

CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91360
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 04, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Written communications from the public must be received by 8:30 a.m. on the Thursday preceding a regular Board meeting in order to be included on the agenda and considered by the Board at that meeting. Government Code Section 54954.2 prohibits the Board from taking action on items not posted on the agenda except as provided in Subsection 54954.2(b).

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Raul Avila, President

Thibault Robert, Vice-President

Reddy Pakala, Secretary

Jacquelyn McMillan, Treasurer

Scott H. Quady, Director

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2(b)

Consideration of any items that require addition to the agenda due to the existence of an emergency situation, the need to take immediate action, and requests for remote participation due to emergency circumstances.

4. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Discussion regarding the need to postpone or delete any items or take any items out of order.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Introduction of the 2026 Intern Cohort - Hayden Hren (O&M), Helena Knezevic (Water Resources and External Affairs), and Angela Rosas (Administration)

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are to be approved or accepted by vote on one motion unless a Board member requests separate consideration. If any Board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion, it will be moved to the first item on the Action Items portion of the Agenda.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2026 Board Meetings
- B. Approve Professional Services by Northern Digital, Inc. in the Amount of \$117,840 to Perform Instrumentation and Control Design and Integration Services for the Somis Farmworker Housing SMP Discharge Station (Project No. 607)
- C. Receive and Affirm the Fourth Quarter 2025 Change Order Summary Report
- D. Receive and Affirm the Quarterly Investment Report for the District through December 31, 2025

7. ACTION ITEMS

Action Items call for separate discussion and action by the Board for each agendized topic.

8. REPORTS

Report items are placed on the agenda to provide information to the Board and the public and no Board action is sought.

A. GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Monthly Status Report
2. December 2025 Financial Statements – Dan Smith, Manager of Finance
3. Report on Purveyor Input for Cost of Service Study – Dan Smith, Manager of Finance
4. Water Supply Update – Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources

B. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Committee Meeting Reports
2. Directors' List of Administrative Code Reimbursable Meetings

Reimbursable meetings reports are placed on the agenda to comply with statutory and Calleguas Administrative Code requirements for members of a legislative body who attend a meeting at the expense of the local agency to provide a report of the meeting.

3. Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings to be Attended by Board Members

9. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Comments by Board members on matters they deem appropriate. A Board member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Congresswoman Julia Brownley Press Release RE: Brownley Secures over \$19.7M for Ventura County and the Conejo Valley in FY26 Funding Bill—January 9, 2026 and updated January 23, 2026

- B. Assembly Floor Alert—AB 35—January 23, 2026
- C. Calleguas Letter to Chair Buffy Wicks RE: AB 1198 (Haney) — Oppose Unless Amended – January 20, 2026
- D. Coalition Support Letter to Assistant Secretary Travnicek and Acting Commissioner Cameron RE: Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Funding for FY2027—January 16, 2026
- E. Coalition Support Letter to Chair Isaac Bryan RE: Support—AB 35 (Alvarez): Proposition 4 Administrative Procedure Act (APA) Exemption – January 6, 2026

12. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54957(a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Public Services or Facilities

13. ADJOURNMENT to Board Meeting February 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Note: Calleguas Municipal Water District conducts in-person meetings in accordance with the Brown Act. The District has also established alternative methods of participation which permit members of the public to observe and address public meetings telephonically and/or electronically. These methods of participation can be accessed through the internet link provided at the top of this agenda.

In addition to the above referenced methods of participation, members of the public may also participate by submitting comments by email to info@calleguas.com by 5:00 p.m. on the calendar day prior to the public meeting. Email headers should refer to the Board meeting for which comments are offered. Comments received will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately.

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CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 21, 2026

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District was held in-person at 2100 E. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks CA 91360. The District also provided telephonic and electronic methods of participation for the public as noted on the meeting agenda.

The meeting was called to order by Raul Avila, President of the Board, at 4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Directors Present at District Headquarters:	Raul Avila, President Thibault Robert, Vice President Reddy Pakala, Secretary Jacquelyn McMillan, Treasurer Scott Quady, Director
Staff Present at District Headquarters:	Kristine McCaffrey, General Manager Ian Prichard, Deputy General Manager Fernando Baez, Manager of Engineering Omar Castro, Manager of Operations and Maintenance Tricia Ferguson, Manager of Human Resources and Risk Management Matt Gomez, System Maintenance Supervisor Henry Graumlich, Executive Strategist Charlotte Holifield, Manager of External Affairs Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources James Mojica, IT Specialist Wes Richardson, Manager of Information Technology Dan Smith, Manager of Finance Kara Wade, Clerk of the Board
Staff Participating via Videoconference:	Kat Ehret, Senior Communications Specialist Ebe Guerrero, General Services Supervisor Steve Sabbe, IT Specialist Sue Taylor, Accounting Supervisor Jennyfer Vasquez, Principal Water Resources Specialist

Legal Counsel Present at Walter Wendelstein, Wendelstein Law Group, PC, District
District Headquarters: Counsel

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2(b)

None

4. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Director Avila requested that Item 7.1 be moved ahead of Presentations.

7. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion Regarding Renaming the Wellfield Emergency Generators as the Steve Blois Emergency Generators

On a motion by Director Pakala, seconded by Director Quady, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to rename the Wellfield Emergency Generators as the Steve Blois Emergency Generators.

AYES: Directors Quady, McMillan, Pakala, Robert, Avila

NOES: None

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of Matt Gomez's Promotion to Assistant Manager of Operations & Maintenance

The Manager of Operations and Maintenance introduced the Assistant Manager of Operations & Maintenance.

- B. Recognition of Tricia Ferguson, Manager of Human Resources and Risk Management, for Completion of a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from California Lutheran University

The General Manager recognized the Manager of Human Resources and Risk Management on completion of her Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from California Lutheran University.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve the Minutes of the January 7, 2026 Board Meeting
- B. Receive and Affirm the Payment Register for the District's Activities from December 4, 2025 to January 7, 2026
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2120, Regarding Intent to Issue Tax-Exempt Obligations
- D. Adopt Proposed Changes to the District's Administrative Code
- E. Adopt Updated District Legislative Priorities Policy
- F. Approve Capital Project Budget Allocation in the Amount of \$817,000; Authorize the President of the Board and the General Manager to Sign the Certificate of Acceptance for the Easement Deed for CMWD Parcel No. 4029; and Adopt Resolution No. 2119, Approving the Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for the Somis Farmworker Housing SMP Discharge Station (Project No. 607)

On a motion by Director Pakala, seconded by Director McMillan, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Directors Quady, McMillan, Pakala, Robert, Avila

NOES: None

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Discussion Regarding Reimbursing Nyeland Acres Mutual Water Company and Garden Acres Mutual Water Company for Approved Grant Invoices in Advance of Receipt of Payment from the California Department of Water Resources

The General Manager explained that it is typically several months between when invoices are submitted and grant reimbursements are actually received from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). She noted that

public agencies are better positioned financially to absorb reimbursement delays, whereas smaller mutual water companies have limited reserves and are less able to advance large construction costs.

Dina Ontiveras, President of the Board of Directors for Nyeland Acres Mutual Water Company (MWC), thanked the Board for its consideration of the action item. She noted that Nyeland Acres MWC serves a disadvantaged community and that reimbursement after DWR approves the invoices, but before payment is received from DWR, would be greatly appreciated. She also explained that the company recently replaced approximately 1,000 linear feet of steel pipeline installed in the 1940s, which was not originally intended for potable water service.

On a motion by Director Robert, seconded by Director McMillan, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to approve reimbursing Nyeland Acres Mutual Water Company and Garden Acres Mutual Water Company for Approved Grant Invoices in Advance of Receipt of Payment from the California Department of Water Resources.

AYES: Directors Quady, McMillan, Pakala, Robert, Avila

NOES: None

8. REPORTS

A. GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. December 2025 Water Use and Sales, November 2025 Hydro Power Generation, and December 2025 Investment Summary Reports – Dan Smith, Manager of Finance

The Manager of Finance presented the report.

2. Discussion Regarding Salinity Management Pipeline Policy – Kristine McCaffrey, General Manager

The General Manager presented the report.

B. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel said there have been legislative updates to the Ralph M. Brown Act. He noted that he will provide the Board with a memorandum of the updates and a copy of the Brown Act as required by the Government Code.

C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Committee Meeting Reports

President Avila said that the Employee Housing Ad Hoc Committee met on January 8 and visited the fabrication shop of a local modular home manufacturer. Visits with other modular home manufacturers may also be scheduled.

2. Directors' List of Administrative Code Reimbursable Meetings

Board members provided reports on various meetings that they attended that are subject to the District's reimbursement policy.

3. Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings to be Attended by Board Members

None

9. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Avila requested that a discussion on forming an Executive Committee be agendaized for a future meeting.

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Pakala noted he will not be present at the February 4 and 18 Board Meetings.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

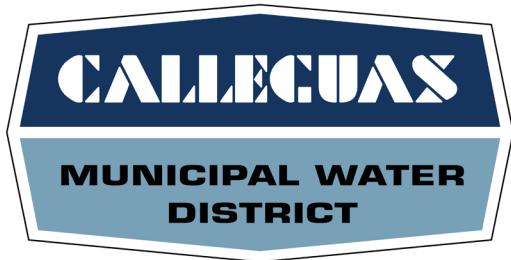
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13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Avila declared the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Hereby certified,

Jacquelyn McMillan, Board Treasurer



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BOARD MEMORANDUM

Date: February 4, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Fernando Baez, P.E., Manager of Engineering

Subject: Item 6.B – Approve Professional Services by Northern Digital, Inc. in the Amount of \$117,840 to Perform Instrumentation and Control Design and Integration Services for the Somis Farmworker Housing SMP Discharge Station (Project No. 607)

Objective: Improve resilience, support diversification of the regional water supply portfolio, and provide regional leadership by providing recycled water discharge for a residential development.

Recommended Action: Approve professional services by Northern Digital, Inc. in the amount of \$117,840 to perform instrumentation and control design and integration services for the Somis Farmworker Housing SMP Discharge Station (Project No. 607).

Budget Impact: No impact. Professional services by Northern Digital, Inc. (NDI) were previously included in the construction capital project budget allocation of \$817,000 paid for by the discharger.

Discussion:

Developer Amcal Housing (Amcal) has built a farmworker housing complex and associated wastewater treatment plant in Somis. In 2022, Amcal entered into an Agreement with the District for the construction of a Salinity Management Pipeline (SMP) discharge station for collection of

the development's excess tertiary-treated recycled water. In accordance with the Agreement, Amcal submitted deposits to cover design and construction costs and, in January 2026, the District called for bids for construction. To enable the SMP discharge station's construction and operation, instrumentation and control systems engineering services are required, which includes fabrication of the control cabinet for the discharge station, programmable logic controller programming, and development of the interface screens required for incorporation of the facility into the SCADA system.

NDI has relevant experience, expertise, and familiarity with the District's facilities. Their work continues to be of good quality and the cost for the professional services is reasonable for the work required.



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BOARD MEMORANDUM

Date: February 4, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Fernando Baez, Manager of Engineering

Subject: Item 6.C – Receive and Affirm the Fourth Quarter 2025 Change Order Summary Report

Objective: Provide information on change orders that have been executed through the fourth quarter of 2025.

Recommended Action: Receive and affirm the Fourth Quarter 2025 Change Order Summary Report.

Discussion: Change Order summaries are provided for the following projects:

- Lake Sherwood Pump Station Rehabilitation (Project No. 591)

The Lake Sherwood Pump Station Rehabilitation (Project No. 591) did not have new change orders during the reporting period. Linder Pump Station Rehabilitation (Project No. 592) and the Networking Center Relocation and Administration Building Storage Room Addition (Project No. 620) also did not have any change orders.

Attachment:

Change Order Summary for Lake Sherwood Pump Station Rehabilitation (Project No. 591)

LAKE SHERWOOD PUMP STATION REHABILITATION
(Project No. 591)
Summary of Change Orders

Description of Work	Reason	Cost (Credit) to Calleguas
Change Order No. 1 (approved by the Manager of Engineering December 15, 2021)		
1-1 Delete requirements for flat/back facing and scribing the arrow on the shaft on all butterfly valves and delete the requirement for lifting lugs on buried butterfly valves only.	The contractor's valve supplier said that there would be an unacceptably long lead time to procure the butterfly valves required for the first shutdown. In order to allow the contractor to perform the work during the allowable shutdown season, staff waived some of the requirements for the valves in order to have them delivered in time. Staff felt that waiving these requirements would not significantly affect the operability and maintainability of the valves. (<i>could not reasonably have been anticipated during design</i>)	(\$1,725.00)
1-2 Install steel collar plates on corroded areas of the pipe in the Meter Vault and replace the existing outlets for air/vac valve and pressure gauge with new outlets.	After removing paint from the existing pipe in the Meter Vault, it was discovered that there was more pitting and corrosion on the pipe and outlets than anticipated. Collar plates were used to cover the pitted areas on the pipe and new outlets were installed to replace the corroded ones. (<i>could not reasonably have been anticipated during design</i>)	\$1,433.18
1-3 Delete the requirement for procuring an 8-inch butterfly valve for the new check valve bypass piping outside the pump station and install an Owner-furnished valve instead.	When the new 8-inch butterfly valve that the contractor procured was delivered to the site, staff found that the coating on the valve was unacceptable, with numerous chips and areas where the lining was either too thin or too thick to meet NSF-61 requirements (the requirements for linings in contact with potable water), so the valve was rejected. There was not enough time for the contractor to procure another valve to use during the shutdown, so to facilitate the project, Calleguas staff procured one from a local supplier and provided it to the contractor. (<i>could not reasonably have been anticipated during design</i>)	(\$1,356.33)
1-4 Repair an existing leak on the 16-inch suction pipeline outside the pump station structure.	When the contractor excavated outside the pump station to install a new connection on the existing suction pipe, a small leak in the pipe was discovered that needed to be repaired. (<i>could not reasonably have been anticipated during design</i>)	\$1,345.96

LAKE SHERWOOD PUMP STATION REHABILITATION
Summary of Change Orders

Description of Work	Reason	Cost (Credit) to Calleguas
1-5 Pothole and survey the locations of the existing 5-inch Southern California Edison (SCE) and 2-inch communications conduits, which were in different locations than shown on the Contract Documents or marked in the field.	During potholing, the contractor attempted to locate existing 5-inch SCE and 2-inch communications conduits, but was unable to do so where they were shown on the plans or marked in the field by DigAlert. They later found the conduits in a different location while excavating for the new discharge surge tank vault. Staff directed the contractor to carefully locate the lengths of the conduits that might affect construction of the pump station facilities and provide survey data so that they could be properly plotted on the plans and any potential design modifications could be identified. The location of the surge tank vault had to be modified to accommodate the actual location of these utilities. Costs associated with modifying the location of the surge tank vault will be handled under a separate change order. <i>(could not reasonably have been anticipated during design)</i>	\$9,127.62
Change Order No. 2 (approved by the Manager of Engineering April 4, 2022)		
2-1 Install a 2½" conduit with two cables (one for the antenna on the roof and one spare) instead of a 1½" conduit with one cable.	Calleguas' purveyor requested the ability to have an antenna on the top of the Lake Sherwood Reservoir with the same type of cable used for Calleguas' antenna. Due to the size of this additional cable, it was necessary to increase the conduit to 2½". <i>(Calleguas requested during construction)</i>	\$10,487.48
2-2 Remove the existing pump station footing projection where the new vault structure abuts the existing concrete shaft and apply a coat of epoxy on the exposed surfaces of any cut reinforcement.	After excavating for construction of the new discharge surge tank vault adjacent to the pump station structure, the contractor discovered that there was a concrete footing around the bottom of the structure, not indicated on the record drawings, that would interfere with the new vault, so it was necessary for the contractor to remove the interfering portion of the footing. <i>(Could not reasonably have been anticipated during design)</i>	\$893.42
Change Order No. 3 (approved by the Manager of Engineering August 9, 2022)		
3-1 Install a new bypass switch and load center and associated components to properly distribute power from the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) to critical control devices that would need it during a power outage.	The Contract Documents showed the UPS providing power to a limited amount of equipment. During construction, it became apparent that additional breakers downstream of the UPS are required in order to provide power to additional critical components that would need it during a power outage. A new bypass switch and power load center were installed to allow the UPS to properly distribute power to the additional critical devices. <i>(design omission)</i>	\$13,159.34

LAKE SHERWOOD PUMP STATION REHABILITATION
Summary of Change Orders

Description of Work	Reason	Cost (Credit) to Calleguas
3-2 Install the equipment needed to enable High Temperature Shutdown for all four pumps .	The Contract Documents did not include provisions for High Temperature Shutdown for the pumps, but they are needed for safe operation of the pump station. This work included the installation of additional junction boxes, conduit, wiring, and associated fittings at the four pumps in order to provide the necessary signals from the pump station control panel to shut down the pumps in the event the motors get too hot. <i>(design omission)</i>	\$19,169.75
Change Order No. 4 (approved by the General Manager August 29, 2022)		
4-1 Construct the Discharge Surge Tank, and related vault, piping, and other associated facilities in a different location.	During potholing, the contractor discovered that the existing 5-inch SCE and 2-inch communications conduits conflicted with the designed location of the Discharge Surge Tank Vault. The location of the Discharge Surge Tank Vault was modified to avoid the conflict. The relocation resulted in the large concrete surge tank vault being placed further away from the main pump station in of the adjacent slope, which required additional piping to reach the surge tank, additional earthwork, additional concrete and rebar for a concrete pad and steps around the vault and aluminum railing that were not originally required. <i>(could not reasonably have been anticipated during design)</i>	\$99,129.44
4-2 Install a different power monitor.	The Contract Documents specified a power monitor, but Calleguas has recently begun standardizing on a different power monitor for all installations. <i>(Calleguas requested during construction)</i>	No cost
Change Order No. 5 (approved by the Senior Project Manager April 6, 2023)		
5-1 Assist the District with repairing a pipeline break.	On July 12, 2022, there was a leak on the Lake Sherwood Feeder on Moorpark Road between Rolling Oaks Drive and Los Padres Drive, south of the 101 Freeway, in Thousand Oaks. This pipeline delivers water to Ventura County Waterworks District No. 38, which serves the community of Lake Sherwood, and is the only source of potable water to this area. At the time of the break, the District's emergency contractor was not immediately available and MMC had equipment and staff nearby and available to assist with the initial response so the General Manager authorized MMC to do so, in accordance with the emergency provisions of the General Conditions. This covers the cost of all of the assistance MMC provided, although ultimately the majority of the repair was performed by another contractor under separate contractual authority. <i>(Calleguas requested during construction)</i>	\$1,900.33

LAKE SHERWOOD PUMP STATION REHABILITATION
Summary of Change Orders

Description of Work	Reason	Cost (Credit) to Calleguas
5-2 Assist the District in backfilling ruts caused by erosion in the access road to Lake Sherwood Tank.	On January 12, 2023, staff noticed deep ruts in the access road leading from Lake Sherwood Pump Station to Lake Sherwood Tank. The ruts made it difficult for staff to access the tank, so they asked MMC, who had the needed equipment at the Lake Sherwood Pump Station Rehabilitation site, to backfill the ruts and make the road passable. <i>(Calleguas requested during construction)</i>	\$595.25
Change Order No. 6 (approved by the Deputy General Manager July 5, 2023)		
6-1 Assist the District with replacing a leaking 4-inch blow-off valve under the concrete floor slab and stairway in the pump station.	In May 2023, staff discovered that an existing 4-inch blow-off valve from the Lake Sherwood Pump Station suction pipeline was leaking, causing water to continually flow through the drain line to which it is connected. Staff directed MMC to remove the concrete floor and stairway above the valve, replace the valve with a new District-furnished one, and replace the concrete floor slab and stairway, in accordance with the emergency provisions of the General Conditions. <i>(Calleguas requested during construction)</i>	\$37,523.75
Change Order No. 7 (approved by the Project Manager June 28, 2024)		
7-1 Extend the Time for Completion due to Force Majeure.	Force Majeure events, including supply chain issues and difficulties receiving required materials due to the worldwide pandemic (including motor control center, generator, automatic transfer switch, switchgear, vertical turbine pump, and variable frequency drive) necessitated a time extension. <i>(Could not reasonably have been anticipated during design)</i>	\$0
7-2 Install a bypass valve and bleed block on the bleed air system.	The existing suction surge tank bleed air piping did not have a bypass valve or bleed block, which are needed for testing and repair of the automated solenoid valve, so they were added. <i>(Calleguas requested during construction)</i>	\$1,676.77
	Total	\$193,360.96

LAKE SHERWOOD PUMP STATION REHABILITATION
Summary of Change Orders

Original contract amount: \$2,844,000.00
Change Orders: \$193,360.96 (6.80%)
New contract amount: \$3,037,360.96

BREAKDOWN OF CHANGE ORDERS BY CATEGORY	Amount	Percentage of Original Contract Amount
Design omissions	\$32,329.09	1.14%
Could not reasonably have been anticipated during design	\$108,848.29	3.83%
Calleguas requested during construction	\$52,183.58	1.83%

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BOARD MEMORANDUM**Date:** February 4, 2026**To:** Board of Directors**From:** Dan Smith, Manager of Finance**Subject:** Item 6.D – Receive and Affirm the Quarterly Investment Report for the District through December 31, 2025

Objective: Accomplish the mission in a cost-effective manner by reporting to the Board the status of the quarterly investment results in a transparent manner.

Recommended Action: Receive and affirm the Quarterly Investment Report for the District through December 31, 2025.

Budget Impact: None.

Discussion: Quarterly, staff reports to the Board the status of the District's investments managed by Chandler Asset Management. The report gives an update on the economy and documents the compliance of the investments with the District's current Investment Policy. The current report provides the investment balances and investment activity through December 2025.

Attachment:

Quarterly Investment Report - December 2025

General Manager's Monthly Status Report to the Board of Directors



Senior Maintenance Worker David Vaca and Maintenance Worker 2 Jovani Galindo install the Victaulic cap for the diversion piping inside the East Portal of the Santa Susana Tunnel. This is part of the process for a scheduled shutdown of West Valley Feeder No. 1, one of the two Metropolitan feeders connected to the Calleguas system at East Portal, which took place January 12 to 21. During this time, the District intermittently received no imported water supplies and relied entirely on sources of locally stored imported water.

Report for January 2026 Activities

Water Resources Implementation Strategy (WRIST)

1. Brackish Groundwater Desalter Optimization Study for the Upper Calleguas Creek Watershed – The draft scope of work was circulated to the Study Partners, including the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), for review.
2. Regional Exchange Program Framework – The General Manager and Deputy General Manager continue to work with Woodard & Curran on the Regional Exchange Program Framework, focusing on the issues of water quality and cost.

Water Policy and Strategy

3. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Board of Directors considered the following issues of particular relevance to the District. Agendas, background materials, live streaming meetings, and video archives for all of the Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings may be accessed through the Metropolitan website, <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.
 - *Pure Water Southern California Update*: Metropolitan Directors received an update on the proposed Pure Water Southern California (Pure Water) project. Pure Water is a large regional recycled water project to augment Metropolitan's imported water supplies with a new local source of water. In collaboration with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' (LASAN) wastewater treatment facility in Carson, Pure Water could potentially provide 150 million gallons per day (~168,000 acre-feet per year [AFY]) for indirect potable reuse, raw water augmentation, and possibly direct potable reuse. Metropolitan successfully obtained an \$80 million state grant and \$125 million federal grant to finance development of the project without a commitment to build the project. Approximately \$71 million of grant money has been expended to date in planning and project development. Total buildout of the project has been estimated at \$9 billion.

Metropolitan's Board will consider a series of actions related to the project in the upcoming months. In January 2026, the Board approved principles to guide partnership agreements for participation in the project. In February 2026, the Board will be asked to certify the project's Environmental Impact Report. As the Board proceeds to budget discussions in February through April, the question of how or whether to implement the project will need to be weighed against the project's contribution to water supply reliability and its cost. There are a variety of ways to stage the project in 45, 75, and 150 million gallon per day (MGD) increments. The choice will be informed by the ongoing Climate Adaptation Management Plan for Water analyses.

At the January 2026 Metropolitan Board meeting, Robert Ferrante, General Manager of LASAN, addressed the Board concerning LASAN's continued support for the project.

Upon questioning from the Board, General Manager Ferrante confirmed that an initial 45 MGD staging would work from his agency's perspective. Also addressing the Board, Doa Ross, Deputy General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), expressed SNWA's commitment as a cost partner in the project's continued development in anticipation that the partnership could facilitate exchanges on the Colorado River for SNWA's benefit.

In summary, Pure Water offers a base-loaded local water supply with a large range of future potential implementation pathways and a corresponding range of benefits. Given the uncertainty of how Pure Water will ultimately fit into Metropolitan's water supply reliability planning, the budget discussion will likely focus on what decision best leverages the current grant funding, partnership interests, and potential for water supply reliability with the cost of preserving adaptive future options.

- *Colorado River Post-2026 Operating Guidelines:* On January 16, 2026, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. The release began a 45-day public review and comment period. The Colorado River basin states have been meeting in sequestered negotiations to try to reach consensus. The Draft EIS provided the parties with a federal proposal that is now the subject of the basin states' negotiations. The federal government has asked the states to propose an alternative consensus approach by February 14, 2026. Negotiations continue.

External Affairs

Partnerships

4. Directors Avila, McMillan, Pakala, and Quady, as well as the General Manager, Executive Strategist, and Manager of External Affairs, attended Metropolitan's Sepulveda Feeder Pump Station groundbreaking at the Venice Pressure Control Structure. This infrastructure improvement project will help Metropolitan to reverse flows in its system if needed during severe drought, pushing water from the Colorado River and Diamond Valley Lake into Calleguas's service area along with other communities within Metropolitan's State Water Project Dependent Area that currently have limited access to these resources. Director McMillan was one of the featured speakers at the



event, focusing her remarks on the importance of the project for water reliability for Metropolitan and several of its member agencies.

5. Directors McMillan, Pakala, and Quady, as well as the General Manager and Principal Water Resources Specialist, attended the quarterly Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) lunch meeting at the Santa Anita Racetrack. The program featured Metropolitan General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh and Board Chair Adán Ortega in conversation with SCWC Executive Director Charley Wilson about the resilience and affordability challenges facing water utilities. The General Manager also attended the SCWC board meeting ahead of the lunch as a member of the SCWC board. The SCWC board adopted its 2026 Strategic Plan, focused on supporting water utilities on the cost and value of water and infrastructure investment, as well as broadening its coalition.
6. Director McMillan, the General Manager, and the Deputy General Manager attended the Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC's) 2026 Water Policy Forum and Dinner. Several hundred attendees heard from Metropolitan General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh about his priorities as Metropolitan addresses workforce, water supply reliability and resilience, and affordability challenges. The event doubled as a 75th anniversary celebration for MWDOC.
7. Director Avila, the General Manager, Manager of External Affairs, Operations Supervisor, and Senior Communications Specialist welcomed City of Simi Valley Council Members Rocky Rhodes and Mike Judge, along with Superintendent of the Simi Valley Unified School District, Dr. Hani Youssef, for a District tour and briefing. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss local water supply reliability, regional infrastructure, and ongoing priorities impacting the Simi Valley community. The tour included Lake Bard, the Control Room, and the chance to observe a Lake Bard Water Filtration Plant (LBWFP) filter in the backwash process.
8. The Senior Communications Specialist provided an update on Calleguas to the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Legislative Advocacy Forum, including remarks of appreciation for guest speaker Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin's support of the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) and authorship of Assembly Bill (AB) 523, which authorized proxy voting for the Metropolitan Board. The update also included information on the upcoming rain barrel sale and recent tours and briefings at the District.
9. The Senior Communications Specialist provided an update on Calleguas at the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce Legislative Roundtable, including information about the District's upcoming rain barrel sale and recent tours and briefings. This month's meeting focused on the



DCP and water security, featuring guest speaker Carrie Buckman, Environmental Programs Manager for DCP from the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

10. Calleguas welcomed the Oklahoma Farm Bureau for a tour and briefing that included a discussion on the history of water in Ventura County, highlighting the regional water supply system and its challenges. From groundwater management and rising water costs to long-term supply reliability, the visit provided a valuable opportunity to exchange perspectives and compare shared water priorities in both California and Oklahoma. The visit to Calleguas was part of a one-day Ventura County agriculture-focused tour offered in conjunction with the American Farm Bureau Convention in Anaheim.



11. The Senior Communications Specialist met with the Museum of Ventura County Chief Development Officer to explore potential partnership opportunities that support public engagement and education regarding water issues and history in Ventura County.
12. The Senior Communications Specialist attended a virtual professional development session focused on cutting through today's information noise and strengthening public communication through storytelling and narrative strategy. Former *New York Times* Executive Editor Jill Abramson and former Congressman Brian Baird shared practical techniques for translating complex topics into clear, compelling messages, and building trust.
13. In consultation with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) staff, the Calleguas-Las Virgenes Interconnection event that had been planned for Board members, elected officials, and the media has been officially cancelled after two postponements last fall. This event was intended to provide stakeholders with a close-up look at the project site, but was unable to occur due to weather and other factors. The External Affairs Department will instead work individually with interested parties to provide tours of the Interconnection as appropriate.

State Advocacy

14. The Manager of External Affairs, recently appointed to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) State Legislative Committee, attended the committee's first meeting of 2026 in Sacramento. The gathering provided an overview of the committee's structure and processes, as well as a preview of early legislative initiatives that the committee will monitor.

15. The Manager of External Affairs attended the orientation of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Committee as a returning member of the committee. CSDA staff provided an overview of the committee's organization and procedures, as well as CSDA policy priorities and upcoming events.
16. The Manager of External Affairs and Principal Water Resources Specialist participated in a virtual meeting with LVMWD and Camrosa Water District staff to discuss the upcoming ACWA Legislative Symposium in Sacramento on February 11. Topics covered included contacting legislative offices for appointments prior to the Symposium and coalescing around mutual priorities to discuss during those meetings.
17. The Deputy General Manager spoke at the September 21 California Water Commission meeting in support of Senate Bill (SB) 72, the 2025 bill that establishes long-term water supply targets in the California Water Plan. The bill requires that DWR establish, in coordination with the Water Commission, an advisory committee composed of urban water suppliers, water wholesalers, and others, "to assist and provide input to the department in the updating of The California Water Plan."

Federal Advocacy

18. President Trump signed an appropriations bill officially approving \$1.092 million in funding for the Lake Bard Pump Station. Congresswoman Julia Brownley included the project among the 15 requested Community Project Funding priorities she submitted to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration. This request was first submitted to the Congresswoman's office in 2024. Next steps include a grant agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, plus a check presentation ceremony to be scheduled at a future date.

Water Resources

Public Outreach and Engagement

19. The January Purveyor Managers Meeting focused on wildfire preparedness. Guest speaker Kevin Phillips, District Manager of Paradise Irrigation District, discussed the response, recovery, and lessons learned from the 2018 Camp Fire. He highlighted disaster response coordination, public communication efforts, water system restoration, and building infrastructure



resilience. Representatives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and the Ventura County Fire Department presented on AB 367 (Bennett), including backup energy provisions, identification of critical fire suppression infrastructure, development of minimum fire safety standards, and reporting requirements.

20. The UC Master Gardeners of Ventura County held their monthly Calleguas-sponsored drip irrigation workshop. This hands-on class teaches participants how to convert their existing sprinkler systems to drip irrigation. There were 17 attendees.

21. The Principal Water Resources Specialist, Senior Water Resources Specialist, new Water Resources and External Affairs Student Intern, and Accounting Technician staffed a booth at the Oxnard Performing Art Center's annual Native Plant Fest. This event brings together the community to celebrate and showcase local plant-inspired culture, food, traditions, and creativity. Staff provided materials and expertise to educate and inspire landscape transformations that include climate-appropriate plants and provided information on available rebates.



Water Use Efficiency and Conservation

22. The Manager of Water Resources and Principal Water Resources Specialist attended Metropolitan's quarterly Conservation Program Advisory Committee meeting. The group discussed potential additions or modifications to Metropolitan's Regional Conservation program.

23. Staff attended Metropolitan's monthly virtual Water Use Efficiency meeting, which included updates on recent Board meeting presentations, the status of various grants, the conservation program, and an update on Colorado River negotiations. The meeting concluded with a Member Agency roundtable.

24. In January, there were 51 applications with approved reservations under the Turf Replacement Program (TRP) for a total reserved amount of \$2,121,040 in Metropolitan funding. Another ten applications are in the pre-approval stage, awaiting a confirmed reservation. These applications total \$1,388,619 in requested Metropolitan funding, although funds are not committed until an application is approved. A small percentage of applications typically drop out at this stage. Since



July 1, there have been 31 TRP rebates paid, totaling \$311,490 in Metropolitan funding. For Fiscal Year 2025-26, under the Device Rebate Program, there are currently 69 applications in good standing (i.e., rebate applications that have not been denied or expired due to inactivity) totaling \$5,607 in reserved Metropolitan funding and \$1,388 in Calleguas funding. An additional 499 rebates have been paid since July 1, totaling \$39,641 in Metropolitan funding and \$4,844 in Calleguas funding.

Upcoming Events

25. *Saturday, February 7, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. – Rain Barrel Sale*

In partnership with Rain Barrels International, Calleguas will host a rain barrel sale event at District headquarters. Customers can choose from rain barrels ranging in size from 50 to 60 gallons, priced between \$75 and \$95 plus tax. Barrels may be preordered at

<https://www.rainbarrelsintl.com/events/calleguas-mwd>. A limited number of barrels will be available for purchase at the event; preordering is highly recommended. After purchase, customers may apply for a \$35 rebate per barrel (limit two per household) through BeWaterWise.com.

26. *Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. – Hands-on Drip Irrigation Workshop*

The UC Master Gardeners of Ventura County are scheduled to conduct their monthly Calleguas-sponsored drip irrigation workshop at District headquarters. This hands-on class teaches participants how to convert their existing sprinkler systems to drip irrigation. Registration is required at <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=46853>

Groundwater Resources

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA)/Las Posas Valley Watermaster (Watermaster)

27. The FCGMA/Watermaster held its first Board meeting of the year on January 28, 2026. Of interest to Calleguas purveyors was the first reading of the revised “Allocation System for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley [OPV] Basins.” Calleguas does not have an allocation in the OPV Basin, but several District purveyors do. The draft revised ordinance includes a provision to elevate “flex” or in-lieu conjunctive use programs from project-specific definitions to a general policy statement. Individual programs utilizing such sources as the Santa Clara River, Conejo Creek, imported water, or recycled water would be considered separately as long as they met the general requirements of the new ordinance.

Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin Watermaster PAC and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Deputy General Manager continues in his role as Chair of the PAC. The PAC regularly meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Calleguas Board room; a hybrid option is always available via Zoom.

28. Watermaster delivered the draft Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS) to the TAC and PAC in late December. The Judgment requires Watermaster to prepare the BOYS, based on projects identified in the Basin Optimization Plan (BOP), to determine the Basin Optimization Yield, Rampdown, and Rampdown Rate for the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin. Using numerical groundwater model simulations, the BOYS evaluates groundwater conditions under three potential future production scenarios: continued production at 40,000 AFY, the “initial operating yield” defined in the Judgment; implementation of two groundwater in-lieu projects evaluated in the BOP; and two Rampdown scenarios in the event that the projects are not implemented. The in-lieu projects, which include the purchase and delivery of Calleguas water to replace pumping at Zone Mutual Water Company (MWC) and Ventura County Waterworks wells, appear to perform well under the modeling. District staff are working with Watermaster staff and pertinent purveyors to develop the analysis further and prepare the agreements that would be necessary to implement the programs.

Groundwater Storage

29. Groundwater storage totals through the end of December include 451.9 of well production and 420.4 AF of well injection.

Groundwater storage totals through December are as follows:

East Las Posas Wellfield Injection	420.4 AF
East Las Posas Wellfield Production	451.9 AF
Current ASR Wellfield Storage	23,474 AF
East Las Posas In Lieu	6,348 AF
West Las Posas In Lieu	25,192 AF
Conejo Creek Project	23,453 AF
UWCD Storage	10,482 AF
Oxnard In Lieu	18,060 AF

Engineering

Construction

Projects in construction are summarized in a table at the end of this document.

30. *Lake Sherwood Pump Station Rehabilitation (591)* – The contractor, MMC Inc., continued working on punchlist items, including procurement of a replacement dashpot for the tilted disk check valve and O&M manuals from the electrical equipment manufacturer. (No change.) (CIP Priority: High)

31. *Lindero Pump Station Rehabilitation* (592) – The contractor, Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, continued to prepare and submit material and equipment submittals for review and approval. (CIP Priority: High)
32. *CCSB Strengthening for Metrolink SCORE Improvements* (614) – A preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor, Structural Preservation Systems, LLC. (CIP Priority: High)
33. *Networking Center Relocation and Administration Building Storage Room Addition* (620) – The contractor, Pre Con Industries, began masonry work to construct the walls of the Networking Center and Administration Building Storage Room Addition. The contractor also continued with electrical improvements at the Administration and Control Buildings. (CIP Priority: High)
34. *LBWFP Roof Replacements* (621) – A preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor, Rite-Way Roof Corporation. (CIP Priority: High)

Design

35. *Conejo Pump Station Rehabilitation* (480) – Kennedy Jenks Consultants (KJ) continues study of design impacts related to the implementation of value engineering design alternatives. (No change.) (CIP Priority: High)
36. *SMP Phase 3 and Las Virgenes MWD/Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Pure Water Project SMP Discharge Station* (536) – Design engineer Perliter & Ingalsbe (P&I) continued preparation of 50% plans and specifications and submitted alignment alternatives for SMP Phase 3, plus a revised preliminary plan for the JPA SMP discharge station, currently under review by District staff. Staff continues to work with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the Title XVI grant agreement. (CIP Priority: Low)
37. *Calleguas-Ventura Interconnection* (562) – Negotiations for the required right-of-way continued with several agricultural landowners and other entities. The design engineer P&I continued work on the final design documents. (CIP Priority: High)
38. *Smith Road Tank* (569) – Design engineer P&I continues to prepare the 50% plans and specifications. District staff reviewed the administrative Draft EIR submitted by the environmental consultant, Aspen Environmental Group. The District's right-of-way consultant, Hamner Jewell & Associates, continued negotiations with the landowner, who rejected the District's initial offer. (CIP Priority: High)
39. *Santa Rosa Hydro Improvements* (582) – Staff continues review of revised 90% instrumentation plans and specifications for the Hydro Station. (No change.) (CIP Priority: Medium)

40. *Crestview Well No. 8 (585)* – Crestview and Calleguas staff and legal counsel continue to discuss potential alternative approaches to the agreement. (*CIP Priority: Not Evaluated*)
41. *Lake Bard Pump Station, Lake Bard Water Filtration Plant (LBWFP) Flowmeter and Lake Bard Outlet Tower Improvements (587)* – Staff continue to review 100% plans and specifications. (No change.) (*CIP Priority: High*)
42. *Fairview Well Rehabilitation (589)* – Staff completed review of the 50% plans and provided comments to the design engineer, MKN & Associates. (*CIP Priority: High*)
43. *Calleguas Conduit North Branch (CCNB) Broken Back Rehabilitation, Phase 4 (598)* – Staff continues to work to identify the next pipeline sections to be rehabilitated through carbon fiber lining. (No change.) (*CIP Priority: High*)
44. *Existing Crew Building Improvements and Crew Building Expansion (603R)* – Design engineer KJ continues to prepare the final plans and specifications. (*CIP Priority: High*)
45. *Somis Farmworker Housing SMP Discharge Station (607)* – The project is being advertised for bidding. (*CIP Priority: Medium*)
46. *Wellfield No. 2 Solar System (613)* – TerraVerde Energy is supporting and tracking requests for information from the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) administrator for two SGIP incentive applications on behalf of the District that are under review for potential photovoltaic-battery energy storage systems at Wellfield No. 2. (*CIP Priority: Low*)
47. *LBWFP Site Civil and Electrical Improvements (622)* – Staff continues to review 100% plans and specifications. (No change.) (*CIP Priority: High*)
48. *Marz Farms SMP Discharge Station (625)* – The design engineer, MKN, is preparing plans and specifications. (*CIP Priority: High*)
49. *LBWFP Secondary Access (631)* – The design engineer, MNS, continues to prepare the Preliminary Design Report.
50. *LBWFP Staff Housing Replacement (633)* – At the January 7 Board meeting, the Board approved the new capital project and associated capital project budget allocation. The Board Ad Hoc Committee on Staff Housing visited a local tiny home manufacturer, Piccola Homes, to conduct market research for preparation of performance specifications. Staff is preparing the performance specifications.

Studies & Planning

51. *Pipeline Condition Assessment Program* – Staff returned comments on the proposal from V&A Engineering for the planned condition assessment of approximately 3.2 miles of the 42-inch diameter Lindero Feeder.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

52. *Proposition 1, Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Funding* – The retention release check was received from DWR and retention payments were disbursed to the grantees.
53. *Proposition 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Funding and Urban Community Drought Relief Grant* – DWR approved progress reports and invoices for the third quarter of 2025, as well as invoices for Nyeland Acres MWC (NAMWC) for portions of the fourth quarter of 2025. With the Board’s action at the January 21 meeting allowing payment to be made to NAMWC and Garden Acres MWC once DWR approves the invoices, Calleguas was able to issue payment to these two MWCs serving disadvantaged communities so they can pay their bills in advance of receiving the checks from DWR, which may take several additional months.

Miscellaneous Engineering Activities

54. *Training* – The Project Managers provided status updates on their respective projects, and the Manager of Engineering presented the infrastructure concept for delivering potable drinking water from a potential ocean desalination plant in Los Angeles County.
55. *Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) Regulations and Compliance* – Engineering staff met with O&M staff to discuss formalizing the District’s ACF compliance plan. Staff continue to monitor regulatory updates from the California Air Resources Board related to the ACF regulations and compliance.

Operations and Maintenance

Salinity Management Pipeline

56. The City of Camarillo’s North Pleasant Valley Desalter and Camrosa’s Round Mountain Desalter are currently online and discharging brine into the SMP. Port Hueneme Water Agency’s water treatment plant discharge station continues to be offline for a tank rehabilitation project. This work is expected to last several months.

LBWFP

57. Staff promptly responded and successfully maintained operations at the LBWFP during an unplanned Southern California Edison power outage.
58. The LBWFP continues operating at the necessary production capacity in support of Metropolitan's winter shutdowns. The second of three shutdowns concluded on January 21, with a third and final Metropolitan shutdown scheduled for February.

Las Posas Aquifer Storage and Recovery Wellfields

59. Staff successfully operated the Las Posas Wellfield throughout the January Metropolitan shutdown to mitigate the reduction and intermittent loss of imported water flows. This proactive measure ensured customer water demands were met while maintaining water quality standards.
60. Staff completed maintenance on Well Nos. 1 through 18. Tasks included:
 - Rodent control
 - Visual inspections
 - Inspection of analyzer and safety sensors for proper function and parameters
 - Inspection of oil lubrication systems

Water Distribution System

61. Staff supported the zero flow event portion of Metropolitan's January shutdown by utilizing the Calleguas drop gate to isolate the connection at East Portal to West Valley Feeder No. 1.
62. Staff responded to a reported water leak at Ponderosa Drive



and Arneill Road in the City of Camarillo. Upon inspection, staff observed damage to the air and vacuum valve cabinet and the one-inch brass fittings on the air and vacuum valve, possibly caused by a vehicle, although this could not be confirmed. Staff successfully isolated the air and vacuum valve, completed the necessary repairs, restored the system to service, and replaced the damaged cabinet.



63. The Ventura County Air Pollution Control District performed the final phase of inspection at the Conejo Standby Generators, Grandsen Pump Station standby generators, and mobile diesel generators for the Calleguas-Las Virgenes Interconnection. District staff attended the inspections, which resulted in no identified violations, and no additional requirements were imposed.



64. Maintenance, repairs, and inspection were performed at:

- *Hydroelectric Generators*: Santa Rosa, Grandsen, and Springville
- *Reservoirs*: Newbury Park and Springville
- *Turnouts*: Solano Verde MWC and Ventura County Waterworks Bradley Turnout
- *Pump Stations*: TOD, Sherwood, and Conejo
- *Pressure Regulating Stations*: Nos. 6A, 8, and 9

65. The Regulatory Compliance Division communicated water quality information from Metropolitan and Calleguas to purveyors by providing water quality maps from Metropolitan and Calleguas's distribution systems.

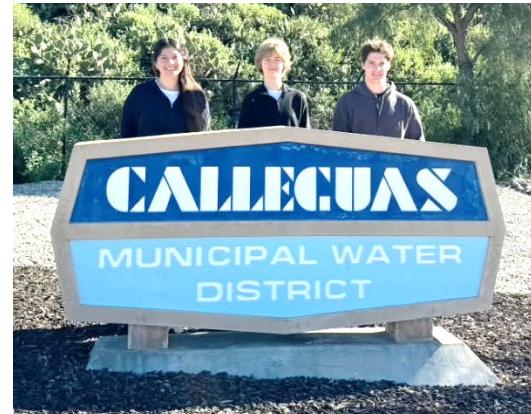
Training

66. Paintings and Coatings Crew Leader Ronnie Flores successfully completed and earned the Association for Materials Protection and Performance Coatings Application Specialist Level 1 certification.

Human Resources and Risk Management (HRRM)

Human Resources

67. The District welcomed three new student interns, who will be supporting Operations & Maintenance (primarily the Regulatory Compliance Division), Administration, and Water Resources/External Affairs. The six-month internship is a component of the District's workforce development initiative and is intended to deepen understanding of career opportunities in the water sector. District staff completed onboarding activities that included introductions, computer/workstation setup, IT networking training, and basic safety and emergency response training.



68. HRRM coordinated an All-Employee meeting. The Manager of External Affairs presented an overview of the department's guiding principles, primary objectives and legislative impacts. The Deputy General Manager provided a brief WRIST update to staff. Service awards were presented to Ebe Guerrero, General Services Supervisor, for 10 years of service and Cesar Romero, Senior Project Manager, for 15 years of service with the District.



69. The Senior Human Resources Analyst attended Metropolitan's Member Agency Workforce Development Working Group virtual Veteran Subcommittee meeting. The Program Manager of the Veteran Peer Assistance Network provided a presentation about the organization and its services.

Risk Management

70. The Emergency Response Coordinator hosted emergency management staff from the City of Thousand Oaks to provide an overview of Calleguas's operations, a facilities tour, and a discussion on interagency coordination.

71. The Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Specialist is working with the Emergency Response Coordinator and the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) to provide a regulatory framework to support the District's proposed LBWFP secondary access road. The road is required by the California Accidental Release Program due to the possibility of a chlorine release at the District, which could block the only egress from the LBWFP. The addition of the road is also part of the District's Risk Management Plan.

72. The EH&S Specialist and O&M staff are jointly creating standard operating procedures (SOP), which are critical for field staff to ensure they work safely and are informed of the hazards of each type of job duty. Completed SOPs include herbicide and chemical spraying; an SOP for ventilation and air monitoring is currently in progress.

73. The EH&S Specialist developed training plans for new and promoted employees based on job duties. The plans will ensure staff receive all required training in safety, emergency response, and human resources.

Training

74. The Emergency Response Coordinator provided a safety and emergency orientation to new contractors working on the Networking Center Relocation and Administration Building Storage Room Addition. The training covered chemicals stored onsite and evacuation and shelter-in-place procedures.

75. The Emergency Response Coordinator and EH&S Specialist provided safety and emergency response training to the new intern cohort, including chemical hazards, injury prevention, and evacuation procedures. Following the training, the EH&S Specialist provided an overview of the location and hazards of chemicals stored onsite, District safety systems, and containment requirements. In addition, the Administration intern received a tour of staffed District facilities and was shown the location of emergency response and medical supplies, as well as the District's Emergency Operations Center.

Finance

76. Staff processed and paid 362 invoices, totaling approximately \$12.5 million, between December 18 and January 21.

77. Staff prepared purveyor invoices for water sales in December totaling \$10,771,683.19. Metropolitan invoiced the District for the same period a total of \$7,232,519.71.

78. The Metropolitan invoice for water purchased in November and paid in January is \$8,378,055.50.

79. The balance in the LAIF account as of December 31 was \$9,981,567.07. The monthly effective yield is at 4.025% for December.

80. The Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Consumer Price Index for December was down 0.3% over the past month and up 3.0% from a year ago.

Information Technology

Cybersecurity

81. Staff attended a planning meeting for the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Summit. At the Summit, the Manager of IT participated on a panel focusing on Cybersecurity and Governance Basics.

82. During December, the District's phishing campaign resulted in no users clicking on the link. The security awareness training resulted in a 92% completion rate.

83. During December, the District's spam filter processed 54,963 emails, allowing 39% to be delivered, reporting 25% as spam, and rejecting 36% due to rules or viruses.



Miscellaneous Activities

84. Staff provided design review and other support to the Engineering Department on various projects, including:

- Lake Bard Pump Station, LBWFP Secondary Flow Meter, and Lake Bard Outlet Tower Improvements
- Fairview Well Rehabilitation
- Networking Center Relocation and Administration Building Storage Room Addition

GIS Activities

85. Staff completed administrative training for Cityworks. IT and O&M are currently planning for final training and implementation to occur after the winter shutdowns are completed.

86. Staff developed maps for presentations and meetings for the Deputy General Manager and the External Affairs and Water Resources Departments.

87. Staff began developing a scope of work for outside review of the District's GIS system with an expected deliverable of a 'GIS roadmap' for future work.

Hardware & Software

88. Staff began the process of decommissioning the District's local Microsoft Exchange Server, which will help strengthen the District's cybersecurity posture.

89. Staff began replacing radio communication devices that support camera video signals. These devices were at end of life and beginning to fail.

90. Staff continued to provide Helpdesk functions. There were 61 tickets closed that included the following requests:

- Setup and support audiovisual needs in Board and conference rooms for various meetings
- Workstation software updates and troubleshooting
- Updates to web maps for Cityworks
- Reviewing Board agenda packets and recordings before posting to the District's website and YouTube
- Printer maintenance
- Updates to the intranet page
- Repairs to turnout computers
- Email support



Projects in Construction

Project No.	Project Name	Jurisdiction	Board Division	Award Date	Contract Completion Date	Contractor	Consultant	Construction Amount	Construction % Complete
591	Lake Sherwood Pump Station Rehabilitation	Thousand Oaks	2	9/2/2020	11/23/2024	MMC, Inc. La Palma, CA	Perliter & Ingalsbe	\$2,844,000	99
592	Linder Pump Station Rehabilitation	Thousand Oaks	2	6/18/2025	12/17/2028	Pacific Hydrotech Corp. Perris, CA	Kennedy Jenks	\$16,329,000	0
607	Somis Farmworker Housing SMP Discharge Station	Camarillo	3	TBD – In Bidding Process	TBD - In Bidding Process	TBD – In Bidding Process	MKN	TBD – In Bidding Process	0
620	NWC Relocation and Administration Building Storage Room Addition	Thousand Oaks	2	3/5/2025	2/19/2026	PreCon Industries, Inc. Santa Maria, CA	Kennedy Jenks	\$2,184,000	17
614	CCSB Strengthening for Metrolink SCORE Improvements	Simi Valley	1	11/5/2025	5/9/2026	Structural Preservation Systems, LLC Columbia, MD	Phoenix Civil Engineering Inc.	\$1,272,060	0
621	LBWFP Roof Replacements	Thousand Oaks	2	9/17/2025	5/6/2026	Rite-Way Roof Corporation Fontana, CA	Kennedy Jenks	\$357,646	0
							Total	\$22,986,706	



December 31, 2025
Financial Statements

Calleguas Municipal Water District
Statement of Net Assets
as of December 31, 2025

	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>
Current Assets:		
Unrestricted Assets		
Cash		
Investments	\$	7,545,125
Accounts Receivable	184,332,027	
Interest Receivable	16,200,933	
Inventory	1,619,390	
Prepaid Expenses	65,595,168	
	15,631,523	
Restricted Current Assets		
Restricted Cash & Investments	<u>2,163,047</u>	
Total Current Assets		
	<u>293,087,213</u>	
Capital Assets:		
Land & Improvements	23,155,786	
CIP	22,613,363	
Distribution Facilities	627,325,211	
Buildings & Improvements	32,054,557	
Equipment	29,909,581	
Total Capital Assets	<u>735,058,497</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(279,433,100)</u>	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		
	<u>455,625,398</u>	
OPEB Asset	444,251	
Total Assets		
	<u>\$ 749,156,862</u>	
Deferred Outflows - Bond Refunding	6,607,444	
Deferred Outflows - Pensions	4,681,658	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	<u>1,287,235</u>	
Total Deferred Outflows		
	<u>\$ 12,576,337</u>	
Total Assets & Deferred Outflows		
	<u>\$ 761,733,199</u>	

Calleguas Municipal Water District
Statement of Net Assets
as of December 31, 2025

<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 17,333,142
Accrued Expenses	589,478
Interest Payable	2,140,198
Retention Payable	175,923
Deposits	1,315,343
Compensated Absences	837,664
Current portion of bonds payable	<u>8,330,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>30,721,747</u>
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Bonds payable, net of current portion	143,975,894
Compensated Absences	991,601
Pension Liability	<u>9,221,088</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>154,188,583</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>184,910,330</u>
 Deferred Inflows - Pensions	776,578
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	<u>1,022,338</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>\$ 1,798,916</u>
Total Liabilities & Deferred Inflows	<u>\$ 186,709,246</u>
 Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	255,032,108
Restricted for Debt Service	4,142,153
Restricted for OPEB	444,251
Unrestricted	<u>315,405,440</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>575,023,952</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Assets	<u>\$ 761,733,199</u>

Calleguas Municipal Water District
Income Statement
Comparison for Six Months of Budget

	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Six Months of FY 2025-26		Six Months Ended 12/31/25		\$ Variance	%
		Total Budget	Budget				
Water Sales	\$ 147,450,210	\$ 80,094,058	\$ 74,193,584	\$ (5,900,474)	92.6%		
Other Water Revenues	443,500	221,752	242,295	20,543	109.3%		
Capacity Charge	7,741,200	3,989,815	3,986,778	(3,037)	99.9%		
Readiness to serve-purveyors	9,833,890	4,549,160	4,548,150	(1,010)	100.0%		
Recycled Water	100,290	62,782	97,987	35,205	156.1%		
Pumping Power Revenue	1,200,000	627,600	661,827	34,227	105.5%		
Power Generation	600,000	384,000	395,220	11,220	102.9%		
SMP Fees	638,980	319,492	366,615	47,123	114.7%		
Total Operating Revenues	168,008,070	90,248,659	84,492,456	(5,756,203)	93.6%		
Cost of Water	108,970,110	59,061,799	54,862,130	4,199,669	92.9%		
Capacity Reservation Charge-MWD	2,443,880	1,233,181	1,232,400	781	99.9%		
Readiness to serve-MWD	9,833,890	4,749,767	4,765,924	(16,157)	100.3%		
Recycled Water	85,180	42,592	82,759	(40,167)	194.3%		
Pumping Power	2,100,000	1,134,000	1,043,592	90,408	92.0%		
Total Cost of Water	123,433,060	66,221,339	61,986,805	4,234,534	93.6%		
Salaries	12,563,080	6,281,584	5,894,049	387,535	93.8%		
Benefits	6,092,830	3,046,432	2,597,679	448,753	85.3%		
Fuel and vehicle exp	320,000	159,998	134,786	25,212	84.2%		
Utilities	430,000	221,400	256,728	(35,328)	116.0%		
Operations & Maintenance Supplies	1,528,672	847,126	530,463	316,663	62.6%		
Office Supplies	521,595	271,731	197,495	74,236	72.7%		
Outside services	4,131,303	2,526,079	1,544,189	981,890	61.1%		
Consultants/Studies	1,617,677	835,699	370,648	465,051	44.4%		
Permits, Leases and fees	342,200	207,832	160,239	47,593	77.1%		
Travel & Training	352,770	180,912	137,129	43,783	75.8%		
Memberships	239,110	200,634	183,032	17,602	91.2%		
Insurance	495,000	495,000	439,240	55,760	88.7%		
Legal	655,000	327,502	375,976	(48,474)	114.8%		
Conservation	378,910	191,410	34,872	156,538	18.2%		
Miscellaneous	2,500	1,252	895	357	71.5%		
Capital Contributions	0	0	0	0	N/C		
Total Operating Administration Expenses	29,670,647	15,794,591	12,857,421	2,937,170	81.4%		
Operating Income	\$ 14,904,363	\$ 8,232,729	\$ 9,648,230	\$ 1,415,501	117.2%		

Calleguas Municipal Water District
Income Statement
Comparison for Six Months of Budget

	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Six Months of FY 2025-26	Six Months Ended 12/31/25	\$ Variance	%
	Total Budget	Budget			
Operating Income	\$ 14,904,363	\$ 8,232,729	\$ 9,648,230	\$ 1,415,501	117.2%
Interest Income	4,845,000	2,422,500	3,968,081	1,545,581	163.8%
G/L on Investments	0	0	232,740	232,740	N/C
Water standby charges	1,350,000	749,250	780,971	31,721	104.2%
Tax Revenue	12,850,000	6,847,500	5,952,868	(894,632)	86.9%
Tax Collection, Bank & Bond Fees	(530,000)	(216,254)	(175,952)	40,302	81.4%
Other Income	357,580	178,798	109,036	(69,762)	61.0%
Loan Interest expense	(430,890)	(215,448)	(32,098)	183,350	14.9%
Bond Interest expense	(5,513,270)	(2,756,636)	(2,433,967)	322,669	88.3%
Bond Premium/Discount Amortization	765,500	382,748	713,825	331,077	186.5%
Build America Bond Subsidy	0	0	0	0	N/C
Total non-operating revenue/Expenses	13,693,920	7,392,458	9,115,503	1,723,045	
Income before Capital, Contributions, & Depreciation	28,598,283	15,625,187	18,763,733	3,138,546	120.1%
Depreciation	(14,660,000)	(7,330,004)	(7,889,780)	(559,776)	107.6%
Capital Equipment > \$5,000	(825,720)	(460,974)	(377,960)	83,014	82.0%
Project Expense	0	0	0	0	N/C
Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	29,025	29,025	N/C
Grant/Capital Contribution Revenue	0	0	753	753	N/C
Capital Related Expenses	(15,485,720)	(7,790,978)	(8,237,962)	(446,984)	105.7%
Changes in Net Assets	\$ 13,112,563	\$ 7,834,209	\$ 10,525,771	\$ 2,691,562	
Net Assets, beginning of year (Restated)				564,498,181	
Net Assets, end of year				\$ 575,023,952	

Financial Snapshot - December 31, 2025



Budget & Actuals for the month of December 2025

	Budget for Dec 31, 2025	Actuals for Dec 31 2025	\$ Variance	as of November 30, 2025	as of December 31, 2025
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 10,925,250	\$ 10,904,945	\$ (20,305)	\$ (501,764)	\$ 7,545,125
Total Cost of Water	8,058,373	7,344,164	714,209	186,926,581	184,332,027
Total Operating Admin Expenses	2,536,534	1,904,020	632,514	34,423	2,163,047
Operating Income	330,343	1,656,760	1,326,417		
Total Non-Operating Rev/Exp	7,254,234	6,917,024	(337,210)		
Capital Related Expenses	(1,324,457)	(1,386,300)	(61,843)		
Changes in Net Assets	\$ 6,260,120	\$ 7,187,484	\$ 927,364		
Total:				\$ 186,459,239	\$ 194,040,199



Financial Snapshot - December 31, 2025

		Current Assets/Current Liabilities	
Current Ratio	Dec - 9.54	Current Assets/Current Liabilities	
	Nov - 8.81	Measures the District's capacity to settle short-term debts using readily available assets. The higher the ratio is above 1.0, the better financial position the District is in.	
Quick Ratio/Acid Test Ratio	Dec - 6.90	Curr Assets-Inventory-Prepays)/Curr Liabilities	
	Nov - 6.32	Measures the District's ability to settle current debts using quick assets, which are assets readily convertible to cash within 90 days. A good quick ratio is generally considered to be 1.0 or higher.	
Debt Ratio	Dec - 24.7%	Total Liabilities/Total Assets	
	Nov - 25.1%	Measures total Liabilities as a percentage of total assets. It reflects the District's ability to use its assets to cover its debt obligations. A lower debt ratio often indicates greater stability, but industry specific benchmarks vary. Typically, a ratio around 50% is considered reasonable.	
Debt Service Coverage	Dec - 3.07	Operating Income/(Principal + Interest)	
	Nov - 2.05	Measures the District's ability to service debt payments by comparing its net operating income with its total debt service obligations. A 1.25 is required for the District to issue more debt per its Bond Documents. A 1.75-2.0 is looked on favorably when issuing new debt financing.	
Times Interest Earned	Dec - 8.32	Earnings before Interest & Depreciation/Interest Expense	
	Nov - 5.58	Measures a portion of income available to cover future interest expenses. It reveals how many times the District could pay interest from its income. Higher ratios are more favorable, indicating stronger financial health.	

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January 20, 2026

Kristine McCaffrey, P.E.
 General Manager
 Calleguas Municipal Water District
 2100 E. Olsen Rd.
 Thousand Oaks CA 91360

Subject: General Comments on Cost of Service Study Information

Dear Kristine,

Thank you for inviting purveyors to the meeting on January 6, 2026 where Calleguas Municipal Water District (“Calleguas”) staff presented information regarding a Cost of Service Study. We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes to the Calleguas rate structure, specifically the proposal to recover a greater share of costs through fixed charges. We recognize the Calleguas’ interest in improving revenue stability and ensuring recovery of legitimate fixed costs. At the same time, we must carefully evaluate how the proposed changes affect retail agencies’ financial stability, rate setting authority, conservation objectives and long-term risk exposure.

Outlined below are key questions and considerations that we believe should be addressed prior to any adoption of a revised rate structure.

First, as this campaign continues forward in search of a possible change in rate structure for Calleguas, it would be very helpful to understand in detail what is/are the actual issue(s) that Calleguas is trying to solve. We recommend Calleguas clearly identifies the problem(s) that allows for the offering and evaluation of a suite of alternatives that accomplishes everyone's mutual goals. For example, questions that come to mind are, “What has changed to ask for this shift in rates?” or “How have those costs historically been recovered?”. This is an important issue that impacts a multitude of parties in long lasting and significant ways. To have purveyors understand the issue(s) at hand, we recommend a technical advisory group, which Oxnard staff would be willing to participate in.

In general, the concept of collecting 100% of fixed cost with the fixed component of a water rate is not something we support. If the concern is reduced revenues during timeframes of reduced consumption (e.g., during drought conditions and/or restriction), why not create drought rates? Paying more for less water should not be routine; if implemented, this pricing signal should only be when the situation warrants it, such as during a drought. In addition, if standard rates are set to

mitigate rates during shortfalls, then it might be rather easy to keep these same rates in place during times of abundance, where lots of water is being sold. This could create unnecessary surpluses (to the detriment of the purveyors) that become much easier to spend. Depending on the actual issue(s) trying to be solved, another option is a rate stabilization fund that is based on a possible predicted shortfall analyzed on past experiences (or future modeling). There could be an add-on to the current rate structure with a target goal where the add-on goes away when the target is reached.

It is unclear why one option being proposed is to use a variable component, e.g., a 10-year rolling average of water use, for a “fixed” component of a utility rate. That seems counterintuitive and countermands the concept of what a true fixed rate should be. If a certain percentage of Calleguas costs are fixed regardless of how much water is consumed, then those fixed charges should be shared fairly by all Purveyors or could be a taxed based process (or an equitable split of both). If the concept is not necessarily a traditional fixed charge, but rather a set charge to ensure a steady inflow of revenue to Calleguas, then our original comment about drought rates above are repeated here.

We request that any future change in rate setting still allows sufficient time in advance of implementation. Oxnard has a pass-through component to our retail rates. As such, knowing well enough in advance of any changes in Calleguas rates is appreciated.

The purveyor meeting held on January 6, 2026 is appreciated and we hope that this is just the beginning to a process that allows the purveyors to participate in an open, collaborative, and transparent process that encourages the purveyors to participate in the development and evaluation of alternatives that address/mitigate a clearly defined risk (or risks) that Calleguas faces. The process should define rates that avoid transferring a disproportionate share of that risk to purveyors, which could undermine conservation incentives, or the ability to set equitable and sustainable rates for their customers. We respectfully encourage Calleguas to model various scenarios to determine probable future financial risks (for Calleguas and purveyors) and use those results to develop and evaluate reserve and rate setting alternatives. We look forward to continued dialogue and to working together toward a rate structure that supports both Calleguas’ financial stability and the City of Oxnard flexibility.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Wolfe, PE
Director of Public Works, City of Oxnard

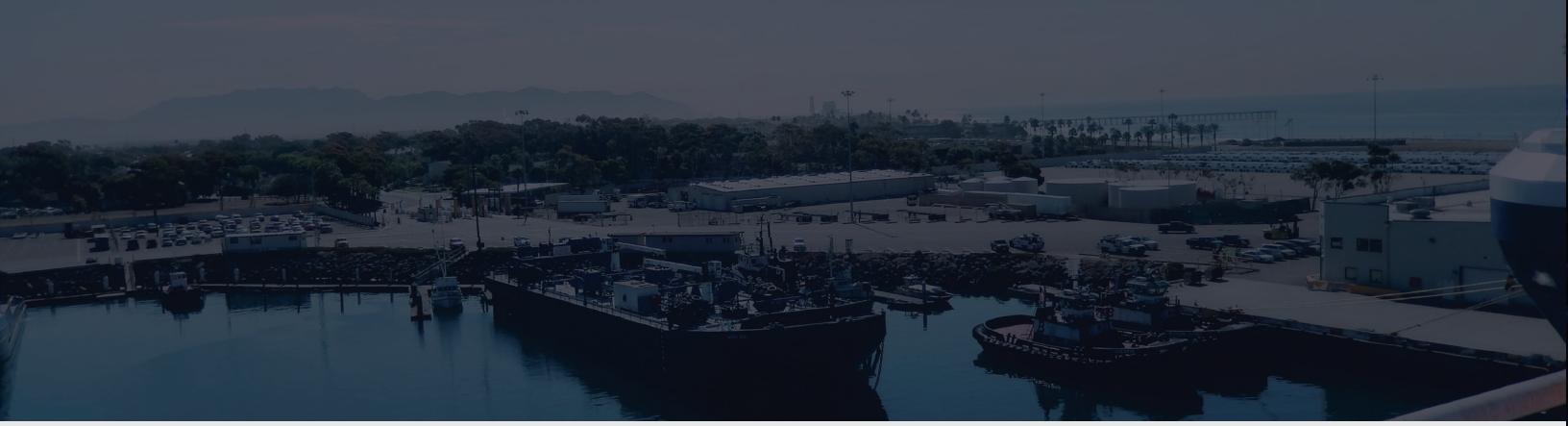
Cc: Alexander Nguyen, City Manager, City of Oxnard
Javier Chagoyen-Lazaro, Chief Financial Officer, City of Oxnard

Upcoming Meetings

This table includes meetings that can be attended by all Board members. In order to ensure Brown Act compliance, a majority of members should not discuss Calleguas specific issues at meetings other than designated Calleguas Board Meetings.

Ventura County Special Districts Association* Speaker: Martin Erickson, Ventura County Transportation Commission	Tue. 02/03, 5:00 p.m.	Gold Coast Transit, 1901 Auto Center Drive, Oxnard IN PERSON ONLY
Calleguas Board Meeting	Wed. 02/04, 4:00 p.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks Hybrid Event
2026 ACWA Legislative Symposium*	Wed. 02/11, 1:00 p.m.	Sacramento IN PERSON ONLY
AWA Water Issues	Tue. 02/17, 8:00 a.m.	1701 Lombard Street, Oxnard Hybrid Event
CoLAB Wheel Meeting*	Wed. 02/18, 12:00 p.m.	1672 Donlon Street, Ventura Hybrid Event
Calleguas Board Meeting	Wed. 02/18, 4:00 p.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks Hybrid Event
AWA Waterwise*	Thu. 02/19, 8:00 a.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks Hybrid Event
ACWA DC2026 Conference*	Tue. 02/24 to Thu. 02/26	Washington D.C. IN PERSON ONLY
AWA Channel Counties Water Utilities Committee*	Wed. 02/25, noon	Orchid Professional Building, 816 Camarillo Springs Rd., Camarillo IN PERSON ONLY
Calleguas Purveyor Meeting	Thu. 02/26, 10:00 a.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks IN PERSON ONLY
Finance Committee Meeting	Tue. 03/03, 1:00 p.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks IN PERSON ONLY
Calleguas Board Meeting	Wed. 03/04, 4:00 p.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks Hybrid Event
Engineering and Construction Committee Meeting	Wed. 03/11, 3:00 p.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks IN PERSON ONLY
AWA Water Issues	Tue. 03/17, 8:00 a.m.	1701 Lombard Street, Oxnard Hybrid Event
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Calleguas Purveyor Meeting	Thu. 03/26, 10:00 a.m.	2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks IN PERSON ONLY

* Reservations required. Contact Kara if you would like to attend.



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BROWNLEY SECURES OVER \$19.7M FOR VENTURA COUNTY AND THE CONEJO VALLEY IN FY26 FUNDING BILL

January 9, 2026 | Press Releases

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-CA) announced the inclusion of funding totaling more than \$19,792,000 that she secured for California's 26th Congressional District in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act (H.R. 6938). This funding ensures continued federal investments in important infrastructure and public safety initiatives across the region.

“Every year, I am eager to deliver for my constituents by fighting for the federal funding that is needed to keep our communities moving forward,” said Congresswoman Brownley. “I am so proud to have continued my strong partnership with local leaders and community stakeholders across the region as we advanced our shared commitment to improving and strengthening the lives and livelihoods of all those who call Ventura County home.

“From securing critical resources to support victims of crime to replacing dilapidated pipelines across the county to bolstering engines of job growth like our ports and harbors, this package of bills allows for substantial investments that will upgrade regional infrastructure, strengthen our local economy, and improve public well-being.

“I am so pleased that the House approved funding for these critical community initiatives with overwhelmingly bipartisan support. As these spending bills get considered by the Senate and make their way to the President’s desk, my hope is that the important provisions included for Ventura County in the funding package will be delivered promptly and without modification.”

The FY2026 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies portion of the bill includes the following Community Projects:

- \$1,031,000 for the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office East County Family Justice Center Project
- \$900,000 for the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department DNA Automated Workflow Project

MORE THAN **\$19 MILLION** SECURED FOR PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA'S 26TH DISTRICT



- \$1,092,000 for the Calleguas Municipal Water District Lake Bard Pump Station Project
- \$1,092,000 for the City of Oxnard for Cast Iron Pipe Replacement Project
- \$1,092,000 for the City of Santa Paula Cross-Town Pipeline Project

Additionally, the Energy and Water Appropriations portion of the bill continues programmatic funding championed by Brownley for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects in Ventura County, including:

- \$8,230,000 for dredging of Channel Islands Harbor
- \$5,980,000 for dredging of Ventura Harbor
- \$375,000 in donor port funds for the Port of Hueneme

In total, Brownley secured over \$19,792,000 million for critical investments throughout Ventura County and the Conejo Valley in this appropriations package.

The text of the funding package and Joint Explanatory Statements for each division are available [here](#).

The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives on January 8, 2026 with a strong bipartisan vote of [397-28](#). The legislation is expected to be considered by the U.S. Senate in the coming days before heading to the President for signature.

In December, the first 3 appropriations bills were enacted. Congress is still working to come to agreement on the remaining 6 appropriations bills ahead of the January 30th expiration of the current continuing resolution.

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INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT INCORPORATION OF COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING ITEMS/CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS—Continued

Agency	Account	State	Project Recipient and Name	Amount	Requestor(s)		Origination
					House	Senate	
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	AZ	Town of Marana for Source Water System Improvements	2,250,000	Ciscomani		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Borrego Water District for Water Line Replacement	750,000	Issa	Schiff	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Calleguas Municipal Water District for Lake Bard Pump Station Project	1,092,000	Brownley		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Avenal for Water Storage Tank Project	4,000,000	Valadao		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Beverly Hills for Water Main Replacement Project	1,092,000	Lieu		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Burbank for Potable Reservoir Replacement	1,092,000	Friedman	Schiff	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of California City for Water System Replacement Project Phase II	1,000,000	Obernolte		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Chino for Benson Emergency Power Generator Project	1,092,000	Torres (CA)		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Coalinga for Sodium Hydroxide Storage and Injection Facility Project	1,092,000	Gray		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Dinuba for Water Tower Replacement	1,092,000	Costa	Padilla, Schiff	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Escalon for SSJID Surface Water Connection Project	1,092,000	Harder		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of La Habra for Foothill Zone Consolidation Water Project	1,092,000	Sánchez		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Lemoore for Water Meter Project	1,000,000	Fong		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Loma Linda for SCADA System Reliability Project	750,000	Obernolte		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Manhattan Beach for Cybersecurity of Critical Infrastructure Project	1,040,000	Lieu		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of McFarland for Well Replacement	2,000,000	Valadao		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Oxnard for Cast Iron Pipe Replacement Project	1,092,000	Brownley	Schiff	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Pasadena for Water and Waste-water System Replacement	1,092,000	Friedman	Schiff	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Poway for Water Supply Project	1,000,000	Issa		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of San Juan Bautista for Drinking Water Supply Regionalization	1,092,000	Lofgren		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Santa Ana for PFAS Treatment	1,092,000	Correa		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Santa Paula for Cross-Town Pipeline Project	1,092,000	Brownley	Schiff	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Tustin for 17th Street Desalter Electrical Upgrade Project	2,000,000		Schiff	S
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	City of Williams for Water Infrastructure Improvements	1,000,000	LaMalfa		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	County of Kings for New Well Project	2,000,000	Valadao	Padilla	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	County of Madera for North Fork Water System Project	1,200,000		Padilla	S
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	County of Monterey for San Lucas Water Treatment Project	1,092,000	Lofgren	Schiff	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Cucamonga Valley Water District for Baseline Waterline Improvement Project	1,092,000	Aguilar		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Eastern Municipal Water District for Well 84D Water Quality Improvement Project	1,092,000	Takano		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Fallbrook Public Utility District for Water Line Replacement	1,000,000	Issa	Padilla	H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Jurupa Community Services District for Well 29 Development	1,092,000	Takano		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for Water Farm Study	1,050,000		Padilla	S
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Montara Water and Sanitary District for Water and Sewer Line Relocation Project	1,092,000	Liccardo		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Monte Vista Water District for Pipeline Replacement Project	1,092,000	Torres (CA)		H
Environmental Protection Agency	STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	CA	Orange County Water District for PFAS Treatment Project	750,000	Kim		H

January 23, 2026



FLOOR ALERT – SUPPORT AB 35 (Alvarez)

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in strong support of AB 35 (Alvarez), which would exempt Proposition 4 spending from the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). The signatures below represent a broad community of stakeholders, including many environmentally focused organizations that played a critical role in advocating for Proposition 4's passage on the November 2024 ballot.

Exempting Proposition 4 funding from the APA is consistent with long standing precedent for natural resource bonds, including Proposition 84 and Proposition 68. A full exemption would enable funds to be deployed more quickly and efficiently, ensuring that protracted administrative processes do not hold up vital community projects. Agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Food and Agriculture have noted that a standard process, complete with review by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), could result in delays of 12 to 18 months before communities receive awards. These delays run counter to overwhelming support of the voters for Proposition 4 and their desire to see needed projects start in a timely manner. In fact, there are pressing issues such as border rivers, groundwater recharge, water recycling, and wildfire prevention that require immediate funding. Existing programs were created using the processes dictated by prior bonds. Hence, the programs most able to spend funds quickly will be forced to needlessly restructure them to meet the regulatory requirement established by the September Appropriations bill. For example, the SWRCB's drinking water funding program will be adversely impacted since under the current rules, all funding sources within the program are covered under the SWRCB's Intended Use Plan (IUP), which allows flexibility in which sources of funding are used for different projects, and the IUP includes Proposition 4 funds. Without the exemption from the APA process, the Prop 4 funding would have to be backed out of the IUP and limit the ability to use a broad mix of funding to achieve the State's goals of providing a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

Importantly, an exemption from the APA does not eliminate transparency, consultation, or public engagement. Agencies will continue to follow robust fiscal, reporting, and oversight requirements. Many agencies have already gone through extensive public processes for these existing programs. Instead, the exemption will streamline implementation, maintain consistency across programs, and avoid creating barriers to delivering critical funding where it is most needed.



East Contra Costa County
Habitat Conservancy



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Without an APA exemption, the delays already emerging threaten the success of essential projects across the state, including many that are shovel ready. Providing this exemption will accelerate timelines, reduce administrative burdens, and honor the commitment voters made to California's communities.

For these reasons, we strongly support a full exemption from the APA for all Proposition 4 funding.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Institute of Marin
Association of California Water
Agencies (ACWA)
Bay Area Council

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
Bay Planning Coalition

Big Sur Land Trust
Bolsa Chica Land Trust
CA Local Conservation Corps
Foundation
CalDesal
California Association of Local
Conservation Corps
California Association of Resource
Conservation Districts
California Association of Sanitation
Agencies (CASA)
California Climate and Agriculture
Network
California Council of Land Trusts
California Fire Chiefs Association

California Habitat Conservation
Planning Coalition
California Invasive Plant Council
California Municipal Utilities
Association
California State Association of
Counties (CSAC)
California State Parks Foundation
California Stormwater Quality
Association (CASQA)
Calleguas Municipal Water District
Carbon Cycle Institute
Central California Environmental
Justice Network
Cesar Chavez Environmental Corp
(CCEC)
City of Sacramento
Civicorps
Clean Water Action

Climate Resolve
Coastal Corridor Alliance
Collaborate Action Program
Community Water Center

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January 20, 2026

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1198 (Haney) – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Chair Wicks:

I am writing to inform you of Calleguas Municipal Water District's (Calleguas) opposition to AB 1198 (Haney) regarding public works projects.

Calleguas is a wholesale water provider founded in 1953 as an independent special district serving southeastern Ventura County, providing supplemental water to approximately 650,000 residents – more than three-quarters of the County's population. To reliably deliver water to its service area, Calleguas implements numerous capital improvement projects, with an annual average capital improvement program budget of more than \$15 million. Calleguas is required to competitively bid its projects under the Public Contract Code and the contractors Calleguas hires are required to pay their workers in accordance with prevailing wage requirements.

Our primary concern about this bill is that it allows unanticipated prevailing wage adjustments during the course of a public works project. Currently, when a project is first advertised for bid, the Department of Industrial Relations provides prevailing wage rates, which typically include projected increases that will occur during the duration of the project. A contractor is required to pay these increases if the project continues past any of these dates. This allows the prevailing wage to be adjusted for longer projects and still provides certainty for bidding and pricing. AB 1198's provisions would create uncertainty in budgeting and potentially cause significant cost overruns.

Many of Calleguas's projects are multi-year endeavors, requiring precise budgeting that includes anticipated cost increases. Unexpected wage increases would significantly impact the District's ability to manage and complete projects within a set budget, leading to unanticipated costs. As stewards of

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ratepayer dollars, we have a fiduciary responsibility to plan appropriately for project costs and this bill could harm our ability to do that.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



Kristine McCaffrey, P.E.
General Manager

cc: The Honorable Matt Haney
The Honorable Henry Stern
The Honorable Monique Limón
The Honorable Steve Bennett
The Honorable Jacqui Irwin
Anthony Tannehill, Legislative Representative, California Special Districts Association

January 16, 2026

Andrea Travnicek
Assistant Secretary for Water and Science
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Scott Cameron
Acting Commissioner
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Funding for FY2027

Dear Assistant Secretary Travnicek and Acting Commissioner Cameron,

The undersigned 142 non-federal partners representing water management and use, Tribes, agriculture, business, outdoor recreation, conservation, and other interests write to request inclusion of robust annual funding for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program in your Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 President's Budget request.

The popular and competitive WaterSMART program is a cornerstone of Reclamation's mission to manage, develop, and protect water and energy resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner for millions of Americans. WaterSMART supports projects that further Reclamation's core mission by ensuring water availability and conservation, drought planning and response, energy security, habitat restoration, irrigation modernization, and improved fish passage that support the recovery and delisting of endangered species, as well as other similar projects that help address the most pressing water challenges in the western United States. Most WaterSMART projects require a non-federal cost share, leveraging limited federal dollars with non-federal financial resources – and, more importantly, ensuring partner buy-in for projects.

To date, Reclamation has funded 2,376 projects and plans using \$3.35 billion in WaterSMART funding, leveraged with \$8.85 billion in non-federal funding, across the western states. Completed WaterSMART projects are saving an estimated 1.7 million acre-feet per year; enough water for more than 4.6 million people.

In particular, we support FY2027 funding for WaterSMART programs at FY2024 funding levels or above, including: \$15.017 million for Basin Studies; \$8 million for Cooperative Watershed Management; \$30 million for Drought Response and Comprehensive Drought Plans; \$30 million for Title XVI Program (water recycling and reuse); \$6.5 million for Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program; and \$54 million for WaterSMART Grants – encompassing a wide range of programs from Water and Energy Efficiency to Environmental Water Resources Projects.

Projects funded by the WaterSMART program often provide the dual benefit of water savings and ecosystem benefits, resulting in a high return on investment. The projects funded by these programs are essential to building drought resilience in a hotter and drier West, including

ensuring the safe, reliable, and efficient management of water resources for people and agriculture. Furthermore, WaterSMART-funded projects play an integral part in supporting local communities in their wildfire preparedness efforts.

Federally funded WaterSMART projects have reduced risks associated with natural disasters, increased water security, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, improved agricultural resiliency, and created jobs, especially in rural communities. These federal funds are also crucial in addressing the immense need for water infrastructure investments in the West, which exceeds the capacity of states and local governments to finance on their own. As drought conditions continue to intensify, sustained, annual funding for these activities is more important than ever.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

National

Alliance for Water Efficiency
American Rivers
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
Environmental Defense Fund
Green Builder Coalition
Irrigation Association
Merrick
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Audubon Society
National Water Resources Association
National Wildlife Federation
The Nature Conservancy
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Trout Unlimited
Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities
WaterNow Alliance
World Wildlife Fund

Regional

Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Family Farm Alliance
Farmers Conservation Alliance
The Freshwater Trust

Western Agriculture and Conservation Coalition
Western Landowners Alliance
Western Resource Advocates

State

Alaska
Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Kenai Watershed Forum
Norton Bay Watershed Council
Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition
Arizona
Altar Valley Conservation Alliance
Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
Arizona Wildlife Federation
City of Surprise - Arizona
Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership
Liberty
Town of Gilbert
Town of Queen Creek
Watershed Management Group

California

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California Water Association
Calleguas Municipal Water District

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Citrus Heights Water District
City of Beverly Hills
City of Santa Monica
City of Santa Rosa
Colorado River Board of California
County of Santa Barbara Water Agency
Crescenta Valley Water District
Eastern Municipal Water District
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Foothill Municipal Water District
Glendale Water & Power
Imperial Irrigation District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Jurupa Community Services District
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Lower Tule River Irrigation District
Maureen Erbeznik & Associates
Mesa Water District
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Monte Vista Water District
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Pixley Irrigation District
Rancho California Water District
Sacramento Suburban Water District
San Diego County Water Authority
San Dieguito Water District
San Gabriel Valley Water Company
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
Six-33 Solutions LLC
Sonoma County Water Agency
Tea Pot Dome Water District
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Walnut Valley Water District
West Basin Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District

Colorado
Aurora Water
Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District
Blue River Watershed Group
Cimarron Canal and Reservoir Company
City of Alamosa, Development Services Department
City of Aspen
City of Castle Pines
City of Durango
City of Fort Collins
City of Fort Lupton
City of Fountain
City of Greeley
City of Lamar
City of Loveland - Water Resources
City of Monte Vista
City of Thornton
Colorado River District
Colorado Trout Unlimited
Colorado Wildlife Federation
Conservation Colorado
Elbert Creek Water Company
Garfield County, Colorado
Saguache County
San Luis Valley Great Outdoors
Southwestern Water Conservation District
Summit County
Town of Berthoud
Town of Frederick
Town of Ophir
Town of Wellington, Colorado
Town of Windsor

Idaho
Friends of the Teton River
Henry's Fork Foundation
Teton Regional Land Trust

Montana
Bitterroot Water Partnership
City of Bozeman, MT

Clark Fork Coalition	<i>Oklahoma</i>
Fort Shaw Irrigation District	Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma
Gallatin River Task Force	<i>Oregon</i>
Montana Freshwater Partners	Oregon Water Resources Congress
Montana Trout Unlimited	Regional Water Providers Consortium
Sun River Watershed Group	Rivergrove Water District
<i>Nebraska</i>	West Slope Water District
Nebraska Wildlife Federation	<i>Texas</i>
<i>Nevada</i>	City of Round Rock
Carson Water Subconservancy District	<i>Utah</i>
Nevada Wildlife Federation	Bear River Canal Company
Southern Nevada Water Authority	Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Truckee Meadows Water Authority	Utah Division of Water Resources
<i>New Mexico</i>	Weber Basin Water Conservancy District
Amigos Bravos	<i>Washington</i>
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	Conservation Northwest
New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts	Seattle Public Utilities, City of Seattle
New Mexico Wildlife Federation	<i>Wyoming</i>
	Snake River Headwaters Watershed Group

January 6, 2026



Assemblymember Isaac Bryan
 Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
 1020 N Street, Suite 164
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT – AB 35 (Alvarez): Proposition 4 Administrative Procedure Act (APA) Exemption
 SET FOR JANUARY 12, 2026**

Dear Chair Bryan,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in strong support of AB 35 (Alvarez), which would exempt Proposition 4 spending from the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). The signatures below represent a broad community of stakeholders, including many environmentally focused organizations that played a critical role in advocating for Proposition 4's passage on the November 2024 ballot.

Exempting Proposition 4 funding from the APA is consistent with long standing precedent for natural resource bonds, including Proposition 84 and Proposition 68. A full exemption would enable funds to be deployed more quickly and efficiently, ensuring that protracted administrative processes do not hold up vital community projects. Agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Food and Agriculture have noted that a standard process, complete with review by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), could result in delays of 12 to 18 months before communities receive awards. These delays run counter to overwhelming support of the voters for Proposition 4 and their desire to see needed projects start in a timely manner. In fact, there are pressing issues such as border rivers, groundwater recharge, water recycling, and wildfire prevention that require immediate funding. Existing programs were created using the processes dictated by prior bonds. Hence, the programs most able to spend funds quickly will be forced to needlessly restructure them to meet the regulatory requirement established by the September Appropriations bill. For example, the SWRCB's drinking water funding program will be adversely impacted since under the current rules, all funding sources within the program are covered under the SWRCB's Intended Use Plan (IUP), which allows flexibility in which sources of funding are used for different projects, and the IUP includes Proposition 4 funds. Without the exemption from the APA process, the Prop 4 funding would have to be backed out of the IUP and limit the ability to use a broad mix of funding to achieve the State's goals of providing a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

Importantly, an exemption from the APA does not eliminate transparency, consultation, or public engagement. Agencies will continue to follow robust fiscal, reporting, and oversight requirements. Many agencies have already gone through extensive public processes for these existing programs. Instead, the exemption will streamline implementation, maintain consistency across programs, and avoid creating barriers to delivering critical funding where it is most needed.



East Contra Costa County
Habitat Conservancy



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Without an APA exemption, the delays already emerging threaten the success of essential projects across the state, including many that are shovel ready. Providing this exemption will accelerate timelines, reduce administrative burdens, and honor the commitment voters made to California's communities.

For these reasons, we strongly support a full exemption from the APA for all Proposition 4 funding.

Sincerely,



Agricultural Institute of Marin
Association of California Water
Agencies (ACWA)
Bay Area Council

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
Bay Planning Coalition

Big Sur Land Trust
Bolsa Chica Land Trust
CA Local Conservation Corps
Foundation
CalDesal
California Association of Local
Conservation Corps
California Association of Resource
Conservation Districts
California Association of Sanitation
Agencies (CASA)
California Climate and Agriculture
Network
California Council of Land Trusts
California Fire Chiefs Association

California Habitat Conservation
Planning Coalition
California Invasive Plant Council
California Municipal Utilities
Association
California State Association of
Counties (CSAC)
California State Parks Foundation
California Stormwater Quality
Association (CASQA)
Calleguas Municipal Water District
Carbon Cycle Institute
Central California Environmental
Justice Network
Cesar Chavez Environmental Corp
(CCEC)
City of Sacramento
Civicorps
Clean Water Action

Climate Resolve
Coastal Corridor Alliance
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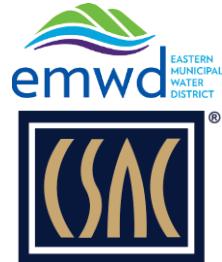
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