



# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Location-1630 West Redlands Boulevard, Suite A, Redlands, California**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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#### **1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.*

#### **2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

*Section 54954.2 provides that a legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under the following conditions: (1) an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5; (2) a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted; and (3) the item was posted for a prior meeting*

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occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.

**3. GUEST RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

**4. PUBLIC MEETING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE – 10 minutes**

*Article 1, Section 75560 of the California Water Code requires that a Water Conservation District that proposes to levy a groundwater charge "...shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon groundwater conditions of the District." District staff will present the annual Bunker Hill Engineering Investigation Report and review the Groundwater Replenishment Program annual budget. District staff is recommending to the District's Board of Directors that an increase take place for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$16.95 groundwater charge per acre-foot (af) for all groundwater production. As requested by the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council ("Council:), the District is also considering the addition of a Replenishment/Sustainability component to the groundwater charge, to be imposed on entities subject to the District's Groundwater Charge that are not members of the Council. The Council supports phasing in this charge over several years The proposed amount of such component is \$20.00 per acre foot but for the upcoming water year is proposed at the phase-in rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per acre foot. District staff will present any written comments received and the board will hear oral comments.*

- *Open Public Meeting*
- [2023 Engineering Investigation Report Presentation \(if requested\)](#)
- *Staff Presentation on GW Sustainability/Replenishment Component and Groundwater Charge*
- *Groundwater Charge for FY 2023-2024 (M#1927) and Review Draft Resolution No. 610 for Groundwater Charge for 2023-2024 .....6*
- *Receive Public Comments or Testimony*
- *Close Public Meeting*

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Board Minutes, March 8, 2023 .....35
- B. Approval of Expenditure Report, March 2023 .....45
- C. Report of Excused Absences

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS /ACTION ITEMS**

**Committee Reports**

**A. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION VERBAL UPDATE**

**Presenter:** David E. Raley

**Recommendation:** The Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee will provide a verbal update of the meeting held on March 22.

**B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE VERBAL UPDATE**

**Presenter:** Richard Corneille

**Recommendation:** The Chair of the Operations Committee will provide a verbal update of the meeting held on March 28.

**Action Items**

**C. 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR 2022-2023 – 5 minutes (M#1928).....58**

**Presenter:** Finance & Administration Committee/Angie Quiroga/Betsy Miller

**Recommendation:** The Finance & Administration Committee recommends the Board approve the third quarter unaudited financial reports for FY 2022-2023 as presented.

**D. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, March 2023 – 5 minutes (M#1929).....64**

**Presenter:** Angie Quiroga/Betsy Miller

**Recommendation:** Review and approve the unaudited financials for March 2023.

**E. ACWA 2023 BOARD OFFICERS’ ELECTION VOTING DELEGATE – 5 Minutes (M#1930) .....70**

**Presenter:** Betsy Miller

**Recommendation:** Consider appointing a Director as the voting delegate for the ACWA 2023 Board Officers’ Election.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Environmental Update – 5 minutes.....74
- B. Wash Plan Trails Status Report – 5 minutes.....78
- C. Engineering Update – 5 minutes.....79
- D. PERC Status Report No. 13 – 5 minutes .....80
- E. Board President Monthly Verbal Update
- F. General Manager’s Report and Monthly Recharge Report – 5 minutes.....85
- G. Strategic Planning Verbal Update
- H. Future Agenda Items & Staff Tasks – 5 minutes

**8. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER MEETING REPORTS, AND/OR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- A. Board Member Meeting Reports – 15 minutes
- B. ACWA Spring Conference Travel Request

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- A. April 17, 2023  
Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts, 6:00 p.m. at Old Spaghetti Factory (Rancho Cucamonga) hosted by Chino Basin Water Conservation District

*Topic: Southern California's Evolving Landscape:  
Cultivating Beautiful & Resilient Communities in a  
Hotter, Drier Future*

- B. April 18, 2023 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at Valley Municipal
- C. April 19, 2023 USAR WIFA Meeting, 8:30 a.m. via Teleconference
- D. April 19, 2023 Conservation Trust, 2:00 p.m. at Conservation District  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 815 7933 6493)*
- E. April 26, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing, 1:30 p.m.  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 842 5799 5859)*
- F. April 26, 2023 Budget Workshop, 2:30 p.m. *(or immediately following the Board meeting)*  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 842 5799 5859)*
- G. May 9-May 11, 2023 ACWA Spring Conference, Monterey  
***(Board Approval Required)***
- H. May 17, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 811 5882 7619)*
- I. May 31, 2023 PERC Policy Committee, 9:00 a.m.  
*(Zoom Meeting ID: 853 6108 6548)*
- J. June 5, 2023 Basin Technical Advisory Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Valley Municipal

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

1. The Board will meet in Closed Session under authority of Government Code §54956.9 (a), in order to discuss existing litigation, Endangered Habitats League et al. vs. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Central District Court Case no. Case No.: 2:16-cv-09178-MWF-E.
2. The Board may convene in Closed Session for Conference to discuss Real Property Negotiations pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; Owner: Southern California Edison East End Hydroelectric Generation Plant property located on various parcels and easements in Mill Creek and Santa Ana River Canyons, Negotiator: Betsy Miller and David Cosgrove Owner: Southern California Edison Negotiators Allison, Bahen, Property Manager and Steven Powell, Vice President.
3. The Board will meet in Closed Session under Government Code section 54956.8, to discuss the terms and conditions of potential acquisition of Federal properties as part of the Wash Plan land exchange with BLM, consisting of 327.5 acres of the Federal Exchange Parcel, and 90 acres of the Federal Equalization Parcels, in exchange for District property of Assessor Parcel Nos. 0291-

151-01, -02, and-05. David Cosgrove and Betsy Miller are the District's negotiators, and Jessika Peltz is the lead negotiator for BLM.

11. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing will be on April 26, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA and via Zoom/teleconference.



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Memorandum No. 1927

**To: Board of Directors**  
**From: Finance & Administration Committee**  
**Betsy Miller, General Manager**  
**Date: April 12 and 26, 2023**  
**Subject: Groundwater Charge for FY 2023-24**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Conduct a public meeting on April 12, 2023, regarding the proposed 2023-24 Groundwater Charge, and then continue the matter to April 26, 2023, for final action and adoption of a resolution approving an adjustment of the Groundwater Charge in the unitary amount of \$16.95 per acre-foot, for both agricultural and non-agricultural production. This change represents an eleven (11%) percent increase from the rates in effect for the prior year. In addition, approve a Sustainability Component of the Groundwater Charge in the amount of \$12.00, which represents the stepped increase in the phase-in period of such charge.

**BACKGROUND**

The District reviewed and approved its annual Engineering Investigation for the 2021-22 water year (“EI”) on March 8, 2023. At the prior meeting on February 8, 2023, the District reviewed its Preliminary Groundwater Enterprise Budget for the upcoming year, and the Board gave staff direction on the advertised proposed Groundwater Charge rate to include in public notices. That advertised rate was \$16.95 per acre-foot, which represents an eleven (11%) percent increase from the rates in effect for the prior year, reflecting both general inflation and rises in the costs of the District’s groundwater enterprise activities due to permitting requirements. Background facts supporting staff’s recommendation for this increase were detailed in the staff report accompanying the Board’s consideration of a published rate on February 8, 2023. For ease of reference, a copy of that staff report is attached, and incorporated herein by reference.

The Board also gave direction on a step increase in the Sustainability Component of the Groundwater Charge, which is paid in order to “level the playing field” on costs of basin-benefitting water supply and recharge enhancement by the Groundwater Council, to \$12.00.

Today is the time set for a public meeting on the proposed adjustment to the District’s rate for the Groundwater Charge. A following public hearing will be held on April 26, 2023 at 1:30 pm, as per the District’s established custom, and consistent with applicable statutes governing Groundwater Charge processes. Notices of today’s public meeting and the April 26, 2023, public hearing were published on the District’s website, and in the San Bernardino County Sun and the Highland Community News on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Mailed notice was

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also provided to all reporting groundwater producers on February 23, 2023. This provides more than the required forty-five (45) days between the date of that mailed notice and the proposed actual imposition of the Groundwater Charge on April 26, 2023, per California Constitution Article XIII D, Sec. 6(a)(2).

As it has in the past, the decision to fix the Groundwater Charge rate comes with a series of findings regarding agricultural and non-agricultural groundwater production, annual and cumulative change in storage, and overall basin conditions. These findings are based upon the Engineering Investigation and required by statute. The findings, and the support for them, are set out in detail in the “Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Establishing A Groundwater Charge On The Production Of Groundwater Within District Boundaries, And Making Certain Findings Relative Thereto” (“Resolution”), which is attached hereto, and submitted for the Board and public review. That Resolution also contains background and factual findings with respect to the Sustainability Component of the Groundwater Charge.

District staff has endeavored to comply with all procedural requirements applicable to the Groundwater Charge. For this reason, staff is recommending that the public meeting be opened today, and then continued until April 26, 2023, for a public hearing regarding final adoption of the Resolution.

### **DISCUSSION**

The recommendation from staff to adjust the Groundwater Charge rate is a function of the Groundwater Enterprise Budget, based on anticipated expenditures for the upcoming year. These topics were reviewed in detail by staff and the District Board on February 8, 2023. The staff report accompanying the February 8, 2023, review detailed budget revenue and expense projections, identified budget presumptions, and described the recent history of Groundwater Charge amounts and the initiation and implementation of the Sustainability Component. In the interest of avoiding repetition, that staff report is attached hereto, and its contents are incorporated herein by reference.

On balance, in considering the Budget, the Board directed that the “noticed” rate would be as set forth above, representing both the step increase in the five-year phase in of the Groundwater Charge Sustainability Component, which moves from \$7.35 to \$12.00 per acre foot, and an eleven (11%) increase in the Groundwater Charge rate, from \$15.27 to \$16.95 per acre foot. Those are the rates that have been proposed for consideration, and which are the subject of public review and comment both at the April 12, 2023, public meeting, and the April 26, 2023, public hearing. Obviously, the actual rate levied may vary, per Board direction and any public comments received.

### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Staff has previously provided a projection of groundwater production and revenue generated by the existing rate and the proposed expenditures for the Groundwater Enterprise Budget, to which proceeds from the proposed rates will be applied. The Finance and Administration Committee concurred in staff’s assessment that an eleven (11%) percent increase was warranted, both to address inflation and permitting requirements, and to ensure reserves are used for maintenance and capital projects rather than recurring operating expenses.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The development and coordination of the Groundwater Charge is supported by the Groundwater Recharge Enterprise. The impact to reserves without an increase is approximately \$168,499.

**ATTACHMENTS OR MATERIALS**

Draft Groundwater Budget and staff report from February 8, 2023

DRAFT Groundwater Charge Resolution No. 610

Declaration of Mailing of Groundwater Charge Notices

**APPROVALS**

Recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee

Reviewed by District Counsel



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Memorandum No. 1916

**To: Board of Directors**  
**From: Betsy Miller, General Manager**  
**Date: February 8, 2023**  
**Subject: Budget Planning for Groundwater Enterprise for FY24: Proposed Groundwater Council Operations and Maintenance Fee and Advertised Groundwater Charge**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Review, discuss and approve issues for inclusion in the FY24 Groundwater Enterprise Budget and provide direction to staff on Public Notice for the Groundwater Charge.

**BACKGROUND**

Each year, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (District) staff prepares revenue and expense estimates for the Groundwater Enterprise, as underlying support for the Board to determine a proposed amount for the Groundwater Charge for public notice purposes. The estimated amount included in the proposed advertised rate provides public notice of the potential proposed rate for discussion purposes does not set or adopt any change. Following this analysis, the proposed Groundwater Charge rate is noticed in the newspaper and via mail to groundwater producers, with opportunities for community input and feedback at both a public meeting and a Board hearing to determine the annual groundwater charge.

Groundwater Charge rates held steady (\$3.23 Agricultural/\$11.62 Non-Agricultural) from 2014 to 2016. In 2017, the rate was increased by 4%, with the previously-established Rate Stabilization Reserve fund used to moderate rate increases. In 2018, the Board approved an additional 4% increase in Non-Agricultural rates. That same year, in response to legal developments<sup>1</sup>, the Board determined that Agricultural rates should be incrementally raised over time, to match Non-Agricultural rates. The Board opted for a three-year phased approach to equalize Agricultural and Non-agricultural rates, relying again on the Rate Stabilization Reserve fund to bridge transitional shortfalls. In 2019 and 2020, the Board approved a 5% increase in Non-Agricultural rates, while Agricultural rates continued to be raised incrementally to match Non-Agricultural rates, with no comments in opposition. The Rate Stabilization Reserve fund underwrote the shift from differential Agricultural and Non-Agricultural rates to a unitary

<sup>1</sup> See, *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District* (2017) 3 Cal. 5<sup>th</sup> 1191, which among other things, called into question the constitutionality of the rate differentials between the two types of rates, formerly required by Water Code section 75594. See discussion, *infra*.

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rate, of \$13.85/AF, from 2018-2021. In 2021, the Board approved a change to rates increasing the unitary rate by 5% to \$14.54/AF and adding a replenishment sustainability component for San Bernardino County entities.

Over this same time period, Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin producers collaborated with the District to develop and approve a Groundwater Council (GC), formalized in 2018. The Groundwater Council offers a cooperative vehicle whereby members have created a method to equitably allocate basin recharge operations and maintenance costs, and to provide funding for basin replenishment with imported water whenever feasible. Over the past five years, the GC payments and Groundwater Charge rates have proven effective to recover the majority of costs for the Groundwater Enterprise, as well as providing a cooperative regional funding source for taking advantage of variable imported water supplies for local recharge, and the GC members are currently working together to prepare an updated agreement for 2023-2028.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Groundwater Enterprise fund revenue has met its expenditures for the past six years. Based on performance for the first half of the fiscal year, staff has projected a budget for Groundwater Enterprise operations and updated capital expenses. Staff has estimated a preliminary Groundwater Charge rate and initial GC revenue budget needed to offset these expenses. Staff has begun preliminary discussions with the GC regarding the proposed change as well.

The GC effectively serves as an alternative method for members to cover the District groundwater recharge operations costs, previously paid through the Groundwater Charge. Since FY19, the District's budget has utilized the GC funding mechanism for GC partners.

### **Budget Approach:**

The budget approach recommended by staff includes the following efforts and activities:

- Develop and review the draft budget with the GC and Groundwater Charge partners
- Utilize the Groundwater Enterprise Budget to develop the proposed Groundwater Charge
- Review the draft budget with the Finance & Administration Committee or in a Board Workshop before submitting it to the Board for approval
- Review other budgets with appropriate partners and stakeholders, as appropriate
- Utilize feedback from all of the above in the development of the final budget proposal

### **Assumptions**

The budget process uses similar as previous budgets, including the following specific assumptions:

### **Revenue:**

- Groundwater Charge revenue is based on actual charges paid in the prior year, with a review from the GC agencies

- GC revenue as calculated by the Equitable Allocation Model (“EAM”<sup>2</sup>) and paid by GC member agencies
- Producers who are not parties to the GC pay the Groundwater Charge
- Property tax is estimated from 2022 actual receipts
- Mining revenue is estimated based on lease guaranteed annual minimum payments
- Interest revenue is based on investment forecasts
- Consideration of the needs of the Active Recharge Transfer Project capital costs and interest income
- Revenue for Wash Plan Implementation from the Conservation Trust

Expenses:

- Expenses are estimated on a zero basis, or actual costs/estimates modified based on specific needs and actual 2022 costs
- Board administrative costs and Staff COLA increases are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U All West at 6.1% based on actual December 2022 rate of 6.6% raised in the last budget year [https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex\\_west.htm](https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex_west.htm)
- Utilities increase at approximately 5-7%, based on sector CPI or projected rate changes
- Salary forecast includes raise pool of up to 5% as a percentage of total salaries
- Miscellaneous expenses are generally increased at 5% where no other basis is available
- For FY24, new expenses related to compliance with recently issued regulatory permits for the Santa Ana River Groundwater Recharge Facility are estimated at 1) 50% of the Assistant Biologist salary/benefits/overhead (\$60,000) plus 2) \$20,000 for specialized environmental permits, or 6% of the total Groundwater Enterprise Budget; any additional compliance costs incurred during this first year of implementation will be covered by the Rate Stabilization Reserve

During the 2016 budget process, the Board requested the full cost of capital improvements, repairs, and equipment in the budget. CIP Costs are incorporated into the annual operating budget to account for specific instances where operating revenue is paid to capital projects and capital funding covers annual costs such as salaries. CIP costs in the current Groundwater Enterprise budget include the following:

- Mill Creek Diversion improvements, permitting, and construction
- Design and construction of the Mentone shop
- Permit costs for the Mill Creek Groundwater Recharge Facility
- Purchase/replacement of heavy equipment
- On-going security repairs such as fencing, gates, boulders, and other barriers
- On-going land management such as removal of invasive, high-water-use species
- Design of the ARTP Projects

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<sup>2</sup> The EAM is the Groundwater Council’s method of assigning cost burdens to basin maintenance and operations, and to investments for purchase of imported water supplies, when available, based on balancing historic water rights with later increases or decreases in production to allocate cost while respecting established rights and current patterns of use. It therefore assigns costs based on equal weight to members’ (or their predecessors’) historical production (from 1959-1963), and more current production (from 2015-2019).

Based on the year-to-date budget information and the assumptions listed above, staff projects that a 11% increase in the Groundwater Charge is needed for FY24: A 5% increase due to inflation and a 6% increase due to new permit compliance requirements.

### **Legal Changes and the Move to a Unitary Rate**

Throughout our history, the District has incorporated all requirements of the California Water Code (CWC), Prop 218, and Prop 26 into the rate setting process for the Groundwater Charge. We continue to carefully monitor legal cases related to the interpretation of voter initiatives, including Proposition (Prop) 13, Prop 218 and Prop 26, which seek to alter local governments' ability to raise taxes and fees without voter approval.

In *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, supra*, the California Supreme Court ruled that Groundwater Charges are not subject to Prop 218, but must meet the requirements of Prop 26. This requires that the charge or fee must 1) be no more than necessary to cover the costs of the activity; and 2) be allocated in a manner that bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the burdens or benefits from the activity. Further, the Court essentially invalidated CWC Section 75594, which required a 3-5:1 Non-Agricultural to Agricultural ratio for the charge. Before this decision, the District followed the requirements of CWC Section 75594, which resulted in a reduced Groundwater Charge for Agricultural production, which was also applied to parks, golf courses, schools, and cemeteries. This requirement that the Groundwater Charge be allocated in a manner related to the burden and benefit of the recharge replaced the statutorily-dictated cost ratio and, consistent with historical rate development, the District will continue to set the annual charge as necessary to recover the costs for the service provided (see attached Table on GW Charge History).

In setting the 2018 rates under these new legal parameters, the District did not believe there was sufficient factual record on variable costs between the Agricultural or Non-agricultural uses of groundwater production available to propose a defensible distinction of rate, based on relative burdens and benefits of the two categories of uses. No further information has become available since that time. Further, the District has not attempted to allocate its internal costs or field maintenance expenses based upon the distinction in use. Because Agricultural production is not limited to specific geographic areas within the District's boundaries, nor are District facilities designated solely, or even primarily, to Agricultural or Non-Agricultural use, the District Board approved a unitary rate for all production, regardless of type of use.

This change affected 30 producers producing approximately 10,815 acre feet from 52 wells. These producers paid groundwater charges of approximately \$35,879 in 2017. These users effectively received an increase in per acre foot rates of groundwater charges, due to the court-mandated discontinuance of the protected rate status for Agricultural use. Under a unitary rate in 2017, these 30 producers would have paid approximately \$131,300, with six users likely to be significantly affected due to the amount of recent production. These are primarily municipal users that now pay through the Groundwater Council.

To address these impacts to producers, the Board approved the utilization of the Groundwater Charge Stabilization Reserve over a three-year transition process, in which the Agricultural rate incrementally increased to a level of the Non-Agricultural rate. In 2018, staff undertook significant efforts to inform

these producers of the change and provide multiple opportunities to participate in the process of setting the groundwater charge. Staff took the following actions at the Board's direction:

1. Produced and distributed information for all producers on the *Ventura v. UWCD* case and its implications
2. Held an informational workshop to explain the case, its effect on the Groundwater Charge and invited participants to attend the February 14 Board meeting to select the advertised rate
3. Mailed and advertised notices of Groundwater Charge change, including the potential phase-in period
4. Coordinated with Groundwater Council members
5. April 7<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting at Board meeting
6. April 21<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing to adopt rate at Board Meeting
7. Mailed an information sheet with the rate changes after adoption.

Throughout this time, including the informational workshop, public meeting, and public hearing, no Agricultural users indicated any opposition to the changes in rates. Certain Agricultural users who reached out for additional information noted their support for the Board's three-year transition process.

### **Groundwater Sustainability and Replenishment**

As part of the FY22 rate setting process, the Board approved a request from the GC to include a Replenishment/Sustainability component, currently paid by the GC, in the Groundwater Charge. This component serves to ensure that basin producers who are not GC members contribute proportionately to replenishment supplies, which GC members fund through their participation in the GC. This portion of the Groundwater Charge is remitted after collection by the District to the GC to purchase imported water from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for groundwater recharge.

On October 12, 2020, the GC approved a plan to achieve full financial participation from those remaining agencies that produce groundwater from the basin but have not yet become GC members. The replenishment component of the Groundwater Charge is in a proportionate amount so as to assure ratable contribution by such producers to basin wide replenishment efforts, and funding, now implemented by the GC and its members. This charge component is assessed as permitted under the District's organic act, and constitutional requirements, on San Bernardino County production within the District's jurisdictional boundaries, and in a manner that provides equality with the allocations from the GC's EAM.

Specifically, GC expenditures for imported recharge water are tracked over a defined time period (five years, generally, except shortly following GC formation when fewer years' of data were available) to estimate a normalized annual average as the benchmark of total water replenishment expenditures benefiting the basin. The total production ratio of the Other Producers during that same period, as compared to the GC members, is then determined to derive a "reasonable relationship" between the benefits achieved by Other Producers from GC recharge. The proportionate ratio of the total production from the Other Producers is then applied to the normalized basin recharge expenditure figure to determine the aggregate amount to be collected from the Other Producers as part of the Groundwater Charge. That total monetary sum is then allocated among the Other Producers pursuant to the EAM allocation. In this way, the total amount of Groundwater Charge raised by this Replenishment/Sustainability component paid by such Other Producers, in aggregate, would be no more than their proportionate benefit from basin

recharge generally. The total cost would therefore not exceed the cost of the recharge activity basin wide, and the burden to Other Producers would be based on their production as a group, allocated among them individually in the same manner as the GC does with its members. The goal is to meet Proposition 26 requirements for total costs and reasonable benefit while use of the EAM would “carry forward” for the Other Producers the GC’s balance between historical rights and present production, and place all basin producers, both GC members and Other Producers, on an even footing.

Staff used the same methodology to calculate a rate for non-GC member producers in the District boundary. The replenishment/sustainability fee and would be up to \$20.00 per AF of production.

Staff reviewed these analyses with the GC and with the District’s Finance & Administration Committee. In recognition of concerns, staff proposed a phase-in period of five or more years to implement the fee in order to reduce burden on non-GC Producers. The GC approved this phase-in period, and other elements implemented by the District Board. During staff outreach to affected non-GC Producers in 2020, no feedback was received in opposition to the new component.

### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

The Board provides direction to staff on the appropriate Groundwater Charge rate to advertise in the notices for the public meeting and hearing. Staff has reviewed the groundwater recharge operational costs to date for FY24 and Groundwater Recharge Enterprise revenue likely to be generated by the Groundwater Charge and the Groundwater Council. Staff believes that these data provide sufficient information to project the FY24 Groundwater Recharge Enterprise needs. Following this analysis, staff recommends that the Board advertise an 11% increase in rates for the upcoming fiscal year. The recommendation is in keeping with prior Board direction to limit annual rate increases to 3-5% except in cases of significant policy, economic, or operational change. Due to the District’s cost-conscious approach, the proposed general increase of 5% (without costs for new permit compliance) remains lower than overall inflation for the period.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The annual development of the Groundwater Charge rate is supported by the Groundwater Recharge Enterprise. Without the proposed 11% rate increase in FY24, the impact to the Rate Stabilization Fund would be approximately \$148,476. The GC is expected to hold a budget meeting to review these and other costs following updates to the EAM in March or April. The replenishment/sustainability component is revenue neutral to the District as it is held in a restricted reserve for transfer to the GC for purchase of imported water.

### **POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

1. Move to direct staff to advertise an 11% increase inclusive of a 5% increase due to inflation and a 6% increase due to new permit compliance requirements in the Groundwater Charge, continue to phase-in the Replenishment/Sustainability component over five years, and approve the budget plan as shown herein.
2. Move to direct staff to advertise a different rate change to the Groundwater Charge, continue to phase-in the Replenishment/Sustainability component over five years, and approve changes to the budget plan as shown herein.

**ATTACHMENTS OR MATERIALS**

Draft Groundwater Enterprise Budget for FY24

Groundwater Production and Charge Revenue Projection

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<b>Draft 2023-2024 Budget</b>					2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
<b>INCOME:</b>							
4012	INTEREST INCOME-LAIF	2,157.43	60,000.00	20,845.40	0.00		
4013	INTEREST INCOME-CALTRUST	16,000.00	94,322.85	99,038.99	0.00		Groundwater Totals
4015	INTEREST INCOME-UBS	18,200.00	23,123.04	27,747.65	0.00		\$ 1,621,248
4016	INTEREST INCOME ARTP	180,000.00	440,800.07	484,880.08	0.00		
4017	ARTP CAPITAL INCOME	583,500.00	583,500.00	350,000.00	0.00	0.00%	
4022	GROUNDWATER CHARGE	712,630.95	712,630.95	753,061.42	753,061.42	100.00%	11% increase
4024	GROUNDWATER COUNCIL REVENUE	731,640.00	731,640.00	812,120.40	812,120.40	100.00%	11% increase
4026	GW SUSTAINABILITY/REPLENISHMENT	44,089.25	33,066.94	56,065.92	56,065.92	100.00%	
4031	PLANT SITE CEMEX	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	0.00		
4032	CEMEX - ROYALTY/LEASE	775,000.00	775,000.00	775,000.00	0.00		
4036	AGGREGATE MAINTENANCE	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00		
4040	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	77,000.00	77,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		
4043	PROJECT SALARY REIMBURSEMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00		
4050	PROPERTY TAX	137,358.53	137,358.53	141,479.29	0.00		
4055	SBVMWD LEASE AGREEMENT	449,083.42	464,628.62	483,213.76	265,767.57	55.00%	
4062	MENTONE PROPERTY INCOME	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00		
4065	REDLANDS PLAZA	211,849.83	190,000.00	206,160.35	0.00		
4066	REDLANDS PLAZA CAM	45,707.27	45,707.27	46,621.42	0.00		
4080	EXCHANGE PLAN	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	100.00%	HISTORIC
4025	WASH PLAN REVENUE	439,469.00	439,469.00	200,000.00	0.00		
4999	TRUST REIMBURSEMENT WASH PLAN	50,000.00	50,000.00	200,000.00	0.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>4,626,785.68</b>	<b>5,011,347.27</b>	<b>4,819,334.68</b>	<b>1,917,015.32</b>		
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
5080	LAFCO CONTRIBUTION/FEES	100.00	56.78	100.00	0.00		
5120	MISC. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	300,000.00	300,000.00	340,000.00	105,500.00		Consulting Services
5122	WASH PLAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00		
5123	WASH PLAN IMPLEMENTATON (formerly	274,219.00	274,219.00	274,219.00	0.00		
5125	ENGINEERING SERVICES	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	30,000.00	60.00%	
5126	GW SUSTAINABILITY/REPLENISHMENT	44,089.25	44,089.25	56,065.92	56,065.92	100.00%	Pass through of GC cost
5127	PROJECT ACCOUNTING SERVICES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
5130	AERIAL PHOTO/SURVEYING/MARKET	2,310.00	2,310.00	2,425.50	0.00		
5133	Regional River HCP Contribution CIP #7	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	80.00%	
5143	SBVCT District Contribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
5145	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (WASH PLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
5155	WP TRAILS SERVICES	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00		
5160	IT SUPPORT	14,400.00	14,400.00	14,832.00	6,674.40	45.00%	Share by need
5170	AUDIT	28,000.00	27,550.00	28,500.00	10,260.00	36.00%	Share based on Revenue
5175	LEGAL-WASH PLAN	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		
5180	LEGAL	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	6,250.00	25.00%	GC and COE Litigation
<b>FIELD OPERATIONS:</b>							
5210	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	7,416.00	7,416.00	8,528.40	8,528.40	100.00%	based on average actual
5215	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	32,000.00	80.00%	Basin Maintenance Moved
5223	TEMP FIELD LABOR	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00%	Invasive and canal cleaning
5225	FIELD CLEAN UP-DUMPING/VECTOR	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	36,000.00	60.00%	
5050	BASIN CLEANING FORMERLY 7050 CAPITA	50,000.00	50,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	100.00%	

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<b>VEHICLE OPERATIONS:</b>							
5310	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	8,400.00	8,400.00	9,240.00	9,240.00	100.00%	
5320	FUEL	18,150.00	19,600.70	21,560.77	21,560.77	100.00%	Based on FY 23 Actuals
<b>UTILITIES:</b>							
5410	ALARM SERVICE	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,944.00	777.60	40.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
5420	ELECTRICITY	9,832.45	9,832.45	9,832.45	1,966.49	20.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
5430	MOBILE PHONES	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	2,925.00	50.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
5440	TELEPHONE	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	1,500.00	25.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
5450	NATURAL GAS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,050.00	315.00	30.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
5460	WATER / TRASH / SEWER	3,790.40	3,790.40	3,904.11	1,366.44	35.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
5470	INTERNET SERVICES	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,832.50	708.13	25.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:</b>							
6001	GENERAL ADMIN-OTHER	4,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	50.00%	ESTIMATE BY USE
6002	WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00		
6004	MEETING EXPENSES	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00		
6006	PERMIT FEES	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	12,750.00	85.00%	USFWS/CDFW/COE
6007	INTER DISTRICT COSTS	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	50.00%	
6009	LICENSES	1,709.00	1,709.00	2,000.00	1,600.00	80.00%	
6010	SURETY BOND	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00		
6012	OFFICE MAINTENANCE	5,101.60	8,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		
6013	OFFICE LEASE PAYMENT	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	20.00%	Share by allocation
6015	MENTONE HOUSE MAINTENANCE	3,850.00	3,850.00	4,000.00	0.00		
6016	REDLANDS PLAZA MAINTENANCE	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00		
6026	REDLANDS PLAZA CAM EXPENSES	41,612.65	41,612.65	42,861.03	0.00		
6018	JANITORIAL SERVICES	10,400.00	10,400.00	10,500.00	0.00		
6019	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	375.00	375.00	375.00	150.00	40.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
6020	VACANCY MARKETING-REDLANDS PLAZA	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
6027	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	34,314.12	34,314.12	25,000.00	2,500.00	10.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
6030	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,500.00	13,500.00	10,000.00	500.00	5.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
6033	OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL	9,500.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	400.00	5.00%	FACILITIES SHARE
6036	PRINTING	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	40.00%	
6039	POSTAGE AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	25.00%	
6042	PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES	3,002.09	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00		
6045	BANK INVESTMENT SERVICE CHARGES	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00		
6051	UNIFORMS	3,025.00	3,025.00	3,115.75	2,181.03	70.00%	Field Uniforms
6060	OUTREACH	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	12,000.00	20.00%	share by mission
6087	EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
6090	SUBSCRIPTIONS/PUBLICATIONS	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,000.00	0.00		
6091	PUBLIC NOTICES	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	2,560.00	80.00%	
6093	MEMBERSHIPS	24,776.15	24,776.15	25,364.28	0.00		
<b>BENEFITS:</b>							
6110	VISION INSURANCE	3,169.97	3,169.97	3,169.97	1,740.31	45%	Based on percent of hours
6120	WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	18,185.07	18,185.07	21,437.11	11,768.97	45%	Based on percent of hours
6130	DENTAL INSURANCE	11,227.52	11,227.52	10,959.08	6,016.53	45%	Based on percent of hours
6150	MEDICAL INSURANCE	251,727.10	251,727.10	271,181.40	148,878.59	45%	Based on percent of hours
6150.01	MEDICAL EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	-28,211.94	-28,211.94	-41,288.07	-18,579.63	45%	
6160	PAYROLL TAXES - EMPLOYER	104,028.85	104,028.85	120,309.44	66,049.88	45%	Based on percent of hours
6170	PERS RETIREMENT	229,254.91	247,156.14	219,260.00	120,373.74	45%	Based on percent of hours

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6170.01	PERS EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	-53,775.95	-53,775.95	-62,179.30	-27,980.69	45%	
6170.02	457 Plan EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	-124,099.84				
<b>SALARIES:</b>							
6210	OVERTIME				0.00		833,620.77
6230	REGULAR SALARIES	1,479,225.69	1,479,225.69	1,676,139.84			
Sub	Field Staff Part Time				0.00	50.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Field Supervisor	93,682.06	93,682.06	104,175.72	127,094.38	100.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Field Operations Spec I	60,086.21	60,086.21	69,388.80	84,654.34	100.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Field Operations Spec I	48,995.11	48,995.11	57,824.00	63,490.75	90.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Lands Resources Mgr.	145,000.00	145,000.00	172,523.69	84,191.56	40.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Admin Services Spec.	90,393.80	90,393.80	100,521.24	49,054.37	40.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Senior Admin Analyst	98,500.00	98,500.00	109,541.79	33,410.24	25.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Senior Engineer (Part-time)	83,520.00	83,520.00	98,542.77	24,044.44	20.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	District Engineer	130,000.00	130,000.00	153,372.38	56,134.29	30.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Assistant Engineer	70,000.00	70,000.00	86,481.57	31,652.26	30.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Assistant Engineer/Biologist	70,000.00	70,000.00	74,500.44	45,445.27	50.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Legal Counsel	265,253.40	265,253.40	294,966.45	107,957.72	30.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	General Manager	250,000.00	250,000.00	277,994.66	101,746.05	30.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Clerical (Part-time)	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,599.13	0.00	0.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Doc Imaging Intern	15,731.76	15,731.76	17,614.08	8,595.67	40.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
sub	Engineering/GIS Intern	16,531.68	16,531.68	16,546.56	8,074.72	40.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
sub	Biology Intern	16,531.68	16,531.68	16,546.56	8,074.72	40.00%	Salary+overhead 22% time
<b>INSURANCE:</b>							
6310	PROPERTY / AUTO INSURANCE	5,070.18	6,071.24	6,374.80	4,781.10	75.00%	Approximate from Insurer
6320	GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	36,423.18	45,387.74	46,295.49	34,721.62	75.00%	Approximate from Insurer
<b>DIRECTOR'S EXPENSES:</b>							
6401	DIRECTOR'S FEES	100,800.00	100,800.00	105,600.00	0.00		
6410	MILEAGE	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,840.00	0.00		
6415	AIR FARE	3,125.00	3,125.00	3,906.25	0.00		
6420	OTHER TRAVEL	550.00	550.00	605.00	0.00		
6425	MEALS	3,850.00	3,850.00	4,235.00	0.00		
6430	LODGING	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,840.00	0.00		
6435	CONF/SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,050.00	0.00		
6440	ELECTION FEES/REDISTRICTING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF EXPENSES:</b>							
6510	MILEAGE	2,500.00	3,200.00	2,750.00	687.50	25.00%	Allocation basis 2011
6515	AIR FARE	4,500.00	3,000.00	4,950.00	495.00	10.00%	Allocation basis 2011
6520	OTHER TRAVEL	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	375.00	25.00%	Allocation basis 2011
6525	MEALS	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,850.00	1,347.50	35.00%	Allocation basis 2011
6530	LODGING	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	1,925.00	35.00%	Allocation basis 2011
6535	CONF/SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS	6,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	2,625.00	35.00%	
6600	REPLENISHMENT WATER PURCHASE GC	44,089.25	44,089.25	56,065.92	56,065.92	100.00%	
9999	Contribution toward Capital Maint.	550,000.00	550,000.00	325,000.00	0.00		Reduced Allocation
8010	Capital Reserve GWE/Rate Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%	Use not contribution
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>4,242,961.53</b>	<b>4,173,782.34</b>	<b>4,522,202.66</b>	<b>1,910,491.31</b>		18%
Operating Revenue		<b>4,626,785.68</b>	<b>5,011,347.27</b>	<b>4,819,334.68</b>	<b>1,917,015.32</b>		27%
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>		<b>-383,824.15</b>	<b>837,564.93</b>	<b>297,132.02</b>	<b>6,524.01</b>		

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<b>Multiyear Capital projects</b>							
7010	MATERIALS LAND & BUILDINGS	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	6,000.00	50.00% Field Security Changes	
7110	PROPERTY - CAPITAL REPAIRS	529,971.00	529,971.00	710,045.50	360,045.50	50.71% CIP #11 #15	
7120	PROPERTY - LAND PURCHASE	0.00	31,291.91	0.00			
7130	MENTONE PROPERTY (HOUSE) CAPITAL R	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00		
7140	MENTONE PROPERTY (SHOP) CIP #3 b& c	450,500.00	450,500.00	850,500.00	850,500.00	100.00%	
7160	MENDOZA PROPERTY CIP\ #9 & #12 EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	137,000.00	137,000.00	137,000.00			
7210	COMPUTER HARDWARE CAPITAL REPAIRS	52,858.39	52,858.39	1,000.00	250.00	25.00% Allocation basis 2011	
7220	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	10,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	300.00	30.00% Allocation basis 2011	
7230	FIELD EQUIPMENT / VEHICLES CIP #8	149,973.07	149,973.07	272,808.56	218,246.85	80.00%	
7240	OFFICE EQUIPMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	1,500.00	13,028.04	1,500.00	0.00		
7126	ARTP ENGR/PROF SERVICES #23 #31	3,212,754.00	3,212,754.00	3,212,754.00	0.00	0.00%	
7150	MILL CREEK DIVERSION PROJECT CIP #1	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,387,176.67	1,387,176.67	100.00% In WIP Acct until completion	
7151	MILL CREEK PERMITTING	202,000.00	202,000.00	202,000.00	202,000.00	100.00% One time permitting	
7438	ENGINEERING SERVICES-OTHER	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	20,000.00	16.00% Mill Creek O&M Plans	
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>6,290,556.46</b>	<b>6,333,376.41</b>	<b>6,919,784.73</b>	<b>3,044,519.02</b>		

**Attachment A Preliminary Groundwater Charge Revenue Estimates**

GWA	Date	Total Prod	Rate(s)	GW Charge	GW Council	Total Rev
51	2018.5	29,464	\$6.51/\$12.56	\$ 332,803	\$240,689	\$573,491
52	2019	18,644	\$6.51/\$12.56	\$ 215,449	\$240,689	\$456,137
53	2019.5	28,853	\$9.54/\$13.19	\$ 359,858	\$326,026	\$685,884
54	2020	23,031	\$9.54/\$13.19	\$ 286,819	\$326,026	\$612,845
55	2020.5	27,187	\$13.85	\$ 326,545	\$280,197	\$606,742
56	2021	19,609	\$13.85	\$ 306,161	\$263,484	\$569,645
57	2021.5	23,250	\$14.54	\$ 338,060	\$348,401	\$686,461
58	2022	21,022	\$14.54	\$ 305,657	\$348,401	\$654,058
59	2022.5	22,767	\$15.27	\$ 347,654	\$365,820	\$713,474
60	2023	21,662	\$15.27	\$ 330,780	\$365,820	\$696,600

No Change in GW Charge			0%	GC Income	
60	2023	21,022	\$ 15.27	\$ 321,003	GC Income
61	2023.5	22,767	\$ 15.27	\$ 347,654	<b>\$365,820.00</b>
62	2024	21,662	\$ 15.27	\$ 330,780	<b>\$365,820.00</b>
Fiscal 23-24				\$ <b>678,434</b>	<b>\$731,640.00</b>
Calendar 23				\$ 668,657	
				<b>FY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,074</b>

5% Increase GW Charge			5%	GC Income	
60	2023	21,022	\$ 15.27	321,003	GC Income
61	2023.5	22,767	\$ 16.03	365,036	<b>\$384,111.00</b>
62	2024	21,662	\$ 16.03	347,319	<b>\$384,111.00</b>
Fiscal 23-24				\$ <b>712,355</b>	<b>\$768,222.00</b>
Calendar 23				\$ 686,040	
				<b>FY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,480,577</b>

11% Increase in GW Charge			11%	GC Income	
60	2023	21,022	\$ 15.27	\$ 321,003	GC Income
61	2023.5	22,767	\$ 16.95	\$ 385,895	<b>\$406,060.20</b>
62	2024	21,662	\$ 16.95	\$ 367,166	<b>\$406,060.20</b>
Fiscal 23-24				\$ <b>753,061</b>	<b>\$812,120.40</b>
Calendar 23				\$ 706,899	
				<b>FY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,565,182</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 610**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A GROUNDWATER CHARGE ON THE PRODUCTION OF  
GROUNDWATER WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES,  
AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATIVE THERETO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

**WHEREAS**, California Water Code, Division 21, Part 9 provides authority for the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to consider and impose a groundwater charge on groundwater production within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature has found, in Water Code Section 75521, that such groundwater charges are in furtherance of District activities in the protection and augmentation of water supplies for users, which are necessary for the public health, welfare and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Water Code Section 75523 allows for the use of proceeds from a groundwater charge for any District purposes, which may be authorized by law; and

**WHEREAS**, The District has presented a budget showing the needs and uses of the Groundwater Charge revenues for 2023-2024 water year; and

**WHEREAS**, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on March 08, 2023, the District approved and accepted an Engineering Investigation report, relating to groundwater conditions in the Bunker Hill Basin underlying the District boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Certain Basin Producers, as well as the District, have formed a Groundwater Council (“GC”), and in connection with that Groundwater Council have entered into the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council Framework Agreement (“GC Agreement”), which includes regional cooperation among its member entities to perform an annual review of the needs for, and funding of, various maintenance costs for facilities used to replenish the Bunker Hill Basin, including facilities owned or managed by the District, pursuant to an agreed Equitable Allocation formula developed as part of the GC Agreement. The GC Agreement likewise includes a mechanism for contribution by its member entities toward procuring funds to secure additional imported water supplies for recharge of the Bunker Hill Basin, when such supplies are available, the costs of which are allocated pursuant to a replenishment/sustainability component cost-sharing structure, to recharge additional imported water purchased by the GC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Preliminary Groundwater Enterprise Budget and rate recommendations were presented to the Groundwater Council on February 27, 2023, and publicly reviewed at the District’s Board meeting of February 8, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Supreme Court decision in the case of *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District*; Case No. S226036 (“Ventura Decision”) resolved previously outstanding legal issues relating to the procedures and constitutional requirements attending the levy and collection of groundwater charges under applicable authorizing statutes, pertaining to water conservation districts like the District; and

**WHEREAS**, under that opinion, the California Supreme Court clarified that such groundwater charges are not “property related charges” under California Constitution Article XIII D (Proposition 218), but did affirm that such charges are governed by California Constitution Article XIII C (Proposition 26), such that the charge must be set at a rate that in the aggregate is no more than is necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity for which it is charged, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Supreme Court’s opinion in the Ventura Decision cast serious legal doubt on the continuing validity of the statutory differentials in groundwater charge rates provided under Water Code section 75594, which dictates that groundwater charges for non-agricultural uses be three to five times greater than agricultural uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the District in compliance with the procedural and constitutional requirements clarified by the California Supreme Court in the Ventura Decision, shifted its groundwater charge to eliminate differentials in agricultural and non-agricultural uses, having implemented a three-year rate stabilization mechanism to ease the transition of agricultural users, who historically paid lower per acre/foot rates, to a unitary rate that is in line with current legal guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, the District provided mailed notice to all groundwater producers within its District boundaries of a public meeting held on April 12, 2023, and a public hearing held on April 26, 2023, inviting all groundwater producers and all persons interested in the condition of groundwater or surface water supplies of the District to appear and submit evidence, and inviting all water producers to examine the Engineering Investigation report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors conducted a public meeting on April 12, 2023, and a public hearing on April 26, 2023, to receive comment and evidence submitted by the public at such hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has made available by wide distribution, beginning on February 8, 2023, a Groundwater Enterprise Budget identifying the proposed use of the estimated Groundwater Charge proceeds, which will be subsequently incorporated in the District budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the Engineering Investigation report, applicable groundwater enterprise budgets, and considered all comments and evidence presented to it at the public meetings and hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's ad valorem tax revenues are limited, and the District receives relatively low return in interest on reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of all evidence presented, including the Engineering Investigation report and such public comment, the Board has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interests of the District and all those water users who rely, directly or indirectly, on the District's services, to levy a groundwater charge as further provided herein; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a request previously received from the GC, the District is continuing within its groundwater charge for the 2023-2024 cycle a Replenishment/Sustainability component, to be imposed on entities subject to the District's Groundwater Charge that are not members of the GC. This Replenishment/Sustainability component is designed to assure that all users of the Bunker Hill Basin who profit from not only the maintenance and operation by the District of groundwater recharge facilities serving the Bunker Hill Basin, but also the acquisition and application to basin recharge of imported and supplemental water supplies funded and secured through the auspices of the GC, contribute ratably, proportionately to those contributions of the members of the GC, toward such efforts, which efforts inure to the benefit of the basin as a whole, and each of its users who benefit from the GC water supply enhancement efforts. The GC supports phasing in this charge over several years; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the proportionate share of non-Groundwater Council member sustainability requirements, and its cost, have been derived from the application of the Equitable Allocation Model utilized by the GC, which takes the production of producers (or their predecessors) over the rolling most recent five-year period, (currently 2017-2021), to weight evenly the considerations of the exercise of historical rights and current production patterns, for the purposes of assigning the costs of imported basin recharge enhancement by the GC, at the imported water rate of \$118.40/acre foot. For non-Groundwater Council members within the District's boundaries, this results in 1,352 acre feet of sustainability need, which amounts to a total water cost of \$160,107. Per the Western Judgment Watermaster, this group of non-Groundwater Council members' production for 2021 was a total of 6,320 acre feet. To assign a per acre foot rate of sustainability cost to actual production, the \$160,107 cost is divided by 2021 actual production from such users, yielding a per acre foot rate of \$25.33; and

**WHEREAS**, based on this calculation, the Replenishment/Sustainability component charge has been calculated, and is currently \$25.33 per acre foot. Because this represented a substantial one-time increase compared to prior District groundwater charges, this rate component has been, and is being, phased in over a five-year period, increasing 20% per year to allow for transition of payment and budgeting for affected users. As such, the proposed phase-in amount of such charge component is \$1200 per acre foot to be applicable to the current year's groundwater charge. This amount will be revisited yearly, since groundwater charges are established annually, but the current intention is to have the Replenishment/Sustainability Component increase ratably over a five year period, until the full proportionate rate of \$25.33 is achieved; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$25.33 per acre foot figure is proportional to the benefit received by non-Groundwater Council members, because it is derived from the amount of production in 2021 of those non Groundwater Council members within the District's jurisdiction of 6,320 acre feet, which when divided by the total Equitable Allocation sustainability need attributable to such users, at 1,352 acre feet and a total cost of \$160,107, yields a per acre foot amount of \$25.33; and

**WHEREAS**, the Replenishment/Sustainability charge component will not be assessed or collected from those Riverside County producers who extract water from the basin directly under the rights adjudicated in the Western Judgment, *Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County et al. v. East San Bernardino County Water District et al.*, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. 78426, because under that judgment, the allocation of production rights of such users from the basin are fixed, and does not vary with enhanced supplies contributed by the GC or those acting in concert with it. In addition, because to the extent such users are themselves contractors under the State Water Project, and because the GC's imported supplies are secured from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's State Water Project allocation, such users are contractually precluded from State Water Project purchases from any State Water Project contractor other than their own, and as such, these users do not receive proportionate benefit from the GC's imported water supply enhancement activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. As required by Water Code Section 75574, the Board hereby makes the following findings:

- A. Annual Change in Storage in those portions of the Bunker Hill Basin lying within the District's boundaries ("Bunker Hill Basin" herein), Fall 2021 to Fall 2022, is a decrease of 71,231 acre-feet or more.
- B. Accumulated Change in Storage in the Bunker Hill Basin as of the Last Day of the Preceding Water Year, June 30, 2022, (using 1993 as base year) is -651,262 acre-feet or more.
- C. Total Groundwater Production from the Bunker Hill Basin from the Preceding Water Year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, is 173,565 acre-feet.
- D. Estimate of the Annual Change in Storage for the Current Water Year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) in the Bunker Hill Basin is -37,353 acre-feet or more.
- E. Estimate of the Annual Change in Storage for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) in the Bunker Hill Basin is -7,025 acre-feet.
- F. Average Annual Change in Storage for the Immediate Past Ten Water Years (2012-2022) in the Bunker Hill Basin is -32,099 acre-feet or more.
- G. Estimated Amount of historically Agricultural Water Withdrawn from the Groundwater Supplies of the District for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) is 10,961 acre-feet.
- H. Estimated Amount of historically Other-than-Agricultural Water Withdrawn from the Groundwater Supplies of the District for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) is 93,790 acre-feet.
- I. Estimated Amount of Water Necessary for Surface Distribution for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) within the Bunker Hill Basin is 72,309 acre-feet.
- J. Estimated Amount of Water Necessary for Surface Distribution for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) for the District is 50,684 acre-feet.
- K. The Amount of Water which is Necessary for the Replenishment of the Groundwater Supplies of the Bunker Hill Basin to maintain constant groundwater supplies for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) is 136,468 acre-feet.
- L. The Amount of Water which is necessary from all sources, including natural recharge, to bring the basin back to its "full" condition of 1993 is 825,082 acre-feet.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby finds that the entire District constitutes a single zone of benefit for the imposition of this charge. The basis for this finding is that the entire portion of the basin underlying the District boundary is fed by the same naturally occurring surface flows. Although the basin may be divided into various subparts, because of hydrogeological conditions these areas are interconnected, and water recharged by the District from its existing recharge facilities contributes to underground "flows" which eventually reach other subparts of the basin. Thus, the District's recharge inures to the benefit of users in other areas by enhancing the availability of water supplies throughout the basin. In addition, the District maintains both the availability of surface water flows for groundwater recharge, and the facilities for accommodating the recharge, whether owned by the District or by other parties pursuant to collaborative regional groundwater management efforts. The District likewise undertakes habitat enhancement and preservation measures, providing an important source of offsetting mitigation land for disturbances occasioned by the maintenance of existing groundwater recharge facilities, and the development of new ones.

Section 3. The Board finds that there is no past accumulation of the amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the groundwater basins within the District to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh groundwater body, or to prevent subsidence of the land within the District, either in the past water year or the proceeding 10 years, nor is there likely to be any amount of water necessary for these purposes in the ensuing water year. The Board further finds that the District is not obligated by contract to purchase any water, though depending on the decision-making processes of the GC, and the availability of imported water supplies, the District may be asked to help fund regional purchases of imported water to augment native water supplies, and may contribute proceeds from the collection of the sustainability component of the groundwater charge to securing imported water for recharge of the basin. The Board also finds that further recharge of the basin is required based upon the findings related to change in storage stated in Section 1 above, to prevent depletion or degradation to the basin's groundwater supplies, to enhance both the availability and accessibility of such supplies, and to replenish, augment, and protect such supplies, and that the proceeds of the groundwater charge established herein shall be used for such purposes.

Section 4. The Board of Directors hereby levies, assesses, and affixes a groundwater charge in the amount of \$16.95 per acre foot of water produced, to be applicable to all production (agricultural and non-agricultural use). The Board imposes this unitary rate in response to, and in an attempt to comply with, the Ventura Decision, but also because the District has not historically segregated either facilities or groundwater charge-funded efforts based on agricultural vs. non-agricultural use basis. Nor has the District undertaken studies to isolate a predominantly agricultural producing zone or region within the District boundaries, and even if such an area were to be isolated, there is some question based on existing facts and circumstances whether the benefits and burdens of the District's groundwater management and replenishment services could support a rate differential based on agricultural use. The Board of Directors likewise hereby levies, assesses and affixes a Replenishment/Sustainability component of groundwater charge in the amount of \$12.00 per acre foot of water produced, to be applicable to all production (agricultural and non-agricultural use) by users within the Bunker Hill Basin who are not GC members. Late charges on delinquent accounts will be 1% interest per month in accordance with Water Code §75615 et seq. and any additional actual costs to collect delinquent amounts not paid by August 1, 2023, and February 1, 2024.

Section 5. Exemptions:

A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for producers who can demonstrate that their production for the water year is restricted to basic, personal residential use limited to the property on which the applicable groundwater production facility is based, and the total cumulative production for the applicable producer within the District is not in excess of two (2) acre feet over the course of the water year; such production shall be exempted from the groundwater charge provided the producer documents its exemption prior to semi-annual collection of the groundwater charge. In establishing this exemption, the Board finds that the likely revenues to be derived from the groundwater production subject to the exemption are outweighed by the administrative burdens in administering and collecting the charge. The District General Manager is authorized to waive late fees with explanation and request from payees or if the cost of recovery outweighs the fee to be collected.

B.

(1). To the extent that a party who is a member of the GC has paid a maintenance and operation charge through the Equitable Allocation based upon an approved budget for the GC that includes the maintenance and operations costs reflected in the District's budget showing the needs and uses of the groundwater charge for 2023-2024 water year, and such payment is remitted to the District, the General Manager is authorized to accept such Equitable Allocation payment as payment in full for the non-Replenishment/Sustainability component of groundwater charges due from that party's production for the applicable water year. If a GC member remits its Equitable Allocation for maintenance and operation costs to the District, but in that same water year leaves or otherwise ceases to participate in the GC, the District's then-current groundwater charges shall apply to such party's production for the entire water year, and that party's amount of the Equitable Allocation so remitted will be used as a prepayment offset for groundwater charges otherwise due from such party's production. The purpose for this credit is to assure that parties contributing to the maintenance and operations component of the GC Equitable Allocation do not double-pay for their proportionate cost of the District's services.

(2). To the extent that a party who is a member of the GC has paid a contribution for groundwater replenishment/sustainability through the Equitable Allocation based upon an approved budget for the GC that includes the purchase of imported water supplies for replenishment of the basin for 2023-2024 water year, and such payment is remitted to the GC, the General Manager is authorized to credit such Equitable Allocation payment as payment in full for the Replenishment/Sustainability component of groundwater charges due from that party's production for the applicable water year. If a GC member remits its Equitable Allocation for replenishment/sustainability to the GC, but in that same water year leaves or otherwise ceases to participate in the GC, the District's then-current groundwater charges shall apply to such party's production for the entire water year, and that party's amount of the Equitable Allocation apportioned to the GC's replenishment/sustainability activities so remitted will be used as a prepayment offset for the Replenishment/Sustainability component of groundwater charges otherwise due from such party's production. The purpose for this credit is to assure that parties contributing to the GC's replenishment/sustainability component of the GC Equitable Allocation do not double-pay for their proportionate share of such efforts.

C. The District has previously been in discussions with various Riverside County entities who propose to be Ex Officio members of the GC, and who may, by separate agreement with the District, agree to fund portions of the maintenance and operations costs of existing recharge facilities. To the extent such an agreement is reached, and a party otherwise subject to the District's groundwater charge contributes in such a way this its payment is remitted to the District; the General Manager is authorized to provide discharges and credits to such Ex Officio members in the same manner as for Groundwater Council members, provided above. The purpose for this credit is to assure that parties contributing to the maintenance and operations of the District though any such agreement do not double-pay for their proportionate cost of the District's services.

Section 6. In connection with fixing the groundwater charge as set forth in Section 4 above, the Board of Directors makes the following findings:

- A. Consistent with the Ventura Decision, the District’s groundwater charge is not a “property-related charge” for purposes of determining the applicability of Article XIID of the California Constitution. Notwithstanding, the District has provided mailed notice of the proposed charge and the amounts proposed to be charged to all known groundwater producers within its jurisdictional boundaries, on February 23, 2023.
- B. The groundwater charge is imposed upon the action of extraction of groundwater from the basin underlying the District’s boundaries, and not on property or groundwater extraction facilities as such. The groundwater charge will be incurred by groundwater producers through their voluntary action of groundwater production. The groundwater charge is not one for water delivery by the District to groundwater extractors, but rather relates to the District’s service of maintaining groundwater supplies, recharge facilities, and management of both for groundwater extractors within the District. The District maintains no pipes, canals or other facilities directly connecting District facilities to the groundwater extractors’ property or pumping facilities. In addition, parties subject to the groundwater charge are predominantly either public or private entities involved in the business of providing water, or persons or entities involved in irrigation, for agricultural-related activities, and for uses of water exceeding what would be required for basic residential use of the property.
- C. The District has provided notice of the proposal for imposition of the groundwater charge through several different avenues. Mailed notice was provided to all operators reflected on the District’s records as containing active groundwater production facilities within the District. In addition, published notice was provided in the San Bernardino Sun and in the Highland Community News on March 3, 10 and 17, 2023. All such notices identified the prior and proposed rates, the estimated total revenue to be collected from the charge, and the time and place for public hearing at a public meeting at which parties objecting to the charge could appear and be heard. That notice also reflected the rate and method of calculation for this consumption-based charge, which provided notice of the basis of the charge.
- D. The proposed groundwater charges, and Engineering Investigation report prepared by the District, were reviewed at a public meeting held April 12, 2023, and a public hearing held April 26, 2023. In addition, the District’s Groundwater Enterprise budget was presented to and reviewed with the Board of Directors at a public meeting on February 8, 2023, was discussed at the Groundwater Council on February 27, 2023, and was approved by the District’s Board on March 8, 2023.
- E. The groundwater charge is being levied to assist in offsetting the costs of the District’s Groundwater Enterprise in providing groundwater supplies, groundwater recharge facilities, and recharge management and administration for the benefit of groundwater producers within the District. The Groundwater Enterprise Budget includes, but is not limited to, funding the following:
  1. Making available the District’s Santa Ana River water rights, in an amount no less than 10,400 acre per feet per year, for recharge into the Bunker Hill Basin;
  2. Conducting groundwater recharge activities by diverting both Santa Ana River and Mill Creek water supplies into District’s recharge facilities;
  3. Applying the District’s experience and expertise in directing groundwater recharge effectively and efficiently, administering the physical recharge of groundwater both directly for the District and its water supplies, and recharging on behalf of other entities, including State Project Water and exchanges under the Santa Ana River/Mill Creek Cooperative Water Project Agreement;
  4. Maintaining and operating the District’s diversion works, recharge basins and canals to ensure the availability of sufficient infrastructure to accommodate needed groundwater recharge; and defense and protection of the District’s water rights and manner of operations; and performing such maintenance of other parties’ diversion works, recharge basins and canals as requested and per prior agreements.
  5. Pursuing various environmental permits and related permissions to continue the maintenance and operation of the District’s Facilities for the future and to provide for potential expansion of facilities for Bunker Hill Basin recharge, including the preservation, enhancement, and management of habitat areas;

6. Investigation and implementation of improvements to groundwater measurement and recharge infrastructure;
  7. Reporting to groundwater producers and other interested parties of groundwater recharge activities and conditions;
  8. Conducting engineering analyses, such as the District's annual Engineering Investigation, designed to provide information regarding the Bunker Hill groundwater basin and the District's groundwater recharge facilities;
  9. Participating in, and serving as the accounting arm for the collection of, both facilities maintenance and operations funds and contributions for the GC; and Replenishment/Sustainability funds, for proportionate contribution to import water supply efforts by producers who are not members of the Groundwater Council, but who still benefit from the regional efforts at maintaining Bunker Hill Basin groundwater supplies;
  10. Administrative support, training and overhead for all the above-listed activities.
- F. The total amount of estimated revenues from the groundwater charge, including the Replenishment/Sustainability component, is estimated at approximately \$1,565,182 based on production reported for the 2022-2023 water year. In addition, the District has been approved by the GC to receive some \$200,000 as pass-through costs for maintenance and upkeep of various GC recharge facilities for a total of \$1,762,228. This amount does not consider offsets as provided in Section 5(b)(1) and (2) above for GC members. The specific total amount of groundwater charge revenues from non-GC members cannot be accurately stated at this time, because the amount of credits for GC member Equitable Allocations are dependent on yearly budgeting by the GC. Based on last year's Equitable Allocation determinations, however, applied to production from the 2022-2023 water year from non-GC members, the estimated groundwater revenues from non-GC members is \$61,044. These revenues do not fully recover expected cost and will not exceed the costs of providing the services as detailed above, in that the District's Groundwater Enterprise Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 proposes total expenditures of \$ 2,060,896. The remaining funds are to be paid by the District's capital and groundwater reserves, lease payments from Valley District and Western and Exchange Plan management reimbursements.
- G. The amount of groundwater charge paid by each individual payor will not exceed the benefit of the Conservation District's services to such parties, because the structure of the groundwater charge is such that the amount paid varies in direct proportion to the amount of groundwater supplies extracted, and therefore is proportional to the benefit each individual payor receives from the District's services, and the burden each producer puts on the basin, ratably to such user's production.

Section 7. Notwithstanding Water Code Section 75523, and to assure the proportionate benefit of the Replenishment/Sustainability charge between those who pay it and those who are members of the Groundwater Council, all revenues collected by the District from the Replenishment/Sustainability component will be separately accounted for and maintained in a discrete fund by the District, and shall not be commingled with any other District funds or revenues. The proceeds of such Replenishment/Sustainability charge shall be devoted and applied exclusively to Bunker Hill Basin maintenance and water supply enhancement efforts in conjunction with the Groundwater Council, whether by way of direct payment to the Groundwater Council in connection with such efforts, or as directly applied by the District in cooperation with the Groundwater Council toward such efforts.

Section 8. The Board of Directors further finds that the groundwater charge adopted herein is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Title 14, California Code of Regulations Sections 15273, 15301, and 15306. The action contemplated herein constitutes a structuring and establishment of a charge which will be used in part for meeting operating expenses and for purchasing or leasing equipment and materials. To the extent the groundwater charge revenues will be applied to groundwater testing, these activities fit within Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15306. Such activities involve the occasional taking of groundwater samples by means of temporary equipment, which will not cause any alteration to the land, and consist solely of information gathering. To the extent any portion of the funds is directed to maintenance, operation, or repair of existing facilities, involving no or negligible expansion of existing uses, these activities fit within Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15301. To the extent any portion of the funds is directed to construction or establishment of new facilities, environmental review of such facilities will occur at such time those facilities are proposed, and the nature, location, scope, and function of such potential future facilities becomes known. Under each of the above-referenced exemptions, therefore, the Board of Directors finds that the levy and implementation of the groundwater charge is properly exempt from CEQA.

Section 9. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to provide notice to operators of the levy of the groundwater charge, as provided for in Water Code Section 75610.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, by the following roll-call vote:

YES:	DIRECTORS:
NO:	DIRECTORS:
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS:
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS:
ATTEST:	

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Melody McDonald, President

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Betsy Miller, Secretary

DECLARATION OF MAILING OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE NOTICES

I Rebecca Martin, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am employed by the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District as an Administrative Assistant. I am aware of the facts set forth below from personal knowledge, unless otherwise specifically indicated, and if called upon to do so, could and would competently testify to the same under oath.
2. On February 23rd, 2023, and in that capacity, I caused to be mailed the notice, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to each and every address listed on Exhibit B. I am informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that this list reflects the district's last known mailing address for each reporting groundwater producer within its jurisdictional boundaries.
3. I personally deposited these notices in the U.S. Mail, for first class delivery, on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 4 day of April 2023 at Redlands, CA,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Martin', is written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rebecca Martin

# EXHIBIT A



# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

February 23, 2023



You are being provided a copy of this notice because our records reflect you are the owner or operator of a groundwater producing well in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's ("District") jurisdictional boundaries.

The District has completed the 2023 Engineering Investigation (EI) of the Bunker Hill Basin. The Draft EI was presented to the Board at its February 8th Board Meeting and will be presented to the Board for approval at its March 8th Board of Directors meeting to be held at the District Office, 1630 West Redlands Boulevard, Suite A, Redlands CA 92373 at 1:30 p.m. This report is completed in connection with the Board of Directors' consideration of a groundwater charge on groundwater production within the Conservation District's boundaries. Article 1, Section 75560 of the California Water Code, requires that a water conservation district that proposes to levy or continue a groundwater extraction fee "...shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon groundwater conditions of the District." A copy of the Conservation District's 2023 EI report is available for review online at the District's website at <http://www.sbvwd.org/reports-and-data/engineering-investigation.html> or at the District's office at 1630 West Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA.

This notice is provided to advise all interested parties that District staff has recommended a rate increase of 11% for the upcoming water year in the base groundwater charge and a continued five-year phase in of the replenishment assessment component; the District's Board of Directors has approved this rate for noticing. The staff proposed a unitary groundwater charge for 2023-2024 of \$16.95 per acre-foot (af) for all groundwater production. As requested by the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council ("Council"), the District is also considering an increase to the Replenishment/Sustainability component to the groundwater charge, to be imposed on entities subject to the District's Groundwater Charge that are not members of the Council. The Council supports phasing in this charge over several years. The proposed amount of such component is \$20 per acre foot but for the upcoming water year is proposed at the phase-in rate of \$12 per acre foot. The rates proposed pertain to all groundwater production from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. The groundwater charge is not imposed on a property parcel basis, but rather is a per acre-foot charge, which relates directly to the amount of groundwater produced from wells overlying the groundwater basin within the District's boundaries. Consequently, the ultimate amount of groundwater charge to be paid by individual operators cannot be precisely identified now, because it will depend directly upon the amount of groundwater produced in the basin from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The

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Betsy Miller

estimated total amount of revenues from the groundwater charge is approximately \$1,565,182, based on estimated production of acre feet for the 2023-24 water year. The total amount of revenues from the sustainability component is \$61,044 [\$12 times the estimated production from non-GC members in the District of 5,087 acre feet]. The groundwater charge is collected on a semi-annual basis, based on production statements operators submit for their groundwater production. The District uses the proceeds of the groundwater charge to fund ongoing groundwater replenishment of the basin, including direct water recharge, facility operations repairs and maintenance, and related costs.

A public meeting and public hearing on the imposition of proposed groundwater charge at the rates provided above, or other rate the Board may determine to be appropriate, will be held in the District's Board Room located at 1630 West Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA 92373. The date and time for the public meeting will be April 12, 2023, at 1:30 pm. The date and time of the public hearing will be held on April 26, 2023, at 1:30 pm. The District will also be asked on April 26, 2023 to make a finding that the imposition of the groundwater charge is exempt from CEQA, under title 14, C.C.R. Sections 15273, 15301, and 15306.

You are invited to attend the public meeting and public hearing and may submit any objection or protest you may have to the charge, or any evidence concerning groundwater conditions, water supplies of the Conservation District, rates, the CEQA exemption findings, or any matter relating to the proposed groundwater charge. You may also submit such matters to the District in writing any time at or before the 1:30 pm scheduled time of the Public Hearing on April 26, 2023, by providing such written communication to the District's Administrative Specialist, Athena Laroche, at the address given above, for hard copies, or for digital transmissions, to [athena@sbvwcd.org](mailto:athena@sbvwcd.org). Late submissions will not be considered. Please be advised that in any later judicial or other action challenging the groundwater charge, you may be limited to those grounds raised either in writing or in person prior to the close of the public hearing, and the administrative record of the proceedings on the consideration of the charge. Please also be advised that pursuant to California Government Code section 53759 and other provisions of law, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge, including the District's proposed groundwater charge covered in this notice.

Further inquiries regarding the report or the groundwater charge, or requests for further documents or information, may be directed to Betsy Miller at 1630 West Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA 92373, or by telephone at (909) 793-2503.

Sincerely,



Betsy Miller,  
General Manager

# EXHIBIT B

GW Address List

OWNER	Contact Name	Address	City, State, Zip	Electronic	Do Not Print
AHD Limited	Ed Haddad	422 Weir Rd. Front Office	San Bernardino, CA 92408		
Arrowhead Country Club	Mike Nguyen	3433 Parkside Drive	San Bernardino, CA 92404	TRUE	TRUE
Calvary Chapel Packinghouse	Pastor Ed Rea	27165 San Bernardino Ave	Redlands, CA 92374		
Cemex USA	Attn: Christine Jones	4120 E. Jurupa St., Suite 202	Ontario, CA 91764		
Crafton Water Company	Kristy Hoover	101 East Olive Ave	Redlands, CA 92373		TRUE
Cram Patterson Well Co	Ron Arnott	P.O. Box 544	Mentone, CA 92359		TRUE
Gage Canal Company	Rebecca Macklin	7452 Dufferin Ave	Riverside, CA 92504		
Doug Guyette	Linda Guyette	25222 Redlands Blvd.	Loma Linda, CA 92354		
DRC Industrial CBC 1, LP	Velia Oliver	10459 Mountain View Ave, Ste H	Loma Linda, CA 92354	TRUE	TRUE
Gage Canal Company	Debra Burns	7452 Dufferin Ave	Riverside, CA 92504		
George & Diane Everett		1342 Jasper Ave	Mentone, CA 92359		
George Meadows	Maria Meadows	1332 Opal Ave	Mentone, CA 92359		
Gladysta Well & Water Company	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda, CA 92354		TRUE
Greenspot Mutual Well Company	Ron Arnott	P.O. Box 544	Mentone, CA 92359		TRUE
Happe Mutual Well Company	Kristy Hoover	101 E. Olive Ave	Redlands, CA 92374		
Inland Valley Development Agency	Alka Chudasama	294 S. Leland Norton Way	San Bernardino, CA 92408	TRUE	TRUE
Jack Dangermond	Attn: Shareholder Accounting	P.O. Box 7538	Redlands, CA 92375		
Laranni Gunter Well c/o Canyon Ranch	Daniel Kunihira	25522 Allen Way	Loma Linda, CA 92354		TRUE
Lucky Farms, Inc.	Julio Ortiz	P.O. Box 985	Loma Linda, CA 92354		
Meeks & Daley Water Co.	Attn: Parag Kalaria	P.O. Box 3000	Lake Elsinore, CA 92531-3000		
Mentone Citrus Growers	Mike Perricone	36437-B Carney Rd	Valley Center, CA 92082	TRUE	TRUE
Mroland Management Services, INC	Maggie Roland	3752 Park Blvd. #701	San Diego, CA 92103		
Monte LLC	Attn: Shareholder Accounting	P.O. Box 7538	Redlands, CA 92375		
Montecito Memorial Park and Mortuary	Kenny Pantoja	3520 E. Washington St	Colton, CA 92324		
Mountain View Mortuary and Cemetary	Jaime Hernandez	570 E. Highland Ave	San Bernardino, CA 92404		
Mountainview Generating Station	Bruce Mackenzie	2492 W. San Bernardino Ave.	Redlands, CA 92374	TRUE	TRUE
National Orange Show	Sheri Raborn	689 South E Street	San Bernardino, CA 92408	TRUE	TRUE
New England Water Co.	Barbara Marcum	233 Grandview Dr	Redlands, CA 92373		TRUE
Patton State Hospital	Edward Sousa	3102 E. Highland Ave	Patton, CA 92369		
Pioneer Mutual Water Co.	George Nash	1104 E. Pioneer Ave	Redlands, CA 92374		
Piperhill Redlands LLC	Bert Marcum	P.O. Box 826	Mentone, CA 92359		
Ramirez, J. J. Citrus Mgmt	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda, CA 92354		
Ramirez, Laura	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda, CA 92354		TRUE
Raught Mutual Well Company	Charlotte Van Eck	101 East Olive Ave	Redlands, CA 92373		
Redland-Branson Development	Stacy Lai	711 S. Brea Blvd	Brea, CA 92821		
Redlands Unified School District	Arnold Regalado	P.O. Box 3008	Redlands, CA 92373		
Redlands, City of	Cecilia Griego	P.O. Box 3005	Redlands, CA 92373	TRUE	TRUE
Riverside, City of	Todd Jorgenson	2911 Adams Street	Riverside, CA 92504	TRUE	TRUE
San Bernardino County Flood Control	David Lovell	825 E. Third Street	San Bernardino, CA 92415	TRUE	TRUE
San Bernardino Valley MWD	Tom Holcombe	380 E. Vanderbilt Way	San Bernardino, CA 92408		
County of San Bernardino	Steven Pamintuan	200 S. Lena Road	San Bernardino, CA 92415		

Solono Well Company	Ron Arnott	P.O. Box 544	Mentone, CA 92359		
Splash Kingdom Waterpark/The California Gate	Frank Mistretta Jr.	846 W. Foothill Blvd, Suite G	Upland, CA 91786		
Sun Life Financial/Bentall Kennedy	Tom Pedulla CRE	One Sun Life Executive Park, SC 1309	Wellesley Hills, MA 02481	TRUE	TRUE
Tennessee Mutual Well Company	Pete Marcum	233 Grandview Drive	Redlands, CA 92373		TRUE
Tennessee Water Company	Pete Marcum	233 Grandview Drive	Redlands, CA 92373		
TIAA-CREF Financial Services	Ted Dickerson-CBRE	3501 Jamboree Road Suite 100	Newport Beach, CA 92660	TRUE	TRUE
Trojan Groves	John Thomas	21202 Kroll Lane	Huntington Beach, CA 92646		
University of California, Riverside	Susan Marshburn	3401 Watkins Drive	Riverside, CA 92521		
Williams Well Corporation, LTD	Barbara Marcum	233 Grandview Drive	Redlands, CA 92373		TRUE

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2023  
1:30 p.m.

President McDonald called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. by in-person, teleconference, and Zoom meeting. All those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance led by President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melody McDonald, President  
Robert Stewart, Vice President  
Richard Corneille, Director  
John Longville, Director (Arrival 2:17 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David E. Raley, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Betsy Miller, General Manager  
Milan Mitrovich, Land Resources Manager  
Katelyn Scholte, Principal Engineer  
Athena Laroche, Administrative Specialist  
David Cosgrove, District Counsel  
Laura Torres, Assistant Engineer

GUESTS PRESENT:

Willow Green, Tetra Tech  
David E. Smith, East Valley Water District  
Ellen Cross, Strategy Driver  
Maria Pascoal, Strategy Driver

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President McDonald announced that any person present, who so desired, may make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. There being none, the meeting continued with the posted agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the posted agenda.

3. AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President McDonald appointed Directors Corneille and Longville to the Ad Hoc General Manager Review Committee.

4. GUEST RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTION

President McDonald introduced those attending via Zoom. Ms. Miller introduced staff and Board members made self-introductions.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

President McDonald noted that Director Raley has called in sick, and his absence is excused. She also reviewed Item D in brief.

**It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Vice President Stewart to approve the Consent Calendar: Item A: Board Minutes, February 8, 2023; Item B: Expenditure Report, February 2023; Item C: Report of Excused Absences; and Item D: ACWA JPIA Executive Committee Concurring Nomination Resolutions. The motion carried 3-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative. Directors Raley and Longville were noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes  
Vice President Stewart: Yes  
Director Longville: Absent  
Director Raley: Absent  
Director Corneille: Yes**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

A. AD HOC TRAILS COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORT

The Ad Hoc Trails Committee convened on February 9. President McDonald informed the Board that a Trails Status Report is included on package page 92.

B. OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORT

The Outreach & Communications Committee met on February 9. Vice President Stewart presented a verbal report to the Board. He noted that the outreach consultants, ThunderWheel Communications, are continuing to provide outreach to the public. Vice President Stewart further stated that additional information related to the Strategic Plan will be disseminated to the public. He recommended a forward-

looking strategic plan. Director Corneille observed that updating the Strategic Plan will impact the District Priorities.

#### C. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Ms. Miller provided a review of this item and noted its inclusion beginning on package page 34. She reported that income continues to surpass budget levels and that most groundwater producers have reported. Ms. Miller further informed the Board that GL 4052: Wash Plan Permitting Fees includes a portion of permitting fees that will be reimbursed. She also stated that GL 4040: Miscellaneous Income includes the settlement agreement payment from D.R. Horton, amounting to \$200,618, received for trespass remediation. Additionally, she mentioned that the Trust has reimbursed the District \$20,595.71 under GL 4043: Project Salary Reimbursement, related to work performed for the Community Mitigation Program. Director Corneille inquired if the reimbursed costs are actual costs tracked via timesheets. Ms. Miller affirmed this. Director Corneille also asked if the funds received from D.R. Horton are for a specific purpose. Mr. Cosgrove explained that these funds are dedicated, with the actual costs based on annual monitoring and management needs which are expected to be covered by the Horton payment. Vice President Stewart queried if the trespass remediation funds would be placed into the Wash Plan Enterprise. Ms. Miller indicated that the remediation is expected to occur over a five-year period and will have its own GL in the next budget cycle, and will be tracked internally.

**It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Vice President Stewart to approve the Second Quarter Unaudited Financials for FY23 as presented. The motion carried 3-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative. Directors Raley and Longville were noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes**

**Vice President Stewart: Yes**

**Director Longville: Absent**

**Director Raley: Absent**

**Director Corneille: Yes**

#### D. GROUNDWATER LATE PAYER, NON-RESPONDENTS, AND INVESTIGATION LIST FOR GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT NO. 59

Ms. Miller introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on page 41 of the package. Late notices have been sent out, and staff continues to follow adopted procedures for following up with late payers and non-respondents. Ms. Miller thanked Laura Torres, Assistant Engineer, for her efforts. There are two producers that still need to pay: 1) George Everett and 2) Arrowhead Country Club. No production has been reported, and no payment has been received for the George Everett well, which staff believes may be under new ownership. Ms. Miller said that staff is in communication with Arrowhead Country Club and that they have reported on all three assessment periods but only paid for two and still owe one more. Staff will continue to follow up via phone. Mr. Cosgrove noted that the recommendation is to direct staff to continue to investigate. There are no other groundwater producers to investigate. It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to continue to investigate the two remaining late payers and non-respondents.

## E. FINAL ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR 2023

Ms. Scholte noted that the PowerPoint Presentation is available for review if anyone would like to view it again. There being no requests for the presentation, Ms. Scholte proceeded with her review of the Final Engineering Investigation Report for 2023. She indicated that there were no significant changes from the February 8 Board meeting presentation. Ms. Scholte stated that there is an estimated 7,000 acre-feet decrease in the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin from last year. She noted that both Valley Municipal and the District had difficulties obtaining the data for the Lytle Creek Basin area, resulting in an estimate of losses in that basin. Ms. Scholte noted that 21,000 acre-feet of recharge has been received for this water year. Mr. Cosgrove asked if there was any public input on the Final Engineering Investigation Report. There being none, staff recommended that the Board approve the final report. Staff confirmed that no public comment was received either verbally or in writing on the Final Engineering Investigation Report.

**It was moved by Vice President Stewart and seconded by Director Corneille to approve the Final Engineering Investigation Report as presented. The motion carried 3-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative. Directors Raley and Longville were noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes  
Vice President Stewart: Yes  
Director Corneille: Yes  
Director Longville: Absent  
Director Raley: Absent**

## F. ENHANCED RECHARGE AGREEMENT SECOND AMENDMENT

Mr. Cosgrove presented this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on page 46. He asked that the Board continue this item to after the Closed Session, where the land exchange will be discussed. Mr. Cosgrove provided history on the agreement. The agreement in the packet has been superseded by a draft incorporating Valley Municipal and Western Municipal Water Districts' revisions. Mr. Cosgrove indicated that he would like to brief the Board on the BLM and real property issues affecting this agreement in Closed Session before the Board takes any action here today.

**It was moved by Vice President Stewart and seconded by Director Corneille to continue Item 6F: Enhanced Recharge Agreement Second Amendment until after Closed Session. The motion carried 3-0, with all present voting in the affirmative. Director Raley and Longville were noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes  
Vice President Stewart: Yes  
Director Longville: Absent  
Director Raley: Absent  
Director Corneille: Yes**

Upon reconvening into Open Session, the Board took action to continue this item to either the next regular Board meeting, or a Special Meeting.

**It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director Longville to continue Item 6F: Enhanced Recharge Agreement Second Amendment until the earlier of the next regular Board meeting, or a Special Meeting that may be called by staff pending further information from BLM before such meeting, with direction to District Counsel to clarify with Valley Municipal and Western Municipal Water District that we have agreement on the specific terms of the proposed Second Amendment. The motion carried 4-0, with all Directors present voting in the affirmative. Director Raley was noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes**

**Vice President Stewart: Yes**

**Director Longville: Yes**

**Director Raley: Absent**

**Director Corneille: Yes**

#### G. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALEY CONSERVATION TRUST

Mr. Mitrovich introduced an item for discussion, which was included on package page 60. He presented a PowerPoint presentation to the District's Board. The current Trust Board of Directors includes four members, including President David Raley of the Conservation District, Vice President John Longville of the Conservation District, Director Brad Buller of Inland Empire Resources Conservation District, and Director Paul Kielhold of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. The current Community Mitigation Program Deposit Agreements include four projects: 1) S-P Deerfield, LLC (Blossom Trails Project), 2) Highland-Fifth Orange Partners, LLC (Woodbridge Project), 3) SB County Transportation Authority (210 FWY Expansion Project), and 4) SB County Flood Control District (Elder Creek Restoration Project). Mr. Mitrovich reviewed the FY22 Audit Statement, and the Board briefly discussed the financial status of the Trust. It was noted that the net position of the Trust is \$9,155,667. Vice President Stewart suggested considering a sunset clause on deposits for projects that are delayed indefinitely. Director Corneille asked for additional details on Trust expenses; Mr. Mitrovich responded that the Trust has expended funds to support both obtaining and complying with permits for the Community Mitigation Program projects as well as Wash Plan implementation and compliance. Ms. Miller explained that the costs reimbursed to the District for staff time include full benefits and overhead. The Board reviewed the annual budget for Wash Plan implementation. Director Corneille asked about the portion of funds that are reimbursed. Ms. Miller stated that both consultant and staff costs for Wash Plan implementation are reimbursed to the District, noting that staff time is tracked and reimbursed based on timesheets. The Board thanked Mr. Mitrovich for his presentation.

**It was moved by Vice President Stewart and seconded by Director Corneille to receive and file the Conservation Trust annual update. The motion carried 3-0 with all Board members present voting in the affirmative. Directors Raley and Longville were noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes**

**Vice President Stewart: Yes**

**Director Longville: Absent**

**Director Raley: Absent**

**Director Corneille: Yes**

H. CSDA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SEAT C, SOUTHERN NETWORK

President McDonald introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on package page 78. As there was no interest from board members present, no action was taken.

I. REBRANDING OF ACTIVE RECHARGE TRANSFER PROJECTS (ARTP) TO PROJECTS FOR THE EXPANSION OF RECHARGE CAPACITY (PERC)

Ms. Miller introduced this item for discussion and indicated its inclusion on package page 84. Staff has been successfully working with outreach consultants to communicate District projects to the public. Based on discussions with consultants and Valley Municipal, the current name of the Active Recharge Transfer Projects (ARTP) has impeded clear communication of the value and benefits of these projects. In response, staff worked with partner agencies and consultants to rebrand ARTP, with updates presented to both the ARTP Policy Committee and the Operations Committee. Both committees concurred with rebranding of ARTP to Projects for the Expansion of Recharge Capacity (PERC) and recommended that this item be forwarded to the Board. Ms. Miller indicated that the District would have additional coordination with Western Municipal Water District and San Bernardino County Flood Control District. She noted that no changes were recommended to the ARTP agreement at this time and requested feedback from the Board. Director Corneille spoke in support of the rebranding to PERC, noting it describes the function of the district well. President McDonald also spoke in support of PERC. Ms. Miller said that she believes that PERC is an acronym that staff and the community will utilize. A discussion ensued regarding other rebranding names that were considered.

**It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Vice President Stewart to approve the updated brand materials as presented. The motion carried 4-0 with all Board members present voting in the affirmative. Director Raley was noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes**

**Vice President Stewart: Yes**

**Director Longville: Yes**

**Director Raley: Absent**

**Director Corneille: Yes**

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Mr. Mitrovich provided an update on this item, noting its inclusion on package pages 88 to 91. He reviewed Wash Plan implementation tasks. Actions related to slender horned spineflower and San Bernardino kangaroo rat were discussed with USFWS on February 21. USFWS staff have volunteered to support spring fieldwork. A field visit has been scheduled with USFWS management for March 29. An additional Safe Harbor Agreement meeting with USFWS was held on February 28. Mr. Mitrovich noted

that staff interviewed candidates for the Engineering/GIS/Biology Intern position and has selected two candidates. Both candidates will begin on March 15. Director Corneille asked for additional information on the intern positions. Mr. Mitrovich noted that interns are part-time hourly staff who work up to 960 hours per fiscal year at a current rate of \$17.24 per hour. He provided a review of staff's tour of the property that was disturbed by D.R. Horton on February 9. A conceptual restoration plan has been discussed with IERCD staff. A discussion ensued regarding methods to avoid trespass. This item was received and filed.

#### B. WASH PLAN TRAILS STATUS REPORT

Ms. Miller introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on package page 92. She said that the City of Redlands provided feedback on the MOU and the five-party agreement. The district has yet to receive comments from the mining companies on the five-party agreement at this time, and it is still under review.

#### C. ENGINEERING UPDATE

This item can be found on package page 93. Ms. Scholte reported that the fire flow testing for the Mentone Shop has been completed and the architect and contractor have submitted all necessary permit applications to the County. She provided an update on the Mill Creek Diversion and Debris Management Project, highlighting that staff is collaborating with the COE to obtain the necessary permits. Staff is working hard to ensure that the project is prepared to proceed as soon as the permitting process is complete. Ms. Scholte also shared an update on the Active Recharge Transfer Projects (ARTP). She mentioned that the average annual analysis for the Waterman, Twin Creek, and Lynwood Basins, which will determine the projects' cost-benefit ratio, is the primary focus at this time. The hydrology for large storm events has been resubmitted to the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (FCD) and is awaiting their approval. The geotechnical testing has been completed, and a draft infiltration study has been received. Many of the basins infiltrate well. Ms. Scholte reviewed the status of the Plunge and Oak Creek tasks, stating that the current focus is on the average annual analysis. Geotechnical testing has already been completed, and the hydrologic model for Mill, Bledsoe, and Cook Creeks is currently in progress. The permitting process for the seismic refraction study at Cook Creek is also ongoing. Director Corneille reported that the ARTP Policy Committee, which includes himself, Susan Longville, and Tom Crowley, has reviewed the ARTP projects. Staff provided a comprehensive report, including aerial footage of some of the projects, and Director Corneille expressed his appreciation for their work. President McDonald also thanked the staff for their information and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

#### D. BOARD PRESIDENT MONTHLY VERBAL UPDATE

President McDonald passed on this item.

#### E. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY RECHARGE REPORT

Ms. Miller introduced this item for discussion, noting that it can be found on package pages 94 to 96, and the monthly recharge report is on package page 97. She reported that the amount recharged in Mill

Creek is 2,309 acre-feet (AF), in Santa Ana River it's 14,778 AF, and in Plunge Creek it's 1,397 AF as of this morning. Ms. Scholte mentioned that there is an additional 1,000 AF of Santa Ana River water available that the District can utilize by working with Bear Valley Mutual Water Company and the City of Redlands to spread in the Lockheed area. She also noted that staff is trying to draw down water in the Borrow Pit and keep Basin 10 dry in preparation for the Enhanced Recharge project construction. Once the lining is complete in Enhanced Recharge Phase 1A, staff can coordinate to send water to Waterman Basins or the Mill Creek facility. Vice President Stewart asked whether there is any detriment to taking SWP water. Ms. Scholte replied that the District is taking only 10 cubic feet per second (CFS) of SWP water so there is no impact to other recharge at this time. President McDonald asked about the quality and quantity of water behind Seven Oaks Dam (SOD). Ms. Scholte indicated that the elevation is currently at approximately 2,200 feet and said the water quality is better than in previous years.

Ms. Miller reviewed a water leak reported by a Redlands Plaza tenant. She stated that staff is working with JPIA to resolve the issue. Additionally, Ms. Miller reported on outreach activities, including staff attending the Chino Basin Water Conservation District's Groundwater and Sustainability Tour on February 16. IERCD has presented five in-person water conservation education programs on the District's behalf, with President McDonald attending the program presented at Mariposa Elementary. She commended IERCD on their efforts. Ms. Miller stated that the District is working with IERCD to host a community project for Earth Day on April 22. Staff, IERCD, and the San Bernardino County Museum of Natural History are exploring the possibility of a waterwise garden partnership. She noted that today is National Women's Day. This item was received and filed.

#### F. STRATEGIC PLANNING VERBAL UPDATE

This item was taken out of order.

Ellen Cross and Maria Pascoal from Strategy Drivers, Inc. gave a PowerPoint presentation through Zoom on their role as facilitators for the Strategic Plan update. The planning process consists of three stages: 1) Surveys/Interviews, 2) Workshops (3), and 3) Draft/Final Strategic Plan. The surveys and interviews will cover the mission, vision, and values (MVV), opportunities and challenges, and desired outcomes. The workshops will focus on 1) Draft MVV, 2) Finalizing MVV and developing goals, and 3) Prioritizing actions to achieve the goals. Ms. Cross presented the draft schedule, which began on the day of the meeting, with the updated strategic plan expected to be completed by mid-September. Vice President Stewart requested a sample plan completed by Strategy Drivers to better understand their methodology. Ms. Cross agreed to provide links to previously completed plans for the Board and staff to review. President McDonald asked whether Strategy Drivers will send information to the Board before the workshops. Ms. Cross replied that around twelve questions, developed with staff's assistance, will be sent to obtain feedback from each Board member. President McDonald expressed support for the proposed process, and the Board thanked Strategy Driver for their presentation.

#### G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & STAFF TASKS

There were none.

## 8. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Director Stewart attended the Ad Hoc Trails Committee and Outreach & Communications Committee meetings held on February 9. He also attended the Bear Valley Mutual Water Company annual meeting on February 21.

Director Corneille attended the Ad Hoc Trails Committee and Outreach & Communications Committee meetings held on February 9 virtually as a guest. He attended the ACWA Regulatory Committee winter meeting on February 15, Active Recharge Transfer Projects (ARTP) Policy Committee on February 28 and Redlands Rise N Shine on March 3.

Director Longville attended the Outreach & Communications Committee meeting held on February 9, the Mayor of San Bernardino event on February 15 and Valley Municipal Board meeting on February 21. He attended State of the Women presentation at Cal State San Bernardino on March 4.

President McDonald attended the Valley Municipal Board meeting on March 7, ACWA State Legislative Committee on March 3 and ACWA Region 9 meeting on March 7. She attended the Valley Municipal Policy and Administration Workshop on March 2, Valley Municipal Board meeting on February 21 and Association of San Bernardino County Special District (ASBCSD) Board meeting on February 20. She attended the IERCD Presentation at Mariposa Elementary on February 16, Meeting with General Manager on February 15 and Valley Municipal Resources and Engineering Workshop on February 14. She attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee on February 10 and Valley Municipal Board of Directors Workshop on February 9.

## 9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

No meetings were discussed.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

**It was moved by Director Corneille and second by Director Longville to enter into Closed Session. The motion carried 5-0, with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**President McDonald: Yes  
Vice President Stewart: Yes  
Director Longville: Yes  
Director Raley: Absent  
Director Corneille: Yes**

Mr. Cosgrove announced that the meeting would adjourn to closed session to discuss Items 1, 3 and 4 on the posted agenda.

At 4:34 p.m. the meeting reconvened into open session. Mr. Cosgrove noted that under Government Code 549571.1 while in Closed Session the Board took no reportable action.

11. ADJOURN MEETING

**It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director Longville to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0, with all Directors present voting in the affirmative. Director Raley was noted absent from the vote.**

**President McDonald: Yes**

**Vice President Stewart: Yes**

**Director Longville: Yes**

**Director Raley: Absent**

**Director Corneille: Yes**

At 4:37 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the regular Board meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 12, 2023, via Zoom and in-person.

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Betsy Miller  
General Manager

## San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Expenditure Report March 2023

Num	Date	Name	Account	Class	Original Amount
PC 03.08.23	03/08/2023	Paychex	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-127.38
			6042 · Payroll Processing	4-General Fund Ent.	127.38
TOTAL					127.38
PC 03.22.23	03/22/2023	Paychex	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-127.38
			6042 · Payroll Processing	4-General Fund Ent.	127.38
TOTAL					127.38
ACH0247	03/01/2023	Melody McDonald	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-17.03
			6410 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	17.03
TOTAL					17.03
ACH0248	03/23/2023	Raley, David	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-31.36
			6410 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	31.36
TOTAL					31.36
ACH0249	03/23/2023	Melody McDonald	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-111.67
			6410 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	68.32
			6425 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	43.35
TOTAL					111.67
24024	03/01/2023	AECOM Technical Serv...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-50,455.33
	02/20/2023		5122 · Wash Plan Profe...	5-Wash Plan	812.50
	02/20/2023		5123 · Habitat Manage...	5-Wash Plan	3,902.68
			5120 · Misc. Profession...	6-Active Recharge ...	831.69
			5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	1,125.57
	02/20/2023		7151 · Mill Creek Permi...	1-Groundwater Ent.	43,782.89
TOTAL					50,455.33
24025	03/01/2023	CASC Engineering and...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-12,265.41
	02/17/2023		7126 · ARTP Engr/Prof ...	6-Active Recharge ...	12,265.41
TOTAL					12,265.41
24026	03/01/2023	Citizens Business Bank	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-1,752.03
	02/10/2023		5310 · Vehicle Mainten...	1-Groundwater Ent.	128.50
			6002 · Website Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	365.00
			7140 · Mentone Propert...	4-General Fund Ent.	599.25
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	4-General Fund Ent.	35.77
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	3-Land Resources	35.77
			6090 · Subscriptions/Pu...	4-General Fund Ent.	16.30
			6425 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	41.46
			6027 · Computer Softw...	4-General Fund Ent.	120.39
			6027 · Computer Softw...	1-Groundwater Ent.	28.00
			6027 · Computer Softw...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	41.99
			6027 · Computer Softw...	3-Land Resources	42.00
			6027 · Computer Softw...	6-Active Recharge ...	47.60
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	4-General Fund Ent.	112.50

## San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Expenditure Report March 2023

Num	Date	Name	Account	Class	Original Amount
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	1-Groundwater Ent.	87.50
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	3-Land Resources	50.00
TOTAL					1,752.03
<b>24027</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>	<b>DUDEK</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-2,805.00</b>
	02/14/2023		5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	2,805.00
TOTAL					2,805.00
<b>24028</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>	<b>Frontier-7275</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-135.86</b>
	02/19/2023		5440 · Telephone	4-General Fund Ent.	36.52
			5440 · Telephone	1-Groundwater Ent.	15.22
			5440 · Telephone	6-Active Recharge ...	9.13
			5470 · Internet Services	4-General Fund Ent.	33.75
			5470 · Internet Services	1-Groundwater Ent.	18.75
			5470 · Internet Services	2-Redlands Plaza/...	3.75
			5470 · Internet Services	3-Land Resources	11.25
			5470 · Internet Services	6-Active Recharge ...	7.49
TOTAL					135.86
<b>24029</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>	<b>IERCD</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-12,603.53</b>
	02/21/2023		5123 · Habitat Manage...	5-Wash Plan	12,603.53
TOTAL					12,603.53
<b>24030</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>	<b>Image Source</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-399.00</b>
	02/22/2023		6033 · Office Equipmen...	4-General Fund Ent.	299.25
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	1-Groundwater Ent.	19.95
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	59.85
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	3-Land Resources	19.95
TOTAL					399.00
<b>24031</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>	<b>JAN-PRO Cleaning Sys...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-800.00</b>
	03/01/2023		6018 · Janitorial Services	4-General Fund Ent.	800.00
TOTAL					800.00
<b>24032</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>	<b>Loma Linda Chamber o...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-230.00</b>
	02/16/2023		6093 · Memberships	4-General Fund Ent.	230.00
TOTAL					230.00
<b>24033</b>	<b>03/01/2023</b>	<b>Quill Corporation</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-212.02</b>
	02/06/2023		6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	124.39
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	7.77
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	15.55
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	7.77
	02/07/2023		6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	45.23
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	2.83
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	5.65
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	2.83
TOTAL					212.02

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24034	03/01/2023	Redlands Ford-Ken Gr...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-826.31</b>
	02/08/2023		5310 · Vehicle Mainten...	1-Groundwater Ent.	826.31
TOTAL					826.31
24035	03/01/2023	Redlands Tire Pros & S...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-3,723.03</b>
	02/17/2023		5310 · Vehicle Mainten...	1-Groundwater Ent.	3,723.03
TOTAL					3,723.03
24036	03/01/2023	San Bernardino Valley ...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-1,500.00</b>
	02/21/2023		6007 · Inter District Costs	1-Groundwater Ent.	750.00
			6007 · Inter District Costs	3-Land Resources	750.00
TOTAL					1,500.00
24037	03/01/2023	Tetra Tech	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-50,623.72</b>
	02/22/2023		7126 · ARTP Engr/Prof ...	6-Active Recharge ...	50,623.72
TOTAL					50,623.72
24038	03/01/2023	The Gas Company	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-750.78</b>
	02/14/2023		5450 · Natural Gas	4-General Fund Ent.	375.39
			5450 · Natural Gas	1-Groundwater Ent.	225.23
			5450 · Natural Gas	6-Active Recharge ...	150.16
TOTAL					750.78
24039	03/01/2023	U.S. Geological Survey	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-16,010.82</b>
	02/22/2023		5123 · Habitat Manage...	5-Wash Plan	16,010.82
TOTAL					16,010.82
24040	03/01/2023	WEX Bank-Valero	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-971.47</b>
	02/23/2023		5320 · Fuel	1-Groundwater Ent.	971.47
TOTAL					971.47
24041	03/01/2023	Wilbur's	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-175.04</b>
	02/02/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	10.61
	02/03/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	143.15
	02/13/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	21.28
TOTAL					175.04
24042	03/01/2023	Xerox Financial Services	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-337.44</b>
	02/02/2023		6033 · Office Equipmen...	4-General Fund Ent.	253.08
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	1-Groundwater Ent.	16.87
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	50.62
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	3-Land Resources	16.87
TOTAL					337.44

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<b>24043</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>ACWA/JPIA-Health</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-23,138.71</b>
	03/02/2023		6110 · Vision Insurance	4-General Fund Ent.	39.99
			6110 · Vision Insurance	1-Groundwater Ent.	138.41
			6110 · Vision Insurance	2-Redlands Plaza/...	12.30
			6110 · Vision Insurance	3-Land Resources	30.76
			6110 · Vision Insurance	5-Wash Plan	21.53
			6110 · Vision Insurance	6-Active Recharge ...	64.59
			6130 · Dental Insurance	4-General Fund Ent.	133.92
			6130 · Dental Insurance	1-Groundwater Ent.	463.57
			6130 · Dental Insurance	2-Redlands Plaza/...	41.21
			6130 · Dental Insurance	3-Land Resources	103.02
			6130 · Dental Insurance	5-Wash Plan	72.11
			6130 · Dental Insurance	6-Active Recharge ...	216.33
			6150 · Medical Insurance	4-General Fund Ent.	2,834.12
			6150 · Medical Insurance	1-Groundwater Ent.	9,810.44
			6150 · Medical Insurance	2-Redlands Plaza/...	872.04
			6150 · Medical Insurance	3-Land Resources	2,180.10
			6150 · Medical Insurance	5-Wash Plan	1,526.07
			6150 · Medical Insurance	6-Active Recharge ...	4,578.20
TOTAL					23,138.71
<b>24044</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>American Express</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-1,152.00</b>
	02/21/2023		6425 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	66.04
			6435 · Conf/Seminar R...	4-General Fund Ent.	120.00
			6525 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	192.62
			6525 · Meals	1-Groundwater Ent.	149.82
			6525 · Meals	3-Land Resources	85.61
			6530 · Lodging	4-General Fund Ent.	209.97
			6530 · Lodging	1-Groundwater Ent.	163.32
			6530 · Lodging	3-Land Resources	93.32
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	4-General Fund Ent.	146.25
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	1-Groundwater Ent.	113.75
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	3-Land Resources	65.00
TOTAL					1,405.70
<b>24045</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>American Leak Detecti...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-500.00</b>
	02/06/2023		6016 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	500.00
TOTAL					500.00
<b>24046</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>American Power Security</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-1,120.00</b>
	02/28/2023		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	1,120.00
TOTAL					1,120.00
<b>24047</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Castro Landscaping Se...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-250.00</b>
	02/28/2023		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	250.00
TOTAL					250.00
<b>24048</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Corneille, Richard</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-20.00</b>
	03/03/2023		6425 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	20.00
TOTAL					20.00

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<b>24049</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Day Lite Maintenance, I...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-174.00</b>
	03/01/2023		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	174.00
TOTAL					174.00
<b>24050</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Diamond Environment...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-100.48</b>
	02/27/2023		5460 · Water / Trash / ...	4-General Fund Ent.	45.22
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	1-Groundwater Ent.	35.16
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	3-Land Resources	10.05
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	6-Active Recharge ...	10.05
TOTAL					100.48
<b>24051</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>DUDEK</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-407.50</b>
	03/13/2023		5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	407.50
TOTAL					407.50
<b>24052</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Edison - 3636</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-37.38</b>
	03/01/2023		6016 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	37.38
TOTAL					37.38
<b>24053</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Edison - 6256 (Redland...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-189.29</b>
	03/01/2023		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	189.29
TOTAL					189.29
<b>24054</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Edison - 8958</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-201.74</b>
	03/08/2023		5420 · Electricity	4-General Fund Ent.	56.49
			5420 · Electricity	1-Groundwater Ent.	40.35
			5420 · Electricity	2-Redlands Plaza/...	84.73
			5420 · Electricity	6-Active Recharge ...	20.17
TOTAL					201.74
<b>24055</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Edison - 9779</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-270.44</b>
	03/01/2023		5420 · Electricity	4-General Fund Ent.	75.73
			5420 · Electricity	1-Groundwater Ent.	54.09
			5420 · Electricity	2-Redlands Plaza/...	113.58
			5420 · Electricity	6-Active Recharge ...	27.04
TOTAL					270.44
<b>24056</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Empire Disposal</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-173.39</b>
	02/28/2023		5460 · Water / Trash / ...	4-General Fund Ent.	78.03
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	1-Groundwater Ent.	60.68
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	3-Land Resources	17.34
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	6-Active Recharge ...	17.34
TOTAL					173.39

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<b>24057</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Frontier-4860</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-488.58</b>
	02/28/2023		5440 · Telephone	4-General Fund Ent.	142.22
			5440 · Telephone	1-Groundwater Ent.	59.26
			5440 · Telephone	6-Active Recharge ...	35.56
			5470 · Internet Services	4-General Fund Ent.	113.19
			5470 · Internet Services	1-Groundwater Ent.	62.89
			5470 · Internet Services	2-Redlands Plaza/...	12.58
			5470 · Internet Services	3-Land Resources	37.73
			5470 · Internet Services	6-Active Recharge ...	25.15
TOTAL					488.58
<b>24058</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Home Depot Credit Ser...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-472.27</b>
	02/28/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	472.27
TOTAL					472.27
<b>24059</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Image Source</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-287.48</b>
	02/22/2023		6033 · Office Equipmen...	4-General Fund Ent.	215.62
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	1-Groundwater Ent.	14.37
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	43.12
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	3-Land Resources	14.37
TOTAL					287.48
<b>24060</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Katelyn Scholte</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-208.29</b>
	03/01/2023		6510 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	83.32
			6510 · Mileage	1-Groundwater Ent.	52.07
			6510 · Mileage	3-Land Resources	20.83
			6510 · Mileage	6-Active Recharge ...	52.07
TOTAL					208.29
<b>24061</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Lowe's Companies, Inc.</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-306.71</b>
	02/25/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	203.41
			6012 · Office Maintenan...	4-General Fund Ent.	41.32
			6012 · Office Maintenan...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	61.98
TOTAL					306.71
<b>24062</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Mikael Romich</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-6,950.00</b>
	02/28/2023		5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	2,190.00
			5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	4,760.00
TOTAL					6,950.00

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<b>24063</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Netsteller</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-708.19</b>
	03/01/2023		5160 · IT Support	4-General Fund Ent.	135.00
			5160 · IT Support	1-Groundwater Ent.	202.50
			5160 · IT Support	3-Land Resources	45.00
			5160 · IT Support	5-Wash Plan	22.50
			5160 · IT Support	6-Active Recharge ...	45.00
	03/01/2023		6027 · Computer Softw...	4-General Fund Ent.	111.02
			6027 · Computer Softw...	1-Groundwater Ent.	25.82
			6027 · Computer Softw...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	38.73
			6027 · Computer Softw...	3-Land Resources	38.73
			6027 · Computer Softw...	6-Active Recharge ...	43.89
TOTAL					708.19
<b>24064</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Patton Sales Corp</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-171.33</b>
	03/08/2023		5215 · Property Mainte...	1-Groundwater Ent.	137.06
			5215 · Property Mainte...	3-Land Resources	34.27
TOTAL					171.33
<b>24065</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>PCtronics</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-1,799.00</b>
	03/01/2023		5160 · IT Support	4-General Fund Ent.	179.70
			5160 · IT Support	1-Groundwater Ent.	269.55
			5160 · IT Support	3-Land Resources	59.90
			5160 · IT Support	5-Wash Plan	29.95
			5160 · IT Support	6-Active Recharge ...	59.90
	03/01/2023		5160 · IT Support	4-General Fund Ent.	360.00
			5160 · IT Support	1-Groundwater Ent.	540.00
			5160 · IT Support	3-Land Resources	120.00
			5160 · IT Support	5-Wash Plan	60.00
			5160 · IT Support	6-Active Recharge ...	120.00
TOTAL					1,799.00
<b>24066</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Q3 Consulting, Inc.</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-38,390.25</b>
	02/22/2023		7126 · ARTP Engr/Prof ...	6-Active Recharge ...	38,390.25
TOTAL					38,390.25
<b>24067</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Safeguard Envirogroup</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-695.00</b>
	03/10/2023		6016 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	695.00
TOTAL					695.00
<b>24068</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>San Bernardino Area C...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-250.00</b>
	03/07/2023		6093 · Memberships	4-General Fund Ent.	250.00
TOTAL					250.00
<b>24069</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>San Bernardino Valley ...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-111,081.11</b>
	02/16/2023		5050 · Basin Cleaning	1-Groundwater Ent.	91,134.11
			5120 · Misc. Profession...	1-Groundwater Ent.	19,947.00
TOTAL					111,081.11

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<b>24070</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Smart &amp; Final</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-278.56</b>
	03/06/2023		6004 · Meeting Expenses	4-General Fund Ent.	83.40
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	3-Land Resources	83.39
			6019 · Janitorial Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	48.15
			6019 · Janitorial Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	32.10
			6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	25.21
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	1.58
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	3.15
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	1.58
TOTAL					278.56
<b>24071</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Terminix</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-91.00</b>
	02/28/2023		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	91.00
TOTAL					91.00
<b>24072</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>The Alarm and Sprinkle...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-1,350.00</b>
	03/01/2023		7140 · Mentone Propert...	1-Groundwater Ent.	1,350.00
TOTAL					1,350.00
<b>24073</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>Thomas Purvis</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-60.75</b>
	03/13/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	60.75
TOTAL					60.75
<b>24074</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>USA Truck Bodies, Inc.</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-900.00</b>
	03/06/2023		5310 · Vehicle Mainten...	1-Groundwater Ent.	900.00
TOTAL					900.00
<b>24075</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>WEX Bank-Shell</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-670.00</b>
	03/06/2023		5320 · Fuel	1-Groundwater Ent.	670.00
TOTAL					670.00
<b>24076</b>	<b>03/14/2023</b>	<b>DUDEK</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-2,790.00</b>
	03/08/2023		5123 · Habitat Manage...	5-Wash Plan	2,790.00
TOTAL					2,790.00
<b>24077</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>AAA Alarm Systems, Inc.</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-129.00</b>
	04/01/2023		5410 · Alarm Service	4-General Fund Ent.	51.60
			5410 · Alarm Service	1-Groundwater Ent.	51.60
			5410 · Alarm Service	6-Active Recharge ...	25.80
TOTAL					129.00

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<b>24078</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>ACWA</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-120.00</b>
	02/10/2023		6093 · Memberships	4-General Fund Ent.	120.00
TOTAL					120.00
<b>24079</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>AECOM Technical Serv...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-22,389.19</b>
	03/13/2023		7151 · Mill Creek Permi...	1-Groundwater Ent.	16,134.19
	03/17/2023		5122 · Wash Plan Profe...	5-Wash Plan	6,255.00
TOTAL					22,389.19
<b>24080</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Anna Frey</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-270.23</b>
	03/17/2023		6510 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	91.65
			6510 · Mileage	1-Groundwater Ent.	57.28
			6510 · Mileage	3-Land Resources	22.91
			6510 · Mileage	6-Active Recharge ...	57.28
			6520 · Travel, Other (re...	4-General Fund Ent.	9.00
			6520 · Travel, Other (re...	1-Groundwater Ent.	5.00
			6520 · Travel, Other (re...	3-Land Resources	6.00
			5123 · Habitat Manage...	5-Wash Plan	21.11
TOTAL					270.23
<b>24081</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Blum, Zachary</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-0.99</b>
	03/22/2023		6001 · General Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	0.49
			6001 · General Adminis...	1-Groundwater Ent.	0.50
TOTAL					0.99
<b>24082</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Brownstein Hyatt Farb...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-15,375.00</b>
	03/20/2023		5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	15,375.00
TOTAL					15,375.00
<b>24083</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Burgeson's Heating &amp; ...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-1,298.00</b>
	03/17/2023		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	1,298.00
TOTAL					1,298.00
<b>24084</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Citizens Business Bank</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-4,650.56</b>
	03/13/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	63.50
			6001 · General Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	357.46
			6001 · General Adminis...	1-Groundwater Ent.	357.47
			6002 · Website Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	2,009.97
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	4-General Fund Ent.	42.07
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	3-Land Resources	42.07
			6027 · Computer Softw...	4-General Fund Ent.	120.38
			6027 · Computer Softw...	1-Groundwater Ent.	28.00
			6027 · Computer Softw...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	42.00
			6027 · Computer Softw...	3-Land Resources	42.00
			6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	22.18
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	1.38
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	2.77
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	1.38
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	4-General Fund Ent.	110.00
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	1-Groundwater Ent.	50.00

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Num	Date	Name	Account	Class	Original Amount
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	20.00
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	3-Land Resources	20.00
			6091 · Public Notices	4-General Fund Ent.	457.60
			6091 · Public Notices	1-Groundwater Ent.	1,830.40
			6425 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	36.62
			7140 · Mentone Propert...	1-Groundwater Ent.	789.00
			6027 · Computer Softw...	6-Active Recharge ...	47.60
TOTAL					6,493.85
<b>24085</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Daily Journal Corporati...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-1,580.10</b>
	03/17/2023		6091 · Public Notices	4-General Fund Ent.	316.02
			6091 · Public Notices	1-Groundwater Ent.	1,264.08
TOTAL					1,580.10
<b>24086</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Frontier-7275</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-135.86</b>
	03/19/2023		5440 · Telephone	4-General Fund Ent.	32.93
			5440 · Telephone	1-Groundwater Ent.	13.72
			5440 · Telephone	6-Active Recharge ...	8.23
			5470 · Internet Services	4-General Fund Ent.	36.43
			5470 · Internet Services	1-Groundwater Ent.	20.25
			5470 · Internet Services	2-Redlands Plaza/...	4.05
			5470 · Internet Services	3-Land Resources	12.15
			5470 · Internet Services	6-Active Recharge ...	8.10
TOTAL					135.86
<b>24087</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Iwanaga, Caryn</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-0.99</b>
	03/22/2023		6001 · General Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	0.49
			6001 · General Adminis...	1-Groundwater Ent.	0.50
TOTAL					0.99
<b>24088</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>JAN-PRO Cleaning Sys...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-1,600.00</b>
	02/01/2023		6018 · Janitorial Services	4-General Fund Ent.	800.00
	04/01/2023		6018 · Janitorial Services	4-General Fund Ent.	800.00
TOTAL					1,600.00
<b>24089</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>National HCP Coalition</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-500.00</b>
	03/15/2023		6093 · Memberships	4-General Fund Ent.	500.00
TOTAL					500.00
<b>24090</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>O'Reilly</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-10.86</b>
	03/14/2023		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	10.86
TOTAL					10.86

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<b>24091</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Pitney Bowes</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-27.01</b>
	03/08/2023		6039 · Postage and Ov...	4-General Fund Ent.	14.86
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	1-Groundwater Ent.	6.75
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	2.70
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	3-Land Resources	2.70
TOTAL					27.01
<b>24092</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Quill Corporation</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-76.10</b>
	03/15/2023		6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	60.88
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	3.81
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	7.61
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	3.80
TOTAL					76.10
<b>24093</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>The Gas Company</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-607.23</b>
	03/16/2023		5450 · Natural Gas	4-General Fund Ent.	303.61
			5450 · Natural Gas	1-Groundwater Ent.	182.17
			5450 · Natural Gas	6-Active Recharge ...	121.45
TOTAL					607.23
<b>24094</b>	<b>03/29/2023</b>	<b>Wilbur's</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-23.69</b>
	03/07/2023		5215 · Property Mainte...	1-Groundwater Ent.	18.95
			5215 · Property Mainte...	3-Land Resources	4.74
TOTAL					23.69
<b>24095</b>	<b>03/28/2023</b>	<b>CASC Engineering and...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>0.00</b>
TOTAL					0.00
<b>24096</b>	<b>03/28/2023</b>	<b>CASC Engineering and...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>0.00</b>
TOTAL					0.00
<b>24097</b>	<b>03/28/2023</b>	<b>CASC Engineering and...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-2,388.75</b>
	03/16/2023		7126 · ARTP Engr/Prof ...	6-Active Recharge ...	2,388.75
TOTAL					2,388.75
<b>24098</b>	<b>03/28/2023</b>	<b>CS-NK Construction S...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-15,997.50</b>
	03/01/2023		7140 · Mentone Propert...	1-Groundwater Ent.	11,025.00
	03/28/2023		1703 · CIP-Mentone Sh...	1-Groundwater Ent.	4,972.50
TOTAL					15,997.50
<b>24099</b>	<b>03/28/2023</b>	<b>CWE-CA Watershed En...</b>	<b>1012 · Citizens Busine...</b>		<b>-3,680.00</b>
	03/28/2023		7150 · Mill Creek Divers...	1-Groundwater Ent.	3,680.00
TOTAL					3,680.00

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24100	03/28/2023	San Bernardino Area C...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-54.00</b>
	03/23/2023		6425 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	54.00
TOTAL					54.00
24101	03/28/2023	Thompson Reuters	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-495.00</b>
	03/01/2023		5180 · Legal	4-General Fund Ent.	123.75
			5180 · Legal	1-Groundwater Ent.	74.25
			5180 · Legal	3-Land Resources	99.00
			5180 · Legal	6-Active Recharge ...	198.00
TOTAL					495.00
24102	03/30/2023	California Dept of Fish ...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-6,236.00</b>
			7150 · Mill Creek Divers...	1-Groundwater Ent.	6,236.00
TOTAL					6,236.00
100326N	03/09/2023	PERS	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-9,012.68</b>
			6170 · PERS Retirement	4-General Fund Ent.	1,171.65
			6170 · PERS Retirement	1-Groundwater Ent.	4,055.70
			6170 · PERS Retirement	2-Redlands Plaza/...	360.51
			6170 · PERS Retirement	3-Land Resources	901.27
			6170 · PERS Retirement	5-Wash Plan	630.89
			6170 · PERS Retirement	6-Active Recharge ...	1,892.66
TOTAL					9,012.68
100327N	03/29/2023	PERS	1012 · Citizens Busine...		<b>-9,018.05</b>
			6170 · PERS Retirement	4-General Fund Ent.	1,172.35
			6170 · PERS Retirement	1-Groundwater Ent.	4,058.12
			6170 · PERS Retirement	2-Redlands Plaza/...	360.72
			6170 · PERS Retirement	3-Land Resources	901.81
			6170 · PERS Retirement	5-Wash Plan	631.26
			6170 · PERS Retirement	6-Active Recharge ...	1,893.79
TOTAL					9,018.05

San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
**Director Fees Expenditure Payroll Report**  
 March 2023

Pay Date	Name	For Period	Director Fees	Taxes Withheld	Check Amt
3/8/2023	Corneille, R	Feb-22	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 149.30	\$ 1,140.70
3/8/2023	McDonald, M	Feb, Mar 2022	\$ 1,032.00	\$ 88.22	\$ 943.78
3/8/2023	Raley, D	Nov-22	\$ 774.00	\$ 774.00	\$ -
3/22/2023	McDonald, M	Mar-22	\$ 1,032.00	\$ 88.25	\$ 943.75
3/22/2023	Stewart, R	Dec-21, Jan-Feb 22	\$ 3,330.00	\$ 734.37	\$ 2,595.63



**San Bernardino Valley  
Water Conservation District**  
Helping Nature Store Our Water

Memorandum No. 1928

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Finance & Administration Committee  
Angie Quiroga, Senior Administrative Analyst  
Betsy Miller, General Manager

**Date:** April 12, 2023

**Subject:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Unaudited Financials for 2022-2023

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance & Administration Committee recommends the Board approve the third quarter unaudited financial reports for FY 2022-2023 as presented.

**BACKGROUND**

The Finance & Administration Committee met on March 22, 2023, to review the third quarter unaudited financial reports. No changes were recommended.

**DISCUSSION**

Revenue and expenses are generally in agreement with projections with a few exceptions. Interest income is projected to be over budget as higher rates and associated yields on investments have become available. Miscellaneous Income is higher due to receipt of the payment for the DR Horton Settlement Agreement. GL 52-53 Field Operations expenses will be over budget in part due to a Groundwater Council pass-through payment to Valley District for Waterman basin maintenance cleaning that was significantly higher than budgeted. Vehicle Maintenance will also be above budget due to significant repairs needed primarily on the 2014 Ford F-150 and 2003 Chevy Suburban. GL 5400 Utilities is over budget for natural gas and electricity due to higher rates but other utility expenses remain at or below budget. Expected upcoming expenses in GL 6000-General Administration include preparing Suite K to be advertised for lease and Suite I expenses due to a water leak, which will partially be covered by the lessee and/or insurance. GL 7140-Mentone Shop building purchase is expected by fiscal year end. Note that the Quarterly Investment Report is through Feb 2023; the US Treasury Bill which matured on March 16, 2023, has been reinvested in a FHLB 6%, callable monthly, 3-year bond. The third quarter financial statement will be used as a basis/check during FY24 budget preparation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact from reporting the financial status of the District.

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

Betsy Miller

**POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

1. Accept the Finance & Administration Committee's recommendation to approve the third quarter financial report for FY 2022-2023 as presented.
2. Request this item be tabled and referred to the Finance & Administration Committee for reconsideration of specific issues discussed.

**ATTACHMENTS OR MATERIALS**

2022-2023 Third Quarter Summary Budget Worksheet  
SBVWCD Quarterly Investment Report

GL ACCT: GL DESCRIPTION:	Approved 2022-2023 Budget	Expended/ Received to Date as of 03/14/23	Actual Over/Under Budget	Projected Annual Costs (7/1/22- 6/30/23)	GENERAL FUND			GROUNDWATER RECHARGE ENTERPRISE			REDLANDS PLAZA & LEASED PROPERTY- MENTONE HOUSE			LAND RESOURCE			ACTIVE RECHARGE TRANSFER PROJECTS			WASH PLAN and TRUST SUPPORT		
					2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 Budget	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
<b>Approved 2022-2023 Budget Qtr 3 Budget Worksheet</b>																						
<b>INCOME:</b>																						
4012-15 INTEREST INCOME	216,357.43	692,646.18	476,288.75	842,646.18	81,357.43			0.00			0.00			0.00			135,000.00			0.00		
4022-26 GROUNDWATER	1,488,360.20	1,423,164.54	-65,195.66	1,484,270.95	0.00			1,488,360.20			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
4031-34 MINING	823,000.00	608,116.71	-214,883.29	872,283.36	0.00			0.00			0.00			823,000.00			0.00			0.00		
4032 CEMEX - ROYALTY/LEASE	775,000.00	580,116.71	-194,883.29	824,283.36	0.00		Estimated sales	0.00			0.00			775,000.00	100.00%	Per Lease Agmt	0.00			0.00		
4036,40,80 MISCELLANEOUS	152,000.00	264,781.36	112,781.36	290,781.36	7,500.00			30,000.00			0.00			144,500.00			0.00			0.00		
4036 AGGREGATE MAINTENANCE	60,000.00	33,922.25	-26,077.75	48,922.25	0.00			0.00			0.00			60,000.00	100.00%	EST FROM 2010	0.00			0.00		
4050 PROPERTY TAX	137,358.53	123,531.61	-13,826.92	137,358.53	137,358.53	100.00%	+5%	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
4055 SBVMWD LEASE AGREEMENT	449,083.42	464,628.62	15,545.20	464,628.62	202,087.54	45.00%	+1.6% CPI	246,995.88	55.00%		0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
4062-66 RENTALS	257,657.10	159,253.62	-98,403.48	210,957.29	0.00			0.00			257,657.10			0.00			0.00			0.00		
4080 EXCHANGE PLAN	30,000.00	0.00	-30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00			30,000.00	100.00%	HISTORIC	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
4025 WASH PLAN REVENUE * from Reserves	439,469.00	372,073.58	-67,395.42	439,469.00	0.00		State and Waters done	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			439,469.00	100.00%	Inc. State Permittin
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>4,626,785.68</b>	<b>4,108,196.22</b>	<b>-518,589.46</b>	<b>5,405,895.29</b>	<b>486,653.50</b>			<b>1,765,356.08</b>			<b>257,657.10</b>			<b>967,500.00</b>			<b>660,150.00</b>			<b>489,469.00</b>		
<b>EXPENSES:</b>																						
5000 MISCELLANEOUS	300,100.00	261,221.04	-38,878.96	300,056.78	20,100.00			85,500.00			0.00			190,000.00			4,500.00			0.00		
5100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	878,018.25	437,899.30	-440,118.95	790,567.25	38,970.00			198,649.25			4,200.00			330,320.00			20,940.00			284,939.00		
5120 MISC. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	300,000.00	261,164.26	-38,835.74	300,000.00	20,000.00			85,500.00		Consulting Services	0.00	0.00%		190,000.00			4,500.00			0.00		
5123 HABITAT MANAGEMENT-WP	274,219.00	131,782.29	-142,436.71	274,219.00	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			274,219.00	100.00%	Per Wash Plan Budg
52-53 FIELD OPERATIONS	193,966.00	173,996.22	-19,969.78	228,429.11	0.00			161,966.00			0.00			32,000.00			0.00			0.00		
5400 UTILITIES	31,022.85	21,658.22	-9,364.63	30,982.45	11,978.77			9,425.63			4,267.13			1,376.54			3,974.79			0.00		
6000 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	342,815.61	196,555.44	-146,260.17	320,192.93	124,523.25			48,426.11			100,765.73			43,767.12			21,133.40			4,200.00		
6100 BENEFITS	535,605.53	361,431.33	-174,174.20	519,542.60	69,628.72			302,164.24			26,859.04			67,147.61			141,009.98			47,003.33		
6160 PAYROLL TAXES - EMPLOYER	104,028.85	63,772.51	-40,256.34	104,028.85	13,523.75	13%	Consolidated costs 2014	57,111.84	45%	Based on percent of hours	5,076.61	4%		12,691.52	10%		26,652.19	21%		8,884.06	7%	
6170 PERS RETIREMENT	229,254.91	183,566.59	-45,688.32	367,133.18	29,803.14	13%	Noticed Increase	125,860.95	45%	Based on percent of hours	11,187.64	4%		27,969.10	10%		58,735.11	21%		19,578.37	7%	
6170.01 PERS EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	-53,775.95	-34,539.22	19,236.73	-53,775.95	-6,990.87	13%		-24,199.18	45%		-2,151.04	4%		-5,377.60	10%		-11,292.95	21%		-3,764.32	7%	
6170.02 457 Plan EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	-38,485.30	-38,485.30	-153,941.20																		
SALARIES:							Overhead Offset 22%															
6200 SALARIES	1,495,757.37	997,132.45	-498,624.92	1,450,000.00	203,914.32			730,003.42			62,792.73			151,966.13			461,339.01			149,778.60		
6300 INSURANCE	41,493.36	51,458.98	9,965.62	51,458.98	2,074.67			31,120.02			6,224.00			2,074.67			0.00			0.00		
6400 DIRECTOR EXPENSES	122,625.00	54,109.69	-68,515.31	105,300.00	122,625.00	8.00		0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
6500 ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF EXPENSES	24,000.00	20,717.84	-3,282.16	24,750.00	10,000.00			6,875.00			0.00			4,880.00			2,245.00			0.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>4,259,493.22</b>	<b>2,328,137.50</b>	<b>-1,931,355.72</b>	<b>4,130,369.35</b>	<b>583,814.72</b>			<b>1,765,786.37</b>			<b>205,108.63</b>			<b>966,599.52</b>			<b>650,642.17</b>			<b>489,954.66</b>		
Operating Revenue	4,626,785.68	4,108,196.22	-518,589.46	5,405,895.29	486,653.50			1,765,356.08			257,657.10			967,500.00			660,150.00			489,469.00		
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>367,292.46</b>	<b>1,780,058.72</b>	<b>1,412,766.26</b>	<b>1,275,525.94</b>	<b>-97,161.22</b>			<b>-430.29</b>			<b>52,548.47</b>			<b>900.48</b>			<b>9,507.83</b>			<b>-485.66</b>		
OVERHEAD																						
NET GENERAL FUND ANNUAL																						

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						2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 Budget	% BUDGET	BASIS:	2022 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
<b>Approved 2022-2023 Budget Qtr 3 Budget Worksheet</b>																							
<b>Multiyear Capital projects</b>																							
7010	MATERIALS	12,000.00	0.00	-12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00			6,000.00	50.00%	Field Security Changes	0.00			6,000.00	50.00%		0.00			0.00		
	LAND & BUILDINGS																						
7100	CAPITAL REPAIRS		34,669.79	-1,089,801.21	822,277.41	0.00			812,471.00			25,000.00			287,000.00			0.00			0.00		
7110	PROPERTY - CAPITAL REPAIRS	529,971.00	1,428.63	-528,542.37	264,985.50	0.00			361,971.00	68.30%	CIP #11 #15	18,000.00		Upgrade Security Camera	150,000.00	28.30%	CIP #14 #34	0.00			0.00		
7120	PROPERTY - LAND PURCHASE	0.00	31,291.91	31,291.91	31,291.91													0.00			0.00		
7130	MENTONE PROPERTY (HOUSE) CAPITAL R	7,000.00	0.00	-7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00			0.00			7,000.00	100.00%	curb/driveway	0.00			0.00			0.00		
7140	MENTONE PROPERTY (SHOP) CIP #3 b& c	450,500.00	1,949.25	-448,550.75	450,500.00	0.00			450,500.00	100.00%		0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
7160	MENDOZA PROPERTY CIP\ #12	137,000.00	0.00	-137,000.00	68,500.00										137,000.00	100.00%		0.00			0.00		
	EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES																						
7200	EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES		67,878.38	-146,453.08	225,859.50	43,143.79			136,193.05			0.00			33,994.61			0.00			1,000.00		
7126	ARTP ENGR/PROF SERVICES #23 #31	3,212,754.00	827,790.30	-2,384,963.70	3,212,754.00	0.00			0.00	0.00%		0.00	0.00%		0.00			3,212,754.00	100%		0.00		
7150	MILL CREEK DIVERSION PROJECT CIP #1	1,400,000.00	5,673.00	-1,394,327.00	1,400,000.00	0.00			1,400,000.00	100.00%	In WIP Acct until completi	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
7151	MILL CREEK PERMITTING	202,000.00	132,290.98	-69,709.02	202,000.00	0.00			202,000.00	100.00%	One time permitting	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		
7438	ENGINEERING SERVICES-OTHER	125,000.00	0.00	-125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00			20,000.00	16.00%	Mill Creek O&M Plans	0.00			87,500.00	70.00%	Mill Creek O&M Plans	17,500.00	14%		0.00		
	<b>CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>6,290,556.46</b>	<b>1,068,302.45</b>	<b>-5,222,254.01</b>	<b>5,999,890.91</b>	<b>43,143.79</b>			<b>2,576,664.05</b>			<b>25,000.00</b>			<b>414,494.61</b>			<b>3,230,254.00</b>			<b>1,000.00</b>		
	CAPITAL REVENUE	550,000.00				0.00			225,000.00			0.00			325,000.00			0.00			0.00		
	CAPITAL SUBTOTAL ANNUAL NET	-5,697,412.67				-43,143.79			-2,351,664.05			-25,000.00			-89,494.61			-3,230,254.00			-1,000.00		
	<b>RESERVE CONTRIBUTION OR (-USE)</b>	<b>-5,330,120.21</b>				<b>-140,305.01</b>			<b>-2,352,094.35</b>	<b>otal Multi year Pay Go Capital Projec</b>	<b>27,548.47</b>				<b>-88,594.13</b>			<b>-3,220,746.17</b>	<b>FROM CAPITAL Reserve ARTP</b>		<b>-1,485.66</b>		

# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

## Investment Report thru Feb 28, 2023

Investment Instruments	Beginning Balance as of Jul 1, 2022	thru Feb 28,2022	Yield	Cumulative Unrealized Gain (Loss)
<b>Pooled Money Investment Accounts</b>				
LAIF	\$ 18,879,158.26	\$ 479,779.13	1.44%	\$ -
CalTRUST				
Short-Term Fund	\$ 3,200,472.16	\$ 3,257,125.00	1.97%	\$ (8,583.20)
<b>Investment Accounts</b>				
UBS Financial Services				
CDs/Bonds/Securities	\$ 1,455,692.93	\$ 12,440,034.99	3.64%	\$ (199,982.78)
Money Market	\$ -	\$ 4,491,630.00		\$ 69,657.25
Cash Dep Acct	\$ 2,475.10	\$ -		
CAMP				
Investment Pool	\$ 18,803,603.20	\$ 22,259,931.91	4.73%	
<b>OPEB-Other Postemployment Benefits</b>				
CERBT-CA Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust	\$ 553,877.08	\$ 556,999.06	5.66%	\$ 8,441.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 42,895,278.73</b>	<b>\$ 43,485,500.09</b>		<b>\$ (130,467.18)</b>

**Net Change**

**\$ 590,221.36**  
**1.36%**

Banking Institutions	Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2022	ending Feb 28, 2022
Citizen's Business Bank	\$ 833,594.25	\$ 911,684.39
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 833,594.25</b>	<b>\$ 911,684.39</b>
Change in Value		\$ 78,090.14

Description	NAV	Annual Yield	Average Maturity	Shares
LAIF	N/A	1.44%	Not available	
CalTrust Short-Term Fund	\$9.99	1.97%	.92 years (335.8 days)	326,038.539
CERBT	\$19.34			28,795.870
UBS-CD's, Bonds, Securities-see below				

### UBS Investments

Certificates of Deposit (CDs), Bonds & Securities	Price	Rate	Maturity	Shares	Purchase Price	Market Value as of 02/28/23	CD Length
1. FHLB Bond 4 Yr Step-Up 0.300% Due 09/09/25 Callable 120921 (Cusip: 3130ANRAO)	\$1.000	0.60%	9/9/2025	250,000	\$250,005.25	\$229,797.50	4 yr
2. FHLB Bond Bond (Cusip: 3130APNR2)	\$0.956	1.00%	11/22/2024	250,000	\$250,005.25	\$232,927.50	3 yr
3. Sallie Mae Bank UT US fixed rate CD (Cusip: 795451BA0)	\$1.000	1.00%	12/16/2024	245,000	\$245,000.00	\$228,117.05	3 yr
4. FFCB Bond-2.24% fixed rate CD (Cusip: 3133ENSK7)	\$0.980	2.19%	3/21/2025	252,000	\$252,000.00	\$238,273.56	3 yr
5. FHLB Bond fixed rate CD (Cusip: 3130ARLN9))	\$1.010	3.00%	4/25/2025	250,000	\$250,005.25	\$239,472.50	3 yr
6. FHLB Bond 4 Yr Step-Yield 2.07% fixed rate CD (Cusip: 3130ARLZ2))	\$1.000	2.05%	4/21/2026	250,000	\$250,005.25	\$242,950.00	4 yr
7. FHLB NTS Govt Security (Cusip: 3130ATCB1)	\$1.000	3.625%	6/28/2023	4,500,000	\$4,500,005.25	\$4,479,030.00	.75 yr
8. FHLB NTS Govt Security (Cusip: 3130ATCV7)	\$1.000	3.80%	9/29/2023	2,500,000	\$2,500,005.25	\$2,478,075.00	1 yr
9. FHLMC MED TERM NTS (Cusip: 3134GX2P8)	\$1.000	4.125%	9/30/2024	4,000,000	\$4,000,005.24	\$3,928,400.00	2 yr
						\$142,991.88	Accrued Interest
Average	\$0.99	2.38%	Total Interest Withdrawals	\$0.00	TOTAL	\$12,497,036.74	\$12,440,034.99
Money Market	Price	Rate	Maturity	Shares	Purchase Price	Market Value as of 02/28/23	
1. US Treasury Bill (Cusip: 912796YL7)	\$ 0.983	3.4%	3/16/2023	4,500,000	\$4,421,972.75	\$4,491,630.00	.5 yr
					TOTAL	\$4,421,972.75	\$4,491,630.00



# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

Memorandum No. 1929

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Angie Quiroga, Senior Administrative Analyst  
Betsy Miller, General Manager

**Date:** April 12, 2023

**Subject:** Unaudited Financial Reports for March 2023

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Review and approve the unaudited financials for March 2023.

## **BACKGROUND**

Staff presents the previous month's unaudited financial report at the subsequent Board meeting. The reports presented here include information through March 31, 2023.

## **DISCUSSION**

Interest income is significantly higher than FY22 and thus the conservative budgeted approach for FY23. GL 4022 Groundwater Charge revenue is expected to be slightly under budget due to less production given the higher-than-average precipitation in the first two quarters of 2023. Mining production appears to be decreasing; however, GL 4032 Cemex-Royalty/Lease will finish the year above budget. It is likely that GL 4036 Aggregate Maintenance may come in under budget based on monthly revenue from Upland Rock. GL 4065 Redlands Plaza revenue will remain under budget due to lost income due to unpaid rent from a former tenant and a currently unoccupied suite. GL 5050 Basin Cleaning is above budget due to a Groundwater Council pass-through payment to Valley District. All other expenses are as expected.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact from reporting the financial status of the District.

## **POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

1. Move approval of the Unaudited Financials for March 2023 as presented.
2. Move to request this item be tabled and referred to Finance & Administration Committee to reconsider specific issues.

## **ATTACHMENTS OR MATERIALS**

Graph Financials for March 2023  
Profit & Loss to Date vs. Annual Budget

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **GENERAL MANAGER**

Betsy Miller

**SBVWCD - All Enterprises Budget and Actual**

**March 2023**

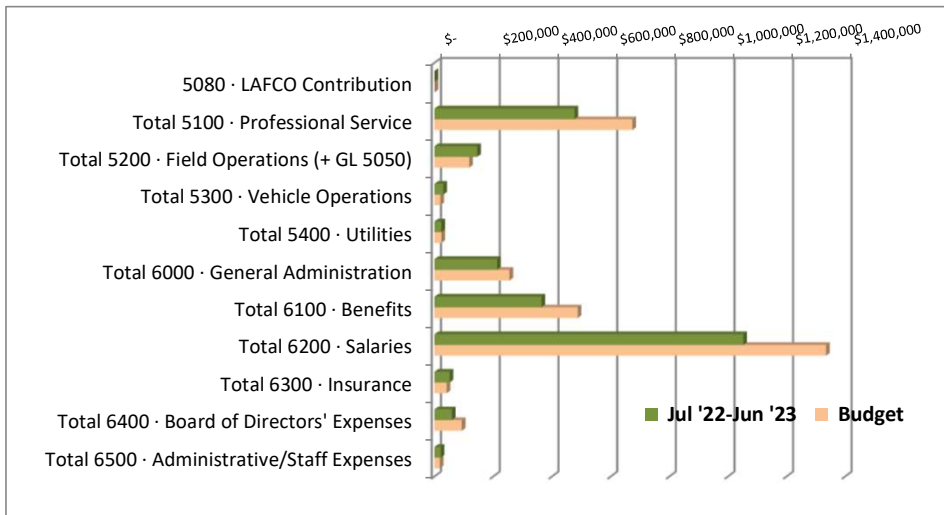
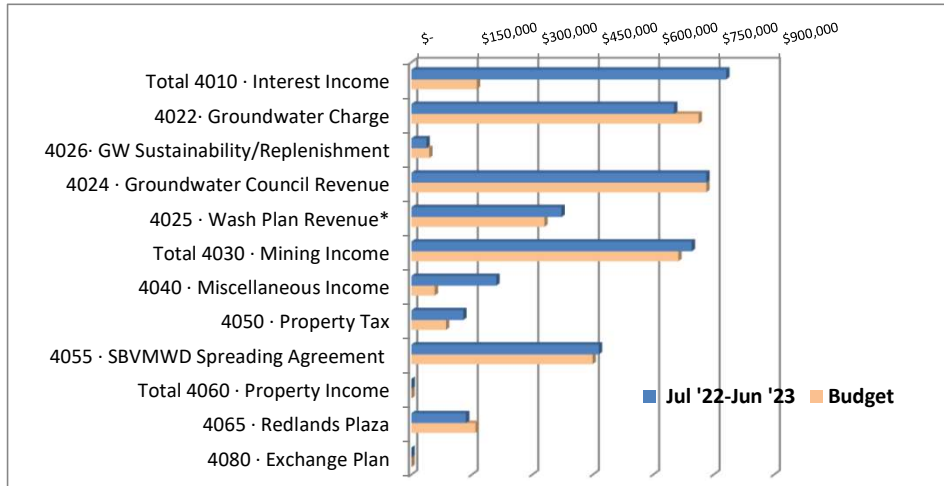
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Jul '22-Jun '23</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Total 4010 · Interest Income	\$ 780,989	\$ 162,088
4022 · Groundwater Charge	\$ 651,528	\$ 712,631
4026 · GW Sustainability/Replenishment	\$ 37,036	\$ 44,089
4024 · Groundwater Council Revenue	\$ 731,640	\$ 731,640
4025 · Wash Plan Revenue*	\$ 372,074	\$ 329,602
Total 4030 · Mining Income	\$ 695,391	\$ 662,250
4040 · Miscellaneous Income	\$ 210,263	\$ 57,750
4050 · Property Tax	\$ 128,426	\$ 85,849
4055 · SBVMWD Spreading Agreement	\$ 464,629	\$ 449,083
Total 4060 · Property Income	\$ 200	\$ 100
4065 · Redlands Plaza	\$ 135,304	\$ 158,887
4080 · Exchange Plan	\$ -	\$ -

**Total Revenue** \$ **4,207,479** \$ **3,393,970**

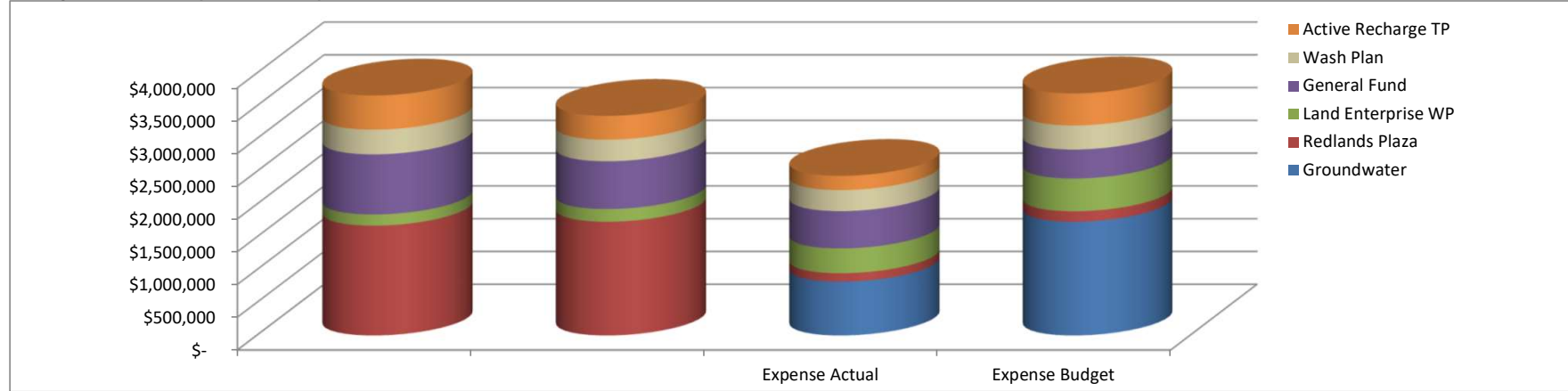
\*District loans to the WP & State Permitting payments

<b>EXPENSES Operating and Capital</b>	<b>Jul '22-Jun '23</b>	<b>Budget</b>
5080 · LAFCO Contribution	\$ 57	\$ 100
Total 5100 · Professional Service	\$ 476,379	\$ 673,590
Total 5200 · Field Operations (+ GL 5050)	\$ 145,114	\$ 118,059
Total 5300 · Vehicle Operations	\$ 30,272	\$ 19,913
Total 5400 · Utilities	\$ 23,159	\$ 23,267
Total 6000 · General Administration	\$ 212,940	\$ 255,062
Total 6100 · Benefits	\$ 363,909	\$ 487,273
Total 6200 · Salaries	\$ 1,052,040	\$ 1,334,972
Total 6300 · Insurance	\$ 51,459	\$ 41,493
Total 6400 · Board of Directors' Expenses	\$ 59,046	\$ 92,742
Total 6500 · Administrative/Staff Expenses	\$ 20,967	\$ 18,000

**Total Expense** \$ **2,435,341** \$ **3,064,471**



**Enterprises to Date (March 2023)**



Enterprise	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Groundwater Revenue	\$ 1,675,749	\$ 1,735,356	97%
Groundwater Expense	\$ 821,095	\$ 1,167,374	70%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 854,654	\$ 567,982	
Redlands Plaza Revenue	\$ 170,747	\$ 193,268	88%
Redlands Plaza Expense	\$ 128,381	\$ 159,437	81%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 42,366	\$ 33,830	
Land Enterprise Revenue	\$ 916,604	\$ 729,375	126%
Land Enterprise Expense	\$ 378,636	\$ 499,786	76%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 537,969	\$ 229,589	
General Fund Revenue *	\$ 599,973	\$ 398,162	151%
General Fund Expense	\$ 569,366	\$ 442,930	129%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 30,607	\$ (44,768)	
Wash Plan Revenue	\$ 376,881	\$ 329,602	114%
Wash Plan Expense	\$ 320,803	\$ 367,466	87%
Revenue-Expense	56,078	(37,864)	
Active Recharge TP Revenue	\$ 521,641	\$ 363,825	143%
Active Recharge TP Expense	\$ 217,222	\$ 488,357	44%
Revenue-Expense	\$ 304,419	\$ (124,532)	
<b>Total All Revenue - Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,826,093</b>	<b>\$ 624,238</b>	

Cash Status	As of 7/1/2022	As of 03/31/23
LAIF	\$ 18,879,158.26	\$ 479,799.13
Cal Trust	\$ 3,200,472.16	\$ 3,271,227.98
Citizens Bank	\$ 833,594.25	\$ 595,846.51
UBS Financial Services	\$ 1,458,168.03	\$ 16,915,203.76
US Bank-CAMP	\$ 18,803,603.20	\$ 22,350,633.21
Total Cash	\$ 43,174,995.90	\$ 43,612,710.59
Less Prepaid Royalty	\$ (5,000,000.00)	\$ (5,000,000.00)
Less ARTP Obligation	\$ (36,551,309.63)	\$ (36,053,557.12)
<b>Cash Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,623,686.27</b>	<b>\$ 2,559,153.47</b>

Increase (decrease) of \$935,467.20  
Percent Increase 57.6%

\* General Fund Revenue shown here does not include overhead

San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
Profit & Loss To Date vs. Annual Budget

	<u>Jul '22 - Mar 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4010 · Interest Income				
4012 · LAIF	65,273.92	2,157.43	63,116.49	3,025.54%
4013 · Caltrust Investment Income	70,755.82	16,000.00	54,755.82	442.22%
4015 · UBS Interest Income	97,929.48	18,200.00	79,729.48	538.07%
4016 · Interest Income ARTP	547,030.01	180,000.00	367,030.01	303.91%
<b>Total 4010 · Interest Income</b>	<b>780,989.23</b>	<b>216,357.43</b>	<b>564,631.80</b>	<b>360.97%</b>
4017 · ARTP Capital Income	0.00	583,500.00	-583,500.00	0.0%
4020 · Groundwater Charge				
4022 · Groundwater Charge	651,528.05	712,630.95	-61,102.90	91.43%
4024 · Groundwater Council Revenue	731,640.00	731,640.00	0.00	100.0%
4026 · GW Sustainability/Replenishment	37,035.62	44,089.25	-7,053.63	84.0%
<b>Total 4020 · Groundwater Charge</b>	<b>1,420,203.67</b>	<b>1,488,360.20</b>	<b>-68,156.53</b>	<b>95.42%</b>
4025 · Wash Plan Revenue	372,073.58	439,469.00	-67,395.42	84.66%
4030 · Mining Income				
4031 · Plant Site - CEMEX	32,000.00	48,000.00	-16,000.00	66.67%
4032 · Cemex - Royalty / Lease	628,950.04	775,000.00	-146,049.96	81.16%
4036 · Aggregate Maintenance	34,440.75	60,000.00	-25,559.25	57.4%
<b>Total 4030 · Mining Income</b>	<b>695,390.79</b>	<b>883,000.00</b>	<b>-187,609.21</b>	<b>78.75%</b>
4040 · Miscellaneous Income				
4041 · Reimbursed Expenses	7,423.69	0.00	7,423.69	100.0%
4040 · Miscellaneous Income - Other	202,839.71	77,000.00	125,839.71	263.43%
<b>Total 4040 · Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>210,263.40</b>	<b>77,000.00</b>	<b>133,263.40</b>	<b>273.07%</b>
4043 · Project Salary Reimbursement	20,595.71	15,000.00	5,595.71	137.31%
4050 · Property Tax	128,425.67	137,358.53	-8,932.86	93.5%
4055 · SBVMWD Spreading Agreement Reim	464,628.62	449,083.42	15,545.20	103.46%
4060 · Property Income				
4062 · Mentone Property	200.00	100.00	100.00	200.0%
<b>Total 4060 · Property Income</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>200.0%</b>
4065 · Redlands Plaza	135,304.14	211,849.83	-76,545.69	63.87%
4066 · Redlands Plaza CAM	33,521.03	45,707.27	-12,186.24	73.34%
4080 · Exchange Plan	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
4999 · Trust Reimbursement-Wash Plan	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,261,595.84</b>	<b>4,626,785.68</b>	<b>-365,189.84</b>	<b>92.11%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>4,261,595.84</b>	<b>4,626,785.68</b>	<b>-365,189.84</b>	<b>92.11%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5040 · Regional Programs				
5080 · LAFCO Contribution	56.78	100.00	-43.22	56.78%
<b>Total 5040 · Regional Programs</b>	<b>56.78</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-43.22</b>	<b>56.78%</b>
5050 · Basin Cleaning	104,279.11	50,000.00	54,279.11	208.56%
5100 · Professional Service				
5120 · Misc. Professional Services	276,807.43	300,000.00	-23,192.57	92.27%
5122 · Wash Plan Professional Services	19,376.25	0.00	19,376.25	100.0%
5123 · Habitat Management-WP	132,551.98	274,219.00	-141,667.02	48.34%
5124 · Plunge Creek Prof Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5125 · Engineering Services	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0%
5126 · GW Sustainability/Replenishment	0.00	44,089.25	-44,089.25	0.0%
5127 · Project Accounting Services	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
5130 · Aerial Photography & Surveying	0.00	2,310.00	-2,310.00	0.0%
5155 · WP Trails Professional Services	0.00	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.0%
5160 · IT Support	5,399.00	14,400.00	-9,001.00	37.49%
5170 · Audit	27,550.00	28,000.00	-450.00	98.39%
5175 · Legal - Wash Plan	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
5180 · Legal	14,694.18	25,000.00	-10,305.82	58.78%
<b>Total 5100 · Professional Service</b>	<b>476,378.84</b>	<b>853,018.25</b>	<b>-376,639.41</b>	<b>55.85%</b>
5133 · Regional River HCP Contribution	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.0%
5200 · Field Operations				
5210 · Equipment Maintenance	7,962.02	7,416.00	546.02	107.36%
5215 · Property Maintenance	8,919.80	40,000.00	-31,080.20	22.3%
5225 · Field Clean Up-Illegal dumping	23,953.13	60,000.00	-36,046.87	39.92%
<b>Total 5200 · Field Operations</b>	<b>40,834.95</b>	<b>107,416.00</b>	<b>-66,581.05</b>	<b>38.02%</b>
5223 · Temp. Field Labor	161.53	10,000.00	-9,838.47	1.62%
5300 · Vehicle Operations				
5310 · Vehicle Maintenance	14,434.49	8,400.00	6,034.49	171.84%
5320 · Fuel	15,837.41	18,150.00	-2,312.59	87.26%
<b>Total 5300 · Vehicle Operations</b>	<b>30,271.90</b>	<b>26,550.00</b>	<b>3,721.90</b>	<b>114.02%</b>

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Profit & Loss To Date vs. Annual Budget

	<u>Jul '22 - Mar 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>5400 · Utilities</b>				
5410 · Alarm Service	755.00	1,800.00	-1,045.00	41.94%
5420 · Electricity	7,352.83	9,832.44	-2,479.61	74.78%
5430 · Mobile Phone	4,925.00	5,850.00	-925.00	84.19%
5440 · Telephone	3,325.50	6,000.00	-2,674.50	55.43%
5450 · Natural Gas	2,210.09	1,000.00	1,210.09	221.01%
5460 · Water / Trash / Sewer	2,577.06	3,790.40	-1,213.34	67.99%
5470 · Internet Services	2,013.86	2,750.00	-736.14	73.23%
<b>Total 5400 · Utilities</b>	<b>23,159.34</b>	<b>31,022.84</b>	<b>-7,863.50</b>	<b>74.65%</b>
<b>6000 · General Administration</b>				
6001 · General Administration - Other	6,576.01	4,500.00	2,076.01	146.13%
6002 · Website Administration	5,106.91	6,000.00	-893.09	85.12%
6004 · Meeting Expenses	1,308.99	2,200.00	-891.01	59.5%
6006 · Permits	415.00	10,000.00	-9,585.00	4.15%
6007 · Inter District Costs	1,500.00	10,000.00	-8,500.00	15.0%
6009 · Licenses	2,090.28	1,709.00	381.28	122.31%
6010 · Surety Bond	3,025.00	1,900.00	1,125.00	159.21%
6012 · Office Maintenance	7,742.15	5,101.60	2,640.55	151.76%
6013 · Office Lease Payment	37,500.03	50,000.00	-12,499.97	75.0%
6015 · Mentone House Maintenance	44.75	3,850.00	-3,805.25	1.16%
6016 · Redlands Plaza Maintenance	9,785.56	35,000.00	-25,214.44	27.96%
6018 · Janitorial Services	7,445.00	10,400.00	-2,955.00	71.59%
6019 · Janitorial Supplies	388.76	375.00	13.76	103.67%
6020 · Vacancy Marketing-Redlands Plaz	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
6026 · Redlands Plaza CAM expenses	27,817.72	41,612.65	-13,794.93	66.85%
6027 · Computer Software	12,507.30	34,314.12	-21,806.82	36.45%
6030 · Office Supplies	13,958.51	5,500.00	8,458.51	253.79%
6033 · Office Equipment Rental	5,399.47	9,500.00	-4,100.53	56.84%
6036 · Printing	5.00	2,500.00	-2,495.00	0.2%
6039 · Postage and Overnight Delivery	1,056.43	1,200.00	-143.57	88.04%
6042 · Payroll Processing	2,728.54	3,002.09	-273.55	90.89%
6045 · Bank Service Charges	687.12	750.00	-62.88	91.62%
6051 · Uniforms	2,034.13	3,025.00	-990.87	67.24%
6060 · Outreach	23,009.89	60,000.00	-36,990.11	38.35%
6087 · Educational Reimbursement	339.00	5,000.00	-4,661.00	6.78%
6090 · Subscriptions/Publications	1,980.92	2,400.00	-419.08	82.54%
6091 · Public Notices	3,868.10	3,200.00	668.10	120.88%
6093 · Memberships	34,619.17	24,776.15	9,843.02	139.73%
<b>Total 6000 · General Administration</b>	<b>212,939.74</b>	<b>342,815.61</b>	<b>-129,875.87</b>	<b>62.12%</b>
<b>6100 · Benefits</b>				
6110 · Vision Insurance	2,389.66	3,776.71	-1,387.05	63.27%
6120 · Workers' Comp. Insurance	9,393.68	21,665.71	-12,272.03	43.36%
6130 · Dental Insurance	8,385.64	13,376.47	-4,990.83	62.69%
<b>6150 · Medical Insurance</b>				
6150.01 · Medical Employee Contribution	-32,179.05	-28,211.94	-3,967.11	114.06%
6150 · Medical Insurance - Other	196,374.49	299,907.66	-103,533.17	65.48%
<b>Total 6150 · Medical Insurance</b>	<b>164,195.44</b>	<b>271,695.72</b>	<b>-107,500.28</b>	<b>60.43%</b>
6160 · Payroll Taxes-Employer	67,949.60	123,939.97	-55,990.37	54.83%
<b>6170 · PERS Retirement</b>				
6170.01 · PERS Employee Contributions	-38,800.95	-53,775.96	14,975.01	72.15%
6170.02 · 457 Plan Employee Contributions	-42,188.91			
6170 · PERS Retirement - Other	192,584.64	273,134.30	-80,549.66	70.51%
<b>Total 6170 · PERS Retirement</b>	<b>111,594.78</b>	<b>219,358.34</b>	<b>-107,763.56</b>	<b>50.87%</b>
<b>Total 6100 · Benefits</b>	<b>363,908.80</b>	<b>653,812.92</b>	<b>-289,904.12</b>	<b>55.66%</b>
<b>6200 · Salaries</b>				
6230 · Regular Salaries	1,052,039.53	1,779,962.83	-727,923.30	59.11%
<b>Total 6200 · Salaries</b>	<b>1,052,039.53</b>	<b>1,779,962.83</b>	<b>-727,923.30</b>	<b>59.11%</b>
<b>6300 · Insurance</b>				
6310 · Property/ Auto Insurance	6,071.24	5,070.18	1,001.06	119.74%
6320 · General Liability Insurance	45,387.74	36,423.19	8,964.55	124.61%
<b>Total 6300 · Insurance</b>	<b>51,458.98</b>	<b>41,493.37</b>	<b>9,965.61</b>	<b>124.02%</b>
<b>6400 · Board of Directors' Expenses</b>				
<b>6401 · Directors' Fees</b>				
6401.5 · Payroll Taxes-Directors	116.79	0.00	116.79	100.0%
6401 · Directors' Fees - Other	47,801.94	100,800.00	-52,998.06	47.42%
<b>Total 6401 · Directors' Fees</b>	<b>47,918.73</b>	<b>100,800.00</b>	<b>-52,881.27</b>	<b>47.54%</b>

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Profit & Loss To Date vs. Annual Budget

	<u>Jul '22 - Mar 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
6410 · Mileage	1,558.25	4,400.00	-2,841.75	35.42%
6415 · Air Fare	521.96	3,125.00	-2,603.04	16.7%
6420 · Other Travel	192.63	550.00	-357.37	35.02%
6425 · Meals	2,640.67	3,850.00	-1,209.33	68.59%
6430 · Lodging	2,992.72	4,400.00	-1,407.28	68.02%
6435 · Conf/Seminar Registrations	3,221.46	5,500.00	-2,278.54	58.57%
<b>Total 6400 · Board of Directors' Expenses</b>	<b>59,046.42</b>	<b>122,625.00</b>	<b>-63,578.58</b>	<b>48.15%</b>
6500 · Administrative/Staff Expenses				
6510 · Mileage	3,454.45	2,500.00	954.45	138.18%
6515 · Air Fare	915.94	4,500.00	-3,584.06	20.35%
6520 · Travel, Other (rental car, taxi)	150.25	1,500.00	-1,349.75	10.02%
6525 · Meals	3,632.22	3,500.00	132.22	103.78%
6530 · Lodging	5,027.08	5,500.00	-472.92	91.4%
6535 · Conf/Seminar Registrations	7,787.02	6,500.00	1,287.02	119.8%
<b>Total 6500 · Administrative/Staff Expenses</b>	<b>20,966.96</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>	<b>-3,033.04</b>	<b>87.36%</b>
6600 · Replenishment Water Purchase GC	0.00	44,089.25	-44,089.25	0.0%
9999 · Contribution to Capital Maint.	0.00	550,000.00	-550,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,435,502.88</b>	<b>4,661,906.07</b>	<b>-2,226,403.19</b>	<b>52.24%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,826,092.96</b>	<b>-35,120.39</b>	<b>1,861,213.35</b>	<b>-5,199.52%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Expense</b>				
7000 · Construction				
7010 · Materials	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 7000 · Construction</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>-12,000.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
7100 · Land & Buildings				
7110 · Property Capital Repairs	1,428.63	529,971.00	-528,542.37	0.27%
7120 · Property-Land Purchase	31,291.91	0.00	31,291.91	100.0%
7126 · ARTP Engr/Prof Services	830,179.05	3,212,754.00	-2,382,574.95	25.84%
7130 · Mentone Property (House)-CapRep	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
7140 · Mentone Property (Shop)-CapRep	13,763.25	450,500.00	-436,736.75	3.06%
7150 · Mill Creek Diversion	15,589.00	1,400,000.00	-1,384,411.00	1.11%
7151 · Mill Creek Permitting	148,425.17	202,000.00	-53,574.83	73.48%
7160 · Mendoza Property	0.00	137,000.00	-137,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 7100 · Land &amp; Buildings</b>	<b>1,040,677.01</b>	<b>5,939,225.00</b>	<b>-4,898,547.99</b>	<b>17.52%</b>
7200 · Equipment & Vehicles				
7210 · Computer Hardware-Capital Purch	45,286.64	52,858.39	-7,571.75	85.68%
7220 · Computer Software	5,831.71	10,000.00	-4,168.29	58.32%
7230 · Field Equipment / Vehicles	1,888.70	149,973.07	-148,084.37	1.26%
7240 · Office Equipment	13,028.04	1,500.00	11,528.04	868.54%
<b>Total 7200 · Equipment &amp; Vehicles</b>	<b>66,035.09</b>	<b>214,331.46</b>	<b>-148,296.37</b>	<b>30.81%</b>
7400 · Professional Services Capital				
7438 · Engineering Services-Other	0.00	125,000.00	-125,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 7400 · Professional Services Capital</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>	<b>-125,000.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>1,106,712.10</b>	<b>6,290,556.46</b>	<b>-5,183,844.36</b>	<b>17.59%</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-1,106,712.10</b>	<b>-6,290,556.46</b>	<b>5,183,844.36</b>	<b>17.59%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>719,380.86</b>	<b>-6,325,676.85</b>	<b>7,045,057.71</b>	<b>-11.37%</b>



**San Bernardino Valley  
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Memorandum No. 1930

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Betsy Miller, General Manager  
**Date:** April 12, 2023  
**Subject:** ACWA 2023 Board Officers' Election Voting Delegate

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Consider appointing a Director as the voting delegate for the ACWA 2023 Board Officers' Election.

**BACKGROUND**

In the past, ACWA has convened a General Session Membership Meeting of the ACWA Membership at the Spring and Fall Conferences to conduct elections. This process has been updated for the 2024-2025 term with voting scheduled to take place electronically from July 17-September 15. Ballots will be distributed beginning July 17. Please see the attached ACWA 2023 Board Officers' Election letter for additional information on the membership voting process.

**POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

1. Move approval of Board member selected for voting delegate and direct staff to prepare necessary documents for submittal to ACWA.
2. Move to request this item be tabled and referred to Finance & Administration Committee for reconsideration of specific issues discussed.
3. Take no action on this item.

**ATTACHMENTS OR MATERIALS**

ACWA 2023 Board Officers' Election Memorandum  
ACWA Voting Delegate Form

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# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ACWA Member Agency Leadership  
*(sent via email)*

**CC:** ACWA Board of Directors

**FROM:** ACWA Executive Director

**DATE:** March 15, 2023

**SUBJECT:** ACWA 2023 BOARD OFFICERS' ELECTION – Authorized Voting Representative Form

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ACWA has launched two separate but concurrent election processes for the 2024-'25 term: the Board officers' election for President and Vice President and the region board elections. **This memo provides a summary of the Board officers' election process, including key dates and changes being implemented this year.**

The biggest change to the election process is that voting will no longer take place during conference. Instead, voting will take place electronically July 17 - Sept. 15. Ballots will be distributed July 17 and include all qualified candidates, in addition to the Election Committee's preferred candidates. All candidates will also be listed on the ACWA website and invited to participate in a town hall style webinar in which members can ask the candidates questions.

Each member agency in good standing may vote in the election for President and Vice President. **Member agencies must designate the agency's one voting representative by submitting an Authorized Voting Representative Form to [donna@acwa.com](mailto:donna@acwa.com) by June 16. The form is available [online](#).**

ACWA will be using a web-based online voting system called Simply Voting, which will independently tabulate the votes and provide verified results in a timely manner while keeping individual votes confidential. Designating your agency's voting representative is an important step to ensure the ballot is sent to the correct person.

## Important Officers Election Dates

- Call for candidates begins: **Monday, April 17**
- Deadline to submit Authorized Voting Representative Forms: **Friday, June 16**
- Deadline to submit candidate nominations: **Friday, June 16**

- Election begins: **Monday, July 17**
  - Authorized voting representatives who are voting electronically will receive an email from Simply Voting with a link to the ballot for President and Vice President.
  - Authorized voting representatives who have requested a paper ballot will be sent a ballot by first class mail to their member agency's address.
- Deadline to submit ballots: **Friday, September 15**
- Announcement of ACWA President and Vice President for 2024-'25 term: **September 27**
- Introduction of ACWA President and Vice President at fall conference: **November 29**

For more details about the election process, please visit [www.acwa.com/elections](http://www.acwa.com/elections). Additional questions can be directed to ACWA Senior Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at 916-669-2425 or [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com).

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ACWA has launched two separate but concurrent election processes for the 2024-'25 term: the board officers' election for President and Vice President and the region board elections. **In order to vote for the board officers, each member agency must designate one voting representative by June 16.** To designate your agency's one voter, submit this Authorized Voting Representative Form by the June deadline. If you do not designate a representative to vote by the deadline, your agency's General Manager will be the authorized voter by default. Authorized voters will receive an electronic ballot on July 17. For more information about ACWA's elections, visit [www.acwa.com/elections](http://www.acwa.com/elections).

**The person designated below will cast our agency's vote for the election of ACWA's President and Vice President for the 2024-'25 term in the upcoming election.**

Member Agency's Name		Agency's Phone No.
Authorized Voting Representative's Name	Authorized Voting Representative's Email	Authorized Voting Representative's Phone No.

Our member agency would like to cast a paper ballot by U.S. mail instead of voting electronically.  
*Please provide the mailing address below only if you are voting by mail.*

Mailing Address	City, State and Zip
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Print Name of Member Agency's Authorized Signatory

X

Authorized Signatory Signature

Date

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**SUBMIT YOUR FORM**

**To:** Donna Pangborn, Senior Clerk of the Board  
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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE  
JUNE 16, 2023**



# Environmental Update

as of March 31, 2023

## Wash Plan Implementation – Monitoring Activities

- SBKR Monitoring Program
  - On March 16, staff met with the USGS to discuss analysis of the habitat data and SBKR captures collected in 2022. Modifications to the habitat assessment survey protocol to be implemented by District staff over a six-week period, beginning in early April and extending through the middle of May, were finalized and SBKR monitoring plots were selected for the 2023 field season.
  - On March 20, Milan presented the District's collaborative work with the USGS using the Percent Area Occupied monitoring approach to inform management of endangered and threatened species at the wildland urban interface at the International Association for Landscape Ecology - North American Annual Meeting, held March 19-23 at the Riverside Convention Center. Staff used the SBKR monitoring program and the work conducted by the USGS on the Pacific pocket mouse as examples during the presentation.
- Slender-horned Spineflower (SHSF) Monitoring Program
  - District staff performed phenology checks of SHSF on March 28 to assist Dudek in planning for the comprehensive surveys of the Wash that are to occur over an 11-day period in May. Phenology checks, in which the percentage of SHSF plants at a single population exhibiting characteristics of leaf rosettes and branched stems are noted, also support the District in scheduling the planned annual monitoring performed by staff of known populations of SHSF.
  - District staff are working with California Botanic Garden to help them be positioned to implement a population genetic study of SHSF beginning this spring. The study, headed up by Naomi Fraga, Director of Conservation Programs with California Botanic Garden, is to be funded by BLM and would document the genetic diversity found within and between populations. Results would inform decisions regarding how and when to mix seeds from populations when looking to establish new colonies of SHSF in the Wash.

## Wash Plan Implementation – Management Activities

- Slender-horned Spineflower (SHSF) Restoration Program
  - Dudek continues to actively coordinate initiation of the bulking program with California Botanic Garden. Seeds collected in 2022 were first sown at the botanical garden on December 2. Evidence of successful germination occurred as of December 13. Plants have continued to show growth throughout much of January, February, and March. Plants were to be first grown in 2-inch containers before being transferred to 4-inch containers prior to being planted in the field in the spring for continuation of bulking activities.



## Wash Plan Implementation – Organizational Structure & Planning

- A monthly coordination meeting with the USFWS was held on March 21. Items addressed at the meeting included discussion of the agenda and major talking points for the upcoming field visit by the USFWS to the Santa Ana River Wash and Mill Creek. Other topics discussed included elements of the River HCP conservation strategy that pertain to the Community Mitigation Area and the 295-acres of land to be committed to conservation on behalf of Valley District consistent with the ARTP Partnership Agreement.
- A recurring meeting with Valley District to discuss monitoring and management activities tied to the Wash Plan and advancement of required mitigation actions associated with the Enhanced Recharge Project Phase 1B was held on March 13. The topics discussed at the meeting focused on the environmental monitoring and mitigation measures required by CDFW consistent with the finalized 2081 ITP for the Enhanced Recharge Project.
- District staff attended the preconstruction meeting for the Enhanced Recharge Project, which served as the project kickoff for both the construction and biological teams at the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's headquarters on March 29.

## Wash Plan Programmatic Permits

- USACE 404 Programmatic Individual Agreement – Public Notice was posted by the Corps on July 1 regarding application by the District for a long-term standard individual permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The public comment period ended on July 31. Responses to comments were prepared and submitted to the Corps on August 26. The consultant team shared a draft Environment Assessment (EA) with the District on September 2. Following review by the District, the draft EA was finalized by AECOM and shared with the Corps on September 30. Comments were provided by USACE on the draft EA on January 27. Throughout January, February, and March, District staff and AECOM continued to meet with USACE weekly in support of completion of the EA and eventual issuance of the standard individual permit.
- On March 31, District staff and AECOM participated in a working session with the USACE in which the requested recent additions and revisions to the updated draft EA made by the District and AECOM were discussed.
- Following new hires and staff reorganization by CDFW, the District and CDFW are again working through the permitting process for the 2081 Incidental Take Permit. Beginning in mid-February and extending through March, District staff have been in regular communication with CDFW staff, making requested information available in a timely fashion.

## Mill Creek Programmatic Permits

- An annotated outline for a Safe Harbor Agreement (SHA) with the USFWS meant to address issues tied to endangered and threatened species associated with ongoing operations and maintenance activities at Mill Creek was submitted to the Service on November 9 for review and comment. An in-person meeting to discuss the framework of the future SHA, including the clear conservation benefits of such an agreement for the Covered Species, SBKR, cactus wren, and California gnatcatcher was held between District staff and the USFWS at their Palm Springs office on January



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12. The January conversation with the Service resulted in a decision to submit an application for a SHA covering ongoing operations and maintenance and future capital improvement projects tied to ground water recharge at Mill Creek.

- On February 14, an in-person working session between District staff and AECOM was held in Orange to further development of the SHA, with focus on defining metrics characterizing baseline conditions for the three species to be covered by the SHA at Mill Creek. On February 28, a meeting occurred between the District and USFWS to discuss advancement of the SHA with focus on discussion of baseline conditions.
- Ideas discussed in February were revisited during the standing meeting with the USFWS held on March 21. The results of the discussions together with ideas on how to capitalize on discussed themes were shared with AECOM on March 15 and 21.
- In February, working with AECOM, District staff facilitated the transfer of information to the USACE in an expeditious manner to meet the USEPA's late February deadline for Approved Jurisdictional Determinations (ADJs) identifying isolated waters as non-jurisdictional prior to new regulations going into effect.
- On March 17, Deanna Cummings, Senior Project Manager with the Regulatory Division of the USACE provided the District with the Mill Creek Basins Approved Jurisdictional Delineation recognizing the waters at the Mill Creek facilities as isolated and non-jurisdictional. In finding the project site does not hold Waters of the United States, the USACE has cleared the path for construction and maintenance operations at Mill Creek to move forward without the need for 404 certification, consistent with the Clean Water Act.

## Community Mitigation Program

- District staff submitted a Long-term Management Plan (LTMP) and Property Analysis Record (PAR) to CDFW on September 22. The LTMP and PAR covers the approved, District-owned and managed, 4.2-acre offsite mitigation area for San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) SR-210 Mixed Flow Lane Addition Project. On January 10, District staff and SBCTA contractor VCS Environmental received notice from CDFW that they were able to support the Conservation Trust as holder of the Conservation Easement for the 4.2-acre parcel. Such a determination clears the path for successful movement through the escrow process. Through February and March, District staff has actively worked with CDFW and VCS Environmental to ensure needed information to finalize purchase of the Conservation Easement is available to the Department. On April 4, CDFW provided letters of approval for the Trust to serve as the land manager and the District to serve as the Conservation Easement Grantee for the SBCTA 210 Freeway Project.
- On February 8, 9, and 10, at the suggestion of the USFWS, District staff, working through their contractor, Mikael Romich, trapped for SBKR across approximately 20 acres of District property proposed for future inclusion in the Community Mitigation Program for the Blossom Trails Mitigation. Trapping successfully resulted in determination proposed mitigation lands are occupied by SBKR.



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- On March 7, District staff met with the team of private contractors overseeing development of the Low-Effect HCP for the Blossom Trails development project to discuss next steps in the permitting process. On March 21, requested figures delineating the extent of the mitigation area and results of SBKR trapping were provided to the team from Blossom Trails for purposes of sharing with the USFWS.

### Land Resources Team

- District staff interviewed candidates for the Environmental Biology and GIS Internship position on February 21 and 22. Two candidates were selected for the position and sent offer letters on February 24.
- Both of the selected candidates accepted job offers from the District and completed needed onboarding materials prior to participating in an in-office orientation on March 15, their first official day with the District.

### Plunge Creek Conservation Project

- On March 27, Land Resources Team working with the Engineering Team mapped the wetted area of the Plunge Creek Conservation Project pilot channels following the March 15-23 storm events. Peak flow reached 520 (cfs) at the USGS gage in East Highland, and the estimated amount of water recharge resulting from these storms were 154 (AF). Calculations of the increase in wetted areas are in progress.

### Partnership Activities

- On March 7, District staff provided a full-day tour of the Wash to the team from Orange County (OC) Public Works who oversee mitigation activities for the OC Flood Control District. The tour covered groundwater recharge facilities, Seven Oaks Dam, and the natural resource areas in the Wash with focus on the Plunge Creek Conservation Project.
- On March 23, District staff provided an afternoon tour of the groundwater recharge facilities and natural resource areas of the Wash to students in the Environmental Hydrology course in the Environmental Studies Department at the University of Redlands.

## Wash Plan Trails Status Report

April 2023

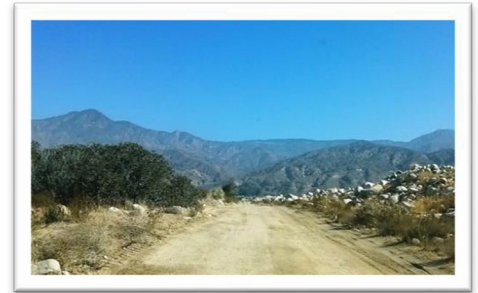


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### Project Management Approach / Work Plan

- a. Develop/obtain support from Cities on trails MOU
- b. Complete trail permitting, including 1) Wash Plan HCP Certificate of Inclusion and 2) State/waters permits
- c. Record public access easements, if necessary
- d. Install signs/fencing
- e. Open trail(s) that do not require ancillary facilities such as trailheads or parking lots
- f. Obtain grant funding for ancillary trail facilities such as trailheads and parking lots
- g. Bid construction of/build ancillary trail facilities



### Current Status

District staff continues to coordinate with the City of Redlands to adopt the Trail MOU. Prior to approval of the MOU, Redlands has requested a five-party agreement between the cities, mining companies, and the District to clarify implementation items such as payment. District Counsel provided a draft agreement for review by the parties in April 2022; Redlands staff have indicated that they are reviewing the documents at this time.

The City of Highland adopted the Trail MOU in January 2022, and has scheduled approval of the five-party agreement following review by CEMEX and Robertson's.

CEMEX and Robertson's are reviewing the five-party agreement and are coordinating with the District team to discuss details further.

In an effort to expedite opening of the trails, District staff reviewed the location of trail segments based on City jurisdiction to evaluate options for a segment located entirely on District lands within the City of Highland for review and discussion with the Trails Committee at their February 9 meeting. No complete loop is entirely within the jurisdiction of Highland.

In addition, during discussion with the Trails Committee, it was determined that several planned trail routes are within or adjacent to the recently-begun construction area for the Enhanced Recharge Project. Safety and associated access restrictions will need to be addressed prior to trail openings before construction is complete.

Trails were included in the Wash Plan state and waters permitting applications which were submitted to the regulatory agencies in 2021. Trail opening will be dependent upon receipt of these permits, as well as final approval from USFWS, which included conditional approval in the Wash Plan HCP.



# Engineering Update

as of March 31, 2023

## Mentone Shop

- Architectural drawings, building manufacturer drawings/calculations, and structural foundation plan are complete, deposit has been paid for the building.
- Architect/contractor has submitted all permits to the County, fire hydrant may be required.

## Mill Creek Diversion and Debris Management Project

- Corp has approved the EA and the FONSI, which was signed on March 30
- New 5 ft x 17 ft gate has been delivered.
- Special provisions have been completed, quantities are being QAQC'd

## Enhanced Recharge Phase 1B

- Pre-construction meeting was held on March 29, 2023
- Operations staff are drying the borrow pit for the installation of a coffer dam to continue recharge during project construction.

## PERC (Active Recharge Transfer) Projects

### Waterman, Twin Creek, and Lynwood Basins

- Hydrology study has been resubmittal to Flood Control. Flood Control has accepted the Q100 storm events.
- The Hydraulic modelling approach has been accepted by District staff, with concurrence from Flood Control staff expected in early/mid April. Models are being developed.
- Draft Geotechnical Report (infiltration only) was reviewed by District staff and comments provided to Tetra Tech.

### Plunge and Oak Creeks

- Final Hydrology study, including average annual analysis received by District for resubmittal to Flood Control.
- Oak Creek geotechnical report was reviewed by District staff and comments provided to CASC.
- Plunge Creek geotechnical work has been completed.

### Mill, Bledsoe, and Cook Creeks

- Existing condition hydrology and hydraulic models for the basins are complete and proposed condition models are being refined. Hydraulic model for the diversion structure and soft plugs is being developed and has been reviewed by operations and engineering staff.
- 1600 application for the geotechnical investigation has been submitted, and a permit is expected May 5.
- Seismic refraction study at Cook Creek has been completed, report expected early April.



# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

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ARTP Status Report No.13

**To: Partnership Agreement Policy Committee**

**From: Erwin Fogerson, ARTP Engineer**

**Date: February 28, 2023**

**Subject: Active Recharge Project Status Report**

## **BACKGROUND**

The boards of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Conservation District) and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) have agreed to draw from the best of both districts to promote a brighter future for groundwater storage and protection of threatened species in the region. This collaborative effort has been realized through the execution of the Partnership Agreement for Active Recharge Project Development under the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan (Agreement).

The Agreement includes the requirement for the formation of a Partnership Agreement Policy Committee to review and advise the Conservation District staff on a number of items covered in the Agreement. The committee is to meet quarterly throughout the duration of the development of Active Recharge Transfer Projects. Major items of work in the partnership include:

- The Conservation District will provide up to 295 acres of conservation easements to the San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust, to help offset the environmental impacts of active recharge projects being undertaken to enhance groundwater recharge and storage.
- Valley District will provide funding to the Conservation District, for building new recharge projects, for each acre of conservation easement the Conservation District transfers to the trust.
- Valley District will fund a permanent endowment with the Conservation Trust to support the management of habitat mitigation land.
- Valley District will transfer to the Conservation District the implementation, management, and eventual ownership of the following tentative list of proposed Active Recharge Projects:
  1. Mill Creek Diversion (expansion, construction, and operations)
  2. Plunge Creek Basins 1 (construction and operations)
  3. Plunge Creek Basins 2 (construction and operations)
  4. City Creek Basins (construction and operations)
  5. Waterman Percolation Basins (reconstruction and maintenance)
  6. East Twin Creek Basin (repairs and maintenance)

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- The Conservation District will develop plans, specifications, estimates and bid packages (Construction Package) on planned projects and submit to the Committee for review and concurrence.
- Valley District will draft, and process all required permits and any items of work required under NEPA or CEQA including Water Rights.

This status report is a summary of work completed to date on these major items and provides a look ahead to the planned work in the upcoming quarter.

**PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Conservation Easement (CE) Payment Obligation**

The agreement requires payment of 50% of the funds for the CE at completion of the Due Diligence which was paid on June 20, 2019. The remainder was paid on January 13, 2022 for a total paid to date of \$36,875,000.

**Conservation Easement Usage Status (295 Acres initially set aside)**

Covered Activity (project)	Implementing Agency	Easement Area required (ac)	Easement recordation date	Remaining Available Acreage
				295

**Program Management**

The following items of work have been performed:

1. A Program Management Plan to guide the long-term implementation of the program has been developed and is being adhered to.
2. A planning level Memo of Understanding (MOU) has been developed and adopted by SBVWCD and SBCFCD. Meetings have been held as necessary to keep the coordination and approval processes moving forward. A resolution was passed by the County Board of Supervisors to support the coordination.
3. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process has been completed to develop a list of qualified consultants to use for proposal requests. The process resulted in summary matrix of the fourteen consulting firms based on category and type of work for which they are qualified.
4. Tetra Tech was awarded the contract for the Waterman, Lynwood Basins and Twin Creek Spreading Grounds, total contract amount of \$1,530,615 Feasibility Study Support Contract. Contract expenditure is approximately \$613,424. Hydrology modeling has been submitted to SBCFCD and comments received. Geotechnical testing is completed.
5. Q3 was awarded the contract for the Mill, Bledsoe, and Cook Creek Feasibility Study Support Services, total contact amount of \$2,190,644. The City Creek diversion improvements were removed from the scope and were replaced by optional tasks for studies of Bledsoe and Cook Creeks. Contract includes preliminary engineering for all three sites. Contract expenditure is

approximately \$339,172. The existing condition hydraulic model through the basins has been completed.

6. CASC Engineering was awarded the contract for the Plunge Creek and Oak Creek Feasibility Study Support Services, total contract amount of \$786,880 and the Notice to Proceed has been issued. Contract expenditure is approximately \$255,070. A lag time comparative analysis has been submitted to SBCFCD and comments received. The draft hydrology study report has been completed. A portion of the geotechnical testing has been completed.
7. A tour of all the ARTP facilities was completed on March 3, 2022. Attendees included ARTP Policy Committee members and staff from SBVWCD and SBVMWD.

#### Active Recharge Transfer Projects (as listed in the Agreement) PS&E Status

Project Name	Project Priority	Current Plan Phase	CEQA Status	Required Agreements / Permits w/ status	Construction Target date	Recent Activity
Mill Creek Diversion	3	Concept	Not started	ACOE – Not started SBCFCD – Not Started	Not determined	District staff has completed preliminary engineering that is to be used as a starting point for Q3 and for cost estimating. Aerial and ground surveys have been completed. The existing and proposed condition hydraulic models for basins and diversion/soft plugs is being developed in HEC-RAS. The existing condition groundwater model is being developed in MODFLOW. The hydrology and sediment transport studies are being developed.
Plunge Creek Basin 1 & 2 (now Plunge Creek Quarry Basins)	1	Preliminary Design	Not started	RRM – Initiated Concept Level Discussion SBCFCD – Initiated through MOU	Not determined	Final hydrology report is being finalized and will be submitted to SBCFCD for review. Permitting efforts for the geotechnical field surveys are in process. The existing condition groundwater model is being developed in MODFLOW.
City Creek (now Bledsoe and Cook Creek)	2	Concept	Not started	SBCFCD – Not Started	Not determined	Additional geotechnical testing is being planned for Cook Creek site including seismic refraction surveys. A new location for the Bledsoe Creek basin had been identified and work started on a preliminary design. Coordination is in progress with the Cook Creek land owner for access.
Waterman Spreading Grounds	2	Preliminary Design	Not started	SBCFCD - Initiated through MOU	Not determined	Final hydrology report is being put together and will be re-submitted to SBCFCD. The existing condition groundwater model is being developed in MODFLOW. Geotechnical testing is complete, draft report is being developed.
Twin Creek	1	Preliminary Design	Not started	SBCFCD – Initiated through MOU	Not determined	See Waterman Spreading Grounds

#### Additional Active Recharge Transfer Projects (not listed in the ARTP Agreement) Status

Oak Creek Basin	1	Preliminary Design	Not started	SBVMWD–Initiated SBCFCD – Initiated through MOU	Not determined	Final hydrology report is being finalized and will be submitted to SBCFCD for review. Aerial and ground surveys have been completed. Geotechnical field surveys are in process. The existing condition groundwater model is being developed in MODFLOW
Lynwood Basins	1	Preliminary Design	Not started	SBCFCD – Initiated through MOU	Not determined	See Waterman Spreading Grounds

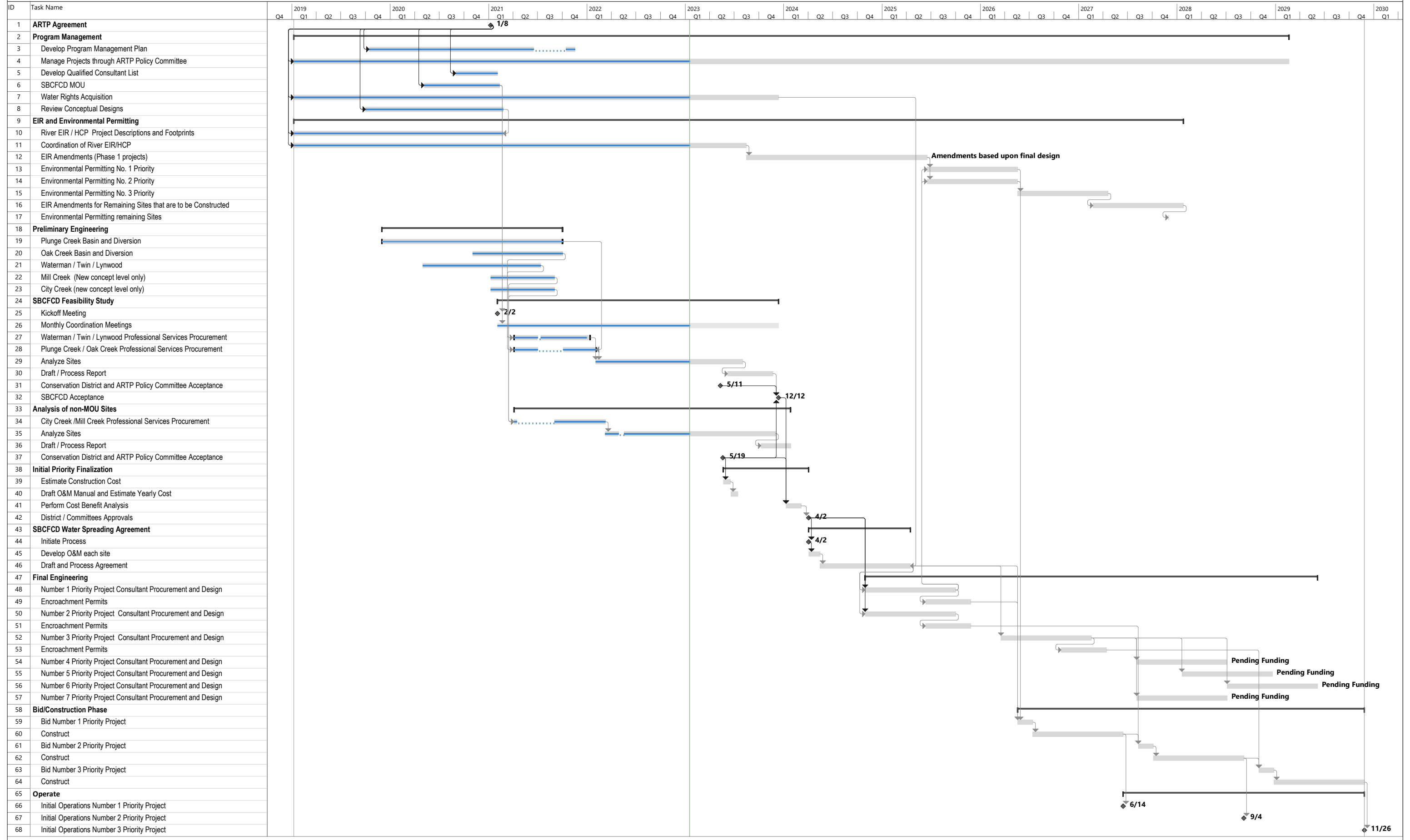
“Next Steps” - Planned Work upcoming Quarter

Project	Planned Activity
Mill Creek Diversion	Complete hydraulic model for the existing condition. Complete initial hydraulic model for the proposed condition for basins and diversion (soft plugs) in Mill Creek. Complete geotechnical exploration permitting process and plan field work. Continue work on sediment transport model. Continue work on groundwater model.
Plunge Creek Quarry Basins	Complete hydrology study and submit to SBCFCD. Complete hydrology modeling of the average annual storm event for the cost benefit analysis and groundwater model. Complete initial existing condition hydraulic models; floodplain analysis and modeling of existing storm drains and channels. Continue the geotechnical exploration permitting process. Submit preliminary concept of diversion to City of Highland and analyze potential impacts to future bridge project.
Bledsoe and Cook Creek	Start seismic refraction work on Cook Creek. Start preliminary design of new basin location on Bledsoe Creek.
Waterman Spreading Grounds	Complete geotechnical report. Receive acceptance from SBCFCD for hydrological studies. Complete hydrology modeling of the average annual storm event for the cost benefit analysis and groundwater model. Continue hydraulics and sediment transport studies. Continue work on hydraulic and groundwater models.
Twin Creek	See Waterman Spreading Grounds.
Oak Creek Diversion	Complete initial hydrology and hydraulics studies. Complete hydrology modeling of the average annual storm event for the cost benefit analysis and groundwater model. Complete the geotechnical exploration. Continue work on groundwater model.
Lynwood Basins	See Waterman Spreading Grounds.

**EXHIBITS**

1. Preliminary Program Schedule

**ARTP Program Schedule**  
revised January 2023



## General Manager's Report

From March 3, 2023 to April 5, 2023  
Betsy Miller



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The following report covers the efforts and activities during the reporting period.

- 1. Water Conservation – Plan Goal 1** – Santa Ana River, Mill, and Plunge Creeks received rainfall in December, January, February and March. Santa Ana River, Mill, and Plunge Creeks received rainfall in December and January. Mill Creek's total recharge for the Water Year is currently 4,539.3 AF. The Santa Ana River recharge is currently 24,661.4 AF. Plunge Creek recharge is 2,009.7 AF. The total recharge is 31,210.5 AF for the Water Year beginning October 2022.
- 2. Facility Maintenance and Cleanout – Plan Goal 1** – Water recharge operations are underway with all facilities are in good working order. Removal of excess sand from Mill Creek basins continues as recharge deposits additional aggregate. The field operations team has been bringing all of their expertise into play to recharge the maximum amount of water and working overtime to ensure safe and productive facility operations.
- 3. Aggregate Management – Plan Goal 1** – Upland Rock continues screening and selling sand and rock from District basin cleaning efforts in support of land management efforts.
- 4. Personnel/Administration/Staff** – On March 27, President McDonald and Betsy Miller attended the ACWA Region 9 tour of the Salton Sea.
- 5. Finance/Budget/Audit** – Please refer to Agenda Item C.
- 6. Mill Creek Diversion Engineering – Plan Goals 1/4** – The NEPA Finding of No Significant Impact was signed on March 30. Please refer to the Engineering Update for additional details.
- 7. Plunge Creek Conservation Project – Plan Goals 1/4** – Total project recharge for this water year is currently 2,009.7 AF.
- 8. Enhanced Recharge Project – Plan Goal 1** – The Enhanced Recharge Phase 1A is completed, with lining maintenance expected to be complete this month. Environmental measures such as installation of fencing to exclude San Bernardino kangaroo rat and biological surveys are underway for Phase 1B.

Congressman Aguilar presented a check for \$2.5 million dollars to the Enhanced Recharge Project through the Community Project Funding program on Friday, April 7.

- 9. Active Recharge Transfer Project Partnership – Plan Goals 1, 2, and 4** – Please refer to the Engineering Update.

10. **Edison Divestiture** – *Plan Goals 1/4* – Additional updates will be provided in Closed Session.
11. **Groundwater Council** – *Plan Goal 1* – The Groundwater Council met on March 13. Staff continues to work with Groundwater Council partners to develop an updated agreement for approval in Q2 of 2023.
12. **Shop Facilities for Field Staff** – *Plan Goals 1* – Please refer to the Engineering Update.
13. **Wildland Trails** – *Plan Goal 3* – Please refer to the Trails Status Update.
14. **Wash Plan** – *Plan Goal 4* – Please refer to the Environmental Update.
15. **Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act Implementation** – *Plan Goal 4* – The land exchange appraisal has been approved by BLM, along with costs for the equalization parcels. The District coordinated closely with BLM on the site clean-up required for land transfer, which was completed in December. The Binding Exchange Agreement was signed by the BLM State Director on February 28, 2023. On March 20, BLM indicated their intent to move forward with the exchange process outlined in the Dingell Act, removing the need for a ROW.
16. **Conservation Trust** – *Plan Goal 4* – On April 4, CDFW provided letters of approval for the Trust to serve as the land manager and the District to serve as the Conservation Easement Grantee for the SBCTA 210 Freeway Project.
17. **Property/Redlands Plaza** – Staff continues to manage Redlands Plaza tenants and maintenance issues. Staff is obtaining quotes for renovations of vacant Suite K in order to advertise the space for lease. District staff have been working closely with ACWA JPIA, plumbers and restoration contractors to address a leak reported by a tenant.
18. **Mining** – Mining efforts by CEMEX contractors continue at the Plant Site quarry. Mining payments have been at the guaranteed minimum rate for two months.
19. **Public Outreach and Legislative** – *Plan Goal 5*  
On March 7, District staff provided a full-day tour of the Wash to Orange County (OC) Public Works team who oversee mitigation activities for the OC Flood Control District. The tour covered groundwater recharge facilities, Seven Oaks Dam, and the natural resource areas in the Wash with focus on the Plunge Creek Conservation Project.  
  
On March 15, The District met with staff from the San Bernardino County Museum of Natural History to discuss a joint water-wise demonstration garden.  
  
On March 20, Milan presented “Monitoring and Managing for Endangered and Threatened Species at the Wildlife Urban Interface: A Percent Area Occupied (PAO) Approach” at the International Association for Landscape Ecology - North American Annual Meeting, held March 19-23 at the Riverside Convention Center.

On March 23, District staff provided an afternoon tour of the groundwater recharge facilities and natural resource areas of the Wash to students in the Environmental Hydrology course in the Environmental Studies Department at the University of Redlands.

On March 23, the District submitted a letter in support of SB 23 (Caballero) Expedited Permitting for Water Supply & Flood Risk Reduction. This bill would require utilization of adopted planning documents such as habitat conservation plans to expedite permitting for water supply and flood risk reduction projects through full implementation of previously adopted State Water Resources Control Board guidelines, resulting in a win-win approach that leverages existing analysis and wildlife agency approvals to reduce permit negotiation times and costs to tax- and rate-payers (see attached).

On Friday, April 7, District staff participated in a check presentation event by Congressman Aguilar for the Enhanced Recharge Project, with President McDonald presenting on the partner's behalf.

The District has partnered with IERCD and the San Bernardino County Museum of Natural History to host a community project for Redlands Earth Day on April 22, 2023. More details on the event, titled "Water You Waiting for? Landscaping with Water-Conscious Native Plants", can be found online at [redlandsearthday.org](http://redlandsearthday.org).

**20. Current Board Action Implementation** – Significant staff resources are allocated to PERC, various permitting applications, Redlands Plaza management, coordination with Valley District on Enhanced Recharge construction, update of the 2017 Strategic Plan, renewal of the Groundwater Council agreement, spring biology surveys for Wash Plan implementation, and FY24 budget preparation.

**21. Future Board Activities** – Expected short-term items for consideration or note:

- Ad Hoc Committee for Review of General Manager
- Strategic Plan Update surveys and/or interviews
- Update of the Charter for the Mill Creek Diversion and Debris Management Improvement
- Budget Workshop
- Presentation of proposed budget for Board action

**22. District Successes**

- Diverse public outreach via tours and presentations to colleagues in nearby counties, college classes and professional conferences
- Above normal recharge numbers due to the recent precipitation and the excellent work and dedication of the field operations team
- BLM provided their intent in writing to move forward with the land exchange process as outlined in the Dingell Act, removing the need for a ROW and any timing issues associated with the construction of Enhanced Recharge



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March 23, 2023

The Honorable Anna Caballero  
California State Senator, 14<sup>th</sup> District  
1021 O Street, Suite 7620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 23 (Caballero) Expedited Permitting for Water Supply & Flood Risk Reduction – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District would like to express our strong support for SB 23, which would expedite permitting for water supply and flood risk reduction projects with sensible permitting agency timelines and the use of Watershed Plans for mitigation required for State and Regional Water Board Section 401 water quality certifications.

As the lead Permittee for the Upper Santa Ana River Wash Habitat Conservation Plan (approved by USFWS on July 13, 2020), the Conservation District understands the benefits of landscape- and watershed scale planning to maximize the benefits of environmental reserve design and restoration to effectively support rare, threatened, and endangered species. The use of Watershed Plans has been adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board but has not been fully implemented in practice. For project applicants, use of Watershed Plans allows significant government efficiencies – which result in tax-and rate-payer savings – by leveraging existing analysis and wildlife agency approvals to reduce permit negotiation times and associated project delay. This win-win approach also ensures that mitigation dollars are spent in carefully analyzed, logical locations where they provide the most benefit to the affected species.

SB 23 would require the State and Regional Water Boards to accept a Watershed Plan for the purposes of issuing a Section 401 water quality certification if the Watershed Plan is approved by a state or federal agency with jurisdiction and includes biological goals for aquatic resources. The bill would also require the Water Boards to use approved plans as Watershed Plans to implement the Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State in issuing project certifications. Eligible Watershed Plans include Habitat Conservation Plans, Natural Communities Conservation Plans, and Habitat Management Plans.

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Betsy Miller

We appreciate your review of SB23 and its ability to support agencies' abilities to deliver high quality, timely, and cost-effective results to our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Miller".

Betsy Miller  
General Manager

# San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

## Monthly Recharge Report

From: 3/1/2023  
To: 3/31/2023



	March				
	Avg Daily Recharge	Monthly Recharge	Recharge WYTD	10yr Avg Recharge*	BTAC Max**
Santa Ana River	362.1	11,225	24,661	10,598	213,375
Mill Creek	60.8	1,885	3,892	3,079	128,025
Plunge Creek	23.0	713.0	2,010	488	#N/A
State Water Project	20.9	647	647	6,638	#N/A
In River Channel Recharge***	56.6	1,755	3,224	#N/A	#N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>16225</b>	<b>34,435</b>	<b>20,803</b>	<b>341,400</b>

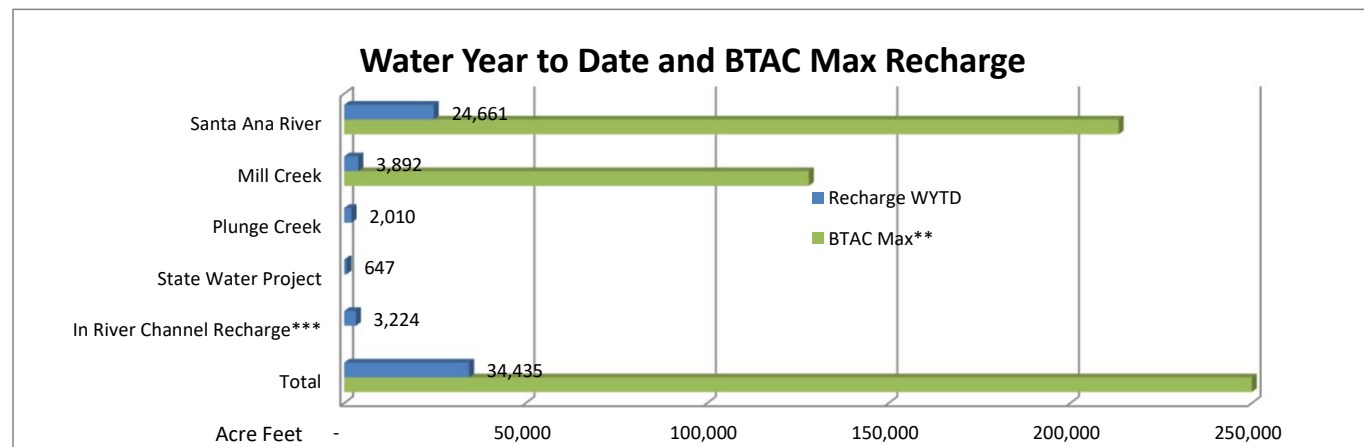
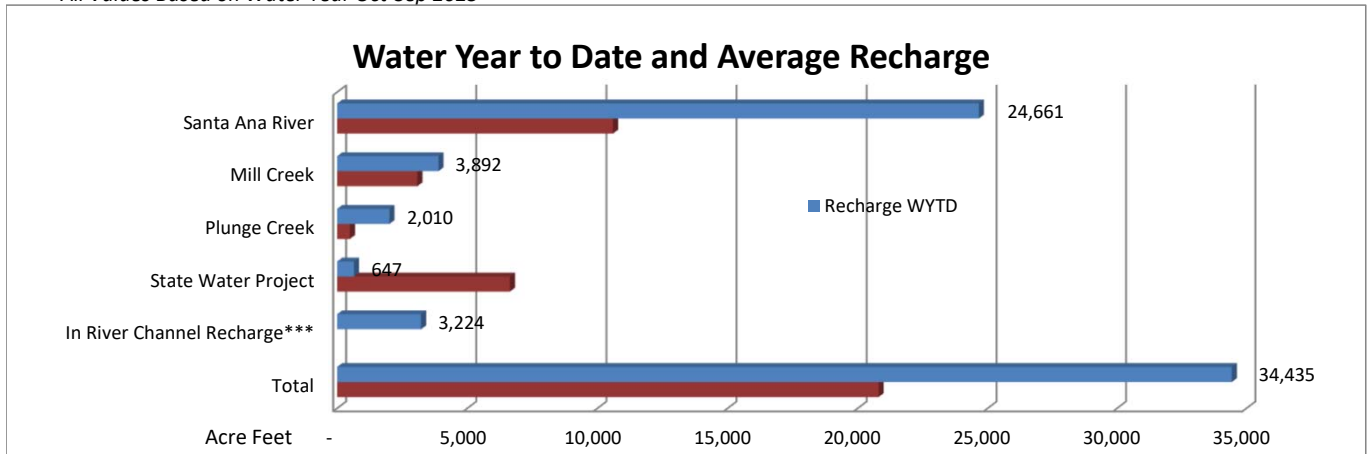
Values in Acre Feet

\* Plunge Creek only has 2 years of available data

\*\*BTAC Revised Max in December 2022

\*\*\*Monitoring began in Mid-April 2011

\*\*\*\* All Values Based on Water Year Oct-Sep 2023



## 2023 Board Calendar - San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

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Jan. 11 Board Meeting  
Jan. 24 Operations Committee Mtg.  
Jan. 25 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Finance & Admin Mtg.

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Jul. 12 Board Meeting  
Jul. 25 Operations Committee Mtg.  
Jul. 26 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Finance & Admin Mtg.

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Feb. 8 Board Meeting  
Feb. 9 Ad Hoc Trails Committee @ 9 am/  
Outreach Committee @ 10 am

AUGUST						
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Aug. 9 Board Meeting

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Mar. 8 Board Meeting  
Engineering Investigation Report Presentation  
Mar. 22 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Finance & Admin Mtg.  
Mar. 28 Operations Committee Mtg.

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Sept. 13 Board Meeting

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Apr. 12 Board Meeting  
Public Meeting/Groundwater Charge  
Apr. 26 Board Meeting  
Public Hearing/Groundwater Charge

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Oct. 10 Operations Committee Mtg.  
Oct. 11 Board Meeting

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May 17 Board Meeting

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Nov. 8 Board Meeting  
Nov. 15 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Finance & Admin Mtg.

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Jun. 14 Board Meeting

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Dec. 13 Board Meeting  
(@ 9:30 a.m.)  
Annual Luncheon