

DRAFT 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Comments

Comment Period: April 27, 2021 - May 26, 2021



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5-24-21

Board of Directors Sarah Fleury, Project Manager SCV Water Agency 26521 Summit Circle Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Re: SCV Urban Water Management Plan - Errata released May 20th

Sent via email to: uwmp@scvwa.org
Please copy all Board Members

Honorable Board members and Ms. Fleury:

Request for an extension of time to comment on the UWMP

On May 20th, the Agency posted an Errata document to the UWMP section of its website consisting of 26 pages. This posting occurred almost a month after the release of the draft document for comment and only six days before the close of the comment period. It includes substantial adjustments to several key tables in the Plan, Table 4-1, 4-7. 4-10 and other statements that materially affect the water supply and the comments we would make concerning that supply.

The release of the Errata document was not noticed to stakeholders or the public, so there is some question as to how many of the public are even aware of it.

Errata is normally used for grammar corrections, numbering changes or insignificant syntax corrections, not for major changes. This document therefore appears to have been incomplete or not fully thought out when it was released. But instead of waiting for a completed document, the agency chose to release a document that they apparently knew would have to be revised.

This is inappropriate and may appear in the eyes of the public as an effort to not fully disclose all information in a timely manner.

We therefore ask that the time period to comment on this document be extended at least another 15 days so that we may fully research the changes.

Sincerely,

Jim Danza, Chairman

Cc: DWR, Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov

RESPONSE



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May 26, 2021

Jim Danza, Chairman Friends of the Santa Clara River P.O. Box 7719 Ventura, CA 93006

Re: May 24, 2021 Letter regarding SCV Water Draft Urban Water Management Plan

Dear Mr. Danza,

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With regards to the specific changes in the Errata, your letter notes the number of tables that were revised in the Errata, are from SCOPE's perspective more that would typically be incorporated in an Errata. While we understand that perspective, these changes reflect relatively small change in assumed Saugus Formation groundwater pumping for 2026-2030 and the normal year pumping in the five-year increments between 2030 and 2050. The bulk of these changes reflect a single change, specifically, a decrease in Saugus Formation groundwater pumping in normal years by 500 AF for the five-year. This represents a change of about 5% decrease in SCV Water's projected Saugus Formation pumping and about a 1% change in total SCV Water's groundwater pumping. This change was made by staff, to provide consistency with the Draft Water Budget Analysis prepared for the SCV-GSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan. This change did not result in change of the conclusions regarding overall reliability analysis contained in Section 7. Additionally, these changes did not impact any of the tables and analysis associated with single or multi-year dry periods when the groundwater basin is placed under the greatest stress.

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Sincerely,

Matt Stone

General Manager

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From: Sarah Fleury
To: Cheryl Fowler

Subject: Fw: UWMP Comment Period

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 8:34:09 AM

This came through Rick Viergutz, but I think it still counts.

From: Rick Viergutz <rviergutz@scvwa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Sarah Fleury <sfleury@scvwa.org>
Cc: Dirk Marks <dmarks@scvwa.org>
Subject: FW: UWMP Comment Period

Sarah, please see email below.

Rick

From: Stacy Fortner <s_fortner@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:31 PM **To:** Rick Viergutz < rviergutz@scvwa.org>

Subject: UWMP Comment Period

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

Hi Rick,

I was in process of organizing my comments for the UWMP and noticed there is an ERRATA 1 posted on May 20, 2021 - WITH NO NOTICE TO PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS. I have submitted the following comment in the online form but wanted to reach out to directly to ask for an extension.

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and our input not be now made meaningless. Please extend this period at least 15-20 days.

Blessings, Stacy Fortner 661-993-6688

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Sarah Fleury, Project Manager SCV Water 26521 Summit Circle Santa Clarita, CA 91350

From: Roger A. Haring, Concern Citizen of the Santa Clarita Valley

Subject: "Urban Water Management Plan Comment"

Date: May 25, 2021

Dear SCV-Urban Water Management Planners

I would like to point-out to those planners of the recently drafted Urban Water Management Plan, that there should be more discussion and emphasis place on the "long-term, holistic strategies and solutions" for protecting and conserving *our endemic watersheds and tributaries* that surround the Santa Clarita Valley. There appears to be no reference or discussion as to how the "main tributaries" (management zones) to the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed will be better *conserved or protected* as a means to help capturing and storing local ground water for the long-term.

As briefly stated in Section 1: Introduction, Plan Preparation, Plan Adoption, and Lay Description, under the 1.7 Potential Effects of Climate Change: "Primary climate change impacts projected by global climate models to impact the State and Santa Clarita Valley region include warming air temperatures and changes in precipitation patterns, with more frequent and intense heavy precipitation events on the one hand and more frequent and more severe droughts on the other hand, among other impacts." However, it is uncertain as to "whether average precipitation changes will be towards wetter or drier conditions."

The main point of concern here is that the natural endemic topography and vegetation of the foothills and canyons of the surrounding Santa Clarita Valley can become either: "sink and source" of water capture in for the region, or can become "degraded and damaged" by both human activities and extreme climate change. There should be some proactive measures, steps, and goals by the water management planners of the Santa Clarita Valley to ensure those "main tributaries" will be protected from overdevelopment, unlawful abuse by human activities, and catastrophic wildfire/flooding events. Attempts to develop a "monitoring program" to assess the general sustainability, health, and/or level of degradation of these "main tributaries" should be seriously considered.

Table 1 below compiles a portion of the major *wildfires* within the Santa Clarita River Valley Watershed between 2002-2020 that have directly or indirectly altered the watersheds and tributaries of the region over time. It would be in the best interest of the Urban Water Management Plan to acknowledge and understand the significance of these ecological altering events, and how they may have changed the water capturing capacity of Upper Santa Clara River Watershed. Whether, individually or combined; temporary or permanent, these extreme climate and human-induced changes can have a significant "negative effects" on the water resources of the Santa Clarita Valley.

Table 1: Wild Fires in Santa Clara River Valley Watershed (SCV): 2002-2020

Name of Fire	Duration	County/Region	Acres Burned	Structures Lost	Notes
Bouquet	May 12-13, 2002	Los Angeles/Bouquet Canyon	4,977	2	Unknown Cause
Copper	June 5-6, 2002	Los Angeles/ San Francisquito Canyon	23,407	26	Human Accidental- Construction
Piru	Oct. 23-Nov. 14,2003	Ventura/LACo	63.991	8	Human Purposeful <i>Arson</i>
Crown	July 20-23, 2004	Los Angeles/Palmdale	11,966	7	Human Accidental- <i>Hammer</i>
Pine	July 12-21, 2004	Los Angeles / East-Gorman	17,418	15	Human Accidental- Target Shooting
Quail?	August 13-16, 2006	Los Angeles /	4,864	2	Unknown Cause
Ranch	Oct. 20-30, 2007	Los Angeles/Templin Highway	58,401	10	Human Accidental- Vehicle crash?
Buckweed	Oct 21 - 24, 2007	Los Angeles/Bouquet Canyon	38,356	63	Human Accidental- 10-year old
Station	Aug. 26- Oct.16, 2009	Los Angeles / Flintridge	160,577	209 2 Deaths	Human Purposeful- <i>Arson</i>
Powerhouse	May 30- June 10, 2013	Los Angeles/Lake Hughes/Green Valley/Elizabeth Lake	32,332	53	Human Accidental- Faulty Powerline
Sand	July 22-Aug, 2016	ANF East of SCV	37,804	18 2 Deaths	Human Accidental- Traffic Collision
Rye	Dec 5-12, 2017	SCV-I-5 Rye Canyon Loop	6,049	6	Unknown
Tick	Oct 24-31, 2019	Tick Canyon Road	4,615	22	Unknown Explosions
Lake	Aug. 12-19, 2020	Lake Hughes Road	31,089	33	Unknown Under Investigation

Thank you for your consideration in protecting and conserving our local watersheds of the Santa Clarita Valley. May 26, 2021 / R.A.H

My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan

I wish to add the following comments to my comments submitted on 5/25/2021.

The purpose of forecasting and planning is to have an accurate and realistic assessment of what is available as long-term water supply.

Table 4-1 (page4-2) appears to be confusing and inaccurate information on total supply. Some may even argue that it is misleading to both planners and the public on the actual availability of long-term supply.

Than. You.

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Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)

added 4 hours ago

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Santa Clarita Valley Water Urban Water Management Plan 2021

We are in a drought - not just dry but bone dry - coupled with being the warmest in recorded history. There is wide agreement that when temperature gets hotter, soil moisture dries out more quickly. Melting Sierra snowflakes soak the ground instead of flowing into rivers and reservoirs. That means less water for us.

As we formulate projections for clean water to meet the growing demand and mitigate possible water supply disruptions, we must focus on reliability, affordability, sustainability, and climate change.

Diversifying our water portfolio strategy to include such efforts as groundwater management, purchased water, storm water capture, water conservation, water recycling and use efficiency would bode well for the future.

During the pandemic, many customers have experienced astronomical losses. We must make every effort to apply for and receive grants to help pay for their water bills.

We need to continue to proactively build strategic partnerships and collaborate with different entities to deploy linguistically relevant and culturally sensitive information dissemination tools. We must remove barriers for people to take interest in and learn about water issues.

After all, we need the participation and cooperation of all to ensure that we have enough clean water to sustain our community, economy, and environment. For today and for tomorrow!

Public comments submitted by Annie E. Cho Former candidate for AD38

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added 19 hours ago

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Since the posting of an Errata Listing for this document took place only five days ago, it is not reasonable to close the commentary period tomorrow. I understand that there have been important adjustments to several critical tables, as well as other entries that greatly impact the document and its discussion of our water supply..

I therefore, request at least a two-week extension of the comment period to allow full examination of this water plan that is so crucial and important to the future of the Santa Clarita Valley.

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Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)

added 21 hours ago

My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan

SCV released an Errata on May 20th - I would request for an extension of time to comment since this was not seen by me or anyone on the town council until it was pointed out by a local activist. This could be seen as a brown act violation or public notification error. Your Agency released an Errata document consisting of 26 pages almost a month after the release of the draft document and less than a week before the close of the comment period.

I would recommend that the comment period be extended along with better announcement of the Errata for at least 3 weeks or 21 days.

Lloyd Carder
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added 22 hours ago

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Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)

added May 25, 2021 at 3:59 pm

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Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)

added May 25, 2021 at 3:27 pm

My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan

In order to save water usage, I would like to see significantly higher water rates beyond a certain usage limit, which is determined based on family sizes. Also, under the current drought conditions in California, there should be a moratorium on new swimming pool constructions.

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Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)

added April 7, 2021 at 9:19 am

My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan

Why are we always told to "conserve water" (and other utilities), yet the City and County continue to issue building permits for more housing tracts? The infrastructure in place is inadequate at best and yet they continue to build. Unless all the utilities are upgraded to handle the additional load of the new development, including schools, parks, etc., just does't make common sense to me and many of my friends and neighbors. Slap a moratorium for a bit of time on "new build" projects. Enact "controlled growth" for the area to keep the Valley a beautiful place to live instead of turning it into a crime riddled suburb of LA County.

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Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)

added March 16, 2021 at 2:10 pm

My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan

Recycled Water - purple pipe

This was part of the Master Plan going back to the early 90's. It was first implemented in 2003. Despite planning, more talks, planning, more studies and more talks, not much has changed. Some median strips and 1 golf course. The rhetoric is very vague. Now finally, Vista Canyon, but still no real hard numbers being released.

Where can I get a real MAP of purple pipe? Are there real achievable goals in place? (please...enough of the "we will expand" talk)

The SCV has already underperformed on available playing fields for sports and activities and those that are available are continually in bad shape because, we are told, of strict watering guidelines.

Is there a plan for purple pipe to Central Park? What playing fields (schools or otherwise) will be serviced by purple pipe? These promises have been in place now since my kids were babies. They have now grown up and flown the coup. With all due respect, it took less time to put men on the moon.

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Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)

added February 17, 2021 at 5:02 pm

From: Sarah Fleury
To: Cheryl Fowler

Subject: Fw: Errata released May 20

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 8:33:36 AM

From: uwmp <uwmp@scvwa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sarah Fleury <sfleury@scvwa.org>
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Sarah Fleury

From: Suzie Rizzo <baroness1@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:09 PM

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Cordially,

Susann Rizzo 25366 Avenida Ronada Valencia, CA 91355 805-490-1057

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From: Sally White
To: uwmp

Subject: Sarah Fleury - Comment on 2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 8:25:23 PM

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Comments

As a community, Santa Clarita and its environs is again caught in the middle of allowing more and more homes and businesses to be built, in spite of the fact that we are in the middle, again, of a drought situation. When one looks through this 2020 DRAFT URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, it would appear, on the surface, that there will be sufficient water to handle this growth. However, if one looks closely at the numbers, even with just a cursory view, that may not display a complete picture.

These comments are largely based upon Table 1 (page 4-2) of the referenced plan.

In particular, a large portion of the current and future water availability is dependent upon "banked water", water whose availability is promised for a ten year period in the future. However, when the whole state is undergoing a drought, and climate change is not promising any relief, it seems quite foolish to expect that these promises would be kept, should the districts in which this water is banked faced serious drought.

Ergo, it seems quite appropriate to list "banked water' in a separate location on any chart showing future water availability. This is so important when any kind of new development is being discussed by the city and county. The numbers MUST give a reliable, realistic picture.

And, out of curiosity, what is the source of the approximately 350% increase in water allocation beginning in 2025 through the State Water Project (SRP). Is this number realistic???

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Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Sarah Fleury, Project Manager 26521 Summit Circle Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Re: SCVW 2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan – BIA-LAV Comment Letter

Dear Ms. Fleury,

The Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc. (BIA), is a non-profit trade association of nearly 1,200 companies employing over 100,000 people all affiliated with building housing for all. On behalf of our membership, we would like to express our comments related to the 2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). We request that this plan not seek to directly or indirectly delay or impede new development from coming online. Creating a plan for future water use and resiliency should not deter the production of housing.

BIA-LAV's main goal in providing this comment letter is to ensure all entitled projects within the City of Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles are included in the UWMP. Also, that the zoning allowed for residential projects under the Santa Clarita Valley Area Land Use Plan and the joint One Valley-One Vision (OVOV) Plan are considered for future water demand. In addition to projects in the pipeline and current local area plans, the preparation for projected housing is critical. This water plan should adequately incorporate the desperately needed housing that the region will be responsible for through the next Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation.

As referenced in the UWMP, RHNA is a housing needs projection from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) that determines the area's housing production obligation over the next eight years. These goals are more serious now, than ever before. California is facing one of the most drastic housing shortages in the



nation. A recent <u>University of Southern California Report</u> estimates that by 2025, the State needs 1.1 million units of housing to fill this gap. The City of Santa Clarita is responsible for over 10,000 homes and the County of LA, will be responsible for providing nearly 90,000 new housing units by 2029. Creating a UWMP that acknowledges these goals is vital.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this Plan, particularly as it relates to residential development within the SCVWA service territory. As the Agency finalizes the Plan, we hope to be utilized as a resource and continue to be included within the stakeholder process. We urge the SCVWA to include all current, future and projected housing within the final UWMP, and ensure that homebuilding is not negatively affected. Should you have any questions, please contact BIA-LAV Vice President, Diana Coronado at <a href="mailto:documents-declaration-declarat

Sincerely,

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