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Call to Order

Board of Directors Workshop - Resources Thursday, September 3, 2020

Chairperson — Director Hayes Vice-Chair — Director Harrison



Introductions

Following the introduction of Directors and District staff, participants may use this time to state their name and agency/affiliation in order to be included in the formal record of attendees.



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Summary of Previous Meeting (Pg. 3)

Board of Directors Workshop – Resources - August 6, 2020



Discussion Item 4.1 (Pg. 7)

Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Chief Water Resources Officer/Deputy General Manager

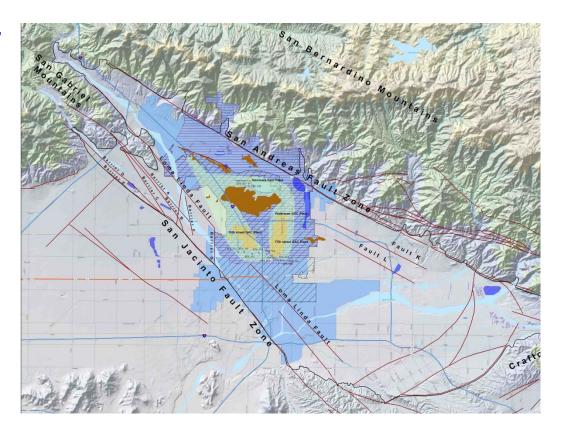
Presentation of City of San Bernardino Consent Decree

Staff Recommendation
Receive and file.

Newmark Groundwater Contamination Site Consent Decree and Recent Amendments



September 3, 2020



Overview

- City faced widespread groundwater contamination from PCE, TCE, resulting from WWII activities of US Army, manifest in 1990s
- City sued in 1996, settled in 2005, recovered remedial system and \$69M in cash for operation & maintenance (O&M), treatment plants, groundwater modeling and institutional controls
- In return, City undertook obligation for capture/treatment and compliance with water supply permit, obligations that may last until 2057
- Remedy has produced most of the City's potable water in recent years

Remedial System

Extraction Well Networks

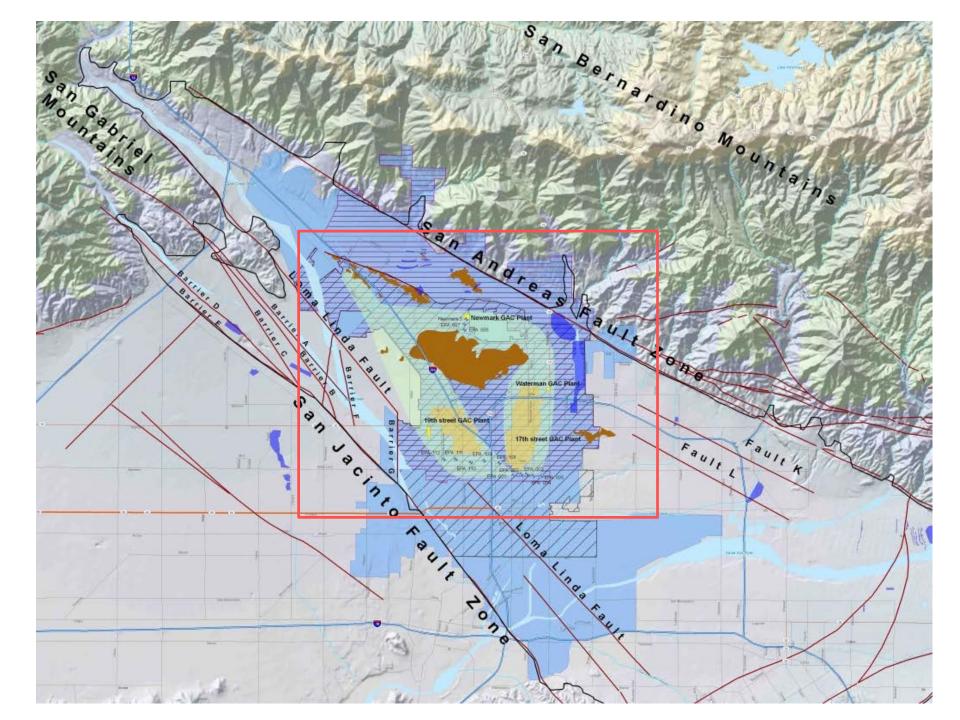
- ➤ Newmark OU
 - Newmark North 3 extraction wells
 - Newmark Plume Front 5 extraction wells
- ➤ Muscoy OU
 - Muscoy Plume 6 extraction wells

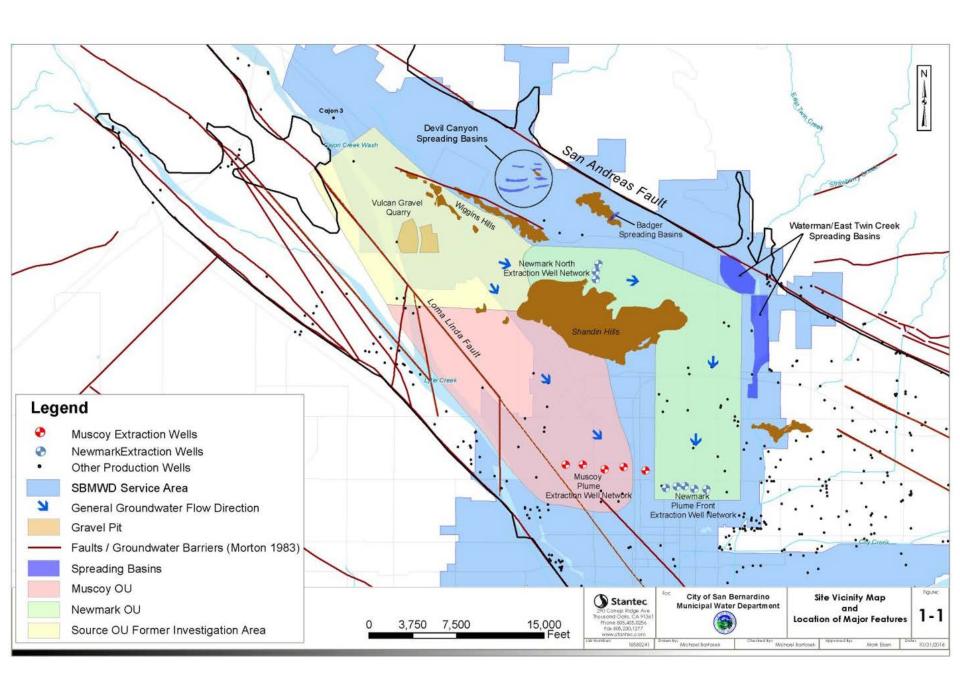
Treatment Plants

- ➤ Newmark seven 20,000 lbs GAC vessels
- ➤ Waterman eight 20,000 lbs GAC vessels
- ➤ 17th Street three 20,000 lbs GAC vessels (inactive)
- ➤ 19th Street twelve 30,000 lbs GAC vessels

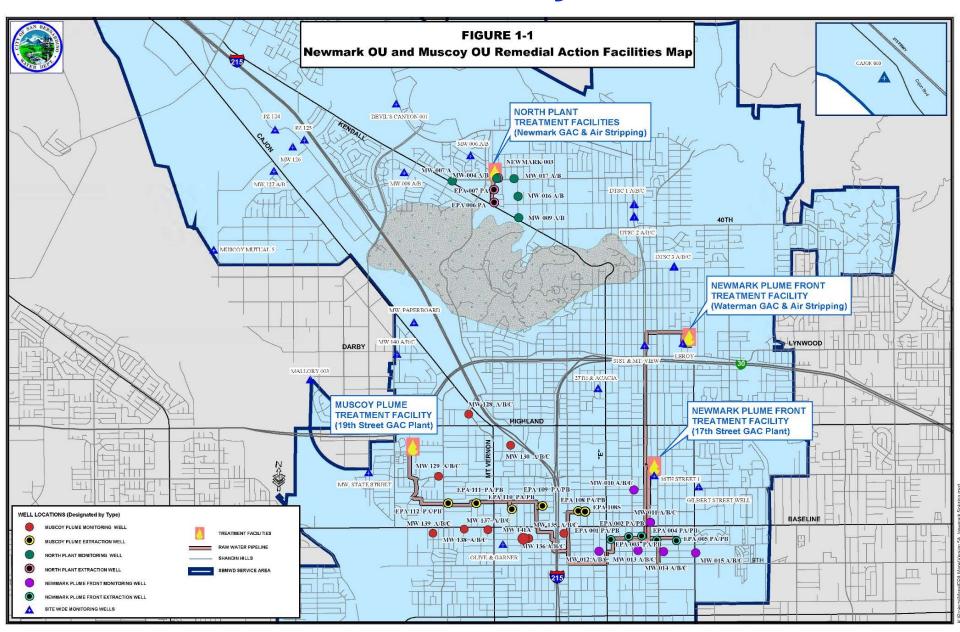
Monitoring Well Network

- ➤ Monitoring Wells 97 wells
- ➤ Active/Inactive Production Wells 12 wells



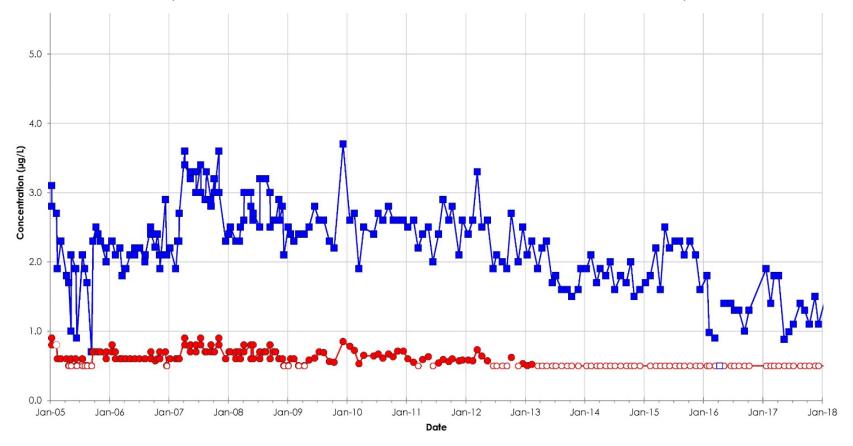


Newmark and Muscoy OU Facilities



Waterman Treatment Plant

(Newmark OU: EPA 002, EPA 003 and EPA 004)





Legend

PCEMCL = 5.0 ug/L

WS Permit = ND

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→ TCE

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Client/Project

Newmark GW Contamination Superfund Site IRA 2017 City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Figure/Well No.

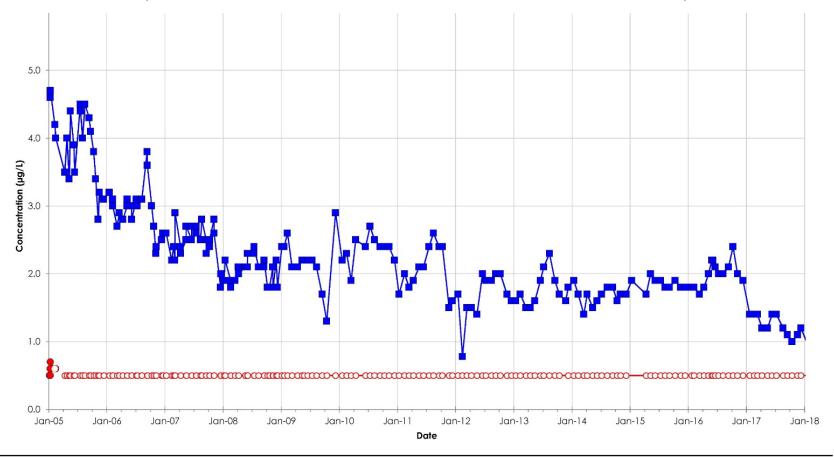
Waterman GAC Treatment Plant

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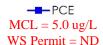
Influent Time vs. Concentration

Newmark Treatment Plant

(Newmark OU: EPA 006, EPA 007 and Newmark 3)









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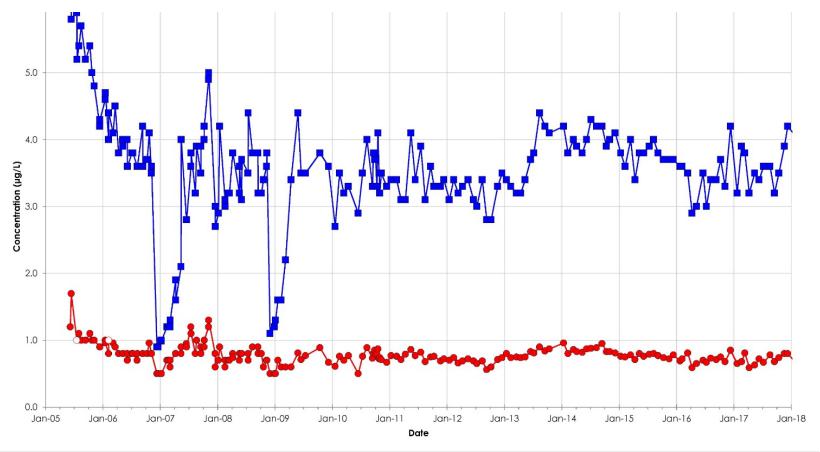
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Influent Time vs. Concentration

Legend

19th Street Treatment Plant

(Muscoy OU: EPA 001, 108, 108S, 109, 110, 111, and 112)





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19th Street North GAC Treatment Plant

Title

Influent Time vs. Concentration

Remedial Action Performance

Newmark OU – Success Story

- Operating as designed (able to maintain flow rates)
- Flow performance hydraulic containment maintained
- Contaminant performance contaminant performance criteria met
- Successfully managing water levels through aquifer replenishment program

<u>Muscoy OU – Very Challenging</u>

- Flow rates and water levels declining
- Flow performance throughflow below target value
- Contaminant performance PCE in downgradient shallow aquifer monitoring wells
- No replenishment facilities upgradient of Muscoy OU

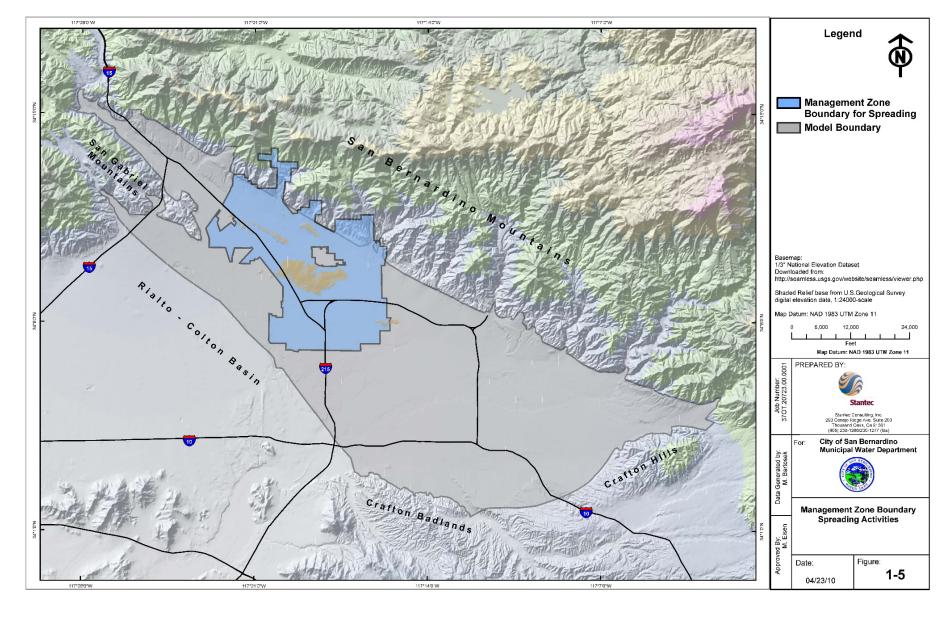
General

- Periodic reporting, annual certifications, annual DTSC survey, 5-Year USEPA review
- Funding under AIG policy adequate
- Groundwater model maintenance, updates funding

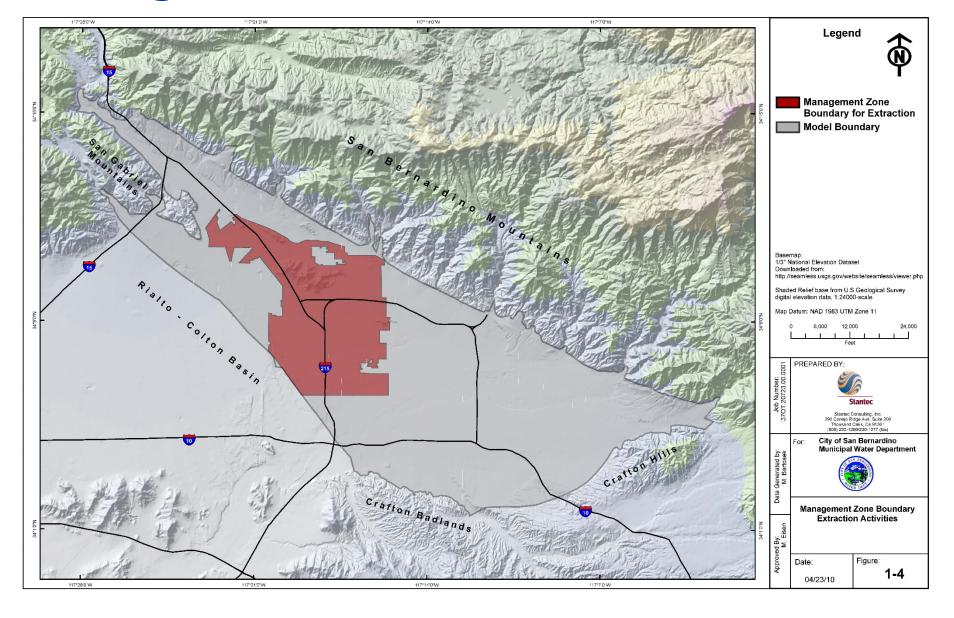
Institutional Controls

- Decree provides for City permit program under City ordinance to control placement of new wells and recharge basins within City limits to avoid potentially impacting performance of cleanup
- Initially opposed by neighboring water agencies
- City negotiated interagency agreement satisfying all parties; approved by EPA and DTSC in 2012
- Groundwater model used to evaluate new projects in the area to determine whether they will impact the cleanup

Management Zone for Recharge



Management Zone for Production Wells



Groundwater Model and Institutional Controls

- Groundwater model used as the evaluation tool for assessing the possible impact of a proposed production well and/or artificial recharge project
- Only the Baseline Feeder wells have gone through process
- Model a team/shared effort with Valley District for broader water supply planning
- Model basis to certify remedy completion

Model Development

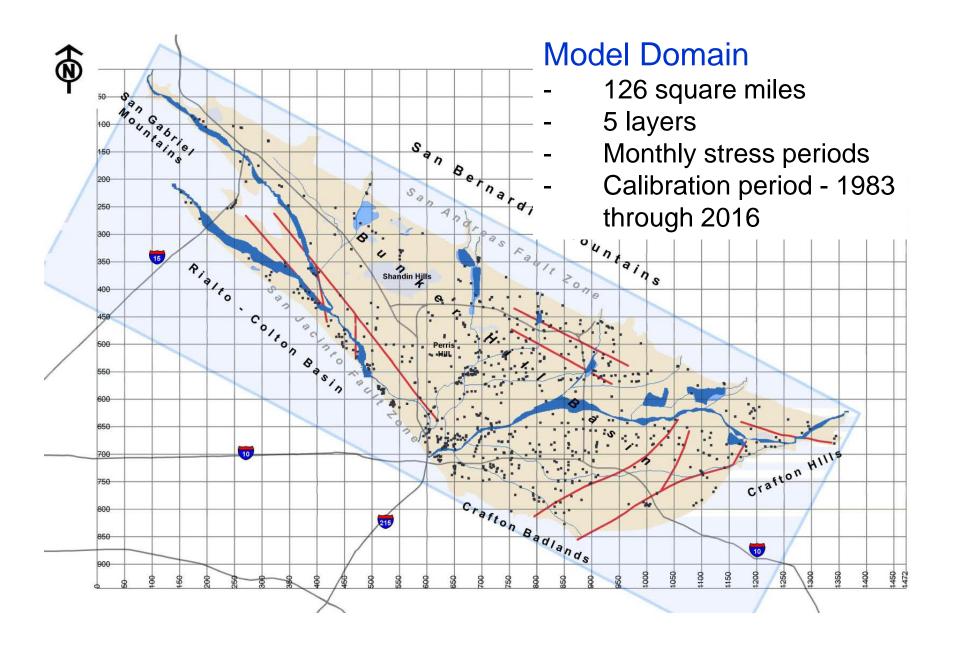
- Model co-developed as an IC tool/basinmanagement tool with Valley District and input from the interagency agreement members
- Co-development was favored to avoid the potential conflict of "dueling models"
- Valley District had developed a basin-wide model through USGS and was continuing to refine
 - Initially 800'x800' grid with two layers
 - Refine 100'x100' grid with 5 layers

Model Development (continued)

- CD model development and basin-wide model refinement was initiated in 2005
- Calibrated to 1983 through 2006 conditions
- A baseline period from 2007 through 2032 was established for predictive simulations
 - production based on 2007 Integrated Regional Groundwater Management Plan (i.e. preconservation)

Model Development (continued)

- At the request of the interagency agreement members, the model underwent substantial, parallel peer review (Balleau Groundwater) with USGS and WEI also providing peer review
- Peer review comments addressed during a major model revision funded through a federal grant, facilitated/administered by EPA that cofunds SBMWD and Valley Districts aspects of the model
- Work is anticipated to be completed by January 2021



Model Expenditures & Remaining Work

- The \$1M limit for model development and maintenance was exceeded prior to the award of the EPA grant (\$1,000,422 expended)
- Model maintenance through January 2021 is being covered under the EPA grant
- Model maintenance activities for 2021 through 2057 are not currently funded
- The CD includes requirements for the following model maintenance activities:
 - Compilation of model input data are to be completed on an annual basis
 - Model updates are to be completed every 5 years or more often if review of compiled data indicates a more frequent update is warranted.

Groundwater Model Updates

- Groundwater model needs to be kept updated for Institutional Controls to work
- Groundwater model is basis to certify completion under paragraph 57
- City required to implement Institutional Controls and keep model updated, paragraph 14. i., j
- Institutional Controls and permit program defined in paragraphs 27-30, rely expressly on groundwater model

Proposed 2020 Amendment to Decree

- Raise CD's modeling sublimit to \$3M from \$1M; estimated to be enough
- Frees existing money, does not add new funds
- Clarifies that monitoring well closure costs are also covered
- Prevents these update and closure costs from shifting to ratepayers

2020 Amendment Approval Steps

- State of California (DTSC) and California Dept. of Justice AND U.S. EPA and U.S. Dept. of Justice approval
- Final sign-off by Assistant Attorney General
- Pending court filing of joint stipulation all parties
- No comment period necessary; letter informing stakeholders

Proposed Process for Model Maintenance

- Current work under EPA Grant includes development of maintenance protocols to ensure coordinated updates for remedy and water supply purposes
- Protocols to include updates between integrated model and SBBA model
 - CD requires update every 5 years (SBMWD)
 - Integrated model update ongoing (Valley District)
- Coordination meeting held July 21, 2020



Director Comments and Discussion



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Staff RecommendationReceive and file.



Discussion Item 4.2 (Pg. 35)

Matt Howard, MS – Water Resources Senior Project Manager

Consider USGS Data Collection Program for FY 2020 – 2021

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends forwarding this item to the next Board of Directors' meeting for consideration.



USGS Data Collection Program

The USGS has provided Data Collection services for Valley District for the past several decades, in support of the:

- Western San Bernardino Watermaster
- Santa Ana River Watermaster
- Habitat Conservation Plan



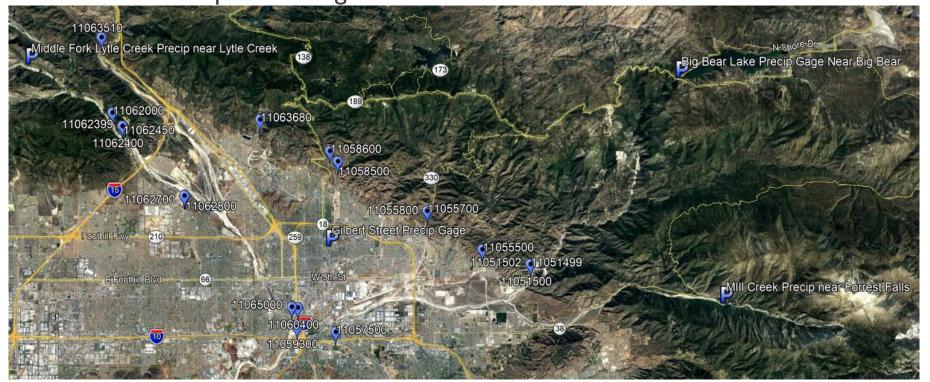




Element I: Watermaster Data Collection Program

- Total of 27 Stream Gages

- Total of 4 Precipitation Gages





Element 2 - Groundwater Level Monitoring Program

- 40 groundwater monitoring sites which contain a total 162 observations wells for monitoring WL's





Program Summary for FY 2020-2021

Program Elements:

1. Watermaster Data Collection Program

2. Groundwater Level Monitoring Program

3. Habitat Conservation Plan (RIX outflow)

Cost of Program:

Total Cost: \$1,024,230

USGS Contribution: \$159,000

Reimbursement from Partners: \$196,188

Valley District Total: \$669,042



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Staff Recommendation

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Directors' Request for Consideration 5.1 (Pg. 52)

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA - Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Directors' Requests for Consideration

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board consider the following requests and provide direction to staff on each item.



DATE: 8/10/20

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: June Hayes

SUBJECT: Director's Request for Consideration by Board

Reset Form

I. Director's Requested Activity to be Considered by the Board:

I would like to propose a presentation from Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman at a directors' workshop.

II. Discussion of Activity's Value to Valley District and/or the Board:

I Attended the WACO meeting and heard from Reclamation Commissioner Burman She talked about the DWR lawsuit, Water SMART available grants, projects in process, etc. It was a really good presentation. I thought maybe an update of this presentation might be informative to our board members

III. Estimated Staff Time Required (to be completed by Staff):

One hour to coordinate scheduling with Commissioner Burman; another hour to put together the Staff Memo for a future Workshop meeting.

IV. Estimated Cost or Use of District Resources (to be completed by Staff):

1-2 hours of staff time; no other cost or use of District resources.

V. Possible Modification or Suggested Alternative:

No alternatives recommended.



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Adjournment