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# 2020 Urban Water Management Plan for Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

(Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36/Cooperating Agency)

VOLUME 2 FINAL



APPENDIX H

## **Appendix H: Public Outreach Materials**

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## UWMP Workshop Participants

Workshop 1 – November 18, 2020

### SCV Water

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Dirk Marks

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Matthew Dickens

Matt Stone

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## Workshop 2 – February 17, 2021

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## Workshop 3 – March 22, 2021

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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Water for Today & Tomorrow | February 2021

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is preparing the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 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 UWMP every five years.

These plans direct water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The SCV Water UWMP Update will address several key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

Look for SCV Water to:



**FORECAST** how much water we need to serve current customers as well as plan for growth



**PLAN** for expanding recycled water and conservation programs



**ASSESS** our water supply from local sources — especially groundwater — and imported water from outside of the Santa Clarita Valley, 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 reliable water supply for our customers

## TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



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



### 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.

You can participate by:



Attending a virtual public workshop



Providing comments and feedback



Completing online surveys



Signing up to learn more via the website

### About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 74,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider.

### 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

To learn more visit: [yourscvwater.com/planning](https://yourscvwater.com/planning)

### Contact Information:

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October 22, 2020

Tom Cole  
Director Of Community Development  
City of Santa Clarita Community Development Department  
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 300  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Subject: Notice of Review and Update  
2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Cole:

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Director of Water Resources

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Planning, Marketing and Economic Development Manager  
City of Santa Clarita Planning Department  
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 300  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

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Jason Smisko  
Senior Transportation Planner  
City of Santa Clarita Transportation Department  
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 300  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Subject: Notice of Review and Update  
2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Smisko:

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October 22, 2020

Kimberly Prillhart, Director  
County of Ventura Resource Management Agency  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Notice of Review and Update  
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Dear Ms. Prillhart:

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Amy Bodek, Director  
LA County Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Mark Pestrella, Director  
LA County Department of Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, CA 91803

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Dear Mr. Pestrella:

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Mauricio E. Guardado Jr.  
General Manager  
United Water Conservation District  
1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200  
Oxnard, CA 93030

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Russ Bryden, Principal Engineer, LA-36



October 22, 2020

Robert C. Ferrante  
Chief Engineer and General Manager  
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Subject: Notice of Review and Update  
2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Ferrante:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is currently involved in an effort and process to review, update and prepare the regional 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) in accordance with the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 (LA-36) is participating on an ad hoc basis. This will be the first UWMP prepared as one unified agency since SCV Water was established in 2018.

SCV Water is required to update their UWMP every five years. Among other information and analysis, the 2020 regional UWMP will evaluate current and projected water supplies and demands within the agencies' service area during normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry year periods over the next 20-year planning horizon and beyond. The 2020 UWMP will also address climate change, water conservation efforts, and the State water portfolio requirements. Additionally, SCV Water is required to develop and submit an approved WSCP which outlines water supply availability, supply-shortage mitigation activity, and demand response measures following a water shortage declaration.

This notice is being provided to LA Sanitation on behalf of SCV Water and LA-36 pursuant to Water Code section 10621(b). SCV Water and LA-36 are encouraging local agencies, the public, and other interested parties to participate in the development of the 2020 UWMP and WSCP, and we invite your agency to meet with us to review various elements of the plans, including population projections, water supplies and demands, and current and upcoming water conservation programs.

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## Multiple Planning Efforts Will Ensure Reliable Water Supply

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For more information, click [here](#).

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## WaterTalks Survey

WaterTalks is public program to increase community involvement in planning a sustainable water future for California. SCV Water encourages you to participate in this effort and provide your input on community needs and priorities!

To take the survey, click on the button below:

[Take the Survey](#)

Surveys must be completed by March 31, 2021

To learn more about WaterTalks, visit:  
[watertalks.csusb.edu](http://watertalks.csusb.edu)

The graphic features a blue speech bubble with the text "WATER talks" in white. Below it, the text "TAKE THE SURVEY!" is written in bold, followed by "¡RESPONDA A LA ENCUESTA!" in pink. A circular badge on the right says "New winners every month! WIN \$100! ¡GANA \$100! ¡Nuevos ganadores cada mes!". The website "watertalks.csusb.edu" is displayed in a blue box. At the bottom, there are logos for "PROP 1 WATER BOND 2016", "UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER Integrated Regional Water Management", and the "City of San Jose" seal. A deadline notice at the bottom reads: "Surveys must be completed by March 31, 2021. Las encuestas deben ser completadas antes del 31 de marzo de 2021."

## Live Distance Learning Opportunities for Local Schools

*Virtual Classes Offered for Grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade*

As we remain focused on keeping our customers, staff and community safe, SCV Water is pleased to announce our new live distance learning opportunities for students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

All virtual classes presented meets the state mandated curriculum requirements. The new program will feature live interactive curriculum that is grade appropriate and will engage all students to learn while having fun!

For more information, click [here](#).

## STATE WATER PROJECT MATCH UP

DIRECTIONS: MATCH THE DESCRIPTION WITH THE  
CORRECT PART OF THE STATE WATER PROJECT.



## Free Virtual Home Check-Ups Can Save Water and Money

*Helps Residential Customers Save Water and Money While Staying Safer at Home*

Sign up to save water and money through a free virtual home check-up. These check-ups look at indoor and outdoor water use and are designed to help water users identify problems, leaks and opportunities to increase water efficiency.

As we continue to respond to the long-term effects of COVID-19, SCV Water is excited to adapt our program into a virtual format to meet the needs of our customers. Virtual check-ups are conducted by WaterWise Consulting, Inc. and offered to residential customers at no additional cost.

For program details, click [here](#).



Schedule your **FREE**  
Virtual Home Check-up today!

Call WaterWise Consulting at 888-987-9473

[Learn More](#)

## 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 check for \$20 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

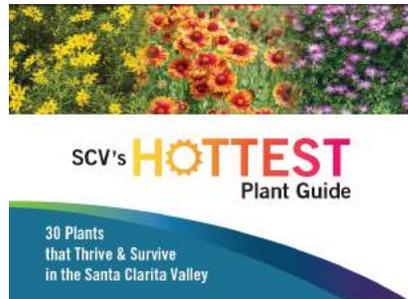
Visit [WaterSmartWorkshop.com](https://www.WaterSmartWorkshop.com) to get started!

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

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## Resources for the DIY Landscaper

Finally have some time to start on that landscape project, but not sure where to start? We have the resources for you!



### [SCV's Hottest Plant Guide](#)

We'll let you in on a little secret - the 30 hottest plants of the SCV! These plants thrive through the hottest summers and survive the coldest winter nights. They're attractive, available at your local nursery, drought-tolerant once established, an easy to maintain over the long-term. Not to mention, they don't mind our clay soil!



### [Steps to Lawn Replacement](#)

Ready to ditch your lawn and replace it with colorful and water-efficient alternatives? We have just the thing for you! A step-by-step guide on how to kill and remove grass, and what to plant instead!

[Click here to visit our website for more landscape inspiration and information.](#)

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## COVID-19 Update

As we continue to adapt business practices in this challenging environment, SCV Water remains deeply committed to the

safety of our customers, community, and employees as we continue to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

To read more, click [here](#).

For the latest information on SCV Water's actions related to COVID-19, visit [COVID-19 update](#).



## Community Events



Just a reminder you may attend a Board and Committee Meeting via teleconferencing by clicking [here](#).



11/14/2020 Virtual Gardening Class  
**Irrigation Basics for a Sustainable Landscape.**  
Click here for more information to [register](#).

## Kids' Corner

### Start with Heart

SCV Water has commissioned the Razzle Bam Boom team to produce some fun and informative weekly videos for your students at home. Our themes are about



being safe, being water-smart, and to always keep learning. Click [here](#).

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**DATE: October 22, 2020**

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **SCV Water Embarks on Planning Efforts to Ensure Customers Continue to have Reliable High-Quality Water**

*Online dashboard provides easy opportunities for input*

**SANTA CLARITA, CA.** —SCV Water is undertaking multiple planning efforts designed to effectively manage the water supply for our customers, ensuring they have access to reliable water today and tomorrow. These efforts, part of a multi-year process, will advance several regional water plans and programs that enhance water reliability, quality, environmental sustainability, and delivery.

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“Our water agency is on the forefront of state-of-the-art water processing, delivery and management. These planning efforts and ongoing projects will help us ensure that our customers have clean, reliable water, and that we are good stewards for the natural resources we’re responsible for - now and in the future. We invite the public, our customers, to learn about this work, give us input and be part of our efforts,” said Matt Stone, General Manager.

The planning efforts and projects include:



**Groundwater Sustainability Plan**



**PFAS Treatment**



**Rate Case Planning**



**Recycled Water Planning**



**Urban Water Management Plan**



**Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

Public participation and involvement are critical to the success of these efforts. To keep the public informed and engaged as we develop and manage our water resources, SCV Water has created an easy to navigate online dashboard. The one-stop communication tool provides information about each effort, including public participation events and a place to sign up to receive additional information. Visit [www.yourSCVwater.com/planning](http://www.yourSCVwater.com/planning)

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## SCV Water Embarks On Planning Efforts For Water Management

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## SCV Water Embarks On Planning Efforts For Water Management

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## Participate in our Urban Water Management Plan Virtual Public Workshop on Wednesday, November 18, 2020

You are invited to help us ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. SCV Water is preparing the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Update and will look at key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

SCV Water will also offer an opportunity to provide additional input through an online form during this phase of the update process.

The update is a requirement of the California Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. Urban water suppliers like SCV Water update their UWMP every five years.

### **Virtual Public Workshop**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### **Zoom Information**

<https://zoom.us/j/98963415346?pwd=KzFDakVFUVJYYUJmVkk1eVZWQVJkdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 989 6341 5346

**Passcode:** SCV-UWMP

### **Call in to participate**

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For more information about the virtual public workshop and how you can participate, read our [UWMP Public Workshop Flyer](#).

To sign up for our mailing list to receive information about the UWMP Update and how you can participate please visit: <https://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp/>

We hope you will participate in the process.

Best Regards,

Sarah Fleury  
Water Resources Planner  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN



## Urban Water Management Plan

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### **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.

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### **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**

Workshop 1 – November 18, 2020

# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

UWMP - Intro to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan



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- **Recording of Meeting**
  - **Presentation**
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## **UWMP FACT SHEETS**

### **FACT SHEET – November 12, 2020**

These plans direct water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The SCV Water UWMP Update will address several key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

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

# **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**
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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

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**PLAN** for expanding recycled water and conservation programs



**ASSESS** our water supply from local sources — especially groundwater — and imported water from outside of the Santa Clarita Valley, 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 reliable water supply for our customers

## TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



PLANNING, ANALYSIS & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (July 2020–July 2021)



### Participate in the Process

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You can participate by:



Attending a virtual public workshop



Providing comments and feedback



Completing online surveys



Signing up to learn more via the website

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Post SCV Water is soliciting public opinion on the water supply that first appeared at the Santa Clarita Valley Signal.

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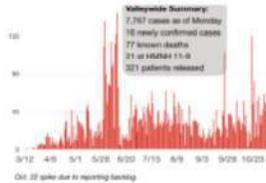
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# SCV sex assault, violence cases continued

By Perry Smith  
Signal Managing Editor

Two defendants in Santa Clarita Valley felony trials made appearances and had their cases continued this week in Los Angeles County Superior Court in San Fernando.

A Saugus High substitute teacher accused of sexually assaulting a student numerous times and a man accused of physically assaulting the pregnant mother of his child both had court appearances scheduled for Friday.

David Cornish, 28, of Santa

Clarita, stands accused of “oral copulation with a minor, lewd acts with a child, penetration with a foreign object and two counts dealing with sexually inappropriate messages over the internet,” according to Sgt. Brian Hudson of the Sheriff’s Department’s Special Victims Unit.

The victim’s mother became aware of the abuse, and then contacted the authorities, according to Hudson.

Cornish was initially arrested on a pair of charges. As Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station detectives began to investigate,

they learned the relationship was going on for about a month, Hudson said. William S. Hart Union High School District officials said they suspended Cornish upon learning of the allegations.

Cornish is due back in court Nov. 20 to set a date for his preliminary hearing, in which the evidence is presented to a judge who decides if there’s enough to proceed with a trial. He remains in custody in lieu of \$1,075,000 bail.

Alvin Marks, 30, of South Los Angeles, was charged with three counts: one count of

injuring a spouse, cohabitant, fiancée, girlfriend or child’s parent; one count of criminal threats; and one count of dissuading a witness from reporting a crime, according to an email from Pamela Johnson, public information officer for the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office.

The charges relate to an August incident, after SCV Sheriff’s Station deputies responded to a call for service at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, according to officials.

The hospital visit reportedly stemmed from an alleged

domestic dispute reported around 4 a.m. Aug. 29 at a home on the 27000 block of Rock Rose Lane, which is between Sierra Highway and Sandy Drive, in Canyon Country.

Marks, 30, of Los Angeles, stands charged with assaulting his significant other, who was reportedly nine weeks pregnant at the time of the alleged attack.

He is due back in court Dec. 9 to set a date for his preliminary hearing. Sheriff’s Department records indicate he was released from custody Oct. 31 on a \$100,000 bond.

## Vehicle crashes into hydrant



Bobby Block/The Signal

(Above and below) Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel respond to McBean Parkway near its intersection with Rockwell Canyon Road after a vehicle crashed into a fire hydrant Sunday evening.



## Couple arrested after ammo found

By Perry Smith  
Signal Managing Editor

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station deputies reported finding drugs and ammunition on a parolee during a Valencia traffic stop Wednesday.

SCV deputies pulled over a 59-year-old woman from Lancaster driving a Chevy Impala at the intersection of Valencia Boulevard and Copperhill Drive for not having a front license plate, according to preliminary information from the Sheriff’s Station arrest report.

A 22-year-old, also from Lancaster, was following her in a Chevy Avalanche, and stopped behind the patrol car. The woman’s license

had expired, and the man did not have a valid license, per station officials. Upon learning that, both suspects were arrested and their vehicles searched.

Deputies reported finding a loaded and unregistered firearm, along with methamphetamine, in the Avalanche. In the Impala, deputies reported finding live ammunition in the woman’s wallet. She was arrested on suspicion of being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition.

Both the man and woman were booked at the Sheriff’s Station, and due in court Friday. It’s not known how they pleaded to the charges as of the publication of this story.

## County reports more than 2,000 COVID-19 cases for second day; SCV sees 58 new cases

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

■ Countywide COVID-19 cases reported in the past 24 hours: 2,108  
■ Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 317,656

■ New deaths related to COVID-19 reported in the past 24 hours: 23  
■ Total COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County: 7,157

■ Hospitalizations countywide: 821; 29% of whom are in the ICU and XX% on ventilators  
■ Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of Nov. 4: 13, with 315 discharged since the onset of the pandemic

■ COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 58  
■ Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 7,644  
■ Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV: 76

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: 4,650  
■ Unincorporated — Acton: 89

- Unincorporated — Agua Dulce: 41
- Unincorporated — Bouquet Canyon: 10
- Unincorporated — Canyon Country: 178
- Unincorporated — Castaic: 2,211 (majority of Castaic cases come from Pitchess Detention Center; exact number unavailable)
- Unincorporated — Lake Hughes: 6
- Unincorporated — Newhall: 28
- Unincorporated — Placerita Canyon: 0
- Unincorporated — San Francisquito Canyon/Bouquet Canyon: 1
- Unincorporated — Sand Canyon: 7
- Unincorporated — Saugus: 39
- Unincorporated — Saugus/Canyon Country: 12
- Unincorporated — Stevenson Ranch: 213
- Unincorporated — Val Verde: 106
- Unincorporated — Valencia: 53

— Signal Staff

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## Man arrested after confrontation with deputies

By Perry Smith  
Signal Managing Editor

Deputies seeking to detain a man as part of a burglary investigation Wednesday morning in Castaic ultimately tasered the suspect and then arrested him on suspicion of battery on an officer that didn’t cause injury, officials reported Friday.

Deputies responded to the 30000 block of Sequoia Court in Castaic regarding multiple reports to the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station about a person seen looking inside several cars.

Deputies attempted to contact the man, a 22-year-old who lived on the 30400 block of Sequoia Court in Castaic, and he “immediately

became argumentative and confrontational with deputies,” according to an email from Sgt. Joel Nebel of the SCV Sheriff’s Station. “When they attempted to handcuff him, he became combative.”

The suspect was then tasered in his upper torso, “which allowed them to safely arrest him without any further incident,” according to Nebel.

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# More than 2,400 cases reported countywide

**By Raychel Stewart**  
Signal Staff Writer

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported 2,481 new cases of COVID-19 in the county, continuing the increases officials have seen since the beginning of November.

“The current surge in COVID-19 transmission in L.A. County is alarming,” Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said in a press release. “If we act now, we can prevent increasing rates of illness and death, stressing our health care system, and further stalling our recovery. If we agree that our collective priority is to reduce transmission

of COVID-19 so we can move forward with recovery, then it is clear what needs to be done. We will need to modify holiday plans, change up our routines and take care of each other.”

The current county case numbers come after the California Health and Human Services Agency released an updated travel advisory ahead of the holiday season.

“This is not a ban or a restriction, it’s simply just a travel advisory,” said CHHS Secretary Mark Ghaly. “We want to encourage people to stay close to home and stay away from non-essential travel to other counties or states.”

Ghaly added people who visit

California from outside states or countries should quarantine themselves for 14 days upon arrival.

The advisory was issued after the state saw an increase of average daily cases and hospitalizations, which was 6,893 cases in the last 24 hours and currently 3,399 hospitalized as of Friday.

## County, SCV data

County public health officials also released the following updated COVID-19 figures Friday:

- Countywide COVID-19 cases reported in the past 24 hours: 2,481
- Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 332,865

■ New deaths related to COVID-19

- reported in the past 24 hours: 28
- Total COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County: 7,246

- Hospitalizations countywide: 942; 28% of whom are in the ICU and XX% on ventilators
- Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of Nov. 11: 16, with 328 discharged since the onset of the pandemic

- COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 53
- Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 8,081
- Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV: 79

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## ROUNDUP

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Garcia and 49.98% for Smith.

In the state’s 21st Senate District, also considered one of the state’s six close elections, Sen. Scott Wilk, R-Santa Clarita, remained the top vote-getter with 50.7%, leaving opponent Kipp Mueller at 49.3%.

Two other local elections kept a razor-thin gap Friday following the county’s update.

Michelle Jenkins led Jerry Danielsen in the College of the Canyons board of trustees Area 4 election by less than 1% — a 231-vote difference.

BJ Atkins secured the top spot with 28.56% of the vote in the race for the SCV Water Agency board of directors Division 3, but the next two candidates, Kathye Armitage and incumbent Maria Gutzeit, were separated by only 142 votes.

California has an estimated 959,216 outstanding ballots that remain to be processed, of which 98,440 were from L.A. County, according to elections officials Friday.

Breakdown of additional races; state and congressional races according to California Secretary of State and local races according to L.A. County, unless otherwise indicated:

### 25th Congressional District

- Christy Smith (D): 49.98%, 166,513.
- Mike Garcia (R, incumbent): 50.02%, 166,617.



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### 21st Senate District

- Scott Wilk (R, incumbent): 50.7%, 188,961.
- Kipp Muller (D): 49.3%, 183,938.

### 27th Senate District

- Henry Stern (D, incumbent): 60.2%, 281,881.
- Houman Salem (R): 39.8%, 186,010.

### 36th Assembly District

- Tom Lackey (R, incumbent): 55.1%, 98,919.
- Steve Fox (D): 44.9%, 80,682.

### 38th Assembly District

- Suzette Valladares (R): 76.1%, 147,215.
- Lucie Volotzky (R): 23.9%, 46,225.

### City Council (top two of nine candidates win)

- Cameron Smyth: 31.25%, 55,931.
- Jason Gibbs: 16.17%, 28,928.
- Kelvin Driscoll: 14.48%, 25,908.
- Chris Werthe: 11.14%, 19,938.
- TimBen Boydston: 9.74%, 17,437.
- Aakash Ahuja: 7.81%, 13,983.

- Selina Thomas: 7.42%, 13,278.
- Kenneth Dean: 1.51%, 2,703.
- Douglas Fraser: 0.47%, 848.

### SCV Water Agency (top two in each division win)

#### Division 1

- Gary Martin (incumbent): 33%, 18,898.
- Beth Braunstein: 26.91%, 15,408.
- Karla Waymire: 20.94%, 11,989.
- Christine Okamoto: 19.16%, 10,972.

#### Division 2

- Ed Colley (incumbent): 33.92%, 22,273.
- Piotr Orzechowski: 30.50%, 20,030.
- Valerie Bradford: 19.04%, 12,502.
- Anna Kumar: 16.55%, 10,866.

#### Division 3

- BJ Atkins (incumbent): 28.56%, 16,635.
- Kathye Armitage: 24.31%, 14,164.
- Maria Gutzeit (incumbent): 24.07%, 14,022.
- Stacy Fortner: 23.06%, 13,432.

### SCV school boards

#### William S. Hart Union High School District Trustee Area No. 1

- Linda Storli (incumbent): 45.72%, 10,012.
- Alyssa Williams: 35.23%, 7,716.
- Gordon Kirkpatrick: 19.05%, 4,171.

#### Trustee Area No. 4

- James Webb: 55.41%, 13,947.
- Steve Sturgeon (Incumbent): 44.59%, 11,224.

#### Saugus Union School District Trustee Area No. 3

- Katherine Cooper: 51.65%, 4,683.
- Christian Gadbois: 48.35%, 4,383.

#### Trustee Area No. 4

- Matthew Watson: 64.19%, 7,213.
- Sage Rafferty: 35.81%, 4,024.

#### College of the Canyons Trustee Area No. 2

- Edal Alonso (incumbent): 59.14%, 13,780.
- Tony Watson: 40.86%, 9,521.

#### Trustee Area No. 3

- Sebastian Cazares: 52.06%, 13,407.
- Fred Arnold: 47.94%, 12,344.

#### Trustee Area No. 4

- Michelle Jenkins (incumbent): 50.44%, 13,106.
- Jerry Danielsen: 49.56%, 12,875.

#### L.A. County Measure J

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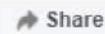
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# **Urban Water Management Plan Update**

**Public Workshop #1  
November 18, 2020**

**SUMMARY**

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## 1. Background

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is preparing the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 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 UWMP 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 UWMP 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 UWMP 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 UWMP Update, water supply characteristics in the Santa Clarita Valley, and an introduction to climate change.

This summary documents the objectives of the first public workshop, outreach methods and attendance, time and location, and major topics presented and discussed at the public workshop. The last section summarizes the input collected from an online input form. Additionally, the presentation slides and all workshop outreach are included in the appendices.

## 2. Objectives

The objectives for the first public workshop were to:

- Inform stakeholders and the public about the UWMP Update process
- Gather input from participants on general questions and issues along with input on water supply and climate change topics to consider in the UWMP Update
- Provide stakeholders and the public opportunities to ask questions and receive answers

## 3. When and Where

The workshop was held virtually on the Zoom platform on November 18, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and an online input form was open from November 18 to December 4, 2020. A recording of the workshop can be viewed at this link: <https://youtu.be/18D4AnjwHVc>.

## 4. Notifications and Announcements

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



Table 1: Workshop Outreach Methods

Method	Description
Website	Information about the first workshop, a project fact sheet, and an introduction video were posted on the UWMP project webpage ( <a href="https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/">https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/</a> ), 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 online input form was included in the December 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 California News Times.
Advertisements	Advertisements included digital banners and print ads in The Santa Clarita Valley Signal.

## 4. Public Workshop

The following sections outline the format of the first public workshop and input received from community members. Approximately 43 people attended the Zoom virtual meeting, including 23 members of the public.

### Workshop Format

The 90-minute virtual public workshop format consisted of four presentation modules mixed with input opportunities using the chat box. The workshop opened with the facilitator welcoming participants, introducing the project team, and describing the multiple planning efforts and projects that SCV Water has underway. The facilitator then played a short introduction video and introduced the online input form that would be available for anyone to provide additional input (see pages 1 through 4 in Appendix A).

Next was a presentation providing basic information about the UWMP and the available public involvement opportunities throughout the 2020 UWMP Update process (see pages 5 through 9 in Appendix A). The following modules focused on specific components of the UWMP—the water supply characteristics assessment and climate change considerations (see pages 10 through 25 in Appendix A). The water supply characteristics module described the different water supply sources to the Santa Clarita Valley, including water from local and imported sources. The climate change considerations module detailed potential climate change variabilities in the Santa Clarita Valley and how they will be addressed in the 2020 UWMP Update. Lastly, the facilitator thanked participants, encouraged people to stay involved, and reminded of the next public workshop in February 2021.



## Community Input

Participants were invited to provide input to the following question: **What kinds of water supply issues, ideas, and questions should be considered in the 2020 UWMP Update?** Responses included:

- How much will water needs increase yearly?
- Will storm water be addressed in any detail in the UWMP?
- The UWMP should be designed to meet all beneficial uses.
- How can we utilize more of the current water outfall from the sanitation district for reclaimed water uses?
- Is indirect potable reuse a detailed consideration?
- How will COVID-19 affect the UWMP?

Community members provided the following questions and comments following the **water supply characteristics** presentation:

- Can you provide the source of the report for the estimate that the Saugus Aquifer contains over a million acre-feet of usable groundwater?
- How many days does it take to get water from the State Water Project?
- Do we utilize excess water to recharge our aquifer?
- It was noted that the State Water Project Delivery Capability Report considers climate change. In dry years the Santa Clarita Valley relies more on the water banking programs and water purchase agreements. Are these sources also affected by climate change?

The presentation on **climate change considerations** generated the following input:

- It seems like reducing sprinkler run-off would be a good water conservation effort.
- Several participants said that the presentation was helpful and thanked the project team.

## 6. Online Input Form

The online input form was made available from November 18 – December 4, 2020 to provide an additional public input opportunity. Participants were invited to provide input on the same question that was asked during the first public workshop: **What kinds of water supply issues, ideas, and questions should be considered in the 2020 UWMP Update?** Responses included:

- Water quality: non-native plant invasive removal, people living in the river, human and animal excrement, PFAS, sources of PFAS
- Illegal dumping in the river, making the river less accessible to people who would dump, signage for penalties, and educational signage
- Full compliance with the UWMP Act



- Proper protection and monitoring of water resources around the landfill and alluvial aquifer, proper monitoring of water table sources around the gas storage site near the Pitches facility run by Southern California Gas, and protection of well rights by residents with a well not yet installed





# Urban Water Management Plan

Public Workshop  
November 18, 2020



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

[www.yourSCVwater.com](http://www.yourSCVwater.com)



# Agenda

Presentations and Q&A/Discussion

- What is an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)
  - Input Question
- Water Supply Characteristics
- Climate Change Considerations

Report on Input Question Results

Upcoming Involvement Opportunities

Wrap Up



## Welcome | Introductions



**Sarah Fleury**  
SCV Water



**Joan Isaacson**  
Kearns & West



**Catrina Paez**  
Kennedy Jenks



**Lauren Everett**  
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# Welcome | Introductions



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# SCV Water | Who We Are



# SCV Water | Who We Are



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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# Section #1

## Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)



### UWMP | What is it?

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.



# UWMP | Why a 2020 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



# UWMP | What is Required



Description of **water use** by sector



Detailed description of all **supply sources** (imported, surface, recycled, groundwater)



Description of **water quality** issues that could impact supplies



Evaluation of **water supply reliability** to meet demands in all hydrologic year types (normal, multiple dry, critical dry)



# UWMP | What is Required



Evaluation of per capita water use and compliance with reduction targets



**Demand Management Measures** (water conservation programs - past and future)



**Water shortage contingency plan** (to 50% supply reduction), including catastrophic outage



Estimate of energy intensity of **water operations**



# UWMP | Legislative Updates for 2020 Plan



**AB 1668 and SB 606:**  
Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life



**AB 1739, AB1168, and AB1319:**  
Sustainable Groundwater Management Act



**SB 664:**  
Seismic Risk Assessment



# UWMP | Updates for 2020 Plan

Report compliance with SBx7-7

Report compliance with Water Loss Standard

Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment

- Methodology provided in the UWMP

Drought Risk Assessment



## UWMP | Other Uses

Reference document for:

- SB 610 Water Supply Assessments, SB 221 Written Verifications
- CEQA
- Land Use planning
- Groundwater Management and Sustainability planning (GMP, GSP)

Helps identify opportunities to augment and diversify water supply portfolio

Needed to obtain grant and loan funding



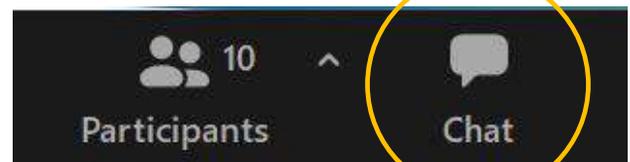
# UWMP | Role of Public Involvement

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## UWMP | Questions?

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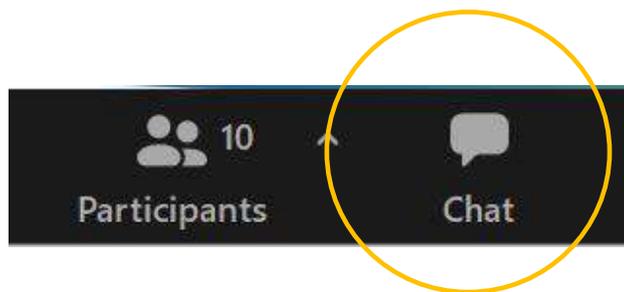
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# UWMP | We Need Your Input

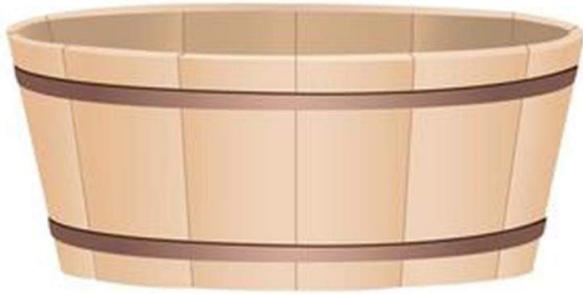
What kinds of water supply issues, ideas, and questions should be considered in the Urban Water Management Plan Update?



## Section #2 Water Supply Characteristics



# UWMP | Water Supply Characteristics



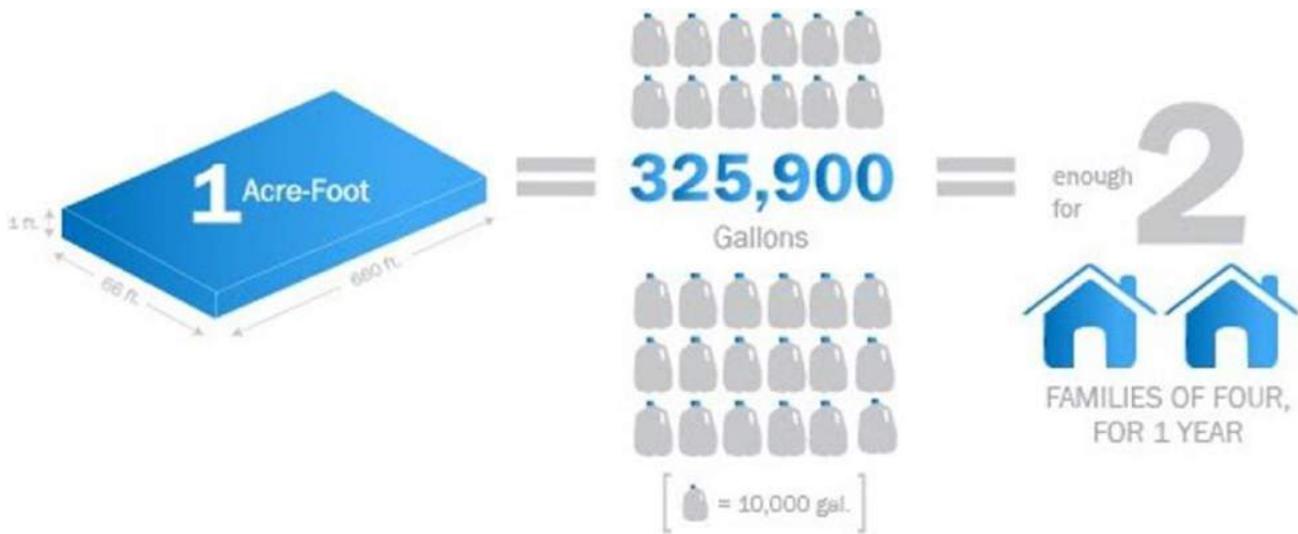
Santa Clarita's Water Demand



Santa Clarita's Water Supply



# UWMP | What is an Acre Foot?



# WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PORTFOLIO



## IMPORTED WATER (STATE WATER PROJECT)

About half of our water comes from the Sierra Nevada range. It flows off the mountains then through the delicate Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta before reaching the Santa Clarita Valley via the State Water Project aqueduct.

## GROUNDWATER

Groundwater is local, sustainable and cost-effective. It represents about half of our supply in an average year. A series of wells pump the groundwater into our system.

## RECYCLED WATER

SCV Water has the opportunity to significantly expand its recycled water production in the coming years. The long-term goal is to serve more than 10,000 acre-feet of recycled water - roughly 45 times what is served today.

## WATER BANKING

SCV Water stores ("banks") about 141,000 acre-feet of water in Kern County. We can call for this water in times of need.



## UWMP | State Water Project

Imported Water

50% of demands in average year

Annual variability

- Precipitation (rain, snow, runoff)
- Pumping capacity (California Delta)
- Water quality
- Environmental regulations (wildlife)

SCV Water Contracted Amount

- 95,200 AF/Yr - 100%

Wet years stored in banking programs



# UWMP | Pop Quiz



How many miles long is the California aqueduct along Interstate 5?

- 215 miles
- 373 miles
- 444 miles
- 659 miles



## UWMP | SWP Delivery Capability Report

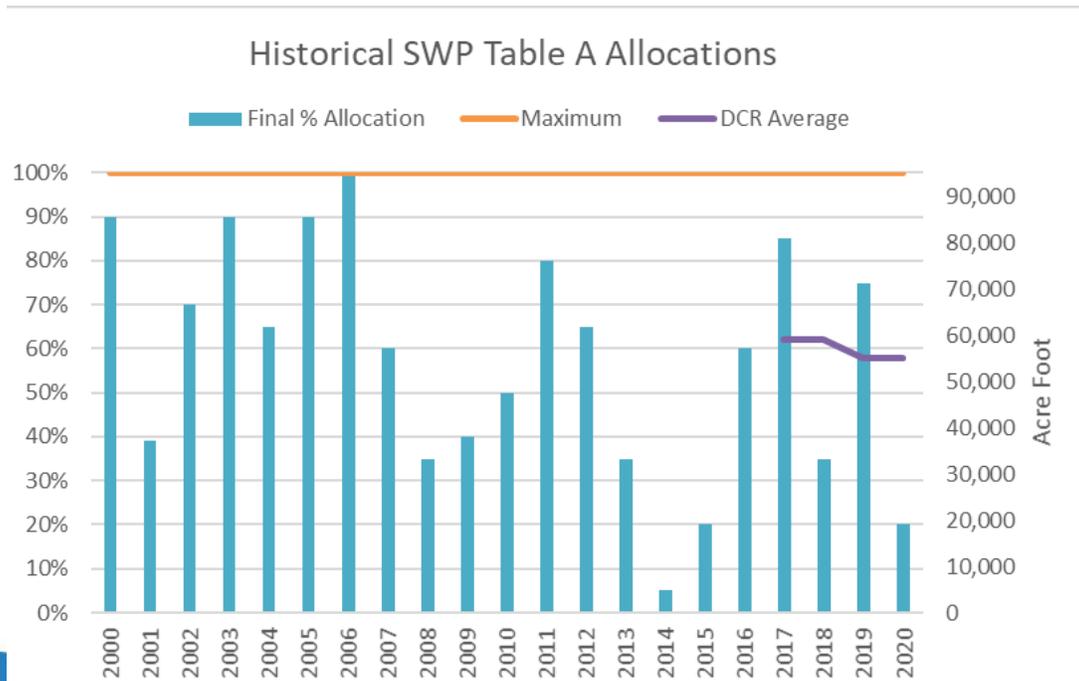
Every 2 years:

- Intended to provide information about key factors affecting the operation of the State Water Project in California
- Long-term capability as a source of water for beneficial use
- Estimate of its current delivery capability
- Factor in all current regulations (environmental, operational, endangered and threatened fish species)
- Factor in Climate Change threats
- Important component for water supply planning

Water supplies are highly variable



# UWMP | SWP Delivery Capability Report

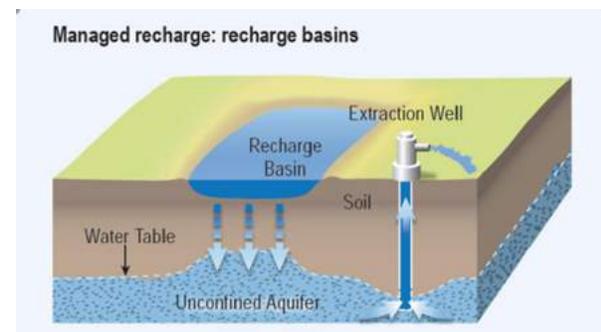


## UWMP | Water Banking Programs

### Imported Water Supply Management Tool

- Store water in wet years
- Recover water in dry years
- Located in the Central Valley

Used to maximize the State Water Project supplies  
Critical dry year water supply



# UWMP | Water Banking Programs

## SCV Water Banking

- Two Banking Programs
- Total Storage 140,000 AF
- Recovery capacity 15,000 AFY



# UWMP | Water Purchase Agreement

## Imported Water Source

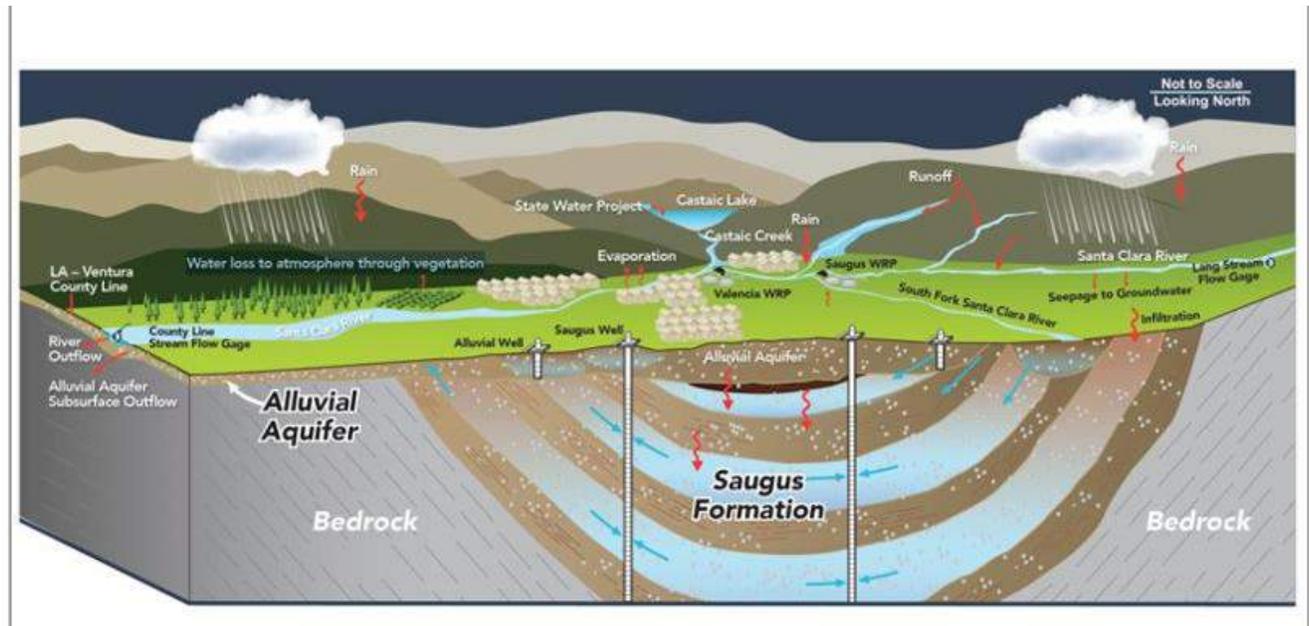
### SCV Water's purchase agreement

- 30-year agreement
- 11,000 AFY
- Non project water
- Can sell when not needed

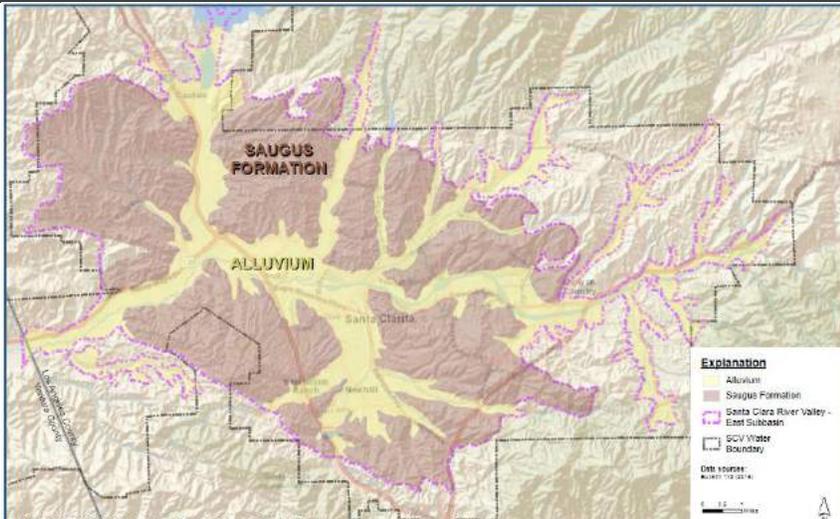
Critical supply for dry years



# UWMP | Groundwater



# UWMP | Pop Quiz



How much usable groundwater is available from the Saugus Aquifer?



# UWMP | Groundwater

Local water source

50% of demands in average year

Vital in dry years & emergencies

Some wells require treatment

- Perchlorate
- PFAS & PFOA



# UWMP | Groundwater Management

Groundwater Management Plan

Operating Plan

SCV Groundwater Sustainability Agency

[www.scvgsa.org](http://www.scvgsa.org)



Groundwater  
Sustainability Plan





Recycled  
Water Planning

# UWMP | Recycled Water

Local Water Supply  
Reclaimed Water  
Year-round supply

Used only for irrigation

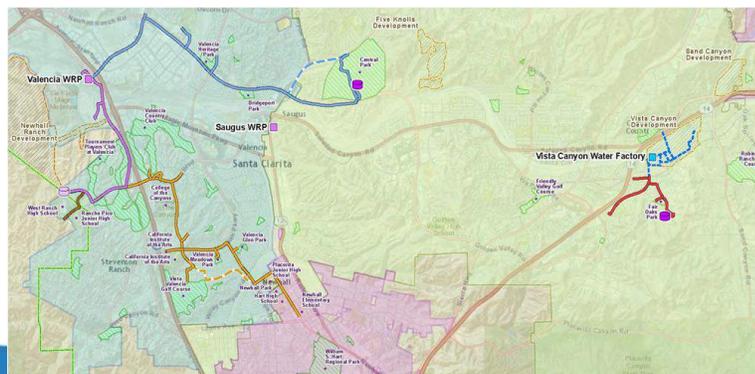
- Identified by purple pipes



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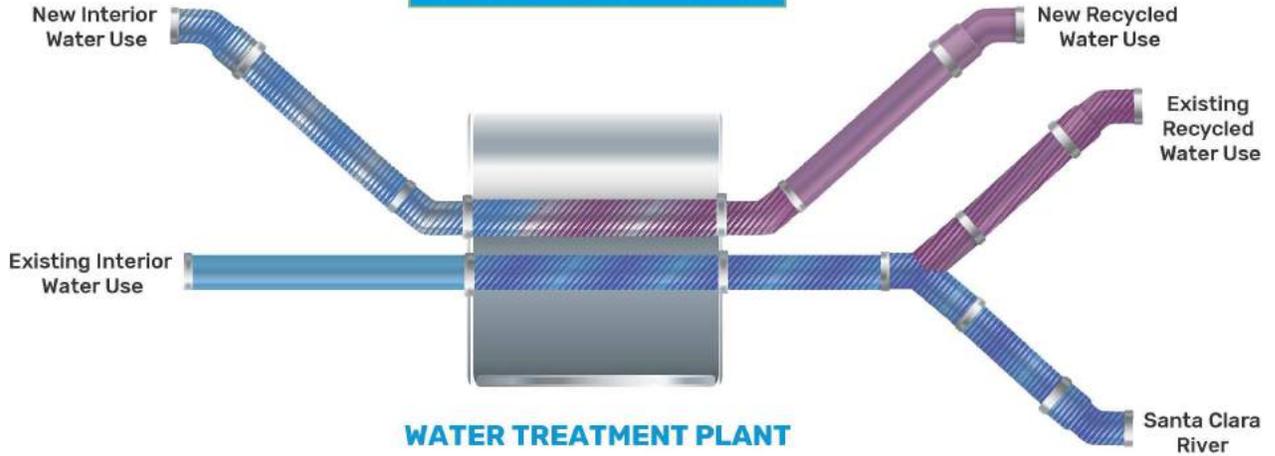
# UWMP | Recycled Water

Recycled Water use began in 2003  
Current Reuse - 475 AFY  
Replacement for potable use

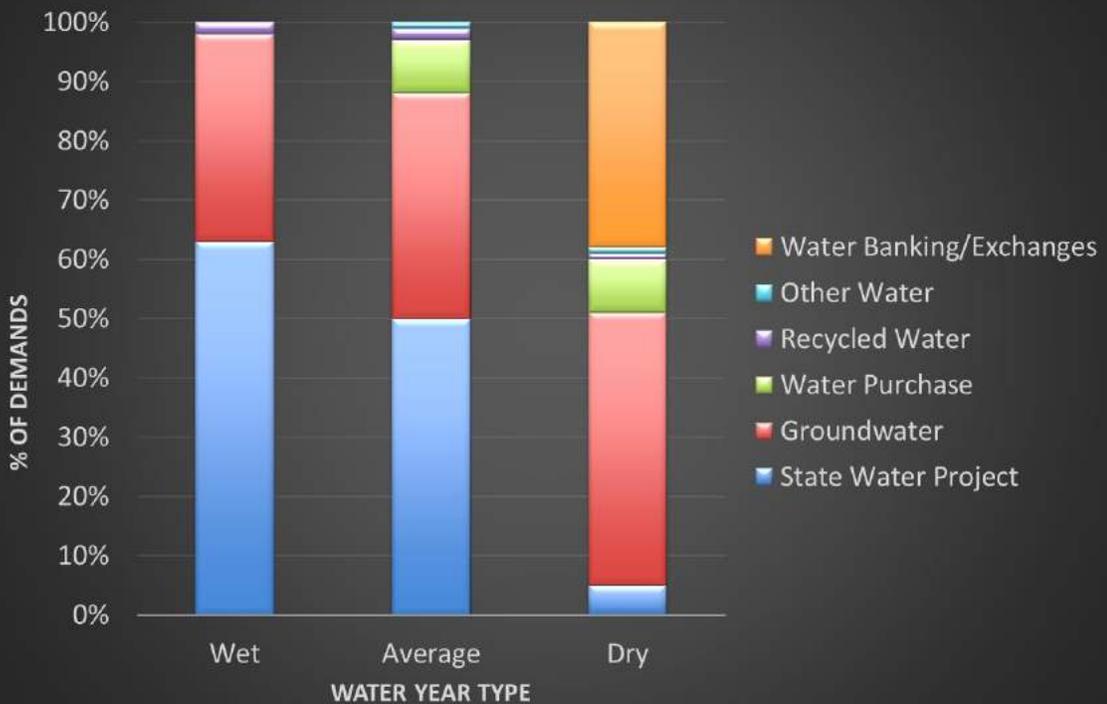




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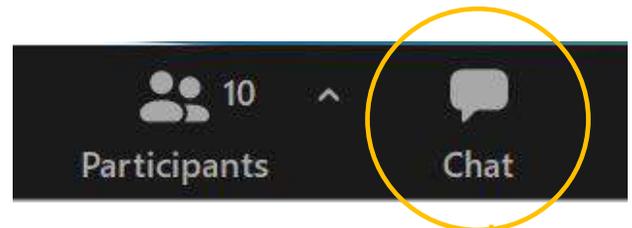


## Water Management by Year Type



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## Section #3 Climate Change



# UWMP | Introduction to Climate Change

What is Climate Change?

Climate Models

Climate Change Background

What is predicted for climate change in Santa Clarita Valley?

Climate Change within the UWMP



# UWMP | Climate Change & Weather



## UWMP | Climate Models

Tools used to assess future conditions

Project potential future scenarios

used for planning

Primary variables for Water Resources Planning

- Air temperature
- Precipitation patterns
- Sea level rise



## UWMP | Climate Change & Water Supply Planning

California - extreme climatic variability

- Annual and seasonal

With Climate Change

- Extremes will be intensified
- Affecting both water use and supplies
- Jeopardize reliability over short and long-term

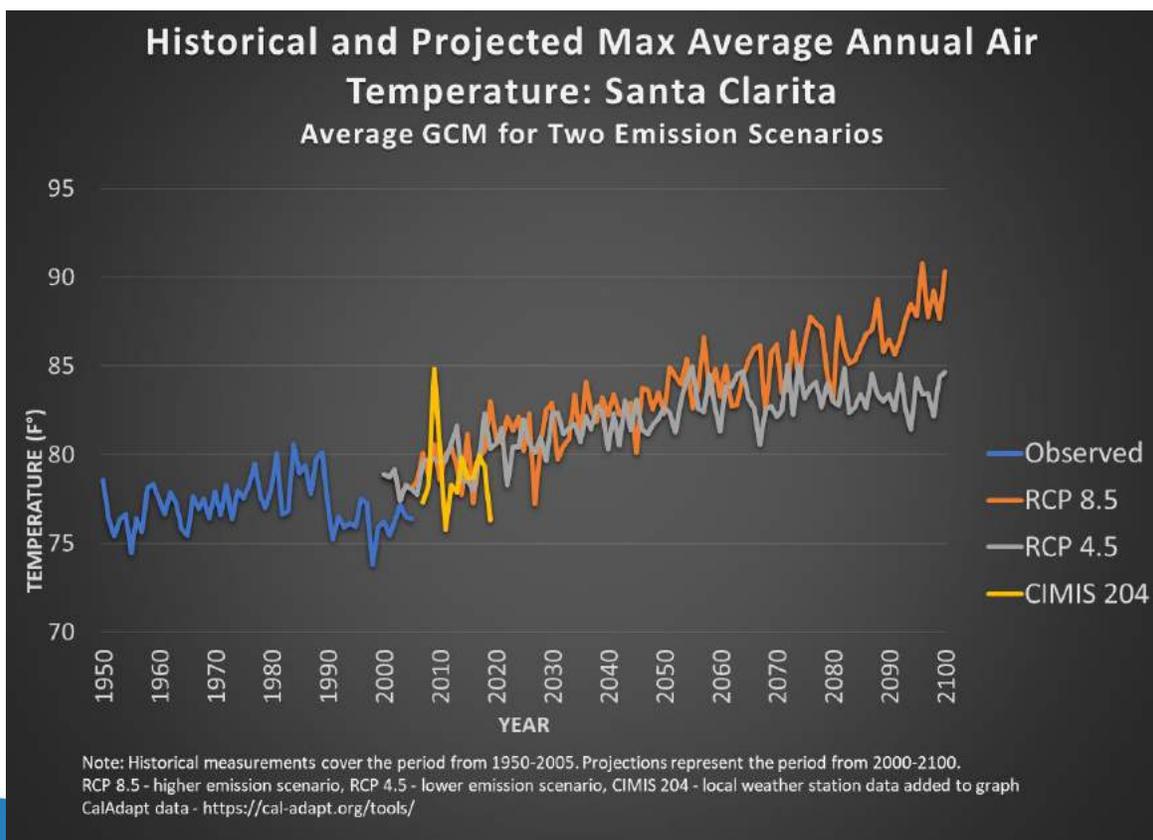
Water resource planning critical

- Adapt and mitigate impacts
- Meet demands in varying conditions



# UWMP | Climate Change Analysis in Planning

- Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
- City of Santa Clarita Climate Action Plan
- State Water Project Delivery Capability Report
- Urban Water Management Plans
- Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan - Our County
- California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment



# UWMP | Santa Clarita Vulnerability



## Water Supply

- Precipitation changes
- Reduced imported water
  - Alteration in natural groundwater recharge



## UWMP

- Enhance water supplies
- Local recharge
  - Recycled water
  - Banking programs



# UWMP | Santa Clarita Vulnerability



## Water Demand

- Warmer Temperatures
- Increased Demand
    - More Evaporation
    - Longer Growing Seasons



## UWMP

- Forecast Growth
- Water Conservation
- Drought Risk Assessment



# UWMP | Santa Clarita Vulnerability



## Water Quality

### Sea Level Rise

- Import Supply, Increased Treatment
- Droughts & Wildfires
- Higher Contaminants Loads to Streams



## UWMP

### Reliability of Supplies

### Mitigation

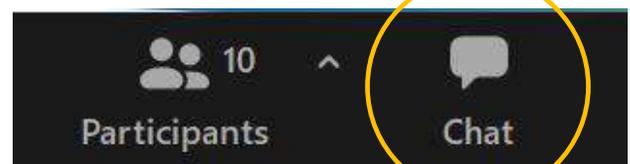


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## UWMP | Thank You

Additional Input Opportunities  
Online Input Form  
Future Public Workshops  
Stay Engaged & Share the Information

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## We need your input on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update

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We are providing information and asking for input from stakeholders during the planning and development of the UWMP Update. We held our first public workshop on Wednesday, November 18. Even if you could not attend, we invite you to learn more and share your thoughts through a brief online form.

### Online Input Form

The simple form asks for your input on water supply issues and concerns, as well as general feedback. For those who joined the November 18 virtual workshop, it also asks a few questions about the event.

Please complete the form by **December 4:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83XJ3XC>

### Resources

To learn about urban water management and why this update is so important, visit these resources:

- UWMP Webpage - <https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/>
- Intro to Urban Water Management Video - <https://youtu.be/UeLntdfjuus>

- UWMP Public Workshop Video – <https://youtu.be/18D4AnjwHVc>
- Sign up for our email list to stay informed: <https://yourscvwater.com/planning/>

We hope you will participate in the process.

Best Regards,

Sarah Fleury  
Water Resources Planner  
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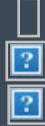
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## Communications Efforts Earn Top Honors

*PRism Award received for the Agency's PFAS Community Outreach*

Ongoing communication efforts surrounding per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals were honored with a PRism Award from the Public Relations Society of America

– Los Angeles Chapter (PRSA-LA).

“We’re honored that our ongoing outreach surrounding PFAS was recognized with this prestigious award,” said SCV Water’s General Manager Matt Stone. “Our customers come first, and we’re committed to timely and transparent communication about how we are restoring their water quality.

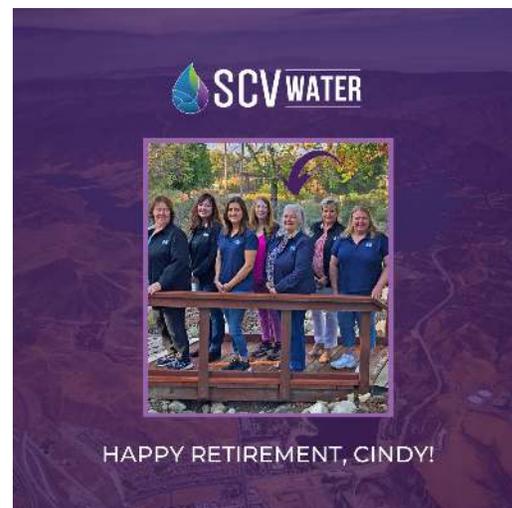


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## Long Time Educator Retires and a New Virtual Learning Program Emerges

After a fulfilling career teaching kids about water conservation and many other water-related topics, Water Conservation Education Specialist Cindy Brady, retired on October 27, 2020. In her combined 24 years at Castaic Lake Water Agency and SCV Water, she taught thousands of school-aged children about the many sides of water including: the water cycle, water treatment and quality, microbiology, botany, chemistry, water borne illnesses, soils and permeability, and where our water comes from (State and locally).



Cindy found her purpose and passion as a Water Conservation Education Specialist. She said, “I loved my job because it allowed me to not only teach, which I love, but pass on information to our children about conservation of water, where our water comes from, the treatment process and so many wonderful important water facts.”

Her last endeavor before retirement was to assist with developing the live distance learning opportunities for local schools.

To learn more about our Live Distance Learning Opportunities for Local Schools Program, please click [here](#).

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## More Ways To Pay Your Water Bill

Want to pay your bill in cash?

We have partnered with PayNearMe to provide you the added convenience to pay at participating 7-Eleven Stores or CVS Pharmacy anytime the store is open - even weekends!

Payments are cash only and post next business day.

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[PayNearMe.com/locations](http://PayNearMe.com/locations).

## Online Dashboard Provides One-Stop Shop for Information

To help customers participate in several important planning efforts underway, SCV Water launched an easy to navigate dashboard this fall. It is designed as a one-stop-shop to keep the public informed and engaged as we develop and manage our water resources for today and tomorrow.

The dashboard features icons that take visitors directly to pages populated with information such as fact sheets, videos, and opportunities to get involved in the process through virtual public workshops and online input forms. You will also find a form to sign up for updates on projects and public engagement.

#### 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



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To learn more visit: [www.yourSCVwater.com/planning](http://www.yourSCVwater.com/planning)

Visit the [dashboard](#) today and help shape the future of water in the Santa Clarita Valley.

## Take Part in our Urban Water Management Plan Update

SCV Water's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Update is underway. This update, which is required by law every five years, helps ensure that we are adequately planning for our current and future water supply needs.

We are providing information and asking for input from customers and stakeholders during the planning and development of the UWMP Update.



Please complete the easy, online form by December 4:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83XJ3XC>

To help understand the update, we have put together videos and materials that explain its components and why it is important to our agency's future. To learn more, visit <https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/>

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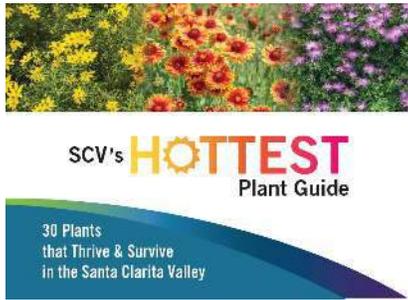
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## Resources for the DIY Landscaper

[Explore sustainable plants](#), trees, and grass that thrive in the Santa Clarita Valley. You can create your own plant list with a simple click! Also take [virtual self-guided garden tours](#) to educate and inspire your landscaping efforts.



## **SCV's Hottest Plant Guide**

We'll let you in on a little secret - the 30 hottest plants of the SCV! These plants thrive through the hottest summers and survive the coldest winter nights. They're attractive, available at your local nursery, drought-tolerant once established, an easy to maintain over the long-term. Not to mention, they don't mind our clay soil!



## **Steps to Lawn Replacement**

Ready to ditch your lawn and replace it with colorful and water-efficient alternatives? We have just the thing for you! A step-by-step guide on how to kill and remove grass, and what to plant instead!

**[Click here to visit our website for more landscape inspiration and information.](#)**

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## **COVID-19 Update**

As we continue to adapt business practices in this challenging environment, SCV Water remains deeply committed to the safety of our customers, community, and employees as we continue to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

To read more, click [here](#).



For the latest information on SCV Water's actions related to COVID-19, visit [COVID-19 update](#).

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## **Community Events**



Just a reminder you may attend a Board and Committee Meeting via teleconferencing by clicking [here](#).



12/5/2020 Virtual Gardening Class **Managing Soils and Fertilizers in the SCV**. Click here for more information to [register](#).

## Kids' Corner

### Start with Heart



SCV Water has commissioned the Razzle Bam Boom team to produce some fun and informative weekly videos for your students at home. Our themes are about being safe, being water-smart, and to always keep learning. Click [here](#).

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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,

Sarah Fleury  
Water Resources Planner  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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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](https://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.](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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

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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN



## Urban Water Management Plan

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### **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.

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Workshop 2 – February 17, 2021

# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

UWMP - Intro to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan



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SCV Water is preparing the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 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 UWMP every five years.

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

Workshop 1 – November 18, 2020

- **Workshop Summary**
  - **Recording of Meeting**
  - **Presentation**
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## **UWMP FACT SHEETS**

### **FACT SHEET – February 16, 2021**

These plans direct water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The SCV Water UWMP Update will address several key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

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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## **COMMENT & QUESTION FORM**

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions on the Urban Water Management Plan. If you have input specific to a recent workshop, be sure to use the appropriate link on this page. For other general comments, contact us through the form below:

**My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

If you would like a direct response, please provide your name and email.

**Name**

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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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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

## Water for Today & Tomorrow

*Join us for the second live virtual public workshop to discuss and provide input on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update (UWMP).*

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Participating members of the public and stakeholder groups will have time to provide input on the UWMP Update and ask questions.

Information about the first UWMP public workshop, including a recording of the meeting, presentation and fact sheet, is available online.

To learn more, visit: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp)



**NEWS RELEASE**

**DATE: February 10, 2021**

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## **SCV Water Invites Public Input on Urban Water Management Plan Update**

Virtual Workshop to be Held February 17

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**For more information, please contact:**

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Communications Manager

SCV Water

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(<https://signalscv.com/>)

## SCV Water invites public input on water supply

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The public is invited to join the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency on Wednesday to learn about and provide input on the Urban Water Management Plan update.

This is the second virtual public workshop on the UWMP, which is one of the required plans the agency must complete as part of its long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future needs.

Workshop participants are expected to learn the outcomes of Senate Bill X7-7, the state's water conservation law, and how the SCV area performed in terms of water use efficiency.

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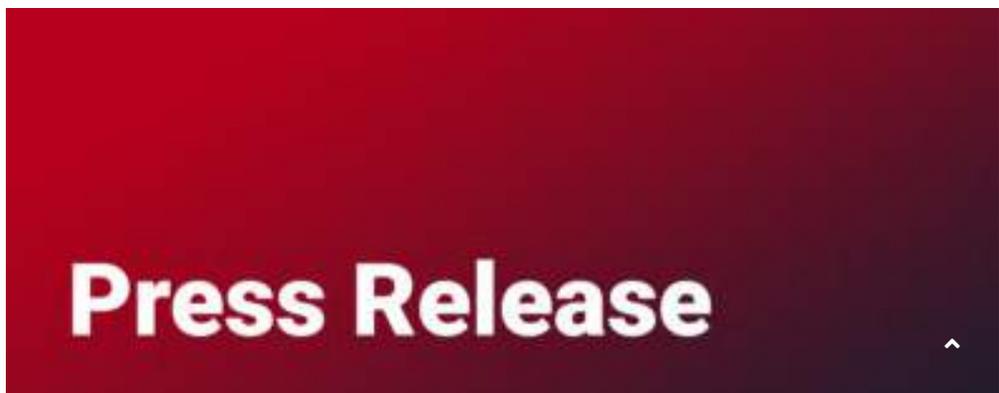
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## SCV Water Invites Public To Virtual Water Workshop

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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).

The public is invited to attend a virtual public meeting, scheduled for Feb. 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., by SCV Water to learn about and provide input for its UWMP.

"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," reads a statement from SCV Water. The workshop 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."

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 attendees 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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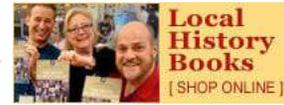
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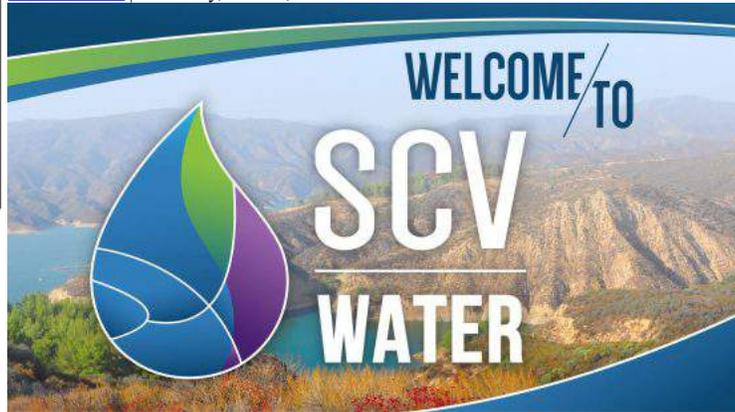
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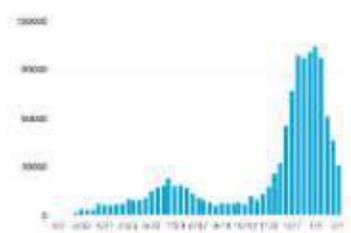
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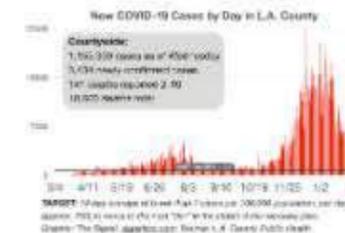
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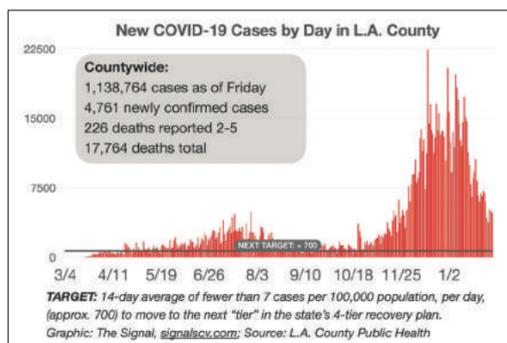
# County: 1M vaccine doses administered

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
- Unincorporated — Placerita Canyon: 0
- Unincorporated — San Francisco Canyon/Bouquet Canyon: 14
- Unincorporated — Sand Canyon: 15
- Unincorporated — Saugus: 122
- Unincorporated — Saugus/Canyon Country: 29
- Unincorporated — Stevenson Ranch: 971
- Unincorporated — Val Verde: 286
- Unincorporated — Valencia: 167

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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.

*Paul*  
**RAGGIO**  
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### Urban Water Management Plan Public Workshop

Public · Hosted by **SCV Water**

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM PST  
about 1 week ago

Online Event

#### Details

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We will also touch on population projections for the Santa Clarita Valley, how

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much water we need to plan for that population, and our drought risk assessment.

Participating members of the public and stakeholder groups will have time to provide input on the UWMP Update and ask questions.

Information about the first UWMP public workshop, including a recording of the meeting, presentation and fact sheet is available online.

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



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# **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](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.



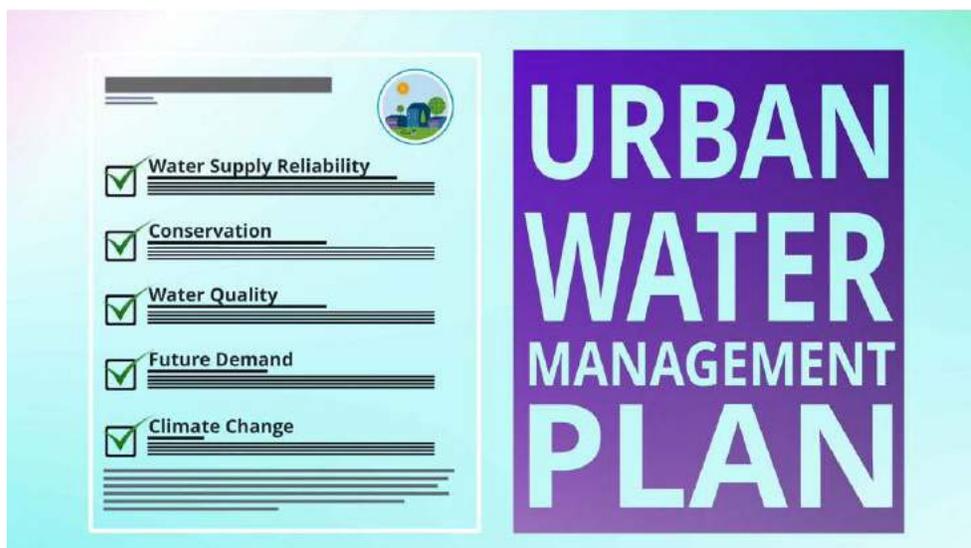


# Urban Water Management Plan

Public Workshop  
February 17, 2021



## Video: Intro to the Urban Water Management Plan Update



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## 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



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## Comment & Question Form

**COMMENT & QUESTION FORM**

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions on the Urban Water Management Plan. If you have input specific to a recent workshop, be sure to use the appropriate link on this page. For other general comments, contact us through the form below.

**My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

If you would like a direct response, please provide your name and email.

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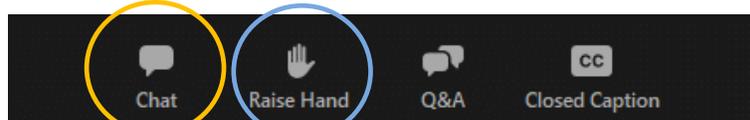
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## For Q&A/Discussion

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



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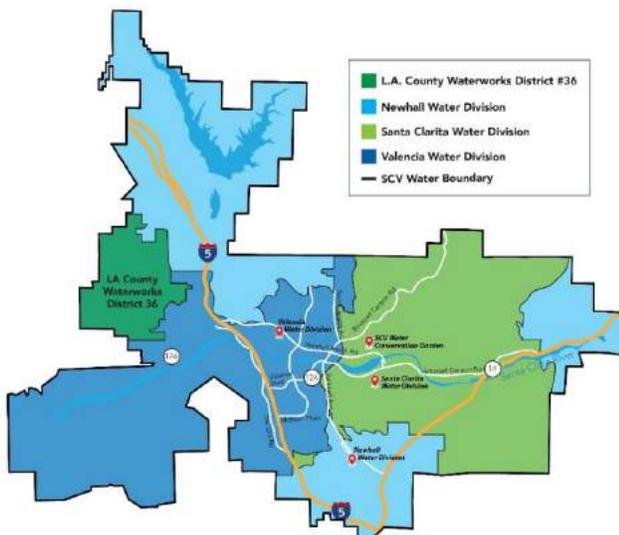
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# Urban Water Management Plan

## 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

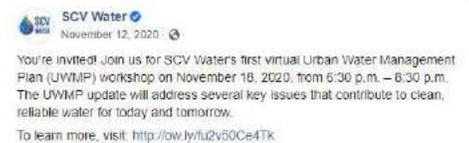
Identifies gaps between supply and demand through time (20-year analysis required)

**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](http://www.yourSCVwater.com/uwmp)



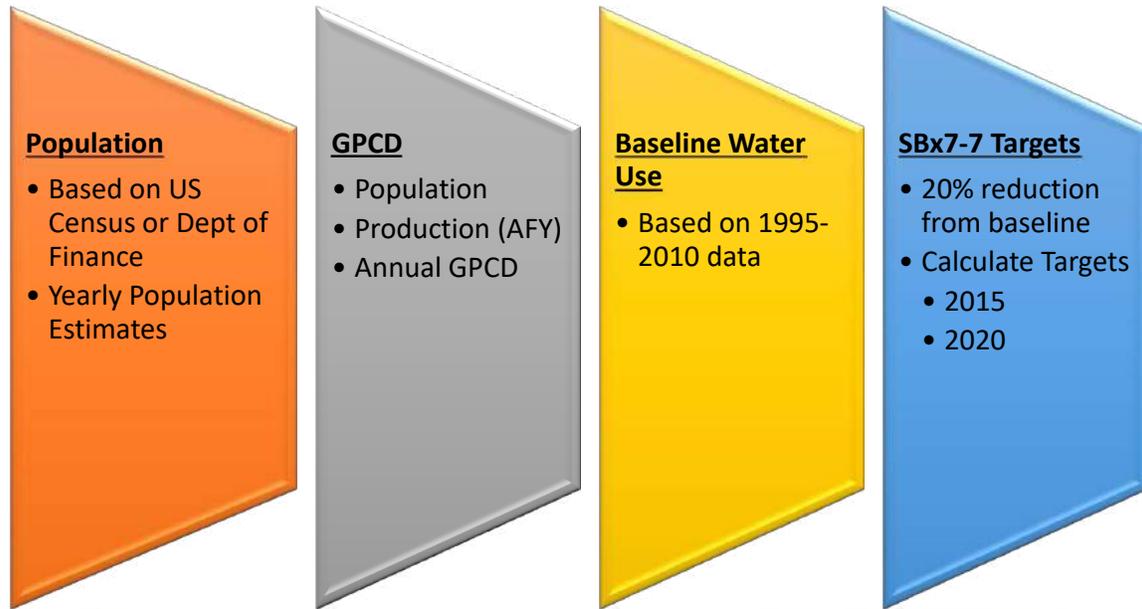
# Urban Water Management Plan Compliance with Water Use Reduction Targets

## 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

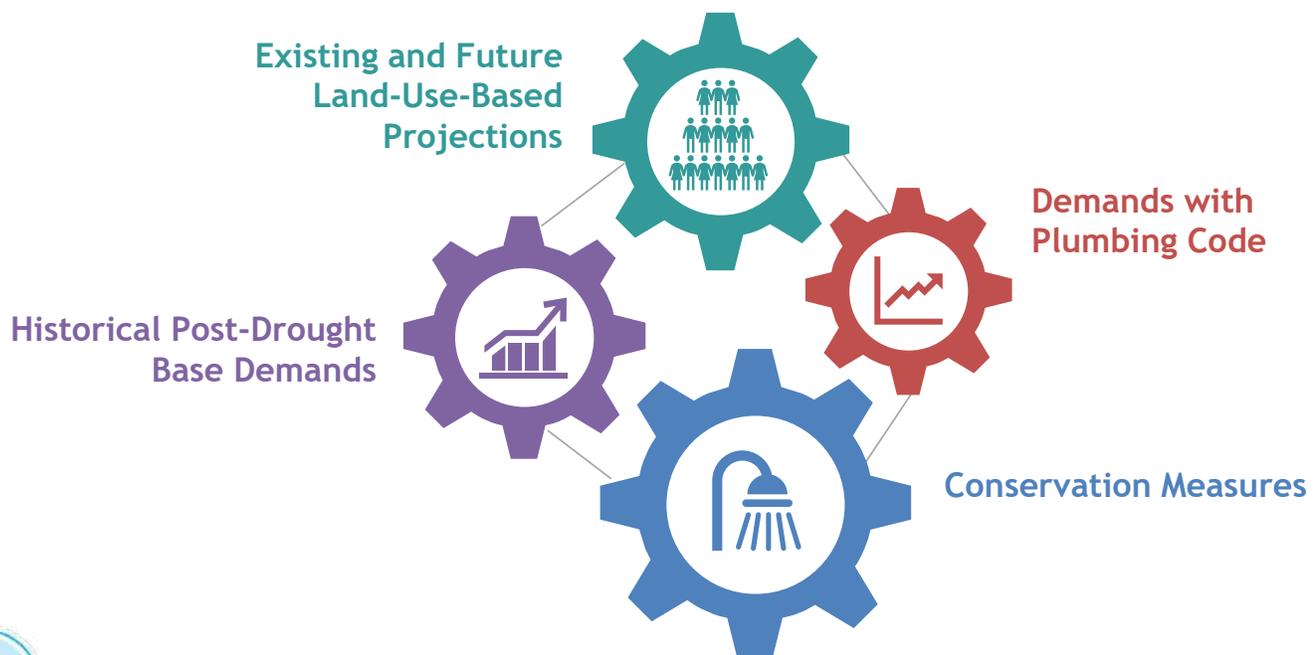


# Purpose | Demand and Conservation Analysis

- 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

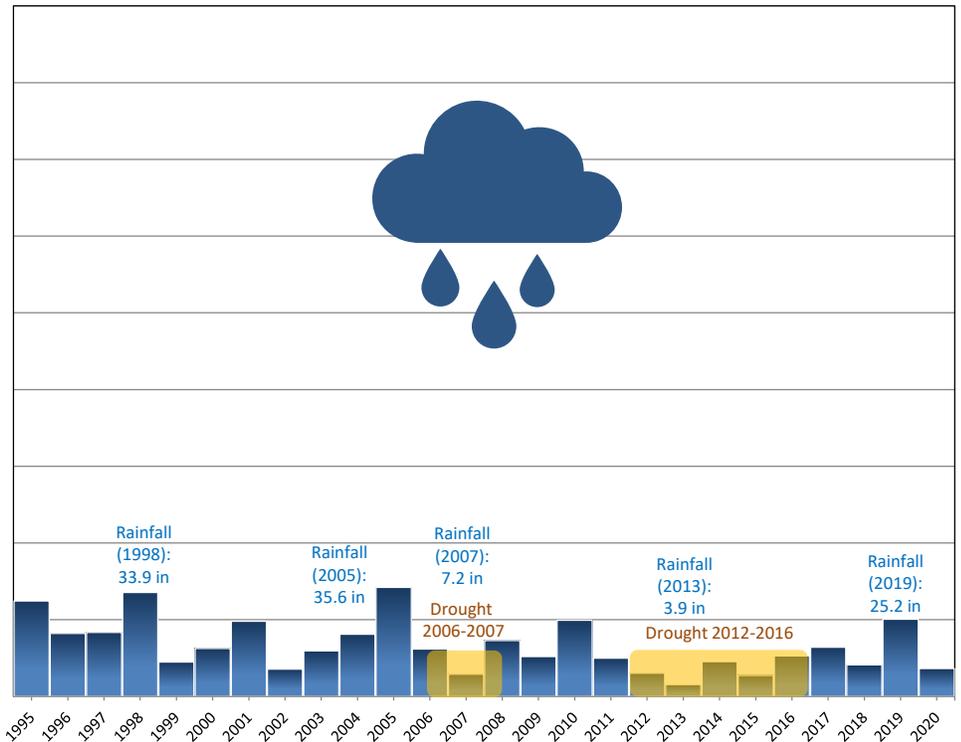


# Historical Post-Drought Base Demands



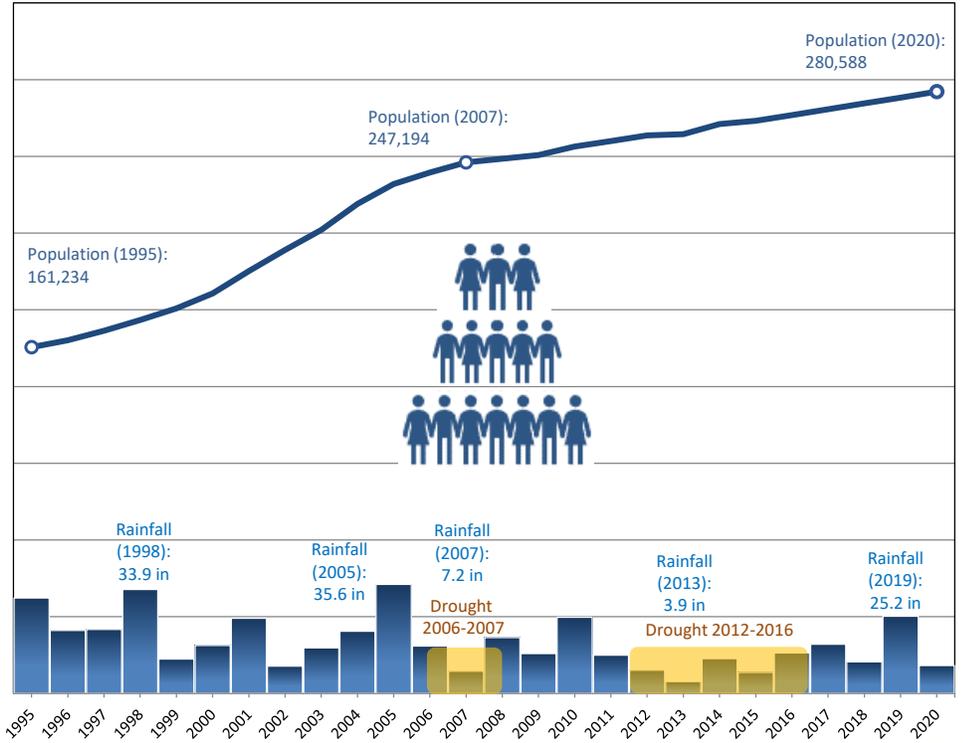
## Historical Trends 1995-2020

- Rainfall



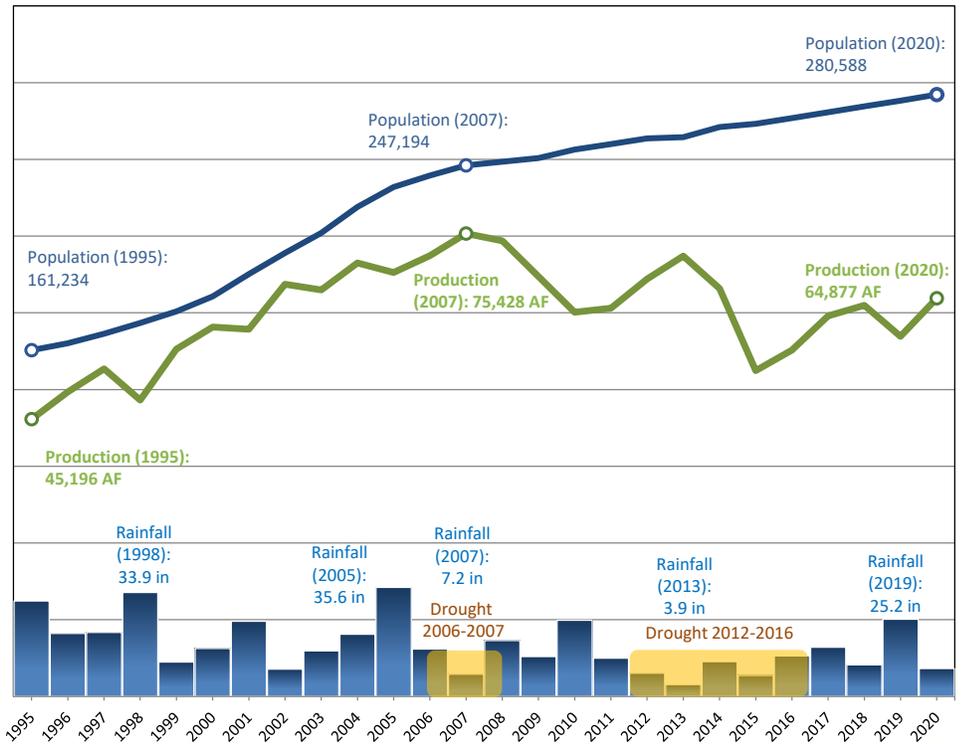
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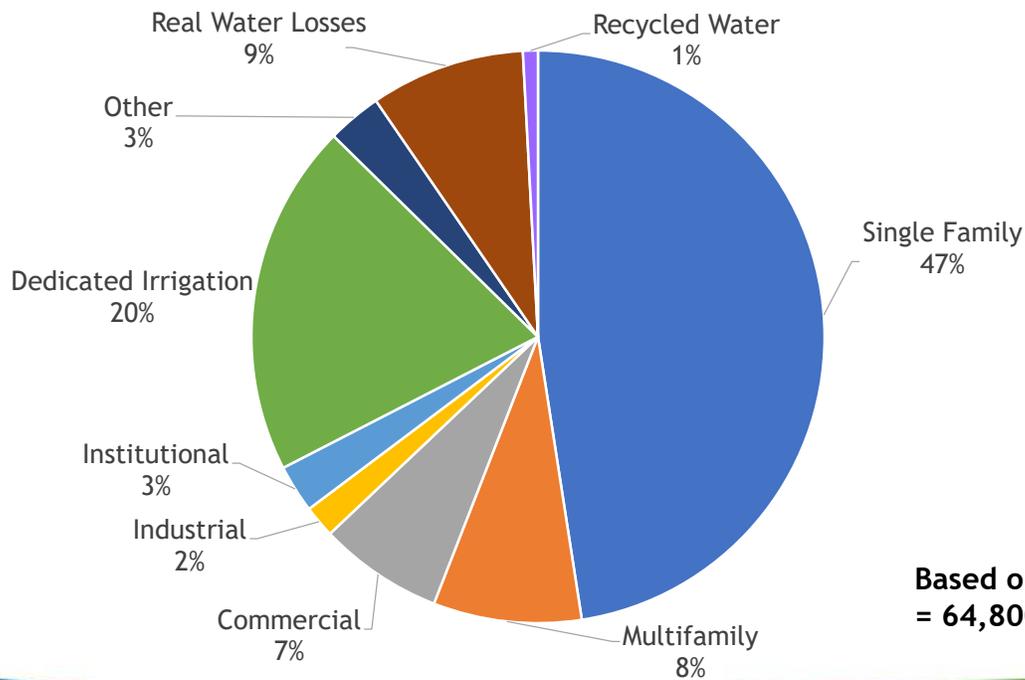


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- Production



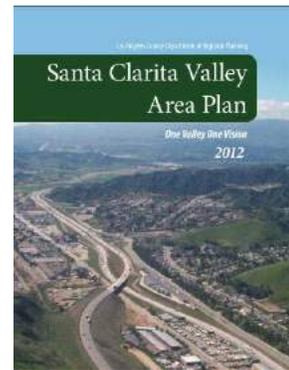
# Total Water Use by Customer Type 2020



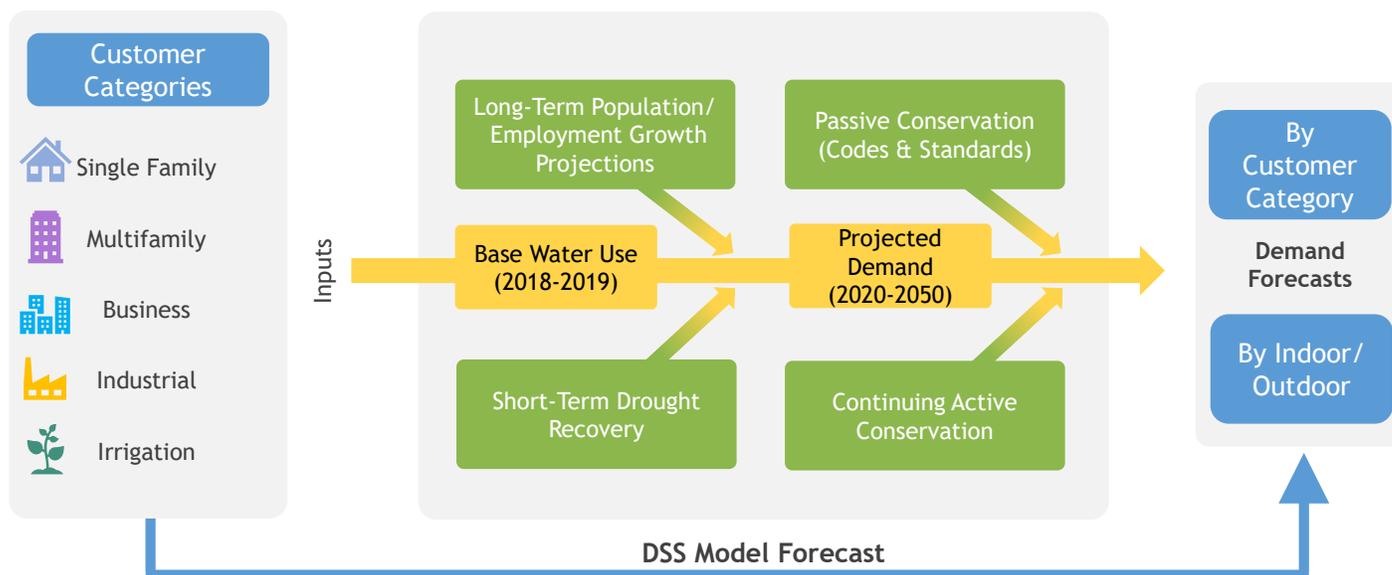
## Existing and Future Land-Use-Based Projections



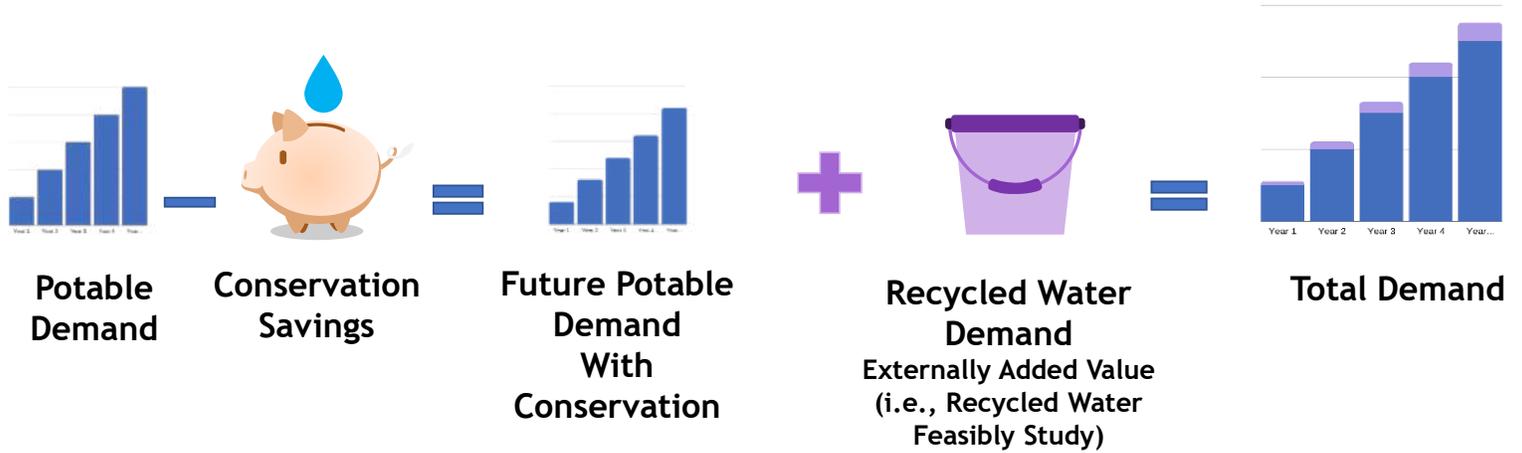
# Overview of the Demand Forecast Development



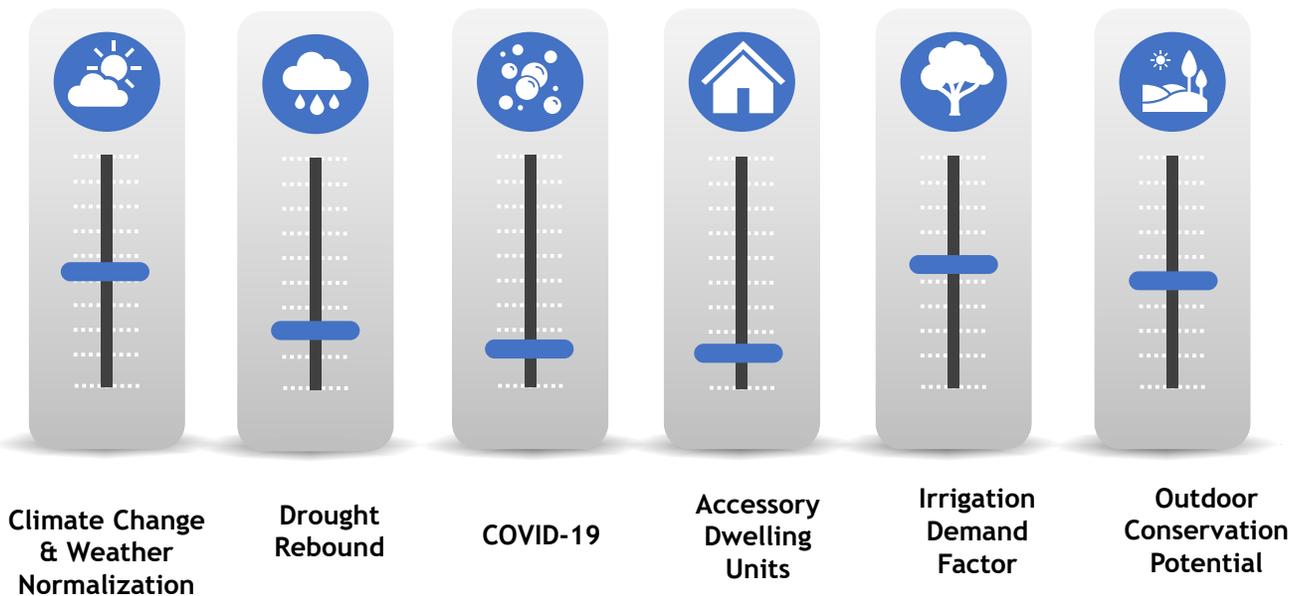
## Decision Support System (DSS) Least Cost Planning Model Flow



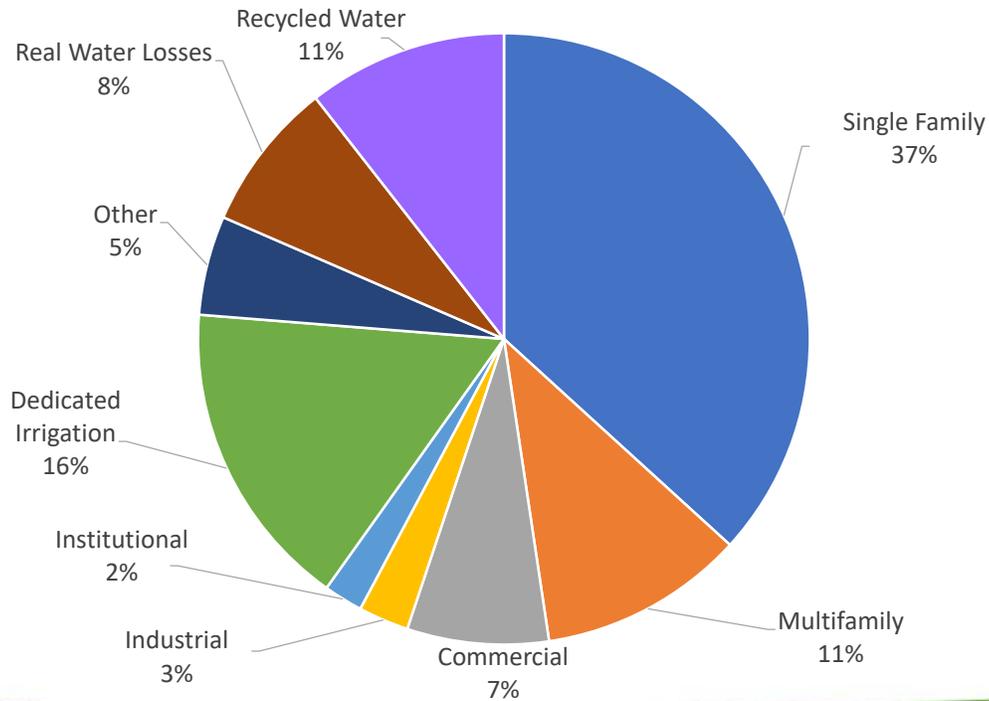
# Accounting for Benefits of Conservation and Recycled Water



## Adjustments to Future Demand Forecast

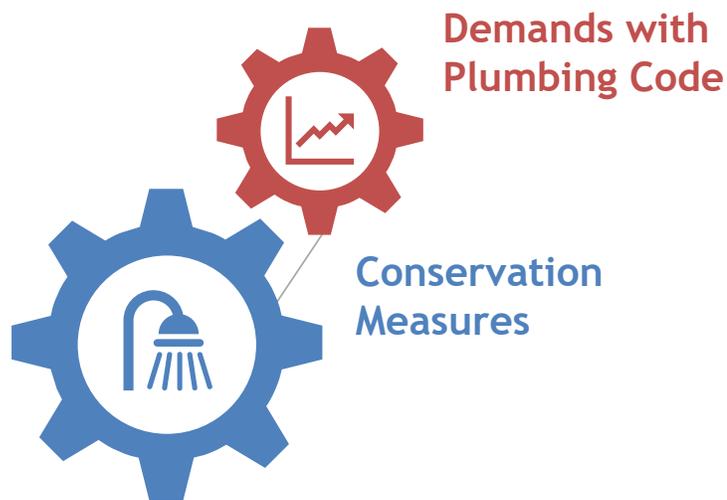


# Projected Water Use by Customer Type 2050\*

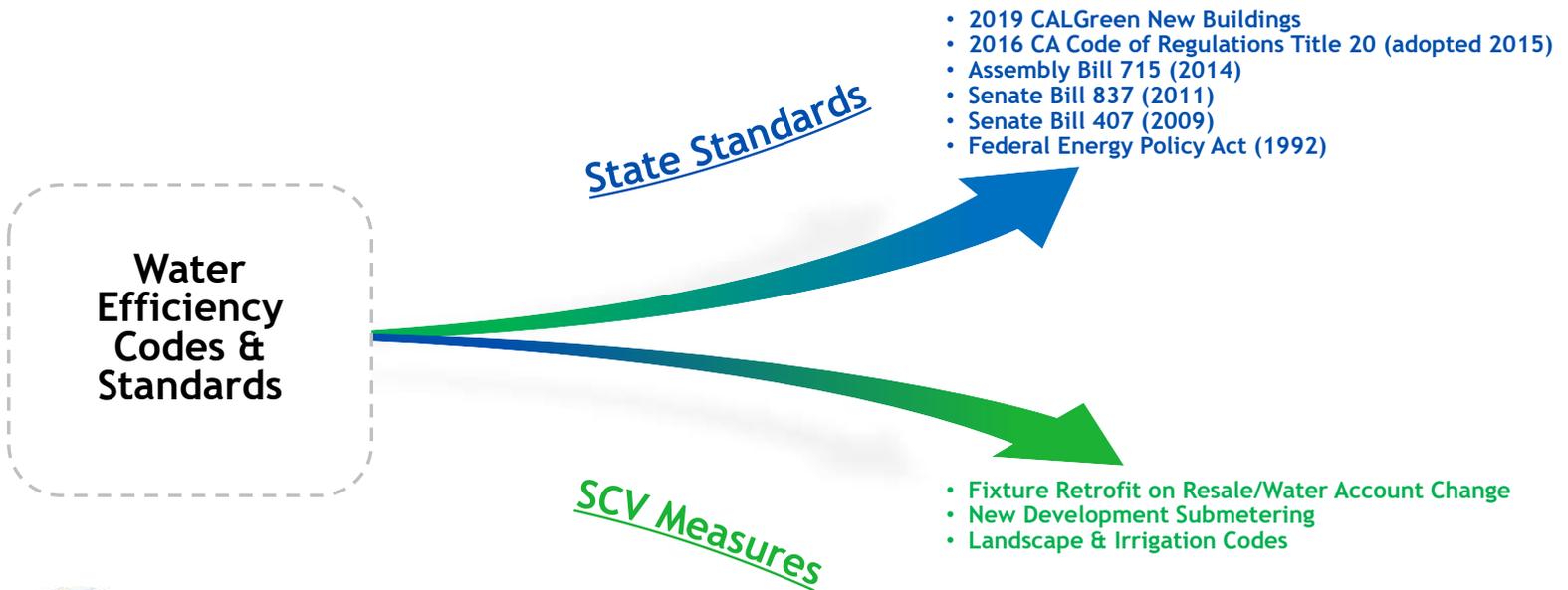


**\*Based on Total Demand with Climate Change without Conservation**

## Conservation Savings



# Passive Savings from Plumbing Code



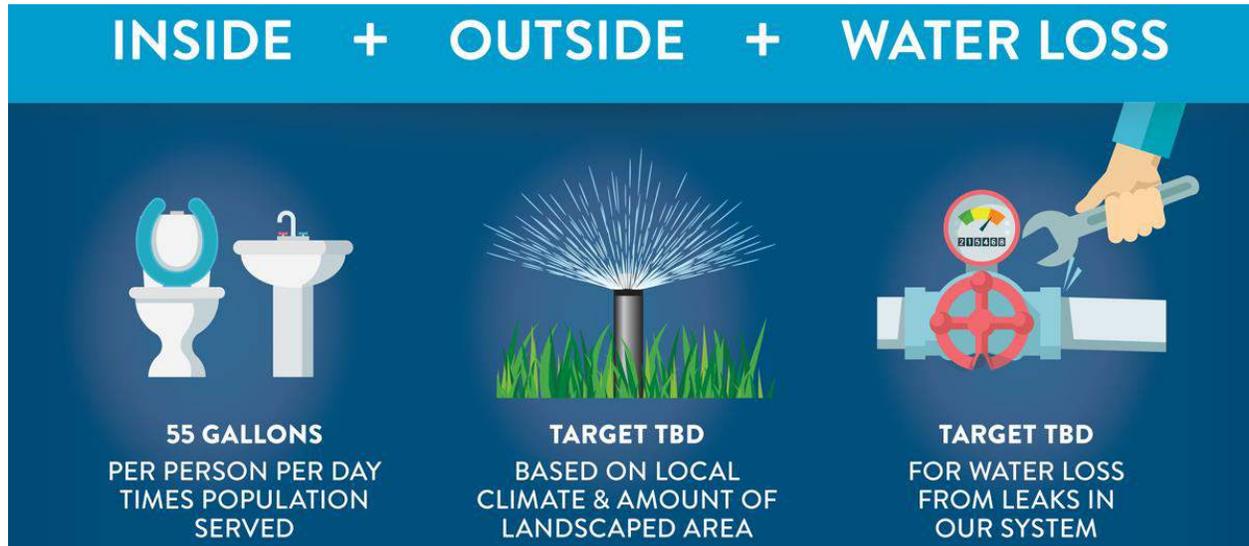
## Current Water Conservation Program

- 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



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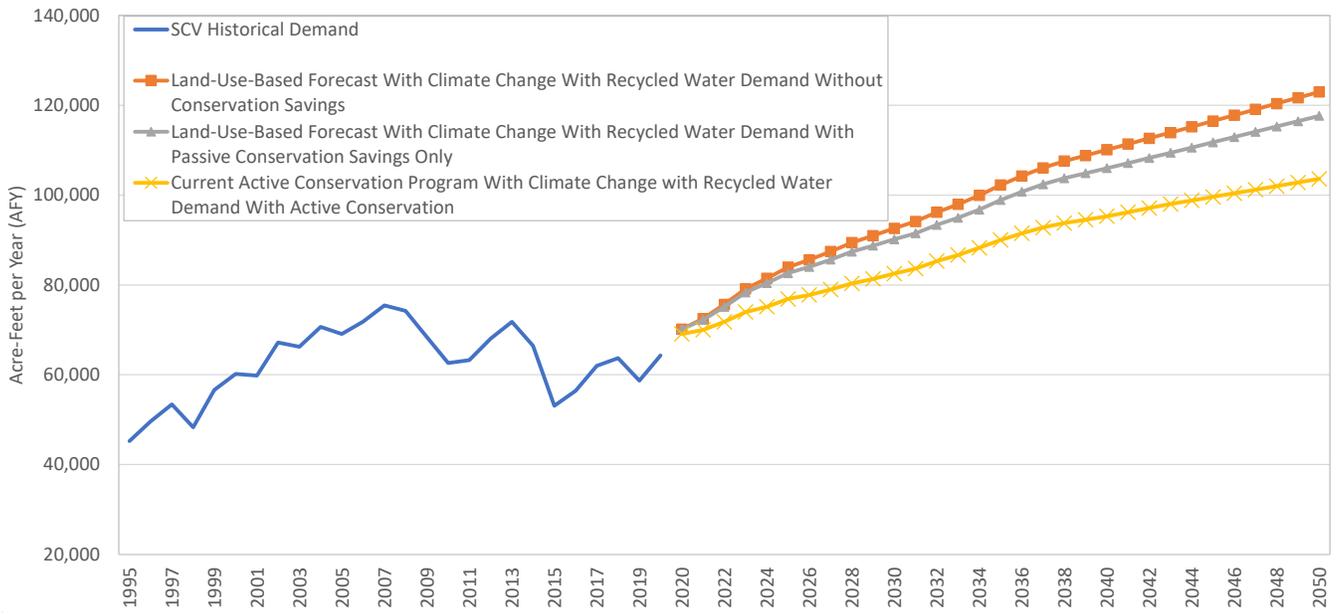
## Analysis Summary

- 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

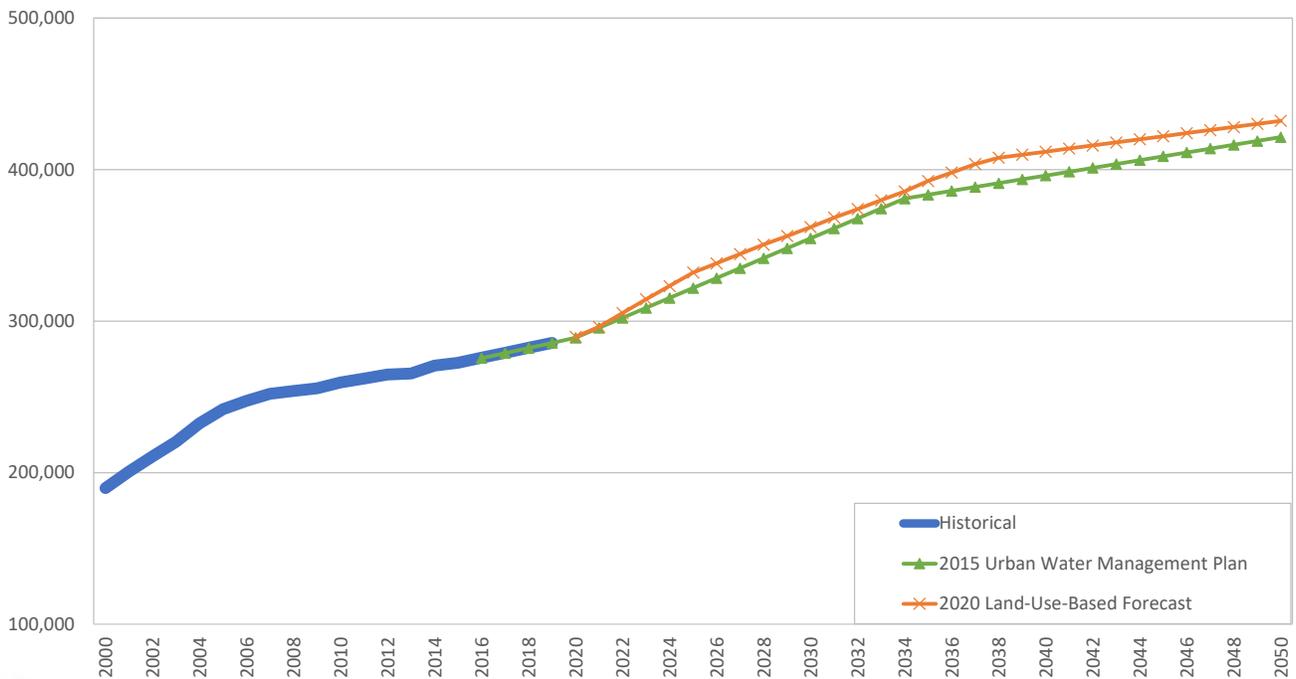


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# Valleywide Potable and Recycled Water Demand Forecast Results



# 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

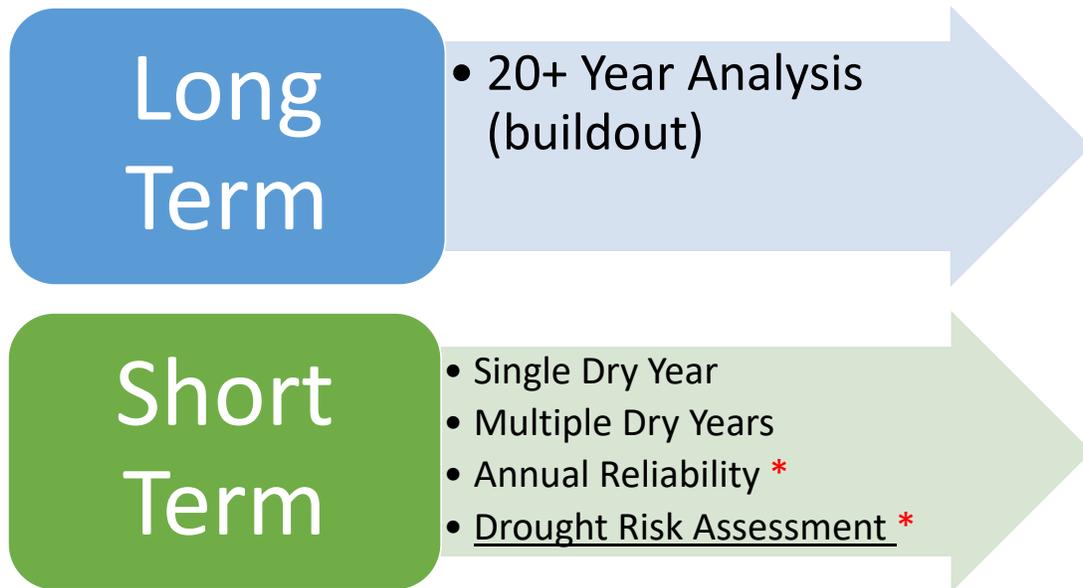
Drought Risk Assessment **MUST** include a description of the:

- 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



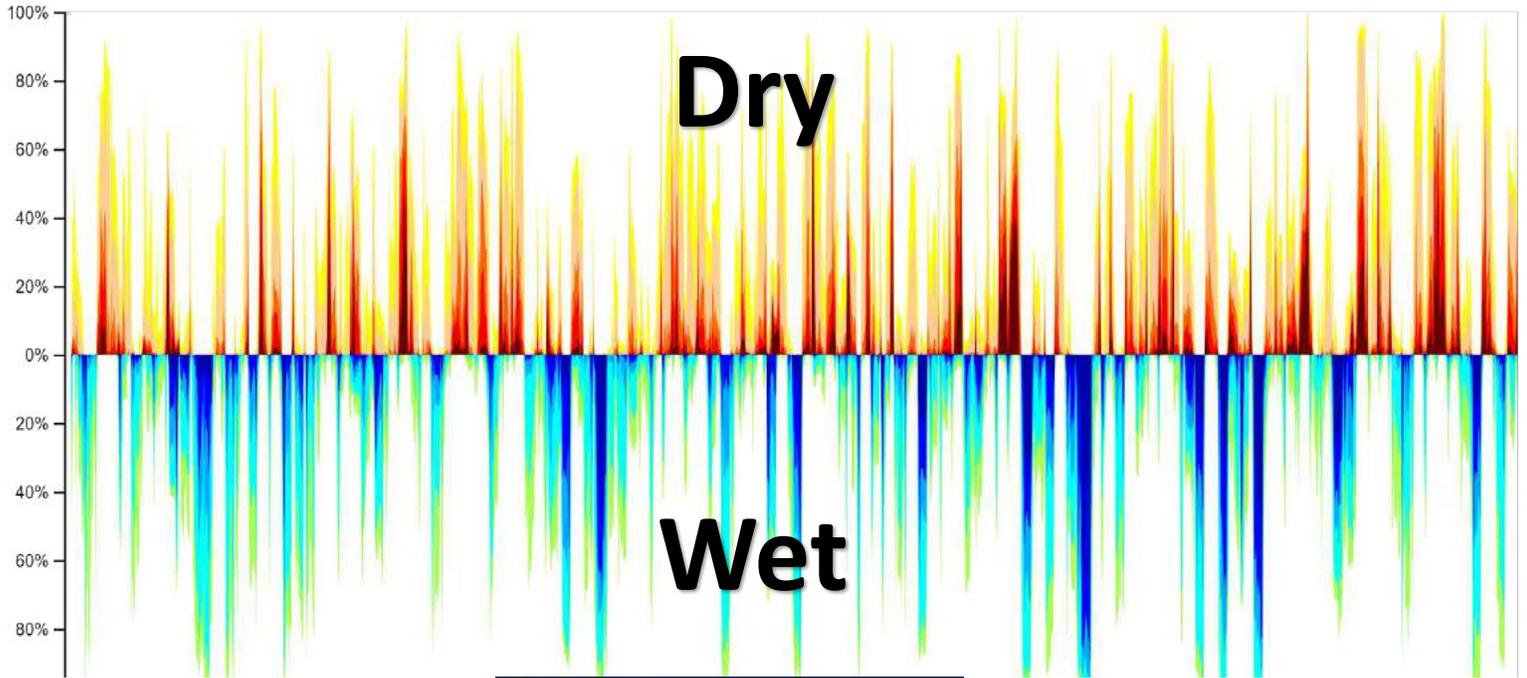
\* = New 2020 Requirement



## 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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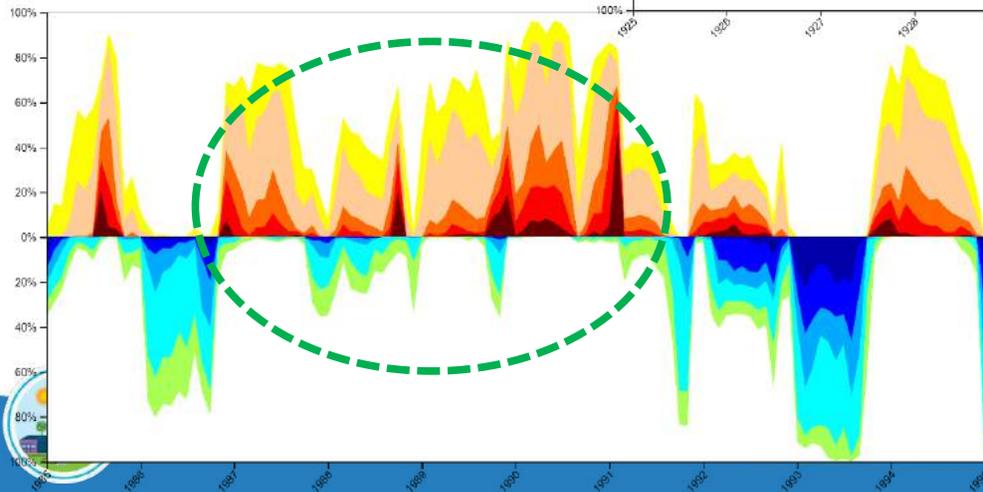
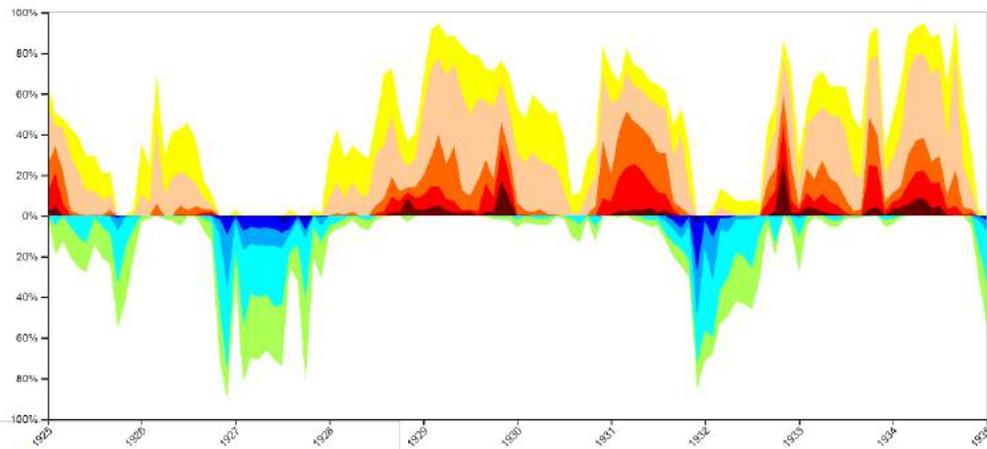
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<https://www.drought.gov/historical-information?state=california>

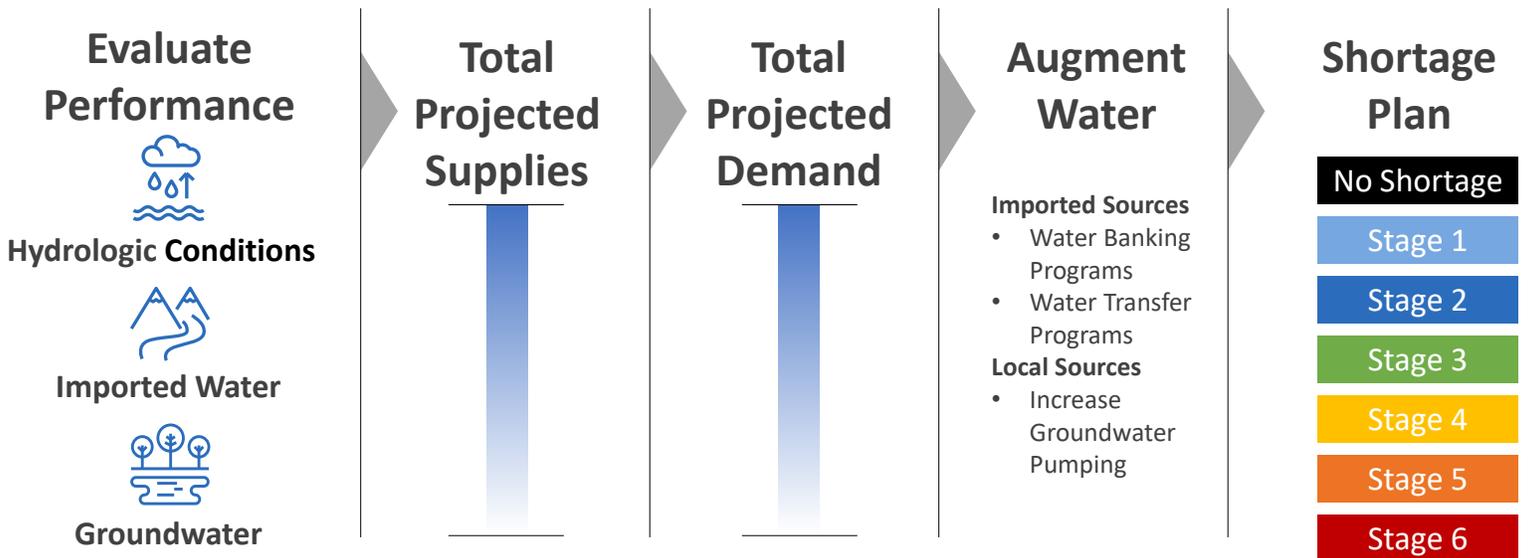


**1925-1935**



**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

Water Supplies



Water Needs



# Questions? Ideas? Feedback?



## Wrap Up

# Urban Water Management Plan

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# Thank You

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Virtual Public Workshop 3: March 22  
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March 16, 2021



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<https://zoom.us/j/91307603166>

**Meeting ID:**913 0760 3166

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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 online comment form.

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

Best Regards,

Sarah Fleury  
Water Resources Planner  
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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN





## Urban Water Management Plan

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### **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.

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Workshop 3 – March 22, 2021

# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

UWMP - Intro to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan



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SCV Water is preparing the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 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 UWMP every five years.

- **Workshop Flyer**
- **Record of Meeting**
- **Presentation**

Workshop 2 – February 17, 2021

- **Workshop Summary**
- **Recording of Meeting**
- **Presentation**

Workshop 1 – November 18, 2020

- **Workshop Summary**
- **Recording of Meeting**
- **Presentation**

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## **UWMP FACT SHEETS**

**FACT SHEET – February 16,  
2021**

These plans direct water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The SCV Water UWMP Update will address several key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

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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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Participating members of the public and stakeholder groups will have time to provide input on the Urban Water Management Plan Update and ask questions.

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Information about the previous two UWMP public workshops, including recordings, presentations and a fact sheet, is available online.

To learn more, visit: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](https://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp)

March 8, 2021



## **Water Currents Special Edition - Planning for Water for Today and Tomorrow**

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### **March Opportunities to Get Involved in Important Regional Water Supply Planning Efforts**

SCV Water continues our robust planning work to ensure water today and tomorrow by keeping our customers informed and engaged in the process. In March, we will have several important virtual public meetings as well as open the public comment period for the Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance.

#### **In this Issue**

- GSP Virtual Workshop on Sustainable Management Criteria
  - Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan to be Released for Public Review
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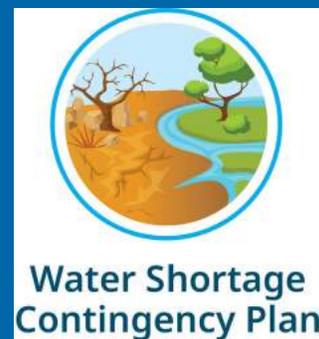


## Groundwater Sustainability Plan Virtual Workshop on Sustainable Management Criteria

We're inviting the public to participate in the [Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#) sustainable management criteria virtual workshop on Wednesday, March 10 from 4–6 p.m. Learn how these criteria are defined, and how they support our larger effort to achieve the region's groundwater management goals. More information is available [here](#).

## Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan to be Released for Public Review

SCV Water anticipates releasing the draft [Water Shortage Contingency Plan](#) and Ordinance for public review and comment on March 12. There will be a 30-day public comment period to solicit input and feedback on both draft documents. The Board of Directors will then hold a public meeting to adopt the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance on April 26, where the public can also provide input. The draft plan and ordinance will be made available online at: [yourscvwater/wscp](#).



Water Shortage Contingency Plan



Urban Water Management Plan

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SCV Water encourages the public to get involved in our planning process through public workshops, public comments and hearings. Resources on all of these events, information and videos from prior public workshops and more can be found on our interactive dashboard.

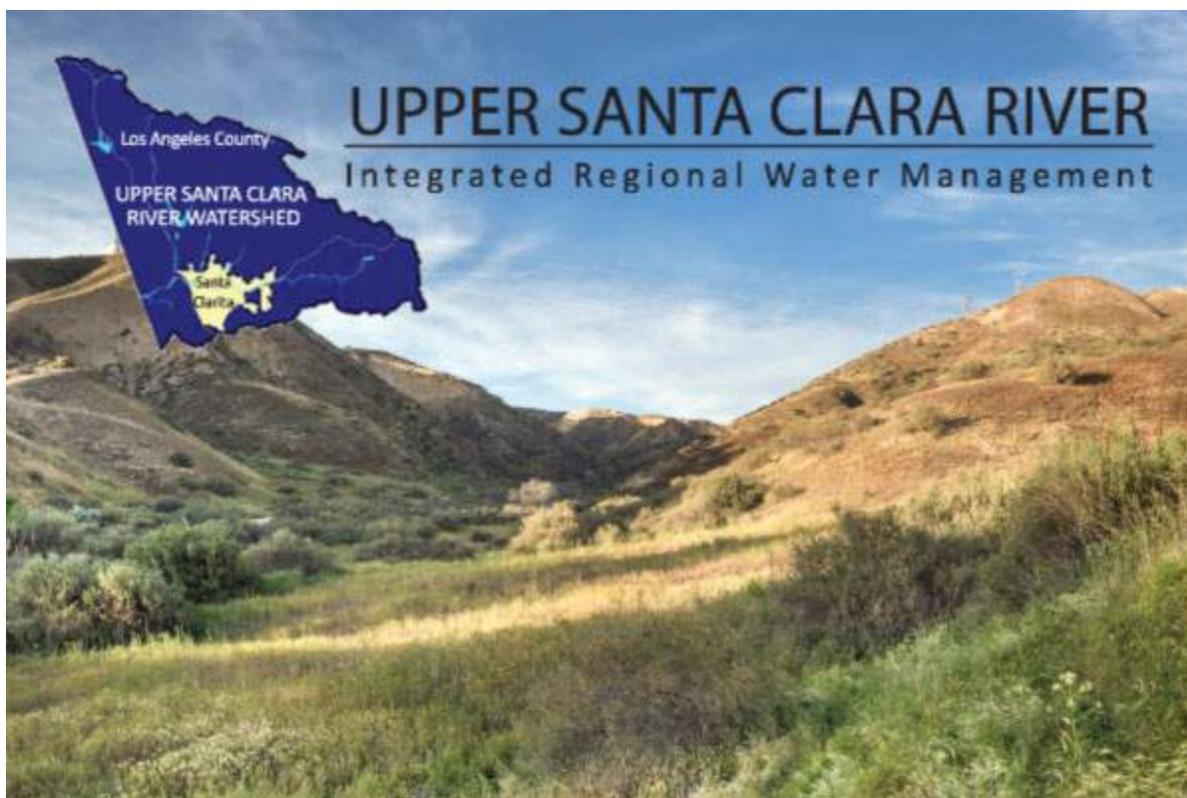
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## Integrated Regional Water Management Stakeholder Group

Hello Stakeholders,

Since our last Stakeholder meeting there has been ongoing activity with completing administrative steps for the recently awarded grant. There are several activities taking place in the watershed right now which are already being discussed in public meetings; some the week of our stakeholder meeting. For this reason, and to avoid duplicate meetings the same week, we are providing links below for you to participate in the meetings and hear information first-hand. Here's a review of current watershed activities.

### IRWM Grant award for USCR

We participated in a grant kick off meeting with DWR earlier this month. DWR has told us to expect the draft grant agreement this month. Reviewing the draft agreement, and then executing the final grant agreement is expected to take place before summer starts. The approximately 10.5M funding for our region will support stormwater, recycled water, and Arundo removal and watershed health.

### Future IRWM Grants

SCV Water is currently developing the Urban Water Management Plan update and conducting outreach. It will hold a virtual public workshop March 22 [https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water-UWMP-Virtual-Workshop\\_Mar-22-21.pdf](https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water-UWMP-Virtual-Workshop_Mar-22-21.pdf)

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Water Supply Shortage Contingency Plan

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Water Supply Shortage Ordinance

[https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water\\_Water-Conservation-and-Water-Supply-Shortage-Ordinance\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCV-Water_Water-Conservation-and-Water-Supply-Shortage-Ordinance_DRAFT.pdf)

The SCV-GSA held a public workshop March 10 to discuss the Draft Sustainable Management Criteria for the Basin. The criteria describe how the groundwater basin will be sustainably managed to avoid undesirable results from groundwater extraction. The SCV-GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee will hold a meeting March 24 to discuss the March 10 workshop, and the SCV GSA will hold a special Board Meeting March 25, to discuss the Draft Sustainable Management Criteria. <https://scvgsa.org/>

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions on these items, or other watershed topics. We'll see you at our May Stakeholder Meeting.

Sincerely,

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Information about the Urban Water Management Plan is available at: [yourSCVwater/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater/uwmp). The webpage includes an informational video, a summary, recording and the presentation from the previous two workshops, and a factsheet. The page also features a comment form where members of the public can provide suggestions or submit questions about the Urban Water Management Plan to SCV Water.

**About SCV Water:**

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 74,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at [www.yourSCVwater.com](http://www.yourSCVwater.com)

For more information, please contact:  
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# SCV Water asks for public input on water plan

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## Urban Water Management Plan

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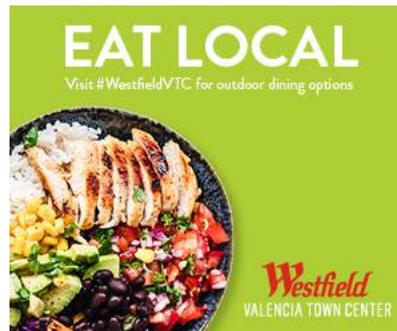
Joan Isaacson, the meeting's facilitator, discusses the Urban Water Management Plan during the SCV Water Agency's public workshop. Screenshot

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Participants are expected to learn about how this updated plan assesses long-term water reliability through buildout in 2050, as well as learn about the area's seismic risk and the mitigation plan to ensure continued water supplies after disruptive and catastrophic events.



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The workshop is set to offer the public a final opportunity to ask questions and provide input before the draft UWMP is made available for public review and comment.

*The Urban Water Management Plan update workshop is scheduled 6:30-8 p.m. Monday. 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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## SCV Water To Host Virtual Urban Water Management Plan Workshop

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The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is inviting residents to attend a virtual public work to discuss the Agencies Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Update next week.

The workshop is scheduled for Monday, March 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., according to SCV Water officials.

This UWMP workshop is the third public workshop before the draft plan is made available for public review and comment, according to officials.

Workshop participants are set to learn about how this updated plan assesses long-term water reliability through buildout 2050 and learn about the area's seismic risk and the mitigation plan continued water supplies after disruptive and "catastrophic" events, according to officials.

Santa Clarita residents interested in participating in the workshop can find an informational video, summary, recording and the presentation from the previous two workshops and a factshe

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This will be the third Urban Water Management Planning Virtual Public Workshop before the draft plan is available for public review and comment. Workshop participants will learn how this updated plan assesses long-term water reliability through buildout (2050) and ensure continuous water supply after catastrophic and catastrophic events. Learn about local seismic risk and mitigation plans for.

Information on urban water management plans is available at the following URL: [yourSCVwater / uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp).. This web page contains informational videos, summaries, recordings, and presentations from the previous two workshops, as well as fact sheets. The page also has a comment form that allows the general public to provide suggestions for urban water management plans and to submit questions to SCV Water.

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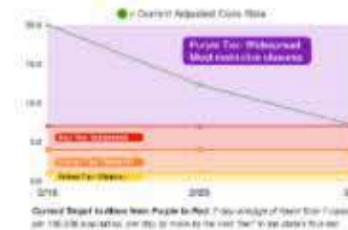
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# **Urban Water Management Plan Update**

**Public Workshop #3  
March 22, 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 third public workshop, conducted on March 22, 2021, focused on providing an overview of water supply reliability, the reliability analysis, and the seismic risk analysis and mitigation plan.

This summary documents the objectives of the third 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 third public workshop were to:

- Inform stakeholders and the public about how the Urban Water Management Plan Update assesses: 1) long-term water reliability; and 2) seismic risk in the Santa Clarita Valley and the mitigation plan to ensure continued water supplies after disruptive and catastrophic events
- 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 March 22, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. A recording of the workshop can be viewed at this link: <https://youtu.be/OKVeeK10C10>. 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 third 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 third 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. Information about the third workshop was also promoted on The Santa Clarita Valley Signal's Facebook account.
Emails	Invitation emails were sent to an interested parties list.
Newsletter	Information about the workshop was included in the March 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 in The Santa Clarita Valley Signal.

### 5. Public Workshop

The following sections outline the format of the third public workshop and present input received from community members. Approximately 40 people attended the Zoom virtual meeting and nearly half were 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 two public workshops and background information on the Urban Water Management Plan Update were provided (see pages 1 through 8 in Appendix A).

The majority of the workshop consisted of three discussion modules which included a presentation and dedicated time for public questions and comments and project team responses. The first module described water supply reliability in the Santa Clarita Valley (see pages 9 through 15 in Appendix A). The remaining two modules focused on the reliability analysis and the seismic risk analysis and mitigation plan included in the Urban Water Management Plan Update (see pages 16 through 31 in Appendix A). The reliability analysis module described the methods used to assess how SCV Water will adapt to uncertainty and future changing conditions to provide reliable water. The seismic risk analysis and mitigation plan module detailed how vulnerabilities of SCV Water's facilities are assessed in the Urban Water Management Plan Update and how the identified vulnerabilities can be mitigated.

The workshop concluded with the facilitator thanking participants, encouraging people to stay involved, and reviewing ways the public can provide comment during the upcoming public review period, which begins in April 2021.

## **Community Input**

Community members offered the following questions and comments following the three modules.

### **Water Supply Reliability**

- It was mentioned that single dry years are the biggest challenge. Wouldn't multiple dry years in a prolonged drought be more challenging?
- The calculation of 275,000 customers at 112 gallons per day presented during the last workshop does not seem to represent total demand. How many industrial users does SCV Water have and is conservation being discussed for non-residential users, especially for industrial users?
- Climate change might alter the historical averages, meaning we might have longer, more pronounced droughts. What are the contingency plans for the longer, more pronounced droughts that could result from climate change?
- Will greywater systems and rain catchment be considered for residential zoning with newer environmental developments?
- What is active water conservation and how much active conservation is SCV Water planning to achieve from residential customers?
- How much recycled water per year will SCV Water commit to bringing online?
- Will SCV Water get permits to use any of the current discharge from the sanitation district for purple pipe use?



## Reliability Analysis

- Does SCV Water have any recommendations for purchasing residential rain barrels?
- What is the average amount of water, in excess of demand, that the Santa Clarita Valley receives?
- High-value water intensive crops are now being grown in the Central Valley. Are there plans by the state to limit the total amount of water used by agriculture?
- SCV Water seems to be double counting the water Newhall Ag uses. It is not additional water but repurposed water.
- Does SCV Water maintain a safety margin of water when issuing “will serve” letters?

## Seismic Risk Analysis and Mitigation Plan

- Will all of SCV Water’s facilities go through a structural analysis before the plan is written?
- What magnitude earthquake is SCV Water’s infrastructure currently designed to withstand?
- How long will the initial seismic risk analysis take?

## 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 third public workshop.





# Urban Water Management Plan

Public Workshop  
March 22, 2021



## Video: Intro to the Urban Water Management Plan Update

A video thumbnail for the "Urban Water Management Plan Update". On the left, there is a checklist with five items, each preceded by a checked box: "Water Supply Reliability", "Conservation", "Water Quality", "Future Demand", and "Climate Change". Each item has several horizontal lines below it, likely representing text or notes. On the right, a purple rectangular box contains the text "URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A small circular icon of a community scene is visible in the top right corner of the video frame.



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

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## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Presentations and Discussion
  - Water Supply Reliability ★
  - Reliability Analysis ★
  - Seismic Risk Analysis and Mitigation Plan ★
3. Wrap Up

★ Q&A/Discussion



# We need your input!

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## Comment & Question Form

**COMMENT & QUESTION FORM**

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions on the Urban Water Management Plan. If you have input specific to a recent workshop, be sure to use the appropriate link on this page. For other general comments, contact us through the form below.

**My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

If you would like a direct response, please provide your name and email.

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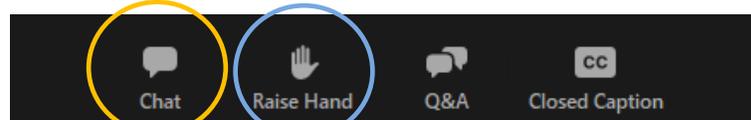
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## For Q&A/Discussion

We recommend using the chat for questions and comments.



Use the Raise Hand function if you would like to clarify your question.  
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**Sarah Fleury**  
SCV Water



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**Joan Isaacson**  
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# Welcome | Introductions



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# SCV Water | Who We Are



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- 74,000 retail customers
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Formed on January 1, 2018 by an act of the State Legislature (SB 634)



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# 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



## Urban Water Management Plan

### TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



# 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 to State of California by July 1, 2021**



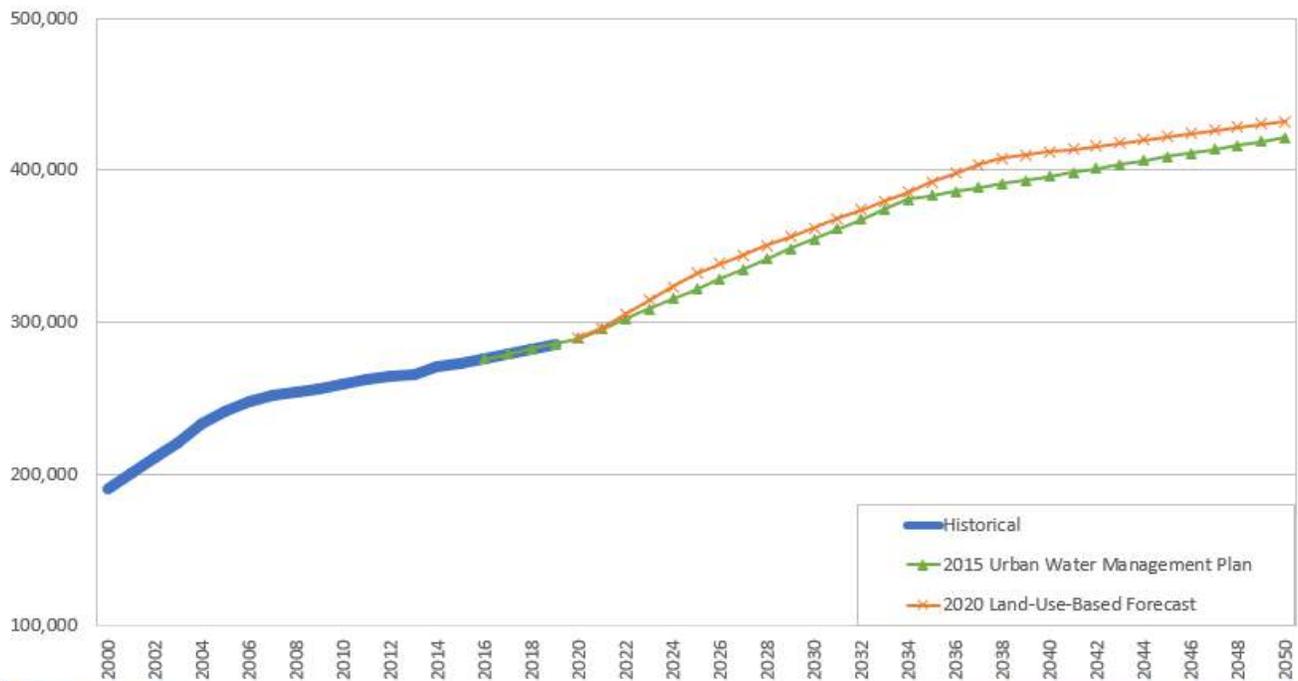
## Public Workshop 1 and 2 Recap

- Dates: November 18, 2020 and February 17, 2021
- Topics:
  - What is an Urban Water Management Plan
  - Water Supply Characteristics
  - Climate Change Considerations
  - UWMP Compliance with Conservation Targets
  - Population and Demand Forecasts
  - Drought Risk Assessment
- Visit: [www.yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://www.yourSCVwater.com/uwmp)

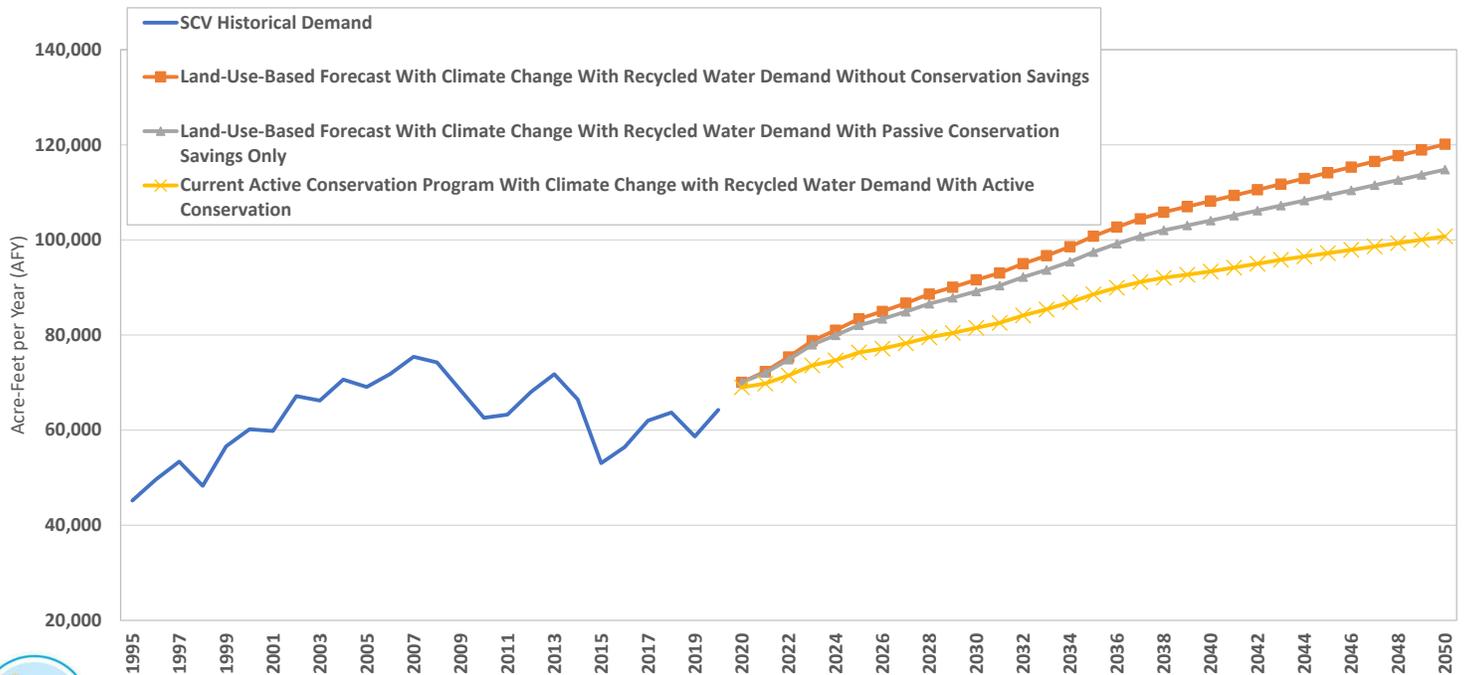


# Water Supply Reliability

## Valleywide Future Population Projections



# Valleywide Potable and Recycled Water Demand Forecast Results



## Water Supplies

### Existing

- Local
  - Groundwater
  - Recycled Water
- Imported
  - State Water Project
  - 2 Banking Programs
  - BVRRB - Firm Water Transfer
  - Water Transfers

### Planned

- Restored Alluvial Wells
- Restored Saugus Well
- New Recycled Water
- Newhall Land Agricultural to Municipal Use

### Potential Resiliency Programs

- Dry Year Saugus Wells
- Additional Rosedale Recovery
- AVEK Water Bank
- Aquaterra Water Bank
- Sites Reservoir

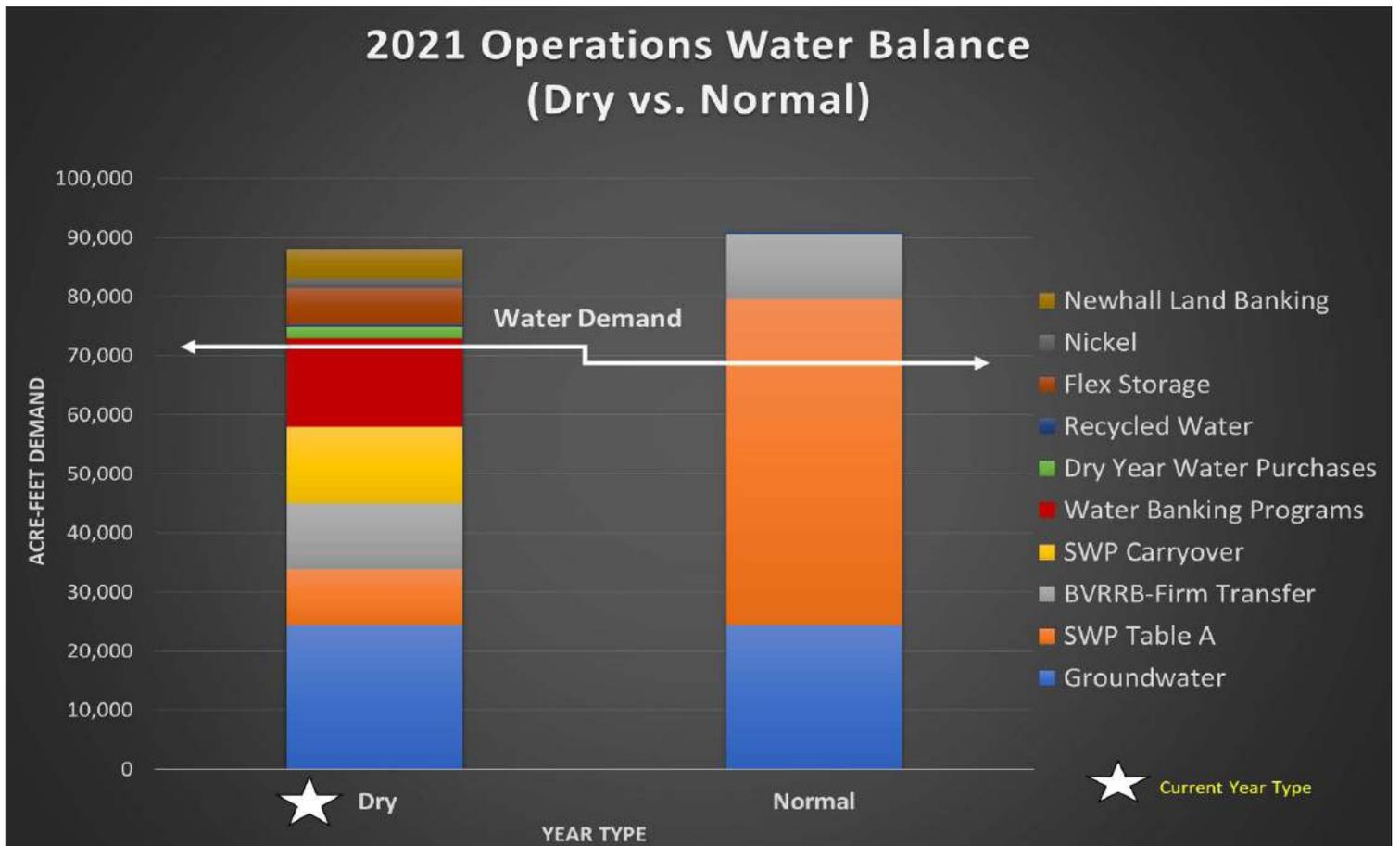


# Water Year Types

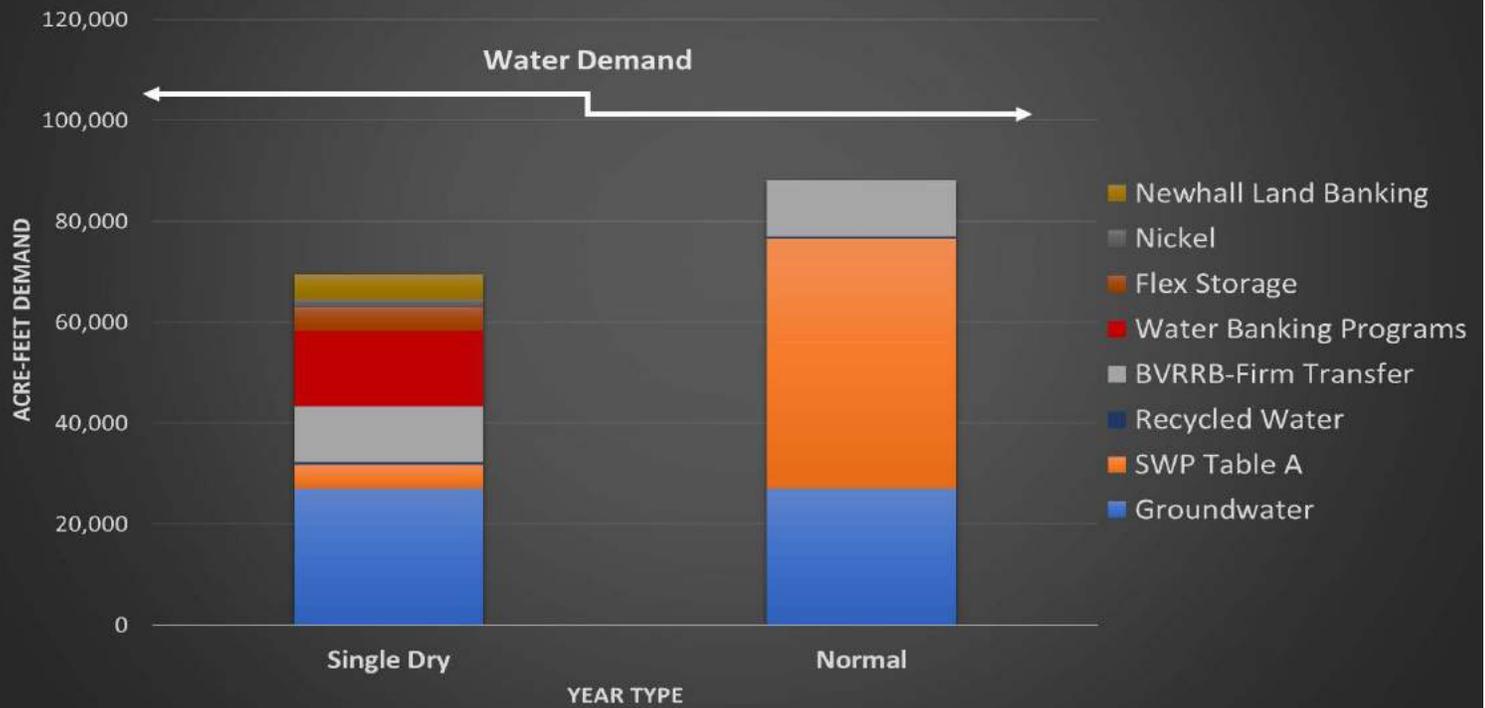
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## 2050 Operations Water Balance (Dry vs. Normal) With 2021 Existing Supplies

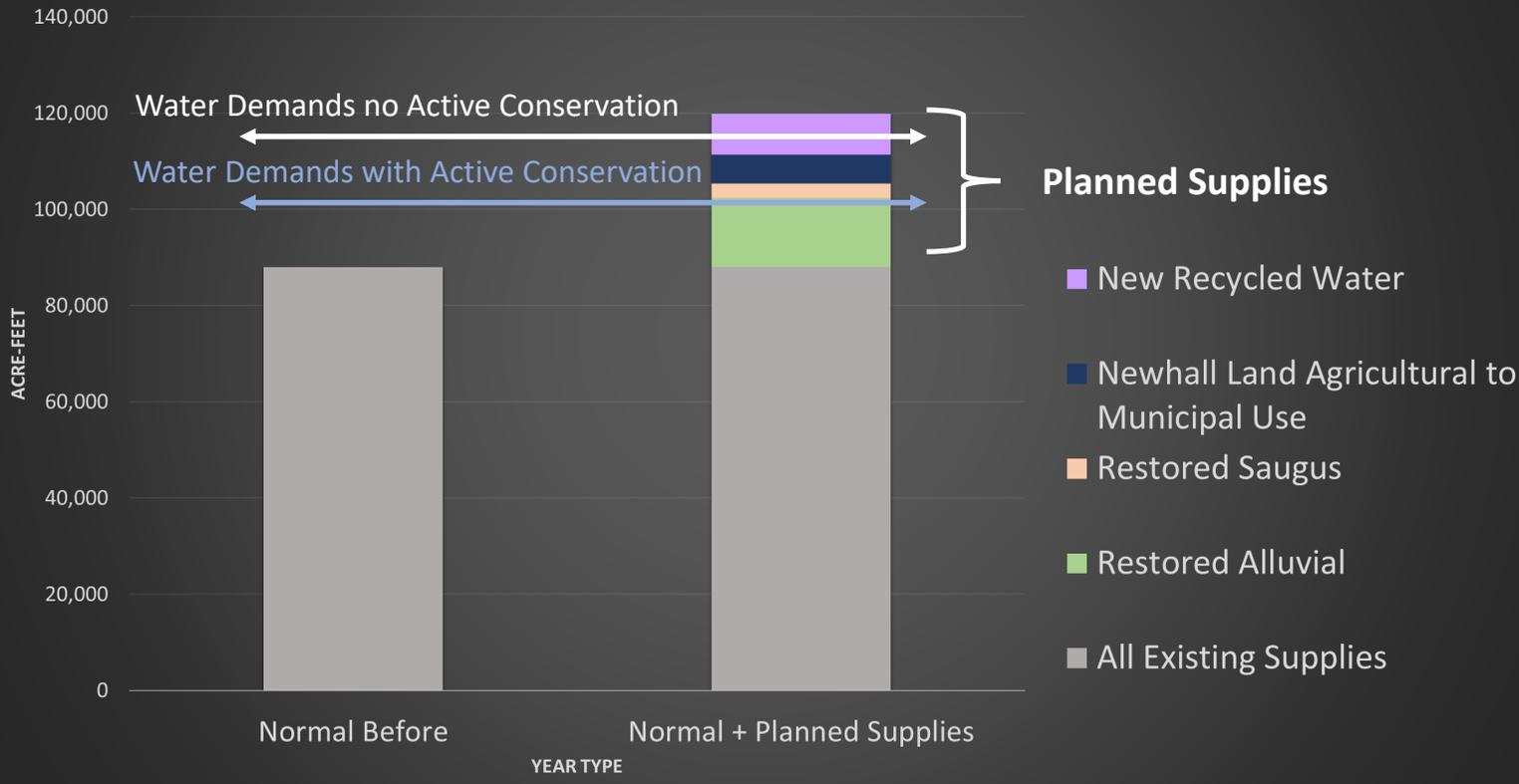


## Planned Water Supplies

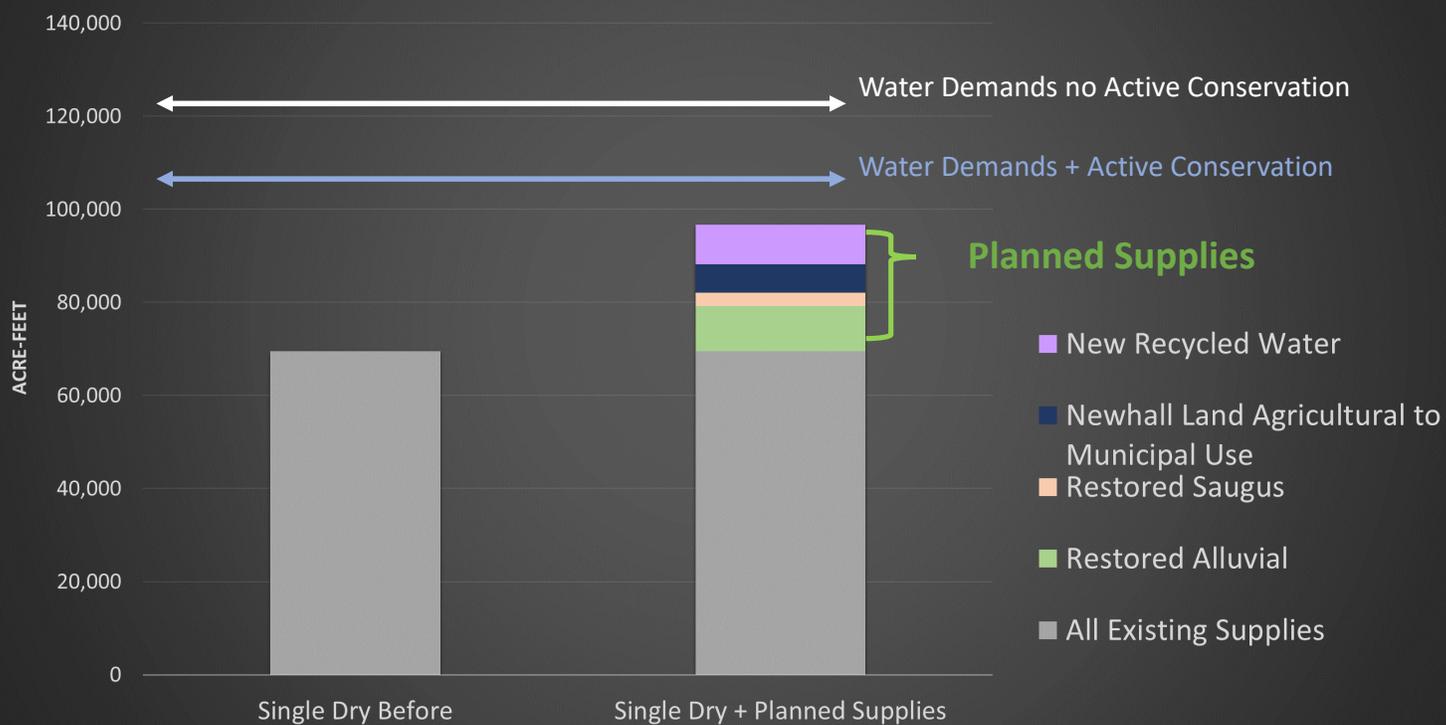
- Local
  - Restored Alluvial Wells
  - Restored Saugus Well
  - Increased Recycled Water
  - Newhall Land Agricultural to Municipal Water Use



## Buildout Water Balance (2050) Normal Year with Planned Supplies

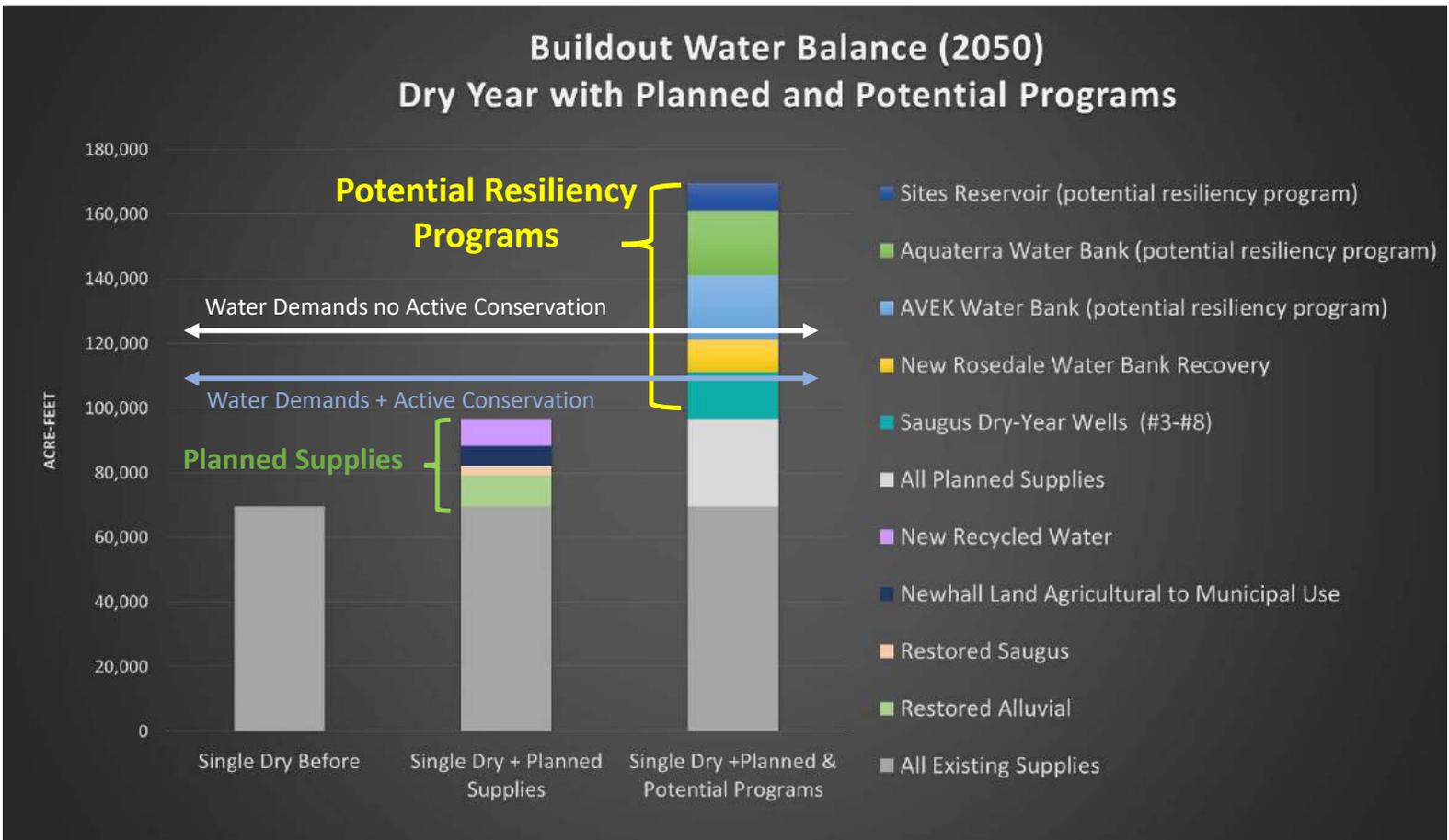


## Buildout Water Balance (2050) Single Dry Year with Planned Supplies



# Potential Resiliency Programs

- Local
  - Saugus Dry Year Wells (6 additional wells)
- Imported
  - New Rosedale Water Bank Recovery
  - AVEK Water Bank
  - Aquaterra Water Bank
  - Sites Reservoir Participant



# Conclusion

- Sufficient water to support buildout demands in normal years
- Active conservation programs have the potential to make a significant impact on our future demands
- Additional resiliency programs are needed to support dry year demands and provide reliability

**Questions? Ideas? Feedback?**



# Reliability Analysis

## Reliability Analysis

- Long-term strategy for adapting to uncertainty and changing conditions
- Robust portfolio of diverse supplies and measures
- Various scenarios to ensure resilience and reliability under various conditions



# Methodology

- The approach used assesses how different **supplies are used to meet demand over wet and dry year sequences**, instead of looking at a single year in isolation
- The analysis simulates the wet and dry year sequences based on the same **82 years of historic hydrologic record** used in CalSim
- These hydrologic sequences are run for the entire study period of **2021-2050**



# Methodology

- Demands assume **active conservation**
- **Climate change** is taken into consideration by using:
  - Projected **demands** with climate change
  - **State Water Project allocations** for future conditions
  - **Groundwater** supplies identified in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan that take into account climate change

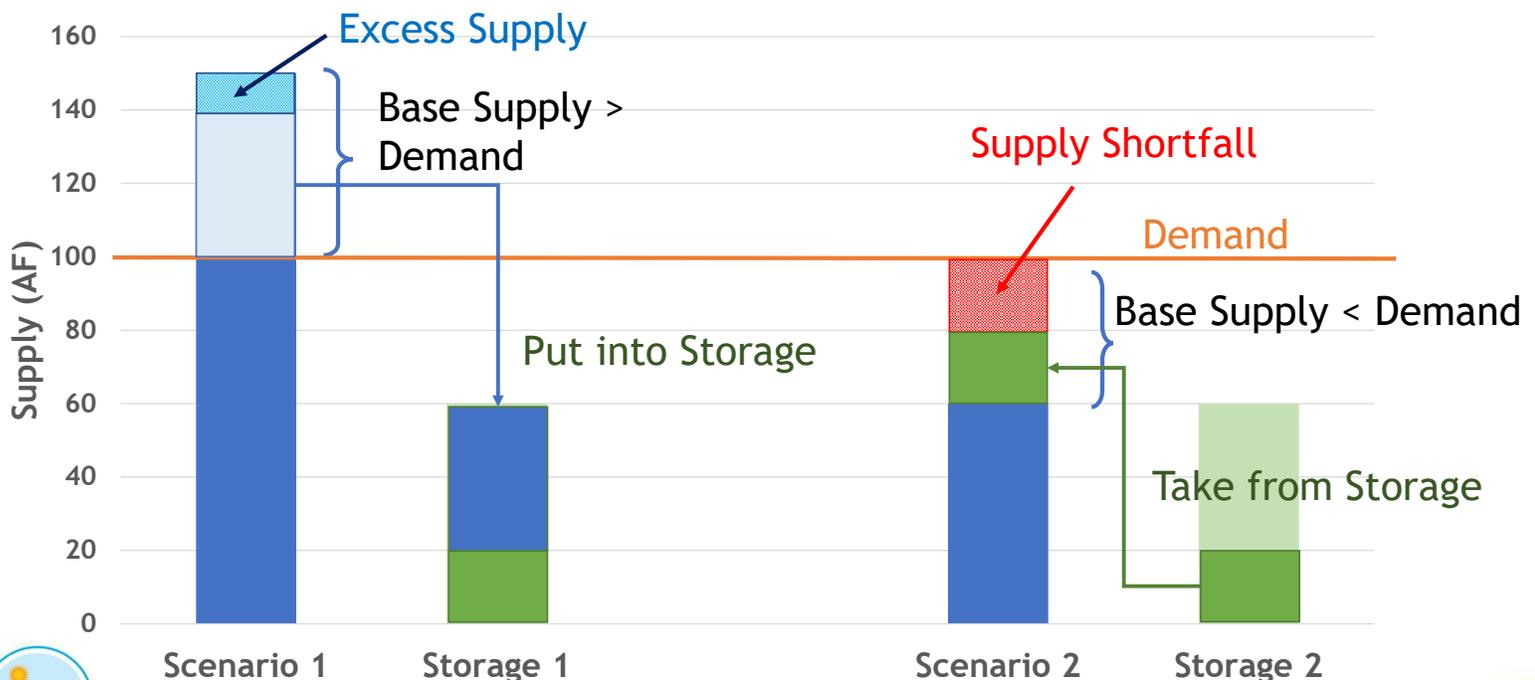


# Methodology

- For each hydrologic trace, the model steps through each year of the study period, comparing annual supplies to demands and operating storage and exchange programs as needed
  - In years when **supplies are greater than demands**, water is **added** to storage programs
  - In years when **supplies are less than demands**, water is **taken** from storage



## Water Operations in a Single Year

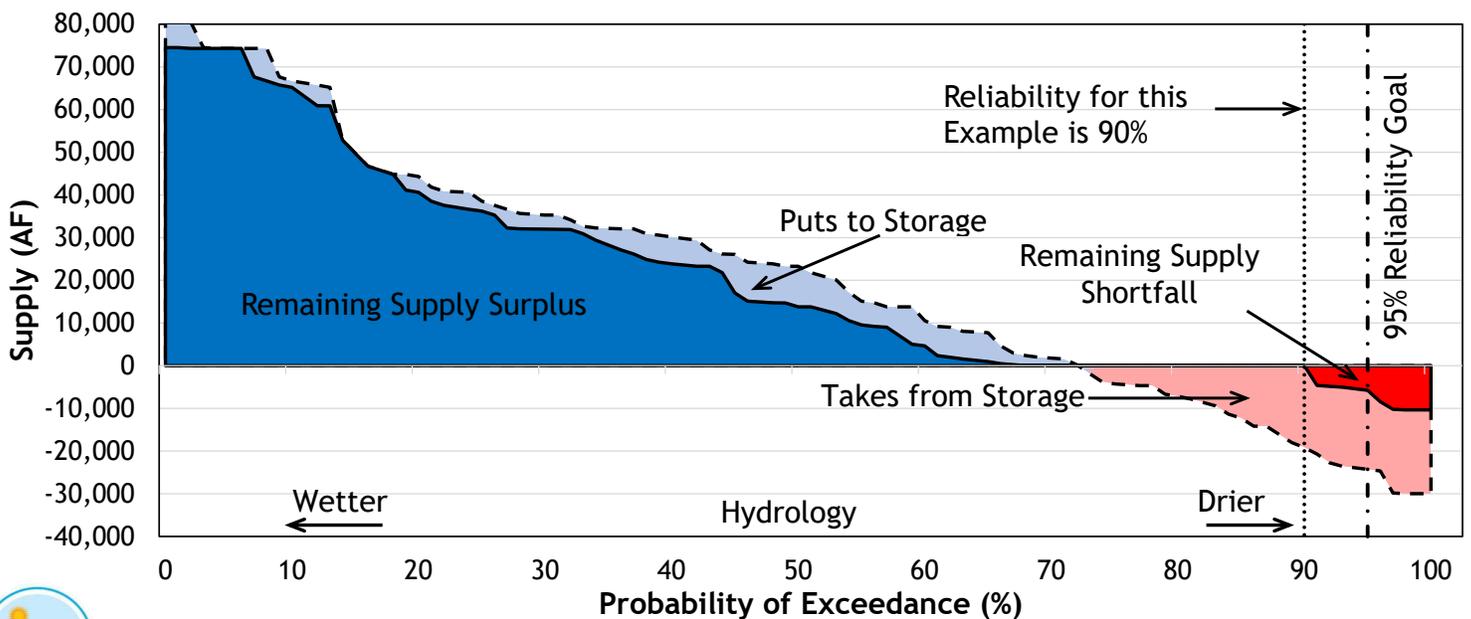


# Methodology

- Study period results from the 82 hydrologic traces are summarized to provide a statistical assessment of the reliability of SCV Water's supplies and storage programs
- The analysis determines how different combinations of supplies can meet the **Reliability Goal of 95%**



## Example of a Portfolio's Performance



# Scenarios

- Scenarios developed to identify alternative pathways to reliability
- The analysis integrates operation of subject programs
- Analysis can identify when projects are needed
- Evaluated how substituting supplies with other programs performs, in case certain supplies don't develop as anticipated in the future



## Scenarios Analyzed

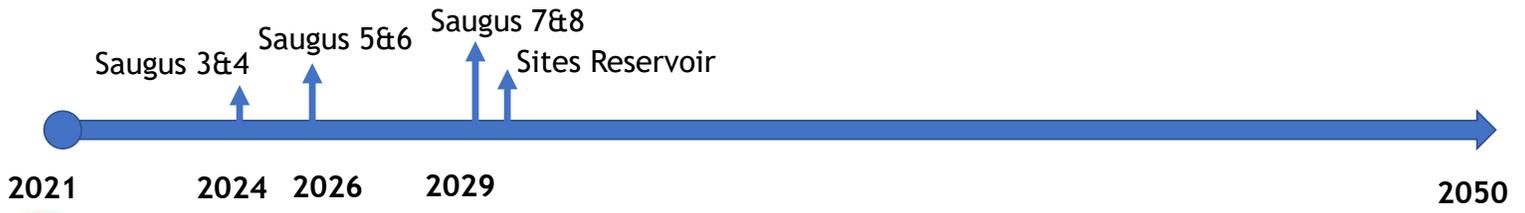
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Updated Demands w/ Conservation				
Existing and Restored Groundwater (Per GSA)				
SWP Table A & Terminal Reservoir and BVRRB				
SCVWA and NLF Semitropic and Rosedale Banks				
Near-term exchanges and purchases				
Saugus Dry-Year Wells (Saugus 3 & 4)				
Saugus Dry-Year Wells (Saugus 5-8)				
Additional Rosedale Recovery Capacity				
Sites Reservoir				
AVEK/AquaTerra Groundwater Bank				



**Scenario 1: Invest in Some Resilience/Dry Year Programs  
(Saugus Wells 3-8 and Increased RRB Take Capacity)**



**Scenario 2: Invest in Other Resilience/Dry Programs  
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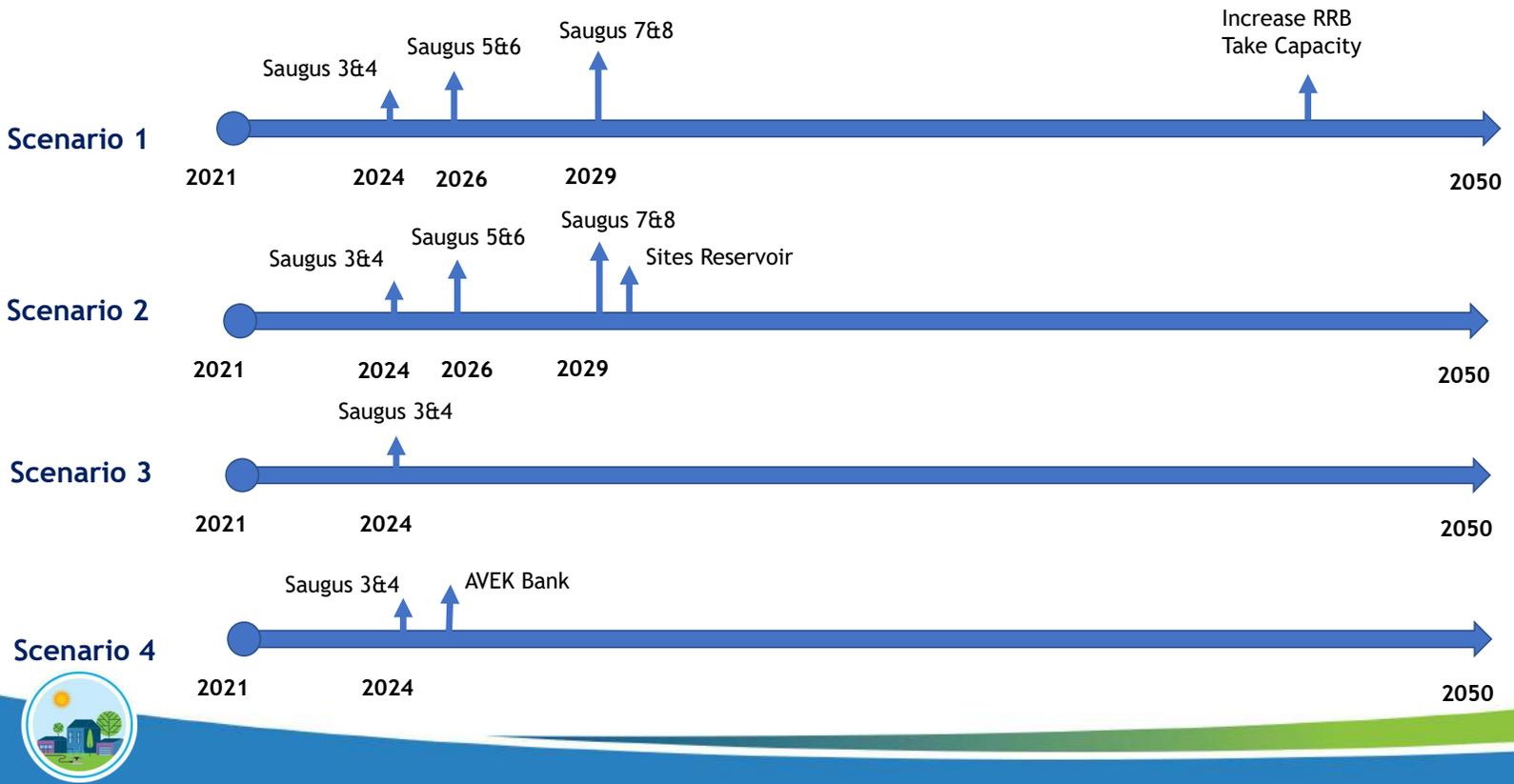
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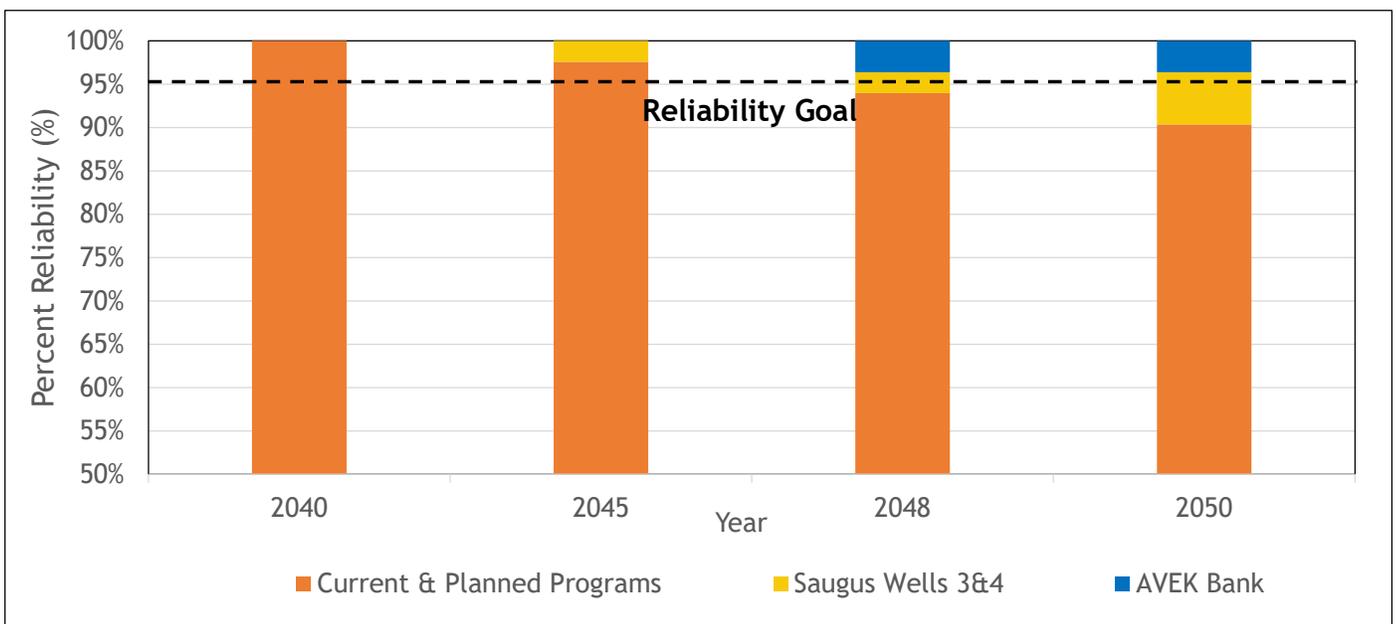
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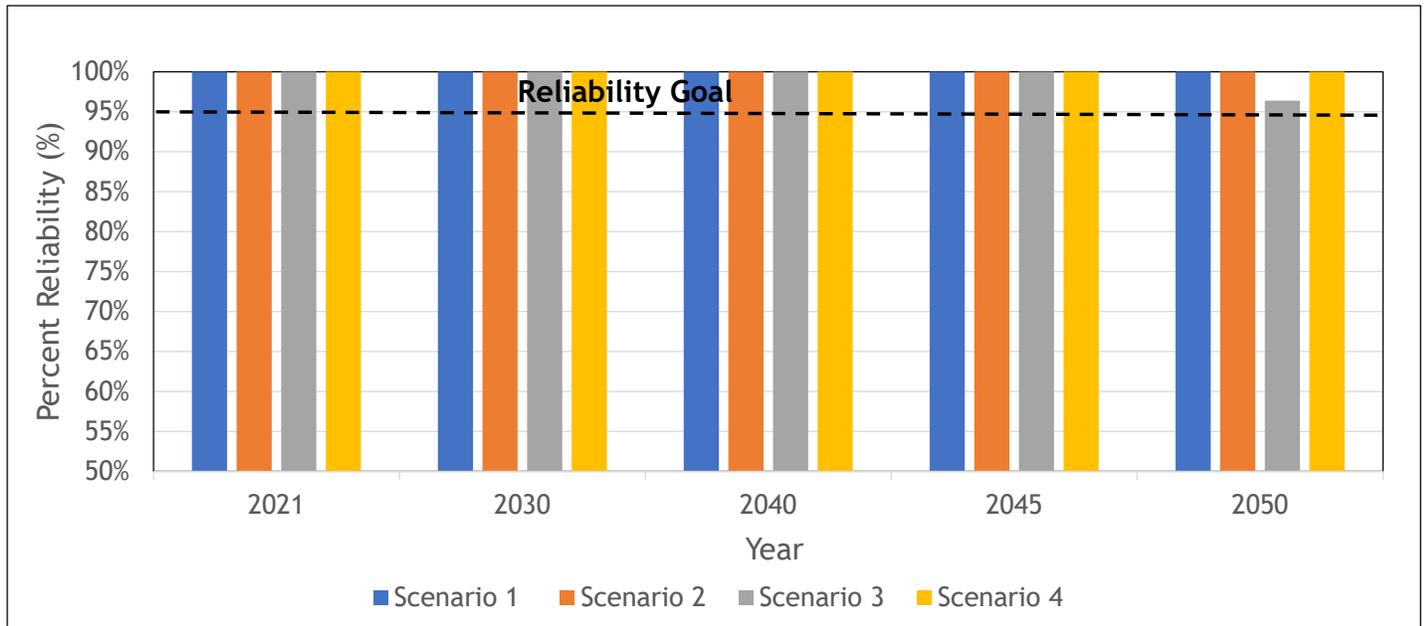
# Multiple Pathways To Achieve Reliability



## Detailed Reliability of Scenario 4



# Final Reliability of All Scenarios Tested



Questions? Ideas? Feedback?



# Seismic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan

## Senate Bill 664

- Requires urban water suppliers to include within its Urban Water Management Plan/Water Shortage Contingency Plan
  - Assess the vulnerability of each of the facilities of the water system
  - Provide mitigation for identified vulnerabilities
  - Update the analysis every 5-years with the UWMP cycle



# Purpose



Damage from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake



## Approach

- Kennedy Jenks has been performing an initial analysis of the facilities to identify the most vulnerable assets
- Due to the extent of SCV Water's facilities, a detailed analysis of all of the facilities is not feasible at this time
- SCV Water will identify the most critical facilities required for operation post earthquake
- SCV Water and Kennedy Jenks will then identify the highest priority facilities for mitigation



# Initial Analysis

- SCV Water has provided Kennedy Jenks with the available construction documents for hundreds of facilities
- These facilities were constructed by four different agencies between 1960 and the present
- Water Storage Reservoirs
  - Most are not anchored to the foundations
  - Most do have sufficient clearance between the roof structure and the water to allow sloshing during and earthquake
- Well Sites
  - Generally resilient to earthquakes
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- Well Sites
  - Generally resilient to earthquakes
  - Unreinforced or lightly reinforced masonry walls may fail
  - Unanchored equipment and piping is common at older sites
  - Site visits will be needed to identify specific vulnerabilities



# Initial Analysis

- Booster Pump Station
  - Generally resilient to earthquakes
  - Potential for unanchored equipment and pipe supports
  - Site visits will be needed to identify specific vulnerabilities



# Desk Top Study

- Treatment Plants
  - Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant
  - Rio Vista Treatment Plant
  - Repairs and upgrades were constructed following the Northridge Earthquake
  - Generally resilient to earthquakes



## Mitigation Planning

- Storage Tanks
  - Reduction of the operation capacity
  - Installing anchors
- Pump Stations and Well Sites
  - Verify walls are adequately reinforced
  - Verify equipment is adequately anchored
  - Upgrade well sites as PFAS treatment systems are installed
- Treatment Plants
  - Highly dependent on the structural systems and equipment type



# Questions? Ideas? Feedback?



## Wrap Up

# Urban Water Management Plan

## TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



## Participate in the Public Review Period

- Public comment period will begin in April 2021
- Provide comments on any portion of Draft Plan, especially:
  - Feedback on recommendations
- Ways to provide comment during public review:

### Online Comment Form

Submit directly on website:  
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### Email

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### Hard Copy via U.S. Mail

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*Include "Urban Water Management Plan Comment" in the subject line of your email or letter*



We need your input!  
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## Comment & Question Form

**COMMENT & QUESTION FORM**

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions on the Urban Water Management Plan. If you have input specific to a recent workshop, be sure to use the appropriate link on this page. For other general comments, contact us through the form below.

**My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

If you would like a direct response, please provide your name and email.

**Name**

First Last

**Email**



## Thank You

Online Comment & Question Form  
Public Comment and Hearing  
Stay Engaged & Share the Information

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March 25, 2021

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# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN



## Urban Water Management Plan

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### **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.

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

# DRAFT URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN & 2015 ADDENDUM

SCV Water has released the draft Urban Water Management Plan and 2015 Addendum for public review and comment. The 30-day public comment period will be April 27 to May 26, 2021. There will be the first part of a public hearing on May 27 at 6:00 p.m. where the Board of Directors will receive a presentation of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments during the hearing.

Part two of the public hearing will be on June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at which time the Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. In addition, SCV Water will be adopting an addendum to the 2015 plan that incorporates data on SCV Water's use of imported water to document consistency with the Delta Reform Act and its related implementing framework for the Delta Plan. The same data will be available in the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

- **Updated Urban Water Management Plan text – June 10, 2021**

**Public Hearing Part 1 – May 27,  
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- **Meeting Packet**

**Public Hearing Part 2 – June  
16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

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Workshop 3 – March 22, 2021

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

Workshop 2 – February 17, 2021

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Workshop 1 – November 18, 2020

- **Workshop Summary**

- **Updated Urban Water Management Plan appendices – June 10, 2021**
- Previous Version
  - **2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan Text – April 27, 2021**
  - **2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan Appendices – April 27, 2021**
    - Edits Made Since Release of Draft
      - **Errata 1 – May 20, 2021**
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- Additional Resources
  - **Recycled Water Master Plan (September 2016)**
  - **Groundwater Management Plan (2003)**
  - **Water Budget for the Santa Clara Valley East Groundwater Subbasin – Draft Technical Memorandum (Oct 2020)**
    - **Water Budget Figures**
  - 2021 Water Supply Reliability Plan (Draft April 2021)
    - **Water Supply Reliability Plan Draft**
    - **Appendix A – Water Operations Model**

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## **UWMP FACT SHEETS**

### **FACT SHEET – February 16, 2021**

- **Appendix B – Water Supply Reliability**
- **Appendix C – Groundwater Treatment Implementation Plan**
  - State Water Project Delivery Capability Report
    - **Final DCR Report – 2019**
    - **Final DCR Report Technical Addendum**
  - **Analysis of Groundwater Supplies (2009)**
- 2015 Urban Water Management Plan
  - **Draft Addendum**
  - **Appendix K Consistency with the Delta Plan**
- Other References
  - **SCV Water Annual Water Report**
  - **Groundwater Wells Production and Levels**

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### **HOW TO SUBMIT A COMMENT:**

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line of your email or letter. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by May 26, 2021.

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**Online Comment Form**

# URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

## UWMP - Intro to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan



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These plans direct water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The SCV Water UWMP Update will address several key issues that contribute to clean, reliable water for today and tomorrow.

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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## **COMMENT & QUESTION FORM**

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions on the Urban Water Management Plan. If you have input specific to a recent workshop, be sure to use the appropriate link on this page. For other general comments, contact us through the form below:

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## April Opportunities to Get Involved in Important Regional Water Supply Planning Efforts

SCV Water continues our robust planning work to ensure water for today and tomorrow by keeping our customers informed and engaged in the process. This month, we have several important virtual public meetings as well as opening the public comment period for the Draft Urban Water Management Plan.

### In this Issue:

- Water Shortage Contingency Plan Draft Released
- Urban Water Management Plan's Third Workshop Held
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update

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## You're Invited to Submit Public Comment on Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance through April 12



The Water Shortage Contingency Plan is one of several important planning efforts SCV Water is undertaking to ensure sufficient long-term water quality and supplies. The draft plan and ordinance have been released for public review and comment. April 12 is the deadline to submit public comment before the Board of Directors holds its public hearing on April 26 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. to consider adoption of the items.

The plan includes an assessment of water supply reliability, procedures, monitoring and reporting systems, shortage response actions, communication plans, and compliance and enforcement procedures. It also evaluates financial, material and resource impacts of the plan.

Learn more about the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance at [yourSCVwater.com/wscp](http://yourSCVwater.com/wscp). Comments can be submitted through the website or sent via U.S. Mail.

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## SCV Water to release Draft Urban Water Management Plan for Public Comment



SCV Water's held the third Urban Water Management Plan public workshop on March 22. Workshop participants learned how this updated plan assesses the long-term water reliability through build out of the Santa Clarita Valley (2050), as well as the area's seismic risk and the mitigation plan to ensure continued water supplies after disruptive and catastrophic events such as earthquakes. If you missed the event, you can find a video of it, along with a meeting summary and presentation at: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp).

The public will be invited to review the draft plan between April 19 and May 19. The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing and take action on the plan on May 27 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The plan will be posted online at: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp). Comments can be submitted through the website or sent via U.S. Mail.

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## Groundwater Sustainability Plan Process Now Underway



SCV Water is part of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA). Under guidance from the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\)](#), local water agencies are required to develop a plan to insure groundwater resources are sustainably managed. By January 2022, the SCV-GSA will develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) tailored to the resources and needs within our community to maintain and improve resource management where necessary.

With the plan due to be adopted by January 2022, we are over halfway through an outreach and engagement process that started in January of 2020. The next virtual public workshop will be held on June 2, 2021, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. to discuss projects and management actions that will assist us in maintaining a sustainable groundwater supply today and in the future. For information on previous workshops, including project videos, presentations and other handouts, visit <https://scvgsa.org/public-input/>.

To learn more, please visit: [scvgsa.org](http://scvgsa.org).

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

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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **30-Day Comment Period Opens for SCV Water's Draft Urban Water Management Plan Update**

*Community members are invited to submit public comment through May 26*

**Santa Clarita** — SCV Water is undertaking several important planning efforts to ensure adequate long-term water quality and supplies for today and tomorrow. As part of this effort, SCV Water has released the draft Urban Water Management Plan update for public review and comment. The 30-day public comment period will be April 27 to May 26, 2021. The draft plan is available online at: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp).

The Urban Water Management Plan is a requirement of the State of California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. This plan will help SCV Water address issues that contribute to reliable water.

“This plan is a critical component in the long-term planning efforts we’re undertaking to ensure that we can serve our customers now and in the future. We’ve created a plan that accounts for current customer needs, projected growth and identifies how we can be more efficient with our water resources,” said SCV Water’s General Manager Matt Stone.

In addition, based on new guidance from the State of California Department of Water Resources, SCV Water has also prepared an addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. The purpose of this addendum is to incorporate data on SCV Water’s use of imported water to document consistency with the Delta Reform Act and its related implementing framework for the Delta Plan, specifically Delta Plan Policy WR P1. The same data will be available in the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan update.

### **What is in the Urban Water Management Plan?**

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The public has been invited to participate in the process to update the Urban Water Management Plan. The Agency held three public workshops between November 2020 and March 2021. Video recordings of each workshop as well as the presentations and a fact sheet can be found at: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp).

## **Where to submit comments or get more information**

The public comment period begins on April 27, 2021 and closes on May 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Comments can be submitted directly through the website at: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp)

The public can also submit comments by one of the following methods and should include "Urban Water Management Plan Comment" in the subject line of your email or letter. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by May 26, 2021.

Email:  
Sarah Fleury, Project Manager  
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Hard Copy via U.S. Mail:  
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## **Next Steps**

Comments received will be reviewed before the final documents are presented to the SCV Water Board of Directors during a public hearing on May 27 at 6:30 p.m. This hearing will serve as another opportunity for the public to provide input to the Board prior to their consideration of approving the plan and addendum.

## **About SCV Water:**

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 74,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at [www.yourSCVwater.com](http://www.yourSCVwater.com)

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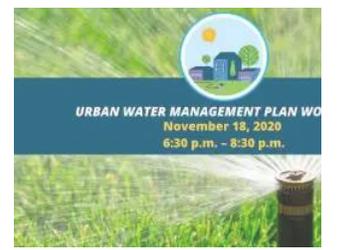
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## Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Opens Urban Management Plan To Public Comments

Posted by: Tim Smith in Santa Clarita Latest News, Water April 29, 2021 - 9:00 am 3 Comments 162 Views

On Tuesday, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) officially released the draft Urban Water Management Plan update for review and commentary by the public.

It was announced that the public in Santa Clarita is invited to review and comment on the draft Urban Water Management Plan update, which was released by SCV Water on Tuesday.

"This plan is a critical component in the long-term planning efforts we're undertaking to ensure that we can serve our customers now and in the future. We've created a plan that accounts for customer needs, projected growth and identifies how we can be more efficient with our water resources," said SCV Water General Manager Jamie Araki.

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The State of California's Urban Water Management Planning Act, along with other related laws, led to the drafting of the Management Plan that has now been opened to the public for comment. The Management Plan is said to be designed to contribute to SCV Water's ability to address issues contributing to the area's reliable water access.

Some of the primary components of the plan reportedly include forecasts of the amount of water needed to serve customers, a consideration of recycled water, plans for water conservation, and examination of the potential effects of water shortages, climate changes, and droughts.

Previously, SCV Water held three public workshops on the Urban Water Management Plan, which are available to review [here](#).

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The public commentary period has been scheduled by SCV Water for April 27 to May 26, and comments are reportedly available for submission through the plan's website.

For those wishing to submit comments through hard copy or email, SCV Water has encouraged commenters to send their statements to Sarah Fleury, SCV Water Project Manager, at uwmp@scvwater.com or to 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350.

SCV Water is described as a full-service water agency that provides services to over 74,000 residential customers and businesses in the Santa Clarita Valley.

For more information on the agency and its services, visit SCV Water's website.

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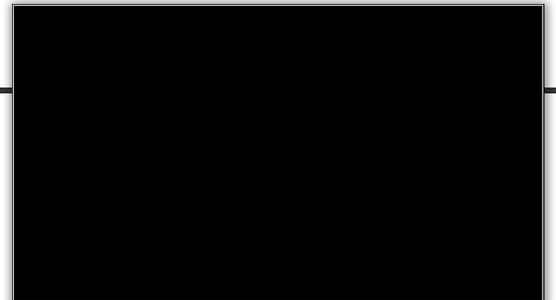
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## Low inventory, rates boost prices

Average cost of condo in Santa Clarita hits record

By Perry Smith  
 Business Journal Editor

Condominium and home sales continued to soar for March, with the latter setting a Santa Clarita Valley record, according to a regional Realtors association.

While the inventory of homes continued to dwindle, dropping 38.3% in Santa Clarita for March, the median condo price reached a new high of \$465,000.

The activity hasn't been a surprise for local real estate agents, who've been seeing the confluence of available money, the dearth of

supply and shifting needs, according to Erika Kauzlarich-Bird, a broker associate at Compass and former president of the Southland Regional Association of Realtors.

Prices have increased about 20% over last year, and they're expected to go up at least another 5% this year, she added.

Motivated buyers trying to get into the Santa Clarita Valley have continued to create a hot market for the area. A total of 256 single-family homes changed owners during March, according to recent

data from the SRAR. That was up nearly 40% from a year ago and 55.2% ahead of this February. Similarly, 111 condominiums closed escrow, up 38.8% from March 2020 and 48% higher than February.

While the coronavirus had already hit by March 2020, the month's numbers still represented a very healthy market that wasn't really impacted by the pandemic, so the fact that the March 2021 data indicated growth over those numbers gave reason to be optimistic.

"The full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and

ensuing safer-at-home orders and business closures didn't hit until April 2020," said Nicole Stinson, chair of the Santa Clarita Division Council. "Last March, sales were still relatively strong, so to surpass those numbers shows promise for the months ahead."

The reports for pending escrow, which provides insight into future activity, indicated April also will be busy, especially over the previous year. At the end of this March, there were 406 pending escrows — a healthy 72.8% increase over last year.

There was some concern expressed over the low

supply. With interest rates remaining at or near historical lows despite recent fluctuations, the lack of inventory is the primary brake on the residential market.

"The local supply is down 38% with only 221 listings reported at the end of March," said Tim Johnson, the association's CEO. "Given the heavy demand, that supply won't last long."

In fact, the SRAR's March 2021 report cited 221 active listings — a "mere" 0.6-month supply at the current pace, according to SRAR officials. Over the last 13 years, the average was about a 3.7-month supply, or about 900 listings.

The result has been great news for sellers, with condo prices up 19.2% in the Santa Clarita Valley over the last year, and the median home price of \$737,000 — which actually was slightly below the record high of \$759,000 in September.

"We have a lack of affordability and we have a lack of supply," Kauzlarich-Bird noted back in February. "Until we start building homes — until the builders come in and the state starts working with these builders, and we get homes being built — we're going to be looking at this in the long term."

## Chamber, SchlickArt to unveil '12 Months'

For The Signal

The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce announced plans to unveil the "12 Months of Quarantine" photo exhibit Monday.

SchlickArt Photography and Video worked with the local community to document the COVID-19 pandemic, starting a year ago.

The photos are set to be displayed at Westfield Valencia Town Center on the first floor at Sears Court until the end of May.

"The 12 Months of Quarantine was just one of the ways the SCV Chamber worked to keep our community spirit uplifted during one of the toughest times any of us had dealt with," John Vance, chair of the chamber board, said in a prepared statement. "We were proud to work with SchlickArt Photography and Video as they, in a safe manner, captured what some of us spent our time doing during the quarantine and now we're excited

to share the pictures with everyone."

When the stay-at-home order was initiated, SchlickArt partnered with the chamber to see what could be done for the community during the unprecedented challenges that were being faced. The exhibition was started to support, lift people's spirits and help individuals feel a part of something bigger, according to organizers.

The exhibit captures the average Santa Clarita

Valley resident — individuals, couples, families, business owners — as they portray how they spent their time in quarantine.

"Our goal during quarantine was to find a way to support the local nonprofits that were suffering greatly during the shutdown," Lindsay Schlick, co-owner of SchlickArt, added in the statement. "In doing that, we didn't want to diminish the pain or seriousness of what was happening throughout the world,



SchlickArt Photography and Videography Studio /For The Signal SCV Chamber members Dennis and Pamela Verner took part in the effort to support local nonprofits.

but we did want to use our creativity to find the silver linings — the moments of light and happiness that quarantine brought some of our local families."

## Understanding the Imposter Syndrome

Do you ever feel that you have fooled colleagues and have given the impression that you are more capable than you really are? Or that your achievements are mainly about good luck, or are a result of other people's help? Do you find it hard to understand or accept how you could be in your leadership position? If so, you are in good company and may have encountered what is known as "Imposter Syndrome."

An estimated 70% of people experience imposter feelings at some point in their lives, according to a review article published in the International Journal of Behavioral Science. It affects women, men, business owners, leaders, students, military service members, executives and many more.

In general, imposter syndrome is defined as doubting yourself, not thinking you are "good enough" and feeling like a fraud. While not gender-bound, two psychologists developed the concept in a 1978 study, which focused on high-achieving women. They posited that "despite outstanding academic and professional accomplishments, women who experience imposter phenomenon persist in believing that they are really not bright and have fooled anyone who thinks otherwise."

I myself ebb and flow in this phenomenon, illustrated by my own reluctance to "take a seat at the table." I had the honor of co-founding a coalition with the mayor of Glendale to bring together a wide range of community stakeholders to create substantive change for veterans in the region. The coalition grew to more than 100 representatives and I was responsible for the administration of the meetings and ensuring all stakeholders were included and felt they had opportunities to engage.

We met monthly in a large conference room at city hall. The mayor ran the meetings sitting at the head of the table, I would sit to his right, and the patriotism chair to his left. At the end of his mayoral term, he retired, but the city wanted to maintain the coalition



**Lisa RAGGIO**  
 GUEST COMMENTARY

because of its success in creating housing, employment and service opportunities for veterans, and I was asked to oversee the coalition.

The first meeting without the mayor, the patriotism chair and I arrived early. I set my materials on the table where I had for the last year. As I pulled out my chair to sit down, the patriotism chair looked at the seat at the head of the table and said, "You need to sit at the head of the table." I declined and explained that I wanted to promote a feeling of egalitarianism to the members. He listened and said again, "You need to sit at the head of the table."

Perhaps because of his stellar reputation, high regard and service (beloved retired assistant fire chief, veteran and community leader), I paused and was flooded with my inner voice asking, "What do I do now?" My body didn't want to move, but as his focus persisted, I slowly

inched my pile of paperwork, stood up and sat down at the head of the table. It felt uncomfortable. I felt like I stood out.

As members filled the room, I wondered if some would think, "Who do you think you are sitting at the head of the table?" Then I took a deep breath, looked at the agenda, looked at my ally and I began and ran the meeting. And I did that every month for another three years.

Fast forward to coaching a group of emerging leaders and the subject of how uncomfortable it sometimes feels to "stand out" and not wanting to be perceived as "different" or "better than." I shared this same story with them but emphasized an unspoken truth — I was never totally comfortable sitting at the head of the table most of those years. But I did it anyway. I felt I had the knowledge and competency to lead the coalition. But also because a small but growing part of me thought it meant something, bigger than my own lack of confidence or fear of failing, to see a woman sitting at the head of the table and leading the meetings.

How do we manage imposter syndrome? It starts with a desire to pursue a

vision of ourselves greater than our discomfort and a philosophy we ask new clients to adopt at the beginning of their coaching journey — progress over

perfection. And... trusting our allies. Ultimately, our ability to maximize our potential means getting out of our own way and taking ownership of our success.

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## URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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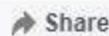
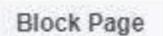
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## **Hearings scheduled for the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance**



SCV Water has moved its Board of Directors virtual public hearings on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance from April 26 to June 9 at 6:30 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to provide public comment during the hearings, which comes after the 30-day public review and comment period that ended on April 12.

The plan includes an assessment of water supply reliability, procedures, monitoring and reporting systems, shortage response action communication plans, compliance and enforcement procedures, as well as an evaluation of the plan's financial, material and resource impacts. To review the adopted plan and ordinance, and watch the public workshop on the plan, as well as read related materials, please visit [yourSCVwater.com/wscp](http://yourSCVwater.com/wscp).

This plan is part of SCV Water's Urban Water Management Plan update and will be used if developing conditions create a potential water shortage. SCV Water will submit this to the State Department of Water Resources along with the full Urban Water Management Plan by July 1.

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## Urban Water Management Plan Draft Released



The public is also invited to submit comments on SCV Water's draft Urban Water Management Plan update. This is another component of SCV Water's current planning efforts to ensure long-term water reliability. This plan addresses water supply forecast for current customers and future growth, how to expand recycled water and conservation, water shortage response actions, an assessment of water supplies both local and imported and how climate

change could affect water supplies so the agency can ensure a steady supply for customers.

In addition, based on new guidance from the State of California Department of Water Resources, SCV Water has also prepared an addendum to the 2015 UWMP. The same data will be available in the 2020 UWMP, but for completeness the 2015 UWMP has been amended to include this data as well.

The 30-day public comment period on this important plan is open through May 26, 2021 and will be followed a Board of Directors virtual public hearing and actions on May 27 at 6:30 p.m. Comments can be submitted through the website or sent via U.S. Mail.

To review the draft plan and watch videos from the three public workshops and read related materials on the Urban Water Management Plan update, please visit [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp).

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## Groundwater Sustainability Plan Meetings continue in June



SCV Water is part of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA). Under guidance from the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\)](#), local water agencies are required to develop a plan to insure groundwater resources are sustainably managed. By January 2022, the SCV-GSA will develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) tailored to the resources and needs within our community to maintain and improve resource management where necessary.

The next virtual public workshop will be held on June 9, 2021, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. to discuss projects and management actions that will assist us in maintaining a sustainable groundwater supply today and in the future. SCV Water will then hold a GSP public workshop on the complete draft plan on August 25, 2021 from 4:00–6:00 p.m.

For information on previous workshops, including project videos, presentations and other handouts, visit <https://scvgsa.org/public-input/>.

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

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## SCV Water Schedules May 27 Board Hearing on Urban Water Management Plan Update

*Public Invited to Participate in Meeting*

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[yourscvwater.com/uwmp](https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp).

### **Virtual Public Hearing Details**

Thursday, May 27, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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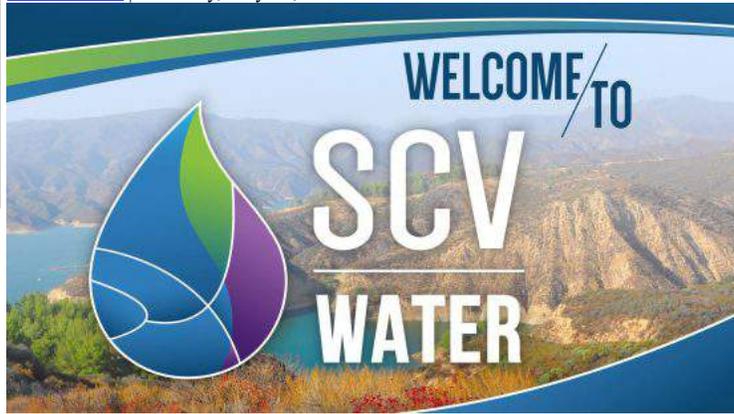





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The general public will have the opportunity to provide comments during the hearing that will take place after the public review and comment period ending May 26. Draft UWMP and related resources are available online at [yourscvwater.com / uwmp](https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp).

A state-mandated document, UWMP helps address the issues that SCV Water contributes to clean, reliable water. SCV Water also adopts an addendum to the 2015 UWMP Plan, which incorporates data on the use of imported water to document its integrity with the Delta Reform Act. The same data will be available in 2020 UWMP.



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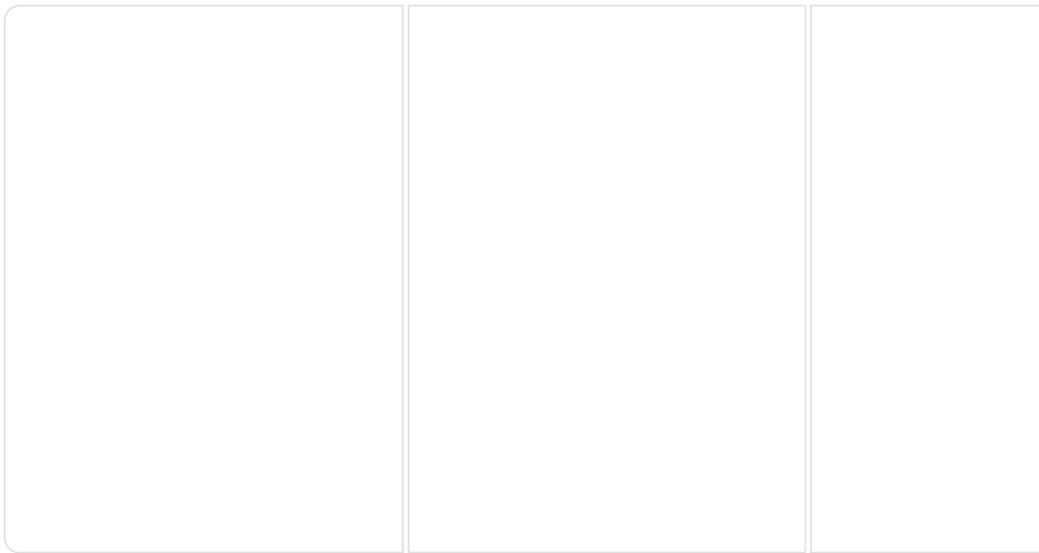
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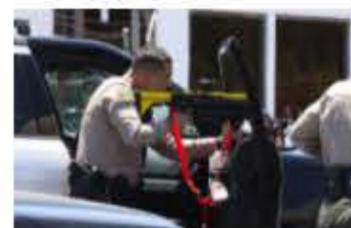
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time PJ was born, and so, too, was the birth of the “Choose Kind” movement, which works to combat bullying by teaching elementary school students the value of kindness and inclusion.

It wasn't long before Reynafarje realized the opportunity she and PJ had to create a teachable moment for other children, allowing PJ to show them that differences are OK.

“You're going to stare, you're going to have questions the first time you see anybody who's different ... and that's normal,” Reynafarje said.

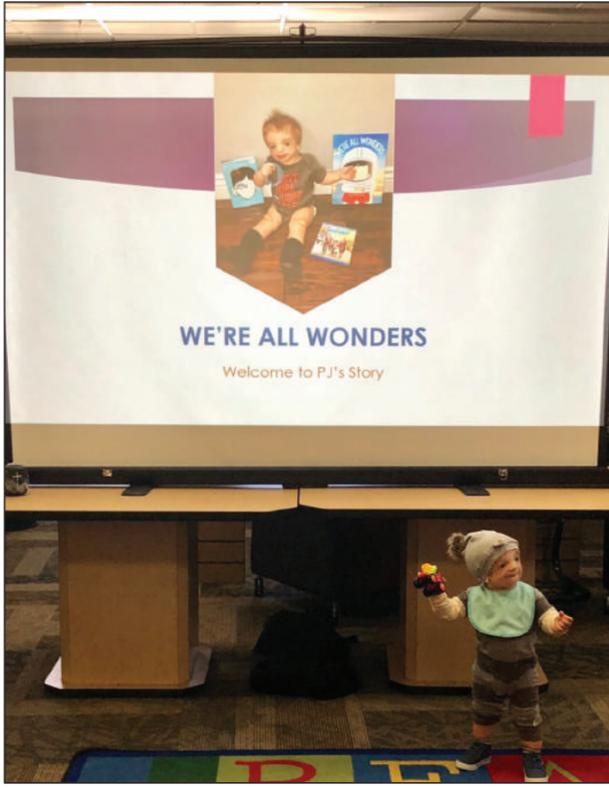
Introducing kids to PJ helps to turn these first-time interactions into a learning experience, teaching kids that not everyone's the same — and that's OK.

“Meeting a real-life ‘Auggie Pullman’ helps bring the book to life and exposes children to differences,” Reynafarje added.

PJ and Reynafarje have since traveled to schools across the country as certified “Wonder Speakers” with the Children's Craniofacial Association, reading “Wonder” and answering questions about PJ's differences for students from kindergarten through second grade, and have raised more than \$75,000 to help other kids with Treacher Collins thus far.

As PJ has grown up, he's begun to learn from the experience, as well, Reynafarje added.

“He's learning to advocate for himself by listening to me,”



she said, adding that students are often excited for his visit, treating him almost like a celebrity. “I think it's also a positive experience for him to walk into a school where everybody knows he's coming and are welcoming him.”

Reynafarje hopes she can not only help PJ learn to advocate for himself, but also help to make the world a kinder, more accepting place where people can learn to look past differences and see PJ the way that she sees him.

“I don't really want him to be known as ‘the boy with Treacher Collins,’ but rather ‘the boy who speaks in schools, encourages kindness and raises money for children with special needs,’” Reynafarje added.

### Finding unique ways to continue giving back

Unable to speak at schools in person through the pandemic, Reynafarje and PJ have transitioned to virtual visits, but wanted to continue finding



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**Bobby Block**/The Signal (Above) (Left) PJ and his mom, Crystal, are certified “Wonder Speakers,” encouraging kindness and discussing Treacher Collins syndrome at dozens of schools. (Above) PJ enjoys Mother's Day at Hart Park.

ways to do more, so Reynafarje got creative and has been fundraising by teaching free, socially distanced kickboxing classes.

“I'm a certified group fitness instructor ... and COVID had all the gyms closed, so I thought, ‘Well, let's go to the park and work out,’” Reynafarje said, adding that the group chose to pick a different charity to donate to each month.

The group has since raised more than \$1,400 to send “Wonder” books to all of the

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elementary schools in the Santa Clarita Valley, along with more than \$2,500 for other local nonprofits, such as the Child & Family Center, College of the Canyons' Resources for Individual Success in Education (RISE) Project and The Gentle Barn, among others.

Reynafarje has spent the past few months creating “Wonder” packages, which include the book, “Wonder” curriculum, inclusive coloring books, and more information about PJ and his story, to deliver to all of the elementary schools in the SCV.

“My ultimate goal is to speak in every school in Santa Clarita,” Reynafarje said, adding that she and PJ hope to begin visiting schools again next year, but are set to continue doing virtual presentations for the time being.

For more information on PJ, visit [pjsforpj.com](http://pjsforpj.com), or to join the kickboxing group, visit [facebook.com/groups/334296874470866](https://www.facebook.com/groups/334296874470866).



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responsibilities was enforcing mask mandates and store capacity limits, which made grocery store workers easy targets for their customers' frustrations.

“I think the mask does something to people's psyche, and they are nowhere near as friendly,” the deli employee said, adding that she soon began to learn the value of a simple smile. “You can't see that (smile anymore), and it just dampened the mood.”

As grocery store supplies continued to dwindle, the pandemic began to disrupt supply chains, and stores were left with no choice but to enforce item limits.

“I can't tell you how many people were upset when I told them they could only buy five gallons of bleach,” a grocery stocker said.

Despite the upset shoppers, the stocker said he continued to do his best to treat customers with empathy, as he, ultimately, understands where they were coming from.

“This is a scary time, and I still want to be there for them if I can because that's what I'd want if the situation was reversed,” he added. “I'm 20 and healthy, but what if I wasn't? I'd be scared, too.”

Restaurants and other businesses were soon forced to shut their doors, yet grocery stores remained open, keeping people fed and well supplied as they hunkered down in their homes for the mandated quarantine.

“In the beginning, it was really exciting to be a part of ... but as time went on, the appreciation was just not there anymore,” the deli employee said. “It makes it harder to do your job with a smile on your face every day when you encounter so much negativity.”

Then, when the winter COVID-19 surge hit, the fear became more prevalent as the virus began to spread at an increased rate.

“I've actually had multiple people come in and tell me they were sick,” she said. “I'm thinking, ‘Then what are you doing here? Why aren't you at home where you should be?’”

It's workers like this deli employee who interact with customers who are at serious risk for infection, an October study found, and are, in fact, five times more likely to contract COVID-19 than their colleagues who don't have direct contact with customers.

These workers were also likely to have become a “significant transmission

source” without even knowing it, as 76% of the 104 Boston grocery store workers tested for the study were found to be asymptomatic.

“It felt like COVID was everywhere,” a cashier added. “I became hyper-aware of every cough, every sneeze. It was stressful.”

### ‘We'd become a family’

She and her coworkers kept one another's spirits up through the fear and anxiety, and then, they became her only emotional support when she tested positive in December.

“I had coworkers bringing me groceries and medicine,” she said. “They did it because they knew I was all alone at home, but more so because we'd become a family.”

Thankfully, her symptoms were mild and she soon found herself back at work, though still concerned for her coworkers.

“I'm honestly just glad I didn't get any of them sick, because there's a chance they wouldn't have been as lucky as I was,” she added.

Though cases began dropping, many workers remained anxious, as they were left to work longer hours still to fill shifts vacated by those who'd either quit or contracted the virus themselves.

“A lot of people (thought) that it's not worth it for me to put my life on the line, and my family's life on the line, and they just quit,” the deli employee said.

Adding to the chaos was the decision to grant grocery store workers in L.A. County “hero pay.”

Instituted with the intention of recognizing the risks these workers face, the ordinance was, however, not implemented across the board, with those in unincorporated areas of the county, such as Castaic and Stevenson Ranch, given a \$5 per hour raise for 120 days, while those working just across Interstate 5 in Valencia were left out of the “hero pay.”

“It's incredibly frustrating,” the cashier said, adding that she and her family had been counting on the money. “My husband still hasn't gotten his job back, so we've really been struggling. It's really not that much more, but we just needed that little extra help to pay some bills and get back on track.”

Grocery store workers were among those praised as “heroes” on the front lines. However, the rhetoric felt futile to most.

“We were told we were essential, (but) we never got a choice,” the deli employee added. “We just got thrown into the midst of it.”

## PLANNING

Continued from A1

children's center; 25,000-square-foot spa building with a spa, gym and salon; a three-story, 60,000-square-foot, 81-room inn with an outdoor wedding venue.

Also included are a villa community totaling 52 units and 87,000 square feet; and outdoor recreation, including pedestrian trails, two outdoor pools, one tennis court, two pickleball courts, a par 3 nine-hole golf course, dog park

and children's play area. The developer has also proposed development revisions, which are included in the city's report, addressing open space and emergency access to the site that seek to address comments made by the Planning Commission and community.

A timeline in the city's report indicates that the Planning Commission will make a decision to approve or reject the development at a presently undetermined time.

The public can join the meeting from the city's website at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 18.



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# State: fewer COVID-19 restrictions June 15

By Kev Kurdoghlian  
Signal Staff Writer

Most businesses and activities will return to “usual operations” starting June 15 under new state public health guidelines released Friday morning.

Capacity limitations and physical distancing will not be required for most business, including sectors outlined in the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy like social gatherings, private events, retail, gyms and restaurants.

The new state guidelines also advised that Californians continue to follow current state public health department guidance for face coverings during this next phase.

Vaccine verification and negative testing will be required for

“indoor mega events” and recommended for “outdoor mega events,” which the state said pose a higher risk for COVID-19 transmission.

To verify full COVID-19 vaccination, people can either show their COVID-19 vaccination card, a photo of their card as a separate document in print or electronically on a phone, or documentation of vaccination from a health care provider.

Businesses are also permitted to have their patrons attest to being vaccinated to gain entry to mega events. The state will assess mega event restrictions, which are effective through Oct. 1, by Sept. 1.

Under the new guidelines, the state announced that travelers follow travel recommendations from the Centers for Disease

Control and the California Department of Public Health’s travel advisory.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced Friday that it will align with the state’s plan to reopen on June 15.

The county will adopt the CDC’s masking guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, meaning “people who are fully vaccinated will no longer need to wear masks in most situations,” according to the county’s Public Health Department.

“I support full alignment with the state on this guidance and appreciate that today’s announcement will provide ample time for our businesses, organizations and residents to prepare for these changes,”

said Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, whose 5th District includes the Santa Clarita Valley, in a prepared statement, which notes that approximately 47% of the county’s populations is fully vaccinated. “We have weathered the storm, and I am hopeful that this finally signals our return to normalcy.”

## Updated statistics

Public Health also released the following updated COVID-19 statistics Friday:

- New COVID-19 cases reported in L.A. County in the past 24 hours: 264
- Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 1,238,367
- New deaths related to COVID-19 reported: 15
- Total COVID-19 deaths in

L.A. County: 24,154

■ Hospitalizations countywide: 355

■ Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of May 21: 4, with 1,232 discharged since the onset of the pandemic.

■ COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 9, 2 of which came from the city of Santa Clarita.

■ Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 27,797

■ Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV as of May 20: 302

■ Percentage of vaccinated people (at least one dose) in the city of Santa Clarita as of May 9: 61%

■ Percentage of vaccinated people (at least one dose) in the SCV as of May 9: 56%

# Rotary donates anti-bullying books to schools

Author, formers Seahawks player join SCV district representatives for City Hall donation ceremony

By Kev Kurdoghlian  
Signal Staff Writer

Thirty-seven elementary schools across five school districts in the Santa Clarita Valley will each receive a copy of two anti-bullying and anti-discrimination children’s books courtesy of a donation from the Rotary Club of Santa Clarita.

Glenn Terry, president of the local group, invited the books’ author, Stephen Tako, and former Seattle Seahawks NFL player Dave DesRochers, who reviewed the book, to the donation ceremony Friday morning in front of Santa Clarita City Hall.

“Each book has a variety of different lessons to help children overcome negative beliefs about themselves,” said Tako, a member of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. “It helps them with their self-esteem, it helps them build friendships, teamwork, and other different safety issues as well.”

Tako used the time spent indoors



Tako



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From left, Saugus Union School District Superintendent Colleen Hawkins, Superintendent of the Newhall School District Jeff Pelzel and Sulphur Springs School District Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Jezelle Fullwood receive donated books for their districts in front of Santa Clarita City Hall on Friday.

during the pandemic to finish the second volume in his anti-bullying book series, “Junga the Dancing Yeti Meets Heidi,” which was released last year.

The first volume, “Junga the Dancing Yeti,” was released in 2018 and has an accompanying video on YouTube. A video accompanying the second

volume will be released Tuesday on YouTube.

DesRochers said he had a tie to the book since he was bullied when he was in junior high school.

“I was bullied and also, being a bigger person and not being very coordinated, I was also made fun of and teased,” the former Seahawk said.

DesRochers, a member of the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary, said he frequently talks with young students about bullying.

“Tell somebody, reach out and say, ‘Look, I’m getting bullied,’ ‘I’m getting teased,’” he said. “They’re going to give you tools on how to deal with it.”

Joining Tako and DesRochers were leadership from the Newhall, Saugus and Sulphur Springs school districts, as well as Santa Clarita Councilman Cameron Smyth.

Jezelle Fullwood is assistant superintendent of education services at Sulphur Springs Union School District. She said the books will support her district’s positive behavior support program, which includes anti-bullying.

“We have at all of our schools our anti-bullying and our wellness programs and these books would just contribute to those programs,” she said.



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Emergency personnel respond to the report of a pedestrian hit and run in front of Sierra Vista Junior High School on Stillmore Street in Canyon Country on Friday.

## Alleged hit and run brings emergency response

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

An alleged hit-and-run collision resulted in a woman being struck by a vehicle and emergency personnel being called to the scene in Canyon Country on Friday.

The report of the collision was received on the 19400 block of Stillmore Street, near the intersection of Whites Canyon Road and Soledad Canyon Road, at 1:20 p.m.

“(It was) a female adult hit by a vehicle,” said Lt. Jonathan Hoyt of the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station, who added that the incident was reported as a hit and run. “We got no vehicle description.”

Spokesman Jon Matheny, of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, said the victim had been complaining of leg pain.

No transports had yet been requested as of 1:45 p.m. nor had any suspects yet been detained. The status of the victim remains unknown.

Anyone with information about this incident can contact the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station at 661-255-1121

If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call “Crime Stoppers” by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the “P3 Tips” Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>

## CHP: ‘Alcohol may be a factor’ in crash of motorcycle-big rig

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

Alcohol may have been involved in a fatal motorcycle-versus-big rig truck on Thursday, according to California Highway Patrol investigators.

The crash occurred at approximately 6:45 p.m. and involved a Harley Davidson motorcycle traveling northbound on Highway 14 from Newhall Avenue, entering the freeway from the on-ramp.

“A 2017 Mack truck was in the No. 3 lane directly to the left of the motorcycle,” reads the initial report on the crash filed by investigators. “For an unknown reason the motorcycle veered to the left, across the gore point, and collided with the right side of the 2017 Mack truck and trailer.”

The 40-year-old Santa Clarita man on the motorcycle, whose identity has not yet been released by officials at the Los Angeles

County Medical-Examiner Coroner’s Office, was pronounced dead at the scene as a result of the crash.

“The on-ramp (Highway) 14 northbound from Newhall Avenue was temporarily shut down at 7:09 p.m., due to debris being in the lane and was reopened at approximately 9:05 p.m.,” read the report. “Alcohol may be a factor in this collision.”

No other injuries were reported as a result of the crash.



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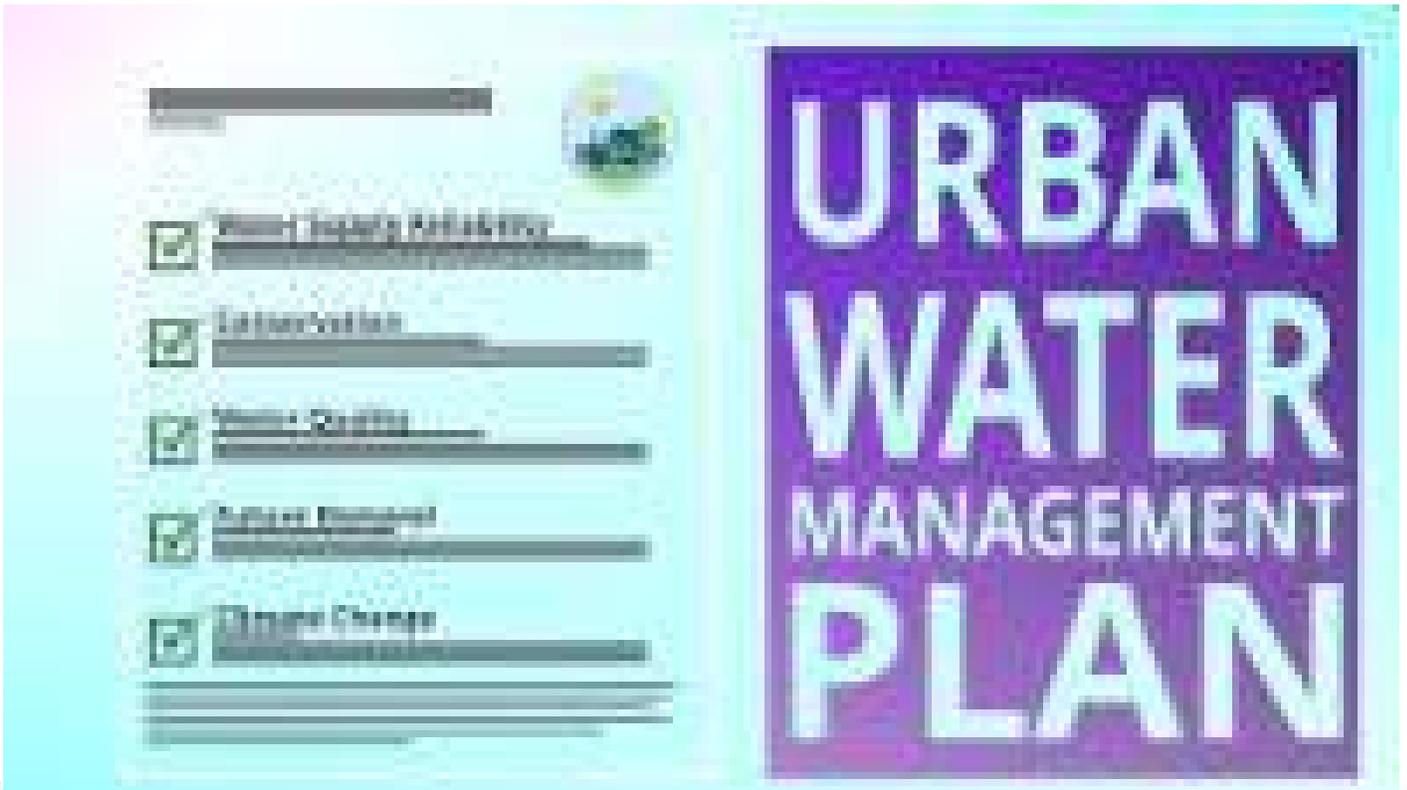
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## Overview

- Project Timeline and Outreach
- Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Orientation
- Key Sections
  - Population and Demand Forecasting
  - SBx7-7 Compliance
  - Water Supplies and Water Quality
  - Recycled Water
  - Water Reliability
- 2015 UWMP Addendum





# Public Involvement Throughout Process

## TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



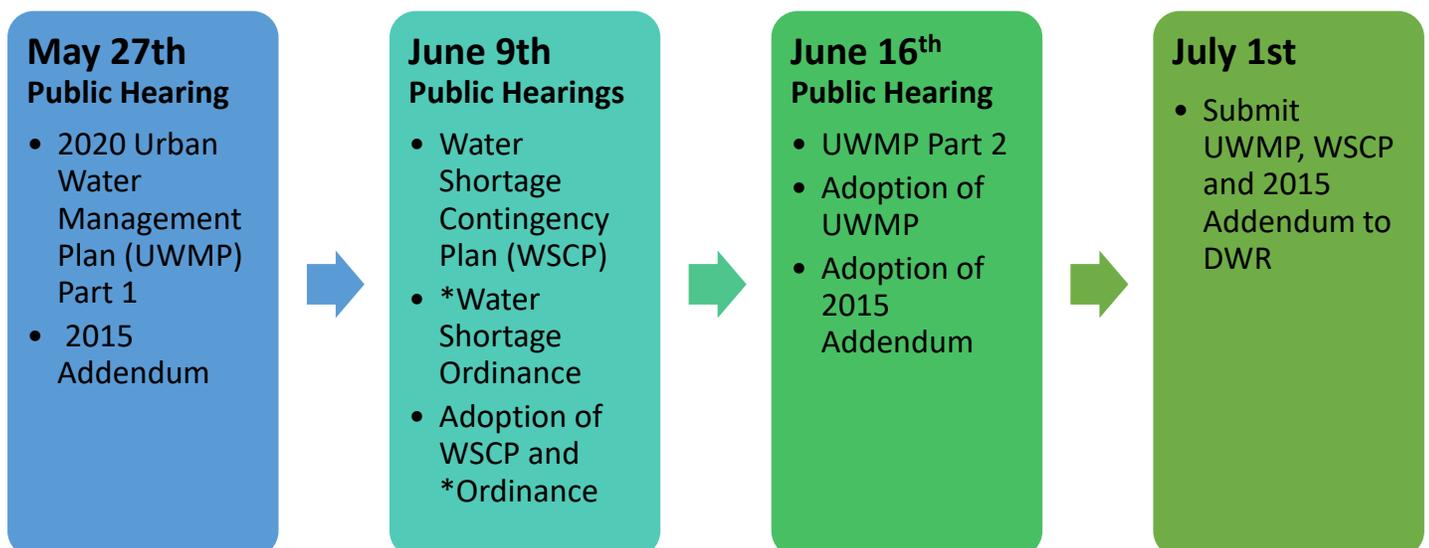
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# Public Involvement



# UWMP Adoption Process and Timeline



\* Not included in UWMP



# UWMP Orientation

## UWMP | Why a 2020 Update?

- Required by California UWMP Act every five years
- Updates planning evaluations of the availability, reliability and quality of water supplies that informs other planning:
  - Water Supply Assessments and Water Supply Verification for new developments greater than 500 dwelling units
  - Groundwater Sustainability Plan
  - Water supply capital investment planning
- Maintain eligibility for State grants



# UWMP Requirements



Description of **water use** by sector



Detailed description of all **supply sources** (imported, surface, recycled, groundwater)



Description of **water quality** issues that could impact supplies

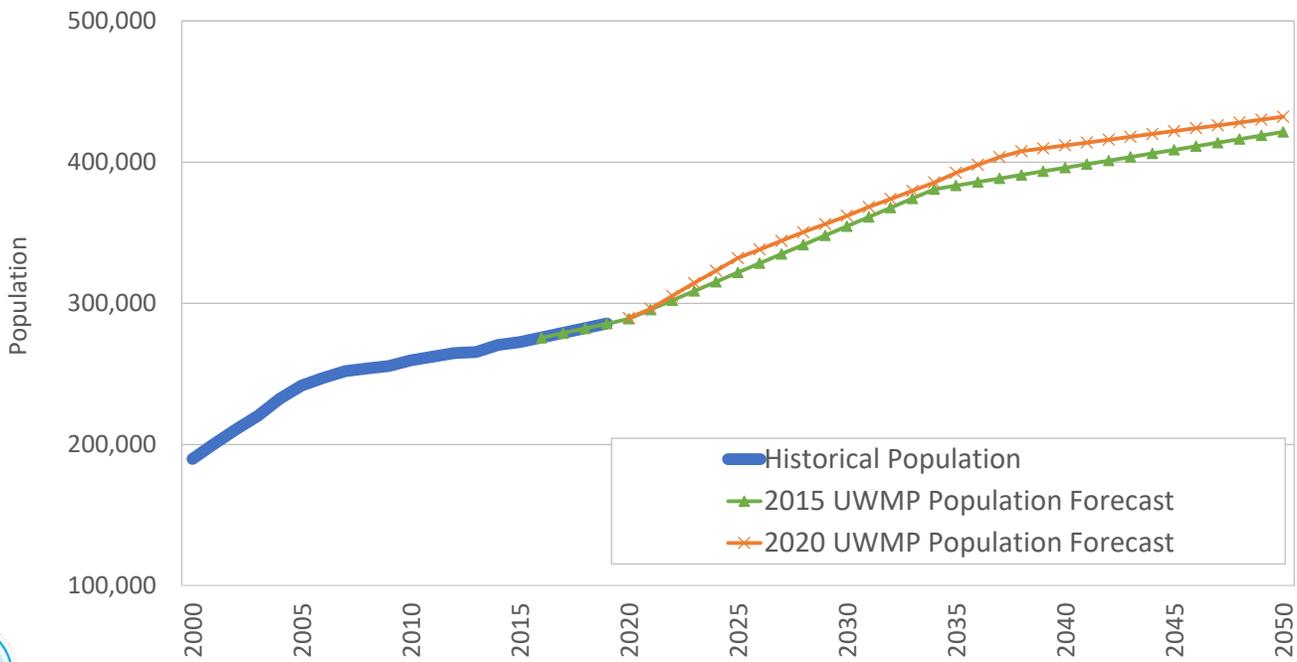


Evaluation of **water supply reliability** to meet **current and future** demands in all hydrologic year types (normal, multiple dry, critical dry)



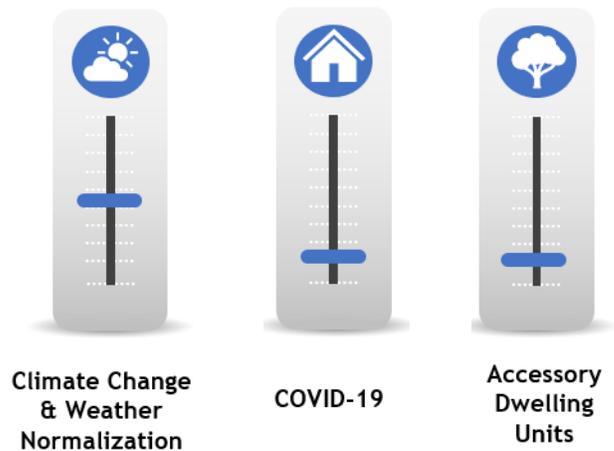
## Population and Demand Forecasting

# Valley-Wide Population Forecast 2020-2050 Buildout

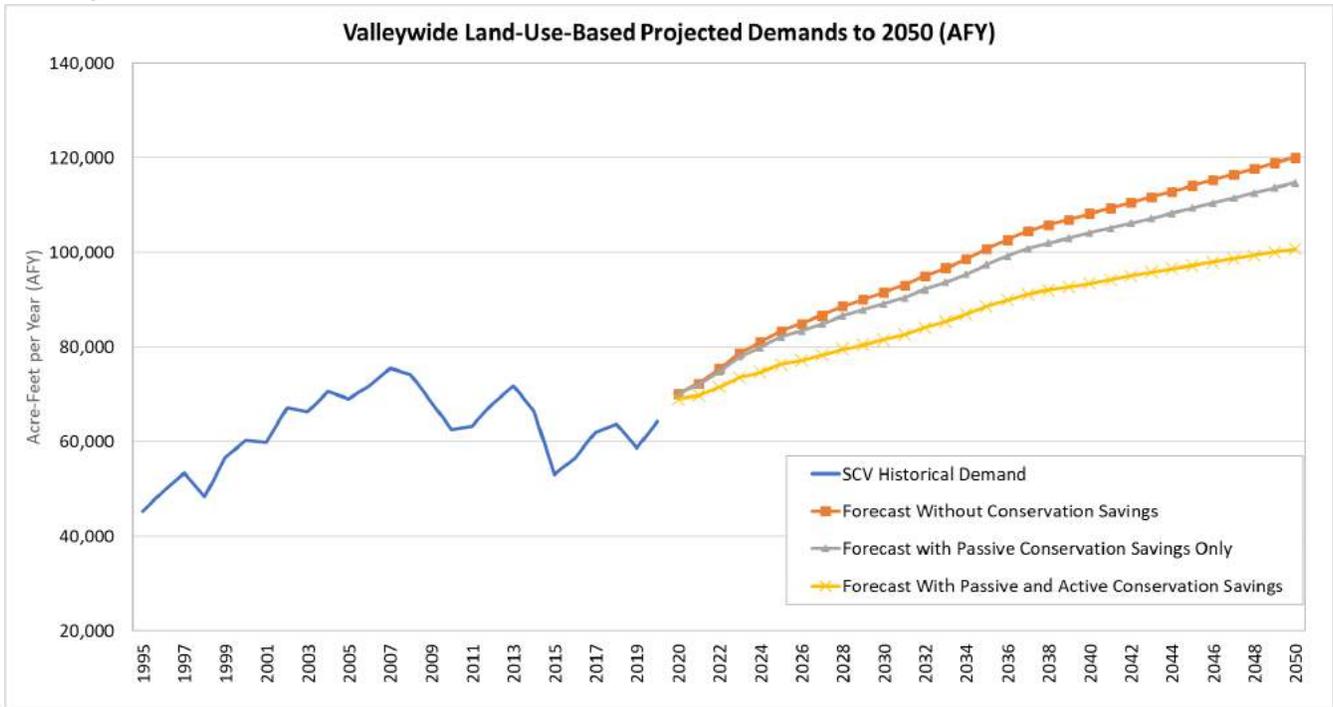


## How Demand Forecasts are Updated

- Review Historical Trends
- Basis for Future Projections
  - One Valley One Vision (OVOV) General Plan
  - Near-term projection coordinated with:
    - City Land Use Planners
    - County Land Use Planners
- Apply Adjustment Factors



# Valley-Wide Demand Forecast



## SBx7-7 Compliance

# SBx7-7 Compliance

- Water Conservation Act of 2009 (Senate Bill x7-7) was enacted in by State of California in November 2009
- Requires 20% reduction in per capita water use by 2020
- Measured in gallons per capita per day (GPCD)
- SCV Water has successfully met the requirements by developing and implementing conservation programs over the last two decades



## Achieved 2020 SBx7-7 Target

SCV Water	Gallons per capita per day (GPCD)
Historical Baseline Water Use	275
2020 Goal	220
2020 Annual Daily Per Capita Water Use	205
<b>Goal Met?</b>	<b>YES</b>

**2020 Distribution System Population = 280,192 (persons)**

**2020 Annual System Gross Water Use = 64,266 (AFY)**



# Water Supplies

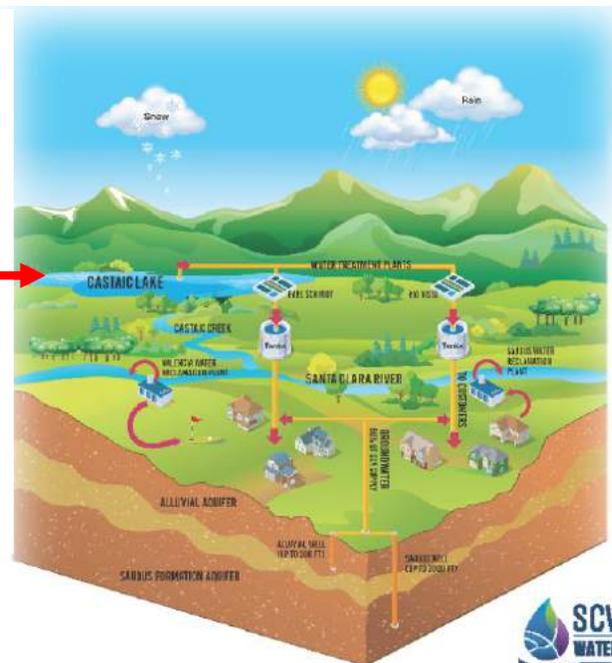
## SCV Existing Water Supply Portfolio

### Imported Supplies

- State Water Project
- Water Banking Programs
- Water Transfers

### Local Supplies

- Groundwater
- Recycled Water



# Planned Water Supplies

## Local

- Restored Water Quality Impacted Wells
- Dry Year Saugus Wells
- New Recycled Water
- Newhall Land Agricultural to Municipal Use

## Imported

- Additional Rosedale Groundwater Bank Recovery Capacity



# Water Quality

# Addressing Water Quality

- SCV Water meets or exceeds all drinking water quality standards
- Imported supplies generally not anticipated to have water quality issues
- Proactively addressing needed treatment to utilize supplies
  - PFAS - Implementing program to recover groundwater capacity by 2030
  - Perchlorate - Well 201 treatment facilities completed, Well 205 treatment under design and online in 2024
  - VOCs - conditions and studies



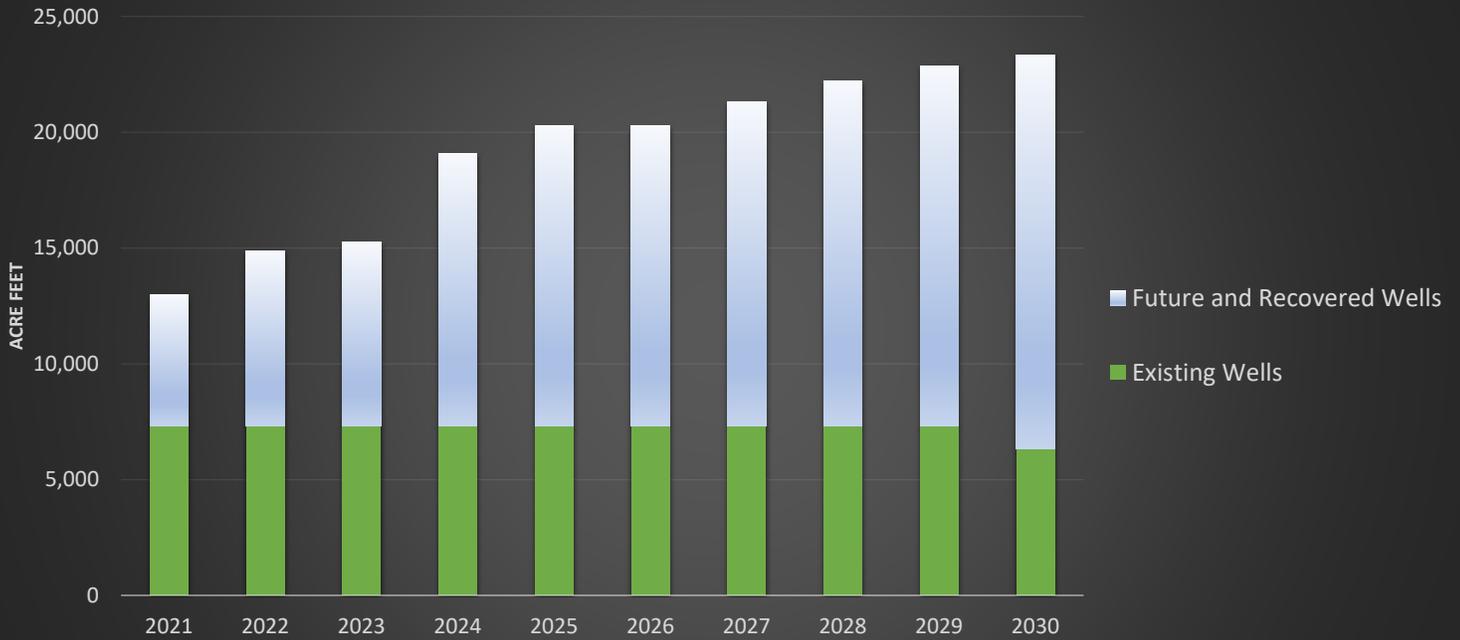
## Existing and Planned Groundwater Usage

Alluvium Supplies	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Purveyors Existing	7,300	6,330	6,330	6,330	6,330	6,330
Purveyors Future and Recovered	12,970	17,020	19,760	19,760	19,760	19,760
<i>Purveyors Total</i>	<i>20,270</i>	<i>23,350</i>	<i>26,090</i>	<i>26,090</i>	<i>26,090</i>	<i>26,090</i>
Non Purveyors (Agricultural & Other)	11,540	9,150	6,410	6,410	6,410	6,410
<b>Total Alluvium Production</b>	<b>31,810</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>
<i>Alluvial Operating Plan Range Single Dry Year (30,000-35,000)</i>						

Saugus Formation Supplies	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Purveyors Existing	17,880	17,880	17,880	17,880	17,880	17,880
Purveyors Future and Recovered	7,890	15,920	15,920	15,920	15,920	15,920
<i>Purveyors Total</i>	<i>25,770</i>	<i>33,800</i>	<i>33,800</i>	<i>33,800</i>	<i>33,800</i>	<i>33,800</i>
Non purveyors	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
<b>Total Saugus</b>	<b>26,970</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<i>Saugus Operating Plan Range Single Dry Year (21,000-35,000)</i>						



## Alluvial Well Production



*Alluvial Operating Plan Range Single Dry Year 30,000-35,000 Acre Feet per Year*

## Recycled Water

# Existing and Projected Recycled Water Demand

Phase/Project	Demand (AFY)	Timeframe for Coming Online	Source of Recycled Water	Location of Use/Water Service Area
Phase 1	450	Existing	Valencia WRP	VWD
Phase 2A	560	2029	Valencia WRP	NCWD, VWD
Phase 2B	300	2021-2023	Vista Canyon Water Factory	SCWD
Phase 2C	759	2021-2023	Valencia WRP	NCWD, VWD
Phase 2C – Golf Course <sup>(a)</sup>	600	2023	Valencia WRP	Valencia Golf Course
Phase 2D	221	2021-2023	Valencia WRP	VWD
FivePoint <sup>(b)</sup>	5,174-6,505	2021-2043	Newhall Ranch/ Valencia WRP	Newhall Ranch/Five Point
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,064-9,395</b>	2050		
<b>Total w/ CC</b>	<b>8,368-9,749<sup>(c)</sup></b>	2050	As shown above	As shown above

**Notes:**

- (a) Raw water conversion to recycled water (not an existing potable offset)
- (b) Range reflects estimated demand using MEWLO and observed over watering of 25.6% in recently developed irrigation systems.
- (c) Assumes 3.77% demand increase due to climate change.



## Projected Recycled Water Use

	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Existing Recycled Water Use	450	450	450	450	450	450
New Recycled Water Use	1,849	3,696	5,091	6,498	7,499	8,511
<b>Total Projected Recycled Water Use<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>4,146</b>	<b>5,541</b>	<b>6,948</b>	<b>7,949</b>	<b>8,961</b>
<b>Total Potential Recycled Water Demand<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>4,559</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>8,441</b>	<b>9,191</b>	<b>9,469</b>	<b>9,749</b>

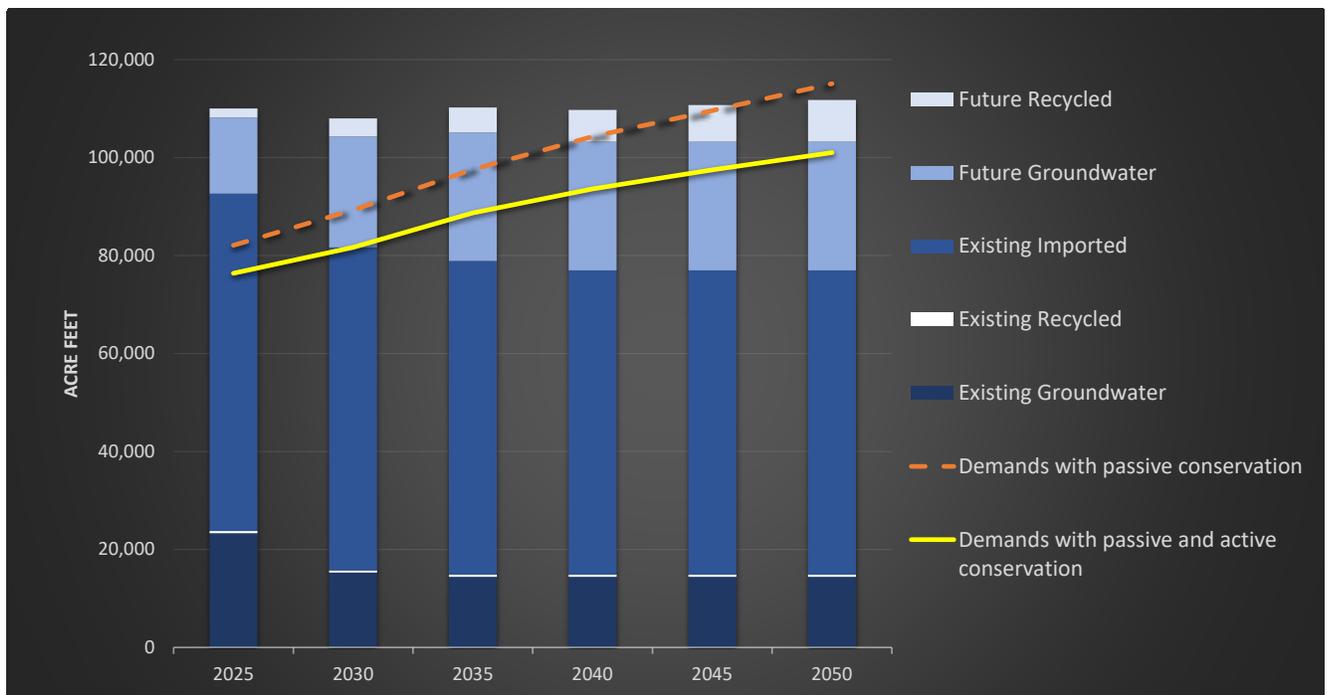
**Notes:**

- (a) Total projected water use is equal to total projected recycled water supply as total potential recycled water demand exceeds total projected supply.
- (b) Difference in recycled water supply and total potential recycled water demand will be made up by potable water supplies, i.e., make-up water. See Table 2-12.

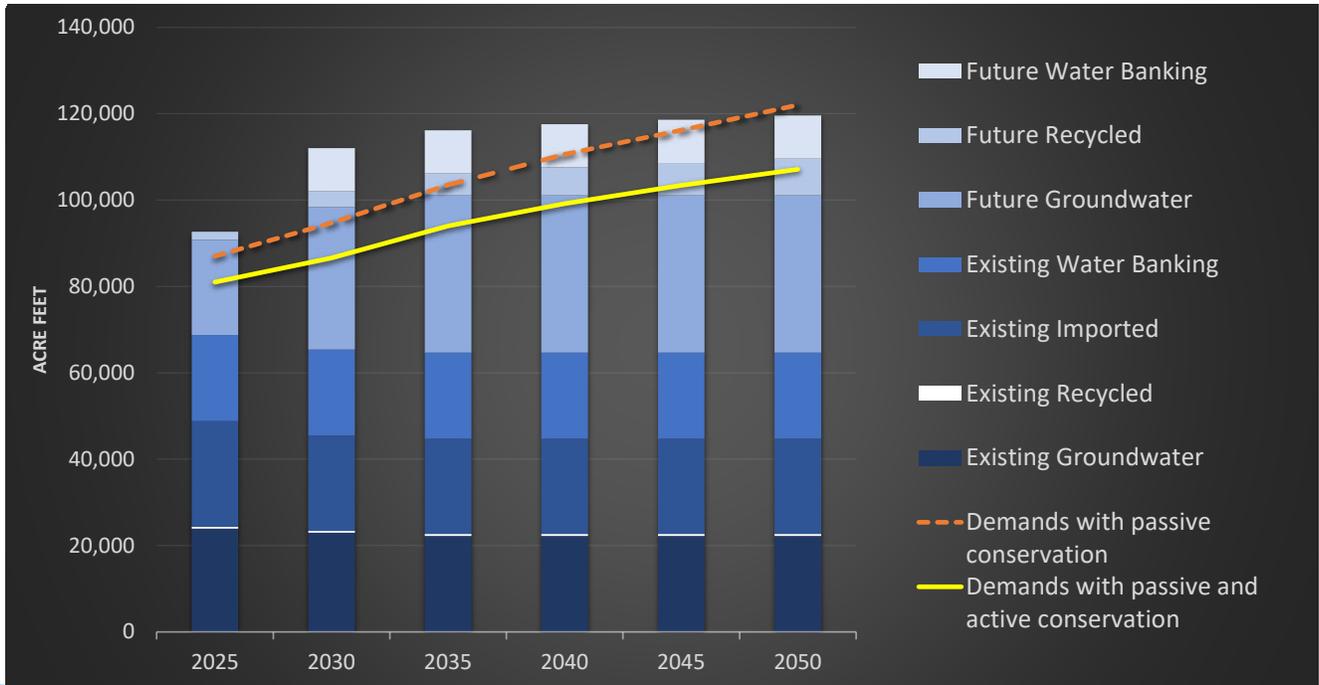


# Water Reliability

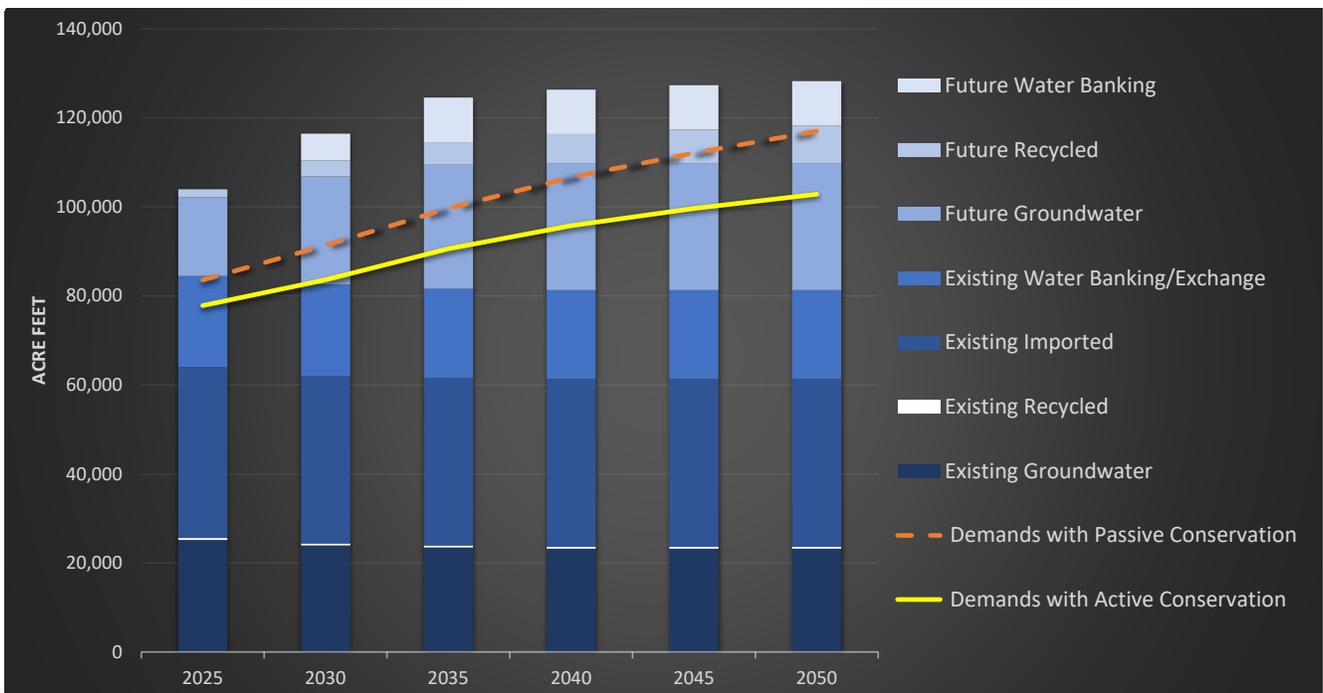
## Projected Water Supply in Normal Years



# Single-Dry Year Projected Water Supply



# Multiple-Dry Year Projected Water Supply



# Alternative Resiliency Programs

- Future opportunities to diversify SCV Water's water supply portfolio
  - AVEK Water Bank
  - Aquaterra Water Bank
  - Sites Reservoir Participant



## Water Reliability Assessment Conclusions

- Sufficient existing and planned water supplies available to support buildout demands in normal years and dry years.
- Needed investments:
  - PFAS and Perchlorate treatment for impacted wells
  - New Dry Year Saugus Formation wells
  - Expansion of Recycled Water Program
  - Expansion of water banking recovery capacity
  - Active Conservation
- Alternative dry year water supply investments exist to achieve additional reliability



# Drought Risk Assessment

## Five-Year Drought Risk Assessment (AFY)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Water Use	70,290	74,380	76,800	75,190	77,910
Total Water Supplies	65,410	103,770	59,590	78,300	78,330
<b>Surplus/Shortfall w/o* WSCP Action</b>	<b>(4,880)</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>(17,210)</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Planned* WSCP Actions (use reduction and supply)</b>					
*WSCP - supply augmentation benefit	27,010	27,010	27,010	27,010	27,010
*WSCP - use reduction savings benefit	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Revised Surplus/(shortfall)</b>	<b>22,130</b>	<b>56,400</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>30,120</b>	<b>27,430</b>
Resulting % Use Reduction from* WSCP action	-	-	-	-	-

\*WSCP – Water Shortage Contingency Plan



# Five-Year Drought Risk Assessment (AFY) (Assume 5% State Water Project Allocation in 2021)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Water Use	74,020	74,383	76,796	75,187	77,908
Total Water Supplies	59,700	103,770	59,580	78,300	78,330
<b>Surplus/Shortfall w/o WSCP Action</b>	<b>(14,320)</b>	<b>29,387</b>	<b>(17,216)</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>422</b>
<b>Planned WSCP Actions (use reduction and supply augmentation)</b>					
WSCP - supply augmentation benefit	27,010	27,010	27,010	27,010	27,010
WSCP - use reduction savings benefit	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Revised Surplus/(shortfall)</b>	<b>12,690</b>	<b>56,397</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>30,123</b>	<b>27,432</b>
Resulting % Use Reduction from WSCP action	-	-	-	-	-



## Errata 1

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- Minor text error adjustments
- Added missing total row at the bottom of table 4-8 B in Appendix
- Updated table 1-2 Summary of Agency Coordination
  - Checked boxes for those that received an email link to the draft UWMP
- Slight reduction of Saugus pumping in normal years
  - Inconsistency with the UWMP and Water Budget Analysis with the GSP
  - Rippled through many tables throughout the plan
  - Overall conclusions regarding water supply reliability unchanged
  - No change to water supplies in dry years when the system is most stressed



## Addendum to 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

# 2015 UWMP Addendum

- Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 requires SCV Water to reduce reliance on water from the Delta
- Requires state and local public agencies proposing a ‘covered action’ in the Delta prepare written certification of consistency with the legislation
- Covered actions include importing water from the Delta, transfers, exchanges, including State Water Project supply
- Required for the 2020 UWMP update
- DWR recommends amending the 2015 UWMP, if not included



## Reduced Reliance on Delta Water Supplies

- SCV Water is implementing projects to reduce reliance on the Delta
  - Water Use Efficiency
  - Water Recycling
  - Local and Regional Water Supply and Storage Projects
- SCV Water’s plan includes reduced reliance on the Delta projected through 2050



# Public Comment Period

## Public Comment Summary

- Timeframe - April 27 - May 26, 2021
- Comment Submissions by: Mail, email, online comment form
- 12 responses received - UWMP



# UWMP Comments Received

- Comment categories

- Errata 1 – Extension of Public Comment Period Requests (5)
- Commentor expressed concerns about the overall health of the watershed including areas along the main stem and canyons (1)
- Questions reliability of banked supplies with drought and climate change (1)
- Table 4-1 misleading (2)
- Seek grant funding, encourage more diverse participation in water issues (1)
- Housing crisis. Create plan that supports growth in addition to water resiliency (1)
- Increase water rates for “high water users”, moratorium on new swimming pool construction (1)
- Inadequate supply for future development (1)
- Recycled water programs have been slow to materialize, want to know the plan for purple pipe program (1)



## Response to UWMP Comment

Comment - Requests for extension of comment period to sufficiently review edits in Errata 1

Response

- No statutory requirement regarding public comment period for draft UWMP updates or notification for changes to draft documents
- Public can make comments anytime prior to adoption
- Organizations concerned with Errata 1 content are encouraged to provide unrelated comments at this time



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment -Commentor expressed concerns about the overall health of the watershed including areas along the main stem and canyons.

## Response

- Agency staff recognizes concerns raised regarding the health of the watershed. Some of the issues raised will be the subject of further studies by the Agency as provided for in the FY 21/22 - 22/23 budget.



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment -Question reliability of banked supplies with drought and climate change

## Response

- Agency groundwater banking programs are performing as anticipated
- Implementation of GSP's in the San Joaquin Valley should stabilize groundwater levels



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment - Table 4-1 misleading

## Response

- This table has caused confusion in the past, but is required by DWR
- It contains an inventory of all normal and dry year supplies, which in reality are not additive but nevertheless required by DWR
- Footnotes are included to clarify the characteristics of various supplies
- Subsequent tables detail normal and dry year supplies



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment - Seek grant funding, encourage more diverse participation in water issues (deploy linguistically relevant and culturally sensitive information dissemination tools to solicit public interest in water issues)

## Response

- Agency has robust outreach program
- Agency currently is participating in grant programs
  - Prop 84 (Round 1) Implementation Grant – Integrated Regional Water Management program which includes SCV Water recycled water projects
  - Prop 1 & Prop 68 – Groundwater Sustainability Plan
  - Prop 1 (Round 1) Implementation Grant – Integrated Regional Water Management programs which includes an outreach program for engaging disadvantaged communities in water issues
- Agency is proactively seeking additional sources of grant funding



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment - Housing crisis. Create plan that supports growth in addition to water resiliency

## Response

- SCV Water utilized the City of Santa Clarita's and County's General Plan (One Valley One Vision-OVOV) data to anticipate growth and increased water demands between now and build-out (estimated at 2050)



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment -Increase water rates for “high water users”, moratorium on new swimming pool construction

## Response

- Agency does not utilize a tiered rate structure
- Agency notifies “high water users” if water budgets are exceeded to promote water efficiency practices and assist customers with finding potential leaks
- Agency does not have permitting authority over pool construction



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment - Inadequate supply for future development

## Response

- SCV Water utilized City of Santa Clarita's and County's General Plan (One Valley One Vision-OVOV) data to anticipate growth and increased water demands between now and build-out (estimated at 2050)
- UWMP details existing and future water supplies
  - Supply analysis for normal, dry and multiple dry year periods shows how we will meet demands with active conservation in each scenario.
  - Agency has acquired multiple supplies for both current and future residents.
  - Investments to treat local groundwater supplies, access dry year Saugus supplies, and supplement dry year imported supplies, are anticipated to balance supply and demands



# Response to UWMP Comment

Comment - Recycled water programs have been slow to materialize, want to know the plan for purple pipe program

## Response

- Table 5-2 reflects anticipated recycled water project development
- Recycled water availability is tied to flows generated by new construction



# Related Comments Received Through Water Shortage Contingency Plan Process

- Comments
  - Plan relies on contaminated water supplies
  - Accuracy of State Water Project (SWP) supplies
  - Unclear ownership of Semitropic bank and arsenic treatment needs
  - Promote local groundwater recharge to supplement existing supplies
    - permeable pavement
    - preservation for recharge areas including streambeds
  - Basis for estimated quantities of new recycled water supply is unclear
  - Recycled water would appear to only be available to the Newhall Ranch project and Vista Canyon
  - Is the quality of recycled water from the Vista Canyon plant consistent with the requirements of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan
  - Water demands do not include agriculture, grading, Honor Ranch, private wells.
  - Seismic Risk Assessment does not include interruption at the Edmonston Pumping Plant
  - Don't understand why there isn't enough water when we live near an ocean
  - Viability of Groundwater Operating Plan



## Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Plan relies on contaminated water supplies

### Response

- UWMP anticipates continued investment in treatment facilities to recover impacted groundwater supplies
  - Appendix I provides a detailed schedule and cost estimates for implementing proven treatment technology to recover impacted supplies
  - First PFAS treatment facility came online in 2020 (three N wells included)
    - Valley Center well under construction
  - V201 Perchlorate treatment facility completed, awaiting final permitting from DDW
  - Program included in Agency capital plan
  - Financial plan developed – pending approval



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Accuracy of State Water Project (SWP) supplies

## Response

- References for SWP reliability are from the updated 2019 Delivery Capability Report
  - Modeled reliability for normal years for existing and future conditions was reported at 58% of allocated supply shifting down to 52% by 2040 due to anticipated climate change impacts.
  - Modeled reliability for single-dry year with existing conditions was stated at 7% of allocated supply. SCV Water reduced this assumption to 5% to represent the “worst-case” scenario experienced in 2014 and 2021



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Unclear ownership of Semitropic bank and arsenic treatment needs

## Response

- SCV Water is a participant in the Semitropic Water Storage Districts (Semitropic) water banking program
- Semitropic must comply with DWR water quality requirements to pump water into the State Water Project(SWP) aqueduct
- Semitropic has an on-site treatment facility to address water quality issues with their groundwater prior to delivery into the SWP aqueduct
- Additional water is assumed to be available from NLF Semitropic program



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Promote local groundwater recharge to supplement existing supplies

- permeable pavement
- preservation for recharge areas including streambeds

## Response

- SCV Water's current groundwater recharge activities
  - Potential to spread imported water directly into Alluvial Aquifer at multiple sites (east and west side of Valley)
  - Coordination with City to utilize future stormwater detention facilities for recharge



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Basis for estimated quantities of new recycled water supply is unclear

## Response

- Quantities of new recycled water are based on estimated indoor water use from new development.
- Quantitative analysis is included in the UWMP Appendix F



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Recycled water would appear to only be available to the Newhall Ranch project and Vista Canyon

## Response

- At buildout, the Agency anticipates sufficient supplies to provide recycled water for Westside Communities, its Phase 2 projects, and Vista Canyon
  - Reference Figure 5-2 of the 2020 UWMP



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Is the quality of recycled water from the Vista Canyon plant consistent with the requirements of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan

## Response

- Current data shows water quality produced by Vista Canyon WRP meets SNMP objectives in relative zone



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Seismic Risk Assessment does not include interruption at the Edmonston Pumping Plant

## Response

- Section 9 in the 2020 UWMP reviewed several failure modes on the SWP and analyzed a disruption of a 12-month outage.
  - See table 9-1 in the 2020 UWMP



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment -Water demands do not include agriculture, grading, Honor Ranch, private wells.

## Response

- Both Agency and non-Agency groundwater pumping are accounted for in the UWMP and are within the limits of the Groundwater Operating Plan and the draft SCV-GSA Water Budget Analysis as shown in Section 4 tables
  - Normal year Tables 4-10
  - Single-Dry Year Tables Table 4-11
  - Multiple-Dry Year Table 4-12



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Don't understand why there isn't enough water when we live near an ocean

## Response

- Feasibility of ocean desalinization is dependent on several factors
  - Cost, permitting, conveyance, feasibility of conveying water
- Agency would have to rely upon a water exchange to implement program
- More cost effective alternatives exist



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Viability of Groundwater Operating Plan

## Response

- Historical operating experience confirms viability of the modeled operating plan



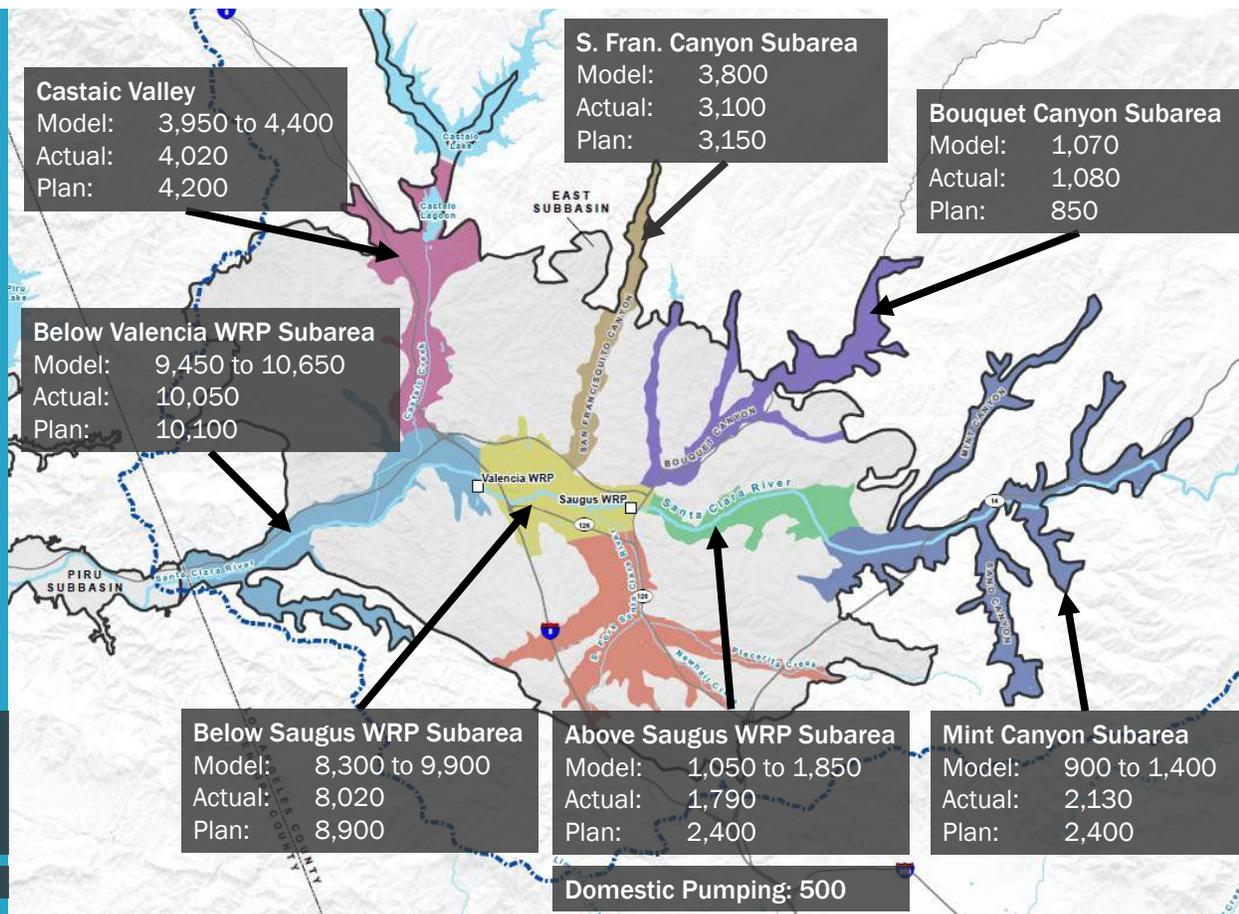
# Comment on Groundwater Operating Plan

*“The Agency has stated that it has an alluvial supply of 30,000 to 40,000 AF of water based on its operating plan. However, that operating plan didn’t work in the 2010–2015 drought.”*

*“The drought year operating plan should be reduced in the face of this actual loss of well production.”*

**Note:** This comment cites a “2015 technical memorandum” report by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (The actual date for the memorandum was December 15, 2014.) (This document was a draft and was never finalized.)

## Dry-Year Pumping in Alluvial Subareas (Acre-Feet Per Year)



## Key Points

- Actual pumping of the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 was within the range predicted by the model
- Future pumping during dry years (32,500 AFY) will be within the range predicted by the model in 2015 (29,020 to 33,750 AFY)

## Key Points

- These are basin-wide values (SCV Water and others)
  - Future dry-year alluvial pumping by SCV Water: 26,100 AFY
  - Future dry-year alluvial pumping by others: 6,400 AFY
  - Future dry-year alluvial pumping total: **32,500 AFY**
- The total dry-year value is within the range for alluvial pumping called for in the basin's current groundwater operating plan during dry years (30,000 to 35,000 AFY)

# Next Steps

- **Public Hearing for Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)**
  - Adoption of WSCP
  - June 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
- **Part 2 Public Hearing for 2020 UWMP**
  - Adoption of 2020 UWMP & 2015 UWMP Addendum
  - June 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
- **July 1, 2021 UWMP Submitted to DWR**
  - Distribute to City and County Land Use Planners
  - Send to Ca State Library in Sacramento and local libraries
- **DWR approval of UWMP Act compliance**



**Thank You**

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June 3, 2021



## 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update

Thank you for participating in the public review and comment period for the draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update and the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Addendum.

SCV Water held the first part of a virtual public hearing on May 27 and received a presentation on the draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and heard public comments. SCV Water staff is now working to address comments from the Board and the public as it prepares for part two to the public hearing on June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at which time the Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. In addition, SCV Water will be adopting an addendum to the 2015 plan that incorporates data on SCV Water's use of imported water to document consistency with the Delta Reform Act and its related implementing framework for the Delta Plan. The same data will be available in the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

SCV Water inadvertently posted an incomplete version of Appendix M of the 2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan Volume II Appendices A through M. It has since been updated and posted online and can be found [here](#).

The Urban Water Management Plan is a requirement of the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. This plan will help SCV Water address issues that contribute to clean and reliable water.

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Thanks and we look forward to your continued participation.

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*Public Invited to Participate in Meeting*

Santa Clarita — SCV Water is undertaking several important planning efforts to ensure adequate long-term water quality and supplies for today and tomorrow. As part of this, SCV Water is updating its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and adding an addendum to the 2015 plan. The SCV Board of Directors will be asked to adopt both items during a public hearing on Wednesday, June 16. This is the second part of a public hearing on the matter, the first of which occurred on May 27 following a 30-day public review and comment period on the draft. The draft plan and associated materials are available online at: [yourscvwater.com/uwmp](http://yourscvwater.com/uwmp).

Virtual Public Hearing Details  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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On Wednesday, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) announced plans to both update 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and add an addendum to its 2015 plan during an upcoming public hearing.

SCV Water announced on Wednesday, June 9 that it would hold a public hearing for the purposes of updating its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and adding an addendum to its 2015 "SCV Water is undertaking several important planning efforts to ensure adequate long-term water quality and supplies for today and tomorrow," SCV Water officials said. "As part of this, SC updating its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and adding an addendum to the 2015 plan."

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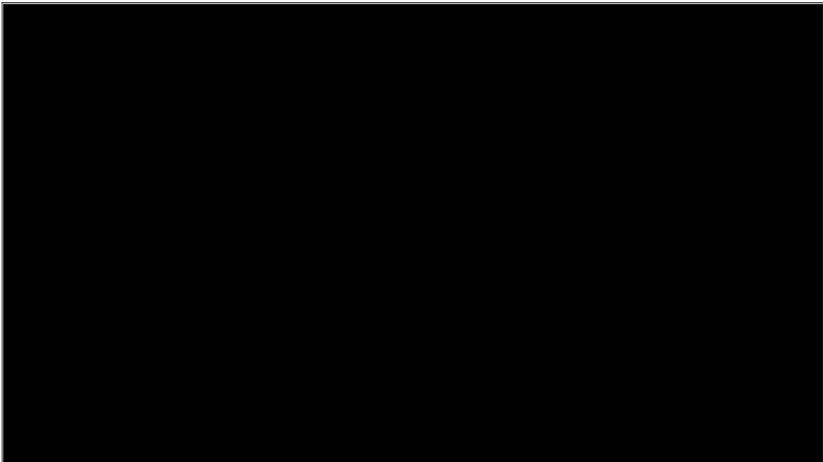
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# Public Hearing Continuation

2020 Urban Water Management Plan  
Addendum to 2015 Urban Water Management Plan  
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## Overview - Part 2

- Project Timeline
- Address additional comments/concerns
- Updates to draft plan
- Adopt draft 2020 UWMP
- Adopt Addendum to the 2015 UWMP



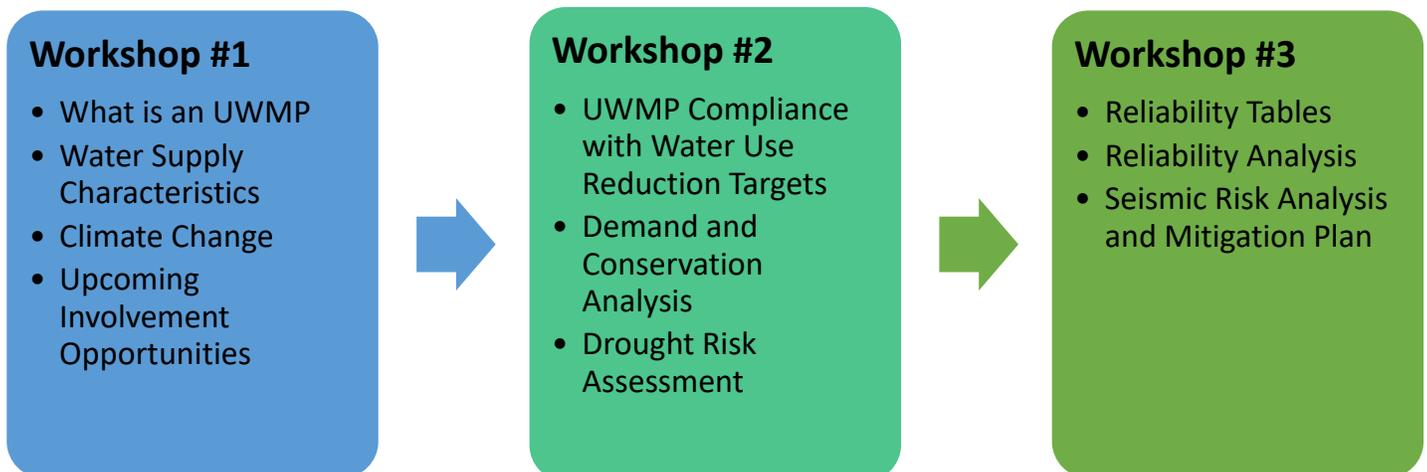
# Public Involvement Throughout Process

## TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



\*Legal Requirements- Make plan available for public inspection prior to adoption after a noticed public hearing.

## Public Involvement in Plan Development



# UWMP Adoption Process and Timeline

## COMPLETED

- **May 27th Public Hearing**
  - 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Part 1
  - 2015 Addendum
- **June 9th Public Hearing**
  - Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) – ADOPTED
  - Water Shortage Ordinance – continued to June 16<sup>th</sup>\*



## June 16<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing (Continued)

- UWMP and 2015 Addendum – Part 2
  - Adoption of UWMP
  - Adoption of 2015 Addendum



## July 1st

- Submit Adopted UWMP, WSCP and 2015 Addendum to DWR

\* Not included in UWMP



## Comments and Responses

# Public Comments and Responses

## May 27, 2021 - Part 1 Public Hearing

- Addressed:
  - Written comments received by May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Relevant UWMP focused WSCP comments

## June 16, 2021 - Part 2 Public Hearing

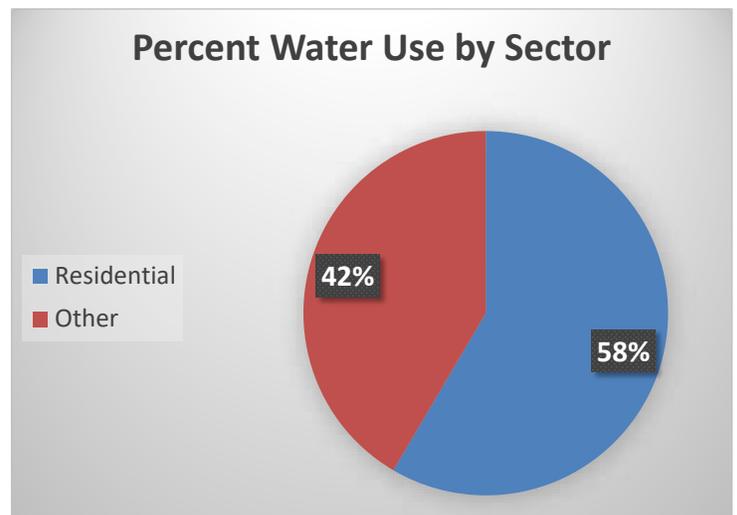
- Will address:
  - Verbal public comments received May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Additional written comments received up to June 16<sup>th</sup>



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Water Use per person per day

- Outreach
  - 112 gallons per day (2019)
  - Residential water use vs. population
- SBx7-7
  - 205 gallons per capita day (2020)
  - Includes all water use vs. population



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Received comments questioning the appropriateness of DWR's State Water Project modeling

## Response

- The model uses 82 years of hydrologic data to project the capability of current and future SWP deliveries
  - Incorporates results of various sophisticated climate change models
  - Factors in regulations (environmental, operational)
- Results are provided in the Delivery Capability Report (updated every two years)
- Important component for water supply planning



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Concern for Agency's support of the proposed Delta Conveyance project

## Response

- The UWMP does not incorporate supplies from the proposed a Delta Conveyance project



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Should Sites Reservoir be incorporated into the water balance tables?

## Response

- Not included at this time because SCV Water's participation in Sites Reservoir is pending Board consideration



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Disagree with SCV Water supporting the Poseidon desal project

## Response

- SCV Water has no current plans to participate in desal programs
- CA UWMP Act requires discussion of potential opportunities for use of desalinated water (water Code Section 10631(i))
  - SCV Water 2020 UWMP discusses opportunities for desalination of brackish groundwater and seawater in the plan.



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

When will SCV Water declare a water emergency in Santa Clarita?

## Response

- UWMP and WSCP show that declaring a water shortage emergency is not called for under current conditions
- Annual water supply assessment is now required as part of the WSCP



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Why isn't recycled water provided to east side?

## Response

- Vista Canyon WRP, Phase 2B project, will supply up to 300 AFY of recycled water to the east side (2021-2023)
- To date, building a recycled water distribution system on the east side would be much less cost effective than other areas in the Valley and would increase costs to all customers including those in the east side
- Draft Recycled Water Master Plan identified most appropriate uses to be located on the west side of the valley
- Revisited with a future Recycled Water Master Plan



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Is the City of Santa Clarita developing a plan to capture the daily runoff from sprinklers and repurpose it as reclaimed water for landscaping?

## Response

- No, the City does not plan to capture and reclaim daily runoff from sprinklers
- The City's Enhanced Watershed Management Plan establishes actions to capture stormwater and urban runoff, screened to remove large debris, and convey water into underground infiltration basins to recharge groundwater supplies



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Why does the GSP Water Budget Analysis incorporate an analysis of groundwater supplies without climate change?

## Response

- GSP Water Budget Analysis does incorporate climate change.
- SGMA regulations require a water budget analysis without climate change as a baseline for comparison (GSP rules - Section 354.18 (c)(3)(a))



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Groundwater levels incorporated into the Water Budget Analysis are not sufficiently protective of groundwater dependent ecosystems

## Response

- The GSA's Stakeholder Advisory Committee has recommended sustainability management criteria, based on extensive analysis, which they have deemed sufficiently protective of groundwater dependent ecosystems
- The proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan will incorporate a robust monitoring program to confirm this



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Not plausible to include Nickel water supply availability in 2035. Newhall Ranch Specific Plan estimates buildout time of 25-30 years and just started.

## Response

- Schedule consistent with updated information provided by developer
- Staff considers assumption of earlier completion date to be a more conservative approach
- Development schedule will be a function of multiple factors including changes in ongoing economic conditions that may accelerate or deaccelerate the schedule. SCV Water will continue to monitor development progress.



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Question funding source for Nickel water supply

## Response

- Settlement agreement provides for:
  - Current funding - provided by developer
  - Future funding –
    - Funding by developer to the extent used by the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan area
    - Funding for remaining supply available to other Agency customers provided by SCV Water



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Commenter contends Table 4-3 overstates State Water Project (SWP) supply availability.

## Response

- Purpose of Table 4-3 is not to show State Water Project availability.
- Availability of SWP supplies is correctly represented in Table 4-2 SWP Table A Supply Reliability and Section 7 Reliability tables (Normal, Dry and Multi-dry year scenarios)
- To avoid potential misinterpretation by other parties, staff recommends deleting this table.



**TABLE 4-3 SCV WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS PROVIDED TO WHOLESALE SUPPLIERS (AF)<sup>(a)</sup>**

<b>Wholesaler (Supply Source)</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>2045</b>	<b>2050</b>
DWR (SWP) <sup>(b)</sup>	95,200	95,200	95,200	95,200	95,200	95,200
BVWSD/RRBWSD (Kern River) <sup>(c)</sup>	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000

**Notes:**

- (a) Nickel Water is excluded from this table because it is not contractually a SCV Water supply. It is assumed to be transferred to SCV Water during Newhall Ranch development, and available for annual purchase prior to that.
- (b) SCV Water has provided demand projections to DWR through 2035 based on its maximum Table A Amount to maximize storage in banking programs, water exchanges and other water management opportunities.
- (c) Under the agreement for this fixed water supply, the wholesale provider is required to provide the amount contracted for every year. Therefore, no demand projections are actually provided to BVWSD and RRBWSD.



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Climate change strategies not adequately addressed in the UWMP

- Guidebook Steps (screen supplies, analyze impacts, assess actions to mitigate)

## Response

- Plan analyzes supplies and demands for climate change impacts:
  - GSP which modifies future groundwater availability to reflect climate change
  - State Water Project (SWP) 2019 Delivery Capability report reflects climate change and sea level rise
  - Population and Demand Technical Memorandum (Maddaus)
- Existing conjunctive use strategy sufficient to address climate change impacts
  - Demand for banking programs reflect climate change
  - Refill of banking programs reflect climate change



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Drought Risk Assessment doesn't include climate change considerations

## Response

- Drought Risk Assessment is a near term analysis which is typically would not take climate change into consideration
  - Include weather adjusted demands
  - SWP supplies include climate change adjustments



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Groundwater availability is overstated - objection to well capacity being shown in groundwater tables

## Response

- Total groundwater pumping does not exceed the basin Operating Plan
- Well capacity is a permitted instantaneous pumping rate - not a daily, monthly, or annual pumping volume
- Well capacity shown to demonstrate that projected pumping including in water supply tables is within permitted capacity
- Tables 4-8 and 4-9 along with tables 7-2, 7-3 & 7-4 do not use annual well capacity amounts, but only those modeled supplies for normal and dry years



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

- Groundwater availability is overstated - disagree that groundwater flow model is an appropriate tool to base current and future operations.

## Response

- DWR's Groundwater Sustainability Plan guidance highly recommends use of numeric groundwater flow models such as the one being used by SCV-GSA
- GSA model is calibrated to reflect historic pumping and observed groundwater level fluctuations
- GSA model has been peer-reviewed and deemed to be appropriate for evaluating groundwater availability under the basin Operating Plan



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

- Groundwater Operating Plan does not work (i.e., 2015 GSI Memo)
- Basis for future Saugus formation supplies is inadequate

## Response

- Concerns regarding the 2015 GSI Memo addressed at May 27, 2021 UWMP Public Hearing
- Saugus formation supplies analyzed using numeric models:
  - 2009 Basin Operating Plan
  - 2020 GSP Draft Water Budget Technical Memorandum



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

No approximation of additional costs that rate payers will be asked to bear with regards to recovering impacted well capacity.

## Response

- Groundwater Implementation Plan is included in Appendix I of the UWMP
  - Cost estimates for impacted well recovery efforts
- Rate impact analysis is not included as a requirement for the UWMP
- The rate setting process is a transparent public process consistent with state requirements



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Requested timeline for development of new Saugus wells

## Response

- Timeline provided in Table 4-9 B & C in Appendix E



# Reduced Reliance on Delta Determination

## Comments and Concerns

- Amending 2015 UWMP
- Future imported water use increases
- Additional actions to reduce reliance
  - Protection of recharge areas
  - Promote recycled water use throughout service area
  - Permeable pavement and other measures

## Response

- Reduced reliance Appendix prepared in accordance with DWR guidance
  - Methodology provides for a base, credits given for additional conservation, groundwater and recycled water
  - Use of banking and exchange water during dry periods not a part of the approved methodology
- Additional recommended actions would require coordination with land planning agencies



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Problem relating to how water supply is described in UWMP. Use of words “capacity”, “availability”, “production”.

## Response

- Our current usage of terms is correct.
  - Well capacity is a permitted instantaneous pumping rate - not a daily, monthly, or annual pumping volume
  - Availability of well capacity - what pumping options are available through time?
  - Production - How we anticipate operating each well in year types



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Appropriateness of showing dedicated BVERRB water in water balance tables prior to development

## Response

- Dedicated BVERRB water is available prior to use by developments and appropriately included in water balance tables
- Both demand for these developments and associated supplies are reflected through time in water balance tables



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Table 4-1 should be modified to further characterize water banking exchange supplies as dry year supplies not available in all years

## Response

- Recommend incorporating footnote designating “Existing Banking and Exchange Programs”
  - Banking and exchange programs used to firm supplies due to dry SWP conditions and reduced access to local groundwater caused by PFAS and perchlorate impacts. Banking and exchange programs not used do not reflect a normal year long term water supply.



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Section 7 tables indicate banking and exchange programs are available in all years

## Response

- Separate section 7 tables provided for normal, single-dry and multi-dry year scenarios
- Exchange and banking supplies are not shown in normal year table, only in single-dry and multi-dry tables
- No modifications recommended



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

Recycled water supplies are overstated

- Reduced flows from reclamation plant are needed
- Recycled water supply is only a subjective projection at this time

## Response

- Future recycled water assumed availability based on flows generated from new development (Section 1211 Permit not required)
- Future interior water use documented in Appendix F - Population and Demand Technical Memorandum (Maddaus)



# Response to UWMP Comment

## Comment

- Plan only shows recycled water development for Newhall Ranch
- Table 5-2 overstates 2021 recycled water availability for Newhall Ranch Project

## Response

- Table 5-2 shows recycled water development for Valencia, Newhall and Santa Clarita divisions
- Table 5-2 reflects the range of demands at buildout
- Table 5-3 shows schedule for development of recycled water



# Response to Board Questions and Discussion Topics

# Response to Board Discussion

## Comment

Incorporation of the reduced reliance text and tables from the 2020 UWMP appendix in the 2015 UWMP seems improper

## Response

- Originally not incorporated in 2015 UWMP as Delta Plan was under litigation and clear direction on how to demonstrate reduced reliance was unclear
- Delta Stewardship Council and DWR have provided clear direction and recommend amending the 2015 UWMP



# Response to Board Question

## Comment

What is the margin of error with respect to all the analysis within the UWMP?

## Response

- UWMP is based on best available data
- There is no calculated margin of error

## Observations

- Modeled State Water Project minimum allocation was 7% vs. actual 5% experienced in 2014 and 2020
- UWMP is updated every 5 years to incorporate adjustments for actual water use/census data, wastewater inflow, update demands based on new conservation mandates



# Response to Board Question

## Comment

What are the “new water wells” that are referred to in the UWMP?

## Response

- They are references to future wells
  - designated in Tables 4-8 and 4-9



# Response to Board Question

## Comment

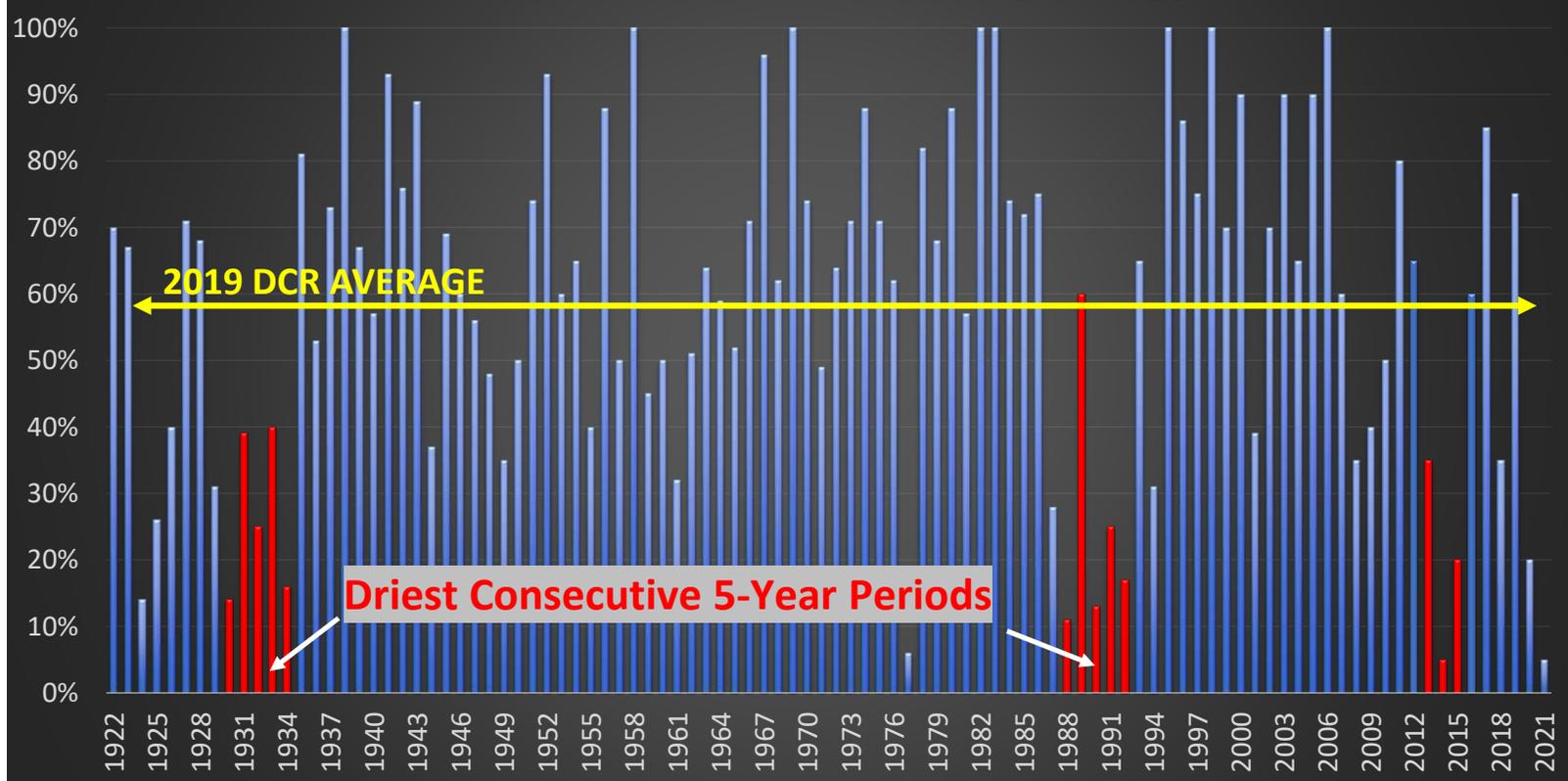
Why didn't SCV Water use the 2014 drought in the Drought Risk Assessment?

## Response

- SCV Water utilized the “worst” historical 5-year dry period on record for the Drought Risk Assessment which was from 1988-1992
- The 2013-2015 drought was intense, but is not the driest 5-year period on record



## Historical SWP % Allocation Hydrology



## Comparison of 1930, 1988 & 2014 Droughts

	Allocation of State Water Project Contract Amount		
Dry Year	1930-1934	1988-1992	2012-2016
# 1	14%	11%	65%
# 2	39%	60%	35%
# 3	25%	13%	5%
# 4	40%	25%	20%
# 5	16%	17%	60%
<b>Average</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>37%</b>



# Response to Board Question

## Comment

Why doesn't SCV Water plan like every year is a drought?

## Response

- Short term planning assumes worst case scenario
- SCV Water plans for all types of hydrologic conditions
- Normal operations includes frequent evaluation of water supply conditions
- Reliability Report addresses long-term dry and wet year sequences
- The UWMP includes a near term scenario Drought Risk Assessment



# Response to Board Discussion

Comment - Should Nickel and the Newhall Land Semitropic Banking Programs be included in the UWMP water balance tables?

## Concerns

- Existing agreements to access supplies are not in place
- May not be reasonable to assume past cooperation would continue
- If supplies are dedicated to Newhall Ranch Specific Plan how can they be shown as a supply available to the Agency?



# Response to Board Discussion

## Nickel Water Supply

- Owned by Newhall Land
- 1,607 AFY of Kern County water supplies
- Primarily banked into the Newhall Land Semitropic Banking Program annually
- UWMP assumes rights to this water supply will be transferred to SCV Water in 2035
  - Assumed completion of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in 2035
- SCV Water may request to purchase (pending annually agreement)
- SCV Water has never used this water supply



# Response to Board Discussion

## Newhall Land Semitropic Banking Program

- Newhall Land is a banking partner in Semitropic Water Storage District's original banking program
- 55,000 AF of storage capacity
  - 38,000 AF currently stored (primarily Nickel water)
  - 4,950 AFY of storage and recovery (annual PUTs and TAKEs)
- Newhall Land may assign program rights to SCV Water
  - UWMP assumes program transfer in 2035 with completion of the Newhall Land Specific Plan Development



# Response to Board Discussion

## SCV Water's use of NLF's Semitropic Banking program

- 2009 and 2014 special agreements made with NLF
  - SCV Water was a “second priority” banking partner before 2015
    - Sufficient stored water supplies (50,870 AF stored by 2007)
    - Couldn't access water
    - NLF had “first priority” access
- In 2015 SCV Water became “first priority” banking partner
  - 2021 storage balance - 40,250 AF
  - 5,000 AFY recovery



**Edits to Address Comments  
Received**

# UWMP Nickel and Newhall Land Semitropic Options

1. Assume supplies available in 2021-2050
  - Original public draft - April 26, 2021
2. Assume supplies become available in 2035 i.e., completion of the Newhall Land Specific Plan
  - Final draft - June 10, 2021
3. Remove supplies from the 2020 UWMP update completely

**Available water supplies exceed estimated demand with active conservation for all options**

- Staff has prepared reliability tables for all three options



## Single-Dry Year Water Balance Table Comparison of Option 1-3

TABLE 7-3  
Projected Single-Dry Year Supplies and Demands (AF)

	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<b>Total Supplies Available</b>						
Option 1 WITH Newhall Land Supplies starting now	92,666	112,043	116,178	117,585	118,586	119,598
Option 2 WITH Newhall Land Supplies available in 2035	86,109	105,486	116,178	117,585	118,586	119,598
Option 3 WITHOUT Newhall Land Supplies	86,109	105,486	109,621	111,028	112,029	113,041
<b>Demands</b>						
Demands with passive conservation	87,000	94,700	103,500	110,600	116,200	122,000
Demands with passive and active conservation	81,000	86,600	94,000	99,200	103,400	107,100

\*Orange numbers indicate changes in supplies



# Multi-Dry Year Water Balance Table Comparison of Option 1-3

TABLE 7-4  
PROJECTED FIVE-YEAR DRY PERIOD SUPPLIES AND DEMANDS (AF)

	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<b>Total Supplies Available</b>						
Option 1 WITH Newhall Land Supplies starting now	103,980	116,460	124,542	126,345	127,346	128,236
Option 2 WITH Newhall Land Supplies available in 2035	101,303	114,033	125,559	130,085	131,015	128,715
Option 3 WITHOUT Newhall Land Supplies	101,303	114,033	121,625	123,528	124,458	122,158
<b>Demands</b>						
Demands with Passive Conservation	83,570	91,380	99,670	106,660	112,100	117,010
Demands with Active Conservation	77,830	83,620	90,570	95,780	99,670	102,870

\*Orange numbers indicate changes in supplies



## Staff Recommendation

### Option 2-

- Supplies become available in 2035 i.e., completion of the Newhall Land Specific Plan
- Final draft - June 10, 2021



# UWMP Additions, Updates, and Changes

- Added language on increased concern from potential wildfire impacts
- Added alternate version of the Drought Risk Assessment to the Appendix which shows 2021 under existing conditions
- Table 4-1 simplified to only show 2020 actual water supplies
- Changed assumptions
  - Nickel supply availability to begin in 2035
  - Newhall Land Semitropic Water Storage Banking Program availability to begin in 2035
    - Updated all related tables and text



## Table 4-1 Modification

TABLE 4-1 SUMMARY OF WATER SUPPLIES USED IN 2020 (AF)  
[DWR TABLE 6-8]

	<b>2020<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Existing Groundwater</b>	
Alluvial Aquifer	7,571
Saugus Formation	9,761
<b>Total Groundwater<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>17,332</b>
<b>Recycled Water</b>	
<b>Total Recycled</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>Imported Water</b>	
State Water Project	14,587
Buena Vista-Rosedale	11,000
Yuba Accord Water	284
<b>Total Imported</b>	<b>25,871</b>
<b>Existing Banking and Exchange Programs</b>	
Rosedale Rio-Bravo Bank	1,600
Semitropic Bank	5,000
Rosedale Rio-Bravo Exchange	14,451
Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency Exchange	1,406
West Kern Exchange	500
<b>Total Bank/Exchange</b>	<b>22,957</b>
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>66,630</b>



# Clarifying edits

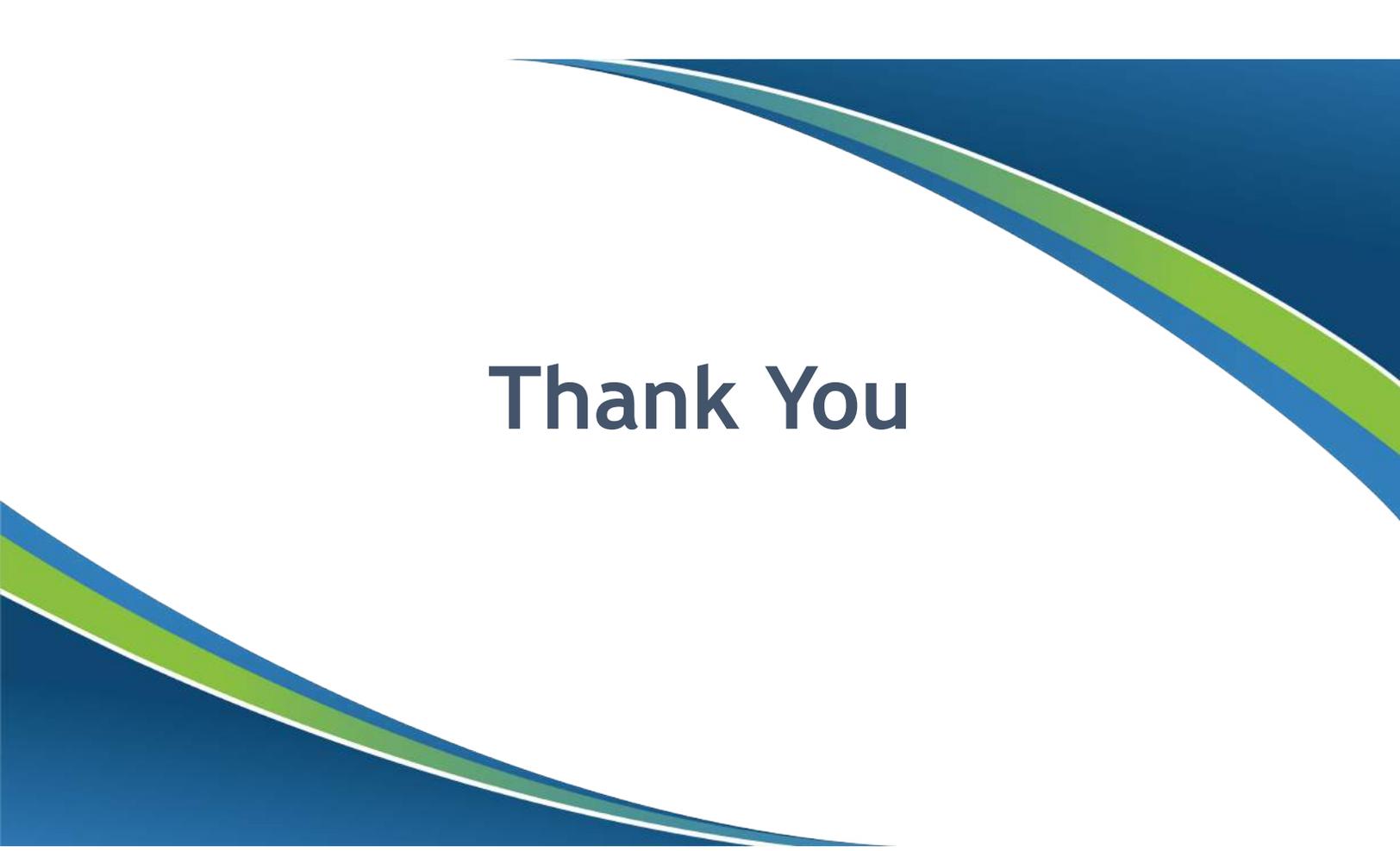
- SCV Water service to LACWWD 36 in Val Verde
- Flexible storage supply
- Nickel Water supply availability
- Newhall Land Semitropic Water Banking Program availability



# Staff Recommendation

- That the Board of Directors approve the attached resolution adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.
- That the Board of Directors approve the attached resolution adopting the Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.





**Thank You**



## **DRAFT 2020 Urban Water Management Plan**

# **Public Comments**

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

**Comments received from April 27, 2021 to June 16, 2021**

**From:** [Friends of the Santa Clara River](#)  
**To:** [uwmp](#); [Gary Martin](#); [Matt Stone](#)  
**Cc:** [Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov](mailto:Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** Request for an extension to file comments UWMP  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:10:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [FSCR UWMP Extension Request.pdf](#)

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Please find our request attached.



# Friends of the Santa Clara River

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5-24-21

Board of Directors  
Sarah Fleury, Project Manager  
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Re: **SCV Urban Water Management Plan - Errata released May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sent via email to: [uwmp@scvwa.org](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov)



May 26, 2021

Jim Danza, Chairman  
Friends of the Santa Clara River  
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Re: May 24, 2021 Letter regarding SCV Water Draft Urban Water Management Plan

Dear Mr. Danza,

Thank you for your letter dated May 24, 2021 regarding SCV Water's draft Urban Water Management Plan.

Regarding your request for an additional 15 days to comment on the UWMP, please feel free to provide any comments in that time frame. The intent of the 30-day comment period was to receive comments ahead of the May 27, 2021 public hearing so we can address them at that time. However, as indicated on our website, the May 27<sup>th</sup> public hearing will be continued to June 16<sup>th</sup>, so there will be two meetings to discuss the draft UWMP. You are certainly welcome to submit any comments in writing at any time before the final adoption of the UWMP and to also provide oral public comment at these meetings and we will do our best to address them. In addition, I encourage you to attend the hearing tomorrow and provide any comments you may have about the many portions of the proposed plan that were not impacted by the Errata 1 document.

As far as the Errata 1 document, the Agency posted a draft of its UWMP on April 27, 2021 to try and give the public as much time as possible to review a first draft of the UWMP. After posting the draft plan, we have continued to review it and have found certain things that we felt should be adjusted. We have also been reviewing public comments as they have come in. As a result, we posted the Errata 1 with proposed edits on May 20<sup>th</sup>, a week before the public hearing and over three weeks before the second one. Given the level of review and existing and anticipated public comments, we fully expect that there will be additional changes to the draft.

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.

May 26, 2021

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Sincerely,



Matt Stone  
General Manager

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Sarah, please see email below.

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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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Blessings,  
Stacy Fortner  
661-993-6688



May 26, 2021

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Stone". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Matt Stone  
General Manager

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*Sarah Fleury*

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Sarah Fleury, Project Manager, SCV Water Agency

Hello Ms. Fleury:

The Errata was just released, almost a month after releasing the draft document, and there are only six (6) days remaining until the close of the comment period. Since additional adjustments to several sections need to be considered, extending the comment period seems prudent. The Agency will get the benefit of additional comment time as reliable information and prudent thought are necessary. I ask that the time period for comments be extended for approximately thirty (30) days, the same amount of time between the initial release of the draft document and the release date of the Errata.

Cordially,

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May 26, 2021

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Dear Miss Rizzo,

Thank you for your letter dated May 24, 2021 regarding SCV Water's draft Urban Water Management Plan.

Regarding your request for additional time to comment on the UWMP, please feel free to provide any comments prior to the final adoption of the Urban Plan. The intent of the 30-day comment period was to receive comments ahead of the May 27, 2021 public hearing so we can address them at that time. However, as indicated on our website, the May 27<sup>th</sup> public hearing will be continued to June 16<sup>th</sup>, so there will be two meetings to discuss the draft UWMP. You are certainly welcome to submit any comments in writing at any time before the final adoption of the UWMP and to also provide oral public comment at these meetings and we will do our best to address them. In addition, I encourage you to attend the hearing tomorrow and provide any comments you may have about the many portions of the proposed plan that were not impacted by the Errata 1 document.

As far as the Errata 1 document, the Agency posted a draft of its UWMP on April 27, 2021 to try and give the public as much time as possible to review a first draft of the UWMP. After posting the draft plan, we have continued to review it and have found certain things that we felt should be adjusted. We have also been reviewing public comments as they have come in. As a result, we posted the Errata 1 with proposed edits on May 20<sup>th</sup>, a week before the public hearing and over three weeks before the second one. Given the level of review and existing and anticipated public comments, we fully expect that there will be additional changes to the draft.

With regards to the specific changes in the Errata, 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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As to the process, you are probably aware that the law requires that the UWMP be made available for public inspection before it is adopted and that it be adopted after a noticed public hearing. SCV Water has spent a great deal of time, effort, and resources to go far beyond these basic requirements. We released the draft plan thirty days before our first public hearing and there is a second public hearing almost three weeks after that. We have also conducted extensive outreach to the community to educate them about the UWMP process, including three public workshops, with the first back in November 2020, and numerous other communications. We have also encouraged written public comment and the public will have an opportunity to provide oral public comments at both hearings.

Again, as indicated above, please feel free to provide written comments prior to the adoption of the plan and I encourage you to attend the hearing tomorrow and provide any comments you may have about the many portions of the proposed plan that were not impacted by the Errata 1 document. We are committed to reviewing and considering all comments that we receive either in writing or in person before the final adoption of our UWMP. Thank you again for your letter and if you have specific questions about the document, including the Errata 1, please feel free to reach out directly to Dirk Marks our Director of Water Resources.

Sincerely,



Matt Stone  
General Manager

**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
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**My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

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**My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

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Sarah Fleury

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1372****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.

Annie E. Cho

Former Candidate for AD38

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1370****My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

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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Annie Cho

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1369****My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

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.

**Name**

SALLY WHITE

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry # 1368**

**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  
Castaic Area Town Council Land Use member  
Dist 36  
Castaic CA 91384  
6616002134

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1367****My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

The errata was just released, almost a month after releasing the draft document, and there are only six (6) days remaining until the close of the comment period. Since additional adjustments to several sections need to be considered, extending the comment period seems prudent. The Agency will get the benefit of additional comment time as reliable information and prudent thought are necessary. I ask that the time period for comments be extended for approximately 30 days, the same amount of time the between the initial release of the draft document and the release date of the errata.

**Name**

Susann Rizzo

**Email**[Baroness1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Baroness1@sbcglobal.net)**Notes****Admin Notification (ID: 601885b8692a6)**

added May 25, 2021 at 3:59 pm

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1366****My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

I would like to respectfully ask for an extension of the comment period of the SCV UWMP. There was no notice given to the public of an ERRATA 1 released on May 20, 2021. This ERRATA is 26 pages of dense material, and with under 1 week to remark on. Any comments public stakeholders had worked on previously will have to be reviewed to insure they are still relevant as the data has changed substantially. This is highly inappropriate to not notice the public stakeholders and I implore an extension, so we have an opportunity to review the changes, adjust our comments, and insure we are providing valuable feedback, and our input not be now made meaningless. Please extend this period at least 15-20 days.

**Name**

Stacy Fortner

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1252****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.

**Name**

hiroshi suzuki

**Email**

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1204****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 doesn'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.

**Name**

Naomie Moore

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**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Form : Entry #  
1120****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.

**Name**

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**Date:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 2:23:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [RAH-UWMP Comment Letter May 2021.pdf](#)

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Dear *Mrs. Sarah Fleury*, Project Manager SCV Water

Please find ATTACHED a "comment letter" for the recently drafted *Urban Water Management Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley*.

Please CONFIRM receipt of this "comment letter."

Thank you for consideration,

R.A. Haring

**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- <i>Construction</i>
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- <i>Target Shooting</i>
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- <i>Vehicle crash?</i>
Buckweed	Oct 21 - 24, 2007	Los Angeles/Bouquet Canyon	38,356	63	Human Accidental- <i>10-year old</i>
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- <i>Faulty Powerline</i>
Sand	July 22-Aug, 2016	ANF East of SCV	37,804	18 2 Deaths	Human Accidental- <i>Traffic Collision</i>
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 <i>Explosions</i>
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

From: [Sally White](#)  
To: [uwmp](#)  
Subject: Sarah Fleury - Comment on 2020 Draft Urban Water Management Plan  
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## 2020 DRAFT URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

### 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???

Sally White 26242 Park View Road, Valencia CA 91355



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May 26, 2021

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



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nation. A recent [University of Southern California Report](#) 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 [dcoronado@bialav.org](mailto:dcoronado@bialav.org).

Sincerely,

Diana Victoria Coronado  
Vice President  
BIA-Los Angeles/Ventura

*Sent via e-mail*

**JUN 07 2021**

June 2, 2021

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
Board of Directors  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350-2173

Ed and Joan Dunn  
15414 Rhododendron Dr.  
Canyon Country, CA 91387

Dear Secretary of the Board, April Jacobs:

Re: 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

We are upset to see the Vista Canyon Ranch Water Factory and the city of Santa Clarita negotiating with the Sanitation District with no mention of recycled water for the whole eastern area of Santa Clarita. We have medians and parks that should be using recycled water.

Several years ago in a writing of ACWA, citizens on the boundaries of the cities are not to be left out when it comes to recycled water. We only see the west of our city and some new areas still close to the west area programmed for the recycled water. There is no mention of the huge eastern portions. We in the eastern boundaries have been paying to buy and process our water for years. We are being discriminated against!

This has gone on long enough and it is past time to take an action to correct this injustice!

Sincerely,

  
Ed and Joan Dunn  
661-251-9729

**From:** [Alex Dosh](#)  
**To:** [uwmp](#)  
**Subject:** Urban Water Management Plan Comment  
**Date:** Monday, June 7, 2021 11:53:21 AM

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Good afternoon,

Is the city looking into capturing all the daily run off from sprinklers and repurposing it as reclaimed water to then water all the landscaping here?

Thank you

Alex

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [lgibson@scvwa.org](mailto:lgibson@scvwa.org)  
**To:** [uwmp](#)  
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<b>My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan</b>
When are we going to declare a water emergency in Santa Clarita?
<b>Name</b>
Martin Tripp
<b>Email</b>
<a href="mailto:recn@sbcglobal.net">recn@sbcglobal.net</a>

**From:** [Friends of the Santa Clara River](#)  
**To:** [uwmp](#); [uwmp](#); [Gary Martin](#); [Matt Stone](#)  
**Cc:** [Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov](mailto:Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** comments on the Santa Clarita Water Agency UWMP  
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Please find our comments attached

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**Subject:** RE: Request for an extension to file comments UWMP

Mr. Danza,

Please find our attached response to your comment. Thank you.

Sarah Fleury

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Friends of the Santa Clara River  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:10 PM  
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**Cc:** [Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov](mailto:Peter.Brostrom@water.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** Request for an extension to file comments UWMP

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Please find our request attached.



# Friends of the Santa Clara River

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6-12-21

Board of Directors and  
Sarah Fleury, Project Manager  
SCV Water Agency  
26521 Summit Circle  
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**Re: SCV Urban Water Management Plan – Final Draft Redlined Version Dated 6-10-21**

Sent via email to: [uwmp@scvwa.org](mailto:uwmp@scvwa.org)  
Please copy all Board Members

Honorable Board Members and Ms. Fleury:

**Thank you for honoring our request for an extension of time to comment on the UWMP with your clarifying letter that all comments would be accepted and considered through the June 16<sup>th</sup> hearing.** We appreciated that change since we seem to be commenting on a moving target. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. Now a redlined version with changes has been posted for review on June 10<sup>th</sup>, giving the public little time to review and include these changes in their comments.

Our focus on this UWMP is to ensure that water supplies for the upper Santa Clara River are accurately disclosed. Over-stating existing supplies and modeling supplies that most likely will not be available in the future frustrates the ability to supply clean, high quality water as new development is approved, as well as undermining the work on the Ground Water Sustainability Plan to not over pump the Santa Clara River and protect ground water dependent eco-systems. Over-pumping in the upper river will also impact the health of the entire river system.

Therefore, the following comments focus on addressing areas where we see an over statement of water supplies or language that is so confusing that planners are not able to use this document to determine water availability for future needs.

## **Chapter 4**

We concur with the changes made to table 4-1. Including the banked water emergency drought storage in the previous table 4-1, implied that the Agency could supply an enormous amount of water on a yearly basis. According to statements in footnotes and elsewhere in the document, it is disclosed that this water is to “firm” existing supplies, not to be used to approve new development, however this was very vague. Thank you for clarifying this.

However, we note that you have continued to include the Nichols water before it is contractually available. As plaintiffs in litigation over Newhall Ranch and water issues during the last two decades, we are very aware of agreements made between yourselves and Newhall Land and Farming, particularly in the 2012 contract agreement for the purchase of Valencia Water Co where it states:

*6.8 Conveyance of the Nichol Water. Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, by not later than ninety (90) days after Newhall has received from Los Angeles County a final non reviewable approval (and a final non-appealable judgment or order is obtained in any legal, equitable or administrative action challenging such approval) of the final tentative map for the Newhall Ranch project, Newhall, the Agency and the Company shall determine (based on the amount if any) by which the ground water amounts set forth in the Newhall/SVR/Company agreements are insufficient to meet potable water requirements within the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan) how much, if any, Nickel water is needed to make up such insufficiency. At that time Newhall Shall convey and assign to the Agency or the Company (as determined by the Agency) all of its rights in and to the Nickel Water and all of its rights and obligations under the Nickel Agreement.<sup>1</sup>*

The Newhall Ranch project Specific plan consists of five tracts and some 25,000 units<sup>2</sup> with an estimated buildout time of 25-30 years. While it was approved many years ago, work has only just begun on a first tract with an initial approximately 500 units in the first phase of this tract not yet offered for sale.<sup>3</sup> Based on this information, it is not plausible to begin including the Nickels water in 2035 as stated in Section 4.2, 4.2.3.2 7.3.6 and elsewhere in the document. Further, we wonder if it is legal to direct water to one specific project developer where that water has paid for by the all residents of the Santa Clarita Valley through 1% their property taxes and water rates paid to the Agency.

### **State Water Supply Reporting**

After over a decade of litigation starting in the 1990s and spilling over into the new millennium regarding the overstatement of state water supply reliability and the Monterey Agreement, we were surprised to see the Agency continue with this mis-representation and overstatement of SWP supplies in your Plan

We object to the inclusion of the full 95,000AF Table A amount on Table 4.3 when the agency is well aware that only about half that amount is available in an average year. It is obvious from Table 4-2 of state water deliveries to the Agency found on page 4-23 that since the Agency began requesting its full entitlement in the early 2000s, less than half its full entitlement has been available for delivery on average. (Years previous to 2000 also saw low SWP project availability, but the agency may not have needed or requested its full amount. Please refer to the DWR Delivery Notices for more accurate historical data). This year is a repeat of the lowest amount ever previously obtained (only 5%). It is inaccurate and deceptive to include the full entitlement amount as though this amount is obtainable. We suggest that Table 4-3 should state in the heading “with an entitlement of 95,000AF we expect to

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<sup>1</sup> *Eminent Domain Settlement Agreement Among Castaic Lake Water Agency, The Newhall Land and Farming Company and Valencia Water Company*, December 2012, page 24-25 Relevant pages attached, entire agreement available on file at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency which assumed all of Castaic Lake Water Agency’s contracts upon the formation of SantaClarita Water Agency (see Agency’s enabling legislation, SB634, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003 pg. 1-1

<sup>3</sup> “Today, March 31, 2021, that changed when I receive an announcement that “traditional” single-family homes would be part of the growing list of Valencia homes. The models are currently under construction and will be opening soon! The date for the Valencia Homes Grand Opening event has not been announced yet, but it is rumored to be Summer 2021. When I know the exact date, I will let you know.” <https://ranchontheriver.com/mission-village/>

receive these amounts if it is an average year, then include the average received in the SCV area for the last two decades.

Your Agency and its predecessor has never actually received 100% of your 95,000AF entitlement that is included in this list, or the “95.000AF” as mentioned elsewhere as being available. One hundred per cent has only been achieved in two years in the 1980’s according to DWR’s most recent Water Delivery report (2019) and has not been realized since then (in a 40 year period). To give residents the false hope and planners the false impression that the Santa Clarita Valley might ever receive a full water entitlement is not realistic, and not transparent. It challenges your agency’s supposed commitment to transparency and diminishes its credibility. We include the table below from the DWR SWP Water Delivery Capability Report for wet years for your reference<sup>4</sup>:

**Table 5-5. Estimated Average and Wet-Period Deliveries of SWP Table A Water (Existing Conditions, in TAF/year) and Percent of Maximum SWP Table A Amount, 4,133 TAF/year**

Year	Long-term Average		Single Wet Year (1983)		Wet Periods							
					2-Year (1982-1983)		4-Year (1980-1983)		6-Year (1978-1983)		10-Year (1978-1987)	
2017 Report	2,571	62%	4,098	99%	3,967	96%	3,569	86%	3,433	83%	3,163	77%
2019 Report	2,414	58%	4,008	97%	3,750	91%	3,330	81%	3,210	78%	2,967	72%

As you can see, the 2019 Report states the long term average is 58% for wet years. Any reference to 100% should be removed.

Of course, average and dry years will produce much less water from the State Water Project on which your Agency depends<sup>5</sup>.

**Table 5-6. Estimated Average and Dry-Period Deliveries of SWP Table A Water, Excluding Butte County and Yuba City (Existing Conditions, in TAF/year) and Percent of Maximum SWP Table A Amount, 4,133 TAF/year**

Year	Long-term Average		Single Dry Year (1977)		Dry Periods							
					2-Year Drought (1976-1977)		4-Year Drought (1931-1934)		6-Year Drought (1987-1992)		6-Year Drought (1929-1934)	
2017 Report	2,571	62%	336	8%	1,206	29%	1,397	34%	1,203	29%	1,408	34%
2019 Report	2,414	58%	288	7%	1,311	32%	1,228	30%	1,058	26%	1,158	28%

Accurately reporting State Water Supply has been an issue of concern to the Friends of the Santa Clara River for over two decades as indicated by our objection in 2000 and the resulting litigation that ended in the Court setting aside a state water transfer CEQA document (*Friends of the Santa Clara River v. Castaic Lake Water Agency*, Feb. 6, 2002, 95 Cal.App.4th 1373)

**Reduced Future Availability of Water Supply from Northern California**

The Santa Clarita Valley currently receives approximately 50% of its water from Northern California in normal years. But due to climate change, scientists have modeled a severe loss of the snowpack that will

<sup>4</sup> The Final State Water Project Delivery Capability Report 2019 August 26, 2020, pg 28

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* page 30

supply that water in future years. While previously State Water Project Water from Northern California could be relied upon to provide that water, scientists now say that Climate Change will reduce snowfall in the Sierras by as much as 64%<sup>6</sup> and thus reduce water available from that source for communities in Southern California. For example, in drought years, such as the most recent severe drought of 2010-2016 snow pack all but disappeared and communities such as the Santa Clarita Valley were left to rely only on their own ground water.

March 2015, snow pack estimated to be at a five hundred



Again, although snowpack was higher than normal year in 2017, that trend has not continued and with the rise in temperatures predicted by climate change, average Sierra snowpack will decrease in the future making imported water from Northern California more difficult to obtain. Droughts are cyclical, but as they become longer and more severe, water from Northern California will become less available.

While we understand the Agency may have a legal requirement to use the DWR Water Delivery Capability Report, we urge you to include more

information about the effect of climate change on the Sierra snowpack and the State Water Project so that the public will be aware of the probability of a severely shrinking water supply due to climate change.

And now in 2021 we face a similar situation a mere six years later - Lake Oroville is at 36% of average and may reach its lowest level ever by this September, after experiencing less than expected run off from winter snows. DWR has issued a notice that only 5% of SWP allocations will be delivered this year as occurred in 2015.



The Plan lists several potential reservoir improvements that may increase water supply in the SCV. We remind everyone that with predicted reduced snowfall in the Sierras as a result of climate change, there will likely be no water to fill future dams. Thus, DWR is urging a reduction in dependence on SWP imported water supply.

It is therefore important that the UWMP accurately disclose state water supply reliability estimates and do a better job of explaining climate change impacts, since the SCV is so crucially dependent on it.

<sup>6</sup> See Los Angeles Times article by Alex Hall is a professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences at UCLA and director of the university's Center for Climate Science, <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/laoe-hall-reich-sierra-snowpack-climate-change-20180402-story.html>

#### **4.3.2.3 Ground Water Availability is Overstated**

After reviewing the well level documents posted on the UWMP website (included by reference in these comments), we note that some of your alluvial wells (such as the P wells) have not produced and others have produced at lower production levels for many years. We believe this may be due to extensive new pumping in the Aqua Dulce area for vineyards and livestock. Thus, it appears inaccurate to state that these wells will be returned to service without further investigation of water levels.

We object to the use of well “capacity” rather than a range of actual well production for alluvial wells as described in greater detail for Saugus wells below. Obviously, if an alluvial well has stopped producing for many years due to drought, loss of recharge and upstream production, it does not matter what its capacity is, it is not going to produce water. This kind of exaggeration and failure to take real facts into consideration can only result in a future water shortage. We request that wells with zero or reduced production be recorded as such and that all references to well capacity be removed.

We note that since Richard Slade produced his investigation of the Alluvial Aquifer<sup>7</sup> (report included by reference), that found perennial production to be 31,600 to 32,600 for two decades, every water report in the SCV used that figure. Then in 2009 a flow model was produced by GSI and Scalmanini, two consultants that had also done extensive work for Newhall Land and Farming, developer of the Newhall Ranch project. The Agency flow model claims a much high production of up to 40,000AF can be obtained. However, this much water has never been produced from the Upper watershed as is documented in the posted water well production records. It was even further reduced during the 2013-16 drought, according to those records. We urge you to include the actual data of well production from alluvial wells rather than data from a model, as this is obviously a far more accurate representation of what is actually available. We ask that you change the projected alluvial supplies in all tables to reflect actual production.

#### **Saugus Formation Wells**

According to page 4-30 “Saugus pumping ranges between 7,500 and 15,000 AFY. Planned dry-year pumping from the Saugus Formation ranges between 15,000 and 25,000 AFY during a drought year and can increase to between 21,000 and 35,000AF. These amounts are entirely hypothetical. The agency is well aware that at the moment, several Saugus wells are closed due to ammonium perchlorate treatment and other wells have reduced production due to constraints of the well head treatment system. There is no engineering study on aquifer pumping that indicates 35,000 AFY can be withdrawn from the Saugus aquifer, nor are there wells drilled that can supply this amount of water, therefore 35,000 AF seems to be an amount pulled out of thin air. While we see that you have indicated the number of wells that would be required to provide this amount of water, again, this figure seems to be related to pumping capacity, NOT actual possible well production. The location of some of these wells are near areas that have been contaminated by ammonium perchlorate or close to other wells which might negatively influence production. You state in a different section that permitting has been delayed for the two newest wells, since they are located near existing abandoned oil wells and the Dept of Drinking Water has raised concerns about this. There is no approximation of additional costs that ratepayers will be asked to bear. A timeline is proposed, but does not discuss remediation for pollutants, a time line for new well studies or well development.

While we understand that the Plan does include a discussion of a probable timeline to bring wells polluted with ammonium perchlorate, PCE , TCE and PFAS back on line, these amounts and the timeline

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<sup>7</sup> Slade, Richard, *Perennial Yield and Artificial Recharge of the Santa Clara River*, 1988

should be consistently disclosed throughout the document. Therefore, especially Table 4.4, but other tables also should be adjusted downward to include these realities.

#### **Use of “Permitted and Maximum Capacity” in Tables 4-7A and 4-8A**

Listing permitted capacity for wells that currently do not pump that much and cannot pump that much in a drought is confusing for planners that may not understand that “capacity” of the pump does not equate with well production and is often not achievable. We do not understand why it is included other than to create an illusion that more water is available than is actually the case. For instance, during a drought a well may produce less or the water table may drop below its bowl so that it stops producing altogether. This column should be eliminated on both tables.

The inclusion of a “Maximum” capacity where capacity beyond permitted limits is listed in the table is even more concerning. Why is the Agency listing this capacity when it is unpermitted, unobtainable and not an example of what actually is produced from the various wells? We request that this column be removed for accurate disclosure of real water supply.

Thus, the statement on page 4.43 *“With the restored capacity of Well 205 and the additional planned new Saugus Formation wells, the total dry year combined capacity will increase to about 54,680 AFY. As shown in Table 4-9, this combined capacity is more than sufficient to meet the multiple dry year municipal production target of 33,880 AFY,”* **is totally inaccurate and extremely miss-leading because it refers to “capacity” rather than production. The figures also do not coincide with the table it references.**

We request that all references to capacity be removed and well production ranges be inserted in their stead in all tables. If capacity is required by law to be included, a large warning at the top of the table should be inserted stating that capacity is not an indication of well production.

#### **Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan – reduction of reliance on the State Water Project.**

Regional reliance cannot be accomplished by merely crunching numbers and statistical percentage analysis as proposed in this Addendum. It will take real actions. The Agency can and should provide letters to planning agencies during the land use process suggesting actions that can be taken to enhance ground water recharge of local aquifers such as:

- Mapping of potential re-charge areas to promote their protection
- Channel widening where possible to enhance recharge
- Oppose concreting of tributaries
- relocation of land uses vulnerable to flooding so that floodplain recharge areas can be protected
- Providing flood protection outside of the main channel to protect specific structures as needed
- Reduce peak stream flow using detention and storage in a manner that enhances natural habitat and conserves water
- Use of or acquisition of flood plains to reduce river flows and enhance recharge
- Use of native trees and shade to prevent evaporation
- Promote and encourage permeable pavement where feasible

**Conclusion**

We look forward to reviewing an updated version of this plan before it is approved. Please notify us of any further edits that are made. We also request that the comment letter we wrote on the Drought Contingency Plan, which is a part of the UWMP, be included as a comment on this document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Danza". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

James M. Danza, MS, AICP  
Chair

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### **My comments or questions on the Urban Water Management Plan**

The Santa Clarita Valley has been my home since 1968. During that period of time our lovely valley has experienced many variations in the available water supply, including numerous times when water use has been rationed or restricted. Yet we seem to continue to “have enough water” to take care of any and all developers that have designs on building here.

I often wonder how these residential developments can be justified, under existing circumstances. I fear that semantics may be playing a role in these decisions. Having worked in contracts for a large corporation for many years, I learned early on that the same word can have one meaning when used in a contract, and a totally different meaning when used in the accounting reports and budgets. This was within the same company!

Let me explain what I see as a problem relating to the very important issue of how our water supply is described in the Urban Water Management Plan, especially on pages 4-42 through 4-43. Among the various charts and explanations, that seem to show there is “plenty of water” to build any number of new dwellings, the Water Agency seems to have confused the words “capacity” and “availability” (or “production”) when discussing the amount of water that each well can produce. It is obvious that in some places the Agency is referring to the capacity of a well pump, pipe line, etc., were they to be working at their maximum mechanical ability. That is quite different from “available” water supply, which means, just as stated, how much (producibile, drinkable, hopefully) water is there. Right now? That is absolutely a very different number! It could be so different, that if properly heeded, no more new developments would be built.

The semantics gets into the picture when the words “capacity” and “available” (or in other words, the actual production that a well can provide), though not the same word, are used interchangeably, as if they were the same word, and had the same meaning, which they absolutely do not. This could cause someone looking at these charts to believe there is a large amount of water available merely because the well pump could operate at that level, regardless of whether that water is really there to be “produced” from that source

I see the proper use of these words as a matter of being honest with the citizens of our valley and the planners who must rely on this information to make decisions.. The actual facts of our water supply must be fully disclosed and made available to all, especially to any person or agency involved with the consideration of allowing more development to take place in this area that will be supplied by Santa Clarita Valley Water.

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**Re: SCV Urban Water Management Plan**

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Honorable Board Members and Ms. Fleury:

Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment was founded in 1987 to focus on planning and conservation issues in the Santa Clarita Valley, watershed of the Santa Clara River. We have participated in numerous water planning processes over the past two decades

We previously submitted comments on the SCVWA Water Shortage Contingency Plan. We ask that you include those comments in the UWMP since the WSCP is a part of the UWMP .

After we expressed concern about the late release of the Errata document and requested an extension of time to comment, we received a letter from your General Manager indicating that all comments would be accepted and revised through the June 16<sup>th</sup> hearing. Now additional changes have been made in a June 10<sup>th</sup> document. We will be addressing that document as it stands now.

**Amendment to the 2015 UWMP and Comments on Chapter**

We do not agree that the Agency can re-do a plan that was approved 5 years ago and was relied upon for landuse approvals during that time. Further, the many steps that the Agency could have taken to reduce reliance on imported water such as regularly commenting during landuse approvals to promote protection of re-charge areas, permeable pavement, opposing box channels in tributaries of the Santa Clara River, etc. are not being under taken. Regional self reliance will only occur through the Water Agency's willingness to promote and protect ground water recharge, require conservation measures and increase the use of recycled water throughout the whole valley, not just for new development in the Newhall Ranch project..

Though the calculations in this plan this amendment reduce the percentage of use of state water supply as demand increases, it shows a substantial increase the actual amount of state water used. The calculations also seem to treat the exchange and banking supplies as though they are not from the State Water Supply, full well knowing that to be their origin

As climate warming progresses. NOAA scientists and others predict a reduction and potential complete loss of snow run off from the Sierras. It is therefore imperative that we protect local sources and wean ourselves off of imported water to the extent possible for the future health and welfare of the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley. We therefore believe that this amendment should include some real actions that the Water Agency intends to take to make that reduction possible.

### **Comments on the UWMP 2020 Report**

#### **Inappropriate Use of Castaic Lake As a Cover Photo**

We continue to object to the Water Agency and its predecessor agency CLWA using photos of Castaic Lake for its reports as though it owns or has access to all the water there. The Water Agency has tried for many years to associate in the public's mind the water stored in Castaic Lake as a vast reliable source for the Santa Clarita Valley. The Agency is fully aware that the this reservoir is owned by the Department of Water Resources and that the Agency has only about 4600 AF of flexible storage, an amount that would only supply around month of water demand to the Santa Clarita Valley. This constant visual of the Castaic Reservoir creates a false impression in the public's mind as to the actual sources and availability of water in the Santa Clarita Valley.

#### **Miss-representation and over-statement of the availability of Nickel Water.**

The SCVWA and its predecessor agency has included this source of water in its water supply portfolio for many years when in fact it does not own the water and has no contractual right to it until after the last tract of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan is completed, approved and all litigation is over<sup>1</sup>. The Specific Plan was anticipated to have a 30 year build out, so a firm contractual supply would not be available until after that time. But in fact the whole project may never be completed. Should that scenario occur, the Nickels water would not be available for any of the some 25,000 units to be built before the last tract.

Until Newhall gets approval for the last tract, Newhall is under no obligation to provide the Nickel water to the Agency. That water could be sold or disposed of to any other party for any purpose.

We appreciate your removal of this water from Table 4-1 on page 4-6 (we note that there is a second table apparently erroneously labeled 4-1 on page 4-16). that corrected this issue We also appreciate that the Agency has not included the Nickel Water in other charts until 2035 and has removed the 4650 Semi-tropic pumping capacity, as it appeared the Agency was counting that water twice. However since buildout of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan was anticipated to occur over a 25 year period, and the first building is just beginning to occur in the initial tract (Mission Village), it is highly improbable that this water will be available before 2045. Unless there is a change in the contract with Newhall Land and Farming (now FivePoint) Corporation, we ask that you move the 1607 Nickel Water from 2035 to 2045 for accuracy.

In addition to these problems, Newhall's Semi tropic storage facility has a limited amount of water and a limited amount of capacity. As of 2020, it supposedly contains 36,844 AF (See attachment 2). If this were used at the rate indicated as available in Table 4-1 ( 4950AF), there would only be enough of this water to last around seven years. Even at its full capacity of

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<sup>1</sup> Eminent Domain Settlement Agreement Between Newhall Land, Castaic Lake Water Agency and Valencia Water Co., Dec 17, 2012, See page 24 Section 6.8 Entire document attached as appendix A

55,000AF, if this amount of water is achieved, that is only 5,000 AF of water a year (far less than would be needed for the 25,000 units at build out) for 11 years. Therefore we do not believe that the Agency can legitimately make the statement “Based on current estimates, the Nickel Water and the stored water in the Semi tropic bank provide adequate reserves for potential future needs within the Specific Plan area,” as stated on page 4-23.

### **Reserving and Directing Water for Specifically Identified Future Developments**

The UWPM states on page 4-20:

*SCV Water has entered into agreements that reserved 3,378 AF of the Buena Vista-Rosedale Rio Bravo Water for potential annexations into its service area. 389 AF is reserved for the second phase of the Tesoro Del Valle development. This development is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025. 489 AF has been reserved for the Tapia Ranch development with development estimated to be completed in the late 2020s. 2,500 AF is reserved for the planned Legacy Village development. This development is assumed to occur after 2030 but before 2035. During the periods before demands for these developments occur, or if these developments occur but do not use all the amounts reserved for them in any year or years, the remaining supply would be available to the entire SCV Water service area.*

In addition to the above directed water sources, the Nickel water is obligated for use ONLY for the Newhall Ranch project.

While we question the equity of “reserving” water for a particular developer’s annexation to the agency, particularly where that water has been purchased at public expense for the use of existing residents, at least it ought to be reported in such a way that planners know it is not available for general use and new housing approvals because it is reserved. We suggest that you do that by showing this water available at the estimated time that the project will come on line, for instance 10 or fifteen years from now, or 25 years in the case of the Nickel water, and that all charts should be adjusted accordingly.

### **Water Storage Project water should not be included as available in the Total Water Supply, giving the appearance that it can be used for new demand in the document**

The purpose of an Urban Water Management is to give planners an accurate picture of the water supply in an area so that they can make good planning decisions that protect public health and safety and do not underestimate finite resource needs, in particular, water supply.

The Agency has planned for drought over the last decade by contracting for storage in the Semi-tropic and Rosedale Rio Bravo ground water storage facilities and arranging for other dry period supplies and exchanges. This is prudent. However, these sources were not meant to be a source of permanent supply. They were intended as a backup supply for drought relief. If used fully each year, they would only be available for around ten years. Further as the snowpack continues to dwindle due to climate change, replenishment of these facilities will likely not be available in the future. Therefore they must not be identified as a permanent supply for new long-term housing or business demand.

While we appreciate the changes the Agency made to Table 4-1 to try to address this problem, this table still does not make it immediately apparent that the water banked supplies are not meant to be used for development approvals. They are there as “firming” supplies for drought back up, as they are being used this year under drought circumstances. Thus to include them in “Total Supply” on Tables 4-1 (page 4-5), remains confusing and gives an inaccurate picture to planners and the public that overstates total supply.

This same problem occurs in tables 7-3, 7-4, 7-5A and 75B, where again, it is unclear that banking supplies are for firming and should not be used to approve new development. The tables are set up in such a way that it appears those supplies would be available all the time on a firm long-term basis. This is not the case.

The Agency has tried to remedy this problem by the use of footnotes, again explaining that the banked water is only for dry year back up (for example - *(j) Supplies shown are annual amounts that can be withdrawn using existing firm withdrawal capacity and would typically be used only during dry years.*) **This is not sufficient.**

These banked and other infrequent short term supplies should be removed from the “Total Existing Supply” row, since they cannot provide a long-term supply. Instead we suggest that they be recorded in a separate section that clearly indicates that they are firming supplies only. At the very least, the Title Row should include “Firming Supplies only for drought Back-up” or a similar heading. **Without such a change, the Agency is providing both planners and the public an inaccurate overstatement of the actual total available long term supply.**

#### 4.3.2.3 Available Groundwater Supplies- Alluvial and Saugus availability is overstated

For nearly three decades, hydrological reports set the yield of the Santa Clara River at 30,000 to 32,000 AF. (see compendium of water reports attached, full reports included by reference), yet this report states that up to 40,000 AF of water can be withdrawn from the alluvial aquifer based on a 2009 flow *model* operating plan. This amount has never been withdrawn from the upper watershed wells (see SCV 2019 Water Supply Report<sup>2</sup> ).

Additionally, that 2009 operating plan didn’t work in the 2010-2015 drought. Water levels dropped, which reduced or eliminated production from several wells. In a 2015 Technical Memorandum produced by GSI Solutions<sup>3</sup> for CLWA, SCW Agency’s predecessor agency found that without digging deeper or additional wells:

*Rainfall records, groundwater level monitoring, and groundwater modeling together indicate that little to no recharge has occurred to the Alluvial Aquifer since the winter of 2010/spring of 2011 rainfall season. The groundwater level monitoring program shows that groundwater levels have declined at a fairly steady rate since that time, as has been observed in other past periods of local drought conditions (such as occurred in 1984 through 1992 and again in 1999 through 2004). The continued decline in groundwater levels that was observed in 2014 at many Alluvial Aquifer wells will continue in 2015 if little to no rainfall and streamflow recharge occurs to the local aquifer systems during the winter of 2014/spring of 2015 rainfall season.*

*Under this scenario, and assuming there are no new wells or modifications to existing wells and pumping systems, GSI’s primary conclusions regarding the achievability of the target pumping volumes from the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 are presented in Table 1 and are summarized as follows:*

*1. For the three retail water purveyors combined, the achievable yield from the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 is likely between 17,100 and 21,800 AFY. The Groundwater Operating Plan’s drought-year target of 27,400 AFY of collective*

<sup>2</sup> <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2019-Santa-Clarita-Valley-Water-Report.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Evaluation of Groundwater Pumping Targets for the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin (Santa Clarita Valley, California), John Porcello, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., Dec. 2014. Report attached. We note that while the agency has chosen to use other draft reports in the past, they choose not to use this one. We surmise that this was because they did not want to make it public. This is critical information for the health and welfare of the Santa Clarita Valley.

*production by the three retail water purveyors will not be achievable if the drought continues through the winter of 2014/spring of 2015 rainfall season.*

*2. The largest shortfall in yield is estimated to occur for VWC. The estimated achievable production volume for VWC wells (between 14,600 and 17,900 AFY in 2015) creates shortfalls of (a) 3,600 to 6,900 AFY compared with VWC's target production under the Groundwater Operating Plan and (b) 1,100 to 4,400 AFY compared with the 2015 target production volume that was of interest to VWC.*

Thus, if the Agency subjectively chooses to use the operating supply of 30,000 to 40,000 which it knows to be unachievable in a drought and too high in average years, this Plan will substantially overstate the amount of water during dry and wet periods, causing severe water shortages and cutbacks in the future.

Future production from the Saugus Aquifer is also over stated. For instance Table 4-4 (and elsewhere such as Table 4-9) on page 4-31 substantially overstates current pumping ability. As the SCV Water Supply Report shows, currently only 7500AF can be pumped in an average year due to closed polluted wells<sup>4</sup>, not 15,000AF. The increased amount for a dry year is not achievable now because the Agency doesn't have the wells to pump that much. The 35,000AF figure in this chart and described on page 4-30 is completely hypothetical. There is no engineering study on aquifer pumping that indicates 35,000 AFY can be withdrawn from the Saugus aquifer, nor are there wells drilled that can supply this amount of water. While the document claims elsewhere that proposed new wells will provide this "capacity", there is no study that indicates water can actually be produced at this amount. Therefore, 35,000 AF seems to be an amount pulled out of thin air.

We Request that these amounts be adjusted downward to reflect what is actually currently available. Additional charts should be used to show restored or planned wells to ensure that planners and the public understand what the real current supplies are and when additional supplies *might* become available.

Saugus Recharge and Recovery – This potential resource should not be listed since it is unlikely that the cleanup of this currently contaminated aquifer would be completed within the timeline of the report. Thus, a recharge permit from the State would likely not be granted in a time period that would allow its use for a drought.

### **State Water Project Table A Supply**

Over the past 20 years, a significant amount of litigation has been brought by the public in an effort to ensure that actual state water supplies were not exaggerated by using the full entitlement amount. In fact, one such effort involved our organization and Castaic Lake Water Agency in the early 2000s.

So it is discouraging to see this number, the full 95,000AF Table A amount, appear yet again on Table 4.3 as though "demand" is what can be delivered. This is confusing to planners and to the public and gives a false impression of the real amount that can be supplied. The agency is well aware that only about half that amount is available in an average year. It is obvious from Table 4-2 of state water deliveries to the Agency found on page 4-23 that since the Agency began requesting its full entitlement in the early 2000s, less than half its full entitlement has been available for delivery on average. We note that the agency has never received a full 100% of entitlement, and that this level of delivery is not anticipated anywhere, even for wet years in the

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<sup>4</sup> At the moment, several Saugus wells are closed due to ammonium perchlorate treatment and other wells have reduced production due to constraints of the well head treatment system as described elsewhere in the document.

DWR's Delivery Capability Report<sup>5</sup>. Therefore, all references to receiving 100% of entitlement or 95,200AF should be removed from the Plan, and instead, an amount derived from the actual water received or percentage of the state water allocation should be used..

### Recycled Water

While we concur that recycled water is a needed offset, however the Agency currently has some large impediments to producing that water. For instance, the Agency may not take additional recycled water without applying for a permit to reduce flow to the Santa Clara River. The Sanitation has refused to do this. Only "new" water can be used. It is unclear how much additional recycled water beyond what is already in use might be available, and any estimate would only be a subjective projection at this time.

The Agency appears to be building the recycled water infrastructure only for Newhall Ranch as indicated by tanks and pipelines being constructed in an area to serve the Mission Tract of the Newhall Ranch Project. We are also aware of the 2012 purchase agreement that promised all the recycled water it needs or wants to the Newhall Ranch<sup>6</sup>. So it appears that recycled water will not be available elsewhere in the Valley, except for the immediate neighborhoods adjacent to Vista Canyon.

The Table 5-2 on Page 5-9 overstates 2021 recycled water availability for the Newhall Ranch project. That project cannot start generating recycled water until housing is occupied and waste water is generated. As no housing has yet even been completed for occupancy, there will be no 2021 generation of recycled water from that development. Even when the first housing of around 500 units is occupied, these houses will generate nowhere near 5, 174 AF as stated on this chart. This figure must be moved to at least 2030 to comply with the "new drop" concept. Why is the Agency over-stating this figure?

Third, during the development of the Salt and Nutrient Plan for the Valley, use of recycled water for landscaping was identified as a potential major obstacle for recycled water use. We understand that the Valencia treatment plant will use RO to reduce salt, however, to our knowledge, the Vista Plant does not have an RO facility for salt removal. Please address how it will comply with the RWQCB's Chloride reduction order.

### Climate Change

Since warming is possibly the greatest threat to the SCV water supplies, we were astonished to see a mere half page of discussion on the issue. We understand that the Agency has considered drought, but global warming is predicted to go beyond the normal wet/dry scenarios that have been experienced over the last 80 years.

Several sections in the water code emphasize that climate change is appropriate to consider, including the projected future uses, water supply characterization projections, and reliability of

<sup>5</sup> Table 5-5. Estimated Average and Wet-Period Deliveries of SWP Table A Water(Existing Conditions, in TAF/year) and Percent of Maximum SWP Table A Amount, 4,133 TAF/year

Year	Long-term Average		Single Wet Year (1983)		Wet Periods							
					2-Year (1982-1983)		4-Year (1980-1983)		6-Year (1978-1983)		10-Year (1978-1987)	
2017 Report	2,571	62 %	4,098	99 %	3,967	96 %	3,569	86 %	3,433	83 %	3,163	77 %
2019 Report	2,414	58 %	4,008	97 %	3,750	91 %	3,330	81 %	3,210	78 %	2,967	72 %

(The Final State Water Project Delivery Capability Report 2019 , August 26, 2020, pg 28)

<sup>6</sup> See section 6.11, Valencia Water Company purchase agreement, 2012, included by reference

supplies. The flexibility within the Water Code to conduct the analysis appropriately allows water suppliers to incorporate climate change when it is relevant for their sources and water uses such as in the SCV where dependence on imported water and low precipitation from warming will impact supplies.

Many sections in the revised California Water Code (Water Code) relevant to urban water management plans (UWMPs) refer directly to climate change. Some have been added since the 2015 UWMP Guidebook:

**Water Code Section 10609**

(a) (c) *It is the intent of the Legislature that the following principles apply to the development and implementation of long-term standards and urban water use objectives: ...*

(2) *Long-term standards and urban water use objectives should advance the state's goals to mitigate and adapt to climate change.*

**Water Code Section 10610.2**

(a) *The Legislature finds and declares all of the following: [...]*

(3) *A long-term, reliable supply of water is essential to protect the productivity of California's businesses and economic climate, and increasing long-term water conservation among Californians, improving water use efficiency within the state's communities and agricultural production, and strengthening local and regional drought planning are critical to California's resilience to drought and climate change.*

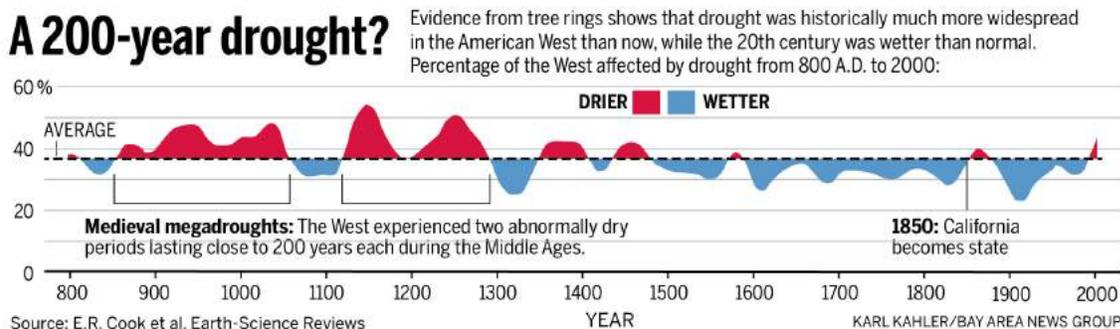
**Water Code Section 10630**

*It is the intention of the Legislature, in enacting this part, to permit levels of water management planning commensurate with the numbers of customers served and the volume of water supplied, while accounting for impacts from climate change.*

In the Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook, Climate Change Appendix, DWR recommends three main steps to conduct a climate change analysis, which is a common approach for adaptation. First is a screening process to determine what assets and other aspects of the supplier's system may be at risk to climate change. The second step involves selecting and conducting the full analysis on those assets and other system aspects at risk. The third step involves developing strategies and actions to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

While in depth analysis may not be available for this plan, at least a potential worst case scenario should be outlined based on predictions of loss of snowpack in the Sierras and lower precipitation in Southern California with some thoughts as to how this situation would be addressed on a long term basis.

The SCV is now suffering its lowest rainfall in over a hundred years and our imported SWP allotment has been reduced to 5% for the second time in 5 years. Climate scientists have been predicting the possible return of a mega drought. Should such an event occur, it will take more than the vague discussion about possible climate impacts found in this UWMP to address it.



Further, water quality may also be affected by climate change by increasing salt in the SWP and other regional affects. Please include some analysis of these impacts.<sup>7</sup>

Water Code section 10635(b) states that demands under climate change considerations must be included as part of the drought risk assessment. We do not see any additional analysis for climate change in the UWMP Risk Assessment chapter.

**Resources and References - Additional References that should be included or referenced**

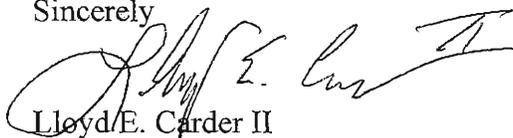
1. 2020 SCV Water Supply Report and 2019 Water Supply Report.
2. Final State Water Project Delivery Capability Report 2019 , August 26, 2020
3. Evaluation of Groundwater Pumping Targets for the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin (Santa Clarita Valley, California), John Porcello, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., 2015
4. A link to the SCWA well records located on the Agency website so that the public can be made aware that these records are available for reference and research. (They are listed on the website, but not listed as referenced documents.

**Conclusion**

We request that you address the issues outlined in this letter by clarifying tables and descriptions in a way that identifies actual water available amounts and separates the backup drought supplies in such a way that planners can easily identify the amount available for development approvals.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely



Lloyd E. Carder II  
SCOPE Board Member

**Attachment:**

- Amount of water stored in Newhall Land's privately held water bank
- Newhall Ranch Specific Plan excerpt
- Compendium of water reports
- GSI Alluvial Production Report
- 2021 Notice of State Water Project 5% Allocation

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<sup>7</sup> Kimbrough D. 2019. Impact of local climate change on drinking water quality in a distribution system. *Water Quality Research Journal* 54 (3): 179–192. <https://doi.org/10.2166/wqrj.2019.054>

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# Attachment 1

Amount of water stored in  
Newhall Land's privately  
held water bank



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Wasco, California 93280-0877

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February 6, 2020

Newhall Land & Farming Company  
Attention: Marianne Linder  
25124 Springfield Court, Suite 300  
Valencia, CA 91355

Dear Ms. Linder:

As of December 31, 2019, Newhall Land and Farming Company has 36,844 acre-feet of water stored in Semitropic Water Storage District. Please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bobby Salinas".

Bobby Salinas, CPA  
Controller

# Attachment 2

## Newhall Ranch Specific Plan excerpt



### 1.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT OF SPECIFIC PLAN

#### 1. Purpose

The *Specific Plan*<sup>\*</sup> is a comprehensive document to guide future development of the Newhall Ranch property. The document sets forth a comprehensive set of plans, development regulations, design guidelines, and implementation programs designed to produce a project consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan and Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, as proposed for amendment according to General Plan Amendment No. 94-087.

Flexibility has been designed into the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan to respond to the changes in society and the economic marketplace **which will occur over the 25-year buildout of the community.** Further, the *Specific Plan* establishes the regulations and standards for the protection of open areas adjacent to development and two large special resource management areas totaling approximately 6,170 acres.

This *Specific Plan* is regulatory in nature and serves as zoning for the Newhall Ranch community. Subsequent development plans and subdivision maps must be consistent with both this *Specific Plan* and the County of Los Angeles General Plan. Should there be a conflict between this *Specific Plan* and existing County ordinances, the provisions of the *Specific Plan* shall prevail. Any situation or condition not specifically and directly covered by the provisions contained within this *Specific Plan* shall be subject to the non-conflicting regulations of the Los Angeles County Planning and Zoning Code.

Certain modifications to the *Specific Plan* are permitted and shall occur in accordance with Section 3.5, Adjustment, Transfer, and Conversion Regulations and/or the Implementation Procedures set forth in Section 5.2.

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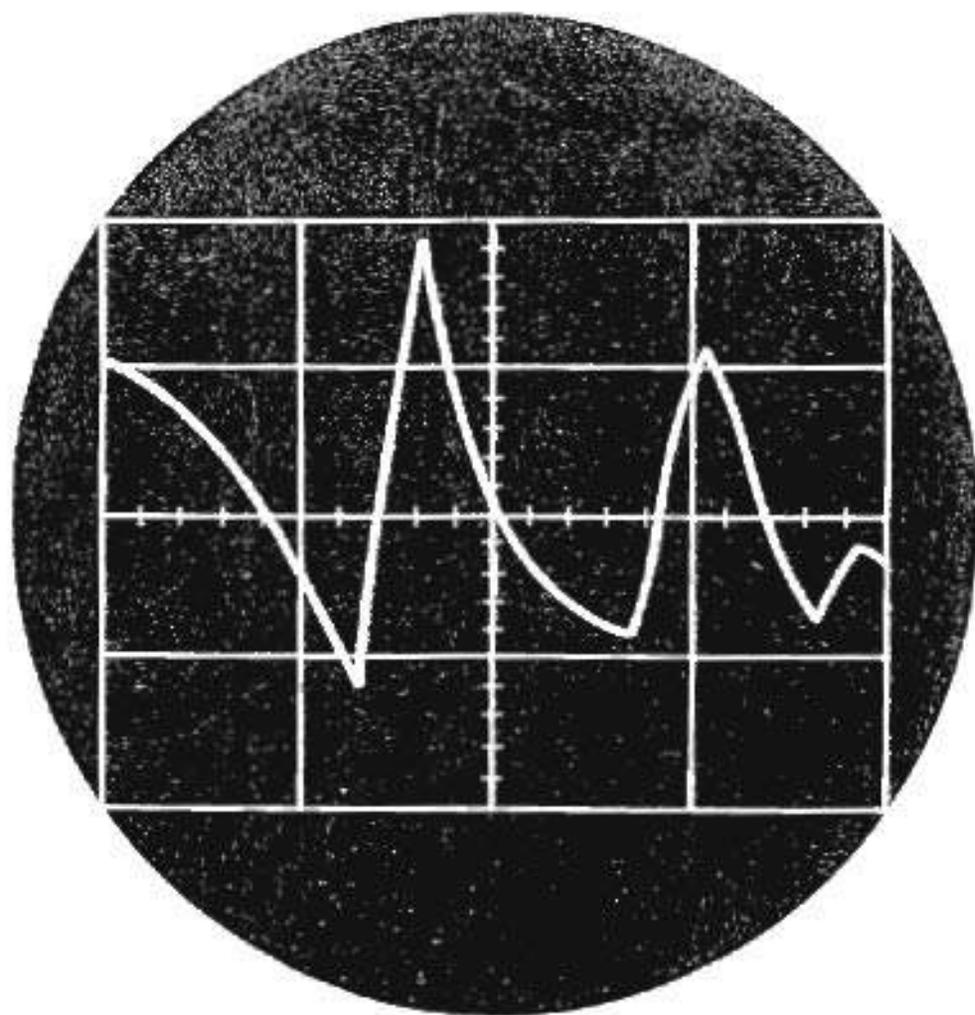
\* Terms which are defined in Chapter 6, Glossary, are italicized throughout the text of this document.

# Attachment 3

## Compendium of water reports

# WATER-RESOURCES INVESTIGATION USING ANALOG MODEL TECHNIQUES

IN THE SALGUS-NEWHALL AREA  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

OPEN-FILE REPORT  
Mentlo Park, California  
1972

PREPARED IN COOPERATION WITH THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Because of the lack of data only four short-term deep-well hydrographs were available to use in the non-steady-state verification of the Saugus aquifer (pl. 7). The measurements indicate that in the area south of the San Gabriel fault and east of Castaic Junction, the potentiometric surface produced by the model is too flat (pl. 7). This was also indicated by the steady-state run. The model-based heads shown on plate 7 are correct south of Castaic Junction but are about 70 feet low at Menhall. This is shown by the discrepancy between the two hydrographs for well 4/15/4-3511 (pl. 7). Because there are no water-level measurements for the area north of the San Gabriel fault and Castaic Junction, it is not known whether or not the potentiometric surface shown for that area is correct.

In view of the lack of definitive data for the Saugus aquifer, it is felt that this layer of the model is adequately verified for present needs. The hydrologic parameters used to model the Saugus aquifer are initial estimates. Consequently, before more detailed information about the Saugus aquifer can be obtained from the model, additional studies of the hydrologic characteristics of the aquifer should be made. With present data only general information can be deduced regarding the ground-water flow network in the Saugus aquifer.

A comparison of the assumed steady-state potentiometric surface (pl. 6), with the 1963 potentiometric surface (pl. 7) shows that in the model the Saugus aquifer has undergone a decline in head over most of the area of the aquifer. This decline is due to pumping from the Saugus aquifer and to water-level declines in the overlying alluvial aquifer. The model-generated hydrographs on plate 7 indicate that the declines in the Saugus aquifer have been similar to those that occurred at adjacent points in the alluvial aquifer. This suggests that future pumping from or artificial recharge to one of the aquifers will have an effect on the head in the other aquifer. Head changes in the Saugus aquifer, however, are generally less than the corresponding changes in the alluvial aquifer. This is due to the low vertical component of permeability between the two aquifers and lesser quantities of pumping from the Saugus aquifer than from the alluvial aquifer.

#### WATER BUDGET

Table 5 shows the water budgets for the steady-state and the non-steady-state model. All quantities of inflow and outflow used in the model are shown. Under steady-state conditions the quantity of inflow to the model must equal the quantity of outflow. As shown, the total inflow and total outflow are both equal to about 25,000 acre-feet per year. Surface-water recharge and underflow are the major sources of inflow, and ground-water discharge is the principal outflow.

In the water budget for the non-steady-state condition the figures shown are the total quantities of inflow or outflow which occurred in each area during the 23-year study period. When the ground-water storage depletion is added to the inflow data, the total inflow must equal the total outflow within the limits of accuracy of the model. As shown, these totals agree within 5.2 percent or about 44,000 acre-feet. Surface-water recharge and underflow are still the main sources of inflow, but ground-water pumpage is by far the greatest source of outflow from the basin.

#### MODEL READOUTS

The major water purveyors in the Saugus-Newhall area are presently considering the effects of various water-resources management practices in order to arrive at management techniques that will make the best use of the existing and future water resources of the areas. The analog model was used to supply information about the response of the aquifers to each of the following conditions:

1. What are the effects of loss of natural floodwater recharge to the aquifers?
2. What are the effects on the aquifers of artificial recharge of imported water?
3. What are the effects on the aquifers of increased pumpage to meet future water requirements?

#### Effects of Loss of Floodflow

Because water levels in the alluvial aquifer respond to variations in surface-water recharge, information about the effects of an extended drought during which no floodflow recharge occurs is of value.

To simulate an extended drought, the model was run for the 1945-67 period under the following conditions:

1. The surface-water recharge to the model did not exceed steady-state surface-water recharge.
2. Loss of floodflow recharge to the aquifers will cause large water-level declines which will decrease the quantity of ground-water discharge in the Santa Clara River below Castaic Junction. This ground-water discharge cannot be decreased by more than the original steady-state ground-water discharge. To simulate this limit in the model, the induced recharge in the area was not allowed to exceed the value of the steady-state ground-water discharge.

## MODEL READOUTS

3. The aquifers were assumed to be in steady-state conditions at the beginning of the drought.

4. All other hydrologic parameters were maintained at the values which were normally used in the non-steady-state model during the 1945-67 study period.

Under these conditions the model produced the hydrographs shown in figure 9. Because the transmissibility in the model does not vary as a function of head, these hydrographs represent the theoretical response of the basin to the conditions set forth above. Under actual field conditions the decrease in transmissibility with decline in head would cause the alluvial aquifer to be dewatered sooner than indicated by the hydrographs in figure 9. The hydrographs do indicate, however, that without the effects of floodflow recharge most of the alluvial aquifer could not support the modeled rate of ground-water pumpage for more than 14 to 18 years after steady-state conditions. The aquifer would support this pumpage for an even shorter period of time if the basin were not at steady-state condition at the beginning of the drought. The benefit the basin receives from floodflow recharge can be seen by comparing the hydrographs produced by the model for the alluvial aquifer under 1945-67 historic conditions with the hydrographs for the no-floodflow condition.

The loss of floodflow recharge in the alluvial aquifer causes head declines in the Saugus aquifer. As shown by the hydrographs in figure 10, after 23 years the no-floodflow condition produces declines in the Saugus aquifer about 100 feet below those of the normal condition. These declines do not produce complete dewatering of the aquifer because of its large saturated thickness.

### Effects of Artificial Recharge

The Upper Santa Clara Valley Water Agency has contracted with the State of California for delivery of northern California water to meet future water requirements in the study area. The quantities of imported water tentatively will range from 1,600 acre-feet per year in 1971 to 41,500 acre-feet per year in 1990 but could be increased somewhat if required (table 6). One management procedure under consideration proposes that all water imported between 1971 and 1980 be artificially recharged to defer the cost of treatment facilities. The channel of the Santa Clara River between Solemint and Saugus was chosen as a possible site for artificial recharge on the basis of the hydrology of this area and the proposed alignment of a 36-inch diameter pipeline. The analog model was used as an aid in determining the effects of the recharge on the aquifers.

A second model run was made to show the effects on the basin of the conditions imposed in the previous run without artificial recharge in the Santa Clara River. The hydrographs produced under these conditions are shown on plate 9.

The model indicated that the alluvial aquifer would be dewatered in the upper and lower Soledad Canyon areas prior to 1980. This is primarily due to the heavy pumping in the lower Soledad Canyon area between 1970 and 1980 which is not compensated for by artificial recharge as it was in the previous run. After 1980 the hydrographs for this run and the previous run are almost parallel with the previous run water levels between 10 and 50 feet higher than those for this run.

In the Saugus aquifer the hydrographs for this run are between 10 and 30 feet lower than the corresponding hydrographs for the previous run. In general the removal of the artificial recharge from the alluvial aquifer does not produce a significant change in water levels in the Saugus aquifer. The same management problems are produced by this set of conditions as were produced in the previous run, the major differences being that the problems occur as much as 10 years sooner. These model-generated readouts are subject to the same limitations as are the readouts from the previous run (page 54).

#### CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of the study of the hydrology of the area and the readouts from the analog model the following conclusions have been reached:

1. The alluvial aquifer has been the source of most of the ground water pumped in the area. The quality of water in this aquifer is readily affected by small quantities of inflow of either better or poorer quality water because of the relatively small quantity of ground water in storage in the aquifer. The water in this aquifer can in turn affect the chemical quality of the water in the Saugus aquifer. **Urbanization will place additional stress on both aquifers by increasing the quantity of poor-quality sewage effluent and good-quality imported water available for recharge into the alluvial aquifer. In addition, heavy pumping from the Saugus aquifer to meet future water demands could drastically reduce the ground-water discharge from the basin. This could result in the buildup of salts within the basin because of the lost flushing action of the ground-water discharge.**

These conditions substantiate the belief that a proper water-quality management program must be established within the basin. This should include the initiation and operation of a systematic periodic water-quality sampling program. These data can then be used to evaluate the effects on the basin of the above water-quality considerations.

2. The ability of the alluvial aquifer to accept artificial recharge is dependent on the storage space available within the aquifer. In the Saugus-Newhall area the space available for recharge in the alluvial aquifer varies widely depending on the quantity of surface-water recharge that occurs each year. To determine how much artificial recharge could take place each year, a water-level measuring program should be initiated in the lower Soledad Canyon area. Using these measurements and other data, estimates of the space available for the storage of water in the aquifer in the coming year could be made. This would facilitate obtaining the proper quantities of imported water for artificial recharge each year.

3. The model indicates that under historic pumping conditions the full entitlement of imported water to the year 1980 probably could not be artificially recharged in the 3.5-mile reach of the Santa Clara River below Solemint. This is due to the lack of storage in the alluvial aquifer. When an estimated maximum pumping rate to 1990 is distributed so the pumping near the artificial recharge reach is greatly increased, it seems possible to artificially recharge all the imported water to be delivered prior to 1980.

4. On the basis of readouts from the analog model it seems that the maximum quantities of pumping that might be demanded of the alluvial aquifer to 1990 cannot be supplied by that aquifer. To meet the maximum water requirements of the area, either more water must be imported than was used in the model run or pumping from the Saugus aquifer must be increased. However, the model indicates that increased pumping from the Saugus aquifer causes large head declines in that aquifer and induces declines in the alluvial aquifer. In the model declines were large enough to greatly diminish the ground-water discharge from the alluvial aquifer and to eliminate all natural outflow from the Saugus aquifer. If this condition were allowed to continue unchecked, water-quality problems could develop in the basin because of the imbalance of salts being carried in and out of the basin.

As a result, pumping in the Saugus aquifer cannot be increased indiscriminately without producing detrimental effects in both aquifers. A proper choice of pumping patterns in the Saugus and alluvial aquifers could minimize the adverse effects of increased pumpage. However, further interrogation of the model is required to determine whether or not the Saugus aquifer can support the proposed rate of pumping without dewatering the alluvial aquifer.

5. The Saugus aquifer is a potentially large source of ground water with an estimated maximum of 6 million acre-feet of recoverable water in storage. Further study of this aquifer is required to delineate the areas of poor water quality and to determine more accurately the transmissibility and storage coefficients of the aquifer. Future studies of the Saugus aquifer should give prime consideration to the area north of Castaic Junction and the San Gabriel fault because few hydrologic data are available for this area. With greater knowledge of this aquifer the ground-water basin model could be updated to give more precise information about the response of this aquifer to various ground-water management practices and to more accurately determine the potential for future utilization of the aquifer.

State of California  
The Resources Agency  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
Southern District  
Water Projects Branch

**PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF  
STATE WATER PROJECT GROUND WATER STORAGE PROGRAM:  
SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY BASINS**

-by-

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Graduate Student Assistant

This Technical Information Record (TIR) was prepared to document information developed during a reconnaissance-level investigation of the Santa Clara River Valley Ground Water Basins to determine if inclusion of these basins in the State Water Project Future Supply Program is feasible. Therefore, it should be considered as preliminary and subject to revision. This is primarily an internal office document with distribution limited to the cooperating agencies only.

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basins. Ground water is classed mainly as desirable for domestic and irrigation uses. TDS concentrations range from 260 mg/l to 500 mg/l.

#### Ground Water Use

The volume of ground water in storage is reduced by: pumped extractions, consumptive use of water by phreatophytes, and the outflow of rising water to Eastern Basin.

Currently, water demand is met entirely by pumped extractions; however, by 1980 imported water will be needed to meet the projected demands of an increasing population. Annual extractions were estimated to be 14.8 cubic hectometres (12,000 acre-feet) per year.

#### Storage Capacity

Ground water in storage between high and low water levels was estimated to be 19.7 cubic hectometres (16,000 acre-feet). Specific yield is approximately 20 percent.

The ground water level is often at or near the surface during storm flows. Therefore, the river channel alluvium has little capacity for further recharge immediately after heavy rains.

### EASTERN BASIN

#### Description

Eastern Basin is downstream from Acton Basin and lies almost entirely within Los Angeles County. The basin is separated from Acton Basin by an impermeable bedrock constriction. Eastern Basin is composed of water-bearing deposits occurring along the Santa Clara River between the towns of Lang and Blue Cut and in the numerous canyons tributary to this area. The water-bearing deposits cover an approximate surface area of 11 655 hectares (29,000 acres).

The major aquifers in the basin are the Saugus Formation and the river channel alluvium. Only 1 067 metres (3,500 feet) of the Saugus Formation contribute to ground water development. This formation has been faulted, folded, and eroded. The river channel alluvium ranges from a few metres in thickness to about 61 metres (200 feet) thick near the town of Saugus.

Newhall-Saugus is the largest population center for the basin as well as for the whole Santa Clara River Valley.

#### Ground Water Occurrence

Ground water in the alluvium is unconfined, while ground water in the Saugus Formation is confined. Ground water moves westward. The San Gabriel and Holser Faults cross the water-bearing sediments and cause a water level differential of approximately 3 to 6 metres (10 to 20 feet).

No measurable subsurface inflow occurs from Acton Basin; inflow from Acton Basin occurs as rising water only. Outflow occurs either as subsurface outflow or as rising water. Rising water outflow was estimated to average 13 cubic hectometres (10,600 acre-feet) per year. The subsurface outflow was estimated to be 0.3 cubic hectometre (240 acre-feet) per year.

Percolation of precipitation, streamflow and the return flows of irrigation water recharge the basin. To a minor extent, inflow is derived from the semi-permeable formations which flank the main ground water basin. Other sources of recharge water for the basin are sewage and industrial waste effluents.

#### Quality

Widely ranging ground water conditions in this basin may cause localized variations from the favorable water quality of the basin. Ground water quality for domestic use ranges from suitable in most areas of the basin to unsuitable in the western portion. Ground water is generally suitable for irrigation of all but the most sensitive crops.

TDS ranges from 600 mg/l to 1 800 mg/l. The concentration of mineral constituents in the ground water increases westward along the basin. Concentrations of chlorides and nitrates are generally lower than 100 mg/l and 45 mg/l respectively.

#### Ground Water Use

Wells tapping the alluvium are very productive with yields up to 7 370.8 litres (2,000 gallons) per minute. Well extractions from both the alluvium and the Saugus Formation average 28.7 cubic hectometres (23,300 acre-feet) per year. Near Blue Cut, the Newhall Land and Farming Company pumps and exports from 4.9 to 8 cubic hectometres (4,000 to 6,500 acre-feet) per year to Piru Basin for agricultural purposes.

#### Storage Capacity

No data is available for the total storage capacity of the basin or the current volume in storage; however, data does indicate the basin had an available capacity of 24.7 cubic hectometres (20,000 acre-feet). The safe yield was estimated at 28.5 cubic hectometres (23,100 acre-feet) per year.

### PIRU BASIN

#### Description

Piru Basin is the easternmost basin lying entirely within Ventura County between the towns of Blue Cut and Fillmore. The ground water basin covers a surface area of about 2 843 hectares (7,025 acres).

Piru Basin is comprised of two principal aquifers: alluvium beneath the flood-plains and permeable freshwater-bearing zones in the San Pedro Formation. Over most of the basin the thickness of the alluvial aquifer ranges from 26 to 70 metres (85 to 200 feet). The alluvium consists of fluvial sand and gravel of Recent and

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HYDROGEOLOGIC INVESTIGATION  
PERENNIAL YIELD  
and  
ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE POTENTIAL  
of the  
ALLUVIAL SEDIMENTS  
in the  
SANTA CLARITA RIVER VALLEY  
of  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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Subject: Executive Summary  
Hydrogeologic Investigation  
Perennial Yield and Artificial  
Recharge Potential of the Alluvial  
Sediments, Santa Clarita Valley

Dear Mr. Putnam:

I am pleased to present this Volume I report of our hydrogeologic investigation of the alluvial sediments within the Santa Clara River Valley area of Los Angeles County, California. This project was undertaken to evaluate the magnitude of the perennial yield of groundwater that is available to wells from the alluvial sediments and to assess the hydrogeologic feasibility of artificially recharging these sediments.

Work on this project included collecting and reviewing pertinent data from numerous sources, conducting a limited field reconnaissance of the region, providing detailed hydrogeologic analyses of these records, and writing and preparing this report of investigation. Documenting this report are figures and tables, and a list of references reviewed. A separately bound Volume II provides all plates.

Principal conclusions and recommendations include:

1. The study area lies within the Eastern Groundwater Basin of Los Angeles County; alluvium along the stream channels and the Saugus Formation comprise the water-bearing sediments in this basin.

Because the alluvium is thin (less than 200 feet in maximum thickness) and because it is comprised of coarse-grained, permeable sediments, it is readily subjected to seasonal and long-term climatic (rain-fall) changes and water quality impairment. Such climate changes or water quality problems (such as underground leaky tanks) will occur more rapidly and to



a larger degree in the shallow wells of the alluvium compared to wells in the underlying Saugus Formation.

The Saugus Formation ranges in thickness between at least 1500 feet and at least 5000 feet from the northerly to the southerly sides of the San Gabriel fault, respectively. Little is known of the hydrogeology and water-yielding characteristics of the Saugus Formation.

2. Groundwater flows from east to west across the alluvium in the river valley; April 1945 represents the all-time water level high, while November 1965 represents the all-time water level low in much of the alluvium. In general, 1985 water levels are 10 to 30 feet lower than the 1945 levels. Water levels west of Castaic Junction have remained high throughout the period of record.
3. Groundwater in storage in the alluvium has ranged from a high in April 1945 of 201,000 ac-ft, to a low of 107,000 ac-ft in November 1965; at present (Fall 1985) groundwater in storage is approximately 176,400 ac-ft. Because the theoretical maximum storage capacity in the alluvium is 239,900 ac-ft, there is a theoretically available storage capacity of 63,500 ac-ft between the 1985 storage and the theoretically maximum possible storage.
4. Though historic groundwater extraction data are somewhat contradictory, groundwater production for 1985 was: 24,103 ac-ft from the alluvium, using 59 active wells; and 4892 ac-ft from the underlying Saugus Formation, using 8 active wells. The numbers, locations, and annual production from wells actively used by private homeowners, industries and/or commercial establishments are not known; it is probable that total annual production from these sources does not presently exceed a few hundred ac-ft/yr.
5. For our base period of study of 1957-58 through 1984-85, we calculate a practical perennial yield for the alluvium of 31,600 to 32,600 ac-ft per year.
6. Alluvial groundwater quality ranges from a natural calcium-bicarbonate character on the east near Lang to a degraded sodium-sulfate character west of Castaic Junction. Generally, TDS increases in the



their annual extractions are not metered. Because the cumulative total production by these private pumpers is not considered to be large, it has not been included in our perennial yield assessment.

Prior to 1954, alluvial groundwater production accounted for almost 100 percent of the total water production in the study area. However, in 1954, this percentage decreased to approximately 95 percent because in that year Newhall County Water District constructed the first of six wells which tap the Saugus Formation for domestic use. By 1985, production from the Saugus Formation approached 16 percent of total groundwater extractions (refer also to Table 2).

In recent years, there have been several shifts in the supply/demand usage of water in the region. Groundwater extractions from the Saugus Formation have gradually increased to about 15 percent of the total local production, while total extractions (alluvium plus Saugus Formation) have declined slightly. Water usage has shifted toward a greater proportion for urban uses, with a reduction for agricultural uses, as the region has become urbanized. In the future, it is projected that local alluvium production will remain relatively constant with more water going to urban uses as the agriculture is phased out, and there will be greater use of groundwater from the Saugus Formation.

Urbanization has had a rather startling impact on the availability of areas for recharge, however. All recharge to the aquifer system does not occur in the low-flow channels of the river and its tributaries, but infiltrates over much of the alluviated areas which are not within the flood channels of the Santa Clara River system. Paving of these areas has, and will continue to reduce the net effective area for natural recharge to the underlying groundwater system.

# Conjunctive Use of the Saugus Aquifer

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CLWA. Consequently, the water is currently utilized for agricultural lease operations within the Devil's Den Water District.

The SWP release pattern from its storage reservoirs is based on maintaining a supply of water to satisfy demand in a drought. Consequently, SWP entitlements are subject to cutbacks at times. To assess potential future reductions, Reiter created a model of the SWP supply available for release using a Monte-Carlo iteration, a random analysis, to project precipitation. Historical hydrologic data are incorporated into the analysis. Because the State plans to develop additional sources of water in the future, the Reiter model includes scenarios for each projected yield increase. The expected increases are 60,000 acre-feet/year in 1991, 300,000 acre-feet/year in 1995 and 300,000 acre-feet/year in 2000. Based on the method of determining reductions discussed in Chapter 3, the potential reductions to CLWA's deliveries (assuming full entitlement amounts were requested), and thus the projected water available for CLWA's use, are calculated for each scenario.

The sources of groundwater available to users within CLWA's boundaries in the future will continue to be the alluvial and Saugus aquifers. From the alluvial aquifer the safe yield is anticipated to be 32,500 acre-feet/year, a portion of which will be used for agricultural purposes and, therefore, is not available for M&I use. The Saugus aquifer production is anticipated to be 11,000 to 22,000 acre-feet/year of which the assumption is made that 10,000 acre-feet/year is allocated for use by the water purveyors and 2,000 acre-feet/year is utilized by other water users.

In addition to groundwater and imported water, reclaimed water will be available for CLWA's use. A reclaimed water system with a maximum capacity of 8,600 acre-feet/year is planned for construction in a phased program. It is anticipated that reclamation will begin in 1992 and will increase until reaching the maximum in 1999. The reclaimed water will be used for landscape irrigation, and, therefore, will most likely be utilized from May through September.

From Table 4-1 and Figure 4-1, it can be seen that, based on Reiter's analysis, the supply does not meet the demand every year. The remaining 1,000 to 10,000 acre-feet/year of unused Saugus water is available for development by CLWA for use in the years of shortfall. Development of additional supplies in the Saugus aquifer will be considered in the following chapters.

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## CHAPTER 3

### EXISTING AND PROJECTED WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND

In order to evaluate the need for reclaimed water, water supplies and demands were projected into the future. This chapter describes the existing and future water supplies, demands, and facilities within the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) service area.

#### EXISTING WATER SUPPLY, DEMAND AND FACILITIES

##### Water Supply

Water demands in the Santa Clarita Valley are currently met by two sources: the State Water Project (SWP) and local groundwater supplies. The estimated average total supply available for municipal and industrial (M&I) and agricultural uses is 98,000 to 109,000 acre-feet per year, depending on the yield available from the local groundwater aquifers. CLWA purchases State water and wholesales it to four domestic water purveyors, these being the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, the Newhall County Water District, the Santa Clarita Water Company and the Valencia Water Company. The approximate boundaries of the water purveyors are shown on Figure 3-1. CLWA has SWP entitlements of 41,500 acre-feet per year for M&I uses. In addition, SWP agricultural entitlements of 12,700 acre-feet per year have been transferred to CLWA from the Devil's Den Water District in Kern and Kings Counties. To date, the Devil's Den entitlements have not been used within the CLWA service area.

In addition to imported water, local groundwater supplies have been developed by domestic water purveyors and by agricultural water users. Two fresh-water bearing aquifers, the alluvial and Saugus aquifers, underlie CLWA's boundaries and form the Eastern Groundwater Basin of the Santa Clara River Valley Basin.

The alluvial aquifer lies above the Saugus aquifer and is comprised of the alluvial sediments along the river and its major tributaries. The maximum thickness of the alluvium is about 200 feet. A large number of wells penetrate this upper aquifer, and, historically, most water extracted from the groundwater basin has been from the alluvial aquifer. The perennial yield of the aquifer is considered to be 32,500 acre-feet, a portion of which is used for agricultural purposes and is increasingly available for M&I uses as agricultural land is developed for urban use.

Much less information is known about the Saugus aquifer. Historically, few wells penetrated the Saugus aquifer. However, as water demands in the valley have increased, more wells have been drilled into the aquifer. The anticipated annual

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TABLE III-1

## WATER SOURCES FOR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

SOURCE Acre-Feet per Year	Minimum	Maximum
Santa Clara River Alluvium	31,600	<del>32,600</del>
Saugus Formation Normal Pumping	11,000	22,000
Saugus Short Term Overdraft	20,300	None
State Project Water CLWA Table A Entitlement <sup>1</sup>	43,360	54,200
TOTAL CURRENT RESOURCES	106,260	108,800
Reclaimed Water Potential	10,000	10,000
TOTAL WATER RESOURCES AVAILABLE	116,260	118,800
NON DOMESTIC & OTHER		
Agricultural uses	12,000	5,000 <sup>3</sup>
Pitchess Honor Rancho	2,000 <sup>2</sup>	3,000 <sup>3</sup>
NET WATER RESOURCES FOR M & I	102,260	110,800

<sup>1</sup> Entitlements are subject to drought related cutbacks. Maximum cutback on Table A is estimated to be 20%. CLWA plans a conjunctive use program to mitigate the effects of State Project Water cutbacks which are shown in the column designated as minimum. This requires Saugus Short Term Overdraft.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated current use.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated future use.

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Pumping from the Saugus Aquifer has varied from about 3,900 acre-ft/yr up to 14,800 acre-ft/yr. In 1996, Saugus pumping was about 8,200 acre-ft/yr. Installed pumping capacity can produce 15,000 to 16,000 acre-ft/yr from the Saugus Aquifer.

In 1991, groundwater was pumped into the CLWA distribution system because of SWP supply deficiencies and the cost of water was less than purchasing State Drought Bank water. By moving groundwater from areas of adequate supply into areas with limited groundwater, the local water community illustrated a major element of a conjunctive use program.

### Estimated Dry Period Groundwater Production Capability

Slade (1984) reported that the perennial yield of the Alluvial Aquifer is about 32,000 acre-ft/yr. This yield is the historical annual production adjusted for a minor change in storage. Because of the limited storage capacity in the Alluvium, this groundwater source may be limited in dry periods. Wells in the Alluvium near the eastern reaches of the Santa Clara River are known to have groundwater levels which decline during consecutive dry years by as much as 100 feet, reducing pumping capacity. A series of winter storms recharge the aquifer and result in water level recovery.

The data reviewed for the Pardee area (located near Bouquet Canyon Road and the Santa Clara River) shows that in 1990 and 1991, groundwater levels did not decline as much as those in the easterly areas. In 1991, the Valencia Water Company increased its pumping to offset limited SWP water supplies. Valencia Water Company reported delivery of about 5,000 acre-ft/yr into the CLWA distribution system. Total pumping from the Alluvium by Valencia Water Company in 1991 was about 9,900 acre-ft/yr, as reported to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Based on historical data, the Alluvial Aquifer east of Castaic Junction can support production of at least 20,400 acre-ft/yr as shown in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2  
1991 Alluvial Groundwater Production  
East of Castaic Junction

Water Purveyor	Annual Production (acre-ft/yr)
Newhall CWD	1,900
Santa Clarita WC	5,900
Valencia WC <sup>1</sup>	10,400
Wayside Honor Rancho	2,200
Total	20,400

1. Includes 500 acre-ft pumped in 1991 by Newhall Land & Farming Co. east of Castaic Junction.

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## 1 3.2 SURFACE WATER, WATER USE, GROUNDWATER

2 *Surface Water.* The primary drainage course in the CLWA area is the Santa Clara River.  
3 Principal tributaries to the Santa Clara River include Munt Canyon, Bouquet Canyon, San  
4 Francisquito Canyon, Castaic Creek Canyon, Oak Spring Canyon, Sand Canyon, and Poitro  
5 Canyon. Water flow in the stream canyons is ephemeral, and diminishes rapidly after most  
6 rainfall events. Surface water resources include the Santa Clara River, Bouquet Reservoir, and  
7 Castaic Lake. Water (both imported and naturally occurring) is diverted from Pyramid Lake  
8 located a few miles to the north, through hydroelectric power generation facilities, into Castaic  
9 Lake. Water quality in the Santa Clara River is generally poor due to high concentrations of  
10 total dissolved solids, however, water in Pyramid Lake, Castaic Lake, and Bouquet Reservoir is  
11 suitable for municipal use. Primary flood hazard areas occur in and along natural drainage  
12 channels, such as the Santa Clara River and its tributaries, and in areas where sheetflow may  
13 occur during high intensity rainfall (CLWA 1988, 1998; Slade 1986).

14 *Water Supplies.* The existing local water supply in the CLWA service area is groundwater  
15 extracted from the alluvial aquifer and from the underlying Saugus Formation aquifer.  
16 Historically, groundwater has been the primary source of water in the Santa Clarita Valley.  
17 Since 1980, local groundwater supplies have been supplemented with imported water from the  
18 SWP. From 1984 to 1996, historic SWP entitlement has averaged 24,568 acre-feet per year (AFY)  
19 (including deliveries to Devil's Den in Kern County and Kings County), which is 45 percent of  
20 the existing 54,200 AFY entitlement.

21 *Groundwater.* Large quantities of water are pumped from relatively shallow wells in the highly  
22 permeable alluvial aquifer. Although this alluvial aquifer is the smaller of the two-aquifer  
23 systems, as measured by storage capacity, most water wells within CLWA are drilled into the  
24 alluvial aquifer. Slade (1986) estimated the perennial yield of the alluvial aquifer to be from  
25 31,600 AFY to 32,600 AFY. The maximum historic quantity of water stored in the alluvium has  
26 been estimated to be approximately 201,000 acre-feet, following substantial rainfall in 1945  
27 (CLWA 1998). Recharge amounts are highly variable, depending on annual precipitation with  
28 documented annual water level recoveries of 70 feet or more. Dry years have resulted in water  
29 level drops of approximately 100 feet, particularly in Soledad Canyon. However, groundwater  
30 levels have remained near the ground surface in the vicinity of Castaic Junction, due to the east-

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Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36



Newhall County Water District



Santa Clarita Water Company



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## Executive Summary

### Santa Clarita Valley Water Report 1998

This annual report provides factual information about the current water resources within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Upper Santa Clara Valley Water Committee, (Committee) whose members are responsible for ensuring that Valley residents have a safe, adequate and reliable water supply, prepared this report.

The Santa Clarita Valley is served by four retail water purveyors: Los Angeles County Waterworks District 36, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Water Company and Valencia Water Company. The Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) provides imported water from California's State Water Project to the four purveyors for distribution. These five entities meet regularly as the Upper Santa Clara Valley Water Committee to coordinate the beneficial use of water in the Valley.

This report provides information about the area's geology, the local groundwater basin, imported water supplies, water quality, precipitation, recycled water, existing and projected water demand and an overall outlook of water supply and demand.

In 1998, the Committee reports a total water supply of approximately 107,000 acre-feet per year and an existing water demand of 48,858 acre-feet. The Santa Clarita Valley currently has a surplus of supply of about 58,142 acre-feet over existing demand. The Committee projects this condition to continue for the foreseeable future given the overall availability of local and imported water supplies, the levels of precipitation both locally and regionally, the favorable operating condition of the groundwater basin and the existing facilities in place to deliver water throughout the valley.

Water Supplies include groundwater from the shallow Alluvial Aquifer and the underlying deeper Saugus Formation and imported water from the State Water Project. The following summarizes the water resources of the Valley in 1998:

#### Alluvial Aquifer

- The annual perennial yield for the Alluvial Aquifer is 32,500 acre-feet per year. This quantity of water represents an amount of water that can be pumped annually from the aquifer on a long-term basis and during dry year conditions without causing an undesirable result.

# Section I

## Introduction

### Section I.A Background

For most residents of the Santa Clarita Valley (Valley), domestic water service is provided by four retail water purveyors. They are Los Angeles County Waterworks District 36, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Water Company, and Valencia Water Company. The Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) is a wholesaler that obtains water from California's State Water Project. CLWA draws water from Castaic Lake where it is filtered and disinfected at two treatment plants before distribution to the purveyors. These five entities meet regularly as the Upper Santa Clara Valley Water Committee (Committee) to coordinate the beneficial use of water in the Valley. Their respective service areas are shown in **Figure I-1**.

The Committee was officially formed in 1967 when its members requested the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to prepare a joint water resources study of the Santa Clara River Watershed. The purpose of the Committee was to consult with the USGS regarding the study, to assist with the accumulation of data, and to continue working toward coordinating water management programs for the area. The study was completed in 1972 by S. G. Robson of the USGS and provides the initial baseline information of the valley's groundwater resources.

Over the years, the Committee has continued to review and document the availability of water resources in the region. Past studies have assessed the condition of the local groundwater aquifers, their hydro-geologic character, aquifer storage capacity, perennial yield and recharge rate and the potential for conjunctive use of both groundwater and imported water resources.

Other efforts have included developing drought contingency plans, evaluating the impact of landfills on the groundwater basin, coordinating emergency response

## Section II

### Water Supplies

Historically, local groundwater extracted from the Alluvial and Saugus Aquifers has been the primary source of water in the Santa Clarita Valley. However, local groundwater supplies since 1980 have been supplemented with imported water from the State Water Project. This Section describes the geologic setting of the Santa Clarita Valley, the local and imported water supplies, water quality, precipitation records and recycled water programs.

#### **Section II.A            Eastern Groundwater Basin**

Figure II-1 shows the approximate boundaries of the Eastern Groundwater Basin, which is the largest and most developed groundwater body of the Upper Santa Clara River HA. It is an alluvial-valley aquifer-stream system. The basin consists of Holocene Alluvium, Pleistocene terrace deposits, and the Plio-Pleistocene Saugus Formation.

Information on the hydrologic conditions of the groundwater basin comes from three previous studies. Robson (1972) evaluated the availability, quantity, and potential for development of the groundwater resources of the Saugus-Newhall area. Slade (1986) conducted an evaluation of the hydrologic conditions of the Alluvial Aquifer underlying the Santa Clarita Valley and its potential for artificial recharge. In 1988, Slade conducted a hydrologic evaluation of the Saugus Formation, its quantity, and potential for development.

#### **Section II.A.1.a.            Alluvial Aquifer - General**

The Holocene Alluvium exists extensively on the valley floor and becomes restricted at the narrow channels of the river's tributaries in the upper reaches. The Alluvium is deepest along the center of the present river channel, with a

values where the alluvium is thickest in the center of the valley and generally west of Bouquet Canyon.

The amount of groundwater in storage in the Alluvium can vary considerably because of the effects of recharge and discharge from the aquifer. Based on an Alluvial area of 15,410 acres, variable thickness, and specific yield of 8 to 16 percent, it has been estimated that the theoretical maximum amount of groundwater that could be held and retrieved in usable storage is 240,000 acre-feet. Based on historical fluctuations in groundwater levels, calculated volumes of groundwater in storage in the Alluvium have ranged from a high of 201,000 acre-feet in April 1945 to a low of 107,000 acre-feet in November 1965.

Three of the four water companies pump local groundwater in addition to purchasing imported water from CLWA. The Los Angeles County Waterworks District 36 presently has no operating groundwater extraction facilities. Also, the County of Los Angeles and the Newhall Land and Farming Company pump from the Alluvial Aquifer to service their own lands.

In 1988, the Committee hired Richard C. Slade and Associates to study the Alluvial Aquifer and determine, among other things, the aquifer's hydrogeologic condition, perennial yield, storage capacity and potential for artificial recharge. Based on historical pumpage and hydrologic conditions over a 28 year base period (1957-58 through 1984-85), Slade estimated that the annual perennial yield for the Alluvial Aquifer is 31,600 acre-ft to 32,600 acre-ft per year (one acre-ft is +/- 325,900 gallons). Based on the results of that hydrogeologic report and the operating experience of its members, the Committee has adopted a perennial yield of 32,500 acre-ft per year. This quantity represents the amount of water that can be pumped annually from the aquifer on a long-term basis, including fluctuations above and below the perennial yield amount during wet and dry year conditions, without causing an undesirable result. Undesirable results could include long-term groundwater level decline (and associated decline in groundwater storage), degradation of water quality in the aquifer, or land

# Attachment 4

## GSI 2015 Alluvial Production Report



## **DRAFT** Technical Memorandum

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Walt Burt/GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

**Date:** December 15, 2014

**Subject:** Evaluation of Groundwater Pumping Targets for the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015  
Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin (Santa Clarita Valley, California)

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### Introduction

This technical memorandum presents the results of an analysis conducted by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI), to evaluate the achievability of target production volumes identified by the local retail water purveyors for groundwater pumping during 2015 from the local Alluvial Aquifer system in the Santa Clarita Valley, California. As specified in GSI's scope of work (dated October 6, 2014), this effort evaluated whether the target production volumes from Alluvial Aquifer wells during 2014 would be achievable in 2015 if ongoing local drought conditions and curtailments of State Water Project water were to continue into 2015.

The analysis was conducted for the 33 purveyor-owned production wells that currently operate in the Alluvial Aquifer (15 wells owned and operated by Valencia Water Company [VWC]; 6 wells owned and operated by Newhall County Water District [NCWD]; and 12 wells owned and operated by the Santa Clarita Water Division [SCWD] of the Castaic Lake Water Agency [CLWA]). The purveyors' Groundwater Operating Plan calls for the Alluvial Aquifer to provide between 30,000 and 35,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of groundwater supply during local drought years. Of this amount, approximately 27,500 AFY are specified to be pumped by the three retail water purveyors (VWC, SCWD, and NWCD). The Groundwater Operating Plan was first established for the local groundwater basin during the 2000s (CH2M HILL and LSCE,

2005) and subsequently was updated in 2009 (LSCE and GSI, 2009) and 2014 (GSI and LSCE, 2014).

From the fall of 2013 through the fall of 2014, the three retail water purveyors together pumped approximately 25,000 AFY of Alluvial Aquifer groundwater, or about 10 percent less than the 27,500 AFY target production volume that is identified in the Groundwater Operating Plan for the Alluvial Aquifer during locally dry years. Several wells experienced difficulty achieving their target volumes during 2014, particularly wells owned by SCWD and NCWD that are located in the upper reaches of the watershed (where groundwater levels and groundwater recharge rates are highly sensitive to year-to-year variations in rainfall and streamflow). During the period from the fall of 2013 to the fall of 2014, each of three wells owned by SCWD pumped less than 100 AFY, and four wells owned by SCWD did not operate at all. Personnel from SCWD and NCWD have stated to GSI that in the absence of recharge during the winter of 2014/spring of 2015, more wells could be taken offline or used in an even more restricted manner than occurred in 2014.

## Approach

GSI's study approach consisted of first developing an initial assessment of each well's recent and projected operating condition. In November 2014, GSI provided these detailed assessments to each purveyor for their review, comment, and follow-on discussion. GSI then conducted a final assessment that incorporated any new information provided by a given water purveyor, as well as any changes to the 2015 target pumping volumes that the retail water purveyor requested by analyzed.

For both the draft and final assessments, the results were derived by combining (1) groundwater modeling projections of groundwater level trends in the aquifer with (2) information on well designs, pump settings, and pumping operations at each production well. The groundwater modeling work was conducted using the water purveyors' numerical model of the local groundwater basin. GSI's analysis assumed that in 2015:

- No new wells would be drilled.
- No modifications would occur to the depths or shut-off settings at any existing well.
- No deepening, reconditioning, or other alterations would occur to the construction of any existing well.

## Conclusions

Rainfall records, groundwater level monitoring, and groundwater modeling together indicate that little to no recharge has occurred to the Alluvial Aquifer since the winter of 2010/spring of 2011 rainfall season. The groundwater level monitoring program shows that groundwater levels have declined at a fairly steady rate since that time, as has been observed in other past periods of local drought conditions (such as occurred in 1984 through 1992 and again in 1999 through 2004). The continued decline in groundwater levels that was observed in 2014 at many Alluvial Aquifer wells will continue in 2015 if little to no rainfall and streamflow recharge occurs to the local aquifer systems during the winter of 2014/spring of 2015 rainfall season.

Under this scenario, and assuming there are no new wells or modifications to existing wells and pumping systems, GSI's primary conclusions regarding the achievability of the target pumping volumes from the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 are presented in Table 1 and are summarized as follows:

1. For the three retail water purveyors combined, the achievable yield from the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 is likely between 17,100 and 21,800 AFY. The Groundwater Operating Plan's drought-year target of 27,400 AFY of collective production by the three retail water purveyors will not be achievable if the drought continues through the winter of 2014/spring of 2015 rainfall season.
2. The largest shortfall in yield is estimated to occur for VWC. The estimated achievable production volume for VWC wells (between 14,600 and 17,900 AFY in 2015) creates shortfalls of (a) 3,600 to 6,900 AFY compared with VWC's target production under the Groundwater Operating Plan and (b) 1,100 to 4,400 AFY compared with the 2015 target production volume that was of interest to VWC.
3. The estimated shortfalls in groundwater production from the Alluvial Aquifer are notably smaller for SCWD and NCWD than for VWC.
  - a. SCWD's wells likely can produce between 1,700 and 2,700 AFY from the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015. This represents a shortfall of 1,800 to 2,800 AFY compared with the Groundwater Operating Plan, and a shortfall of 1,500 to 2,500 AFY compared with the 2015 target production volume that was tested by GSI.
  - b. NCWD's wells likely can produce between 800 and 1,200 AFY from the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015. This represents a shortfall of 200 to 600 AFY compared with the Groundwater Operating Plan, and a shortfall of zero to 500 AFY compared with the 2015 target production volume that was tested by GSI.
4. The estimates of the achievable yield listed in Table 1 are reasonable estimates of the groundwater production capacity from the Alluvial Aquifer that the three retail water purveyors can expect to achieve in 2015 should the local drought

continue. Actual groundwater production volumes from the Alluvial Aquifer could be notably higher if there are appreciable amounts of rainfall, streamflow, and groundwater recharge during the winter of 2014/spring of 2015 rainfall season.

5. Some of the purveyors' wells currently have pump depths that pose a significant limitation on usage of the well. Higher volumes of production may be possible in 2015 if the pumps are lowered for those wells where the pumps are set notably higher than the bottom of the well. Based on GSI's analysis and conversations with representatives of each water purveyor, it appears that the right physical conditions may exist to lower the pump columns of certain wells (7 wells owned by VWC; at least 1 well, and perhaps 5 wells, owned by SCWD; and 2 or 3 wells owned by NCWD). However, any increases in 2015 groundwater production that arise from lowering the pump at a given well may prove to be only temporary if the drought continues. This in turn means that the post-modification production volumes *after* 2015 could be the same as (or lower than) the production that would have been achieved *during* 2015 without any modifications to the pumps and their shut-off settings.

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**Table 1***DRAFT***Alluvial Aquifer Pumping Analysis for 2015 - All Retail Water Purveyors***Prepared by GSI Water Solutions, Inc.*

Retail Water Purveyor	Drought-Year Pumping Target in Groundwater Operating Plan	2015 Pumping Target Tested by GSI	Estimated Achievable Yield in 2015 from Existing Alluvial Aquifer Wells	Potential Shortfall in Meeting the Drought-Year Pumping Target in the Groundwater Operating Plan	Potential Shortfall in Meeting the 2015 Pumping Target Tested by GSI	Retail Water Purveyor
VWC	21,500	19,000	14,600 to 17,900	-6,900 to -3,600	-4,400 to -1,100	VWC
SCWD	4,500	4,200	1,700 to 2,700	-2,800 to -1,800	-2,500 to -1,500	SCWD
NCWD	1,400	1,300	800 to 1,200	-600 to -200	-500 to -100	NCWD
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>17,100 to 21,800</b>	<b>-10,300 to -5,600</b>	<b>-7,400 to -2,700</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

All volumes are in units of acre-feet per year (AF/year).

All listed values for shortfalls and likely achievable yields are estimates and are not guaranteed.

VWC = Valencia Water Company    SCWD = Santa Clarita Water Division of the Castaic Lake Water Agency    NCWD = Newhall County Water District

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# Attachment 5

## 2021 Notice of State Water Project 5% Allocation

**NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS**

**Date:** March 23, 2021

**Number:** 21-06

**Subject:** 2021 State Water Project Allocation Decrease – 5 Percent

**From:** Original signed by  
**Ted Craddock**  
**Deputy Director, State Water Project**  
Department of Water Resources

Due to the persistent dry conditions, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is decreasing the allocation of 2021 State Water Project (SWP) water for long-term contractors from 422,848 acre-feet to 210,266 acre-feet. Based on the recent low amount of precipitation and runoff, and an assessment of overall water supply conditions, SWP supplies are projected to be 5 percent of most SWP contractors' 2021 requested Table A amounts, which totals 4,172,786 AF. Attached is the revised 2021 SWP 5 percent allocation table.

This allocation is made consistent with the long-term water supply contracts and public policy. DWR's approval considered several factors including existing storage in SWP conservation reservoirs, SWP operational constraints such as the conditions of the 2019 Biological Opinions for federally listed species, the 2020 Incidental Take Permit for State listed species and the 2021 SWP contractors' demands. DWR may revise this and any subsequent allocations if warranted by the developing hydrologic and water supply conditions.

To develop the 5 percent schedule, DWR will scale down the current long-term SWP contractors' 15 percent schedules that were submitted in October 2020 (as part of the initial requests), unless SWP contractors submit updated schedules. DWR will send the approved monthly water delivery schedules to the long-term SWP contractors.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Leahigh, Water Operations Executive Manager, at (916) 651-2447.

Attachment

2021 STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION  
(ACRE-FEET)

SWP CONTRACTORS	TABLE A	INITIAL REQUEST	APPROVED ALLOCATION	PERCENT INITIAL REQUEST APPROVED  (3)/(2) (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b><u>FEATHER RIVER</u></b>				
County of Butte	27,500	27,500	3,000	11%
Plumas County FC&WCD	2,700	2,700	135	5%
City of Yuba City	9,600	9,600	480	5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39,800</b>	<b>39,800</b>	<b>3,615</b>	
<b><u>NORTH BAY</u></b>				
Napa County FC&WCD	29,025	29,025	1,451	5%
Solano County WA	47,756	47,756	2,388	5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>76,781</b>	<b>76,781</b>	<b>3,839</b>	
<b><u>SOUTH BAY</u></b>				
Alameda County FC&WCD, Zone 7	80,619	80,619	4,031	5%
Alameda County WD	42,000	42,000	2,100	5%
Santa Clara Valley WD	100,000	100,000	5,000	5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>222,619</b>	<b>222,619</b>	<b>11,131</b>	
<b><u>SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY</u></b>				
Oak Flat WD	5,700	5,700	285	5%
County of Kings	9,305	9,305	465	5%
Dudley Ridge WD	41,350	41,350	2,068	5%
Empire West Side ID	3,000	3,000	150	5%
Kern County WA	982,730	982,730	49,137	5%
Tulare Lake Basin WSD	87,471	87,471	4,374	5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,129,556</b>	<b>1,129,556</b>	<b>56,479</b>	
<b><u>CENTRAL COASTAL</u></b>				
San Luis Obispo County FC&WCD	25,000	25,000	1,250	5%
Santa Barbara County FC&WCD	45,486	45,486	2,274	5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70,486</b>	<b>70,486</b>	<b>3,524</b>	
<b><u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u></b>				
Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	144,844	144,844	7,242	5%
Santa Clarita Valley WA	95,200	95,200	4,760	5%
Coachella Valley WD	138,350	138,350	6,918	5%
Crestline-Lake Arrowhead WA	5,800	5,800	290	5%
Desert WA	55,750	55,750	2,788	5%
Little Rock Creek ID	2,300	2,300	115	5%
Metropolitan WDSC	1,911,500	1,911,500	95,575	5%
Mojave WA	89,800	89,800	4,490	5%
Palmdale WD	21,300	21,300	1,065	5%
San Bernardino Valley MWD	102,600	102,600	5,130	5%
San Gabriel Valley MWD	28,800	28,800	1,440	5%
San Geronio Pass WA	17,300	17,300	865	5%
Ventura County WPD	20,000	20,000	1,000	5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,633,544</b>	<b>2,633,544</b>	<b>131,678</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,172,786</b>	<b>4,172,786</b>	<b>210,266</b>	

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Re: Objections to the Approval of 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and the Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (and unagendized Adoption of CEQA Exemption); Items 5.2 and 5.3, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board Meeting on June 16, 2021

Honorable Chair and Board Members:

This firm and the undersigned represent the Affordable Clean Water Alliance (hereinafter "ACWA"). Please keep myself and the individuals from this office listed in the "cc" portion of this letter on the notice list for all hearings, events, votes, and approvals related to the above-referenced matters, and anything else related to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's and Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District's ("SCVSD" or "District") Recycled Water programs and projects, including but not limited to New Drop and Phase 2.

We have reviewed the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan ("UWMP") and the Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (collectively, the "Project"), the Staff Report for the June 16, 2021 Board Meeting related to UWMP and the CEQA exemption claimed for the adoption of both the UWMP and the Addendum to the 2015 UWMP. SCVWA and its intended actions violate the law, including for the reasons detailed below.

We urge SCVWA to not adopt the Project or findings of CEQA exemptions and to instead correct the factual inaccuracies and flawed legal assumptions therein.

We further request that SCVWA re-notice and re-agendize the relevant Items 5.2 and 5.3, in compliance with the Brown Act.

**1. Brown Act Violation for Taking Action on an Item of CEQA Determination for the Project Without Including It as an Action Item or Item of Business on the Meeting Agenda.**

The Staff Report contains a Resolution for the adoption of the Project, which suggests that the SCVWA Board must make specific findings related to CEQA compliance or exemption. In particular, Finding No. 8 in the Resolution on the adoption of the 2020 UWMP states:

“8. The SCV Water Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this resolution comprises SCV Water Board of Director’s adoption of its Addendum to the 2020 Plan and involves its implementation, no CEQA review is required.”

The same findings are included in the adoption of the Addendum to the 2015 UWMP.

The adoption of findings that the Project or Resolutions are not subject to CEQA is a *separate* action that is to be transacted upon and yet is not listed on the June 16, 2021 Agenda for the SCVWA Board Meeting. This failure of the agenda to list approval of the CEQA exemption or its consideration constitutes a Brown Act violation, including pursuant to the reasoning of the Los Angeles County Superior Court judgment attached at **Exhibit 1** hereto, and incorporated by reference.

That Brown Act ruling states, *inter alia*:

“The Planning Commission is also commanded to identify the CEQA actions as actions that it has been requested or that it proposes to take at the meeting. The Planning Commission is also to be commanded not to take any action or discuss any item under CEQA that is not described with the clarity, particularity, and detail herein ordered.” (**Exhibit 1.**)

Govt. Code § 54954.2 provides:

“(a) (1) At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the legislative body of the local agency, or its designee, **shall** post an agenda containing a brief general

**description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed** at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words.” (Emph. added.)

Since the SCVWA Board will be discussing and/or adopting findings about and approving the CEQA exemptions for both the adoption of the 2020 UWMP and the Addendum to the 2015 UWMP, it had to include those items on the agenda but did not.

We urge SCVWA to cease and desist and to cure-and-correct this Brown Act notice violation.

**2. CEQA Exemption and Respective Findings for the Project (both the Adoption of the UWMP and the Addendum) Are Flawed.**

The Resolution in the Staff Report in *both* “whereas” recital sections as well as in the “findings” claims an exemption from CEQA. In particular, point 8 in the Resolution determination provides:

“8. The SCV Water Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to **Water Code Section 10652** because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this resolution comprises SCV Water Board of Director’s **adoption of its Addendum to the 2020 Plan** and involves its implementation, no CEQA review is required.” (Emph. added.)

Both emphasized statements in the Resolution are flawed for the following reasons. First, Water Code Section 10652 provides:

“The California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of plans pursuant to this part or to the **implementation of actions** taken pursuant to **Section 10632**. **Nothing in this part** shall be interpreted as exempting from the California Environmental Quality Act any project that would **significantly affect water supplies for fish and wildlife, or** any project for implementation of the plan, **other than** projects implementing Section 10632, **or** any project for **expanded or additional water supplies.**” (Emph. added.)

Contrary to the Resolution's statement, Water Code Section 10652 makes clear that the CEQA exemption applies to the Section 10632 plans, where Section 10632 details a list of issues to be analyzed in the applicable water plans, including the shortage of water. However, Section 10652 specifically *excepts* CEQA exemptions in cases as here, where such plans would affect water supplies for fish and wildlife, or include any project for expanded or additional water supplies.

The Project clearly contemplates an increase and expansion or additional water supplies. Such increase is anticipated through both the *New Drop* project and through the expansion of the Recycled Water supplies for municipal water reuse at the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant ("WRP"), in addition to New Drop.

As an example, at p. 5-5, the UWMP provides:

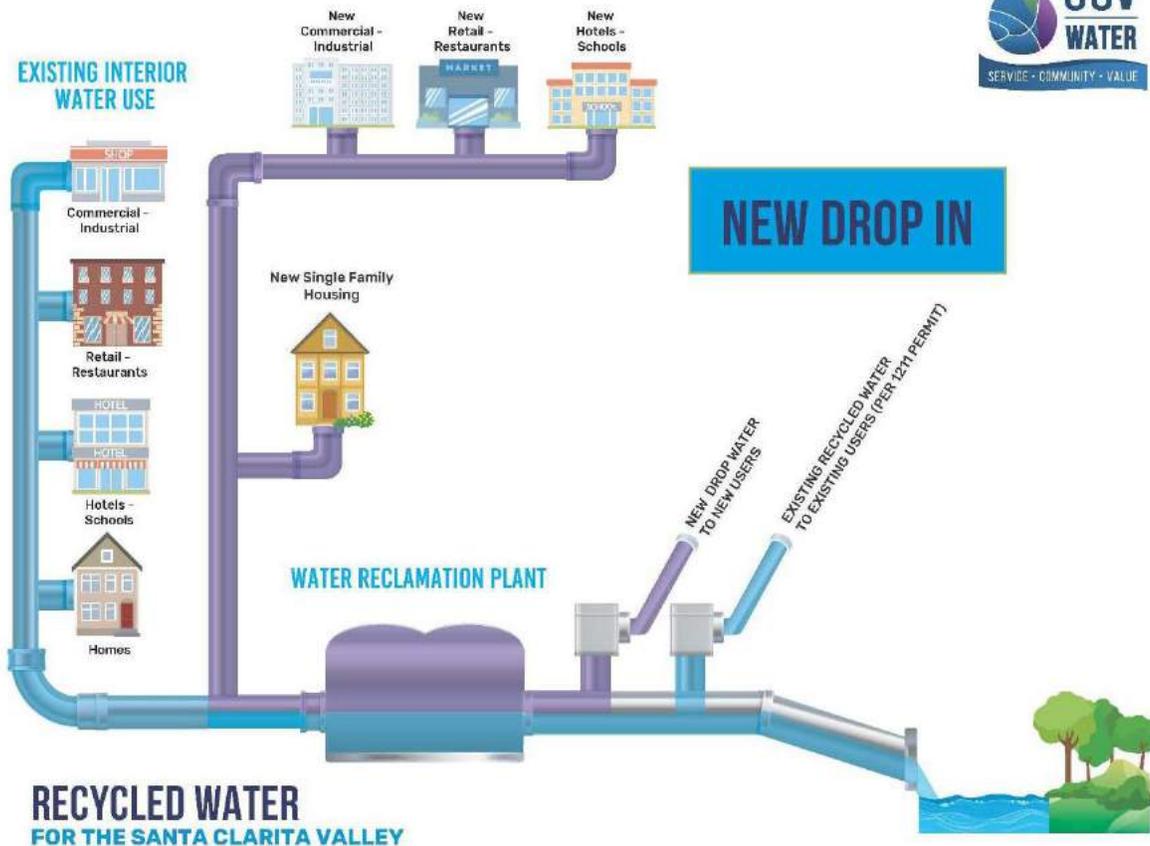
"New Drop Program

As a means of developing **additional** recycled water supplies, without increasing the diversion of recycled Water flows discharged to the Santa Clara River, SCV Water has developed the **New Drop Program** to utilize and account for "new" recycled water flows. These **additional** recycled water supplies would be derived from wastewater flows generated from new residential and commercial development. The New Drop Program accounts for the **increase** in wastewater flows associated with new development and separates these projected waste water flows from existing flows discharged to the Santa Clara River. As new development occurs, potential **additional** recycled water supplies would be quantified through calculations and measurements." (Emph. added.)<sup>1</sup>

In addition, the New Drop program diagram in the UWMP (at p. 5-6) provides no assurance that the New Drop water will not be blended with the remaining recycled water in the "Water Reclamation Plant."

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<sup>1</sup> By quoting this language, ACWA does not intend to suggest that ACWA agrees with the Agency's self-serving characterizations, which appear to be inaccurate in certain respects, and apparently crafted in conjunction with SCVSD to mask the true nature and outflow of recycled water, including as discharged to the Santa Clara River.



Consequently, the UWMP and this depiction provide no guarantees that the recycled water coming out of the Valencia WRP – which must *first* be separated and allocated for the New Drop water (for new users) and *then* for the remaining water (and to existing users) – will not eventually result in a changed or reduced discharge of water into the Santa Clara River. As a result, there is likelihood that New Drop will affect “water supplies for fish and wildlife,” which is another exception to the claimed CEQA exemption.

Further, at p. 5-9, the UWMP provides a table showing an increase of recycled water demand under Phase 2 projects and New Drop and indicates that most if not all such demand must be met by the “source” of the SCVSD’s Valencia WRP, as highlighted in yellow below:

**TABLE 5-2 EXISTING AND PROJECTED RECYCLED WATER DEMAND**

Phase/Project	Demand (AFY)	Timeframe for Coming Online	Source of Recycled Water	Location of Use/Water Service Area
Phase 1	450	Existing	Valencia WRP	VWD
Phase 2A	560	2029	Valencia WRP	NCWD, VWD
Phase 2B	300	2021-2023	Vista Canyon WRP	SCWD
Phase 2C	759	2021-2023	Valencia WRP	NCWD, VWD
Phase 2C – Golf Course <sup>(a)</sup>	600	2023	Valencia WRP	Valencia Golf Course
Phase 2D	221	2021-2023	Valencia WRP	VWD
FivePoint <sup>(b)</sup>	5,174-6,505	2021-2043	Newhall Ranch/ Valencia WRP	Newhall Ranch/Five Point
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,064-9,395</b>	2050		
<b>Total w/ CC</b>	<b>8,368-9,749<sup>(c)</sup></b>	2050	As shown above	As shown above

Notes:

- (a) Raw water conversion to recycled water (not an existing potable offset)
- (b) Range reflects estimated demand using MEWLO and observed over watering of 25.6% in recently developed irrigation systems.

While the Vista Canyon WRP is listed by itself (in the diagram above) for the source of the Recycled Water, the UWMP at p. 5-4 makes clear that the recycled water from Vista Canyon WRP will be additionally treated at the Valencia WRP:

“It is intended that the Vista Canyon WRP would not discharge recycled water into the Santa Clara River with the **possible** exception of winter months. **Excess** recycled Water production **from** the Vista Canyon WRP would be sent to the **Valencia WRP.**” (Emph. added.)

This constitutes an additional increase to nullify the CEQA exemption you are considering adopting.

Further, buried in the Appendices in Volume II of the 2020 UWMP, the UWMP mentions an *additional* plan for 5,000 AFY for a Groundwater Replenishment Project – not disclosed in Table 5-2 above. Specifically, the UWMP states:

“Conceptual design for the project is an extension of the proposed Phase 2A recycled water pipeline, with approximately **5,000 AFY** of recycled water **from the Valencia WRP** discharged to a recharge basin adjacent to the Santa Clara

River, and average recovery of 3,500 AFY from downstream Alluvial wells.”  
(SCVWA 2020 UWMP, Volume II, pdf pp. 484-485, emph. added.)

This additional 5,000 AFY of expected recycled water under Phase 2 for groundwater replenishment coming from the Valencia WRP is yet another increase, which excepts the claimed CEQA exemption for the UWMP.

In sum, the UWMP contains various plans and elements to potentially decrease the recycled water discharges into the Santa Clara River, thus potentially threatening and/or adversely impacting the highly protected Unarmored Threespine Stickleback fish, one of only 11 fish species designated with the highest level of protected status in the Fish & Game Code § 5515. As such, the invoked CEQA exemption under Water Code Section 10652 is factually and legally unsupported and in violation of CEQA.<sup>2</sup>

The California Endangered Species Act (“CESA”), Fish and Game Code § 2050, *et seq.*, establishes “this state’s policy to protect any endangered or threatened ‘species or subspecies’ if at risk of extinction ‘throughout all, or a significant portion, of its range.’” California Forestry Assn., et al. v. California Fish and Game Comm’n. (2008) 156

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<sup>2</sup> For the same reasons of expected increased use of recycled water and related potential decrease to the Santa Clara River, the Addendum related to the reduced reliance on Bay Delta water through improved regional water self-reliance may not be exempt from CEQA. In addition, the statement in the Resolution for the adoption of the UWMP as to the Addendum is factually inaccurate as it references an Addendum to the “2020” UWMP, instead of the Addendum to the “2015” UWMP. Also, the Staff Report (at p. 21) improperly states that the addendum to the 2015 UWMP does not re-open the 2015 UWMP for additional review. This statement is not supported by law. In fact, since the addendum is to the 2015 UWMP it is *always* considered *along* with the project it is added to and thereby always makes the principal project open for review. Further, it is improper to produce an Addendum to the *older* 2015 UWMP where in reality the 2015 UWMP is now updated with the 2020 UWMP in view of *changed circumstances*. An addendum is a technical housekeeping document which is used when no changes in the environment occur. It follows again that the use of a CEQA exemption for the addendum is improper as it is applied to an apparently obsolete document and does not consider the *cumulative* impact of the changes proposed by the Addendum to the 2015 UWMP. Lastly, the use of Addendum is improper in this case since, as the Staff Report shows, the addendum relies on the *old baseline* of year 2010, whereas the new 2020 UWMP shows that new developments occurred since then (and are being implemented) and therefore the baseline assumptions and settings have significantly changed.

Cal.App.4th 1535, 1540. CESA gives special protection to designated species, banning the hunting, capturing or killing – collectively known as “take” – of these species unless a permit is obtained first. Fish and Game Code § 2080. A very few species are granted even greater protection. These “fully-protected” species may not be taken at all; no permit can be granted for any “take,” including kill, of these species. Fish and Game Code § 5515.

This special statutory protection, exactly in the Santa Clarita area, has been strongly reaffirmed by the California Supreme Court in Center for Biological Diversity v. Department of Fish and Wildlife (2015) 62 Cal.4th 204. As noted above, the Santa Clara River is home to one such species, the Unarmored Threespine Stickleback. But your Agency’s actions, and the CEQA exemption that you improperly propose to adopt, clearly do not recognize or provide this statutorily-required level of protection.

The California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (“DFW”) has consistently directed that specific analysis regarding the stickleback be performed and any impacts identified and mitigated as part of decisions which may impact the stickleback’s habitat and “take” issues. Again, the Agency has failed to do that here, in violation of CEQA, and may also have failed properly to notice DFW to seek its input as an expert, responsible agency, also in violation of CEQA. See, e.g., Pub. Res. Code § 21080.4(a).

### **3. The UWMP Improperly Relies on Projects That Evaded CEQA Review.**

As noted above, the UWMP relies on increased Recycled Water production at the Valencia WRP through Phase 2 projects (including groundwater replenishment), New Drop, as well as Vista Canyon WRP. Yet not all of those have undergone CEQA review, and – to the extent all the increased recycled water is to be produced and treated by the District – none of those has a *valid* environmental document from SCVSD either.

In particular, there is no information whether the New Drop underwent CEQA review. The UWMP makes clear that the New Drop will be implemented by SCVSD’s Valencia WRP and also suggests that it is part of SCVSD’s Recycled Water objectives as contained in the 2013 “Chloride Facilities” EIR, as well as in SCVSD’s 2017 REIR (which is currently being challenged in existing litigation, Affordable Clean Water Alliance v. Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District, LASC Case No. BS170983; Court of Appeal Case No. B303831) through incorporation by reference and inclusion of the first six chapters of the 2013 EIR.

Further, there is no information about any CEQA review for the Valencia WRP to treat Vista Canyon WRP's recycled water and the impacts that may have on the environment.

Similarly, even though SCVWA might have conducted CEQA review – or actually evaded CEQA review through mitigated negative declarations or CEQA exemptions – for Phase 2 projects *separately*, there is no evidence showing that such review – let alone the lack thereof – addressed impacts of *producing* and *providing* such increased recycled water *at the* Valencia WRP, as the UWMP assumes.

Moreover, there is no evidence that SCVWA (or SCVSD) has studied the *cumulative* impact of all the Phase 2, New Drop, and Vista Canyon WRP projects on both the District's Valencia WRP and the surrounding environment, including fish and wildlife in the River.

These lack proper CEQA review and approval, including regarding impacts to the River and its protected species.

**4. The UWMP Illegally Claims that SCVWA May Be the Lead Agency or Somehow Assumes the Lead Agency Duty for the SCVSD's Recycled Water actions in the UWMP.**

The UWMP shows that the increased Recycled Water for municipal reuse – including but not limited to New Drop, Phase 2, Vista Canyon WRP – is to be treated and produced by the SCVSD. Thus, SCVSD is the proper lead agency for all those Recycled Water projects.

Yet SCVWA claims that the New Drop is the “Agency's” project. These claims are both misleading and in violation of CEQA. While the New Drop *concept* may have originated with the SCVWA in 2019, it is undisputed that it must be implemented *first* by and at SCVSD's Valencia WRP, which will treat and produce the New Drop. Thus, the Agency's references that the New Drop is SCVWA's project – attempting to insulate New Drop from SCVSD – are a subversion of CEQA and also a failure in good faith to disclose to the public information and processes (including proper lead agency processes) mandated by CEQA.

Further, the UWMP suggests that SCVWA *assumed* the Lead Agency duty for the Recycled Water that will be treated and produced by SCVSD's Valencia WRP *in addition* to New Drop – the remaining part of the District's Recycled Water project

(which SCVSD falsely claims it “abandoned” or “rejected”) presently enjoined by the Court. For example, at p. 5-8, the UWMP states:

“By **resolution dated February 2019** SCVSD stated it had no current intent to proceed with an EIR related to the support of **additional** recycled water development by reducing existing discharge to the Santa Clara River. The decision by SCVSD to remove the recycled water component and approve the modified chloride compliance project has been **challenged** in separate lawsuits filed in Los Angeles Superior Court from 2017-2019 and the **case is ongoing**. **SCV Water would undertake** thorough and **careful evaluation of effects** on the Santa Clara River and would consult with CDFW before proposing any project to reduce existing discharges and supply **additional recycled Water** within the SCV service area.” (Emph. added.)<sup>3</sup>

Yet, SCVSD – being the *first* to implement the Recycled Water plans, including New Drop – is the proper agency to undertake CEQA review. Any other review will amount to post-hoc rationalization by SCVWA since it will omit the impacts of SCVSD’s production or provision of the Recycled Water for municipal reuse.

Moreover, there is no evidence that SCVWA has officially undertaken CEQA review or that SCVSD has officially and through written agreement transferred its own lead agency duty to SCVWA, as required under CEQA Guidelines § 15051. In fact, the quoted passage above from SCVWA’s UWMP does not even use the word CEQA, but makes vague statements about a future “careful evaluation” to be conducted.

Thus, the UWMP is based on the erroneous legal assumptions – and provides misleading information short of the required good faith effort at full disclosure under

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<sup>3</sup> As the UWMP correctly notes, SCVSD’s claimed abandonment or rejection of its Recycled Water component of the Chloride Project, or Recycled Water Project, as SCVSD has taken to referring to it, is currently being challenged in litigation. However, the UWMP does not correctly note that SCVWA can “undertake [future] thorough and careful evaluation of effects on the Santa Clara River”, as the current actions proposed to be taken, including adoption of the CEQA exemption, erroneously assert that there are no environmental impacts that need to be disclosed, analyzed and mitigated, or that CEQA even applies. SCVWA’s “approach has the process exactly backward . . . .” Berkeley Keep Jets Over the Bay Comm. v. Bd. of Port Comm’rs (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 1344, 1371.

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CEQA – that SCVWA *may* be the proper lead agency for SCVSD’s Recycled Water actions.

In view of these legal deficiencies (including Brown Act, CEQA and CESA), we urge SCVWA not to approve the 2020 UWMP and the Addendum to the 2015 UWMP, or the improper CEQA exemption, but instead to cure its Brown Act and CEQA violations before further proceedings occur or approvals are considered.

Very truly yours,

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HEARING ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE;

Matter comes on for trial and is argued.

The Petition for Writ of Mandate is granted.

This is a proceeding under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 et seq, which is California's Local Agency Public Meeting Law. The legislative purpose of the law is to require local commissions, boards, and councils and other public agencies of the state to conduct the people's business in public (section 54950). One of the requirements of the law is that a public agency post an agenda 72 hours before each regular meeting that contains a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, and to prohibit the legislative body of a local agency from undertaking any action or discussion on any item that does not appear on such posted agenda (section 54954.2(a)).

The evidence before the court, which is uncontradicted, shows that the City Planning Commission of the City of Los Angeles repeatedly posted agendas of its meeting during the year 2007 that clearly disclosed each action that it intended to take or discuss at a meeting except actions to be taken or

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considered under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources section 20000 et seq). Non-CEQA items were described under the heading "Requested Action" in terms such as the following: "Permit 11,373 square feet of alleys to be vacated and added to the billable area used to calculate floor area"; "permit zero foot side yard setbacks in lieu of the minimum sixteen foot side yards otherwise required"; "permit a mixed use development with a floor area ratio of 9.9:1 throughout the entire site in lieu of the maximum allowed ratio of 6:1"; "change the land use designation (by general plan amendment) from light manufacturing to regional commercial"; "permit a residential density of one unit per 136 square feet of net lot area throughout the entire site in lieu of the minimum allowed one unit per 200 square feet of net lot area."

In each of the foregoing meetings, the Planning Commission also took important action required by CEQA consisting of the adoption of a statement of overriding considerations, certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report, or the adoption of findings required by CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21081(a)). These actions were not described in the agenda in the same manner as the non-CEQA actions above quoted, nor were they placed under a heading of Requested Actions. The only information in the agenda that in any way identified the actions to be taken under CEQA was a cryptic reference like the following: "CEQA: ENV-2005-7720-EIR." Such cryptic

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references are meaningless to most members of the public and do not in any way describe the particular action to be taken at the meeting under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Such descriptions not only violate the Ralph M. Brown Act, but they also violate the fundamental purpose of CEQA. "If CEQA is scrupulously followed, the public will know the basis on which its responsible officials either approve or reject environmentally significant action, and the public, being duly informed, can respond accordingly to action with which it disagrees.... The court does not pass upon the correctness of the EIR's environmental conclusions, but only upon its sufficiency as an informative document." LAUREL HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION v. REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, 47 Cal.3d 376, 392(1988).

Petitioners are entitled to the issuance of a writ of mandate that commands the City Planning Commission to describe in its posted agendas the actions that it is requested to take at the meeting under CEQA with the same degree of clarity, particularity, and detail that it uses to describe the non-CEQA actions to be taken at the same meeting, as quoted above. The Planning Commission is also commanded to identify the CEQA actions as actions that it has been requested or that it proposes to take at the meeting. The Planning Commission is also to be commanded not to take any action or discuss any item under CEQA that is not

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described with the clarity, particularity, and detail herein ordered. Petitioners are also entitled to a judgment that declares that the method that has been used to describe CEQA actions to be taken or discussed at Planning Commission meetings is unlawful and is to be discontinued.

Counsel for petitioners are to submit a proposed judgment and a proposed writ to this department within ten days with a proof of service showing that copies of said documents have been served upon opposing counsel by hand delivery or facsimile. The court will hold said documents for ten days before signing and filing the judgment and causing the clerk to issue the writ.

## Comments on Urban Water Management Plan for Santa Clarita Valley

SCV Water District Board members:

I have several concerns about the UWMP, and the primary one is that Climate Change and its projected impact on water supplies in Southern California were not given the attention they merit—especially considering that global heating is the most significant threat to fresh water supplies, not only here but everywhere. Very little information was given regarding, for instance, how much the predicted reduction in snowpack (studies say up to 40% or more) will affect actual water delivery figures. How much will reduced precipitation (it was only 4" this year—the lowest in 120 years) affect water delivery? And how much will wildfires reduce the ability to re-charge water? The most recent climate studies are indicating that we may be in the worst drought in 1,000 years—not a 4 or 5-year drought—and this possibility was not even mentioned in the plan (See <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/150212-megadrought-southwest-water-climate-environment>).

Furthermore, most of the data used in the plan is from historical water records, which are not a reliable measure of what to expect from now on. We are in unprecedented times with the planet overheating as quickly as it is, and normal climate patterns are changing rapidly. Past water records are not good predictors of future water supplies.

Some of the data, too, is questionable. For example, pumping or well capacity has nothing to do with how much water is actually available in the aquifer to pump, and using those figures to indicate water availability is quite misleading. If excessive heat and drought are causing reservoirs to dry up and consumers and farmers to use more water, this will certainly affect the groundwater available for pumping. And as the number of dry years between wet ones increases, the problem will be further exacerbated. The data do not reflect these expected changes, and water supplies need to be accurately reported.

I would like to see specific data from climate scientists included in the plan, and also a list indicating where climate change is addressed in the reports listed. The current paragraphs on climate change are too general to be practically useful.

Given that the water supply from Northern California's snowpack is expected to be as much as halved in the coming years, and to eventually disappear entirely, the plan should specify—and focus on—what the Water District can do to deal with this drastic decrease. I strongly suggest that specific policies be put in place as soon as possible to replenish our aquifers on an ongoing basis. These should include:

- Halting the practice of lining streams with concrete, as was done with the box channel in Bouquet Canyon recently
- Protecting all re-charge areas, and disallowing development on them
- Making extensive use of permeable pavement, so whatever rainwater we get can percolate down into the aquifers
- Using solar panels for energy needs wherever viable, to reduce the threat of electrical outages
- Re-designing local parks to do double duty as aquifers, like Magic Johnson Park in Los Angeles, as described in the *L.A. Times* article last month at <https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2021-05-20/magic-johnson-park-water-capture-station> and attached in PDF form
- Encouraging simple projects like rain barrels to collect water at a typical home, or graded lawns to capture and retain water until it can sink into the ground
- Replacing asphalt at school campuses by vegetation and trees and capturing the water under the parking lot in cisterns, which would also cool the buildings and lower energy costs (see TreePeople for additional ideas)
- Recycling more water for landscape irrigation and other non-potable uses. As has been pointed out, it makes no sense to buy water from Colorado and dump it on the ground!

Further necessitating an all-out campaign to capture and recycle all our rainwater locally is the fact that other outside sources are stressed even now, and will be even more stressed with each passing dry year. Northern California's Lake Oroville is now at 42% of its capacity (see [Oroville.lakesonline.com/level](http://Oroville.lakesonline.com/level)), and Castaic Lake is in about the same plight (see [castaic.lakesonline.com/Level/](http://castaic.lakesonline.com/Level/)). It's doubtful that they will be a dependable source of additional water as time goes on.

In addition to these concerns, I also wonder whether all the thousands of new units in place and planned for Santa Clarita have been taken into account in the estimates of how much water will be available—not for the next decade or two, but well beyond that, if we truly are in a mega-drought. And what about the developments (like Newhall Ranch) that are going to pave over recharge areas? I would think that should be forbidden, under current emergency circumstances. Will plans to exchange or “borrow” water actually be possible if drought conditions continue and *all* parts of California are suffering?

I'm simply not convinced that the plan is sufficient for current and predicted drought conditions beyond the next decade or so, if that long, for the reasons stated, and I urge the Water Division to make appropriate changes in the Urban Water Management Plan to address them.

Cher Gilmore

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# What's hiding in plain sight at Magic Johnson Park? Maybe a solution to our water problem

By [Carolina A. Miranda](#), May 20, 2021

It has neither the pomp of the Oscars nor the fanaticism of the playoffs, but California's annual measurement of the snowpack in the Sierra is the sort of spring rite that brings with it intense expectation and dashed hopes. Certainly, that was the case in early March, when the state's Department of Water Resources reported that the water content of the overall snowpack was [only 61% of average](#).

Translation: It's not only going to be a really dry year, but we also may be in the middle of a decades-long "[megadrought](#)." In Northern California, sobering [aerial photographs](#) show Lake Oroville at 42% of its capacity.

Subtext: We need to be a lot smarter about capturing the rain we do get, much of which is flushed out to sea in chutes of concrete.

It's really a story of design — about the ways water is designed to travel along the surfaces of our city, and how we can begin to tweak those surfaces so that we can hold on to that water rather than simply let it course through. And in this very Los Angeles story, there is one piece of infrastructure that tends to dominate the debate: our behemoth, 51-mile Los Angeles River, for which county supervisors are in the midst of producing a [new master plan](#).

But L.A. is finding other ways to capture and to store water. And in some cases, it is run-of-the-mill urban infrastructure that plays the starring role. Your neighborhood park? It might just be doing double duty as critical aquifer.

A combination of strategic landscape design and water engineering is transforming neighborhood recreational areas into sites where water is captured, cleaned and stored. That water can then be recycled and used to irrigate a park's vegetation — making the park self-sustaining. Excess water also can be released back into the river system in far cleaner form. (Urban and suburban runoff is [notoriously filthy](#) with garbage, surface pollutants and all manner of bacteria.)

All of this is being designed in ways that are barely visible — if visible at all.

"It's taking infrastructure but making it an asset to the community," says landscape architect Gary Lai, a principal at [AHBE/MIG](#), a planning and design firm with offices in Los Angeles and the Bay Area. "You can do the water conservation part and it would be good. But then putting in an amenity for a neighborhood that didn't have it, that's fantastic."

Parks around Los Angeles have water storage systems tucked under ballfields and recreation centers. In Santa Monica, there's a [200,000-gallon cistern](#) beneath a public library. One of the most recent public projects to emerge in this arena is [Magic Johnson Park](#) in Willowbrook, an

unincorporated community in South L.A., where Lai and the team at AHBE/MIG helped develop [the design](#) for an ongoing \$83-million renovation.

It's a location with a fraught history. The park lies on the site of an oil storage facility — the former Athens Tank Farm — that was operated by Exxon Mobile until 1963. In the 1970s, a piece of the property was employed in a real estate project backed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that was intended to help working-class Black families find a path to homeownership. [Ujima Village](#), as the development was called, housed 600 people in one- to four-bedroom units that shared a playground, basketball courts and a community garden.

But by the 1990s, the development had fallen into disrepair and ownership was transferred to L.A. County. Tests at the time showed the land remained contaminated from the previous oil operations. In 2008, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board ordered Exxon Mobile and L.A. County to clean up the site. Residents were relocated and [the entire development](#) was ultimately razed.

Years of [environmental remediation](#) followed before the water quality board and the Department of Toxic Substances Control gave the go-ahead to use the land that Ujima once sat on as parkland (although Exxon continues to monitor the area for methane and other contaminants). That area, now integrated into Magic Johnson Park, will now feature an event lawn, a fitness loop and a natural amphitheater.

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--Dan Lafferty, L.A. County Department of Public Works

Visit the park today and you'll notice pleasing surface changes. There are new jogging paths, drought-tolerant native-plant gardens studded with sagebrush and sycamores, scenic overlooks and a handsome 20,000-square-foot community center designed by [Paul Murdoch Architects](#) with shimmering interior murals by L.A.-based artist [Carla Jay Harris](#). The park's two lakes, previously clogged with algae and sediment, are now a clear blue.

Largely out of sight, however, are landscape design and engineering moves that have transformed the way the park uses water.

Prior to the renovation, Magic Johnson Park used potable water to irrigate its gardens and grass lawns, of which there are no small number — the park checks in at a sizable 126 acres.

“If you think about what we do, it makes no sense,” says Dan Lafferty, the deputy director who oversees the [water resources](#) division at L.A. County's Department of Public Works. “We import water from the Colorado River and then we dump it on the ground.”

With an eye toward conservation, the designers at AHBE/MIG, in collaboration with PACE Engineering and L.A.'s Public Works, looked for ways the park might employ runoff and captured rainwater instead.

They achieved this in five steps:

### 1. Divert

Rainwater, along with the water people use on their lawns and to wash their cars, ends up somewhere: namely storm drains, which quickly flush water out to the L.A. River and ultimately to sea. So the team turned to the 84-inch drainpipe that runs under El Segundo Boulevard, on the southern edge of Magic Johnson Park. That pipe captures much of the neighborhood's runoff and deposits it into Compton Creek, an L.A. River tributary.

But engineers diverted the water and fed it into a small pumping station where garbage could be removed. And there is a lot of garbage. "It's a *lot* of chip wrappers, a *lot* of straws, a *lot* of random urban debris," says Wendy Chan, an AHBE/MIG landscape architect. "We once saw a piece from a skateboard."

### 2. Clean

From the pumping station, the water is piped to a small water treatment plant — just over 1,800 square feet — near the park's community center, where it is treated with alum and ozone to kill any bacteria.

The shrinking of water-cleansing technology over the last few decades is part of what makes a water recycling project within a city park feasible, says Lai. "In the 1960s, this would have been the size of a city block."

### 3. Employ nature

The treated water is slowly released into newly planted wetlands that border the perimeter of the park's southern lake. Here, the water receives another level of cleaning as it slowly filters through saltgrass, native sedges and Arroyo willow, as well as a porous stone barrier. "Whatever didn't get treated by the alum and ozone," says Lai, "is dealt with by the plants."

The wetlands, in combination with the new native gardens, create a critical ecology for native and migratory bird and butterfly species — one that is just as pleasing to humans. "It's rethinking what a lake is and what it can give to a community," says Chan. "If you live here, you get to see these native plants, you see the blooming cycle, you see all of these species."

### 4. Irrigate

Once the water has been sufficiently cleaned, it can be used to irrigate the park or released back into Compton Creek in a far healthier state. End result: The park is watered without having to open a tap, and the filtration process helps mitigate coastal pollution.

Though, to be clear, the park's community center, bathrooms and splash pad all still employ potable water so that it's safe to ingest.

## 5. Capture

Because the park harbors two lakes, it's also an important water storage site. The system was designed to handle the cleaning and filtration of water during heavy rainstorms, and each of the lakes can accommodate up to a 1-foot rise in the water level. "The big rainstorm in February, we reached an 85th percentile storm and the lake went up by a foot," says Lai. "It all worked. It pumped the correct amount of water and cleaned everything."

After storms, that water can be stored for future use or slowly released into Compton Creek as necessary. "This is a check in front of Compton Creek," he adds. "It acts like a treatment facility."

Magic Johnson Park is reflective of a new way of thinking about how existing land can be used in innovative ways to serve infrastructural purposes — such as water storage.

"Our largest spreading ground is 450 acres by Pico Rivera," says Lafferty, referring to the [Rio Hondo Coastal Spreading Grounds](#), an important water storage facility. "But we don't have a 450-acre parcel out there for me to gather water. So now you're talking about a multiple of smaller projects that capture water in a similar way."

Those smaller projects could be L.A.'s public parks, which cumulatively add up to thousands of acres of land.

In addition to Magic Johnson, the county's Department of Public Works is devising a similar concept at the Rory Shaw Wetlands in Sun Valley. In Silver Lake, designers leading the [ongoing master plan](#) process for the park areas surrounding the reservoir are not just looking at drought-tolerant landscaping and the introduction of wetland ecologies, but also at developing a stormwater capture system to keep the reservoir replenished.

Other parks within the city of Los Angeles achieve a similar mission (on a far smaller scale). This includes Westside Neighborhood Park in West Adams, which draws runoff and uses it as irrigation. Echo Park Lake, which once employed potable water to maintain the lake, now recycles and cleans area runoff for that purpose.

The existing projects were all funded, in part, by recent bond measures, such as [Measure W](#) in L.A. County and [Proposition O](#) within the city of Los Angeles, which were designed to improve the quality of stormwater runoff around Los Angeles. In the process, they have helped improve the design and resiliency of parks themselves.

Projects such as the one at Magic Johnson Park — with its intensive water engineering components — are part of a shift in focus in landscape architecture.

"The field of landscape architecture has been going through a transition these last 10 years, especially with sustainability," says Lai. "We were a profession that dealt mostly with the aesthetic. Frederick Law Olmsted built Central Park mainly for aesthetics — though there were

health and welfare aspects. Now we are thinking of aesthetics and melding it with hard science and ecology.”

Landscape architecture is often treated as an afterthought — a way to gussy up the place after a building is done. But climate change and shifting attitudes toward the environment have made the field ever more critical. And, in Los Angeles, a city with little green space and even less water, it couldn’t be more essential to create water-conscious public spaces that are also joyful and aesthetically pleasing.

“Los Angeles imports about two-thirds of its water,” says Lafferty. “We get a third from the Colorado River and a third from Northern California and a third locally. And that means we are in drought all of the time. So you have to plan for that. You have to grow that local source.”

Smartly designed parks are helping us do that.

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2021-05-20/magic-johnson-park-water-capture-station>

**From:** [April Jacobs](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: UMWP Comment Letter from Stacy Fortner - PLEASE ACCURATELY REPORT OUR WATER SU)PPLY  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 4:57:56 PM

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Another one.

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**From:** Stacy Fortner <s\_fortner@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 4:57 PM  
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**CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER**

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**Thank you for honoring the request for extension of time to comment on the UWMP and allowing that all comments be accepted through the June 16<sup>th</sup> hearing.**

I have some concerns on this plan which I will address below:

- over statement of water supplies is so confusing that planners may use this document to determine water availability for future needs INACURATELY
- Including the Nichols water before it is contractually available.
- The agency is directing water to a single developer and one project for the water that has been paid for by all the all residents of SCV through our property taxes and water rates.
- I object to the inclusion of the full 95,000AF Table A amount on Table 4.3 when the agency understands only about half that amount is available in an average year.
- It is inaccurate and deceptive to include the full SWP entitlement amount as though this amount is obtainable.
- The Agency (and its predecessor) has never actually received 100% of the 95,000AF SWP entitlement that is included in this list, or the "95.000AF".
- 100% allocation has only been achieved TWICE since the 80's according to the DWRs most recent Water Delivery report (2019) and has not been realized since then (in a 40 year period).
- This UWMP is misleading to planners and residents and gives the false impression that the Santa Clarita Valley might ever receive a full water entitlement, and therefore cause a shortage when projects are approved. This is not realistic, and not transparent.

It is SO IMPORTANT that the UWMP accurately report state water supply reliability estimates and do a better job of explaining climate change impacts, since the SCV is dependent on it.

Why are you using CAPACITY instead of PRODUCTION? I object to the use of well "capacity" rather than a range of actual well production. It does not matter what its capacity is, if it is not going to produce water. This kind of over statement of resources will lead to future water shortage if the accuracy of data is flawed.

I have noticed that after acquiring a consultant in 2009, a new flow model suddenly says we have more water than we have ever had. Prior to 2009 a report of the Alluvial Aquifer found that perennial production to be 31,600 to 32,600 for two decades. Then in 2009 a flow model was produced by GSI and Scalmanini, (consultants for Newhall Land & Farming) claim a much high production of up to 40,000AF can be obtained. This much water has NEVER been produced from the Upper watershed as is documented in the posted water well production records. I am skeptical of Porcello's "modeling".

I urge you to include the actual data of well production from alluvial wells rather than data from a model, as this is obviously a far more accurate representation of what is actually available.

This draft report challenges the agency's supposed commitment to transparency and diminishes SCV Water credibility.

Blessings,  
Stacy Fortner

January 21, 2021



## Participate in our Water Shortage Contingency Plan Virtual Public Workshop on Thurs., January 28, 2021

Join SCV Water on Thursday, January 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m., to learn about and provide input on our Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). This plan, along with the Urban Water Management Plan, direct suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future needs.

To improve water conservation and water shortage planning, the WSCP will enable SCV Water to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions occur, such as drought, earthquakes, fires, or other catastrophic events.

### **Virtual Public Workshop**

Thursday, January 28, 2021  
6:30–8:00 p.m.

### **Zoom Information**

<https://zoom.us/j/94850646389?pwd=T05jU1FkVE1TbjRYNzRWbmN6M2tздz09>

**Meeting ID:** 948 5064 6389

**Passcode:** 901257

### **Call in to participate**

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For more information about the virtual public workshop and how you can participate, read our [WSCP Public Workshop Flyer](#).

Click here to view our [WSCP Fact Sheet](#).

To sign up for our mailing list to receive information about the WSCP and how you can participate please visit: <https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/>

We hope you will participate in the process.

Best Regards,

Matt Dickens  
Sustainability Manager  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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## SCV Water Seats 2021 Board Leadership

*Gary Martin Re-Elected as Board President*

*Jerry Gladbach and Dan Mortensen to Serve as Vice Presidents*

The SCV Water Board of Directors has selected Gary Martin to serve as SCV Water's president. Jerry Gladbach and Dan Mortensen were selected to serve as vice presidents. The trio will lead the agency in 2021 as it builds upon the foundation of success from its formation three years ago.

"I am very honored to be re-elected by my colleagues to serve as the board president for the next two years," said Martin. "My top priority is serving the board, our rate payers, and accomplishing the original SCV Water goal of being a best-in-class water service provider for our community.

To read more, click [here](#).

## Take Part in our Water Shortage Contingency Plan Development



### Water Shortage Contingency Plan

To improve water conservation and water shortage planning, the WSCP will enable SCV Water to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions occur, such as drought, earthquakes, fires, or other catastrophic events.

We are providing information and asking for input from customers and stakeholders during the planning and development of the WSCP. Join us for a virtual public workshop on **Thursday, January 28 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

[Click here for the workshop flyer.](#)

More details can be found here: <https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/>

## More Ways To Pay Your Water Bill

Want to pay your bill in cash?

We have partnered with PayNearMe to provide you the added convenience to pay at participating 7-Eleven Stores or CVS Pharmacy anytime the store is open - even weekends!

Payments are cash only and post next business day.

There is NO FEE to use this service.

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*Please check store locations for operating hours.*

#### HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Locate the barcode on your monthly water bill.
- 2 Show your barcode at any participating store and ask the cashier to make a payment.
- 3 Keep your receipt. SCV Water is notified of your payment within 15 minutes.

Payments are **CASH ONLY** and post the next business day.  
There is **NO FEE** to use this service.

Find participating locations at:  
[PayNearMe.com/cashmap](https://PayNearMe.com/cashmap)

## Online Dashboard Provides One-Stop Shop for Information

To help customers participate in several important planning efforts underway, SCV Water launched an easy to navigate dashboard this fall. It is designed as a

one-stop-shop to keep the public informed and engaged as we develop and manage our water resources for today and tomorrow.

The dashboard features icons that take visitors directly to pages populated with information such as fact sheets, videos, and opportunities to get involved in the process through virtual public workshops and online input forms. You will also find a form to sign up for updates on projects and public engagement.

## 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



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Within WSCPs, SCV Water must:

- Assess the reliability of water supplies
- Develop annual assessment procedures and monitoring and reporting systems
- Create shortage response actions

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Workshop 1 – January 28, 2021

- **Recording of Meeting**
- **Presentation**

## PUBLIC INPUT FORM

We'd like to hear from you as we develop the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. We held our public workshop on Thursday, January 28. Even if you could not attend, we invite you to review the materials, then share your thoughts through this brief online form.

**ONLINE INPUT  
FORM**

- Establish communications protocols
- Build a compliance and enforcement program
- Evaluate financial, material, and resource impacts

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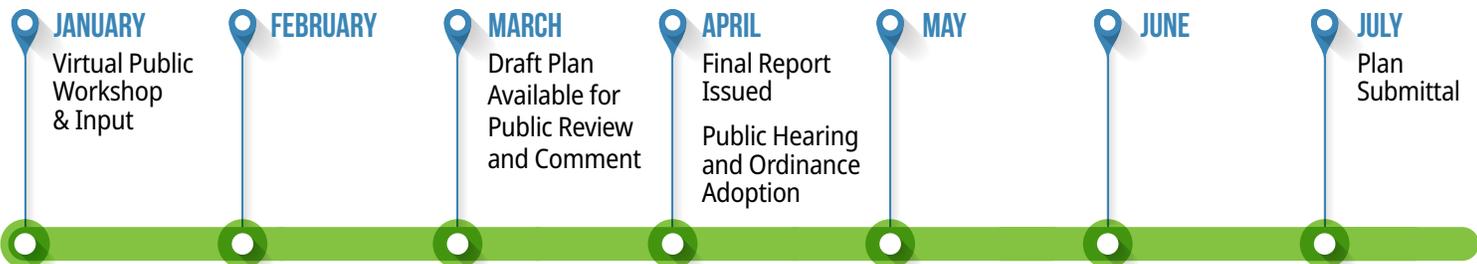


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Attending a virtual public workshop



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## SCV Water to hold public meeting on water shortage plan

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The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency will hold a public meeting via Zoom to inform residents of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and gather community input on Jan. 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The contingency plan is discussed with the public and updated every five years, according to Gary Martin, SCV Water board president. He added the plan is part of the overall water-management plan.

“The goal of the meeting is to gather input from the public in case action is needed to be taken if there is a water shortage,” Martin said. “If there’s a drought or an emergency which leads to a water shortage, we might have to take action to reserve water and that action could impact the community.”



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After public input is gathered, a secondary public hearing is scheduled which outlines the plan to community members and is then put up for adoption by the board.

“The draft plan will be available for review and comment in March,” Matt Dickens, sustainability manager for SCV Water, wrote in an email. “When those comments are incorporated, a final report will be issued in April and a public hearing held for adoption. Public input is welcome at any step in the process. Additionally, the plan may be updated in the future and the agency would seek public input throughout that process, as well.”

The workshop will address requirements from the contingency plan, which include assessing the reliability of water supplies, developing annual assessment procedures and monitoring reporting systems, creating shortage response actions, establishing communications protocols, building a compliance and enforcement program and evaluating financial, material and resource impacts.

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“We’re here to serve the community,” Martin said. “Whatever actions are taken will directly impact the community so not only is it important for them to know how they could be impacted, it’s important to hear how the community would feel if they’re impacted.”

The contingency plan fulfills a requirement set by the California Department of Water Resources. The state requires local agencies to have a plan set, and updated every five years, to ensure adequate water supplies are available.

“We can’t wait until we are in a critical water shortage situation to decide what to do,” Dickens said. “This plan will thoroughly evaluate all options and allow us to act quickly when the time comes.”

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The Zoom meeting will be held Jan. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Community members are welcome to join at <https://bit.ly/3o9qRJc> (<https://bit.ly/3o9qRJc>) with the Zoom Meeting ID 948 5064 6389 and passcode 901257.

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To learn more about the WSCP and SCV Water, click here.

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# Council OKs dedications in Tesoro, Newhall Pass

By Tammy Murga  
Signal Staff Writer

A future open space trailhead in the Tesoro area will be named after a founding Santa Clarita city councilman, and a portion of land in Newhall after a family who has donated several acres of land to the city for open-space preservation.

The move comes after City Council members unanimously approved the naming of both properties Tuesday during their regular meeting.

In the Tesoro area, the city has been working to have annexed more than 1,700 acres from Los Angeles County, located north of Copper Hill Drive and west of San Francisco Canyon Road. Within 800 acres of open space in that area are several miles of existing native soil multi-use trails and a trailhead, located at Copper Hill Drive and Avenida Rancho Tesoro will be named after former Councilman Dennis Koontz.

Koontz is a longtime

community leader, who was elected to the first City Council in 1987 and credited with being a part of the annexation efforts.

In learning about the council's approval, Koontz thanked the council.

"I appreciate that you're willing to put me up front, and thank me for what I've done, but I had a lot of help, and that means all the staff that helped us do our job," he said.

Located adjacent to the city-owned Newhall Pass Open Space area is 350 acres of real

property the City Council also approved naming as the "Gates Family Wildlife Preserve," following a request from Mark T. Gates Jr. on behalf of the Gates family.

The property under consideration was transferred to the city from the Gates family through dedications and donations as part of the Gates-King Industrial Park project, now known as the Needham Ranch development in Newhall. A portion of Needham Ranch was not developed to allow for the

preservation of open space and trail connectivity to the Newhall Pass Open Space, according to city officials.

"The Gates family's been here forever, and they have donated land that could have been developed," said Mayor Pro Tem Laurene Weste. "That property is extremely rare, it's beautiful, it's going to add a lot to our open space and I think the family should be honored and it is most appropriate. This is a legacy for all of our children."

## Crash sends 1 to hospital

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

One person was sent to the hospital following a two-vehicle crash less than a block from Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital.

The call was first reported to the Los Angeles County Fire Department at 9:35 a.m., near the corner of Alegro Drive and McBean Parkway.

"There were two vehicles involved,"

said Marvin Lim, a spokesman for the Fire Department. "Only one patient was transported to the hospital."

On the scene firefighters worked clearly to clear the wreckage of a dark-colored Porsche and silver four-door vehicle.

No information as to the status of the patient that was transported was available as of the publication of this article.



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SCV Sheriff's Station deputies and Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel respond to a two-vehicle crash on McBean Parkway and Alegro Drive in Santa Clarita on Friday morning.

## SCV deputies find gift cards during narcotics arrest

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station deputies reportedly found more than 200 gift cards, counterfeit currency and narcotics during a traffic stop Wednesday night in Newhall.

The traffic stop occurred at 7:42 p.m. on the 25000 block of Newhall Avenue after deputies spotted a vehicle with several vehicle code violations, according to Deputy Natalie Arriaga, a spokeswoman for the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station.

After speaking with the man at the wheel, deputies discovered that not only he and his other male passenger had outstanding warrants, but that they were also in possession of narcotics and narcotic paraphernalia, Arriaga said.

The third passenger in the vehicle, a woman, was allegedly in possession of narcotics, as well as counterfeit currency, she said.

Upon searching the vehicle, deputies also reportedly found 221 gift cards from a number of retail locations, including Lowe's,

Best Buy, Target, Nordstrom Rack, and more, Arriaga added.

All three suspects were then transported and booked at the SCV Sheriff's Station. One man was booked for an alleged attempt of bringing drugs onto a jail property, the other man was booked on possession of drug paraphernalia, and the woman was booked on charges of alleged possession of a controlled substance and possession of counterfeit currency.

According to Arriaga, detectives are now working to discover where the gift cards came from, and if further charges will be levied against the suspects in connection to those.

Data from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reports that property crimes in 2020, when comparing with Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 2019, were down 4.59%.

However, 2,350 total property crimes were reported in the first 11 months of 2020 and deputies as recently as Thursday were reminding residents to ensure their property was safe and secure at night.

## Biweekly yard waste pickup to continue

By Tammy Murga  
Signal Staff Writer

Waste Management has extended its temporary residential green waste pickup biweekly schedule for Santa Clarita customers through late January due to COVID-19 challenges, city officials announced Friday.

Only residential green waste carts, or yard waste, will be serviced once every two weeks on their regular service day, while trash and recycling pickup schedules will remain the same.

Regular service is anticipated to resume the week of Jan. 25. The schedule change is due to staffing issues related to COVID-19, the city announced in a news release.

"However, additional drivers have been hired and are currently in training to allow for a return to normal levels of service," read the news release.

City officials said Waste Management will notify customers the day before service changes using a combination of automated phone calls, emails and text messages based on customers' notification preferences.

Customers are encouraged to provide the company with updated contact information via [home.wm.com/santa-clarita](http://home.wm.com/santa-clarita).

Some customers have previously expressed concern over no price breaks despite schedule changes. Waste Management officials have said biweekly pickups were not a

reduction in services, because the company is "collecting the same amount of green waste material on a deferred schedule," according to Josh Mann, a Waste Management representative, in a previous interview.

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# Public Health: Hospitalizations decline but remain a concern

By Raychel Stewart  
Signal Staff Writer

While Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials announced a steady decline in daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations Friday, the virus remains widespread in the county.

The county has seen a 30% decrease in the seven-day average of daily cases and an 8% decrease in hospitalizations compared to last week, but Chief Science Officer Paul Simon said community members should continue to wear masks outdoors and refrain from leaving home unnecessarily.

"We are seeing a decline but that doesn't mean people shouldn't keep doing what we've been asking since the beginning of this surge," Simon said.

The test-positivity rate has also declined in the county by 39% in the last three weeks. As of Friday, the test-positivity rate dropped to 12.7% but remains significantly high compared to the 3.8% positivity rate announced in November, before the surge began.

Simon added the death rate in the county remains high, and reported 256 new deaths Friday, while Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital reported three additional deaths in the last 24 hours.

Hilda Solis, chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, announced Friday she's advocating for President Joe Biden to prioritize more vaccine doses for L.A. County, as Public Health reported vaccine doses are in an extreme limited supply after broadening the vaccine eligibility to include people ages 65 and older.

As of Thursday, the county administered 441,000 vaccine doses, which include 88,000 second doses for health care workers. Public Health officials said more than 4 million doses would be needed to complete both doses for health care workers and seniors 65 years and older.

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

■ Southern California region ICU available capacity: 0%

■ Countywide COVID-19 cases reported in the past 24 hours: 9,277  
■ Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 1,054,802

■ New deaths related to COVID-19 reported in the past 24 hours: 256  
■ Total COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County: 14,894

■ Hospitalizations countywide: 7,073, 24% of whom are in the ICU

■ Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of Jan. 22: 84, with 937 discharged since the onset of the pandemic

■ COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 195  
■ Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 22,490  
■ Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV as of Jan. 22: 164, with three additional deaths reported Friday by Henry Mayo.

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: 16,359  
■ Unincorporated — Acton: 373  
■ Unincorporated — Agua Dulce: 195  
■ Unincorporated — Bouquet Canyon: 38  
■ Unincorporated — Canyon Country: 660  
■ Unincorporated — Castaic: 3,321 (majority of Castaic cases come from Pitchess Detention Center; exact number unavailable)  
■ Unincorporated — Lake Hughes: 35  
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# Biweekly green waste pickup schedule extended

By Signal Staff

Waste Management has extended its temporary residential green waste pickup schedule for its Santa Clarita customers for another week, city officials announced Friday.

The service, which typically occurs every week, is expected to continue on its biweekly schedule for yard waste through Jan. 29 and resume "to normal levels of service" starting Feb. 1, according to a city news release.

The extension comes after city officials announced on Jan. 15 that Waste Management had extended the biweekly schedule and anticipated to resume weekly services the week of Jan. 25.

"This temporary change in collection service is due to COVID-19 staffing impacts. The biweekly schedule was put into place to ensure that our teams

prioritize necessary waste and recycling collection. We expect to resume weekly green waste service beginning Monday, Feb. 1," said Waste Management spokeswoman Mary Hartley.

Drivers have been hired and are being trained for the return to the weekly schedule, according to city officials.

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leaves some kids behind.

"A lot of the math they do in fourth grade would normally be hands-on, object-based math," said Garel, speaking about her fourth-grade daughter's curriculum. "We're trying to explain fractions to her online over a computer; it's just not landing."

"We're interviewing private schools right now," she added. "She's taken assessments at a private school, and her scores were beyond failing, beyond where she should be. We're super concerned and we're thinking about changing things up."

## Administrators

A number of the SCV's superintendents discussed this week how their staff and students had to adapt to the power shutoffs, from becoming more flexible with due dates to sending messaging to parents about how to complete assignments without power to even using backup generators at school sites to ensure power for their in-person cohorts.

Saugus Union School District Superintendent Colleen Hawkins said Thursday that three of her school sites went without power for a time: Rio Vista, Cedar Creek and Highlands. She said, as an example of how the outages affected her staff, that the Highlands special day classes were in the dark before a generator was turned on, showing how teachers also had to go the extra mile in the classroom.

"(The special day class teachers) taught on campus on Tuesday, and they had to use their generator effectively,"

said Hawkins. "Of course, it doesn't meet all the needs you have for electronics, but they did that because they lost power at a time where the kids were already coming to school and it was too late to reverse course."

Hawkins said during normal times, without a global pandemic, the school could function without power. But because the surrounding neighborhoods were without electricity, it made working with a digital platform more difficult.

Catherine Kawaguchi, superintendent for the Sulphur Springs Union School District, which is no stranger to the PSPS process nor having school interrupted due to fire danger, said the district was prepared in the event of a shutoff.

"What we've done is that we already have a lot of the materials at home," said Kawaguchi. "So we make sure in advance that the units, and the materials, are actually sent home. So they didn't have to download, they have the actual hard materials at home."

Superintendent Steve Doyle for the Castaic Union School District said that while district families were affected by the outages, there was an overall "minimal impact to our community."

"We have had a handful of parents contact their school about power outages or spotty internet," said Doyle. "We did have students affected on Tuesday due to the winds on Templin Highway."

National Weather Service officials called the weather event that occurred this week a "rare phenomena," saying that winds upwards of 80 mph occur every five-10 years in the area. However, moving forward, in the event of future wind events and power shutoffs, educators and families have asked for improvements.

# CHP arrests two following I-5 pursuit, containment

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

Officers with the California Highway Patrol Newhall office participated in a high-speed pursuit that ended with the suspects' vehicle losing control, crashing and its occupants being apprehended.

The call came in shortly after 2:30 p.m. Friday, when CHP attempted to stop an allegedly stolen 1999 Silver Honda Civic.

"The Honda failed to yield, which caused the pursuit," said Officer Josh Greengard, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol Newhall office. "The

pursuit came over the Grapevine on (the) southbound side of Interstate 5."

Officials involved in the pursuit reported that the suspects' vehicle was traveling at triple-digit speeds, reaching 110 mph at times, Greengard said.

"The pursuit transitioned to the eastbound side of State Route 138 from the I-5," said Greengard. "The driver of the stolen vehicle lost control and crashed. Both occupants in the vehicle took to foot."

Shortly after a containment area was established around the crash site, both suspects were apprehended, Greengard said.



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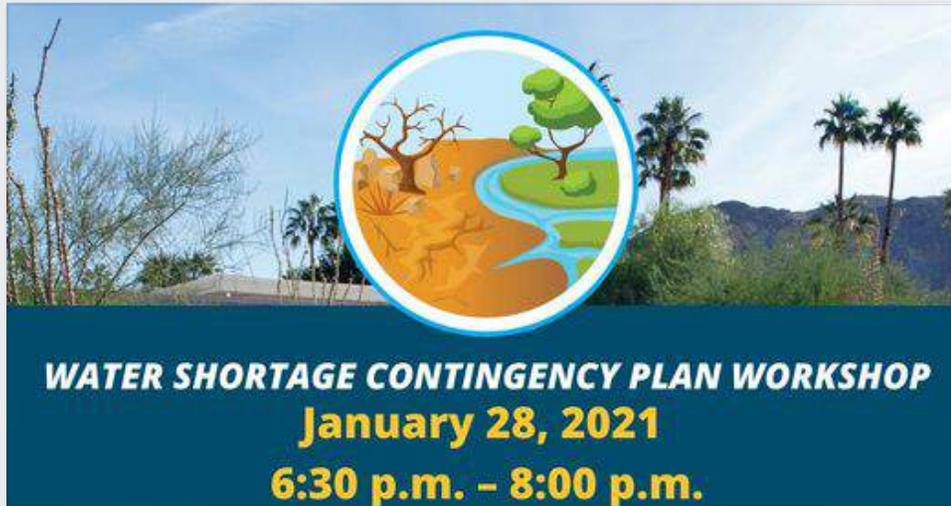


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## 1. Background

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is preparing a Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which is a requirement of the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. The Water Shortage Contingency Plan directs water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available for today and tomorrow. In improving water conservation and water shortage planning, the Water Shortage Contingency Plan will enable SCV Water to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions occur, such as during drought, earthquakes, fires, or other catastrophic events.

To provide information and receive input from stakeholders and the public during the planning and development of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, SCV Water held a public workshop on January 28, 2021 and offered an online input opportunity. The public workshop focused on describing the purpose and outcomes of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, water shortage metrics and consequences, and proposed response actions.

This summary documents the objectives of the public workshop, outreach methods and attendance, time and location, and the major topics presented and discussed. The last section summarizes the input collected from an online input form. 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 public workshop were to:

- Inform stakeholders and the public about the process to prepare the Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Gather input from participants on general questions and issues along with input on water shortage events and water shortage response actions to consider in the Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Solicit community input on water conservation opportunities
- 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 January 28, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and an online input form was open from January 28 to February 11, 2021. A recording of the workshop can be viewed at this link: <https://youtu.be/cZEDk0RmU3Y>



## 4. Notifications and Outreach

SCV Water used a variety of methods to inform stakeholders and community members about the 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 public workshop and a project fact sheet were posted on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan project webpage ( <a href="https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/">https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/</a> ), 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 January Water Currents Newsletter and information about the online input form 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, KHTS Radio, and California News Times.
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 public workshop and present input received from community members. Approximately 45 people attended the Zoom virtual meeting, including 24 members of the public.

### Workshop Format

The 90-minute virtual public workshop format included three presentation modules intermixed with input opportunities using live polling and the chat box. The workshop opened with the facilitator welcoming participants, introducing the project team, and describing the multiple planning efforts and projects that SCV Water has underway. The facilitator then played a short introduction video about the Urban Water Management Plan Update, a related project of which Water Shortage Contingency Plan is a component (see pages 1 through 6 in Appendix A).

The first presentation module described the purpose, components, and outcomes of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and the available public involvement opportunities throughout the Water Shortage Contingency Plan process (see pages 6 through 13 in Appendix A). The remaining two presentation modules focused on water shortage metrics and consequences and then



proposed response actions (see pages 14 through 30 in Appendix A). The water shortage metrics and consequences module described how SCV Water determines there is a water shortage and the different variables that are regularly monitored. The proposed response actions module detailed the steps SCV Water would take and tools SCV Water would use if a water shortage occurred. Lastly, the facilitator thanked participants, encouraged people to stay involved, and reminded of the upcoming public review and comment period for the Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan in March 2021 and public hearing and ordinance adoption in April 2021.

## Community Input

Participants were invited to provide input on the following question: *What is your biggest concern about a water shortage?* Responses included:

- Limits on water usage
- Emerging contaminants
- Not having water for health and hygiene
- Costly water bills
- Not having enough water for humans and animal companions

Participants were also invited to answer the following multiple-choice questions throughout the workshop:

*How did you hear about this public workshop?* Responses included:

- Email Invitation (65% of total responses)
- Social Media (5% of total responses)
- SCV Signal Advertisement (5% of total responses)
- Other (25% of total responses)

*How did the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole respond to the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?* Options included:

- Everyone did their part (10% of total responses)
- Most did their part with few exceptions (70% of total responses)
- Uneven response (20% of total responses)

*How would you score your own response during the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?* Options included:

- Did everything I could do (79% of total responses)
- Did not pay attention (10.5% of total responses)
- Uneven response (10.5% of total responses)

*How did the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency impact you?* Please answer on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 = Not at all and 5 = A lot. Responses included:



- 1 (6% of total responses)
- 2 (23.5% of total responses)
- 3 (35% of total responses)
- 4 (23.5% of total responses)
- 5 (12% of total responses)

*How can SCV Water be helpful in a water shortage event?* Most participants selected all of the answer options which included:

- Communicate shortage status (17% of total answers selected)
- Provide information on what customers can do to take action (19% of total answers selected)
- Offer rebates for water-saving devices (10% of total answers selected)
- Offer direct customer assistance to improve water efficiency (check-ups, irrigation inspections) (16% of total answers selected)
- Provide special assistance to seniors and other community members who might need help in accessing information about the water shortage and actions (14% of total answers selected)
- Enforce water waste regulations (14% of total answers selected)
- All of the above (10% of total answers selected)

*What is the best way for SCV Water to communicate with you about drought conditions, drought stages, and water use restrictions if there ever was a drought situation and steps need to be activated?* Options included:

- Email (36% of total answers selected)
- U.S. Mail (13% of total answers selected)
- Social Media (18% of total answers selected)
- Newspaper (10% of total answers selected)
- Radio/TV Ads (10% of total answers selected)
- Street Banners (8% of total answers selected)
- Door Hangers (5% of total answers selected)
- Notifications through Schools (0% of total answers selected)

Community members offered the following **questions and comments** throughout the workshop:

- How will the surrounding native watersheds be influenced or altered by the increased use of water within the city limits?
- People collecting water at their homes during storms is important and can be done using rain barrels.
- Can you briefly explain what "banking" water is?
- Would SCV Water staff members or someone else staff the task force?



- Much of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is focused on responses by end users to disaster conditions, but what else can be done to conserve water locally in the long term? What about postponement of local development in the city which would reduce the number of water users?
- Does the Water Shortage Contingency Plan taking into consideration water use inside of multi-family housing (townhomes, condos, apartments, mobile homes, etc.), businesses, companies, and restaurants, in addition to single-family homes?
- Can you expand on how plans will be created to address potential sudden drastic decreases in water supply such as decreases resulting from a large earthquake or other natural disaster?
- What percentage of a water reduction are you anticipating in the near future due to climate change?
- Ways to reduce water use include installation of a grass-alternative, adjustment/replacement of an irrigation system, and replanting a garden with drought-tolerant plants.
- Several participants said that the workshop was informative and thanked the project team.

## 6. Online Input Form

An online form was made available from January 28 – February 11, 2021 to provide an additional public input opportunity. Participants were invited to respond to the same question that was asked during the public workshop: **What is your biggest concern about a water shortage?** No responses were received from the online input form after the public workshop.





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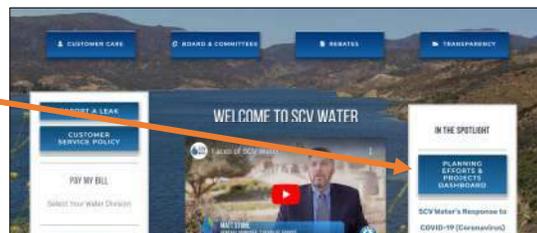
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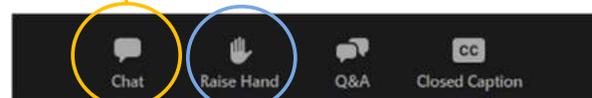
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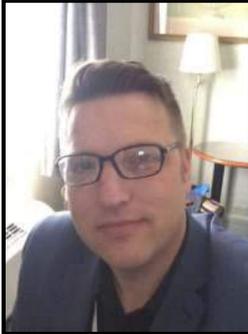
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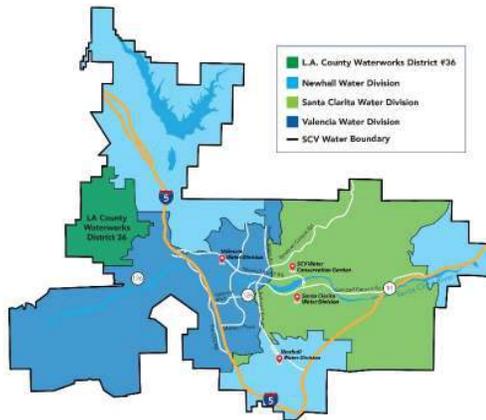
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# SCV Water | Who We Are



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

- 195 square miles
- 74,000 retail customers
- 274,000 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



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# Video: Intro to the Urban Water Management Plan Update

Will include the Water Shortage Contingency Plan!

- Water Supply Reliability
- Conservation
- Water Quality
- Future Demand
- Climate Change

## URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Please type your answer into the  
Chat Box!**

What is your  
biggest concern  
about a water  
shortage?

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## **Purpose of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Outcomes**



## Poll Question #1

**How did the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole respond to the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?**

- Everyone did their part
- Most did their part with few exceptions
- Uneven response



## Poll Question #2

**How would you score your own response during the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?**

- Did everything I could do
- Did not pay attention
- Uneven response



## SCV Water's Mission, Vision, and Values

- **Mission** - *“Providing responsible water stewardship to ensure the Santa Clarita Valley has reliable supplies of high-quality water at a reasonable cost.”*
- **Vision** - *“Exemplary water management for a high quality of life in the Santa Clarita Valley.”*
- **Values** - *Integrity, Excellence, Safety, Innovation, Professionalism, Trust*



## What is a Water Shortage Contingency Plan?

SCV's Water Shortage Contingency Plan will identify the actions that we will take during a water shortage to ensure clean and safe water for our customers.



## About Water Shortage Contingency Planning

- Prepares water suppliers for actual water shortage events
- Recognizes risks including drought, climate change, population growth, and catastrophic events
- Informs water supply mitigation projects, policies and programs
- Incorporates local conditions, constraints, and opportunities

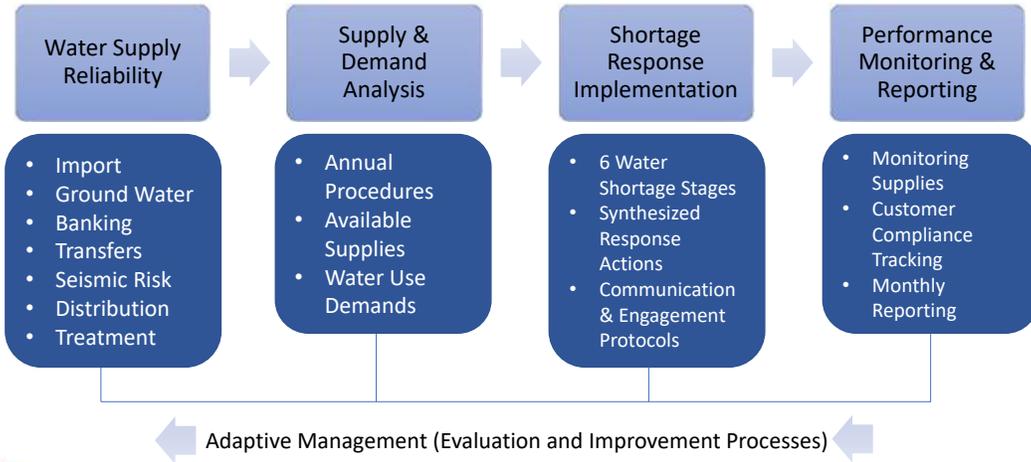


## About the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (cont.)

- Mandated in State of California legislation “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life” (2018)
- Required as a separate planning document approved by the SCV Water Board of Directors
- Submitted as an attachment to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan
- Integrated for regional effectiveness and efficiency



# Water Shortage Contingency Plan Components



# Technical Support & Consulting



# Technical Resources & Research



## Outcomes

- Water Shortage Contingency Plan
  - Evaluation, analysis, and response activities
- Demand Reduction Implementation Plan
  - Internal and external outputs
- Water Shortage Ordinance
  - Compliance, enforcement, and legal authorities
- Seismic Analysis



# Water Shortage Ordinance

## What is a Water Shortage Ordinance?

Following approval by the SCV Water Board of Directors, the Water Shortage Ordinance provides the legal authorities that empower the agency to implement and enforce its shortage response actions.

## How does the Water Shortage Ordinance Benefit the Community?

- Prioritizes domestic uses, sanitation, and fire protection.
- Identifies, communicates, and limits wasteful water use practices.
- Enables water agency to enforce provisions of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and prioritizes inefficient uses of water.



# Proposed Water Shortage Ordinance Components

- General Water Use Efficiency Recommendations
- Water Shortage Stages
  - Specific measures to achieve demand reduction
- Penalties & Enforcement
- Appeals Process & Waivers



# Schedule



Questions? Ideas? Feedback?





# Water Shortage Metrics and Consequences



## Water Shortage Contingency Plan Evaluation, Impacts, and Response Actions

- What is a water shortage?
  - Not enough water for the community
  - When customer demand is greater than supply
- How do we monitor for water shortages?
- What can we do? (Response Actions)



## Poll Question #3

How did the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency impact you?

Please answer on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 = Not at all and 5 = A lot



## Did You Know?

The Santa Clarita Valley as a whole **saved 30%** during the 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency, showing some serious conservation skills.



# Water Shortage Metrics

- Shortage = Demand is greater than supply
- Types of Metrics
  - Hot and dry weather – affects demand and supply
  - Local Weather
  - Regional Drought
  - Emergency Shortages – Earthquakes
- Real-time Water Resource Modeling of supply and demand to inform monitoring



# Water Supply & Demand Indicators

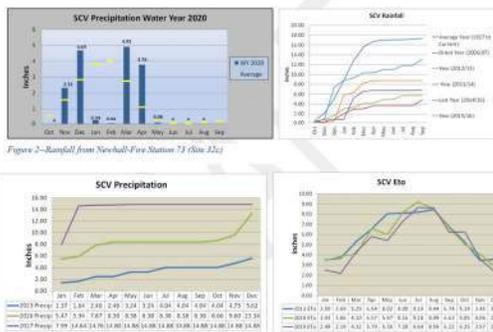
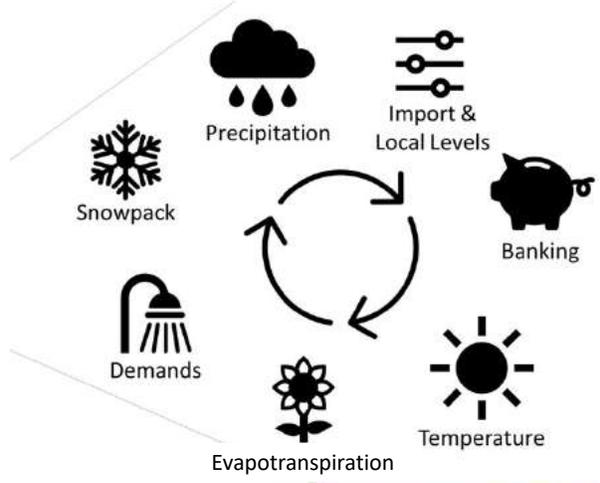
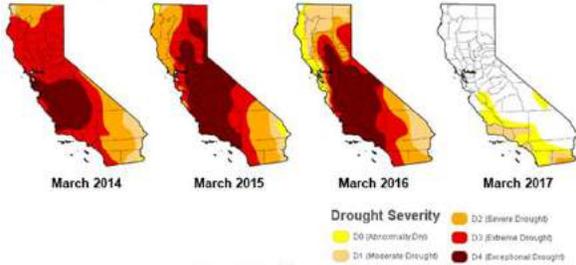


Figure 3—Precipitation and ETo from CIMS 4204



# Drought Early Warning Monitoring

California drought status



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Drought Monitor

California

Current Map > California



Map released: Thurs. January 21, 2021

Data valid: January 19, 2021 at 7 a.m. EST

**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

**Author(s):**

Richard Tinker, NDAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



# Monitoring Framework

- Indicator Data**
- Hydrologic Conditions
  - Imported Water
  - Groundwater
  - Banking
  - Transfers

Total Projected Supplies



Total Projected Demand

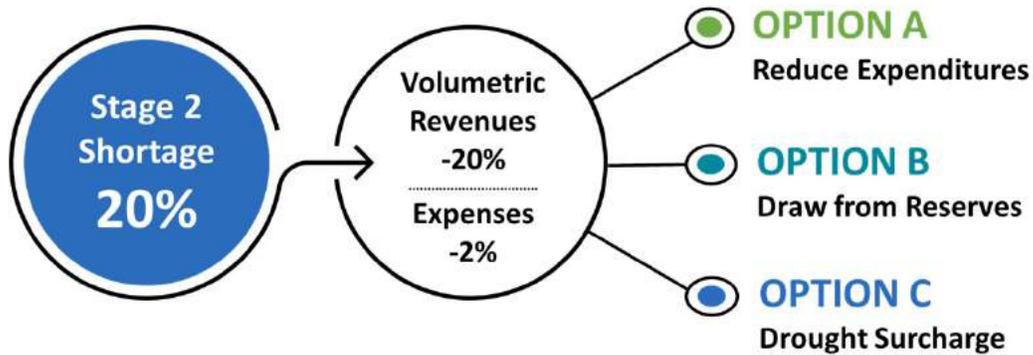


**Shortage Definition**

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5
- Level 6



## Financial Implications



## Poll Question #4

How can SCV Water be helpful in a water shortage event?

- Communicate shortage status
- Provide information on what customers can do to take action
- Offer rebates for water-saving devices
- Offer direct customer assistance to improve water efficiency (check-ups, irrigation inspections)
- Provide special assistance to seniors and other community members who might need help in accessing information about the water shortage and actions
- Enforce water waste regulations
- All of the above

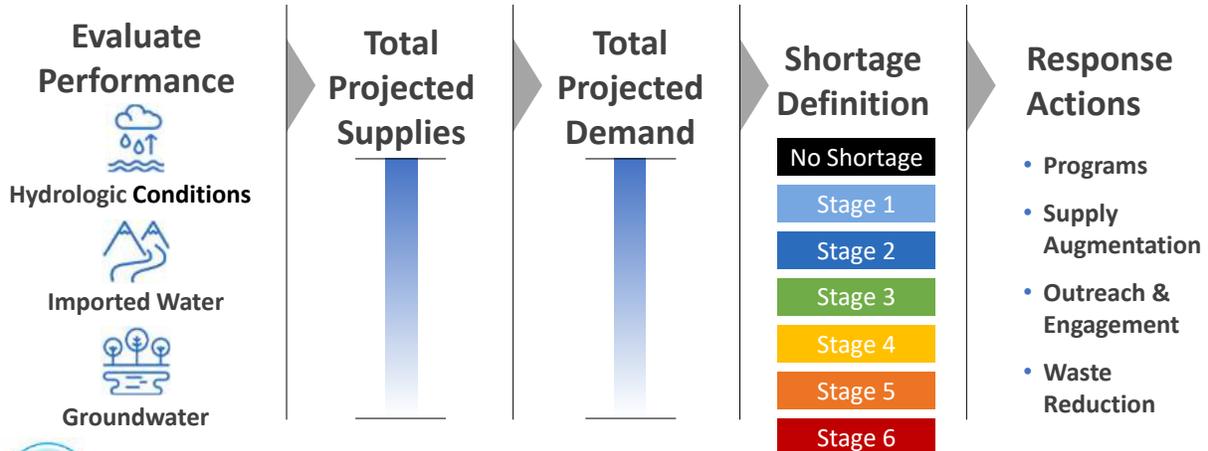
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**Proposed Response Actions**



# Water Shortage Monitoring Framework



## Response Action Goals

- 1 Develop blueprint for actions to water shortages and droughts.
- 2 Priority dispatch supply augmentation to reduce customer shortage costs.
- 3 Build balance program of carrots and sticks, managing the right incentive structures.
- 4 Prioritize inefficient use and long-term market transformation.

# Water Conservation Goals

Customers understand the value of water & the unique conditions of the Santa Clarita Valley

Customers have drought sustainable properties prior to emergency conditions



# Existing Programs

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Lawn Replacement Rebates

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Smart Irrigation Controller Rebates

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Soil Moisture Sensor Rebates

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Pool Cover Rebates

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Drip Irrigation Rebates

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HE Sprinkler Nozzle Rebates

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Pressure Regulation Rebates

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Home & Commercial Surveys

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School Grants

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Watersmart Workshops

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Gardening Classes



# Water Shortage Response Actions



Each stage has different requirements and certain tools will work better.

- Programs
- Supply Augmentation
- Outreach & Engagement
- Restrictions



# Customer Engagement Strategy



Focus on  
Inefficient &  
High-Water  
Uses



Expand  
Outreach to  
Target  
Customers



Achieve  
Higher  
Response  
Rates



Reach  
Higher  
Water  
Savings



Accomplish  
Agency Water  
Reduction Goals  
per Water  
Shortage Level

*Prioritize Water Savings Opportunities*



## Interconnectivity of Response Actions



## Proposed Response Action Strategy

- STAGE 1** Voluntary - up to 10% reduction.
- STAGE 2** Voluntary - up to 20% decrease in water use.
- STAGE 3** Voluntary - up to 30% decrease in water use.
- STAGE 4** Mandatory - up to 40% decrease in water use.
- STAGE 5** Mandatory - 50% decrease in water use.
- STAGE 6** Water for essential use only.

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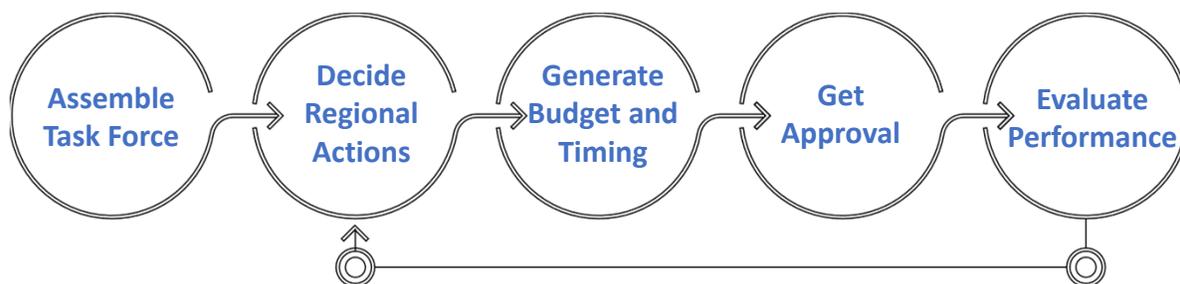
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# Water Shortage Contingency Plan Response Action Process

Performance will be continually evaluated to achieve desired results.



**Questions? Ideas? Feedback?**



**Wrap Up**



## Poll Question #5

What is the best way for SCV Water to communicate with you about drought conditions, drought stages, and water use restrictions if there ever was a drought situation and steps need to be activated?

- Email
- Social Media
- Radio/TV Ads
- Newspaper
- Street Banners
- U.S. Mail
- Door Hangers
- Notifications through Schools
- Other (please specify in chat)



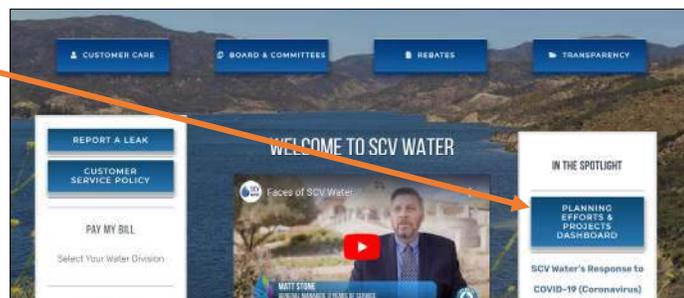
## Project Schedule



## A Few Notes

- Provide additional input using the online form - go to the dashboard
- Participate in other SCV Water planning projects
- Help get the word out to friends, neighbors, and colleagues

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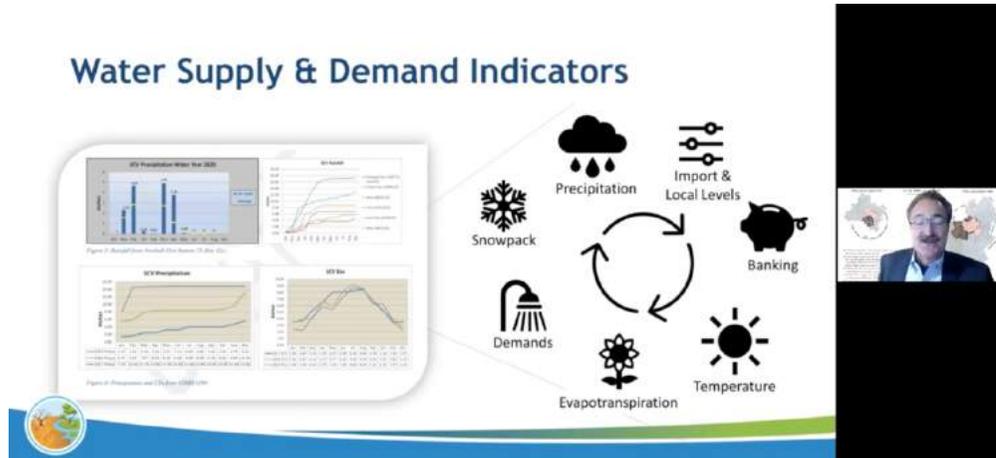


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# SCV Water hosts meeting on water-shortage plan

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Thomas Chesnutt, a consultant from A&N Technical Services, explains water supply and demand indicators during SCV Water's public meeting for the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Screenshot

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In a year when California has only received approximately half its average rainfall, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency hosted a virtual public meeting to inform residents of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and gather community input Thursday.

The large amount of rain and snow that fell in recent days were the result of the state's first major atmospheric river this winter, changing drought predictions, according to Thomas Chesnutt, a consultant from A&N Technical Services. However, according to data released Jan. 19, drought conditions have returned to California, with much of Los Angeles County in moderate drought conditions.

With the agency's nearly 275,000 users each consuming approximately 112 gallons of water each day, the Urban Water Management Plan is used to ensure there's enough good, clean, reliable water, according to SCV Water officials.

The contingency plan is one piece of this overall plan, identifying actions needed to ensure water during a shortage and activating when the next shortage happens, according to Joan Isaacson, the meeting's facilitator. It is discussed with the public and updated every five years.

"While we plan for long-term water reliability, we also recognize we live in California and shortages occur," said Matt Dickens, the sustainability manager at SCV Water who is managing the contingency plan effort.

Water resources are monitored in real time, with indicators for a shortage including hydrologic conditions, imported water and groundwater supply, and availability of banking water (storing surplus supplies), among others, Chesnutt added.

Each of the plan's six water-shortage stages is set to look at where water saving opportunities exist, while working with customers to promote more efficient water use, ultimately achieving conservation, Dickens said.

"SCV Water isn't waiting around for a drought or water shortage to prepare. They have a full spectrum of water efficiency programs and services available today to help customers reduce their use," said Maureen Erbeznik, a consultant from A&N Technical Services.

"It's really their goal to create a water-efficient region that can successfully withstand future water shortages without customer hardship, but we know we're not there yet, so we know that during droughts and other water shortages, we're going to have to do more. ... We'll need to call upon additional actions to reduce or offset use," she added.

The proposed strategy is to first augment supply, utilizing groundwater through water banking and transfers from other water agencies, to reduce customer hardships, while then balancing customer incentives, such as rebates for water-saving measures, with prohibitions and penalties for water waste, Erbeznik said.

This plan would then become part of a water shortage ordinance, which following approval by the SCV Water board of directors, provides the agency legal authorities to implement and enforce its shortage response actions.

*The draft of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is set to be available for public review and comment in March before a report is issued to the SCV Water board in April and the final plan is submitted to the California Department of Water Resources in July. To watch the meeting or for*

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March 8, 2021



## Water Currents Special Edition - Planning for Water for Today and Tomorrow

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### March Opportunities to Get Involved in Important Regional Water Supply Planning Efforts

SCV Water continues our robust planning work to ensure water today and tomorrow by keeping our customers informed and engaged in the process. In March, we will have several important virtual public meetings as well as open the public comment period for the Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance.

#### In this Issue

- GSP Virtual Workshop on Sustainable Management Criteria
  - Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan to be Released for Public Review
  - Third Workshop Scheduled for Urban Water Management Plan
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### Groundwater Sustainability Plan Virtual Workshop on Sustainable Management Criteria

We're inviting the public to participate in the [Groundwater Sustainability Plan](#) sustainable management criteria virtual workshop on Wednesday, March 10 from 4–6 p.m. Learn how these criteria are defined, and how they support our larger effort to achieve the region's groundwater management goals. More information is available [here](#).

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### Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan to be Released for Public Review

SCV Water anticipates releasing the draft [\*\*Water Shortage Contingency Plan\*\*](#) and Ordinance for public review and comment on March 12. There will be a 30-day public comment period to solicit input and feedback on both draft documents. The Board of Directors will then hold a public meeting to adopt the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance on April 26, where the public can also provide input. The draft plan and ordinance will be made available online at: [\*\*yourscvwater/wscp\*\*](https://yourscvwater.com/wscp).



**Water Shortage  
Contingency Plan**



**Urban Water  
Management Plan**

### **Third Workshop Scheduled for Urban Water Management Plan**

On March 22, we are holding our third virtual [\*\*Urban Water Management Plan\*\*](#) public workshop where participants will learn how this updated plan assesses long term water reliability through build out (2050), and learn about the area's seismic risk and the mitigation plan to ensure continued water supplies after disruptive and catastrophic events. A flyer about this event as well as recordings of prior public workshops and presentations are available at: [\*\*yourscvwater/uwmp\*\*](https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp).

SCV Water encourages the public to get involved in our planning process through public workshops, public comments and hearings. Resources on all of these events, information and videos from prior public workshops and more can be found on our interactive dashboard.

Sincerely,  
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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**30-Day Comment Period Opens for SCV Water's  
Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance**  
*Community members are invited to submit public comment through April 12*

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*SCV Water hosted a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony at a new water treatment facility near Auto Center Drive in Valencia Monday, October 05, 2020. Bobby Block / The Signal.*



The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency released a draft of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan Friday in order to receive public feedback before finalizing.

Community members are welcome to review the document meant to plan for water shortages caused by drought or natural disasters, and provide the agency with feedback until April 12, before the plan is finalized by SCV Water officials.

“We’re committed to ensuring that our customers have and continue to have a safe and reliable water supply. It’s about preparing now for the events that could jeopardize our water supply in the future,” SCV Water’s General Manager Matt Stone wrote in a prepared statement. “Good planning is instrumental to the creation of our Water Shortage Contingency Plan and we welcome public input and participation in the plan’s drafting.”



The contingency plan is required by the California Urban Water Management Planning Act, which states water agencies in California must have an outlined plan for water conservation in the event that a drought or other natural disaster, such as an earthquake or fire, causes a water shortage.

“It’s an important planning piece to have should we face a critical water shortage, but is not being developed in response to an imminent concern,” Kathie Martin, communications manager for SCV water, wrote in an email.

The agency has developed an action plan, which divides levels of water shortage concern into six stages. Depending on the stage, customers will be asked to reduce water usage by a certain percentage.

- Stage one – “watchful conditions,” asking residents to voluntarily reduce water intake by 10%.
- Stage two – “moderate shortage” and voluntarily reduce by 20%.
- Stage three – “significant shortage” and voluntarily reduce by 30%.
- Stage four – “critical shortage” with mandatory reduction by 40%.
- Stage five – “emergency shortage” with mandatory reduction by 50%.
- Stage six – “catastrophic shortage” with water only being used for essentials.

According to data released by the National Integrated Drought Information System, Los Angeles County is in a moderate drought, with last month being the second driest February on record in 127 years.

The plan also outlines the need for a task force in the event a drought and its stage are determined. The task force will decide on the appropriate action to take, or how much water intake should be reduced, and monitor the situation until conditions improve. The taskforce will be comprised of employees in the agency and will be developed when needed.

Water priority lists of water uses are also outlined in the plan, which places water use for health and safety, such as firefighters and residential use, first. Following in the list of priorities are commercial or industrial use, permanent crops, annual crops, landscaping and new demand, which includes constructions projects which are already approved prior to a water shortage.

The agency will review and integrate all comments gathered by the public into the plan and present it to the agency’s board of directors during the April 26 public hearing, when the board is expected to make a decision on the plan.



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Santa Clarita residents can submit comments by email, mailing in a hard copy or submitting information on to the website.

Whether questions and feedback are submitted through the mail or via email, the subject line must include “Water Shortage Contingency Plan Comment,” according to officials.

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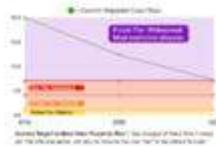
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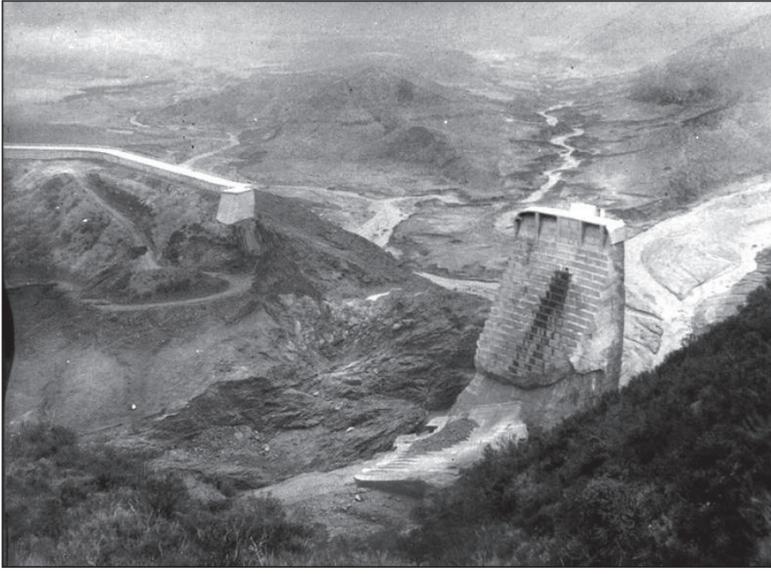
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## 93 years ago: St. Francis Dam disaster



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Friday marked the 93rd anniversary of the deadliest civil engineering disaster in the 20th century. At 11:57 p.m. on March 12, 1928, the St. Francis Dam in San Francisquito Canyon collapsed, sending a wall of water through the Santa Clarita Valley to Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula and eventually the Pacific Ocean. The dam's failure killed an estimated 411 people.

## Man charged in domestic assault returns to court

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

A South Los Angeles man who has been charged with three separate counts related to an alleged domestic assault last year returned to court Thursday.

Alvin Marks, 30, has been charged with: one count of injuring a spouse, cohabitant, fiancée, girlfriend or child's parent; one count of criminal threats; and one count of dissuading a witness from reporting a crime, according to an email from Pamela Johnson, public information officer for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Marks is set to return to court April 13 for a prelim setting. A prelim setting is intended to schedule a preliminary hearing — when the evidence is presented to

the judge who decides whether the case will proceed to trial.

The alleged victim is Marks' girlfriend, who was reportedly nine weeks' pregnant at the time of the suspected attack on Aug. 29.

"The suspect left the home before deputies could apprehend him," according to Natalie Arriaga, spokeswoman for the SCV Sheriff's Station. "The victim sustained injury to which she was evaluated for."

Marks initially was arrested by SCV deputies on the 27000 block of Sierra Highway on suspicion of attempted murder in connection with detectives' investigation. Marks is being held at the Pitchess Detention Center in lieu of \$100,000 bail, according to Sheriff's Department arrest records.

## TRAFFIC

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Canyon Road on the east side; Newhall Ranch and Bouquet Canyon roads to the west. Each averaged one crash a month for the second half of 2020.

The other three busiest intersections for collisions: Lyons Avenue and Apple Street; Railroad and Newhall avenues; and Newhall Ranch and Rye Canyon roads, each of which saw five collisions over the same six-month period last year.

The collisions weren't just a result of volume, though. The five most trafficked intersections, in terms of cars per day, were: Newhall Ranch/Bouquet Canyon (98,700 cars per day); Soledad/Bouquet canyon roads (70,000); Soledad/Whites canyon roads (69,400); Newhall Ranch Road/McBean Parkway (62,600); and McBean Parkway/Valencia Boulevard (58,300).

### Less means more (safety)

Fewer cars on the road also translated to significantly fewer crashes on SCV roadways, and fewer tickets, too, according to data provided by the city of Santa Clarita, with respect to crashes and enforcement.

The total number of collisions in the last half of 2020 dropped by an eye-opening 30% compared to the same period in 2019: 670 crashes in the second half of 2019 compared to 469 for the same time in 2020.

Citations were down, as well. There was a 9.8% decrease in traffic citations overall during the last six months of 2020 — a reduction from 9,465, or approximately 52 tickets per day in the second half of 2019, to 8,537, or about 47 per day, in 2020.

The most ticketed stretch of road over that time period was on Soledad Canyon Road, from Whites to Sierra, which reported about 698 citations, or almost four per day, with Golden Valley Road, from Centre Pointe to Robert C. Lee



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Engineering Technician Noely Serrato monitors traffic on the screens in the Traffic Operations Center at City Hall.

parkways, close behind at 691 citations.

### Traffic monitoring

During the past year, while much economic growth has been slowed due to pandemic-related restrictions on activity, the city has moved ahead with the installation of automated systems at a number of intersections.

"The city of Santa Clarita is always looking to improve circulation and safety on city streets," Lujan added.

In fact, the city has invested more than \$20 million in grants and local funding since the early 2000s to create its multi-stage, state-of-the-art, Intelligent Transportation System, which connects intersections to keep cars and trucks moving safely.

In addition to coordinating intersections, the system provides information in real time to the traffic team at City Hall, which was aided by the installation of automated data systems at 75 intersections this past year.

The improvements help the city collect and track traffic volume fluctuations more easily, officials said.

## City youth sports set to begin league play in April

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

Parents, coaches and some of the Santa Clarita Valley's youngest athletes celebrated Friday as city officials announced the return of parks and youth sports.

In a news release Friday, Santa Clarita officials said registration begins March 15 for volleyball, T-ball and coach-pitch baseball leagues, with the season set to begin in April.

"We are extremely excited, and the youth sports leagues are geared and ready to begin to get back to what we normally do," said Joe Harris, the recreation and community services supervisor for the city. "We have recreation in our blood and we just want to provide that to the community."

Chris Padula, a Saugus parent of two athletes, ages 5 and 7 years old, said that not only has he enjoyed watching his son and daughter play on co-ed basketball and T-ball teams together, he's also enjoyed coaching them. But that has not been possible over the past year. "They were getting really into it (team sports) and then, of course, COVID hit, and it just took a toll on them, honestly, as this thing dragged on," said Padula. "They were meeting kids, getting their exercise in, getting normal sleep because they were wearing themselves out. All that good stuff that comes out with it, like teamwork and sharing — and then taking it away, it was terrible."

For the past year, Padula's two kids have been asking him when they would be able to start playing again, to which he always responded with a "soon, soon, soon." But now, come April, it'll be "now, now, now."

"They're getting their cleats ready again, their bat, their glove, and they're just super excited," Padula said. "Sports are just good for all kids, honestly."

The spring outdoor volleyball league is for players ages 9 to 15, and leagues are segmented by age group. The eight-week season will run from the start of April through late May, and matches will take place at Central Park.

Registration is \$89 per player for city of Santa Clarita residents and \$98 per player for non-residents.

The youth sports T-ball league is for players ages 4-5 and will last from the start of April through the end of May. The coach-pitch baseball league is for players ages 6-7. Registration is \$52 per player for each league, and practice and game locations will be determined when teams are selected.

Harris said all teams will be coached by city of Santa Clarita youth sports staff, and all games and leagues will need to follow Los Angeles County Department of Public Health safety orders.

For more information about these leagues and to register, visit [santaclarita.com/youthsports](http://santaclarita.com/youthsports) or contact the city's youth sports office at 661-250-3756 or by email at [youthsports@santa-clarita.com](mailto:youthsports@santa-clarita.com).



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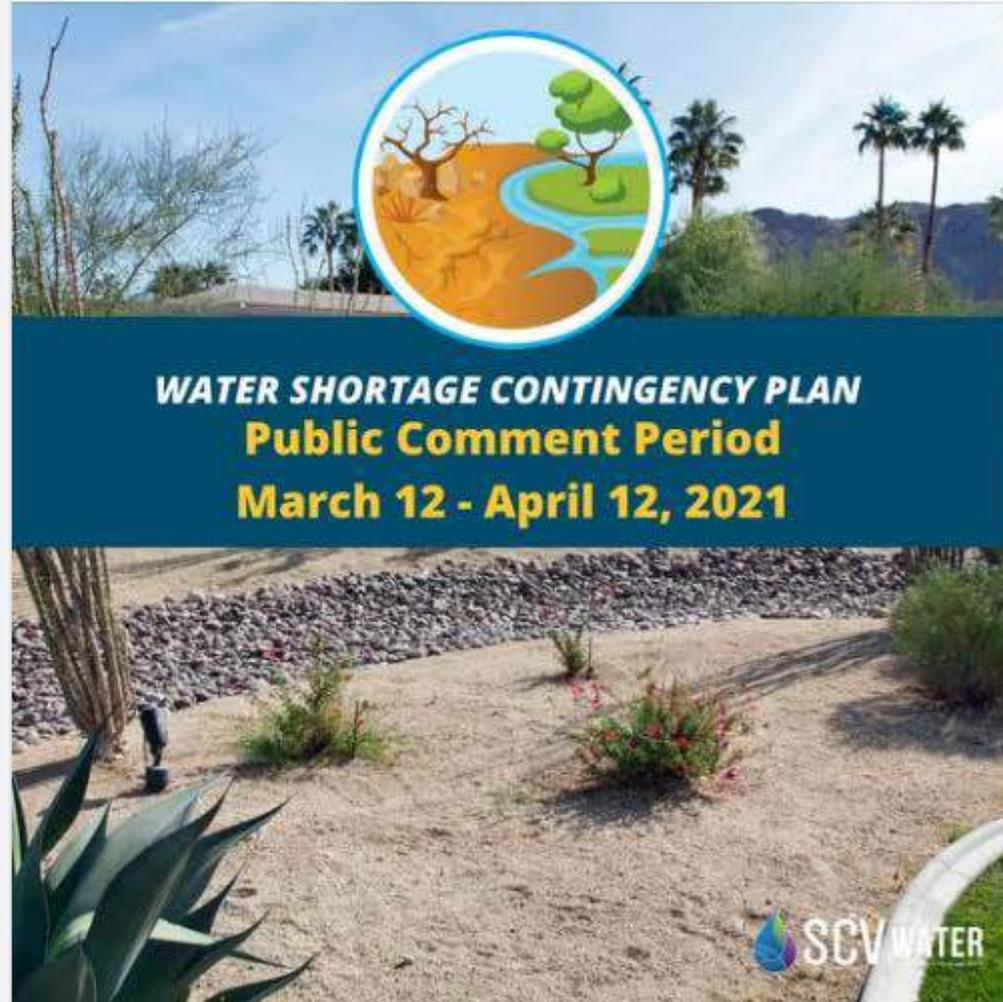
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To provide comments and feedback, email Matt Dickens at [wscp@scvwa.org](mailto:wscp@scvwa.org) or send written comments to 26521 Summit Circle Santa Clarita, CA 91350.

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## April Opportunities to Get Involved in Important Regional Water Supply Planning Efforts

SCV Water continues our robust planning work to ensure water for today and tomorrow by keeping our customers informed and engaged in the process. This month, we have several important virtual public meetings as well as opening the public comment period for the Draft Urban Water Management Plan.

### In this Issue:

- Water Shortage Contingency Plan Draft Released
- Urban Water Management Plan's Third Workshop Held
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update

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## You're Invited to Submit Public Comment on Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance through April 12



The Water Shortage Contingency Plan is one of several important planning efforts SCV Water is undertaking to ensure sufficient long-term water quality and supplies. The draft plan and ordinance have been released for public review and comment. April 12 is the deadline to submit public comment before the Board of Directors holds its public hearing on April 26 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. to consider adoption of the items.

The plan includes an assessment of water supply reliability, procedures, monitoring and reporting systems, shortage response actions, communication plans, and compliance and enforcement procedures. It also evaluates financial, material and resource impacts of the plan.

Learn more about the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance at [yourSCVwater.com/wscp](http://yourSCVwater.com/wscp). Comments can be submitted through the website or sent via U.S. Mail.

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## SCV Water to release Draft Urban Water Management Plan for Public Comment



SCV Water's held the third Urban Water Management Plan public workshop on March 22. Workshop participants learned how this updated plan assesses the long-term water reliability through build out of the Santa Clarita Valley (2050), as well as the area's seismic risk and the mitigation plan to ensure continued water supplies after disruptive and catastrophic events such as earthquakes. If you missed the event, you can find a video of it, along with a meeting summary and presentation at: [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp).

The public will be invited to review the draft plan between April 19 and May 19. The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing and take action on the plan on May 27 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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With the plan due to be adopted by January 2022, we are over halfway through an outreach and engagement process that started in January of 2020. The next virtual public workshop will be held on June 2, 2021, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. to discuss projects and management actions that will assist us in maintaining a sustainable groundwater supply today and in the future. For information on previous workshops, including project videos, presentations and other handouts, visit <https://scvgsa.org/public-input/>.

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**NEWS RELEASE**  
**DATE: April 26, 2021**  
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## **SCV Water Announces New Date for Public Hearing and Board Actions on Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance**

*Public hearing now scheduled for Wednesday, June 9*

**Santa Clarita** — SCV Water has moved its Board of Directors virtual public hearings on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance from April 26 to June 9 at 6:30 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to provide public comment during the hearings, which comes after the 30-day public review and comment period that ended on April 12. The draft plan and ordinance are available online at: [yourscvwater.com/wscp](http://yourscvwater.com/wscp)

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## Water shortage contingency plan hearing set for June 9

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The SCV Water board of directors is scheduled to hold a virtual public hearing on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and ordinance at 6:30 p.m. June 9.

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The California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws require water agencies to prepare a water shortage contingency plan, which helps to prioritize actions when water shortage conditions occur because of drought, earthquakes, fires or other catastrophic events.



A 30-day public review and comment period on the plan concluded April 12. The draft plan and ordinance are available online at [yourscvwater.com/wscp](https://yourscvwater.com/wscp) (<https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/>), which also includes a recording of a public workshop from January and a related presentation and fact sheet.

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## SCV Water Moves Public Hearing On Water Shortage Plan To June

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The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) has moved the virtual public hearing on its Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance to June 9.

The virtual hearing, which would allow the public to provide feedback on the agency's water shortage plan, was originally set to take place on April 26 but is now scheduled to occur at 6:30 June 9.

"This plan and ordinance are part of several important planning efforts the agency is undertaking to ensure adequate long-term water quality and supplies for today and tomorrow," said re with SCV Water.

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The hearing for the plan comes after the 30-day public review and comment period that ended April 12th.

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Laws including the California Urban Water Management Planning Act require water agencies to have a water shortage contingency plan.

"This plan will help SCV Water prioritize actions when water shortage conditions occur such as drought, earthquakes, fires or other catastrophic events," said agency representatives. "Impo components of the plan focus on water conservation and water shortage planning."

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SCV Water held a public workshop for the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Ordinance in January that can be viewed, along with the presentation and fact sheet, here.

The water shortage plan and ordinance can be accessed here. For more information on the hearing, click here.

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Zena Taher moved to Santa Clarita when she was 12 years old. She has always been a voracious reader, which led her to take an interest in writing professionally. After graduating high 2019, she began attending College of the Canyons, where she rediscovered her passion for writing. She chose to double-major in journalism and communications and is set to graduat In fall of 2020, she finally worked up the nerve to apply to a position as an intern at KHTS. She joined the news staff as a full-fledged employee the following spring. Zena hopes to use as a tool to inform others and inspire change.



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SCV Water is moving forward on our agency's multiple planning efforts to ensure water for today and tomorrow by keeping our customers informed and engaged in the process. Here's how you can get involved in May, June and beyond.

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This plan is part of SCV Water's Urban Water Management Plan update and will be used if developing conditions create a potential water shortage. SCV Water will submit this to the State Department of Water Resources along with the full Urban Water Management Plan by July 1.

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# Urban Water Management Plan Draft Released



The public is also invited to submit comments on SCV Water's draft Urban Water Management Plan update. This is another component of SCV Water's current planning efforts to ensure long-term water reliability. This plan addresses water supply forecast for current customers and future growth, how to expand recycled water and conservation, water shortage response actions, an assessment of water supplies both local and imported and how climate

change could affect water supplies so the agency can ensure a steady supply for customers.

In addition, based on new guidance from the State of California Department of Water Resources, SCV Water has also prepared an addendum to the 2015 UWMP. The same data will be available in the 2020 UWMP, but for completeness the 2015 UWMP has been amended to include this data as well.

The 30-day public comment period on this important plan is open through May 26, 2021 and will be followed a Board of Directors virtual public hearing and actions on May 27 at 6:30 p.m. Comments can be submitted through the website or sent via U.S. Mail.

To review the draft plan and watch videos from the three public workshops and read related materials on the Urban Water Management Plan update, please visit [yourSCVwater.com/uwmp](http://yourSCVwater.com/uwmp).

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## 2021 Water Quality Report Now Available

The Consumer Confidence Report, or CCR, is an annual water quality report that the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires SCV Water to provide all of its customers. The purpose of the CCR is to raise customers' awareness of the quality of their drinking water, where their drinking water comes from, what it takes to deliver water to their homes, and the importance of protecting drinking water sources.



Click the link to view your [2021 Water Quality Report](#).

## SCV Water Customer Care Lobby Set to Re-open July 6

*New Safety Measures in Place, Including Plexiglass Dividers and Hand Sanitizing Station*



With the COVID-19 vaccine available and the state's plans to move away from its tier system if certain conditions are met, SCV Water is gearing up to re-open its Customer Care lobby located at 24631 Avenue Rockefeller in Valencia on Tuesday, July 6. The lobby will be open Monday to Thursday from 7:30am – 5:30pm and alternating Friday's until 4:30pm.

"The health and safety of our customers is our top priority," said SCV Water's General Manager Matt Stone. "At the time of our July re-opening, we will follow state and county guidelines for social distancing and face masks; we've also introduced

new safety measures in our lobby."

Here's what our customers can expect:

- New safety measures in place, including plexiglass dividers, floor markers and a hand sanitizing station.
- An external drop box that is available 24/7 for payments.
- Flexibility to still do business online at [yourSCVwater.com](http://yourSCVwater.com) or by phone, 661-294-0828.
- Option to conveniently pay their water bills in cash at participating 7-Eleven or CVS Pharmacy locations.

Late fees and shut-offs due to COVID-19 are still suspended in the near term, but SCV Water encourages customers who are behind on their water bills to set up a payment plan through Customer Care by contacting 661-294-0828. Eligible customers can also apply for state assistance with their unpaid utility bills and rent by visiting, [HousingIsKey.com](http://HousingIsKey.com) or calling 833-430-2122 for more information and to verify eligibility.

# SCV Water Purchases Power Saving Solar Energy Assets

*Agency committed to sustainability and clean energy*



SCV Water recently completed the purchase of onsite energy-producing solar assets to aid power consumption. This purchase will deliver SCV Water customers a source of clean energy for years to come. The solar panels have been operating on Agency property since 2011 and 2013 under a power purchase agreement. They were purchased for the fair market value buy-out of \$15,467,000. The transaction was completed on March 29 and will serve to put the Agency in an improved financial position while using clean, renewable energy.

The Agency estimates to save \$5 million over the life of the lease, ending in 2039. The energy systems power roughly 17% of SCV Water's total power consumption.

"SCV Water prides itself on a commitment to sustainability," said SCV Water's General Manager Matt Stone. "Investing in solar will deliver a long-term source of clean energy to our valued customers."

TerraVerde Energy assisted SCV Water in completing the successful transaction. The firm has experience negotiating the purchases of large commercial solar projects and has worked with other California public agencies to guide similar asset purchases and mitigate risks while ensuring a smooth and successful transition.

SCV Water is dedicated to the continued search for innovative and environmentally friendly choices to benefit customers. Recently, the Agency also received nearly \$250,000 in grant funds from the California Governor's Office of Emergency services, which will help fund a new generator at its Earl Schmidt Filtration Plan. The new generator will keep power running in times of emergency.

For more information and resources, visit [yourSCVwater.com](http://yourSCVwater.com).

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## SCV Water is Here to HELP Rebates up to \$750\*



SCV Water is offering its HELP Rebate (Healthy & Efficient Landscape Programs) to residents, businesses, large landscapes and homeowners' associations.

**Rebates available up to \$750\* per account**  
(\*excluding taxes, labor, and non-qualifying devices)

Decide which option works best for you ... or use a combination of both!

- **Option #1:** Convert spray to drip irrigation. Get \$0.50/sq ft to convert spray irrigation to drip. Drip irrigation works best for shrubs, flowers, and other non-turf applications.
- **Option #2:** Install high-efficiency nozzles and pressure regulators. Get the following rebates: 100% for HE nozzles, 75% for master pressure regulation, and \$10 per pressure regulating body, when you replace your old spray sprinklers with high efficiency equipment to make your irrigation system lean, mean and green!

For more information, click [here](#).

## Social Media Spotlight



Water is a limited resource so do what you can to conserve it! If you have an electric dishwasher, use it only to wash full loads, and use the shortest cycle possible. Many dishwashers have a conserve/water-miser cycle.

For more conservation tips, [visit](#).

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## Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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### PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS

SCV Water will conduct public outreach to inform and solicit input from stakeholders during the planning and development of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

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### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

# WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

Public Hearings Scheduled for June 9

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- **Updated Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan – May 19, 2021**
  - Edits made since April 12, 2021 Public Comment Release
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- Additional Resources
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  - **Seismic Analysis Appendix A**
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Workshop 1 – January 28, 2021

- **Meeting Summary**
- **Recording of Meeting**
- **Presentation**

## PUBLIC INPUT FORM

We'd like to hear from you as we develop the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. We held our public workshop on Thursday, January 28. Even if you could not attend, we invite you to review the materials, then share your thoughts through this brief online form.

**ONLINE INPUT FORM**

## WSCP FACT SHEETS

- **Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan – April 12, 2021 Public Comment Release**

## WATER CONSERVATION AND SHORTAGE ORDINANCE

- **Updated Draft Water Conservation and Water Shortage Ordinance – June 15, 2021 Release**
- Previous Version
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The WSCP is part of the Urban Water Management Plan. Learn more at <https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/>

## WHAT IS A WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN?

SCV Water is preparing the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The plan is a requirement of the California Urban Water Management

## **FACT SHEET – January 2021**

Planning Act and other applicable laws and directs the suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available for today and tomorrow.

To improve water conservation and water shortage planning, the WSCP will enable SCV Water to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions occur, such as drought, earthquakes, fires, or other catastrophic events.

Within WSCPs, SCV Water must:

- Assess the reliability of water supplies
- Develop annual assessment procedures and monitoring and reporting systems
- Create shortage response actions
- Establish communications protocols
- Build a compliance and enforcement program
- Evaluate financial, material, and resource impacts

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## **COMMENT & QUESTION FORM**

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. If you have input specific to a recent workshop, be sure to use the appropriate link on this page. For other general comments, contact us through the form below:

**My comments or questions on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

If you would like a direct response, please provide your name and email.

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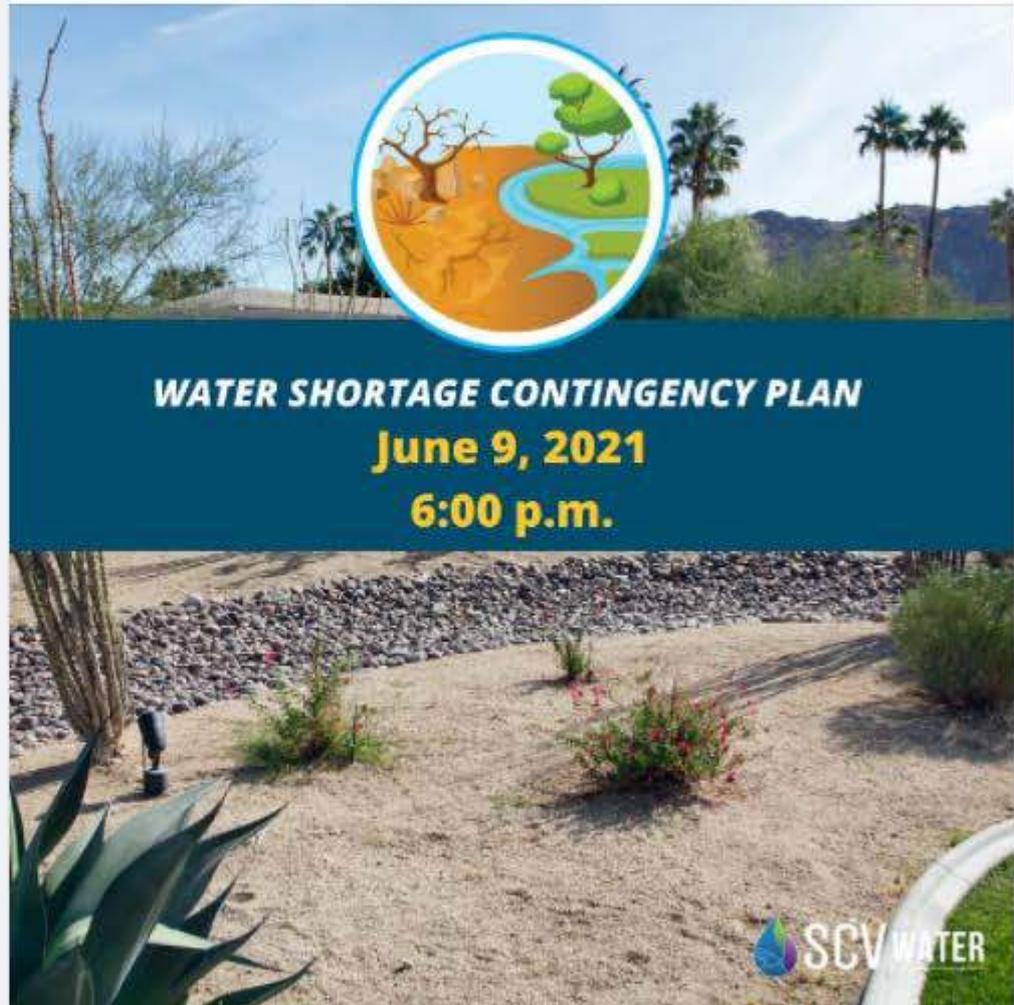
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# Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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## Overview

1. Plan Development & Public Engagement Process
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  - Proposed Response Actions
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- Water Shortage Contingency Plan
  - Evaluation, analysis, and response activities
- Demand Reduction Implementation Plan
  - Internal and external outputs
- Water Shortage Ordinance
  - Compliance, enforcement, and legal authorities
- Seismic Analysis



## Purpose of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan



# What is a Water Shortage Contingency Plan?

SCV's Water proposed Water Shortage Contingency Plan identifies the actions the agency will take to mitigate water shortages and describes agency activities during a water shortage to ensure clean and safe water for our customers.



## About Water Shortage Contingency Planning

- Prepares water suppliers for actual water shortage events
- Recognizes risks including drought, climate change, population growth, and catastrophic events
- Informs water supply mitigation projects, policies and programs
- Incorporates local conditions, constraints, and opportunities



# About the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (cont.)

- Mandated in State of California legislation “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life” (2018)
- Required as a separate planning document approved by the SCV Water Board of Directors
- Submitted as an attachment to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan
- Integrated for regional effectiveness and efficiency

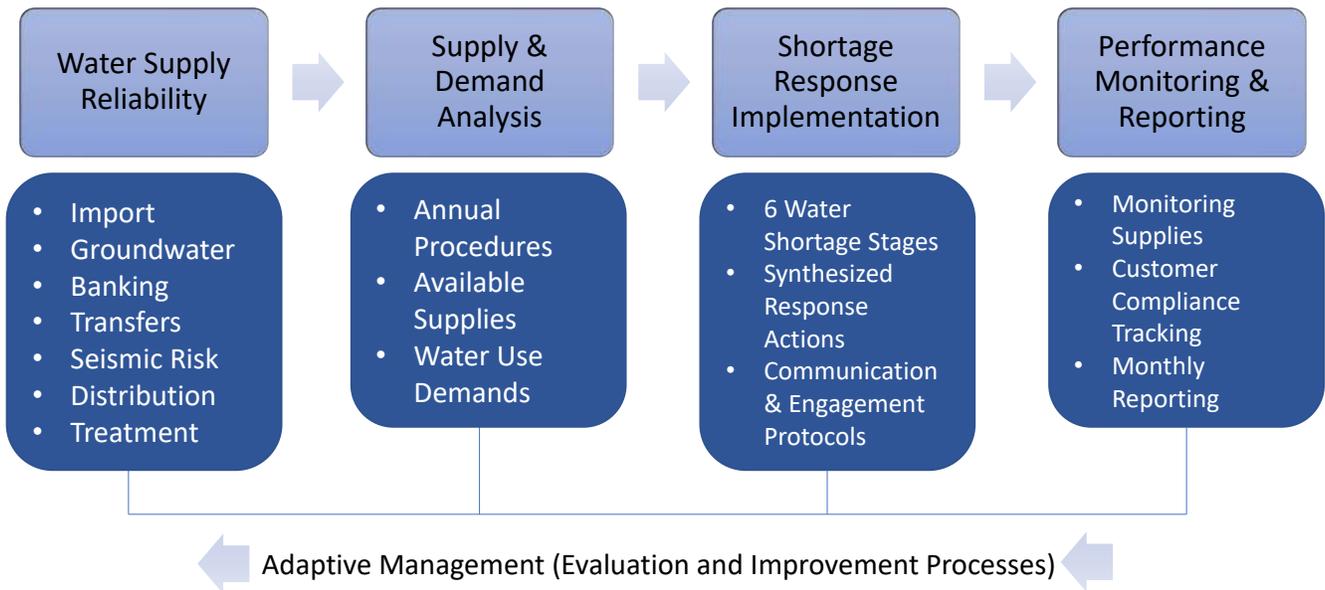


# About the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (cont.)

- Active and adaptive framework for conducting supply & demand analysis
- Processes to determine water shortage contingencies and/or demand reduction responses
- Strategies, activities, and tools for water shortage contingencies:
  - Water use efficiency program enhancement(s)
  - Supply augmentation
  - Communication and engagement
  - Water waste enforcement
- Performance Monitoring and Management



# Water Shortage Contingency Plan Components



## Water Shortage Metrics and Methodology



# Water Shortage Contingency Plan Evaluation, Impacts, and Response Actions

- What is a water shortage?
  - Not enough water for the community
  - When customer demand is greater than supply
- How do we monitor for water shortages?
- What can we do? (Response Actions)



## Water Shortage Metrics

- Shortage = Demand is greater than supply
- Types of Metrics
  - Hot and dry weather – affects demand and supply
  - Local Weather
  - Regional Drought
  - Emergency Shortages – Earthquakes
- Real-time Water Resource Modeling of supply and demand to inform monitoring



# Water Supply & Demand Indicators

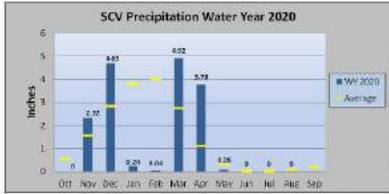


Figure 2--Rainfall from Newhall-Fire Station 73 (Site 32c)

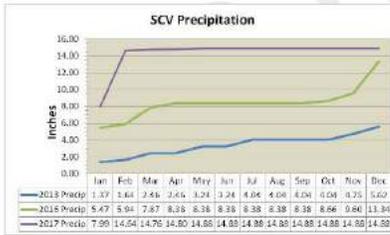
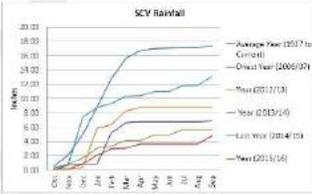
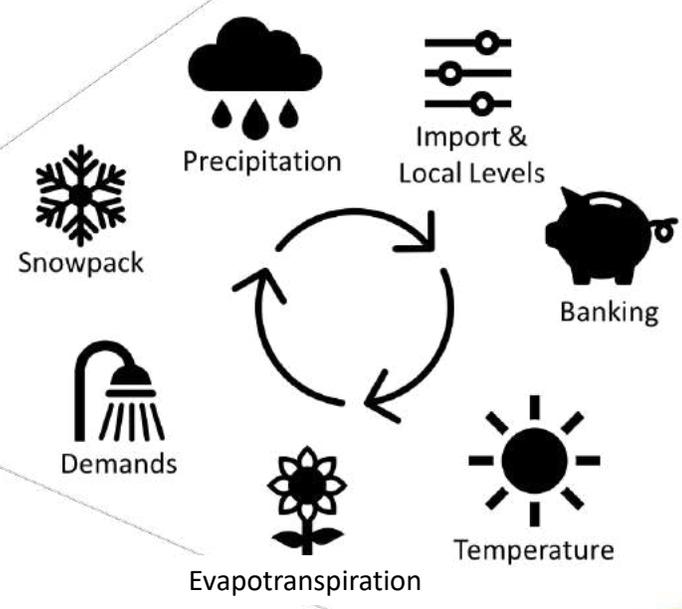
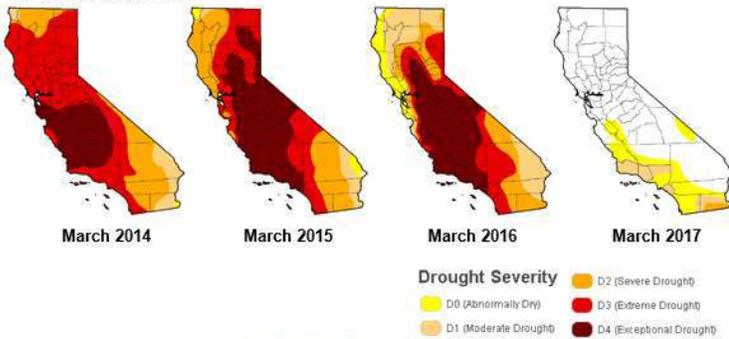


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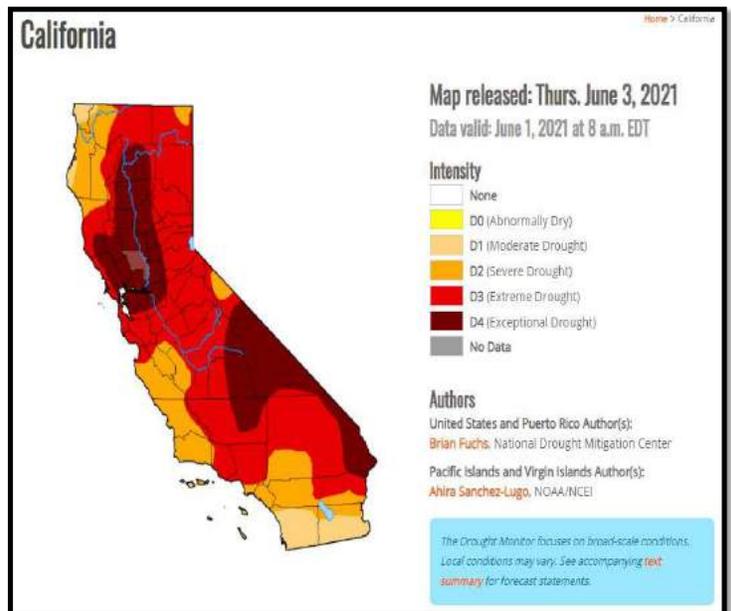


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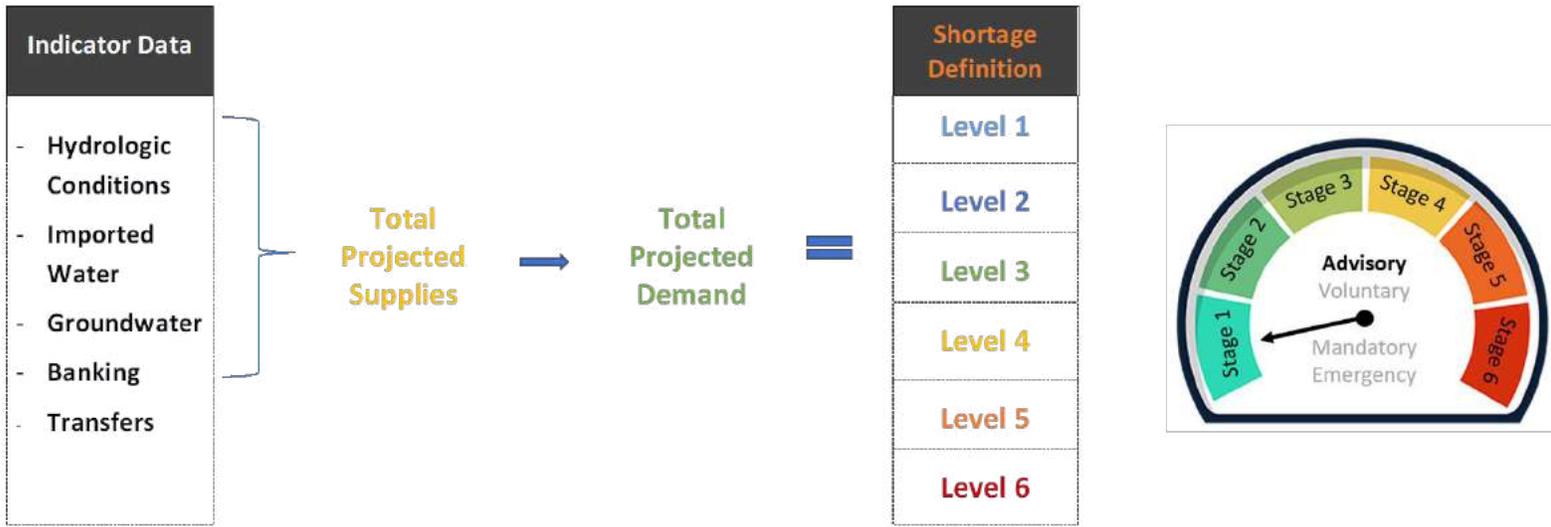
California drought status



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Drought Monitor



# Monitoring Framework



## Proposed Response Actions



# Water Conservation Goals

Customers understand the value of water & the unique conditions of the Santa Clarita Valley

Many customers have implemented short and long-term water efficiency practices



## Existing Programs

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Lawn Replacement Rebates

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Smart Irrigation Controller Rebates

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Soil Moisture Sensor Rebates

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Pool Cover Rebates

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Drip Irrigation Rebates

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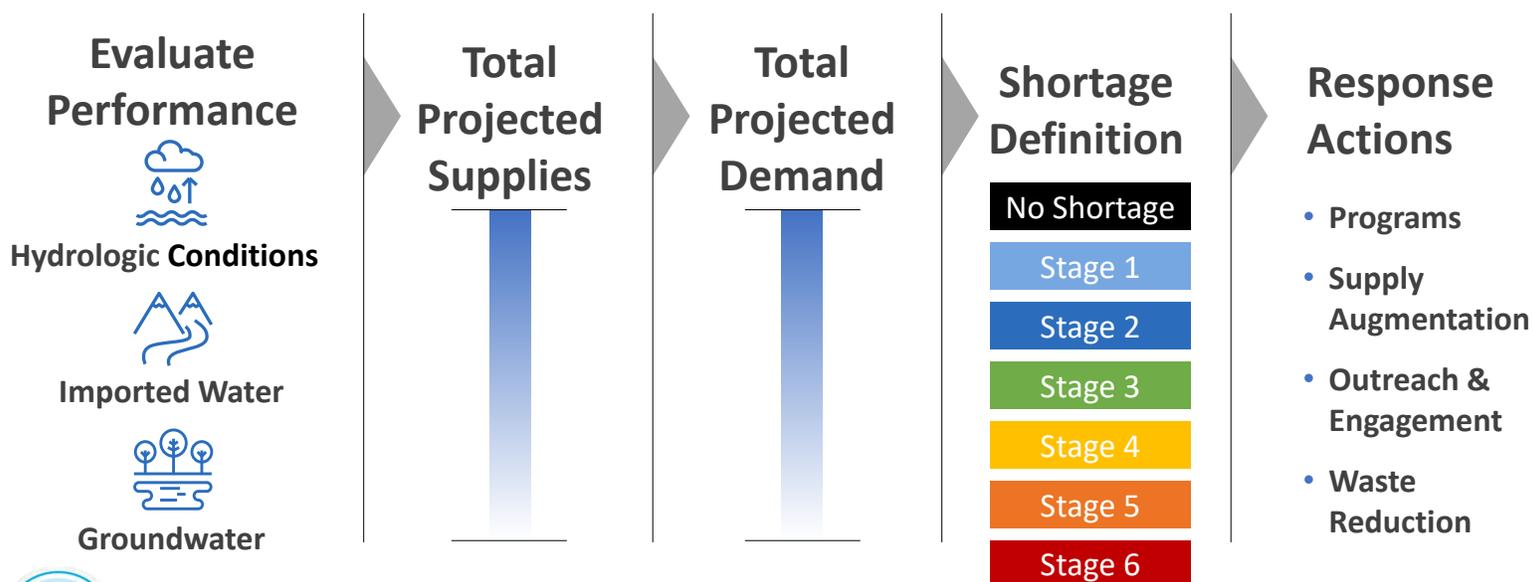


# Response Action Goals

- 1 Develop blueprint for actions to water shortages and droughts.
- 2 Priority dispatch supply augmentation to reduce customer shortage costs.
- 3 Build balance program of carrots and sticks, managing the right incentive structures.
- 4 Prioritize efficient water use and long-term market transformation.



# Water Shortage Monitoring Framework



# Water Shortage Response Actions



Each stage has different requirements and certain tools will work better.

- Programs
- Supply Augmentation
- Outreach & Engagement
- Restrictions



## Customer Engagement Strategy



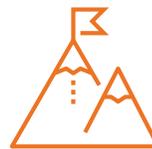
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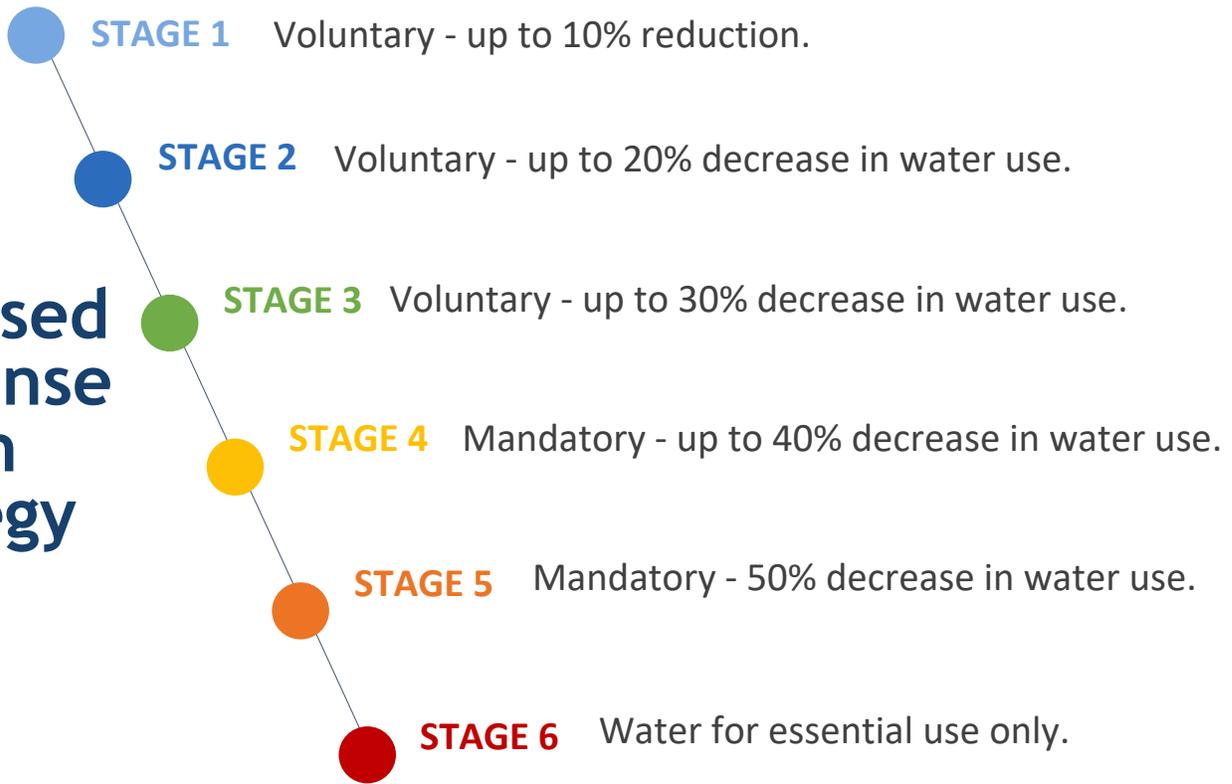


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Agency Water  
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# Proposed Response Action Strategy



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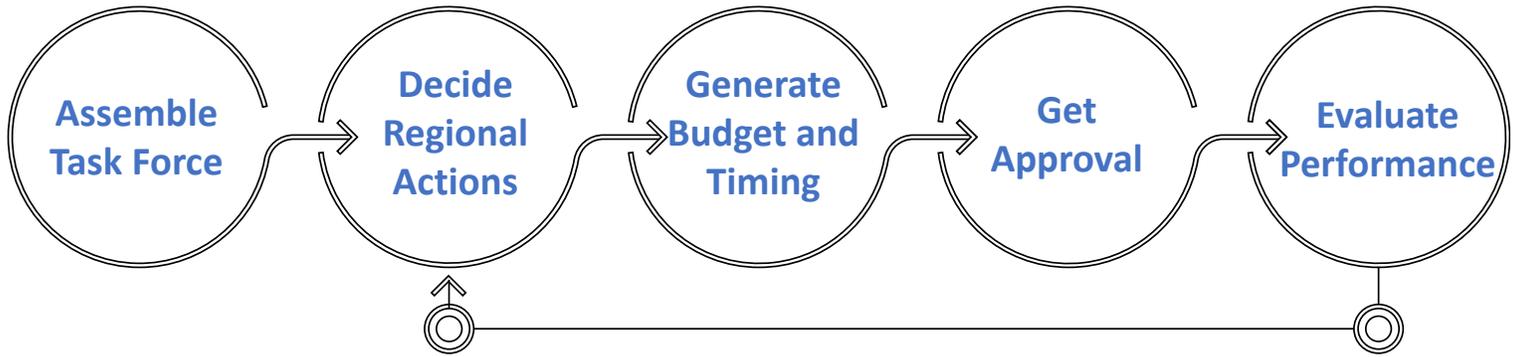
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# Water Shortage Contingency Plan Response Action Process

Performance will be continually evaluated to achieve desired results.



## Public Comments





# Related Comments Received Through Water Shortage Contingency Plan

- Comments
  - Plan relies on contaminated water supplies
  - Accuracy of State Water Project (SWP) supplies
  - Unclear ownership of Semitropic bank and arsenic treatment needs
  - Promote local groundwater recharge to supplement existing supplies
    - permeable pavement
    - preservation for recharge areas including streambeds
  - Basis for estimated quantities of new recycled water supply is unclear
  - Recycled water would appear to only be available to the Newhall Ranch project and Vista Canyon
  - Is the quality of recycled water from the Vista Canyon plant consistent with the requirements of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan
  - Water demands do not include agriculture, grading, Honor Ranch, private wells.
  - Seismic Risk Assessment does not include interruption at the Edmonston Pumping Plant
  - Don't understand why there isn't enough water when we live near an ocean
  - Viability of Groundwater Operating Plan



## Response to WSCP Comment

Comment – Plan relies on contaminated water supplies

### Response

- UWMP anticipates continued investment in treatment facilities to recover impacted groundwater supplies
  - Appendix I provides a detailed schedule and cost estimates for implementing proven treatment technology to recover impacted supplies
  - First PFAS treatment facility came online in 2020 (three N wells included)
    - Valley Center well under construction
  - V201 Perchlorate treatment facility completed, awaiting final permitting from DDW
  - Program included in Agency capital plan
  - Financial plan developed – pending approval



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment –Accuracy of State Water Project (SWP) supplies

## Response

- References for SWP reliability are from the updated 2019 Delivery Capability Report
  - Modeled reliability for normal years for existing and future conditions was reported at 58% of allocated supply shifting down to 52% by 2040 due to anticipated climate change impacts.
  - Modeled reliability for single-dry year with existing conditions was stated at 7% of allocated supply. SCV Water reduced this assumption to 5% to represent the “worst-case” scenario experienced in 2014 and 2021



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment – Unclear ownership of Semitropic bank and arsenic treatment needs

## Response

- SCV Water is a participant in the Semitropic Water Storage Districts (Semitropic) water banking program
- Semitropic must comply with DWR water quality requirements to pump water into the State Water Project(SWP) aqueduct
- Semitropic has an on-site treatment facility to address water quality issues with their groundwater prior to delivery into the SWP aqueduct
- Additional water is assumed to be available from NLF Semitropic program



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment – Promote local groundwater recharge to supplement existing supplies

- permeable pavement
- preservation for recharge areas including streambeds

## Response

- SCV Water's current groundwater recharge activities
  - Potential to spread imported water directly into Alluvial Aquifer at multiple sites (east and west side of Valley)
  - Coordination with City to utilize future stormwater detention facilities for recharge



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Basis for estimated quantities of new recycled water supply is unclear

## Response

- Quantities of new recycled water are based on estimated indoor water use from new development.
- Quantitative analysis is included in the UWMP Appendix F



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Recycled water would appear to only be available to the Newhall Ranch project and Vista Canyon

## Response

- At buildout, the Agency anticipates sufficient supplies to provide recycled water for Westside Communities, its Phase 2 projects, and Vista Canyon
  - Reference Figure 5-2 of the 2020 UWMP



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Is the quality of recycled water from the Vista Canyon plant consistent with the requirements of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan

## Response

- Current data shows water quality produced by Vista Canyon WRP meets SNMP objectives in relative zone



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Seismic Risk Assessment does not include interruption at the Edmonston Pumping Plant

## Response

- Section 9 in the 2020 UWMP reviewed several failure modes on the SWP and analyzed a disruption of a 12-month outage.
  - See table 9-1 in the 2020 UWMP



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment –Water demands do not include agriculture, grading, Honor Ranch, private wells.

## Response

- Both Agency and non-Agency groundwater pumping are accounted for in the UWMP and are within the limits of the Groundwater Operating Plan and the draft SCV-GSA Water Budget Analysis as shown in Section 4 tables
  - Normal year Tables 4-10
  - Single-Dry Year Tables Table 4-11
  - Multiple-Dry Year Table 4-12



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Don't understand why there isn't enough water when we live near an ocean

## Response

- Feasibility of ocean desalinization is dependent on several factors
  - Cost, permitting, conveyance, feasibility of conveying water
- Agency would have to rely upon a water exchange to implement program
- More cost-effective alternatives exist



# Response to WSCP Comment

Comment - Viability of Groundwater Operating Plan

## Response

- Historical operating experience confirms viability of the modeled operating plan



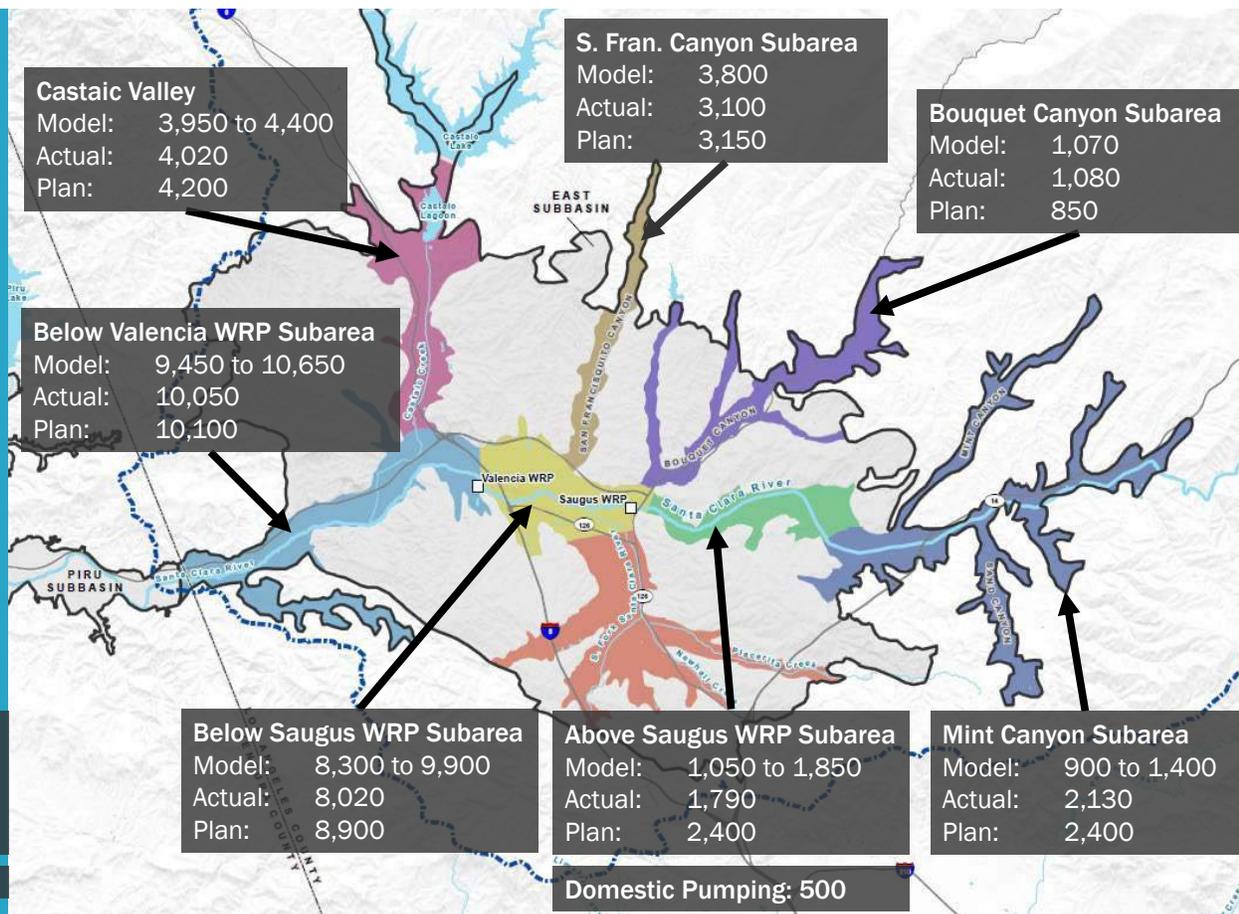
# Comment on Groundwater Operating Plan

*“The Agency has stated that it has an alluvial supply of 30,000 to 40,000 AF of water based on its operating plan. However, that operating plan didn’t work in the 2010–2015 drought.”*

*“The drought year operating plan should be reduced in the face of this actual loss of well production.”*

**Note:** This comment cites a “2015 technical memorandum” report by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (The actual date for the memorandum was December 15, 2014.) (This document was a draft and was never finalized.)

## Dry-Year Pumping in Alluvial Subareas (Acre-Feet Per Year)



## Key Points

- Actual pumping of the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 was within the range predicted by the model
- Future pumping during dry years (32,500 AFY) will be within the range predicted by the model in 2015 (29,020 to 33,750 AFY)

## Key Points

- These are basin-wide values (SCV Water and others)
  - Future dry-year alluvial pumping by SCV Water: 26,100 AFY
  - Future dry-year alluvial pumping by others: 6,400 AFY
  - Future dry-year alluvial pumping total: **32,500 AFY**
- The total dry-year value is within the range for alluvial pumping called for in the basin's current groundwater operating plan during dry years (30,000 to 35,000 AFY)

# Response to UWMP Public Hearing Comment

Comment – Why are we continuing to develop new homes when asking current customers to use less water?

Response - It is sound public policy that water is used efficiently. California recognizes that water is a limited and vital resource which benefits ecosystems, human health, safety, urban and agricultural economies. As such, the California legislature continues to mandate increased water efficiency in support of “Making Conservation a California Way of Life”. SCV Water provides a myriad of programs, incentives, rebates, services, and educational opportunities to support our customers’ diverse water use efficiency goals.

Regarding development, LA County, like many counties across California, is experiencing a chronic housing shortage. SCV has been allocated a share of new homes and in response, the City and County developed the “One Valley One Vision” general plan. Development decisions are ultimately determined by the city and county respectively. SCV Water’s mission includes reliable water supplies for existing and future customers (families, businesses, schools, and recreation). When assessing water supply reliability, one of the most cost-effective means to achieving success occurs through sustainable, community-wide water use efficiency practices.

(**Note:** Additional comments were received during the thirty-day public comment period and from agency social media posts).



# Response to UWMP Public Hearing Comment

Comment – Recommendation to move components addressing limits on new development from Stage 5 to Stage 4 of the plan/ordinance?

Response – The Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation and Water Shortage Ordinance is premised on existing and legacy approaches to critical demand reduction requirements. The current approach aligns available conservation potential to relevant demand reduction needs. The SCV Water Board of Directors can modify the draft plan and ordinance.



## Additional WSCP Comments (Public Comment Period)

Comment – Water Code Sections 10632 and 10826 - The contingency plan must demonstrate the ability of an agency to meet demands under a supply shortage of up to 50 percent. Emphasis is placed on protection of public health, sanitation, fire protection, and the general public welfare.

Response – Updates to Water Code 10632(a)(3) establishes a requirement for Six standard water shortage levels corresponding to progressive ranges of up to 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 percent shortages and greater than 50 percent shortage. The WSCP includes 6 Stages and emphasizes public health, sanitation, fire protection, and general public welfare by prioritizing demand reductions for less critical uses.



## Additional WSCP Comments (Public Comment Period)

Comment – We believe that the Agency’s proposed calculation of these shortages will be inaccurate due to its failure to accurately outline what the real water supply actually is and include the missing tables. In its current iteration the Plan fails to meet the goals above, as described in the water code.

Response – The tables have been updated and includes available water supplies. Additionally, the Draft WSCP active assessment processes enables the agency to determine and accurately account available water supplies and demands in real and near real-time increments. The Draft WSCP complies with relevant mandates.



# Additional WSCP Comments (Public Comment Period)

Comment – Supply and demand calculation unclear.

Response – Supplies and demand are based on 2020 UWMP metrics. The demand forecast methodology is included in UWMP Appendix F - Population and Demand Technical Memorandum (Maddaus), detailed water supply tables can be found in UWMP Appendix E. Further, the WSCP outlines annual assessment procedures which enables SCV Water to update on a real and near real-time basis.



# Additional WSCP Comments (Public Comment Period)

Comment – Prohibition against hydrant use except for firefighting and no new connections unless a reduction in existing sources (toilet replacement, etc...)

Response – The SCV Water Board of Directors can consider these and other alternatives in the event of a severe and multi-year water shortage. The WSCP process is designed to be updated on an as needed basis and does not restrict Board discretion.



# Additional WSCP Comments (Public Comment Period)

**Comment** – Include updated (1) Water Supply Report, (2) Final State Water Project Delivery Capability Report, (3) Evaluation of Groundwater Pumping Targets for the Alluvial Aquifer in 2015, (4) Link SCVWA well records for public review.

**Response** – The Annual Water Supply Report is updated and available online (<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2019-Santa-Clarita-Valley-Water-Report.pdf>), the Delivery Capability Report is available online (<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/final-dcr-report-technical-addendum.pdf>), Draft Evaluation of Groundwater Pumping Targets for Alluvial Aquifer in 2015 has been superseded by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Water Budget Analysis Draft Technical Memorandum (<https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SCV-GSA-Draft-Tech-Memo-%E2%80%93-Water-Budget-Development.pdf>), Well Levels updated monthly (<https://yourscvwater.com/your-water/#wellproductionlevels>).



## Project Schedule



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p>          <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    County Clerk/ Registrar-Recorder Los Angeles County 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Rm 2001 Norwalk, CA 90650</p> <p>          <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    County Clerk and Recorder Ventura County 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009</p>	<p>FROM:    Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91350</p>
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1.    Project Title:	Resolution Adopting the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Resolution Adopting an Addendum to the 2015 UWMP.
2.    Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Resolutions concern the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's service area, which is located in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties..
3.    (a)    Project Location – City:	
(b)    Project Location – County:	Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
4.    Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On June 16, 2021 the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors approved a Resolution adopting the Agency's 2020 UWMP and approved a Resolution adopting an Addendum to the 2015 UWMP. UWMPs, which are prepared by urban water suppliers every five years per California Water Code, §10610-10656 and §10608, support the Agency's long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The UWMPs assess the reliability of water sources over a 20-year planning time frame, describe demand management measures and water shortage contingency plans, reports progress toward meeting a targeted 20 percent reduction in per-capita (per-person) urban water consumption, and discusses the use and planned use of recycled water..
5.    Name of Public Agency approving project:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350
6.    Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
7.    Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	Public Resources Code § 21065 and CEQA Guidelines § 15378(a)
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and class number:	

(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	
(f)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	California Water Code §10652
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
8.	Reason why project was exempt:		<p>The Project is <u>statutorily exempt</u> from CEQA pursuant to California Water Code §10652 which provides: “The California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of plans pursuant to this part or to the implementation of actions taken pursuant to Section 10632.” Thus, because this Project is comprised of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Addendum to the 2015 UWMP , no CEQA review is required.</p> <p>Further, the Resolutions, and associated UWMPs, do not constitute a “project” as defined by Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a), as these Resolutions do not commit the Agency to any current or future projects, and do not entail any construction or other activity that could result in a potential physical change to the environment.</p>
9.	Contact Person:		Rick Vasilopoulos – Water Resources Planner
	Telephone:		(661) 705-7912
10.	Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form “A”) before filing.		

Signature: 

Date: June 17, 2021

Name: Rick Vasilopoulos – Water Resources Planner, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Date Received for Filing: _____	_____ Signature (Lead Agency Representative)
Clerk Stamp Here)	_____ Title

**PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT**

(Certificate of Determination  
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

11. Name or description of project:	Resolution Adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Resolution Adopting the Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan  UWMPs, which are prepared by urban water suppliers every five years per California Water Code, §10610-10656 and §10608, support the Agency's long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The UWMP assesses the reliability of water sources over a 20-year planning time frame, describe demand management measures and water shortage contingency plans, reports progress toward meeting a targeted 20 percent reduction in per-capita (per-person) urban water consumption, and discuss the use and planned use of recycled water.	
12. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Resolutions concern the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's service area, which is located in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.	
13. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	
14. Staff Determination:	The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:	
(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
(b) <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is an Emergency Project.	
(d) <input type="checkbox"/>	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	
(f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	California Water Code §10652
(g) <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
(h) <input type="checkbox"/>	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
	Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: June 17, 2021

Staff: Rick Vasilopoulos

# 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

Complete the information and submit with each set of documents presented for filing. Please provide an original set and (3) three sets of copies for filing.

RECEIPT NUMBER: _____
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER ( )	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency    
 School District    
 Other Special District    
 State Agency    
 Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)     \$3,343.25     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)     \$2,406.75     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)     \$1,136.50     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
 Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)     \$850.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 County documentary handling fee     \$50.00     \$ 50.00  
 Other     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

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Date	Telephone Number

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