools: Annabelle Mutch of Rancho Santa Fe from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and Alyson Thile of Encinitas, Mila Spengler of San Marcos and Gracie Trachsel and Sarah Heit of Carlsbad from Miami University of Ohio.

UNIVERSITY AMBASSADOR

Allison Hill of San Marcos was selected as a Culverhouse Ambassador at The University of Alabama. The Culverhouse Ambassadors are the official student representatives, tour guides and recruitment agents for The University of Alabama's Culverhouse College of Business.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Anna Nguyen of San Diego was named to the president's list at Siena College in New York.

DEAN'S LIST

The following local residents made the dean's list at their respective schools: Alexa Mikesha of Carlsbad, Catherine Gizzo of Del Mar and Elliot O'Dell of Oceanside at the College of William & Mary in Virginia; Anna Liu of San Marcos, Mia Vassilovski of Del Mar, Eden Stambaugh of Carlsbad, Devon Owen of Encinitas, and Alexander Balikian, Jason Tang, Ivan Li, Karen Bei, Mason Gao, Ellie Wetzel, Marc Berger, Alina Xie, Reese Reckles and Lucie Babcock of San Diego at Tufts University in Massachusetts; and Luke Caruso,

Benjamin Fandey, Timothy Fandey, Joseph Mineiro, Becca Petty and Evan Suel of Carlsbad, George Horton and Isabelle Smith of Encinitas, Jordan Chan, Abigail Larson, Alexis Reyes and Kyle Rogers of San Marcos, Levi Sierra, Lola Sierra and Elijah Smith of Oceanside, and Aidan Falk, Yoshua Hariman, Riley Hensley, Kylie Kim, Adrian Rong, Brandon Noah Ruiz and James Wise of San Diego at Biola University.

RESCUE MISSION

The San Diego Rescue Mission named Kevin Brown of Escondido as chairman of its board of directors. Brown is a founding partner of accounting firm RBTK, LLP, now Eide Bailly.

SOROPTIMIST WALK

The Soroptimist International of Vista and North County Inland held its 19th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Walk on Jan. 11. Nearly 200 attendees listened to local leaders including Vista Mayor John Franklin, Vista Deputy Mayor (and fellow soroptimist) Katie Melendez and San Diego District Attorney Summer Stephan as she updated everyone on the efforts of her department and the progress she has overseen in combating human trafficking.

WATER DISTRICT AWARDS

Olivenhain Municipal Water District recently earned two awards, including the California Water Environment Association San Diego Section's 2024 Plant of the Year Award for the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers' Operating Budget Excellence Award for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

BOND OVERSIGHT

The MiraCosta College Board of Trustees is seeking qualified, interested individuals to serve as the business representative on the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for the Measure MM college facilities bond program. Review committee bylaws at miracosta.edu/icboc for more information. Completed applications should be received by 4 p.m. on April 6 to Melanie Haynie, Administrative Services, MiraCosta Community College District, 1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056, or via email at [\[email protected\]](mailto:).

NCTD ANNIVERSARY

The North County Transit District celebrated its 30th anniversary with the launch of new COASTER passenger cars on Feb. 21. The new bi-level cabs and coaches feature a crash energy management protection system, enhanced monitoring system for determining issues on each coach, improved door operations for heightened safety of passengers and crew, and increased security for locomotive engineers when operating the train.

DAV DONATION

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 70 sent \$10,000 to the DAV national headquarters to help veterans who lost everything in the Los Angeles County fires. Funds come from donations at street fairs, Sunday morning breakfasts at the American Legion Hall in Escondido, and a grant from DAV Industries, which operates four thrift stores in the county.

L&L HAWAIIAN BARBECUE

Franchise owners Erwin Corpuz and Alix Soto have opened an L&L Hawaiian Barbecue location at 1485 E Valley Pkwy, Suite G in Escondido. Hours are Sunday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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WATER DEPENDENCE

Olivenhain Municipal Water District recently began serving recycled water to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in southern Encinitas, where irrigation needs were previously met with potable water. More than 680,000 gallons of imported water are estimated to be saved every year.

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OMWD to hold free California-friendly landscape design workshop



By **NEWS RELEASE**PUBLISHED: March 1, 2025 at 1:48 PM PST

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is offering a free landscape workshop to assist residents in transforming their yards into attractive, water-saving landscapes. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at OMWD's offices, located at 1966 Olivenhain Road in Encinitas.

Instructor Steve Sherman, of California Landscape Technologies, will provide attendees with simple, step-by-step approaches for creating landscapes that use less water than traditional lawns, have curb appeal, and are easy to maintain. Topics to be covered at the free workshop include identifying and amending soil, removing turf, and methods to reduce outdoor water use and increase irrigation efficiencies. Attendees will also gain the knowledge to select plants that will thrive in San Diego's climate.

Since landscape irrigation accounts for over half of a typical household's water consumption, water-wise landscape transformations can reduce monthly water bills, according to a news release.

Attendees will also learn about OMWD's My Water Use alert system that allows its customers to monitor their water use and get bill estimates throughout the month. OMWD customers can also set thresholds to be alerted by e-mail, text, or telephone to abnormal usage. Constant water flow or large spikes in water use can indicate a leak, and alerts can help prevent costly property damage, the news release stated.

For more information and to register, visit www.olivenhain.com/events

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