



**SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
AND PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 361 into law. Assembly Bill No. 361 amends Government Code section 54953(e) by adding provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions. The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District adopted a resolution determining, by majority vote, that, as a result of the declared State of Emergency, a meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Accordingly, it has been determined that all Board and Workshop meetings of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District will be held pursuant to the Brown Act and will be conducted via teleconference. There will be no public access to the meeting venue.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 – 2:00 P.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is welcome and encouraged. You may participate in the April 5, 2022, meeting of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District online and by telephone as follows:

Dial-in Info: (877) 853 5247 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 684 456 030

PASSCODE: 3802020

<https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/684456030>

If you are unable to participate online or by telephone, you may also submit your comments and questions in writing for the District's consideration by sending them to comments@sbvmwd.com with the subject line "Public Comment Item #" (insert the agenda item number relevant to your comment) or "Public Comment Non-Agenda Item". Submit your written comments by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022. All public comments will be provided to the President and may be read into the record or compiled as part of the record.

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTE: Participation in the meeting via the Zoom app is strongly encouraged. Online participants MUST log in with a Zoom account. The Zoom app is a free download. Please keep in mind: (1) This is a public meeting; as such, the virtual meeting information is published on the World Wide Web and available to everyone. (2) Should you participate remotely via telephone, your telephone number will be your "identifier" during the meeting and available to all meeting participants; there is no way to protect your privacy if you elect to call in to the meeting.



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REVISED AGENDA

2:00 PM Tuesday, April 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

1) PUBLIC HEARING

- 1.1 Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 1149 - Relocating Boundary Lines of the District's Board of Directors Divisions (Page 4)
[Public Hearing Notice - Redistricting of Division Boundaries](#)
[Staff Memo - Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 1149 Relocating Boundary Lines of the Divisions of Said District](#)
[Resolution No. 1149 - Relocating Boundary Lines of the Divisions of Said District](#)

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 March 15, 2022, Meeting (Page 17)
[BOD Minutes 031522](#)

4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Consider Nominations of the Special District Election for the Regular Local Agency Formation Commission Member and Alternate Member (Page 26)
[Staff Memo - Consider Nominations of the Special District Election for the Regular Local Agency Formation Commission Member and Alternate Member](#)
[Notification of Special Districts Election for Regular LAFCO Member and Alternate LAFCO Member](#)
- 4.2 Presentation of the Results from 2021 Change in Groundwater Storage Calculation (Page 39)
[Staff Memo - Presentation of the Results from 2021 Change in Groundwater Storage Calculation](#)

Excerpt from 2022 Change in Groundwater Storage for the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton and Yucaipa Basins

- 4.3 Consider In-Person meetings or alternatively Resolution No. 1148 authorizing the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to conduct remote meetings for the period April 5, 2022, through May 4, 2022 (Page 61)
[Staff Memo - Consider In-Person meetings or alternatively Resolution No. 1148 authorizing the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to conduct remote meetings for the period April 5, 2022, through May 4, 2022](#)
Resolution No. 1148 (Item has been updated)

5) REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- 5.1 CEO/General Manager's Report (Page 67)
[Staff Memo - CEO/General Manager's Report](#)
- 5.2 General Counsel Report
- 5.3 SAWPA Meeting Report
- 5.4 Board of Directors' Workshop - Resources - March 3, 2022 (Page 71)
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- 5.5 Board of Directors' Workshop - Engineering - March 08, 2022 (Page 78)
[Summary Notes BOD Workshop - Engineering 030822](#)
- 5.6 Board of Directors' Workshop - Policy - March 10, 2022 (Page 85)
[Summary Notes BOD Workshop - Policy 031022](#)
- 5.7 Board of Directors' Workshop - March 14, 2022 (Page 91)
[Summary Notes Workshop - 031422](#)

6) FUTURE BUSINESS

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 List of Announcements (Page 94)
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8) CLOSED SESSION

9) ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE:

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the District's office located at 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, during normal business hours. Also, such documents are available on the District's website at www.sbvmd.com subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting. The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact Melissa Zoba at (909) 387-9228 two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING ON
REDISTRICTING OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION BOUNDARIES AND DIVISION MAP(S).

NOTICE is hereby given that the SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (SBVMWD) Board of Directors will hold public hearings on the composition of divisions and proposed map(s) in accordance with Elections Code Section 22001. The purpose of the hearings will be to invite and solicit public comment on the draft division maps which are being published by the District prior to the SBVMWD Board of Directors considering adoption of a new division map.

The draft division maps to be discussed at the hearings will be published as part of each hearing agenda and also made available at www.sbvmwd.com.

Election Code Section 22000 requires SBVMWD to adjust division boundaries after each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, adjust the boundaries of its Board of Director divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code. Additional information on SBVMWD's redistricting process and/or the public hearing may be obtained by contacting Melissa Zoba, Chief Information Officer at (909) 387-9228 or on the SBVMWD website located at www.sbvmwd.com.

The Board of Directors of SBVMWD will hold the hearings on the following dates at 2:00 p.m. or as soon after 2 p.m. as is reasonably practicable, via teleconference only.

Dates of the public hearings and potential hearings, if needed, are as follows:

Board of Directors Workshop – Engineering – February 8, 2022
Board of Directors Workshop – Engineering – March 8, 2022
Board of Directors Regular Meeting – April 5, 2022

To participate in the Public Hearing for the Redistricting of Division Boundaries please use the following meeting link ID and passcode. Online participants MUST log in with a Zoom account. The Zoom app is a free download. Telephone participants may dial in using the dial-in information provided:

<https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/684456030>

Dial-in Info: (877) 853 5247 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 684 456 0303

PASSCODE: 3802020

Written comments on the Redistricting of Division Boundaries may be submitted via email to comments@sbvmwd.com by 5:00 pm on April 4, 2022. Public comment may also be provided at the public hearing.

If you have any questions regarding Valley District's Redistricting of Division Boundaries or public hearing meeting, please contact Melissa Zoba at (909) 387-9228 or melissaz@sbvmwd.com.



DATE: April 5, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Melissa Zoba, Chief Information Officer
SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 1149 Relocating Boundary Lines of the Divisions of Said District

Staff Recommendation

Staff is requesting the Board consider adoption of Resolution No. 1149 Relocating Boundary Lines of the Divisions of Said District.

The proposed division boundary maps are included in the agenda packet and available online for review at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=13ZJJbjKYqCM5XJXY2lyzQcCqF9b6xnis&ll=34.0885390154557%2C-117.28610734712947&z=11>

Summary

The District has conducted five (5) public hearings, including today's public hearing, to review and discuss proposed changes to the District's division boundaries based on 2020 Census data. Input from the Directors was received and documented at each public hearing. To date, the District has not received any comments, feedback, or map submissions by any member of the public.

At the most recent public hearing conducted on March 14th, 2022, the Board of Directors selected one preferred alternative and requested the redistricting consultant make final adjustments to the map and present it for final adoption. The table below provides the population for each division based on the final adjustments made to the preferred map alternative and is consistent with Elections Code, Section 22000(a) that allows the Board of Directors to consider the following factors in selecting a final division boundary alternative: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interests of the division.

	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4	DIVISION 5
2020 Census Count*	147,155	140,887	146,595	138,813	140,219
Deviation #	4,421	-1,847	3,861	-3,921	-2,515
Deviation %	3.10%	-1.29%	2.71%	-2.75%	-1.76%
2010 Census Count	130,363	138,763	133,630	129,427	130,615
2019 CVAP*	84,835	75,710	89,503	96,097	87,877
2010 CVAP	67,108	63,439	78,953	86,298	76,273

The adjusted boundary maps are included as Exhibit A to the attached Resolution No. 1149. Upon approval of the adjusted boundary lines, a legal description will be prepared and included as part of the submission to the Registrar of Voters.

Background

California Elections Code Section 22000 requires each special district to adjust division boundaries after each decennial census, and using that census as a basis, adjust the boundaries of any divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population.

In November 2021, at the direction of the Board, an RFP was released to engage the services of a professional consultant to analyze and rebalance the division boundaries to reflect changes in population and demographics. In January 2022, following an analysis and interviews by staff, entering into an agreement with Redistricting Insights was recommended by staff and approved by the Board.

At the January 11th Board of Directors' Engineering Workshop, consultant Redistricting Insights (RI) provided an overview of the redistricting process and current requirements of rebalancing the District's division boundaries. A public hearing was conducted at this time to solicit input from the Board and members of the public. All comments were documented by staff and RI.

On February 8th, a second public hearing was conducted at Board of Directors' Engineering Workshop where three (3) draft scenarios were presented by the consultant. Additional comments and feedback from the Board was documented by RI and were taken into consideration in the development of revised draft scenarios.

A third public hearing was conducted at the March 8th Board of Directors' Engineering Workshop where eight (8) map scenarios were presented for comment and feedback. After discussion and input by the Board, four (4) of the maps were eliminated from consideration and the remaining maps will be reviewed at the workshop today based on input received at the March 8th public hearing. Comments and feedback from the Board were received and documented.

A fourth public hearing was conducted on March 14th, where three (3) map alternatives were presented for discussion. The Board selected a preferred map alternative and requested final adjustments to the map, which are being presented today.

SB 594 provides that special districts with a regular election on the same day as the 2022 statewide general election must adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 18, 2022. The following meeting schedule and resources were developed to inform and facilitate the redistricting process to meet the April 18th deadline.

Public Hearing/Meeting Schedule

- January 11, 2022 – Board of Directors' Workshop – Engineering
- February 8, 2022 – Board of Directors' Workshop – Engineering
- March 8, 2022 – Board of Directors' Workshop - Engineering
- March 14, 2022 – Board of Directors Workshop
- April 4, 2022 – Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (adoption of final division map and resolution)

Public Outreach

- Redistricting 2020 information, draft maps, and public input/submission resources can be found on the District's website at www.sbvmd.com
- Online mapping tool
- Social media channels
- Valley District press release
- Public hearing notification in nine (9) local newspaper outlets

Submission of Comments and Maps by Members of the Public

- **Written comments:** SBVMWD Administration office or via email to melissaz@sbvmd.com

- **Oral comments:** During public hearings (Zoom/virtual only)

Public map submissions: Download from District website and submit via mail or email

A meeting schedule and public outreach resources have been developed to ensure the process will meet the requirements of the process within the timeline defined by SB594.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to this item as this is an informational presentation only.

Attachments

- 1) Resolution No. 1149

RESOLUTION NO. 1149

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
RELOCATING BOUNDARY LINES OF THE DIVISIONS OF
SAID DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District ("Valley District") is a municipal water district established pursuant to Section 71000 et seq. of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code, Section 22000(a) requires special districts to adjust division boundaries by resolution after each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, adjust the boundaries of any divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code, as amended, to the extent those provisions apply; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code, Section 22000(a) provides that in adjusting the boundaries of the divisions, the Board of Directors may consider the following factors: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interests of the division; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code, Section 22000.1(b)(1) requires the Board of Directors to adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors conducted a series of public hearings and public meetings to receive public input and comment on alternative plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has considered all such public input and comment on alternative plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District hereby resolves as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the division boundaries attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
3. That the General Manager, or designee, take all actions necessary to implement the adjusted boundaries for the next regularly scheduled election occurring in November 2022.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2022

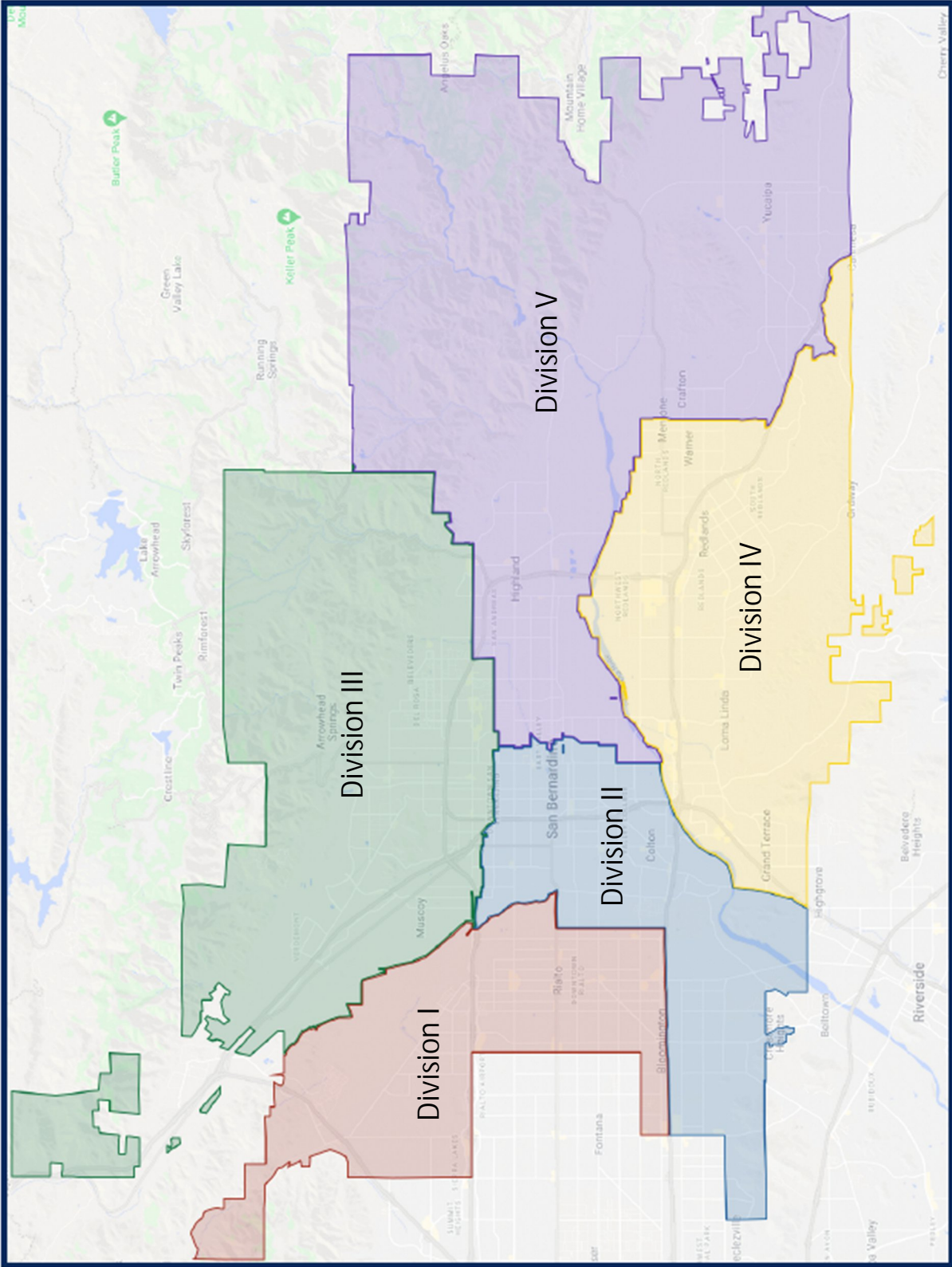
Paul Kielhold, President

ATTEST:

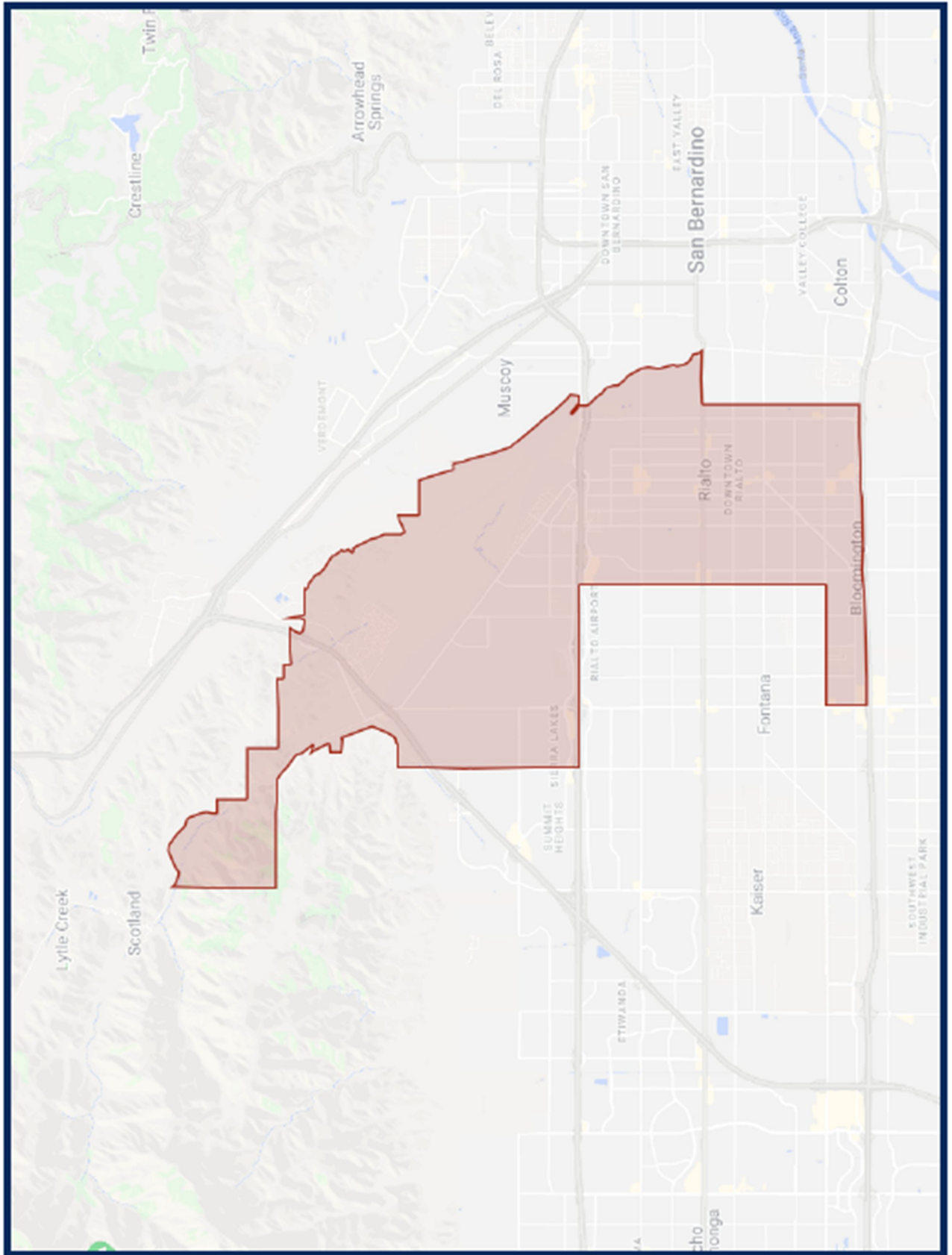
Heather Dyer, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

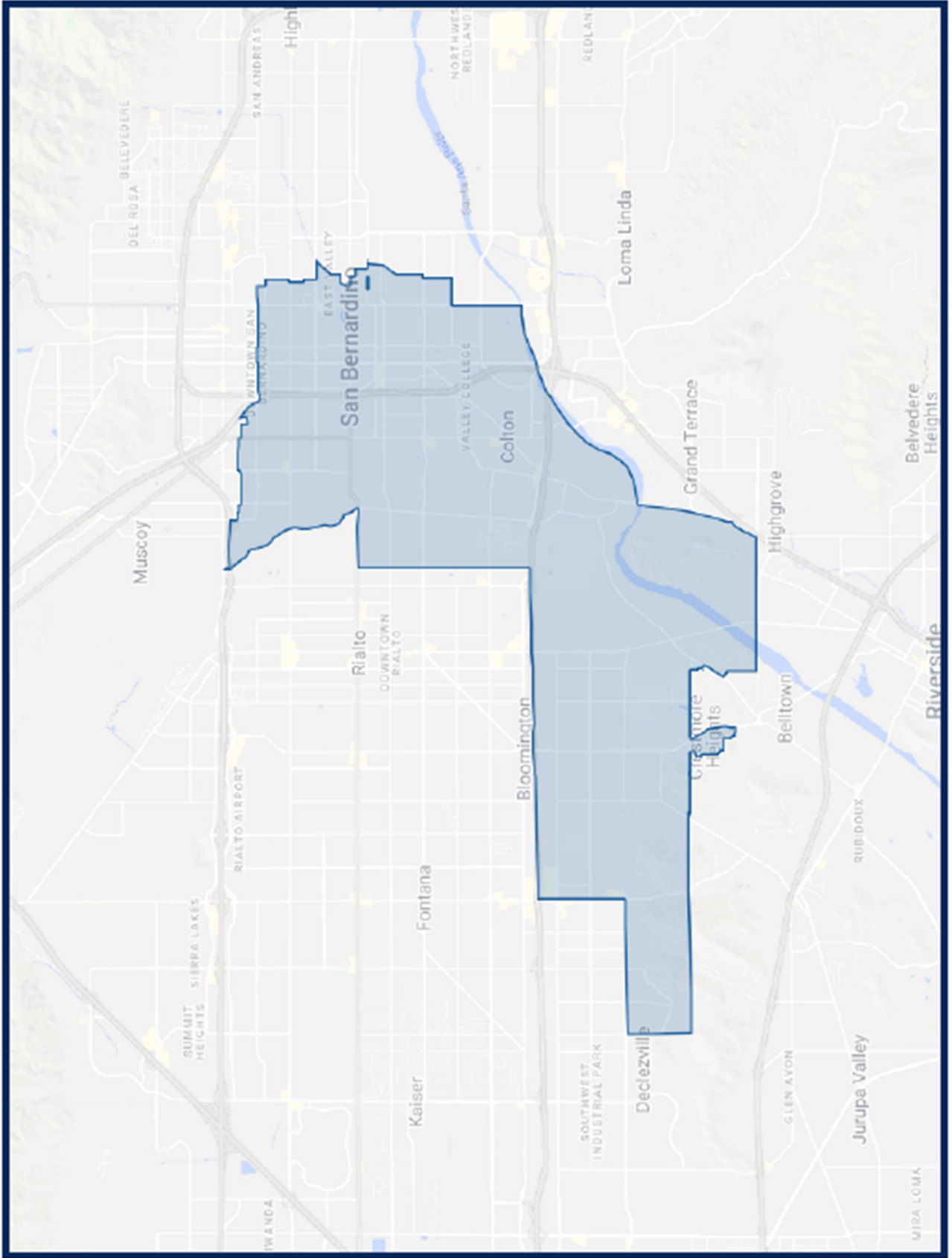
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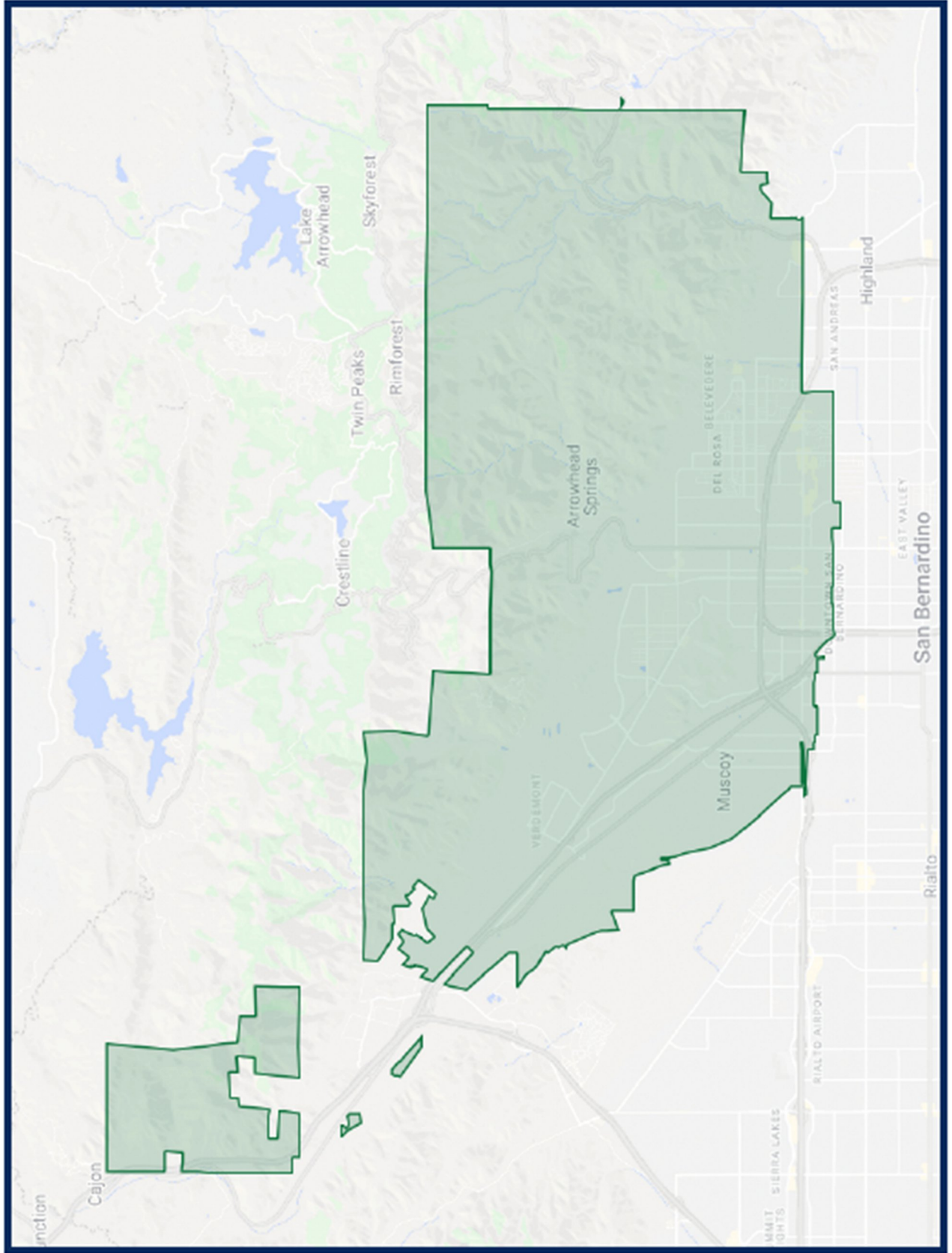
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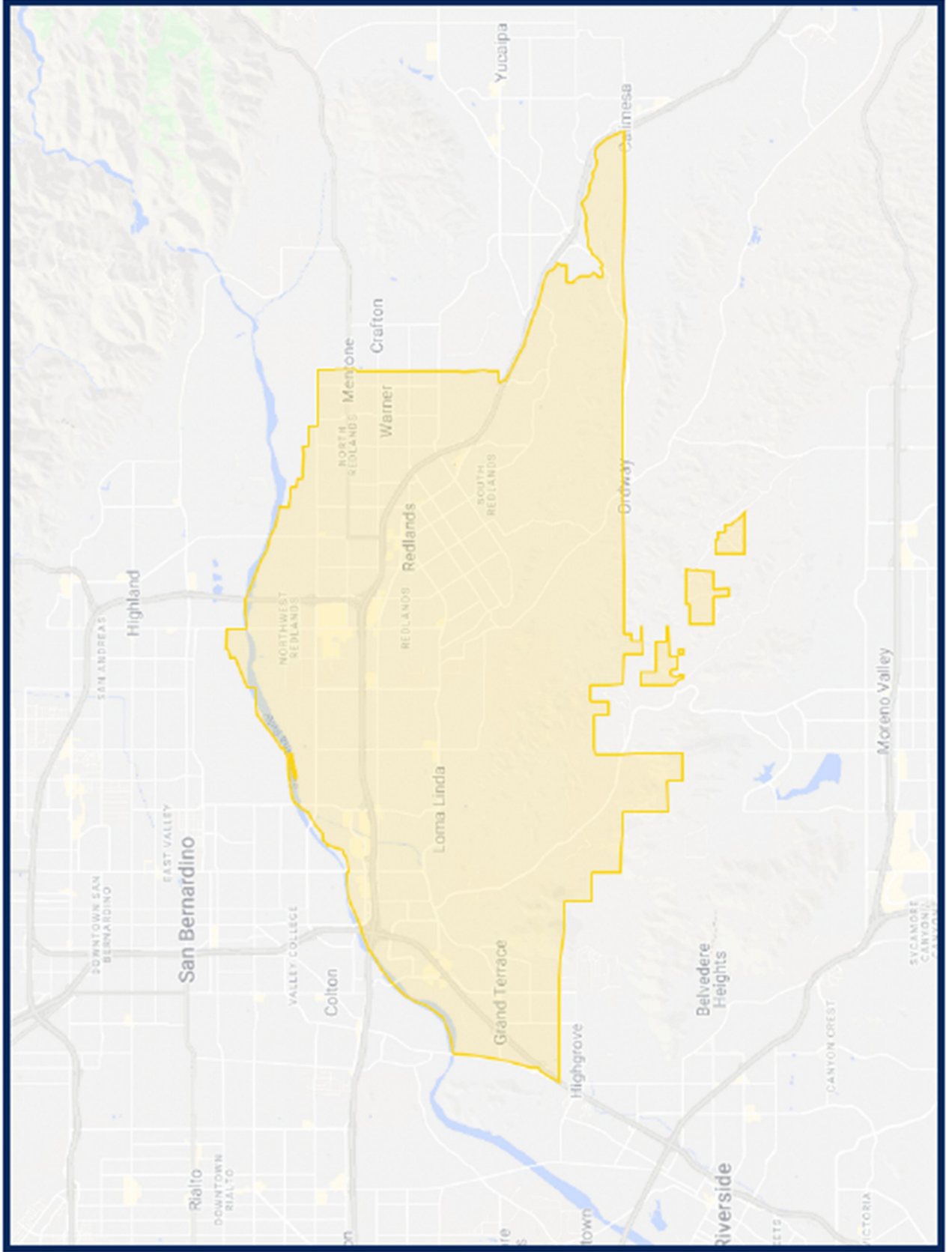
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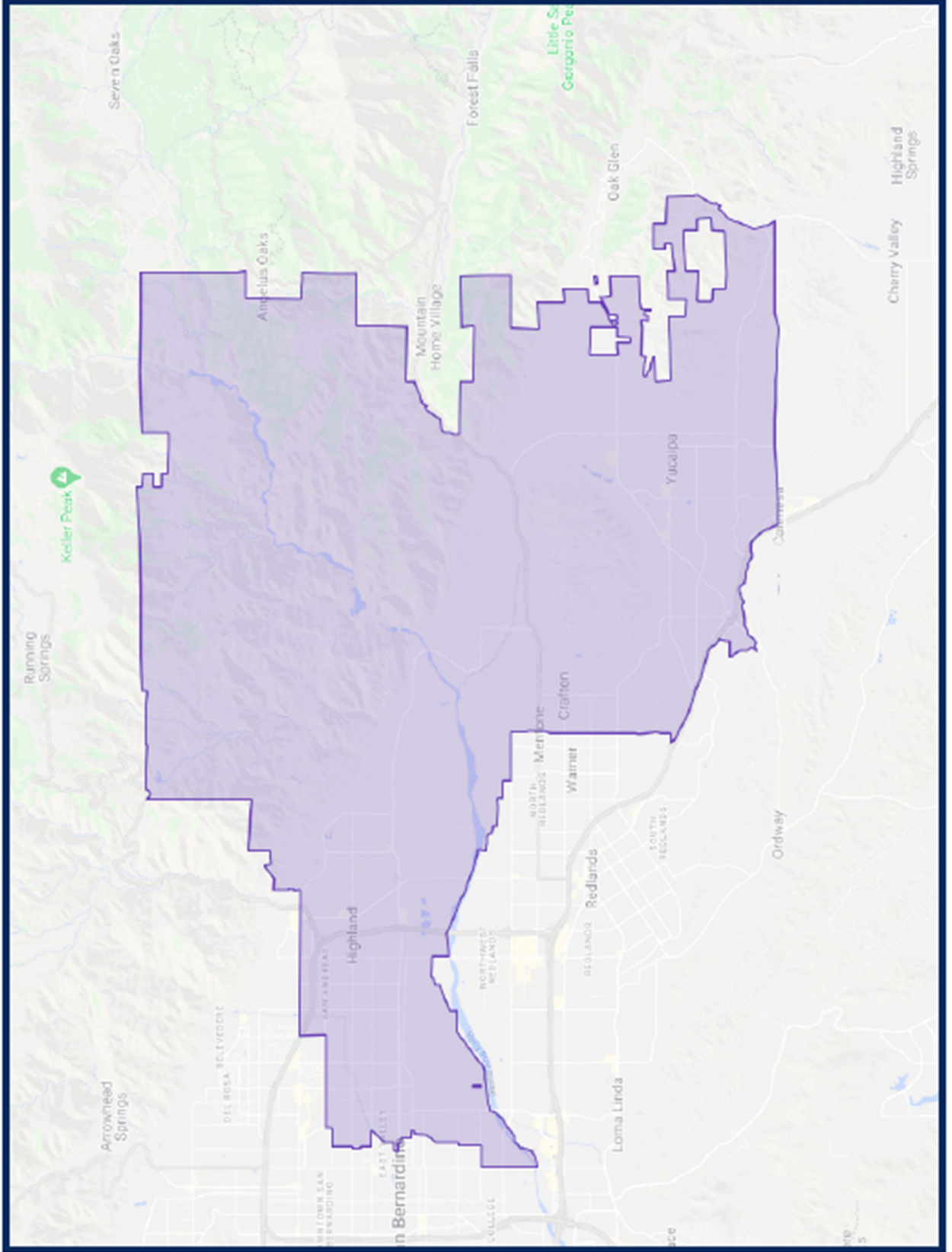
DIVISION III



DIVISION IV



DIVISION V



**MINUTES
OF
THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

March 15, 2022

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, June Hayes, Paul R. Kielhold, and Susan Longville

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR Habitat Conservation Program
Wen Huang, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager / Chief Engineer
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
Cindy Saks, CPA – Deputy General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager/Chief Water Resources Officer
Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Kristeen Farlow, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
Matthew E. Howard, MS – Water Resources Senior Planner
Chris Jones, MESM – Preserve System Program Manager
Kai Palenscar, Ph.D. – Environmental Compliance Program Manager
Shavonne Turner, MPA – Water Conservation Program Manager

Alexia Orozco - Intern
Laura Torres - Intern

Bradley Neufeld, Varner & Brandt, District Counsel

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
James Morales, East Valley Water District
Benjamin Kelly, Western Heights Water District
Brian Dickinson, City of Colton

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Kielhold at 2:00 p.m. Vice President Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

The meeting was conducted by teleconference only. All actions taken by the Board at the meeting will be conducted by a roll-call vote.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

President Kielhold stated that any member of the public wishing to make any comments to the Board may do so.

Audience attendance will be recorded in the minutes based on registration information generated in the teleconference or by stating their name during this time. There were no email comments or Zoom requests to speak on non-agendized items.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes of the March 1, 2022, Board meeting.

The minutes of the March 1, 2022, Regular Board meeting were approved by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Harrison	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 3.

3.1) Consider a Consulting Services Agreement to Conduct Riparian Bird Surveys.

Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Heather Dyer reminded the Board of discussion at the March 8, 2022, Engineering Workshop. This agreement is to complete riparian bird surveys in the areas of potential effects and the restoration areas of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), she explained. These are areas where native and listed birds are already occupying or are hoped to occupy, and it is hoped to obtain baseline numbers over several years to use for comparison as the HCP moves forward.

An RFP was issued, and the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) was the lowest cost proposal, Ms. Dyer continued. SAWA has been doing this survey work since 2019 and had been working with a one-year contract, renewed for two years in 2020 and 2021. The 2022 cost is \$265,875, approximately 60 percent of which (\$159,524) will be reimbursed by the HCP partners. This represents a slight increase in cost mainly due to safety issues related to the homeless encampments, which now requires two biologists rather than one working alone. Ms. Dyer described specific tasks, noted that SAWA is a highly regarded organization, and added that these surveys would become part of a regional data set.

Action Item(s): The Board of Directors authorized the CEO/General Manager to execute a consulting agreement with the Santa Ana Watershed Association to conduct riparian bird surveys during the 2022 survey season by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Hayes	SECONDED: Kielhold	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.2) Consider Approving the Agreement to Convey Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Water to Rubidoux Community Services District. CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer introduced the agreement to convey Metropolitan Water District (MWD) water to the Rubidoux Community Services District (RCSD). It was discussed at the March 3, 2022, Resources Workshop, she reminded. This is part of a series of agreements recommended by staff to provide a regional program to assist each other where there are connections.

Ms. Dyer explained that RCSD wants to purchase imported water from MWD but does not have a direct connection. There is a connection through the West Valley Water District (WVWD), and under the proposed exchange, MWD would deliver imported water to Valley District, which would deliver it to WVWD, then WVWD would provide a like amount of water to RCSD. This would allow movement of water without new infrastructure.

There is no cost for Valley District to participate, Ms. Dyer noted. The agreement is needed because RCSD is within the MDW service area, and WVWD is within Valley District's service area. It is estimated to save the RCSD approximately \$6.5 million in comparison to having to build a new connection to the MWD supplies.

Action Item(s): The Board of Directors approved the Agreement to Provide Water to Rubidoux Community Services District, subject to any non-substantive changes that may occur during the approval process by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Harrison	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.3) Consider Approval of Exchange Framework Agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer described the exchange framework agreement between Valley District and MWD, discussed at the March 8, 2022, Engineering Workshop. The Board approved the general terms of the agreement at the December 16, 2021, Resources Workshop, and this agreement expresses the desire of MWD and Valley District to be able to exchange water supplies whenever it is agreeable to both parties, Ms. Dyer explained. At the time of exchange, a

specific agreement will be developed related to the specific conditions and actual amounts of water to be exchanged, she assured. This framework is the platform that supports those future decisions.

The framework agreement has been approved by house counsel; Ms. Dyer continued. She reviewed the exchange guidelines related to State Water Project (SWP) supplies and local supplies:

- Capping the exchange ratio for exchanges completed in the same calendar year at 1:1
- Capping the exchange ratio for exchanges completed over multiple calendar years to 2:1
- Option for MWD to deliver SWP water stored in its Diamond Valley Lake to Valley District in exchange for a like amount of Valley District's SWP supply for efficiency and creative solutions
- Reimbursement of operating costs

The exchange agreement provides other agencies with an additional tool that can be used during times of drought, other emergencies or catastrophic failures, Ms. Dyer explained. The term is 10 years through December 31, 2031, she noted. It allows both parties to revisit the terms if desired. There is no fiscal impact associated with executing the agreement, she advised.

Action Item(s): The Board of Directors approved the Exchange Framework Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District that will facilitate mutual aid and exchanges of water by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Hayes	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.4) Consider Approval of the 2022 Exchange Agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer reminded the Board of prior discussion at the March 8, 2022, Engineering Workshop. This is a specific agreement under the umbrella framework as adopted in the prior agenda item, she noted. It would provide up to 3,000 acre-feet (af) of Valley District's SWP supply, and up to 1,000 af per month from the San Bernardino Basin to MWD, which would then be returned to Valley District by December 31, 2022; a 1:1 ratio. Legal counsel has approved the agreement, she noted.

Ms. Dyer highlighted a June 2021 coordinated operating agreement with MWD coordinating the use of facilities and mutual aid and allowing MWD to purchase Valley

District surplus SWP supplies, which spurred all other agreements. The agreements set the same terms for exchanges and this proposed exchange would occur during calendar year 2021, Ms. Dyer said. Because MWD is the requestor, there is no fiscal impact to Valley District. MWD requested the exchange in order to help meet their delivery needs in the service area downstream of Devil Canyon Power House, she noted. This also allows the agencies to test the delivery of groundwater to MWD and the delivery of SWP from Diamond Valley Lake to Valley District. This lays the groundwork for future activities that may need to occur, she advised.

The actual amount of SWP water delivered to MWD will be dependent on Valley District's need for SWP and its final allocation, and the actual amount of groundwater that can be produced with well capacity available from the City of Redlands, plus any other facility constraints, Ms. Dyer noted.

Director Longville commented on the importance for both agencies to have the additional tools in the event of drought or catastrophic activities, especially given the retention of authority to participate at any time based on local needs.

Action Item(s): The Board approved the 2022 Exchange Agreement Between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District that will provide assistance to MWD and will also provide an opportunity to test various mutual aid scenarios by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.5) Consider Adoption of the Updated San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Strategic Plan. CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer commented on the effort on this project since 2019, the first Strategic Plan for Valley District with a mission, vision and values statements, and a set of priorities for the future.

The "Our Foundation" document is intended to be the overarching guidance document that lays out approach and direction and sets the culture through its values and priorities. It captures Valley District's purpose, unique identity, long term aspirations, and strategies to reach the desired future state, Ms. Dyer explained. This is the first volume in at least a two-volume series of documents, she noted.

Staff has begun work on the next volume, which will be "Goals and Actions": a more tactical and active instrument to define how the District will accomplish its mission and achieve its vision with specific goals, objectives, and action plans. It is envisioned to be a clear, easy to read and understand document that can be used to guide the District on its

work for the next two to four years, Ms. Dyer explained. It will be updated on a much more frequent level.

Director Botello commented the document addresses the Board's hopes for the District and reflects well into the future. He and Director Harrison thanked staff and consultants. Director Harrison said he appreciated the input of all Board members and the reaching of an agreement.

Director Longville also noted the importance of staff and added that this was a Board-driven goal. It was difficult and took a long time, but the Board made it happen, she said.

President Kielhold added that this is the foundation, not the ceiling: the sky's the limit. He acknowledged the work of Board, staff, and consultants.

Vice President Hayes said she concurred with most comments and noted that it was Director Longville and Deputy General Manager/Chief Water Resources Officer Bob Tincher who pushed for the effort.

Action Item(s): The Board adopted the updated Strategic Plan: Our Foundation by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Harrison	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 4. Reports (Discussion and Possible Action Items).

4.1) Board of Directors' Workshop - February 11, 2022 - No oral report was given as a written report was included in the Board packet. The report was received without changes.

4.2) Board of Directors' Workshop - February 17, 2022 - No oral report was given as a written report was included in the Board packet. The report was received without changes.

4.3) Board of Directors' Workshop - Strategic Plan and Goal Setting - February 23, 2022 - No oral report was given as a written report was included in the Board packet. The report was received without changes.

4.4) SAWPA Meeting Report.

Vice President Hayes reported on the following items at the March 15, 2022, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission meeting:

The Commission approved the following items:

- The Small Community Grant Assistance Program Review Committee to prepare a grant application for the Box Springs Mutual Water Company Well Improvements project for disadvantaged community funding available through the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program
- Direct the General Manager to authorize a Work Order to executive Phase II of the agreement between the California Rural Water Association and SAWPA, for an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000

4.5) Directors' Report of Activities.

Director Botello reported that he attended:

- Water Waste Valuing Tribal and Indigenous Perspectives to Shape Southern California's Water Resiliency webinar

Director Harrison reported that he attended:

- March 9 – San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting
- March 14 – Special Districts Association Board meeting

Vice President Hayes reported that she attended:

- March 15 – SAWPA meeting
- March 15 – Rialto Utility Commission

President Kielhold reported that he attended:

- March 9 – San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting
- San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board Active Recharge Project field trip

Director Longville reported that she attended:

- San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board Active Recharge Project field trip
- March 6 – UCLA event featuring Ian James of the Los Angeles Times
- March 10 – Inland Empire Resource Conservation District presentation

4.6) Treasurer's Report. Director Harrison advised that the large expenditure represents 40 percent of the value of the Tres Lagos property that was purchased with those funds. He also noted a large adjustment in income resulting from unrealized losses.

The Board approved the following expenses for the month of February 2022: State Water Contract Fund \$ 2,549,687.00, Devil Canyon / Castaic

Fund \$ 113,552.00, and General Fund \$ 41,969,648.78 by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Harrison	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

4.7) General Counsel Report. None.

4.8) State Water Project Report. Deputy General Manager/Chief Water Resources Officer Bob Tincher advised the current State Water Project allocation is 15 percent and there is speculation as to change. He presented a chart of Valley District's SWP past allocations, and noted that on average, it has been a good investment of the District's ratepayers.

Mr. Tincher reviewed the status of the Lake Oroville and San Luis Reservoirs, which are tracking below average. Snow water content began above average, but is now tracking about 40 percent below average, he advised.

The status report on the Sites Reservoir is included in the agenda packet, Mr. Tincher noted. He advised the Board of the value of the tasks addressed by the State Water Contractors on behalf of Valley District and others.

4.9) Operations Report. Water Resources Senior Planner Matt Howard presented the Report. In February 2022, 70 acre-feet of imported water was delivered to the District.

Agenda Item 5. Future Business.

Vice President Hayes reminded the board about the presentation for cloud seeding, Ms. Dyer added they will hear from SAWPA about cloud seeding. Director Longville indicated she would like to attend.

Director Harrison pointed to a recently released State Water Report from the Department of Water Resources, and Ms. Dyer acknowledged a plea from general managers to the Governor for focus on long term water supply resilience and building projects for the future. A joint letter is being prepared, she noted.

Agenda Item 6. Announcements.

6.1) List of Announcements. President Kielhold pointed out the list of announcements. Director Harrison pointed to the upcoming Special Districts Association dinner on March 21. President Kielhold noted he would attend; Director Harrison requested he vote on the tie for membership.

Agenda Item 7. Closed Session. There was no closed session.

Counsel Brad Neufeld reported that on March 2, 2022, Valley District closed escrow on approximately six acres of property including a tear-down house known as the Liu property, located on Greenspot Road in the City of Highland.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

<p>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Date _____</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant



DATE: April 5, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Heather Dyer, CEO/General Manager
SUBJECT: Consider Nominations of the Special Districts Election for the Regular Local Agency Formation Commission Member and Alternate Member

Staff Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to make a selection of one candidate for each of the two open seats and direct staff to cast the ballot accordingly by the deadline of 5 p.m. on April 25, 2022.

Summary

The District recently received the official ballot of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the San Bernardino County Regular Special Districts Member and Alternate Member seats. This item is before the Board of Directors for discussion and recommendation of casting the ballot.

Background

The San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) was formed to implement legislative direction and policies in a manner that provides for orderly and efficient growth to meet the varied needs of the County. This direction and these policies promote the Countywide Vision, keep with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, and address the parameters of the principle acts for cities and Special Districts. One of the fundamental principles of LAFCO is to ensure the establishment of an appropriate, sustainable, and logical municipal government structure for the distribution of efficient and effective public services. LAFCO promotes communication among public and private agencies, and property owners and residents of the County to achieve these goals.

LAFCO provided a ballot to all Special Districts in San Bernardino County to vote for the current open positions of Regular LAFCO Special Districts Member and Alternate Special Districts Member.

There are two candidates on the ballot for the position of Regular Special District Member:

- Mr. Steven Farrell from the Crestline Village Water District
- Mr. Kelly Gregg from the Hesperia Recreation and Park District.

There are four candidates on the ballot for the position of Alternate Special District Member:

- Mr. Craig Dicht from the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
- Mr. Kevin Kenley from the Cucamonga Valley Water District
- Mr. David Raley from the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- Mr. James Roberts from the Hesperia Recreation and Park District

Attached to this Staff Memo is the official correspondence from LAFCO that includes a cover letter, voting instructions, ballot, and the letters of consideration from the candidates.

The Board of Directors is asked to review the ballot and consider the candidates, and then direct Staff on how they would like the official ballot to be cast on behalf of the District.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

Attachments

Notification of Special Districts Election for Regular LAFCO Member and Alternate LAFCO Member



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Special District

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Board of Supervisors

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SAMUEL MARTINEZ

LEGAL COUNSEL

PAULA DE SOUSA

February 28, 2022

**TO: Presidents of the Boards of Directors of the Independent
Special Districts in San Bernardino County**

**SUBJECT: Special Districts Election for Regular LAFCO Member
and Alternate LAFCO Member**

The nomination period for the Regular and Alternate Special District Members of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO or Commission) ended on February 14, 2022. During the nomination period, LAFCO received the following nominations for the Regular Special District Member position:

- Jim Curatalo, Cucamonga Valley Water District (Incumbent) *(Mr. Curatalo received a nomination for the regular member position but has declined to seek another term on the Commission; therefore, his nomination for the Regular Special District member position has been revoked and his name will be removed from the list of nominees for the regular member ballot)*
- Steven Farrell, Crestline Village Water District
- Kelly Gregg, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

Likewise, during the nomination period, LAFCO received the following nominations for the Alternate Special District Member position:

- Craig Dicht, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
- Steven Farrell, Crestline Village Water District (Incumbent) *(Mr. Farrell received nominations not only for the alternate member position but also for the regular member position. Mr. Farrell has opted to run for the Regular Special District position instead; therefore, his nomination for the Alternate Special District member position has been revoked and his name will be removed from the list of nominees for the alternate member ballot)*
- Kevin Kenley, Cucamonga Valley Water District
- David Raley, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- James Roberts, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

By distribution of this letter, the official voting process for the Regular Special District Member and Alternate Special District Member of LAFCO shall commence. Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 56332, the voting period will commence as of today's date and ending on Monday, **April 18, 2022.**

SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION LETTER
Regular and Alternate LAFCO Members
February 28, 2022

The voting instructions for these selections are as follows:

1. Each District may vote for one candidate for each position. A copy of the information provided by the candidates is included for your information.
2. The original ballot for each position:
 - Requires a board vote, with the name of each voting Board Member outlined;
 - Must be signed by either the Board President, General Manager, or Designee; and,
 - Must be received in the LAFCO office by 5:00 p.m. on **April 18, 2022**, via mail, fax, or email scan.
 - If a copy of the ballot is provided by fax or email by the April 18 deadline, LAFCO must receive the original signed copy by 5:00 p.m. on **April 25**, or the ballot will be declared invalid.
3. Twenty-six (26) ballots are required to be received to establish a quorum for selection of either the Regular or Alternate Special District Member position.

The completed ballot(s) is/are to be mailed to:

**Samuel Martinez, Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission
1170 West Third Street, Unit 150
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490**

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this selection process. You may contact me at the address listed above, by e-mail at smartinez@lafco.sbcounty.gov, or by phone at (909) 388-0480.

Sincerely,


SAMUEL MARTINEZ
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Regular Member Ballot
Information on Regular Member Candidates
Alternate Member Ballot
Information on Alternate Member Candidates

2022 BALLOT

REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The _____
(Name of District)

hereby votes for the marked candidate as indicated below:

REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF LAFCO:

_____ **STEVEN FARRELL (Member of the Board of Directors
of the Crestline Village Water District)**

_____ **KELLY GREGG (Member of the Board of Directors
of the Hesperia Recreation and Park District)**

I, _____, do hereby certify that at its scheduled meeting
of _____, the Board of Directors voted to elect the
above-marked candidate as the Regular Special District Member of the Local Agency
Formation Commission for San Bernardino County, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Board President, General Manager or Designee

Dated: _____



PO Box 3347, 777 Cottonwood Drive, Crestline, CA 92325-3347
 Telephone: (909) 338-1727 «» FAX: (909) 338-4080

Special District Members,

Feb 21, 2022

I ask for your vote for Regular Special District Commissioner; for your support of my continuing service on LAFCO; for my ongoing interest and commitment to effective, functioning governance in our County; and for the importance of having geographic and size diversity on the Commission.

When I was elected Alternate Special District to the Commission eight years ago, I was pleased to be one of the rare Commissioners from the County's mountain region, in conformity with LAFCO's policy of encouraging balanced geographic representation. I've seen LAFCO decisions and policies affect all kinds of districts, big and small, rural and urban, in ways that are often not obvious or anticipated. Mountain districts, all districts, are wise to be actively engaged and knowledgeable about LAFCO.

Commissioner James Curatalo's decision this term to "retire" from LAFCO, after 20 years of exemplary leadership, knowledge, and energy is a significant loss to all local governments here in the County; and he will certainly be missed. I will miss him. Yet, with his encouragement, and the endorsement of his board at Cucamonga Valley Water District, I now have the opportunity to run for his Regular District seat.

I also appreciate my nomination by the Mojave Water Agency, and in particular, Special District Commissioner Kimberly Cox's support. I'm proud to have their confidence.

I've been participating in local government service issues now for well over 15 years.

As a 12-year director at Crestline Village Water District (currently President), I've attended ACWA (the Association of California Water Districts) twice each year. There, among other subject tracks, I consistently attend the Local Government Committee meetings and seminars paying close attention to state and local topics that pertain to Special Districts. For ten years I've also been my district's ACWA/JPIA (insurance) director. I've also been an ACWA Region 9 board member.

I've completed the Special District Leadership Foundation curriculum.

I serve on the County's Regional Parks Advisory Commission.

Eight years ago, as a new Commissioner, I was offered some sobering advice, "Steve, it takes about 5 years or more being on the Commission before one really begins to understand or appreciate what LAFCO's all about." Though that could be an understatement, I'm confident today I can serve capably.

If elected, I recommit to the best interests of the entire County and its residents. I will consider and respect the special concerns and perspectives of all, using the analytical skills I practiced in my 25-year career in IT (UCLA, the Pacific Stock exchange, and international management and consulting for private software firms.) I ask questions when I don't understand an issue, and I speak out when I perceive an incongruity or problem.

I strive for excellence and will always act and represent Special Districts fairly, thoughtfully and honorably.

Thank you,

Steven Farrell
 President, Crestline Village Water District



Kelly J Gregg, Director
Hesperia Recreation and Park District

February 11, 2021

Letter of interest for: LAFCO, Special District Commissioner; Regular Member

Committee Members,

It has come to my attention that there is an open vacancy for LAFCO, Special District Commissioner; Regular Member.

After speaking with our Board President and General Manager, I would like to be considered as a candidate and team member for this opportunity to serve our area. Below is a brief summary of my current and past political contributions.

I have been a lifelong resident of Hesperia since 1971. I served/serve as the voice of the community, and taxpayers on the HRPD Governing Board from 2010-2014 and 2016-current.

- Serves as Director of the Hesperia Recreation and Park District and on several committees: Finance (chair), Tri-Agency (chair), Personnel (v-chair), City Ad Hoc (chair).
- Served as President of the Hesperia Recreation and Park District and on several committees: Budget (chair), Safety and Security (chair), Foundation, and Golf Course.
- Serves on Hesperia City Council Safety Committee (chair).
- Serves as Director of the ASBCSD special districts board.
- Fiscal responsibility and transparency are two main platform goals that take priority when making decisions for any agency or civic organization.

Kelly J Gregg is available to you at (760)985.1193 or by email directorgregg@hesperiaparks.com

Thank you for your consideration,

Kelly J Gregg

Kelly J Gregg
District Director
Hesperia Recreation and Park District

2022 BALLOT

ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The _____ (Name of District)

hereby votes for the marked candidate as indicated below:

ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF LAFCO:

_____ CRAIG DIGHT (Member of the Board of Directors of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency)

_____ KEVIN KENLEY (Member of the Board of Directors of the Cucamonga Valley Water District)

_____ DAVID RALEY (Member of the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District)

_____ JAMES ROBERTS (Member of the Board of Directors of the Hesperia Recreation and Park District)

I, _____, do hereby certify that at its scheduled meeting of _____, the Board of Directors voted to elect the above-marked candidate as the Alternate Special District Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Board President, General Manager or Designee

Dated: _____

CRAIG DICHT

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LAFCO - COMMISSIONER

Provide competent judgment and support on planning, regulation, and special studies within the commission's purview

EDUCATION	WEATHERHEAD SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT Case Western Reserve University Master of Business Administration , May 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on overlap in business issues and public policy • Concentrated coursework in accounting, finance, operations, and marketing 	Cleveland, OH
	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies & English Writing , 2004	Pittsburgh, PA
EXPERIENCE	BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY Member, Board of Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve on Finance/Public Relations committee • Chair of Water Consumption Trends/Cannabis and Legal Counsel Search committees 	Landers, CA
02/2021-Present	UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 in region at engaging previous non-respondents to complete the decennial census • High success rate navigating rough roads to remote desert locations to meet reluctant residents 	High Desert Areas, CA
07/2020 – 10/2020	STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION Work Skills Instructor , 06/2010 – 06/2019 (occasional/seasonal) Project Leader , 06/2007 – 8/2010; 08/2016 – 11/2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained over 150 adults to lead crews of high school students in conservation service projects • Leader for 40+ sustainability and natural resource conservation projects, including restoration, community outreach, wilderness monitoring, trail work, and invasive plant management • On the ground lead for pilot tree-planting program in Cleveland parks, coordinating with multiple project partners • Successfully advocated adjusting tree project budget to pay crew members a living wage 	Various Locations NJ, CA Desert, OH
06/2007 – 6/2019	FOWLER CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE VALUE Fowler Fellow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authored "Food Donation Connection: Profitably Scaling Food Waste Reduction" case study • Coordinated logistics for CEO sessions at the Flourish & Prosper Global Forum • Served on editorial board for the Business as an Agent of World Benefit database 	Cleveland, OH
08/2013 – 5/2015	ENTREPRENEUR'S EDGE Consulting Fellow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted market feasibility studies for a new water monitoring technology • Proved client's initial market focus lacked potential and identified more attractive segments • Created report and presentation with an action plan and valuable contacts for the client to pursue development in a \$200 million segment 	Cleveland, OH
05/2014 – 08/2014	UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Park Ranger Tech GS-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided support to Americorps conservation crews: organized orientation; advised on projects; instructed in proper data collection and management • Recorded, organized, and catalogued reports, maps, and equipment associated with BLM wilderness management efforts 	Moreno Valley, CA
10/2010 – 12/2010		

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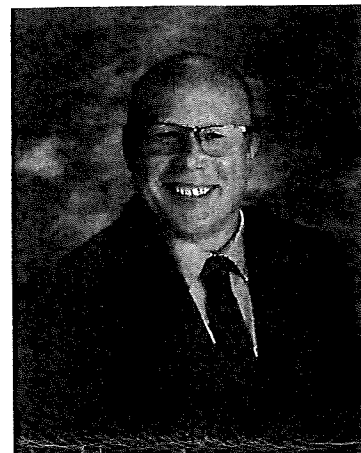
- MBA PROJECTS**
- DESIGN IN MANAGEMENT: RITTMAN ORCHARDS**
- Developed strategy for a local orchard to identify the best distributor for its new hard cider
 - Created decision-making resources based on market research, interviews with distributors and retailers, and synthesis of knowledge from other management disciplines
- URBAN LAND INSTITUTE HINES CASE COMPETITION**
- Designed proposal for development in an economically disadvantaged part of New Orleans
 - Planned financing strategy for development including pro forma financial statements
- POLITICS, POLICY & THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT**
- Term paper for Political Science elective focused on regulation, financing, and effectiveness of various payments for environment services (PES) initiatives
- SERVICE EXPERIENCE**
- 08/2010 – 12/2012 **THE LIVINGSCHOOL LEARNING COOPERATIVE** Joshua Tree, CA
Treasurer/ Administrative Facilitator/ Educator
- Oversaw budget and fulfilled school accounting, contracting, and payment responsibilities
 - Created and implemented decision-making model for cooperative meetings
 - Established definitions of roles and increased accountability in school administration
 - Planned and taught outdoor education and hands-on science classes
- 11/2011 – 04/2012 **THRIVING IN A CHANGING WORLD SUMMIT** Joshua Tree, CA
Planning Committee Chairperson / Event Facilitator
- Led 15 person committee to organize and execute a community-building event focused on the creation of new sustainable community groups
 - Served as summit facilitator using Open Space principles
- 08/2006 – 12/2006 **UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE** Fremont, CA
Environmental Education Intern
- Created, revised, and presented interactive lessons on wetland habitat and coastal marine environments to over 1000 K-6 students
 - Administered and supported educator-led on-site field trips for large student groups
- 09/2005 – 07/2006 **WEST VIRGINIA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROJECT** Summersville, WV
AmeriCorps Member
- One of six founding members of the sustainable communities project
 - Built relationships with local government, non-profits, radio stations, newspapers, businesses, schools, and families to promote our initiatives and leverage resources
 - Created pollution prevention education materials including interactive games, press releases, pamphlets, and Powerpoint presentations
 - Conducted over 30 free home energy audits and provided basic weatherization for families enrolled in the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program
- TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS**
- 08/2011 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (expired 04/2013)
- 04/2011 Wilderness First Responder – National Outdoor Leadership School (expired 04/2013)
- 09/2007 Leave No Trace Trainer

Kevin Kenley

Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County 2022-2026 Alternate Special District Member

Dear San Bernardino County Special District Members:

My name is Kevin Kenley and I am currently seeking to serve as your Alternate Special District Member for the San Bernardino LAFCO. I was elected to the Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors in November 2019 to represent Division I, which covers portions of southern Rancho Cucamonga and northeastern Ontario. I have lived in southern Rancho Cucamonga since 2001, with my wife and children, where I am also an active member of my community through



church activities, and serving as an Assistant Scout Master for my son's Boy Scout troop. I have worked at UPS for over nineteen years, fifteen years of which have been in management, and am currently appointed to represent the company in their government outreach program.

Since being elected to the CVWD Board of Directors, I have worked hard to learn as much as possible about the workings and dynamics of the local and regional water systems, and the unique role that Special Districts play in local governance. I currently serve on CVWD's Engineering and Government & Public Affairs Committees where I oversee the investments in our infrastructure, as well as our legislative and government engagement. In my ongoing endeavor to learn more about local government, special districts and the critical services they provide, I completed the Special District Leadership Academy Governance Foundations course through the California Special Districts Association last year, which provided me with even greater insight into what my responsibilities as an elected Special District representative are.

I am excited at the prospect of representing special districts and being an effective voice for all of our agencies on critical issues facing us in the region and state. My drive for serving my community and ensuring its ability to flourish has been a long-standing passion that has kept me engaged at the local and regional government levels. I have witnessed the importance and need for effective representation of special districts not only in the Inland Empire but also throughout California. I ask that you entrust me with the opportunity to be that effective voice for you and the special districts in San Bernardino County. Please feel free to reach out to me at (909) 489-1202 should you have questions or concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kenley'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David E. Raley

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Redlands, CA 92374

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E-mail: mustangder@aol.com

Objective

To become the alternate Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County LAFCO Special Districts Representative

Qualifications

I have a keen interest in ensuring the fair and equitable treatment of Special District interests and concerns are handled by the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County (LAFCO) at functions, meetings and activities. I believe I clearly understand the needs and interests of a significant number of the Special Districts and it will be my mission to learn of others. When elected I plan to attend all of the LAFCO meetings, as the alternate, and provide ALL Special Districts with summaries of events and/or decisions which directly or indirectly affect Special Districts.

Work History

Director, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District — 2010 to Present. I am Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee and through the efforts of a superior Board lead by President McDonald and a truly outstanding General Manager, Mr. Daniel Cozad the District has developed and maintained an outstanding financial status while keeping our rates at or below the economic growth rates.

Director, Crafton Hills College Foundation — 2000 to Present. I have severed several terms as President and through the work of the Board and Foundation Staff the number of Scholarships and Other Student Support increased by 25 fold or more.

CEO and Manager of the Norton (now Alta Vista) Credit Union — 1984 to 1998. When I joined this military Credit Union assets were \$25 million and when I left they were over \$125 million. Our mission was to help and support both the military and civilian population. I was honored by the California Credit Union League for my outstanding support of Small Credit Unions.

Vice President of Bierly and Associates Worker's Compensation Administrators. — 1980 to 1984. As a Safety Consultant I assisted several Special Districts with Loss Prevention and Workers Compensation Issues.

Officer and Pilot in the United States Air Force — 1955 to 1980 — Enlisted as an Aviation Cadet and Retired as a Full Colonel.

Education

Masters Degree in Business Administration, Arizona State University
Bachelor of Science Degree, University of Maryland

References

Richard Corneille, 834 Eastwood Street, Redlands, CA 92374
Donald Singer, 15585 Mallory Drive, Redlands, CA 92373

February 16, 2022
Letter of Interest

Dear Special District Agency Representatives,

I appreciate the opportunity in placing my name in the hat of well qualified candidates for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) as an Alternate. I have received the support from the Hesperia Recreation and Park Districts' Board of Directors to submit my name for your consideration.

My background includes currently holding the position of Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board of Director, an elected position. In addition to more than 20 years of combined service in the public service arena. Ranging areas include Law Enforcement, business development and Hesperia City appointed committees to name a few.

Please feel free to contact me at 760-486-1914 should you have any questions about this letter of interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

James W Roberts III
Board Member
Cell: 760-486-1914
Email: Jroberts@hesperiaparks.com



DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Heather Dyer, CEO/General Manager
 Bob Tincher, Chief Water Resources Officer
 Matthew Howard, Water Resources Senior Planner
 Dan Borell, Manager of Geospatial Services Program

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Results from 2021 Change in Groundwater Storage Calculation

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file this item.

Summary

The 2022 Change in Groundwater Storage (CIS) calculation results show decreased groundwater in storage figures in the Rialto-Colton, Yucaipa, and San Bernardino Basins in 2021. This decrease was expected given the below average precipitation of 11.64 inches, or 38% of the historic average of 31.03 inches received in 2021 and reduced 5% allocation of State Water Project available. The CIS results for 2021 are summarized below:

Basin	2021 Change in Storage (acre-feet)	2021 Total Storage (acre-feet)	% Full
Rialto-Colton	(23,338)	1,516,691	86 %
San Bernardino Basin (SBB)	(84,340)	4,751,118	84 %
Yucaipa	(8,335)	2,245,078	80 %

Background

Since 1970, Valley District has been calculating the CIS in the SBB. In 2013, Valley District began calculating the CIS for the Yucaipa Basin and, in 2015, Valley District began calculating the CIS for the Rialto-Colton Basin.

The CIS calculation provides an indicator, or “gauge”, of groundwater storage which can help the region make water management decisions. The calculation uses field well measurements to capture water levels at their lowest point once they have stabilized due to a decrease in pumping after the peak, summer season. The results from this calculation have also become a visual tool for showing the importance of local precipitation and the region’s investment in State Water Project Water. The BTAC is currently working to develop a list of water management decisions for the San Bernardino Basin that would be based upon the total storage.

Each year, staff predicts the CIS for the region’s largest groundwater basin, SBB, for the coming year based upon a correlation between CIS and historical precipitation. Last year, staff predicted a decrease of approximately 75,000 acre-feet due to the below average precipitation and low Table A allocation received in 2021. The actual CIS amount for the SBB in 2021 decreased 84,340 acre-feet.

This year, staff is predicting that the CIS in the SBB will decrease approximately 82,000 acre-feet due to the current below average precipitation and 5% SWP allocation.

	<i>SBB Prediction</i>			SBB Calculated
Year	<i>Local Supplies</i>	<i>Imported Water Supplies (SWP)</i>	<i>Total</i>	CIS Calculation
2021	(93,000)	18,000	(75,000)	(84,340)
2022	(95,000)	13,000	(82,000)	(calculated in fall 2022)

The complete, final 2022 report will be available on the Valley District website.

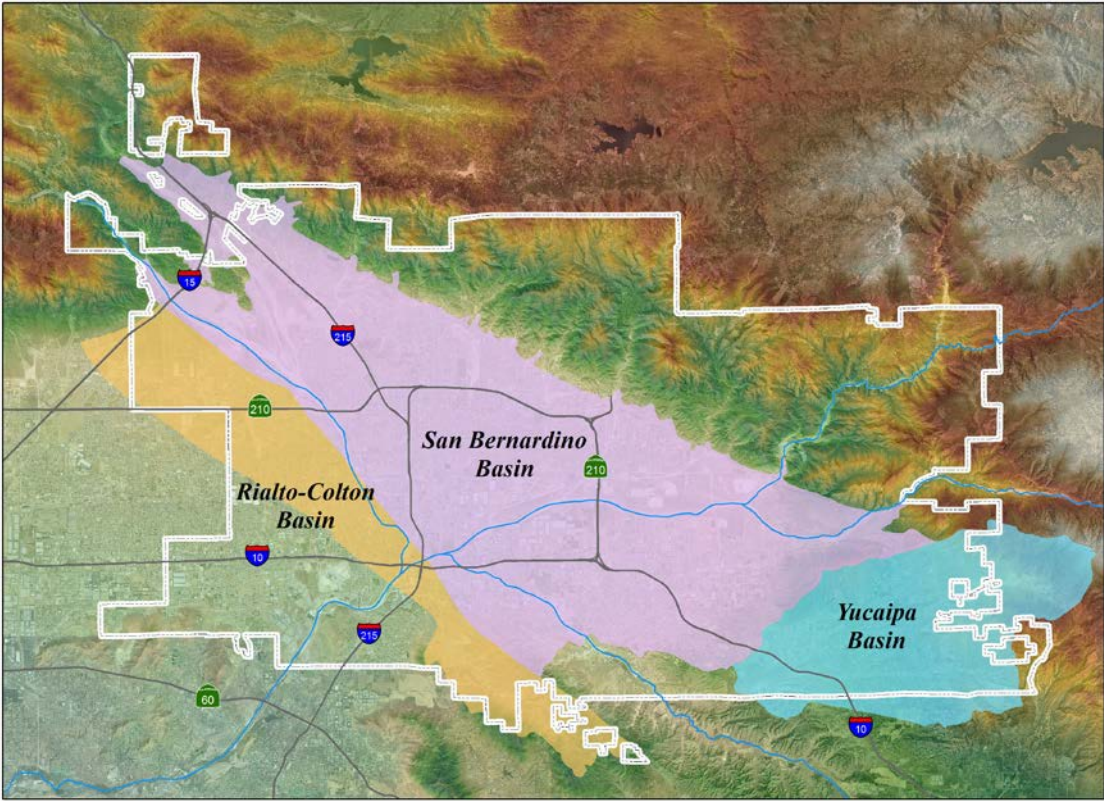
Staff Recommendation

Receive and file

Attachment

Excerpt from *2022 Change in Groundwater Storage for the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton and Yucaipa Basins*

Change in Groundwater Storage for the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton and Yucaipa Basins



March 2022



Change in Groundwater Storage for the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton And Yucaipa Basins

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND APPENDIX



March 2022

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District


Robert M. Tincher
Deputy General Manager - Resources

Matt Howard
Water Resources Senior Planner

Dan Borell
Geospatial Services Program Manager

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Many public and private water agencies and various individuals have cooperated with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District in furnishing the essential information upon which the Change in Storage Calculation is based.



Change in Groundwater Storage For the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton And Yucaipa Basins 1934 – 2021

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Background

The Change in Storage calculation provides an indicator, or “gauge”, of current groundwater supplies and how they compare to past years. The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) has been calculating the change in groundwater storage for the San Bernardino Basin (SBB) since 1970. The first calculation was completed for the years 1934 – 1960 by the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the results were summarized in Bulletin 104-5, Meeting Water Demands in the Bunker Hill-San Timoteo Area, Geology, Hydrology, and Operation-Economics Studies, Text and Plates (Olson, pp. 90 – 92). The DWR change in storage values were calculated using the Specific Yield Method (Olson, pp. 85 – 98) and a mathematical model developed by TRW, Incorporated, Redondo Beach, California (TRW). In 1980, SBVMWD updated the change in storage calculation to include the years 1961 – 1980 (Van Gelder). In the early 1990’s, SBVMWD created a new change in storage model (SBVMWD Model) using software developed by Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Redlands, California. Like its predecessors, the SBVMWD Model calculates the change in groundwater storage (volume) using the Specific Yield Method which is based largely on the change in water level measurements and the soil porosity (for a detailed explanation of how the model works see Appendix: SBVMWD Change in Storage Methodology). In 2014, Valley District began calculating the change in storage for the Yucaipa and Rialto-Colton Basin.

In 2019, SBVMWD performed a study to determine the total amount of usable groundwater storage in the San Bernardino Basin (SBB) and Rialto-Colton Basin (RC) using the Upper Santa Ana River Integrated Groundwater Model (Integrated SAR Model). The usable groundwater storage is the theoretical maximum volume of groundwater that can be stored from the bottom elevation of the aquifer to the maximum water level in the basin (**Calculation details can be found in Appendix: Total Usable Storage**). Storage in the SBB is constrained by the goal to minimize, or eliminate, liquefaction potential in the Pressure Zone Area. In order to achieve this goal, water levels in the Pressure Zone must not be shallower than 50 feet below ground surface. The estimated total usable storage in the SBB is 5,690,000 acre-feet, Rialto-Colton Basin is 1,749,000 acre-feet, and the Yucaipa Basin is 2,796,000 acre-feet.

Calculation

SBVMWD calculates the change in groundwater storage in the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton and Yucaipa Basins annually. The change in groundwater storage is based upon the the Basins geology, and field water level measurements from wells throughout the Basins. Storage is a important metric that SBVMWD uses to gauge the effectiveness of various water resource management activities, such as groundwater recharge. The annual change in storage is then a comparison of the current year's change in groundwater storage with the previous year's value.

The wells used in the SBVMWD Model are shown on Figure 1 and the static water level data for these wells is illustrated on Figure 2. A comparison of current water levels to the first historic low water level/year is shown on Figure 3.

Summary of 2021 Results

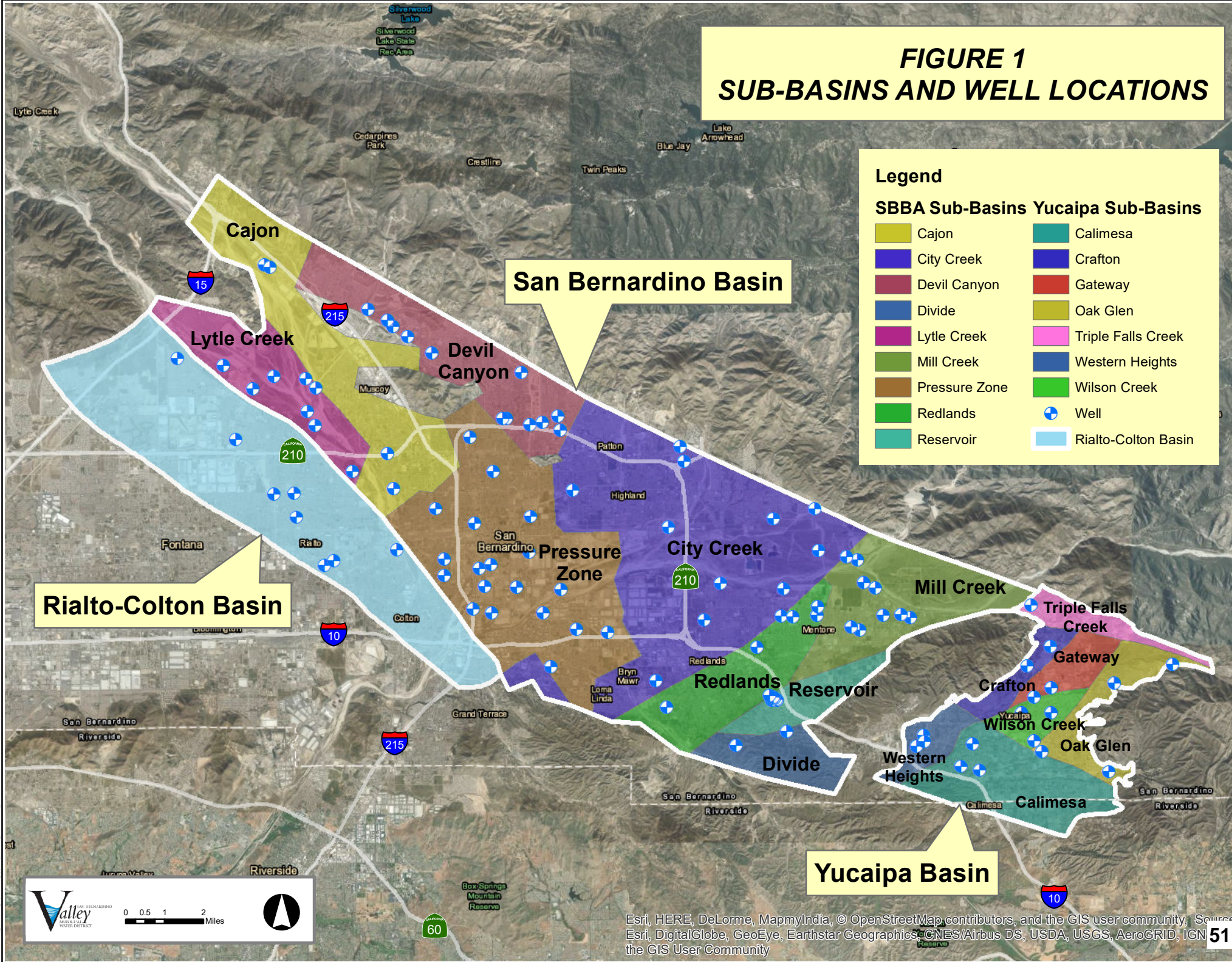
The total usable storage for the San Bernardino Basin (SBB) continues to be near historic lows and Rialto-Colton Basin reached its historic low which is largely due to the current drought which began in about 1998. Given the below average precipitation index of 11.64 inches, or 38% of the historic average of 31.03 inches received in 2021 and relatively low amount of State Water Project imported by SBVMWD, the annual change in storage decreased for the SBB, Rialto-Colton and Yucaipa Basins in 2021. The reductions in each of the basins represent an approximate 1.1% decrease in total storage in 2021. Despite the continued dry conditions, the basins are 80% , or more, full.

The change in storage results are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Change in storage results

Basin	Annual Change in Storage (acre-feet)	2021 Total Storage (acre-feet)	Total Usable Storage (acre-feet)	Percent Full (%)
Rialto-Colton Basin	-23,338	1,516,691	1,749,000	86%
San Bernardino Basin	-84,340	4,751,118	5,690,000	84%
Yucaipa Basin	-8,355	2,245,078	2,796,000	80%

**FIGURE 1
SUB-BASINS AND WELL LOCATIONS**



Legend

SBBA Sub-Basins Yucaipa Sub-Basins

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|---|---|
| Cajon | Calimesa |
| City Creek | Crafton |
| Devil Canyon | Gateway |
| Divide | Oak Glen |
| Lytle Creek | Triple Falls Creek |
| Mill Creek | Western Heights |
| Pressure Zone | Wilson Creek |
| Redlands | Well |
| Reservoir | Rialto-Colton Basin |

Rialto-Colton Basin

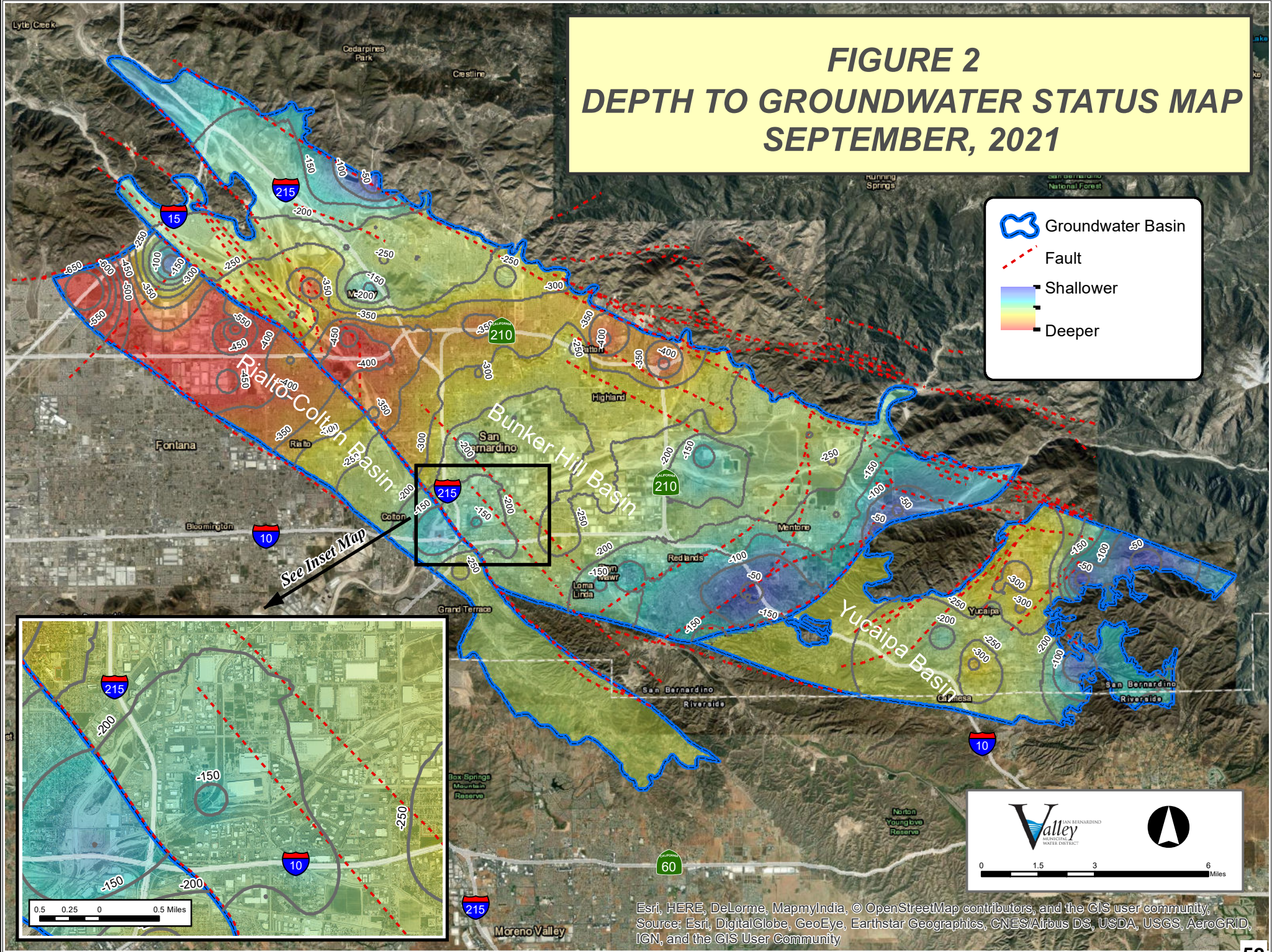
San Bernardino Basin





Yucaipa Basin

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**FIGURE 2
DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER STATUS MAP
SEPTEMBER, 2021**



 Groundwater Basin
 Fault
 Shallower
 Deeper

See Inset Map

Inset map showing a detailed view of the Colton area, highlighting groundwater depth contours and major roads (Interstates 10 and 215).

0.5 0.25 0 0.5 Miles

San Bernardino Valley WATER CONTRACT

0 1.5 3 6 Miles

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FIGURE 3
COMPARISON OF CURRENT WATER LEVELS TO 1ST HISTORIC LOW

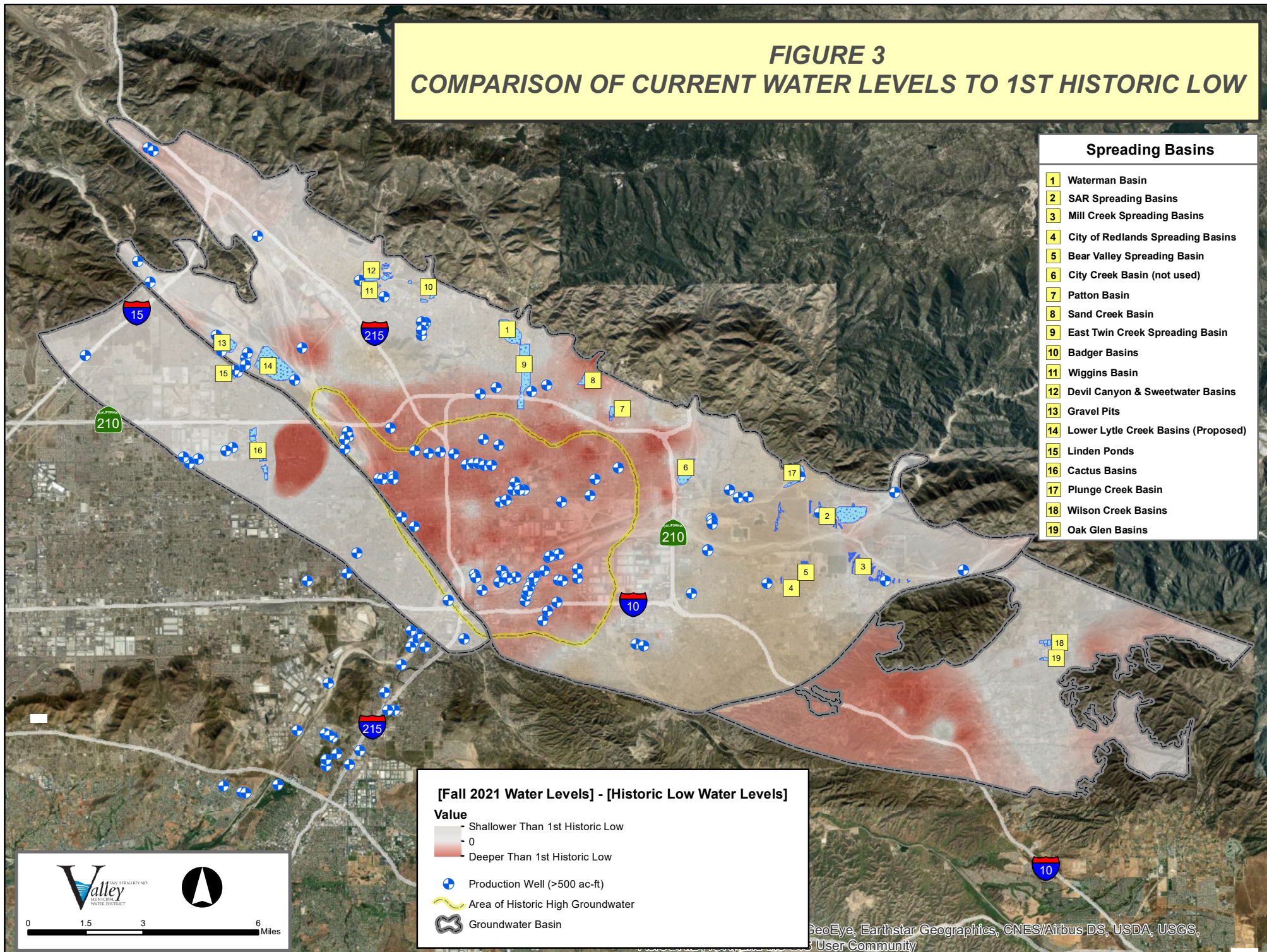


Figure 4 Comparison of DWR, SBVWCD, USGS and SBVMWD San Bernardino Basin Change in Storage Results

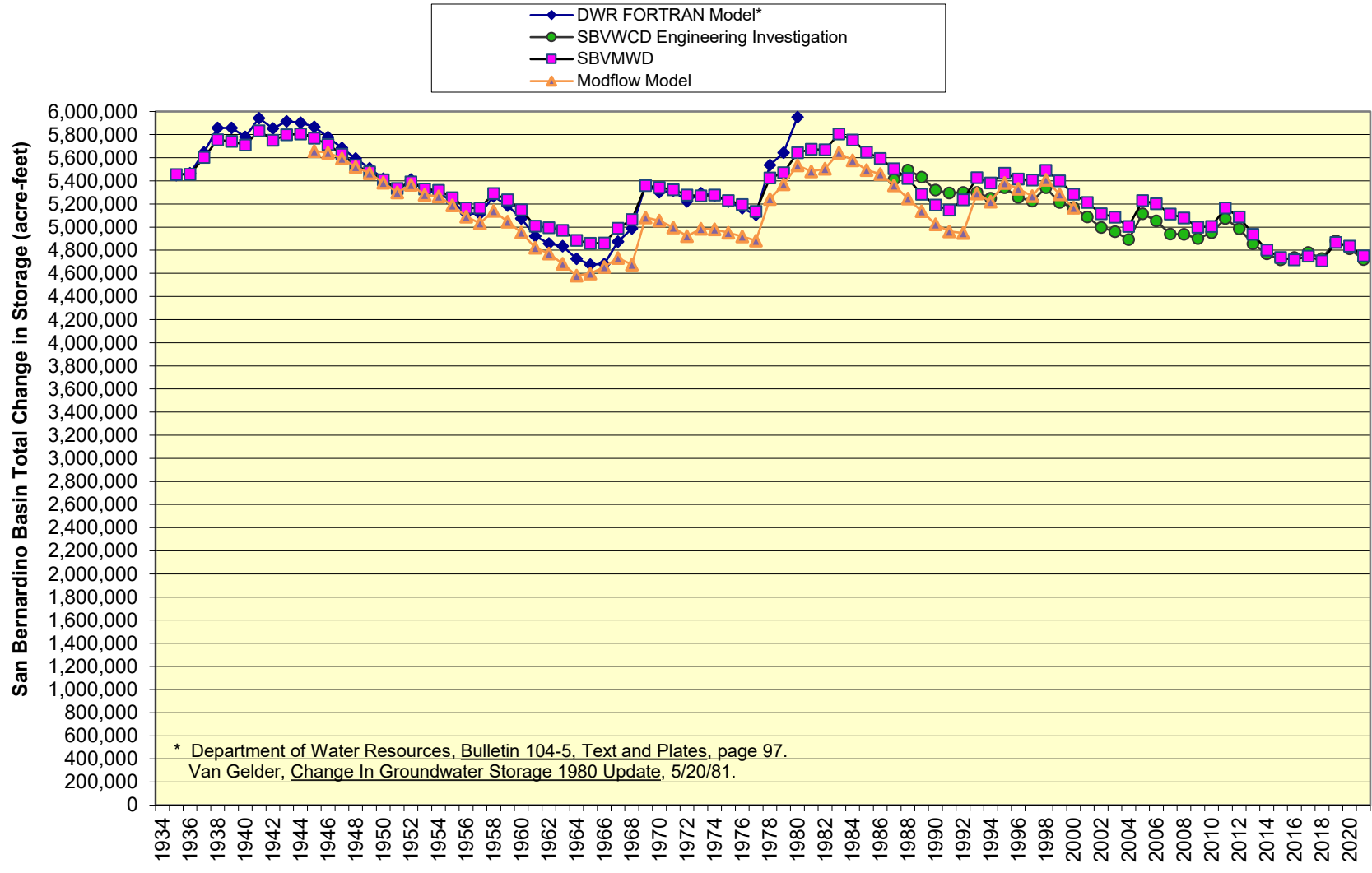


Figure 5. Rialto-Colton Basin Change in Storage Results (acre-feet)

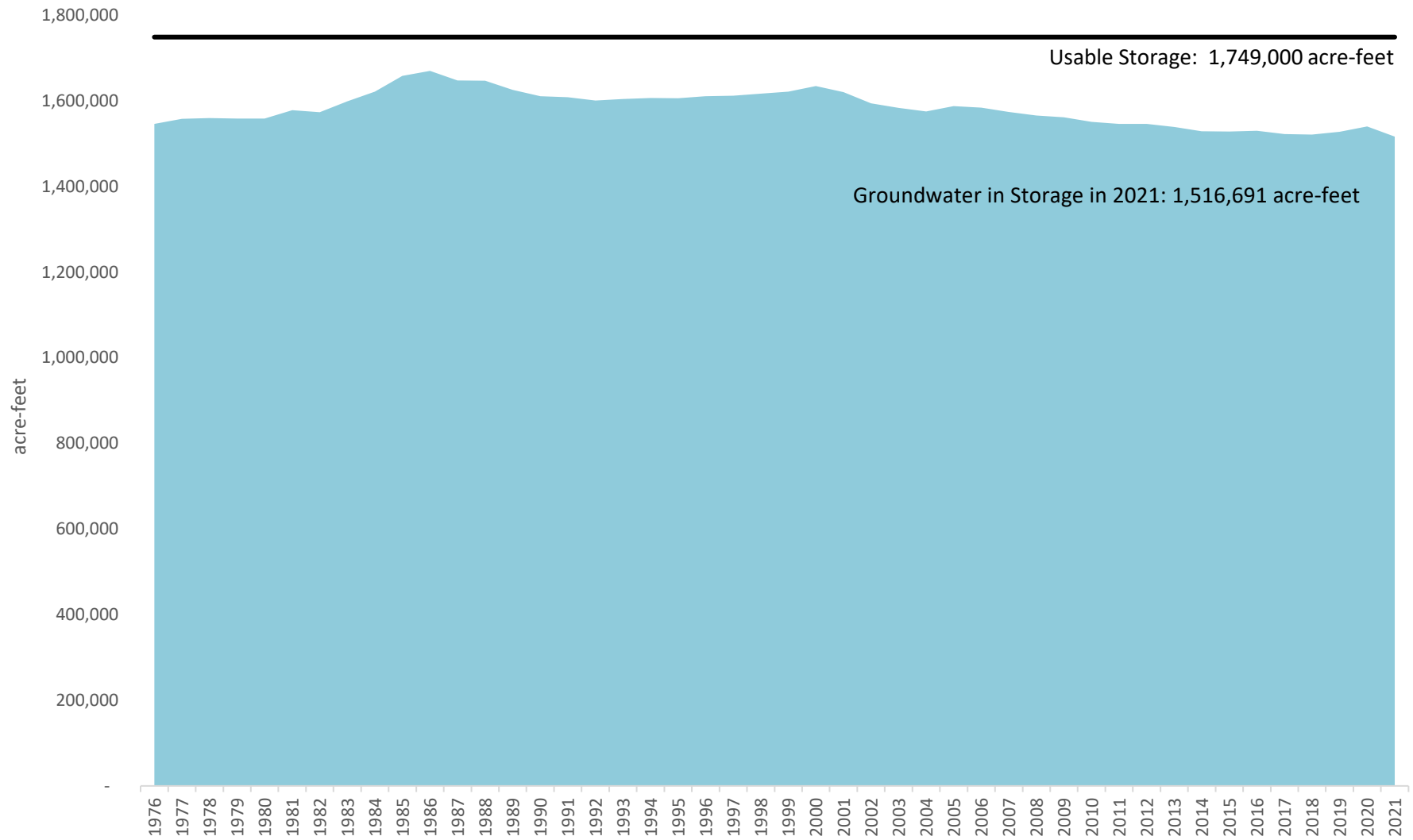


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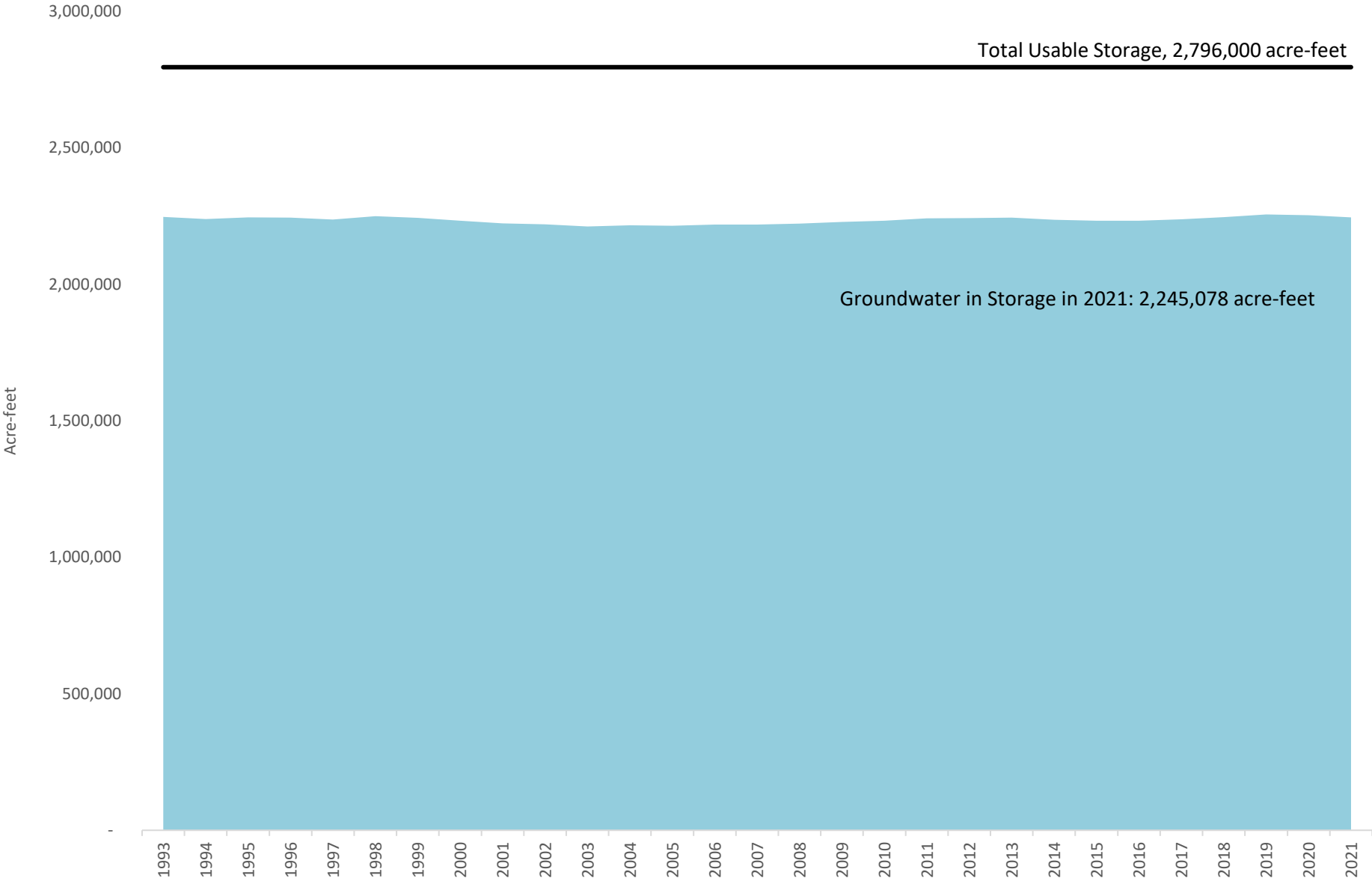
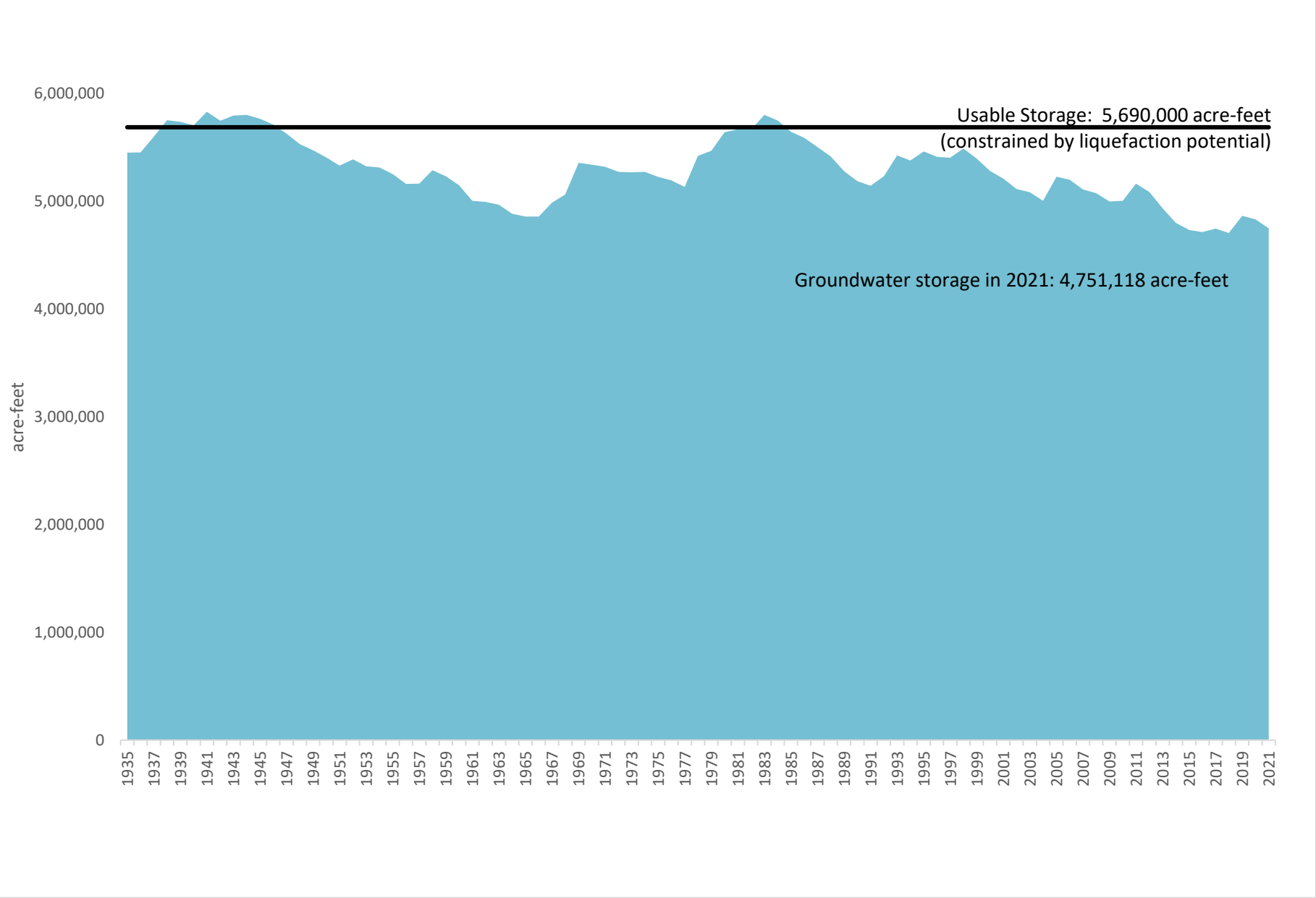


Figure 7. San Bernardino Basin Change in Storage Results (acre-feet)



The calculations in the SBB and Yucaipa are performed for each individual sub-basin. The increase or decrease of individual sub-basin change in storage values are influenced by a variety of factors such as local precipitation, groundwater production, groundwater recharge, proximity to river and creeks, and water conservation.

Figure 8. 2021 Change in Storage for the San Bernardino Basin, by sub-basin.

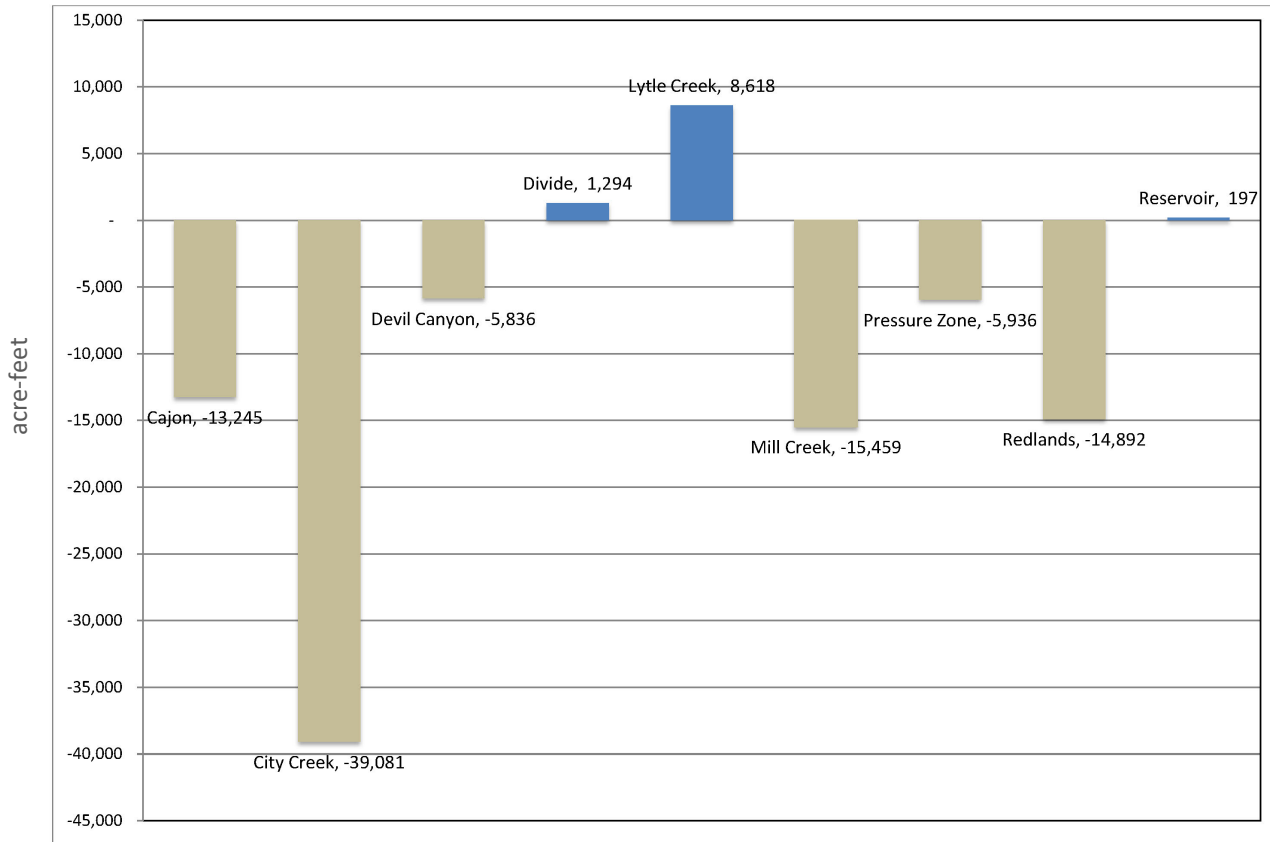
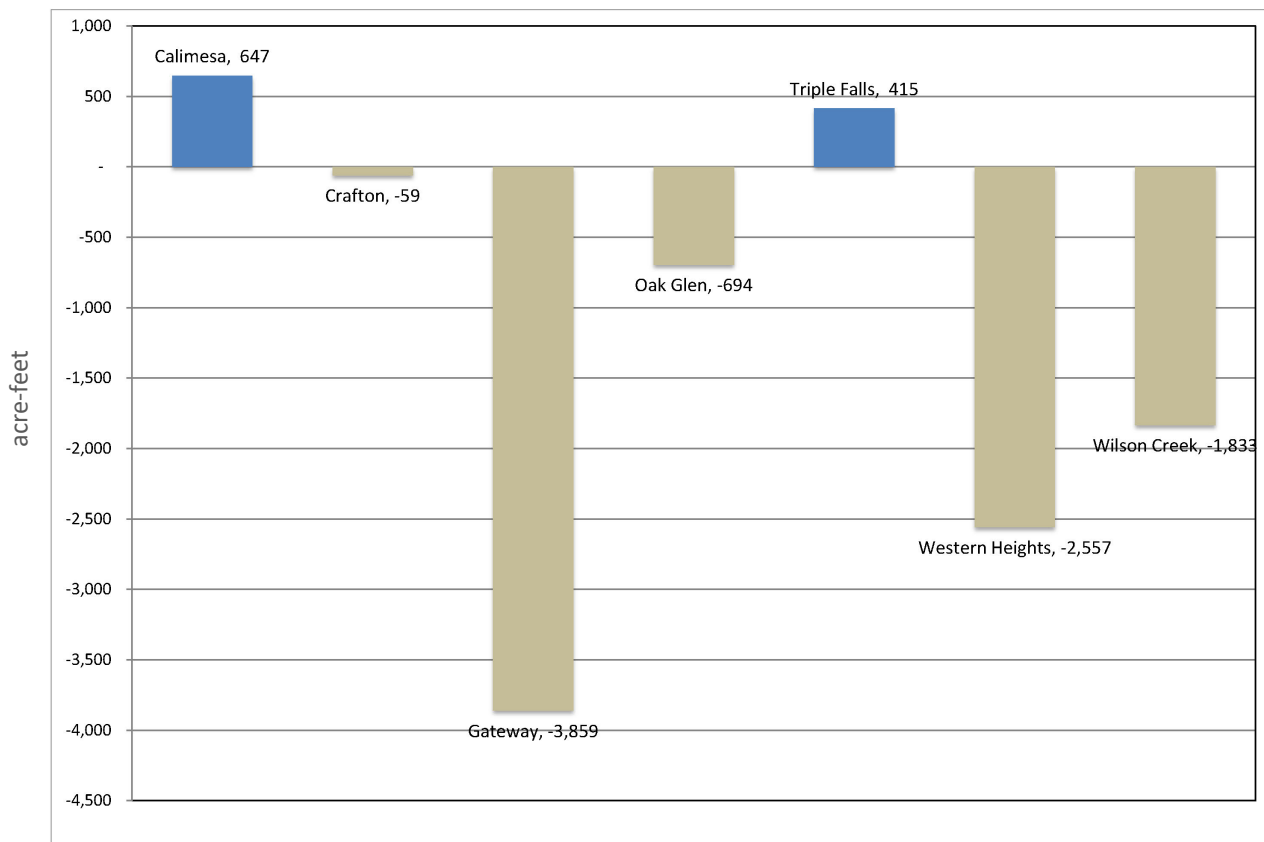


Figure 9. 2021 Change in Storage for the Yucaipa Basin, by sub-basin.



New for 2022

The following table summarizes the new content or changes made to the Change in Storage Report Plan last year:

New Content/Change	Purpose
Water levels for specific wells were estimated due to obstructions while measuring	Water Levels were estimated for the following wells: YVWD Wells 10 & 50 (unable to sound); City of Redlands Wells Mentone Acres, BV Judson, Lee, #32 (being rehabbed); EVWD Wells 6, 30 & 54; USGS Backyard & Valley College Wells
Triple Falls subbasin in the Yucaipa Basin was removed from the CIS report	YVWD Well 51 location was updated to be located in the San Bernardino Basin. YVWD Well 51 was the only well to calculate the CIS in the Triple Falls subbasin.

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DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Heather Dyer, CEO/General Manager

SUBJECT: Consider In-Person meetings or alternatively Resolution No. 1148 authorizing the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to conduct remote meetings for the period April 5, 2022, through May 4, 2022

STAFF RECOMENDATION

Receive feedback from legal counsel and determine if the Board would like to return to in-person meetings in the month of April. If the Board decides to continue with virtual meetings, consider adoption of Resolution No. 1148 authorizing the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to conduct remote meetings for the period April 5, 2022, through May 4, 2022.

BACKGROUND

During the February 15, 2022, regular Board meeting, the Board of Directors requested a future agenda item discussing returning to in-person or hybrid meetings.

Based on the current COVID-19 conditions, legal counsel will provide feedback on various options for in person, hybrid, or remote meetings and the specific requirements for each option.

On March 17, 2020, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic emergency, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which allowed local agencies to hold meetings via teleconferences and to make meetings accessible electronically without violating the open meetings laws in the Brown Act by relaxing the teleconferencing rules.

On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which replaced the text in Executive Order N-29-20. Executive Order N-08-21 stated the relaxed Brown Act provisions shall apply through September 30, 2021.

Assembly Bill No. 361 provides additional flexibility for local agencies looking to meet remotely in order to continue providing the public with essential services during a proclaimed state of emergency. The goal of Assembly Bill No. 361 is “to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options.”

Assembly Bill No. 361 allows a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with certain Brown Act provisions in any of the following circumstances:

1. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
2. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Assembly Bill No. 361 went into effect on October 1, 2021. A local agency is authorized to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements in the Brown Act when meetings are held during a declared state of emergency until January 1, 2024. In order to do so, the local agency must adopt a Resolution making the following findings by majority vote every 30 days:

1. The legislative body has considered the circumstances of the state-of-emergency; and
2. Any of the following circumstances exist:
 - a. The state-of-emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
 - b. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENT

Resolution No. 1148

RESOLUTION NO. 1148

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 5, 2022, THROUGH MAY 4, 2022, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority (Authority) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov't Code § 54950 *et seq.*), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Authority's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the Authority's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the Authority, specifically, a state of emergency has been proclaimed due to an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Department of Health has recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the current state of emergency with respect to COVID-19, local official recommendations to promote social distancing, and conditions causing imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees have caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the Authority that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Authority, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the Authority, and declares that meeting in person would not comply with local official recommendations to promote social distancing and would present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The General Manager and legislative bodies of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect on April 5, 2022, and shall be effective until the earlier of (a) May 4, 2022, or (b) such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing

Authority may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2022.

Paul Kielhold
Chair

Heather P. Dyer
Secretary



DATE: April 5, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Heather Dyer, CEO/General Manager
SUBJECT: CEO/General Manager's Report

The following is an update from the CEO/General Manager on the status of a number of items at the District.

I. **Water Use Efficiency and Conservation (Demand Management)**

Staff is making progress in collaboratively working with our retailers to develop a Regional Demand Management Program that invests in water savings by indexing conservation investment to the existing Local Resource Investment Program (LRIP). The goal is to assist retail agencies in meeting their urban water use efficiency goals in an effective and efficient manner. The program under development will emphasize the autonomy, flexibility, and choice of retail agencies to implement water use efficiency and conservation programs that are customized to reflect varying local needs and water use practices. The collaborative process is taking place within the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) and Staff will present the outcome to the Board at a workshop in May.

II. **Supplemental Water**

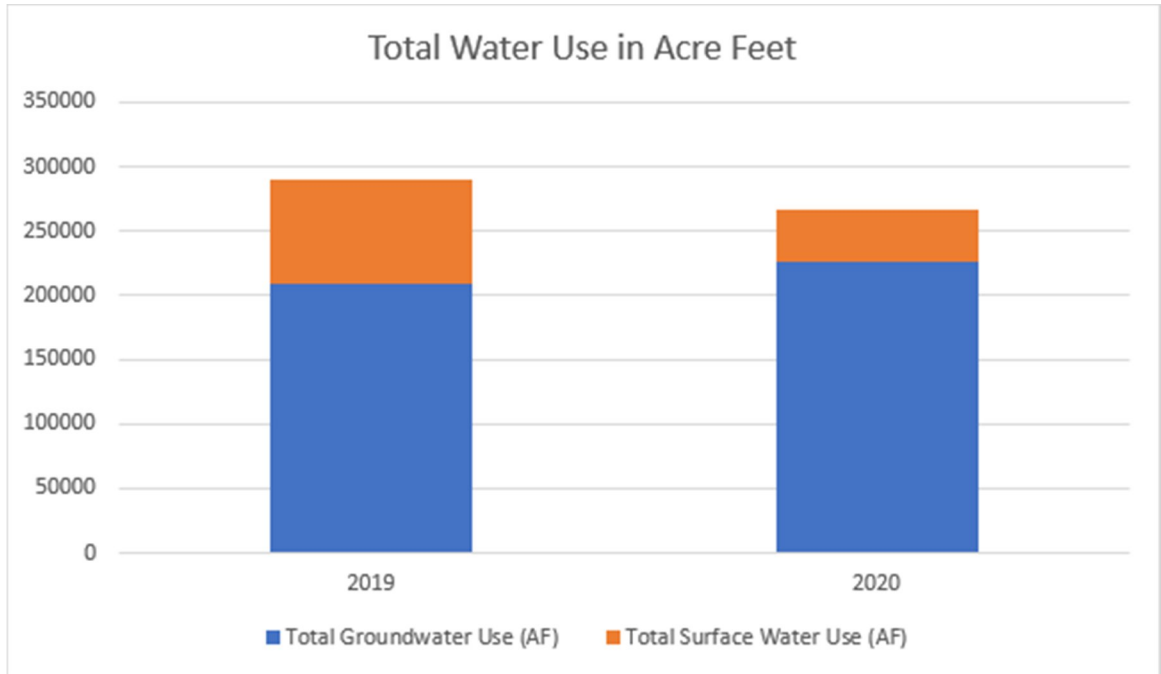
The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently reduced the State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocation from 15% to 5%. The Supplemental Water Supply Contingency Workgroup, facilitated by Valley District staff, already planned for this scenario. Our region's primary water management strategy is to shift to groundwater stored in prior years when SWP supplies are reduced, and the San Bernardino Basin

Groundwater Council (SBB GC) has made significant investments in buying and storing water since its establishment in 2018. The SBB GC has imported 60,183 acre-feet in its few years of existence, and proactively invested over \$10.2 million into recharging the basin.

III. **Groundwater Sustainability**

A number of groundwater sustainability milestones were reached in March including but not limited to:

1. **Santa Ana River Diversions:** The annual report of the Santa Ana River diversions under the two water right permits jointly held by Western Municipal Water District and Valley District was recently submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. The total amount of stormwater diverted in 2021 (January 1 – September 30) was 729 acre-feet due to low precipitation; the total diversion right under the two permits is 200,000 acre-feet per year. Since 2010, the cumulative diversion and stormwater recharge under the two permits is 91,683 acre-feet.
2. **Yucaipa Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Annual Report:** The Yucaipa Basin GSP was submitted to DWR on January 28, 2022, and the first annual report was due to DWR on April 1, which covers the last three water years. Despite below normal rainfall in the region, groundwater elevations remain above the measurable objectives and minimum thresholds defined in the GSP. In other words, groundwater elevations have generally remained consistent or increased in the past three water years in three out of the four management areas.
3. **Adjudicated Basins Reporting to DWR:** Valley District and Western Municipal Water District recently submitted the annual report of the Western-San Bernardino Watermaster to DWR in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements for adjudicated basins. The report covers the period January 1 to December 31, 2020, and includes the San Bernardino, Rialto-Colton, and the Riverside-Arlington Basins. The total groundwater use for plaintiffs (Riverside Entities) and nonplaintiffs (San Bernardino Entities) during this reporting period (a relatively dry year) increased by 17,342 acre-feet while surface water use decreased by 40,993 acre-feet compared to 2019 (a relatively wet year), resulting in a net decrease of 23,651 acre-feet due to lower surface water availability.



IV. Employee Updates

We had two new employees join the District in March. Alexia Orozco Sevilla started with the District as an intern on March 11. She is supporting the Biological Resources team doing work on the Santa Ana River. Matthew Flordelis began on March 28 as the Lead Water Systems Operator. He comes to us from Yucaipa Valley Water District where he worked for the past 14 years. Matthew has many years of experience in safety and risk management, large equipment operations, and water operations.

V. Congressional Funding Requests

The District has submitted two Congressional requests for funding: one through Congressionally Directed Funding and the other through Community Project Funding. Both requests are for funding for the Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge Phase 1B Stormwater Capture Project. We should know by the end of May whether our House Members and Senators have supported the project and requested that it be included in the appropriations bill.

VI. Upcoming Events

- Save the Date: April 27, 2022, for the Upper Santa Ana River Water Forum in Division IV. By now you should have received the invitation flyer for the next Water Forum. It will be held at ESRI in Redlands. Speakers will include Melissa Zoba discussing how the Business Information Services department is working closely with ESRI staff to incorporate spatial technology and enterprise systems into our work and an ESRI representative will discuss how their technology can support water resources planning and the water industry as a whole.

VII. Recent Past Presentations

- On March 3, Bob spoke at the American Public Works Association Inland Empire Branch on the topic of “The Drought & Our Water Supply.”
- On March 29, I presented at the American Groundwater Trust Conference in Lakewood. The topic was about the Yucaipa Basin Project, stormwater capture, and multi-benefit collaboration going on throughout our region.
- April 4-7 – I am in Arlington, VA, attending and speaking at the National Water Supply Alliance and Western States Water Council Roundtable.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.



DATE: April 5, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Summary of March 3, 2022 Board of Directors Workshop – Resources

The Resources Workshop convened on March 3, 2022. Vice President Hayes chaired the meeting via video conference.

Directors Present: President Kielhold, Vice President Hayes, Director Botello, Director Harrison and Director Longville.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR Habitat Conservation Program
Wen Huang, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager / Chief Engineer
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/ Clerk of the Board
Cindy Saks, CPA – Deputy General Manager / Chief Financial Officer
Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager / Chief Water Resources Officer
Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Matthew E. Howard, MS – Water Resources Senior Planner
Chris Jones, MESM – Preserve System Program Manager
Adekunle Ojo, MPA – Manager of Water Resources
Kai Palenscar, Ph.D. – Environmental Compliance Program Manager
Karen Resendez, MA – Human Resources / Risk Manager
Shavonne Turner, MPA – Water Conservation Program Manager

Members of the Public Present:

James Morales, East Valley Water District
Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
David Raley, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Jennifer Alford, CSUSB Water Resources Institute
Allison Wolff, Vibrant Planet
Joe Flannery, Vibrant Planet
Scott Conway, Vibrant Planet

Joseph Rechsteiner, U.S. Forest Service
Michael Brumbaugh, U.S. Forest Service
Susie Kirschner, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD)
Lorien Sanders, IERCD
Nancy Sappington, IERCD
Tricia Reed, IERCD
Mary Ann Dickinson, Headwaters Resiliency
Chris Chandler
T. Tennant
Genevieve Cross, Southern California Edison
Stacy Gorin, Southern California Mountains Foundation
Joel B.

1. Introductions

The following attendees introduced themselves:

- David Raley, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- Mary Ann Dickinson, Headwaters Resiliency Partnership
- Jennifer Alford, CSUSB Professor / Director of the Water Resources Institute, and Headwaters Resiliency Partnership
- Nancy Sappington, Susie Kirschner, Lorien Sanders and Tricia Reed from IERCD
- Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

2. Public Comment

Chair Hayes invited public comment. There was none.

3. Summary of Previous Meeting

The meeting notes from the February 3, 2022, Board of Directors Workshop - Resources were accepted with no comments.

4.1 Presentation by Vibrant Planet on Land Tender Wildfire Prevention Planning Software

Preserve System Program Manager Chris Jones introduced Allison Wolff, Scott Conway, and Joe Flannery from Vibrant Planet. He explained Vibrant Planet has developed an innovative tool, Land Tender, which is Intended to help identify and prioritize forest management projects across large areas to help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires and protect local resources such as water supply and habitat. The Headwaters Resiliency

Partnership is excited about the tool and feels it could be an integral component of the Partnership's long-term plan, he said.

Ms. Wolff explained Vibrant Planet is a team of technology professionals and land managers who worked together on the Land Tender platform in order to fill a gap and build an adaptive management system to prevent catastrophic wildfires. It gives the ability to look at current fuels and other risk conditions, develop scenarios in real time, shorten the length of planning time, and understand trade-offs of different land management decisions to create forest resilience into the future, she said. The system answers questions about community safety, restoration of natural water flows, biodiversity, and the carbon sink.

As data is built, the system is being made available to the scientific community to improve data and science, Wolff continued. A public benefit corporation was formed to build the data needed to operate the platform down to the tree level, she explained, and to create applications that use the platform to solve specific questions around forest health and resilience.

Ms. Wolff presented background on the team members and further explained the Land Tender tool. Chief Executive Officer / General Manager Heather Dyer advised the District is interested in Land Tender because 67 percent of local water supply comes from the San Bernardino National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service does not have the capacity, tools, or funding to manage the forest to avoid catastrophic wildfire, which has the potential to take out water supply, she explained. Part of headwaters resilience is investing in fuels management projects and other management activities that prevent or reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, therefore protecting water resources, she stated.

Mr. Conway added that Land Tender puts all information on the table for consideration so all are operating with the same understanding. He described the software licensing setup and provided a demonstration.

Ms. Dyer described the benefits of the information and noted that the tool gives everyone the ability to identify what is important to each stakeholder, what is possible, how much it might cost, provides a cost-benefit ratio, and is a way to have more information for making strategic decisions about how to manage the forest headwaters. She suggested considering incorporating the tool into the headwaters resilience strategic planning process.

Mr. Conway added that the ability to quantify the benefits up front opens opportunities for implementation funding. The base information is provided, he continued, but the objective is to customize the work for the data sets available for the area.

Mr. Jones pointed out that significant data gaps exist and there will be a process to develop the databases. Mr. Conway acknowledged the gaps, saying they are small enough to be able to navigate. Mr. Jones pointed out the District's investment in imagery and LIDAR which is one of the most important base layers that feed into the system and will drive analysis.

Director Harrison asked if ESRI was involved in the development. Mr. Conway said the system was compatible with ESRI products but is not tied to it.

In response to a question from President Kielhold about making the system available to land managers, Ms. Dyer explained that the value brought to the process by Valley District is the ability to do complicated planning processes and use such tools to develop planning documents, and in being part of the conversation on where the actual implementation is prioritized then carried out by the Forest Service, CalFIRE or other agency.

President Kielhold cautioned that Forest Service action is dependent on many variables. Ms. Wolff pointed out that the State of California and the Forest Service have a shared stewardship agreement, and all the work being done on Land Tender involves the Forest Service.

Mr. Joe Rechsteiner with the U.S. Forest Service pointed out this is another tool in the toolbox and it helps with analysis and identification of conditions, where to focus resources; and planning. He acknowledged President Kielhold's concern and explained that the Forest Service will have to sign a decision document and go through analysis, but a tool that provides information on existing conditions will be helpful. He posited that it does sound like there is value in engaging with this product.

It is common in northern California for water agencies to do these things, like the North Yuba project; they are ahead on impacts of fire on watershed and water supply, Ms. Dyer stated. This is the first introduction of this conversation and what might be possible, she noted.

Director Longville added that the Forest Service will be the largest partner, and since this is the most populated national forest in the nation there will be opportunity to work with other forest landowners. The tool will allow all jurisdictions to see proposed project benefits for their communities.

Mr. Rechsteiner responded to President Kielhold's concern and noted that Congress and the Forest Service are aware of capacity issues and built an administrative framework to allow others to plan and operate on National Forest System lands. He also gave an example

of the Placer County Water Agency which provides project implementation. Land Tender is a great tool to be able to take advantage of some of the District's authorities. President Kielhold pointed out there are other obstacles that are more difficult to overcome than technology.

Director Harrison acknowledged the involvement and knowledge of Director Longville on this, said he is interested in the tool, and it is something in which the District needs to be involved.

Director Botello echoed President Kielhold's concerns and asked about cost and consistency with the District's mission. Ms. Dyer advised that cost is unknown, but the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District has funding available to partner with Valley District. Also, it is a good project to include in the Proposition 1 grant call under decision support tools, she added. It supports the mission in that protecting the water supply that comes from the headwaters is one of the ways to deliver a reliable and sustainable water supply, she said, and this is a proactive way to do that. She pointed to the large attendance at the Headwaters Partnership meetings and said this will be an ongoing effort to gather everyone who has a vested interest in healthy, resilient headwaters in the National Forest and other privately held lands to begin moving forward in the same direction.

Mr. Jones said that staff is actively pursuing a range of partnerships and there are many routes to implementation. The Forest Service is interested in changing the way it has partnered in the past and accepting help from others to do the work, as well as help with the planning, as they realize it is a monumental task.

Ms. Wolff discussed the collaboration, universality and accessibility of Land Tender and the need to push the power to the local level.

Director Longville addressed Director Botello's concern and assured that the group would come back with more information once it is known what can be done, the benefits, and the return on investment; then the question of funding would be addressed.

Director Harrison pointed to the successful One Water One Watershed project and said this would be an ideal situation for applying for Proposition 1 funding for this process.

Vice President Hayes asked about the time frame for deeper discussion and movement. Ms. Dyer responded that it would be several months at least, as further work with the partnership is needed to understand the Proposition 1 grant application.

Mr. Jones thanked Vibrant Planet for the presentation. Ms. Wolff invited questions and shared contact information.

5.1 Consider Agreement to Convey Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Water to Rubidoux Community Services District

Deputy General Manager / Chief Water Resources Officer Bob Tincher introduced the agreement that would convey up to 2,000 acre-feet of Metropolitan Water District (MWD) water to the Rubidoux Community Services District (RCSD). The action was initiated by RCSD, which would like to purchase imported water from MWD but does not have a connection to MWD. When exploring alternatives including building a pipeline connection, RCSD identified that this exchange with West Valley Water District (WVWD) would result in savings of \$6.5 million rather than construction of pipeline facilities.

Mr. Tincher pointed out that the MWD water would be delivered directly to WVWD via the San Gabriel pipeline, in which Valley District owns half the capacity. WVWD would treat the water and serve it to their customers, and in turn, WVWD would deliver a like amount to RCSD through a proposed interconnection.

There is no cost to Valley District, Mr. Tincher stated. All costs would be paid by RCSD. Mr. Tincher pointed to a similar agreement approved by the Board which provides MWD water to WVWD.

Director Longville asked if there may be reluctance by MWD to sell any of its imported water, given the challenges with their own needs. Mr. Tincher advised that MWD is part of the process and there is no indication of a problem; they are willing to provide the water to RCSD.

In response to Vice President Hayes, Mr. Tincher noted that WVWD is also a signatory to the agreement and is supportive of the arrangement.

Action Item(s): The Board voted to move this item forward for consideration to a regular Board Of Directors meeting by the following roll-call vote:

There was no motion or second.	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. Future Business

Action Item(s): The Board voted to add a staff presentation / update on cloud seeding to a future agenda by the following roll-call vote:

	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

7. Adjournment

Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.



DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Summary of March 8, 2022 Board of Directors Workshop – Engineering

The Engineering Workshop convened on March 8, 2022, via Zoom video-teleconference. Director Harrison chaired the meeting.

Directors Present: President Kielhold, Vice President Hayes, Director Botello, Director Harrison, and Director Longville.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer / General Manager
Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR Habitat Conservation Program
Wen Huang, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager / Chief Engineer
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
Cindy Saks, CPA – Deputy General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager / Chief Water Resources Officer
Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Dan Borrell – Manager of Geospatial Services
Kristeen Farlow, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Matthew E. Howard, MS – Water Resources Senior Planner
Chris Jones, MESM – Preserve System Program Manager
Karen Resendez, MA – Human Resources / Risk Manager
Olivia Ramirez – Intern
Laura Torres – Intern

Members of the Public Present:

Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Eddy Harrity, Redistricting Insights
Fabian Valdez Jr, Redistricting Insights

James Morales, East Valley Water District
Ron Coats, East Valley Water District

Pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference only.

1. Introductions

The following attendees introduced themselves:

- James Morales, East Valley Water District
- Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District
- Ron Coats, East Valley Water District

2. Public Hearing. Review and Discussion of Draft Redistricting Maps

Chair Harrison announced the public hearing of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors on redistricting of the District's division boundaries.

Chief Executive Officer / General Manager Heather Dyer confirmed the agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with the Brown Act on March 3, 2022.

Chief Information Officer Melissa Zoba acknowledged Fabian Valdez and Eddy Harrity, consultants with Redistricting Insights. She pointed out that several map scenarios have been distributed over the past few weeks and feedback has been received including two hardcopy maps not received in time for consideration in today's presentation.

This is the third public hearing and the next is scheduled for April 5, Ms. Zoba continued. She advised the Board of public outreach activities and notices and explained some confusion with the labeling of the maps.

Ms. Zoba indicated the goal to select the two most favorable maps for final revisions to be submitted for the consultant to present at the April 5 Board meeting for adoption. The new division boundary maps must be filed with the Registrar of Voters on April 17, she cautioned.

Mr. Harrity recapped input received and revisions since the last meeting and explained the new map versions, including two completely new maps per Board request for new lines.

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing at 2:19 p.m. and invited public comment. As there was none, Mr. Harrison declared the public hearing closed at 2:20 p.m.

Directors discussed the map revisions with guidance from the consultants and eliminated draft map 4. To be re-examined at the workshop:

- Draft 1 revised (changes to be made)
- Draft 2 revised
- Draft 3 revised
- Draft 5

Use of the online tool is the best and quickest resource, Ms. Zoba advised. She pointed to the District's website for public viewing of maps and submission of comments. There are also plotted copies available at the office to anybody who is interested, she stated, and reiterated that so far, no comments, feedback or questions have been received from the public.

Chair Harrison thanked everyone for their participation.

3. Public Comment

There was none.

4. Summary of Previous Meeting

The summary notes from the February 8, 2022 Board of Directors Workshop – Engineering were accepted with no comments.

5.1 Discuss Consideration of Consulting Agreement to Conduct Riparian Bird Surveys

Executive Director, Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Program Joanna Gibson presented the consulting services agreement with the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) to conduct riparian surveys during the 2022 nesting season, an important component of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

The HCP includes multiple water infrastructure projects as well as habitat restoration projects, Ms. Gibson continued. There can be both positive and negative effects on riparian species affecting those dependent on water-loving vegetation along the riparian corridor in the Santa Ana River.

There are four covered bird species, she stated. The purpose of the survey is to gather baseline data on the location and number of birds, or their territories covered by the Upper

Santa Ana River HCP. This is important moving forward because it is necessary to have a robust and defensible baseline data set, she explained.

Multiple years of data is preferred by the regulatory agencies, Ms. Gibson noted. This will provide a better data set to rely on moving forward to look at positive trends, as well as potential negative trends, she said. She explained the study area of potential HCP effects and the areas for the District's tributary restoration projects and reviewed the content of the Request for Proposal (RFP):

1. Baseline monitoring of the riparian birds
2. Baseline monitoring to measure success of the restored tributaries and management of other conservation areas
3. Amended methodology working with wildlife agencies because of safety concerns along the river in an urban landscape
4. Trapping Cowbirds, a species that lay their eggs in other species' nests
5. Mapping of encampments along the Santa Ana River

Optional tasks that would be subject to demonstrated need and approval by the Board:

1. Expanding the baseline monitoring up into San Bernardino County
2. Southwestern Willow Flycatcher surveys and reporting, should this species be detected
3. Additional Cowbird trapping as needed

Ms. Gibson reported, of the three responsive bids received, the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) was the lowest at \$265,873.16 total cost with the optional three items. They have been working in the watershed over the last 20 years and have a lot of experience with the species and with the regulatory agencies, which would provide a continuity of data collection, Ms. Gibson said. The District has retained them since 2019, she added. This would also allow integration of data regionally with the ability to look at trends across southern California.

The fiscal impact for this item is not to exceed \$265,875, with the three optional items included, Ms. Gibson advised. The base fee is \$218,000. This is an HCP project, so the partners would reimburse Valley District 60 percent of the cost, she explained. The District's 40 percent share totals \$106,349.26. This year the base cost slightly increased, and most of that differential is due to safety concerns and the need to have two surveyors working together in the field, she explained.

In response to a question from President Kielhold, Preserve System Program Manager Chris Jones clarified the original was a two-year contract from 2019 to 2020, amended to add one more year in 2021.

Vice President Hayes asked if surveys in the Tres Lagos area were included; Ms. Gibson said the survey was not going that far up in the watershed. Chair Harrison asked about the exclusion of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Ms. Gibson replied that species has not been found in the watershed for a very long time, and the US Fish and Wildlife service has specific survey protocols that they require for specific species.

Director Harrison then asked what happens to the captured Cowbirds. Ms. Gibson answered that there are falconers in the area who use the birds for falconry.

Director Botello and Director Harrison thanked Ms. Gibson and commended the report.

Action Item(s): The Board voted to move forward this item to the full Board of Directors for consideration at a future meeting by the following roll-call vote:

There was no motion or second.	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

5.2 Consider Exchange Framework Agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Deputy General Manager Bob Tincher reminded the Board of previous discussion in December of last year: the general terms for an exchange agreement with Metropolitan Water District (MWD). Staff was asked to work with MWD staff and house counsel to develop a legal agreement for consideration.

Mr. Tincher stated this is a companion agreement to the Coordinated Operating Agreement with MWD which was approved in June of 2021. That agreement generally states the desire of both boards to cooperate with each other and establishes a pricing structure for selling MWD any available surplus imported water.

This agreement is more of a mutual aid agreement, Mr. Tincher continued, filling in the details covering exchanges between the two parties, and providing a general framework and terms,

but is not an exchange. Any exchanges under this framework would be brought back to the Board for consideration with the full details, Mr. Tincher assured.

The agreement caps the exchange ratio for exchanges that are completed within the same calendar year at one for one, he noted. Mr. Tincher further explained that if either of the parties needed to return water later than the current calendar year, it would be negotiated between the parties, but then the exchange ratio could go as high as two acre-feet (af) to one. All costs would be paid by the agency requesting the exchange, he stated.

This agreement would continue through December of 2031, allowing opportunity to revisit the terms after 10 years, Mr. Tincher stated.

Mr. Tincher described the District facilities intertwined with MWD and with the State Water Project (SWP) and responded to director questions. He noted the MWD staff appreciates Valley District's action to allow connection of MWD's inland feeder to the Foothill pipeline.

This agreement lays the groundwork for the possibility of future exchanges and would speed the mutual aid process, Mr. Tincher explained. He confirmed that legal counsel has approved the agreement.

Action Item(s): The Board agreed to move forward this item to the full Board of Directors for consideration at a future meeting by consensus.

5.3 Consider 2022 Exchange Agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Related to the framework agreement in the previous agenda item, Mr. Bob Tincher acknowledged specific exchanges were to be brought back to the Board as separate agreements. This is the first for the Board's consideration. As MWD has requested this exchange they would pay all associated costs. It would provide some assistance to the western portion of their service area and gives the District an opportunity to test some of the mutual aid scenarios delivering water back and forth between facilities, Mr. Tincher explained.

This agreement has been in process for six months, Tincher continued. By exercising some of these options this year, he proposed, there is the opportunity to set a precedent and expedite future agreements.

MWD is requesting up to 3,000 af of the District's carryover water, Mr. Tincher explained. The amount of available carryover will not be known until the State Water Project (SWP) allocation has been set. Both amounts would be returned during this calendar year, so it only helps

MWD with a short-term supply issue, Mr. Tincher stated. The carryover water comes through the SWP around Devil Canyon. The actual exchange would take place at San Luis Reservoir.

Staff is also hoping to test the concept of pumping groundwater all the way back to Devil Canyon, which could benefit the District in a future emergency situation.

The District does not own wells in the basin near these facilities, so the District has an agreement with Redlands to utilize their unused well capacity up to 20,000 af, Mr. Tincher said. Deputy General Manager / Chief Engineer Wen Huang and his team have been doing a lot of work in the background, to set things up should the Board decide to work with MWD on this exchange, but all would be coordinated through Redlands, Mr. Tincher noted.

One of the options for getting water back from MWD is Diamond Valley Lake just south of Valley District service area, Mr. Tincher advised. In a catastrophic situation MWD could feed water back into the service area using these types of agreements.

CEO / General Manager Dyer commented on the connectivity, assistance between agencies and regional collaboration. Director Longville added some historical detail.

Action Item(s): The Board voted to move forward this item to the full Board of Directors for consideration at a future meeting by the following roll-call vote:

There was no motion or second.		APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

6. Future Business

There was none.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and File



DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Summary of March 10, 2022, Board of Directors Workshop – Policy

The Policy Workshop convened on March 10, 2022, via Zoom teleconference. Director Botello chaired the meeting.

Directors Present: President Kielhold, Vice President Hayes, Director Botello, Director Harrison, and Director Longville.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
Cindy Saks, CPA – Deputy General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Kristeen Farlow, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Karen Resendez, MA – Human Resources / Risk Manager
Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager
Olivia Ramirez – Intern, Water Resources Department

Members of the Public Present:

Chris Mann, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Jackson R Gualco, The Gualco Group
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Robert Stewart

1. Introductions

Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Heather Dyer introduced staff members present.

2. Public Comment

Chair Botello invited public comment. There was none.

3. Summary of Previous Meeting

The summary notes from the February 10, 2022, Board of Directors Workshop – Policy were accepted with no comments.

4.1 Discuss State and Federal Legislative Update

Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Heather Dyer commenced the federal update by addressing the House passed an omnibus package of \$730 billion in non-defense funds, and a continuing resolution to keep the government open until March 15. Action did not include the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA) on which Valley District's federal lobbyists work very closely to make sure that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issues are addressed.

House Democrats sent a letter to the Corps requesting the rules governing the agency's evaluation of water resources development projects. It is also possible that the Corps is being required to consider whether they should add water supply to part of their mission, Ms. Dyer noted.

Jackson Gualco of The Gualco Group reported that activity is increasing. Two local Assembly members have decided not to seek re-election and there is continued churning in the legislature. Such turnover is difficult, Mr. Gualco explained, considering the work accomplished regarding relationship-building, knowledge, education, and familiarity with the motivations of the elected officials.

The Pacific Planning and Conservation League produced a report on suggested changes to the water system in California, and three bills have come about as a result of their study, Gualco advised. He reported on the following bills:

- AB 2639 proposes moving on from the voluntary agreements and having the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) implement its water quality plan for both the San Joaquin and the Sacramento River watersheds. There are barriers to getting approvals or allowing additional diversion, so there is concern that this bill could affect the ability to move ahead with Sites Reservoir in which the District is an investor. Gualco will continue to watch carefully and work closely with the author's

- office to make sure that there are no unintended consequences. Gualco is interested in how the administration and the SWRCB are going to react to this because there are some signals that the voluntary agreements discussions are being reinstated.
- AB 2108 would require at least one of the five members of the SWRCB be appointed by the governor, and at least one to be either a tribal representative or an environmental justice person. The same would apply to the regional boards. He noted that in the areas of source waters, tribes will be asserting more of their historical rights, which will be a matter of contention on moving ahead with water rights decisions and whether streams are fully appropriated.
 - SB 1205 would require consideration of climate change on hydrology before determining water rights permits and licenses, and if streams are fully appropriated. This is a fundamental thing that ought to be recognized as an appropriate step but must assure that other problems are not created during water rights and water quality decisions.
 - AB 1944 and AB 2449 would provide more flexibility to local agencies for continuing the ability for the public to phone in or participate in meetings via video feed. AB 2449 includes an opportunity for board members not to have to disclose their physical location if they are participating remotely, but the majority of the Board must be present in the same location in order to trigger that opportunity. Gualco pointed out that the public is getting used to being able to participate without having to leave their homes.
 - SB 890 / SB 559: There is \$100 million in the current budget and the Governor has proposed \$100 million in the next fiscal year's budget to deal with subsidence on the State Water Project (SWP) and the two federal facilities, Gualco stated. The debate within the water community, particularly the State Water Contractors, is whether a policy bill is really needed, he explained. SB 890 tracks with SB 559, but also would have said it's time to fully fund Sites Reservoir, Gualco continued. It was held in committee earlier this week and the question remaining is whether to continue with SB 559 or address the issue via the budget process.

Mr. Gualco reported the Gualco Group has been involved for several years with a cost-to-compliance debate with the SRWCB, to assure that the programs and activities of the SWRCB are, in fact, properly funded by the appropriate source. When the Legislature pulled virtually all general fund money from the SWRCB, the agency shifted quickly to fees for both water quality and water rights purposes. Over the last four years, the increase in cost was 127 percent. Gualco is pursuing the opportunity for either a joint Legislative Audit Committee

audit, and/or a service-based budgeting review to be conducted by an outside management consultant to make sure that there is the appropriate linkage between the proper fee source or general fund source and what the SWRCB is doing.

- AB 1001 and companion bill, AB 1749 together utilize the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to assure that for projects sited in a disadvantaged community (DAC), the mitigation must be done within that DAC. AB 1749 is a planning approach which indicates that if mitigation cannot be proven, the local agency will be barred from approving the project. It raises questions about how to deal with housing imbalance given such restrictions, but also applies sensitivity and responsiveness to DACs which disproportionately bear a portion of polluting industry.

Mr. Gualco clarified for Vice President Hayes that agencies are not required to provide for public participation in meetings via teleconference, it is entirely at the Board's discretion.

Director Longville pointed out that presentations at this morning's Legislative Symposium related to current bills, Executive Order B3716 on making drought and resilience in California a way of life, and the state budget for infrastructure, drought, and healthy forest.

Mr. Gualco and Director Harrison continued informing on the following bills:

- AB 2142 would provide for a tax deduction for people who spend money on turf replacement programs, which will be of interest to retailers.
- AB 2374 would increase fines on illegal dumping. Director Harrison asked that AB 2374 be brought to the attention of staff, because there would be opportunity for some redress if there's illegal dumping on any District properties.
- AB 1157: Director Harrison reported that during the morning's Legislative Symposium, Senator Hertzberg discussed the bill. The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) staff advised him of their position in opposition, and Hertzberg stated he is willing to sit down and work things out.

Director Harrison reported the Legislative Symposium included involvement of five or six assemblymembers and senators, and Secretary Wade Crowfoot. Director Harrison continued and clarified that AB 2142 is a tax exemption on the rebate for turf replacement.

Director Harrison noted that Assembly Member Laura Friedman commented, "The biggest waste of water in our house is waiting for the water to get hot." He suggested seeking a solution, as there are many houses in California without either recirculating pumps or instant electric water heaters.

Director Harrison reported that there was discussion on the budget, and AB 2016, and that Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan is the new Chair of the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee. Gualco added that at a budget subcommittee hearing, Secretary Wade Crowfoot was tasked with getting \$250 million in drought relief funding released. Director Harrison said there seemed to be a number of areas where the District could benefit financially from some of the some of the directions being given. They did not discuss the Sites Reservoir at all, he added, but did discuss the need for finding new processes that are going to address some of the problems that the District has, and they also addressed recycled water use.

Ms. Dyer indicated she is very involved with trying to secure funding for local water projects that will make a difference.

The \$250 million for drought relief is needed faster, she stated. The District has shovel-ready projects that can put water in the ground, and the State should be thinking about making large investments that prepare for future droughts.

Ms. Dyer said she recently met with Assembly Leader Gomez Reyes and advised her that Valley District is seeking funding for \$100 million worth of shovel-ready projects that could put water in the ground within a year to 18 months. Mr. Reyes liked the regional approach and integrated nature of the projects, and provided ideas on how to make budget requests.

Ms. Dyer reported she is also part of a large coalition trying to rally 100 to 200 General Managers from irrigation districts, municipal regions, and different water providers across the State to emphasize to the Governor that now is the time to be planning for the water supply projects of the future. There are many different irons in the fire when it comes to drought response, she said, and the general managers would like to focus on the attention of the governor and the budget for the water projects that will make California resilient for the future.

4. Consider Adoption of the updated San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Strategic Plan

CEO/General Manager Dyer clarified her request is to consider the revisions that were made based on the workshop in Yucaipa. This is the first volume in what will be a two-volume series of documents, she explained. This is the foundational document of the strategic plan.

Ms. Dyer reminded the Board that this is the District's first strategic plan, and it started out at a fundamental level. Volume One was renamed *Strategic Plan: Our Foundation*, which is

intended to signify that this is a foundational document that is meant to be overarching in purpose. She reviewed in detail the revisions to the plan.

The second document, Ms. Dyer continued, Goals and Actions, is meant to be revised on a much more regular basis as goals are achieved and some of those challenges are met.

Ms. Dyer discussed the opinion of legal counsel that this document will not fall into the category of a prohibited mass mailing and requested Board input.

Chair Botello thanked Ms. Dyer for her leadership and acknowledged WSC.

Director Longville remarked the document is perfect as is, and requested it be on the agenda of March 15 for adoption. Director Harrison concurred.

President Kielhold and Vice President Hayes asked for clarification of the revisions. Ms. Dyer responded the version presented in the Board packet is under consideration, including the schematic on the first page and the change of name with the sentence on use: *Strategic Plan: Our Foundation is used in partnership with the strategic plan goals and actions to set priorities, establish annual action plans and problem solve with integrity.*

Action item(s): The Board of Directors voted to move forward this item to the full Board of Directors for consideration by the following roll-call vote:

There was no formal motion or second.	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. Future Business

None was added.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.



DATE: April 5, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Summary of Board of Directors Workshop – March 14, 2022

The Board of Directors Workshop convened on March 14, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. President Kielhold chaired the meeting.

Directors Present: President Kielhold, Vice President Hayes, Director Botello, Director Harrison, and Director Longville.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/ Clerk of the Board
Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager/Chief Water Resources Officer
Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Dan Borrell, GISP – Manager of Geospatial Services
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst

Consultants:

Eddy Harrity, Redistricting Insights
Fabian Valdez, Jr., Redistricting Insights

Members of the Public Present:

Ron Coats, East Valley Water District

1. Introductions.

None.

2.1 Public Hearing: Review and Discussion of Draft Redistricting Maps

President Kielhold opened the public hearing. Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Heather Dyer reported the notice and agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act on March 10, 2022.

Chief Information Officer Melissa Zoba explained this is a public hearing workshop of the redistricting of division boundaries. The final public hearing will be held on April 5, 2022. She introduced the four map options for discussion and noted that no additional comments or map submissions had been received from the public. The objective of this meeting is to identify one preferred map for adoption at the April 5, 2022 meeting, she stated.

In response to Vice President Hayes, Mr. Eddy Harrity of Redistricting Insights explained the Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) is anyone over age 18 who is legally a U.S. citizen. The information is used in map drawing to provide for minority representation as required by the Voting Rights Act, he said.

Mr. Harrity reviewed the revisions made to the maps based on the previous discussion and pointed out differences between drafts. Discussion ensued with specified edits to Draft Map 3.

Ron Coats of East Valley Water District asked about the possibility of having two representatives covering San Bernardino instead of three. Mr. Harrity responded that each division has approximately 145,000, and the City of San Bernardino with a population of 223,000 could be split into two divisions, but results in unusual boundaries.

Vice President Hayes requested a map with overlay of the retail water agencies. Director Botello requested that no last-minute changes be made to the maps.

Directors reached consensus on Draft Map 3 with some specified revisions.

Action Item(s): The Board of Directors voted to move forward Draft Map 3 as revised to the full Board of Directors for consideration at the April 5, 2022 meeting by the following roll-call vote:

There was no motion or second.	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

2. Public Comment.

There was none.

4. Adjournment

President Kielhold adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and File



DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: List of Announcements

- A. April 6, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA by Teleconference
- B. April 7, 2022, 2 p.m. – Board of Directors Workshop – Resources (Teleconference and/or in-person TBD)
- C. April 12, 2022, 2 p.m. – Board Workshop – Engineering (Teleconference and/or in-person TBD)
- D. April 13, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA Technical Advisory Committee by Teleconference
- E. April 9, 2022, 1:30 p.m. – San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board Meeting
- F. April 14, 2022, 2 p.m. – Board Workshop – Policy (Teleconference and/or in-person TBD)
- G. April 18, 2022, 6 p.m. – ASBCSD dinner (Hilton 10543 Sierra Ave, Fontana)
- H. April 19, 2022, 2 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting (Teleconference and/or in-person TBD)
- I. April 20, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA by Teleconference
- J. April 21, 2022, 2 p.m. – Board Workshop – Tres Lagos Property (Teleconference and/or in-person - To be determined)
- K. April 27, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA Technical Advisory Committee by Teleconference
- L. April 28, 2022, 2 p.m. – Board Workshop – Wage, Benefits, Insurance Workshop