

**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, March 15, 2022**

**In-Person - 1070 Faraday Street, Santa Ynez, CA - Conference Room**

**OR**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**TELECONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER: 1-669-900-9128**

**MEETING ID: 929 0039 9487#**

**PARTICIPANT ID No.: 180175#**

**MEETING PASSCODE: 180175#**

**Important Notice Regarding Public Participation in This Meeting:** For those who may not attend the meeting in person or teleconference but wish to provide public comment on an Agenda Item, please submit any and all comments and written materials to the District via electronic mail at [general@syrwd.org](mailto:general@syrwd.org). All submittals should indicate "**March 15, 2022 Board Meeting**" in the subject line. Public comments and materials received by the District will become part of the post-meeting Board packet materials available to the public and posted on the District's website. In the interest of clear reception and efficient administration of the meeting, all persons participating via teleconference are respectfully requested to mute their voices after dialing-in and at all times unless speaking.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA**
4. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 816 – A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act in Accordance with AB 361**
5. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA**
6. **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.
7. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**
  - A. General Manager's Report
8. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022**
9. **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 Update
10. **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

2. Public Hearing: Proposed Adjustments to Boundaries of District Divisions Pursuant to California Elections Code and 2020 U.S. Census Bureau Population Results
  - a) Resolution No. 817 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Adjusting the Boundaries of District Boundaries
3. Office Pavement Replacement Project
  - a) Bid Results Summary
  - b) Award of Contract and Authorization to Execute Contract Documents
4. Appoint Ad Hoc Committee Members – Los Olivos Community Services District
5. District Cybersecurity Update

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

**A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

1. Eastern Management Area Update

**B. CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

1. Update Regarding Statewide Drought Conditions

**C. CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PURCHASE PROGRAM**

1. Update Regarding District Involvement in CCWA's 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program on Behalf of the City of Solvang

**D. 2022 WATER RATES STUDY**

1. Update Regarding District's 2022 5-Year Water Rates Study

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

**13. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS**

**14. 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.

**15. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for **April 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

**16. CLOSED SESSION:**

To accommodate the teleconferencing component of this meeting, the public access line will be closed for up to forty-five (45) minutes while the Board of Trustees convenes into closed session. Upon the conclusion of the closed session, the public participation teleconference access will be reopened for the remaining Agenda Items.

The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following items:

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

[Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code – 2 Cases]

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
2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 21CV02432

Public teleconference access to the meeting (Dial-In Number and Passcode above) will be reopened when the Board of Trustees concludes closed session.

- 17. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**  
[Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]
- 18. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 816**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1  
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER THE RALPH M.  
BROWN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 361**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) is committed to promoting and preserving complete public access and participation in meetings of the District's Board of Trustees, as required and set forth by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) (Brown Act); and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act contains special provisions for remote teleconference participation in meetings when the Governor of the State of California has declared a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and either state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or where in-person meetings would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, which state of emergency has not been rescinded; the County Health Officer for the County of Santa Barbara has issued numerous Health Orders regarding health and safety requirements and protocols since the beginning of and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including recent Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1, effective February 16, 2022, which incorporates guidance issued on February 7, 2022 by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) requiring unvaccinated persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requires universal masking in only specified settings, and recommends continued indoor masking when the risk of COVID-19 transmission is high; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2022, CDPH issued updated Guidance for the Use of Face Masks which provides, among other things, that effective March 1, 2022, the requirement that unvaccinated individuals mask in indoor public settings will move to a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccine status, continue indoor masking, and that universal making shall remain required in specified high-risk settings, and that after March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate, and that CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal making requirement lifts; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2021 the County Health Officer and County Public Health Director issued a Health Official AB 361 Social Distance Recommendation which states, among other things, that utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is an effective and recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs and encourage participants to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, and that such recommendation is further intended to satisfy the requirements of the Brown Act which allows local legislative bodies in the County of Santa Barbara to use certain available teleconferencing options set forth in the Brown Act, where such recommendation is also based in part on the increased case rate of the highly transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19 within the nation and the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the District finds that the current circumstances relating to COVID-19 and variants thereof can cause, and can continue to cause, risks to the health and safety of persons within the County, and therefore the District may conduct its meetings to allow remote teleconference participation in the manner authorized by AB 361, specifically including Government Code section 54953(e); and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the exemption set forth under Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) because remote teleconference meetings during a declared state of emergency do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. The District may conduct its meeting to allow remote teleconference participation in the manner authorized by AB 361, specifically including Government Code Section 54953(e).
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for up to thirty (30) days as provided in Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, being the duly qualified President and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees of said District at a Regular meeting held on March 15, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board of Trustees



TOMÁS J. ARAGÓN, M.D., Dr.P.H.  
State Public Health Officer & Director

State of California—Health and Human  
Services Agency  
**California Department of  
Public Health**



GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor

February 28, 2022

**TO:** All Californians

**SUBJECT:** Guidance for the Use of Face Masks

**Related Materials:** [Face Coverings Q&A](#) | [Face Coverings Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) | [Face Mask Tips and Resources](#) | [Face Shields Q&A \(PDF\)](#) | [Safe Schools for All Hub](#) | [More Home & Community Guidance](#) | [All Guidance](#) | [More Languages](#)

**Updates as of February 28, 2022:**

- Effective March 1, 2022, the requirement that unvaccinated individuals mask in indoor public settings will move to a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccine status, continue indoor masking.
- Universal masking shall remain required in specified high-risk settings.
- After March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate. CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts.

**Guidance For the Use of Masks**

**Background**

California has used science to guide our health protection strategies throughout the pandemic. Data show that because of these strategies, we have saved lives. COVID-19 cases and hospitalization continue to decline across the state. Since February 14, cases have declined by 66% and hospitalizations have declined by 48%. This is due in large part to the collective efforts of Californians to get vaccinated, get boosted, and wear masks indoors.

A universal indoor masking requirement was reinstated on December 15, 2021, to add a layer of mitigation as the Omicron variant, a Variant of Concern as labeled by the World Health Organization, increased in prevalence across California, the United States, and the world and spread much more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and the Delta variant. Implementing the universal masking requirement in all indoor public settings during the winter season was an important tool to decrease community transmission and protect critical healthcare system capacity during the highly infectious Omicron surge. Since the peak in case rates during the Omicron surge in early January

2022, the dramatic surge in cases and hospitalizations due to the highly infectious Omicron variant over the last two months has declined significantly. Californians have also become increasingly knowledgeable about how to protect themselves and their loved ones with effective masks when there may be risk of COVID-19 exposure or transmission. Accordingly, CDPH amended this masking guidance to allow the universal indoor masking requirement to expire on February 15, 2022 as scheduled.

The COVID-19 vaccines remain effective in preventing serious disease, hospitalization, and death from the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Vaccination continues to remain the ultimate exit strategy out of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the percentage of Californians fully vaccinated and boosted continues to increase, we continue to have areas of the state where vaccine coverage is low, putting individuals and communities at greater risk for COVID-19. As a state, we need to remain vigilant.

Accordingly, effective March 1, 2022, the requirement for unvaccinated persons to mask in indoor public settings and businesses is being replaced by a **strong recommendation** that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, continue to mask while in indoor public settings and businesses.

As we've shown in our SMARTER Plan, masks, especially those that offer the best fit and filtration (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s), remain a critical component of our multi-layered approach for protection against COVID-19 infection. A series of cross-sectional surveys in the U.S. suggested that a 10% increase in self-reported mask wearing tripled the likelihood of slowing community transmission.[1] Our recently published case-control study conducted in California from February 18 to December 1, 2021 demonstrated that consistently wearing a face mask or respirator in indoor public settings reduces the risk of acquiring SARS-CoV-2 infection. [2]. Masks also remain a critical component for protecting those that are most vulnerable in our communities, including the unvaccinated, the immunocompromised, or those at risk for severe disease and illness.

Throughout this pandemic, the masking requirement in California schools has allowed us to keep schools open when compared to other parts of the country. California accounts for roughly 12% of all U.S. students, but accounted for only 1% of COVID-19 related school closures during the Omicron surge. Nationally during the Delta surge in July and August 2021, jurisdictions without mask requirements in schools experienced larger increases in pediatric case rates, and school outbreaks were 3.5 times more likely in areas without school mask requirements. [3], [4]. Current projections show that statewide, the declines we are seeing in cases and hospitalizations will continue. Accordingly, after **March 11, 2022**, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate. CDPH **strongly recommends** that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts. Masking will continue to be an important layer of protection along with the continued recommendations around vaccinations, testing and ventilation, to keep schools a safe environment, even as case rates and hospitalizations decline.

CDPH is maintaining the masking requirements in specified **high-risk settings**, consistent with CDC recommendations. This allows us to continue protecting our most vulnerable populations and the workforce that delivers critical services in these settings.

Finally, CDPH is maintaining the requirement that businesses and venue operators, including K-12 school and childcare settings, must allow any individual to wear a mask if they desire to.

In workplaces, employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) or in some workplaces the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.

Local health jurisdictions and entities may continue to implement additional requirements that go beyond this statewide guidance based on local circumstances.

These requirements and recommendations will continue to be updated as CDPH continues to assess conditions on an ongoing basis.

## Masking Requirements

Masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

- Indoors in K-12 schools[6], childcare[7] (through March 11, 2022)\*
- On public transit[5] (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- Emergency[8] shelters and cooling and heating centers[9]
- Healthcare settings[10] (applies to all healthcare settings, including those that are not covered by the State Health Officer Order issued on July 26, 2021)\*\*
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers[11]
- Homeless shelters[12]
- Long Term Care Settings & Adult and Senior Care Facilities[13]

\*After March 11, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate. CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts. For additional information on types of masks for children, the most effective masks, and ensuring a well-fitted mask, individuals should refer to CDPH Masks for Kids: Tips and Resources.

\*\*In certain healthcare situations or settings surgical masks are required. See State Health Officer Order, issued on July 26, 2021, for a full list of high-risk congregate and other specifically enumerated healthcare settings where surgical masks are required for unvaccinated workers. The Order also includes recommendations for respirator use for unvaccinated workers in healthcare and long-term care facilities in situations or settings not covered by Cal/OSHA ETS or ATD.

Additionally, masks are **strongly recommended for all persons, regardless of vaccine status**, in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public). Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

For additional information on types of masks, the most effective masks, and ensuring a well-fitted mask, individuals should refer to CDPH Get the Most out of Masking and see CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

### \*Guidance for Businesses, Venue Operators or Hosts

In settings where masks are strongly recommended, businesses, venue operators or hosts should consider:

- Providing information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding masking recommendations for all persons, regardless of vaccine status.

- Providing information to all patrons, guests and attendees to consider better fit and filtration for masks [Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are recommended over cloth masks].
- Requiring all patrons to wear masks, especially when risk in the community may be high, or if those being served are at high-risk for severe disease or illness.
- Requiring attendees who do not provide proof of vaccination to enter indoor Mega Events to continue masking during the event, especially when not actively eating or drinking.

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

## Exemptions to masks requirements

The following **individuals** are exempt from wearing masks at all times:

- Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

[1] Rader B, White LF, Burns MR, et al. Mask-wearing and control of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in the USA: a cross-sectional study. *The Lancet Digital Health*. 2021;3(3):e148–e157.

[2] Andrejko KL, Pry JM, Myers JF, et al. Effectiveness of Face Mask or Respirator Use in Indoor Public Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Infection — California, February–December 2021. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. ePub: 4 February 2022

[3] Jehn M, McCullough JM, Dale AP, Gue M, Eller B, Cullen T, Scott SE. Association between K–12 school mask policies and school-associated COVID-19 outbreaks — Maricopa and Pima Counties, Arizona, July–August 2021. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. 2021; 70(39);1372–1373.

[4] Budzyn SE, Panaggio MJ, Parks SE, Papazian M, Magid J, Eng M, Barrios LC. Pediatric COVID-19 cases in counties with and without school mask requirements — United States, July 1–September 4, 2021. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*. 2021; 70(39);1377–1378.

[5] CDC Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs

[6] CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools

[7] CDC COVID-19 Guidance for Operating Early Care and Education/Child Care Programs

[8] CDC's Interim Guidance for General Population Disaster Shelters During the COVID-19 Pandemic

[9] CDC COVID-19 and Cooling Centers

[10] CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

[11] CDC Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Correctional and Detention Facilities

[12] CDC Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

[13] CDC Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities

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Department Website ([cdph.ca.gov](http://cdph.ca.gov))



# Masking and COVID-19 in California: When Should You Wear a Mask?

**Wearing a well-fitting face mask with good filtration is an effective way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.**

- **Masking in indoor public places is strongly recommended for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Universal masking is required in specific settings** such as health care facilities, shelters, schools and on all public transportation, outlined below.
- **Some exceptions apply**, such as for children under two years old and individuals with certain medical conditions.

Learn how to [Get the Most Out of Masking](#). Read the state's [full masking guidance](#).

## **Wear a Mask on All Public Transportation – and Places like Schools, Healthcare Settings and Shelters**

- Wear a mask on public transportation and in transportation hubs (airports, planes, trains, buses, stations, etc.) – regardless of your vaccination status.
- Masks are also required for everyone working, attending or living in healthcare settings (including long-term care facilities), as well as K-12 schools, childcare, other youth settings, correctional facilities, detention centers, homeless shelters, emergency shelters, and cooling centers.
- Workers must also follow Cal/OSHA rules.
- Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

## **Other Things to Consider:**

- Follow all local health rules, which may be more restrictive than statewide rules.
- You cannot be denied service or entry if you choose to wear a mask.
- When choosing a mask – choose a good one. Choose a well-fitting respirator mask (N95, KN95, KF94) if possible. A surgical mask combined with a cloth mask on top is also a good option.



**Scan here to read all the Masking Guidelines.**



**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2022-10.1  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19  
FACE COVERINGS  
WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**Health Officer Order No. 2022-10 is rescinded by this  
Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1**

**Effective Date: February 16, 2022, 12:00 am PT**

Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Health Officer Orders or guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the California Department of Public Health updated their Guidance for the Use of Face Masks to take effect on February 16, 2022, requiring unvaccinated persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requiring universal masking in only specified settings, and recommending continued indoor masking when the risk may be high (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>). Thus, the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer finds Health Officer Order 2022-10 ordering face coverings within Santa Barbara County is no longer necessary for the control of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara.

**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. Order 2022-10 is rescinded effective February 15, 2022 at 11:59 pm (PT). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County").

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 March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts 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; CDPH / Cal-OSHA Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments issued February 26, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-07-21 of June 11, 2021; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 of June 11, 2021; the State Public Health Order issued July 26, 2021; the October 15, 2021 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Interim Public Health

Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People; the January 12, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year; the January 13, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools; the January 21, 2022 guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Your Guide to Masks; and the February 7, 2022 California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.

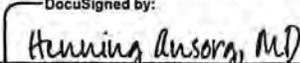
This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

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:

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



1 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution No. 813, a  
2 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District,  
3 Improvement No.1 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Ralph M. Brown Act  
4 in Accordance with AB 361.  
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6 The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 3-0-0 roll call vote:  
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8	<b>AYES, Trustees:</b>	Michael Burchardi
9		Jeff Clay
10		Brad Joos
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12	<b>NOES, Trustees:</b>	None
13	<b>ABSTAIN, Trustees:</b>	None
14	<b>ABSENT, Trustees:</b>	Jeff Holzer
15		Lori Parker
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17 5. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:**

18 There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.  
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20 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

21 President Clay welcomed any members of the public participating remotely and offered time for  
22 members of the public to speak and address the Board on matters not on the agenda. There was  
23 no public comment. Mr. Garcia reported that no written comments were submitted to the District  
24 for the meeting.  
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26 7. **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE:**

27 A. General Manager's Report

28 Mr. Garcia reported on the current information related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the  
29 District's actions. He reported that on February 16, 2022, the Santa Barbara County Public  
30 Health Department issued Health Officer Order No. 2022-10.1 which rescinds Health Order  
31 2022-10 and incorporates all updated guidance from the California Department of Public  
32 Health for the use of face masks effective February 15, 2022, requiring all unvaccinated  
33 persons to wear masks in all indoor public settings, requiring universal masking in only  
34 specified settings, and recommending continued indoor masking for all persons when the  
35 risk may be high.  
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37 8. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022:**

38 The Regular Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2022 were presented for consideration.  
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40 President Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of  
41 January 18, 2022 as presented. No changes or additions were requested.  
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43 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, and carried by a 3-0-0 roll call  
44 vote, with Trustees Holzer and Parker absent, to approve the January 18, 2022 Minutes as  
45 presented.  
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47 9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

48 The Consent Agenda Report was provided in the Board packet.  
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50 Mr. Garcia reviewed the Consent Agenda materials for the month of February.  
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52 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 3-0-0 roll call  
53 vote, with Trustees Holzer and Parker absent, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

3 **A. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:**

4 1. Personnel Policy

- 5 a) Resolution No. 814 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River  
6 Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Amending the District's  
7 Personnel Policy Manual

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9 The Board packet included a February 9, 2022 Memorandum from Stradling Yocca  
10 Carlson & Rauth and a copy of Draft Resolution No. 814.

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12 Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Jeff Dinkin of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, the  
13 District's employment legal counsel, to present this item.

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15 Mr. Dinkin explained that he conducted an annual review of the District's Personnel  
16 Policy Manual (Manual) and based upon his assessment of existing policies, changes  
17 in the law, and discussion with management, three revisions to the Manual were being  
18 proposed. He reviewed proposed revisions to Section 1.10.d. (Overtime), Section  
19 3.5.b. (California Family Rights Act Leave), and Section 3.8 (Paid Family Leave  
20 Insurance). Discussion ensued and Mr. Dinkin answered questions from the Board.

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22 No public comment was provided.

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24 It was **Moved** by Trustee Burchardi, seconded by Trustee Joos, to adopt Resolution  
25 No. 814, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water  
26 Conservation District, Improvement No.1 Amending the District's Personnel Policy  
27 Manual.

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29 The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 3-0-0 roll call vote:

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31	<b>AYES, Trustees:</b>	Michael Burchardi
32		Jeff Clay
33		Brad Joos
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35	<b>NOES, Trustees:</b>	None
36	<b>ABSTAIN, Trustees:</b>	None
37	<b>ABSENT, Trustees:</b>	Jeff Holzer
38		Lori Parker
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- 40 2. Public Hearing: Consider Proposal to Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions Pursuant  
41 to U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Population Results

- 42 a) Presentation and Discussion Regarding Proposed Adjustment to Boundaries of  
43 Divisions within the District

44 The Board packet included an overview memorandum prepared by JDL Mapping  
45 regarding the 2022 re-districting process and several maps depicting existing and  
46 proposed adjustments to boundaries of the District's divisions.

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48 Mr. Garcia explained that this agenda item was being conducted as a public hearing  
49 and provided an overview of the hearing process that would be followed. President  
50 Clay opened the public hearing at approximately 3:36 p.m. Mr. Garcia introduced Mr.  
51 Dennis Loyst of JDL Mapping to present his memorandum, the draft maps, and  
52 related information regarding the re-districting process under the California Elections  
53 Code and proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District.

1 Mr. Loyst explained that following each federal decennial census (every ten years),  
2 special districts must use the new census data and, if needed, adjust their division  
3 boundaries to reflect changes in local populations. He explained that the process,  
4 called re-districting, is intended to ensure that all divisions comply with Elections  
5 Code Section 22000 which requires that all divisions are relatively equal in population.  
6 Mr. Loyst stated that based on the most recent 2020 federal census data and changes  
7 to census blocks within the District, he prepared proposed adjustments to the  
8 boundaries of the District's divisions with the goal of equalizing the population within  
9 each division to the extent practicable and without causing major changes to the way  
10 the division lines are currently drawn. Mr. Loyst provided a PowerPoint presentation  
11 including draft maps detailing the proposed adjustments to boundaries of the  
12 District's divisions. He indicated that the Board could move forward with the  
13 proposed adjustments and achieve a population variance of less than 2% between the  
14 divisions, which strongly comports with the Elections Code objective of equalizing  
15 populations in each division. Mr. Loyst explained that the Board could also consider  
16 adjusting the boundaries in an alternate manner.  
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18 Discussion ensued and several Board members favored the proposed adjustments to  
19 the division boundaries as presented.  
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21 President Clay opened public comment and no public comment was provided. Public  
22 comment was closed, and no further discussion or comment was provided by the  
23 Board. The public hearing was closed at approximately 3:58 p.m.  
24

- 25 b) Resolution No. 815 - A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River  
26 Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 Giving Notice of Its Intent to  
27 Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions  
28 The Board packet included draft Resolution No. 815.  
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30 Mr. Garcia generally reviewed the contents of and recommended approval of  
31 Resolution No. 815. He explained that, assuming Board approval of Resolution No.  
32 815, staff would provide public notice of a second public hearing on the proposed  
33 boundary adjustments to be conducted by the District at its next Regular meeting  
34 scheduled for March 15, 2022. Mr. Garcia indicated that the public notice and related  
35 information would be published in a local newspaper and posted on the District's  
36 website.  
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38 No public comment was provided.  
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40 It was MOVED by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, to adopt Resolution  
41 No. 815, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water  
42 Conservation District, Improvement No.1. Giving Notice of Its Intent to Adjust  
43 Boundaries of District Divisions.

1 The Resolution was adopted and carried by the following 4-0-0 roll call vote:  
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3 AYES, Trustees: Michael Burchardi  
4 Jeff Clay  
5 Brad Joos  
6 Lori Parker  
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8 NOES, Trustees: None  
9 ABSTAIN, Trustees: None  
10 ABSENT, Trustees: Jeff Holzer  
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12 3. Financial Report on Administrative Matters

13 a) Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements - Revenues and Expenses

14 Ms. Martone announced that the Financial Statements were emailed to the Board  
15 members earlier that afternoon and posted on the District's website in the Board  
16 packet materials for any members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a  
17 copy.  
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19 Ms. Martone reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the month of  
20 February. She highlighted various line-items related to revenue and expense  
21 transactions that occurred during the month. Ms. Martone reported that the District  
22 expenses exceeded the revenues by \$29,904.98 and the year-to-date net income is  
23 \$1,995,232.77.  
24

25 b) Approval of Accounts Payable

26 Ms. Martone announced that the Warrant List was emailed to the Board members this  
27 afternoon and posted on the District's website in the Board packet materials for any  
28 members of the public wishing to follow along or receive a copy.  
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30 The Board reviewed the Warrant List which covered warrants 24300 through 24353 in  
31 the amount of \$378,412.53.  
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33 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-  
34 0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to approve the Warrant List for January  
35 19, 2022 through February 22, 2022.  
36

37 4. Consider Establishing Ad Hoc Committee - Los Olivos Community Services District

38 The Board packet included various correspondence related to the Los Olivos Community  
39 Services District (LOCSD) Board meetings and information from LOCSD regarding the  
40 Wastewater Treatment Plant site selection process.  
41

42 Mr. Garcia explained that during the ID No.1 January Board meeting, Trustee Burchardi  
43 requested that the Board consider establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to help remain  
44 informed of the LOCSD's proposed wastewater treatment and dispersal system.  
45 Discussion ensued and consensus of the Board was to establish the Ad Hoc Committee.  
46 The Board briefly discussed appointing members of the Ad Hoc Committee, however, the  
47 Board chose to table the selection of members until a full Board was present.  
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49 It was **MOVED** by Trustee Clay, seconded by Trustee Parker, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll  
50 call vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc  
51 Committee for the Los Olivos Community Services District.

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

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3 **A. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

4 1. Eastern Management Area Update

5 The Board packet included a February 4, 2022 Special Meeting Notice and Agenda for the  
6 Eastern Management Area Citizens Advisory Group.  
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8 Mr. Garcia provided a verbal report on the topics discussed at the February 4, 2022  
9 meeting of the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the Eastern Management Area (EMA).  
10 Mr. Garcia reported that in order to implement the SGMA projects and management  
11 actions outlined in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the EMA, an effective  
12 governance mechanism must be in place. He explained that currently the formation of  
13 each Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the Basin is based on a Memorandum  
14 of Agreement (MOA). Mr. Garcia noted that each GSA is discussing alternative  
15 governance structures for implementing their respective GSPs, which will include the  
16 adoption and imposition of SGMA-related fees and charges. He noted that the EMA CAG  
17 discussed alternative governance models such as maintaining the current MOA, forming  
18 a new Joint Powers Authority (JPA), and how EMA governance and administration  
19 would intersect with the governance structures chosen in the Central and Western  
20 Management Areas. Mr. Garcia reported that governance will continue to be a high-  
21 priority issue of the EMA GSA, which has its next Regular Meeting scheduled for  
22 February 24, 2022.  
23

24 **B. CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

25 1. Update Regarding Statewide Drought Conditions

26 The Board packet included the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Current Reservoir  
27 Conditions; the January 20, 2022 Notice To State Water Project Contractors; recent news  
28 articles relating to current drought conditions; and a monthly Cloud Seeding Report for  
29 January operations through North American Weather Consultants, Inc.  
30

31 Mr. Garcia discussed the Board packed materials, including updated conditions of major  
32 reservoirs in California as published by DWR. He also reported on the January 20, 2022  
33 Notice from DWR that the State Water Project Table A Allocation has been increased from  
34 zero percent to 15 percent. Mr. Garcia referred to recent news articles relating to current  
35 drought conditions and reviewed the January 2022 Cloud Seeding Report contained in  
36 the Board packet, noting that ID No.1 is a participating member of the regional cloud  
37 seeding program.  
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39 **C. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

40 1. Updates to Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence

41 The Board packet included correspondence and related information from the Santa  
42 Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) pertaining to the  
43 upcoming Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Updates.  
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45 Mr. Garcia reported that periodically the Santa Barbara County LAFCO undertakes a  
46 review of municipal services and updates to spheres of influence for cities and special  
47 districts within Santa Barbara County. He reported that 2012 was the last time the District  
48 was involved in this type of LAFCO review. Mr. Garcia stated that ID No.1 recently  
49 received a letter request from LAFCO to complete the Municipal Service Review Survey  
50 and Questionnaire, and that staff will be preparing a response to LAFCO's request.  
51

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

4 Trustee Burchardi reported that the District has an opportunity to be involved with an upcoming  
5 community event known as "Airport Days" to be held at the Santa Ynez Airport in May 2022.  
6 Mr. Garcia agreed that District participation is a great idea and that staff will work with Trustee  
7 Burchardi to prepare details for the District's involvement.  
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9 The Board packet included the February 2022 Family Farm Alliance Monthly Briefing and the  
10 State of California Fish and Game Commission Meeting Agenda for February 16-17, 2022 Webinar  
11 and Teleconference.  
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13 **13. CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FILING OF VARIOUS ITEMS:**

14 The Correspondence List was received by the Board.  
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16 **14. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

17 There were no requests from the Board.  
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19 **15. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

20 President Clay stated the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for March  
21 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.  
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23 **16. CLOSED SESSION:**

24 The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:07 p.m.  
25

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

27 [Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 2 Cases]

- 28 1. Name of Case: Adjudicatory proceedings pending before the State Water Resources  
29 Control Board regarding Permit 15878 issued on Application 22423 to the City of  
30 Solvang, Petitions for Change, and Related Protests  
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- 32 2. Name of Case: Central Coast Water Authority, et al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood  
33 Control and Water Conservation District, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court  
34 Case No. 21CV02432  
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36 **B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION BY THE AGENCY**

37 [Subdivision (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code - 1 Case]  
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39 **17. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**

40 [Sections 54957.1 and 54957.7 of the Government Code]  
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42 The public participation phone line was re-opened, and the Board reconvened to open session  
43 at approximately 6:17 p.m.  
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45 Mr. Garcia announced that the Board met in closed session concerning Agenda Items 16.A.1.,  
46 16.A.2., and 16.B. and that there was no reportable action from the closed session.  
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**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, it was **MOVED** by Trustee Joos, seconded by Trustee Burchardi, and carried by a 4-0-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Holzer absent, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:19 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board

ATTEST:

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Jeff Clay, President

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Karen King, Board Administrative Assistant

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1  
March 15, 2022**

**Consent Agenda Report**

CA-1. Water Supply and Production Report. Total water production in **February 2022 (193 AF)** was 80 AF greater than water production in January (113 AF), noticeably higher than the most recent 3-year running average (2019-2021) for the month of **February (137 AF)**, and even higher than the most recent 10-year running average (2012-2021) for the month of **February (165 AF)**. As previously reported, the District's overall demands and total production generally have been trending substantially below historic levels for domestic, rural residential, and agricultural water deliveries due to water conservation, changing water use patterns, and private well installations. **However, exceptionally dry conditions in February caused demands and total production to be higher than the most recent 3-year running average and the last 10-year running average for the month.**

For the month of **February**, approximately **84 AF** was produced from the Santa Ynez Upland wells, and approximately **109 AF** was produced from the 4.0 cfs and 6.0 cfs Santa Ynez River well fields. As reflected in the Monthly Water Deliveries Report from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), the District did not request or take delivery of any SWP supplies for the month. Direct diversions to the County Park and USBR were **1.18 AF**.

The USBR Daily Operations Report for Lake Cachuma in **February** (ending February 28, 2022) recorded the end of month lake elevation at **711.32'** with the end of month storage of **91,642 AF**. USBR recorded total precipitation at the lake of **0.08 inches in February (following 0.44 inches in January)**. For the month, reservoir storage was supplemented with **356.3 AF** of SWP deliveries for South Coast entities. Reservoir evaporation in **February** was **372.6 AF**.

Based on the maximum storage of 193,305 AF, Cachuma reservoir currently (as of **March 7, 2022**) is at approximately **46.7%** of capacity, with current storage of **90,106 AF** (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. 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 (and previously have occurred) at other lower storage levels. **For the federal WY 2021-2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022), the Cachuma Member Units jointly requested an allocation of approximately 83% of the Project's annual operational yield of 25,714 AF. By letter dated September 24, 2021, USBR issued a 70% allocation decision for WY 2021-2022, which equates to 18,000. ID No.1's 10.31% share of this allocation amounts to 1,855 AF (current water year balance is 1,727 AF).** In addition to its 2021-2022 allocation, ID No.1 currently holds approximately 2,315 AF of previous years carryover water in the reservoir, subject to evaporation.

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 portion of 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 Water Rights Order 2019-0148 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 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 February, water releases for fish were approximately 69.2 AF to Hilton Creek and approximately 314 AF to the outlet works for a total of 383.2 AF. As of the end of February 2022, a total of approximately 45,023.0 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 January 20, 2022, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued a Notice to SWP Contractors that the 2022 SWP Table A allocation has been increased from 0 percent to 15 percent.<sup>1</sup> This increased allocation translates to 105 AF for ID No.1's 2022 share of Table A supplies through CCWA.** The District also holds approximately 181 AF of prior years' carryover in San Luis Reservoir.

The attached materials include copies of the March 10, 2022 meeting agenda for the CCWA Operating Committee and the February 24, 2022 meeting agenda for the CCWA Board of Directors. These agendas cover a variety of matters relating to the SWP, including but not limited to: SWP supplies and ongoing drought conditions; SWP operations; the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program; Coastal Branch water management strategies; preparation of the CCWA fiscal year 2022-2023 budget; renewal of the CCWA Warren Act Contract for Cachuma Reservoir; and pending litigation against the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The next meeting of the CCWA Board of Directors is scheduled for March 24, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> By way of background, on December 1, 2021, DWR issued an Initial 2022 SWP Table A allocation stating that DWR would be allocating 2022 SWP available supplies on a basis that ensures the SWP Contractors can meet their outstanding minimum human health and safety demands for water. According to DWR, that initial "Health and Safety" allocation was to be based on minimum unmet water demands for domestic supply, fire protection, and sanitation needs during the year, which the SWRCB has established as not more than 55 gallons per capita per day. Because no CCWA agencies identified unmet health and safety demands, DWR's December 2021 Notice translated to an Initial 0% Table A allocation for CCWA and its participants.

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

FEBRUARY 2022

LAKE CACHUMA DAILY OPERATIONS

RUN DATE: March 1, 2022

DAY	ELEV	STORAGE		COMPUTED* INFLOW AF.	CCWA INFLOW AF.	PRECIP ON RES. SURF. AF.	RELEASE - AF.				EVAP AF.	PRECIP INCH	PRECIP INCHES	
		ACRE-Feet IN LAKE	CHANGE				TUNNEL	HILTON CREEK	OUTLET	SPILLWAY				
1	712.10	93,101												
1	712.09	93,063	-38	6.0	19.0	.0	44.8	2.6	12.0	.0	3.6	.030	.00	
2	712.05	93,007	-56	7.3	13.2	.0	51.0	2.5	11.0	.0	12.0	.100	.00	
3	712.03	92,969	-38	24.4	13.2	.0	48.8	2.6	11.0	.0	13.2	.110	.00	
4	712.01	92,932	-37	23.8	13.0	.0	51.9	2.5	11.0	.0	8.4	.070	.00	
5	711.99	92,894	-38	20.1	13.2	.0	47.0	2.5	11.0	.0	10.8	.090	.00	
6	711.96	92,838	-56	6.9	13.2	.0	50.5	2.6	11.0	.0	12.0	.100	.00	
7	711.93	92,781	-57	5.1	13.2	.0	49.7	2.6	11.0	.0	12.0	.100	.00	
8	711.91	92,744	-37	26.6	13.2	.0	50.1	2.5	11.0	.0	13.2	.110	.00	
9	711.89	92,706	-38	27.3	13.2	.0	49.4	2.5	11.0	.0	15.6	.130	.00	
10	711.87	92,668	-38	41.3	13.2	.0	61.2	2.5	12.0	.0	16.8	.140	.00	
11	711.83	92,593	-75	13.2	13.2	.0	72.3	2.5	11.0	.0	15.6	.130	.00	
12	711.79	92,518	-75	7.3	13.2	.0	67.6	2.5	11.0	.0	14.4	.120	.00	
13	711.75	92,443	-75	22.2	13.2	.0	71.9	2.5	12.0	.0	24.0	.200	.00	
14	711.71	92,368	-75	14.3	13.3	.0	71.1	2.5	11.0	.0	18.0	.150	.00	
15	711.67	92,292	-76	19.8	2.3	.0	71.4	2.5	11.0	.0	13.2	.110	.00	
16	711.62	92,198	-94	0.0	0.0	3.1	65.6	2.5	11.0	.0	18.0	.150	.02	
17	711.58	92,124	-74	5.6	0.0	.0	54.4	2.4	12.0	.0	10.8	.090	.00	
18	711.55	92,069	-55	28.2	0.0	.0	54.2	2.5	11.0	.0	15.5	.130	.00	
19	711.53	92,031	-38	31.5	12.9	.0	53.5	2.4	11.0	.0	15.5	.130	.00	
20	711.50	91,976	-55	1.2	13.2	1.6	44.6	2.4	12.0	.0	12.0	.100	.01	
21	711.49	91,957	-19	27.5	13.2	.0	34.3	2.4	11.0	.0	12.0	.100	.00	
22	711.47	91,920	-37	11.3	13.2	.0	33.8	2.4	11.0	.0	14.3	.120	.00	
23	711.43	91,846	-74	-26.7	13.2	7.8	48.9	2.4	11.0	.0	6.0	.050	.05	
24	711.40	91,790	-56	-1.6	13.3	.0	45.9	2.4	11.0	.0	8.4	.070	.00	
25	711.37	91,735	-55	4.6	13.2	.0	46.5	2.4	12.0	.0	11.9	.100	.00	
26	711.36	91,716	-19	23.7	23.7	.0	48.2	2.4	11.0	.0	4.8	.040	.00	
27	711.35	91,697	-19	43.8	23.8	.0	48.1	2.4	11.0	.0	25.1	.210	.00	
28	711.32	91,642	-55	-3.6	23.8	.0	46.4	2.3	11.0	.0	15.5	.130	.00	
<b>TOTAL (AF)</b>			<b>-1,459</b>	<b>411.1</b>	<b>356.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>1,483.1</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>314.0</b>	<b>.0</b>	<b>372.6</b>	<b>3.110</b>	<b>.08</b>	
<b>(AVG)</b>		<b>92,340</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: 3/7/2022

Water Year: 2022

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	0.01	0.00	0.02	7.47	57%	45%	
Cachuma Dam (USBR)	332	0.00	0.00	0.01	10.54	68%	53%	
Carpinteria (Fire Stn)	208	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.37	62%	48%	
Cuyama (Fire Stn)	436	0.01	0.00	0.12	3.64	64%	47%	
Figueroa Mtn. (USFS Stn)	421	0.00	0.00	0.06	11.11	68%	52%	7.6
Gibraltar Dam (City Facility)	230	0.00	0.00	0.02	15.40	74%	59%	6.5
Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros)	440	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.29	71%	56%	
Lompoc (City Hall)	439	0.00	0.00	0.04	8.41	74%	58%	7.6
Los Alamos (Fire Stn)	204	0.00	0.00	0.03	7.23	62%	47%	
San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn)	212	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.86	87%	70%	
Santa Barbara (County Bldg)	234	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.33	79%	62%	
Santa Maria (City Pub. Works)	380	0.00	0.00	0.01	6.67	65%	50%	
Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport)	218	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.48	69%	54%	
Sisquoc (Fire Stn)	256	0.00	0.00	0.03	6.56	57%	43%	

County-wide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall :

**68%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall :

**53%**

County-wide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2022 (End of WY2022).

**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)

Click on Site for Real-Time Readings	Spillway	Current	Max.	Current	Current	Storage	Storage
	Elev. (ft)	Elev. (ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Storage (ac-ft)	Capacity (%)	Change Mo.(ac-ft)	Change Year*(ac-ft)
<a href="#"><u>Gibraltar Reservoir</u></a>	1,400.00	1,390.62	4,693	2,769	59.0%	17	2,495
<a href="#"><u>Cachuma Reservoir</u></a>	753.**	711.05	192,978	90,106	46.7%	-464	-9,164
<a href="#"><u>Jameson Reservoir</u></a>	2,224.00	2,210.34	4,848	3,297	68.0%	-4	212
<a href="#"><u>Twitchell Reservoir</u></a>	651.50	NA	194,971	NA		NA	NA

# CIMIS Daily Report

Rendered in ENGLISH Units.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - Monday, February 28, 2022

Printed on Tuesday, March 1, 2022

## Santa Ynez - Central Coast Valleys - Station 64

Date	ETo (In)	Precip (In)	SoI 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)
2/1/2022	0.08	0.00	262	8.3	68.5	36.4	50.7	100	27	66	39.6	2.9	70.7	53.8
2/2/2022	0.08	0.00	270	5.9	68.1	27.4	46.1	99	20	56	31.2	2.9	70.3	53.9
2/3/2022	0.07	0.00	259	7.3	70.3	27.6	45.7	100	37	70	36.4	2.2	52.5	53.6
2/4/2022	0.08	0.00	255	7.3	72.8	29.8	47.9	100	28	64	36.3	2.6	62.1	53.3
2/5/2022	0.08	0.00	269	6.4	74.5	28.5	48.0	100	15	56	33.2	2.5	59.4	53.2
2/6/2022	0.08	0.00	275	7.4	79.7	27.6	49.4	99	19	62	36.8	2.3	55.5	53.1
2/7/2022	0.09	0.00	281	7.8	79.3	28.5	51.4	100	19	60	38.1	2.2	53.7	53.2
2/8/2022	0.09	0.00	294	7.8	81.8	29.5	52.9	100	20	57	38.2	2.1	50.0	53.4
2/9/2022	0.11	0.00	307	7.9	87.5 Y	32.6	55.9	100	14	52	38.3	2.5	60.8	53.7
2/10/2022	0.11	0.00	312	8.2	86.8 Y	31.7	57.8	98	13	50	39.3	2.6	62.1	54.0
2/11/2022	0.10	0.00	314	9.1	89.7 Y	36.8	59.7	100	13	52	42.1	2.0	47.9	54.4
2/12/2022	0.12 R	0.00	300	7.7	88.3 Y	34.9	59.5	100	10	44	37.8	2.9	70.5	54.8
2/13/2022	0.12	0.00	328	8.2	88.5 Y	33.8	58.2	95	12	49	39.3	2.2	53.5	55.2
2/14/2022	0.09	0.00	320	10.8	73.8	31.9	52.7	99	39	80	46.7	3.0	72.6	55.4
2/15/2022	0.09	0.13	284	10.3	62.9	42.5	53.8	98	43	73	45.4	5.3	126.1	55.7
2/16/2022	0.11	0.00	430 R	8.4	71.0	32.9	49.7	100	31	69	39.9	2.9	70.0	55.5
2/17/2022	0.11	0.00	428	8.6	74.6	30.6	49.9	100	32	70	40.7	2.4	58.7	55.1
2/18/2022	0.12	0.00	433 R	7.7	75.3	30.1	50.0	100	25	62	37.7	2.5	60.5	54.9
2/19/2022	0.12	0.00	428	9.0	74.7	29.3	49.5	100	31	74	41.7	2.8	67.0	54.8
2/20/2022	0.10	0.00	382	11.6	69.7	37.3	52.5	100	59	86	48.4	3.4	81.3	54.9
2/21/2022	0.11	0.00	404	9.8	63.1	43.1	53.4	93	48	70	43.9	4.7	111.9	55.5
2/22/2022	0.07	0.03	279	8.6	57.0	38.3	46.1	98	52	81	40.5	3.9	93.4	55.8
2/23/2022	0.12	0.02	460 R	6.3	58.2	30.7	43.2	100	31	66	32.6	4.5	109.1	55.5
2/24/2022	0.12	0.00	468 R	5.2	61.6	22.7 Y	41.0 Y	98	22	60 Y	28.1 Y	2.9	69.4	54.9
2/25/2022	0.12	0.00	469 R	5.6	66.0	23.1	43.1	98	19	59	29.7	2.8	67.2	54.5
2/26/2022	0.12	0.00	426	5.5	70.2	24.7	45.7	98	18	53	29.4	2.6	62.8	54.3
2/27/2022	0.13	0.00	427	5.4	77.5	30.9	51.9	91	13	41	28.9	2.8	66.7	54.3
2/28/2022	0.16 R	0.00	493 R	6.1	88.3 Y	30.0	56.5	87	8	39	31.8	3.0	72.0	54.6
Totls/Avg	2.90	0.18	352	7.8	74.3	31.5	50.8	98	26	61	37.6	2.9	69.9	54.5

Flag Legend		
A - Historical Average	I - Ignore	R - Far out of normal range
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H - Hourly Missing or Flagged Data	Q - Related Sensor Missing	Y - Moderately out of range
Conversion Factors		
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mph * 0.447 = m/s	mBars * 0.1 = kPa	miles * 1.60934 = km



CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Stokes, Executive Director  
Dessi Mladenova, Controller

March 3, 2022

FROM: Lacey Adam, Senior Accountant

SUBJECT: Monthly Water Deliveries

According to the CCWA revenue meters at each turnout, the following deliveries were made during the month of February 2022:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro .....	157.97
López.....	128.14
Shandon.....	0.00
Guadalupe.....	0.96
Santa Maria.....	321.91
Golden State Water Co.....	0.38
Vandenberg.....	0.00
Buellton .....	0.01
Solvang .....	33.99
Santa Ynez ID#1 .....	0.00
Bradbury.....	<u>366.82</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1010.18</b>

In order to reconcile these deliveries with the DWR revenue meter, which read 1,031 acre-feet, the following delivery amounts should be used for billing purposes:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Chorro .....	163
López .....	132
Shandon.....	0
Guadalupe.....	1
Santa Maria.....	333*
Golden State Water Co.....	0*
Vandenberg .....	0
Buellton .....	0
Solvang .....	35
Santa Ynez ID#1 .....	0
Bradbury .....	<u>367</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,031</b>

\*Golden State Water Company delivered 0 acre-feet into its system through the Santa Maria turnout. This delivery is recorded by providing a credit of 0 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 0 acre-feet of exchange water.

The exchange water is allocated as follows

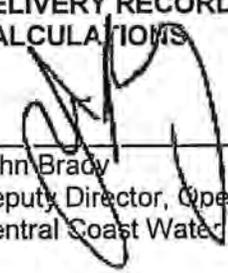
<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Exchange Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Goleta	0
Santa Barbara	0
Montecito	0
Carpinteria	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>

Bradbury Deliveries into Lake Cachuma are allocated as follows:

<u>Project Participant</u>	<u>Delivery Amount (acre-feet)</u>
Carpinteria	0
Goleta	332
La Cumbre	25
Montecito	0
Morehart	10
Santa Barbara	0
Raytheon	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>367</b>

cc: Tom Bunosky, GWD  
Mike Babb, Golden State WC  
Rebecca Bjork, City of Santa Barbara  
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Craig Kesler, San Luis Obispo County  
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**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, March 10, 2022
via URL: https://v.ringcentral.com/join/808922582
or via telephone by dialing +1 (650) 4191505 and entering code 808 922 582#

In response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency which directly impacts the ability of legislative bodies and the public to meet safely in person. To help minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the CCWA Operating Committee shall hold this public meeting telephonically pursuant CCWA Board of Director's Resolution 2022-02 and consistent with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021). The CCWA Operating Committee and public will participate in this meeting by video call or telephone.

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
II. CLOSED SESSION
A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code section 54956.9(d) (1)
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Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et al. (Case No. 21CV02432)
B. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Government Code section 54956.8
Property: Warren Act Contract
Agency negotiator: Ray Stokes
III. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
IV. 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.)
V. \* Consent Calendar
A. Approve Minutes of the January 13, 2022 Operating Committee Meeting

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Handwritten signature and initials

- VI. Executive Director's Report**
  - A. Operations Update
  - B. Water Supply Situation Report
  - C. 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program Update
  - ♦ \* D. CCWA FY 2022/23 Preliminary Budget
- VII. Reports from Committee Members for Information Only**
- VIII. Date of Next Regular Meeting: July 10, 2022**
- IX. Adjournment**



A Meeting of the  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**

will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 24, 2022  
via URL: <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/556647979>  
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- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. \* **Resolution No. 22-02 of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Water Authority Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors And All Subordinate Bodies Under the Ralph M. Brown Act – For Approval**
- III. **CLOSED SESSION**
  - A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code section 54956.9(d) (1)  
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Property: *Warren Act Contract*  
Agency negotiator: *Ray Stokes*
- IV. **Return to Open Session**
- V. **Public Comment – (Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. Individual Speakers may be limited to three minutes; all speakers to a total of fifteen minutes.)**
- VI. **Consent Calendar – For Approval**
  - \* A. Minutes of the January 27, 2022 Regular Meeting
  - \* B. Bills
  - \* C. Controller's Report
  - \* D. Operations Report

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- VII. Executive Director's Report**
  - A. Water Supply Situation Report – *For Information Only*
  - &** B. 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program Contracts – *For Approval*
  - C. Phase II Water Management Study Scoping Discussion – *For Information Only*
  - D. CCWA Warren Act Contract Renewal Update – *For Information Only*
  - \* E. Ernst & Young Report and Findings on the DWR 2022 Statement of Charges – *Receive and Accept*
  - F. CCWA Board Discussion Regarding the Resumption of In-Person CCWA Meetings – *For Discussion*
  - G. State Water Contractors Update – *For Information Only*
  - \* H. Legislative Report – *For Information Only*
  
- VIII. Reports from Board Members for Information Only**
  
- IX. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda**
  
- X. Date of Next Regular Meeting: March 24, 2022**
  
- XI. Adjournment**

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## 2022 Redistricting Overview

### 2022 Redistricting Overview

According to California Elections Code section 22000, following each federal decennial census (every 10 years) special districts are required to use the updated census data to adjust the boundaries of their divisions so that "as far as practicable" the divisions are equal in population. Section 22000 provides that as part of the process in adjusting division boundaries, a district may also consider factors such as: topography; geography; cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory; and community of interests within the divisions. This year, the redistricting process must be completed by April 17, 2022.

On February 22, 2022, the District's Board of Trustees conducted the first of two public hearings on proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District in accordance with the California Elections Code. The proposed adjustments are reflected in the maps and related information below. On March 15, 2022, the District will conduct a second public hearing to consider final approval of the proposed boundary adjustments to the District's divisions. As part of the public hearing, any member of the public may appear before the Board to support, object to, or otherwise comment on the proposed adjustments.

[February 22, 2022 JDL Mapping Memo to Board of Trustees](#)

[Resolution No. 815 - Notice of Intent to Adjust Boundaries of District Divisions](#)

[Notice of Public Hearing - March 15, 2022](#)



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## REDISTRICTING PROCESS:

Redistricting takes place every decade after Census data is released. To their credit, the state's voters in 2010 passed an initiative that moved control over the crucial process out of the hands of self-interested politicians, giving it to an independent commission to ensure a fairer reapportionment, one that is based on real geographical factors including ensuring that each proposed division all contain about the same population size, topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, and genuine community of interests. Pursuant to Water Code section 74430 and Elections Code section 22000, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District IMP. #1 (SYRWCD IMP. #1 or "District") is required to adjust its division boundaries after each federal decennial census, and pursuant to Elections Code section 22000.1 such adjustment based on the most recent decennial census shall be made no later than April 17, 2022.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The SYRWCD IMP. #1 contacted JDL Mapping via email on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for assistance in determining where to adjust the District's division lines. JDL will also work with the District's legal counsel to ensure map options are compliant with federal law and other Districting requirements. JDL will analyze the necessary data and create the adjusted division boundaries based on the data. Then JDL will ask the SYRWCD IMP. #1 to review the adjusted division boundaries and complete the mapping portion of the project. Then JDL will create appropriate descriptions for each division boundary.

## GATHERING OF DATA:

JDL mapping reached out to the County of Santa Barbara to get the current District and Divisional Boundaries. By way of the internet, JDL downloaded the census blocks (from Census.Org) and the Adjusted 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 tables (from statewide database.org).

The P.L. 94-171 redistricting data is a tabulation from the decennial census that includes counts of population by race and ethnicity, voting age; housing occupancy status; and group quarters population, all at the census block level.

In California, the State's Citizens Redistricting Commission which includes Special Districts, Cities and Counties are required by law to use the official redistricting dataset provided by the Statewide Database. This dataset is slightly different from the data that the U.S. Census Bureau provides in that it has reallocated data from incarcerated persons that were enumerated in facilities under the control of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to their last residential address. You can find more information about this requirement in California Elections Code Section 21003.

Source: Statewide database.org

## REVIEWING /APPLICATION OF DATA in GIS

Geographical Information Systems is a software-based mapping and analysis tool that allows for the ability to logically review and modify large amounts of data in a tabular and/or spatial (maps) format. It is the perfect tool for the redistricting/redivisioning process. GIS allows for the adjustment of divisional boundaries within the District to reach approximate equal population counts among the four divisions within the SYRWCD IMP. #1 District. The proposed adjustment of the divisional boundaries so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population as required by Elections Code section 22000, are based on: population, topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, and community of interests.

## SUMMARY:

The Proposed Map reflects the proposed adjusted divisional boundaries within the SYRWCD IMP. #1 following the 2020 census count and using the federal decennial census as a basis. Legal descriptions will be created, which states the description for each division. These descriptions and a map showing said descriptions, would then need to be approved by the Board of Directors at a District meeting prior to April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, based on the 2020 federal decennial census, the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District in accordance with California Elections Code sections 22000 and 22000.1. Any member of the public may attend the public hearing to support, object to, or otherwise comment on the proposed adjustments.

Date of Public Hearing: March 15, 2022

Time of Hearing: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Santa Ynez Community Services District  
Conference Room  
1070 Faraday Street  
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Teleconference Phone Number: 1-669-900-9128  
Meeting ID: 929 0039 9487#  
Participant ID No.: 180175#  
Meeting Passcode: 180175#

A description of the proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District is provided below. Additional information can be obtained on the District's website at [syrwd.org](http://syrwd.org), or by contacting the District via email at [general@syrwd.org](mailto:general@syrwd.org) or by phone at (805) 688-6015.

### PROPOSED/DRAFT ADJUSTMENTS TO DIVISION BOUNDARIES

#### Portion of Division 2 to Division 1

Beginning at the intersection of the City of Solvang and College Canyon Rd, being a point of the District boundary, thence southerly along College Canyon Rd to the southerly terminus of said road and the intersection with the southwest corner of census block 060830019091025. Thence easterly along said census blocks southern boundary to the intersection of Skagen Dr, thence northerly along Skagen Dr to the intersection with Ringsted Pl, thence easterly along Ringsted Pl to the intersection with Nysted Dr, thence southerly along Nysted Dr southerly to the intersection with Viborg Rd, thence southeasterly along said road to the intersection with Alamo Pintado Rd, thence southerly along Alamo Pintado Rd to the intersection with Mission Dr, also known as State Hwy 246. Thence northeasterly along State Hwy 246 (Mission Dr) to the most easterly boundary of the City of Solvang and the southwesterly corner of census block 060830019083010 and said point being the most southerly part of 2010 Division 1 boundary. Thence continuing northerly and generally westerly along the City of Solvang boundary to the intersection with College Canyon Rd said intersection being the point of the beginning of the portion of Division 2 herein described.

#### Portion of Division 3 to Division 4

Beginning at the intersection of Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246 with Cuesta St. Thence southerly across Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246 to the intersection with the northwest corner of census block 060830019084009. Thence generally southwesterly along the westerly boundary of census block 060830019084009 to the southwest corner of census block 060830019084009, said point being on the most southerly boundary of the District. Thence northeasterly and generally northerly to the intersection with Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246, thence westerly along Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246 to the point at the northwest corner of census block 60830019084009, said point being the point of beginning of the portion of Division 3 herein described.

#### PROPOSED/DRAFT 2022 BOUNDARIES AS ADJUSTED

##### Division 1

Beginning at the intersection of Foxen Canyon Rd and State Hwy 154, said point being on the northerly boundary of said District and thence northwesterly along said State Hwy 154 to the western boundary of the District, thence along said westerly boundary of the District; southwesterly, southeasterly, and southerly to the intersection with the northerly line of the City of Solvang. Thence westerly to the intersection of the City of Solvang boundary and College Canyon Rd, thence southerly along College Canyon Rd to the southerly terminus of said road and the intersection with the southwest corner of census block 060830019091025. Thence easterly along said census blocks southern boundary to the intersection of Skagen Dr, thence northerly along Skagen Dr to the intersection with Ringsted Pl, thence easterly along Ringsted Pl to the intersection with Nysted Dr, thence southerly along Nysted Dr to the intersection with Viborg Rd, thence southeasterly along said road to the intersection with Alamo Pintado Rd, thence southerly along Alamo Pintado Rd to the intersection with Mission Dr, also known as State Hwy 246. Thence northeasterly along State Hwy 246 (Mission Dr) to the most easterly boundary of the City of Solvang and the southwesterly corner of census block 060830019083010 and said point being the most southerly part of 2010 Division 1 boundary. Thence continuing northeasterly and easterly along State Hwy 246 aka Mission Dr, to a point being the common corner of Divisions 1 and 4. Thence northerly along said Refugio Rd to the intersection with Roblar Ave, thence easterly along Roblar Ave to the intersection with State Hwy 154, said point being on the District's boundary, thence northwesterly along State Hwy 154 and following said District boundary easterly, southeasterly, then northerly, and generally westerly to the intersection of the District boundary and Foxen Canyon Rd, State Hwy 154 and the District, said point being the point of beginning of Division 1 herein described.

##### Division 2

Beginning at the northerly line of the City of Solvang boundary and intersection with College Canyon Rd, thence southerly along College Canyon Rd to the southerly terminus of said road and the intersection with the southwest corner of census block 060830019091025. Thence easterly along said census blocks southern boundary to the intersection of Skagen Dr, thence northerly along Skagen Dr to the intersection with Ringsted Pl, thence easterly along Ringsted

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### Division 3

Beginning at the most southwesterly corner of Division 2 described above, said point being the intersection between the westerly boundary of the City of Solvang and Mission Dr, thence southeasterly and northeasterly along said Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246, to the intersection with Cuesta St. Thence southerly across Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246 to the intersection with the northwest corner of census block 060830019084009. Thence generally southwesterly along the westerly boundary of census block 060830019084009 to the southwest corner of census block 060830019084009, said point being on the most southerly boundary of District. Thence southerly and generally westerly along said southerly boundary of District to the intersection with the City of Solvang boundary. Thence following said City of Solvang boundary generally southerly to the most southeasterly point in the City of Solvang boundary, said point being the most southeasterly point of census block 060830019071061, thence westerly along City of Solvang boundary to the most southwesterly point in the City of Solvang, said point also being the southwesterly point of census block 060830019071061 and on the District boundary, thence northerly along said District boundary to the intersection between the District boundary, Alisal Rd, and the City of Solvang boundary. Thence northerly and northwesterly along City of Solvang boundary to the most westerly corner of census block 19064104, said point being on the boundary of the City of Solvang and thence northerly along said City of Solvang boundary and intersection with and Mission Dr, aka State Hwy 246 point of beginning for Division 3 herein described. Excepting therefrom any area east of City of Solvang boundary along Alisal Rd and west of the District boundary.

### Division 4

Beginning at the most southeasterly corner of Division 1 said point being the intersection between Refugio Rd and Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246, thence northerly along said Refugio Rd to the intersection with Roblar Ave thence easterly along Roblar Ave to the intersection with State Hwy 154, said point being on the District's boundary, thence southeasterly along said State Hwy 154 to the southeasterly corner of the District boundary then west along said District boundary to the intersection with Meadowvale Rd, thence southerly along Meadowvale Rd to the intersection with Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246, thence westerly along said Mission Dr to the intersection with Refugio Rd. Said point being the most southeasterly corner of Division 1 and the point of beginning herein described. Together with all lands previously described within District 4 of the Santa Ynez River Valley Water Conservation District Improvement District No.1 as follows: All that certain property lying within southeasterly of the following description: beginning at the most southern terminus of Cuesta

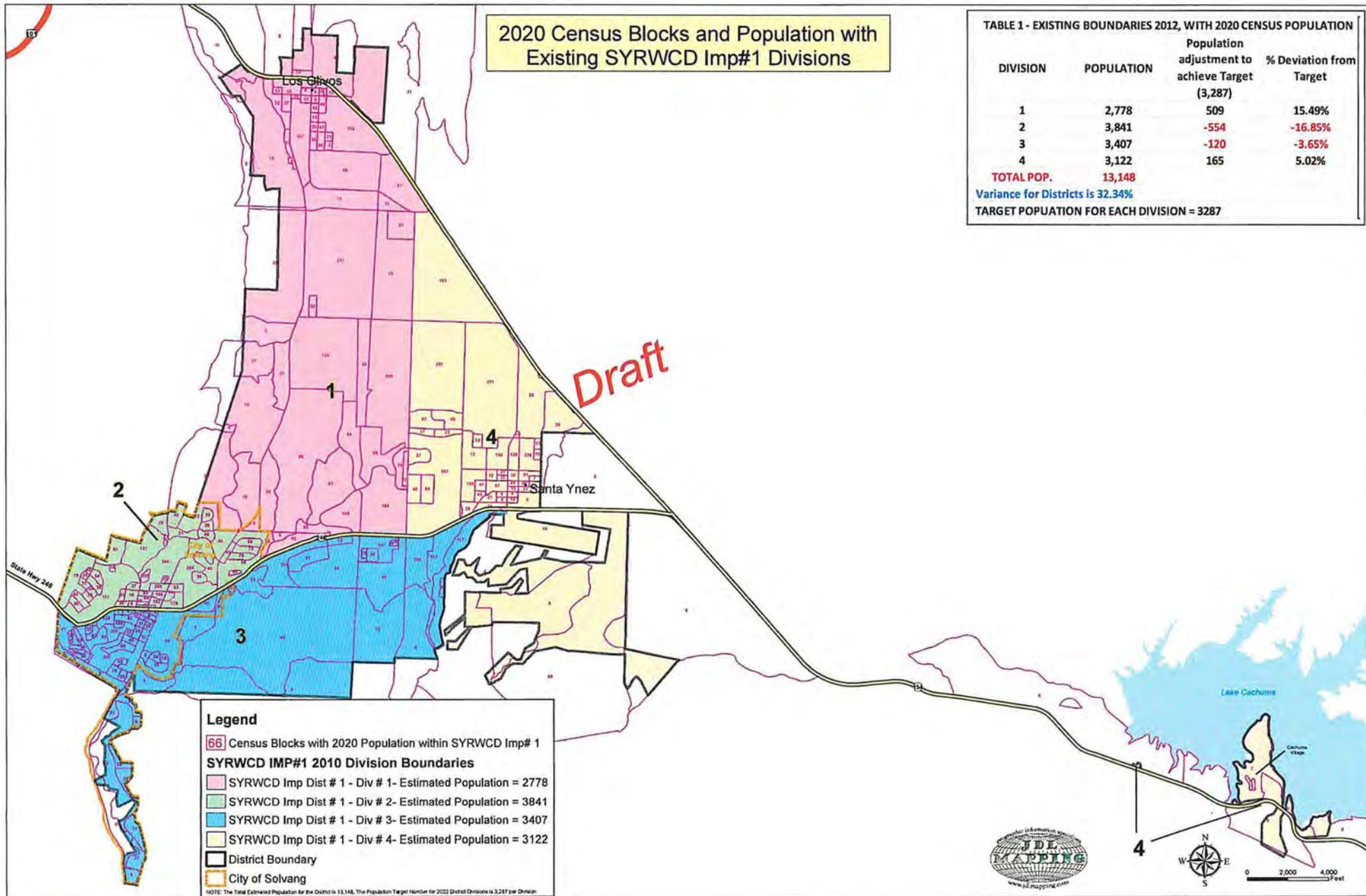
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2020 Census Blocks and Population with Existing SYRWCD Imp#1 Divisions

TABLE 1 - EXISTING BOUNDARIES 2012, WITH 2020 CENSUS POPULATION

DIVISION	POPULATION	Population adjustment to achieve Target (3,287)	% Deviation from Target
1	2,778	509	15.49%
2	3,841	-554	-16.85%
3	3,407	-120	-3.65%
4	3,122	165	5.02%
<b>TOTAL POP.</b>	<b>13,148</b>		

Variance for Districts is 32.34%  
 TARGET POPULATION FOR EACH DIVISION = 3287

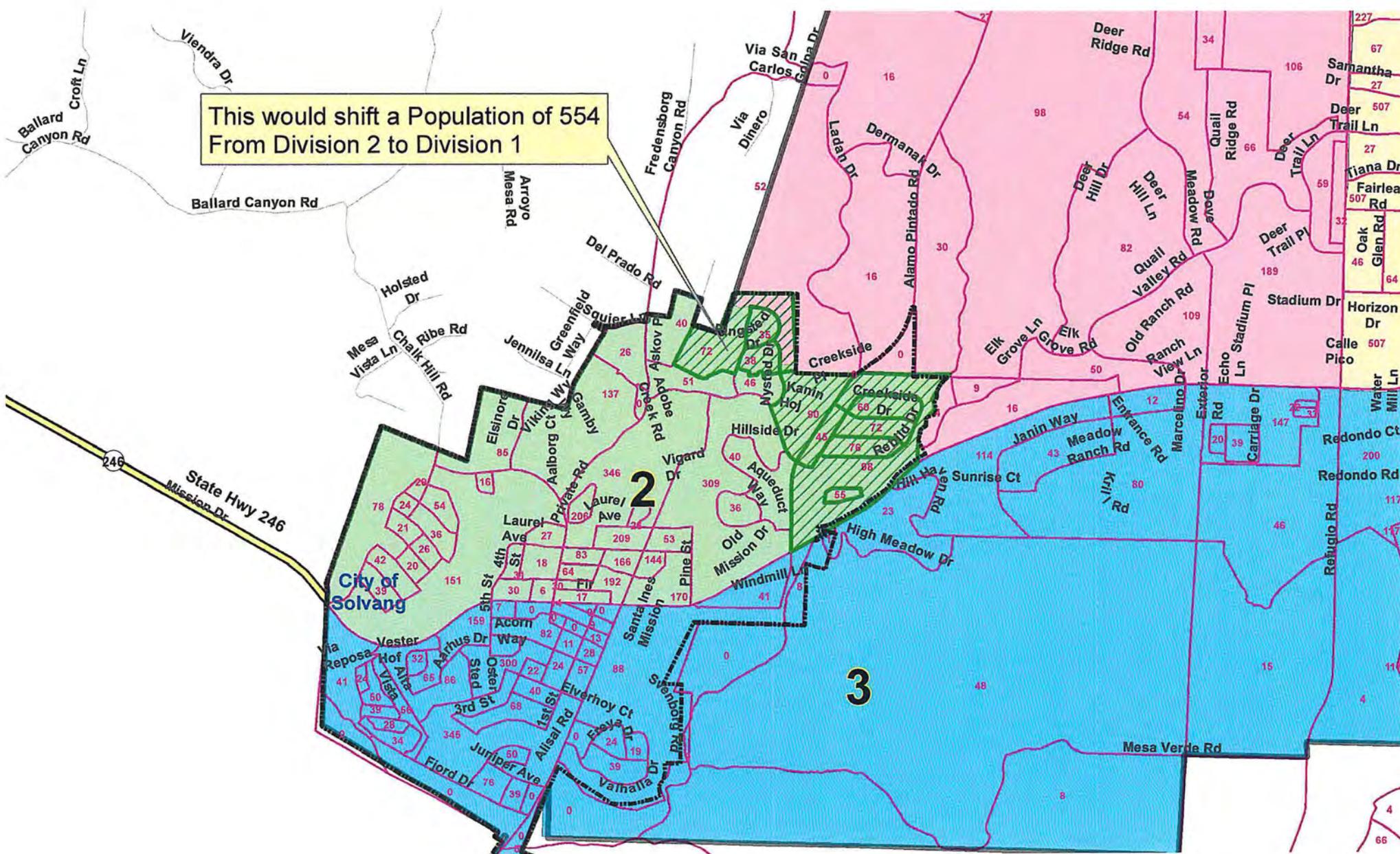


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- Census Blocks with 2020 Population within SYRWCD Imp# 1
- SYRWCD IMP#1 2010 Division Boundaries**
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 1- Estimated Population = 2778
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 2- Estimated Population = 3841
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 3- Estimated Population = 3407
- SYRWCD Imp Dist # 1 - Div # 4- Estimated Population = 3122
- District Boundary
- City of Solvang

NOTE: The Total Estimated Population for the District is 13,148. The Population Target Number for 2022 District Divisions is 3,287 per Division





This would shift a Population of 554 From Division 2 to Division 1

City of Solvang

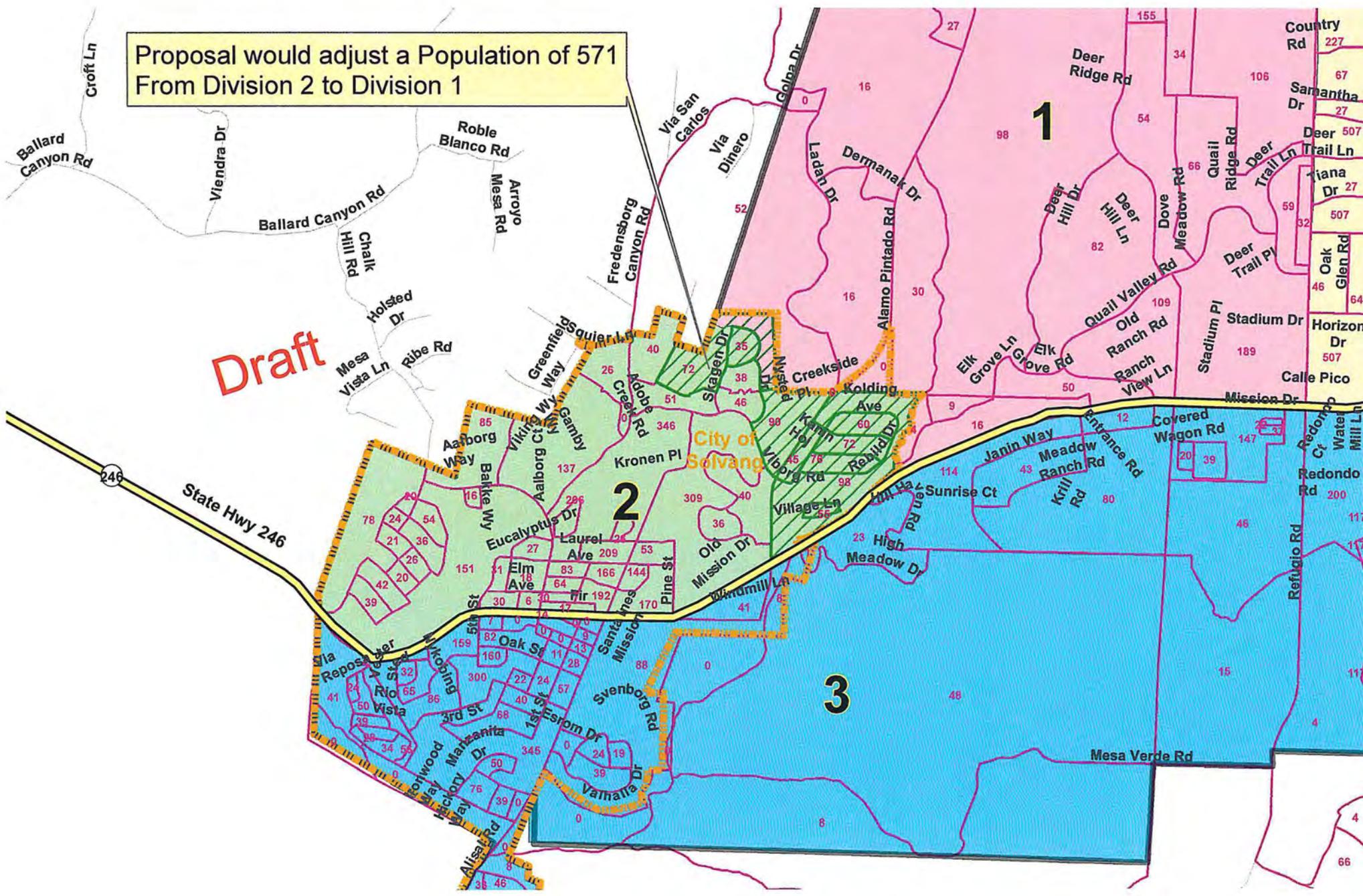
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Proposal would adjust a Population of 571  
From Division 2 to Division 1

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# Proposed Population Adjustments for Divisions within the SYRWCD District Imp #1

**TABLE 2 - PROPOSED BOUNDARIES WITH 2020 CENSUS POPULATION**

DIVISION	Proposed Division Population	Population difference from Target (3287)	% Deviation from Target
1	3,349	62	1.89%
2	3,270	-17	-0.52%
3	3,260	-27	-0.82%
4	3,269	18	0.55%
<b>TOTAL POP.</b>	<b>13,148</b>		

Variance for Districts is 2.71%  
 TARGET POPULATION FOR EACH DIVISION = 3,287

Proposal would adjust a Population of 571 From Division 2 to Division 1

Proposal would adjust a Population of 147 From Division 3 to Division 4

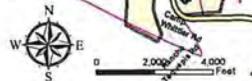
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- Existing SYRWCD IMP#1 2010 Division Boundaries
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- City of Solvang
- Portion From Division 2 to Division 1
- Portion From Division 3 to Division 4
- 66 Census Blocks with 2020 Population within SYRWCD Imp# 1
- District Boundary

NOTE: The Total Estimated Population for the District is 13,148. The Population Target Number for 2022 District Divisions is 3,287 per Division



**RESOLUTION NO. 817**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1 ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT DIVISIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with California Elections Code section 22000(a), after each federal decennial census, and using that census as the basis, certain special districts are required to adjust the boundaries of any divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code, as amended, to the extent those provisions are applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code section 22000(a) further provides that in adjusting the boundaries of the divisions, the board may give consideration to the following factors: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interests of the division; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code section 22000.1(b)(1) provides that the governing board of a district that has a regular election to elect members of its governing board on the same date as the 2022 statewide general election shall adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) has determined, based on the requirements and criteria set forth in Elections Code section 22000 and the results of the 2020 federal census, to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District, based on an analysis of the 2020 federal census data, population deviation between divisions, and other relevant information, have been submitted to the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2022 the Board of Trustees of the District conducted the first of two public hearings regarding proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District and adopted Resolution No. 815 Giving Notice of the District's Intent to Adjust Boundaries of the District's Divisions indicating that a second public hearing regarding the proposed adjustments would take place on or about March 15, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the District caused notice of its intention to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District to be published at least once a week for two weeks before the second public hearing that has been held on March 15, 2022 regarding the proposed adjustments, wherein said published notices described the proposed adjustments to the boundaries of the District's divisions and specified the date of the second public hearing where members of the public were provided another opportunity to participate in the hearing and support, object to, or otherwise comment on the proposed adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, narrative descriptions, detailed maps, and other information regarding the proposed adjustments to the boundaries of divisions within the District are on file in the District office in Santa Ynez and contained on the District's website at [syrwd.org](http://syrwd.org).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 deems it advisable, based on the requirements and criteria set forth in California Elections Code section 22000 and the results of the 2020 federal decennial census, to adjust the boundaries of the divisions within the District.

**SECTION 2:** The Board of Trustees does hereby make said changes and adjustments to the boundaries of Divisions One, Two, Three, and Four of the District in accordance with the Map and Descriptions of the 2022 Adjusted Boundaries of Divisions of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 3:** Any boundaries of the divisions within the District not specifically mentioned in this Resolution shall remain unchanged.

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED,** being the duly qualified and acting President and Secretary respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees at a Regular meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES,** and in favor thereof, Trustees:

**NOES,** Trustees:

**ABSENT,** Trustees:

**ATTEST:**

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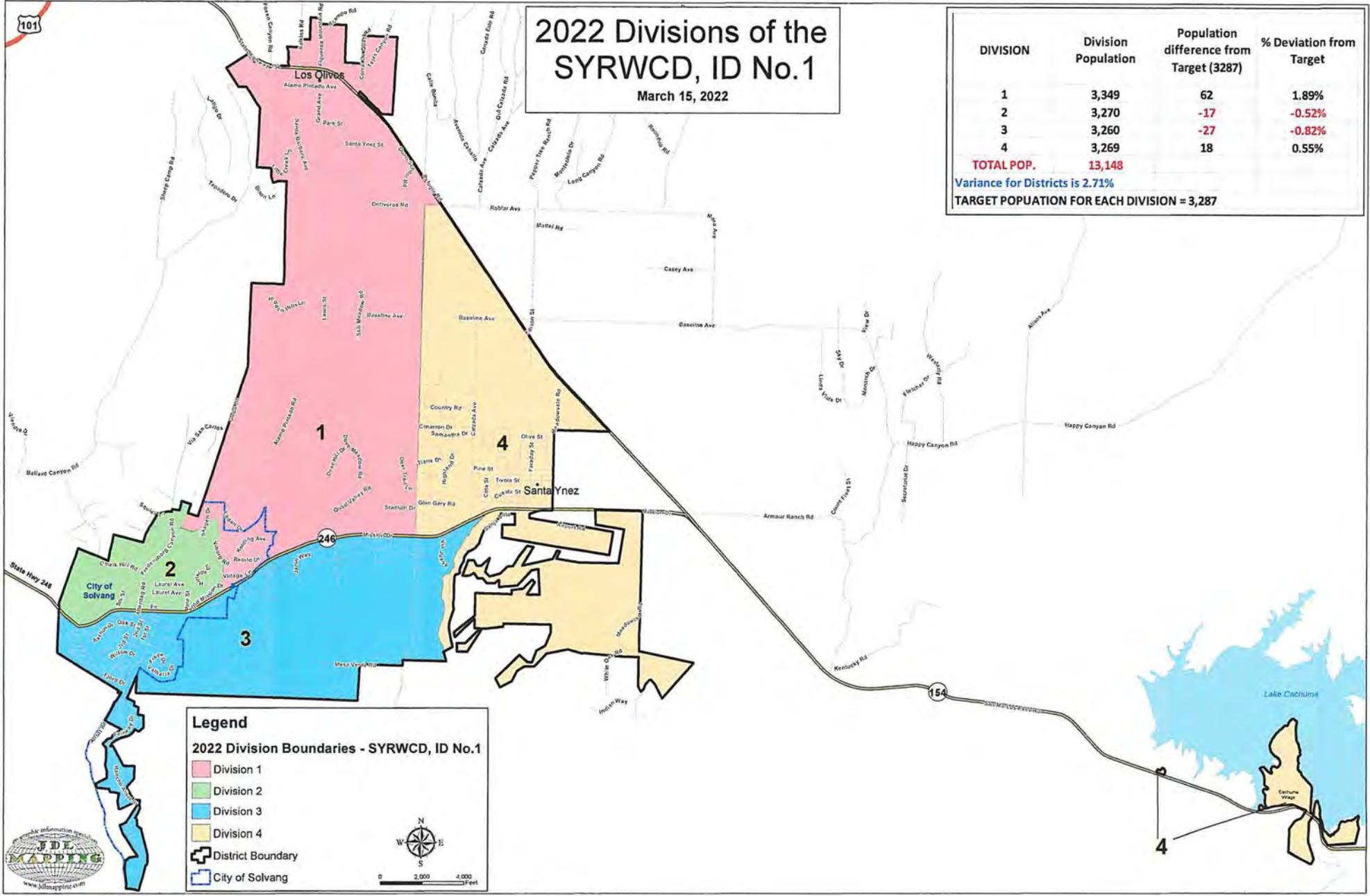
Mary Martone, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

# 2022 Divisions of the SYRWCD, ID No.1

March 15, 2022

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**Legend**  
**2022 Division Boundaries - SYRWCD, ID No.1**

- Division 1
- Division 2
- Division 3
- Division 4
- District Boundary
- City of Solvang

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**2022 ADJUSTED BOUNDARIES OF THE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE SANTA YNEZ  
RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1**

Division 1

Beginning at the intersection of Foxen Canyon Rd and State Hwy 154, said point being on the northerly boundary of said District and thence northwesterly along said State Hwy 154 to the western boundary of the District, thence along said westerly boundary of the District; southwesterly, southeasterly, and southerly to the intersection with the northerly line of the City of Solvang. Thence westerly to the intersection of the City of Solvang boundary and College Canyon Rd, thence southerly along College Canyon Rd to the southerly terminus of said road and the intersection with the southwest corner of census block 060830019091025. Thence easterly along said census blocks southern boundary to the intersection of Skagen Dr, thence northerly along Skagen Dr to the intersection with Ringsted Pl, thence easterly along Ringsted Pl to the intersection with Nysted Dr, thence southerly along Nysted Dr to the intersection with Viborg Rd, thence southeasterly along said road to the intersection with Alamo Pintado Rd, thence southerly along Alamo Pintado Rd to the intersection with Mission Dr, also known as State Hwy 246. Thence northeasterly along State Hwy 246 (Mission Dr) to the most easterly boundary of the City of Solvang and the southwesterly corner of census block 060830019083010 and said point being the most southerly part of 2010 Division 1 boundary. Thence continuing northeasterly and easterly along State Hwy 246 aka Mission Dr, to a point being the common corner of Divisions 1 and 4. Thence northerly along said Refugio Rd to the intersection with Roblar Ave, thence easterly along Roblar Ave to the intersection with State Hwy 154, said point being on the District's boundary, thence northwesterly along State Hwy 154 and following said District boundary easterly, southeasterly, then northerly, and generally westerly to the intersection of the District boundary and Foxen Canyon Rd, State Hwy 154 and the District, said point being the point of beginning of Division 1 herein described.

Division 2

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### Division 3

Beginning at the most southwesterly corner of Division 2 described above, said point being the intersection between the westerly boundary of the City of Solvang and Mission Dr, thence southeasterly and northeasterly along said Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246, to the intersection with Cuesta St. Thence southerly across Mission Dr aka State Hwy 246 to the intersection with the northwest corner of census block 060830019084009. Thence generally southwesterly along the westerly boundary of census block 060830019084009 to the southwest corner of census block 060830019084009, said point being on the most southerly boundary of District. Thence southerly and generally westerly along said southerly boundary of District to the intersection with the City of Solvang boundary. Thence following said City of Solvang boundary generally southerly to the most southeasterly point in the City of Solvang boundary, said point being the most southeasterly point of census block 060830019071061, thence westerly along City of Solvang boundary to the most southwesterly point in the City of Solvang, said point also being the southwesterly point of census block 060830019071061 and on the District boundary, thence northerly along said District boundary to the intersection between the District boundary, Alisal Rd, and the City of Solvang boundary. Thence northerly and northwesterly along City of Solvang boundary to the most westerly corner of census block 19064104, said point being on the boundary of the City of Solvang and thence northerly along said City of Solvang boundary and intersection with and Mission Dr, aka State Hwy 246 point of beginning for Division 3 herein described. Excepting therefrom any area east of City of Solvang boundary along Alisal Rd and west of the District boundary.

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Office Pavement Replacement - Bid Summary				
(Bid Date 2/25/22)				
Description/Contractor	Central Coast Paving	Ramsey Asphalt Construction	Toste Grading & Paving, Inc	GPM (General Pavement Management)
1. Mob/Demob	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$3,550	\$4,425
2. Materials, labor, and equipment	54,562	51,380	60,815	50,000
<b>Total Bid</b>	<b>\$57,062</b>	<b>\$52,880</b>	<b>\$64,365</b>	<b>\$54,425</b>

Posted: 3-4-2022

Lisa Palmer, President  
Tom Fayram, Vice President  
Mike Arme, Director  
Brian O'Neill, Director  
Brad Ross, Director



**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting March 9, 2022, 6:00 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**PLEASE NOTE: MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT  
ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, STACY HALL  
2901 NOJOQUI AVE., LOS OLIVOS, CA 93441**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**  
Directors will give reports on any meetings that they attended on behalf of the District and/or choose to comment on various District activities.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Members of the public may address the Board on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board and which is not on the agenda for Regular Meetings or that is on the agenda for Special Meetings. The public is encouraged to work through District staff to place items on the agenda for Board consideration. No action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.
- 6. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**  
All matters listed hereunder constitute a consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board. Matters listed on the Administrative Agenda will be read-only on the request of a member of the Board or the public, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Administrative Agenda and considered as a separate item.
  - a. MEETING MINUTES**
    - i. Approve December 08, 2021 Minutes
    - ii. Approve February 23, 2022 Minutes
  - b. INVOICE PAYMENT**
    - i. February 14, 2022, MNS Engineering Services, invoice #79731, (January) \$10,572.21
    - ii. February 16, 2022, Aleshire and Wynder, LOCS D invoice # 66213 Legal Services (January) \$1740.00
    - iii. February 08, 2022, Stantec, Invoice # 1885853 (January) \$4,254.55 (Basis of Design-1,825, 3rd Party Siting Review 2,310.75, Direct \$118.80
- 7. BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING**
  - a. Project Progress Overview and Timeline.** Brief Presentation directed at Status and Schedule
  - b. Update on the WWTP Site Selection:** Receive update from IGM and direct next steps.

- c. **Update on the Assessment Engineer Selection.** Review results of interviews by Technical Committee, receive Board Member comments, and approve selection of an Assessment Engineer. Direct IGM & Legal Counsel to prepare a contract, authorize the Board President to execute the contract.
- d. **Update on GSI Contract and placement of Sampling Well.** Receive update from IGM and Approve proposed Location of sampling well.
- e. **Grant Funding Update.** Review report presented by MNS and direct next steps.
- f. **Update of Recruitment for Permanent General Manager.** Review progress and discuss possible action on recruitment for a permanent General Manager. Recommendation: Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for interviews, consider special meeting for appointment.

**8. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Report on current assignments, action items, and general District business.

- a. **Review of Project Management and Financial Reports**
  - 1. 30% Design Effort (Stantec)
  - 2. Update on Effluent Disposal Study Solicitation
  - 3. LAMP Update Progress review (County effort)
  - 4. Budget Summary
  - 5. Elections (Dates Review)
  - 6. Cash Flow Chart

**9. COMMENT ON INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**10. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 13, 2022, St Mark's Episcopal Church, Stacy Hall, 6:00 PM**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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Date: January 25, 2022

To: ACWA JPIA Liability Program Members

From: Walter "Andy" Sells, ACWA JPIA Chief Executive Officer

Subject: 2022/23 Cyber Liability Program Renewal

As we begin the 2022/23 Cyber Liability Program renewal process, members may recall that the Program experienced significantly increased costs with the 2021/22 renewal. Further, members were informed, at the November 29, 2021 Executive Committee meeting at the Fall ACWA Conference in Pasadena, that significant changes to the Program are also anticipated for the 2022/23 coverage year. **As such, it is imperative that all members interested in retaining Cyber Liability coverage beyond July 1, 2022, fully and timely complete this year's renewal application.**

By way of background, the Cyber Liability Program, which renews on July 1, is a fully insured Program that currently provides coverage for all members of the JPIA Liability Program. Additionally, Cyber Liability Program premiums have historically been included in the cost of the Liability Program. The total program premium for the 2020/21 Program year was approximately \$140,000. However, due to rapidly and dramatically hardening market conditions, the total program premium for the expiring 2021/22 policy year increased to over \$900,000.

With the 2022/23 renewal the anticipated rate increases in the Cyber insurance market could potentially be in the 40% - 70% range and many are seeing tremendous increases in cost coupled with significantly reduced coverage, increased deductibles, and additional sublimits. Additionally, the JPIA has been informed by its broker team, Alliant, that this year's underwriting process is critically important and **carriers are no longer willing to offer coverage without a completed application.** More importantly, **completion of an application does not guarantee coverage availability.**

In light of this rapidly evolving market, the JPIA is exploring a variety of options for the 2022/23 renewal. The JPIA will be sharing information with members as it becomes known and confirmed. **As it is already known that fully insured coverage for all members of the Liability Program can no longer be offered, members should anticipate that the JPIA will no longer be able to include cyber liability coverage costs in the cost of the Liability Program and separate and additional premiums specific to the Cyber Liability Program will need to be charged for the 2022/23 year.**

We know that cyber liability applications can be cumbersome and complicated to complete. As such, the JPIA and the broker team are committed to providing members with as much support as possible to enable successful and timely completion of applications, such as providing members with last year's application (if one was completed), live webinars with instructions on how to complete the application, and cyber underwriting experts that members can call directly with questions. Additionally, please don't hesitate to reach out to JPIA staff with questions and concerns as you go through this process.

We thank you for your commitment of time and effort to complete this year's Cyber Liability Program renewal. The JPIA will strive to provide members with the broadest, most cost effective, coverage that can be procured.

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING**

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA  
IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER GROUNDWATER BASIN  
AT  
06:30 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

**AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consider findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to authorize continuing teleconference meetings under Resolution EMA-2021-001
- III. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Committee relating to any non-agenda matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting on any public item.) *Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under Agenda Item "EMA GSA Committee requests and comments" for items to be included on the next Agenda.*
- V. Review and consider approval of meeting minutes of November 18, 2021, December 9, 2021, and January 6, 2022.
- VI. Review and consider approval of Financial Statements and Warrant List
- VII. Review and consider approval of calendar of Regular GSA meetings for 2022 and location of Regular and Special Meetings
- VIII. Consider approval of printing costs for public copies of the EMA GSP
- IX. Receive and discuss January 5, 2022, letter from Los Olivos CSD
- X. Receive update from EMA CAG Meeting of February 4, 2022
- XI. Receive presentation from GSI on the First Annual Report for the EMA
- XII. Update and discussion on future governance, JPA, future projects, and funding for EMA expenses
- XIII. Review possible change of GSA Financial Institution
- XIV. Consider "Special" EMA GSA Meeting Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.
- XV. Next "Regular" EMA GSA Meeting Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.
- XVI. EMA GSA Committee requests and comments
- XVII. Adjournment

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## EMA GSA Committee Tentative Special Meeting, 6:30 pm

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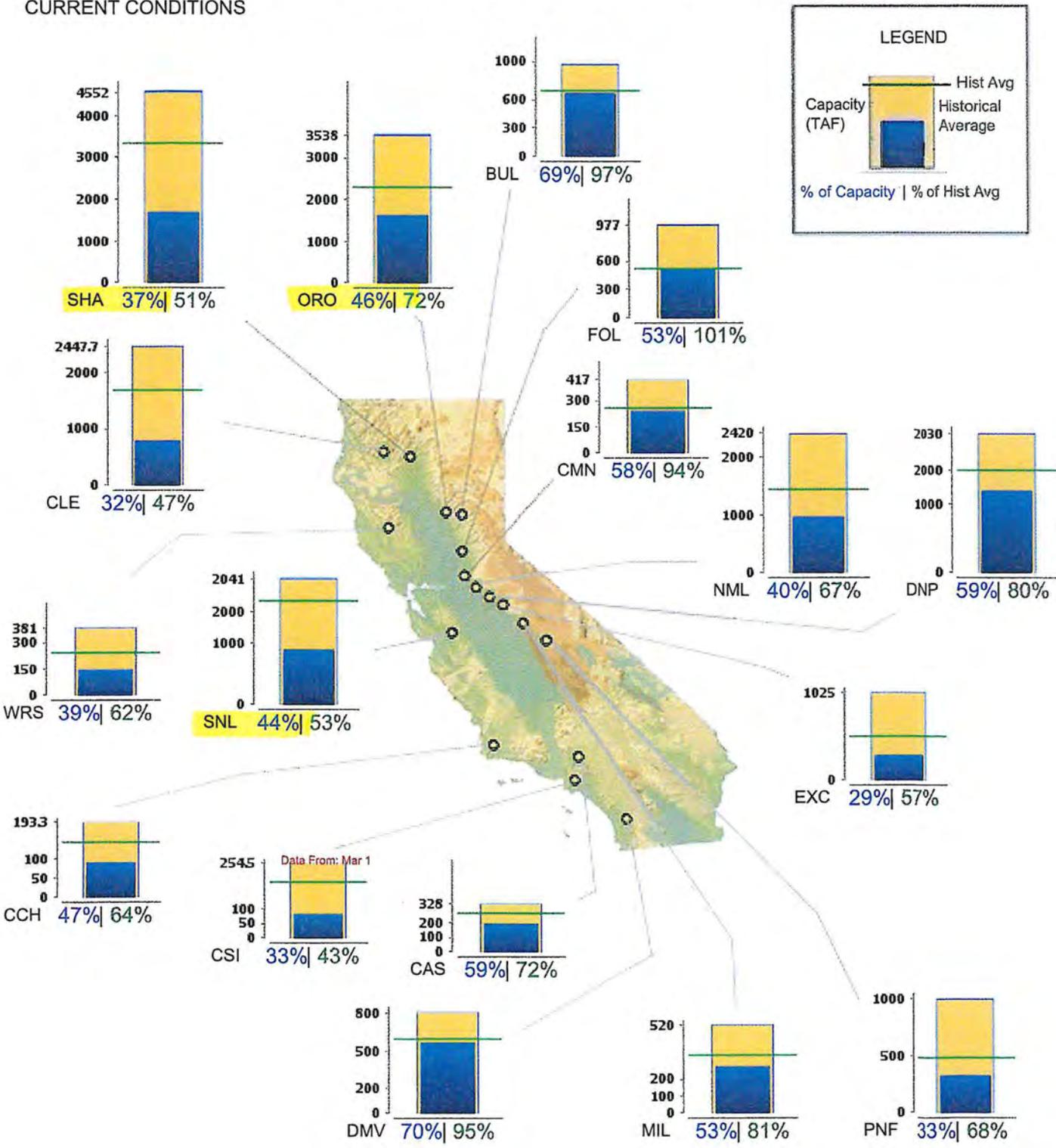
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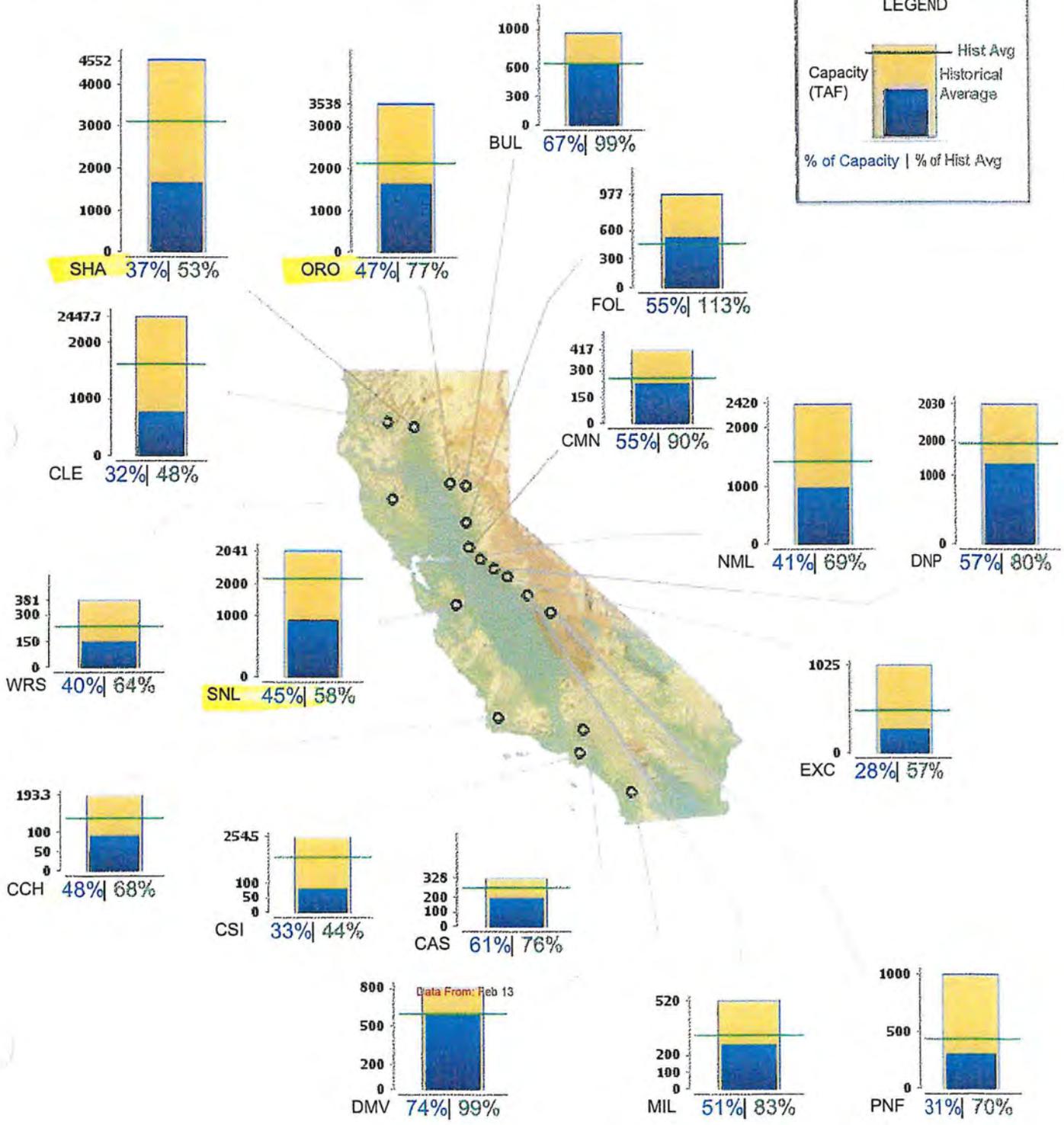
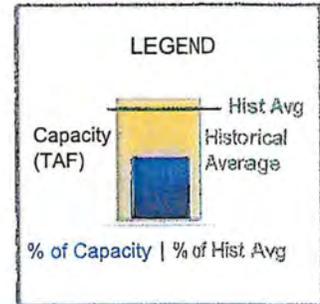




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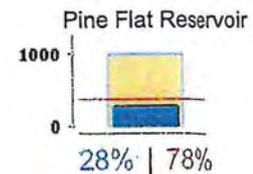
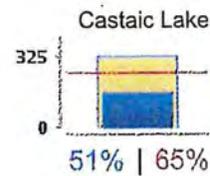
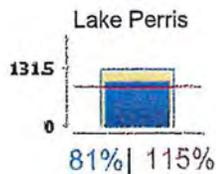
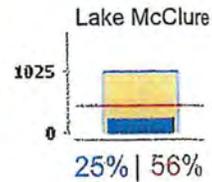
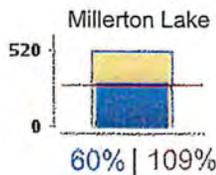
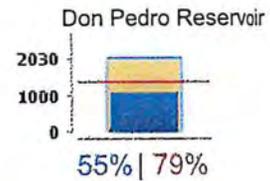
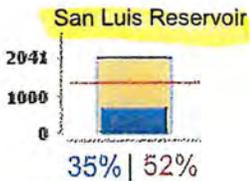
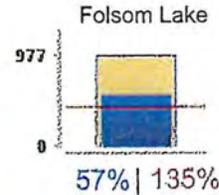
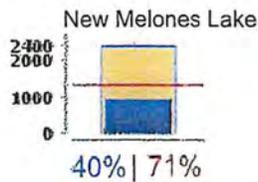
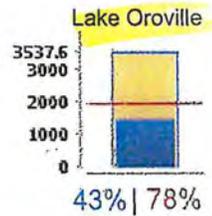
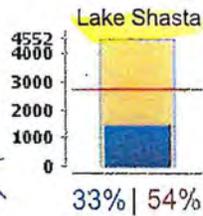
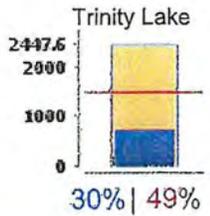
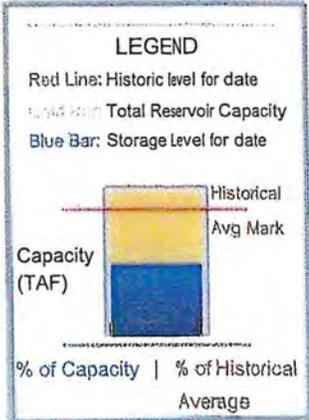




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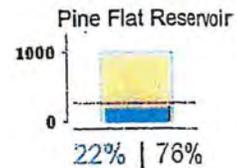
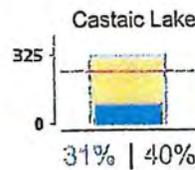
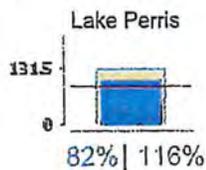
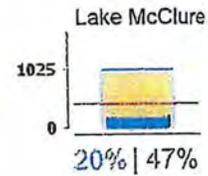
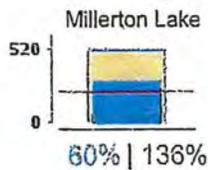
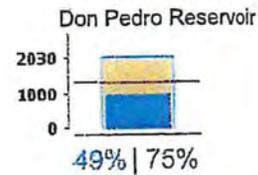
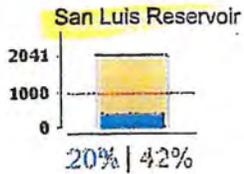
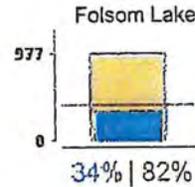
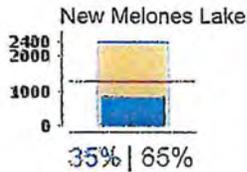
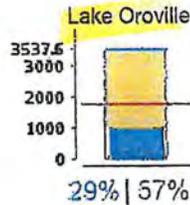
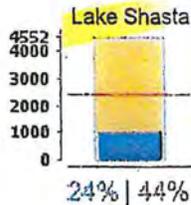
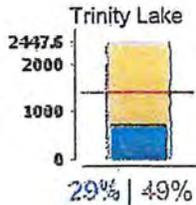
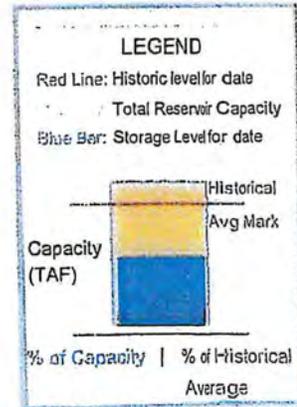




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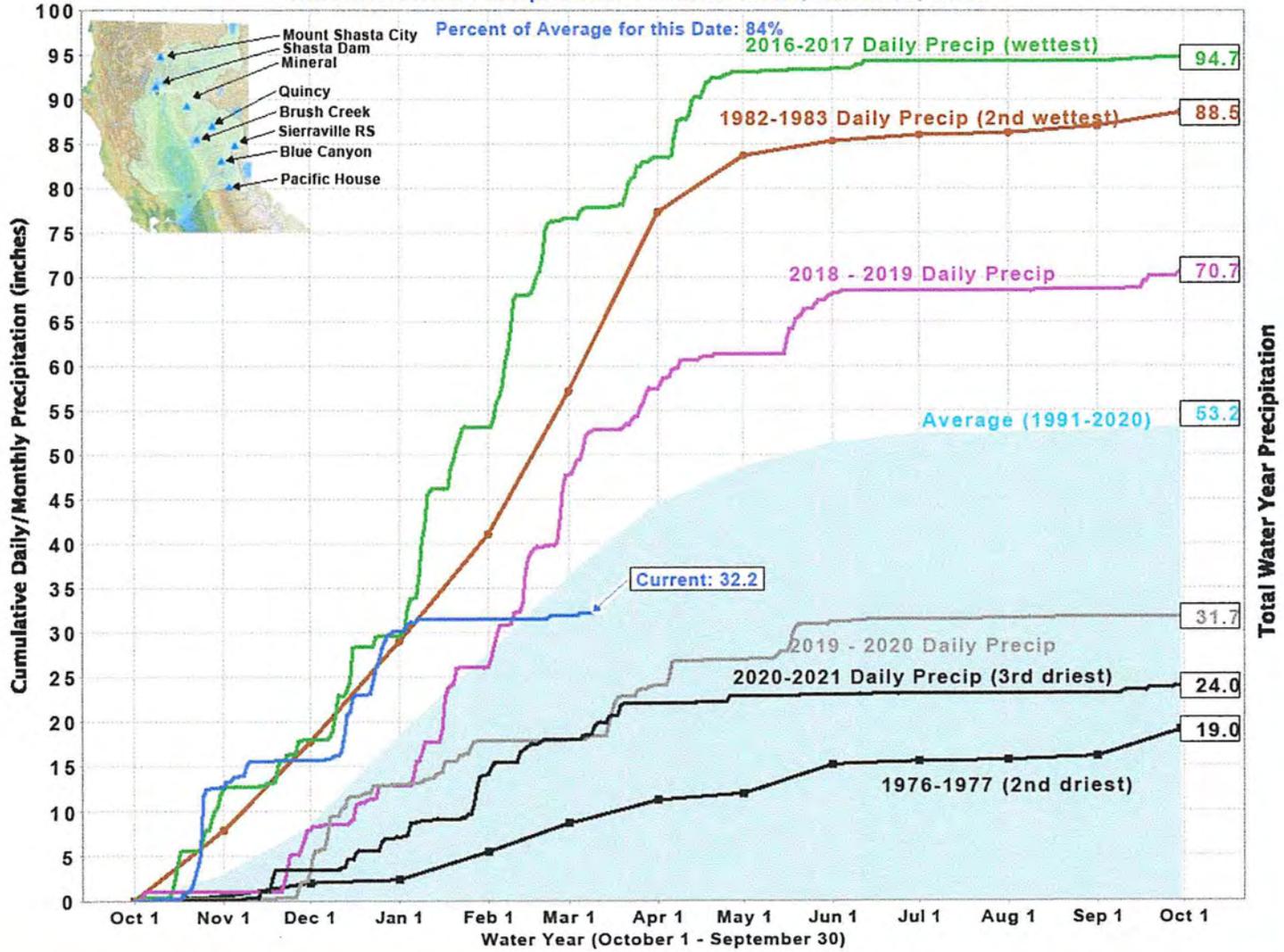
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# Water Supply Situation Report

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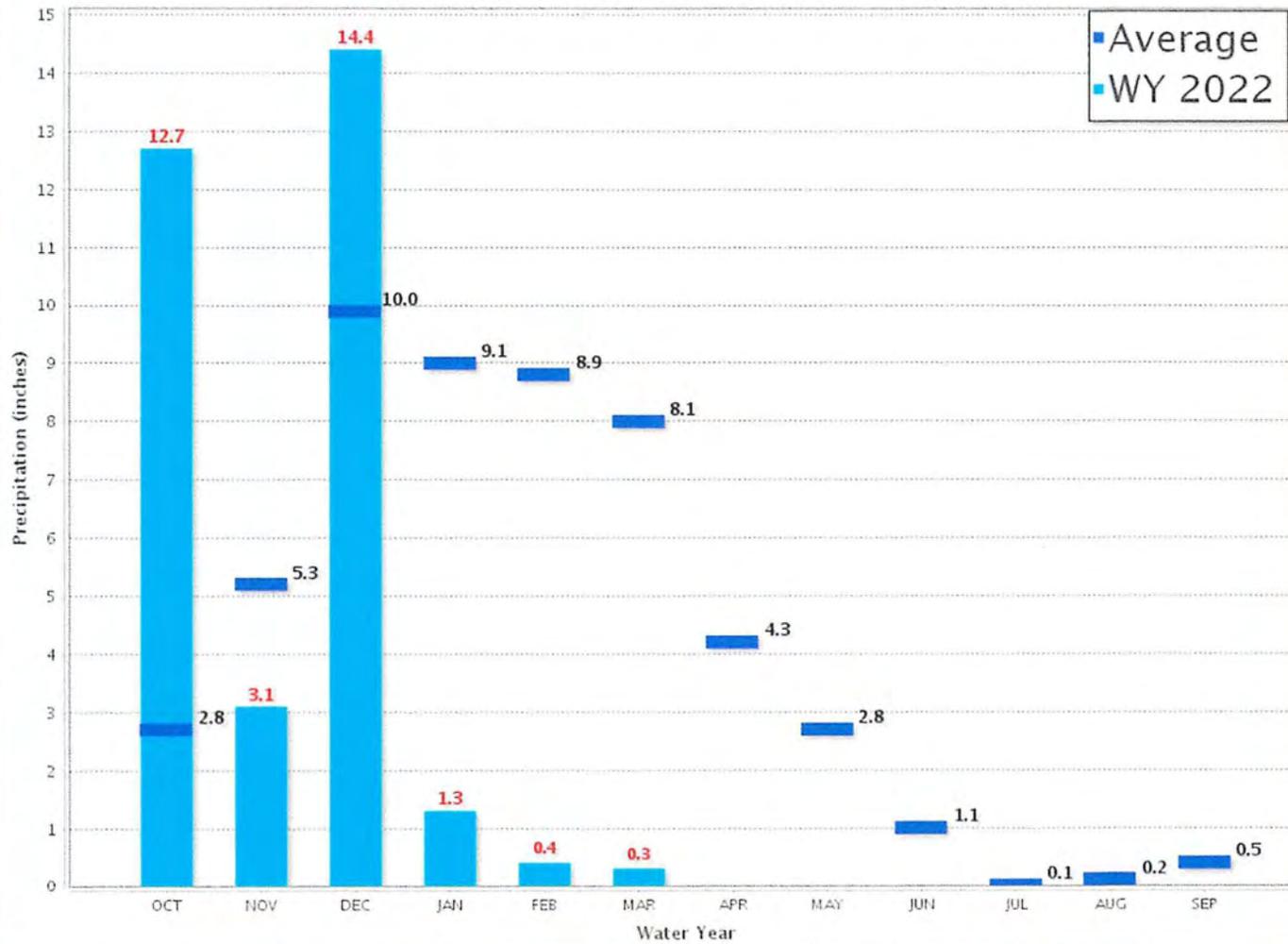


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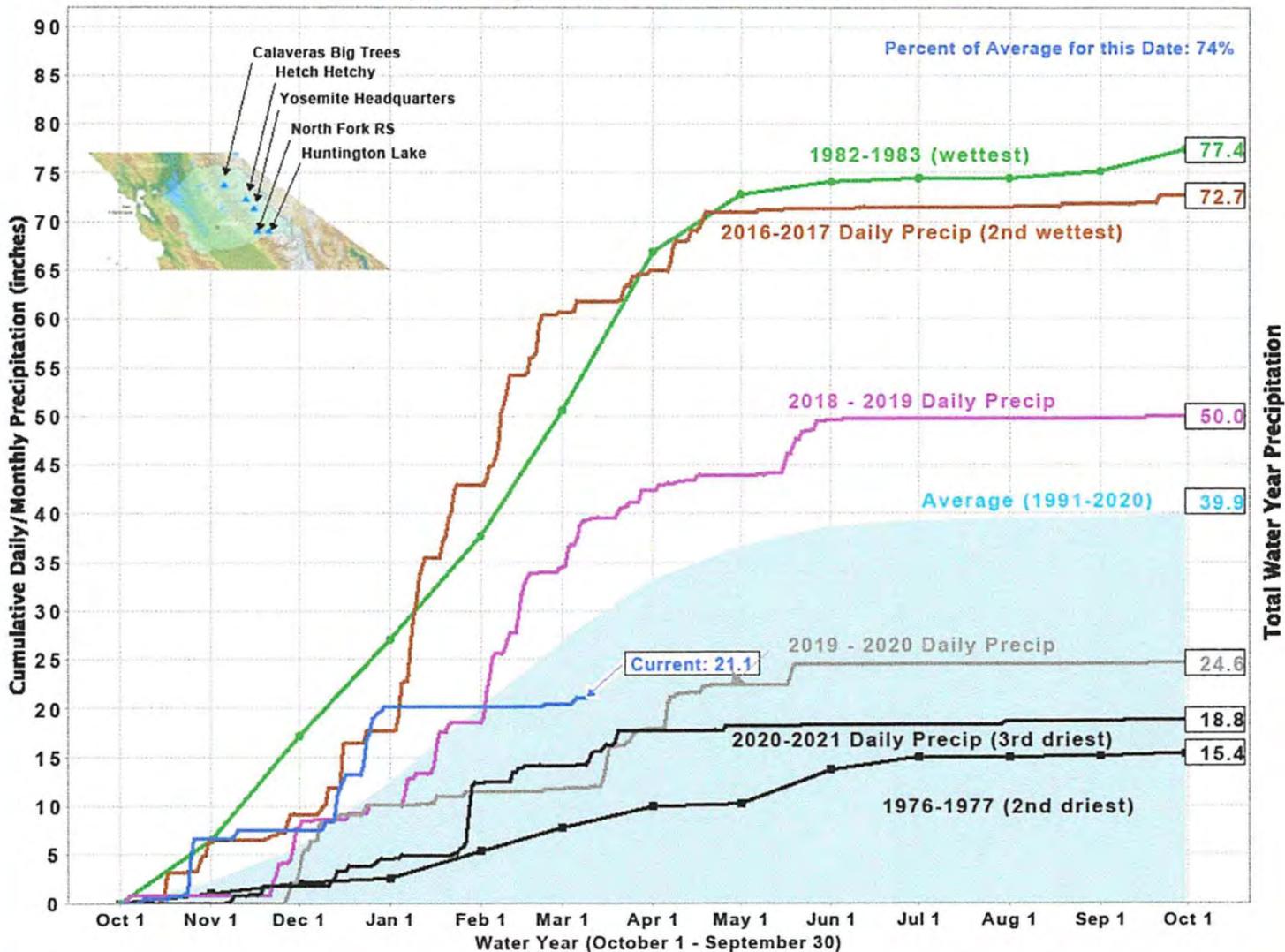
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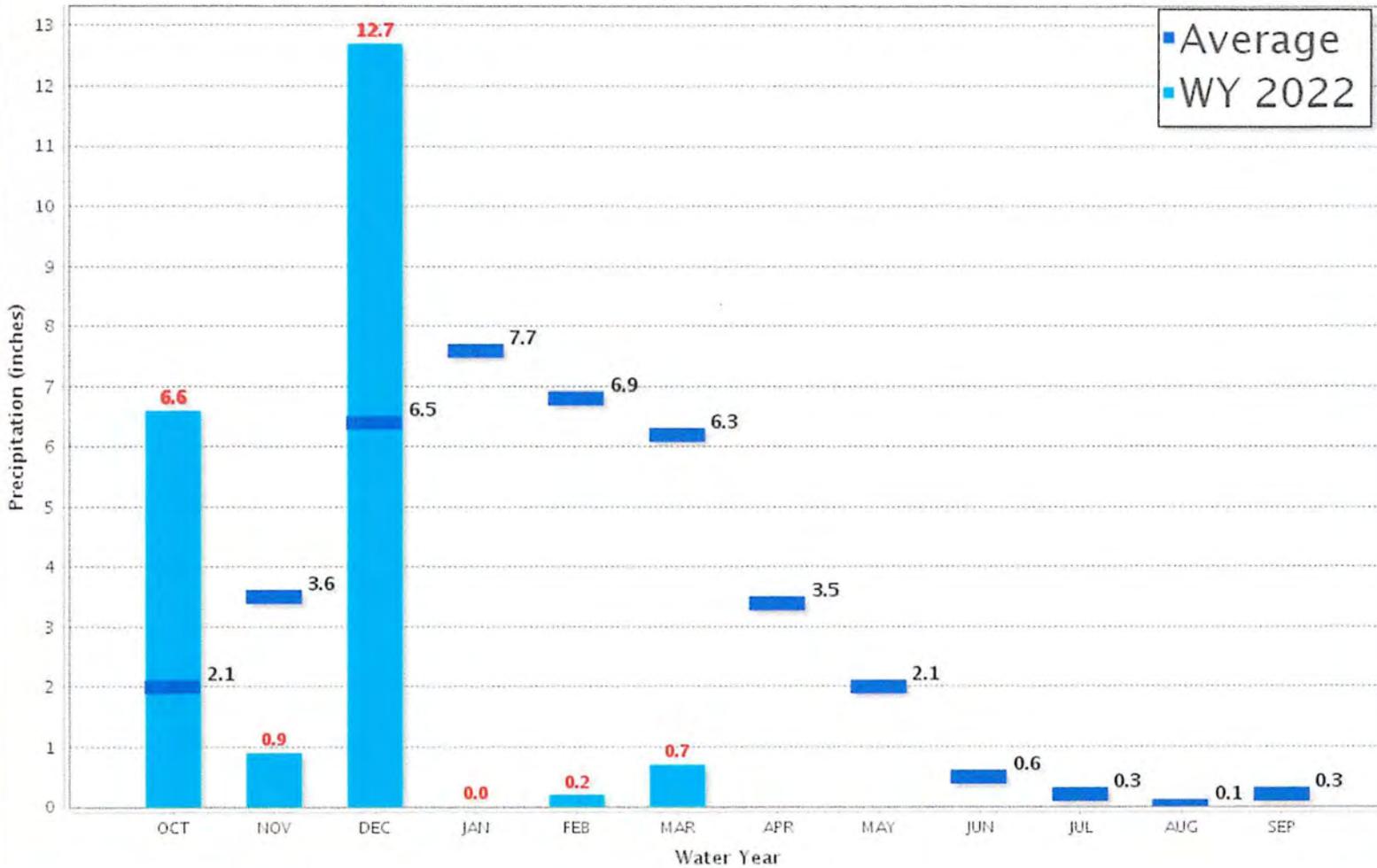


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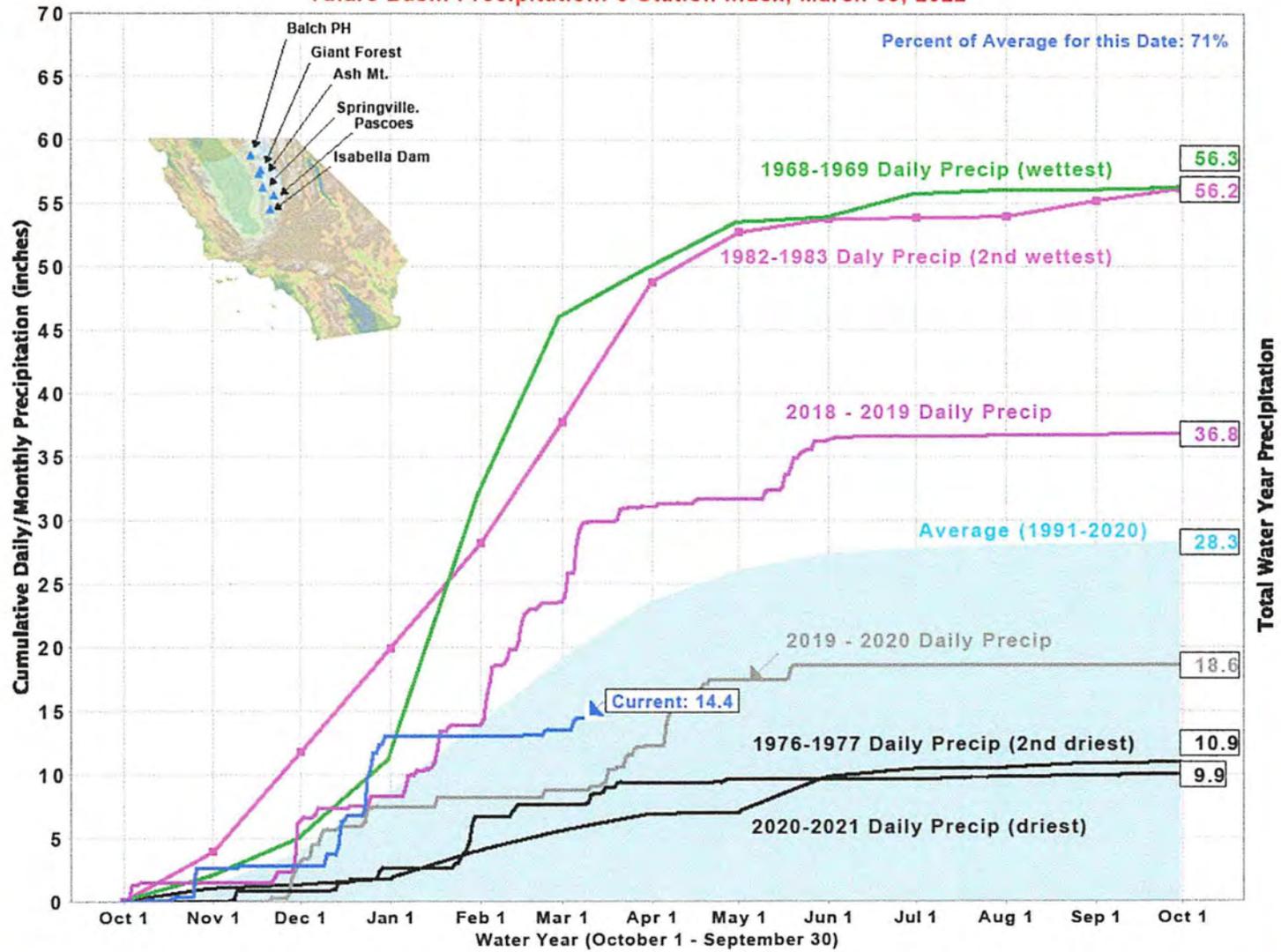
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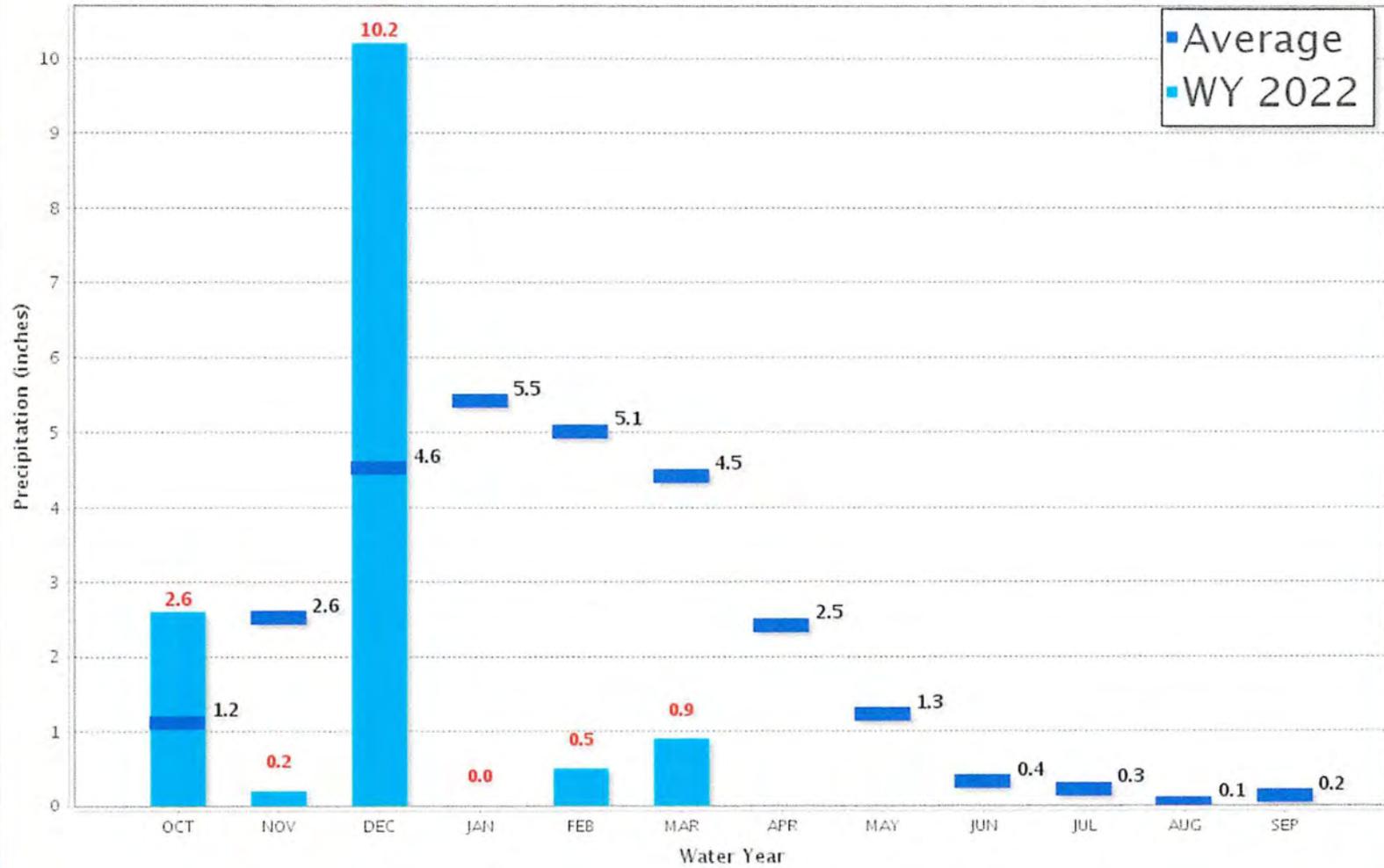


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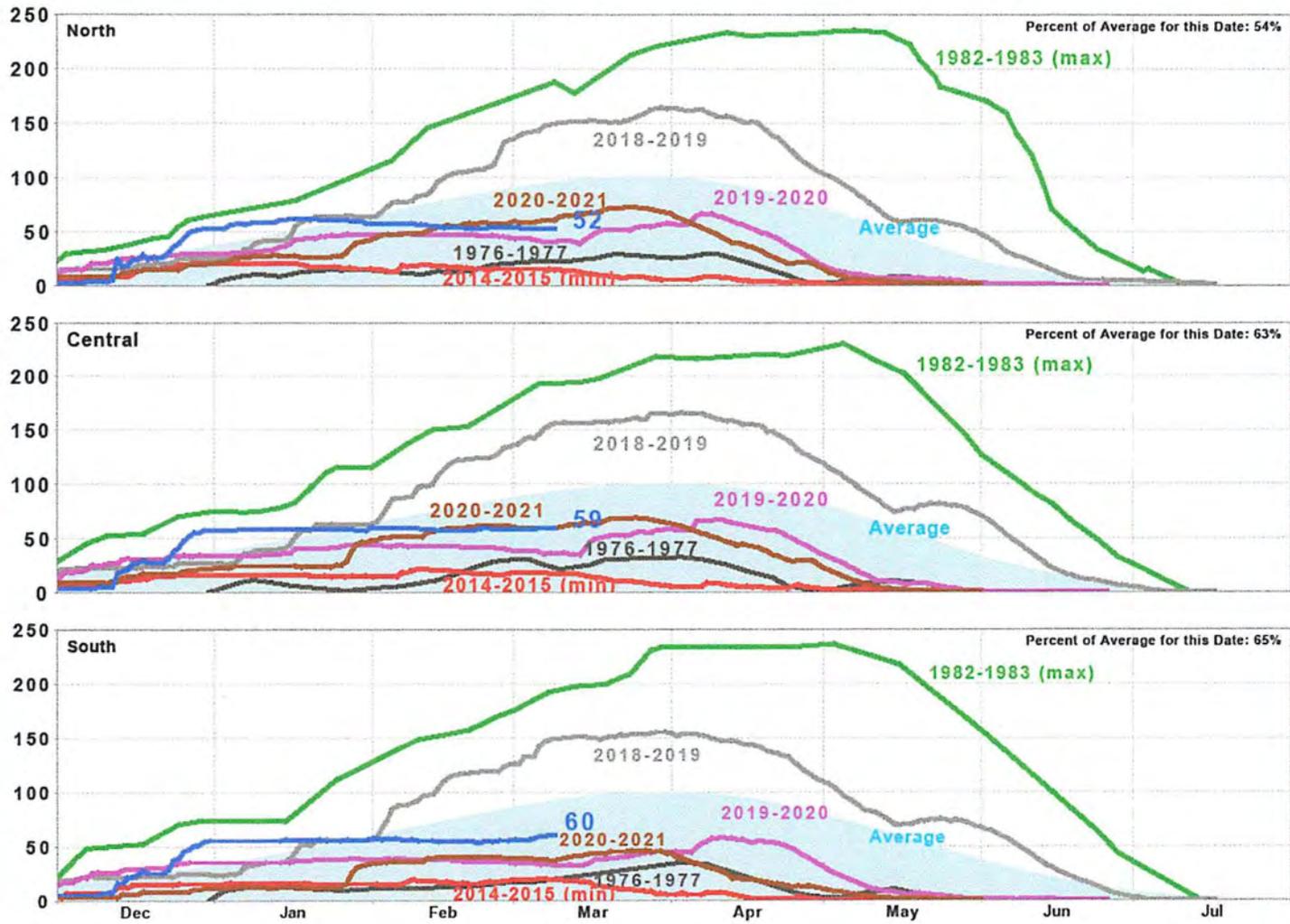
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### California Snow Water Content, March 9, 2022, Percent of April 1 Average



Statewide Percent of April 1: 57%

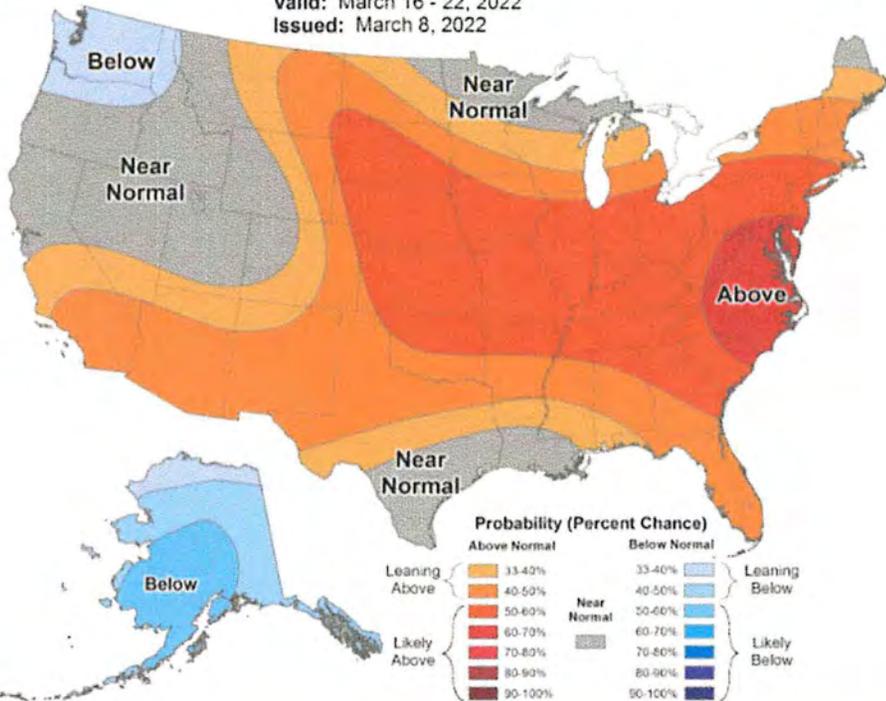
Statewide Percent of Average for Date: 61%



# 8-14 Day Temperature Outlook



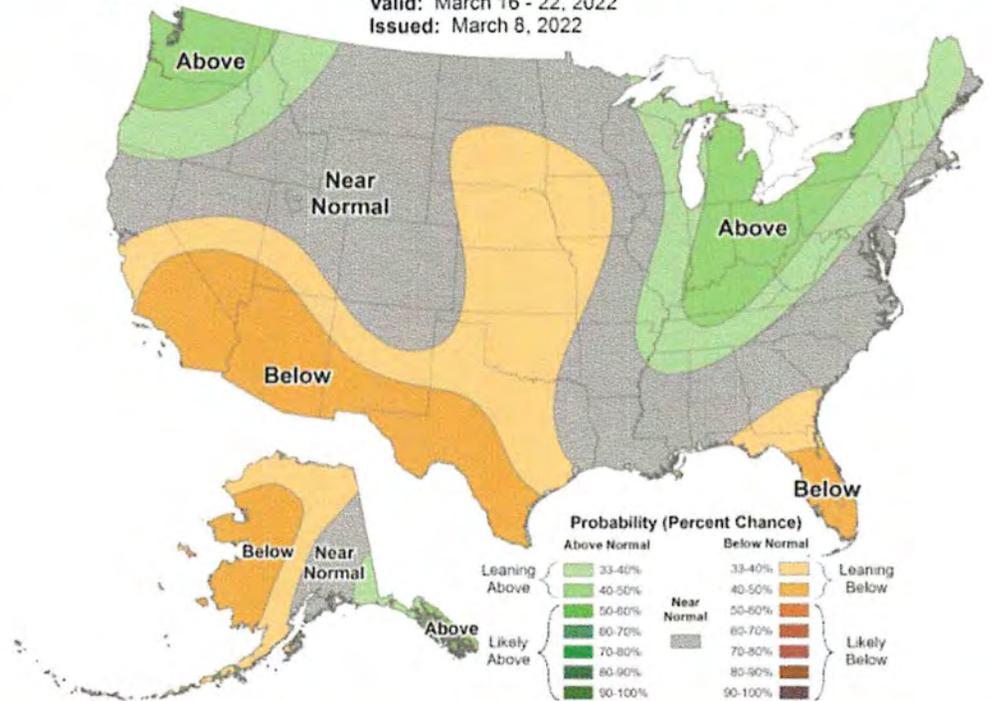
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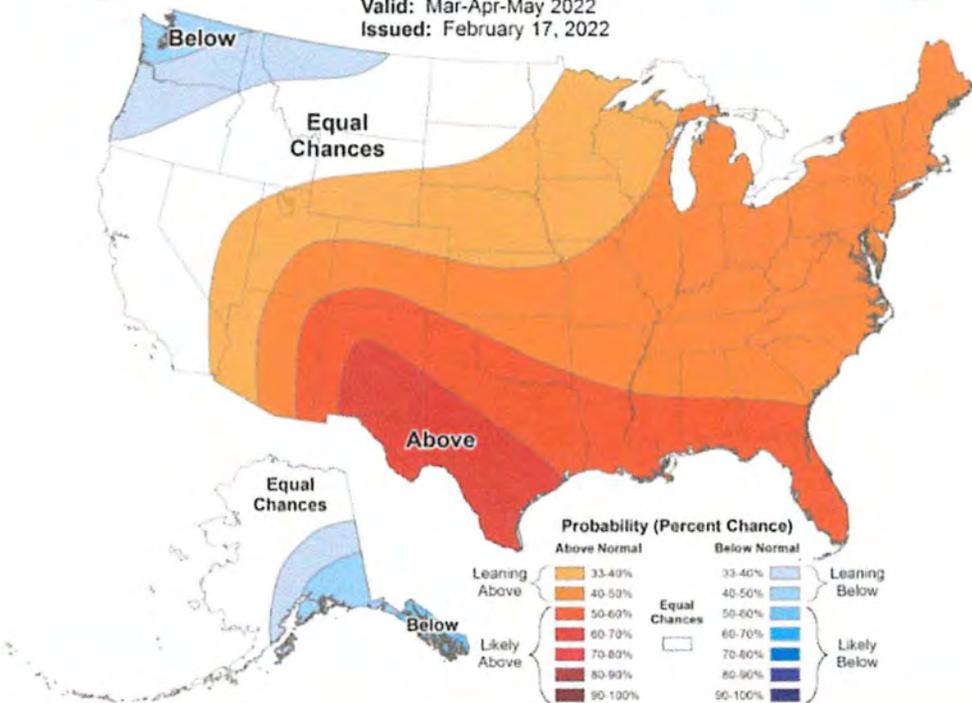




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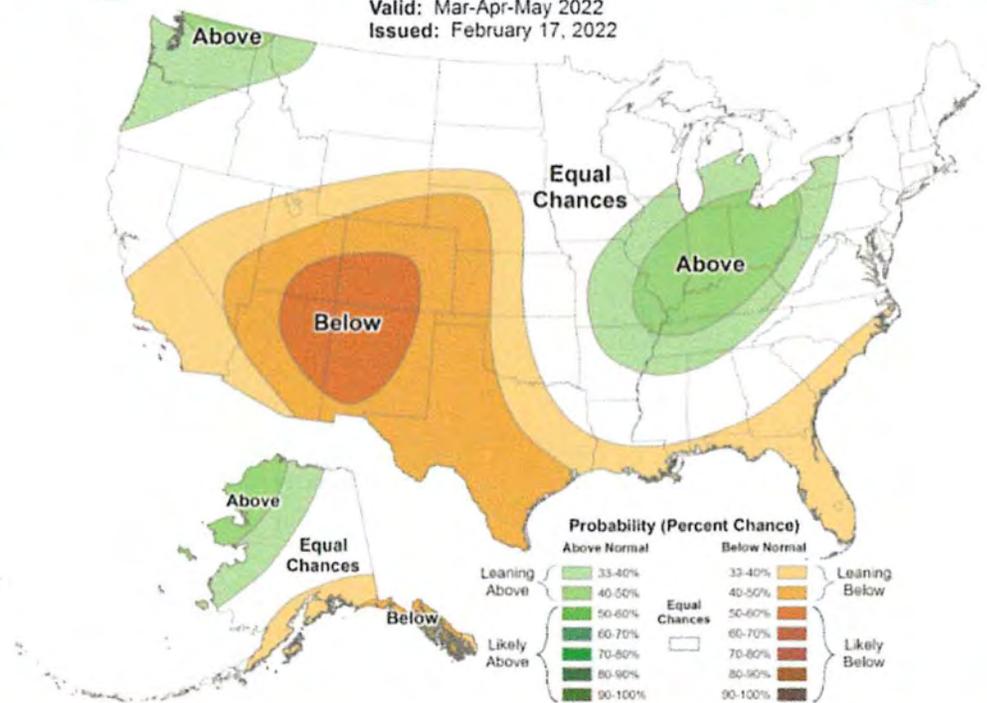
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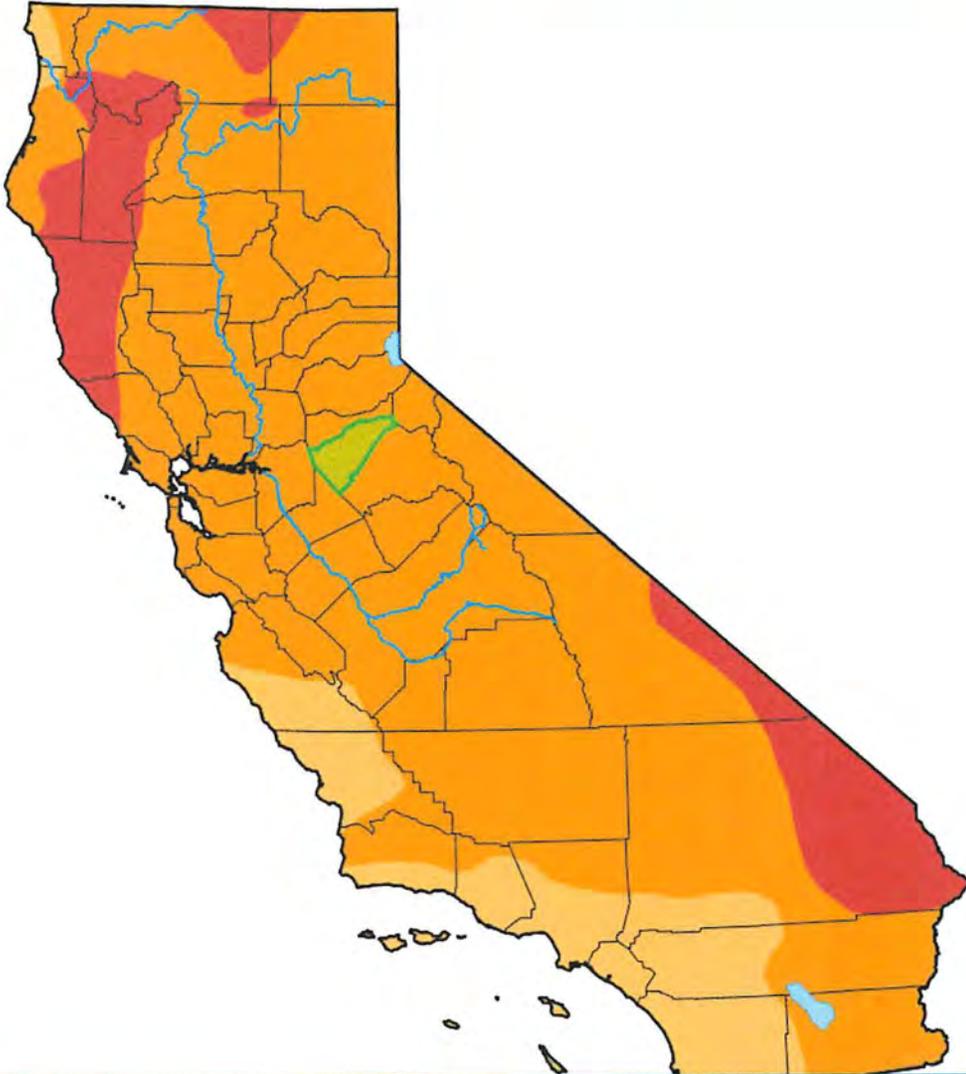


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**Map released: Thurs. March 3, 2022**

**Data valid: March 1, 2022 at 7 a.m. EST**



**Intensity**

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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### 10-Day Feather Basin Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (QPF)

Monday, March 7, 2022  
(each day ends at 0400 PST)

Day No.	Date		Precip (inches)	Snow Level (ft)	Average Daily*		
					Precip (inches)	Snow Depth (inches)	Min Temp (°F)
	Saturday, February 26, 2022		0.0	4,000			
	Sunday, February 27, 2022		0.0	6,500			
	Monday, February 28, 2022		0.0	6,500			
	Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Actual	0.0	9,000			
	Wednesday, March 2, 2022		0.0	9,500			
	Thursday, March 3, 2022		0.0	8,000			
	Friday, March 4, 2022		0.0	7,000			
	Saturday, March 5, 2022		0.2	4,000			
	Sunday, March 6, 2022		0.1	2,000			
	Monday, March 7, 2022	↓	0.0	3,500	0.19	1.2	27.9
<b>Total observed:</b>			<b>0.3</b>				
1	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Forecast	0.0	5,000	0.19	1.2	27.9
2	Wednesday, March 9, 2022		0.0	6,000	0.18	1.2	28.0
3	Thursday, March 10, 2022		0.0	4,000	0.18	1.2	28.0
4	Friday, March 11, 2022		0.0	3,500	0.18	1.1	28.1
5	Saturday, March 12, 2022		0.0	6,500	0.18	1.1	28.2
6	Sunday, March 13, 2022		0.0	6,500	0.18	1.1	28.4
7	Monday, March 14, 2022		0.0	7,000	0.18	1.0	28.5
8	Tuesday, March 15, 2022		0.4	7,500	0.18	1.0	28.6
9	Wednesday, March 16, 2022		0.2	5,500	0.18	0.9	28.7
10	Thursday, March 17, 2022	↓	0.0	5,000	0.18	0.9	28.8
11	Friday, March 18, 2022		0.0	5,000	0.17	0.8	28.8
<b>10-Day Total:</b>			<b>0.6</b>		<b>1.8</b>		
<b>10-Day Percent of Normal:</b>			<b>33%</b>				
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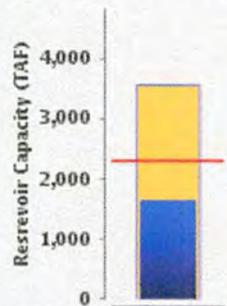


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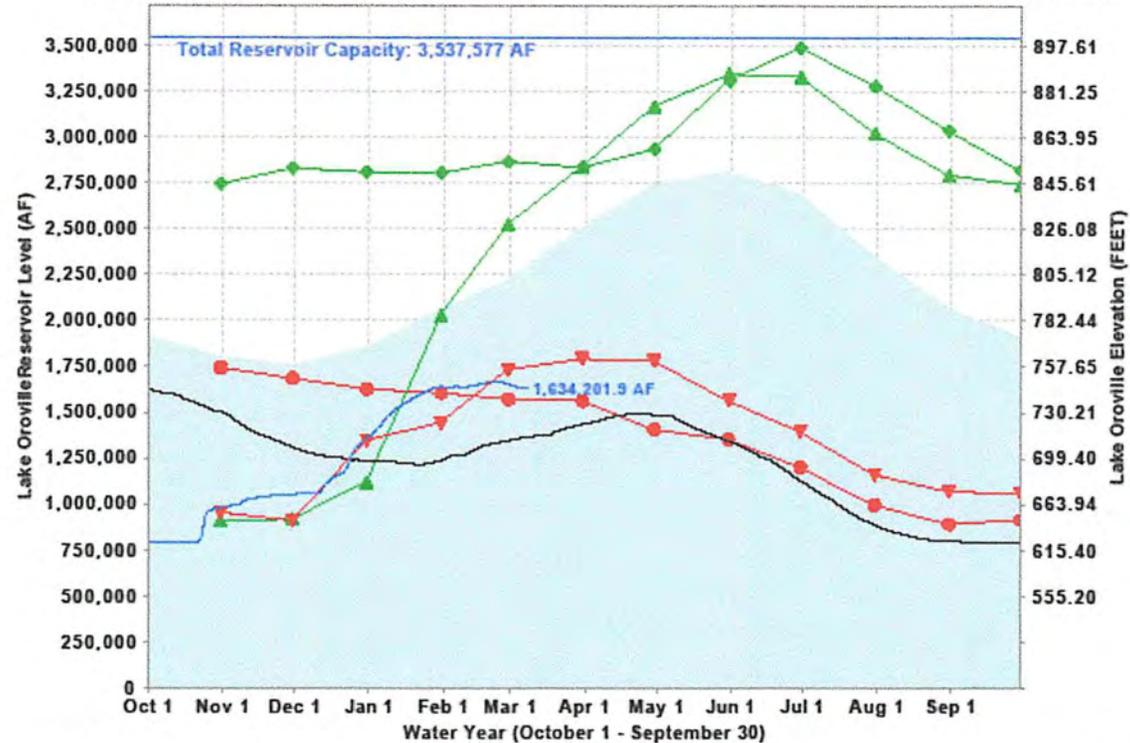
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46% (Total Capacity) | 71% (Historical Avg.)

Lake Oroville Levels: Various Past Water Years and Current Water Year, Ending At Midnight March 8, 2022

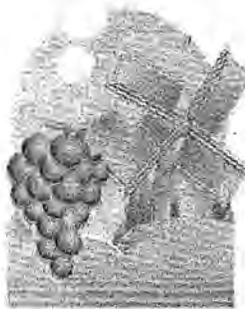


■ Historical Average   
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 — Current: 2021-2022

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# Santa Ynez VALLEY EXTRA



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## Cal Poly records driest January, February since 1871

After reviewing 153 years of rainfall records from Cal Poly's Irrigation Training & Research Center, there has never been a back-to-back dry January followed by a parched February.

Over the many decades of rain data, if you saw a primarily dry January, it would be followed by a wet February and versa visa during the peak of

our rainy season (July 1 through June 30).

However, that pattern started to change about 55 years ago, when in 1967, a minuscule 0.58 of an inch of rain was recorded during the combined period of January and February. The January and Feb-

ruary of 1984 saw just 1.15 inches, while in 2020, 0.46 of an inch was recorded. This year, only 0.04 of an inch was reported — the driest combined January and February since 1871, when Cal Poly's rainfall records started.

And not just Cal Poly, but the entire Central Coast has been nearly dry in 2022. So far this year, the Santa Maria Public Airport has only recorded 0.24 of an inch of precious precipitation, while the Paso Robles Municipal Airport has seen 0.29 of an inch.

Up north, San Francisco's last significant rain was 47 days ago, making this the fourth-longest winter dry period in its 173-year period of record. Rather than using only days with zero rain days, Jan Null of Golden Gate Weather Services uses the

minimal (i.e., &lt; 0.08") events like the one that occurred over last weekend (0.04") or drizzle events that accumulate a few hundredths. If no rain falls through March 6, which seems likely, San Francisco will tie its longest wintertime dry period at 57 days, according to Null.

Drier than typical rain season years may become the new normal.

Environmental journalist Mackenzie Shuman analyzed rainfall data from Cal Poly over the last 50 years, which showed the average long-term amount of rain that falls appears to be trending downward.

In 2002, now retired climatologist Bill Patzert predicted a decadeslong drought for California due to changes in the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)

and global warming, which he now calls global heating.

"We've really been in a drought since 2000, with some wet years (2005, 2010, 2011 and 2017) in Central California," Patzert told me. "The wax and wane of wet years have given many a false sense of security," he added. "However, California has entered 'a new normal' of significantly more dry years resulting in lower lake levels, less groundwater, depleted aquifers and skimpier Sierra Nevada snowpack."

Patzert is predicting the condition will continue for much of California, which is not very reassuring given that we live in a semi-arid area.

He believes the reemergence of the large-scale PDO pattern shows there is much more than an isolated La Niña occurring in the Pacific Ocean.

"This multiyear Pacific Decadal Oscillation 'cool' trend can intensify

La Niña or diminish El Niño impacts around the Pacific basin," Patzert explained.

His observation on how the cool phase of the PDO is producing below-average precipitation seems to be verified by the ongoing drought raging throughout the western United States.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation expects, Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the United States, is predicted to drop 34 feet from its current level of 1,067 feet above sea level as of January 2022 to 1,033 feet above sea level by November of 2023, its lowest level since Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president.

John Lindsey is Pacific Gas and Electric Co.'s Diablo Canyon Power Plant marine meteorologist and a media relations representative. Email him at [pgeweather@pge.com](mailto:pgeweather@pge.com) or follow him on Twitter @PGE\_John.

## Altrusa offers nonprofits human services grants

SANTA MARIA TIMES STAFF  
REPORT

Applications for grants to provide human services are being accepted through March 15 from nonprofit organizations in the Santa Maria and Lompoc valleys by Altrusa Club of the Central Coast Foundation Inc.

Noe Mahelona, president of the foundation, said the application form is available online at [www.altrusaofthecentralcoast.org/application](http://www.altrusaofthecentralcoast.org/application).

"To be eligible, the applicant must be a nonprofit organization registered with the California secretary of state and currently providing human services in either of the two geographic areas," Mahelona said.

She said the foundation and Altrusa Club of the Central Coast, a service organization that focuses on literacy and other needed services throughout the



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# STATEWIDE SNOWPACK FALLS WELL BELOW AVERAGE

BY ACWA STAFF MAR 1, 2022 WATER NEWS

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today conducted the third snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. Following a January and February that will enter records as the driest documented in state history, the manual survey recorded 35 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 16 inches, which is 68% of average for this location for March.

Statewide, the snowpack is 63% of average for this date.

“With only one month left in California’s wet season and no major storms in the forecast, Californians should plan for a third year of drought conditions,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “A significantly below-average snowpack combined with already low reservoir levels make it critical that all Californians step up and conserve water every day to help the state meet the challenges of severe drought.”

Although early season storms helped alleviate some drought impacts, a lack of storms in January and February heightens the need for conservation. Gov. Gavin Newsom has asked all Californians to cut back water use at least 15% compared to 2020 levels. Regionally, the Northern, Central, and Southern Sierra snowpacks are all standing just above 59% to 66% of average for this date, impacting watersheds across the state.

The Department of Water Resources’ Save Our Water campaign has created a number of customizable tools specifically for ACWA member agencies to help them educate customers about ways to reduce water. The Save Our Water Toolkits are available online for members and include press materials, social media content, graphics and more.

Additionally, ACWA has a number of resources available for member agencies to help communicate these issues, including talking points and handouts, and is helping agencies share their stories of success at [www.acwa.com/drought](http://www.acwa.com/drought).

A summary of water agency drought responses, including voluntary and mandatory conservation orders and links to Water Shortage Contingency Plans, is also available on the ACWA website. ACWA member agencies that have not submitted information to this page are encouraged to do so.

DWR conducts four media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, one additional in May.

DWR has increased its efforts to improve climate and runoff forecasting by strengthening its collaborations with partner agencies investing in proven technologies to improve data collection and hydrologic modeling. This includes efforts at the Central Sierra Snow Lab where DWR and its partners regularly test new equipment and sensors to maximize performance when measuring the state's snowpack.

Current water conditions are now available in real time at California Water Watch, a new website launched by DWR. This website will help Californians see their local hydrological conditions, forecasts, and water conditions down to their address or their local watershed. The site presents data from a variety of sources and allows the public to obtain a quick snapshot of local and statewide water conditions.

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Good morning Cloud Seeding Partners,

Attached please find the *Monthly Cloud Seeding Report* for February operations from North American Weather Consultants. There were no storms available for seeding.

February was exceptionally dry with 2% of normal countywide precipitation. Current stats are as follows:

- Countywide, we are currently at 53% of our normal yearly rainfall (runs Sept 1-Aug 31).  
<http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/water/downloads/hydro/rainfallreports/rainfallreport.pdf>
- Normal-to-date countywide precipitation on 3/1 was 74%

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Monthly Percent-of-Normal Rainfall (February 2022)						
Rainfall Location	Feb. 2022 Accum	Feb. Mean	Water Year Accu (Sept-Feb)	Water Year Mean (Sept-Feb)	% of Normal February	% of Normal Water Year To Date
Buellton	0.10	3.72	7.45	12.12	3%	61%
Cachuma Dam	0.06	4.40	10.53	14.26	1%	74%
Carpinteria	0.00	3.73	8.37	12.50	0%	67%
Cuyama	0.07	1.57	3.52	5.30	4%	66%
Figuroa Mtn	0.15	4.32	11.05	15.03	3%	74%
Gibraltar Dam	0.05	5.94	15.38	19.05	1%	81%
Goleta	0.01	3.80	10.29	13.42	0%	77%
Lompoc	0.21	3.08	8.37	10.54	7%	79%
Los Alamos	0.07	3.21	7.20	10.79	2%	67%
San Marcos Pass	0.04	7.60	23.86	25.08	1%	95%
Santa Barbara	0.05	4.00	11.33	13.43	1%	84%
Santa Maria	0.10	2.63	6.66	9.49	4%	70%
Santa Ynez	0.06	3.35	8.48	11.26	2%	75%
Sisquoc	0.09	3.07	6.53	10.61	3%	62%
<b>Monthly Percent-of-Normal Rain (County-Wide, February 2022)</b>					<b>2%</b>	
<b>County-wide Percent of Normal-to-Date Precipitation</b>					<b>74%</b>	
<small>Each Water Year runs from September 1 through August 31</small>						



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March 2, 2022

Matthew Scrudato  
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Dear Matt:

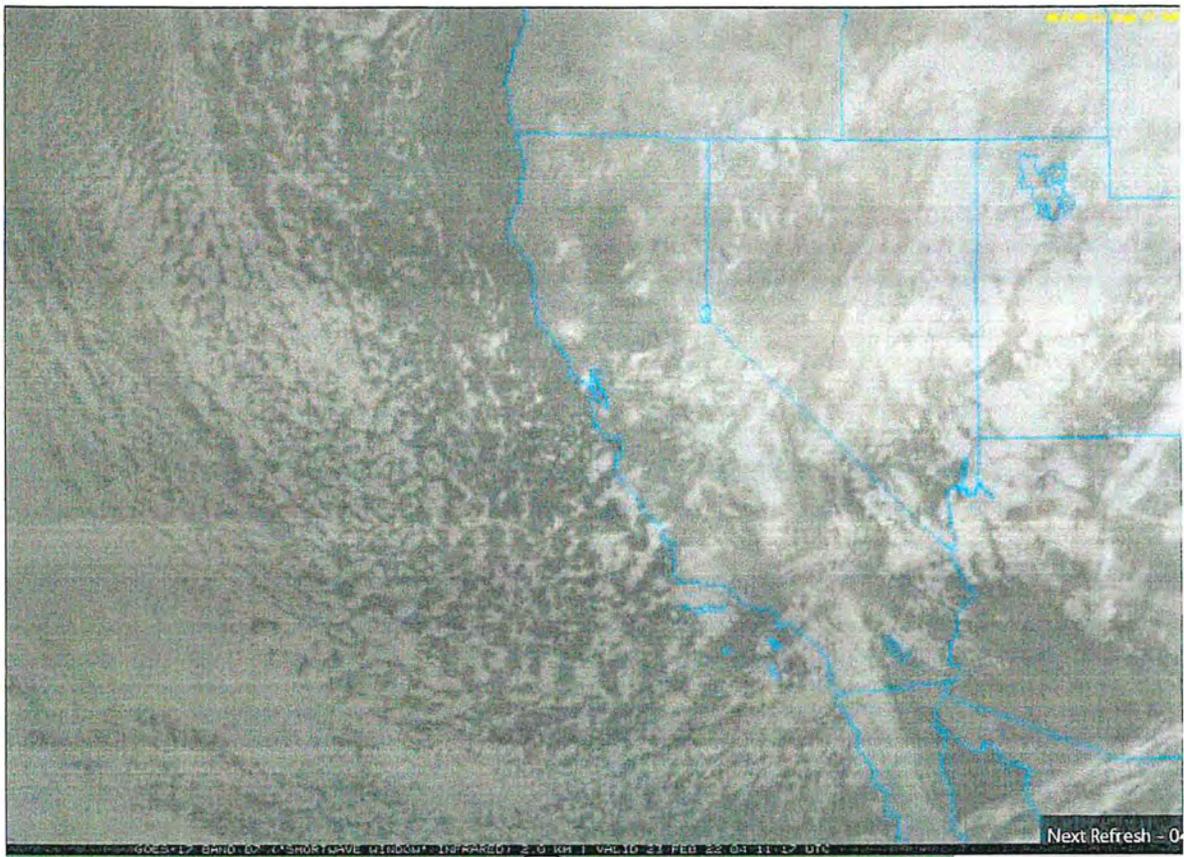
This report covers storm periods and seeding operations for the Santa Barbara County cloud seeding program during the month of February 2022. The weather pattern during February, unfortunately, remained very dry with a dominant ridge of high pressure along the West Coast. The only system to bring any precipitation in February was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, with only some light shower activity in west to northwesterly flow as a deep cold trough moved southward across mainly the interior western U.S. Precipitation totals remained under 0.10" in most areas. This system was not favorable for seeding operations due to wind direction and the insignificant precipitation amounts which would not likely contribute to runoff. Given this weather pattern, there were no seeding operations during the month of February.

The following section summarizes the storm event on February 22.

**February 22, 2022**

A large and very cold trough was centered over California and Nevada on February 22. Only limited moisture existed with this system, and 700 mb temperatures fell to near -15 to -16 C over northern/central California within the core of the trough. Winds were west-northwesterly across the Central Coast region with 700 mb temperatures dropping from about -8 to -15 C with frontal passage in the afternoon and evening. Spotty convective showers were observed during the afternoon and evening hours, with total precipitation amounts generally under 0.1" in the target areas. Precipitation amounts were below a threshold for precipitation to contribute to any runoff, given dry conditions the past 6 weeks or more (and a dry forecast after the event), and winds were generally out of range for seeding the target areas. Given these conditions, no seeding operations were conducted.

Figure 1 is an infrared satellite image at 2011 PST, showing the position of the trough and patchy clouds associated with convective type showers. Figure 2 shows a corresponding regional weather radar image during this time, and Figure 3 is a map of precipitation totals on February 22.



**Figure 1 Infrared satellite image at 2011 PST February 22**



Figure 2 Regional radar image at 2056 PST February 22



Table 1 summarizes precipitation in February and for the water year to date.

**Table 1**  
**February 2022, and Water Year 2022 Precipitation up through February**

Station	February Precipitation (inches)	Water Year Precipitation (inches)	% of Normal February 2022	% of Normal Water Year 2022 to date
<b>Twitchell Area</b>				
<b>Santa Maria</b>	0.10	6.66	4%	70%
<b>Sisquoc</b>	0.09	6.53	3%	62%
<b>Santa Ynez Area</b>				
<b>Gibraltar Dam</b>	0.05	15.38	1%	81%
<b>San Marcos Pass</b>	0.04	23.86	1%	95%
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	0.05	11.33	1%	84%
<b>Santa Ynez</b>	0.06	8.48	2%	75%

(Data for this table received from Santa Barbara County)

The program is scheduled to continue through April 1, 2022. Please contact us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

David Yorty  
 Program Manager/Meteorologist

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**CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**  
**2022 SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PURCHASE PROGRAM**  
**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

This 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program Participation Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made as of March 1, 2022 by and between

CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY (“**CCWA**”)

and

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT NO.1 (“**Contractor**”) (each, a “**Party**,” and together, the “**Parties**”).

**RECITALS**

A. Pursuant to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (“**SBCFCWCD**”) transferred to CCWA, and CCWA accepted and assumed, all rights and obligations to the State Water Supply Contract between SBCFCWCD and the Department of Water Resources (“**DWR**”) that provides for the delivery of water from California’s State Water Project to portions of Santa Barbara County.

B. Additionally, CCWA owns, operates and maintains water conveyance, storage and treatment facilities to deliver water made available to CCWA pursuant to the State Water Supply Contract to cities, water districts and other water purveyors and users in portions of Santa Barbara County pursuant to one or more water supply agreements (collectively, the “**CCWA Participants**”).

C. CCWA and Contractor are parties to a Water Supply Agreement, as amended from time to time, related to the matters described in Recitals A and B.

D. Due to persistent drought conditions, it is anticipated that the State Water Project will be unable to deliver to CCWA the quantity of water needed by CCWA for delivery to the CCWA Participants.

E. CCWA has determined that it should seek to acquire water from other sources to supplement the supply provided for in Contractor’s Water Supply Agreement (“**Supplemental Water**”) and has implemented the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program to identify Supplemental Water that may be available for purchase by one or more CCWA Participants (“**2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program**”).

F. Contractor has determined that it wishes to participate in the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program and is willing to share in the expenses pertaining thereto in accordance

with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Contractor and any other CCWA Participants that have executed a "2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program Participation Agreement," in a form substantially the same as this Agreement ("**Participation Agreement**"), are referred to herein as "**Participating Contractors.**"

G. The Parties have determined that this Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the "common sense" exemption to environmental review under Section 15061 subdivision (b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because the Parties' actions pursuant to this Agreement do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the mutual representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

### AGREEMENT

1. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for CCWA's identification of one or more opportunities for Participating Contractors to acquire Supplemental Water in exchange for the Participating Contractors' reimbursement of CCWA's Total Expenses, as that term is defined in Paragraph 4.2, arising from and associated with such activities. It is the intention of the Parties that neither CCWA, nor any CCWA Participant that is not a Participating Contractor shall incur any expense or liability related to or arising from this Agreement or the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program.

### 2. **Cooperation; Delivery Goal**

2.1 Cooperation. Contractor acknowledges that CCWA's ability to identify, structure and negotiate one or more opportunities for the acquisition of Supplemental Water, as provided in this Agreement, requires Contractor's cooperation. The Parties shall reasonably cooperate with each other in all ways as may be necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2.2 Delivery Goal. Contractor represents that it is seeking to acquire four hundred and fifty (450) acre feet of Supplemental Water over the term of this Agreement ("**Delivery Goal**"). At any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor may request an increase, but not a decrease, in the Delivery Goal by executing and delivering to CCWA a Request for Increase in Delivery Goal, in a form approved by CCWA. No such Request for Increase in Delivery Goal shall be effective unless and until it is executed by CCWA's Executive Director. Any increased Delivery Goal supersedes any prior Delivery Goal for all purposes related to this Agreement and without regard to the date on which any Delivery Goal is increased.

### 3. **Notification of Purchase Opportunity; Statement of Intent; Allocation of Supplemental Water**

3.1 Notification of Purchase Opportunity. CCWA shall notify Contractor of each opportunity to acquire Supplemental Water identified by CCWA (each, a "**Purchase Opportunity**"). Each notice shall include a deadline for Contractor's response and, to the extent

it is available to CCWA, the following information: anticipated available quantity, purchase price, date of scheduled delivery, and delivery risk, including anticipated transmission losses (the "Notice"), which Notice shall be either in electronic or written format.

### 3.2 Statement of Intent

3.2.1 Upon receipt of the Notice, Contractor shall submit to CCWA a Statement of Intent ("**Statement of Intent**" or "**SOI**"), in a form approved by CCWA, which shall include the quantity of water Contractor intends to acquire in connection with a particular Purchase Opportunity ("**SOI Quantity**").

3.2.2 If Contractor submits a Statement of Intent prior to the deadline set forth in the Notice, CCWA shall provide to Contractor (a) a proposed agreement between CCWA and Contractor whereby Contractor agrees to purchase and take delivery of the SOI Quantity on the terms and conditions stated therein ("**Supplemental Water Purchase Agreement**"), and (b) the deadline by which Contractor must elect to execute the Supplemental Water Purchase Agreement if it wants to participate in a specific Purchase Opportunity. Participating Contractors who submit a Statement of Intent are referred to herein as "**Purchase Opportunity Participants**" for each Purchase Opportunity.

3.3 Oversubscription: Allocation of Supplemental Water. As to each Purchase Opportunity, if CCWA receives signed Statements of Intent from Purchase Opportunity Participants where the aggregate SOI Quantity from all Purchase Opportunity Participants exceeds the amount of Supplemental Water available under the particular Purchase Opportunity, the amount of Supplemental Water available under each Purchase Opportunity shall be allocated for purchase to the Purchase Opportunity Participants in proportion to the respective Delivery Goal of each Purchase Opportunity Participant without regard to whether the Purchase Opportunity Participant has elected to participate in any other Purchase Opportunity; provided, however, that no such Purchase Opportunity Participant shall be allocated an amount that exceeds that Purchase Opportunity Participant's Delivery Goal, whether under a particular Purchase Opportunity or in aggregate across multiple Purchase Opportunities.

## 4. **Allocation of Costs; Deposit; Contractor Payment**

4.1 Contractor shall pay to CCWA Contractor's pro-rata share of CCWA's Total Expenses (as defined in Paragraph 4.2), which share shall be calculated as follows:

4.1.1 For Total Expenses arising from services rendered by CCWA pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor's pro-rata share shall be equal to Contractor's Delivery Goal divided by the sum of the Delivery Goals of all Participating Contractors as defined in its respective Participation Agreements.

4.1.2 For Total Expenses related to a specific Purchase Opportunity, Contractor's pro-rata share of such expenses shall be equal to Contractor's SOI Quantity for that Purchase Opportunity divided by the sum of the SOI Quantities set forth in the Statements of Intent submitted by all Purchase Opportunity Participants for that Purchase Opportunity. In the event that no Statements of Intent are executed and delivered by any Participating Contractor for a

particular Purchase Opportunity, Contractor's pro-rata share under this Paragraph shall be calculated in accordance with Paragraph 4.1.1 above.

4.1.3 For Total Expenses arising from services that are of benefit to only one Participating Contractor, that Participating Contractor shall pay for the Total Expenses related to said services.

4.2 "**Total Expenses**" shall mean all out-of-pocket expenditures made by CCWA pursuant to this Agreement, including consultant and legal expenses, any expenses incurred by CCWA in defense of this Agreement, as provided in Paragraph 9, and any other costs related to or arising under this Agreement.

4.3 Deposit. Prior to execution of this Agreement, CCWA prepared and delivered to Contractor an estimate of Contractor's anticipated financial obligations under Paragraph 4.1.1 of this Agreement. Concurrently with Contractor's execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall place on deposit with CCWA the amount stated in the estimate.

4.4 Subsequent Deposits. Prior to the end of the calendar year of this Agreement, CCWA shall provide to Contractor an estimate of any additional anticipated financial obligations not covered by the deposit required by Paragraph 4.3. Contractor shall place on deposit with CCWA the amount stated in the estimate no later than the deadline established by CCWA's Executive Director.

4.5 Invoices and Payments. In the event CCWA reasonably determines that the deposit paid by Contractor to CCWA pursuant to Paragraph 4.3 and/or Paragraph 4.4 will be insufficient to cover Contractor's financial obligations hereunder, CCWA is authorized to deliver to Contractor a revised estimate of those financial obligations and an invoice for an additional deposit. Contractor shall remit the amount stated in the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt.

4.6 Reconciliation. Upon termination of this Agreement, CCWA shall provide to Contractor an accounting of the actual amounts Contractor is obligated to pay hereunder. Any overpayment by Contractor shall be promptly refunded by CCWA and any underpayment by Contractor shall be promptly paid to CCWA.

**5. Contractor's Representative.** Upon Contractor's execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide to CCWA a written Designation of Representative, in a form approved by CCWA, identifying Contractor's authorized representative with full authority to grant, provide and enter into, by and on behalf of Contractor, any and all consents, approvals, instructions, authorizations or agreements by Contractor in connection with this Agreement (collectively, "**Contractor Directions**"). CCWA shall be entitled to rely upon, without inquiry, the full authority of Contractor's designated representative. Without limiting the foregoing, Contractor's representative shall be solely responsible for requesting and obtaining in advance any special or further authorizations on behalf of Contractor that may be necessary in connection with any Contractor Direction given to CCWA hereunder and CCWA may assume, without further inquiry, that all such authorizations have been obtained. Contractor may designate a different individual as its representative in connection with this Agreement at any time by amending its Designation of Representative and providing such to CCWA pursuant to this Paragraph.

## 6. **Obligation in the Event of Default**

6.1 Written Demand Upon Failure to Make Payment or Perform Obligation. Upon Contractor's failure to make any payment in full when due under this Agreement or to perform any other obligation hereunder, CCWA shall make written demand upon Contractor, and if such failure is not remedied within thirty (30) days from the date of such demand, such failure shall constitute a default. CCWA shall also provide a copy of the notice of such demand to each Participating Contractor. Upon failure of CCWA to perform any obligation of CCWA hereunder, Contractor shall make written demand upon CCWA, and if said failure is not remedied within thirty (30) days from the date of such demand, such failure shall constitute a default. Contractor shall also provide a copy of the notice of such demand to each Participating Contractor.

6.2 Termination of Contractual Rights: Continuing Obligations. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, including Paragraph 10.2, upon Contractor's failure to make any payment, which failure constitutes a default under this Agreement, CCWA may terminate this Agreement. Irrespective of such termination, the obligations of Contractor to CCWA to pay the full amount of costs under this Agreement, shall continue in full force and effect. Termination under this Paragraph is in addition to all other remedies provided by this Agreement.

6.3 Increase in Non-defaulting Contractor Costs. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, including Paragraphs 4.1.2 and 10.2, upon the failure of any Participating Contractor to make any payment under its respective Participation Agreement, the pro-rata share of each non-defaulting Participating Contractor shall be automatically increased (pro rata with the other non-defaulting Participating Contractors) for the remaining term of any and all of the non-defaulting Participating Contractors' respective Participation Agreements. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that Contractor's pro rata share of Total Expenses may increase as a result of a default by another Participating Contractor.

6.4 Right of Recovery from Defaulting Participating Contractor. If a Participating Contractor shall fail or refuse to pay any amounts due to CCWA under its respective Participation Agreement, the non-defaulting Participating Contractors' increased obligations to make such payments shall not relieve the defaulting Participating Contractor of its liability for such payments. Each non-defaulting Participating Contractor shall have a right of recovery from the defaulting Participating Contractor to the extent of such non-defaulting Participating Contractor's respective increase in obligation caused by the defaulting Participating Contractor. Any amounts received by CCWA from the defaulting Participating Contractor for costs that were previously paid by a non-defaulting Participating Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 6.3, shall be reimbursed by CCWA to the non-defaulting Participating Contractor.

## 7. **Remedies**

7.1 If either Party does not timely perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, the other Party shall be entitled to proceed to protect and enforce its rights as provided in this Agreement by such appropriate judicial proceedings as said Party may deem most effectual, either by suit in equity or by action at law, whether for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or to enforce any other legal or equitable right vested by this Agreement or by law. The provisions of this Agreement and the duties of each Party and its

elected officials, officers, agents, or employees shall be enforceable by mandamus or other appropriate suit, action, or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction.

7.2 The Parties agree that in the event of a Default or breach of this Agreement, the other Party shall have all remedies in law or equity available to them, including specific performance and termination of this Agreement, and no remedy or election shall be deemed exclusive but shall, whenever possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.

## **8. Disclaimer of Liability**

8.1 Contractor acknowledges and agrees that CCWA is in good faith facilitating the purchase of Supplemental Water on behalf of Contractor and the other Participating Contractors, in exchange for the Contractor's and the other Participating Contractors' full reimbursement of CCWA's Total Expenses and full assumption of CCWA's liabilities related to or arising out of this Agreement or any related agreements to which CCWA is a party for purposes of the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program. As a result, it is the intent and agreement of the Contractor and CCWA that CCWA shall not incur any liability for assistance to Contractor under this Agreement, or any related agreements to which CCWA is a party for purposes of the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program, for any cause, except for CCWA's sole negligence or willful misconduct or CCWA's breach of this Agreement or any related agreements to which CCWA is a party for purposes of the 2022 Supplement Water Purchase Program.

8.2 To the maximum extent permitted by law, neither CCWA, nor any of its elected officials, officers, agents, employees, consultants, or attorneys, nor any of the CCWA Participants who are not also Participating Contractors, shall be liable to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise for any claims, liabilities, damages, losses, actions, penalties, proceedings, or expenses in the event Supplemental Water is not available for purchase by CCWA, Supplemental Water is not available for purchase on the terms and conditions acceptable to Contractor, any approval required to permit the delivery of Supplemental Water is not obtained or is conditioned in any manner that is not acceptable to Contractor, or Supplemental Water is not delivered to CCWA for any reason, except for CCWA's sole negligence or willful misconduct or CCWA's breach of this Agreement or any related agreements to which CCWA is a party for purposes of the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program.

## **9. Indemnification and Defense**

9.1 Indemnification. Contractor ("**Indemnifying Party**") agrees to indemnify, defend, protect and hold harmless CCWA and its officers, directors, employees, agents, consultants and attorneys and CCWA Participants who are not also Participating Contractors (each an "**Indemnified Party**" and collectively, the "**Indemnified Parties**") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses and expenses, including attorneys', paralegals', consultants', and experts' fees, costs and expenses, arising from or relating to this Agreement and any related agreements pertaining to any purchase of Supplemental Water for purposes of the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program, whether claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses or expenses arise prior to or following termination or expiration of this Agreement, except to the extent any liability, loss, cost or expense is caused by the Indemnified Party's sole negligence or willful misconduct.

9.2 Defense of Action. If requested by the Indemnified Party, the Indemnifying Party shall assume on behalf of the Indemnified Party, and conduct with due diligence and in good faith, the defense of such Indemnified Party with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party; provided, however, that if the Indemnifying Party is a defendant in any such action and the Indemnified Party reasonably believes that there may be legal defenses available to it that are inconsistent with those available to the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to select separate counsel to participate in its defense of such action at the Indemnifying Party's expense. If any claim, action, proceeding or investigation arises as to which the indemnity provided for in this Paragraph 9.2 applies, and the Indemnifying Party fails to assume the defense of such claim, action, proceeding or investigation after having been requested to do so by the Indemnified Party, then the Indemnified Party may, at the Indemnifying Party's expense, contest or, with the prior written consent of the Indemnifying Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, settle such claim, action, proceeding or investigation. All costs and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party in connection with any such contest or settlement shall be paid upon demand by the Indemnifying Party.

## **10. Term; Termination**

10.1 Term. Except as provided in Paragraph 10.2, the term of this Agreement shall commence on the last date executed by all Parties and shall continue until December 31, 2022, or until Contractor's final payment to CCWA of all costs attributable to this Agreement, whichever is later.

### **10.2 Termination**

10.2.1 This Agreement may be terminated by CCWA at any time, provided all Participating Contractors agree in writing thereto. Irrespective of such termination, the obligations of Contractor to CCWA to pay Contractor's pro-rata share of CCWA's Total Expenses under this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

10.2.2 This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor upon the expiration of thirty (30) days following the later of (i) delivery of written notice of termination to CCWA, and (ii) discharge by Contractor, or satisfactory assurance of performance, of all financial obligations hereunder. CCWA shall promptly provide a copy of any such notice of termination received by CCWA to all other Participating Contractors.

10.2.3 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the obligations set forth in Paragraphs 4, 7, 8, and 9 shall survive in full force and effect until the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, or any claim or litigation concerning this Agreement within the applicable statute of limitations is finally resolved, whichever occurs later.

## **11. General Provisions**

11.1 Assignability. This Agreement shall not be assigned by Contractor without the prior written consent of CCWA, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempted assignment without the prior written approval of CCWA shall be void.

11.2 Attorneys' Fees. In any action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the prevailing party shall recover from the non-prevailing party, in addition to any damages, injunctive or other relief, all costs (whether or not allowable as "cost" items by law) reasonably incurred by the prevailing party at, before and after trial or on appeal, or in any bankruptcy proceeding, including attorneys' and witness (expert and otherwise) fees, deposition costs, copying charges and other expenses.

11.3 Construction. The provisions of this Agreement should be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes. The language of all parts of this Agreement shall be construed simply according to its plain meaning. Any rule of contract interpretation to the effect that ambiguities or uncertainties are to be interpreted against the drafting party or the party who caused it to exist shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement or any document executed in connection herewith, as each party has participated in the drafting of this document and had the opportunity to have their legal counsel review it. The Recitals to this Agreement are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in construing this Agreement. The defined terms in this Agreement shall apply equally to both the singular and the plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The terms "person" and "party" include individuals, corporations, partnerships, trust, and other entities and associations. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation."

11.4 Counterparts; Delivery by Email. The Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same document. The signature of any Party to any counterpart shall be deemed a signature to, and may be appended to, any other counterpart. Any Party may deliver its signed counterpart of the Agreement to the other Party by email, and such delivery shall be deemed made and completed upon receipt of such email transmission by the other Party. Any Party delivering a signed counterpart by email agrees to promptly send the counterpart bearing its original signature to the other Party; provided that a delay or failure to do so shall not negate the effectiveness of the delivery made by the email transmission.

11.5 Due Authority. Each Party hereby represents and warrants that the individual(s) executing this Agreement are expressly authorized to do so on behalf of such Party and to bind that party to perform all acts required by this Agreement, and that the consent, approval, or execution of or by any additional person or party is not required to legally bind that party to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

11.6 Entire Agreement; Modification. The making, execution and delivery of this Agreement have not been induced by any representations, statements, warranties or agreements other than those herein expressed. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements, representation and understandings of the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof, including Participation Agreements from prior years. No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both Parties.

11.7 Good Faith. The Parties agree to exercise their best efforts and utmost good faith to effectuate all the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to execute such further instruments and documents as are necessary or appropriate to effectuate all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

11.8 Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement and all matters relating to this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. Venue for any disputes under this Agreement shall be in Santa Barbara County, California.

11.9 Legal Advice. Each Party has received independent legal advice from its attorneys with respect to the advisability of executing this Agreement and the meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

11.10 No Agency. This Agreement shall not create, nor shall it be construed to create, any agency, partnership or similar relationship among the Parties.

11.11 Notices. All notices, approvals, acceptances, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement, to be effective, shall be in writing and shall be delivered, either in person or by email or by Federal Express or other similar overnight delivery service, to the party to whom the notice is directed at the address of such party as follows:

If to Authority:

Central Coast Water CCWA  
255 Industrial Way  
Buellton, CA 93427  
Attn: Ray Stokes, Executive Director  
Telephone: (805) 688-2292  
Email: [RAS@ccwa.com](mailto:RAS@ccwa.com)

If to Contractor:

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District,  
Improvement District No.1  
3622 Sagunto Street  
Santa Ynez, CA 93460  
Attn: Paeter Garcia, General Manager  
Telephone: (805) 688-6015  
Email: [pgarcia@syrwd.org](mailto:pgarcia@syrwd.org)

Any communication given by email shall be deemed delivered on such mailing date and any communication given by overnight service shall be deemed delivered one (1) business day after the dispatch date. Either party may change its email and overnight service addresses by giving the other party written notice of its new addresses.

11.12 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or its application to any party or circumstance is held invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Agreement and the affected provision to the extent it is not so held shall remain valid and enforceable and in full force and effect. The forgoing shall not apply, however, if the invalid or unenforceable provision in question or, as applicable, the portion or application thereof held invalid or unenforceable, is a fundamental and material provision of this Agreement.

11.13 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

11.14 Third Party Beneficiary; Enforcement. The Parties agree that this Agreement is for the benefit of (i) Contractor, (ii) CCWA, (iii) other Participating Contractors, and (iv) all CCWA Participants, and all of the aforementioned entities and persons shall be entitled to enforce the provisions of this Agreement.

11.15 Time of the Essence. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, time is of the essence with respect to this Agreement and the performance of each and every obligation contained in this Agreement.

11.16 Time for Performance. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in the event a Party fails to perform any obligation under this Agreement (other than an obligation to pay money) because of strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes for labor or materials, government or judicial actions, inclement weather or other causes beyond its reasonable control, that failure will not constitute a default under this Agreement, and the performance in question will be excused during the period in which the cause for failure continues.

*—Signatures Follow On Next Page—*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed and entered into this Agreement as of the date first written above.

CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ID NO.1

By:   
Name: Ray Stokes  
Title: Executive Director

By:   
Name: Paeter E. Garcia  
Title: General Manager

*Approved as to form:*

*Approved as to form:*

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

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By:   
Stephanie Osler Hastings

By:   
Gary M. Kvistad

**Attachments:**

- Statement of Intent (Form)
- Request for Increase in Delivery Goal (Form)
- Designation of Representative (Form)

**CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**  
**2022 SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PURCHASE PROGRAM**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Participating Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program Participation Agreement (“Agreement”) between the Central Coast Water Authority and the above-named Participating Contractor, the undersigned, on behalf of the Participating Contractor, states its intent to acquire \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet of water in connection with the proposed Purchase Opportunity to acquire supplemental water from [*insert proposed Seller name*] for delivery of water to CCWA in 2022.

All terms used in this Statement of Intent have the meaning given to them in the Agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**  
**2022 SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PURCHASE PROGRAM**

**REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN DELIVERY GOAL**

Participating Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to the 2022 Supplemental Water Purchase Program Participation Agreement ("Agreement") between the Central Coast Water Authority and the above-named Participating Contractor, the undersigned, on behalf of the Participating Contractor, represents that it is seeking to increase its Delivery Goal from \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet of water to \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet of water over the term of the Agreement. The requested increased Delivery Goal supersedes Participating Contractor's prior Delivery Goal for all purposes related to this Agreement.

All terms used in this Request for Increase in Delivery Goal have the meaning given to them in the Agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY**  
**2022 SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PURCHASE PROGRAM**

**DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE**

**Participating Contractor:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Representative:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Monthly Briefing

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

## 2022 Annual Conference Draws Big Crowd to Reno

### Conference Participants Concerned About "Demonization" of Agriculture

The 2022 Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference was conducted February 24-25 at the Silver Legacy Resort in Reno (NEVADA), drawing 200 attendees to the organization's first in-person annual conference in two years.

The conference's theme was "Those in the Arena," a tip of the hat to the famous passage by Theodore Roosevelt's "The Man in the Arena," which creates a clear distinction between those who are actively working, and the observers offering only critiques.

America has been a successful society because of its commitment to farmers and ranchers and a predictable food supply. Sadly, that great reality is being challenged at fundamental levels.

"We are witnessing the demonization of agriculture from urban journalists, extreme environmental activists, and academia," said Alliance President Patrick O'Toole, whose family owns and operates a ranch in Wyoming. "We need to start fighting back."

Production agriculture is being blamed for many of the world's problems based on ill-informed descriptions of food production matters, a common observation that was shared by attendees throughout the duration of the conference.

"It was clear that the high-level appointees from the Biden Administration who participated in the various panel discussions

were receptive to the pleas made by our producers throughout our two-day general session," said President O'Toole.



*The "Reclamation Roundtable", featuring Interior Assistant Secretary Tanya Trujillo, Acting Reclamation Commissioner David Palumbo, Reclamation regional directors and policy representatives. Moderated by Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. Photo courtesy of Dave Meurer.*

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## 2022 Annual Conference (Cont'd from Pg. 1)

"We appreciate their public vows of support for our Western farmers and ranchers."

Interior Department Water and Science and Bureau of Reclamation senior leadership showcased how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will benefit family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts and allied industries in 17 western states during the conference.

This year's agenda featured keynote addresses by the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Tanya Trujillo and the Department of Agriculture's Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Robert Bonnie.

"It is not the 'what' but the 'how' that important when implementing federal environmental initiatives," Mr. Bonnie said. "It's how policies are invented, and how people are invited to the table."

Mr. Bonnie emphasized that the work that needs to be done on the Administration's "America the Beautiful" conservation initiative will be implemented voluntarily, incentive-based, and locally led.

In her remarks, Assistant Secretary Trujillo highlighted how the Department is marshaling new and existing resources and working in partnership with state, local, and Tribal governments to address the needs of communities suffering from drought-related impacts. Key to this effort will be the historical funding available from the \$1.2 trillion BIL.

"We have a historic opportunity to make investments that will help local, state, and Tribal communities respond to drought," said Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Trujillo. "I am grateful for this opportunity to continue to hear from and receive input from our partners to make the best use of this opportunity."

The Reclamation Roundtable featured the assistant secretary and five regional directors discussing the bureau's BIL implementation and readiness for the work on the ground to manage western water. Pre-recorded remarks by Reclamation

Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton were also shown at the conference.

"We welcome the opportunity to have conversations on topics of critical concern to our western agriculture partners," said Commissioner Touton. "We are reinforcing how the Administration is managing western water in a drier and warmer environment and how the BIL enables Reclamation to meet the need for long-term drought adaptation by building a more resilient western infrastructure."

Following the "Reclamation Roundtable," professional staffers from the Senate and House committees on energy and natural resources provided details about infrastructure law funding and ongoing efforts to schedule a detailed congressional hearing about its implementation.

The first day of the conference also included a discussion with the architects of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – the "Western Water Infrastructure Coalition" comprised of representative from the

Alliance, Association of California Water Agencies, California Farm Bureau, National Water Resources Association and Western Growers Association – that focused on lessons learned in the 2021 grassroots effort.

The final day of the conference included the participation of senior officials from the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Army, Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the "Federal Leaders Panel" to showcase the Administration's whole-of-government approach to implementing the BIL.

"I can't tell you how much the commitment of Tanya Trujillo to our farmers and ranchers means to me

and the Family Farm Alliance," said President O'Toole. "Our members reacted so favorably to her presence and the participation of Army Assistant Secretary Mike Connor and other senior officials from Interior, EPA, USDA and Reclamation officials at our conference. I'm looking forward to further opportunities in the future."

Additional annual conference highlights can be found on the Alliance website: [www.familyfarmalliance.org](http://www.familyfarmalliance.org).



*Dan and Susan Errotabere (CALIFORNIA) accept the Family Farm Alliance "John Keys III" award for Dan's decades of leadership as a founding board member and long-time Treasurer for the Alliance, and for Susan's years of service as the Alliance's fundraising coordinator. "Your were there from the beginning of the Family Farm Alliance," said President Pat O' Toole (Left).*

## 2022 Drought Could Be Worse Than “Unprecedented” ‘21 Disaster

Following a wet December 2021 that had many Western water users breathing a sigh of relief for the drought relief those winter storms delivered, persistent dry patterns in 2022 have farmers, ranchers and water managers now wringing their hands in anticipation of a repeat of the “unprecedented” 2021 drought.

Following two weeks of worsening hydrology across the central Great Plains, drought conditions further deteriorated in parts of Kansas and southern Nebraska. Drought conditions expanded slightly in northern Wyoming and worsened across the Upper Snake River Basin of Idaho due to deteriorating headwater conditions.

Recent snowfall has improved drought conditions north of Denver, Colorado. Drought conditions also improved across parts of south-central Montana and across the Clearwater and Salmon basins of central Idaho due to favorable snowpack conditions. Periods of above-normal temperatures coupled with enhanced surface winds have expanded severe to extreme drought across southern and eastern New Mexico and western Texas.

Parts of the Pacific Northwest benefited from a recent wet storm system that pummeled the mountains of northern Oregon and Western Washington, according to the National Weather Service in Seattle. Several inches of rain were flooding some of the rivers that flow off the mountain ranges.

However, further south, a second year of severe drought looms. California’s severe drought is now all but certain to continue into a third year after the driest January and February in recorded history.

“Without a major pattern change during March, additional degradations may be needed for California and the Great Basin in the weeks ahead,” the U.S. Drought Monitor recently reported.

**CVP: “We’ve got our work cut out for us this year.”**

Due to the persistently dry pattern since early January, drought conditions worsened in parts of northern California and southwest Oregon, including the Klamath River Basin and the headwaters of the Sacramento River drainage, a key catchment for Shasta Lake, the cornerstone of the Central Valley Project (CVP).

For the fourth time in the last decade, south-of-Delta irrigation contractors served by California’s Central Valley Project (CVP) have received a 0% allocation. The Bureau of Reclamation last month announced initial 2022 water supply allocations for CVP contractors, based on an estimate of water available for delivery to CVP water users and reflect current reservoir storages, precipitation, and snowpack in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada.

Hydrologic conditions, including low CVP reservoir storage conditions at the beginning of the water year and record low precipitation in January and February are partially responsible for the grim CVP outlook. Further, Reclamation’s obligation to meet Delta water quality and outflow standards imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board, prevent Reclamation from making water available under contracts like the one held by Westlands Water District.

“Losing over a million acre-feet of projected inflow in two weeks’ time is concerning,” said Reclamation Regional Director Ernest Conant. “We’ve got our work cut

out for us this year; strengthened collaboration and coordination among agency partners, water and power users, and stakeholders will be instrumental.”

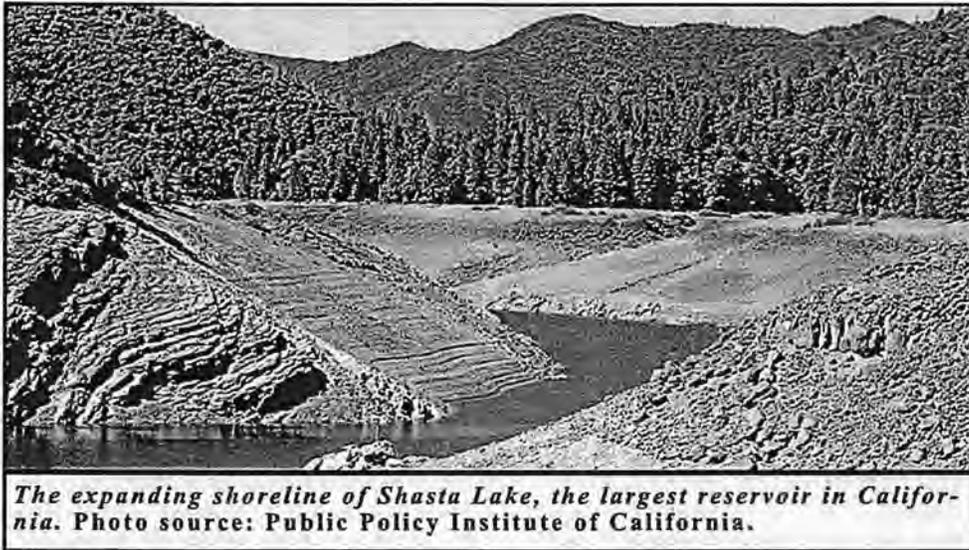
Despite significant participation in the fall and early winter, the 2021-22 water year is likely to be classified as dry. January and February were exceptionally dry.

“We began the 2022 water year with low CVP reservoir storage and some weather whiplash, starting with a record day of Sacramento rainfall in October and snow-packed December storms to a very dry January and February, which are on pace to be the driest on record,” said Mr. Conant. “Further, the December storms disproportionately played out this year in the headwaters—heavy in the American River Basin and unfortunately light in the upper Sacramento River Basin, which feeds into Shasta Reservoir, the cornerstone of the CVP.”

Currently, CVP reservoir storage is below the historic average for this time of year and runoff forecasts predict that overall storage will be limited if substantial spring precipitation does not materialize.

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*The expanding shoreline of Shasta Lake, the largest reservoir in California. Photo source: Public Policy Institute of California.*

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Friant Division Class 2 contractors did not receive an allocation.

The Friant Water Authority (FWA) issued a public statement voicing its appreciation for Reclamation's work to issue this initial allocation early in the year, recognizing the desire to err on the side of caution this early in the season.

"However, based on the current snowpack and reservoir conditions in and above Millerton Lake, FWA believes there is ample justification for an allocation higher than 15%," FWA stated.

Even if the remainder of the year is extremely dry, FWA estimates that approximately 240,000 acre-feet of additional unallocated water supply exists in the upper San Joaquin watershed.

"Not allocating water that is clearly available will only exacerbate an unnecessary rush to pump groundwater, causing additional over-draft," FWA stated.

### Impacts on California Agriculture

The drought is having a severe economic toll on California agriculture. A new study from the University of California, Merced, said exceptionally dry conditions in 2021 resulted in a \$1.1 billion loss for farm businesses in the state. An estimated 8,750 full- or part-time agricultural workers lost their jobs.

The report also said 395,000 acres of farmland were idled. Crops most affected by fallowing were rice in the Sacramento Valley, cotton in the San Joaquin Valley and grain and field crops statewide.

Within Westlands, the continued drought conditions in 2021 resulted in over 200,000 acres fallowed, countless lost jobs, and thousands of acres of food unharvested.

"The circumstances in 2021 and those facing us in 2022 demonstrate the need invest in infrastructure to better manage the State's water resources, which includes increased capacity to capture water when its available for transport and use in times of drought," Westlands said in statement. "California needs new storage, both surface and groundwater, and improved conveyance facilities."

### Fish Before Farmers in the Klamath Basin

Farming and ranching families in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds of far northern California say drought emergency curtailment regulations adopted by the state last August will threaten their livelihoods if water sup-

plies run out as the state prioritizes minimum flows to protect threatened coho and other fish.

"Guys that are usually positive are pretty down right now. It is going to be really tough," Jim Morris, who raises livestock and field crops in Etna in the Scott Valley, told *Ag Alert*.

Last month, the Western Environmental Law Center notified the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of activist groups' intent to challenge its Shasta River safe harbor program in

federal court. The NMFS safe harbor program provides legal immunity for harming protected species in exchange for stewardship practices on private land.

The groups allege NMFS violated the Endangered Species Act by allowing water diverters to "kill" threatened coho salmon under "enhancement of survival permits" based on unlawful and scientifically incorrect biological opinions.

"The Shasta River safe harbor agreements represent a fundamental misuse of the Endangered Species Act and its permit provisions," said Sangye Ince-

Johannsen, attorney at the Western Environmental Law Center. "We intend to challenge a number of legal deficiencies underlying NMFS's decision to enter the agreements and grant the permits to the landowners. At bottom, it just doesn't pass the straight-face test to say that permits that allow landowners to continue to harm and kill threatened salmon somehow 'enhance the survival' of the species or provide a 'net conservation benefit.'"

Elsewhere in the Klamath River watershed, Reclamation on March 11 informed irrigation districts and individual farmers that hydrologic conditions are such that it is physically impossible to meet the simultaneous environmental requirements for the lake and river under the Interim Operations Plan (IOP).

Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA) has prepared a comprehensive description of the shortcomings of the IOP that currently drives Klamath Project operations. Adopted in April of 2020, the IOP has resulted in dramatic harm to agriculture and wildlife in both 2020 and 2021, with no corresponding benefit to fish populations that have been allocated almost all the water in the Basin.

"That scenario appears likely in 2022 as well," said Paul Simmons, KWUA Executive Director.

KWUA has, over the past five years, urged federal agencies to step back and gain an understanding of what has gone wrong.



*"Last year was a very bad year. This year could turn out to be worse."*  
**Ernest Conant**  
 California-Great Basin Regional Director  
 Bureau of Reclamation  
 Photo source: *Capital Press*

## President Biden Delivers First State of the Union

On March 1, President Joe Biden delivered his State of the Union (SOTU) address. President Biden's address marked his first SOTU speech and his second address to a joint session of Congress since taking office on January 20, 2021.

The President's speech primarily focused on America's response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. He also highlighted COVID-19 progress, the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the fight against inflation.

President Biden also briefly touched on issues important to agriculture, such as competition, export problems and infrastructure

### Ukraine Invasion

A central theme of President Biden's address was the global response to the aggression of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Six days ago, Russia's Vladimir Putin sought to shake the very foundations of the free world, thinking he could make it bend to his menacing ways," Biden said. "But he badly miscalculated."

As Russian and Ukrainian forces enter a second week of bloody, destructive warfare, United Nations and international condemnations aimed at the Kremlin continue to pile up. The White House initially asked Congress for \$6.4 billion in assistance to the Ukrainian government. This aid would allocate \$3.5 billion in funding for troop deployment and support to NATO allies and \$2.9 billion in foreign security and humanitarian assistance.

The White House has deployed 12,000 troops to Europe, with an additional deployment of 7,000 to Germany on February 24. The U.S has joined other countries condemning the actions of Russian President Vladimir Putin and has levied heavy sanctions.

As Congress negotiates an FY22 spending package ahead of the March 11 funding deadline, aid to Ukraine will be a likely addition to the bill. House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) shared her support for the Ukrainian aid package.

"My colleagues and I are carefully monitoring the situation and stand ready to provide assistance both to our Ukrainian partners and to our allies in Central and Eastern Europe as they confront this crisis," Rep. DeLauro said.

Republicans appear to be more interested than Democrats in quickly providing new weapons to Ukraine and in imposing punishing new sanctions on Russia, according to *Roll Call*.

"We should do everything we can to tighten the noose on the Putin economy," said Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio).

### Food and Competition

The President briefly mentioned issues involving agriculture in his

speech, including supply chain challenges in port cities that have disrupted ocean-carrying transportation of exported items, and competition.

"I'm a capitalist, but capitalism without competition isn't capitalism. It's exploitation -- and it drives up prices," the president said.

"When corporations don't have to compete, their profits go up, your prices go up, and small businesses and family farmers and ranchers go under."

### Ukraine Invasion Impacts to American Agriculture

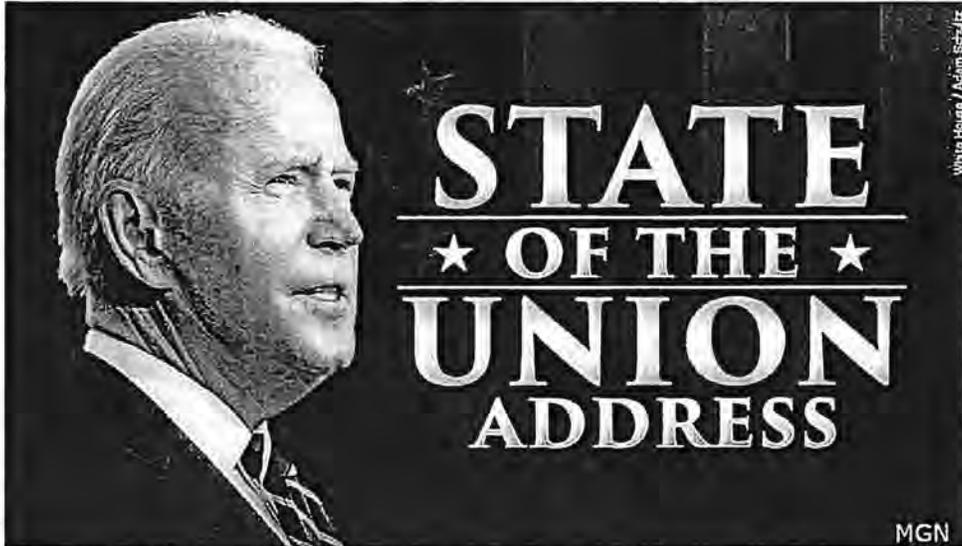
Highlighting the president's emphasis on the Ukraine invasion in his speech, Chandler Goule, CEO of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), told DTN that the conflict has caused volatility in the grain markets and increases in prices for key inputs such as fuel and fertilizer.

"With Russia and Ukraine among the top wheat-producing and exporting countries, we have seen large market fluctuations as the conflict continues," Goule told DTN. "While we have concerns about volatility, we are deeply concerned about geopolitical stability and the needless suffering happening in Ukraine."

Worries about how U.S. agriculture will fare from the Ukrainian crisis were also voiced at a House Agriculture Committee hearing late last month, where lawmakers warned about rising energy costs for farmers, spikes in grain prices and possible demands on U.S. farms to help fill the needs of a struggling Eastern Europe (*E&E News*).

"I definitely see this as a huge volatility issue for our industry in regard to price," Nicole Berg, NAWG vice president told the committee.

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## President Biden's State of the Union Speech (*Con't from Pg. 5*)

While U.S. wheat growers might ultimately be able to sell more to allies who need the help, American farmers are more likely to be hurt in the short term by volatile prices and increased fuel costs tied to the conflict, said Mr. Goule.

"This is definitely going to have an effect on world supplies," Mr. Goule said.

Prior to the Russian invasion, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack told The Associated Press that a conflict in Ukraine would present an "opportunity, obviously, for us to step in and help our partners, help them through a difficult time and situation."

"We'll obviously continue to look for opportunities to expand those (export) markets," Secretary Vilsack said. "That's the beauty of our system now."

The American agricultural industry posted its highest annual export levels ever recorded in 2021, Secretary Vilsack announced nearly one month ago. The final 2021 trade data published by the Department of Commerce on February 8 showed that exports of U.S. farm and food products to the world totaled \$177 billion, topping the 2020 total by 18 percent and eclipsing the previous record, set in 2014, by 14.6 percent.

"This is a major boost for the economy as a whole, and particularly for our rural communities, with agricultural exports stimulating local economic activity, helping maintain our competitive edge globally, supporting producers' bottom lines, and supporting more than 1.3 million jobs on the farm and in related industries such as food processing and transportation," said Secretary Vilsack.

### SCOTUS Nominee

President Biden used portions of his address to shine line on his nomination last month of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve a lifetime appointment as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Dick Durbin (D-IL) hopes to begin Judge Jackson's confirmation hearing beginning March 21.



"We will begin immediately to move forward on her nomination with the careful, fair, and professional approach she and America are entitled to," Senator Durbin said.

Senate Democrats have set a goal to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson by April 8, ahead of the chamber's two-week Spring recess. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) congratulated Judge Jackson on her nomination and called for a "rigorous, exhaustive review of Judge Jackson's nomination as befits a lifetime appointment to our highest Court."

Judge Jackson is expected to be confirmed in time to hear *Sackett v. EPA*, related to the federal government's jurisdiction over the Nation's waters and wetlands (*see story on Page 7*).

### Hey! What about Climate Change?

Notably absent in the president's address was any serious discussion of the climate crisis, despite the vast press coverage the day before his speech about the latest "doom and gloom" report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warning of the deadly effects of climate change both now and in the future.

"The extent and magnitude of climate change impacts are larger than estimated in previous assessments," the latest IPCC report summary said, particularly highlighting "substantial damages" and "increasingly irreversible losses" to ecosystems and "shifts in seasonal timing."

President Biden's short shrift paid to climate change in his address did not go unnoticed by some on the far left.

"Fossil fuels have driven conflict, human rights abuses and ecological catastrophes around the world for decades," intoned Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, a group that uses climate change arguments to push its vast array of litigation aimed at federal agencies. "It's time for President Biden to stop equivocating and fully embrace every tool at his disposal to end the fossil fuel era."

### GOP Reaction

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds delivered the GOP response to President Biden's speech, hammering the president and Democrats on issues like inflation and parental control of education.

"Americans are tired of a political class trying to remake this country into a place where an elite few tell everyone else what they can and cannot say," said Governor Reynolds. "What they can and cannot believe."

Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-Pa), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture, criticized the president for ignoring the challenges facing American producers.

"Between surging input costs, skyrocketing fertilizer prices, the highest inflation in 40 years, and endless regulatory uncertainty, the Biden administration's failing policies remain out-of-touch with the challenges and everyday needs of farmers, ranchers, foresters, and consumers," said Rep. Thompson. "Rather than tackling these issues, President Biden continues to bend to the will of the most vocal progressives, demanding policies that yield no relief and contribute to substantial burdens on American taxpayers."

## Clean Water Act “WOTUS” in the Spotlight

In the weeks following last month’s announcement by the U.S. Supreme Court that it would revisit the scope of Clean Water Act (CWA) precedent in *Sackett v. EPA*, there has been plenty of other breaking news regarding “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS).

The CWA prohibits the discharge of pollutants from a point source to navigable waters unless otherwise authorized under the Act. Navigable waters are defined in the Act as “the waters of the United States, including the territorial seas.” Thus, WOTUS is a threshold term establishing the geographic scope of federal jurisdiction under the CWA.

The term “waters of the United States” is not defined by the Act but has been defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in regulations since the 1970s and jointly implemented in the agencies’ respective programmatic activities.

The case to be taken up by the Supreme Court centers on a conflict between an Idaho couple, Chantell and Michael Sackett, and EPA. The Sacketts attempted to build a home on land the EPA claims to be federally protected wetlands under the CWA. The Supreme Court in 2012 sided with the Sacketts in their battle for judicial review of an EPA order that stopped them from building a house on their northern Idaho land and threatened heavy fines. The justices in January agreed to consider whether the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals erred when it affirmed that the federal government has permitting authority over the couple’s property.

### Senate Republicans Demand the Biden Administration Stop WOTUS Rulemaking

Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Republicans are pushing the Biden Administration’s EPA and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to hold off on redefining WOTUS until the Supreme Court weighs in on the matter in *Sackett v. EPA*.

“For the duration of the *Sackett* litigation, the Administration should refocus its resources on supporting and advancing critical permitting and infrastructure development, such as expeditiously processing Clean Water Act permits,” the letter stated. “The Administration should also use this time to continue to engage with farmers, landowners, states, businesses, and other affected stakeholders to understand how changes to the definition of WOTUS impact property and important economic activities.”

Signing the letter were EPW Ranking Republican Shelley Moore Capito (West Virginia), and Western Republican Sens. Kevin Cramer (NORTH DAKOTA), Cynthia Lummis (WYOMING), Jim Inhofe (OKLAHOMA), and Dan Sullivan (ALASKA), as well as five other Republicans from southern and Midwestern states.

In a recent proposed rulemaking, the Biden Administration is currently moving to formally scrap the Trump Administration’s *Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR)* regulation, arguing it pulled back protections for streams and wet-

lands across the nation, and put in its place pre-2015 regulations informed by court precedent while preparing for a future rulemaking that would craft a new “durable” definition of WOTUS under the CWA.

### EPA, Corps Announce Regional WOTUS Roundtables

EPA and the Corps have announced the participants of 10 regional roundtables aimed at facilitating discussion on a future rulemaking redefining WOTUS while highlighting regional differences, moving forward even as the pending Supreme Court case could affect the definition.

“The Department of the Army, together with the EPA, is committed to gaining a better understanding of the various regional perspectives through these roundtables to develop an implementation approach that accounts for these diverse voices and regional variations,” said Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Michael L. Connor. “In addition, the Army hopes to identify implementation considerations and tools that could assist in effective, consistent, and efficient implementation across the nation.”

The agencies said the roundtables have been selected to highlight geographic differences and a range of perspectives, including agriculture, conservation groups, developers, drinking water and wastewater managers, environmental organizations, communities with environmental justice concerns, industry, tribal nations, and state and local governments.

The ten selected roundtables are: Amigos Bravos (Southwest); Arizona Farm Bureau (Southwest); Cahaba Brewing (Southeast); California Farm Bureau (West); Kansas Livestock Association (Midwest); Natural Resources Defense Council (Northeast); National Parks Conservation Association (Midwest); North Carolina Farm Bureau (Southeast); Regenerative Agriculture Foundation (Midwest); and Wyoming County Commissioners Association/Montana Association of Counties/Idaho Association of Counties (West).

Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen and Alliance Advisory Committee Member Paul Arrington (Idaho Water Users Association) were included on the nomination form developed by the California Farm Bureau for the Western region. Other allies will engage in the Southwest forum.

“We appreciate the leadership from our friends with the Arizona and California state Farm Bureaus to help us fill those slots on the Southwestern and Western regional roundtable proposals,” said Mr. Keppen.

While EPA and Corps have not announced dates for the roundtables, they say they anticipate hosting them virtually over the spring and summer.

“It remains unclear whether the agencies will finalize what they are describing as a more “durable” definition of WOTUS before the Supreme Court rules in *Sackett v. EPA* sometime next year,” said Mark Limbaugh, the Alliance’s representative in Washington, D.C.. “A new Supreme Court decision could result in a completely new definition of WOTUS under the CWA for many years to come.”

## Interior Releases Blueprints to Implement Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Several bureaus across the Department of the Interior submitted to Congress their fiscal year 2022 blueprints for implementing President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law ("BIL, also referred to as the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, or "IIJA") last month, marking a significant step in the Department's efforts to help communities tackle the climate crisis and address legacy pollution while creating good-paying union jobs, advancing environmental justice, boosting local economies and upholding the federal trust responsibility to Tribes.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is an opportunity for us to meet the moment and make critical investments in our climate and physical infrastructure. It will help ensure a healthy planet for current and future generations while creating jobs and advancing environmental justice," said Interior Secretary Deb Haaland. "From cleaning toxic pollution and conserving habitats to protecting from drought and wildfires, the Department's roadmap to implementing this historic law underscores how communities across the nation will directly benefit from these investments."

As required by the Infrastructure Law, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Wildland Fire, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement have submitted their official spend plans to the U.S. Congress. The Department also submitted spend plans outlining efforts to plug and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells, as well as a spend plan outlining efforts to restore ecosystems and protect habitats.

The spend plans outline how the Interior Department and bureaus will stand up new programs and expand existing work to deliver results. Additional information about each bureau's spend plans can be accessed on the Department's infrastructure webpage.

Programs outlined in the Bureau of Reclamation's spend plan includes a \$8.3 Billion Investment in Water and Drought Resilience. Interior and Reclamation intend to fund water efficiency and recycling programs, rural water projects, WaterSMART grants, and dam safety to ensure that irrigators, Tribes, and adjoining communities receive adequate assistance and support.

### GOP Push Back on Implementation Directives

As funding from the BIL is begins to move towards states, the Biden administration is directing state officials to invest in projects that ensure climate resilience, address inequality and use unionized labor. But GOP Senators and governors are pushing back on federal directives, arguing they go beyond the intent of the law.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) last December issued a memorandum entitled "Policy on Using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources to Build a Better America". Republican Senators recently took issue with the FHWA memorandum, saying it seeks to implement a wish list of policies not reflected in the BIL.

"These policies, such as discouraging projects that increase highway capacity and prioritizing projects that advance

non-motorized transportation options, differ from the provisions negotiated and agreed to in the law," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Environment and Public Works ranking member Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) wrote in a recent letter.

Sixteen GOP governors sent a letter to President Biden last month, demanding that the administration defer to states' priorities.

"To truly drive economic growth through the IIJA, your administration should remove any and all burdensome regulations and immediately implement the codification of "One Federal Decision"," the letter stated. "Wherever possible, eliminate duplicative regulatory reviews and ensure more efficient coordination of reviews at the federal, state, and local levels of government. Meaningful reform to the Army Corps of Engineers, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other permitting rules would drastically improve our ability to coordinate successful programs."

### Alliance Actions

The Family Farm Alliance board of directors last month at its annual meeting in Reno (NEVADA) identified federal implementation of the BIL as a top priority for the Alliance to engage in for 2022. Senior leaders from the Department of the Interior's Office of Water and Science and the Bureau of Reclamation were also present at the Alliance's annual conference, to highlight the implementation of the BIL and reinforce the importance of partnerships.

### WaterSMART Drought Contingency Planning Grants

Reclamation last month began rolling out opportunities for some of its WaterSMART programs, including the Drought Response Program's Drought Contingency Planning grants, which support the development and update of drought contingency plans.

"These small, community-led projects can help western communities address some of their water management issues," said Reclamation Acting Commissioner David Palumbo. "The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is allowing us to reach many Western communities where they have identified a need but not necessarily the funding to complete the work."

Through this funding opportunity, Reclamation provides financial assistance for planning that, when implemented, will increase water reliability and improve water management through the use of expanded technologies and improved modeling capabilities. Applicants may request up to \$200,000 for plans to be completed within two years. Generally, a 50 percent minimum recipient cost-share is required.

The funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by searching for opportunity number R22AS00178. Applications are due by April 14, 2022, at 4 pm MDT. Find out more information at [Reclamation's WaterSMART program webpage](https://www.reclamation.gov/water-smart).

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## Bipartisan Bill Would Extend Protections for Upper Colorado River Fish Species and Provide Regulatory Assurances for Water Users

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper (D-COLORADO) and Mitt Romney (R-UTAH) last month introduced the *Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act* (S.3693) to continue protecting four threatened and endangered native fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. The legislation would extend current conservation programs by one year and allow Upper Basin communities the time to develop a long-term management plan.

“We must protect native fish in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River. This bill shows how states, tribes, federal entities, and water users can come together to get things done,” said Senator Hickenlooper.

The Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Programs work to recover four threatened and endangered fish species: the humpback chub, bonytail, Colorado pikeminnow, and razorback sucker.

“Partners of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program are recovering four species of endangered fish in the Colorado River and its tributaries in Colorado,

Utah, and Wyoming,” said Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen. “Importantly, through this program, water use and development continue to meet human needs in compliance with interstate compacts and applicable federal and state laws.”

Congressman Joe Neguse (D-COLORADO) introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives in August 2021, which passed out of the House Natural Resource Committee in November 2021.

The Alliance and other Upper Basin interests worked with the Hickenlooper and Romney offices and encouraged the Romney camp to join and co-lead this effort, with the intent of putting a bipartisan stamp on this legislation.

“I’m proud to team up with my colleague from Colorado to support Utah’s efforts to continue the recovery of the threatened and endangered fish species in the Upper Colorado

and San Juan Rivers,” said Senator Romney. “This program has broad buy in from stakeholders in the eastern part of our state and represents an example of what successfully recovering endangered species looks like.”



*Senator Michael Bennet (D-COLORADO) last September organized a float trip down the Colorado River, from Hittle Bottom Campground to the Sandy Beach River Access, with the goal to talk about climate change and drought in the West. He was joined by nearly two dozen others, including Senator Mitt Romney (R-UTAH) and Family Farm Alliance President Pat O’Toole. Photo source: Deseret News.*

## WaterSMART Grant Opportunities (Continued from Page 8)

### WaterSMART Applied Science Grants

The WaterSMART Applied Science Grants funding opportunity is also now available from Reclamation. These grants support projects to develop hydrologic information, decision support tools, and tools to improve modeling and forecasting capabilities to increase water supply reliability. Applicants may request up to \$200,000 for projects to be completed within two years. A 50% non-federal cost share is required.

The funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by searching for opportunity number [R22AS00165](https://www.grants.gov). Applications

are due on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

The Bureau of Reclamation will host a webinar on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. MST to discuss eligible applicants and project types, program requirements, and the evaluation criteria for the Applied Science Grants funding opportunity. Join the [live event](#) or use the same link to watch a recording after the completion of the live event. Find out more about the Applied Science Grants program on Reclamation’s website at [www.usbr.gov/watersmart/appliedscience](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/appliedscience).

## USDA to Invest \$1 Billion in Climate Smart Commodities

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced last month that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is delivering on its promise to expand markets by investing \$1 billion in partnerships to support America's climate-smart farmers, ranchers and forest landowners.

The new Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities opportunity will finance pilot projects that create market opportunities for U.S. agricultural and forestry products that use climate-smart practices and include innovative, cost-effective ways to measure and verify greenhouse gas benefits. USDA is now accepting project applications for fiscal year 2022.

"America's farmers, ranchers, and forest owners are leading the way in implementing climate-smart solutions across their operations," said Secretary Vilsack. "Through Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, USDA will provide targeted funding to meet national and global demand and expand market opportunities for climate-smart commodities to increase the competitive advantage of American producers. We want a broad array of agriculture and forestry to see themselves in this effort, including small and historically underserved producers as well as early adopters."

For the purposes of this funding opportunity, a climate-smart commodity is defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced using agricultural (farming, ranching or forestry) practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon.

"It's critical that we make sure that climate-friendly practices are profitable and practical for farmers – no matter what crop they produce, what region they're in, or the size of their operation," said Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), the Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. "The urgency of the climate crisis demands action, and I look forward to reviewing the feedback and data from these pilot projects, which will help inform the writing of the next farm bill."

Funding will be provided to partners through the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation for pilot projects to provide

incentives to producers and landowners to:

- implement climate-smart production practices, activities, and systems on working lands,
- measure/quantify, monitor and verify the carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits associated with those practices, and
- develop markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities.



*Solutions from the Land (SfL) President Ernie Shea (partially hidden by the podium) moderated a panel discussion at the recent Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference in Reno (NEVADA) about SfL members' recent trip to Glasgow, Scotland for the COP26 Climate Forum. A.G. Kawamura (L), a producer and SfL leader from Southern California, shared his views, urging more "do tanks" and less "think tanks".*

A range of public and private entities may apply, but the primary applicant must be an entity, not an individual. Funding will be provided in two funding pools, and applicants must submit their applications via [Grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants) on: 1) April 8, 2022 (for proposals from \$5 million to \$100 million); and 2) May 27, 2022 (for proposals from \$250,000 to \$4,999,999).

Solutions from the Land (SfL) – an organization that the Family Farm Alliance works with closely on climate smart agricultural issues – endorses the new USDA program.

"This exciting new program provides another opportunity and pathway to enable farmers, ranchers, forest landowners and other producers to implement climate smart systems

and practices that sustainably intensify production, improve resilience and reduce and/or sequester greenhouse gas reductions" said SfL President Ernie Shea, who moderated a climate change panel at the recent Family Farm Alliance annual conference.

The program announced last month closely aligns with the framework SfL has been advocating nationally and globally to unleash high value climate change solutions from the ag and forestry sectors.

"We are especially pleased to see that the program will utilize market approaches to reward producers for the climate smart practices they deploy and the benefits they verify," said Mr. Shea. "We are also pleased to learn that the new pilot demonstration program will encourage large, landscape scale projects and will be open to all types of producers, including early adopters as well as small and historically underserved producers".

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST**  
**MARCH 2022**

1. February 17, 2022 – Notice received from Los Olivos Community Services District regarding Customer Information Update
2. February 17, 2022 – Received Notice of March 3, 2022 Meeting Cancellation - SB County LAFCO
3. February 24, 2022 – Notice and Agenda received from Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board for the February 28, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting
4. February 24, 2022 – Letter from District to customer regarding billing information for water service account
5. February 25, 2022 –SB County LAFCO Draft FY 2022-2023 Budget
6. February 25, 2022 – District submitted the Government Compensation Report for Calendar Year 2021 to the State Controller’s Office – Local Government Programs and Services Division
7. February 25, 2022 – District submitted Property Schedule Review and Renewal to ACWA/JPIA for the 2022/2023 Coverage Year
8. February 28, 2022 – District submitted 2021 Generator Report to Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
9. February 28, 2022 – District submitted Monitoring & Reporting Program Annual Report for 2021 to the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Water Quality
10. March 3, 2022 – Letter from District sent to twenty customers regarding Backflow testing requirements
11. March 3, 2022 – Letter from District regarding meter downsize request – Baseline Avenue – APN 141-420-011
12. March 3, 2022 – Letter from District regarding Can and Will Serve - New two-story commercial building and single-family residence – San Marcos Avenue – APN 135-102-010
13. March 7, 2022 – Letter from JanPro Franchise Development regarding notice of service price increase effective April 1, 2022
14. March 7, 2022 – Notice of Meeting received from Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District for the March 9, 2022 Board of Directors Special Meeting
15. March 7, 2022 – Letter from District to City of Solvang regarding DWR/CCWA Variable O&M Invoice – April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022
16. March 8, 2022 – Notice and Agenda received from Santa Ynez Community Services District for the March 11, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting
17. March 8, 2022 – Agenda and Board packet received from Central Coast Water Authority for the March 10, 2022 Operating Committee Meeting