



Urban Water Management Plan Update

**Public Workshop #2
February 17, 2021**

SUMMARY

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1. Background

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is preparing the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update. The update is a requirement of the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. Urban water suppliers like SCV Water prepare an Urban Water Management Plan Update every 5 years. These plans direct water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. SCV Water's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update will address several key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

To provide information and receive input from stakeholders and the public during the planning and development of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update, SCV Water is holding three public workshops and offering online input opportunities. The first public workshop, conducted on November 18, 2020, focused on providing an overview of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update, water supply characteristics in the Santa Clarita Valley, and an introduction to climate change. The second public workshop, conducted on February 17, 2021, focused on providing an overview of Urban Water Management Plan compliance with water use reduction targets, demand and conservation analysis, and drought risk assessment.

This summary documents the objectives of the second public workshop, time and location, outreach methods and attendance, and major topics presented and discussed. The presentation slides may be viewed in Appendix A and all workshop outreach methods are provided in Appendix B.

2. Objectives

The objectives for the second public workshop were to:

- Inform stakeholders and the public about technical studies for the Urban Water Management Plan Update, including water use reduction targets, demand and conservation analysis, and drought risk assessment
- Gather input from participants on general questions and issues to consider in the Urban Water Management Plan Update
- Provide stakeholders and the public opportunities to ask questions and receive answers

3. When and Where

Due to Covid-19 social distancing protocols, the public workshop was held virtually on the Zoom platform on February 17, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. A recording of the workshop can be viewed at this link: https://youtu.be/8-YcUtO8T_g. An online question and comment form was made



available on the Urban Water Management Plan project webpage (<https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/>).

4. Notifications and Outreach

SCV Water used a variety of methods to inform stakeholders and community members about the second public workshop and encourage participation, as shown in Table 1 and documented in Appendix B.

Table 1: Workshop Outreach Methods

Method	Description
Website	Information about the second public workshop and a project fact sheet were posted on the Urban Water Management Plan project webpage, hosted by SCV Water.
Social Media Posts	SCV Water posted information about the workshop on its Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts (including a Facebook Event).
Emails	Invitation emails were sent to an interested parties list.
Newsletter	Information about the workshop was included in the February Water Currents newsletter.
Press Release	A media advisory about the workshop was distributed and picked up by news sources including The Santa Clarita Valley Signal, SCVNEWS.com, and KHTS Radio.
Advertisements	Advertisements included digital banners and print ads in The Santa Clarita Valley Signal.

5. Public Workshop

The following sections outline the format of the second public workshop and present input received from community members. Approximately 34 people attended the Zoom virtual meeting, including 11 members of the public.

Workshop Format

The 90-minute virtual public workshop format included three presentation modules intermixed with input opportunities using the chat box. The workshop opened with the facilitator welcoming participants before playing a short introduction video about the Urban Water Management Plan Update. The facilitator then introduced the project team, described the multiple planning efforts and projects that SCV Water has underway, and presented the online comment and question form available on the Urban Water Management Plan project webpage for anyone to provide additional input. Lastly, a short recap of the first public workshop and background information on the UMWP Update were provided (see pages 1 through 8 in Appendix A).

The first presentation module described how the Urban Water Management Plan Update complies with water use reduction targets (see pages 9 through 11 in Appendix A). The remaining



two presentation modules focused on the demand and conservation analysis and the drought risk assessment included in the Urban Water Management Plan Update (see pages 12 through 28 in Appendix A). The demand and conservation analysis module described population growth in the Santa Clarita Valley and how to plan for appropriate water needs. The drought risk assessment module detailed the reliability of SCV Water's water supply during drought conditions. Following each presentation module, time was allotted for members of the public to provide questions and comments. Lastly, the facilitator thanked participants, encouraged people to stay involved, and reminded of the next public workshop on March 22, 2021.

Community Input

Community members offered the following questions and comments following the **Urban Water Management Plan compliance with water use reduction targets** presentation module.

- Can you review the chart again that shows the different populations and water targets? The daily water usage listed for the Valencia Water Company looked really high and it would be easy to hit the 20% reduction if the numbers are inflated.
- What unit is the 2020 total water use value of 64,266 measured in?

Community members provided the following questions and comments following the **demand and conservation analysis** presentation module.

- I am glad to see that you included accessory dwelling units into the considerations.
- Where is all the additional water going to come from that was shown on the Valleywide Potable and Recycled Water Demand Forecast slide?
- Two different numbers for demand were presented in the first two modules (64,266 acre-foot per year and 64,800 acre-foot per year). This is a substantial difference that should be reconciled since an acre-foot of water is equivalent to 325,000 gallons of water.
- Where can we find the numbers for recycled water charted on the Valleywide Potable and Recycled Water Demand Forecast slide? I am interested in how you are calculating those recycled water amounts and where we can find the variables you use in your mathematical equation.

The presentation module on **drought risk assessment** generated the following input.

- Has there ever been a time when SCV Water was denied access to banked water in a dry period?
- Will there be additional water supplies as new developments are brought online, and if so, what are the new water sources?
- How aggressive will SCV Water be in implementing additional recycled water usage?
- It was mentioned that new developments like Newhall Ranch and Vista Canyon generate their own water or offset their water use through recycling. Besides these developments,



what amount of water is considered too high a reduction of the excess water inventory to not grant a letter of acceptance for a new project?

- Would SCV Water be able to supply enough water even if the population doubled?
- Can you explain if a developer dictates water demand or if SCV Water dictates water availability?
- Can you clarify if SCV Water would never say there was not enough water?
- The Newhall Ranch project was provided a service letter predating annexation into the service area. How much of the water demand is converted from agricultural water supply?

6. Comment and Question Form

A comment and question form was made available on the Urban Water Management Plan project webpage to provide an additional public input opportunity. Participants were invited to provide any questions or comments regarding the Urban Water Management Plan Update. No responses were received from the comment and question form after the second public workshop. Input received via email prior to the second public workshop is documented in Appendix C.





Appendix A

Presentation Slides

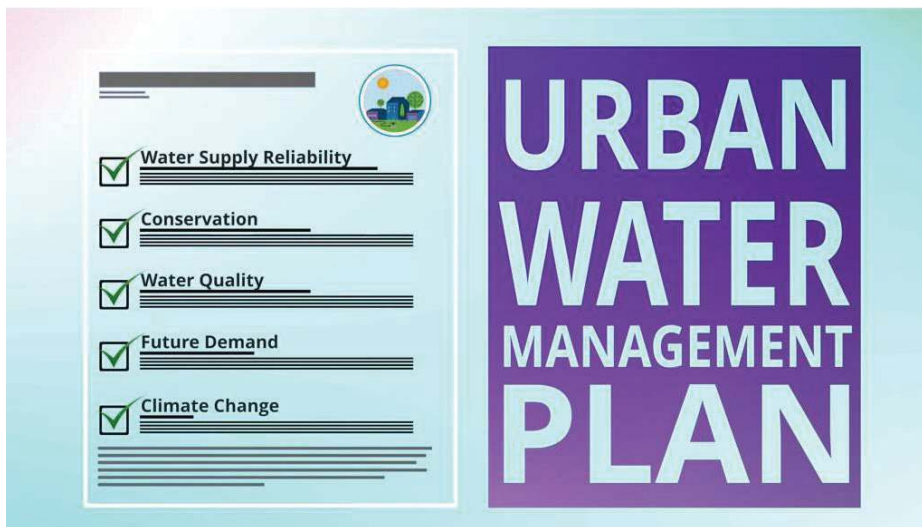


Urban Water Management Plan

Public Workshop
February 17, 2021



Video: Intro to the Urban Water Management Plan Update



This public workshop is being recorded and will be posted on the website:

www.yourSCVwater.com

Go to:
Planning Efforts &
Projects Dashboard to
Learn More



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Presentations and Discussion
 - Urban Water Management Plan Compliance with Water Use Reduction Targets ★
 - Demand and Conservation Analysis ★
 - Drought Risk Assessment ★
3. Wrap Up



★ Q&A/Discussion



We need your input!

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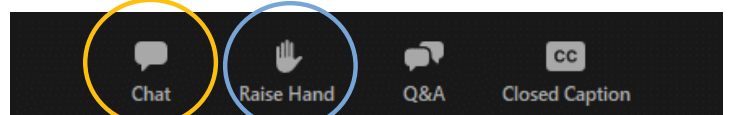
Email

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For Q&A/Discussion

If you have a question, put it in the chat by clicking the chat button.



Use the Raise Hand function if you would like to speak directly.
If on phone, push *9 to raise hand.



Welcome | Introductions



Sarah Fleury
SCV Water



Lisa Maddaus
Maddaus Water
Management



Lauren Everett
Kennedy Jenks



Joan Isaacson
Kearns & West



Welcome | Introductions



engineers | scientists | innovators



SCV Water | Who We Are



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A full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley

- 195 square miles
- 74,000 retail customers
- 273,000 population served

Formed on January 1, 2018 by an act of the State Legislature (SB 634)



SCV WATER PLANNING EFFORTS & PROJECTS

Water for Today & Tomorrow



Groundwater Sustainability Plan



Urban Water Management Plan



Water Shortage Contingency Plan



Recycled Water Planning



Rate Case Planning



PFAS

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Urban Water Management Plan

TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



What is an Urban Water Management Plan?

A long-term resource planning document in which urban water suppliers evaluate their supplies and demands to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs, in a sustainable manner.



Why a 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update?

Required by UWMP Act and subsequent legislation

Required every five years

Develops a guidance framework to evaluate and enhance the availability, reliability and quality of water supplies

Identifies gaps between supply and demand through time (20-year analysis required)

Due July 1, 2021



Public Workshop 1 Recap

- November 18, 2020
- Topics:
 - What is an Urban Water Management Plan
 - Water Supply Characteristics
 - Climate Change Considerations
- Visit: www.yourSCVwater.com/uwmp

 SCV Water
November 12, 2020

You're invited! Join us for SCV Water's first virtual Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) workshop on November 18, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The UWMP update will address several key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

To learn more, visit: <http://ow.ly/fu2v50Ce4Tk>





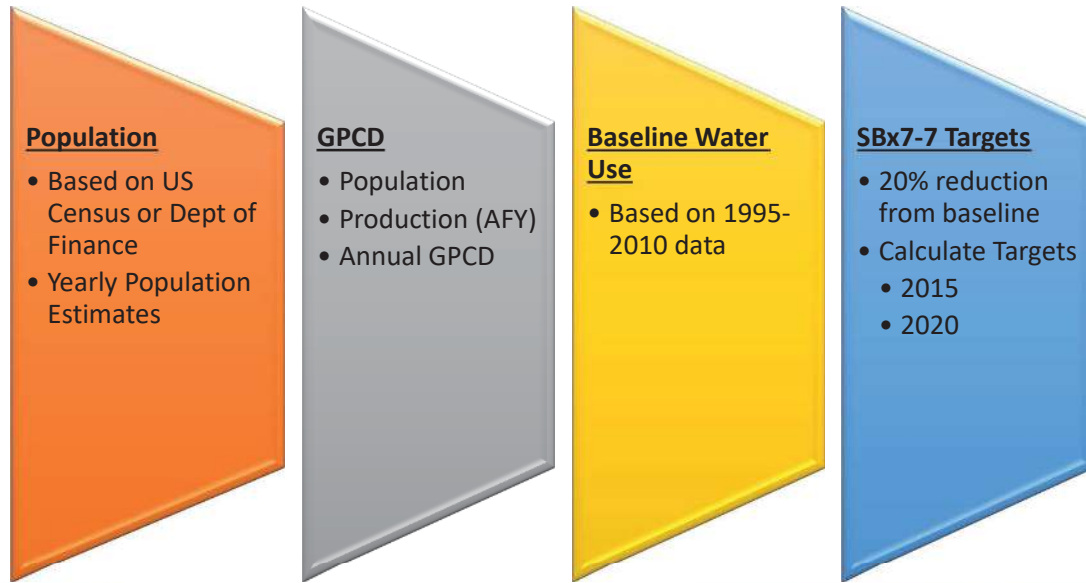
Urban Water Management Plan Compliance with Water Use Reduction Targets

SBx7-7 Compliance

- Water Conservation Act of 2009 (Senate Bill x7-7) was enacted in November 2009
- Requires 20% reduction in per capita water use in gallons per capita per day (GPCD) by 2020
- Baseline water use first reported in the 2010 UWMP
 - 10% minimum reduction reported in 2015 UWMP
 - 20% reduction achieved and will be reported in 2020 UWMP Plan
- The Agency has successfully developed and implemented conservation programs over the last two decades which contributes to meeting these targets



Process for Determining SBx7-7 Baseline and Water Use Reduction Targets



Achieving the 2020 SBx7-7 Target

	Pop (2020)	Weight	2020 Target (gallons per capita per day)	2020 Weighted Target (gallons per capita per day)	Compliance	
NCWD	49,085	17%	214	37	2020 Total Pop	280,588
SCWD	131,729	47%	226	106	2020 Total Water Use	64,266 AFY
VWC	99,774	36%	267	95	2020 GPCD	204
Total	280,588	100%		238	2020 Weighted Target (GPCD)	238
					Target Met?	YES

2020 Actual Water Use Compared to 2020 Target demonstrates that the 2020 GPCD goal has been met.

"Information about units was added on 2/18/21"



Achieving the 2020 SBx7-7 Target

- Compliance is reported in the 2020 UWMP
- Current data indicates that 20% reduction target met/exceeded -> Approximate 25% reduction in water use from the baseline
- Allows for continued eligibility for grants and/or loans
- More specific water use objectives being developed by State Water Resources Control Board. To be reported on in future UWMPs.



Questions? Ideas? Feedback?



Demand and Conservation Analysis

Overview | Current and Future Demands and Conservation in Santa Clarita Valley

- How are we going to grow as a community?
 - One Valley One Vision (OVOV) General Plan
 - City Land Use Planners
 - County Land Use Planners
- How are we going to plan appropriately for our water needs now and into the future?
 - Water providers: Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) Water and Los Angeles County Water District (LACWD) 36
- Important Definitions: water use, consumption, demand, production

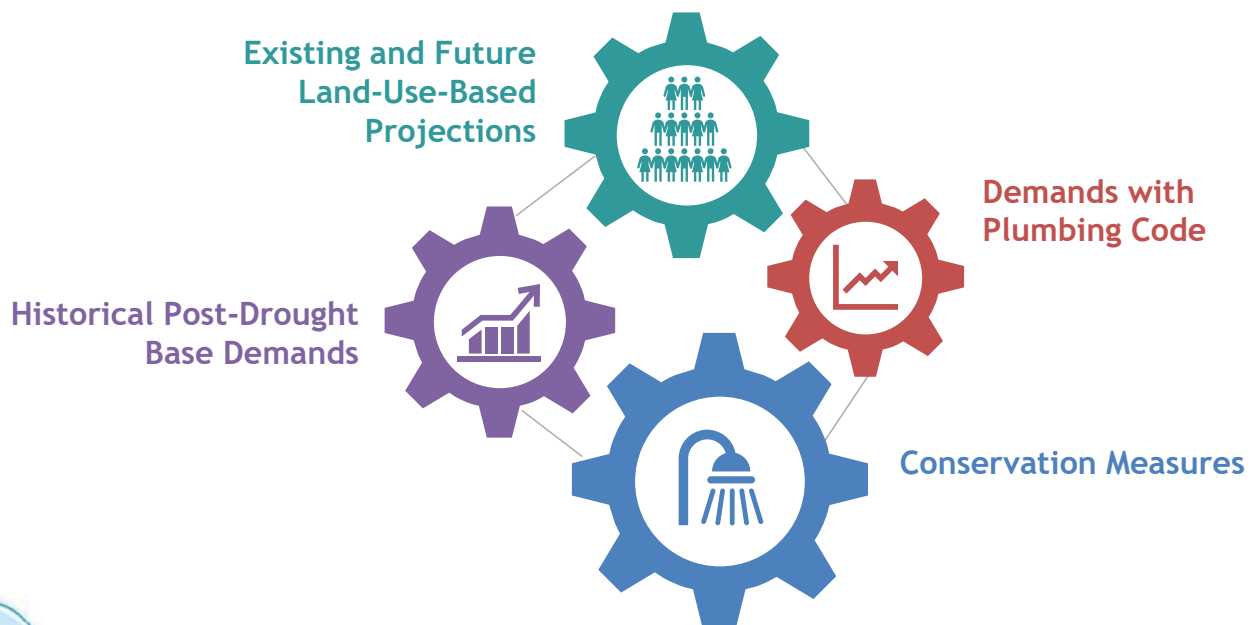


Purpose | Demand and Conservation Analysis

- On-going monitoring of water consumption, implementing water conservation and planning for the SCV community
- Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) due every 5 years
 - Long-range planning document to identify future water demands and project attainable conservation goals
- Update for 2020 UWMP
 - Best available information for future demand land-use-based forecast
 - Worked carefully with City and County Land Use Planners
- Result of a careful modeling exercise based on community's historical water use and planned future needs



SCV Water Demand Study Approach

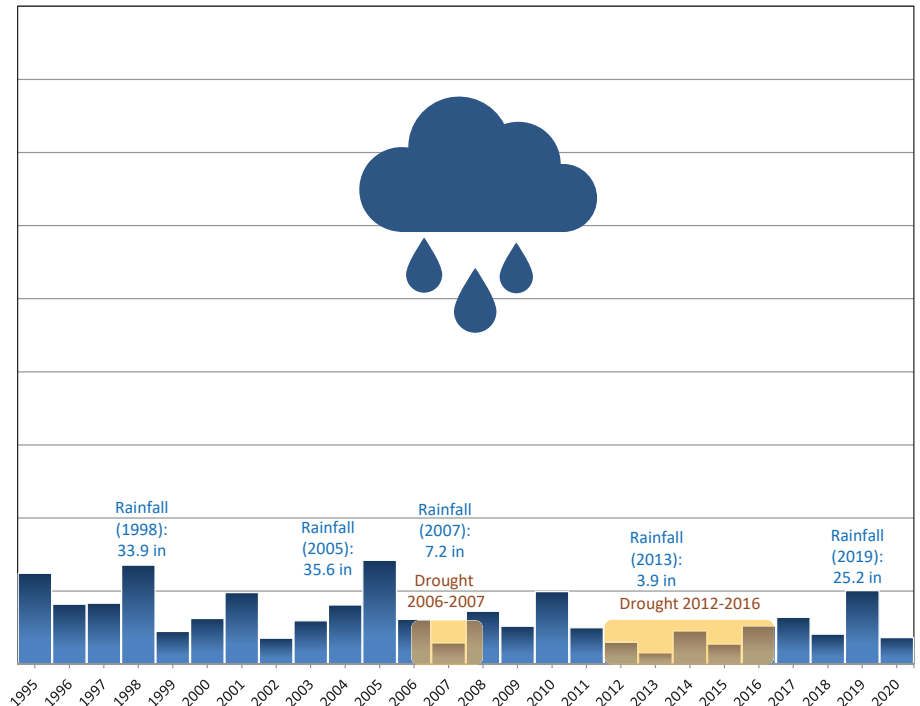


Historical Post-Drought Base Demands



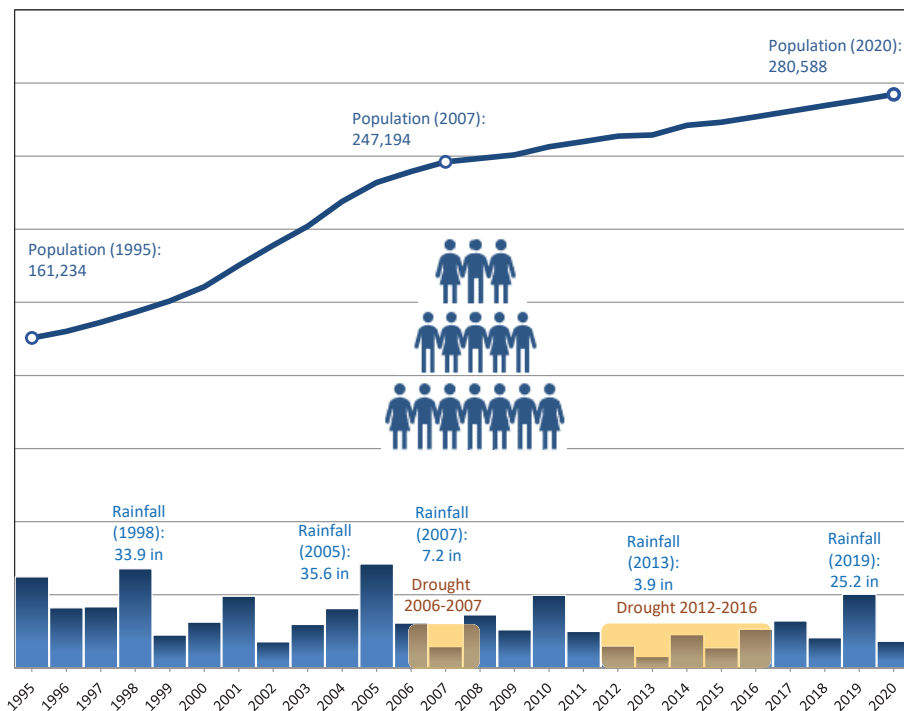
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- Rainfall



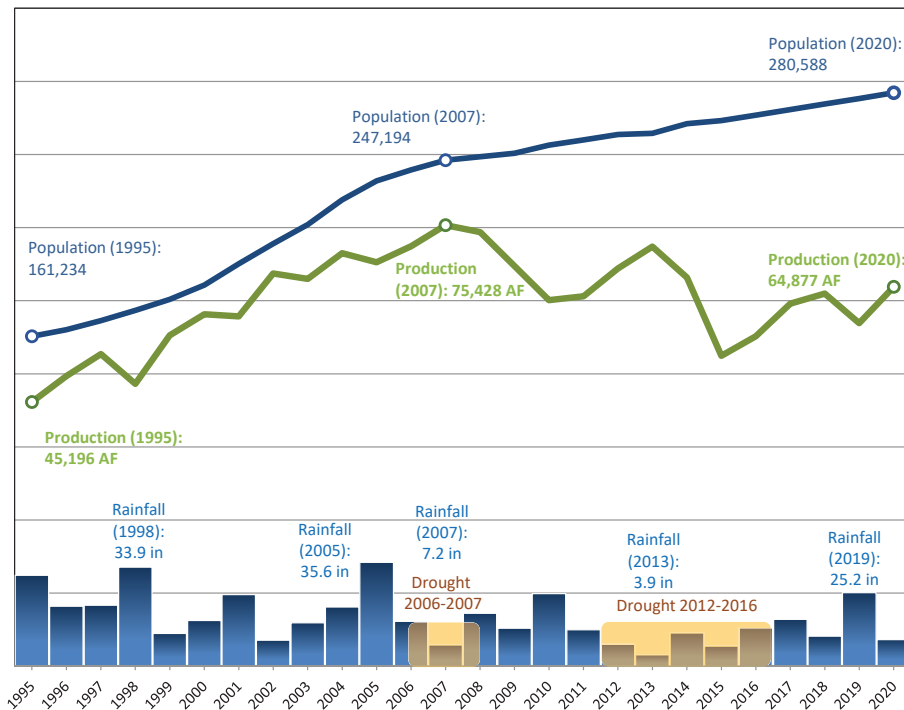
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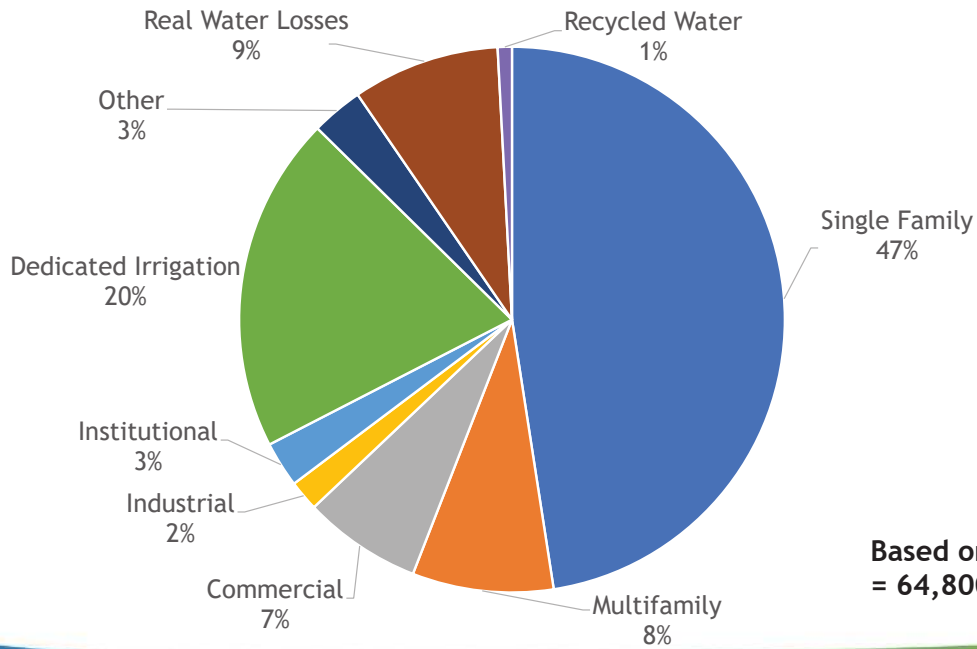


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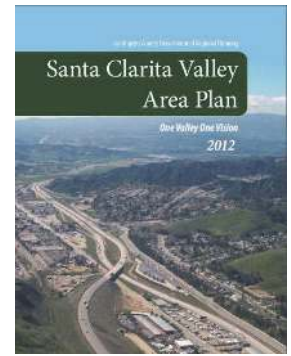
Total Water Use by Customer Type 2020



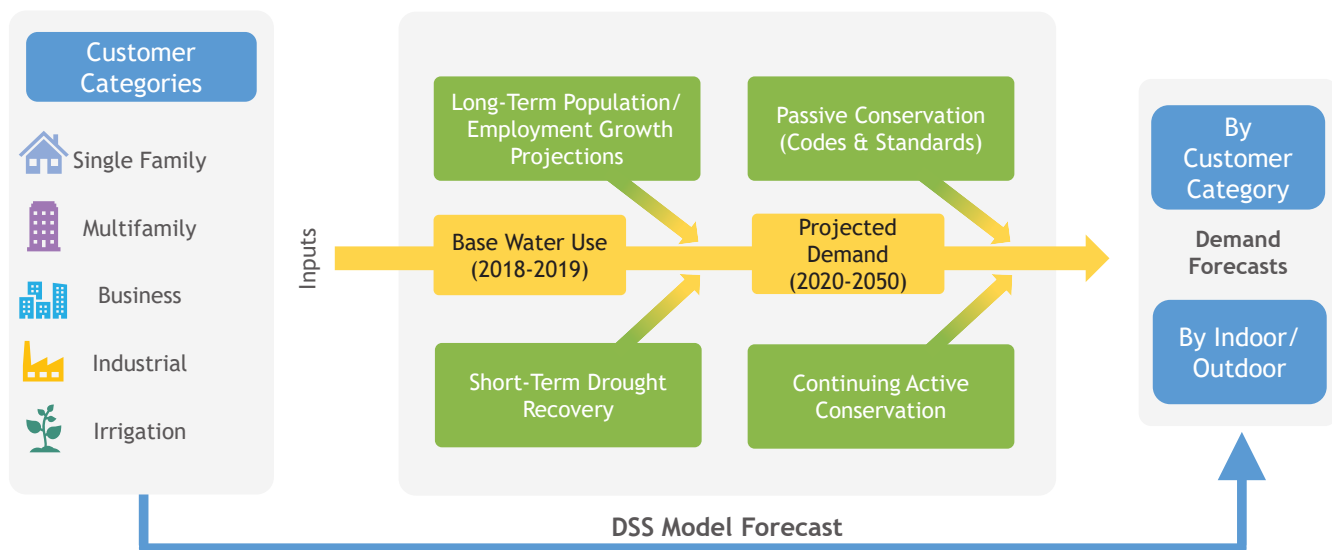
Existing and Future Land-Use-Based Projections



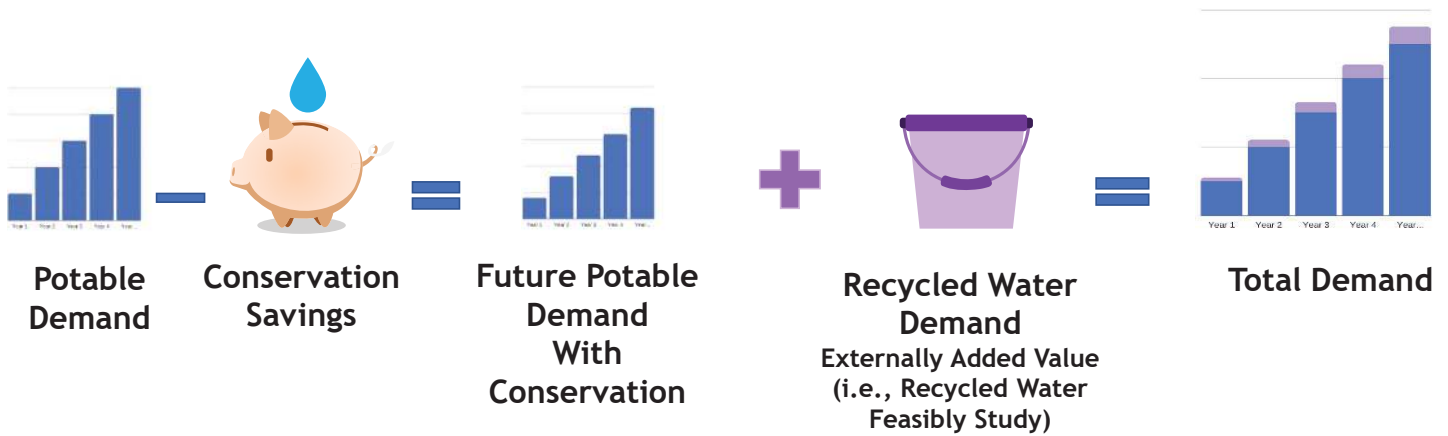
Overview of the Demand Forecast Development



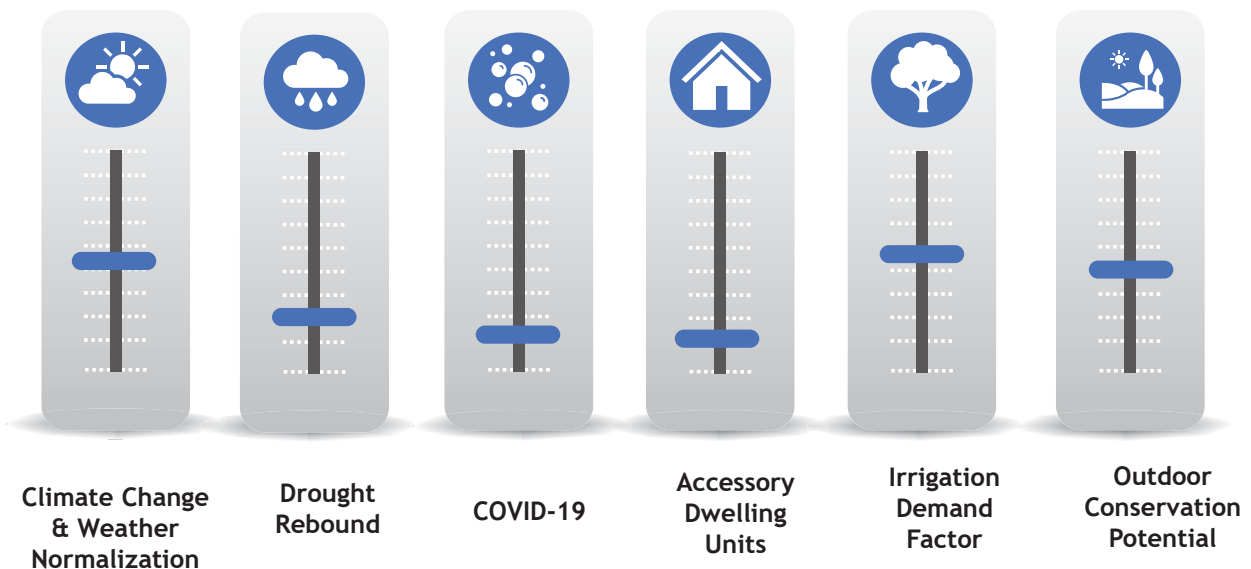
Decision Support System (DSS) Least Cost Planning Model Flow



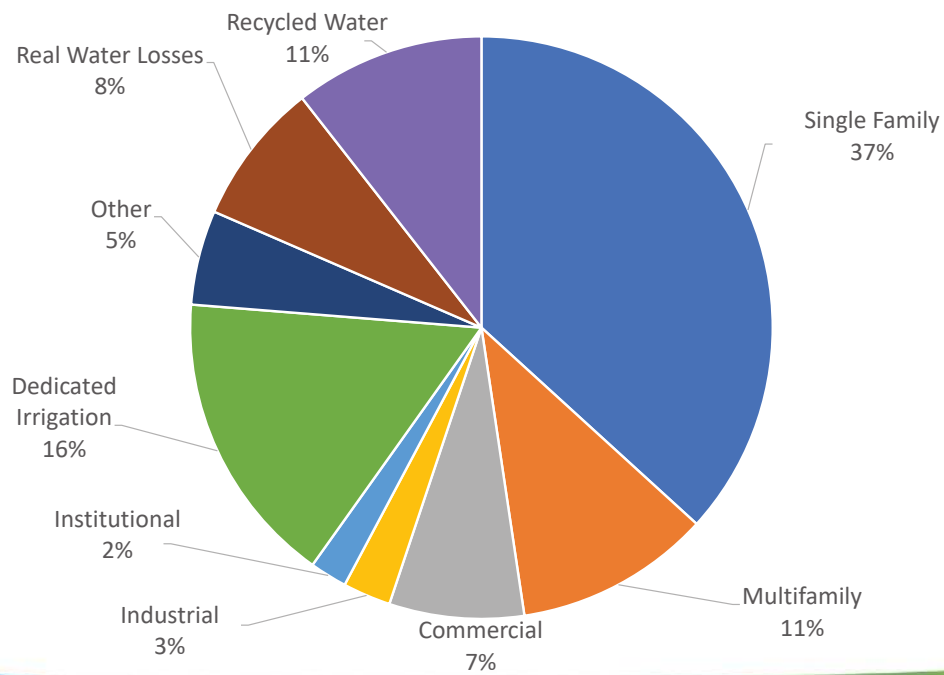
Accounting for Benefits of Conservation and Recycled Water



Adjustments to Future Demand Forecast



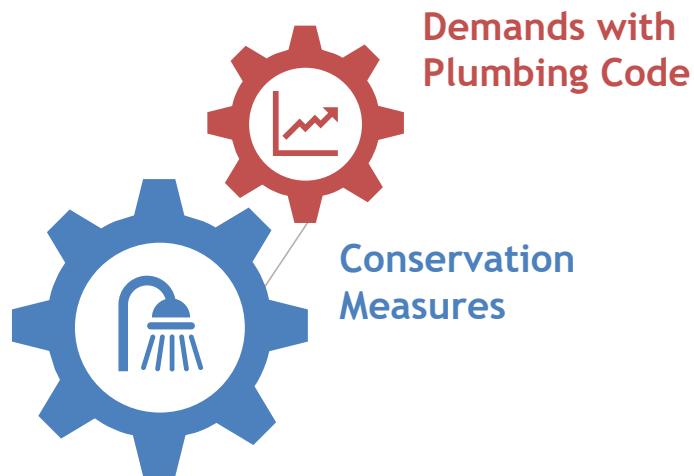
Projected Water Use by Customer Type 2050*



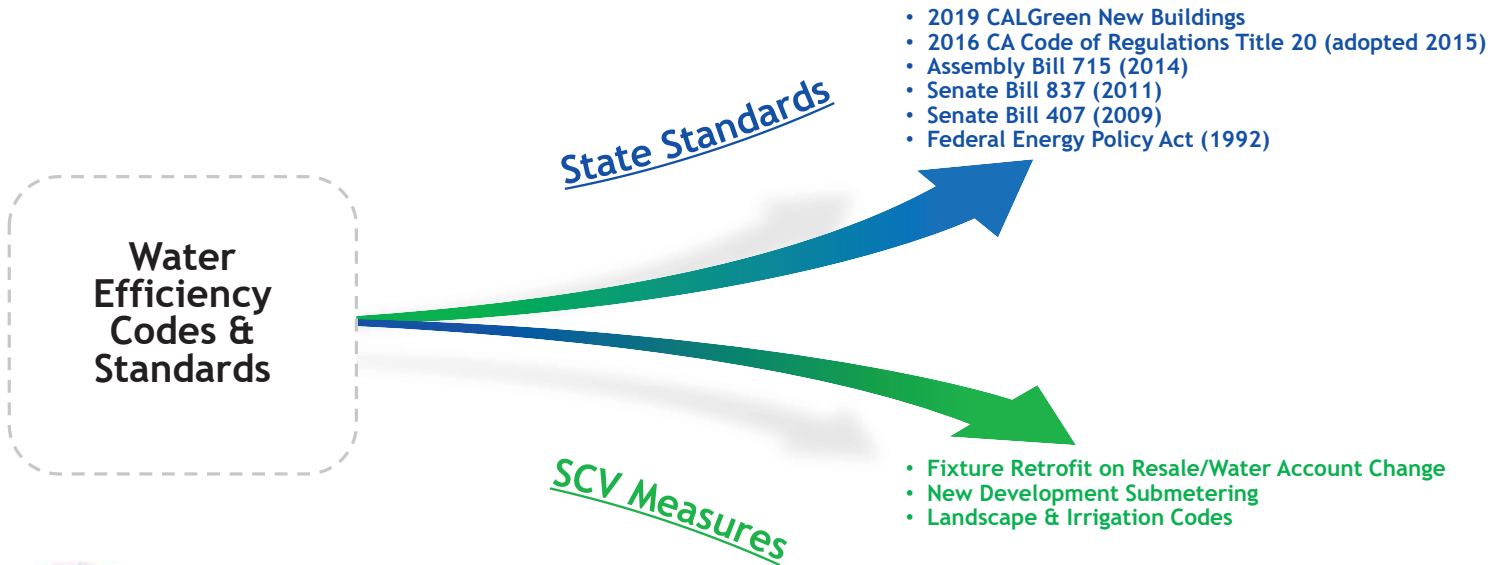
*Based on Total Demand with Climate Change without Conservation



Conservation Savings



Passive Savings from Plumbing Code



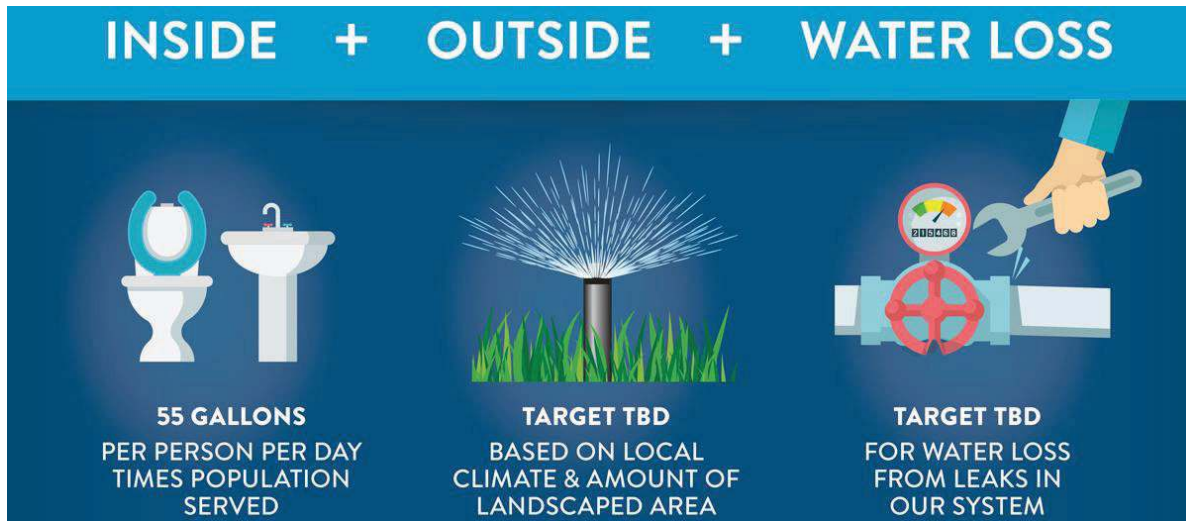
Current Water Conservation Program

- Water waste prevention
- Landscape design standards
- Website, videos, conservation line
- Water checkup appointments
- School programs
- Rebates
- Gardening certifications & classes
- Irrigation budgets



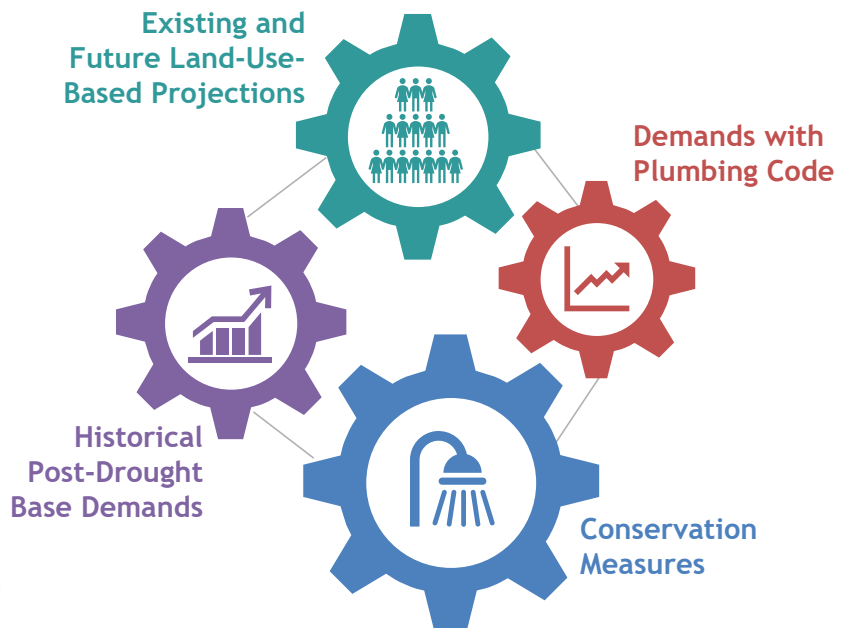
State Water Use Legislation

Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668

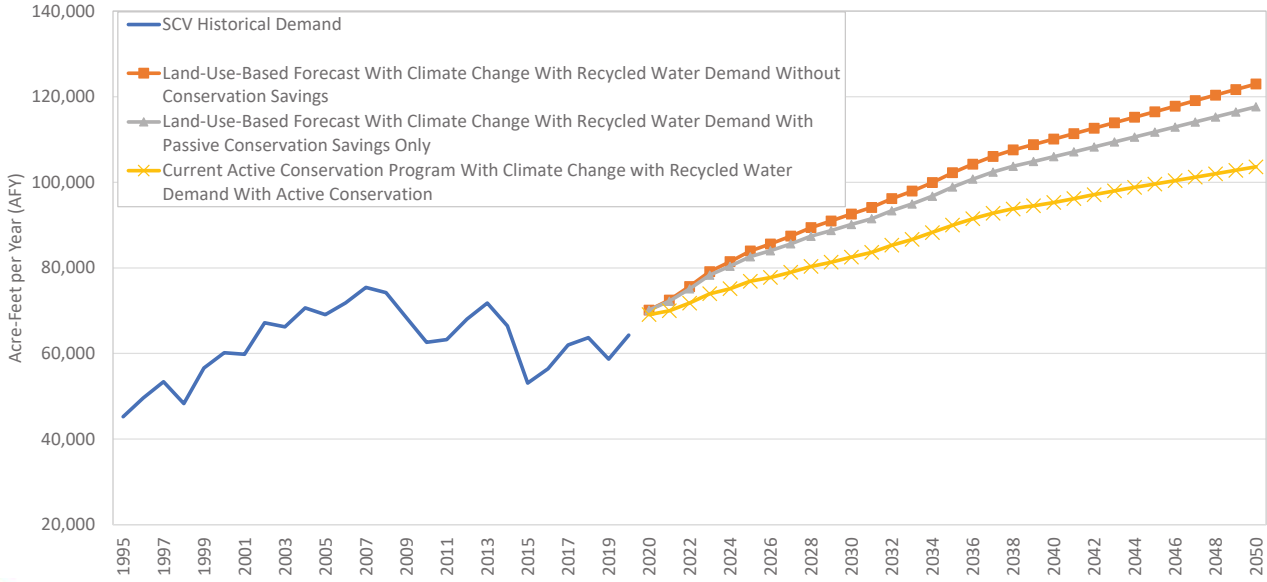


Analysis Summary

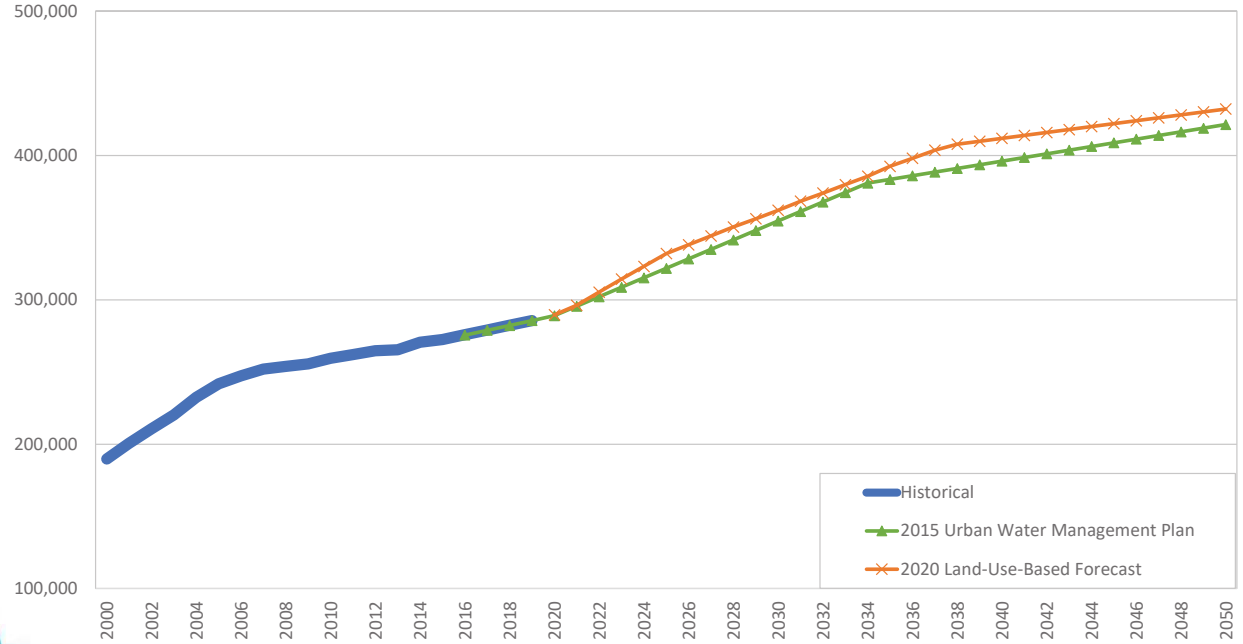
- Land-use-based forecasts were detailed and prepared with City and County Planning staff
- Adjustments were needed for more accuracy
- Careful accounting of potable and non-potable demands
- Overall refinements ended up similar to the 2015 UWMP



Valleywide Potable and Recycled Water Demand Forecast Results



Valleywide Future Population Projections



Conclusions

- Historically total demand tracked with population
- Future production will be less due to:
 - changes in land use types with smaller lot sizes
 - conservation makes a significant impact
- Population growth 40% at buildout
- Water demand going up 32% (on average 1% per year)



Questions? Ideas? Feedback?



Drought Risk Assessment

Overview

- Water Supply Reliability
- Urban Water Management Plan Requirements
- Drought Risk Assessment



Water Reliability = “Water availability for all health and safety needs”



Santa Clarita’s Water Needs



Santa Clarita’s Water Supplies



SCV Water & Urban Water Management Planning Continues

Drought Risk Assessment MUST include a description of the:

- Best available data and methods used
- Updated basis for the supply shortage conditions
- Careful determination of the reliability of each source
- Comparison of total water supplies and needs during the drought

Water Code Section 10635(b)



Water Supply Reliability Planning

Long
Term

- 20+ Year Analysis (buildout)

Short
Term

- Single Dry Year
- Multiple Dry Years
- Annual Reliability *
- Drought Risk Assessment *

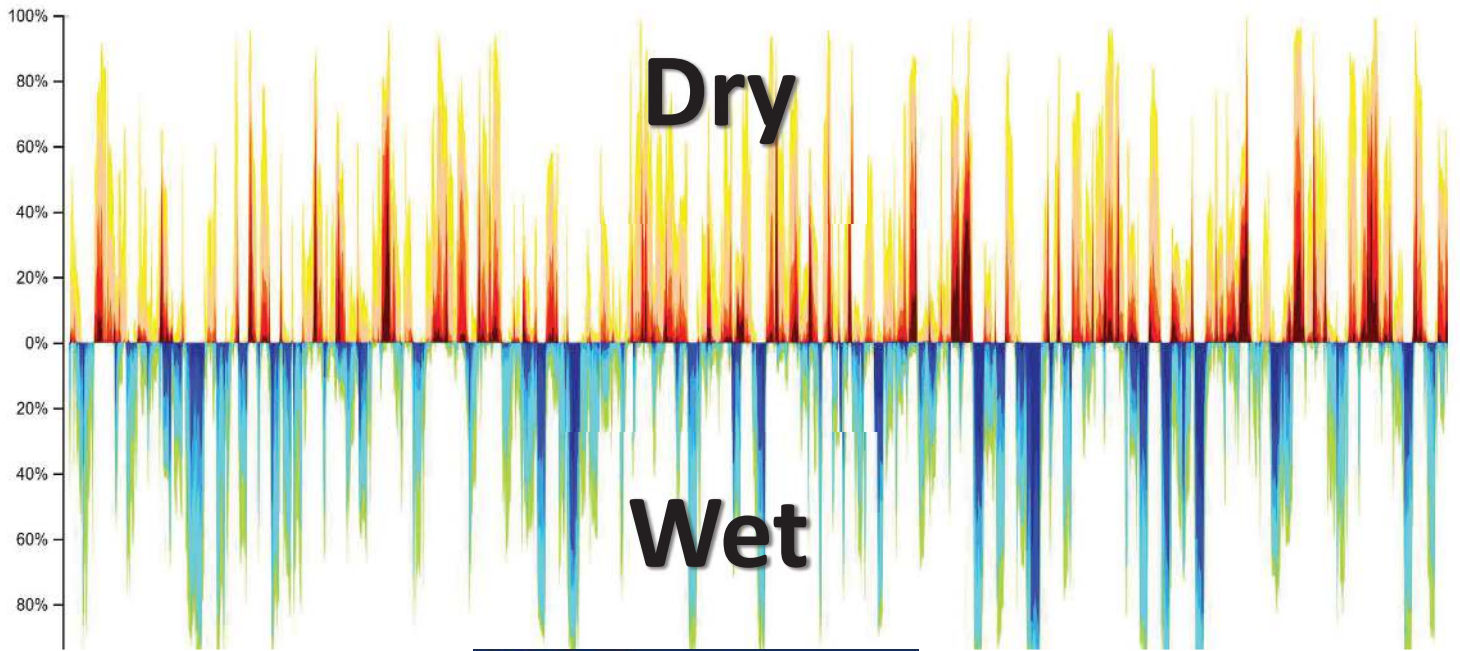
* = New 2020 Requirement



Drought Risk Assessment

- Evaluate risk under severe drought period
 - Worst historical 5 consecutive driest years on record
 - Assume it happens from 2021-2025
- Assess Demands with growth projections (5 years)
- Include Supply changes (5 years)
- Test the near-term reliability
 - Expose any seasonal or limited-term vulnerability issues
 - Apply Water Shortage Contingency Plan as needed

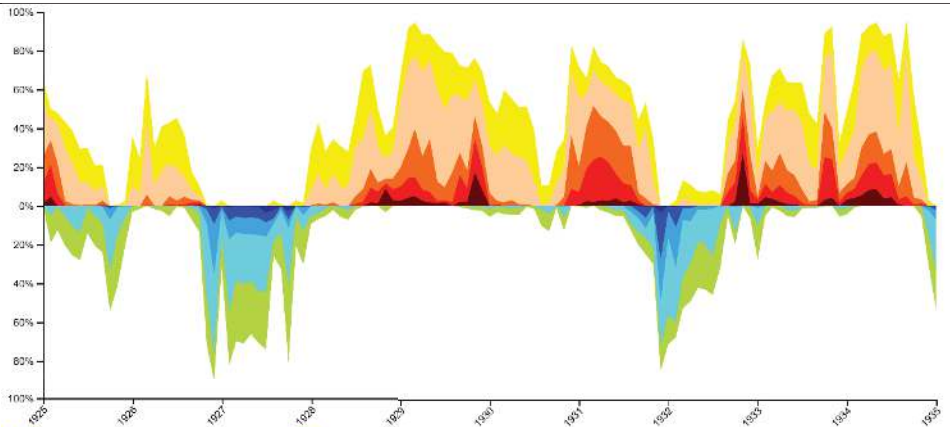




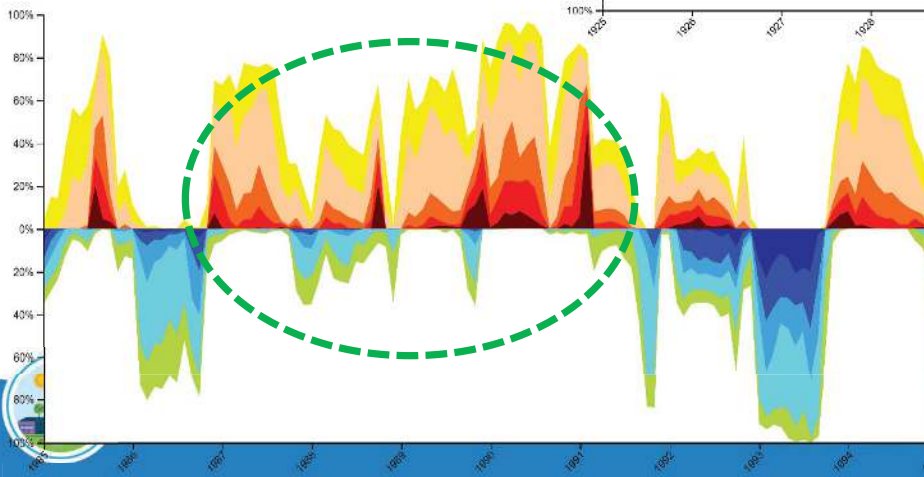
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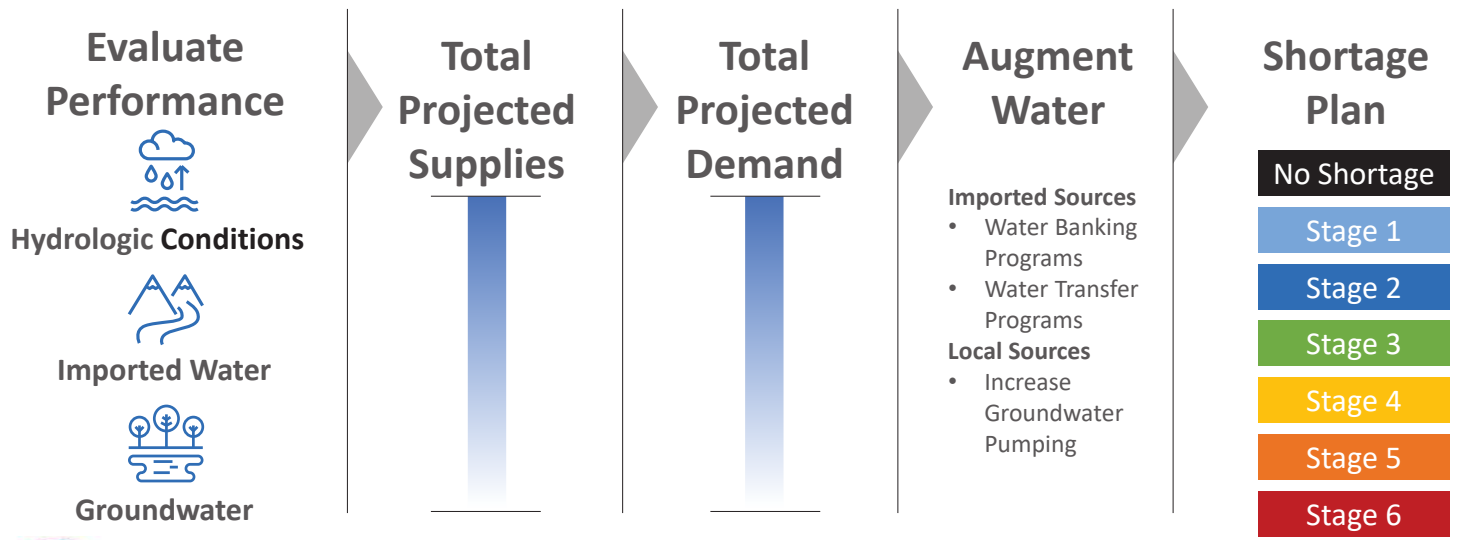
1925-1935



1985-1995



Steps SCV Will Take During a Drought



Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Response Actions

- Droughts cause short term water shortage conditions
- SCV Water Supply Actions
 - Dry Year Water Supplies
 - Increase groundwater pumping
- Customer Response Actions
 - Drought response actions
- Incorporated in Urban Water Management Plan



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Wrap Up

Urban Water Management Plan

TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



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Thank You

Online Comment & Question Form
Virtual Public Workshop 3: March 22
Stay Engaged & Share the Information

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Appendix B

Workshop Outreach

February 10, 2021



Participate in our second Urban Water Management Plan Virtual Public Workshop on Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Join SCV Water on Wednesday, February 17, 6:30–8:00 p.m., to learn about and provide input on our Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Update. This is the second virtual public workshop on the UWMP, which is one of the required plans our agency must complete as part of our long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future needs.

Workshop participants will learn the outcomes of SB X7-7, the State’s water conservation law, and how our area performed in terms of water use efficiency. We will also touch on population projections for the Santa Clarita Valley, how much water we need to plan for that population, and our drought risk assessment.

Virtual Public Workshop

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Information

<https://zoom.us/j/98365678818>

Meeting ID: 983 6567 8818

Call in to participate

+1 669 900 9128

For more information about the UWMP Update and to watch an explainer video, visit the UWMP webpage: <https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/>.

You can also submit questions or provide feedback using the new the online form.

**Download UWMP Public
Workshop Flyer**

We hope you will participate in the process and encourage you to share this email with others who may be interested.

Best Regards,

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URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN



Urban Water Management Plan

PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS

SCV Water will conduct public outreach to inform and solicit input from stakeholders during the planning and development of the UWMP Update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

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- **Workshop Flyer**
- **Recording of Meeting**
- **Presentation**

Workshop 1 – November 18, 2020

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UWMP FACT SHEETS

FACT SHEET – February 16, 2021

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Look for SCV Water to:

- Forecast how much water we need to serve current customers as well as plan for growth
- Consider expanding recycled water and water conservation
- Assess our water supply from local sources – especially groundwater – and imported water from Northern California, taking into account state regulations and planning requirements
- Explore the potential effects of climate change, drought, and water shortages, plus what we can do to ensure a steady water supply for our customers

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2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN


The previous UWMP was prepared in 2015 and adopted in June 2016. You can find it here:

- **2015 FINAL Urban Water Management Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley**
- **2015 FINAL Urban Water Management Plan: Appendices A – D**
- **2015 FINAL Urban Water Management Plan: Appendix E**
- **2015 FINAL Urban Water Management Plan: Appendices F – H**
- **2015 FINAL Urban Water Management Plan: Appendices I – J**
- **CLWA Recycled Water Master Plan – April 2016 Administrative Draft**
- **SCV Recycled Water Rules and Regulations Handbook – February 2016**
- Groundwater Management Plan **CLWA Groundwater Management Plan – December 2003**

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EXPLORE the potential effects of climate change, drought and water shortages, plus what we can do to ensure a reliable water supply for our customers

TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



PLANNING, ANALYSIS & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (Nov 2020–June 2021)

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NEWS RELEASE

DATE: February 10, 2021

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Virtual Workshop to be Held February 17

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In addition, the workshop is set to offer the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide input.

The Urban Water Management Plan update workshop is scheduled 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. The public can learn more about the UWMP and provide suggestions or submit questions at [yourSCVwater/uwmp](http://www.yourscvwater/uwmp) (<http://www.yourscvwater/uwmp>).



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Officials with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) have scheduled a virtual water workshop for the public to provide input for its upcoming Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

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The UWMP is one of the main required plans SCV Water has to complete as part of their long-term resource planning designed to ensure that proper water supplies are available for public consumption.

Officials say that the upcoming workshop will allow attendants to better understand the UWMP, as well as give an opportunity to ask questions and provide input.

This marks the second virtual public workshop on the UWMP, and more information is available on the SCV Water website.

SCV Water's website provides a video for informational purposes, summary information, and the presentation from the first UWMP workshop along with a factsheet.

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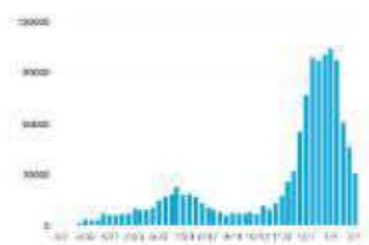
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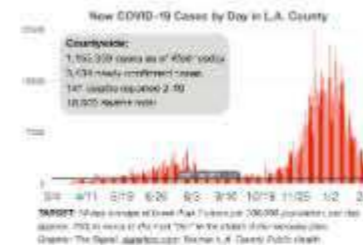
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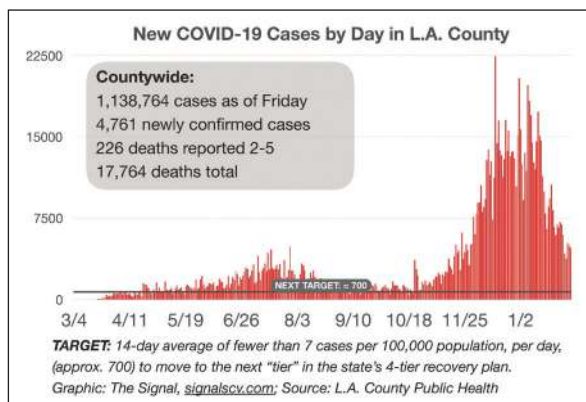
County: 1M vaccine doses administered

By Raychel Stewart
Signal Staff Writer

More than 1 million vaccine doses have been administered in Los Angeles County, Public Health officials announced Friday, adding next week's appointments will be primarily reserved for those who require second doses.

Since vaccine administration began in mid-December, Public Health announced 1,051,000 people have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in the county and, to date, 2.6% of L.A. County residents have been fully vaccinated.

Of the total number of doses administered, 846,780 were first doses



and 204,449 were second doses, said Paul Simon, chief science officer with Public Health.

Simon also announced next week's allotment of vaccines will be primarily reserved for people who require second doses, first-vaccine dose appointments

will be limited.

The county also began a new system for people without access to the internet to make appointments via telephone. Specifically aimed for older people without internet access, Simon said residents who need to make appointments

for first or second vaccine doses can call the county's line at 833-540-0473.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials released the following updated COVID-19 statistics Friday:

- Countywide COVID-19 cases reported in the past 24 hours: 4,761
- Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 1,138,764

- New deaths related to COVID-19 reported in the past 24 hours: 226
- Total COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County: 17,764

- Hospitalizations countywide: 4,796, 28% of whom are in the ICU
- Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of Feb. 3: 63, with 1,034 discharged since the onset of the pandemic

- COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 141
- Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 24,471
- Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV as of Feb. 3: 229

The number of SCV cases, including all area health care providers' daily figures and those at Pitchess Detention Center, broken down into region, are as follows:

- City of Santa Clarita: 17,906
- Unincorporated — Acton: 405
- Unincorporated — Agua Dulce: 233
- Unincorporated — Bouquet Canyon: 41
- Unincorporated — Canyon Country: 724
- Unincorporated — Castaic: 3,455 (majority of Castaic cases come from Pitchess Detention Center; exact number unavailable)
- Unincorporated — Lake Hughes: 37

- Unincorporated — Newhall: 66
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Woman accused of stealing car, starting fire returns to court

By Caleb Lunetta
Signal Staff Writer

In court on Wednesday was Maria Herrera, 28, of Newhall, who stands accused of stealing a car and then starting a fire in Newhall last fall.

Herrera "faces one felony count each of driving or taking a vehicle without consent (a 2016 Prius owned by UCLA); and arson of a structure or forest," according to an email from district attorney spokesman Ricardo Santiago sent in the days following the arrest. "The charges include allegations that she was out on bail or on her own recognizance when the crimes occurred and that she was convicted of robbery in 2014."

Herrera is accused of stealing the car and then starting a fire near 15th Street and Railroad Avenue on Oct. 2,

according to prosecutors. The incident was reported at 3:30 p.m., but firefighters stopped forward progress on the blaze about seven minutes later, after the fire had grown to about 2 acres, according to fire officials.

No one was hurt in the fire, and no structures were damaged in the blaze.

Multiple witnesses reported seeing Herrera start the blaze, and she was apprehended during a traffic stop later that same day, according to investigators.

Herrera is scheduled to return to court for a preliminary setting on March 2. A prelim setting is a hearing date to schedule a preliminary hearing — when the evidence is presented to the judge who decides whether the trial will move ahead.

She is being held in lieu of \$255,000 bail at the Century Regional Detention Facility.

Containment set up in Castaic following attempted robbery



Dan Watson/The Signal

One of several suspects is taken into custody on Saguro Street near Pinecone Place after SCV Sheriff's Station deputies responded to a report of a robbery with a gun in Castaic on Friday.

By Caleb Lunetta
Signal Staff Writer

At least three suspects were taken into custody following a report of an attempted robbery in Castaic on Friday.

The call was first reported around 12:30 p.m. near the 27000 block of Quincy Street, near Hasley Canyon, according to Sgt. Robert Gonzalez of the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station.


"They fled the scene after an attempted robbery," said Gonzalez. Initial reports indicated that a gun had been involved in the attempted robbery.

However, no property was taken from any alleged victims.

The suspects were then discovered nearby, according to Gonzalez.


"It looks like they have everyone detained," said Gonzalez at 2 p.m. SCV Sheriff's Station officials were unavailable later in the day to confirm the nature of the crime, and who the attempted robbery had been committed against.

No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.



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UV sanitizer deactivates COVID-19 in 5 minutes

News release

UltraViolet Devices Inc. announced its UVDI-360 Room Sanitizer achieved greater than 99.99% deactivation of the SARS-CoV-2 in five minutes at a distance of 12 feet.

Testing on the coronavirus strain was conducted by Innovative Bioanalysis, a biosafety level 3 certified laboratory in California.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has indicated that the COVID-19 disease can be spread by both surface and airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

“Building on our deep science-based evidence demonstrating the UV-DI-360’s effectiveness against high-risk pathogens, including coronaviruses, we feel the health care professionals we serve globally deserve proof against the specific SARS-CoV-2 viral strain causing COVID-19,” Dr. Ashish Mathur, vice president of innovation and technology at UVDI, said in a prepared statement.

The testing parameters were selected to be indicative of rapid whole room disinfection in

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Photo courtesy of UltraViolet Devices Inc.

The UVDI-360 Room Sanitizer – which has been proven to be more than 99.99% effective against COVID-19 – is used to disinfect an operating room at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital.

Chamber celebrates board installation, annual awards

Among honorees at virtual gathering was Boys & Girls Club of SCV as Nonprofit of the Year

By **Emily Alvarenga**
 Signal Staff Writer

The Santa Clarita Valley business community gathered virtually recently to celebrate the SCV Chamber of Commerce’s 98th annual Virtual Awards & Installation.

“Even though 2020 was a roller coaster of a year, and we still can’t yet be together in person, we felt it was more important than ever to ensure we’re all here together this evening to honor our business community as a whole,” John Musella, chamber spokesman, said as he introduced the livestreamed program.

Guests were able to do just that as they joined the chamber for a virtual cocktail hour, with the opportunity to use a chat feature to connect with other attendees during the program.

In attendance were some special guests, including Assemblywoman Suzette Valladares, R-Santa Clarita, who honored Nancy Starczyk as the outgoing chair of the chamber’s board of directors before the award presentations began.

Among those honored during the program was the Boys & Girls Club of SCV, which was awarded Nonprofit of the Year for its work as an essential resource for the youth community throughout Santa Clarita, providing remote learning support,



Screenshots

(Above) The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce 2021 board of directors is installed recently during the virtual 98th annual Awards & Installation event. (Below) Assemblywoman Suzette Valladares, R-Santa Clarita, left, honors Nancy Starczyk, right, as the outgoing 2020 chair of the SCV Chamber of Commerce board of directors, during the virtual event.



social and emotional support, and child care through the pandemic, according to award presenter Troy Hooper, former chair of the chamber board.

“The Boys & Girls Club is truly a community organization, so for all of the individuals and businesses, which is all of you, who have donated and supported the club, this award is also for you,” added Matt Nelson, CEO of the club. “Your impact is

making a difference.”

Sen. Scott Wilk, R-Santa Clarita, helped install the 2021 board of directors, which he said is the most diverse board in the chamber’s 90-year history, with women making up 45%, 41% being people of color and 10% representing the LGBTQ community, as well as two foreign-born entrepreneurs.

Cheri Fleming, who died in November after years of service to

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Iceberg explains depth of culture

One of my many significant assignments in the Army was as a commander of a basic training company. Post-Vietnam volunteers, fresh out of high school, looking for a purpose in their life and a new identity, decided to enlist in the Army. They entered an environment never exposed to before, indoctrinated with the Army’s seven core values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. Over the next three months, their belief system expanded to include the Army’s rich history and purpose.

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#SCVWater offices will be closed today in observance of Presidents Day. We will resume normal business operations tomorrow, February 16.

As a reminder, a regular board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference! 📱 For more info: ow.ly/7zZp50DA4Uz



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2020 State of the Agency

In 2020, SCV Water rose to the challenge to navigate uncharted waters. We adapted, assessed, and adjusted our operations to ensure a reliable water supply in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued to address and remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from our groundwater supplies. And we focused on watershed-wide efforts which include more than a half-dozen



long-term planning and outreach efforts to preserve and protect the Upper Santa Clara Valley watershed.

[Check out our 2020 State of the Agency Infographic](#)

Looking Ahead, Opportunities to Make Your Voice Heard

Update on Regional Water Supply Planning Efforts

SCV Water is in the midst of several planning efforts and have created multiple ways for our customers to stay informed and participate in the process. If you haven't already checked out the user-friendly dashboard, visit yourscvwater.com/planning. It's a one-stop-shop where you'll find information about upcoming events, fact sheets and links to each project. Each project page also features videos of previous public workshops including our first Water Shortage Contingency Plan workshop on **January 28**. You can watch the video [here](#) and give us your input via this [online form](#).

The second public workshop on our [Urban Water Management Update](#) is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 17 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.** and join the virtual meeting [here](#). If you missed the previous meeting, you can watch a recording, review the presentation and a summary [here](#).

We also invite you to attend our next [Groundwater Sustainability Workshop](#) on **Wednesday, March 10, from 4–6 p.m.**

Check out our [online dashboard](#) for the latest information on our planning efforts!

Public Comment Period Open to Address the Removal of Hazardous Materials from the Saugus Aquifer

SCV Water's top priority is keeping our water safe by addressing public health and environmental effects of hazardous substances that have been identified in the Saugus Aquifer. Treatment to remove perchlorate and volatile organic compounds will allow us to return several wells to service. Join us on **February 11 from 4 - 6 p.m.** for a public meeting on Planning for Removal of Hazardous Substances from the Saugus Aquifer. [Visit.](#)

As part of this effort, SCV Water is seeking input on the removal of these substances during a 30-day public comment period from Jan. 26 to Feb. 24, 2021.

The public is invited to review and comment on:

- Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
- Community Involvement Plan

A virtual meeting will be held on **February 11, at 4:00 p.m.**

[Learn more about this project, and how you can participate in the process.](#)

Water Talks Survey Deadline Extended through 3/31/21



WaterTalks is public program designed to involve and engage communities to help shape and inform California's future water-planning funding decisions.

Share your needs. Share your thoughts. Take the WaterTalks Survey!

Survey participants have a chance to win \$100! By taking this survey you will help inform the future water-related funding decisions in our community! Time is running out! The survey will close on March 31, 2021!

[Learn more about the program and the survey](#)

[**Water Talks Survey**](#)

Earn \$20 with our WaterSmart Workshop

Here's an opportunity to save water and money - all from the safety of your own home! There's no better time to take advantage of our innovative **WaterSMART Workshop**. You could invite your kids to learn alongside you.

You'll receive a \$20 credit on your account when you complete it.

Meet Wendy Waters, your virtual workshop instructor (#SocialDistancing!). She will teach you how to:

- Read and analyze your water bill

- Identify and fix leaks
- Save water both indoors and outside
- Become more efficient with your overall water use

Visit WaterSmartWorkshop.com to get started!

Customers will receive a \$20 credit for completing the workshop! (Processing time may be delayed while stay-at-home orders are in place.)



What We're Talking About on Social Media



Water conservation can be done inside and outside the home. Using a broom to clean sidewalks, patios, and driveways can save gallons of water!

[More water conservation tips.](#)

To join our conversation on social media, click on an icon below. Be sure to "like" or "follow us" so we can keep the conversation going!



Resources & Useful Links

- [SCV's Hottest Plant Guide](#)
- [Steps to Lawn Replacement](#)
- [Landscape Inspiration and Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Update](#)
- [Agency Calendar](#)
- [Garden Class Schedule and Sign Ups](#)
- [School Education Programs](#)
- [Kid's Corner](#)

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Appendix C

Input Received Via Email

February 10, 2021

- SCV Water should prioritize fixing the hard water issue. We should not have to install new faucets and shower heads as frequently as we do because of the hard water build-up that causes our skin and hair to be dry. We should also not have to constantly add acid to our swimming pools.