

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Regular Meeting of the

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

will be held at **3:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY - NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION**

**Public Participation:**

**Video:** <https://zoom.us/j/92900399487>

**or**

**Teleconference Phone Number: 1-669-900-9128**

**Meeting ID: 929 0039 9487#**

**Video/Teleconference Meeting During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency:**

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to protect public health by issuing shelter-in-home standards, limiting public gatherings, and requiring social distancing, this meeting will occur solely via video/teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20.

**Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in This Meeting:** For those who wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, or who otherwise are making a presentation to the Board of Trustees, please submit any and all comments and materials to the District via electronic mail at [general@syrwd.org](mailto:general@syrwd.org). All submittals must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, and should indicate "**October 20, 2020 Board Meeting**" in the subject line. To the extent practicable, public comments and materials received in advance pursuant to this timeframe will be read into the public record during the meeting. Public comments and materials not read into the record will become part of the post-meeting Board packet materials available to the public and posted on the District's website.

For members of the public who may have a particularized need to speak on an Agenda Item during the meeting, please submit an advance request to the District via electronic mail at [general@syrwd.org](mailto:general@syrwd.org). All requests must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, and should indicate "**October 20, 2020 Board Meeting**" in the subject line.

In the interest of clear reception and efficient administration of the meeting, all persons participating in this video/teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their voices after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT** - Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-agenda matter within the District's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The District is not responsible for the content or accuracy of statements made by members of the public. No Action will be taken by the Board on any public comment item.
- VI. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**
  - A. General Manager's Report**

**VII. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA** - All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be approved or rejected in a single motion without separate discussion. Any item placed on the Consent Agenda can be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion and possible action upon the request of any Trustee.

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report

CA-2. Central Coast Water Authority Updates

**IX. MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

**A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters
  - a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses
  - b) Approval of Accounts Payable

**B. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

1. Purchase of Two Fleet Vehicles
  - a) Consideration and Award of Bid

**X. REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

**A. CACHUMA PROJECT - OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES**

1. Amendment to Contract No. I75r-180R between United States Bureau of Reclamation and Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Amendatory Contract No. I75r-1802RA)
2. First Amendment to Cachuma Project Member Unit Contract between Santa Barbara County Water Agency and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1
3. Draft Yield Study for the Cachuma Project

**B. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

1. Eastern Management Area Update

**XI. UPDATE FROM ALTERNATIVE POWER/SOLAR AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE**

**XII. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS THE ITEMS NOT MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (\*) FOR FILE**

**XIV. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:** Any member of the Board of Trustees may place an item on the meeting agenda for the next regular meeting. Any member of the public may submit a written request to the General Manager of the District to place an item on a future meeting agenda, provided that the General Manager and the Board of Trustees retain sole discretion to determine which items to include on meeting agendas.

**XV. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **November 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

**XVI. CLOSED SESSION:**

To accommodate the video/teleconferencing format of this meeting, the public participation access will be closed for thirty (30) minutes while the Board of Trustees convenes into closed session. Upon the conclusion of the 30-minute period, the public participation access will be reopened for the remaining Agenda Items. The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following item:

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

[Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 1 case]

1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests

Public access to the meeting (Weblink, Dial-In Number, Passcodes above) will be reopened thirty (30) minutes after the Board of Trustees convenes into closed session.

**XVII. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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This Agenda was posted at 3622 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, California, and notice was delivered in accordance with Government Code Section 54950, specifically Section 54956. This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Board reserves the right to change the order in which items are heard. Copies of the staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business on the Agenda are on file with the District and available for public inspection during normal business hours. A person who has a question concerning any of the agenda items may call the District's General Manager at (805) 688-6015. Written materials relating to an item on this Agenda that are distributed to the Board of Trustees within 72 hours (for Regular meetings) or 24 hours (for Special meetings) before it is to consider the item at its regularly or special scheduled meeting(s) will be made available for public inspection at 3622 Sagunto Street, during normal business hours. Such written materials will also be made available on the District's website, subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the regularly scheduled meeting. If you challenge any of the Board's decisions related to the agenda items above in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence to the Board prior to the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to review agenda materials or participate in this meeting, please contact the District Secretary at (805) 688-6015. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.11  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19  
PHASED REOPENING WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.11 Supersedes and Replaces Health Officer Order No.  
2020-12.10

Effective Date: October 13, 2020, 5:00 p.m. PDT

(Changes are underlined.)

**Please read this Order carefully.** Violation of or failure to comply with this Order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both. (Health and Safety Code §§ 101029, 120295 et seq.) Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including fines or civil penalties per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.

This Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.11 supersedes and replaces Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.10 that was effective October 2, 2020. Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Public Health Officer Orders. COVID-19 industry specific guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

**Summary: As allowed in State guidance issued October 9, 2020, this Order is more restrictive than the State guidance on gatherings. This Order prohibits "gatherings" large and small, unless an exemption applies.**

As of September 29, 2020, within the State COVID-19 reopening framework, the County of Santa Barbara is classified as Tier Two ("red" or "substantial risk"); this is less restrictive for reopening some activities than Tier One ("purple" or "widespread risk"), that the County of Santa Barbara was in before September 29, 2020.

Consistent with the State Public Health Officer Orders issued August 28, 2020, this Health Officer Order allows the reopening of some, but not all, Businesses within the County of Santa Barbara. Businesses that may remain open, or open indoor operations with modifications include, but are not limited to, hair salons and barbershops, clothing and shoe stores, florists, grocery stores, home and furnishing stores, jewelry stores, libraries, retailers, shopping malls, sporting goods stores, toy stores, electrolysis, nail salons, personal care services, indoor dining in restaurants, gyms and fitness centers, movie theatres, museums, zoos, aquariums, places of worship, cultural ceremonies, outdoor public playgrounds, and higher education institutions as listed in Attachment A. In-person education for grades transitional kindergarten through 12 may open. All Businesses (as defined) must follow State and local orders.

Consistent with the State Public Health Officer Order issued August 28, 2020, this

**Health Officer orders the continued closure of indoor operations for some Businesses such as breweries, bars, brewpubs, pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, or distilleries (unless only serving alcohol in the same transaction as a sit-down meal), indoor swimming pools, and offices that are non-essential as listed in Attachment B. Businesses that must stay closed and are not allowed to reopen physical locations at this time are listed in the Attachment B.**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 12, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Santa Barbara as well as throughout California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the lack of healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation are taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to “flatten the curve” of infection and reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this effort, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 requiring all persons residing in the State to remain in their homes or places of residence, except as needed to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure (the “State Stay-at-Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, also on March 19, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations for the federal critical infrastructure sectors, which was updated on March 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the State Public Health Officer designated a list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, to help state, local, tribal, and industry partners as they work to protect communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to protect public health and safety, which was updated on March 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-60-20 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces in stages. On May 7, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered that upon certification of a variance application a County could move through the stages of reopening at their own pace. On May 20, 2020, the CDPH approved the County of Santa Barbara’s Variance Attestation; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, CDPH instructed counties which had been on State’s County Monitoring list for more than three consecutive days to immediately close all bars, breweries, pubs and brewpubs, as well as indoor operations of Businesses for specified industries and sectors. On July 13, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered counties which had been on the State’s County Monitoring list for more than three consecutive

days to close indoor operations of: gyms and fitness centers; places of worship; protests; offices for non-essential critical infrastructure sectors defined at covid19.ca.gov; personal care services (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors); hair salons and barbershops; and malls; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, CDPH mandated that all CDPH industry or sector guidance issued must be followed including all infectious control measures, and the use of face coverings both indoors and outdoors in certain settings; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered an update to the framework for reopening, which is known as California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe. Governor Newsom introduced this framework as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, with a four-tiered color-coded county classification system: (1) purple represents the highest widespread risk level; (2) red represents substantial risk; (3) orange represents moderate risk; and, (4) yellow the lowest level, represents minimal risk. Counties are prohibited from moving through the tiers more than one tier at a time and must stay at the same tier for at least three weeks.

WHEREAS, under the updated framework, some sectors that were ordered closed by the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order could reopen with modifications depending on a county's tier classification while others had to remain closed. As of August 31, 2020, the County was classified as a Tier One, "purple", the highest widespread risk tier, and as of September 29, 2020, the County of was classified as Tier Two, "red"; and

WHEREAS, State guidance requires that a County maintain its "red" tier status for two weeks before allowing in-person education for grades transitional kindergarten through 12, unless a waiver was previously approved. As of October 13, 2020, the County has been in the "red" tier for more than two weeks; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer finds: (1) the County has received repeated reports that some businesses have refused to comply with the State Stay-at-Home Order, State guidance, and/or local Health Officer Orders; (2) the reported activities are inconsistent with the State Stay-at-Home Order and/or Santa Barbara County's classification tier; (3) guidance for businesses is required to prevent the potential increased spread of COVID-19 which would add strain to the County of Santa Barbara health care system; (4) without the guidance and restrictions described herein some businesses are likely to continue to impair efforts at mitigating the spread of the illness both within the County and statewide; and (5) distinctions made in this Order are to minimize the spread of COVID-19 that could occur through proximity and duration of contact between individuals; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to order businesses in the County of Santa Barbara regarding operations under the State Stay-at-Home Order and County of Santa Barbara's Tier Two, "red", substantial risk classification under California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe, and to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

**ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:**

1. This Order 2020-12.11 is effective 5:00 p.m. (PDT) October 13, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PDT), on November 11, 2020 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer ("Health Officer"). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").
2. **Gatherings are not allowed.** As allowed in State guidance issued October 9, 2020, this Order is more restrictive than the State guidance on gatherings. This Order prohibits all gatherings, whether large or small, are unless an exemption applies.
  - a. A "gathering" is any event or convening that brings together people from different households in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space, whether public or private.
  - b. **Gathering exemptions.** All gatherings that are exempt must comply with State Executive Orders, State Public Health Orders, and State guidance available at covid19.ca.gov, and Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders.
    - i. To the extent that Businesses are open, and activities allowed, individuals may leave their homes to work at, patronize, or otherwise engage with those Businesses, or activities, and must, when they do so, continue at all times to practice physical distancing, and follow State and Local Orders;
    - ii. The prohibition on gatherings does not apply to outdoor recreational activities when physical distancing of six feet can be maintained. Examples of recreational activities include, but are not limited to, walking, cycling, jogging, and hiking;
    - iii. The prohibition on gatherings does not apply to congregate living situations, including dormitories, and homeless encampments; and
    - iv. The prohibition on gatherings does not apply to outdoor worship services, outdoor wedding ceremonies, outdoor cultural ceremonies (religious and non-religious), outdoor protests, or outdoor political speech, when physical distancing of six feet can be maintained.
3. "Business" or "Businesses" for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean any institution, establishment, public or private agency, for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether an organization, corporate entity, partnership, or sole proprietorship.
4. All Businesses except those listed in Attachment B, as attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, may remain open or open, upon completion of, and in accordance with all of the following:
  - a. Perform a detailed risk assessment including reviewing State and local guidance relevant to the Business and create a site-specific protection plan;

- b. Train employees about how to limit the spread of COVID-19 including how to screen themselves for COVID-19 symptoms and when to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms are described in Attachment C;
  - c. Set up individual control measures and screenings;
  - d. Put disinfection protocols in place;
  - e. Observe "Face Covering" orders in effect from the local health officer and/or the California Department of Public Health;
  - f. If operating outdoors, a tent, canopy, or other sun shelter may be used as long as no more than one side is closed;
  - g. Complete the RISE attestation, including its social distancing protocol, and self-certification process at: <https://recoverysbc.org/reopen-your-business/>. (if a Business does not have access to the internet it can call 805-681-5508); and
  - h. Post the self-certification at the Business location.
5. Businesses listed in Attachment A, as attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, are subject to the additional modifications described in Attachment A such as outdoor only operations or indoor capacity limits. For purposes of this Order, "capacity" means occupancy limits designated by the applicable Fire Marshall. Employees are excluded from the capacity limitations described in Attachment A.
6. Businesses listed in Attachment B, as attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, must keep physical locations closed. Businesses listed in Attachment B may continue to provide services so long as those services can be provided remotely and without individuals physical present at the Business location, unless an exception applies. Maintenance to prevent property damage of the Businesses listed in Attachment B is allowed. This list may be amended from time to time, as required for our region's response to COVID-19
7. **Emergency Food Permit.** Breweries, bars, brewpubs, pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, and distilleries that serve alcoholic beverages but that do not have an on-site permitted food facility and would like to serve food:
  - a. Must obtain an Emergency Food Permit issued by the Santa Barbara County Health Department to temporarily serve food.
  - b. A brewery, bar, brewpub, pub, winery, tasting room, or distillery in possession of an Emergency Food Permit issued by the Santa Barbara County Health Department may continue to temporarily serve food at their discretion, unless otherwise suspended, revoked, or terminated.
  - c. A brewery, bar, brewpub, pub, winery, tasting room, or distillery in possession of an Emergency Food Permit issued by the Santa Barbara County Health Department may cease operations of food service at their discretion, but in doing so may be subject to closure of the physical location.

**IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE ORDER THE HEALTH OFFICER STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** that retailers designate specific hours of operation for their stores to

accommodate populations at high risk of developing severe COVID-19 disease, such as persons over the age of 65 years.

This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 which has infected at least 38,282,209 individuals worldwide, in 214 countries and territories, including 9,475 cases, and 116 deaths in the County, and is implicated in over 1,088,661 worldwide deaths.

This Order is issued based on evidence of continued community-based transmission of COVID-19 both within the County and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

This Order is issued because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases, the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; the March 16, 2020 order of the State Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above ten (10) individuals; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482-CA; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20 of May 4, 2020 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces

("Stage Two"), and then to allow reopening of higher-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Three"), and directing the Public Health Officer to establish criteria and procedures to determine whether and how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from the statewide directives of the State Public Health Officer; the May 7, 2020, State Public Health Officer Order; the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and the August 28, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order called California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe.

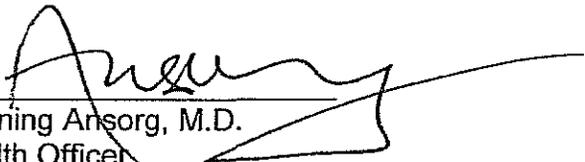
This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website ([publichealthsb.org](http://publichealthsb.org)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

  
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Henning Ansorg, M.D.  
Health Officer  
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.11**  
**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**Businesses that are subject to additional modifications such as  
outdoor operations or indoor occupancy limits**

Businesses listed in this Attachment A must comply with the requirements in Section 4 of this Health Officer Order and the additional modifications described below. For purposes of this Order, "capacity" means occupancy limits designated by the applicable Fire Marshall. Employees are excluded from the capacity limitations described below.

1. Aquariums with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity.
2. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, and distilleries must close until those establishments are allowed to resume operation per state guidance and local permission, unless they are providing sit-down, dine-in meals. Alcohol may only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.
  - a. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, and distilleries that provide sit-down meals must follow the CDPH dine-in restaurant guidance, with indoor dining occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table. These establishments should continue to encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.
  - b. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, and distilleries that do not provide sit-down meals, but wish to operate under this Order must obtain an Emergency Food Permit as described above.
  - c. Venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer, wine, and spirits to be consumed off premises and do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals shall follow CDPH guidance for retail operations and are limited to 50% indoor capacity for retail operations only.
  - d. Producers of beer, wine, and spirits must follow CDPH guidance for manufacturing operations.
  - e. Brewpub, breweries, bars, pubs, and distilleries must offer foodservice during all hours of operation.
  - f. This section also applies to bars located at permitted food facilities.
3. Bookstores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
4. Cardrooms outdoors only.
5. Clothing and shoe stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
6. Cultural ceremonies with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, following the CDPH guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>. Occupancy at outdoor venues is limited by the natural limits of the venue that permit social

- distancing of six feet between people from different households. Receptions and parties are not allowed.
7. Dance studios with indoor occupancy limited to 10% capacity.
  8. Education. In-person higher education including technical schools, colleges, universities, adult education, and trade schools. Indoor lectures and student gatherings are limited to 25% of indoor capacity or 100 people, whichever is less. Courses offered in specialized indoor settings (e.g. labs, studio arts), whose design imposes substantial physical distancing on participants are permitted at regular capacity so long as the CDPH guidance for Institutions of Higher Education available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-higher-education--en.pdf> is followed. Distance learning is allowed.
  9. Family Entertainment Centers (ball pits, bounce centers, bowling alleys, kart racing, miniature golf, batting cages, paintball, air soft facilities, laser tag) outdoors only.
  10. Fitness centers, gyms, and studios including but not limited to those for dance, yoga, pilates, crossfit, cycling, boxing, martial arts, and those at hotels, lodging, and short-term lodging rentals with indoor occupancy limited to 10% capacity.
  11. Florists with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  12. Grocery Stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  13. Home and furnishing stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  14. Jewelry stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  15. Libraries with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  16. Movie theatres with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less.
  17. Museums with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity.
  18. Offices for non-essential critical infrastructure sectors, defined at [covid19.ca.gov](https://files.covid19.ca.gov), via remote operations only.
  19. Outdoor playgrounds only when following the guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Outdoor%20Playgrounds%20and%20other%20Outdoor%20Recreational%20Facilities.aspx>.
  20. Places of Worship with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, following the CDPH guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>. Occupancy at outdoor venues is limited by the natural limits of the venue that permit social distancing of six feet between people from different households. Receptions and parties are not allowed.
  21. Protests may occur indoors only if (a) attendance is limited to 25% of indoor capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, and other relevant restrictions in the guidance for Places of Worship are followed; (b) physical distancing of 6

- feet between persons or groups of persons from different households is maintained at all times; and (c) singing and chanting activities are discontinued. Face coverings are required in compliance with State and Local Orders.
22. Professional sports without live audiences.
  23. Raceways or racetracks without spectators outdoors only.
  24. Restaurants (dine-in) with indoor dining occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table. Take-out and delivery is allowed.
  25. Retailers with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  26. Satellite wagering sites outdoors only.
  27. Shopping malls with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity. Common areas must remain closed. Food court dining areas may operate with 25% indoor capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, and must adhere to the CDPH guidance for dine-in restaurants. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table. Take-out and delivery allowed.
  28. Skating rinks, such as ice and roller, outdoors only. (These facilities may operate on a reservation or appointment-only basis for individual physical fitness activities or skills training following the guidance provided for gyms and fitness centers, with indoor limitations of 10% capacity. No open (public) skating, group practices or team / club events are allowed.)
  29. Organized sports and team sports including adult, amateur (non-professional) team sports, and indoor conditioning and drills are not allowed, except:
    - a. Professional sports without a live audience; and
    - b. Youth sports and physical education when all of the following are maintained: (i) outdoors, (ii) physical distancing of at least six feet between participants can be maintained, and (iii) it is a stable cohort, such as a class, that limits the risks of transmission in accordance with CDPH guidance for Youth Sports available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-youth-sports--en.pdf>; and
    - c. Intercollegiate athletics in compliance with the CDPH Industry Sector Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education – Specific Interim Guidance for Collegiate Athletics available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-higher-education--en.pdf>.
  30. Sporting goods stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  31. Toy stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  32. Wedding ceremonies (religious or non-religious are permitted so long as the CDPH guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf> is followed. Indoor wedding ceremonies allowed with indoor occupancy limited

to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less. Occupancy at outdoor venues is limited by the natural limits of the venue that permit social distancing of six feet between people from different households. Receptions or parties are not allowed.

33. Wineries and tasting rooms outdoors only. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table.
34. Zoos with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.11**  
**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**Businesses that Must Keep Physical Locations Closed**

1. Amphitheaters, concert halls and venues, performing arts centers
2. Amusement and theme parks
3. Arenas
4. Banquet halls
5. Climbing gyms
6. Community centers
7. Conference and convention centers
8. Dance halls, dances
9. Fairs, festivals, public exhibitions
10. Live performance venues, live theatre, and live performances
11. Lounges
12. Music events, concerts
13. Nightclubs including private social clubs
14. Parties and Receptions.
15. Indoor playgrounds
16. Rodeos and public equestrian events
17. Roller derby
18. Saunas and steam rooms
19. Sports stadiums and facilities (except as necessary for professional and intercollegiate sporting events without live audiences)
20. Swimming Pools Indoors

**ATTACHMENT C**

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.11  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**COVID-19 SELF-EVALUATION**

The County Health Officer has defined COVID-19 symptoms as follows:

Mild to Moderate Symptoms Related to or  
Other Respiratory Illness such as:

Sore Throat

Runny Nose

Fever

Chills

Not Feeling Well

Sneezing

Coughing

Gastro-Intestinal symptoms such as:

Soft Stool

Stomach Cramps

New loss of smell and/or taste



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**September 29, 2020**

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**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY MOVES TO THE RED TIER ALLOWING FOR MORE BUSINESSES TO OPEN INDOORS WITH MODIFICATIONS**

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department has issued Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.9 allowing more businesses to reopen indoors with modifications and capacity limits, in accordance with the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. As of today, Santa Barbara County has met the State's red tier case rate and positivity rate criteria for two consecutive weeks. As a result, the risk of COVID-19 spread in Santa Barbara County has been downgraded, effective immediately, from widespread to substantial, allowing movement from the purple tier to the red tier.

"Our movement forward, and ability to further reopen our community, is the result of the vigilance of our overall community in following the safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19" states Dr. Henning Ansorg, Public Health Officer for the County of Santa Barbara. "As we move into the red tier, we must be even more diligent in wearing our face coverings, maintaining social distancing, and avoiding gatherings with those outside our household. The red tier is not the end goal, but rather a step forward."

The State's Blueprint allows counties in the red tier to reopen indoor operations for some additional business sectors and allows for certain activities to resume. All businesses in Santa Barbara County, which are open or will be reopening, must follow all State guidance for their industry and self-certify that they are ready to reopen through completing the online self-attestation.

Some additional businesses, which may reopen indoors in the red tier with modifications include personal care services, indoor dining in restaurants, gyms and fitness centers, movie theatres, museums, zoos, aquariums, places of worship, and cultural ceremonies. Schools may also reopen for in-person learning beginning October 13, 2020 without a school waiver, if they choose to do so.

For more information about changes in the red tier, visit [www.publichealthsb.org](http://www.publichealthsb.org).

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HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.9  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19  
PHASED REOPENING WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.9 Supersedes and Replaces Health Officer Order  
No. 2020-12.8

Effective Date: September 30 2020, 8:00 a.m. PDT  
(Changes are underlined.)

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both. (Health and Safety Code §§ 101029, 120295 et seq.) Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including fines or civil penalties per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.

This Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.9 supersedes and replaces Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.8 that was effective September 23, 2020. Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Public Health Officer Orders. COVID-19 industry specific guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

Summary: As of September 29, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara is classified as Tier Two, "red" – the substantial risk tier in the State COVID-19 reopening framework.

Consistent with the State Public Health Officer Orders issued August 28, 2020, this Health Officer Order allows the reopening of some, but not all, Businesses within the County of Santa Barbara. Businesses that may remain open, or open indoor operations with modifications include, but are not limited to, hair salons and barbershops, clothing and shoe stores, florists, grocery stores, home and furnishing stores, jewelry stores, libraries, retailers, shopping malls, sporting goods stores, toy stores, physician-ordered electrolysis, nail salons, personal care services, indoor dining in restaurants, gyms and fitness centers, movie theatres, museums, zoos, aquariums, places of worship, and cultural ceremonies, as listed in Attachment A. Additional Businesses allowed to reopen under this Health Officer Order that were not included in prior orders are underlined. All Businesses (as defined) must follow State and local orders.

Consistent with the State Public Health Officer Order issued August 28, 2020, this Health Officer orders the continued closure of indoor operations for some Businesses such as breweries, bars, brewpubs, pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, swimming pools, and offices that are non-essential as listed in Attachment B. Businesses that must stay closed and are not allowed to reopen physical locations at this time are listed in the Attachment B.

Consistent with the State Public Health Officer Order issued August 28, 2020, this Order prohibits "gatherings" large and small, unless an exemption applies.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 12, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Santa Barbara as well as throughout California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the lack of healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation are taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to “flatten the curve” of infection and reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this effort, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 requiring all persons residing in the State to remain in their homes or places of residence, except as needed to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure (the “State Stay-at-Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, also on March 19, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations for the federal critical infrastructure sectors, which was updated on March 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the State Public Health Officer designated a list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, to help state, local, tribal, and industry partners as they work to protect communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to protect public health and safety, which was updated on March 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-60-20 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces in stages. On May 7, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered that upon certification of a variance application a County could move through the stages of reopening at their own pace. On May 20, 2020, the CDPH approved the County of Santa Barbara’s Variance Attestation; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, CDPH instructed counties which had been on State’s County Monitoring list for more than three consecutive days to immediately close all bars, breweries, pubs and brewpubs, as well as indoor operations of Businesses for specified industries and sectors. On July 13, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered counties which had been on the State’s County Monitoring list for more than three consecutive days to close indoor operations of: gyms and fitness centers; places of worship; protests; offices for non-essential critical infrastructure sectors defined at [covid19.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/essential-businesses.aspx); personal care services (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors); hair salons and barbershops; and malls; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, CDPH mandated that all CDPH industry or sector guidance issued must be followed including all infectious control measures, and the use of face coverings both indoors and outdoors in certain settings; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020, the State Public Health Officer ordered an update to the framework for reopening, which is known as California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe. Governor Newsom introduced this framework as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, with a four-tiered color-coded county classification system: (1) purple represents the highest widespread risk level; (2) red represents substantial risk; (3) orange represents moderate risk; and, (4) yellow the lowest level, represents minimal risk. Counties are prohibited from moving through the tiers more than one tier at a time and must stay at the same tier for at least three weeks.

WHEREAS, under the updated framework, some sectors that were ordered closed by the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order could reopen with modifications depending on a county's tier classification while others had to remain closed. As of August 31, 2020, the County was classified as a Tier One, "purple", the highest widespread risk tier; and

WHEREAS, State guidance issued September 22, 2020, allowed the reopening of physician-ordered electrolysis and nail salons; and

WHEREAS, as of September 29, 2020, the County of is classified as Tier Two, "red", the substantial risk tier; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer finds: (1) the County has received repeated reports that some businesses have refused to comply with the State Stay-at-Home Order, State guidance, and/or local Health Officer Orders; (2) the reported activities are inconsistent with the State Stay-at-Home Order and/or Santa Barbara County's classification tier; (3) guidance for businesses is required to prevent the potential increased spread of COVID-19 which would add strain to the County of Santa Barbara health care system; (4) without the guidance and restrictions described herein some businesses are likely to continue to impair efforts at mitigating the spread of the illness both within the County and statewide; and (5) distinctions made in this Order are to minimize the spread of COVID-19 that could occur through proximity and duration of contact between individuals; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to order businesses in the County of Santa Barbara regarding operations under the State Stay-at-Home Order and County of Santa Barbara's Tier Two, "red", substantial risk classification under California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe, and to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

**ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:**

1. This Order 2020-12.9 is effective 8:00 a.m. (PDT) September 30, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PDT), on October 29, 2020 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer ("Health Officer"). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").

2. **Gatherings are not allowed.** As required by the State Public Health Officer Order of May 7, 2020, and March 19, 2020, all gatherings, whether large or small, are prohibited unless exempt.
  - a. A “gathering” is any event or convening that brings together people from different households in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space, whether public or private.
  - b. **Gathering exemptions.** All gatherings that are exempt must comply with State Executive Orders, State Public Health Orders, and State guidance available at [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov), and Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders.
    - i. To the extent that Businesses are open, and activities allowed, individuals may leave their homes to work at, patronize, or otherwise engage with those Businesses, or activities, and must, when they do so, continue at all times to practice physical distancing, and follow State and Local Orders;
    - ii. The prohibition on gatherings does not apply to outdoor recreational activities when physical distancing of six feet can be maintained. Examples of recreational activities include, but are not limited to, walking, cycling, jogging, and hiking;
    - iii. The prohibition on gatherings does not apply to congregate living situations, including dormitories, and homeless encampments; and
    - iv. The prohibition on gatherings does not apply to outdoor worship services, outdoor wedding ceremonies, outdoor cultural ceremonies (religious and non-religious), outdoor protests, or outdoor political speech, when physical distancing of six feet can be maintained.
3. “Business” or “Businesses” for the purpose of this Health Officer Order is defined to mean any institution, establishment, public or private agency, for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether an organization, corporate entity, partnership, or sole proprietorship.
4. All Businesses except those listed in Attachment B, as attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, may remain open or open, upon completion of, and in accordance with all of the following:
  - a. Perform a detailed risk assessment including reviewing State and local guidance relevant to the Business and create a site-specific protection plan;
  - b. Train employees about how to limit the spread of COVID-19 including how to screen themselves for COVID-19 symptoms and when to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms are described in Attachment C;
  - c. Set up individual control measures and screenings;
  - d. Put disinfection protocols in place;
  - e. Observe “Face Covering” orders in effect from the local health officer and/or the California Department of Public Health;
  - f. If operating outdoors, a tent, canopy, or other sun shelter may be used as long as no more than one side is closed;
  - g. Complete the RISE attestation, including its social distancing protocol, and self-certification process at: <https://recoveryabc.org/reopen-your-business/>. (if

a Business does not have access to the internet it can call 833-688-5551);  
and

- h. Post the self-certification at the Business location.
5. Businesses listed in Attachment A, as attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, are subject to the additional modifications described in Attachment A such as outdoor only operations or indoor capacity limits. For purposes of this Order, "capacity" means occupancy limits designated by the applicable Fire Marshall. Employees are excluded from the capacity limitations described in Attachment A.
  6. Businesses listed in Attachment B, as attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, must keep physical locations closed. Businesses listed in Attachment B may continue to provide services so long as those services can be provided remotely and without individuals physical present at the Business location, unless an exception applies. Maintenance to prevent property damage of the Businesses listed in Attachment B is allowed. This list may be amended from time to time, as required for our region's response to COVID-19
  7. **Emergency Food Permit.** Breweries, bars, brewpubs, pubs, wineries, and tasting rooms that serve alcoholic beverages but that do not have an on-site permitted food facility and would like to serve food:
    - a. Must obtain an Emergency Food Permit issued by the Santa Barbara County Health Department to temporarily serve food.
    - b. A brewery, bar, brewpub, pub, winery, or tasting room in possession of an Emergency Food Permit issued by the Santa Barbara County Health Department may continue to temporarily serve food at their discretion, unless otherwise suspended, revoked, or terminated.
    - c. A brewery, bar, brewpub, pub, winery, or tasting room in possession of an Emergency Food Permit issued by the Santa Barbara County Health Department may cease operations of food service at their discretion, but in doing so may be subject to closure of the physical location.

**IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE ORDER THE HEALTH OFFICER STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** that retailers designate specific hours of operation for their stores to accommodate populations at high risk of developing severe COVID-19 disease, such as persons over the age of 65 years.

This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 which has infected at least 33,473,108 individuals worldwide, in 213 countries and territories, including 9,037 cases, and 113 deaths in the County, and is implicated in over 1,004,661 worldwide deaths.

This Order is issued based on evidence of continued community-based transmission of COVID-19 both within the County and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

This Order is issued because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases, the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; the March 16, 2020 order of the State Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above ten (10) individuals; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482-CA; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20 of May 4, 2020 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Two"), and then to allow reopening of higher-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Three"), and directing the Public Health Officer to establish criteria and procedures to determine whether and how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from the statewide directives of the State Public Health Officer; the May 7, 2020, State Public Health Officer Order; the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and the August 28, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order called California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe.

This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

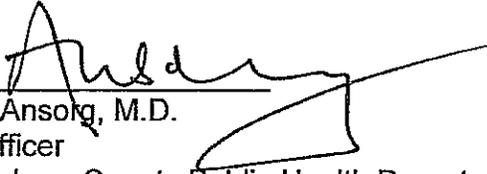
If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the

application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website ([publichealthsb.org](http://publichealthsb.org)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

  
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Henning Ansong, M.D.  
Health Officer  
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.9**  
**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**Businesses that are subject to additional modifications such as  
outdoor operations or indoor occupancy limits**

Businesses listed in this Attachment A must comply with the requirements in Section 4 of this Health Officer Order and the additional modifications described below. For purposes of this Order, "capacity" means occupancy limits designated by the applicable Fire Marshall. Employees are excluded from the capacity limitations described below.

1. Aquariums with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity.
2. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, and pubs must close until those establishments are allowed to resume operation per state guidance and local permission, unless they are providing sit-down, dine-in meals. Alcohol may only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.
  - a. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, and pubs that provide sit-down meals must follow the CDPH dine-in restaurant guidance, shall offer only outdoor dining, and should continue to encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.
  - b. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, and pubs that do not provide sit-down meals, but wish to operate under this Order must obtain an Emergency Food Permit as described above.
  - c. Venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer, wine, and spirits to be consumed off premises and do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals shall follow CDPH guidance for retail operations.
  - d. Producers of beer, wine, and spirits must follow CDPH guidance for manufacturing operations.
  - e. Brewpub, breweries, bars and pubs must offer foodservice during all hours of operation.
  - f. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table.
  - g. This section also applies to bars located at permitted food facilities.
3. Bookstores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
4. Cardrooms outdoors only.
5. Clothing and shoe stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
6. Cultural ceremonies with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, following the CDPH guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>. Occupancy at outdoor venues is limited by the natural limits of the venue that permit social distancing of six feet between people from different households. Receptions and parties are not allowed.

7. Dance studios with indoor occupancy limited to 10% capacity.
8. Education. In-person higher education including technical schools, colleges, universities, adult education, and trade schools. Indoor lectures are prohibited. Courses offered in specialized indoor settings (e.g. labs, studio arts), whose design imposes substantial physical distancing on participants are permitted so long as the CDPH guidance for Institutions of Higher Education available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-higher-education--en.pdf> is followed. (Distance learning is allowed.)
9. Family Entertainment Centers (ball pits, bounce centers, bowling alleys, kart racing, miniature golf, batting cages, paintball, air soft facilities, laser tag) outdoors only.
10. Fitness centers, gyms, and studios including but not limited to those for dance, yoga, pilates, crossfit, cycling, boxing, and martial arts with indoor occupancy limited to 10% capacity.
11. Florists with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
12. Home and furnishing stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
13. Jewelry stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
14. Libraries with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
15. Movie theatres with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less.
16. Museums with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity.
17. Offices for non-essential critical infrastructure sectors, defined at [covid19.ca.gov](https://files.covid19.ca.gov), via remote operations only.
18. Outdoor playgrounds only when following the guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Outdoor%20Playgrounds%20and%20other%20Outdoor%20Recreational%20Facilities.aspx>.
19. Places of Worship with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, following the CDPH guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>. Occupancy at outdoor venues is limited by the natural limits of the venue that permit social distancing of six feet between people from different households. Receptions and parties are not allowed.
20. Protests may occur indoors only if (a) attendance is limited to 25% of indoor capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, and other relevant restrictions in the guidance for Places of Worship are followed; (b) physical distancing of 6 feet between persons or groups of persons from different households is maintained at all times; and (c) singing and chanting activities are discontinued. Face coverings are required in compliance with State and Local Orders.
21. Professional sports without live audiences.
22. Raceways or racetracks without spectators outdoors only.
23. Restaurants (dine-in) with indoor dining occupancy limited to 25% capacity or

- 100 people, whichever is less. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table. Take-out and delivery is allowed. This section does not apply to bars, breweries, brewpubs and pubs.
24. Retailers with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  25. Satellite wagering sites outdoors only.
  26. Schools closed for in-person instruction, except TK-6 instruction with an approved waiver.
  27. Shopping malls with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity. Common areas must remain closed. Food court dining areas may operate with 25% indoor capacity or 100 people, whichever is less, and must adhere to the CDPH guidance for dine-in restaurants. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table. Take-out and delivery allowed.
  28. Skating rinks, such as ice and roller, outdoors only. (These facilities may operate on a reservation or appointment-only basis for individual physical fitness activities or skills training following the guidance provided for gyms and fitness centers, with indoor limitations of 10% capacity. No open (public) skating, group practices or team / club events are allowed.)
  29. Organized sports and team sports including adult, amateur (non-professional) team sports, and indoor conditioning and drills are not allowed, except:
    - a. Professional sports without a live audience; and
    - b. Youth sports and physical education when all of the following are maintained: (i) outdoors, (ii) physical distancing of at least six feet between participants can be maintained, and (iii) it is a stable cohort, such as a class, that limits the risks of transmission in accordance with CDPH guidance for Youth Sports available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-youth-sports--en.pdf>; and
    - c. Intercollegiate athletics in compliance with the CDPH Industry Sector Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education – Specific Interim Guidance for Collegiate Athletics available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-higher-education--en.pdf>.
  30. Sporting goods stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  31. Toy stores with indoor occupancy limited to 50% capacity.
  32. Wedding ceremonies (religious or non-religious are permitted so long as the CDPH guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf> is followed. Indoor wedding ceremonies allowed with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less. Occupancy at outdoor venues is limited by the natural limits of the venue that permit social distancing of six feet between people from different households. Receptions or parties are not allowed.
  33. Wineries and tasting rooms outdoors only. No more than ten (10) people shall be together at one table or tables pushed together as one table.
  34. Zoos with indoor occupancy limited to 25% capacity.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.9**  
**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**Businesses that Must Keep Physical Locations Closed**

1. Amphitheaters, concert halls and venues, performing arts centers
2. Amusement and theme parks
3. Arenas
4. Banquet halls
5. Climbing gyms
6. Community centers
7. Conference and convention centers
8. Dance halls, dances
9. Fairs, festivals, public exhibitions
10. Live performance venues, live theatre, and live performances
11. Lounges
12. Music events, concerts
13. Nightclubs including private social clubs
14. Parties and Receptions.
15. Indoor playgrounds
16. Rodeos and public equestrian events
17. Roller derby
18. Saunas and steam rooms
19. Sports stadiums and facilities (except as necessary for professional and intercollegiate sporting events without live audiences)
20. Swimming Pools Indoors

## ATTACHMENT C

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-12.9  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

### COVID-19 SELF-EVALUATION

The County Health Officer has defined COVID-19 symptoms as follows:

Mild to Moderate Symptoms Related to or  
Other Respiratory Illness such as:

Sore Throat

Runny Nose

Fever

Chills

Not Feeling Well

Sneezing

Coughing

Gastro-Intestinal symptoms such as:

Soft Stool

Stomach Cramps

New loss of smell and/or taste

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 via video/teleconference due to the COVID-19 Emergency and Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders.

Trustees Present: Michael Burchardi Jeff Clay  
 Brad Joos Lori Parker  
 Lee Rosenberg

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Paeter Garcia Mary Martone  
 Gary Kvistad Eric Tambini  
 Karen King

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

President Clay called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m., he stated this was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported all members of the Board were present.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

President Clay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE AGENDA:**

Ms. Martone presented the affidavit of posting of the agenda, along with a true copy of the agenda for this meeting. She reported that the agenda was posted in accordance with the California Government Code commencing at Section 54950 and pursuant to Resolution No. 340 of the District. The affidavit was filed as evidence of the posting of the agenda items contained therein.

Ms. Martone added that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this Board meeting would occur solely via video/teleconference as authorized by and in furtherance of Executive Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20 and applicable amendments to the California Brown Act as set forth in those Executive Orders.

**IV. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Garcia stated there were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating via video or telephonically and offered time for members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Mr. Garcia stated that the Notice and Agenda for this Regular Meeting requested members of the public to submit advance written comments to the District via electronic mail by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District for the meeting.

1 VI. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE:

2 A. General Manager's Report

3 The Board packet included copies of press releases issued by the Santa Barbara County Public  
4 Health Department dated August 20, 29 and 31, 2020 regarding the current requiremen'  
5 pertaining to COVID-19.  
6

7 Mr. Garcia reported on the current activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the  
8 District's actions. He stated that staff continues to receive, and review updates related to  
9 COVID from federal, state, regional, and local agencies. Mr. Garcia referenced the materials  
10 that were included in the Board packet from the state and Santa Barbara Public Health  
11 Department related to re-opening schedules and modifications to restrictions that apply to  
12 indoor and outdoor activities, businesses, and gatherings. He explained the District continues  
13 to maintain the same response plan as last month, with staff being divided into two teams  
14 alternating each week. Mr. Garcia reported that the District is continuing with a rigorous daily  
15 disinfection process along with a weekly service that conducts a commercial grade disinfection.  
16

17 VII. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2020:

18 The Regular Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2020 were presented for consideration.  
19

20 President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of  
21 August 18, 2020. There were no changes or additions requested.  
22

23 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call vote,  
24 to approve the August 18, 2020 Regular Minutes as presented.  
25

26 VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

27 The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board packet.  
28

29 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of August.  
30

31 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call vote,  
32 to approve the Consent Agenda.  
33

34 IX. MANAGER REPORTS - STATUS, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING  
35 SUBJECTS:

36 A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

37 1. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

38 a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenses

39 Ms. Martone reported that the Board was provided the Statement of Revenues and  
40 Expenses for the month of August via email. She also explained that the reports were  
41 posted on the District's website in the Board packet materials for any members of the  
42 public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.  
43

44 Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of  
45 August. She highlighted various line-items and reported that District revenues  
46 exceeded the expenses by \$388,034.54 and the year-to-date net income was \$737,365.25.  
47 She explained that all accumulated revenues during the fiscal year to date will be  
48 earmarked and utilized for the annual State Water Project and COMB Bond payments  
49 due in June 2021.  
50

51 b) Approval of Accounts Payable

52 Ms. Martone reported that the Board was provided the Warrant List for August 19, 2020  
53 through September 15, 2020 via email, and it was posted on the District's website in the  
54 Board packet materials for any member of the public wishing to receive a copy.  
55

1 The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 23305 through 23366 for  
2 the period of August 19, 2020 through September 15, 2020 in the amount of \$580,580.33.  
3

4 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 5-0-0  
5 roll call vote to approve the Warrant List for August 19, 2020 through September 15,  
6 2020.  
7

8 c) Water Service Late Penalties

9 Mr. Garcia explained that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board decided in  
10 April to temporarily suspend late penalties on past due customer accounts, which to  
11 date has been applied to water use from March through August. He stated that for the  
12 past several months, the Board has reconsidered the matter and determined to continue  
13 the temporary suspension of late penalties on a month-to-month basis. Mr. Garcia  
14 reviewed the cumulative amounts of past due charges, the number of past due customer  
15 accounts in comparison to the prior month's statistics, and the total amount of penalties  
16 that have been waived to date. He stated that at the Board's request at the August  
17 meeting, staff canvassed 16 other water agencies to see if they are administering late  
18 penalties during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Garcia recapped the findings which  
19 ranged from some agencies continuing the issuance of penalties on past due accounts;  
20 suspending penalties during the pandemic; extending the timeframe before penalties  
21 are assessed; and alternative payment plan options. Mr. Garcia reported on the  
22 aggregate past due balance for customers throughout the District and reported that the  
23 number of accounts in arrears has dropped significantly from the prior month. He stated  
24 that the Administrative staff, particularly Ms. Martone, made an extraordinary effort to  
25 reach out to customers via courtesy calls to discuss unpaid balances, alternative  
26 payment options, and to encourage customers to pay any past due balances to avoid  
27 penalties in the future.

28  
29 Mr. Garcia stated that the Board also requested staff to provide options for Board  
30 consideration at this meeting. He reviewed four options, including: (1) continue the  
31 suspension of late penalties; (2) resume issuing late penalties for all past due customer  
32 accounts; (3) continue the suspension of late penalties on past due domestic and rural  
33 residential/limited agriculture accounts only and resume issuing late penalties for  
34 agriculture accounts; and (4) resume issuing late penalties beginning in October for  
35 customers that have been in arrears for more than 60 days. Mr. Garcia provided staff's  
36 recommendation to resume issuing late penalties beginning in October (for September  
37 water use) for agriculture and commercial accounts only and to resume penalties for  
38 domestic accounts once they are 60 days past due.  
39

40 Board discussion ensued and comments included appreciation to staff for their efforts  
41 in collecting on past due accounts and for developing alternative approaches for  
42 assessing late penalties. The Board discussed an approach that would continue the  
43 suspension of late penalties for one additional month, but then resume issuing penalties  
44 on all customer accounts beginning with the November water bills (for October water  
45 use). Staff and the Board noted this approach would allow a message to be included  
46 with water bills going out in October that late penalties will resume in November for all  
47 past due accounts.  
48

49 Based on the discussion, it was MOVED by Trustee Clay, seconded by Trustee Parker,  
50 and carried by a 5-0-0 roll call vote, to resume issuing late penalties on all past due  
51 customer accounts beginning with the November billing period that includes October  
52 water use.  
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1 Staff indicated that a note will be included on the September water use bill that are  
2 mailed the first week of October notifying all customers of this action.  
3

4 **B. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF 2020 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

- 5 1. Resolution No. 801 – *A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water*  
6 *Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Approving an Update to Its Conflict of Interest*  
7 *Code*

8 The Board packet included draft Resolution No. 801 and Appendices A and B.  
9

10 President Clay stated that a public hearing would be conducted related to the adoption of  
11 the District's Updated 2020 Conflict of Interest Code. President Clay opened the public  
12 hearing at 4:06 p.m.  
13

14 Mr. Garcia reported that public agencies are required by provisions of Government Code  
15 Section 81000 et seq. to review and update their respective conflict of interest codes, as  
16 applicable, on a bi-annual basis. He indicated that the District's Conflict of Interest Code  
17 and Appendix A thereto require an update to include current designated positions within  
18 the Districts. Mr. Garcia stated there were no changes to Appendix B of the Conflict of  
19 Interest Code. He recommended approval and adoption of Resolution No. 801 Approving  
20 an Update to the District's Conflict of Interest Code in accordance with applicable  
21 provisions of the California Government Code.  
22

23 President Clay provided time for public comment. There was no public comment on this  
24 item. President Clay closed the public comment period and invited comments or questions  
25 from the Board. There were no comments or questions from the Board.  
26

27 President Clay closed the public hearing at 4:10 p.m.  
28

29 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, and seconded by Trustee Burchardi, to adopt Resolution  
30 No. 801, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water  
31 Conservation District, Improvement No.1 Approving an Update to Its Conflict of  
32 Interest Code.  
33

34 The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 5-0-0 roll call vote:  
35

36 **AYES, Trustees:**

Michael Burchardi

Jeff Clay

Brad Joos

Lori Parker

Lee Rosenberg

37 **NOES, Trustees:**

None

38 **ABSTAIN, Trustees:**

None

39 **ABSENT, Trustees:**

None  
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46 **X. REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

47 **A. CACHUMA PROJECT – OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES**

- 48 1. Cachuma Project Water Service Contract No. I75r-1802R and Status of Amendment to  
49 Contract No. I75r-180R between United States Bureau of Reclamation and Santa Barbara  
50 County Water Agency  
51  
52 2. First Amendment to Cachuma Project Member Unit Contract between Santa Barbara  
53 County Water Agency and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement  
54 District No.1  
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56 Agenda Items X. A. 1 & 2. were discussed together.

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1 The Board packet included a September 15, 2020 Staff Report discussing an Amendment to  
2 the Cachuma Project Master Contract No. I75r-1802R between the United States Bureau of  
3 Reclamation (USBR) and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Water Agency), First  
4 Amendments to the Cachuma Project Member Unit Contracts between the Water Agency  
5 and each Cachuma Project Member Unit, and correspondence from the Water Agency  
6 regarding the proposed First Amendments to the Cachuma Project Member Unit Contracts.  
7

8 Mr. Garcia provided background information and reported on the status of the proposed  
9 Amendment to the existing Cachuma Project Master Contract between USBR and the Water  
10 Agency, and the proposed First Amendments to the Cachuma Project Member Unit  
11 Contracts, all of which are set to expire on September 30, 2020. He indicated that the  
12 proposed Amendment and the proposed First Amendments retain all of the substantive  
13 provisions of the current Master Contract current Member Unit Contracts, yet extend those  
14 contracts for up to an additional three years to allow time for negotiations to take place on  
15 the next long term contracts. Mr. Garcia stated that USBR published notice of the proposed  
16 Amendment on July 20, 2020 and that the 60-day public comment period will close on  
17 September 17, 2020. He stated that once the public comment period closes, USBR and the  
18 Water Agency are expected to finalize and execute the Amendment to the Master Contract.  
19 He further explained that, according to the Water Agency, once the Amendment to the  
20 Master Contract is executed, the Water Agency will sign the First Amendments to the  
21 Cachuma Project Member Unit Contracts. Mr. Garcia stated that in August 2020 the Santa  
22 Barbara County Board of Supervisors, acting as the Water Agency's Board of Directors,  
23 authorized the County Public Works Director to execute the Amendment to the Master  
24 Contract and the First Amendments to the Cachuma Project Member Unit Contracts. He  
25 reported that the Water Agency has determined that its actions to enter the interim three-  
26 year contracts are not considered "projects" pursuant to the California Environmental  
27 Quality Act (CEQA) and that the actions are otherwise exempt from the requirements of  
28 CEQA. Mr. Garcia reviewed the staff recommendations for the District's actions related to  
29 the First Amendment to the Cachuma Project Member Unit Contract between the District  
30 and the Water Agency, as outlined in the staff report. Board discussion ensued and the  
31 following two motions were made and approved:  
32

33 It was MOVED by Trustee Clay, seconded by Trustee Rosenberg, and carried by a 5-0-0 roll  
34 call vote to determine that the proposed action to enter the First Amendment to the  
35 Cachuma Project Member Unit Contract between the District and the Water Agency is not  
36 a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with  
37 CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), continuing organization or administrative activities,  
38 and Section 15378(b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a  
39 direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and further, that the proposed action  
40 is not subject to and is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines  
41 Section 15061(b)(3), no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the  
42 environment, Section 15261(a), project approved prior to November 23, 1970, and Section  
43 15301, operation of existing facilities.  
44

45 It was MOVED by Trustee Clay, seconded by Trustee Burchardi and carried by a 5-0-0 roll  
46 call vote to authorize the District's General Manager to execute the First Amendment to the  
47 Member Unit Contract between the District and the Water Agency in a form substantially  
48 similar to that presented by the Water Agency and subject to final review and approval by  
49 the District's General Manager and Legal Counsel.

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1 3. Draft Rescheduling/Carryover Guidelines and Draft Yield Study for the Cachuma Project

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3 Mr. Garcia reported on the status of USBR's proposed rescheduling/carryover guidelines  
4 for the Cachuma Project. He explained that the Cachuma Project Member Units collectively  
5 responded in opposition to USBR on August 10, 2020 with comments on the draft proposal  
6 to change storage and carryover operations for the Cachuma Project. Mr. Garcia reported  
7 that USBR held a teleconference on September 10<sup>th</sup> with USBR representatives, Member Unit  
8 Managers, and legal counsel for the various agencies to address the comments that were  
9 submitted in response to the proposed rescheduling/carryover guidelines. He stated that  
10 as a result of the teleconference, USBR determined that carryover issues are an appropriate  
11 subject to be included in the upcoming negotiations for the next long-term contract, and  
12 therefore USBR will not seek to implement the proposed rescheduling/carryover guidelines  
13 in the 2020/2021 federal water year that begins on October 1, 2020. Mr. Garcia reiterated  
14 that the proposed rescheduling/carryover guidelines as currently drafted appear to be  
15 inconsistent with the language of the existing Cachuma Project Master Contract and the  
16 pending Amendment thereto. Mr. Garcia also reported on the Draft Yield Study for the  
17 Cachuma Project that has been prepared by the County Water Agency. The Draft Yield  
18 Study was provided to and reviewed by the District's Board in August. He explained that  
19 the Draft Yield Study recommends substantial reductions in Project yield and that it was  
20 prepared without input from the Cachuma Member Units. Mr. Garcia reported that the  
21 Cachuma Member Units sent a collective response letter to the Water Agency setting forth  
22 various concerns and objections to the Draft Yield Study, and that the Member Units have  
23 indicated that they intend to undertake an independent study to evaluate Project yield and  
24 related issues.

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26 **B. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

27 1. Eastern Management Area Update

28 The Board packet included a Notice and Agenda for the August 27, 2020 meeting of the  
29 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa  
30 Ynez River Groundwater Basin.

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32 Trustee Joos, ID No.1's representative to the Eastern Management Area GSA Committee,  
33 stated he attended the August 27, 2020 teleconference meeting of the GSA and summarized  
34 the meeting. Trustee Joos stated that GSI Solutions provided an update and slide  
35 presentation on the activities in the Eastern Management Area. He reported that the  
36 meeting was well attended and stated that a new group of landowners referred to as the  
37 Santa Ynez Water Group, which includes agricultural representatives, has become involved  
38 in the SGMA process and provided comments at the meeting.

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40 **XI. UPDATE FROM ALTERNATIVE POWER / SOLAR AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE:**

41 Mr. Garcia reported that, based on feedback from the Alternative Power/Solar Ad Hoc  
42 Subcommittee, District staff has been providing information and working with representatives  
43 from two solar energy companies regarding the possibility of introducing solar power into the  
44 District's operations. He indicated that each company has been provided access to the District's  
45 utility data to conduct their initial reviews and that site visits may also be scheduled.

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47 **XII. REPORTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS,**  
48 **ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS AND/OR**  
49 **COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING ACTION:**

50  
51 The Board packet included the Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing for August 2020.

52  
53 Mr. Garcia reported that a very positive voice message was received from a customer that had a  
54 leak at their property. He stated the customer took the time to call and acknowledge Mr. Joe Come,

1 Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, and the field crew who fixed the leak. The customer  
2 expressed his gratitude and commented that the field crew did a terrific job, and were very efficient,  
3 clean, polite, and knowledgeable.  
4

5 Mr. Garcia reported that the District has seen a significant increase in the number of Water Service  
6 Applications that are being submitted to the District. He stated that staff is evaluating a process  
7 for administering the applications to ensure they are processed in a timely and efficient manner  
8 despite the number of submittals and adjustments that have been required in response to COVID-  
9 19. He provided examples of the various types of applications the District has received, such as  
10 new development of vacant properties, additional dwelling unit(s), demolitions, and complete  
11 remodels, many of which typically involve ongoing communications with applicants regarding  
12 changed or revised plans along the way, water demand calculations, project designs, county  
13 approvals, and other issues. Mr. Garcia noted that staff fully recognizes how important these  
14 matters are to District customers and that staff is committed to providing excellent and improved  
15 customer service on all District matters.  
16

17 Ms. Martone reported that during the first week of September the representatives from Bartlett,  
18 Pringle & Wolf conducted the field work for the District 's Annual Audit. Ms. Martone stated the  
19 work was all done remotely. She reported that Bartlett Pringle & Wolf anticipates the final audit  
20 presentation at the November or December meeting.  
21

22 **XIII. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS THE ITEMS NOT MARKED WITH AN**  
23 **ASTERISK (\*) FOR FILE:**

24 The Correspondence list was received by the Board.  
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26 **XIV. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

27 There were no requests from the Board.  
28

29 **XV. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

30 President Clay stated the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for October  
31 20, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.  
32

33 Mr. Garcia announced that the Open Session public participation video and phone lines would be  
34 closed for the next forty-five (45) minutes to allow the Board to convene into Closed Session. He  
35 explained that the public participation video and phone lines would be reopened forty-five (45)  
36 minutes later for the remaining Agenda items. Mr. Garcia thanked everyone for participating in  
37 the video/teleconference and stated the Open Session meeting would reconvene at 5:50 p.m. to  
38 report any action taken during Closed Session.  
39

40 **XVI. CLOSED SESSION:**

41 The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:05.  
42

43 **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

44 [Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 1 case]  
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- 46 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources  
47 Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of  
48 Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests  
49

50 **B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION**

51 [Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 1 case]  
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53 **XVII. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**

54 [Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]  
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1 The public participation video and phone lines were re-opened, and the Board reconvened to  
2 Open Session at approximately 5:50 p.m. Ms. Martone conducted roll call and reported that four  
3 Trustees were present when the meeting reconvened, with Trustee Rosenberg absent.  
4

5 Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in Closed Session concerning Agenda Items XVI.A.  
6 and XVI.B. He stated that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.  
7

8 **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

9 Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and  
10 carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Rosenberg absent, to adjourn the meeting at  
11 approximately 5:55 p.m.  
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14 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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16 Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board  
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22 ATTEST:

23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 Jeff Clay, President  
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27 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

28 \_\_\_\_\_  
29 Karen King, Board Administrative Assistant  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1  
October 20, 2020**

**Consent Agenda Report**

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report. Total water production in **September (466 AF)** was higher than water production in August (555 AF), but overall was well below the 10-year running average for the month of **September (602 AF)**. As previously reported, the District has been experiencing below average demands for domestic, rural residential, and agricultural water supplies due to water conservation, changing water use patterns, private well installations, and weather conditions.

For the month of **September**, approximately **127.7 AF** was produced from the Santa Ynez Upland wells, and approximately **0.3 AF** was produced from the 6.0 cfs or 4.0 cfs river well fields (for flushing). As reflected in the Monthly Water Deliveries Report from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), the District also received approximately **338 AF** of SWP supplies for the month, all of which we attributed to Exchange deliveries. Direct diversions to USBR and the County Park were **2.49 AF**.

The USBR Daily Operations Report for Lake Cachuma in **September** (ending September 30, 2020) recorded the lake elevation at **732.01'** with the end of month storage of **135,570 AF**. USBR recorded total precipitation at the lake of **0.0 inches**. For the month, reservoir storage was supplemented with **21.8 AF** of SWP deliveries for the South Coast agencies. Reservoir evaporation in **September** was **1,062.1 AF**.

Based on the maximum storage of 193,305 AF, Cachuma reservoir is currently (as of **October 12, 2020**) at approximately **69.1%** of capacity (Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, Rainfall and Reservoir Summary). At a point when reservoir storage exceeds 100,000 AF, the Cachuma Member Units typically have received a full allocation, which is the case for this federal WY 2019-20. Conversely, a 20% pro-rata reduction from the full allocation is scheduled to occur in Water Years beginning at less than 100,000 AF, where incremental reductions may occur at other lower storage levels. **For the federal WY 2019-20** (October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020), USBR has issued a 100% allocation of Cachuma Project supplies to the Cachuma Member Units. ID No.1's share is 10.31% or 2,651 AF. In addition to its 2019-20 allocation, ID No.1 retains in excess of 400 AF of previous year carryover water in the reservoir, subject to evaporation. **For the federal WY 2020-2021** (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021), the Cachuma Member Units requested a 100% allocation. The request was submitted to USBR through the County Water Agency on June 29, 2020. As of the writing of this Consent Report, USBR is yet to issue an allocation decision for federal WY 2020-2021, which commenced on October 1, 2020.

Water releases for the protection of fish and aquatic habitat are made from Cachuma reservoir to the lower Santa Ynez River pursuant to the 2000 Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the 2019 Water Rights Order (WR 2019-0148) issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). These releases are made to Hilton Creek and to the stilling basin from the outlet works at the base of Bradbury Dam. The water releases required under the NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion to avoid jeopardy to steelhead and adverse impacts to its critical habitat are summarized as follows:

NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion

- *When Reservoir Spills and the Spill Amount Exceeds 20,000 AF:*
  - *10 cfs at Hwy 154 Bridge during spill year(s) exceeding 20,000 AF*
  - *1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge when spill amount exceeds 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach*
  - *1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge in the year immediately following a spill that exceeded 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach*
  
- *When Reservoir Does Not Spill or When Reservoir Spills Less Than 20,000 AF:*
  - *5 cfs at Hwy 154 when Reservoir does not spill and Reservoir storage is above 120,000 AF, or when Reservoir spill is less than 20,000 AF*
  - *2.5 cfs at Hwy 154 in all years when Reservoir storage is below 120,000 AF but greater than 30,000 AF*
  - *1.5 cfs at Alisal Bridge if the Reservoir spilled in the preceding year and the spill amount exceeded 20,000 AF and if steelhead are present at Alisal Reach*
  - *30 AF per month to “refresh the stilling basin and long pool” when Reservoir storage is less than 30,000 AF*

The water releases required under the SWRCB 2019 Water Rights Order for the protection of fish and other public trust resources in the lower Santa Ynez River and to prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water are summarized as follows:

SWRCB Order WR 2019-0148

- *During Below Normal, Dry, and Critical Dry water years (October 1 – September 30), releases shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the NMFS 2000 Biological Opinion as set forth above.*
  
- *During Above Normal and Wet water years, the following minimum flow requirements must be maintained at Hwy 154 and Alisal Bridges:*
  - *48 cfs from February 15 to April 14 for spawning*
  - *20 cfs from February 15 to June 1 for incubation and rearing*
  - *25 cfs from June 2 to June 9 for emigration, with ramping to 10 cfs by June 30*
  - *10 cfs from June 30 to October 1 for rearing and maintenance of resident fish*
  - *5 cfs from October 1 to February 15 for resident fish*
  
- *For purposes of SWRCB Order WR 2019-0148, water year classifications are determined as follows:*
  - *Wet is when Cachuma Reservoir inflow is greater than 117,842 AF;*
  - *Above Normal is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 117,842 AF or greater than 33,707 AF;*
  - *Below Normal is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 33,707 AF or greater than 15,366 AF;*
  - *Dry is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 15,366 AF or greater than 4,550 AF*
  - *Critical Dry is when Reservoir inflow is less than or equal to 4,550 AF*

**For the month of September, water releases for fish were 338.7 AF to Hilton Creek and approximately 305 AF to the outlet works for a total of 643.7 AF. As of the end of September 2020, a total of approximately 38,206 AF of Cachuma Project water has been released under regulatory requirements for the protection of fish and fish habitat below Bradbury Dam since the year after the last spill in 2011.**

CA-2. State Water Project (SWP) and Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Updates.

**As previously reported, on May 22, 2020 the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued notice that the SWP Table A allocation was being increased to 20% for the year. This 20% allocation translates to 140 AF for ID No.1's pro-rated share of Table A supplies through CCWA.**

As reflected in the September 2020 Agendas for the CCWA Board of Directors and Operating Committee, CCWA continues to remain engaged in a variety of matters related to the SWP and SWP supplies, including but not limited to: the Delta Conveyance Project proposal and potential water management amendments to the SWP Contract; proposed reacquisition of Suspended Table A supplies; the CCWA Warren Act Contract renewal for storage and conveyance of SWP supplies in and through Cachuma Project facilities; proposed SWP Contract assignment from the County of Santa Barbara to CCWA; water quality; and Central/San Joaquin Valley banking and conjunctive use projects.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION-CACHUMA PROJECT-CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 2020

LAKE CACHUMA DAILY OPERATIONS

RUN DATE October 1, 2020

DAY	ELEV	STORAGE		COMPUTED*	CCWA	PRECIP ON	RELEASE - AF.				EVAP	PRECIP	
		ACRE FEET	CHANGE	INFLOW	INFLOW	RES. SURF.	HILTON	CREEK	OUTLET	SPILLWAY	AF	INCH	INCHES
		IN LAKE		AF	AF	AF	TUNNEL						
1	735.45	144,000											
1	735.37	143,800	-200	17.4	0.0	.0	62.1	11.5	120.0	.0	23.8	.150	.00
2	735.20	143,376	-424	-44.0	0.0	.0	61.4	11.6	277.0	.0	30.0	.190	.00
3	735.04	142,977	-399	5.4	0.0	.0	60.9	11.5	280.0	.0	52.0	.330	.00
4	734.88	142,577	-400	14.1	0.0	.0	79.8	11.5	285.0	.0	37.8	.240	.00
5	734.72	142,178	-399	25.7	0.0	.0	86.4	11.5	286.0	.0	40.8	.260	.00
6	734.56	141,781	-397	54.1	0.0	.0	91.2	11.5	292.0	.0	56.4	.360	.00
7	734.41	141,411	-370	70.0	0.0	.0	90.7	11.4	280.0	.0	57.9	.370	.00
8	734.23	140,968	-443	7.0	0.0	.0	91.4	11.4	291.0	.0	56.2	.360	.00
9	734.07	140,550	-418	-9.2	0.0	.0	80.1	11.4	283.0	.0	34.3	.220	.00
10	733.90	140,156	-394	-7.4	0.0	.0	58.1	11.4	286.0	.0	31.1	.200	.00
11	733.75	139,786	-370	-9.1	0.0	.0	51.5	11.4	284.0	.0	14.0	.090	.00
12	733.62	139,466	-320	-10.5	0.0	.0	54.6	11.3	225.0	.0	18.6	.120	.00
13	733.52	139,223	-243	36.8	0.0	.0	54.2	11.3	188.0	.0	26.3	.170	.00
14	733.42	138,980	-243	16.7	0.0	.0	46.1	11.3	176.0	.0	26.3	.170	.00
15	733.32	138,737	-243	9.4	0.0	.0	47.7	11.3	161.0	.0	32.4	.210	.00
16	733.23	138,518	-219	33.2	0.0	.0	58.1	11.2	149.0	.0	33.9	.220	.00
17	733.13	138,275	-243	8.8	0.0	.0	57.6	11.3	146.0	.0	36.9	.240	.00
18	733.04	138,056	-219	29.0	0.0	.0	58.9	11.2	141.0	.0	36.9	.240	.00
19	732.95	137,837	-219	-15.2	0.0	.0	18.3	11.2	139.0	.0	35.3	.230	.00
20	732.85	137,594	-243	34.2	0.0	.0	104.5	11.2	140.0	.0	21.5	.140	.00
21	732.74	137,326	-268	5.5	0.0	.0	71.2	11.2	139.0	.0	52.1	.340	.00
22	732.64	137,083	-243	10.1	0.0	.0	68.3	11.2	140.0	.0	33.6	.220	.00
23	732.55	136,866	-217	7.0	0.0	.0	62.4	11.1	120.0	.0	30.5	.200	.00
24	732.48	136,698	-168	46.8	7.2	.0	59.2	11.1	109.0	.0	42.7	.280	.00
25	732.39	136,482	-216	-14.2	7.3	.0	59.9	11.1	103.0	.0	35.1	.230	.00
26	732.32	136,314	-168	19.7	7.3	.0	60.9	11.1	91.0	.0	32.0	.210	.00
27	732.24	136,122	-192	6.0	0.0	.0	60.3	11.2	93.0	.0	33.5	.220	.00
28	732.16	135,930	-192	5.8	0.0	.0	59.3	11.1	97.0	.0	30.4	.200	.00
29	732.09	135,738	-192	12.5	0.0	.0	60.0	11.1	100.0	.0	33.4	.220	.00
30	732.01	135,570	-168	35.2	0.0	.0	54.7	11.1	101.0	.0	36.4	.240	.00
<b>TOTAL (AF)</b>			<b>8,430</b>	<b>400.8</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>.0</b>	<b>1,929.8</b>	<b>338.7</b>	<b>5,522.0</b>	<b>.0</b>	<b>1,062.1</b>	<b>6.870</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>(AVG)</b>		<b>139,013</b>											

COMMENTS:

\* COMPUTED INFLOW IS THE SUM OF CHANGE IN STORAGE, RELEASES, AND EVAPORATION MINUS PRECIP ON THE RESERVOIR SURFACE AND CCWA INFLOW.

DATA BASED ON 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800.

INDICATED OUTLETS RELEASE INCLUDE ANY LEAKAGE AROUND GATES.



# Santa Barbara County - Flood Control District

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## Rainfall and Reservoir Summary

Updated 8am: 10/12/2020

Water Year: 2021

Storm Number: NA

**Notes:** Daily rainfall amounts are recorded as of 8am for the previous 24 hours. Rainfall units are expressed in inches. All data on this page are from automated sensors, are preliminary, and subject to verification.

\*Each Water Year (WY) runs from Sept 1 through Aug 31 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends  
 County Real-Time Rainfall and Reservoir Website link: <http://www.countyofsb.org/hydrology>

Rainfall	ID	24 hrs	Storm 0day(s)	Month	Year*	% to Date	% of Year*	AI
Buellton (Fire Stn)	233	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	
Cachuma Dam (USBR)	332	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	
Carpinteria (Fire Stn)	208	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	3%	0%	
Cuyama (Fire Stn)	436	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	
Figueroa Mtn (USFS Stn)	421	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	12.5
Gibraltar Dam (City Facility)	230	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	12.5
Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros)	440	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	
Lompoc (City Hall)	439	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	12.5
Los Alamos (Fire Stn)	204	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	7%	0%	
San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn)	212	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	
Santa Barbara (County Bldg)	234	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	10%	0%	
Santa Maria (City Pub. Works)	380	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	6%	0%	
Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport)	218	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	3%	0%	
Sisquoc (Fire Stn)	256	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%	

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : **2%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : **0%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2021 (End of WY2021).

**AI (Antecedent Index / Soil Wetness)**

6.0 and below = Wet (min. = 2.5)  
 6.1 - 9.0 = Moderate  
 9.1 and above = Dry (max. = 12.5)

### Reservoirs

Reservoir Elevations referenced to NGVD-29.  
 \*\*Cachuma is full and subject to spilling at elevation 750 ft.  
 However, the lake is surcharged to 753 ft. for fish release water.  
 (Cachuma water storage is based on Dec 2013 capacity revision)

	Spillway Elev. (ft)	Current Elev. (ft)	Max. Storage (ac-ft)	Current Storage (ac-ft)	Current Capacity (%)	Storage Change Mo.(ac-ft)	Storage Change Year*(ac-ft)
<u><a href="#">Gibraltar Reservoir</a></u>	1,400.00	1,382.73	4,559	1,463	32.1%	-181	-747
<u><a href="#">Cachuma Reservoir</a></u>	753.**	731.14	193,305	133,493	69.1%	-1,909	-10,282
<u><a href="#">Jameson Reservoir</a></u>	2,224.00	2,217.22	4,848	4,037	83.3%	-67	-251
<u><a href="#">Twitchell Reservoir</a></u>	651.50	541.35	194,971	3,260	1.7%	-189	-560

# CIMIS Daily Report

Rendered in ENGLISH Units.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Printed on Thursday, October 1, 2020

## Santa Ynez - Central Coast Valleys - Station 64

Date	ETo (in)	Prcp (in)	Sol Rad (Ly/day)	Avg Vap Pres (mBars)	Max Air Temp (°F)	Min Air Temp (°F)	Avg Air Temp (°F)	Max Rel Hum (%)	Min Rel Hum (%)	Avg Rel Hum (%)	Dew Point (°F)	Avg Wind Speed (mph)	Wind Run (miles)	Avg Soil Temp (°F)
9/1/2020	0.16	0.00	506	15.4	83.6	53.3	64.5	98	43	75	56.2	2.8 Y	66.6 Y	- S
9/2/2020	0.18	0.00	538	15.3	84.2	54.9	65.1	94	41	72	56.0	3.2	77.4	- S
9/3/2020	0.18	0.00	542	15.2	84.3	54.8	64.5	94	43	74	55.9	3.1	74.7	- S
9/4/2020	0.20	0.00	552	15.3	92.5	54.4	67.9	99	35	66	56.0	3.0 Y	71.6 Y	- S
9/5/2020	0.23 R	0.00	554	14.0	109.1 R	53.8	78.0 Y	90 H	17 H	43 Y	53.5 Y	2.7 Y	64.2 Y	- S
9/6/2020	0.20 R	0.00	573	13.2	- S	58.8	- S	79 H	21 H	- Q	- Q	2.6 Y	62.8 Y	- S
9/7/2020	0.22 R	0.00	480	14.3	109.3 R	60.9	80.3 R	75	16	- R	- I	2.8 Y	67.0 Y	- S
9/8/2020	0.15	0.00	449	16.7	83.1	55.9	67.1	92	54	74	58.4	2.9 Y	69.7 Y	- S
9/9/2020	0.13	0.00	373	14.9	90.9	55.3	66.5	100	17	67	55.2	2.4 R	58.0 R	- S
9/10/2020	0.04	0.00	180	13.9	68.6 Y	49.1	57.8	97	62	85	53.3	1.7 R	40.7 R	- S
9/11/2020	0.12	0.00	369	12.7	83.5	44.2	60.9	99	35	70	50.9	2.1 R	51.0 R	- S
9/12/2020	0.12	0.00	369	12.3	87.2	43.6	60.2	98	29	69	50.1	2.3 Y	54.9 Y	- S
9/13/2020	0.15	0.00	456	13.8	83.7	49.8	61.7	100	39	73	53.1	2.8	66.6	- S
9/14/2020	0.16	0.00	472	14.1	88.1	50.3	63.1	100	34	72	53.7	2.7	65.6	- S
9/15/2020	0.18	0.00	500	12.2	95.0	44.8	65.4	97	14	57	49.7	2.6 Y	63.5 Y	- S
9/16/2020	0.19	0.00	528	12.1	99.4 Y	50.6	67.3	100	6	53	49.7	2.8	68.2	- S
9/17/2020	0.18	0.00	483	13.3	97.4	47.7	67.1	100	16	59	52.1	2.9	69.2	- S
9/18/2020	0.17	0.00	484	15.2	90.6	55.8	68.3	94	34	64	55.8	3.0	71.6	- S
9/19/2020	0.16	0.00	496	15.1	85.6	54.8	64.4	100	40	73	55.7	3.2	77.9	- S
9/20/2020	0.18	0.00	533	14.1	91.4	51.2	66.7	100	24	63	53.7	3.1	73.4	- S
9/21/2020	0.17	0.00	520	14.1	85.5	49.2	62.3	100	36	73	53.6	2.9	69.3	- S
9/22/2020	0.17	0.00	500	13.7	90.8	49.9	65.0	100	26	65	53.0	2.9	68.5	- S
9/23/2020	0.19	0.00	516	12.4	92.6	47.9	67.9	93	23	53	50.2	2.7	65.2	- S
9/24/2020	0.18	0.00	521	13.1	92.9	44.6	64.9	95	27	62	51.8	2.9	70.8	- S
9/25/2020	0.17	0.00	511	13.7	82.4	47.0	62.3	97	41	72	53.0	3.0	71.1	- S
9/26/2020	0.18	0.00	507	13.8	91.4	48.7	66.4	100	29	63	53.2	3.0	71.8	- S
9/27/2020	0.16	0.00	465	15.3	91.8	48.3	67.6	94	35	66	56.0	2.4	57.2	- S
9/28/2020	0.17	0.00	486	16.5	93.7	53.2	68.2	100	34	70	58.0	2.7	63.8	- S
9/29/2020	0.18	0.00	497	14.2	97.2	48.8	68.0	96	22	61	54.0	2.9	69.0	- S
9/30/2020	0.19	0.00	486	13.0	106.1 Y	48.9	71.8 Y	95	17	49 Y	51.6 Y	2.7	64.2	- S
Tots/Avg	5.06	0.00	482	14.1	90.8	51.0	66.2	96	30	66	53.7	2.8	66.2	-

Flag Legend		
A - Historical Average	I - Ignore	R - Far out of normal range
C or N - Not Collected	M - Missing Data	S - Not in service
H - Hourly Missing or Flagged Data	Q - Related Sensor Missing	Y - Moderately out of range
Conversion Factors		
Ly/day/2.065=W/sq.m	inches * 25.4 = mm	(F-32) * 5/9 = c
mph * 0.447 = m/s	mBars * 0.1 = kPa	miles * 1.60934 = km



CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Stokes, Executive Director  
Lisa Long, Controller

October 6, 2020

FROM: Julie Baker *JB*

SUBJECT: Monthly Water Deliveries

According to the CCWA revenue meters at each turnout, the following deliveries were made during the month of September, 2020:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro.....	192.00
López.....	67.69
Shandon.....	0.00
Guadalupe.....	6.41
Santa Maria.....	551.01
Golden State Water Co.....	0.00
Vandenberg.....	280.03
Buellton.....	53.28
Solvang.....	93.53
Santa Ynez ID#1.....	337.33
Bradbury.....	<u>22.00</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1603.28</b>

In order to reconcile these deliveries with the DWR revenue meter, which read 1607 acre-feet, the following delivery amounts should be used for billing purposes:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro.....	193
López.....	68
Shandon.....	0
Guadalupe.....	6
Santa Maria.....	525*
Golden State Water Co.....	27*
Vandenberg.....	281
Buellton.....	53
Solvang.....	94
Santa Ynez ID#1.....	338
Bradbury.....	<u>22</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>1607</b>

\*Golden State Water Company delivered 27 acre-feet into its system through the Santa Maria turnout. This delivery is recorded by providing a credit of 27 acre-feet to the City of Santa Maria and a charge in the same amount, to the Golden State Water Company.

Notes: Santa Ynez ID#1 water usage is divided into 0 acre-feet of Table A water and 338 acre-feet of exchange water.

The exchange water is allocated as follows

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Exchange Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Goleta	122
Santa Barbara	81
Montecito	81
Carpinteria	<u>54</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>338</b>

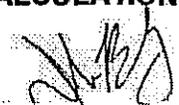
Bradbury Deliveries into Lake Cachuma are allocated as follows:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Carpinteria	0
Goleta	0
La Cumbre	15
Montecito	0
Morehart	7
Santa Barbara	0
Raytheon	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

JAB

cc: Tom Bunosky, GWD  
James Luongo, Golden State WC  
Rebecca Bjork, City of Santa Barbara  
Daryl Smith, MWD  
Janet Gingras, COMB  
Craig Kesler, San Luis Obispo County  
Paeter Garcia, Santa Ynez RWCD ID#1  
Shad Springer, City of Santa Maria  
Shannon Sweeney, City of Guadalupe  
Robert MacDonald, Carpinteria Valley WD  
Mike Peña, City of Guadalupe  
Mike Alvarado, La Cumbre Mutual WC  
Alex Keuper, CVWD  
Pernell Rush, Vandenberg AFB  
Nick Turner, Montecito WD  
Laura Menahen, Montecito WD  
Matt van der Linden, City of Solvang

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF  
DELIVERY RECORDS AND ASSOCIATED  
CALCULATIONS**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Brady  
Deputy Director, Operations and Engineering  
Central Coast Water Authority



**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OPERATING COMMITTEE  
of the  
CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 8, 2020  
via URL: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1486795425>  
or via telephone by dialing 1(623) 404-9000 and entering code 148 679 5425#

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Committee less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available on the CCWA internet web site, accessible at <https://www.ccwa.com>.

Eric Friedman  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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*Member Agencies*

City of Buellton

Carpinteria Valley  
Water District

City of Guadalupe

City of Santa Barbara

City of Santa Maria

Goleta Water District

Montecito Water District

Santa Ynez River Water  
Conservation District,  
Improvement District #1

*Associate Member*

La Cumbre Mutual  
Water Company

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. **Public Comment – (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction. Individual Speakers may be limited to five minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)**
- III. \* Approve Minutes of the July 9, 2020 Operating Committee Meeting
- IV. **Executive Director’s Report**
  - A. Operations Update
  - B. Water Supply Situation Report
  - \* C. Suspended Table A Reacquisition Update
  - \* D. Discussion Regarding Water Management Amendment to the State Water Supply Contract, Draft Resolution Approving the Same for Consideration by the Board On October 22, 2020, and DWR’s Final Environmental Impact Report for the Water Management Amendment and DWR’s CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
  - E. Warren Act Contract Renewal Update
  - F. Contract Assignment Update
  - G. Biofilm Remediation Project
  - \* H. Mid-Valley Water Bank Proposal
  - \* I. Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Westlands Water District (WWD) Groundwater Pumping and Conveyance Project
- V. **Reports from Committee Members for Information Only**
- VI. **Date of Next Regular Meeting:**  
January 14, 2021
- VII. **Adjournment**



CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

October 15, 2020

TO: CCWA Project Participants  
FROM: John Brady, Deputy Director   
SUBJECT: 2020 DWR Scheduled Coastal Branch Shutdown

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has finalized its schedule for the annual maintenance shutdown for the Coastal Branch of the State Water Project. This shutdown will require approximately two weeks or 2 ½ weeks, depending on the location of your Turnout. Both DWR and CCWA will complete required maintenance work. To accommodate this work, CCWA staff will shutdown participant Turnouts as follows:

- All Turnouts will be shut down **between 7:00 AM and 12:00 noon on Friday, October 30, 2020.**

Once the shutdown maintenance work is complete, CCWA will activate Turnouts and resume water deliveries as follows:

- Water deliveries for the Golden State Water Company, City of Santa Maria, City of Guadalupe, Lopez, Chorro Valley and Shandon Turnouts will initiated between **8:00 AM and 12:00 noon on Monday, November 16, 2020.**
- Water deliveries for Vandenberg Air Force Base will be targeted for **Tuesday, November 17, 2020**
- Water deliveries for City of Buellton, City of Solvang and Santa Ynez RWCD ID#1 Turnouts will be targeted for **Wednesday, November 18, 2020.**

Please be advised that to prepare the pipeline for the duration of the shutdown, the chlorine residual will be raised in to the 3.5 mg/l range in water delivered during the week prior to the shutdown. This will ensure that water within the pipeline will remain potable throughout the outage. CCWA will also purge a portion of the pipeline by resuming lake delivery operations prior to activating Turnouts on the pipeline.

Also, please be advised that CCWA will be implementing two projects within the pipeline. The first project is the Riser and Manway Repair Project, which will involve dewatering the pipeline between Tank 5 and Tank 7. Therefore, there will be no readily available emergency water supplies available during the winter outage to Vandenberg Air Force Base, City of Buellton, City of Solvang and Santa Ynez RWCD ID#1 Turnouts.

The second project is the Biofilm Remediation Project. This project involves the use of NSF 60 certified peroxide and chlorine treatments on the upstream and downstream side of Tank 5.

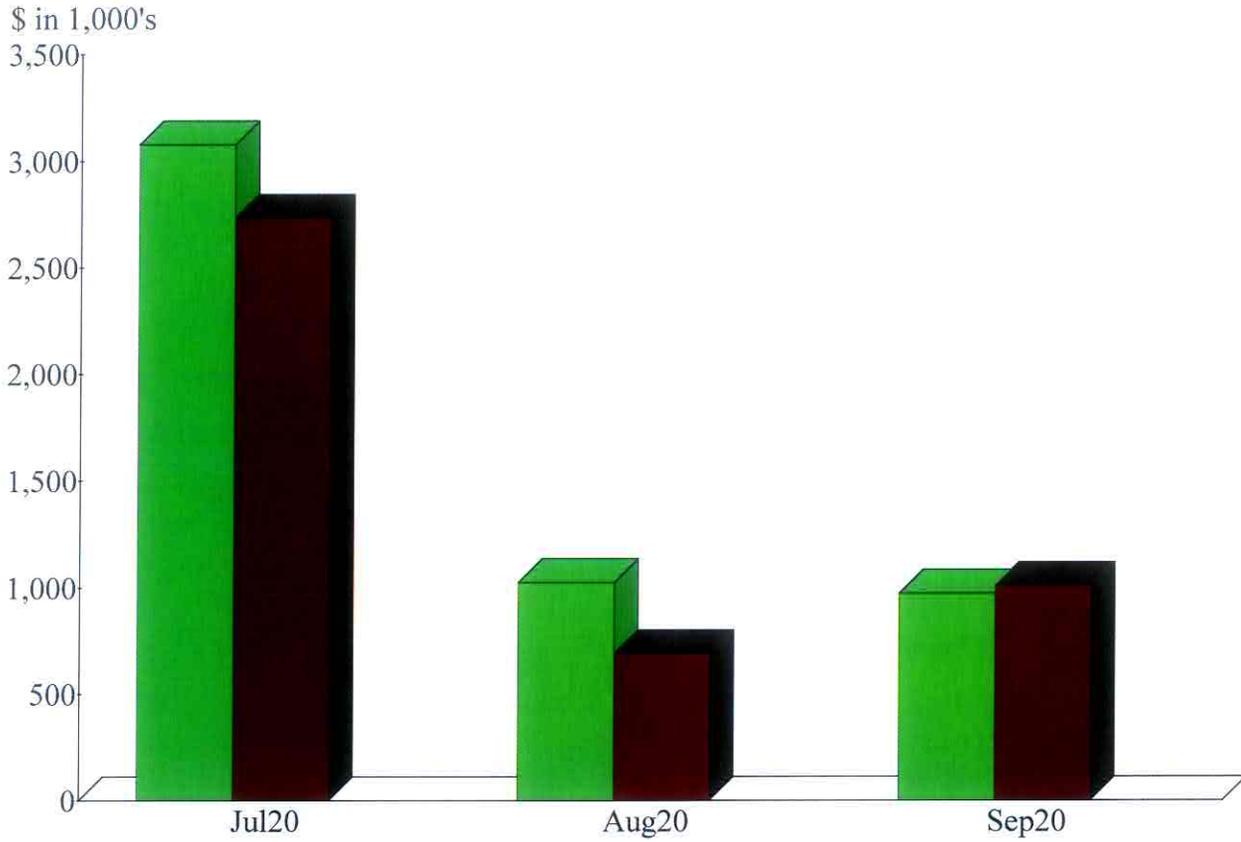
Therefore there will be no readily available emergency water supplies for the Lopez, Guadalupe, Santa Maria and Golden State Turnouts.

During the outage, CCWA will have the Treatment Plant Clearwell and Tank 2 available as a limited source of emergency supply. Weekly bacteriologic water quality samples will be collected and analyzed throughout the shutdown period. If your system requires an emergency source of supply during the shutdown, please contact us to coordinate.

If there are any changes to the above schedule, we will inform you as soon as practical. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call me at my office (805) 688-2292 ext 228 or on my cell phone (805) 680-2116 at anytime.

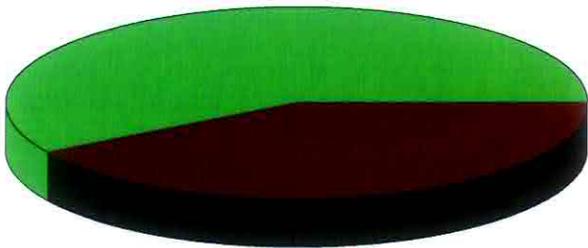
Income and Expense by Month  
July through September 2020

Income  
Expense



Income Summary  
July through September 2020

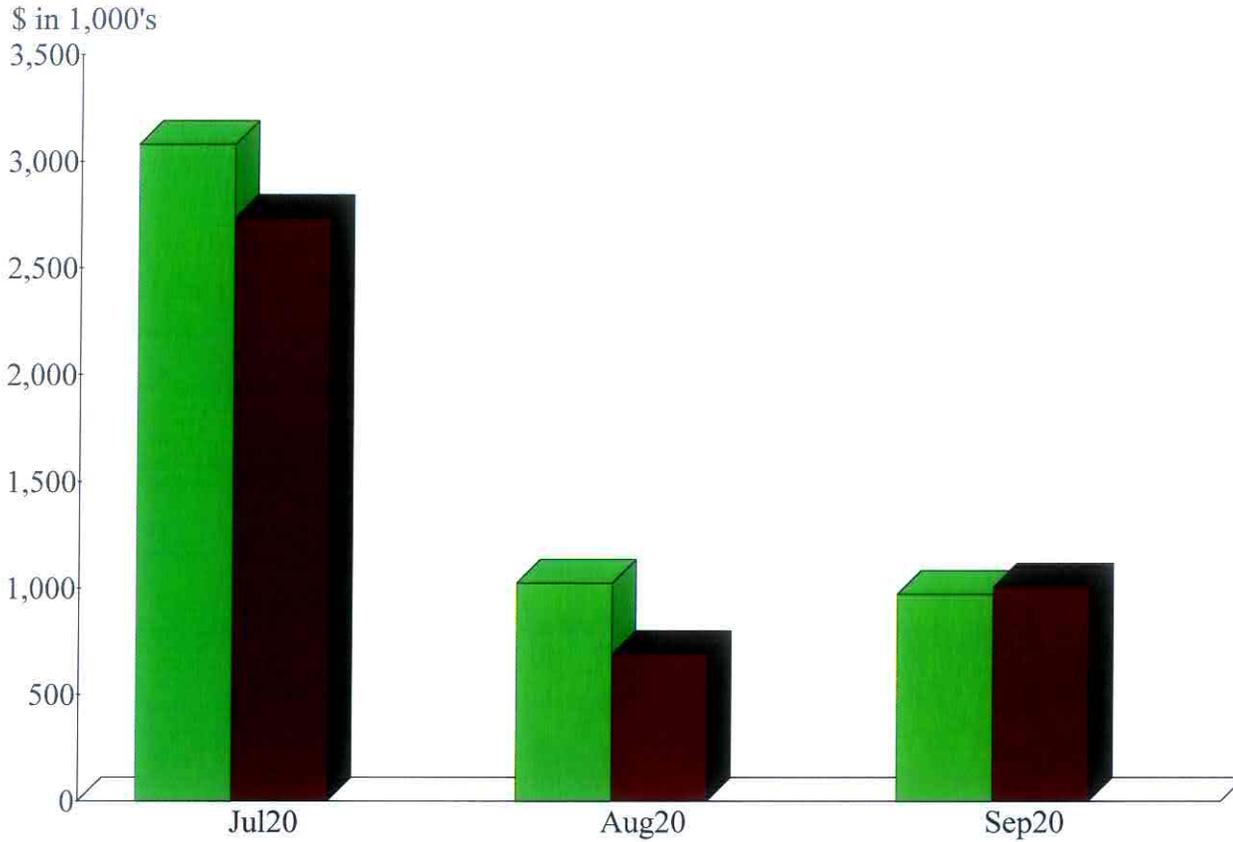
600000 · SERVICE & SALES REVENUE	58.84%
625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES & OTHER	41.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,074,162.72</b>



By Account

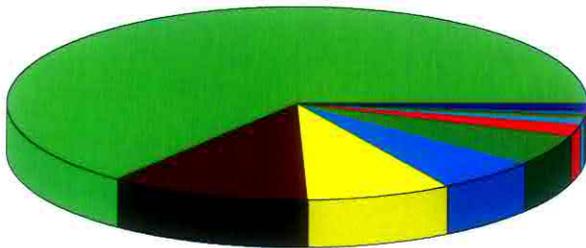
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Expense Summary  
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702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES	64.57%
770000 · GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSE	11.22
900100 · Constr in Progress CY	8.22
750000 · TRANSMISSION & DIST. EXPENSES	5.83
725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES	5.31
900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY	1.94
800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING	1.07
710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES	0.79
825000 · STUDIES	0.65
740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES	0.23
Other	0.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,425,778.76</b>



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	Sep 20	Aug 20	% Change	Jul - Sep 20
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>600000 · SERVICE &amp; SALES REVENUE</b>				
<b>WATER SALES INCOME</b>				
601000 · Water Sales - Agri.	151,840.24	173,424.49	-12.45%	482,867.13
602000 · Water Sales - Domestic	510,458.41	504,736.84	1.13%	1,548,052.49
602100 · Water Sales - RRLmtd Ag.	287,033.79	283,493.05	1.25%	865,990.79
602200 · Water Sales - Cach Pk	1,855.35	1,822.86	1.78%	5,865.30
604000 · Water Sales - Temp.	666.60	666.60	0.0%	1,499.85
606000 · Water Sales - Solvang	4,469.71	4,469.71	0.0%	13,661.63
608000 · Water Sales - On-Demand	1,154.82	16,032.12	-92.8%	18,452.86
611500 · Fire Service Fees	9,763.25	9,620.20	1.49%	29,020.85
<b>Total WATER SALES INCOME</b>	<b>967,242.17</b>	<b>994,265.87</b>	<b>-2.72%</b>	<b>2,965,410.90</b>
<b>SERVICE INCOME</b>				
611100 · New Service Fees	0.00	15,616.69	-100.0%	15,616.69
611200 · Reconnection Fees	1,725.00	750.00	130.0%	4,425.00
612400 · Penalties	27.66	274.62	-89.93%	312.99
<b>Total SERVICE INCOME</b>	<b>1,752.66</b>	<b>16,641.31</b>	<b>-89.47%</b>	<b>20,354.68</b>
<b>Total 600000 · SERVICE &amp; SALES REVENUE</b>	<b>968,994.83</b>	<b>1,010,907.18</b>	<b>-4.15%</b>	<b>2,985,765.58</b>
<b>625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES &amp; OTHER</b>				
611600 · Capital Facilities Chrg.	0.00	8,904.26	-100.0%	8,904.26
624000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	980.00	1,040.00	-5.77%	7,553.05
625200 · Administrative Fees	1,800.00	2,500.00	-28.0%	6,050.00
<b>628000 · INTEREST INCOME</b>				
629100 · Interest Income -PIMMA	260.22	373.00	-30.24%	1,005.44
630000 · Interest Income - Cking	0.00	1.29	-100.0%	2.71
<b>Total 628000 · INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>260.22</b>	<b>374.29</b>	<b>-30.48%</b>	<b>1,008.15</b>
890100 · SWP Pmt. from Solvang	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,064,881.68
<b>Total 625000 · ASSESSMENTS, FEES &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>3,040.22</b>	<b>12,818.55</b>	<b>-76.28%</b>	<b>2,088,397.14</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>972,035.05</b>	<b>1,023,725.73</b>	<b>-5.05%</b>	<b>5,074,162.72</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
<b>702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES</b>				
703000 · Cach. Water Entitlement	35,426.15	35,426.16	0.0%	106,278.47
704000 · State Water	228,847.98	228,847.99	0.0%	686,543.96
860000 · Solvang-SWPmt	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,064,881.68
<b>Total 702000 · SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>264,274.13</b>	<b>264,274.15</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,857,704.11</b>
<b>710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES</b>				
711000 · Maintenance - Wells	173.48	188.64	-8.04%	515.55
712000 · Maintenance - Mains	2,101.34	5,034.47	-58.26%	7,135.81
713000 · Maintenance - Reservoirs	103.89	0.00	100.0%	476.81
717000 · Bradbury Dam SOD	26,975.88	0.00	100.0%	26,975.88
<b>Total 710000 · INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES</b>	<b>29,354.59</b>	<b>5,223.11</b>	<b>462.01%</b>	<b>35,104.05</b>

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<b>725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES</b>				
726000 · Pumping Expense (Power)	52,740.92	96,060.54	-45.1%	233,434.25
730000 · Maintenance - Structures	448.11	872.47	-48.64%	1,371.07
732000 · Maintenance - Equipmt.	0.00	0.00	0.0%	270.00
<b>Total 725000 · PUMPING EXPENSES</b>	<b>53,189.03</b>	<b>96,933.01</b>	<b>-45.13%</b>	<b>235,075.32</b>
<b>740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES</b>				
744000 · Chemicals	0.00	3,830.31	-100.0%	8,223.27
748000 · Maintenance - Equipment	0.00	3.97	-100.0%	10.77
748100 · Water Treatment - Equipm	76.99	892.76	-91.38%	969.75
749000 · Water Analysis	0.00	280.00	-100.0%	860.00
<b>Total 740000 · WATER TREATMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>76.99</b>	<b>5,007.04</b>	<b>-98.46%</b>	<b>10,063.79</b>
<b>750000 · TRANSMISSION &amp; DIST. EXPENSES</b>				
799501 · Uniforms T&D	1,559.88	1,110.30	40.49%	3,897.83
775401 · ACWA - Health Ins. (T&D)	17,604.80	18,134.95	-2.92%	53,835.94
775201 · ACWA - Delta Dental (T&D)	615.84	832.32	-26.01%	2,064.00
775301 · ACWA - Vision (T&D)	119.79	154.89	-22.66%	394.47
751000 · Labor	51,177.77	53,708.61	-4.71%	154,328.95
751100 · Labor / Vacation	1,332.53	970.09	37.36%	4,623.84
751200 · Labor / Sick Leave	877.37	248.01	253.76%	2,374.80
752000 · Materials/Supplies				
752100 · Safety Equipment	400.14	0.00	100.0%	400.14
752000 · Materials/Supplies - Other	86.07	41.16	109.11%	159.43
<b>Total 752000 · Materials/Supplies</b>	<b>486.21</b>	<b>41.16</b>	<b>1,081.27%</b>	<b>559.57</b>
754000 · Small Tools	176.22	37.71	367.3%	1,007.84
754100 · Small Tools - Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.0%	8.17
755000 · Transportation	2,660.68	3,803.74	-30.05%	8,803.11
756000 · Meter Services	4,609.89	14,109.74	-67.33%	18,901.37
756100 · Meter Services - Repair	1,200.59	5,184.00	-76.84%	7,407.60
760000 · Fire Hydrants	12.02	0.00	100.0%	12.02
<b>Total 750000 · TRANSMISSION &amp; DIST. EXPENSES</b>	<b>82,433.59</b>	<b>98,335.52</b>	<b>-16.17%</b>	<b>258,219.51</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>429,328.33</b>	<b>469,772.83</b>	<b>-8.61%</b>	<b>3,396,166.78</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>542,706.72</b>	<b>553,952.90</b>	<b>-2.03%</b>	<b>1,677,995.94</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
4000 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>770000 · GENERAL &amp; ADMIN EXPENSES</b>				
6560 · Payroll Expenses	34.00	34.00	0.0%	102.00
775000 · PERS - Retirement	25,623.57	26,323.57	-2.66%	77,570.71
775200 · ACWA - Dental (Admin)	584.36	692.60	-15.63%	1,969.56
775300 · ACWA - Vision (Admin)	119.79	137.34	-12.78%	394.47
775400 · ACWA - Medical Insurance(Admin)	19,304.84	19,304.84	0.0%	57,914.52
777000 · Salaries - Administrative Staff	78,383.26	75,033.75	4.46%	228,873.49
777100 · Salaries / Vacation	1,379.86	3,584.65	-61.51%	8,377.19
777200 · Salaries / Sick Leave	462.05	115.43	300.29%	922.51
778000 · Training, Travel & Conferences	175.00	475.00	-63.16%	800.00

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779000 · Dues,Subscrip,Certif.	133.20	0.00	100.0%	699.20
780000 · Building Maintenance	1,384.31	1,396.46	-0.87%	4,222.73
781000 · Office Supplies	1,004.27	786.70	27.66%	3,038.60
781100 · Computer Supply/Training/Softwr	222.03	148.46	49.56%	662.02
782000 · Postage & Printing	3,353.07	5,539.48	-39.47%	11,348.04
783000 · Utilities	877.55	1,078.05	-18.6%	2,868.38
784000 · Telephone	1,230.62	1,167.86	5.37%	3,649.50
785000 · Special Services	724.75	755.68	-4.09%	2,218.23
785100 · Government Fees	25.00	0.00	100.0%	5,835.00
786000 · Insurance & Bonds	1,027.96	1,027.96	0.0%	3,083.88
787000 · Payroll Taxes	8,817.22	8,913.32	-1.08%	27,498.83
788000 · Audit - Expenses				
788100 · General Accounting	0.00	3,523.50	-100.0%	3,523.50
<b>Total 788000 · Audit - Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,523.50</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>3,523.50</b>
789000 · Legal - Expenses Gen.	2,370.00	3,397.00	-30.23%	9,085.00
790000 · Gen/Prfsnl Consultant Expenses	390.00	195.00	100.0%	605.00
791000 · Planning & Research	1,574.60	1,762.50	-10.66%	3,337.10
792000 · Bad Debts	2,761.82	0.00	100.0%	2,761.82
793000 · Office Equip. Service Contracts	3,009.05	2,056.30	46.33%	7,316.19
794000 · Interest Expenses	0.00	15,655.68	-100.0%	15,655.68
794100 · Annual Fee - Bond Fund	0.00	1,425.00	-100.0%	1,425.00
797000 · Trustee Fees	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.0%	5,000.00
799000 · Miscellaneous Expenses/Vendors	8.00	2,824.01	-99.72%	5,205.74
799525 · Gardening Service	0.00	240.00	-100.0%	480.00
799600 · Customer Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.0%	-58.73
<b>Total 770000 · GENERAL &amp; ADMIN EXPENSES</b>	<b>156,380.18</b>	<b>178,994.14</b>	<b>-12.63%</b>	<b>496,385.16</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>156,380.18</b>	<b>178,994.14</b>	<b>-12.63%</b>	<b>496,385.16</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>386,326.54</b>	<b>374,958.76</b>	<b>3.03%</b>	<b>1,181,610.78</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Expense</b>				
<b>800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING</b>				
<b>800100 · Legal - BHFS</b>				
800101 · SWRCB 94-5 Hearing (BHFS)	949.00	0.00	100.0%	949.00
800102 · Sustainable Grndwtr Mgmt Act	4,591.00	1,567.00	192.98%	15,022.98
<b>Total 800100 · Legal - BHFS</b>	<b>5,540.00</b>	<b>1,567.00</b>	<b>253.54%</b>	<b>15,971.98</b>
<b>800200 · Legal -BB&amp;K/Consultants</b>				
800201 · NMFS Biop Recon/Stlhd Rcvry Pln	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,628.00
<b>Total 800200 · Legal -BB&amp;K/Consultants</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,628.00</b>
800203 · River Water Righ Proceed (BHFS)	10,248.50	11,234.00	-8.77%	21,637.50
800300 · Engineering	0.00	2,455.92	-100.0%	2,515.17
800500 · Unanticipated Spc Legal Expense	1,975.00	1,598.50	23.55%	4,321.00
826201 · SWRCB Order/Studies (BBK)	0.00	0.00	0.0%	292.00
<b>Total 800000 · LEGAL/ENGINEERING</b>	<b>17,763.50</b>	<b>16,855.42</b>	<b>5.39%</b>	<b>47,365.65</b>
<b>825000 · STUDIES</b>				

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825400 · CCRB (Shared Consultants)				
825401 · Joint Bio Op Recon.-Consultants	1,197.63	1,081.25	10.76%	4,086.38
Total 825400 · CCRB (Shared Consultants)	1,197.63	1,081.25	10.76%	4,086.38
825600 · SB Co Water Agency				
825601 · Integrated Regional Water Man.	2,175.00	0.00	100.0%	2,775.00
825600 · SB Co Water Agency - Other	0.00	236.11	-100.0%	4,820.22
Total 825600 · SB Co Water Agency	2,175.00	236.11	821.18%	7,595.22
825800 · BiOp Implementation	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%	15,000.00
825900 · Water System Study Updt (Stet)	1,050.00	0.00	100.0%	1,275.00
826000 · System Capacity/Cap Impv Plan	0.00	916.00	-100.0%	916.00
Total 825000 · STUDIES	19,422.63	2,233.36	769.66%	28,872.60
85000 · NON-CAPITAL EXPENSES				
850500 · USBR Cach Proj Contract/Cap Prg	1,343.00	1,185.00	13.33%	7,386.50
Total 85000 · NON-CAPITAL EXPENSES	1,343.00	1,185.00	13.33%	7,386.50
900100 · Constr in Progress CY				
900335 · SWP Pump Station/Pipeline	0.00	1,821.70	-100.0%	1,821.70
900332 · Water Treatment Plant/Fac	0.00	0.00	0.0%	907.52
900106 · Rehab/Rplc - Trans. Mains/Lats	360,854.68	0.00	100.0%	360,854.68
Total 900100 · Constr in Progress CY	360,854.68	1,821.70	19,708.68%	363,583.90
900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY				
900318 · Meter Replace/Utility Billing	335.29	9,115.65	-96.32%	9,450.94
900371 · Office Building/Shop Improvemen	7,934.14	6,775.00	17.11%	14,709.14
900376 · Communications/Telemetry-SCADA	6,472.72	2,114.33	206.14%	55,852.55
900378 · Mjr. Tools, Shop & Garage Equip	6,005.54	0.00	100.0%	6,005.54
Total 900370 · Capital Improvement Prog - CY	20,747.69	18,004.98	15.23%	86,018.17
Total Other Expense	420,131.50	40,100.46	947.7%	533,226.82
Net Other Income	-420,131.50	-40,100.46	-947.7%	-533,226.82
Net Income	<b>-33,804.96</b>	<b>334,858.30</b>	<b>-110.1%</b>	<b>648,383.96</b>

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<b>Sep 15 - Oct 20, 2020</b>			
09/16/2020	23367	Franchise Tax Board	25.00
09/30/2020	23368	ACWA/JPIA Health Ins - Sept. Premium 2020	40,631.55
10/20/2020	23369	ACWA/JPIA - Premiums & Dues	50,080.00
10/20/2020	23370	Advanced Cable Systems	1,491.05
10/20/2020	23371	All Around Landscape Supply/SiteOne	724.71
10/20/2020	23372	Ameravant Inc.	267.00
10/20/2020	23373	Aramark Uniform Serv Inc.	1,393.41
10/20/2020	23374	Autosys, Inc.	6,472.72
10/20/2020	23375	B of A Business Card Services-AGM	1,886.68
10/20/2020	23376	Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	3,523.50
10/20/2020	23377	Bertin Pulido	240.00
10/20/2020	23378	Best Best & Krieger LLP	6,737.63
10/20/2020	23379	Brownstein,Hyatt,Farber, Schreck	15,936.50
09/30/2020	EFT	CA State Disbursement - Sept. 20 Payroll Taxes	1,013.00
09/30/2020	EFT	CalPERS - September 2020	29,091.12
10/20/2020	23380	CIO Solutions, LP	2,206.30
10/20/2020	23381	Clinical Lab of San Bernardino Inc.	280.00
10/20/2020	23382	Coastal Copy	560.27
10/20/2020	23383	Comcast	303.84
10/20/2020	23384	Continental Utility Solutions, Inc.	102.82
10/20/2020	23385	Dig Safe Board	47.04
09/30/2020	EFT	Employment Dev. Dept. - Sept. 2020	7,716.31
10/20/2020	23386	Echo Communications	168.35
10/20/2020	23387	FedEx	19.78
10/20/2020	23388	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	137,744.99
10/20/2020	23389	Filippin Engineering	585.00
10/20/2020	23390	Frontier Communications Claims Dept	693.53
10/20/2020	23391	Hanly General Engineering Corp.	6,157.94
10/20/2020	23392	Harrison Hardware Inc	365.85
10/20/2020	23393	Hopkins Technical Products, Inc	76.99
10/20/2020	23394	ICONIX Waterworks (US) Inc.	7,327.18
10/20/2020	23395	Iron Mountain	79.84
10/20/2020	23396	IVR Technology Group, LLC	131.20
10/20/2020	23397	J. Winther Chevron, Inc.	86.56
10/20/2020	23398	Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems	206.00
10/20/2020	23399	JANO Printing & Mailworks	3,286.86
09/30/2020	EFT	Lincoln National Life - Sept. 2020	2,350.00
10/20/2020	23400	MarBorg Industries	363.48
09/30/2020	EFT	Mechanics Bank - September Payroll Taxes	33,045.27
10/20/2020	23401	McCormix Corp	2,040.44
10/20/2020	23402	MRK INC - Santa Ynez Paint	92.48
10/20/2020	23403	Nielsen Building Materials Inc	680.77
10/20/2020	23404	O'reilly Auto Parts	521.25
10/20/2020	23405	P G & E	72,899.68

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09/30/2020	EFT	Payroll - September 2020	94,837.93
10/20/2020	23406	Praxair Distribution Inc	32.85
10/20/2020	23407	Quadient Finance USA, Inc - Postage	46.43
10/20/2020	23408	Quill	1,911.56
10/20/2020	23409	Red Wing Shoes	400.00
10/20/2020	23410	Rich's Performance Diesel	119.46
10/20/2020	23411	Richard Armstrong	478.48
10/20/2020	23412	Ruben Camacho	179.53
10/20/2020	23413	Sprint/T-Mobile	60.20
10/20/2020	23414	State Water Resources Control Board/Certs	60.00
10/20/2020	23415	Stetson Engineers Inc	3,742.17
10/20/2020	23416	Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth	316.00
10/20/2020	23417	SYCSD	80.78
10/20/2020	23418	The Gas Company	20.74
10/20/2020	23419	Tierra Contracting, Inc.	349,916.40
10/20/2020	23420	Trustee/ Brad Joos	200.00
10/20/2020	23421	Trustee/ Jeff Clay	400.00
10/20/2020	23422	Trustee/ Lee Rosenberg	200.00
10/20/2020	23423	Trustee/ Lori Parker	200.00
10/20/2020	23424	Trustee/ Michael Burchardi	200.00
10/20/2020	23425	Underground Service Alert	216.35
10/20/2020	23426	USA Bluebook	2,512.77
10/20/2020	23427	Verizon Wireless	897.13
10/20/2020	23428	Waste Management of Santa Maria	285.43
10/20/2020	23429	William J Brennan	825.00

Sep 15 - Oct 20, 20

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 897,793.10</b>
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SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1

BID NO: RESULTS

Two (2) 2021 FORD F250 Regular Cab 4wd Trucks with Service Bodies and Lift-Gates

Perry, Ford San Luis Obispo	Uma Vreeland Ford Buellton	Santa Maria, Ford Santa Maria	Mullaley, Ford Atypo, Gantola	Ford, J Ventura	Paso Robles Ford	Jim Burke, Ford Bakersfield	Simi Valley Ford	Vista Ford of Oxnard
\$85,290.60	\$85,449.98	\$85,980.20	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response

Total Bid Amount for Two Vehicles  
(includes taxes, license & delivery)

Note:

1. Request for Bids were opened September 4th through 5:00 p.m. on September 18th
2. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Board-approved Budget included \$92,000 for purchase of two new fleet vehicles
3. Two new fleet vehicles will replace a 2001 Chevy Silverado Truck and a 2007 Toyota Tundra Truck

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
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AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
AND  
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1 THIS CONTRACT AMENDMENT, is made this 28 day of September, 2020 in  
2 pursuance generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory and  
3 supplementary thereto, including but not limited to, the Acts of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187),  
4 as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October  
5 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1262), as amended, all collectively hereinafter referred to as the Federal  
6 Reclamation law, between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the  
7 United States, and SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY, hereinafter referred to as  
8 the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing, and acting  
9 pursuant to the laws thereof;

10 WITNESSETH, That;

11 EXPLANATORY RECITALS

12 a. WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Cachuma  
13 Project, for diversion, storage, carriage, and distribution of waters of the Santa Ynez River and  
14 its tributaries for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and industrial uses; and

15 b. WHEREAS, on September 12, 1949, the Contractor and the United States entered  
16 into Contract No. I75r-1802, which required the United States to furnish Cachuma Project water,  
17 in stated quantities not to exceed 32,000 acre-feet per year in the aggregate plus surplus water, to

18 Carpinteria Valley Water District, the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, Montecito  
19 Water District (Summerland Water District incorporated into Montecito Water District), and  
20 Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1; and

21 c. WHEREAS, on April 14, 1996, the United States and the Contractor entered into  
22 Contract No. I75r-1802R, hereinafter referred to as the Existing Contract, which provided for the  
23 continued water service to the Member Units following expiration of Contract No. I75r-1802;  
24 and

25 d. WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor to date has  
26 fulfilled all of its obligations under the Existing Contract including full repayment of the  
27 Cachuma Project as provided for in Exhibit "C" of the Existing Contract; and

28 e. WHEREAS, the Contractor, on behalf of the Cachuma Member Units, and the  
29 Cachuma Member Units, have requested renewal of the Existing Contract pursuant to that  
30 Contract, the Federal Reclamation laws, and the laws of the State of California, for water service  
31 from the Cachuma Project, the renewal to be in the form of a repayment contract; and

32 f. WHEREAS, the United States has completed all appropriate environmental  
33 review necessary to provide for execution of this Contract Amendment; and

34 g. WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor mutually commit to negotiate  
35 and seek to reach agreement on a long-term repayment contract, that has been delayed for  
36 reasons beyond the control of the parties including but not limited to addressing the  
37 implementation of State Water Resources Control Board Order 2019-0148 adopted on  
38 September 17, 2019, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

39 h. WHEREAS, the United States is required to update standard articles in all new or  
40 amended contracts; and

41 i. WHEREAS, the United States is willing to extend I75r-1802R pursuant to the  
42 terms and conditions set forth below.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenant herein  
44 contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

45 **RENEWAL AND REVISION OF CONTRACT NO. I75R-1802R**

46 1. Except as specifically modified by this Contract Amendment, all provisions of  
47 Contract No. I75r-1802R are renewed with the same force and effect as if they were included in  
48 full text with the exception of Article 2 of I75r-1802R thereof, which is revised as follows:

49 (a) The first sentence in subdivision (a) of Article 2 of I75r-1802R is replaced  
50 with the following language: "This Contract shall be effective as of October 1, 2020 (Effective  
51 Date) through September 30, 2023."

52 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 10 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

53 2. Article 10 in the Existing Contract titled **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL**  
54 **LAW** is retitled **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL RECLAMATION LAWS** and is  
55 amended and replaced by the following Article 10 in its entirety:

56 **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL RECLAMATION LAWS**

57 10. The parties agree that the delivery of irrigation water or use of Federal facilities  
58 pursuant to this Contract Amendment is subject to Federal Reclamation law, including but not  
59 limited to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa, *et seq.*), as amended and  
60 supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under  
61 Federal Reclamation law.

62 **DELETION OF ARTICLE 12 AND REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 11 WITH NEW**  
63 **LANGUAGE**

64 3. Article 12 in the Existing Contract titled **QUALITY OF WATER** is deleted  
65 in its entirety and Article 11 titled **WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL** is retitled  
66 **PROTECTION OF WATER AND AIR QUALITY** and is amended and replaced by the  
67 following Article 11 in its entirety:

68 **PROTECTION OF WATER AND AIR QUALITY**

69 11. (a) Omitted

70 (b) The United States will care for, operate and maintain reserved works in a  
71 manner that preserves the quality of the water at the highest feasible level as determined by the  
72 Contracting Officer. The United States does not warrant the quality of the water delivered to the  
73 Contractor and is under no obligation to furnish or construct water treatment facilities to  
74 maintain or improve the quality of water delivered to the Contractor.

75 (c) The Contractor shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution  
76 laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California; and shall obtain all required  
77 permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities necessary for the  
78 delivery of water by the Contractor; and shall be responsible for compliance with all Federal,  
79 State, and local water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface drainage and/or  
80 discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or project water provided  
81 by the Contractor within the Contractor's Project Water Service Area.

82 (d) This article will not affect or alter any legal obligations of the Secretary to  
83 provide drainage or other discharge services.

84 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 14 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

85 4. Article 14 in the Existing Contract titled **CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT**  
86 **PAYMENTS**, is amended and replaced in its entirety with the following new Article 14:

87 14. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative, and penalty  
88 charges on delinquent payments. If a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor  
89 shall pay an interest charge on the delinquent payment for each day the payment is delinquent  
90 beyond the due date. If a payment becomes 60 days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay, in  
91 addition to the interest charge, an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and  
92 processing the delinquent payment. If a payment is delinquent 90 days or more, the Contractor

93 shall pay, in addition to the interest and administrative charges, a penalty charge for each day the  
94 payment is delinquent beyond the due date, based on the remaining balance of the payment due  
95 at the rate of 6 percent per year. The Contractor shall also pay any fees incurred for debt  
96 collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

97 (b) The interest rate charged shall be the greater of either the rate prescribed  
98 quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue  
99 payments, or the interest rate of 0.5 percent per month. The interest rate charged will be  
100 determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.

101 (c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount  
102 received shall be applied first to the penalty charges, second to the administrative charges, third  
103 to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

104 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 15 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

105 5. Article 15 in the Existing Contract titled EQUAL OPPORTUNITY is retitled  
106 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY is amended and replaced by the following  
107 Article 15 in its entirety:

108 **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

109 15. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

110 (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for  
111 employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national  
112 origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and  
113 that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex,  
114 sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be  
115 limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or  
116 recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and  
117 selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous  
118 places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the  
119 Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

120 (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees  
121 placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive  
122 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation,  
123 gender identity, or national origin.

124 (c) The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate  
125 against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has  
126 inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another

127 employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who  
128 has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as part of such  
129 employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or  
130 applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such  
131 disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation,  
132 proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is  
133 consistent with the Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

134 (d) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers  
135 with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice,  
136 to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of  
137 the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of  
138 September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to  
139 employees and applicants for employment.

140 (e) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No.  
141 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary  
142 of Labor.

143 (f) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by  
144 Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the  
145 Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and  
146 accounts by the Contracting Agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to  
147 ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

148 (g) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination  
149 clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be  
150 canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared  
151 ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in  
152 Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and  
153 remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 or by rule,  
154 regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

155 (h) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in  
156 every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the  
157 Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24,  
158 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor  
159 will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the  
160 Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for  
161 noncompliance: *Provided, however, that* in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is  
162 threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the  
163 Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of  
164 the United States."

165 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 16 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

166 6. Article 16 in the Existing Contract titled **GENERAL OBLIGATION-**  
167 **BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT** is amended and replaced by the following  
168 Article 16 in its entirety:

169 **GENERAL OBLIGATION – BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT**

170 16. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in  
171 this Contract Amendment is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in  
172 which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding  
173 the default of individual water users in their obligation to the Contractor.

174 (b) The payment of charges becoming due pursuant to this Contract  
175 Amendment is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Contract Amendment. The  
176 United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during  
177 any period in which the Contractor is in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the  
178 United States. The Contractor shall not deliver water under the terms and conditions of this  
179 Contract Amendment for lands or parties that are in arrears in the advance payment of water  
180 rates as levied or established by the Contractor.

181 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 17 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

182 7. Article 17 in the Existing Contract titled **COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL**  
183 **RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS** is amended and replaced by the following Article  
184 17 in its entirety:

185 **COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

186 17. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
187 (Pub. L. 88-352; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112, Title V, as  
188 amended; 29 U.S.C. § 791, et seq.), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135,  
189 Title III; 42 U.S.C. § 6101, et seq.), Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub.  
190 L. 101-336; 42 U.S.C. § 12131, et seq.), and any other applicable civil rights laws, and with the  
191 applicable implementing regulations and any guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the  
192 Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.

193 (b) These statutes prohibit any person in the United States from being  
194 excluded from participation in, being denied the benefits of, or being otherwise subjected to  
195 discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of  
196 Reclamation on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, or age. By executing this

197 Contract Amendment, the Contractor agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to  
198 implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises,  
199 programs, and documents.

200 (c) The Contractor makes this Contract Amendment in consideration of and  
201 for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or  
202 other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau  
203 of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for  
204 Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes  
205 and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and  
206 agreements made in this article and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial  
207 enforcement thereof.

208 (d) Complaints of discrimination against the Contractor shall be investigated  
209 by the Contracting Officer's Office of Civil Rights.

210 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 18 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

211 8. Article 18 in the Existing Contract titled **PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE** is  
212 amended and replaced by the following Article 18 in its entirety:

213 **PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE**

214 18. (a) The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Privacy Act)  
215 5 U.S.C. § 552a) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Privacy Act  
216 (43 C.F.R. § 2.45, et seq.) in maintaining landholder certification and reporting records required  
217 to be submitted to the Contractor for compliance with sections 206, 224(c), and 228 of the  
218 Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. §§ 390ff, 390ww, and 390zz), and pursuant to 43  
219 C.F.R. § 426.18.

220 (b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty  
221 provisions of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)), the Contractor and the Contractor's  
222 employees who are responsible for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced  
223 in paragraph (a) above are considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See  
224 5 U.S.C. § 552a(m).

225 (c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the  
226 Contractor with current copies of the Department of the Interior Privacy Act regulations and the  
227 Bureau of Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Interior/WBR-  
228 31, Acreage Limitation) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of  
229 information contained in the landholders' certification and reporting records.

230 (d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the  
231 Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager responsible for making decisions on denials

232 pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.61 and 2.64 and amendment requests pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 2.72.  
233 The Contractor is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.

234 (e) The Contractor shall forward promptly to the System Manager each  
235 proposed denial of access under 43 C.F.R. § 2.64 and each request for amendment of records  
236 filed under 43 C.F.R. § 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the  
237 System Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to  
238 the requester. These requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own  
239 certification and reporting forms filed with the Contractor pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 426.18 unless  
240 the requester elects to cite the Privacy Act as authority for the request.

241 **REPLACEMENT OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF ARTICLE 20 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

242 9. Subdivision (a) of Article 20 in the Existing Contract titled WATER

243 CONSERVATION is amended and replaced by the following subdivision (a) in its entirety:

244 20. (a) Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through federally  
245 constructed or federally financed facilities pursuant to this contract, the Contractor shall develop  
246 a water conservation plan, as required by subsection 210(b) of the Reclamation Reform Act of  
247 1982 and 43 C.F.R. 427.1 (Water Conservation Rules and Regulations).

248 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 23 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

249 10. Article 23 in the Existing Contract Titled BOOKS, RECORDS, AND

250 REPORTS is amended and replaced by the following Article 23 in its entirety:

251 **BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS**

252 23. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and  
253 records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract Amendment,  
254 including the Contractor's financial transactions; water supply data; project operation,  
255 maintenance, and replacement logs; project land and rights-of-way use agreements; the water  
256 users' land-use (crop census), land-ownership, land-leasing, and water-use data; and other  
257 matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports shall be furnished to the Contracting  
258 Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject  
259 to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract Amendment shall have the  
260 right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records  
261 relating to matters covered by this Contract Amendment.

262 (b) Nothing in this Article 23 shall be construed to limit or constrain the

263 ability of the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct contract compliance reviews of this Contract in

264 accordance with Reclamation Manual Directives and Standards PEC 05-8, last revised October  
265 11, 2019, as may be further revised, amended, modified, or superseded.

266 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 24 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

267 11. Article 24 in the Existing Contract titled **ASSIGNMENT LIMITED –**  
268 **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED** is amended and replaced by the following  
269 Article 24 in its entirety:

270 **ASSIGNMENT LIMITED – SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED**

271 24. The provisions of this contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns  
272 of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this contract or any right or interest therein  
273 by either party shall be valid until approved in writing by the other party.

274 **REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 26 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

275 12. Article 26 in the Existing Contract titled **CHANGES IN THE**  
276 **CONTRACTOR'S AREA OF SERVICE** is retitled **CHANGES IN THE CONTRACTOR'S**  
277 **ORGANIZATION OR SERVICE AREA** and is amended and replaced by the following  
278 Article 26 in its entirety:

279 **CHANGES IN THE CONTRACTOR'S ORGANIZATION OR SERVICE AREA**

280 26. While this Contract Amendment is in effect, no change may be made in the  
281 Contractor's service area or organization, by inclusion or exclusion of lands or by any other  
282 changes which may affect the respective rights, obligations, privileges, and duties of either the  
283 United States or the Contractor under this Contract Amendment including, but not limited to,  
284 dissolution, consolidation, or merger, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.

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**DELETION OF ARTICLE 28**

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13. Article 28 in the Existing Contract titled **TRANSITION FROM PHASE I**

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**CONTRACT**, is deleted in its entirety.

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**REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 29 WITH NEW LANGUAGE**

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14. Article 29 in the Existing Contract titled **NOTICES** is replaced by the

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following Article 29 in its entirety:

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**NOTICES**

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29. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract Amendment shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 "N" Street, Fresno, California 93721, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors as listed in Exhibit "D". The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this article for other notices.

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**ARTICLES 12 AND 33 THROUGH 36 ARE ADDED TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT**

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15. Articles 12 and 33 through 36 are added to the Existing Contract:

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**CONSTRAINTS ON AVAILABILITY OF WATER**

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12. (a) In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable means to guard against a condition of shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the Contractor pursuant to this contract. In the event the Contracting Officer determines that a condition of shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of said determination as soon as practicable.

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(b) If there is a condition of shortage because of inaccurate runoff forecasting or other similar operational errors affecting the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer; or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet current and future legal obligations, then, except as provided in Article 32 of this Contract Amendment, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.

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**CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT**

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33. Promptly after the execution of this Contract Amendment, the Contractor will provide evidence to the Contracting Officer that, pursuant to the laws of the State of California,

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316 the Contractor is a legally constituted entity and the Contract Amendment is lawful, valid, and  
317 binding on the Contractor. This Contract Amendment will not be binding on the United States  
318 until the Contractor provides evidence to the Contracting Officer's satisfaction. In addition to  
319 other forms of evidence to meet the requirements of this Article, the Contractor may provide or  
320 the Contracting Officer may require a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent  
321 jurisdiction in the State of California, confirming the proceedings on the part of the Contractor  
322 for the authorization of the execution of this Contract Amendment.

323 MEDIUM FOR TRANSMITTING PAYMENTS

324 34. (a) All payments from the Contractor to the United States under this contract  
325 shall be by the medium requested by the United States on or before the date payment is due. The  
326 required method of payment may include checks, wire transfers, or other types of payment  
327 specified by the United States.

328 (b) Upon execution of the contract, the Contractor shall furnish the  
329 Contracting Officer with the Contractor's taxpayer's identification number (TIN). The purpose  
330 for requiring the Contractor's TIN is for collecting and reporting any delinquent amounts arising  
331 out of the Contractor's relationship with the United States.

332 CONTRACT DRAFTING CONSIDERATIONS

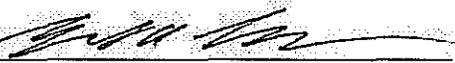
333 35. This contract has been, negotiated and reviewed by the parties hereto, each of  
334 whom is sophisticated in the matters to which this contract pertains. The double spaced Articles  
335 of this contract have been drafted, negotiated, and reviewed by the parties, and no one party shall  
336 be considered to have drafted the stated articles. Single-spaced Articles are standard Articles  
337 pursuant to Bureau of Reclamation policy.

338 PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CONTRACT

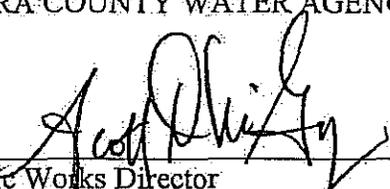
339 36. Except as expressly modified by the provisions of this Contract Amendment, the  
340 Existing Contract, along with all amendments to the Existing Contract, shall remain in full force  
341 and effect. Exhibits "A" through "D" may be modified without further amendment to this  
342 Contract Amendment.

343 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract  
344 Amendment to Contract No. I75r-1802RA on the day and year first above written.

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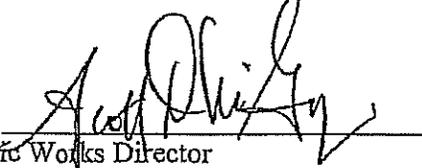
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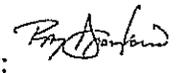
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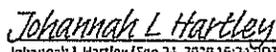
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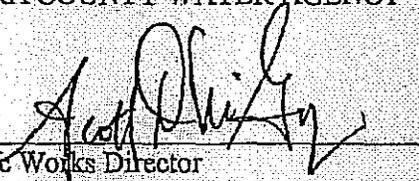
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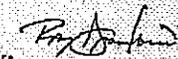
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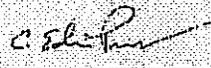
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**County of Santa Barbara**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Minute Order**

**August 25, 2020**

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PUBLIC WORKS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WATER AGENCY

File Reference No. 20-00659

**RE:** Consider recommendations regarding Amendments to the Cachuma Project Master Contract and Member Unit Contracts, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

Acting as the Board of Directors, Water Agency:

a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to execute an Amendment to the Cachuma Project Master Contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, extending the terms and conditions of the current contract for no more than three years, upon approval of County Counsel, Auditor Controller, and Risk Manager, or their designated representatives;

b) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to execute First Amendments to Cachuma Project Member Unit Agreements with the Carpinteria Valley Water District, Montecito Water District, City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (Member Units), extending the terms and conditions of the current contracts coterminous with the amended Master Contract and consistent with the Cachuma Project Master Contract; and

c) Determine that the proposed actions are not projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), continuing organization or administrative activities, Section 15378(b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and further, is not subject to and is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, Section 15261(a), project approved prior to November 23, 1970, and Section 15301, operation of existing facilities.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC )  
WORKS DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN )  
AMENDMENT TO THE CACHUMA PROJECT )  
MASTER CONTRACT ) RESOLUTION NO. 20-165**

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Agency) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) entered into the Contract for Providing Water Service from the Cachuma Project (Agreement No. 175r-1802R; Master Contract) for the benefit of the Carpinteria Valley Water District, Montecito Water District, City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1 (Member Units); and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Contract has a term of 25 years and will expire on September 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2017, the Agency formally requested renewal of the Master Contract with the USBR, however, that renewal has not yet been completed and the USBR has proposed an amendment extending the term of the Master Contract while negotiations for long term contract renewal are pending; and

**WHEREAS**, the USBR, Agency, and Member Units all desire to ensure continued delivery of Cachuma Project water to the Member Units through the execution of amendments that extends the terms and conditions of the current Master Contract and associated contracts between the Agency and the Member Units;

**WHEREAS**, all liabilities of the Agency incurred through the Master Contract and any extension thereof can be repaid and liquidated from revenues derived from payments made to the Agency by Member Units pursuant to Member Unit Agreements as extended and pursuant to Sections 6.1 and 10.1 of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:** that the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency declares and directs as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency hereby determines that an amendment to the Cachuma Project contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation should be entered into that extends the terms and conditions of the Master Contract for the purpose of continuing delivery of Cachuma Project water while negotiations for long term contract renewal are pending.

3. That the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency approves and authorizes the Public Works Director to execute an amendment to the Cachuma Master Contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation upon approval of County Counsel, Auditor Controller, and Risk Manager, or their designated representatives.

4. That the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency approves and authorizes the Public Works Director to execute an amendment to the Member Unit Agreements to continue water service in accordance with the Cachuma Master Contract and any Interim Cachuma Master Contract.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, State of California, on this 25th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Supervisors Williams, Hart, Hartmann, Adam and Lavagnino

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO,  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board Directors  
of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency

By: Shela de la Guerra  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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COUNTY COUNSEL

By: Johannah L. Hartley  
Johannah L. Hartley (Jul 24, 2020 11:20 PDT)  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
RAY AROMATORIO, ARM, AIC  
RISK MANAGER

By: Ray Aromatorio  
Risk Management

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

By: Gregg Hart  
Gregg Hart, Chair, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:  
BETSY M. SCHAFFER, CPA  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: C. Edith  
Deputy

This is a true certified copy of the original document on file or of record in my office. It bears the seal and signature, imprinted in purple ink, of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

By: Mona Miyasato  
Clerk of the Board, Santa Barbara County, California  
Date 9-25-20 by Deputy: Shela de la Guerra



**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CACHUMA PROJECT MEMBER UNIT CONTRACT  
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Cachuma Project Member Unit Contract** (hereinafter Agreement) between the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, a political subdivision of the State of California established by Chapter 1501 of the 1945 Statutes of California, as amended (hereafter Agency), and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, formed under the Water Conservation District Law of 1931, Division 21, Section 74000 et seq. (hereafter Member Unit), is hereby amended as follows:

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Agency and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) entered into an Agreement for Providing Water Service from the Cachuma Project (Agreement No. 175r-1802R) in 1996 which initially was to remain in effect until September 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, based on Agreement No. 175r-1802R, the Agency and the Member Unit entered into the Cachuma Project Member Unit Contract (Agreement) to provide for the continued delivery of Cachuma Project water to the Cachuma Member Units on the terms and conditions of Agreement No. 175r-1802R;

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2017, the Agency timely requested renewal of Agreement No. 175r-1802R, however, that renewal has not yet been completed and USBR has proposed an interim agreement extending the term of Agreement No. 175r-1802R while negotiations for contract renewal are pending; and

WHEREAS, this First Amendment to the Agreement seeks to extend the Agreement while contract renewal negotiations are pending and until a new contract between USBR and the Agency for the Cachuma Project has been reached.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties as follows:

A. Paragraph 1 of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

1. This Contract shall be effective as of May 15, 1995 ("effective date") and shall remain in effect for a period coterminous with the Master Contract (No. 175r-1802R), as may be extended or amended. This contract shall continue in effect the rights, obligations and interest of the Cachuma Member Units in the Cachuma Project.

B. Paragraph 12 of the Agreement is amended to label the existing paragraph (a) and to add subparagraph (b), to read as follows:

- 12.(b) The Member Unit agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of Agreement No. 175r-1802R and any amendment(s) thereto.

C. Paragraph 19, Equal Employment Opportunity, is added to the Agreement as follows:

19. During the performance of this contract, the Member Unit agrees as follows:

(a) The Member Unit will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Member Unit will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Member Unit agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b) The Member Unit will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Member Unit, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(c) The Member Unit will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Member Unit's legal duty to furnish information.

(d) The Member Unit will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Member Unit's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(e) The Member Unit will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(f) The Member Unit will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(g) In the event of the Member Unit's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the Member Unit may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

D. In all other respects, the Agreement remains unchanged and in full effect.

E. By signing this First Amendment to the Agreement the parties warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to bind their party and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this First Amendment to the Agreement have been fully complied with.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this First Amendment to the Agreement to be effective on the date executed by Agency.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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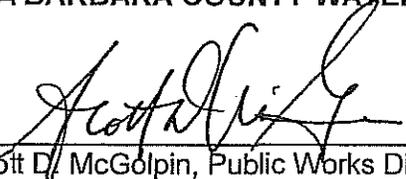
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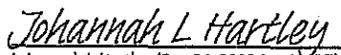
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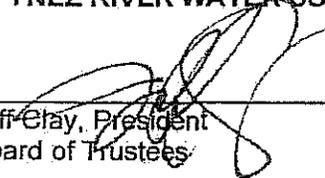
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October 9, 2020

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Paefter E. Garcia

**Re: Comments on Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Alamo Pintado Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project**

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

This comment letter is submitted by the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) with respect to the above-referenced Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Initial Study) for the proposed Alamo Pintado Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project (Project). The District is a public water agency, organized and operating as a special district pursuant to the Water Conservation District Law, Water Code section 74000 et seq. Our office is located in Santa Ynez and we serve retail potable water supplies for domestic, agricultural, commercial, and institutional uses throughout the communities of Santa Ynez, Ballard, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Los Olivos, and the City of Solvang on a limited basis. The District appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Initial Study and alternatives as the Project has the potential to directly and substantially impact the District's distribution system and our ability to ensure the reliable delivery of public water supplies.

The District's critical interest in the Project is related to the District's 6-inch public water main that is attached to the pedestrian bridge. This pipeline is an integral component of the District's water distribution system in the Los Olivos area, providing roughly 25 percent of the system capacity serving customers west of Alamo Pintado Creek. The District's ability to maintain sufficient and reliable system capacity throughout its service area is a matter of public health and safety, and, accordingly, the Project cannot be allowed to proceed under any alternative that would result in the permanent removal of the District's 6-inch public water main that is currently attached to the pedestrian bridge.

In addition to the foregoing, the District provides the following specific comments on the Initial Study:

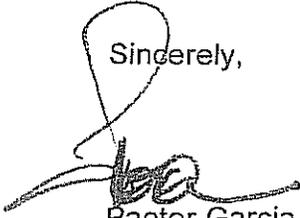
- 1. Determination, Page iii, paragraph 4. The statement/conclusion that "the project will have no effect on ... utilities and service systems" is incorrect. As stated above, the Project will cause significant impacts to the District's water system and the District's provision of water service to customers in Los Olivos, particularly those located west of Alamo Pintado Creek.

2. 1.1 Introduction, Page 1, paragraph 4. The bridge's function as the support structure for the District's existing 6-inch public water main crossing Alamo Pintado Creek should be included in the description of existing uses.
3. 1.4 Project Alternatives, Alternative 1 Bridge Replacement, Page 5, paragraph 3. The District appreciates the recognition of the water line and the need for relocation and/or reattachment to the new pedestrian bridge which is critical to the District's distribution system and service to water users. The existence of the water line should be part of the Project description (see Comment 2 above). Additionally, replacement of the District's water main should be included in the proposed Project (Section 1.3), similar to its inclusion in Alternative 1.
4. 1.4 Project Alternatives, Alternative 2 Bridge Removal, Page , paragraph 1. The relocation of the District's public water line should be addressed under this Alternative, including but not limited to building a dedicated creek crossing for the water line or attachment to the existing Highway 154 bridge.
5. 1.8 Permits and Approvals Needed, Page 9. By placement on a new pedestrian bridge, placement on the Highway 154 Bridge, or by construction of a dedicated crossing for the District's public water line, reinstallation of the water line should be included as an integral aspect of the Project (similar to Alternative 1). Reinstallation of the District's public water line, and all necessary activities related thereto, should not be a separate project, which would result in improper piecemealing under CEQA.
6. 2.1.15 Public Services, Page 28, paragraph 3. In accordance with the foregoing, the determination that the Project will have "No Impact" on Public Services with regard to fire protection and other public facilities is incorrect. Removal of the District's existing water main that is attached to the pedestrian bridge will cause significant impacts to the District's water distribution system and provision of water service, including but not limited to reduced system capacity, reduced system resiliency, reduced flow, and reduced pressure (including impacts to fire protection) west of Alamo Pintado Creek.
7. 2.1.19 Utilities and Service Systems, Page 30, paragraph 3. The determination that the Project will have "No Impact" on Utilities and Service Systems is incorrect. Please see all comments above. As stated in the description of Project Alternative 1: "A water line connected to the existing pedestrian bridge would have to be temporarily relocated and reattached to the new pedestrian bridge."

Jason Wilkinson  
October 9, 2020  
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Again, the District appreciates this opportunity to submit comments on the proposed Project and looks forward to working with CalTrans and other stakeholders to accommodate the relocation/reinstallation of the District's public water main as part of the proposed Project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (805) 688-6015 or via email at [pgarcia@syrwd.org](mailto:pgarcia@syrwd.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paeter Garcia', with a large loop at the top and a horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Paeter Garcia  
General Manager

cc: Eric Tambini, Water Resources Manager



September 28, 2020

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Holly Nolan-Chavez  
Regional Director of Agriculture, Water & Env. Technologies  
Allan Hancock College  
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Re: Nationwide Rural Prosperity Initiative

Dear Ms. Beard and Ms. Nolan-Chavez:

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) congratulates the Solvang Chamber of Commerce and Allan Hancock College for their extraordinary efforts with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in designating Northern Santa Barbara County and the Santa Ynez Valley neighboring communities as "The Allan Hancock College Center of Community Prosperity" under the nationwide Rural Prosperity Initiative. This designation is a key component to helping our area secure resources to build and sustain our rural and agricultural communities.

The Allan Hancock College Center of Community Prosperity is a model of rural America. For generations our area has been rooted in agricultural production, cattle ranching, and other critical businesses that have fed and comforted families and communities locally, regionally, statewide, and throughout the nation. For portions of the Santa Ynez Valley, our District is proud to play a part in supporting a rural and agricultural economy based on healthy homes and a strong workforce. To that end, it is critical that we promote and protect our ability to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable water supplies.

On September 22, 2020, USDA announced the investment of \$268 million in rural water and wastewater infrastructure improvements

Tracy Beard, Executive Director  
Holly Nolan-Chavez, Regional Director  
Solvang Chamber of Commerce  
September 28, 2020  
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across 28 states, but California was not included. The Allan Hancock College Center of Community Prosperity has particularized needs for water and wastewater security, and we are extremely hopeful that future USDA investments under the Rural Prosperity Initiative will consider the ongoing challenges and incredible promise of our rural and agricultural region.

The District looks forward to assisting the Chamber and Allan Hancock College in any way we can. Should you have any question about the District and the water services we provide for domestic, agricultural, commercial, and institutional uses throughout our service area, please feel free to contact me at (805) 688-6015 or via email at [pgarcia@sywrd.org](mailto:pgarcia@sywrd.org).

Respectfully submitted,



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# Monthly Briefing

A Summary of the Alliance's Recent and Upcoming Activities and Important Water News

## The American West is Burning

Searing temperatures, extreme winds, and widespread lightning strikes (and, in some cases – arson) have ignited wildfires that have charred more than 7.5 million acres in the country this summer, much of it in the West. Local water managers are being impacted, while federal lawmaker and academia seek ways to improve management of Western forests.

### Impacts to Western Farmers and Ranchers

As September 2020 came to a close, 27,300 personnel were fighting fires spanning a total of over 4.1 million acres, including 2.4 million acres in California and over 1 million acres in Oregon and Washington. Millions of burning acres have left multiple areas of the West covered in smoke. The wildfires that have been burning throughout California in recent weeks resulted in multiple days of the Air Quality Index hitting a Wildfire Smoke Protection threshold requiring the provision of N95 masks. Agriculture industry groups say it has become logistically impossible for most

of California's non-medical employers to comply with the state's requirement of acquiring and stockpiling N95 mask.

Elsewhere in the Golden State, many wineries are refusing to accept grapes until test results confirm that the grapes have not been affected by the volatile compounds associated with smoke exposure. *AgNet West* reports that the limited number of testing facilities is creating a backlog of grapes to be tested, creating significant and potentially costly delays in vineyards.

"If the delay is a 30-day delay, then effectively that winery is saying 'we're not going to take your crop.' So that's a problem," said California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG) President John Aguirre. "Delays at this point in time in the harvest cycle and the growing season, can be absolutely devastating to a grower."

CAWG is encouraging communication and cooperation between growers and wineries when it comes to smoke exposure.



*Photos of a cattle trail in Northern California's Plumas River drainage before and after the Bear Fire, part of the larger North Complex fire, which has killed 15 people, wiped out livestock, burned 305,000 acres, and destroyed 2,248 structures. Photo courtesy of Kate Daley.*

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## Fires, Smoke Disrupt Western Ag (Cont'd from Pg. 1)

Communities have come together in unprecedented ways to respond to the wildfires raging across much of the rural West. Within 10 days, the Cowgirl 911 Facebook group in Oregon helped relocate over 20,000 displaced animals. The group has grown to nearly 19,000 strong and gets hundreds of posts a day from people asking for or offering help for displaced animals from fires across the state. As evacuations are downgraded, dispatches will work in reverse to help owners pick up their animals and transport them back home or to another location.

Oregonians for Food and Shelter reported that heavy equipment operators, loggers, farmers, and neighbors in Scott Mills (OREGON) banded together to hand-fall timber and create a fire line to protect the homes and property of local residents. Community members quickly mobilized to provide added support to firefighters who were stretched thin trying to respond to fires across the state. The community's efforts have had an impact, and many of the homes in the area were saved.

Elsewhere in Oregon, local farmers stepped up to re-supply water to helicopters and fire trucks who were working the front lines in Marion County. Water was needed to fight the fires, and Willamette Valley farmers came to assist. They used their own trucks to haul water to an irrigation pond near Silver Falls State Park and within six hours of the call from first responders, local farmers had pumped over 500,000 gallons of water into the pond to resupply firefighters.

"Within six hours we had 25 people with trucks and different supplies pumping over 500,000 gallons of water into an irrigation pond to supply water for the firefighters up there," Marion County (OREGON) Farm Bureau President Dylan Wells told KOIN TV in Portland.

The horrific Almeda fire that tore through Southern Oregon earlier this month was the worst fire to ever befall the Rogue Valley, destroying an estimated 2,357 residential structures. Talent Irrigation District's headquarters and equipment experienced heavy damage and losses.

No one was hurt, but District personnel will have their hands full with operations cleanup for some time. The District office was without power for almost a week, during which time the backup generators were employed. District personnel relied upon cell phones and hand-held radios to direct operations and dispatching.

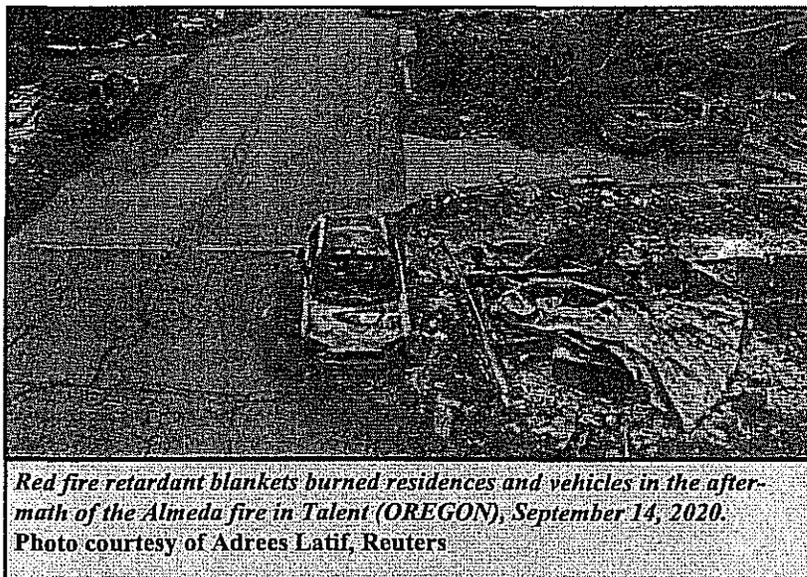
Neighboring Medford Irrigation District (MID) lost power at its Phoenix diversion as the fire tore through the community.

"The fish screens became plugged with debris and the entire west canal was shut down," said Jack Friend, MID general manager.

MID has cleared the canal system and manually cleaned the fish screens to get the canal flowing again. Rogue Valley irrigation districts are working hard to put diversions back online and running water to producers as the irrigation season comes to an end. In the meantime, 3,000 local residents have been displaced, and these Southern Oregon communities may never be the same.

"Everyone knows probably at least 20 people who lost their homes," said Mr. Friend. "Some of those people returned home after the fire, and all they had left was what they took with them to work that day."

### Forest Mismanagement or Climate Change to Blame?



Red fire retardant blankets burned residences and vehicles in the aftermath of the Almeda fire in Talent (OREGON), September 14, 2020. Photo courtesy of Adrees Latif, Reuters

California Governor Gavin Newsom has said the series of wildfires ripping through his state should be proof to "climate deniers" that climate change is happening before their eyes.

"I have no patience, and I say this lovingly, not as an ideologue, but as someone who prides himself on being open to argument, interested in evidence, but I quite literally have no patience for climate change deniers,"

Governor Newsom said. "It's...completely inconsistent, that point of view, with the reality on the ground, the facts as we are experiencing them."

Others believe decades of fire suppression, expanding development, and inactive forest management – especially on federal forest lands - are the real culprits. Today's wildfires are often larger and more catastrophic than in the past. Decades of fire suppression and an inability to manage forests through controlled burns, thinning, and pest/insect control play a big role in this. For example, where California once had about 40 trees per acre, it now has about 100 trees per acre. Today, on average 7 to 8 million acres of forests and grasslands burn annually, double the figure from three decades ago.

President Donald Trump said he sees the wildfire crisis as a management matter, arguing for a more intensive approach to thinning forests.

"I think this is more of a management situation," President

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## Reasons for Wildfires Disputed (Cont'd from Pg. 2)

Trump told reporters in Sacramento, where he met with state and local officials earlier this month.

There are other factors to consider, as well. Take fuel, for example. A dry ecosystem with low fuel loads can tolerate fire. However, inactive management on federal lands - coupled with 100 years of fire suppression - is a different story.

Massive wildfires in Western headwaters forests and lands can create significant impacts to downstream water uses. Rob Roy reservoir in Wyoming stands directly in the path of the Mullen Fire in Wyoming, which doubled in size in one day, driven by high winds gusting greater than 60 mph. The reservoir is a very critical infrastructure for the whole entire city of Cheyenne, which gets fifty to seventy-five percent of its drinking water from this source.

"The two elements of water quality and quantity are the pillars upon which ecosystems, cities, ranches and farms stand," said Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen (OREGON). "Water in the West is the single element without which our country's high quality food and fiber would cease to exist."



*The Mullen Fire, stoked by 60 mph winds, doubled in size, from 35,000 acres to 70,000 acres, in one day. The fire threatened Rob Roy reservoir, a key water supply source for the city of Cheyenne (WYOMING). Photo courtesy of Wyoming Tribune Eagle.*

### Alliance Engagement on Capitol Hill

The Alliance has advocated that the federal government must prioritize actions that would implement necessary forest management projects on federal lands.

"Those projects will reduce the existential threat posed by wildfires, to our headwaters lands and to the water supplies of the West," said Alliance President Pat O'Toole, a Wyoming rancher who raises livestock on a combination of private and public lands.

Fortunately, Western lawmakers on Capitol Hill are also renewing calls for additional wildfire prevention and response legislation.

The Family Farm Alliance is on record for supporting S. 4431, the bipartisan *Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020*, which was considered at Senate committee hearing earlier this month. The bipartisan legislation would provide for a more aggressive approach to managing forests for wildfire. The bill is cosponsored by Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) and Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA), who are both arguing for a Senate vote this year. The Alliance and nearly two dozen Western water organizations signed on to a letter earlier this

month supporting this legislation.

"Reducing the threat of wildfire to communities and watersheds is a critical issue in the West," said Mr. Keppen. "S. 4431 would help advance necessary forest management projects in a timely and collaborative manner while preventing catastrophic wildfires."

The House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry also held a hearing this month on the wildfires effecting the West.

"We've all seen the footage from California, Oregon and Washington," Subcommittee Chair Abigail Spanberger of Virginia said in her opening statement at the hearing. "It is surreal, and it is terrifying. I want to talk today about what we can do to meet the needs and face the challenges presented by this unprecedented wildfire season out West and elsewhere."

The sole witness at the hearing was John Phipps, USDA's Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry.

Western Republican House members are calling on Congress to act to pass meaningful forestry reform before the end of the year. In

the last month, Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CALIFORNIA) led a bicameral letter to congressional leadership asking for just that and also introduced bipartisan forestry reform legislation, the companion bill to S. 4431.

"Year-after-year, I have called for better forest management practices to prevent this damage, but year-after-year Congress and the Forest Service fail to address it," said Rep. LaMalfa. "Today's hearing put pressure on the Forest Service to improve their forest management efforts and spotlighted Congress's inability to enact real forestry reform."

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-OREGON), Joe Manchin (D-WV), and Maria Cantwell, D-WASHINGTON), this month introduced the *National Prescribed Fire Act of 2020* (S. 4525), which would support pre-fire season controlled burns as a strategy for reducing hazardous fuel loads. In 2018, the Forest Service determined that 234 million acres of forest are at a high risk of dangerous wildfires. Yet, controlled burns treated only 3 million acres annually during the last decade.

The legislation would increase the pace and scale of controlled burns, create a technically skilled preseason controlled

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## Western Conflagrations (Cont'd from Pg. 3)

burn workforce, and give states more flexibility to regulate controlled burns in winter months to reduce catastrophic fires and dangers smoke in the summer.

“The disastrous infernos in Oregon and across the West have leveled entire communities to ash, and left Oregonians choking on dangerous smoke. If this isn't a wakeup call for Congress to act on climate and invest more in smarter, science-based fire management, I don't know what is,” Senator Wyden said. “Good forest science is good climate science. Burning more when it's safe in the off seasons will save us a lot later by preventing catastrophe in the summer and fall.”

### Other Relief Efforts

USDA earlier this month announced the availability of assistance for residents and agricultural producers affected by recent wildfires. When major disasters strike, USDA has an emergency loan program that provides eligible farmers low-interest loans to help them recover from production and physical losses.

Livestock owners and contract growers who experience above normal livestock deaths due to specific weather events, as well as to disease or animal attacks, may qualify for assistance under USDA's Livestock Indemnity Program. Livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to a qualifying drought condition or fire on federally-managed land during the normal grazing period for a county may qualify for help through USDA's Livestock Forage Disaster Program. Producers of non-insurable crops who suffer crop losses, lower yields or are prevented from planting agricultural commodities may be eligible for assistance under USDA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Information on these programs can be found on USDA's website: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/emergency-farm-loans/index>

### Forest Management's Effects on Water

Meanwhile, new research from the University of California, Merced looks at past wildfires to see how forest management can affect water. In California, forest restoration is often associated with mitigating wildfire risk and improving ecosystem health throughout the Sierra Nevada. But restoration also dramatically affects water use within forests and the amount of runoff that flows downstream.

The Sierra Nevada provides more than 60 percent of California's water supply and sustains a globally important agri-

cultural region. Quantifying the water-related benefits can be critical in showing the true value and cost-benefit of forest management. But until now, there hasn't been enough locally relevant data to incentivize restoration projects.

New research from UC Merced's Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) fills this data gap and provides a method to monetize the water-related benefits of forest thinning.

“This historical data about water yield from Sierra forests after fire are important because it acts as a guide,” explains Qin Ma, formerly with SNRI and now an assistant professor in the Mississippi State University Department of Forestry. “Understanding how water use in forests has changed after disturbances in the past can help us predict how forests — and the water supply they provide — will respond to comparable management actions such as thinning or the reintroduction of low-intensity fire in the future.”

### Looking Forward

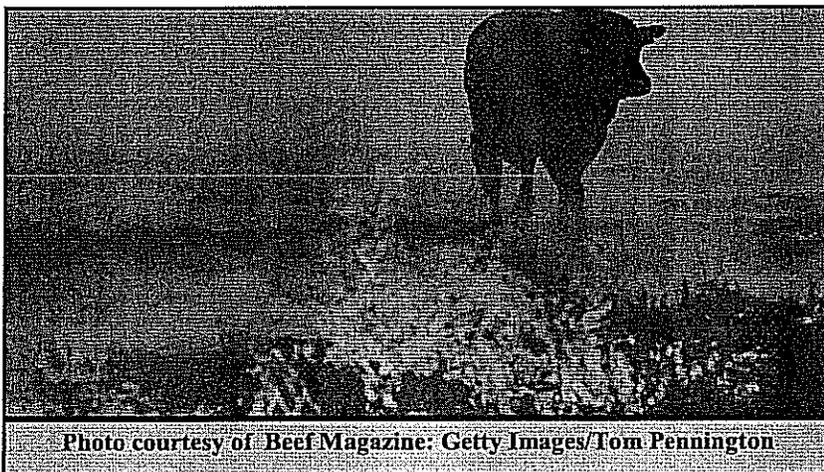


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The National Inter-agency Coordination Center predicts that critical fire weather would continue into early October for Northern California and portions of Southern California due to breezy offshore winds and very hot, dry conditions.

The high winds are not confined to California alone. Offshore winds were predicted west of the Cascade Crest in Oregon, as well. Gusty winds were expected for much

of the Great Plains, which, coupled with low humidity, has elevated fire weather concerns for eastern Wyoming and Colorado, as well as the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

Very dry conditions continue for the Southwest and Great Basin. Little to no measurable precipitation is expected across the West in the near term, with fire season just passing the halfway milepost for many areas.

Western wildfire disasters are becoming an annual occurrence and underscore the importance of improving on-the-ground management actions that can lead to improved forest health. The Family Farm Alliance believes a responsible level of continuous fuels reduction includes a combination of robust mechanical thinning and prescribed fire. This can be employed to significantly reduce evapotranspiration, tree stress, disease and pest infestation, preserve health forest conditions, and protect species and habitats.

“Failure to employ this approach will continue the downward, accelerating spiral of fuel accumulation, drought, disease and invasive insects,” said Mr. O’Toole. “This will lead, inevitably, to additional high-intensity fire events in the future. When these events occur, the very values for which our system of National Forests were created will be lost.”

## Title Transfer Momentum Continues

U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt earlier this month was joined by Utah Governor Gary Herbert, U.S. Senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney, U.S. Congressmen Rob Bishop and John Curtis and other officials as he transferred the ownership of the first two federal water facilities to local ownership under a law signed by President Trump last year. The John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act expedites the title transfer process for eligible federal projects, such as dams, canals, laterals and other water-related facilities.

The actions convey title and full ownership of the Emery County Project in east-central Utah to the Emery County Water Conservancy District and the Uintah Basin Replacement Project in northeastern Utah to the Moon Lake Water Users Association.

“These title transfers fulfill the Trump Administration’s goals to streamline bureaucratic processes, empower local ownership and facilitate infrastructure investment from non-federal sources,” said Secretary Bernhardt. “Transferring these facilities into local ownership also saves American taxpayer dollars due to decreased federal operating costs and reduced liability.”

Reclamation this month also notified Congress of its intent to transfer ownership of federal irrigation facilities and lands to two local irrigation districts that currently operate and maintain the southeastern Idaho’s Minidoka Project. As required by the Dingell Act, this action begins a 90-day congressional waiting period, after which the Department will complete the ownership transfer unless the Congress enacts a joint resolution disapproving the transfers within that time period.

The Minidoka Irrigation District, located in Minidoka and Cassia counties, will take ownership of the facilities and approximately 403 acres of lands in support of the Project’s

Gravity Division. MID serves approximately 77,214 acres of irrigable private land through canals, laterals, pipelines and drainage systems. It has been operating and maintaining these facilities since 1916.

A&B Irrigation District, located near Rupert (IDAHO), will take ownership of the facilities and approximately 1020 acres in support of the North Side Pumping Division. It serves approximately 82,600 acres of irrigated land and has been operating and maintaining these facilities since 1966.

“Today marks an epic milestone for all of those families who made the A&B Irrigation Project possible,” said Harold Mohlman, President of the Board of Directors for A&B Irrigation District. “Because of the streamlined process in the Dingell Act, the District was able to complete title transfer in less than half the time it would have taken otherwise. Our local Reclamation staff worked tirelessly to assist with this effort, and without them, it would not have been possible. These collaborative relationships resulted in a model for future title transfers across the West.”

Title transfer is an important issue to the Family Farm Alliance. In late 1997, the organization launched an initiative to encourage Congressional action on pending project title transfer legislation. That effort was successful, and ultimately led to the historic transfer of title to the Burley Irrigation District in Idaho two years later. Since then, title to over a dozen other projects and facilities have been transferred to local interests who have paid off construction costs of the project.

Mr. Mohlman, a former director of the Family Farm Alliance, gave a shout-out to the Alliance for its long-term fight in the title transfer arena.

“We finally accomplished title transfer,” he said. “It has been a whirlwind this past year. But the new process also proved transfers can be completed quickly. Thanks to the Family Farm Alliance for their efforts and support.”

## WaterSMART Watershed Management Grants Available

The Bureau of Reclamation has released the FY 2020 WaterSMART Grants: Cooperative Watershed Management Program (Phase II).

This program provides funding to implement on-the-ground watershed management projects, collaboratively developed by members of a watershed group, that will address critical water supply needs, water quality concerns, and restoration needs, helping water users meet competing demands and avoid conflicts over water.

Eligible applicants are established watershed groups, and are located in the Western United States and U.S. territories.

In FY 2020, approximately \$2 million is available to support up to \$300,000 per award. Awardees must also provide 50 percent or more of project costs, and cost share may be made through cash, costs contributed by the applicant, or third-party in-kind contributions.

Applications are due November 17, 2020.



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## EPW Committee Holds Hearing on Barrasso ESA Bill

The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee this month held a legislative hearing on S. 4589, the *Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2020*. The bill, introduced by Chairman John Barrasso (R-WYOMING), would amend the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to elevate the role of states and increase transparency in ESA implementation.

Witnesses at the hearing included Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, Aliese Priddy (owner and Operator, JB Ranch); and Jamie Rappaport Clark (President and CEO, Defenders of Wildlife).

"It is past time to modernize the Endangered Species Act. The status-quo is not acceptable," said Senator Barrasso. "Species that go on the endangered species list seem to stay there forever and never recover to the point of coming off the list. My bill promotes the recovery of species and will allow local economies to thrive."

Senator Barrasso's legislation was inspired by the bipartisan Western Governors' Association's (WGA) Species Conservation and Endangered Species Act Initiative in drafting the legislation. Representatives from the Family Farm Alliance played a prominent public role in several of the 2015 WGA public meetings and webinars, and participated in every WGA workshop associated with that initiative. The bipartisan spirit of that initiative has dissipated within the halls of Congress in recent years, a factor that may have contributed to the lack of diverse stakeholder support for the bill.

"Unfortunately, in the nearly thirty years since its last reauthorization, there has been a steep increase in the politicization of ESA, and a bipartisan reauthorization is the only way that an ESA bill will succeed," the conservation group EDF noted in its opposition letter to S. 4589.

The Family Farm Alliance generally supports the "Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2020".

"The legislation includes a number of provisions of interest to our members," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. "Some support the delisting, down-listing, and up-listing provisions, as well as the more informed process for species recovery provisions of the bill. Others believe the controls placed on intervention and attorneys' fees are long overdue."

The Alliance is on record as supporting the improved state-federal consultation provision relating to conservation and recovery of wildlife. Interestingly, in the five years since the WGA initiative – due in part, to the political dynamics within some individual Western states – Alliance members' views of the role of states in species recovery have evolved, resulting in a range of perspectives.

"Some of our members believe the committee's legislation levels the playing field in a number of areas for states and landowners," said Mr. Keppen. "Others are concerned with the new emphasis and elevated role and authority of states in ESA decision making and implementation."

The Alliance and many others working with Senator Barrasso in this Congress expressed appreciation for his leadership on this critically important issue.

"We especially appreciate the significant effort Senator Barrasso and his staff have put into advancing ESA reform to this point, as well as the Senator's willingness and interest in continuing to work with us and others to refine this important bill," said Alliance President Patrick O'Toole. "This effort truly has the potential to form the foundation for ESA modernization."

## WIFIA Improvement Act Introduced in the House

A bipartisan group of Congressmen earlier this month, led by Rep. John Garamendi (D-CALIFORNIA), introduced the "WIFIA Improvement Act" (H.R. 8217), which would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (WIFIA). This bill would provide a new 55-year loan term for WIFIA financing and clarify that WIFIA financing may be used for works that were constructed by the federal government, through agencies such as the Bureau of Reclamation, but have been contractually transferred to be operated and maintained by a local non-federal agency (transferred works).

In Rep. Garamendi's home state of California, this legislation would make public water projects like the off-stream Sites Reservoir Project eligible for low-interest, longer-term federal loans from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Specifically, the bill would allow water projects with longer useful lifecycles like Sites Reservoir to receive federal WIFIA financing for 55-year loan terms instead of the current 35-year loan terms, thereby lowering the capital costs for such projects.

"This bipartisan legislation would unlock nearly \$6 billion in low-interest federal financing for California water projects, including to build the off-stream Sites Reservoir and to modernize the pumps for the Central Valley Project," said Rep.

Garamendi. "We need all the federal and state resources we can get to meet California's future water supply needs and achieve a truly drought-resilient water system given climate change."

The bill would also clarify that federally owned but locally maintained infrastructure for the Central Valley Project (CVP) like the C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant northwest of Tracy, California, are also eligible for WIFIA loans for capital improvement and modernization costs. While maintained at local cost by the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority), the Jones Pumping Plant remains legally owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as part of the CVP.

"The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority appreciates the leadership of Representative Garamendi and his co-sponsors on California water issues and we urge Congress to pass this legislation as quickly as possible," said Federico Barajas, Authority Executive Director.

The Family Farm Alliance is on record for formally supporting H.R. 8271, as are the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Public Works Association, National Water Resources Association, Friant Water Authority, and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority.

# COVID Response: Recent Federal Developments

As the global death count related to COVID-19 surpassed one million this month, the latest Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 national ensemble forecast indicates an uncertain trend in new U.S. COVID-19 deaths over the next month. CDC predicts that 3,400 to 7,400 new deaths will likely be reported during the week ending October 17, bringing the national total to 214,000 to 226,000.

The White House continues to emphasize that the test positivity rate is down among all age groups and has fallen below 5% for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The number of hospitalized patients has decreased by 43% from the mid-July. Nationally, people sick with COVID-19 make up only 1.5% of all emergency room visits - down to the lowest number yet. And the fatality rate has fallen 85% since April, due to lifesaving therapies and treatments.

Brown University conducted a study of more than 550 schools across 46 states and found that only 0.076 percent of students had confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 0.15 percent of teachers had confirmed cases. Individuals under the age of 50 have a 99.98 percent rate of survival from COVID-19.

The Treasury Department's latest economic recovery timeline post reports new orders for durable goods increased by .4% in August - the fourth consecutive month of increases.

lic feedback to better meet the needs of impacted farmers and ranchers.

"Over the past few months, I have worked with Secretary Perdue to advocate for our agriculture commodities that were originally left out of the CFAP, including apples, potatoes, sweet cherries, hops, wine grapes, and wheat; these industries are huge economic drivers for our state, and now they will be included," said Rep. Dan Newhouse (WASHINGTON). "This assistance will provide desperately-needed relief to our hard-working producers and allow them to continue feeding the world - through this pandemic and into the future."

Producers can apply for CFAP 2 at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. This program provides financial assistance that gives producers the ability to absorb increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Producers will be compensated for ongoing market disruptions and assisted with the associated marketing costs.

Producers can now apply for assistance, and applications will be accepted through Dec. 11, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from [farmers.gov/cfap/](https://farmers.gov/cfap/) apply.

### Farmers to Families Food Box

USDA is partnering with farmers, ranchers, specialty crop producers, food processors and distributors, and non-profit organizations to ensure that all Americans have access to the fresh and wholesome food they need during the COVID-19 national emergency.

**Farmers**

sell food personally delivered for restaurant and food purveyors to distributors, receiving waste

**Distributors**

partner with USDA to pick up family food boxes with fresh produce, dairy and meat products, then transport them to non-profits across America

**Families**

pick up food boxes from local schools, food banks, faith-based organizations and other non-profits

## Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

President Trump and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue earlier this month announced up to an additional \$14 billion dollars for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2) will begin this month and will run through December 11, 2020.

"America's agriculture communities are resilient, but still face many challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Trump is once again demonstrating his commitment to ensure America's farmers and ranchers remain in business to produce the food, fuel, and fiber America needs to thrive," said Secretary Perdue. "We listened to feedback received from farmers, ranchers and agricultural organizations about the impact of the pandemic on our nations' farms and ranches, and we developed a program to better meet the needs of those impacted."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will use funds being made available from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and CARES Act to support row crops, livestock, specialty crops, dairy, aquaculture and many additional commodities. USDA has incorporated improvements in CFAP 2 based on stakeholder engagement and pub-

## Farmers to Families Food Box Program

Secretary Perdue recently announced that more than 100 million food boxes have been distributed in support of American farmers and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic through the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

"It is incredible to think that in a little more than five months, this food box program has gone from an idea to a reality that has provided more than 100 million boxes of nutritious foods to people in need and along the way has helped to keep farmers and ranchers in business and allowed Americans working in our nation's food supply chain to get back to work," said Secretary Perdue.

Earlier this month, USDA announced it had entered into contracts with 50 entities for the third round of food box deliveries, which include contracts to purchase up to \$1 billion authorized by President Trump.

## Congressional Developments

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) this month directed House committee chairs to draft a new coronavirus relief pack-

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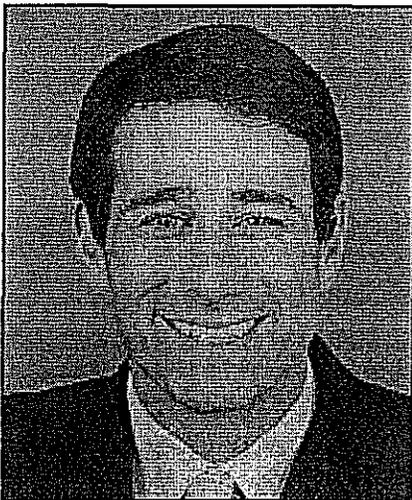
## Federal District Court Allows NEPA Rule to Take Effect *NEPA Reform Legislation Introduced in Senate and House*

Federal Judge James Jones of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia has denied environmental groups' request in *Wild Virginia, et al. v. CEQ, et al.* to issue a preliminary nationwide injunction. If successful, the plaintiff's claims would have prevented the White House Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ's) rule streamlining how agencies implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) from taking effect on September 14.

"The plaintiffs here may ultimately succeed in this case, but at this point they have not made that clear showing," Judge Jones said in a decision earlier this month.

However, there have been several legal challenges filed against the NEPA rule which are still in the courts. A coalition of 20 "blue" (Democrat) states led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) told CEQ they intend to file more claims against the Administration's controversial updates to NEPA, with their most recent complaint claiming the changes violate the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The White House issued its new rules on NEPA in July, arguing that the guidance will streamline the permitting process for a range of infrastructure projects. The notice of intent to sue will give the states 60 days to amend a similar complaint they have pending at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California to include the new ESA claims. The states say CEQ didn't do its due diligence as required by the ESA when it promulgated the new rules on how NEPA should be carried out.



**U.S. Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)**  
Photo courtesy of congress.gov

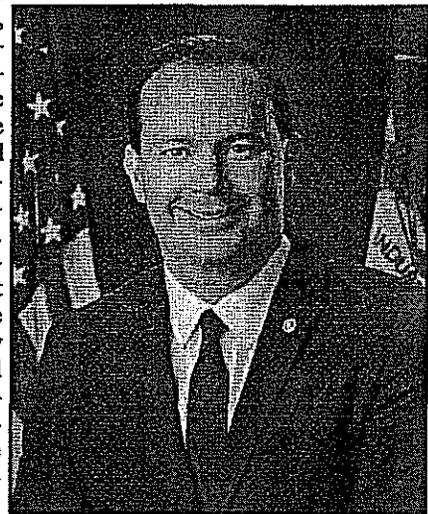
Other lawsuits are pending at district courts in New York, Virginia and California.

Meanwhile in Congress, House Republicans on September 22 introduced a bill that would legislate the CEQ NEPA rule changes into the law. H.R. 8333, the *"Building U.S. Infrastructure through Limited Delays & Efficient Review (BUILDER*

*Act,"* was introduced by Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA), ranking member of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and several other panels. The bill would

institutionalize many of the proposed NEPA changes, imposing time limits for project reviews under NEPA and making those final actions more difficult to challenge.

"We have an obligation to protect our natural resources for future generations, and the majority of projects that are carried out across our country are sensitive to the environment even if exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act. But when NEPA is applied, the outdated process often becomes an obstacle to protecting the very people and resources it is supposed to be serving," said Rep. Graves. "Our legislation fixes that by updating the 50-year old law to remain focused on the goal of protecting the environment while eliminating obstacles to progress."



**U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-UTAH)**  
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Earlier in the month, Sen Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced the Senate companion to H.R. 8333, the NEPA Agency Process Accountability Act of 2020 (S. 4591).

"The NEPA process has become a bureaucratic nightmare that makes it impossible for American taxpayers to invest in timely and efficient infrastructure projects," said Senator Lee. "This bill will streamline the environmental review process by reducing duplicative paperwork and unnecessary analysis, thus reducing the cost and time needed to complete needed infrastructure projects."

The Family Farm Alliance this month transmitted a letter to Rep. Graves in support of the bill.

"The slow and cumbersome federal regulatory process is a major obstacle to realization of projects and actions that could enhance Western water supplies," said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. "Several sections of this bill align with and reinforce changes made in the White House Council of Environmental Quality NEPA rule - finalized in July 2020 - which we strongly support. These provisions would help modernize the federal environmental review process, which will improve the public process for Western water resource development and management."

## USDA Seeks Input on Technologies and Practices for Ag Innovation

To further the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) work on the Agriculture Innovation Agenda (AIA), USDA this month announced it is seeking public- and private-sector input on the most innovative technologies and practices that can be readily deployed across U.S. agriculture.

USDA is looking for ready-to-go technologies and practices to achieve its goal of increasing agricultural production by 40% to meet global population needs in 2050 while cutting U.S. agriculture’s environmental footprint in half.

“Across America, we have seen significant advances in agricultural production efficiency and conservation performance during the past two decades,” said Under Secretary Bill Northey, who leads USDA’s Farm Production and Conservation mission area. “We want to keep the momentum.

As part of our Agriculture Innovation Agenda, USDA wants to continue helping farmers access new approaches.”

To help identify and accelerate adoption of ready-to-go innovations, USDA is currently accepting public comments and written stakeholder input through its Request for Information (RFI) through November 9, 2020, which is published on the *Federal Register*.

USDA emphasizes that input is welcome from the private sector, not for profits, farmers, forest sector, trade associa-

tions, commodity boards and others involved in the supply chain or development of widely applicable practices, management approaches or technologies.

The Family Farm Alliance, working with its allies in the Western Agriculture and Conservation Coalition (WACC), is formulating a letter in response to this request, which will address water technology matters, and others.

The AIA is a department-wide effort to align USDA’s resources, programs, and research to provide farmers with the tools they need and to position American agriculture as a leader in the effort to meet the food, fiber, fuel, feed, and climate demands of the future. Specifically, USDA will stimulate innovation so that American agriculture can achieve the goal of increasing U.S. agricultural production by 40 percent while cutting the environmental footprint of U.S. agriculture in half by 2050.

“In addition to the water space, we are also interested in the forest management space,” said Erin Huston, with the California Farm Bureau, a member of the WACC. “We also remain concerned about the limitations of broadband and the way that that continues to limit precision agriculture, conservation, and other issues.”

Based on stakeholder input from the RFI, USDA will develop a comprehensive U.S. agriculture innovation technology strategy for its customer-facing programs.

USDA has launched a new AIA website where visitors can access information on the latest research and data, innovative conservation technologies offered via USDA programs, and other conservation resources. Visitors can also stay up to date on USDA’s accountability metrics and learn about the experiences of producers who share similar paths to success. Go to [Agriculture Innovation Agenda \(AIA\)](#) for more information.

## Federal COVID-19 Response (Cont’d from Page 7)

age representing a more scaled-down version of the \$3.5 trillion HEROES Act (H.R. 6800) the House passed in May. The new package costs over \$2.2 trillion and include many of the same provisions that are in the HEROES Act, including additional aid for state and local governments, expanded unemployment assistance, and more relief for businesses and hard-hit industries.

“We are still striving for an agreement,” Speaker Pelosi told her leadership team, according to POLITICO. “If necessary, we can formalize the request by voting on it on the House floor.”

Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin both signaled that they remain committed to negotiating a compromise package.

“I’ve probably spoken to Speaker Pelosi 15 or 20 times in the last few days on the CR and we agreed to continue to have discussions on the CARES Act,” Mr. Mnuchin said at a recent Senate Banking Committee hearing.

However, Speaker Pelosi indicated that the House would move forward with a vote on its own relief package proposal

if a deal with the White House and Congressional Republicans is not reached soon. POLITICO reports that Democrats actually released the text of that \$2.2 trillion bill minutes before Speaker Pelosi and Mr. Mnuchin were scheduled to speak, a signal to many that negotiations were all-but-dead.

The Senate this month passed the “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act” (H.R. 8337), to keep the federal government funded through December 11 at enacted FY2020 levels and avoid a government shutdown. The House passed the bill earlier in the month by a vote of 359-57-1. President Trump was expected to sign the bill into law by the end of this month. The CR also includes one-year reauthorizations for programs that would otherwise lapse at the end of this month, including the National Flood Insurance Program and the expiring 2015 FAST Act surface transportation bill.

“The bill contains no coronavirus relief provisions,” said Mark Limbaugh, the Family Farm Alliance’s representative in Washington, D.C.

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CORRESPONDENCE LIST  
OCTOBER 2020

Agenda Item XIII.

1. Letter received September 10, 2020 from Santa Barbara County Fire Department re: APN 135-220-048 - 2750 Corral de Quati Road - Conversion of Agriculture exempt structure to residential agricultural accessory structure
2. Letter received September 10, 2020 from Santa Barbara County Fire Department re: APN 135-151-009 - 2447 Lucca Avenue - New detached residential accessory structure - gym
3. Letter received September 10, 2020 from Santa Barbara County Fire Department re: APN 135-220-067 - 2455 Railway Avenue - New detached residential accessory structure - recreation room and workshop
4. Letter received September 11, 2020 from CalPERS re: Social Security Tax Withholding for rehired annuitants
5. Letter received September 11, 2020 from CalPERS re: New employment certification functionality in myCalPERS
6. Letter from District dated September 14, 2020 to Mr. & Mrs. D. Goodman re: Existing water service - guest house conversion to pool cabana- storage structure conversion to guest house with private fire protection, garage remodel and agriculture storage remodel to office - 1495 North Refugio Road - APN137-650-014
7. Letter from District dated September 14, 2020 to Mr. D. Dunn re: Existing Water Service Letter - new detached workshop garage with private fire protection - 1021 North Refugio Road - APN 141-340-015
8. Notice and Agenda received September 14, 2020 from Santa Ynez Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting September 16, 2020
9. Letter from District dated September 17, 2020 to 2 District Customers re: Backflow Testing requirements - 15 Day Letter
10. Letter from District dated September 18, 2020 to Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board, Region 3 and State Water Resources Control Board and County of Santa Barbara re: Mattei's Tavern Project - Proposed Wastewater Dispersal System
11. Letter received September 21, 2020 from Pacific Gas & Electric re: Important Notice of Planned Electric Service Interruption in your area
12. Letter received September 21, 2020 from Mr. D. Bertrand re: Congratulations to Mr. Dahlstrom on his retirement
13. Letter received September 21, 2020 from Mr. D. Bertrand re: Notice of completion of project and compliments to Lydia Cardenas
14. Agenda and Board packet received September 21, 2020 from Central Coast Water Authority re: Board of Directors Meeting September 24, 2020

15. Agenda and Notice received September 24, 2020 from COMB re: Notice of September 28, 2020 Board Meeting
16. Agenda and Notice received September 24, 2020 from Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board re: Santa Barbara County LAFCO Meeting October 1, 2020
17. Letter from District dated September 28, 2020 to Solvang Chamber of Commerce and Allan Hancock College re: Nationwide Rural Prosperity Initiative
18. Letter received September 28, 2020 from CalPERS re: Actuarial Circular Letter – Pension Outlook 2019 Valuation Data Now Available
19. Letter from District dated October 1, 2020 to Gardnerville Rancho General Improvement District re: Customer information
20. Transmittal received October 1, 2020 from Santa Barbara County Public Works Department re: Executed First Amendment to Cachuma Project Member Unit Contract
21. Letter from District dated October 2, 2020 to Mr. F. Sohaei re: Water Service Requirements – new single-family residence, detached additional dwelling unit and private fire protection, Baseline Avenue
22. Letter from District dated October 9, 2020 to Mr. D. Murphy and Ms. M. Chan re: Water Service requirements letter, new detached additional dwelling unit with garage – 1623 North Refugio Rd.
23. Letter from District dated October 9, 2020 to Central Region Environmental, California Department of Transportation re: Comments on Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Alamo Pintado Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project
24. Letter received October 12, 2020 from Central Coast Water Authority to COMB re: July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 Warren Act Trust Fund Payment
25. Letter received October 13, 2020 from County of Santa Barbara, Office of the Auditor-Controller re: 2020-2021 Property Tax Allocations