

# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



## NOTICE OF MEETING

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

9:00 a.m. – Advisory Committee Meeting

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

9:00 a.m. – January 15, 2026

*Mr. Scott Burton, Chair*

*Mr. Jeff Pierson, Vice-Chair*

*Ms. Hye Jin Lee, Second Vice-Chair*

**At The Offices Of**

**Chino Basin Watermaster**

9641 San Bernardino Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

*(Meeting can also be taken remotely via Zoom at this [link](#))*

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

**SAFETY MINUTE**

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**A. MINUTES**

Approve as presented:

Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 18, 2025 *(Page 1)*

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Reporting Period Ended November 30, 2025 *(Page 6)*

**C. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 2026 INVESTMENT POLICY – RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01 *(Page 22)***

Recommend Board adoption of the Watermaster Investment Policy and corresponding Resolution 2026-01.

**D. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 5.09 AF FROM SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY TO CALMAT CO. (APPROPRIATIVE) *(Page 30)***

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

**E. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 8.14 AF FROM SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY TO CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT *(Page 37)***

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

**F. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 2.04 AF FROM SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY *(Page 44)***

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

**G. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 738.05 AF FROM SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY TO CITY OF UPLAND** *(Page 51)*

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

**H. APPLICATION: WATER TRANSACTION – 738.05 AF FROM CITY OF UPLAND TO FONTANA WATER COMPANY** *(Page 58)*

Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER 48TH ANNUAL REPORT (FISCAL YEAR 2024/25)** *(Page 65)*

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the 48th Annual Report, along with filing a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

**B. BUDGET AMENDMENT A-26-01-01 – REFINEMENT OF SAFE YIELD REEVALUATION TECHNICAL WORK** *(Page 177)*

Approve the budget amendment as presented.

**III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. January 30, 2026 Court Hearing (Ontario Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs)
2. February 6, 2026 Court Hearing (Proposed Order following Court of Appeal Remittitur in Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127)
3. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re: Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
4. Inland Empire Utilities Agency, et al. v. LS-Fontana LLC (C.D. Cal Cases Nos.: 5:25-cv-00809, 5:25 cv01159)

**B. ENGINEER**

1. 2026 Task Orders

**C. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Exhibit "G" Physical Solution Transfers
2. Calendar Year 2026 Letters of CBWM Representation
3. Calendar Year 2026 Hearing Officer Panel
4. Optimum Basin Management Program – Economic Analysis (Update)
5. CBWM Annual Fundraiser (Spark of Love Toy Drive)
6. Other

**D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY** *(Page 191)*

1. Metropolitan Water District Activities Report (Written)
2. Water Supply Conditions (Written)
3. State and Federal Legislative Reports (Written)

**E. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS**

**IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VI. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

A Confidential Session may be held during the Advisory Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS AT WATERMASTER**

01/15/26	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee
01/15/26	Thu	9:30 a.m.	Recharge Investigations and Project Committee (RIPComm)
01/22/26	Thu	9:30 a.m.	Watermaster Orientation (in person only)
01/22/26	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board
02/12/26	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Appropriative Pool Committee
02/12/26	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Non-Agricultural Pool Committee
02/12/26	Thu	1:30 p.m.	Agricultural Pool Committee
02/19/26	Thu	9:00 a.m.	Advisory Committee
02/24/26	Tue	9:00 a.m.	Groundwater Recharge Coordinating Committee (GRCC)
02/26/26	Thu	9:30 a.m.	Watermaster Orientation (in person only)
02/26/26	Thu	11:00 a.m.	Watermaster Board

**ADJOURNMENT**



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 18, 2025

The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Chino Basin Watermaster offices located at 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and via Zoom (conference call and web meeting) on December 18, 2025.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

- **APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Ron Craig	City of Chino Hills
Chad Nishida (for Courtney Jones)	City of Ontario
Chris Diggs	City of Pomona
Cris Fealy	Fontana Water Company
Justin Castruita (for Josh Swift)	Fontana Union Water Company
Chris Berch	Jurupa Community Services District
Brian Lee	San Antonio Water Company

- **APPROPRIATIVE POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Hye Jin Lee	City of Chino
Courtney Jones	City of Ontario
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Irrigation Company
Justin Scott-Coe	Monte Vista Water District
John Lopez	Santa Ana River Water Company

- **NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Brian Geye, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	California Speedway Corporation
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- **NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Alexis Mascarinas	City of Ontario (Non-Ag)
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- **AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Jeff Pierson, <b>Second Vice-Chair</b>	Crops
Jimmy Medrano	State of California

- **AGRICULTURAL POOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Christen Miller	County of San Bernardino
Carol Boyd	State of California
Imelda Cadigal	State of California
Lewis Callahan	State of California
Tariq Awan	State of California

- **MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Laura Roughton	Western Municipal Water District
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**WATERMASTER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Mike Gardner	Western Municipal Water District
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**WATERMASTER STAFF PRESENT**

Todd Corbin	General Manager
Edgar Tellez Foster	Water Resources Mgmt. & Planning Director
Anna Nelson	Director of Administration
Justin Nakano	Water Resources Technical Manager
Frank Yoo	Data Services and Judgment Reporting Manager

Daniela Uriarte  
Ruby Favela Quintero  
Alonso Jurado  
Kirk Richard Dolar  
Jordan Garcia  
Erik Vides

Senior Accountant  
Executive Assistant  
Water Resources Sr. Associate  
Administrative Analyst  
Water Resources Associate  
Senior Field Operations Specialist

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Brad Herrema	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Andy Malone	West Yost

**WATERMASTER CONSULTANTS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Emma Erickson	West Yost
Garrett Rapp	West Yost

**OTHERS PRESENT AT WATERMASTER**

Amanda Coker	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Joel Ignacio	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bryan Smith	Jurupa Community Services District

**OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM**

Gino Filippi	Agricultural Pool – Crops
Tom O'Neill	Chino Basin Desalter Authority
Ben Orosco	City of Chino
Curtis Burton	City of Chino
Scott Burton	City of Ontario
Jiwon Seung	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company
John Schatz	John J. Schatz, Attorney at Law
Jesse Pompa	Jurupa Community Services District
Aimee Zhao	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Eddie Lin	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
John Russ	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Michael Hurley	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Manny Martinez	Monte Vista Water District
Alyssa Coronado	Santa Ana River Water Company
Nicole deMoet	West End Consolidated Water Company
Jake Loukeh	Western Municipal Water District
Rick Rees	WSP USA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Brian Geye chaired the meeting and called the Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

(00:00:16) Ms. Nelson conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**AGENDA – ADDITIONS/REORDER**

None

## **SAFETY MINUTE**

(00:02:14) Mr. Corbin emphasized the importance of being aware of and adhering to the seizure protocols and noted that the Epilepsy Foundation has curated an informational flyer which is available at the back table for anyone wishing to review them. He also thanked staff for their efforts in hosting the internal safety meeting which highlighted CPR, earthquake safety, fire safety, active shooter drills, and updating of Watermaster's emergency action plan and indicated that staff will continue to have planned and unplanned safety drills to keep everyone safe.

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### **A. MINUTES**

Approve as presented:

Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2025

### **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Receive and file as presented:

Monthly Financial Reports for the Period Ended October 31, 2025

(00:04:05)

*Motion by Second Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Cris Fealy, there being no dissent, the motion was deemed passed unanimously among those present.*

***Moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

## **II. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 ANNUAL FINDING OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECHARGE MASTER PLAN**

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the finding that Watermaster is in substantial compliance with the Recharge Master Plan.

(00:04:32) Mr. Corbin gave a report.

(00:05:33)

*Motion by Mr. Chris Berch, seconded by Mr. Ron Craig, there being no dissent, the motion was deemed passed unanimously among those present.*

***Moved to approve the Business Item II.A. as presented.***

### **B. DISCUSS THE 2025 DRAFT SAFE YIELD REEVALUATION REPORT AND PEER REVIEW RECOMMENDATION**

Consider the advice and assistance provided by the Pool Committees and provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board.

(00:05:57) Mr. Corbin gave a report. Mr. Malone noted that a meeting was held with Mr. Tom Harder to reach a consensus on the technical work. Mr. Herrema stated that the project remains on schedule as of now. A discussion followed.

### **C. APPLICATION: LOCAL STORAGE AGREEMENT – APPROPRIATIVE POOL**

Recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the Application for Local Storage Agreement submitted on behalf of the Appropriative Pool members as presented, subject to any changes resulting from the Board's final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Assessment Package.

(00:16:54) Mr. Corbin gave a report. A discussion ensued.

(00:17:19)

*Motion by Second Vice-Chair Jeff Pierson, seconded by Mr. Ron Craig, and there being an abstention by the City of Ontario, the motion was deemed passed by majority vote of those present.*

***Moved to approve Business Item II.C. as presented.***

#### **D. CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOLUME VOTE**

Approve an interim Calendar Year 2026 Advisory Committee Volume Vote, until the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Assessment Package is approved by the Watermaster Board.

(00:18:30) Vice-Chair Geye inquired about the decision on the 2026 Appropriative Pool Committee Volume Vote. Mr. Corbin reported that the Appropriative Pool's decision was to use the 2025 calculator until the 2025/26 Assessment Package is approved.

(00:18:58)

*Motion by Mr. Chris Diggs, seconded by Ms. Hye Jin Lee, there being no dissent, the motion was deemed passed unanimously among those present.*

***Moved to approve the Business Item II.D. using the 2025 Advisory Committee Volume Vote until the FY 2025/26 Assessment Package is approved.***

### **III. REPORTS/UPDATES**

#### **A. WATERMASTER LEGAL COUNSEL**

1. January 30, 2026 Court Hearing (Ontario Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs)
2. February 6, 2026 Court Hearing (Proposed Order following Court of Appeal Remittitur in Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127)
3. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re: Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages)
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(00:19:25) Mr. Herrema gave a report.

#### **B. ENGINEER**

1. Turner Basin Initial Concept Plan Report

(00:20:17) Mr. Malone indicated he had nothing new to report to the committee since the Pools meetings. Mr. Corbin gave an update on the Turner Basin Initial Concept Plan.

#### **C. GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Optimum Basin Management Program – Economic Analysis (Update)
2. CBWM Annual Fundraiser (Spark of Love Toy Drive)
3. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Exhibit G Transfer/Sale Cycle (Update)
4. Other

(00:22:32) For Item 1, Mr. Corbin reported that there were no changes to report. For Item 2, Mr. Corbin reported that this year's Watermaster fundraiser supports the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department's "Spark of Love Toy Drive" indicating that staff will be collecting unwrapped gifts through December 23<sup>rd</sup> and thanked those who had already contributed to the fundraiser. For Item 3, Mr. Corbin gave an update on the status of Fiscal Year 2025/26 Exhibit "G" transfer/sale cycle.

**D. INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**

1. Metropolitan Water District Activities Report (Written)
2. Water Supply Conditions (Written)
3. State and Federal Legislative Reports (Written)
4. Ground Water Recharge update (Written)
5. Update to RMPU projects (Oral)

(00:23:27) Mr. Joel Ignacio gave a presentation on Project 23a. A discussion ensued.

**E. OTHER METROPOLITAN MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS**

None

**IV. INFORMATION**

**A. RECHARGE INVESTIGATION AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PROJECT 23a STATUS)**

This was an informational item.

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - POSSIBLE ACTION**

A Confidential Session may be held during the Advisory Committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible action.

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Brian Geye adjourned the Advisory Committee meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 2026  
TO: Watermaster Committees & Board  
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Reports (For the Reporting Period Ended November 30, 2025)  
(Consent Calendar Item I.B.)

Issue: Record of Monthly Financial Reports for the reporting period ended November 30, 2025 [Normal Course of Business]

Recommendation: Receive and file Monthly Financial Reports for the reporting period ended November 30, 2025 as presented.

Financial Impact: Unless otherwise noted, all expenditures were included in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget as approved by the Advisory Committee and adopted by the Watermaster Board in May 2025 and subsequently amended in July 2025.

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### ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – January 8, 2026 [Final]: Received and filed.  
Non-Agricultural Pool – January 8, 2026 [Final]: Received and filed without approval.  
Agricultural Pool – January 8, 2026 [Final]: Received and filed.  
Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]: Receive and file.  
Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]: Receive and file.

## **BACKGROUND**

A monthly financial reporting packet is provided to keep all members apprised of Watermaster revenues, expenditures, and other financial activities. Monthly reports include the following:

1. Cash Disbursements – Summarized report of all payments made during the reporting month.
2. Credit Card Expense Detail – Detail report of all credit card activity during the reporting month.
3. Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Assets – Detail report of all revenue and expense activity for the fiscal year to date (YTD), summarized by pool category.
4. Treasurer's Report – Summary of Watermaster investment holdings and anticipated earnings as of month end.
5. Budget to Actual Report – Detail report of actual revenue and expense activity, shown for reporting month and YTD, comparatively to the amended budget and carryover budget.
6. Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules – Supporting schedule providing explanation for major budget variances, additional tables detailing pool fund balances, salaries expense, legal expense, and engineering expense.

## **DISCUSSION**

Detailed explanations of major variances and other additional information can be found on the "Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules."

Watermaster staff is available to provide additional explanations or respond to any questions on these reports during the monthly meetings as requested.

## **ATTACHMENT**

1. Monthly Financial Reports (Period Ended November 30, 2025)



## Chino Basin Watermaster Cash Disbursements November 2025

Date	Number	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
11/03/2025	ACH 11.3.25	CALPERS	November medical insurance premiums	\$ (18,177.31)
11/06/2025	25757	VISION SERVICE PLAN	November insurance coverage	(122.09)
11/06/2025	25758	VELTO, BILL		(875.00)
11/06/2025	25759	UNITED HEALTHCARE	November dental insurance coverage	(1,190.72)
11/06/2025	25760	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	Utilities: Electric - Annex	(121.33)
11/06/2025	25761	PIERSON, JEFFREY		(5,250.00)
11/06/2025	25762	WEST YOST	September engineering services	(249,769.85)
11/06/2025	25763	STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	November life and disability coverage	(1,100.18)
11/06/2025	25764	CHEF DAVE'S CATERING & EVENT SERVICES	October Board meeting catering services	(638.01)
11/06/2025	25765	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT - UTILITY	Utilities: Water	(421.80)
11/06/2025	25766	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	November alarm system landline connection and office Teams phones	(318.15)
11/06/2025	25767	VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS	November janitorial service	(1,000.00)
11/06/2025	25768	EIDE BAILLY LLP	September accounting consulting services	(355.95)
11/13/2025	25769	EGOSCUE LAW GROUP, INC.	October OAP legal services	(13,600.00)
11/17/2025	25770	UNION 76	October fuel purchases	(86.20)
11/17/2025	25771	SOUTHERN CA EDISON	Utilities: Electric - Main building	(1,499.84)
11/17/2025	25772	ACWA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY	December life insurance	(285.71)
11/17/2025	25773	CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST	Account ending 6198 - See detail attached	(8,360.15)
11/17/2025	25774	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY	Bathroom supplies	(738.54)
11/17/2025	25775	INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY	FY 26 Q1 Groundwater Recharge O&M cost reimbursement	(423,618.19)
11/17/2025	25776	VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS	October electrostatic spraying	(220.00)
11/17/2025	25777	GRAINGER	Field OPS supplies	(248.03)
11/17/2025	25778	S.S. PAPADOPULOS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	September Safe Yield reevaluation peer review	(35,093.75)
11/17/2025	25779	BURRTEC WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC.	Utilities: Waste	(168.79)
11/17/2025	25780	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	November dedicated internet access (DIA)	(870.00)
11/17/2025	25781	CORELOGIC INFORMATION SOLUTIONS	October geographic package services	(125.00)
11/17/2025	25782	BAY ALARM COMPANY	December burglar and fire alarm systems	(188.00)
11/17/2025	ACH 11.17.25	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	November Unfunded Accrued Liability-Plan 3299	(14,363.08)
11/17/2025	ACH 11.17.26	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	November Unfunded Accrued Liability-Plan 27239	(379.08)
11/20/2025	25786	LEGAL SHIELD	November employee paid legal insurance	(119.55)
11/20/2025	25787	VERIZON WIRELESS	October internet services for Field Ops tablets	(239.16)
11/20/2025	25785	CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	December lease	(12,319.51)
11/20/2025	25788	WEST YOST	October engineering services	(250,058.55)
11/20/2025	25784	CHEF DAVE'S CATERING & EVENT SERVICES	November Board meeting catering services	(686.50)
11/20/2025	25783	C.J. BROWN & COMPANY, CPAs	FY 25 audit services	(3,911.00)
Total for Month				\$ (1,046,519.02)





# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Credit Card Expense Detail

### November 2025

Date	Number	Description	Expense Account	Amount
11/17/2025	25773	<b>CALIFORNIA BANK &amp; TRUST</b>		
		Yogurtland - Water Professional Appreciation - Ice cream social	6141.1 Meeting Supplies	(104.77)
		Amazon - Amazon Web Services - September 2025	6056 Website Services	(344.37)
		Avenue of the Arts Costa Mesa - ACWA Leadership Academy - Lodging - E. Tellez-Foster	6191 Conferences - General	(464.80)
		Microsoft Software - Mapping and visualization software subscription	6054 Computer Software	(15.00)
		Amazon - Insect fan trap (2x)	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(56.52)
		REV Subscription - Speech to text transcription services	6112 Subscriptions/Publications	(29.99)
		Amazon - Plug-in fly traps	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(66.10)
		UCR-Dining Services - CBWM UCR School of Public Policy lunch - E. Tellez-Foster	6141.1 Meeting Supplies	(30.31)
		Edible.com - Get well arrangement	6141.1 Meeting Supplies	(84.14)
		The Pozole Place - Lunch meeting - T. Corbin, J. Scott-Coe	6141.1 Meeting Supplies	(60.84)
		Costco - Meeting snacks and drinks	6312 Board Meeting Expenses	(370.86)
		Costco - Office supplies	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(35.87)
		Tractor Supply Co - Griddle	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(469.12)
		Amazon - C batteries	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(16.15)
		BambooHR - HR and payroll system - October 2025	6061.2 HRIS System	(298.99)
		Amazon - Insect glue traps	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(17.08)
		Amazon - Insect fly traps	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(6.02)
		Amazon - Insect aerosol spray	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(18.31)
		Amazon - Copy paper (2x)	6031.1 Copy Paper	(122.02)
		Amazon - Self-seal envelopes	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(29.67)
		BlueHost - Monthly Software Renewal - Standard VPN Server with cPanel	6056 Website Services	(91.99)
		Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa - CalPers Ed Forum - Coffee - A. Nelson	6191 Conferences - General	(9.57)
		Fisherman Landing Bar & Grill - CalPERS Ed Forum - Dinner - A. Nelson	6191 Conferences - General	(50.21)
		Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa - CalPers Ed Forum - Coffee - A. Nelson	6191 Conferences - General	(7.95)
		Fisherman Landing Bar & Grill - CalPERS Ed Forum - Dinner - A. Nelson, D. Uriarte	6191 Conferences - General	(125.00)
		Amazon - Emergency earthquake kits supplies	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(188.35)
		Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa - CalPers Ed Forum - Lodging - A. Nelson	6191 Conferences - General	(1,111.53)
		Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa - CalPers Ed Forum - Lodging - D. Uriarte	6191 Conferences - General	(1,111.53)
		Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa - CalPers Ed Forum - Coffee - A. Nelson	6191 Conferences - General	(21.76)
		Amazon - Wireless mouse, paper shredder, decaf coffee	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(106.97)
		Solinst Eureka LLC - PC interface cable	6055 Computer Hardware	(260.34)
		City of Ontario - Encroachment permit	7103.6 Grdwtr Qual-Supplies	(1,246.12)
		Lands End - Holiday gifts for staff	6154 Uniforms	(915.64)
		Old Town Baking - Administrative Leadership Forum - Cookies	6141.1 Meeting Supplies	(45.00)
		Amazon - Insect aerosol spray (2x)	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(17.20)
		Autozone - F-150 battery replacement	6177 Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	(288.83)
		FedEx - Board meeting package - J. Pierson, S. Elie	6042 Postage - General	(19.30)
		Albertsons - Water Professionals Appreciation - Cake	6141.1 Meeting Supplies	(41.99)
		Albertsons - Economic Analysis Presentation - Donuts	6141.1 Meeting Supplies	(21.07)
		Amazon - Emergency earthquake kits storage bags	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(23.53)
		Amazon - USB C cables	6031.7 General Office Supplies	(15.34)
<b>Total for Month \$ (8,360.15)</b>				



# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Assets

### For the Period of July 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025

(Unaudited)

	JUDGMENT ADMIN.	OPTIMUM BASIN MGMT.	TOTAL JUDGMENT ADMIN & OBMP	POOL ADMINISTRATION & SPECIAL PROJECTS			GROUND WATER REPLENISH.	GRAND TOTALS	ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026 WITH CARRYOVER
				AP POOL	OAP POOL	ONAP POOL			
<b>Administrative Revenues:</b>									
Administrative Assessments	\$ 6,578,699	\$ -	\$ 6,578,699	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,000	\$ -	\$ 6,609,699	\$ 11,453,849
Interest Revenue	-	131,839	131,839	8,222	24,549	1,304	385	166,299	368,030
Groundwater Replenishment	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,187	105,187	-
Mutual Agency Project Revenue	195,850	-	195,850	-	-	-	-	195,850	195,850
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Administrative Revenues</b>	<b>6,774,548</b>	<b>131,839</b>	<b>6,906,387</b>	<b>8,222</b>	<b>24,549</b>	<b>32,304</b>	<b>105,573</b>	<b>7,077,035</b>	<b>12,017,729</b>
<b>Administrative &amp; Project Expenditures:</b>									
Watermaster Administration	1,152,566	-	1,152,566	-	-	-	-	1,152,566	2,789,042
Watermaster Board-Advisory Committee	144,032	-	144,032	-	-	-	-	144,032	442,947
Optimum Basin Mgmt Administration	-	342,328	342,328	-	-	-	-	342,328	1,236,522
OBMP Project Costs	-	1,901,661	1,901,661	-	-	-	-	1,901,661	4,699,276
Pool Legal Services	-	-	-	12,286	88,238	935	-	101,459	-
Pool Meeting Compensation	-	-	-	-	16,000	3,250	-	19,250	-
Pool Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pool Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	411,149
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,438,793
Agricultural Expense Transfer <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	104,238	(104,238)	-	-	-	-
Replenishment Water Assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,834	62,834	-
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>1,296,598</b>	<b>2,243,989</b>	<b>3,540,587</b>	<b>116,524</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,185</b>	<b>62,834</b>	<b>3,724,130</b>	<b>12,017,729</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>5,477,950</b>	<b>(2,112,150)</b>	<b>3,365,800</b>	<b>(108,302)</b>	<b>24,549</b>	<b>28,119</b>	<b>42,738</b>	<b>3,352,905</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Income/(Expense)</b>									
Refund-Recharge Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carryover Budget	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	553,870
<b>Net Other Income/(Expense)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553,870</b>
<b>Net Transfers To/(From) Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 5,477,950</b>	<b>\$ (2,112,150)</b>	<b>\$ 3,365,800</b>	<b>\$ (108,302)</b>	<b>\$ 24,549</b>	<b>\$ 28,119</b>	<b>\$ 42,738</b>	<b>\$ 3,352,905</b>	<b>\$ 553,870</b>
Net Assets, July 1, 2025			9,139,181	586,974	1,468,387	79,752	42,777	11,317,071	
Refund-Excess Operating Reserves			-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Net Assets, End of Period</b>			<b>12,504,981</b>	<b>478,672</b>	<b>1,492,936</b>	<b>107,871</b>	<b>85,515</b>	<b>14,669,976</b>	
Pool Assessments Outstanding				(86,315)	(586,852)	(31,000)			
Pool Fund Balance				<b>\$ 392,357</b>	<b>\$ 906,084</b>	<b>\$ 76,871</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Fund balance transfer as agreed to in the Peace Agreement.



# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Treasurer's Report

### November 2025

	Type	Monthly Yield	Cost	Market	% Total
<b>Cash &amp; Investments</b>					
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) *	Investment	4.10%	\$ 680,480	\$ 681,793	8.0%
CA CLASS Prime Fund **	Investment	4.04%	5,956,091	5,956,642	69.5%
CA CLASS Pool Restricted Funds **	Investment	4.04%	1,375,312	1,375,439	16.0%
Bank of America	Checking		559,275	559,275	6.5%
Bank of America	Payroll		-	-	0.0%
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>			<b>\$ 8,571,159</b>	<b>\$ 8,573,150</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* The LAIF Market Value factor is updated quarterly in September, December, March, and June.

\*\* The CLASS Prime Fund Net Asset Value factor is updated monthly.

#### **Certification**

*I certify that (1) all investment actions executed since the last report have been made in full compliance with Chino Basin Watermaster's Investment Policy, and (2) Funds on hand are sufficient to meet all foreseen and planned administrative and project expenditures for the next six months.*

**Anna Nelson, Director of Administration**

#### **Prepared By:**

Daniela Uriarte, Senior Accountant



# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Budget to Actual

### For the Period July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025

(Unaudited)

	November 2025	YTD Actual	FY 25 Carryover Budget	FY 26 Adopted Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>1 Administration Revenue</b>						
2 Local Agency Subsidies	\$ -	\$ 195,850	\$ -	\$ 195,850	\$ -	100%
3 Admin Assessments-Appropriative Pool	6,426,042	6,426,042	-	11,131,622	(4,705,580)	58%
4 Admin Assessments-Non-Ag Pool	152,657	152,657	-	322,227	(169,570)	47%
<b>5 Total Administration Revenue</b>	<b>6,578,699</b>	<b>6,774,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,649,699</b>	<b>(4,875,151)</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>6 Other Revenue</b>						
7 Appropriative Pool-Replenishment	81,011	81,011	-	-	81,011	N/A
8 Non-Ag Pool-Replenishment	24,177	24,177	-	-	24,177	N/A
9 Interest Income	19,278	131,839	-	368,030	(236,191)	36%
10 Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
<b>11 Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>124,465</b>	<b>237,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>368,030</b>	<b>(131,004)</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>12 Total Revenue</b>	<b>6,703,164</b>	<b>7,011,575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,017,729</b>	<b>(5,006,154)</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>13 Judgment Administration Expense</b>						
14 Judgment Administration	59,666	304,542	14,344	910,511	(620,313)	33%
15 Admin. Salary/Benefit Costs	90,648	436,843	-	1,127,840	(690,997)	39%
16 Office Building Expense	20,523	109,741	-	228,535	(118,794)	48%
17 Office Supplies & Equip.	1,417	11,481	10,038	35,750	(34,307)	25%
18 Postage & Printing Costs	1,065	5,417	-	27,190	(21,773)	20%
19 Information Services	5,184	36,564	-	224,400	(187,836)	16%
20 Contract Services	299	26,195	-	103,950	(77,755)	25%
21 Watermaster Legal Services	-	204,684	-	346,011	(141,327)	59%
22 Insurance	-	65,894	-	55,000	10,894	120%
23 Dues and Subscriptions	510	30,852	-	40,900	(10,048)	75%
24 Watermaster Administrative Expenses	561	4,169	-	9,630	(5,461)	43%
25 Field Supplies	-	1,921	-	3,900	(1,979)	49%
26 Travel & Transportation	1,702	9,449	-	35,600	(26,151)	27%
27 Training, Conferences, Seminars	-	14,833	-	43,500	(28,667)	34%
28 Advisory Committee Expenses	7,907	32,130	-	111,785	(79,655)	29%
29 Watermaster Board Expenses	10,666	111,902	-	331,162	(219,260)	34%
30 ONAP - WM & Administration	3,232	20,380	-	123,585	(103,205)	16%
31 OAP - WM & Administration	6,335	25,667	-	140,528	(114,861)	18%
32 Appropriative Pool- WM & Administration	11,159	52,855	-	147,036	(94,181)	36%
33 Allocated G&A Expenditures	(31,717)	(208,921)	-	(403,675)	194,754	52%
<b>34 Total Judgment Administration Expense</b>	<b>189,158</b>	<b>1,296,598</b>	<b>24,382</b>	<b>3,643,138</b>	<b>(2,370,922)</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>35 Optimum Basin Management Plan (OBMP)</b>						
36 Optimum Basin Management Plan	28,088	342,328	59,443	1,236,522	(953,637)	26%
37 Groundwater Quality Monitoring	205	1,576	-	4,500	(2,924)	35%
38 Groundwater Level Monitoring	28,447	237,058	15,800	500,880	(279,622)	46%
39 Program Element (PE)2- Comp Recharge	38,883	572,091	55,000	1,968,267	(1,451,176)	28%
40 PE3&5-Water Supply/Desalte	17,138	48,907	9,100	173,320	(133,513)	27%
41 PE4- Management Plan	61,066	221,671	124,788	604,076	(507,193)	30%
42 PE6&7-CoopEfforts/SaltMgmt	12,528	230,112	96,394	772,078	(638,360)	26%
43 PE8&9-StorageMgmt/Conj Use	62,174	381,326	168,963	272,480	(60,117)	86%
44 Recharge Improvements	-	-	-	2,438,793	(2,438,793)	0%
45 Administration Expenses Allocated-OBMP	7,119	58,605	-	139,094	(80,489)	42%
46 Administration Expenses Allocated-PE 1-9	24,598	150,316	-	264,581	(114,265)	57%
<b>47 Total OBMP Expense</b>	<b>280,245</b>	<b>2,243,989</b>	<b>529,488</b>	<b>8,374,591</b>	<b>(6,660,090)</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>48 Other Expense</b>						
49 Groundwater Replenishment	-	62,834	-	42,777	20,058	147%
50 Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
<b>51 Total Other Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,777</b>	<b>20,058</b>	<b>147%</b>
<b>52 Total Expenses</b>	<b>469,403</b>	<b>3,603,421</b>	<b>553,870</b>	<b>12,060,506</b>	<b>(9,010,954)</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>53 Increase / (Decrease) to Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 6,233,761</b>	<b>\$ 3,408,153</b>		<b>\$ (42,777)</b>	<b>\$ 3,450,930</b>	



# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules

### For the period July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025

#### (Unaudited)

## Budget to Actual

The Budget to Actual report summarizes the operating and non-operating revenues and expenses of Chino Basin Watermaster for the fiscal year-to-date (YTD). Columns are included for current monthly and YTD activity shown comparatively to the FY 26 amended budget and FY 25 carryover budget. The final two columns indicate the amount over or under budget, and the YTD percentage of total budget used. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the target budget percentage is generally 42%.

## Revenues

**Lines 1-5 Administration Revenue** – Includes local agency subsidies and administrative assessment for the Appropriative, Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pools.

- Line 2 Local Agency Subsidies includes the annual Dry Year Yield (DYY) administrative fee received. This account is at 100% of budget due to the timing of payment.

**Lines 6-12 Other Revenue** – Includes Pool replenishment assessments, interest income, miscellaneous income, and carryover budget from prior years.

## Expenses

**Lines 13-34 Judgment Administration Expense** – Includes Watermaster general administrative expenses, contract services, insurance, office and other administrative expenses. Below is a summary of notable account variances at month end:

- Line 16 Office Building Expense includes office lease, telephone, utilities, repair and maintenance, and building interior renovation costs. The account is at 48% of budget due to the timing of the office lease payment.
- Line 21 Watermaster Legal Services includes outside legal counsel expenses. The account is at 59% of budget due to the timing of administration matters and increased court coordination in August and September.
- Line 22 Insurance includes general liability insurance, directors' and officers' liability, umbrella coverage, environmental pollution liability and other various insurance policies. The account is over budget due to an unanticipated increase in the cost of Municipalities Umbrella coverage, as well as the implementation of a Cyber insurance policy that was not included in the original budget.
- Line 23 Dues and Subscriptions include annual dues for ACWA, CA Groundwater Coalition, SHRM, and other miscellaneous subscriptions. The account is at 75% of budget due to the timing of subscription renewals.
- Line 25 Field Supplies include expenses for small tools and equipment, safety shoes, and uniforms. The account is at 49% of budget due to the timing of uniform purchases.

**Lines 35-47 Optimum Basin Management Plan (OBMP) Expense** – Includes legal, engineering, groundwater level monitoring, allocated administrative expenses, and other expenses.

**Lines 48-51 Other Expense** – Includes groundwater replenishment, settlement expenses, and various refunds as appropriate.



# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules

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#### (Unaudited)

## Pool Services Fund Accounting

Each Pool has a fund account created to pay their own legal service invoices. The legal services invoices are funded and paid using the fund accounts (8467 for the Overlying Agricultural Pool (OAP), 8567 for the Overlying Non-Agricultural Pool (ONAP), and 8367 for the Appropriate Pool (AP)). Along with the legal services fund account for the OAP (8467), the OAP also has two other fund accounts for Ag Pool Meeting Attendance expenses (8470), and Special Projects expenses (8471). The ONAP also has a meeting compensation fund account (8511). Additionally, the OAP has a reserve fund that is held by Watermaster and spent at the direction of the OAP. The AP also has account 8368 relating to the Tom Harder contract. These fund accounts are replenished at the direction of each Pool, and the legal service invoices are approved by the Pool leadership and when paid by Watermaster, are deducted from the existing fund account balances. If the fund account for any pool reaches zero, no further payments can be paid from the fund, and a replenishment action must be initiated by the Pool.

The following tables detail the fund balance accounts as of November 30, 2025 (continued next page):

<b>Fund Balance For Non-Agricultural Pool Account 8567 - Legal Services</b>		<b>Fund Balance For Appropriate Pool Account 8367 - Legal Services</b>	
Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 77,376.71	Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 224,225.46
Additions:		Additions:	
Interest Earnings	<u>1,303.91</u>	Interest Earnings	<u>8,221.54</u>
Subtotal Additions:	<u>1,303.91</u>	Subtotal Additions:	<u>8,221.54</u>
Reductions:		Reductions:	
Invoices paid July 2025 - October 2025	<u>(935.00)</u>	Invoices paid July 2025 - October 2025	<u>(12,286.00)</u>
Subtotal Reductions:	<u>(935.00)</u>	Subtotal Reductions:	<u>(12,286.00)</u>
<b>Available Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ 77,745.62</u></b>	<b>Available Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ 220,161.00</u></b>

<b>Fund Balance For Non-Agricultural Pool Account 8511 - Meeting Compensation</b>		<b>Fund Balance For Appropriate Pool Account 8368 - Tom Harder Contract</b>	
Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 2,375.00	Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 20,577.61
Reductions:		Reductions:	
Compensation paid July 2025 - October 2025	<u>(3,250.00)</u>	Invoices paid July 2025 - October 2025	<u>-</u>
Subtotal Reductions:	<u>(3,250.00)</u>	Subtotal Reductions:	<u>-</u>
<b>Available Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ (875.00)</u></b>	<b>Available Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,577.61</u></b>



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### For the period July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025

#### (Unaudited)

### Pool Services Fund Accounting – Cont.

#### **Fund Balance for Agricultural Pool Account 8467 - Legal Services (Held by AP)**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 225,597.51
Reductions:	
Invoices paid July 2025 - October 2025	(88,237.50)
Subtotal Reductions:	(88,237.50)
<b>Available Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 137,360.01</b>

#### **Agricultural Pool Reserve Funds As shown on the Combining Schedules**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 881,534.98
Additions:	
YTD Interest earned on Ag Pool Funds FY 26	24,549.25
Transfer of Funds from AP to Special Fund for Legal Service Invoices	88,237.50
Total Additions:	112,786.75
Reductions:	
Legal service invoices paid July 2025 - October 2025	(88,237.50)
Subtotal Reductions:	(88,237.50)
<b>Agricultural Pool Reserve Funds Balance as of November 30, 2025:</b>	<b>\$ 906,084.23</b>

#### **Fund Balance For Agricultural Pool Account 8470 - Meeting Compensation (Held by AP)**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 18,069.65
Reductions:	
Compensation paid July 2025 - October 2025	(16,000.00)
Subtotal Reductions:	(16,000.00)
<b>Available Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 2,069.65</b>

#### **Fund Balance For Agricultural Pool Account 8471 - Special Projects (Held by AP)**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2025:	\$ 12,189.00
Reductions:	
Invoices paid July 2025 - October 2025	-
Subtotal Reductions:	-
<b>Available Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 12,189.00</b>



# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules

### For the period July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025

(Unaudited)

## Watermaster Salary Expenses

The following table details the Year-To-Date (YTD) Actual Watermaster burdened salary costs compared to the FY 26 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the target budget percentage is generally 42%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 25-26 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>WM Salary Expense</b>				
5901.1 · Judgment Admin - Doc. Review	53,934	74,466	(20,532)	72.4%
5901.3 · Judgment Admin - Field Work	594	14,357	(13,763)	4.1%
5901.5 · Judgment Admin - General	3,631	55,535	(51,904)	6.5%
5901.7 · Judgment Admin - Meeting	26,208	45,648	(19,440)	57.4%
5901.9 · Judgment Admin - Reporting	-	21,742	(21,742)	0.0%
5910 · Judgment Admin - Court Coord./Attendance	2,282	28,837	(26,555)	7.9%
5911 · Judgment Admin - Exhibit G	-	6,396	(6,396)	0.0%
5921 · Judgment Admin - Production Monitoring	-	9,471	(9,471)	0.0%
5931 · Judgment Admin - Recharge Applications	1,550	33,092	(31,542)	4.7%
5941 · Judgment Admin - Reporting	-	44,602	(44,602)	0.0%
5951 · Judgment Admin - Rules & Regs	-	11,350	(11,350)	0.0%
5961 · Judgment Admin - Safe Yield	53,942	106,006	(52,064)	50.9%
5971 · Judgment Admin - Storage Agreements	4,215	20,671	(16,456)	20.4%
5981 · Judgment Admin - Water Accounting/Database	46,489	112,036	(65,547)	41.5%
5991 · Judgment Admin - Water Transactions	5,068	13,062	(7,994)	38.8%
6011.11 · WM Staff - Overtime	1,837	18,000	(16,163)	10.2%
6011.10 · Admin - Accounting	119,638	280,410	(160,772)	42.7%
6011.15 · Admin - Building Admin	6,540	31,040	(24,500)	21.1%
6011.20 · Admin - Conference/Seminars	31,242	50,660	(19,418)	61.7%
6011.25 · Admin - Document Review	46,575	54,110	(7,535)	86.1%
6011.50 · Admin - General	125,736	278,870	(153,134)	45.1%
6011.60 · Admin - HR	21,655	100,980	(79,325)	21.4%
6011.70 · Admin - IT	31,554	72,830	(41,276)	43.3%
6011.80 · Admin - Meeting	64,375	93,640	(29,265)	68.7%
6011.90 · Admin - Team Building	9,528	33,490	(23,962)	28.5%
6011.95 · Admin - Training (Give/Receive)	26,550	79,580	(53,030)	33.4%
6017 · Temporary Services	-	28,250	(28,250)	0.0%
6201 · Advisory Committee	19,157	61,397	(42,240)	31.2%
6301 · Watermaster Board	42,924	101,669	(58,745)	42.2%
8301 · Appropriate Pool	37,777	89,707	(51,930)	42.1%
8401 · Agricultural Pool	13,958	83,199	(69,241)	16.8%
8501 · Non-Agricultural Pool	9,963	66,256	(56,293)	15.0%
6901.1 · OBMP - Document Review	23,915	50,364	(26,449)	47.5%
6901.3 · OBMP - Field Work	2,116	9,471	(7,355)	22.3%
6901.5 · OBMP - General	21,614	52,005	(30,391)	41.6%
6901.7 · OBMP - Meeting	25,530	33,487	(7,957)	76.2%
6901.9 · OBMP - Reporting	3,448	39,176	(35,728)	8.8%
7104.1 · PE1 - Monitoring Program	106,878	166,708	(59,830)	64.1%
7201 · PE2 - Comprehensive Recharge	48,091	49,649	(1,558)	96.9%
7301 · PE3&5 - Water Supply/Desalter	-	19,189	(19,189)	0.0%
7301.1 · PE5 - Reg. Supply Water Prgm.	576	16,759	(16,183)	3.4%
7401 · PE4 - MZ1 Subsidence Mgmt. Plan	182	25,595	(25,413)	0.7%
7501 · PE6 - Coop. Programs/Salt Mgmt.	8,515	22,984	(14,469)	37.0%
7501.1 · PE 7 - Salt Nutrient Mgmt. Plan	594	16,786	(16,192)	3.5%
7601 · PE8&9 - Storage Mgmt./Recovery	31,640	33,288	(1,648)	95.0%
<b>Subtotal WM Staff Costs</b>	<b>1,080,931</b>	<b>2,656,820</b>	<b>(1,575,889)</b>	<b>41%</b>
60184.1 · Administrative Leave	3,072	-	3,072	100.0%
60185 · Vacation	42,939	110,082	(67,143)	39.0%
60185.1 · Comp Time	2,560	-	2,560	100.0%
60186 · Sick Leave	21,030	81,688	(60,658)	25.7%
60187 · Holidays	17,536	102,102	(84,566)	17.2%
<b>Subtotal WM Paid Leaves</b>	<b>87,136</b>	<b>293,872</b>	<b>(206,736)</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Total WM Salary Costs</b>	<b>1,168,067</b>	<b>2,950,692</b>	<b>(1,782,625)</b>	<b>39.6%</b>





# Chino Basin Watermaster

## Monthly Variance Report & Supplemental Schedules

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(Unaudited)

## Engineering

The following table details the Year-To-Date (YTD) Actual Engineering costs compared to the FY 26 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the target budget percentage is generally 42%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 25-26 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>Engineering Services Costs</b>				
5901.8 · Judgment Admin - Meetings-Engineering Services	\$ -	\$ 38,909	\$ (38,909)	0.0%
5906.71 · Judgment Admin - Data Requests-CBWM Staff	51,413	109,124	(57,712)	47.1%
5906.72 · Judgment Admin - Data Requests-Non-CBWM Staff	13,518	56,483	(42,966)	23.9%
5925 · Judgment Admin - Ag Production & Estimation	18,502	31,992	(13,490)	57.8%
5935 · Judgment Admin - Mat'l Physical Injury Requests	-	41,668	(41,668)	0.0%
5945 · Judgment Admin - WM Annual Report Preparation	7,693	17,762	(10,069)	43.3%
5965 · Judgment Admin - Support Data Collection & Mgmt Process	15,504	17,302	(1,799)	89.6%
6206 · Advisory Committee Meetings-WY Staff	7,544	22,624	(15,080)	33.3%
6306 · Watermaster Board Meetings-WY Staff	12,299	22,624	(10,325)	54.4%
8306 · Appropriative Pool Meetings-WY Staff	9,374	22,624	(13,250)	41.4%
8406 · Agricultural Pool Meetings-WY Staff	6,665	22,624	(15,959)	29.5%
8506 · Non-Agricultural Pool Meetings-WY Staff	4,713	22,624	(17,911)	20.8%
6901.8 · OBMP - Meetings-WY Staff	15,714	38,909	(23,196)	40.4%
6901.95 · OBMP - Reporting-WY Staff	36,942	66,832	(29,890)	55.3%
6906 · OBMP Engineering Services - Other	23,437	65,810	(42,373)	35.6%
6906.1 · OBMP Watermaster Model Update	21,181	8,176	13,005	259.1%
7104.3 · Grdwtr Level-Engineering	119,536	274,794	(155,258)	43.5%
7104.8 · Grdwtr Level-Contracted Services	1,778	29,128	(27,350)	6.1%
7104.9 · Grdwtr Level-Capital Equipment	5,063	19,000	(13,937)	26.6%
7202 · PE2-Comp Recharge-Engineering Services	3,764	23,350	(19,587)	16.1%
7202.2 · PE2-Comp Recharge-Engineering Services	82,312	181,496	(99,184)	45.4%
7302 · PE3&5-PBHSP Monitoring Program	21,685	77,792	(56,107)	27.9%
7303 · PE3&5-Engineering - Other	8,425	21,080	(12,655)	40.0%
7306 · PE3&5-Engineering - Outside Professionals	18,221	31,500	(13,279)	57.8%
7402 · PE4-Engineering	91,850	301,531	(209,681)	30.5%
7402.10 · PE4-Northwest MZ1 Area Project	109,062	169,378	(60,316)	64.4%
7403 · PE4-Eng. Services-Contracted Services-InSar	17,600	28,600	(11,000)	61.5%
7406 · PE4-Engineering Services-Outside Professionals	-	55,155	(55,155)	0.0%
7408 · PE4-Engineering Services-Network Equipment	1,640	19,107	(17,467)	8.6%
7502 · PE6&7-Engineering	146,901	365,564	(218,663)	40.2%
7502.2 · PE7-Groundwtr Quality Model	-	70,216	(70,216)	0.0%
7505 · PE6&7-Laboratory Services	31,501	41,300	(9,799)	76.3%
7510 · PE6&7-IEUA Salinity Mgmt. Plan	2,690	9,522	(6,832)	28.2%
7511 · PE6&7-SAWBMP Task Force-50% IEUA	17,972	28,022	(10,051)	64.1%
7517 · Surface Water Monitoring Plan-Chino Creek - 50% IEUA	21,940	28,434	(6,494)	77.2%
7520 · Preparation of Water Quality Mgmt. Plan	-	39,250	(39,250)	0.0%
7610 · PE8&9-Support 2020 Mgmt. Plan	-	21,720	(21,720)	0.0%
7614 · PE8&9-Support Imp. Safe Yield Court Order	349,686	79,656	270,030	439.0%
7615 · PE8&9-Develop 2025 Storage Plan	-	137,816	(137,816)	0.0%
<b>Total Engineering Services Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,296,123</b>	<b>\$ 2,659,500</b>	<b>\$ (1,363,375)</b>	<b>48.7%</b>

\* West Yost and Subcontractor Engineering Budget of \$2,659,500 plus Carryover Funds from FY 2024/25 of \$508,838



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## Legal

The following table details the YTD Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck (BHFS) expenses and costs compared to the FY 26 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the target budget percentage is generally 42%. Due to the timing of billing, the figures below represent legal services provided through October 31, 2025, with a target budget percentage of 33%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 25-26 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>6070 · Watermaster Legal Services</b>				
6071 · BHFS Legal - Court Coordination	\$ 71,229	\$ 76,000	\$ (4,771)	93.7%
6072 · BHFS Legal - Rules & Regulations	-	10,495	(10,495)	0.0%
6073 · BHFS Legal - Personnel Matters	24,208	28,150	(3,942)	86.0%
6074 · BHFS Legal - Interagency Issues	-	40,536	(40,536)	0.0%
6077 · BHFS Legal - Party Status Maintenance	-	13,590	(13,590)	0.0%
6078 · BHFS Legal - Miscellaneous (Note 1)	109,247	177,240	(67,993)	61.6%
<b>Total 6070 · Watermaster Legal Services</b>	<b>204,684</b>	<b>346,011</b>	<b>(141,327)</b>	<b>59.2%</b>
6275 · BHFS Legal - Advisory Committee	5,430	27,764	(22,334)	19.6%
6375 · BHFS Legal - Board Meeting	35,381	88,704	(53,324)	39.9%
6375.1 · BHFS Legal - Board Workshop(s)	-	29,215	(29,215)	0.0%
8375 · BHFS Legal - Appropriative Pool	5,704	34,705	(29,001)	16.4%
8475 · BHFS Legal - Agricultural Pool	5,044	34,705	(29,661)	14.5%
8575 · BHFS Legal - Non-Ag Pool	5,704	34,705	(29,001)	16.4%
<b>Total BHFS Legal Services</b>	<b>57,263</b>	<b>249,798</b>	<b>(192,535)</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>6907.3 · WM Legal Counsel</b>				
6907.31 · Archibald South Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.32 · Chino Airport Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.33 · Desalter/Hydraulic Control	-	38,680	(38,680)	0.0%
6907.34 · Santa Ana River Water Rights	4,016	21,405	(17,390)	18.8%
6907.38 · Reg. Water Quality Cntrl Board	-	63,200	(63,200)	0.0%
6907.39 · Recharge Master Plan	4,981	14,270	(9,289)	34.9%
6907.41 · Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability	-	10,290	(10,290)	0.0%
6907.44 · SGMA Compliance	-	10,290	(10,290)	0.0%
6907.45 · OBMP Update	6,636	177,240	(170,604)	3.7%
6907.47 · 2020 Safe Yield Reset	16,041	151,180	(135,139)	10.6%
6907.50 · San Sevaine Basin Discharge - State Court	-	54,130	(54,130)	0.0%
6907.51 · San Sevaine Basin Discharge CWA Litigation	129,149	150,440	(21,291)	85.8%
6907.90 · WM Legal Counsel - Unanticipated	-	38,885	(38,885)	0.0%
<b>Total 6907 · WM Legal Counsel</b>	<b>160,822</b>	<b>755,140</b>	<b>(594,318)</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>Total Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck Costs</b>	<b>\$ 422,769</b>	<b>\$ 1,350,949</b>	<b>\$ (928,180)</b>	<b>31.3%</b>



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### Optimum Basin Management Plan (OBMP)

The following table details the Year-To-Date (YTD) Actual OBMP costs compared to the FY 26 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the target budget percentage is generally 42%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 25-26 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan</b>				
6901.1 · OBMP - Document Review-WM Staff	\$ 23,915	\$ 50,364	\$ (26,449)	47.5%
6901.3 · OBMP - Field Work-WM Staff	2,116	9,471	(7,355)	22.3%
6901.5 · OBMP - General-WM Staff	21,614	52,005	(30,391)	41.6%
6901.7 · OBMP - Meeting-WM Staff	25,530	33,487	(7,957)	76.2%
6901.8 · OBMP - Meeting-West Yost	15,714	38,909	(23,196)	40.4%
6901.9 · OBMP - Reporting-WM Staff	3,448	39,176	(35,728)	8.8%
6901.95 · OBMP - Reporting-West Yost	36,942	66,832	(29,890)	55.3%
<b>Total 6901 · OBMP WM and West Yost Staff</b>	<b>129,280</b>	<b>290,244</b>	<b>(160,964)</b>	<b>44.5%</b>
<b>6903 · OBMP - SAWPA</b>				
6903 · OBMP - SAWPA Group	7,608	18,952	(11,344)	40.1%
<b>Total 6903 · OBMP - SAWPA</b>	<b>7,608</b>	<b>18,952</b>	<b>(11,344)</b>	<b>40.1%</b>
<b>6906 · OBMP Engineering Services</b>				
6906.1 · OBMP - Watermaster Model Update	21,181	8,176	13,005	259.1%
6906.21 · State of the Basin Report	-	-	-	0.0%
6906 · OBMP Engineering Services - Other	23,437	65,810	(42,373)	35.6%
<b>Total 6906 · OBMP Engineering Services</b>	<b>44,618</b>	<b>73,986</b>	<b>(29,368)</b>	<b>60.3%</b>
<b>6907 · OBMP Legal Fees</b>				
6907.31 · Archibald South Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.32 · Chino Airport Plume	-	12,565	(12,565)	0.0%
6907.33 · Desalter/Hydraulic Control	-	38,680	(38,680)	0.0%
6907.34 · Santa Ana River Water Rights	4,016	21,405	(17,390)	18.8%
6907.36 · Santa Ana River Habitat	-	-	-	0.0%
6907.38 · Reg. Water Quality Cntrl Board	-	63,200	(63,200)	0.0%
6907.39 · Recharge Master Plan	4,981	14,270	(9,289)	34.9%
6907.41 · Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability	-	10,290	(10,290)	0.0%
6907.44 · SGMA Compliance	-	10,290	(10,290)	0.0%
6907.45 · OBMP Update	6,636	177,240	(170,604)	3.7%
6907.47 · 2020 Safe Yield Reset	16,041	151,180	(135,139)	10.6%
6907.50 · San Sevaine Basin Discharge - State	-	54,130	(54,130)	0.0%
6907.51 · San Sevaine Basin Discharge CWA	129,149	150,440	(21,291)	85.8%
6907.90 · WM Legal Counsel - Unanticipated	-	38,885	(38,885)	0.0%
<b>Total 6907 · OBMP Legal Fees</b>	<b>160,822</b>	<b>755,140</b>	<b>(594,318)</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>6909 · OBMP Other Expenses</b>				
6909.6 · OBMP Expenses - Miscellaneous	-	96,000	(96,000)	0.0%
<b>Total 6909 · OBMP Other Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,200</b>	<b>(98,200)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total 6900 · Optimum Basin Mgmt Plan</b>	<b>\$ 342,328</b>	<b>\$ 1,236,522</b>	<b>\$ (894,194)</b>	<b>27.7%</b>



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### Judgment Administration

The following table details the Year-To-Date (YTD) Actual Judgment Administration costs compared to the FY 26 adopted budget. The “\$ Over Budget” and the “% of Budget” columns are a comparison of the YTD actual to the annual budget. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the target budget percentage is generally 42%.

	Year to Date Actual	FY 25-26 Budget	\$ Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>5901 · Admin-WM Staff</b>				
5901.1 · Admin-Doc. Review-WM Staff	\$ 53,934	\$ 74,466	\$ (20,532)	72.4%
5901.3 · Admin-Field Work-WM Staff	594	14,357	(13,763)	4.1%
5901.5 · Admin-General-WM Staff	3,631	55,535	(51,904)	6.5%
5901.7 · Admin-Meeting-WM Staff	26,208	45,648	(19,440)	57.4%
5901.8 · Admin-Meeting - West Yost	-	38,909	(38,909)	0.0%
5901.9 · Admin-Reporting-WM Staff	-	21,742	(21,742)	0.0%
<b>Total 5901 · Admin-WM Staff</b>	<b>84,367</b>	<b>250,657</b>	<b>(166,290)</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
<b>5900 · Judgment Admin Other Expenses</b>				
5906.71 · Admin-Data Req-CBWM Staff	51,413	109,124	(57,712)	47.1%
5906.72 · Admin-Data Req-Non CBWM Staff	13,518	56,483	(42,966)	23.9%
5910 · Court Coordination/Attend-WM	2,282	28,837	(26,555)	7.9%
5911 · Exhibit G-WM Staff	-	6,396	(6,396)	0.0%
5921 · Production Monitoring-WM Staff	-	9,471	(9,471)	0.0%
5925 · Ag Prod & Estimation-West Yost	18,502	31,992	(13,490)	57.8%
5931 · Recharge Applications-WM Staff	1,550	33,092	(31,542)	4.7%
5935 · Admin-Mat'l Phy Inj Requests	-	41,668	(41,668)	0.0%
5941 · Reporting-WM Staff	-	44,602	(44,602)	0.0%
5945 · WM Annual Report Prep-West Yost	7,693	17,762	(10,069)	43.3%
5951 · Rules & Regs-WM Staff	-	11,350	(11,350)	0.0%
5961 · Safe Yield-WM Staff	53,942	106,006	(52,064)	50.9%
5965 · Support Data Collect-West Yost	15,504	17,302	(1,799)	89.6%
5971 · Storage Agreements-WM Staff	4,215	20,671	(16,456)	20.4%
5981 · Water Acct/Database-WM Staff	46,489	112,036	(65,547)	41.5%
5991 · Water Transactions-WM Staff	5,068	13,062	(7,994)	38.8%
<b>Total 5900 · Judgment Admin Other Expenses</b>	<b>220,175</b>	<b>659,854</b>	<b>(439,679)</b>	<b>33.4%</b>
<b>Total 5900 · Judgment Administration</b>	<b>\$ 304,542</b>	<b>\$ 910,511</b>	<b>\$ (605,969)</b>	<b>33.4%</b>



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### “Carry Over” Funding:

The “Carry Over” funding was calculated at the start of FY 26. The Total “Carry Over” funding amount of \$553,870 has been posted to the general ledger accounts. The total amount consisted of \$508,838 from Engineering Services, \$34,994 from OBMP Activities, and \$10,038 from Administration Services. More detailed information is provided on the table below.

**Carry Over Budget Detail FY 2025/26**

Account	Description	Amount	Fiscal Year	Type
6038	Other Office Equipment - Boardroom Upgrades	\$ 10,038	FY 2020/21	ADMIN
7545	Meter Installation - New Meter Installation, Calibration and Testing	34,994	FY 2018/19	OBMP
5925	Agriculture Production and Estimation	4,344	FY 2024/25	ENG
5965	Support for Implementation of Improved Data Collection and Management Process	10,000	FY 2024/25	ENG
6906.1	Watermaster Model Application and Required Demonstrations	59,443	FY 2024/25	ENG
7104.3	Groundwater Level Monitoring Program	15,800	FY 2024/25	ENG
7202.2	Comprehensive Recharge Program	55,000	FY 2024/25	ENG
7302	PBHSP Monitoring Program- 50% IEUA Cost Share	9,100	FY 2024/25	ENG
7402.1	PE4/MZ-1: Subsidence Management Plan for Northwest MZ-1	124,788	FY 2024/25	ENG
7502	Groundwater Quality Monitoring and Reporting Program and as-needed Consulting	41,400	FY 2024/25	ENG
7517	Implementation of Chino Creek Monitoring Program - IEUA Cost Share	20,000	FY 2024/25	ENG
7614	Support Implementation of the Safe Yield Court Order	168,963	FY 2024/25	ENG
<b>Total Carryover Budget</b>		<b>\$ 553,870</b>		



# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026  
TO: Advisory Committee Members  
SUBJECT: Chino Basin Watermaster 2026 Investment Policy – Resolution No. 2026-01  
(Consent Calendar Item I.C.)

Issue: Per Watermaster Policy Section 4.11, Watermaster shall prepare and submit a statement of investment policy to be considered and adopted by the Watermaster Board. [Normal Course of Business]

Recommendation: Recommend Board adoption of the Watermaster Investment Policy and corresponding Resolution 2026-01.

Financial Impact: None

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### ACTIONS:

**Appropriative Pool – Date: January 8, 2026 [Final]:** Provided advice and assistance  
**Non-Agricultural Pool – Date: January 8, 2026 [Final]:** Provided advice and assistance  
**Agricultural Pool – Date: January 8, 2026 [Final]:** Provided advice and assistance  
**Advisory Committee – Date: January 15, 2026 [Recommended]:** Recommend Board adoption  
**Watermaster Board – Date: January 22, 2026 [Recommended]:** Adoption

## **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to the Restated Judgment Paragraph 23 (Investment of Funds), "Watermaster may hold and invest any and all Watermaster funds in investments authorized from time to time for public agencies of the State of California."

## **DISCUSSION**

Watermaster maintains its investments as set forth in paragraph 23 of the Restated Judgment and Watermaster Rules and Regulations Section 2.6. As required by the Policy, Watermaster is asked to approve a Resolution and adopt an annual Investment Policy with any changes for compliance with State of California public agency investment requirements.

Resolution 2026-01, Resolution of the Chino Basin Watermaster, San Bernardino County, California, Establishing a Watermaster Investment Policy has been drafted (Attachment 1), and if adopted would rescind Resolution 2025-01 in its entirety. The 2026 Chino Basin Watermaster Investment Policy has also been drafted (Attachment 2).

There are no changes from the Board approved 2025 Investment Policy. Watermaster's legal counsel reviewed the policy for any changes in law that might affect the investment policy and supported the recommendation to continue the current practice with no changes.

The Pool Committees at their January 8, 2026 meetings unanimously recommended the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the 2026 Investment Policy and adopt corresponding Resolution 2026-01.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution 2026-01 Establishing a Watermaster Investment Policy (DRAFT)
2. Chino Basin Watermaster 2026 Investment Policy (DRAFT)

RESOLUTION 2026-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER,  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,  
ESTABLISHING  
A WATERMASTER INVESTMENT POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the normal and prudent operation of the Watermaster's daily business generates cash balances, operating and fund reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, the cash management system is designed to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues on behalf of Watermaster, thus enabling the Watermaster to invest funds to the fullest extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the cash funds are to be placed in investments authorized for public agencies of the State of California (Restated Judgment Paragraph 23); and

**WHEREAS**, Watermaster deems it to be in the best interests of the parties to the Judgment to delegate the authority to invest and reinvest the funds of Watermaster to the Watermaster General Manager subject to the provisions of its Investment Policy and the ongoing review and control of Watermaster and the Watermaster Advisory Committee.

**WHEREAS**, it is the Watermaster's policy to annually review, update, and adopt an investment policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Chino Basin Watermaster that:

Section 1. The Chino Basin Watermaster 2026 Investment Policy, as attached, is adopted.

Section 2. The authority to invest and reinvest funds of Watermaster is hereby delegated to the Watermaster General Manager (and his/her designees) subject to the provisions of said Investment Policy and the ongoing review and control of Watermaster and the Watermaster Advisory Committee.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its date of adoption and Resolution 2025-01 is rescinded in its entirety.

**ADOPTED** by the Watermaster Board on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2026.

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Watermaster Board

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary/Treasurer  
Chino Basin Watermaster



STATE OF CALIFORNIA                     )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO        )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chino Basin Watermaster, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 2026-01, was adopted at a regular meeting of  
the Chino Basin Watermaster Board on January 22, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:           0

NOES:           0

ABSENT:        0

ABSTAIN:       0

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Watermaster Secretary/Treasurer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

### 2026 INVESTMENT POLICY

#### 1.0 POLICY

**WHEREAS;** the Legislature of the State of California has declared that the deposit and investment of public funds by local officials and local agencies is an issue of statewide concern (Government Code (GC) § 53600.6 and § 53630.1); and

**WHEREAS;** the legislative body of a local agency may invest monies not required for the immediate necessities of the local agency (though Chino Basin Watermaster is not a local agency, it handles its investments in a similar manner) in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 5922 and 53601 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS;** the General Manager ("GM") of the Chino Basin Watermaster ("Watermaster") shall annually prepare and submit a statement of investment policy and such policy, and any changes thereto, shall be considered by the Watermaster Board at a public meeting;

**NOW THEREFORE,** it shall be the policy of the Watermaster to invest funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the Watermaster and conforming to all statutes and judgments governing the investment of Watermaster funds as defined in GC §53600 et seq.

#### 2.0 SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the Watermaster. These funds are accounted for in the annual Watermaster audit.

#### 3.0 PRUDENCE

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the Watermaster, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence, exercise in the management of their own affairs; not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent investor" standard in the California Government Code (53600.3) and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers (the GM and his/her designees) acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a

timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

#### **4.0 OBJECTIVES**

As specified in GC §53600.5, when investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, and managing public funds, the primary objectives, in priority order, of the investment activities shall be:

1. Safety: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the Watermaster shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To attain this objective, diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.

2. Liquidity: The investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Watermaster to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.

3. Return on Investments: The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

#### **5.0 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

Authority to manage the investment program is derived from the Restated Judgment Paragraph 23, and from California Government Code 53600, et seq. Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Advisory Committee, who, with the GM, shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. Procedures should include references to: safekeeping, repurchase agreements, wire transfer agreements, collateral/depository agreements and banking service contracts, as appropriate. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and pursuant to Watermaster Rules and Regulations Section 2.16, derived from the Restated Judgment, Paragraph 23. The Board shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials. Under the provisions of California Government Code 53600.3, the GM is a trustee and a fiduciary subject to the prudent investor standard.

#### **6.0 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

## **7.0 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS**

The Watermaster is empowered by California Government Code 53601 et seq. to invest in the following:

1. Negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, a savings association, or a federal association (as defined by Section 5102 of the Financial Code), or by a state-licensed branch of a foreign bank. Purchases of negotiable certificates of deposit may not exceed \$500,000 in any one Bank at a time.
2. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) in Sacramento, CA.
3. Investment Trust of California (CalTRUST).
4. California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS).
5. California Asset Management Program (CAMP).

Such investments shall be limited to securities that at the time of the investment have a term remaining to maturity of five years or less, or as provided above.

## **8.0 COLLATERALIZATION**

All certificates of deposit must be collateralized. Collateral must be held by a third-party trustee and valued on a monthly basis.

## **9.0 DIVERSIFICATION**

The Watermaster will diversify its investments by security type and institution. Assets shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer, or a specific class of securities.

## **10.0 REPORTING**

The Watermaster Director of Administration shall prepare Monthly Investment Reports which reflect investment transactions for review by the Pool Committees and the Advisory Committee prior to presentation to the Watermaster Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Following formats used in prior years, said Investment Report will reflect the following information:

- a. Funds held in each Bank at the beginning and ending of the reporting period; and
- b. Investments deposited and/or redeemed by type and by Bank (including

interest rates, days invested and maturity yield rates) during the reporting period; and

- c. Investments outstanding at the close of the reporting period (including interest rates, days invested and maturity date); and
- d. Elements effecting the change in Watermaster's cash position; and
- e. A statement signed by the Director of Administration as to the ability of the cash on hand to meet foreseen expenditures during the next six months.

#### **11.0 INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION**

The Investment Policy shall be adopted by resolution of the Watermaster on an annual basis. The Policy Statement will be reviewed by each Pool Committee. Should any Pool Committee recommend revisions to the Policy Statement, it shall be amended prior to presentation to the Advisory Committee for its review and comment. If necessary, the Policy Statement will be further amended to reflect the comments of the Advisory Committee. The final Policy Statement will then be presented to the Watermaster Board for adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting.



# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – 5.09 AF from San Antonio Water Company to CalMat Co. (Appropriative) (Consent Calendar Item I.D.)

Issue: To consider the Consolidated Water Transfer Forms for the sale and transfer of 5.09 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to CalMat Co. (Appropriative). This purchase is requested to be transferred from San Antonio Water Company's Annual Production Right. CalMat Co. (Appropriative) is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

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### ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Non-Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]: Approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

On July 13, 2000, the Court approved the Peace Agreement, the Implementation Plan, and the goals and objectives identified in the OBMP Phase I Report and ordered Watermaster to proceed in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement. Under the Peace Agreement, Watermaster approval is required for applications to store, recapture, recharge, or transfer water, as well as for applications for credits or reimbursements, and storage and recovery programs.

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The date of this application is November 13, 2025. Notice of the transaction along with the materials submitted by the requestors was transmitted to stakeholders electronically on December 5, 2025.

## **DISCUSSION**

Beyond confirmation of the source of the water to be transferred (Annual Production Right, Supplemental Water, or Excess Carryover), Watermaster will evaluate the eventual disposition of the transferred water (e.g. production, storage, etc.) at the end of the production year and account for the same consistent with the Watermaster Guidance Documents.

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Pursuant to the Rules & Regulations, “The Application shall not be considered by the Advisory Committee until at least twenty-one (21) days after the last of the three Pool Committee meetings to consider the matter.” Therefore, this application will be presented to the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board at their January 2026 meetings respectively.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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**FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

**DATE REQUESTED:** November 13, 2025

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** 5.09 Acre-Feet

<b>TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):</b> <u>San Antonio Water Company</u> Name of Party <u>139 N. Euclid Avenue</u> Street Address <u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u> City State Zip Code <u>909.982.4107</u> Telephone <u>NA</u> Facsimile	<b>TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):</b> <u>CalMat Company (AppPool)</u> Name of Party <u>405 North Indian Hill Boulevard</u> Street Address <u>Claremont</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91711</u> City State Zip Code <u>909-621-1266</u> Telephone Facsimile
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Have any other transfers been approved by Watermaster between these parties covering the same fiscal year?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PURPOSE OF TRANSFER:**

- ☐ Pump when other sources of supply are curtailed  
☐ Pump to meet current or future demand over and above production right  
☐ Pump as necessary to stabilize future assessment amounts  
☒ Other, explain Meet SAWCO entitlement for Calendar Year 2025

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM:**

- ☐ Annual Production Right (Appropriative Pool) or Operating Safe Yield (Non-Agricultural Pool)  
☐ Storage  
☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield first, then any additional from Storage  
☐ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO:**

- ☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield (common)  
☐ Storage (rare)  
☐ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_



**IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.")**Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account?

Yes ☒ No ☐**IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:**700-1,000 gpm

Projected Rate of Recapture

Projected Duration of Recapture

**METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):**Pumping**PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:**Regular Production Wells**LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):****WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS**

Are the Parties aware of any water quality issues that exist in the area?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, please explain:

What are the existing water levels in the areas that are likely to be affected?

**MATERIAL PHYSICAL INJURY**

Are any of the recapture wells located within Management Zone 1?

Yes ☐No ☒Is the Applicant aware of any potential Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin that may be caused by the action covered by the application? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what are the proposed mitigation measures, if any, that might reasonably be imposed to ensure that the action does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin?

**SAID TRANSFER SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON:**

- (1) Transferee shall exercise said right on behalf of Transferor under the terms of the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, and the Management Zone 1 Subsidence Management Plan for the period described above. The first water produced in any year shall be that produced pursuant to carry-over rights defined in the Judgment. After production of its carry-over rights, if any, the next (or first if no carry-over rights) water produced by Transferee from the Chino Basin shall be that produced hereunder.
- (2) Transferee shall put all waters utilized pursuant to said Transfer to reasonable beneficial use.
- (3) Transferee shall pay all Watermaster assessments on account of the water production hereby Transferred.
- (4) Any Transferee not already a party must Intervene and become a party to the Judgment.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Brian C. Lee**  
Digitally signed by Brian C. Lee  
 Date: 2025.10.28 11:15:38  
 -07'00'  
 Seller / Transferor Representative Signature

  
 Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature

Brian C. Lee  
 Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)

Kevin Sage  
 Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY WATERMASTER STAFF:**

DATE OF WATERMASTER NOTICE: December 5, 2025

DATE OF APPROVAL FROM APPROPRIATIVE POOL: December 11, 2025

DATE OF APPROVAL FROM NON-AGRICULTURAL POOL: December 11, 2025

DATE OF APPROVAL FROM AGRICULTURAL POOL: December 11, 2025

HEARING DATE, IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_



## ***CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER***

# **NOTICE**

**OF**

## **APPLICATION(S)**

**RECEIVED FOR**

## **TRANSFER OF WATER**

Date of Notice:

December 5, 2025

This notice is to advise interested persons that the attached application(s) will come before the Watermaster Board on or after 30 days from the date of this notice.

## **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF WATER**

The attached staff report will be included in the meeting package at the time the transfer begins the Watermaster process.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION(S) RECEIVED

Date of Application: **November 13, 2025**      Date of this notice: **December 05, 2025**

Please take notice that the following Application has been received by Watermaster:

- Notice of Sale or Transfer – The purchase of 5.09 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company by CalMat Co. (Appropriative). This purchase is made from San Antonio Water Company's Annual Production Right. CalMat Co. (Appropriative) is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares.

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Appropriative Pool:      December 11, 2025

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Agricultural Pool:      December 11, 2025

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – 8.14 AF from San Antonio Water Company to Cucamonga Valley Water District (Consent Calendar Item I.E.)

Issue: To consider the Consolidate Water Transfer Forms for the sale and transfer of 8.14 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to Cucamonga Valley Water District. This purchase is requested to be transferred from San Antonio Water Company's Annual Production Right. Cucamonga Valley Water District is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

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### ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Non-Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]: Approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

On July 13, 2000, the Court approved the Peace Agreement, the Implementation Plan, and the goals and objectives identified in the OBMP Phase I Report and ordered Watermaster to proceed in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement. Under the Peace Agreement, Watermaster approval is required for applications to store, recapture, recharge, or transfer water, as well as for applications for credits or reimbursements, and storage and recovery programs.

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The date of this application is November 13, 2025. Notice of the transaction along with the materials submitted by the requestors was transmitted to stakeholders electronically on December 5, 2025.

## **DISCUSSION**

Beyond confirmation of the source of the water to be transferred (Annual Production Right, Supplemental Water, or Excess Carryover), Watermaster will evaluate the eventual disposition of the transferred water (e.g. production, storage, etc.) at the end of the production year and account for the same consistent with the Watermaster Guidance Documents.

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**FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

**DATE REQUESTED:** November 13, 2025

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** 8.14 Acre-Feet

<b>TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):</b> <u>San Antonio Water Company</u> Name of Party <u>139 N. Euclid Avenue</u> Street Address <u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u> City State Zip Code <u>909.982.4107</u> Telephone <u>NA</u> Facsimile	<b>TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):</b> <u>Cucamonga Valley Water District</u> Name of Party <u>10440 Ashford Street</u> Street Address <u>Rancho Cucamonga</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91730</u> City State Zip Code <u>909-360-6914</u> Telephone <u>NA</u> Facsimile
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Have any other transfers been approved by Watermaster between these parties covering the same fiscal year?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PURPOSE OF TRANSFER:**

- ☐ Pump when other sources of supply are curtailed
- ☐ Pump to meet current or future demand over and above production right
- ☐ Pump as necessary to stabilize future assessment amounts
- ☒ Other, explain Meet SAWCO entitlement for Calendar Year 2025

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM:**

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**IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.")**Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account?

Yes ☒ No ☐**IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:**Varies

Projected Rate of Recapture

2025-26

Projected Duration of Recapture

**METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):**Pumping**PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:**Management Zone 2**LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):**NA**WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS**

Are the Parties aware of any water quality issues that exist in the area?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, please explain:

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What are the existing water levels in the areas that are likely to be affected?

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**MATERIAL PHYSICAL INJURY**

Are any of the recapture wells located within Management Zone 1?

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

Yes ☒

No ☐

**Brian C. Lee**

Digitally signed by Brian C. Lee  
Date: 2025.10.28 11:15:38  
-07'00'

Seller / Transferor Representative Signature

Brian C. Lee

Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)

**Amanda Coker**

Digitally signed by Amanda Coker  
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Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature

Amanda Coker

Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY WATERMASTER STAFF:**

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HEARING DATE, IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER***

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## **APPLICATION(S)**

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Date of Notice:

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – 2.04 AF from San Antonio Water Company to Fontana Water Company (Consent Calendar Item I.F.)

Issue: To consider the Consolidate Water Transfer Forms for the sale and transfer of 2.04 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to Fontana Water Company. This purchase is requested to be transferred from San Antonio Water Company's Annual Production Right. Fontana Water Company is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

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### ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Non-Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]: Approval.

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## **DISCUSSION**

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FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

DATE REQUESTED: November 13, 2025

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 2.04 Acre-Feet

TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):	TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):
<u>San Antonio Water Company</u> Name of Party	<u>Fontana Water Company</u> Name of Party
<u>139 N. Euclid Avenue</u> Street Address	<u>15966 Arrow Route</u> Street Address
<u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u> City State Zip Code	<u>Fontana</u> <u>CA</u> <u>92335</u> City State Zip Code
<u>909.982.4107</u> Telephone	<u>909-822-2201</u> Telephone
<u>NA</u> Facsimile	<u>909-823-5046</u> Facsimile

Have any other transfers been approved by Watermaster between these parties covering the same fiscal year?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PURPOSE OF TRANSFER:**

- ☐ Pump when other sources of supply are curtailed  
☐ Pump to meet current or future demand over and above production right  
☐ Pump as necessary to stabilize future assessment amounts  
☒ Other, explain Meet SAWCO shareholders entitlement for Calendar Year 2025 and satisfy FWC overproduction.

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM:**

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☐ Storage  
☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield first, then any additional from Storage  
☐ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO:**

- ☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield (common)  
☐ Storage (rare)  
☐ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.")** Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account? Yes ☒ No ☐

**IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:**

Varies

Projected Rate of Recapture

FY 2025/2026

Projected Duration of Recapture

**METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):**

Pumping

**PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:**

Chino Basin Management Zone 3

**LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):**

N/A

**WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS**

Are the Parties aware of any water quality issues that exist in the area? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please explain:

In 2025, Perchlorate and Nitrate levels were as high as 6.9 ppb and 10.0 ppm respectively.

What are the existing water levels in the areas that are likely to be affected?

Static water levels ranged from 321 to 674 feet (bgs) as of October 2025.

**MATERIAL PHYSICAL INJURY**

Are any of the recapture wells located within Management Zone 1? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the Applicant aware of any potential Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin that may be caused by the action covered by the application? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what are the proposed mitigation measures, if any, that might reasonably be imposed to ensure that the action does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin?

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**SAID TRANSFER SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON:**

- (1) Transferee shall exercise said right on behalf of Transferor under the terms of the Judgment, the Peace Agreement, the Peace II Agreement, and the Management Zone 1 Subsidence Management Plan for the period described above. The first water produced in any year shall be that produced pursuant to carry-over rights defined in the Judgment. After production of its carry-over rights, if any, the next (or first if no carry-over rights) water produced by Transferee from the Chino Basin shall be that produced hereunder.
- (2) Transferee shall put all waters utilized pursuant to said Transfer to reasonable beneficial use.
- (3) Transferee shall pay all Watermaster assessments on account of the water production hereby Transferred.
- (4) Any Transferee not already a party must Intervene and become a party to the Judgment.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

Yes ☒ No ☐

Brian C. Lee  
Seller / Transferor Representative Signature

Brian C. Lee  
Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)

Martin Zvirbulis  
Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature

Martin Zvirbulis, Vice President  
Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY WATERMASTER STAFF:**

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HEARING DATE, IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER***

# **NOTICE**

**OF**

## **APPLICATION(S)**

**RECEIVED FOR**

## **TRANSFER OF WATER**

Date of Notice:

December 5, 2025

This notice is to advise interested persons that the attached application(s) will come before the Watermaster Board on or after 30 days from the date of this notice.

## **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF WATER**

The attached staff report will be included in the meeting package at the time the transfer begins the Watermaster process.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION(S) RECEIVED

Date of Application: **November 13, 2025**      Date of this notice: **December 05, 2025**

Please take notice that the following Application has been received by Watermaster:

- Notice of Sale or Transfer – The purchase of 2.04 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company by Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from San Antonio Water Company's Annual Production Right. Fontana Water Company is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares.

This **Application** will first be considered by each of the respective pool committees on the following dates:

Appropriative Pool:      December 11, 2025

Non-Agricultural Pool:      December 11, 2025

Agricultural Pool:      December 11, 2025

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – 738.05 AF from San Antonio Water Company to City of Upland (Consent Calendar Item I.G.)

Issue: To consider the Consolidate Water Transfer Forms for the sale and transfer of 738.05 acre-feet of water from San Antonio Water Company to City of Upland. This purchase is requested to be transferred from San Antonio Water Company's Annual Production Right. City of Upland is utilizing this transaction to produce its San Antonio Water Company shares. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

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### ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Non-Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]: Approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

On July 13, 2000, the Court approved the Peace Agreement, the Implementation Plan, and the goals and objectives identified in the OBMP Phase I Report and ordered Watermaster to proceed in a manner consistent with the Peace Agreement. Under the Peace Agreement, Watermaster approval is required for applications to store, recapture, recharge, or transfer water, as well as for applications for credits or reimbursements, and storage and recovery programs.

Where there is no Material Physical Injury, Watermaster must approve the transaction. Where the request for Watermaster approval is submitted by a Party to the Judgment, there is a rebuttable presumption, under the Peace Agreement, that most of the transactions do not result in Material Physical Injury to a Party of the Judgment or the Basin (Storage and Recovery Programs do not have this presumption).

The date of this application is November 13, 2025. Notice of the transaction along with the materials submitted by the requestors was transmitted to stakeholders electronically on December 5, 2025.

## **DISCUSSION**

Beyond confirmation of the source of the water to be transferred (Annual Production Right, Supplemental Water, or Excess Carryover), Watermaster will evaluate the eventual disposition of the transferred water (e.g. production, storage, etc.) at the end of the production year and account for the same consistent with the Watermaster Guidance Documents.

Water transactions occur each year and are included as production by the respective entity (if produced) in any relevant analysis conducted by West Yost pursuant to the Peace Agreement and the Rules & Regulations. There is no indication that additional analysis regarding this transaction is necessary at this time. As part of the OBMP Implementation Plan, measurement of groundwater levels and ground level changes are ongoing, and based on current data, there is no indication that the proposed water transaction will cause Material Physical Injury to a Party of the Judgment, or to the Basin.

Pursuant to the Rules & Regulations, “The Application shall not be considered by the Advisory Committee until at least twenty-one (21) days after the last of the three Pool Committee meetings to consider the matter.” Therefore, this application will be presented to the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board at their January 2026 meetings respectively.

At the Pool Committee meetings held on December 11, 2025, the Appropriative and Overlying (Agricultural) Pools unanimously recommended Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to approve the proposed transaction; the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool unanimously recommended its representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes they deem appropriate.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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**CONSOLIDATED WATER TRANSFER FORMS:**  
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**FORM 5: APPLICATION TO TRANSFER ANNUAL PRODUCTION RIGHT OR SAFE YIELD**

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

**DATE REQUESTED:** November 13, 2025

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** 738.05 Acre-Feet

<p><b>TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):</b></p> <p><u>San Antonio Water Company</u> Name of Party</p> <p><u>139 N. Euclid Avenue</u> Street Address</p> <p><u>Upland</u>                      <u>CA</u>                      <u>91786</u> City                                      State                      Zip Code</p> <p><u>909.982.4107</u> Telephone</p> <p><u>NA</u> Facsimile</p>	<p><b>TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):</b></p> <p><u>City of Upland</u> Name of Party</p> <p><u>1370 N. Benson Ave</u> Street Address</p> <p><u>Upland</u>                      <u>CA</u>                      <u>91786</u> City                                      State                      Zip Code</p> <p><u>909-291-2966</u> Telephone</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Facsimile</p>
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Have any other transfers been approved by Watermaster between these parties covering the same fiscal year?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PURPOSE OF TRANSFER:**

- ☐ Pump when other sources of supply are curtailed
- ☐ Pump to meet current or future demand over and above production right
- ☐ Pump as necessary to stabilize future assessment amounts
- ☒ Other, explain Meet SAWCO entitlement for Calendar Year 2025

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM:**

- ☐ Annual Production Right (Appropriative Pool) or Operating Safe Yield (Non-Agricultural Pool)
- ☐ Storage
- ☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield first, then any additional from Storage
- ☐ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO:**

- ☒ Annual Production Right / Operating Safe Yield (common)
- ☐ Storage (rare)
- ☐ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.")**Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account?

Yes ☒ No ☐**IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:**700-1,000 gpm

Projected Rate of Recapture

Projected Duration of Recapture

**METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):**Pumping**PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:**Regular Production Wells**LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):****WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS**

Are the Parties aware of any water quality issues that exist in the area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain:

What are the existing water levels in the areas that are likely to be affected?

**MATERIAL PHYSICAL INJURY**

Are any of the recapture wells located within Management Zone 1?

Yes ☐ No ☒Is the Applicant aware of any potential Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin that may be caused by the action covered by the application? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what are the proposed mitigation measures, if any, that might reasonably be imposed to ensure that the action does not result in Material Physical Injury to a party to the Judgment or the Basin?

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

Yes ☒ No ☐

Brian C. Lee

Seller / Transferor Representative Signature

Brian C. Lee

Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)

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Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature

Stephen Parker

Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

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The attached staff report will be included in the meeting package at the time the transfer begins the Watermaster process.



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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: Application: Water Transaction – 738.05 AF from City of Upland to Fontana Water Company (Consent Calendar Item I.H.)

Issue: To consider the Consolidate Water Transfer Forms for the sale and transfer of 738.05 acre-feet of water from City of Upland to Fontana Water Company. This purchase is requested to be transferred from City of Upland's Annual Production Right. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Provide advice and assistance to the Watermaster Board on the proposed transaction.

Financial Impact: None.

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### ACTIONS:

Appropriative Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Non-Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Agricultural Pool – December 11, 2025 [Final]: Provided advice and assistance.

Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]: Advice and assistance.

Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]: Approval.

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The date of this application is November 26, 2025. Notice of the transaction along with the materials submitted by the requestors was transmitted to stakeholders electronically on December 5, 2025.

## **DISCUSSION**

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FISCAL YEAR 20~~25~~ - 20~~26~~

DATE REQUESTED: November 26, 2025

AMOUNT REQUESTED: 738.05 Acre-Feet

TRANSFER FROM (SELLER / TRANSFEROR):	TRANSFER TO (BUYER / TRANSFEREE):
<u>City of Upland</u>	<u>Fontana Water Company</u>
Name of Party	Name of Party
<u>460 N Euclid Ave</u>	<u>15966 Arrow Route</u>
Street Address	Street Address
<u>Upland</u> <u>CA</u> <u>91786</u>	<u>Fontana</u> <u>CA.</u> <u>92335</u>
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code
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Telephone	Telephone
<u></u>	<u>(909) 823-5046</u>
Facsimile	Facsimile

Have any other transfers been approved by Watermaster between these parties covering the same fiscal year?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PURPOSE OF TRANSFER:**

- ☐ Pump when other sources of supply are curtailed
- ☒ Pump to meet current or future demand over and above production right
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- ☐ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM:**

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**IS THE 85/15 RULE EXPECTED TO APPLY? (If yes, all answers below must be "yes.")**

Is the Buyer an 85/15 Party?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the purpose of the transfer to meet a current demand over and above production right?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the water being placed into the Buyer's Annual Account?

Yes ☒ No ☐**IF WATER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE:**Varies2025-2026

Projected Rate of Recapture

Projected Duration of Recapture

**METHOD OF RECAPTURE (e.g. pumping, exchange, etc.):**Pumping**PLACE OF USE OF WATER TO BE RECAPTURED:**Chino Basin Management Zone 3**LOCATION OF RECAPTURE FACILITIES (IF DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES):**N/A**WATER QUALITY AND WATER LEVELS**

Are the Parties aware of any water quality issues that exist in the area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please explain:

In 2025, perchlorate and nitrate levels ranged as high as 6.9 ppb and 9.3 ppm respectively.

What are the existing water levels in the areas that are likely to be affected?

Static Water Levels ranging from 317 feet (bgs) to 677 feet (bgs) as of May 2025.**MATERIAL PHYSICAL INJURY**

Are any of the recapture wells located within Management Zone 1?

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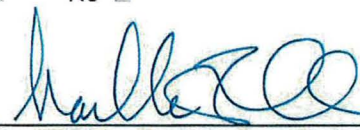
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

Yes ☐ No ☒

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Seller / Transferor Representative Signature  
MICHAEL BLAY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Seller / Transferor Representative Name (Printed)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer / Transferee Representative Signature  
Martin Zvirbulis, Vice President - Water Resources  
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Buyer / Transferee Representative Name (Printed)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY WATERMASTER STAFF:**

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## **APPLICATION(S)**

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## **TRANSFER OF WATER**

Date of Notice:

December 5, 2025

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## **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF WATER**

The attached staff report will be included in the meeting package at the time the transfer begins the Watermaster process.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION(S) RECEIVED

Date of Application: **November 26, 2025**      Date of this notice: **December 05, 2025**

Please take notice that the following Application has been received by Watermaster:

- Notice of Sale or Transfer – The purchase of 738.05 acre-feet of water from City of Upland by Fontana Water Company. This purchase is made from City of Upland's Annual Production Right.

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Appropriative Pool:              December 11, 2025

Non-Agricultural Pool:          December 11, 2025

Agricultural Pool:                December 11, 2025

This **Application** will be scheduled for consideration by the Advisory Committee ***no earlier than thirty days from the date of this notice and a minimum of twenty-one calendar days*** after the last pool committee reviews it.

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026  
TO: Advisory Committee Members  
SUBJECT: Chino Basin Watermaster 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2024/25) (Business Item II.A.)

Issue: Watermaster is required annually to file an Annual Report with the Court. The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual report (Fiscal Year 2024/25) has been drafted. [Within WM Duties and Powers]

Recommendation: Recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, and direct staff to file a copy with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

Financial Impact: The costs of preparing the Annual Report and filing it with the Court are included in the Watermaster Fiscal Year 2025/26 approved budget as required to be in compliance with the Restated Judgment.

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### **ACTIONS:**

**Appropriative Pool – January 08, 2026 [Final]:** Provided advice and assistance.  
**Non-Agricultural Pool – January 08, 2026 [Final]:** Provided advice and assistance.  
**Agricultural Pool – January 08, 2026 [Final]:** Provided advice and assistance.  
**Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]:** Advice and assistance.  
**Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]:** Adopt and direct staff to file a copy with the Court.

## **BACKGROUND**

Paragraph 48 of the Restated Judgment requires that Watermaster file an Annual Report with the Court by January 31st each year. The Restated Judgment states that the Report shall apply to the preceding fiscal years' operations, contain details as to operation of the Pools, contain a certified audit of assessments and expenditures pursuant to this Physical Solution, and a review of Watermaster activities.

## **DISCUSSION**

The 48th Annual Report covering fiscal year 2024/25 has been drafted. The report summarizes Watermaster's activities during the fiscal year and includes the annual audit. In November 2025, the Watermaster Parties decided to delay approving the Assessment Package due to several unresolved issues. Once those issues are resolved, and the Assessment Package is approved, the Assessment Package and associated appendices to the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Report will be inserted into the Filing. Once adopted by the Board, the Annual Report will be filed with the Court.

At their January 8, 2026 Pool meetings, the Appropriative Pool Committee unanimously recommended the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Watermaster Board to adopt the report and direct staff to file it with the Court. The Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool directed its representatives to support at the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board meetings subject to changes which they deem necessary. The Overlying (Agricultural Pool) unanimously recommended the Advisory Committee to recommend the Watermaster Board to adopt the report and direct staff to file it with the Court, contingent upon Watermaster staff distributing the Draft Annual Report to its Pool members.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Final Draft of the CBWM 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2024/25)





CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

# 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25



SUPPORTING MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF  
PARTNERSHIPS AND SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



# WATERMASTER AND BASIN MILESTONES

## 1970s

*Conflicts over water threaten supply reliability, water quality, and the regional economy. In 1973, a pump tax is enacted to raise money to implement recharge projects.*

## 1978

*Chino Basin is adjudicated and the Chino Basin Municipal Water District Board is appointed as Watermaster. Planning and funding are initiated to manage the Basin.*

## 1998

*The nine-member Watermaster Board is created and tasked with developing the Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP).*

## 1999

*The first OBMP provides a detailed blueprint to ensure a reliable water supply and quality.*

## 2000

*Stakeholders enter into the Peace Agreement, advancing the OBMP Implementation Plan. Basin monitoring begins in earnest, as does the first desalter expansion.*

## 2002

*The Recharge Master Plan implementation and funding agreement advances the \$40 million Chino Basin Facilities Project, securing grant funding for approximately half the cost.*

## 2004

*Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) adopts the Max Benefit Salinity Management Program, enabling a massive recycled water and supplemental water recharge program and desalter expansion to achieve Hydraulic Control.*

## 2007

*Stakeholders enter into the Peace II Agreement for a second desalter expansion to meet the Maximum Benefit commitments, securing millions in grant funding and hundreds of millions in cost savings and benefits.*

## 2013

*The 2013 Amendment to the 2010 Recharge Master Plan Update (RMPU) reflects providers' revised Urban Water Management Plans, forming the foundation for cost-effective recharge using storm, imported, and recycled water to improve water quality and ensure a reliable supply. Recharge improvement projects begin.*

## 2016

*The Chino Basin Desalter Authority demonstrates Hydraulic Control. Desalter expansion continues.*

## 2018

*Appeals to the first Safe Yield Reset Court Order conclude, and the first Safe Yield Reset is adopted effective 2011; Safe Yield is set at 135,000 acre-feet per year.*

## 2020

*The 2020 OBMP is developed with stakeholder input and adopted by the Watermaster Board, updating the 20-year-old document. The Court orders a second Safe Yield Reset, setting the Safe Yield at 131,000 acre-feet per year.*

## 2021

*The Court approves an expansion of the current Storage Management Plan, from 500,000 acre-feet to 700,000 acre-feet, until 2030.*

## 2023

*Adaptive Management strategies are adopted, further increasing local water reserves.*

## 2024

*The Environmental Impact Report for the OBMP Update is certified.*

# A MESSAGE FROM CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

## A YEAR OF TRANSITIONS AND PROGRESS

Once again, Chino Basin experienced a year defined by changes and transitions, both expected and unforeseen. All year, Watermaster has worked to meet the ongoing challenges for local water management, guided by our commitment to our core principles and management practices:

- **Adaptive management.** Whether reacting to the ongoing challenges of a shifting hydrologic cycle or planning for the impacts of continued development in the Basin, Watermaster remains dedicated to using adaptive management principles to sustainably manage our changing water landscape.
- **Productive stakeholder engagement.** By maintaining broad, effective engagement, the Watermaster Board, Pools, and Committees ensured an environment of openness and dialogue in addressing issues such as changes in hydrology, water use projections, and contract interpretations.
- **Collaboration.** Our most essential tool remains the broad spirit of collaboration among the Parties and stakeholders, which helps us navigate complex interests and manage the Basin responsibly.

These guiding principles led to progress on several critical projects in 2024–25.

- **The Court-ordered 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation Report is substantially complete.** The report is undergoing a comprehensive independent peer review based on a scope of work approved by the Board and developed by Watermaster staff in conjunction with the Parties this year.
- **Work on the OBMP continues to advance.** Watermaster remains focused on effective long-term management and has updated the Chino Valley groundwater model and advanced discussions on adapting long-term recharge strategies, including measures to mitigate the potential loss of recharge areas that are currently in use.
- **Ongoing improvements to operational efficiency and effectiveness** this year include increased budget transparency and technology changes that save money and improve our connections with stakeholders.

The progress described in this Annual Report is possible only because of the collaboration and commitment exhibited by all stakeholders in the Basin. Thanks to the dedication and support of the Watermaster Board, Advisory Committee, Pools, and staff, I am confident that we are well positioned to adapt to all the changes we see ahead and to sustainably manage the Basin for the benefit of all stakeholders. I look forward to charting this future with you.

**Todd M. Corbin**  
**General Manager, Chino Basin Watermaster**

PARTNERS IN BASIN MANAGEMENT



# ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

## SAFE YIELD REEVALUATION FOR A CHANGING BASIN

*The Safe Yield Reevaluation (SYR) is the most significant initiative of fiscal year (FY) 2024–25. This in-depth, Court-mandated review of the Chino Basin’s sustainable pumping limit is the first since 2020. Current analyses indicate that conditions have shifted.*

**Watermaster hosted three workshops in FY 2024-25, which served as pivotal forums for collaboration and transparency.** Participants reviewed preliminary modeling results, collaborated to finalize scenarios of projected conditions, and discussed thresholds for evaluating unacceptable impacts from pumping behaviors known as Material Physical Injury (MPI). All feedback was circulated and integrated into the documents, reinforcing basin-wide consensus.

**Water Plan Scenarios were developed for each agency, outlining scenarios for expected, low, and high water use.** These scenarios, a central feature of the SYR, combine historical pumping, conservation data, and projected demands and climate conditions in the Chino Valley Model. Stakeholders aligned Watermaster’s projections with their current estimates of water supplies and demands to ensure consistent, collaboratively validated assumptions.

**Reduced irrigation and pumping have reduced Basin recharge and, in turn, the Safe Yield.** Watermaster’s and the municipal agencies’ conservation and recharge goals have created a paradox of success: storage levels are at record highs and water conservation is strong, yet both conditions reduce the incidental recharge to the Basin. In addition, changing rainfall patterns and growth of impervious land cover are diminishing natural recharge. These cumulative effects led to a reduction in the net recharge into the Basin.

As part of standard Safe Yield review practice, the Watermaster Board requested an independent peer review. This review will ensure the analysis is scientifically sound, enhance transparency, and increase the confidence of the Court and stakeholders.

**The technical work for the determination of the Safe Yield is expected by December 2025.** In the coming months, Watermaster will collaborate in completing the Board-directed peer review and finalizing the technical models to determine the Safe Yield. The results will then undergo stakeholder review and discussion.



**THE FINAL SYR WILL PROVIDE A SCIENTIFICALLY VALIDATED, BROADLY SUPPORTED FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE NEXT DECADE.**



## FROM RECORD DROUGHT TO RECORD RECHARGE

*Exceptional recharge has positioned the Basin in a strong hydrologic position entering 2025. Groundwater levels are up, storage is high, and the Basin remains balanced despite massive climatic swings. These conditions and adaptive pumping operations enhance drought resilience and help maintain Hydraulic Control, preventing unwanted groundwater outflow.*

### RECHARGE OPPORTUNITIES IN A TIME OF EXTREMES

**Turning two wet years into long-term reliability.** After the driest 24-year period on record (1999–2022), the Chino Basin experienced two very wet years, and Watermaster made every drop count. Thanks to basin-wide coordination and years of infrastructure preparation, Watermaster managed to recharge and store about 156,000 acre-feet of water over these two years. During the current fiscal year, recharge efforts added about 40,000 acre-feet to the Basin despite below-average rainfall.

### INCREASED STORAGE LIMITS WILL ALLOW GREATER OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY

By the end of FY 2023–24, total managed groundwater storage had climbed to roughly 709,000 acre-feet, an all-time high that exceeded the then-current Safe Storage Capacity in the Chino Basin, a Court-approved volume limit for managed groundwater storage.

In December 2024, Watermaster filed a court motion to increase the Chino Basin's Safe Storage Capacity to 900,000 acre-feet, a volume determined to be non-injurious based on recent technical work. In January 2025, the Court approved the increase through June 30, 2040, ensuring that Watermaster Parties have the flexibility to add to their storage accounts in wet years without harming the Basin.

## ECONOMIC STUDY WILL PROVIDE CLARITY ON MANAGEMENT COSTS AND BENEFITS

**Identifying the costs and benefits of different management choices.** Watermaster launched a comprehensive economic study to evaluate financial and economic factors in Chino Basin water management. This study is intended to inform long-term planning and decision-making by clarifying the economic costs and benefits of various management actions.

*San Bernardino Mountains and the valley below.*



**NEAR-RECORD STORAGE LEVELS CONFIRMED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WATERMASTER'S ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT, WHICH IS KEEPING THE BASIN STABLE THROUGH RECORD-SETTING VARIABILITY.**



# PLANNING FOR THE BASIN'S NEXT CHAPTER

*Watermaster introduces forecasting and regulatory updates to guide the next generation of Basin management.*

## RENEWAL OF PEACE AGREEMENTS AND THE WATER RIGHTS & REPLENISHMENT FORECASTING (WRRF) TOOL

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF BASIN MANAGEMENT

The Peace (2000) and Peace II (2007) Agreements marked major milestones in Chino Basin history, establishing Watermaster's governance framework and enabling broad regional cooperation.

Peace II also delivered major benefits, including construction of the desalters, creation of 400,000 acre-feet of increased storage capacity in the Basin, and water supply and quality savings worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

In late FY 2023–24, Watermaster reminded the Parties that they must meet by December 31, 2025, to consider continuing or modifying the Peace Agreements. Either the Agricultural or the Appropriative Pool may also choose to unilaterally extend the agreements by up to 30 years.

### WRRF TOOL BRINGS A NEW ERA OF DATA-DRIVEN WATER MANAGEMENT

The WRRF tool is a new analytical platform supporting negotiations for the renewal of the Peace Agreements. The WRRF models water rights transfers, managed storage, and replenishment obligations between Parties. Users can adjust variables such as desalter pumping, land use changes, and voluntary agreements while visualizing impacts on production rights and storage balances.

In October 2024, Watermaster hosted hands-on stakeholder workshops to demonstrate the tool and gather feedback. That feedback was used to further refine the tool's interface and ensure that its logic reflects real-world operations.

**The WRRF tool provides a fact-based, transparent framework to evaluate potential rule changes** and supports informed negotiation under the evolving Peace Agreements. The WRRF tool is expected to play a vital role in shaping future water allocation strategies and enhancing transparency in basin-wide planning.



*The Prado Basin.*



# PROGRESS ON THE BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT SNMP

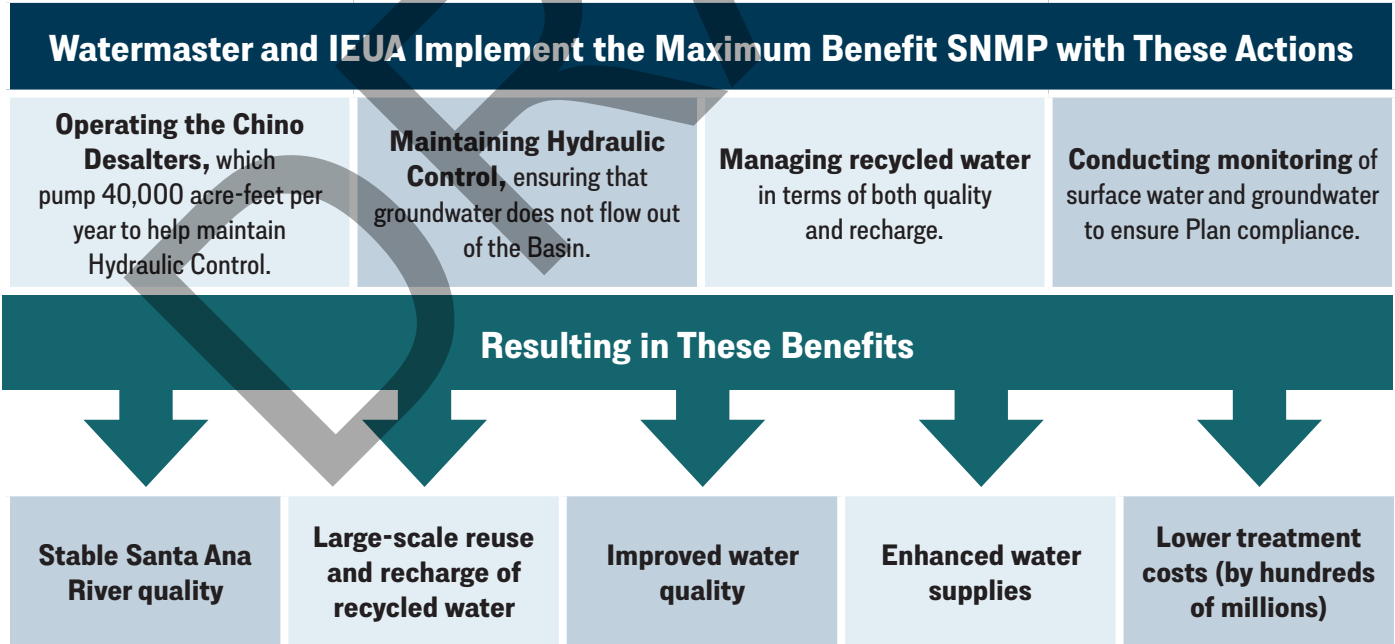
*A multi-year partnership to protect the Santa Ana River and sustain Chino Basin water quality for the future.*

The Chino Basin Watermaster and Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), in coordination with the Santa Ana Water Board, are leading a multi-year effort to amend the Basin Plan and update the Maximum Benefit Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP), first adopted in 2004.

**The SNMP allows the use of recycled water for recharge and reuse while maintaining Hydraulic Control and protecting Santa Ana River water quality.** The amendment modernizes salt management by revising IEUA's recycled water salinity compliance metric from a one-year to a 10-year volume-weighted average, which avoids unnecessarily triggering mitigations during droughts. It also incorporates planned recycled water use by the Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD), extending program benefits while maintaining water quality safeguards.

**In FY 2024-25, the Maximum Benefit Agencies—Watermaster, IEUA, and JCSD—supported Santa Ana Water Board staff in preparing a fully accessible amendment package.** The package is under final review, with peer review expected by November 2025. Once approved and adopted, the Basin Plan Amendment will support long-term Basin water quality and reliability.

THE BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT IS MOVING TOWARD ADOPTION, ENSURING THE BASIN'S WATER QUALITY AND RELIABILITY FOR DECADES TO COME.



# CONTINUED RECHARGE AND STORAGE IMPROVEMENTS

*Thanks to proactive management and planning, productive partnerships, and sustained investments, the Basin's extensive system of recharge basins continues to grow, along with storage capacity.*

## SUSTAINED INVESTMENTS IMPROVE THE BASIN'S RECHARGE THROUGH 2013 AND 2023 RMPUs

**Watermaster has made substantial, long-term investments in the Basin's Recharge Program** since the first Recharge Master Plan was adopted in 2003. Notable improvements to basins owned by the San Bernardino County Flood Control District include automated gates, inflatable dams, retention berms, new pump and conveyance systems, and expanded monitoring equipment.

**The Recharge Investigation and Projects Committee (RIPComm) met four times** during FY 2024–25 to review progress on the RMPU and related projects, maintaining oversight and coordination among agencies.

## RECORD RECHARGE FROM COORDINATED OVERSIGHT AND WET-YEAR CONDITIONS

RIPComm oversight, the launch of the Storage and Recovery Master Plan, and favorable wet-year conditions together produced exceptional results. The 2024–25 water year was among the top ten years for recharge in the last half century. Because of the strong recharge rates, Watermaster expects to meet recycled water dilution requirements through approximately 2033 even if no imported water is available for dilution.



## THREE MAJOR BASIN PROJECTS COMPLETED OR MOVING TOWARD COMPLETION

**The newly completed Lower Day Basin expanded Chino Basin's stormwater recharge network in August 2024.** This increased recharge capacity reflects years of work under the RMPU and demonstrates the value of Basin-wide collaboration.

**Montclair Basins project was delayed, but gained additional funding.** The project was delayed due to permitting and coordination for Dry Year Yield operations. In June 2025, IEUA received notice of \$1.3 million in anticipated Bureau of Reclamation funding, with construction now projected for December 2026.

**Wineville/Jurupa/RP3 stormwater capture improvements are substantially complete and remain on track for completion in Spring 2026.** The \$29 million project connects the three basins with new pump stations and pipelines, enabling the low-percolation Wineville Basin to temporarily store stormwater before pumping it to the higher-percolation basin RP3. This will speed infiltration, increase stormwater capture, and reduce bypass flows when individual basins reach capacity.

*Lower Day Basin.*

# PARTNERSHIPS STRENGTHEN RECHARGE PROGRAM

**Coordination with the County on Turner Basin site continues.** With the Turner site being contemplated for future development, Watermaster partnered with the County of San Bernardino to assess nearby basins and lands for retrofit options. The Board also approved an engineering study to identify alternative recharge concepts, laying the groundwork for future multi-agency capital projects.

**Watermaster and IEUA also advanced projects beyond the 2013 RMPU,** including monitoring upgrades and habitat initiatives that support long-term recharge and environmental performance.

# DRY YEAR YIELD (DYY) PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BENEFIT THE BASIN

**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California recharged about 14,163 acre-feet of imported water into the Basin** through the DYY Program in 2024-25.

*DESPITE EXTREME HYDROLOGIC SWINGS FROM DROUGHT TO HEAVY RAINFALL, WATERMASTER AND IEUA HAVE RECHARGED OVER 1.1 MILLION ACRE-FEET SINCE 1978.*



*Managed storage has risen consistently over the last quarter century.*



# DATA-DRIVEN MANAGEMENT & INNOVATION

*Watermaster is expanding its use of data and analytical tools to guide science-based decisions across the Basin. From enhanced monitoring networks to advanced modeling for Safe Yield, salinity, and replenishment forecasting, these efforts build a real-time understanding of Basin conditions and future scenarios.*

**Watermaster emphasizes data collection and analytical tools that support science-driven decision-making.** Examples include expansive monitoring networks (surface water and groundwater), sophisticated modeling for Safe Yield and salinity projections, and the WRRF forecasting tool.

Watermaster installed 38 new meters to improve production data accuracy.

## DATA ARE KEY TO ADAPTIVE WATER MANAGEMENT

*Watermaster is embracing cutting-edge technology to better understand and manage our vital groundwater resources.*

### 30 LOCATIONS

for Surface Water Monitoring

### 1,240 WELLS

for Groundwater Level Monitoring

### 190 SITES

for Ground-Level Monitoring

### 420 WELLS

for Groundwater Production Monitoring

### 1,100 WELLS

for Groundwater Quality Monitoring

### 250 SAMPLES

for Groundwater Recharge Monitoring

### 40+ YEARS

of Vegetation Monitoring Data from Satellites.

### PRADO BASIN HABITAT REMAINS STABLE

Watermaster works through the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Program (PBHSP) to protect natural streamside habitats while managing Prado Basin water. The program tracks groundwater, surface water, and plant health to make sure water projects don't harm the environment.

**Extensive monitoring showed that overall habitat conditions remain mostly stable in the Prado Basin through 2024-25.** However, some areas, especially along Mill Creek, showed slight vegetation declines that will be checked in upcoming field surveys. Groundwater levels in northern Mill Creek have slightly declined over the monitoring period but have rebounded about 50 percent. No special actions are needed at this time.

**The PBHSP committee met twice this year to review results and plan next year's work and budget.**



South Prado Basin.



## CHINO CREEK MONITORING PROGRAM LAUNCHES WITH COLLABORATIVE, COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACH

*Rapid action delivers high-quality data to cost-effectively protect a potentially impaired creek.*

### RESPONDING QUICKLY TO A WATER QUALITY CONCERN

In 2024, the State and the Santa Ana Water Board identified Chino Creek Reach 1B as lacking sufficient data and could be designated as impaired. This reach, which overlies the Chino Basin and receives recycled water discharges, is critical to maintaining compliance with the Maximum Benefit SNMP. To avoid costly new regulatory actions, Watermaster and IEUA acted quickly to collect data to prevent future restrictions on recycled water use in the Basin.

Working with the Santa Ana Water Board staff, Watermaster and IEUA developed the Chino Creek Monitoring Program Work Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plans. Finalized in July 2024, the Plans set clear objectives and strict data standards to ensure credible, regulator-ready results.

The Monitoring Program launched in August 2024, with monthly sampling at eight sites along San Antonio Creek and Chino Creek. It tracks a variety of constituents with established regulatory water quality objectives and evaluates sources of dissolved minerals.

This year, Watermaster uploaded data to the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). Monitoring will continue through FY 2026–27, with annual reviews to refine methods. After three years, Watermaster and IEUA will release a comprehensive trend report to guide future monitoring and focus resources where they provide the greatest value.

### MZ-1 PROGRAM: KEEPING THE GROUND STABLE THROUGH PROACTIVE MANAGEMENT

**Watermaster's MZ-1 Program continues to successfully manage land subsidence through comprehensive monitoring and adaptive management.** Since 2007, subsidence in the MZ-1 Managed Area has been largely stabilized, though localized movement persists in Northwest MZ-1. To address this, Watermaster expanded its Ground-Level Monitoring Program and implemented an updated Subsidence Management Plan. Ongoing efforts include high-resolution water-level monitoring, Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) analyses, extensometer maintenance, and elevation surveys, ensuring early detection and effective response to ground movement.

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**QUICK COORDINATION AND HIGH-QUALITY DATA COLLECTION POSITIONED THE BASIN TO PROTECT COMPLIANCE AND SAVE COSTS.**

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*Testing groundwater quality.*



# WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER BASIN

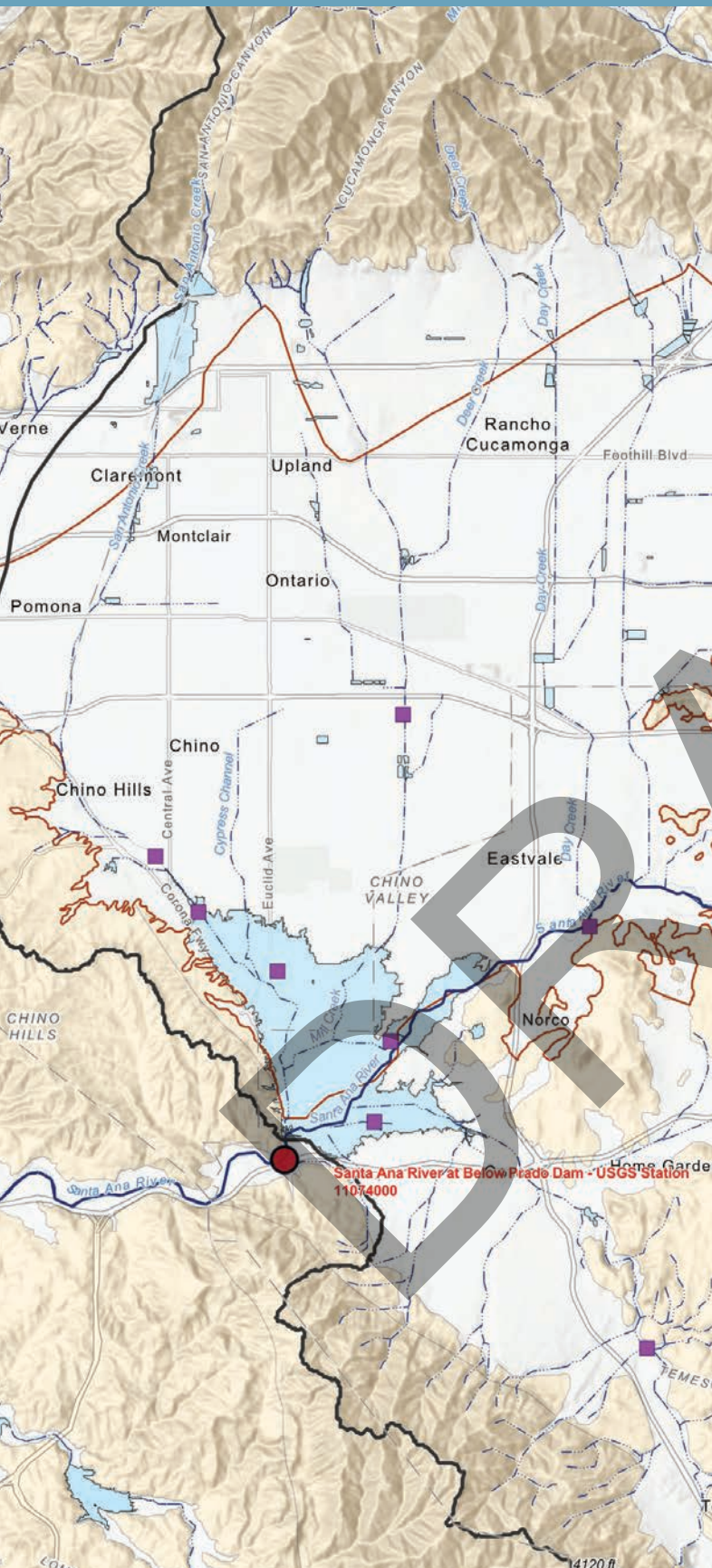


Image from the new interactive StoryMap format of the State of the Basin Report.

## COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

### BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THAT STRENGTHEN BASIN MANAGEMENT

**Watermaster continues to focus on supporting strong collaboration between stakeholders**, including IEUA, retail agencies, and regulatory partners. Joint work—for example, on the Chino Creek Monitoring Program, Safe Yield Reevaluation workshops, and the Basin Plan Amendment for the SNMP—showcased how shared science and transparent discussions move Basin management forward.

**Through regular pool and committee meetings, workshops, and joint technical studies, Watermaster fostered open communication and built consensus around complex issues.** This cooperative model continues to build trust among all Parties—a key ingredient as Watermaster prepares for upcoming negotiations on agreements that will shape the Basin's long-term future.

### MAKING WATER MANAGEMENT CLEAR AND ACCESSIBLE

Watermaster continued to expand outreach and education to make its technical work easier to understand and its public value more visible to regulators, pool members, and the public. Staff-led field tours and workshops helped connect daily operations to long-term Basin goals. Visual dashboards and the WRRF tool workshops simplified complex water-accounting concepts, assisting Parties to see how decisions affect Basin outcomes.

### STATE OF THE BASIN REPORT

**Modernizing how we share basin information.** In June 2025, Watermaster released a draft of the 2024 State of the Basin Report in a new, interactive StoryMap format. The online platform integrates maps, graphics, and narratives to communicate Basin conditions. This dynamic, web-based format makes information easier to explore and share, and includes a downloadable PDF for reference. By combining data and storytelling, Watermaster is helping both technical users and the public better understand how Basin management sustains regional water reliability.

## STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

*Watermaster is committed to rigorous financial planning and efficiency, supporting sound fiscal policies that define effective Basin management.*

### STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL POLICIES AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT

This year, Watermaster advanced its financial management with key policy updates. The Board adopted an updated Investment Policy and revised the Excess Cash Reserve Policy, refining the calculation of reserve balances and establishing an annual Board adoption process. Following recommendations from the Pools and the Advisory Committee, the Board also retained the \$1.374 million excess cash reserve in case it is needed for an ongoing recharge project, pending completion of the FY 2025–26 budget process.

### ADVANCING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Watermaster implemented technology upgrades by improving the agency's online payroll software, an upgrade projected to save approximately \$5,000 annually, while transitioning the office phone system to Microsoft Teams. This change replaced legacy VOIP phones, improved system reliability, flexibility, and strengthened day-to-day communication with stakeholders.

### CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIPS AND SERVICE MILESTONES

Watermaster marked several important milestones by adopting proclamations honoring the 70th anniversary of the Cucamonga Valley Water District and the 75th anniversary of the IEUA—commending both agencies for their enduring collaboration and significant contributions to the Chino Basin.

**Watermaster also recognized two of its longest-serving team members, Justin Nakano and Frank Yoo, for 20 years of dedicated service.** Their deep institutional knowledge and long-standing commitment are indispensable to Watermaster's daily operations and the effective management of the Basin.

## STAFF FIELD TOURS OFFER INVALUABLE FIRSTHAND INSIGHTS

Watermaster staff participated in field tours across Chino Basin facilities—including recharge basins, treatment plants, and monitoring sites—to strengthen understanding, collaboration, and professional development. These hands-on visits provided firsthand exposure to groundwater replenishment, water treatment, and subsidence monitoring, bridging the gap between office-based analyses and real-world operations.





# WATERMASTER GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP – CALENDAR YEAR 2025

## Watermaster Board

### Agricultural Pool Representatives

REPRESENTATIVE	MEMBER ENTITY
<b>Jeff Pierson</b> , Vice-Chair	Crops
Alternate: <b>Bob Feenstra</b>	Dairy
<b>Jimmy Medrano</b>	State of CA
Alternate: <b>Lewis Callahan</b>	State of CA

### Non-Agricultural Pool Representatives

<b>Bob Bowcock</b> , Secretary/Treasurer	CalMat Co.
Alternate: <b>Brian Geye</b>	California Speedway Corporation

### Appropriative Pool Representatives

<b>James Curatalo</b> , Chair	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Alternate: <b>Jimmie Moffatt</b>	
<b>Marty Zvirbulis</b>	Fontana Water Company
Alternate: <b>Josh Swift</b>	
<b>Bill Velto</b>	City of Upland
Alternate: <b>Kati Parker</b>	

### Municipal Water District Representatives

<b>Steve Elie</b>	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Alternate: <b>Marco Tule</b>	
<b>Bob Kuhn</b>	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Alternate: <b>David De Jesus</b>	
<b>Mike Gardner</b>	Western Municipal Water District
Alternate: <b>Laura Roughton</b>	

## Staff

<b>Todd Corbin</b>	General Manager
<b>Edgar Tellez Foster</b> , PhD	Water Resources Management & Planning Director
<b>Anna Nelson</b> , CAP, OM, TA	Director of Administration
<b>Justin Nakano</b> , MPA	Water Resources Technical Manager
<b>Frank Yoo</b>	Data Services & Judgment Reporting Manager
<b>Alonso Jurado</b>	Water Resource Associate
<b>Ruby Favela Quintero</b> , CAP	Executive Assistant
<b>Daniela Uriarte</b>	Sr. Accountant
<b>Kirk Richard Dolar</b>	Administrative Analyst
<b>Jordan Garcia</b>	Senior Field Operation Specialist
<b>Erik Vides</b>	Field Operation Specialist

*The representatives and their alternates shown on this page reflect the governance and membership in December 2025. Changes made during the calendar year are tracked by Watermaster and are available upon request.*

## Advisory Committee

### Agricultural Pool Representatives

REPRESENTATIVE	MEMBER ENTITY
<b>Jeff Pierson</b> , Second Vice-Chair	Crops
<b>Ruben Llamas</b> , <b>Paul Hofer</b>	Crops
<b>Nathan deBoom</b> , <b>Henry DeHaan</b> , <b>Robert Feenstra</b> , <b>John Huitsing</b>	Dairy
Alternates to any Crops or Dairy Seat:	
<b>Gino Filippi</b> , <b>Ron LaBrucherie, Jr.</b>	Crops
<b>Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel</b>	Dairy
<b>Tariq Awan</b> , <b>Imelda Cadigal</b> , <b>Jimmy Medrano</b>	State of California
Alternates to any State of California Seat: <b>Carol Boyd</b> , <b>Lewis Callahan</b> , <b>Noah Golden-Krasner</b> , <b>Michael Maeda</b>	

### Non-Agricultural Pool Representatives

<b>Brian Geye</b> , Vice-Chair	California Speedway Corporation
Alternate: <b>Bob Bowcock</b>	CalMat Co.
<b>Kathleen Brundage</b>	California Steel Industries, Inc.
Alternate: <b>Erick Jimenez</b>	
<b>Chad Nishida</b>	City of Ontario (Non-Ag)
Alternate: <b>Alexis Mascarinas</b>	

### Appropriative Pool Representatives

<b>John Bosler</b>	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Alternates: <b>Eduardo Espinoza</b> , Chair	
<b>Amanda Coker</b>	
<b>Hye Jin Lee</b>	City of Chino
Alternates: <b>Keith Lemieux</b> , <b>Ben Orosco</b>	
<b>Ron Craig</b>	City of Chino Hills
Alternate: <b>Mark Wiley</b>	
<b>Josh Swift</b>	Fontana Union Water Company
Alternates: <b>Justin Castruita</b> , <b>Megan Sims</b> , <b>Eric Tarango</b>	
<b>Cris Fealy</b>	Fontana Water Company
Alternates: <b>Justin Castruita</b> , <b>Megan Sims</b>	
<b>Chris Berch</b>	Jurupa Community Services District
Alternates: <b>Jesse Pompa</b> , <b>Bryan Smith</b>	
<b>Justin Scott-Coe</b>	Monte Vista Water District
Alternate: <b>Stephanie Reimer</b>	
<b>Courtney Jones</b>	City of Ontario
Alternates: <b>Chad Nishida</b> , <b>Scott Burton</b> , <b>Alexis Mascarinas</b>	
<b>Chris Diggs</b>	City of Pomona
Alternates: <b>Melissa Cansino</b> , <b>Nichole Horton</b>	
<b>Brian Lee</b>	San Antonio Water Company
Alternate: <b>Teri Layton</b>	
<b>John Lopez</b>	Santa Ana River Water Company
Alternate: <b>Alyssa Coronado</b>	
<b>Nicole deMoet</b>	City of Upland
Alternate: <b>Norberto Ferreira</b>	

### Municipal Representatives (Non-Voting)

<b>Matt Lichfield</b>	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Alternate: <b>Sylvie Lee</b>	
<b>Laura Roughton</b>	Western Municipal Water District
Alternate: <b>Bryan Shaw</b>	



## Agricultural Pool Committee

### REPRESENTATIVE

**Bob Feenstra**, Chair

**Jeff Pierson**, Vice-Chair

**Paul Hofer**

**Ruben Llamas**

Alternates to any Crop Seat:

**Gino Filippi**, **Ron LaBrucherie**, Jr.

**Nathan deBoom**

**Henry DeHaan**

**John Huitsing**, Treasurer

Alternate to any Dairy Seat:

**Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel**

**Christen Miller**

Alternate: **Trevor Leja**

**Tariq Awan**, **Imelda Cadigal**,

**Jimmy Medrano**

Alternate to any State of California Seat:

**Lewis Callahan**, **Michael Maeda**

**Carol Boyd**, **Noah Golden-Krasner**

### MEMBER ENTITY

Dairy

Crops

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County of San Bernardino

State of California-CDCR

State of California-CDCR

State of California-DOJ

## Appropriative Pool Committee

### REPRESENTATIVE

**Chris Diggs**, Chair

Alternates: **Melissa Cansino**, **Nichole Horton**

**Chris Berch**, Vice-Chair

Alternates: **Bryan Smith**, **Jesse Pompa**

**Kevin Sage**

Alternate: **Bob Bowcock**

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Alternate: **Bob Bowcock**

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## COURT HEARINGS AND ORDERS FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

During the fiscal year 2024-25, several hearings were held relating to administration of the Judgment and implementation of the Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP). Hearings and orders were as follows:

Hearing/Order Date	Primary Subject Matter
April 4, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Order Granting the Filing of the 47th Annual Report</li></ul>
April 4, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chino Basin Watermaster Motion For Court To Receive And File 47th Annual Report</li></ul>
January 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Order Granting Motion to Increase the Safe Storage Capacity of the Chino Basin</li><li>• Order Granting Motion for Authorization to File Suit</li><li>• Order Granting Motion for Court to Receive and File the 2023/2024 Annual Report for the Ground-Level Monitoring Program</li></ul>
November 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Order Granting Chino Basin Watermaster's Motion and Motion for Court To Receive And File Watermaster Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2024-1</li></ul>
November 8, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion for Court to Receive and File Watermaster Semi-Annual OBMP Status Report 2024-1</li></ul>

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## RESOLUTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Resolution	Adopted	Summary of Resolution
2025-02	September 25, 2025	<p><i>Resolution Recognizing Water Professionals' Appreciation Week</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chino Basin Watermaster hereby declares October 4-12, 2025, Water Professionals Appreciation Week and extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Watermaster staff and to the water and wastewater professionals who work tirelessly to provide excellent essential services to our community every day.</li> </ul>
2025-01	January 23, 2025	<p><i>Establishing A Watermaster Investment Policy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The authority to invest and reinvest funds of Watermaster is hereby delegated to the Watermaster General Manager (and his/her designees) subject to the provisions of said Investment Policy and the ongoing review and control of Watermaster and the Watermaster Advisory Committee.</li> <li>This resolution shall take effect from and after its date of adoption and Resolution 2024-01 is rescinded in its entirety.</li> </ul>
2024-05	November 21, 2024	<p><i>Resolution to Levying Administrative, Replenishment, and Special Project Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/25</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chino Basin Watermaster levies the respective assessments for each pool effective November 21, 2024 as shown on Exhibit "A".</li> <li>That pursuant to the Judgment, each party has thirty (30) days from the date of invoice to remit the amount of payment for assessments due. After that date, interest will accrue on that portion which was due as provided for in Section 55 (c) of the Restated Judgment.</li> </ul>
2024-04	October 24, 2024	<p><i>Resolution Requesting the Increase of the Safe Storage Capacity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watermaster manage all quantities of water held in storage in amounts from 700,001 AF up to a maximum of 900,000 AF through 2040, consistent with all provisions of the Peace Agreement and the Peace II Agreement applicable to the Local Storage of water within the Basin be extended, without limitation, subject to further order of this Court;</li> <li>Watermaster conform the Watermaster Rules and Regulations consistent with such order.</li> <li>Watermaster implement the OBMP in conformance with such Order, the IEUA FRSEIR certified February 21, 2024, and the Court's April 28, 2017, March 15, 2019, and July 31, 2020 orders establishing a Safe Yield Reset process;</li> <li>All of the parties' rights and remedies, whatever they may be, are expressly reserved, preserved and protected and made applicable to the quantities of stored water greater than 700,001 AF; and</li> <li>The Court reserves jurisdiction to consider future proposals of Watermaster or the parties with regard to storage management.</li> </ul>
2024-03	September 26, 2024	<p><i>Resolution Recognizing Water Professionals' Appreciation Week</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chino Basin Watermaster hereby declares Oct. 5-13, 2024 Water Professionals Appreciation Week and extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Watermaster staff and to the water and wastewater professionals who work tirelessly to provide excellent essential services to our community every day.</li> </ul>

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## INTERVENTIONS AFTER JUDGMENT PRODUCTION YEAR 2024-25<sup>1</sup>

Appropriative Pool <sup>2</sup>	Non-Agricultural Pool	Agricultural Pool
None	None	None

A complete list of interventions after judgment may be found in Watermaster's History of Interventions After Judgment at the following link: [www.cbwm.org/docs/legaldocs/WatermastersHistoryofInterventionsAfterJudgment.pdf](http://www.cbwm.org/docs/legaldocs/WatermastersHistoryofInterventionsAfterJudgment.pdf)

<sup>1</sup> Production Year is July 1 to June 30.

<sup>2</sup> Dates in parentheses are the dates of Court orders or notices of ruling relating to interventions. Reference is made to the order or notice of ruling for further information. The intervening party may have received a transfer of water rights on a date other than the date of the order or notice of ruling.

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**WATERMASTER'S "NOTICE OF INTENT" TO  
CHANGE THE OPERATING SAFE YIELD OF THE  
CHINO GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2025, the Chino Basin Watermaster hereby adopts this **"Notice of Intent"** to change the Operating Safe Yield of the Chino Groundwater Basin pursuant to the Judgment entered in Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. RCVRS 51010 (formerly Case No. 164327) as Restated (Exhibit "I", Paragraph 3.(b), Page 73).

**Approved by:**

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – CHAIR**

**Signature: /s/ James V. Curatalo**

**Attest:**

**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SECRETARY/TREASURER**

**Signature: /s/ Robert Bowcock**

## APPROPRIATIVE RIGHTS

**As shown on Exhibit E of Judgment entered January 27, 1978**

<u>Party</u>	<u>Appropriative Right (Acre-Feet)</u>	<u>Share of Operating Safe Yield (Percent)</u>	<u>Share of Operating Safe Yield (Acre-Feet)</u>
City of Chino	5,271.7	6.693	3,670.067
City of Norco	289.5	0.368	201.545
City of Ontario	16,337.4	20.742	11,373.816
City of Pomona	16,110.5	20.454	11,215.852
City of Upland	4,097.2	5.202	2,852.401
Cucamonga County Water District	4,431.0	5.626	3,084.786
Jurupa Community Services District	1,104.1	1.402	768.655
Monte Vista County Water District	5,958.7	7.565	4,148.344
West San Bernardino County Water District	925.5	1.175	644.317
Etiwanda Water Company	768.0	0.975	534.668
Feldspar Gardens Mutual Water Company	68.3	0.087	47.549
Fontana Union Water Company	9,188.3	11.666	6,396.736
Marygold Mutual Water Company	941.3	1.195	655.317
Mira Loma Water Company	1,116.0	1.417	776.940
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	972.1	1.234	676.759
Mutual Water Company of Glen Avon Heights	672.2	0.853	467.974
Park Water Company	236.1	0.300	164.369
Pomona Valley Water Company	3,106.3	3.944	2,162.553
San Antonio Water Company	2,164.5	2.748	1,506.888
Santa Ana River Water Company	1,869.3	2.373	1,301.374
Southern California Water Company	1,774.5	2.253	1,235.376
West End Consolidated Water Company	1,361.3	1.728	947.714
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,763.8</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>54,834.000</b>

**As of June 30, 2025**

City of Chino	5,794.25	7.357	3,004.157
City of Chino Hills	3,032.86	3.851	1,572.517
City of Norco	289.50	0.368	150.269
City of Ontario	16,337.40	20.742	8,469.788
City of Pomona	16,110.50	20.454	8,352.186
City of Upland	4,097.20	5.202	2,124.185
Cucamonga Valley Water District	5,199.00	6.601	2,695.452
Jurupa Community Services District	2,960.60	3.759	1,534.950
Monte Vista Water District	6,929.15	8.797	3,592.167
West Valley Water District	925.50	1.175	479.800
Fontana Union Water Company	9,181.12	11.657	4,760.019
Fontana Water Company	1.44	0.002	0.817
Marygold Mutual Water Company	941.30	1.195	487.966
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	972.10	1.234	503.892
Niagara Bottling, LLC	0	0	0
Nicholson Family Trust	5.75	0.007	2.858
San Antonio Water Company	2,164.50	2.748	1,122.118
Santa Ana River Water Company	1,869.30	2.373	968.991
Golden State Water Company	591.05	0.750	306.255
West End Consolidated Water Company	1,361.30	1.728	705.612
San Bernardino County (Shooting Park)	0	0	0
BlueTriton Brands, Inc.	0	0	0
City of Fontana	0	0	0
Calmat Co.	0	0	0
NCL Co., LLC	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,763.82</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>40,834.000</b>

## DISPOSITION OF ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIVE RIGHTS<sup>1</sup>

Original Party and Quantities	Current Party(s) as of June 30, 2025 and Original Quantities <sup>3</sup>
City of Chino (3,670.067 AF)	City of Chino (3,670.067 AF)
City of Norco (201.545 AF)	City of Norco (201.545 AF)
City of Ontario (11,373.816 AF)	City of Ontario (11,373.816 AF)
City of Pomona (11,215.852 AF)	City of Pomona (11,215.852 AF)
City of Upland (2,852.401 AF)	City of Upland (2,852.401 AF)
Cucamonga County Water District (3,084.786 AF)	Cucamonga Valley Water District (3,084.786 AF)
Jurupa Community Services District (768.655 AF)	Jurupa Community Services District (768.655 AF)
Monte Vista County Water District (4,148.344 AF)	Monte Vista Water District (4,148.344 AF)
West San Bernardino County Water District (644.317 AF)	West Valley Water District (644.317 AF)
Etiwanda Water Company (534.668 AF)	Cucamonga Valley Water District (534.668 AF)
Feldspar Gardens Mutual Water Company (47.549 AF)	Jurupa Community Services District (47.549 AF)
Fontana Union Water Company (6,396.736 AF)	Fontana Union Water Company (6,391.736 AF); Fontana Water Company (1.000 AF); Nicholson Family Trust (4.00 AF)
Marygold Mutual Water Company (655.317 AF)	Marygold Mutual Water Company (655.317 AF)
Mira Loma Water Company (776.940 AF)	Jurupa Community Services District (776.940 AF)
Monte Vista Irrigation Company (676.759 AF)	Monte Vista Irrigation Company (676.759 AF)
Mutual Water Company of Glen Avon Heights (467.974 AF)	Jurupa Community Services District (467.974 AF)
Park Water Company (164.369 AF)	City of Chino/City of Chino Hills/Monte Vista Water District (164.369 AF) <sup>2</sup>
Pomona Valley Water Company (2,162.553 AF)	City of Chino/City of Chino Hills/Monte Vista Water District (2,162.553 AF) <sup>2</sup>
San Antonio Water Company (1,506.888 AF)	San Antonio Water Company (1,506.888 AF)
Santa Ana River Water Company (1,301.374 AF)	Santa Ana River Water Company (1,301.374 AF)
Southern California Water Company (1,235.376 AF)	Golden State Water Company (411.476 AF); City of Chino/City of Chino Hills/Monte Vista Water District (823.900 AF) <sup>2</sup>
West End Consolidated Water Company (947.714 AF)	West End Consolidated Water Company (947.714 AF)

<sup>1</sup> A detailed history of the transactions/assignments that led to the current allocation of Appropriative Rights under the Judgment is contained in the History of Appropriative Rights at the following link: [www.cbwm.org/docs/legaldocs/HistoryofAppropriativeRights.pdf](http://www.cbwm.org/docs/legaldocs/HistoryofAppropriativeRights.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> The joint listing of parties separated by a "/" does not indicate any joint interest in the right indicated but indicates that these parties each have succeeded to a portion of the original right decreed in the 1978 Judgment. For additional information, see the History of Appropriative Rights.

<sup>3</sup> The amounts shown in this column are reflective of the original shares in the Operating Safe Yield (OSY) that was apportioned under the 1978 Judgment and do not include the 5,000 acre-foot decrease in OSY that occurred in FY 2017-18 after the exhaustion of the 200,000 AF controlled overdraft. For information as to each Party's current rights in OSY, see Appendix E-1 Appropriative Rights.

**NON-AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS  
(AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT D OF JUDGMENT ENTERED JANUARY 27, 1978)**

<b><u>Party</u></b>	<b><u>Total Overlying Non-Agricultural Rights (Acre-Feet)</u></b>	<b><u>Share of Safe Yield (Acre-Feet)</u></b>
Ameron Steel Producers, Inc.	125	97.858
Carlsberg Mobile Home Properties, Ltd '73	593	464.240
Conrock Company	406	317.844
County of San Bernardino	171	133.870
Kaiser Steel Corporation	3,743	2,930.274
Quaker Chemical Co.	0	0
Red Star Fertilizer	20	15.657
Southern California Edison Co.	1,255	982.499
Southern Service Co. dba Blue Seal Linen	24	18.789
Space Center, Mira Loma	133	104.121
Sunkist Growers, Inc.	2,393	1,873.402
Union Carbide Corporation	546	427.446
Total	9,409	7,366.000

**NON-AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS<sup>1</sup>  
(AS OF JUNE 30, 2024)**

9W Halo Western OpCo L.P.	18.789
ANG II (Multi) LLC	0 <sup>2</sup>
California Speedway Corporation	1,000.000
California Steel Industries, Inc.	1,615.137
CalMat Co.	0
CCG Ontario, LLC	0
City of Ontario (Non-Ag)	3,920.567
County of San Bernardino (Non-Ag)	133.870
General Electric Company	0
Hamner Park Associates, a California Limited Partnership	464.240
Linde Inc.	1.000
Monte Vista Water District (Non-Ag)	50.000
Riboli Family and San Antonio Winery, Inc.	0
Space Center Mira Loma, Inc.	104.121
TAMCO	42.619
West Venture Development Company (Pending Court Disposition)	15.657
Total	7,366.000

<sup>1</sup>This list identifies the names of the members of the Non-Agricultural Pool according to the records of the Non-Agricultural Pool Committee. This list is not reflective of all "Active Parties" of the Non-Agricultural Pool, as that term is used in Paragraph 58 of the Restated Judgment.

<sup>2</sup> Per notice from ANG II (Multi) LLC to Watermaster staff dated January 2, 2020, 9W Halo Western OpCo L.P. holds its rights under a temporary lease between ANG II (Multi) LLC, as lessor, and 9W Halo Western OpCo L.P., as lessee, expiring on January 31, 2030.

# DISPOSITION OF ORIGINAL NON-AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS<sup>1</sup>

Original Party and Quantities	Current Party(s) and Quantities as of June 30, 2025
Ameron Steel Producers (97.858 AF)	TAMCO (42.619 AF), City of Ontario (Non-Ag) (55.239 AF)
Carlsberg Mobile Home Properties, Ltd '73 (464.240 AF)	Hamner Park Associates, a California Limited Partnership (464.240 AF)
Conrock Company (317.844 AF)	City of Ontario (Non-Ag) (317.844 AF)
County of San Bernardino (133.870 AF)	County of San Bernardino (Non-Ag) (133.870 AF)
Kaiser Steel Corporation (2930.274 AF)	California Speedway Corporation (1000.000 AF), California Steel Industries, Inc. (1615.137 AF), City of Ontario (Non-Ag) (265.137 AF), Monte Vista Water District (Non-Ag) (50.000 AF)
Red Star Fertilizer (15.657 AF)	West Venture Development Company (Pending Court Disposition) (15.657 AF)
Southern California Edison Co. (982.499 AF)	City of Ontario (Non-Ag) (982.499 AF)
Southern Service Co. dba Blue Seal Linen (18.789 AF)	9W Halo Western OpCo L.P. (18.789 AF)
Space Center, Mira Loma (104.121 AF)	Space Center Mira Loma, Inc. (104.121 AF)
Sunkist Growers, Inc. (1,873.402 AF)	City of Ontario (Non-Ag) (1,873.402 AF)
Union Carbide Corporation (427.446 AF)	City of Ontario (Non-Ag) (426.446 AF), Linde Inc. (1.000 AF)

<sup>1</sup> A detailed history of the transactions/assignments that led to the current allocation of Non-Agricultural Rights under the Judgment is contained in the History of Non-Agricultural Rights website link: [www.cbwm.org/docs/legaldocs/HistoryofNonAgriculturalRights.pdf](http://www.cbwm.org/docs/legaldocs/HistoryofNonAgriculturalRights.pdf)

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## HISTORY OF REALLOCATION OF UNPRODUCED AG POOL SAFE YIELD<sup>1</sup> (ACRE-FEET)

Production Year	Calculation of Water Rights Available for Reallocation due to Ag Pool Underproduction of Safe Yield <sup>5</sup>		Claims to Underproduced Ag Pool Safe Yield			Rights Available for Reallocation less Claimed Rights <sup>9,11</sup>	Total Reallocation of Unproduced Ag Pool Safe Yield <sup>10</sup>
	Assessable Ag Pool Production	Water Rights Available for Reallocation	Claims Resulting from Land Use Conversions <sup>6</sup>	Early Transfer Claims <sup>5,8,11</sup>	Total Claims <i>E = C + D</i>		
	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E = C + D</i>	<i>F = B - E</i>	<i>G = B</i>
83-84 <sup>2</sup>	59,033	n/a <sup>5</sup>	593	n/a	593	n/a	26,355
84-85	55,543	n/a	593	n/a	593	n/a	19,136
85-86	52,061	n/a	811	n/a	811	n/a	21,902
86-87	59,847	n/a	811	n/a	811	n/a	37,159
87-88	57,865	n/a	4,056	n/a	4,056	n/a	78,489
88-89 <sup>3</sup>	46,762	24,935	811	n/a	811	24,124	24,935
89-90	48,420	36,038	811	n/a	811	35,227	36,038
90-91	48,085	34,380	811	n/a	811	33,569	34,380
91-92	44,682	34,715	811	n/a	811	33,904	34,715
92-93	44,092	38,118	811	n/a	811	37,307	38,118
93-94	44,298	38,708	811	n/a	811	37,897	38,708
94-95	55,022	38,502	3,652	n/a	3,652	34,850	38,502
95-96	43,639	27,778	11,711	n/a	11,711	16,067	27,778
96-97	44,809	39,161	12,620	n/a	12,620	26,541	39,161
97-98	43,345	37,991	14,426	n/a	14,426	23,565	37,991
98-99	47,538	39,455	17,022	n/a	17,022	22,433	39,455
99-00 <sup>4</sup>	44,401	38,399	10,471	32,800	43,271	-4,872	38,399
00-01	39,954	42,846	13,920	32,800	46,720	-3,874	42,846
01-02	39,495	43,306	14,133	32,800	46,933	-3,627	43,306
02-03	37,457	45,343	16,480	32,800	49,280	-3,937	45,343
03-04	41,978	40,822	17,510	32,800	50,310	-9,488	40,822
04-05	34,450	48,350	19,013	32,800	51,813	-3,464	48,350
05-06	33,900	48,900	20,370	32,800	53,170	-4,270	48,900
06-07	37,295	45,505	22,158	32,800	54,958	-9,454	45,505
07-08	30,910	51,890	22,461	32,800	55,261	-3,371	51,890
08-09	32,143	50,657	22,730	32,800	55,530	-4,873	50,657
09-10	31,855	50,945	22,943	32,800	55,743	-4,798	50,945
10-11	31,342	51,458	23,033	32,800	55,833	-4,375	51,458
11-12	34,353	48,447	23,237	32,800	56,037	-7,590	48,447
12-13	34,458	48,342	23,773	32,800	56,573	-8,231	48,342
13-14	33,639	49,161	26,162	32,800	58,962	-9,801	49,161
14-15	28,521	54,279	26,768	22,511	49,279	5,000	54,279
15-16	26,167	56,633	27,450	24,183	51,633	5,000	56,633
16-17	26,863	55,937	28,296	22,642	50,937	5,000	55,937
17-18	28,461	54,339	29,031	20,308	49,339	5,000	54,339
18-19	21,786	61,014	29,972	26,042	56,014	5,000	61,014
19-20	21,841	60,959	30,997	24,962	55,959	5,000	60,959
20-21	21,485	61,315	31,717	20,599	52,315	9,000	61,315
21-22	21,304	61,496	32,898	19,598	52,496	9,000	61,496
22-23	17,082	65,718	33,726	22,992	56,718	9,000	65,718
23-24	17,717	65,083	34,596	21,487	56,083	9,000	65,083
24-25	18,184	64,616	36,092	19,524	55,616	9,000	64,616

<sup>1</sup> Source: Watermaster Annual Reports and Assessment Packages.

<sup>2</sup> Fiscal year 83-84 was the first-year that reallocation occurred under the Judgment.

<sup>3</sup> During fiscal year 87-88 the Appropriators agree to pay Ag Pool assessments and the reallocation procedure changed by agreement. Effective FY 88-89, the Ag Pool's unused water rights from the prior year are made available for reallocation to the Appropriative Pool in the following year (i.e. 82,800 AF less the total assessable production).

<sup>4</sup> During fiscal year 99-00 the Peace Agreement is signed. The Appropriators agree to pay the Ag Pool assessments for the life of the Peace Agreement and the reallocation procedure is changed by agreement. The Ag Pool's unused water rights (i.e. 82,800 AF less the total assessable production) are made available for reallocation to the Appropriative Pool in the current year.

<sup>5</sup> n/a indicates the information is not applicable for the given year.

<sup>6</sup> When land is converted from agricultural to urban uses, water rights are permanently transferred to the appropriative pool. This column represents the sum of the cumulative transfers that have resulted from land use changes over time. For example, in 85-86 land use conversions resulted in 218 acre-feet of conversions. Thus the total claims for 85-86 were 811: the sum of the conversions from prior years plus the new conversions for 85-86 (811 = 593 + 218).

<sup>7</sup> After a duplication of conversion areas was identified, Jurupa's Pre-Peace Agreement acres were adjusted to 337.6 acres and the Post-Peace Agreement acres were adjusted to 846.4 acres.

<sup>8</sup> During fiscal year 99-00 the Peace Agreement is signed and establishes that each year 32,800 acre-feet of Ag Pool rights will be pre-emptively transferred to the Appropriative Pool and the transfer will be distributed proportional to each member's share of the Operating Safe Yield.

<sup>9</sup> If the total claims to underproduced Ag Pool Safe Yield (C + D) are greater than the water rights available for reallocation (B) then the reallocation is limited to the amount of rights available. The reduction is distributed among the Parties in proportion to their share of the Operating Safe Yield.

<sup>10</sup> For production years 83-84 through 87-88, the allocation was computed in a different manner and so the generalized formula does not apply for these years.

<sup>11</sup> For production years 14-15 through 17-18, the Early Transfer Claims and Rights Available for Reallocation less Claimed Rights have been revised in accordance to the March 15, 2019 Court Order.

# HISTORY OF TOTAL ANNUAL GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION FROM THE CHINO BASIN (ACRE-FEET)\*

Production Year	Appropriative Pool <sup>13</sup>	Agricultural Pool <sup>13</sup>	Non-Agricultural Pool <sup>13</sup>	Chino Basin Desalters <sup>14</sup>	Department of Toxic Substances Control <sup>15</sup>	Total Production <sup>16</sup>
77-78	62,408	91,714	10,102 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	164,224
78-79	61,372	81,479	7,263	-	-	150,114
79-80	65,371	70,050	7,541	-	-	142,961
80-81	71,443	67,726	5,777	-	-	144,945
81-82	66,844	64,032	5,801	-	-	136,676
82-83	63,557	56,858	2,448	-	-	122,864
83-84	70,544	60,076	3,258	-	-	133,877
84-85	76,903	54,248	2,446	-	-	133,598
85-86	80,885	50,611	3,255	-	-	134,751
86-87	84,662	57,964	2,696	-	-	145,322
87-88	91,579 <sup>2</sup>	55,949	3,018	-	-	150,545
88-89	93,617 <sup>3</sup>	45,683	3,692	-	-	142,992
89-90	101,344 <sup>4</sup>	47,358	4,927	-	-	153,629
90-91	86,513 <sup>5</sup>	47,011	5,479	-	-	139,003
91-92	91,736 <sup>6</sup>	43,456	4,900	-	-	140,092
92-93	86,584 <sup>7</sup>	44,300	5,226	-	-	136,110
93-94	80,934 <sup>8</sup>	44,492	4,322	-	45	129,793
94-95	93,608 <sup>9</sup>	55,415	4,091	-	45	153,159
95-96	103,729 <sup>10</sup>	43,639	3,240	-	60	150,668
96-97	112,205	44,923	3,779	-	76	160,983
97-98	99,810 <sup>11</sup>	43,370	3,274 <sup>12</sup>	-	83	146,537
98-99	111,048	47,792	3,734	-	81	162,655
99-00	128,892	44,242	5,605	-	82	178,821
00-01	116,204	39,285	5,991	7,989	100	169,570
01-02	123,531	38,196	4,150	9,458	81	175,416
02-03	121,748	35,168	3,979	10,439	79	171,413
03-04	125,320	38,192	2,057	10,605	79	176,253
04-05	118,030	31,505	2,246	9,854	81	161,715
05-06	107,249	30,253	2,641	16,542	80	156,765
06-07	119,438	29,653	3,251	27,077	79	179,498
07-08	120,650	23,539	3,421	30,121	81	177,813
08-09	134,119	23,277	2,420	29,012	83	188,910
09-10	117,299	21,043	2,039	28,857	85	169,323
10-11	99,172	21,030	1,986	29,043	87	151,319
11-12	93,615	22,319 <sup>17</sup>	3,162	28,411	89	147,595
12-13	109,294	23,718 <sup>17</sup>	3,686	27,098	87	163,883
13-14	113,976	21,796 <sup>17</sup>	3,834	29,282	85	168,973
14-15	97,842	17,118 <sup>17</sup>	3,371	30,022	84	148,436
15-16	100,297	17,109 <sup>17</sup>	2,670	28,191	85	148,352
16-17	93,699	17,715 <sup>17</sup>	3,636	28,284	104	143,438
17-18	88,740	18,827	2,919	30,088	83	140,656
18-19	83,280	15,478	3,204	31,233	80	133,275
19-20	95,418	15,722	2,350	35,630	72	149,190
20-21	105,040	14,929	2,795	40,156	77	162,998
21-22	107,529	14,077	1,767	40,566	82	164,021
22-23	74,412	11,190	2,168	39,844	72	127,686
23-24	63,444	11,020	2,493	40,337	66	117,360
24-25	80,352	10,704	2,413	40,682	58	134,209

\* Total Production adjusted from prior annual reports to include previously omitted production from wells that have become non-active over time.

<sup>1</sup> Includes 3,945 AF of mined water pumped by Edison as agent for IEUA.

<sup>2</sup> Does not include 7,674.3 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>3</sup> Does not include 6,423.6 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>4</sup> Does not include 16,377.1 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>5</sup> Does not include 14,929.1 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>6</sup> Does not include 12,202.4 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>7</sup> Does not include 13,657.3 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>8</sup> Does not include 20,194.7 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>9</sup> Does not include 4,221.9 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>10</sup> Does not include 6,167.2 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>11</sup> Does not include 4,275.4 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>12</sup> Does not include 216.5 AF exchanged with MWDSC.

<sup>13</sup> Represents total physical production by Pools, not assessed production.

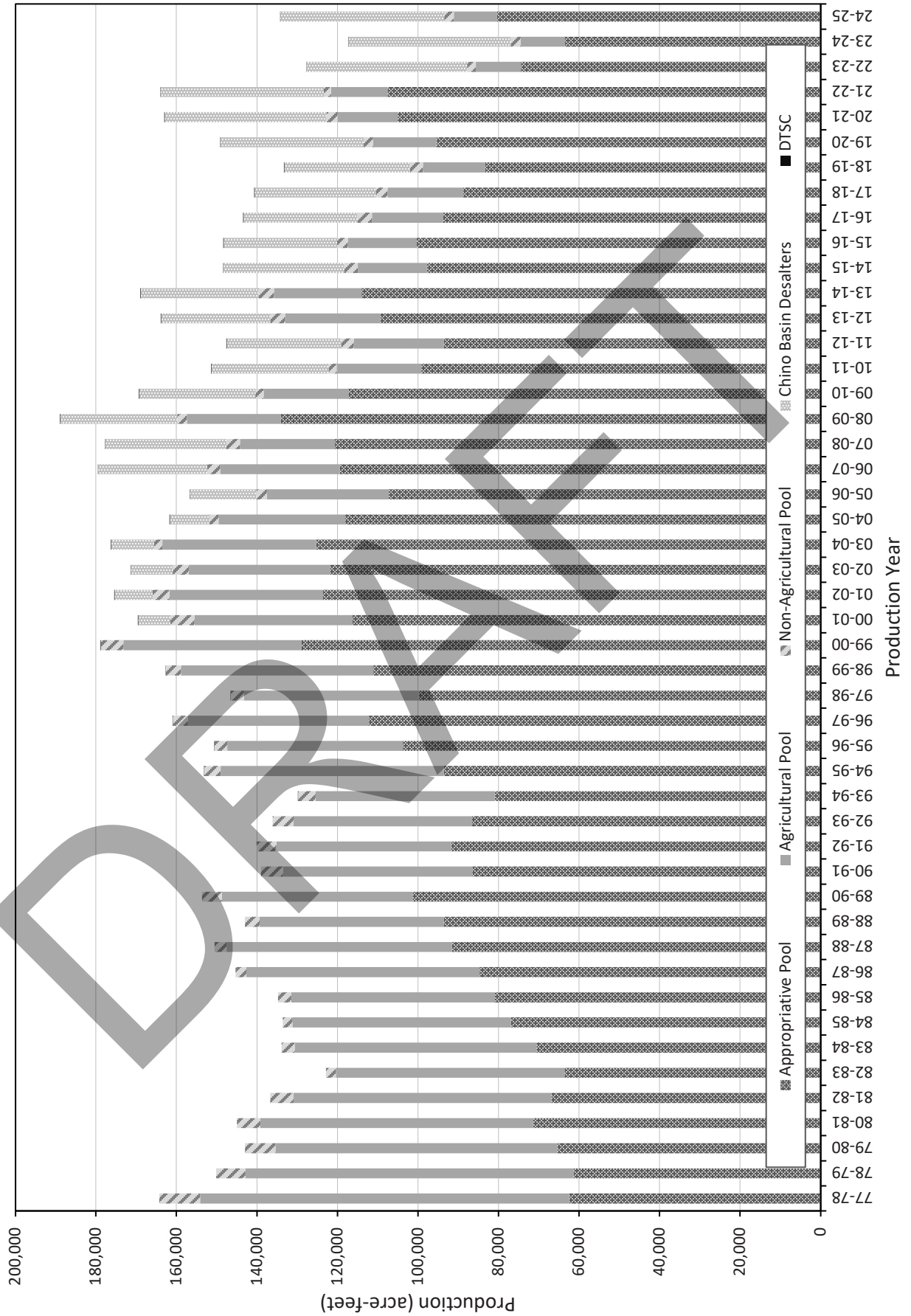
<sup>14</sup> Production by the Chino Basin Desalters is not considered assessable production; Desalter replenishment obligation accounting is shown in the Assessment Package.

<sup>15</sup> Production by DTSC is accounted separately, by agreement, such that the production is not assessed by Watermaster.

<sup>16</sup> Total reflects physical production by pumpers and does not account for any adjustments or exchanges that are made in the Assessment Packages.

<sup>17</sup> Total Agricultural Pool production revised due to incorrect multiplier used on an irrigation well meter.

# HISTORY OF TOTAL ANNUAL GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION FROM THE CHINO BASIN (ACRE-FEET)



**SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLIES  
USED BY THE CHINO BASIN PARTIES<sup>1</sup>  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(ACRE-FEET)**

Parties	Other Groundwater Basins	Surface Diversions	Imported Water Deliveries				Recycled Water <sup>2</sup>	Total
			SBVMWD	MWDSC				
				IEUA	TVMWD	WMWD		
Chino, City of	-	-	-	4,052	-	-	3,506	7,558
Chino Hills, City of	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,449	2,949
Cucamonga Valley Water District <sup>3</sup>	7,834	4,709	-	15,958	-	-	1,258	29,758
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	152	152
Fontana Water Company <sup>4</sup>	15,539	11,467	-	65	-	-	477	27,548
Golden State Water Company <sup>5</sup>	3,317	-	-	-	4,650	-	-	7,966
Jurupa Community Services District <sup>6</sup>	720	-	-	-	-	-	-	720
Marygold Mutual Water Company <sup>7</sup>	-	-	311	-	-	-	-	311
Monte Vista Water District	-	-	-	8,862	-	-	350	9,212
Norco, City of <sup>8</sup>	5,248	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,248
Ontario, City of	-	-	-	5,839	-	-	11,406	17,245
Pomona, City of <sup>9</sup>	3,651	1,683	-	-	3,027	-	1,798	10,158
San Antonio Water Company <sup>10</sup>	3,254	6,001	-	-	-	-	-	9,255
San Bernardino, County of	-	-	-	-	-	-	174	174
Santa Ana River Water Company <sup>11</sup>	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State of California, CIM <sup>12</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
Upland, City of <sup>13</sup>	6,047	1,669	-	2,582	-	-	647	10,944
West End Consolidated Water Company <sup>14</sup>	2,628	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,628
West Valley Water District <sup>15</sup>	9,606	5,966	3,562	-	-	-	-	19,134
Total	57,842	31,495	3,873	38,857	7,676	-	21,223	160,967

<sup>1</sup> The values reported herein represent the total supplemental water supply used by each Party within its entire service area. Some Parties have service area boundaries which extend outside the adjudicated Chino Basin boundary.

<sup>2</sup> Recycled water is supplied by IEUA unless stated otherwise.

<sup>3</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Cucamonga Basin. Surface water diversions are from Lloyd Michaels, Royer-Nesbit, and Arthur H. Bridge WTPs, and Deer Canyon.

<sup>4</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Colton/Rialto, Lytle, and "unnamed" Basins. Surface water diversions are from Lytle Creek.

<sup>5</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Six Basins.

<sup>6</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Riverside Basins.

<sup>7</sup> Treated water is purchased from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) and then treated and delivered by West Valley Water District (WVWD).

<sup>8</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Arlington and Temescal Basins and a portion of the hydrologic Chino Basin that is outside the adjudicated boundary.

<sup>9</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Six Basins and Spadra Basin. Surface water diversions are from San Antonio Creek. Recycled water is served from the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant.

<sup>10</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Six Basins and Cucamonga Basin. Surface water diversions are from San Antonio Creek. Supplemental supplies shown herein do not include sales to the City of Upland - these supplies are shown as part of Upland's supply within this table.

<sup>11</sup> Other groundwater is produced from the portion of the hydrologic Chino Basin that is outside the adjudicated boundary.

<sup>12</sup> Recycled water includes water treated by CIM and discharged to ponds then reused on location for irrigation purposes.

<sup>13</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Six Basins and Cucamonga Basin. Supplemental supplies shown herein do not include sales to Golden State Water Company (GSWC) - these supplies are shown as part of GSWC's supply within this table.

<sup>14</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Six Basins and Cucamonga Basin.

<sup>15</sup> Other groundwater is produced from Rialto and Riverside Basins. Surface water diversions are from Lytle Creek.

**SUMMARY OF IMPORTED WATER DELIVERIES FROM  
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
TO THE CHINO BASIN PARTIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(ACRE-FEET)<sup>1</sup>**

Month	Water Facilities Authority - CB-12						Reliant
	Upland	MVWD	Ontario	Chino	Chino Hills <sup>2</sup>	Sub-Total	CB-01
July	374	1,080	1,063	378	200	<b>3,095</b>	-
August	295	1,322	909	417	200	<b>3,143</b>	-
September	153	1,233	814	478	120	<b>2,798</b>	-
October	226	1,146	758	400	100	<b>2,630</b>	-
November	167	996	456	346	90	<b>2,054</b>	-
December	233	677	424	342	90	<b>1,766</b>	-
January	228	424	369	318	100	<b>1,439</b>	-
February	74	57	59	97	100	<b>386</b>	-
March	178	249	238	196	100	<b>962</b>	-
April	188	441	188	266	100	<b>1,183</b>	-
May	216	689	228	331	100	<b>1,564</b>	-
June	251	548	333	483	200	<b>1,815</b>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>8,862</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>22,835</b>	-

Month	Fontana Water Co.	Cucamonga Valley Water District			Three Valleys MWD to Pomona	Three Valleys MWD to GSWC	Western MWD to Norco	Total
	CB-19	CB-07	CB-16	Sub-Total				
July	-	-	1,600	<b>1,600</b>	327	605	-	<b>5,627</b>
August	-	-	1,599	<b>1,599</b>	376	600	-	<b>5,718</b>
September	-	-	1,376	<b>1,376</b>	323	582	-	<b>5,078</b>
October	-	-	1,369	<b>1,369</b>	283	501	-	<b>4,783</b>
November	-	-	1,196	<b>1,196</b>	294	297	-	<b>3,841</b>
December	-	-	602	<b>602</b>	209	292	-	<b>2,868</b>
January	29	-	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	248	241	-	<b>2,957</b>
February	18	-	504	<b>504</b>	2	176	-	<b>1,086</b>
March	1	-	1,414	<b>1,414</b>	16	213	-	<b>2,606</b>
April	17	-	1,666	<b>1,666</b>	152	284	-	<b>3,301</b>
May	0	-	1,845	<b>1,845</b>	258	360	-	<b>4,027</b>
June	0	-	1,788	<b>1,788</b>	539	499	-	<b>4,640</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	-	<b>15,958</b>	<b>15,958</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>4,650</b>	-	<b>46,533</b>

<sup>1</sup> Does not include Dry Year Yield activity ("puts" or "takes").

<sup>2</sup> Total includes water delivered directly from WFA and from WFA through MVWD by agreement.

## TOTAL WATER CONSUMPTION BY THE CHINO BASIN PARTIES<sup>1</sup> (ACRE-FEET)

Year	Chino Basin Extractions <sup>2</sup>	Supplemental Supplies <sup>3</sup>	Total
77-78	164,224	61,567	225,791
78-79	150,114	75,864	225,978
79-80	142,961	70,727	213,688
80-81	144,945	77,765	222,710
81-82	136,676	67,491	204,167
82-83	122,864	76,000	198,864
83-84	133,877	99,257	233,134
84-85	133,598	92,952	226,550
85-86	134,751	114,624	249,375
86-87	145,322	126,493	271,815
87-88	150,545	116,175	266,720
88-89	142,992	128,167	271,159
89-90	153,629	139,004	292,633
90-91	139,003	116,493	255,496
91-92	140,092	104,480	244,572
92-93	136,110	117,205	253,315
93-94	129,793	136,038	265,831
94-95	153,159	116,797	269,956
95-96	150,668	130,494	281,162
96-97	160,983	115,031	276,014
97-98	146,537	106,360	252,897
98-99	162,655	113,040	275,695
99-00	178,821	129,208	308,029
00-01	169,570	128,596	298,166
01-02	175,416	140,907	316,323
02-03	171,413	134,154	305,567
03-04	176,253	143,989	320,242
04-05	161,715	145,644	307,359
05-06	156,765	171,896	328,661
06-07	179,498	176,807	356,305
07-08	177,813	162,465	340,278
08-09	188,910	131,819	320,729
09-10	169,323	144,354	313,677
10-11	151,319	154,760	306,079
11-12	147,595	171,808	319,403
12-13	163,883	154,870	318,753
13-14	168,973	183,699	352,672
14-15	148,436	162,477	310,913
15-16	148,352	114,780	263,132
16-17	143,438	147,767	291,205
17-18	140,656	185,964	326,620
18-19	133,275	153,828	287,103
19-20	149,190	130,142	279,332
20-21	162,998	156,808	319,806
21-22	164,021	145,733	309,754
22-23	127,766	143,308	271,074
23-24	117,370	153,800	271,170
24-25		160,967	160,967

<sup>1</sup> The values reported herein are intended to represent the supplemental water supply used by each Party within its entire service area. Some Parties have service area boundaries which extend outside the adjudicated Chino Basin boundary. During the preparation of the FY14/15 Annual Report, it was determined that the collection and reporting of supplemental water supplies has been inconsistent over time, such that some parties reported estimates of water used within the boundary of Chino Basin and others provided the entire service area use, and some agencies varied their reporting methods over time. In many years, the reported data also excluded some Watermaster Parties. And, in some cases, the supplemental supplies included recharge water volumes. The values reported for the noted years are representative of total water consumption by the Chino Basin parties and are not directly comparable to values reported for prior years. Watermaster staff will be working with the Parties to update the historical information for consistency in future annual reports.

<sup>2</sup> Represents the total groundwater extraction values reported in Appendix H-1.

<sup>3</sup> Total does not include cyclic deliveries, water delivered by exchange, or water from direct spreading that was used for replenishment.

# SUMMARY OF CONJUNCTIVE USE, REPLENISHMENT, AND CYCLIC ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 (ACRE-FEET)

Conjunctive Use Resulting from Storage and Recovery Programs in the Chino Basin											
DYY Holding Account Summary:											
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Loss (32.1)	Ending Bal. 45,908.2
Direct											
Monte Vista Water District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Put 17,932.6
In-Lieu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Take 0.0
Chino Basin Watermaster	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ending Bal. 63,808.6
Chino, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Chino Hills, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cucamonga Valley Water District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fontana Water Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jurupa Community Services District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Monte Vista Water District	-	1,397.2	668.2	623.0	762.5	318.5	-	-	-	-	3,769.4
Ontario, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pomona, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Upland, City of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	1,397.2	668.2	623.0	762.5	318.5	-	-	-	-	3,769.4
Total Storage / (Withdrawals)	-	1,397.2	668.2	623.0	762.5	318.5	-	-	-	-	3,769.4

Replenishment (and Preemptive Replenishment) Deliveries											
Watermaster's Replenishment Obligations:											
Cumulative Unmet Replenishment Obligation (CURO)											
Desalter Replenishment Obligation (DRO)											
Fiscal Year 2023/24 Overproduction											
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Direct*											
ASR (Monte Vista Water District)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-11 (Deer Creek)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-13 (San Sevaine)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-14 (Etiwanda)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-15 (Day Creek)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-18 (Etiwanda Inter-lie)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-20 (West Cucamonga)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OC-59 (San Antonio)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-Lieu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Connections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased from Parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased from Cyclic Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-Purchased Previous Year(s)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Replenishment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



# **STORM AND SUPPLEMENTAL WATER RECHARGE BY BASIN FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 (ACRE-FEET)**

	JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC
<b>MZ 1</b>																		
<b>Aquifer Storage &amp; Recovery (ASR)</b>																		
MVWD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chino Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>San Antonio Channel</b>																		
Upland	0	411	0	0	179	0	0	231	0	6	125	0	17	0	0	0	10	0
College Heights	0	0	0	0	248	0	0	300	0	1	401	0	1	20	0	0	0	0
Montclair 1, 2 3 & 4	0	2,738	0	0	2,288	0	0	2,138	0	15	1,543	0	21	899	0	0	43	0
Brooks	3	0	126	1	0	78	1	0	42	5	0	57	5	0	152	3	0	109
<b>West Cucamonga Channel</b>																		
15th Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th Street	5	0	0	10	0	0	17	0	0	48	0	179	76	0	319	3	0	392
7th Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7	3,149	126	11	2,715	78	18	2,669	42	75	2,069	236	119	919	471	6	54	501
<b>MZ 2</b>																		
<b>Cucamonga /Deer Creek Channels</b>																		
Turner 1 & 2	0	1	72	5	0	112	7	0	54	7	0	56	6	0	82	1	0	158
Turner 3 & 4	12	0	0	9	0	0	7	0	56	32	0	181	72	0	118	20	0	211
<b>Day Creek Channel</b>																		
Lower Day	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	4	514	0	1	47	0
<b>Etiwanda Channel</b>																		
Etiwanda Debris Basin	0	283	0	0	296	0	0	345	0	0	301	0	0	159	0	0	0	0
Victoria	2	0	225	2	0	164	1	0	62	4	0	113	2	0	146	1	0	111
<b>Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)</b>																		
Intex Property	0	20	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	26	0	0	9	0
<b>Minor Drainage</b>																		
Grove	6	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>San Sevaine Channel</b>																		
San Sevaine 1, 2, 3 & 4	0	454	108	0	437	58	0	451	73	3	449	101	7	329	131	0	39	248
San Sevaine 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>West Cucamonga Channel</b>																		
Ely 1, 2 & 3	8	0	10	1	0	57	4	0	15	31	0	108	17	0	247	4	0	288
<b>West Fontana Channel</b>																		
Hickory	0	0	260	0	15	159	0	0	81	1	0	148	19	0	29	0	0	78
	29	757	676	20	811	550	21	796	341	82	758	707	127	1,027	752	27	94	1,093
<b>MZ 3</b>																		
<b>Day Creek Channel</b>																		
Wineville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DeClez Channel</b>																		
DeClez	2	0	0	2	0	0	8	0	162	29	0	166	7	0	181	3	0	233
RP3 Cell 1, 3, & 4	0	0	440	0	0	445	0	28	981	0	23	601	0	14	204	0	0	148
RP3 Cell 2	7	0	1	8	0	42	3	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
<b>Etiwanda Channel</b>																		
Etiwanda Conservation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>San Sevaine Channel</b>																		
Jurupa	0	24	0	0	36	0	0	14	0	21	21	0	66	0	0	15	0	0
<b>West Fontana Channel</b>																		
Banana	0	0	29	0	0	18	0	0	9	6	0	17	31	0	17	0	0	78
	9	24	469	10	36	505	10	43	1,173	56	45	784	104	14	412	17	0	459
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3,930</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3,507</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2,053</b>

Evaporative losses are applied to Imported and Recycled Water (1.5% November - March, 4.2% April - October).

ST = stormwater  
IMP = imported water  
RC = recycled water

JANUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE			TOTAL			
ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ST	IMP	RC	ALL
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	142	0	0	58	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	240	956	0	1,195
0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	969	0	974
22	0	0	361	43	0	160	0	0	13	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	606	9,691	0	10,297
11	0	92	86	0	38	63	0	54	9	0	78	7	0	115	2	0	77	194	0	1,016	1,211
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	0	328	257	0	202	256	0	208	12	0	217	11	0	281	5	0	244	751	0	2,372	3,123
0	0	0	36	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	38
96	0	421	884	43	240	538	0	262	37	0	295	31	0	396	11	0	321	1,834	11,616	3,389	16,839
35	0	82	110	0	16	151	0	40	113	0	57	11	0	108	14	0	153	459	1	988	1,448
54	0	189	162	0	56	149	0	37	47	0	101	37	0	114	16	0	143	617	0	1,205	1,822
16	0	0	172	6	0	73	0	0	6	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	297	568	0	865
0	0	0	130	0	0	54	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	196	1,383	0	1,579
13	0	92	96	0	35	85	0	50	8	0	98	24	0	109	4	0	127	240	0	1,332	1,572
0	0	0	0	8	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	146
1	0	0	113	0	0	48	0	0	8	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	189	0	0	189
19	0	301	101	0	120	103	0	114	5	0	168	20	0	113	0	0	131	258	2,158	1,667	4,083
19	0	0	228	0	0	97	0	0	2	0	0	13	0	0	5	0	0	364	0	0	364
51	0	179	411	0	85	110	0	134	24	0	173	29	0	196	18	0	14	706	0	1,505	2,211
8	0	38	66	0	0	54	0	25	13	0	75	15	0	72	6	0	77	181	15	1,042	1,238
216	0	881	1,590	15	313	923	11	400	229	0	672	170	0	711	74	0	644	3,508	4,271	7,739	15,518
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	0	159	156	0	31	159	0	55	17	0	151	74	0	108	57	0	121	571	0	1,367	1,937
2	0	153	88	0	56	88	0	33	0	0	151	31	0	113	0	0	0	210	65	3,325	3,599
19	0	31	55	0	33	35	0	47	0	0	101	0	0	72	0	0	81	125	0	438	564
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	0	0	231	0	0	216	0	0	55	0	0	57	0	0	67	0	0	806	95	0	902
21	0	38	21	0	52	20	0	25	1	0	75	3	0	72	1	0	77	103	0	505	608
178	0	380	551	0	173	517	0	160	73	0	478	166	0	365	125	0	279	1,815	160	5,635	7,610
490	0	1,681	3,025	57	725	1,979	11	823	339	0	1,445	367	0	1,471	211	0	1,244	7,157	16,047	16,762	39,966

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## SUMMARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

	Approved Budget	Approved Budget	Approved vs. Amended
4000 Mutual Agency Revenue	\$186,412	\$191,070	\$4,658
4110 Appropriative Pool Assessments	8,886,164	9,521,030	634,866
4120 Non-Agricultural Pool Assessments	428,750	312,750	(116,000)
4730 Prorated Interest Income	312,500	478,500	166,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,813,827</b>	<b>10,503,350</b>	<b>689,523</b>
<b>Judgment Administration Expenses</b>			
5900 Judgment Administration Costs	728,726	721,010	(7,716)
6010 Administration Salary Costs	1,413,610	1,032,120	(381,490)
6020 Office Building Expense	208,510	234,470	25,960
6030 Office Supplies & Equip.	46,950	56,390	9,440
6040 Postage & Printing Costs	33,806	32,950	(856)
6050 Information Services	199,818	232,530	32,712
6060 WM Special Contract Services	60,200	111,460	51,260
6070 Watermaster Legal Services	565,964	414,060	(151,904)
6080 Insurance Expense	50,468	50,950	482
6110 Dues and Subscriptions	40,027	25,900	(14,127)
6150 Field Supplies & Equipment	3,200	3,200	0
6170 Travel & Transportation	29,570	104,960	75,390
6190 Conferences & Seminars	50,400	49,370	(1,030)
6200 Advisory Committee Expenses	105,823	134,130	28,307
6300 Watermaster Board Expenses	256,601	288,290	31,689
8300 Appropriative Pool Administration	112,173	125,500	13,327
8400 Agricultural Pool Administration	108,700	124,220	15,520
8500 Non-Agricultural Pool Administration	108,194	120,940	12,746
9500 Allocated Administration Expenses	(440,828)	(540,830)	(100,002)
<b>Total Judgment Administration Expenses</b>	<b>3,681,911</b>	<b>3,321,620</b>	<b>(360,291)</b>
<b>OBMP Expenses &amp; Program Elements 1-9</b>			
6900 Optimum Basin Mgmt Program	1,066,497	1,437,940	371,443
7104 Groundwater Level Monitoring	456,925	585,050	128,125
7200 OBMP Pgm Element 2 - Comp Recharge	1,414,773	1,774,300	359,527
7300 OBMP Pgm Element 3 & 5 - Water Supply Plan-Desalter	84,677	122,010	37,333
7400 OBMP Pgm Element 4 - Mgmt Zone Strategies	512,434	412,400	(100,034)
7500 OBMP Pgm Element 6 & 7 - Coop Efforts/Salt Mgmt	673,924	669,380	(4,544)
7600 OBMP Pgm Element 8 & 9 Storage Mgmt/Conj Use	633,092	867,050	233,958
7690 Recharge Improvement Debt & Projects	848,765	772,770	(75,995)
9501 Allocated Administration Expenses - OBMP	222,160	232,750	10,590
9502 Allocated Administration Expenses - PE 1-9	218,669	308,080	89,411
<b>Total OBMP Expenses &amp; Program Elements 1-9</b>	<b>6,131,916</b>	<b>7,181,730</b>	<b>1,049,814</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,813,827</b>	<b>10,503,350</b>	<b>689,523</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
4225 Interest Income	0	0	0
4210 Approp Pool-Replenishment	0	0	0
4220 Non-Ag Pool-Replenishment	0	0	0
4600 Groundwater Sales	0	0	0
4700 Other Income	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>			
5010 Groundwater Recharge	0	0	0
9990 Excess Reserve Refunds	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9900 To / (From) Reserves</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>

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## **Chino Basin Watermaster**

### **Annual Financial Report**

**For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

## **Our Mission Statement**

***“To manage the Chino Groundwater Basin in the most beneficial manner and to equitably administer and enforce the provisions of the Chino Basin Watermaster Judgment”***

**Chino Basin Watermaster  
Watermaster Board as of June 30, 2025**

<b><u>Represents</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Appropriative	James Curatalo	Chair
Agricultural	Jeff Pierson	Vice-Chair
Non-Agricultural	Bob Bowcock	Secretary/Treasurer
Appropriative	Bill Velto	Member
Appropriative	Marty Zvirbulis	Member
Agricultural	Jimmy Medrano	Member
Municipal	Steve Elie	Member
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## **Introductory Section**



October 23, 2025

Chino Basin Watermaster Board

## **Introduction**

It is our pleasure to submit the Annual Financial Report for the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, following guidelines set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Watermaster is ultimately responsible for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and the fairness of presentation, including all disclosures in this financial report. We believe that the data presented is accurate in all material respects. This report is designed in a manner that we believe necessary to enhance your understanding of the Watermaster's financial position and activities.

This report is organized into four sections: (1) Introductory, (2) Financial, (3) Required Supplementary Information and (4) Supplemental. The Introductory section offers general information about the Watermaster's organization and current Watermaster activities and reports on a summary of significant financial results. The Financial section includes the Independent Auditor's Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Watermaster's basic financial statements, and the Watermaster's audited basic financial statements with accompanying Notes. The Required Supplementary Information section includes the schedules of changes in Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities and CalPERS Pension contributions. The Supplemental section includes combining net position and revenue and expense schedules.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the financial statements in the form of the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Watermaster's MD&A can be found immediately after the Independent Auditor's Report.

## **Watermaster Structure and Leadership**

The Chino Basin Watermaster ("Watermaster") was established under a judgment entered in Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Bernardino as a result of Case No. RCVRS 51010 (formerly Case No. SCV 164327) entitled "Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.", signed by the Honorable Judge Howard B. Weiner on January 27, 1978. The effective date of this Judgment for accounting and operations was July 1, 1977. Under the Judgment, three Pool committees were formed: (1) Overlying (Agricultural) Pool which includes the State of California and all producers of water for overlying uses other than industrial or commercial purposes; (2) Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool which represents producers of water for overlying industrial or commercial purposes; and (3) Appropriative Pool which represents cities, special districts, other public or private entities and utilities. The three Pools act together to form the "Advisory Committee". Pursuant to the Judgment, the Chino Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) five-member Watermaster Board Members was initially appointed as "Watermaster". Pursuant to a recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the Honorable J. Michael Gunn appointed a nine-member board as Watermaster on February 19, 1998 thereby creating an independent Watermaster separate from the CBMWD.



### **Watermaster Structure and Leadership, continued**

The General Manager administers the day-to-day operations of the Watermaster in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board. The Watermaster staff includes eleven regular, full-time employees. Each of the Watermaster's three Pools Committees, the Advisory Committee, and the Board meet monthly to hear various reports and offer advice, assistance, or approval, relating to the matters of the Watermaster.

### **Watermaster Mission and Services**

Chino Basin Watermaster's mission is "To manage the Chino Groundwater Basin in the most beneficial manner and to equitably administer and enforce the provisions of the Chino Basin Watermaster Judgment", Case No. RCVRS 51010 (formerly Case No. SCV 164327). The Watermaster is charged with managing the 1978 Chino Basin Judgment and subsequent orders of the Court concerning the Groundwater Basin service area including accounting for water appropriations by acre footage of water produced, stored, exchanged, or replenished, by parties to the Judgment, purchasing of replenishment water, groundwater monitoring and implementation of special projects. The Watermaster is progressively and actively implementing the Basin's Optimum Basin Management Program Update (OBMPU) which includes extensive monitoring, partnering with Judgment parties to develop additional groundwater and stormwater recharge capabilities, storage and recovery programs, managing salt loads, evaluating the safe yield of the basin and protecting and enhancing this significant natural resource. In 2019, Watermaster began the work to update the OBMP which was originally adopted in 2000. The updated OBMP will provide the necessary basin management framework over the next 20 years to enhance Basin water supplies, protect and enhance water quality, and enhance Basin management overall. After an intensive stakeholder engagement process, the Watermaster Board adopted the 2020 OBMP on October 22, 2020. The Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) needed for the OBMPU for which, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), Watermaster's partner in basin management, is the lead agency, and was completed in February of 2024.

Watermaster costs are allocated to the Pools based on various formulas using the prior year's production volume and the party's share of operating safe yield, and the percentage of water reallocated to the Appropriative Pool from the Overlying (Agricultural) Pool. Pursuant to the agreements in place and as prescribed in the Judgment, the Overlying (Agricultural) Pool does not pay assessments as those are covered by the Appropriative Pool.

### **Economic Condition and Outlook**

The Watermaster's office is located in the City of Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County which has experienced tempered economic growth within the region. The economic outlook for the Southern California region is one of cautious growth.

### **Internal Control Structure**

Watermaster management is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the internal control structure that ensures the assets of the Watermaster are protected from loss, theft or misuse. The internal control structure also ensures adequate accounting data that is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Watermaster's internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

## **Budgetary Control**

The Advisory Committee annually approves, and the Board annually adopts an operating budget prior to the new fiscal year per the terms of the Judgment. The budget authorizes and provides the basis for reporting and controlling financial operations and accountability for the Watermaster's enterprise operations. The budgeting and reporting treatment applied to the Watermaster is consistent with the accrual basis of accounting and the financial statement basis.

## **Investment Policy**

The Board has adopted an investment policy that conforms to state law, Watermaster's ordinance and resolutions, prudent money management, and the "prudent person" standards. The objectives of the Investment Policy are safety, liquidity and yield. Watermaster funds are invested in the State Treasurer's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), with California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS), and financial institutions that offer safety, daily and next-day liquidity, and optimized returns catered to California public agencies.

## **Water Rates and Watermaster Revenues**

The Judgment prescribes Watermaster's authority and specifies classes of water production assessments to be used to fund certain activities. Those assessment categories are: Administration, Optimum Basin Management Program, Special Projects, and Replenishment. Each class of assessment has a prescribed purpose and is based on a percentage of water produced. Assessment revenue is Watermaster's principal source of income.

## **Audit and Financial Reporting**

State Law requires the Watermaster to obtain an annual audit of its financial statements by an independent certified public accountant. The accounting firm of C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs – An Accountancy Corporation, has conducted the audit of the Watermaster's financial statements. Their unmodified Independent Auditor's Report appears in the Financial Section.

## **Other References**

More information is contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements found in the Financial Section of the report.

## **Acknowledgements**

Preparation of this report was accomplished by the combined efforts of the Watermaster staff. We appreciate the dedicated efforts of Ms. Daniela Uriarte, Senior Accountant, and staff members who contributed to the annual audit processes and to the Watermaster overall. We would also like to thank the members of the Board for their continued support in planning and ensuring sound implementation of the Chino Basin Watermaster's fiscal policies.

Respectfully submitted,

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Todd M. Corbin  
General Manager

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Anna T. Nelson  
Director of Administration

## **Financial Section**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Watermaster Board Members  
Chino Basin Watermaster  
Rancho Cucamonga, California

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Watermaster's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Watermaster, as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Watermaster's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Independent Auditor's Report, continued

### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Watermaster's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Watermaster's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

### *Emphasis-of-Matter*

As discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements, the Watermaster has adopted the provisions of *GASB Statement No. 101 – Compensated Absences*. As a result, Watermaster has restated its net position to reflect the effects of the change in accounting policy. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Independent Auditor's Report, continued**

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 8 through 12 and the required supplementary information on pages 42 through 45 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audits of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Supplemental Information***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Watermaster's basic financial statements. The combining schedules of net position and combining schedules of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position on pages 46 through 49, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining schedules of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section on pages 1 through 3 but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.



## Independent Auditor's Report, continued

### Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 23, 2025, on our consideration of the Watermaster's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Watermaster's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. This report can be found on pages 50 and 51.

*C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs*

**C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs**  
Cypress, California  
October 23, 2025

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
***Management's Discussion and Analysis***  
**For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of activities and financial performance of the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) provides an introduction to the financial statements of the Watermaster for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here with additional information that we have furnished in conjunction with the transmittal letter in the Introductory Section and with the accompanying basic financial statements and related notes, which follow this section.

**Financial Highlights**

- In 2025, the Watermaster's net position increased by 1.45% or \$154,907 to \$10,807,477 as a result of ongoing operations. In 2024, the Watermaster's net position decreased by 18.21% or \$2,371,914 to \$10,652,570 as a result of ongoing operations. Please see Note 10 for further discussion.
- In 2025, the Watermaster's operating revenues decreased by 1.46% or \$151,501 to \$10,249,753. The Watermaster's operating revenues decreased by 3.08% or \$330,749 to \$10,401,254 in 2024.
- In 2025, the Watermaster's non-operating revenues decreased by 23.11% or \$168,229 to \$559,637. The Watermaster's non-operating revenues increased by 113.47% or \$386,897 to \$727,866 in 2024.
- In 2025, the Watermaster's operating expenses decreased by 11.31% or \$1,329,606 to \$10,424,955. The Watermaster's operating expenses increased by 40% or \$3,357,992 to \$11,754,561 in 2024.
- In 2025, the Watermaster's non-operating expenses decreased 98.75% or \$1,544,809 to \$19,571. The Watermaster's non-operating expenses increased 778.87% or \$1,386,380 to \$1,564,380 in 2024.

**Required Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position and Statement of Cash Flows provide information about the activities and performance of the Watermaster using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies.

The Statement of Net Position includes all of the Watermaster's investments in resources (assets), deferred outflows of resources, obligations to creditors (liabilities), and deferred inflows of resources. It also provides the basis for computing a rate of return, evaluating the capital structure of the Watermaster and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Watermaster. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. This statement measures the outcome of the Watermaster's operations over the past year and can be used to determine if the Watermaster has successfully recovered all of its costs through its rates and other charges. This statement can also be used to evaluate profitability and credit worthiness. The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows, which provides information about the Watermaster's cash receipts and cash payments during the reporting period. The Statement of Cash Flows reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, non-capital financing, and capital and related financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period.

**Financial Analysis of the Watermaster**

One of the most important questions asked about the Watermaster's finances is, "Is the Watermaster better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information about the Watermaster in a way that helps answer this question.

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**Financial Analysis of the Watermaster, continued**

These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting method used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Watermaster's *net position* and changes in it. You can think of the Watermaster's net position – assets and deferred outflow of resources, less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources – as one way to measure the Watermaster's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in an organization's net position is one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. However, one will need to consider other non-financial factors such as changes in economic conditions, population growth, zoning, and new or changed government legislation, such as changes in federal and state water quality standards. The Watermaster is funded on an annual basis through a court-mandated process.

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 17 through 41.

**Statements of Net Position**

<b>Condensed Statements of Net Position</b>					
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Assets:</b>					
Current assets	\$ 13,470,007	13,091,179	378,828	15,417,627	(2,326,448)
Capital assets, net	1,144,851	983,347	161,504	196,878	786,469
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>14,614,858</b>	<b>14,074,526</b>	<b>540,332</b>	<b>15,614,505</b>	<b>(1,539,979)</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>746,464</b>	<b>902,988</b>	<b>(156,524)</b>	<b>863,919</b>	<b>39,069</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Current liabilities	1,666,043	1,317,887	348,156	718,737	599,150
Non-current liabilities	2,739,205	2,867,140	(127,935)	2,600,947	266,193
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,405,248</b>	<b>4,185,027</b>	<b>220,221</b>	<b>3,319,684</b>	<b>865,343</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>148,597</b>	<b>139,917</b>	<b>8,680</b>	<b>9,861</b>	<b>130,056</b>
<b>Net position:</b>					
Net investment in capital assets	433,913	167,003	266,910	145,069	21,934
Unrestricted	10,373,564	10,485,567	(112,003)	12,879,415	(2,393,848)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 10,807,477</b>	<b>10,652,570</b>	<b>154,907</b>	<b>13,024,484</b>	<b>(2,371,914)</b>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of an organization's financial position. In the case of the Watermaster, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$10,807,477 and \$10,652,570 as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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**Statements of Net Position, continued**

Compared to prior year, net position of the Watermaster increased by 1.45% or \$154,907. The Watermaster's total net position is made up of three components: (1) net investment in capital assets, (2) restricted, and (3) unrestricted.

A portion of the Watermaster's net position, 4.01% and 1.57%, as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively, reflects the Watermaster's investment in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) less any related debt (where applicable) used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Watermaster uses these capital assets to provide services to customers within the Watermaster's service area; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

At the end of fiscal years 2025 and 2024, the Watermaster reflected a positive balance in its unrestricted net position of \$10,373,564 and \$10,485,567, respectively, that may be utilized in future years. See note 11 for further discussion.

**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

**Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Operating revenues	\$ 10,249,753	10,401,254	(151,501)	10,732,003	(330,749)
Non-operating revenues	559,637	727,866	(168,229)	340,969	386,897
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>10,809,390</u>	<u>11,129,120</u>	<u>(319,730)</u>	<u>11,072,972</u>	<u>56,148</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Operating expense	10,424,955	11,754,561	(1,329,606)	8,396,569	3,357,992
Depreciation	209,957	182,093	27,864	143,842	38,251
Non-operating expense	19,571	1,564,380	(1,544,809)	178,000	1,386,380
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>10,654,483</u>	<u>13,501,034</u>	<u>(2,846,551)</u>	<u>8,718,411</u>	<u>4,782,623</u>
<b>Changes in net position</b>	154,907	(2,371,914)	2,526,821	2,354,561	(4,726,475)
<b>Net position, beginning of period, as restated (Note 10)</b>	<u>10,652,570</u>	<u>13,024,484</u>	<u>(2,371,914)</u>	<u>10,669,923</u>	<u>2,354,561</u>
<b>Net position, end of period</b>	<u>\$ 10,807,477</u>	<u>10,652,570</u>	<u>154,907</u>	<u>13,024,484</u>	<u>(2,371,914)</u>

The statements of revenues, expenses, and changes of net position show how the Watermaster's net position changed during the fiscal years. In the case of the Watermaster, net position increased by 1.45% or \$154,907 to \$10,807,477 as a result of ongoing operations for the year ended June 30, 2025; and net position decreased by 18.21% or \$2,371,914 to \$10,652,570 as a result of ongoing operations for the year ended June 30, 2024.

A closer examination of the sources of changes in net position reveals that:

In 2025, the Watermaster's total revenues decreased 2.87% or \$319,730 to \$10,809,930. The Watermaster's operating revenues decreased by 1.46% or \$151,501 to \$10,249,753, due primarily to a decrease of \$256,967 in replenishment water revenue, which was offset by an increase of \$99,369 in administrative assessments. The Watermaster's non-operating revenues decreased by 23.11% or \$168,229 to \$559,637, due to a decrease in investment earnings, net of a year-end fair value adjustment for LAIF.

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**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, continued**

In 2024, the Watermaster's total revenues increased 0.51% or \$56,148 to \$11,129,120. The Watermaster's operating revenues decreased by 3.08% or \$330,749 to \$10,401,254, due primarily to a decrease of \$359,646 in administrative assessments, which was offset by an increase of \$32,349 in replenishment water revenue. The Watermaster's non-operating revenues increased by 113.47% or \$386,897 to \$727,866, due to an increase in investment earnings, net of a year-end fair value adjustment for LAIF.

In 2025, the Watermaster's total expenses decreased 21.08% or \$2,846,551 to \$10,654,483. The Watermaster's operating expenses decreased by 11.31% or \$1,329,606 to \$10,424,955, due primarily to decreases of \$1,686,132 in groundwater replenishment and other water purchases, and \$825,709 in Watermaster administration; which were offset by an increase of \$1,267,642 in optimum basin management plan. The Watermaster's non-operating expenses decreased 98.75% or \$1,544,809 to \$19,571, primarily due to a decrease of \$1,542,183 in reserve distribution expenses.

In 2024, the Watermaster's total expenses increased 54.86% or \$4,782,623 to \$13,501,034. The Watermaster's operating expenses increased by 40% or \$3,357,992 to \$11,754,561, due primarily to increases of \$1,606,779 in groundwater replenishment and other water purchases, \$931,282 in optimum basin management plan, and \$821,319 in Watermaster administration. The Watermaster's non-operating expenses increased 778.87% or \$1,386,380 to \$1,564,380, primarily due to an increase of \$1,364,804 in reserve distribution expenses.

**Capital Asset Administration**

At the end of fiscal years 2025 and 2024, the Watermaster's investment in capital assets amounted to \$1,144,851 and \$983,347 (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization), respectively. This investment in capital assets includes leasehold improvements, office equipment, vehicles, leased building, and leased equipment. The capital assets of the Watermaster are more fully analyzed in note 4 to the basic financial statements.

Changes in capital assets in 2025 were as follows:

	<b>Balance 2024</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Disposals/ Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 2025</b>
Capital assets:				
Depreciable assets	\$ 1,474,274	374,326	(105,951)	1,742,649
Accumulated depreciation	(490,927)	(209,957)	103,086	(597,798)
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 983,347</u>	<u>164,369</u>	<u>(2,865)</u>	<u>1,144,851</u>

Changes in capital assets in 2024 were as follows:

	<b>Balance 2023</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Disposals/ Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 2024</b>
Capital assets:				
Depreciable assets	\$ 861,191	968,562	(355,479)	1,474,274
Accumulated depreciation	(664,313)	(182,093)	355,479	(490,927)
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 196,878</u>	<u>786,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>983,347</u>

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**Conditions Affecting Current Financial Position**

Management is unaware of any conditions, which could have a significant impact on the Watermaster's current financial position, net position, or operating results in terms of past, present, and future.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide the Watermaster's present users, including funding sources, customers, stakeholders, and other interested parties with a general overview of the Watermaster's finances and to demonstrate Watermaster's accountability with an overview of Watermaster's financial operations and financial condition. Should the reader have questions regarding the information included in this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact the Watermaster's Director of Administration, Anna Nelson, at Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 or (909) 484-3888.



## **Basic Financial Statements**

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**Chino Basin Watermaster  
Statements of Net Position  
June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>As restated 2024</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 12,352,799	11,693,858
Accounts receivable	1,052,150	1,303,493
Accrued interest receivable	7,295	7,171
Other receivable	-	50,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	57,763	36,657
Total current assets	<u>13,470,007</u>	<u>13,091,179</u>
<b>Non-current assets:</b>		
Capital assets, net (note 4)	<u>1,144,851</u>	<u>983,347</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>1,144,851</u>	<u>983,347</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>14,614,858</u>	<u>14,074,526</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>		
Deferred OPEB outflows (note 7)	79,011	91,055
Deferred pension outflows (note 8)	667,453	811,933
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<u>746,464</u>	<u>902,988</u>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,310,996	962,078
Accrued salaries and benefits	46,249	36,023
Long-term liabilities – due within one year:		
Compensated absences (note 5)	173,011	181,839
Leases payable (note 6)	135,787	137,947
Total current liabilities	<u>1,666,043</u>	<u>1,317,887</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities:</b>		
Long-term liabilities – due in more than one year:		
Compensated absences (note 5)	12,998	-
Leases payable (note 6)	575,151	678,397
Net OPEB liability (note 7)	253,540	275,478
Net pension liability (note 8)	1,897,516	1,913,265
Total non-current liabilities	<u>2,739,205</u>	<u>2,867,140</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>4,405,248</u>	<u>4,185,027</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>		
Deferred OPEB inflows (note 7)	148,597	139,917
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<u>148,597</u>	<u>139,917</u>
<b>Net position: (note 11)</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	433,913	167,003
Unrestricted	10,373,564	10,485,567
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 10,807,477</u>	<u>10,652,570</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
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	<u>2025</u>	<u>as restated 2024</u>
<b>Operating revenues:</b>		
Administrative assessments	\$ 9,964,355	9,864,986
Replenishment water revenue	92,858	349,825
Other revenue	<u>192,540</u>	<u>186,443</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>10,249,753</u>	<u>10,401,254</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
Groundwater replenishment and other water purchases	234,659	1,920,791
Optimum basin management plan	6,241,855	4,974,213
Watermaster administration	3,086,166	3,911,875
Pool, advisory, and board administration	<u>862,275</u>	<u>947,682</u>
Total operating expense	<u>10,424,955</u>	<u>11,754,561</u>
Operating loss before depreciation	(175,202)	(1,353,307)
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(209,957)</u>	<u>(182,093)</u>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<u>(385,159)</u>	<u>(1,535,400)</u>
<b>Non-operating revenue (expense):</b>		
Reserve distribution	-	(1,542,183)
Interest expense	(19,571)	(22,197)
Investment returns	<u>559,637</u>	<u>727,866</u>
Total non-operating revenue (expense), net	<u>540,066</u>	<u>(836,514)</u>
<b>Changes in net position</b>	154,907	(2,371,914)
<b>Net position, beginning of period, as restated (note 10)</b>	<u>10,652,570</u>	<u>13,024,484</u>
<b>Net position, end of period</b>	<u>\$ 10,807,477</u>	<u>10,652,570</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Chino Basin Watermaster  
Statements of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Receipts from stakeholders	\$ 10,501,096	10,671,517
Payments to employees for salaries and wages	(1,623,182)	(3,351,075)
Payments to vendors for materials and services	<u>(8,282,048)</u>	<u>(8,370,959)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>595,866</u>	<u>(1,050,517)</u>
<b>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:</b>		
Payments for non-operating expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,542,183)</u>
<b>Net cash used in non-capital financing activities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,542,183)</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital financing activities:</b>		
Acquisition of capital assets	(336,130)	(77,024)
Principal paid on capital lease payables	(140,737)	(127,003)
Interest paid on capital lease payables	<u>(19,571)</u>	<u>(22,197)</u>
<b>Net cash used in capital financing activities</b>	<u>(496,438)</u>	<u>(226,224)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Investment returns	<u>559,513</u>	<u>795,095</u>
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<u>559,513</u>	<u>795,095</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	658,941	(2,023,829)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<u>11,693,858</u>	<u>13,717,687</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 12,352,799</u>	<u>11,693,858</u>

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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Statements of Cash Flows, continued**  
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	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:</b>		
Operating income	\$ <u>(385,159)</u>	<u>(1,535,400)</u>
<b>Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation	209,957	182,093
<b>Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:</b>		
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows of resources:		
Accounts receivable	251,343	270,263
Other receivable	50,000	(50,000)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(21,106)	15,127
Deferred outflows of resources	156,524	(39,069)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	348,918	417,742
Accrued salaries and benefits	10,226	3,020
Compensated absences	4,170	(129,275)
Total OPEB liability	(21,938)	5,727
Net pension liability	(15,749)	193,069
Employee compensation plan	-	(389,475)
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>8,680</u>	<u>5,661</u>
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<u>981,025</u>	<u>484,883</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>\$ 595,866</u>	<u>(1,050,517)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Organization and Operations of the Reporting Entity**

The Chino Basin Watermaster (“Watermaster”) was established under a judgment entered in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Bernardino as a result of Case No. RCV 51010 (formerly Case No. SCV 164327) entitled “Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.”, signed by the Honorable Judge Howard B. Weiner on January 27, 1978. The effective date of this Judgment for accounting and operations was July 1, 1977.

Pursuant to the Judgment, the Chino Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) five-member Board of Directors was initially appointed as “Watermaster”. Their term of appointment as Watermaster was for five years, and the Court, by subsequent orders, provided for successive terms, or for a successor Watermaster. Pursuant to a recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the Honorable J. Michael Gunn appointed a nine-member board as Watermaster on September 28, 2000. Under the Judgment, three Pool committees were formed: (1) Overlying (Agricultural) Pool which includes the State of California and all producers of water for overlying uses other than industrial or commercial purposes; (2) Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool which represents producers of water for overlying industrial or commercial purposes; and (3) Appropriative Pool which represents cities, districts, other public or private entities, and utilities. The three Pool committees act together to form the “Advisory Committee.” The Watermaster provides the Chino Groundwater Basin service area with services which primarily include: Accounting for water appropriations and components of acre-footage of stored water by agency, purchase of replenishment water, groundwater monitoring, and implementation of special projects.

Watermaster expenditures are allocated to the pools based on the prior year’s production volume (or the same percentage used to set the annual assessments). Allocations for fiscal year 2024-2025 expenses are based on the 2023-2024 production volume.

<b>Production volume</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2025</b>		<b>Fiscal Year 2024</b>	
	<b>Acre Feet</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Acre Feet</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Appropriative Pool	74,795	77.72%	54,722	72.65%
Agricultural Pool	18,184	18.89%	17,717	23.52%
Non-agricultural Pool	3,259	3.39%	2,879	3.82%
Total production volume	96,238	100.00%	75,318	100.00%

The Agricultural Pool members ratified an agreement with the Appropriative Pool at their meeting of June 16, 1988, wherein the Appropriative Pool assumes Agricultural Pool administrative expenses and special project cost allocations in exchange for an accelerated transfer of un-pumped agricultural water to the Appropriative Pool. In addition, the Agricultural Pool transferred all pool administrative reserves at June 30, 1988, to the Appropriative Pool effective July 1, 1988.

In July of 2000, the principal parties in the Basin signed an agreement, known as the Peace Agreement, which formalized the Basin parties' commitment to implement an Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP). The OBMP was developed in a collaborative public process that identified the needs and wants of all stakeholders; described the physical state of the groundwater basin; developed a set of management goals; identified impediments to those goals; described a series of actions that could be taken to remove those impediments and achieve the management goals; developed and executed agreements to implement the OBMP; and certified a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to CEQA with IEUA as the lead Agency. The Peace Agreement was signed by all the parties, and the Court approved the agreement and ordered the Watermaster to proceed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.



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**(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

**A. Organization and Operations of the Reporting Entity, continued**

In 2019, with a nearly two-decade-old “2000 OBMP,” the “2020 OBMP Update (2020 OBMPU)” was begun. This entailed a multi-stakeholder collaborative process wherein Watermaster hosted many Listening Sessions to bring the 20-year old planning document up to date. The process acknowledged the new challenges and opportunities that the region faced and provided solutions through collaboration. The multi-stakeholder effort concluded in the finalization of the 2020 OBMPU Report in October of 2020 setting the framework of basin management into the foreseeable future. A Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) in support of the 2020 OBMPU was certified pursuant to Section 15088.5 of CEQA guidelines by IEUA as the lead agency.

**B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus**

The Watermaster reports its activities as an enterprise fund, which is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent of the Watermaster is that the costs of providing water to its service area on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges (water sales), capital grants, and similar funding. Revenues and expenses are recognized on the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned, and expenses are recognized in the period incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

Operating revenues and expenses, such as replenishment water revenues and groundwater replenishment, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the Watermaster. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Management, administration, and depreciation expenses are also considered operating expenses. Other revenues and expenses not included in the above categories are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

**C. Financial Reporting**

The Watermaster’s basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applied to enterprise funds. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Watermaster solely operates as a special-purpose government which means it is only engaged in business-type activities; accordingly, activities are reported in the Watermaster’s proprietary fund.

The Watermaster has adopted the following GASB pronouncements in the current year:

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101 – *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. Leave is attributable to services already rendered when an employee has performed the services required to earn the leave.

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**(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

**C. Financial Reporting, continued**

Leave that accumulates is carried forward from the reporting period in which it is earned to a future reporting period during which it may be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. In estimating the leave that is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies related to compensated absences and historical information about the use or payment of compensated absences. However, leave that is more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits should not be included in a liability for compensated absences.

In December 2023, the GASB issued Statement No. 102 – *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The primary objective of this Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact to have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued.

**D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position**

**1. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, and disclosures of contingent assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows at the date of the financial statements and the reported changes in net position during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Substantially all the Watermaster's cash is invested in interest-bearing accounts. The Watermaster considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**3. Investments**

The Watermaster has adopted an investment policy directing the General Manager to invest and reinvest funds subject to the provisions of the Watermaster's Investment Policy and the ongoing review and control of the Watermaster and the Watermaster Advisory Committee in accordance with California Government Code section 53600.

Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Investment income includes interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon the liquidation or sale of investments.

**4. Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts**

The Watermaster extends credit to customers in the normal course of operations. Management has determined that all amounts are considered collectable. As a result, the Watermaster has not recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

**5. Prepaid Expenses**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs or deposits applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the basic financial statements.

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**(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

**D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position, continued**

**6. Capital Assets**

Capital assets acquired and/or constructed are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Upon retirement or other disposition of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective balances and any gains or losses are recognized.

Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Computer equipment and software	5 years
Office furniture and fixtures	7 years
Leasehold improvements	10 years
Automotive equipment	7 years

Leased assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

**7. Deferred Outflows of Resources**

The statements of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents the consumption of net assets applicable to future periods and, therefore, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until that time. The Watermaster has the following items that qualify for reporting in this category:

*Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*

- Deferred outflow for the net change in assumptions which will be amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with post-employment benefits through the Plan.
- Deferred outflow which is equal to the employer contributions made after the measurement date of the total OPEB liability. This amount will be amortized-in-full against the total OPEB liability in the next fiscal year.

*Pensions*

- Deferred outflow which is equal to the employer contributions made after the measurement date of the net pension liability. This amount will be amortized-in-full against the net pension liability in the next fiscal year.
- Deferred outflow for the net difference between the actual and expected experience which will be amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the Plan.
- Deferred outflow for the net difference in actual and proportionate share of employer contribution which will be amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the Plan.
- Deferred outflow for the net adjustment due to the changes in proportions of the net pension liability which will be amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the Plan.

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**(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

**D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position, continued**

**8. Compensated Absences**

The Watermaster's policy is to permit eligible employees to accumulate earned vacation up to a total of 320 hours. Employees may receive pay in lieu of using vacation for up to one-half of their annual vacation accrual if: (1) within the prior twelve months, the employee has used vacation in an amount equal to at least half of their annual vacation accrual rate; and (2) the employee has a minimum remaining accrued vacation balance of at least 40 hours. Eligible employees accrue and accumulate sick leave based on Watermaster policy. Twice a year, employees may buy-back accrued sick leave at 50% of their current pay provided that at least 480 hours of accrued sick leave remain after the cash-out. Upon termination of employment, employees are paid all unused vacation. Unused sick time is paid out based on Watermaster policy.

**9. Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Watermaster's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) plans (Plans) and addition to/deduction from the Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

GASB 68 requires that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report, the following timeframes are used:

- Valuation Dates: June 30, 2023 and 2022
- Measurement Dates: June 30, 2024 and 2023
- Measurement Periods: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

**10. Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The statements of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets applicable to future periods and, therefore, will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Watermaster has the following items that qualify for reporting in this category:

*Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*

- Deferred inflow for the net difference between the actual and expected experience which will be amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with post-employment benefits through the Plan.
- Deferred inflow for the net difference in projected and actual earnings on investments of the pension plan fiduciary net position. This amount is amortized over a 5-year period.

**11. Lease payable**

The Watermaster's lease obligation is measured at the present value of payments expected to be paid during the lease term.

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**(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

**D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position, continued**

**12. Water Production Assessments**

Water Production Assessment categories include Administration, Optimum Basin Management Program, Special Projects, and Water Replenishment. Assessments are billed on a yearly basis.

**13. Budgetary Policies**

The Watermaster adopts an annual operational budget for planning, control, and evaluation purposes. Budgetary control and evaluation are affected by comparisons of actual revenues and expenses with planned revenues and expenses for the period. Encumbrance accounting is not used to account for commitments related to unperformed contracts for construction and services.

**14. Net Position**

The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as follows:

- **Net investment in capital assets** – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, and reduced by outstanding balances of any debt, or other long-term borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- **Restricted** – This component of net position consists of assets that have restrictions placed upon their use by external constraints imposed either by creditors (debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted** – This component of net position consists of the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of the *net investment in capital assets* or *restricted* components of net position.

**(2) Cash and Investments**

Cash and investments as of June 30 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 12,352,799	11,693,858
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 12,352,799</u>	<u>11,693,858</u>

Cash and investments as of June 30 consist of the following:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 500	302
Deposits with financial institutions	-	610,770
California CLASS Investment Pool		
Designated	1,461,922	-
Undesignated	10,223,747	10,448,927
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	<u>666,630</u>	<u>633,859</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 12,352,799</u>	<u>11,693,858</u>

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**(2) Cash and Investments, continued**

As of June 30, Watermaster's authorized deposits had the following maturities:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Deposits in California CLASS Investment Pool	<u>75 days</u>	<u>75 days</u>
Deposits in California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	<u>248 days</u>	<u>217 days</u>

***Investments Authorized by the California Government Code and the Watermaster's Investment Policy***

The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized by the Watermaster in accordance with the California Government Code (or the Watermaster's investment policy, where more restrictive). The table also identifies certain provisions of the California Government Code (or the Watermaster's investment policy, where more restrictive) that address interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk.

<u>Authorized Investment Type</u>	<u>Maximum Maturity</u>	<u>Maximum Percentage of Portfolio</u>	<u>Maximum Investment in One Issuer</u>
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
State Obligations - CA and Others	5 years	None	None
CA Local Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Collateralize Bank Deposits	5 years	None	None
Corporate debt - Short and Long Term	5 years	None	None
Commercial Paper - Pooled Funds	270 days	40%	10%
Commercial Paper - Non Pooled Funds	270 days	40%	10%
Repurchase agreements	1 year	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None

***Investment in California State Investment Pool***

The Watermaster is a voluntary participant in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) that is regulated by the California Government Code Section 16429 and is under the management of the Treasurer of the State of California with oversight provided by the Local Agency Investment Advisory Board. The fair value of the Watermaster's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the Watermaster's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by LAIF for the entire LAIF portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis.

Bank balances are secured by the pledging of a pool of eligible securities to collateralize the Watermaster's deposits with the bank in accordance with the Code.

The pool portfolio is invested in a manner that meets the maturity, quality, diversification, and liquidity requirements set forth by GASB 79 for external investment pools that elect to measure, for financial reporting purposes, investments at amortized cost. LAIF does not have any legally binding guarantees of share values. LAIF does not impose liquidity fees or redemption gates on participant withdrawals.



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**(2) Cash and Investments, continued**

***Investment in California CLASS***

The Watermaster is a voluntary participant in the California CLASS (CLASS) that is regulated by the California Government Code Section 16429 and is a Joint Powers Authority investment pool that provides the opportunity to invest funds on a cooperative basis in rated pools that are managed in accordance with state law with the primary objectives of offering Participants safety, daily, and next day liquidity, and optimized returns.

The fair value of the Watermaster's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the Watermaster's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by CLASS for the entire CLASS portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the CLASS, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis. Bank balances are secured by the pledging of a pool of eligible securities to collateralize the Watermaster's deposits with the bank in accordance with the Code.

***Custodial Credit Risk***

The custodial credit risk for *deposits* is the risk that, in the event of failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The custodial credit risk for *investments* is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools (such as LAIF). The California Government Code and the Watermaster's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits or investments, other than the following provision for deposits: The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure Watermaster deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits. As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, bank balances are federally insured up to \$250,000 and the remaining balance is collateralized in accordance with the Code.

***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the Watermaster manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio matures or comes close to maturity evenly over time as necessary to provide for cash flow requirements and liquidity needed for operations.

***Credit Risk***

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.



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**(2) Cash and Investments, continued**

***Credit Risk, continued***

Presented below is the minimum rating required by the California Government Code (where applicable), the Watermaster's investment policy, or debt agreements, and the actual rating as of year-end for each investment type.

Credit ratings as of June 30, 2025, were as follows:

Investment Type	Total	Minimum Legal Rating	Ratings as of year-end	
			S&P Global Ratings AAAm	Not Rated
California CLASS	\$ 11,685,669	AAAm	11,685,669	-
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	666,630	N/A	-	666,630
	<u>\$ 12,352,299</u>		<u>11,685,669</u>	<u>666,630</u>

Credit ratings as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Investment Type	Total	Minimum Legal Rating	Ratings as of year-end	
			S&P Global Ratings AAAm	Not Rated
California CLASS	\$ 10,448,927	AAAm	10,448,927	-
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	633,859	N/A	-	633,859
	<u>\$ 11,082,786</u>		<u>10,448,927</u>	<u>633,859</u>

***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Watermaster's investment policy contains no limitations on the amounts that can be invested in any one issuer as beyond that stipulated by the California Government Code. There were no investments in any one issuer (other than external investment pools) that represented 5% or more of total Watermaster's investment at June 30, 2025 and 2024.

**(3) Deferred Compensation Savings Plan**

For the benefit of its employees, the Watermaster participates in a 457 and 401(a) Deferred Compensation Program (Program). The purpose of this Program is to provide deferred compensation for public employees that elect to participate in the Program. Generally, eligible employees may defer receipt of a portion of their salary until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. Until the funds are paid or otherwise made available to the employee, the employee is not obligated to report the deferred salary for income tax purposes. Federal law requires deferred compensation assets to be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participants. Accordingly, the Watermaster is in compliance with this legislation. Therefore, these assets are not the legal property of the Watermaster, and are not subject to claims of the Watermaster's general creditors. Fair value of all plan assets held in trust for the 457 Plan at June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$2,418,371 and \$2,065,835, respectively. Fair value of all plan assets held in trust by the Watermaster's 401(a) Plan at June 30, 2025 and 2024, amounted to \$902,450, and 631,429, respectively.

The Watermaster has implemented GASB Statement No. 32, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans. Since the Watermaster has little administrative involvement and does not perform the investing function for this plan, the assets and related liabilities are not shown on the statement of net position.

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**(4) Capital Assets**

Changes in capital assets for 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Balance 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals/ Transfers</u>	<u>Balance 2025</u>
Depreciable and leased assets:				
Computer equipment	\$ 37,703	-	-	37,703
Furniture and fixtures	251,887	-	-	251,887
Leasehold improvements	23,443	-	-	23,443
Vehicles and equipment	163,755	338,994	-	502,749
Leased building	891,538	-	-	891,538
Leased equipment	105,948	35,332	(105,951)	35,329
Total depreciable and leased assets	<u>1,474,274</u>	<u>374,326</u>	<u>(105,951)</u>	<u>1,742,649</u>
Accumulated depreciation and amortization:				
Computer equipment	(37,704)	-	-	(37,704)
Furniture and fixtures	(134,627)	(33,120)	-	(167,747)
Leasehold improvements	(23,443)	-	-	(23,443)
Vehicles and equipment	(103,113)	(31,312)	-	(134,425)
Leased building	(106,135)	(127,363)	-	(233,498)
Leased equipment	(85,905)	(18,162)	103,086	(981)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(490,927)</u>	<u>(209,957)</u>	<u>103,086</u>	<u>(597,798)</u>
Total capital assets, net	\$ <u>983,347</u>			<u>1,144,851</u>

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**(4) Capital Assets, continued**

Changes in capital assets for 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Balance 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals/ Transfers</u>	<u>Balance 2024</u>
Depreciable and leased assets:				
Computer equipment	\$ 37,703	-	-	37,703
Furniture and fixtures	223,950	27,937	-	251,887
Leasehold improvements	23,443	-	-	23,443
Vehicles and equipment	114,668	49,087	-	163,755
Leased building	355,479	891,538	(355,479)	891,538
Leased equipment	105,948	-	-	105,948
Total depreciable and leased assets	<u>861,191</u>	<u>968,562</u>	<u>(355,479)</u>	<u>1,474,274</u>
Accumulated depreciation and amortization:				
Computer equipment	(37,704)	-	-	(37,704)
Furniture and fixtures	(101,506)	(33,121)	-	(134,627)
Leasehold improvements	(23,443)	-	-	(23,443)
Vehicles and equipment	(91,676)	(11,437)	-	(103,113)
Leased building	(341,260)	(120,354)	355,479	(106,135)
Leased equipment	(68,724)	(17,181)	-	(85,905)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(664,313)</u>	<u>(182,093)</u>	<u>355,479</u>	<u>(490,927)</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 196,878</u>			<u>983,347</u>

**(5) Compensated Absences**

The Watermaster recognizes liability for compensated absences in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101, "Compensated Absences". Compensated absences include unpaid vacation leave, sick leave and compensating time off which is accrued as earned, which are expected to be settled through paid time off or cash payments upon termination or retirement.

As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, the liability for compensated absences was calculated based on employees' pay rates at the fiscal year-end and historical usage data, considering employment policies. The liability represents amounts that are more likely than not to be used or paid out.

Compensated absences as of June 30 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current	\$ 173,011	181,839
Non-current	12,998	-
Total	<u>\$ 186,009</u>	<u>181,839</u>

The total liability for compensated absences amounted to \$186,009 and \$181,839, respectively.

The net change in the compensated absences liability for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$4,170 and \$(129,275), respectively, reflecting a net increase (decrease) due to changes in employee leave balances, pay rates, and usage patterns. The liability is reported in government-wide financial statements and business type fund financial statements.

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**(6) Leases Payable**

The change in leases payable for 2025 was as follows:

	Balance 2024	Additions	Payments	Balance 2025	Current Portion	Long Term Portion
Leases payable:						
Cucamonga Valley Water District – Office Building	797,043	-	(121,436)	675,607	124,374	551,233
Advanced Office – Ricoh Copiers	19,301	35,331	(19,301)	35,331	11,413	23,918
Total leases payable	<u>816,344</u>	<u>35,331</u>	<u>(140,737)</u>	<u>710,938</u>	<u>135,787</u>	<u>575,151</u>

The change in leases payable for 2024 was as follows:

	Balance 2023	Additions	Payments	Balance 2024	Current Portion	Long Term Portion
Leases payable:						
Cucamonga Valley Water District – Office Building	16,388	891,538	(110,883)	797,043	121,436	675,607
Advanced Office – Ricoh Copiers	35,421	-	(16,120)	19,301	16,511	2,790
Total leases payable	<u>51,809</u>	<u>891,538</u>	<u>(127,003)</u>	<u>816,344</u>	<u>137,947</u>	<u>678,397</u>

***Cucamonga Valley Water District – Office Building***

In September 2003, the Watermaster entered into an agreement with Cucamonga Valley Water District (District) to rent office building space for the purpose of providing an administrative headquarters location for the Watermaster. Terms of the agreement commenced on September 1, 2003 with an initial 10 year term with automatic extension for 3 periods of 5 years through August 30, 2023. Terms of the agreement include base rent is due monthly at \$4,900 per month due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Base rent is adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index for Riverside and San Bernardino County.

In August 2023, the Watermaster amended its agreement with the District. Terms of the agreement commenced on September 1, 2023 and continue through August 31, 2030. Terms of the agreement include base rent is due monthly at \$11,727 per month due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Commencing with the first day of the thirteenth month of the lease term, the monthly rent payable under this agreement shall be adjusted on an annual basis thereafter in accordance with the applicable Consumer Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor for all Urban Consumers, Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario (“CPI”).

As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, rental payments amounted to \$140,724 and \$132,407, respectively.

The Watermaster recorded a right-to-use asset and a lease payable at present value using an interest rate of 2.42%. The right-to-use asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

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**(6) Leases Payable, continued**

Annual lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 124,374	16,350	140,724
2027	127,384	13,340	140,724
2028	130,467	10,257	140,724
2029	133,624	7,100	140,724
2030	136,858	3,866	140,724
2031	22,900	554	23,454
Total	675,607	51,467	727,074
Current	(124,374)		
Long-term	\$ 551,233		

***Advanced Office – Ricoh Copiers***

In October 2019, the Watermaster entered into an agreement with Advanced Office for the purpose of acquiring two Ricoh copy machines. Terms of the agreement commenced in July 2019 and matures in August 2025.

On May 22, 2025, the Watermaster entered into an amended agreement with Advanced Office to extend the lease through May 21, 2028.

As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, rental payments amounted to \$19,301 and \$17,338, respectively.

Following the guidelines of *GASB Statement No. 87*, the Watermaster recorded a right-to-use asset and a lease payable at present value using an interest rate of 2.40%. The right-to-use asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

***Advanced Office – Ricoh Copiers***

Annual lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 11,413	1,116	12,529
2027	11,773	756	12,529
2028	12,145	384	12,529
Total	35,331	2,256	37,587
Current	(11,413)		
Long-term	\$ 23,918		

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**(7) Other Post-Employment Benefits Payable**

***Plan Description***

The Watermaster's defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Plan) provides OPEB for all permanent and vested full-time employees. The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Watermaster. The Watermaster's Board has the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements of the Plan. Watermaster participates in a CalPERS Health Program, a community-rated program for its medical coverage. Watermaster does not have an OPEB trust established and no assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

***Benefits Provided***

The Plan provides a contribution up to the CalPERS PEMCHA minimum employer contribution for eligible retirees and surviving spouses in receipt of a pension benefit from CalPERS. An employee is eligible for this employer contribution provided they are vested in their CalPERS pension benefit and commence payment of their pension benefit within 120 days of retirement from the Watermaster.

Vesting requires at least 5 years of CalPERS total service. The surviving spouse of an eligible retiree who elected spouse coverage under CalPERS is eligible for the employer contribution upon death of the retiree. Board members during or prior to 1994 are also eligible for Watermaster contribution at retirement.

***Employee Covered by Benefit Terms***

As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Active employees	9	9
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Total plan membership	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>

***Total OPEB Liability***

The Watermaster's total OPEB liability of \$253,540 and 275,478 was measured as of December 31, 2024 and 2022, respectively, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023 and 2021.

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**(7) Other Post-Employment Benefits Payable, continued**

***Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs***

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2025 and 2024, actuarial valuation, which was measured at December 31, 2024 and 2022, respectively, was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Valuation dates	December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2021
Measurement dates	December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2022
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal cost method in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 75
Inflation	2025: 2.50% per annum 2024: 2.50% per annum
Salary increases	2025: 2.75% per annum, in aggregate 2024: 2.75% per annum, in aggregate
Discount rate	2025: 4.08% per annum, in aggregate 2024: 3.26% per annum, in aggregate
Healthcare cost trend rates	2025: 4.00% 2024: 4.00%

***Changes in the Total OPEB Liability***

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 275,478	269,751
Changes during the year:		
Service cost	14,391	15,731
Interest	8,977	10,086
Experience (gains)/losses	-	(34,649)
Changes in assumptions	(30,680)	27,521
Benefit payments	(14,626)	(12,962)
Net change	(21,938)	5,727
Balance at end of year	\$ 253,540	275,478

***Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Watermaster as of June 30, 2025, as well as what the Watermaster's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>Discount Rate - 1% 3.08%</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate 4.08%</u>	<u>Discount Rate + 1% 5.08%</u>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 291,417	253,540	224,460



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**(7) Other Post-Employment Benefits Payable, continued**

***Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate, continued***

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Watermaster as of June 30, 2024, as well as what the Watermaster's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	<b>Discount Rate - 1% 2.26%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 3.26%</b>	<b>Discount Rate + 1% 4.26%</b>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 316,652	275,478	241,946

***Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates***

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Watermaster as of June 30, 2025, as well as what the Watermaster's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<b>Healthcare cost trend rates</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease 3.00%</b>	<b>Current 4.00%</b>	<b>1% Increase 5.00%</b>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 215,039	253,540	301,219

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Watermaster as of June 30, 2024, as well as what the Watermaster's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<b>Healthcare cost trend rates</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease 3.00%</b>	<b>Current 4.00%</b>	<b>1% Increase 5.00%</b>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 235,911	275,478	326,844

***OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Watermaster recognized OPEB expense of \$7,671 and \$15,969, respectively. As of June 30, the Watermaster reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Change in assumptions	\$ 14,807	(43,849)	73,897	(49,539)
Difference between actual and expected experience	64,204	(104,748)	17,158	(90,378)
Total	\$ 79,011	(148,597)	91,055	(139,917)

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**(7) Other Post-Employment Benefits Payable, continued**

At June 30, 2025, there were amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB which are required to be recognized in OPEB expense over future periods. OPEB related amounts will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</b>	<b>Deferred Net Outflows/(Inflow of Resources</b>
2026	(7,446)
2027	(7,446)
2028	(7,446)
2029	(7,446)
2030	(7,442)
Thereafter	(32,360)

***Schedule of Changes in the Watermaster's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios***

See page 42 for the Required Supplementary Schedule.

**(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

***Plan Description***

All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the Watermaster's Miscellaneous Employee Pension Plan, cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and Watermaster's resolution. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions, and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

CalPERS provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members, who must be public employees and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full time employment. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: The Basic Death Benefit, the 1957 Survivor Benefit, or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. Cost of living adjustments for each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

On September 12, 2012, the California Governor signed the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) into law. PEPRA took effect January 1, 2013. The new legislation closed the Watermaster's CalPERS 2.5% at 55 Risk Pool Retirement Plan to new employee entrants effective December 31, 2012. All employees hired after January 1, 2013 are eligible for the Watermaster's CalPERS 2.0% at 62 Retirement Plan under PEPRA.

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**(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

***Benefits Provided***

The Watermaster participates in the Plan's miscellaneous risk pool. The provisions and benefits for the Plan's miscellaneous risk pool in effect at June 30, 2025 and 2024, are summarized as follows:

	<b>Miscellaneous Plan</b>	
	<b>Classic</b>	<b>PEPRA</b>
Hire date	Prior to January 1, 2013	On or after January 1, 2013
Benefit formula	2.5% @ 55	2.0% @ 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years of service	
Benefit payments	monthly for life	
Retirement age	50 - 55	52 - 67
Monthly benefits, as a percentage of eligible compensation	2.0% to 2.5%	1.0% to 2.5%
Required employee contribution rates		
2025	7.96%	7.75%
2024	7.96%	7.75%
Required employer contribution rates		
2025	14.13%	7.87%
2024	14.06%	7.68%

***Contributions***

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates, for all public employers, be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on July 1 following notice of the change in rate. Funding contributions for the Plan is determined annually on an actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The Watermaster is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees.

For the years ended June 30, the contributions recognized as part of pension expense for the Plan were as follows:

	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Contributions – employer	\$ 282,363	258,881

***Net Pension Liability***

As of June 30, the Watermaster reported net pension liabilities for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 1,897,516	1,913,265

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**(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

***Net Pension Liability, continued***

The Watermaster's net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of the Plan is measured as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 (the measurement dates), and the total pension liability for the Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 (the valuation dates), rolled forward to June 30, 2024 and 2023, using standard update procedures. The Watermaster's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Watermaster's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

The Watermaster's proportionate share of the pension liability for the Plan's miscellaneous risk pool as of the measurement date June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Proportion – June 30, 2022	0.01534%
Increase in proportion	<u>0.00031%</u>
Proportion – June 30, 2023	<u>0.01565%</u>

The Watermaster's proportionate share of the pension liability for the Plan's miscellaneous risk pool as of the measurement date June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Proportion – June 30, 2021	0.01489%
Increase in proportion	<u>0.00044%</u>
Proportion – June 30, 2022	<u>0.01534%</u>

***Actuarial assumptions***

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2023 and 2022, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions and methods:

Valuation dates	June 30, 2022 and 2023
Measurement dates	June 30, 2023 and 2024
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68
Actuarial assumptions:	
Discount rate	6.90%
Inflation rate	2.30%
Salary increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Mortality Rate Table*	Derived using CalPERS' Membership Data for all Funds
Period Upon Which Actuarial Experience Survey Assumptions Were Based	1997-2015
Post Retirement Benefit Increase	Contract COLA up to 2.50% (2024) and 2.30% (2023) until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies

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**(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

\* The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS' specific data. The rates incorporate Generational Mortality to capture ongoing mortality improvements using 80% of Scale MP 2020, published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the 2021 experience study that can be found on the CalPERS website.

***Deferred Pension Outflows (Inflows) of Resources***

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Watermaster recognized pension expense (credit) of \$157,717 and \$(106,211), respectively.

***Deferred Pension Outflows (Inflows) of Resources, continued***

At June 30, 2025, other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the pensions, which will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</b>	<b>Deferred Net Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources</b>
2026	\$ 127,470
2027	263,121
2028	5,154
2029	(37,435)

As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, employer pension contributions reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$253,545 and \$282,363, respectively, and will be and were recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Watermaster reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>	
	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 309,143	-	253,545	-
Differences between actual and expected experience	157,656	-	82,578	-
Changes in assumptions	48,770	-	115,512	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	109,238	-	309,775	-
Differences between actual contribution and proportionate share of contribution	10,037	-	20,077	-
Net adjustment due to differences in proportions of net pension liability	32,609	-	30,446	-
Total	\$ 667,453	-	811,933	-

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**(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

***Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position***

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in separately issued CalPERS financial reports. See pages 43 through 45 for the Required Supplementary Information.

***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for PERF C was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. This discount rate is not adjusted for administrative expenses.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Projected returns for all asset classes are estimated and, combined with risk estimates, are used to project compound (geometric) returns over the long term. The discount rate used to discount liabilities was informed by the long-term projected portfolio return.

The table below reflects the expected real rates of return by asset class.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Classification</u>	<u>Real Return 1-10<sup>1,2</sup></u>
Global Equity - Cap-weighted	30.00%	4.54%
Global Equity Non-Cap-weighted	12.00%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.00%	7.28%
Treasury	5.00%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed Securities	5.00%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.00%	1.56%
High Yield	5.00%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.00%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.00%	3.57%
Real Assets	15.00%	3.21%
Leverage	-5.00%	-0.59%

<sup>1</sup> An expected inflation of 2.30% used for this period.

<sup>2</sup> Figures are based on the 2021-22 Asset Liability Management Study.

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**(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

***Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following table presents the Watermaster's proportionate share of the net position liability for the Plan, calculated using the discount rate, as well as what the Watermaster's proportional share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate.

As of June 30, 2025, the Watermaster's net pension liability at the current discount rate, using a discount rate that is one-percentage point lower, and using a discount rate that is one-percentage point higher, is as follows:

	<b>Discount Rate - 1% 5.90%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 6.90%</b>	<b>Discount Rate + 1% 7.90%</b>
Net pension liability	\$ 3,067,510	1,897,516	934,440

As of June 30, 2024, the Watermaster's net pension liability at the current discount rate, using a discount rate that is one-percentage point lower, and using a discount rate that is one-percentage point higher, is as follows:

	<b>Discount Rate - 1% 5.90%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 6.90%</b>	<b>Discount Rate + 1% 7.90%</b>
Net pension liability	\$ 2,968,140	1,913,265	1,045,012

**(9) Nonqualified Employee Compensation Plan**

Effective June 1, 2015, the Watermaster established a Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan). The purpose of this Plan is to provide deferred compensation for selected public employees to participate in the Plan. The Plan is intended to be an unfunded deferred compensation plan that complies with the requirements of Section 457(f) and 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Each Plan Participant shall be entitled to elect and forego all or any portion, as either a dollar amount or a percentage, of the Participant's salary and/or bonus that may become payable by the Employer for a Plan year after all applicable deductions and withholdings. Such election shall be evidenced by a deferral agreement. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, the Watermaster made an employer contributions of \$78,988, to the Plan for the benefit of its eligible employees. For each of Watermaster's regular payroll periods beginning on and after July 1, 2015 through the remainder of the employment term (from June 30, 2014 up to the expiration date of June 30, 2017), the Watermaster agreed to make an employer contributions to the Plan for the benefit of the eligible employee equal to 8% of the corresponding salary including any incentive compensation paid during that payroll period; provided that the eligible employee is still employed with Watermaster on the payday of that payroll period.

On June 22, 2017, Watermaster agreed to make an employer contribution to the Plan for the benefit of another eligible employee equal to 4% of the corresponding salary effective for payroll period following July 1, 2017; and shall continue to be provided on each paycheck date thereafter until the Board takes further action. The balance of the Watermaster's Employee Compensation Plan as of June 30, 2023 amounted to \$389,475, which was paid out as of June 30, 2024.



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**(10) Prior Period Adjustment**

***Compensated absences***

In fiscal year 2025, the Watermaster implemented *GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences*. The nature, justification, and an explanation of the change are included in note 1.C. As a result of the implementation, the Watermaster recorded a prior period adjustment of \$26,139, to restate beginning balances as of July 1, 2024.

The adjustment to net position is as follows:

The adjustment to net position is as follows:

Net position at June 30, 2024, as previously stated	\$ 13,024,484
Changes in net position, June 30, 2024, as previously stated	\$ (2,345,775)
Effect of adjustment to implement GASB 101:	
Compensated absences	<u>(26,139)</u>
Change in net position at June 30, 2024, as restated	<u>(2,371,914)</u>
Net position at July 1, 2024, as restated	<u>\$ 10,652,570</u>

**(11) Net Position**

Calculation of net position as of June 30, is as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Net investment in capital assets:</b>		
Capital assets, net	\$ 1,144,851	983,347
Leases payable, current	(135,787)	(137,947)
Leases payable, non-current	<u>(575,151)</u>	<u>(678,397)</u>
<b>Total net investment in capital assets</b>	<u>433,913</u>	<u>167,003</u>
<b>Unrestricted:</b>		
<b>Non-spendable net position:</b>		
Designated net position reserve		
Restricted pool funds - CA Class Investment Pool	1,461,922	-
Prepaid expenses and deposits	<u>57,763</u>	<u>36,657</u>
<b>Total non-spendable net position</b>	<u>1,519,685</u>	<u>36,657</u>
<b>Spendable net position:</b>		
Undesignated net position reserve	<u>8,853,879</u>	<u>10,448,910</u>
<b>Total spendable net position</b>	<u>8,853,879</u>	<u>10,448,910</u>
<b>Total unrestricted net position</b>	<u>10,373,564</u>	<u>10,485,567</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 10,807,477</u>	<u>10,652,570</u>

At June 30, 2025, management designated \$1,461,922 of unrestricted net position as restricted pool funds under unrestricted, non-spendable net position. These designations are not legally binding and may be modified by the board at its discretion.

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements, continued**  
**For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

**(12) Risk Management**

The Watermaster is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Watermaster is insured for a variety of potential exposures. The following is a summary of the insurance policies carried by the Watermaster as of June 30, 2025:

- Commercial General Liability: \$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit (Other than Products/Completed Operations); \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit (Any One Person or Organization); \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limit; \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit; \$300,000 Rented To You Limit; \$15,000 Medical Expenses Limit (Any One Person).
- Commercial Excess Liability: Limits of Liability are \$10,000 Retained Limit, \$8,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$8,000,000 General Aggregate Limit, \$8,000,000 Products/Completed Operations to Aggregate.
- Automobile: \$1,000,000 Combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage Single Limit (Each Accident); \$1,000,000 Uninsured Motorists Single Limit. \$1,000 deductible for Comprehensive and \$1,000 deductible for Collision.
- Property: \$525,000 with liability limits varying by property type with a \$1,000 deductible.
- Crime coverage: \$50,000 per claim with a \$1,000 deductible.
- Director & Officers Liability: \$1,000,000 Liability Coverage; Employment Practices Liability: \$1,000,000 Liability Coverage. Director and Officer/Crisis Management: \$25,000 to \$100,000 with liability limits varying by type of coverage.
- Workers' compensation: Total annual premium is \$8,607.

**(13) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Issued, Not Yet Effective**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several pronouncements prior to June 30, 2025, that have effective dates that may impact future financial presentations.

***Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 103***

In April 2024, the GASB issued Statement No. 103 – *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. Also, this Statement: (1) continues the requirement that the basic financial statements be preceded by management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), which is presented as required supplementary information (RSI); (2) describes unusual or infrequent items as transactions and other events that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence; (3) requires that the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position continue to distinguish between operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses; (4) requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements; and (5) requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication—RSI.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements, continued**  
**For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

**(13) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Issued, Not Yet Effective, continued**

***Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 104***

In September 2024, the GASB issued Statement No. 104 – Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets. The primary objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets. This Statement establishes requirements for certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. Also, this Statement establishes requirements for capital assets held for sale, including additional disclosures for those capital assets. The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

**(14) Commitments and Contingencies**

***Grant Awards***

Grant funds received by the Watermaster are subject to audit by grantor agencies. Such audit could lead to requests for reimbursements to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. Management of the Watermaster believes that such disallowances, if any, would not be significant.

***Litigation***

In the ordinary course of operations, the Watermaster is subject to claims and litigation from outside parties. After consultation with legal counsel, the Watermaster believes the ultimate outcome of such matters, if any, will not materially affect its financial condition.

**(15) Subsequent Events**

Events occurring after June 30, 2025, have been evaluated for possible adjustment to the financial statements or disclosure as of October 23, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

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**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Schedules of Changes in the Watermaster's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**  
**As of June 30, 2025**  
**Last Ten Years\***

	6/30/2025	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018
<b>Total OPEB liability</b>								
Service cost	\$ 14,391	15,731	22,310	23,695	23,005	17,062	18,418	16,048
Interest	8,977	10,086	6,834	6,925	9,009	8,739	7,571	7,073
Change in assumptions	(30,680)	27,521	(73,528)	(40,381)	59,799	17,923	(17,582)	14,256
Experience (gains)/losses	-	(34,649)	-	24,211	(26,687)	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(14,626)	(12,962)	(12,962)	(4,332)	(2,932)	(3,722)	(2,423)	(2,308)
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<b>(21,938)</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>(57,346)</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>62,194</b>	<b>40,002</b>	<b>5,984</b>	<b>35,069</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability – beginning of year</b>	<b>275,478</b>	<b>269,751</b>	<b>327,097</b>	<b>316,979</b>	<b>254,785</b>	<b>214,783</b>	<b>208,799</b>	<b>173,730</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability – end of year</b>	<b>\$ 253,540</b>	<b>275,478</b>	<b>269,751</b>	<b>327,097</b>	<b>316,979</b>	<b>254,785</b>	<b>214,783</b>	<b>208,799</b>
<b>Covered payroll</b>	<b>1,551,813</b>	<b>1,498,233</b>	<b>1,311,262</b>	<b>1,246,404</b>	<b>1,198,184</b>	<b>1,091,719</b>	<b>1,031,755</b>	<b>860,266</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	<b>16.34%</b>	<b>18.39%</b>	<b>20.57%</b>	<b>26.24%</b>	<b>26.45%</b>	<b>23.34%</b>	<b>20.82%</b>	<b>24.27%</b>

Notes to schedule:

Changes in benefit terms: None noted.

Changes in assumptions: The changes in actuarial assumptions include changes in discount rates as follows:

Fiscal year 2018: 3.38%  
Fiscal year 2019: 3.80%  
Fiscal year 2020: 3.26%  
Fiscal year 2021: 2.12%  
Fiscal year 2022: 2.06%  
Fiscal year 2023: 3.72%  
Fiscal year 2023: 3.26%  
Fiscal year 2024: 4.08%

\* The Watermaster has presented information for those years for which information is available until a full 10-year trend is compiled.

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Schedules of the Watermaster's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**As of June 30, 2025**  
**Last Ten Years**

Description	Measurement Dates									
	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2016	6/30/2015
Watermaster's proportion of the net pension liability	0.01565%	0.01534%	0.01489%	0.01435%	0.01316%	0.01277%	0.01233%	0.01221%	0.01206%	0.01182%
Watermaster's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,897,516	\$ 1,913,265	\$ 1,720,196	\$ 776,209	\$ 1,431,357	\$ 1,308,658	\$ 1,188,162	\$ 1,210,470	\$ 1,043,862	\$ 811,437
Watermaster's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,551,813	\$ 1,498,233	\$ 1,311,262	\$ 1,246,404	\$ 1,198,184	\$ 1,091,719	\$ 1,031,755	\$ 860,266	\$ 979,741	\$ 888,483
Watermaster's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	122.28%	127.70%	131.19%	62.28%	119.46%	119.87%	115.16%	140.71%	106.54%	91.33%
Plan's proportionate share of fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	78.08%	76.21%	76.68%	88.29%	75.10%	75.26%	75.26%	73.31%	74.06%	78.40%

**Notes to the Schedules of the Watermaster's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability**

***Changes in Benefit Terms***

Public agencies can make changes to their plan provisions, and such changes occur on an ongoing basis. A summary of the plan provisions that were used for a specific plan can be found in the plan's annual valuation report.

***Change of Assumptions and Methods***

In fiscal year 2024 and 2023, there were no changes to actuarial assumptions or methods.

In fiscal year 2022, the accounting discount rate was reduced from 7.15% to 6.90%. In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Projected returns for all asset classes are estimated, combined with risk estimates, and are used to project compound (geometric) returns over the long term.

The discount rate used to discount liabilities was informed by the long-term projected portfolio return. In addition, demographic

assumptions and the inflation rate assumption were changed in accordance with the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions.

In fiscal year 2021, there were no changes to actuarial assumptions or methods.

The CalPERS Board of Administration adopted a new amortization policy effective with the June 30, 2019, actuarial valuation. The new policy shortens the period over which actuarial gains and losses are amortized from 30 years to 20 years with the payments computed as a level dollar amount. In addition, the new policy does not utilize a five-year ramp-up and ramp-down on UAL bases attributable to assumption changes and non-investment gains/losses. The new policy also does not utilize a five-year ramp-down on investment gains/losses.

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Schedules of the Watermaster's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, continued**  
**As of June 30, 2025**  
**Last Ten Years**

**Notes to the Schedules of the Watermaster's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, continued**  
***Change of Assumptions and Methods, continued***

These changes will apply only to new UAL bases established on or after June 30, 2019. In fiscal year 2020, no changes have occurred to the actuarial assumptions in relation to financial reporting.

In fiscal year 2020, CalPERS implemented a new actuarial valuation software system for the June 30, 2018 valuation. This new system has refined and improved calculation methodology.

In December 2017, the CalPERS Board adopted new mortality assumptions for plans participating in the PERF. The new mortality table was developed from the December 2017 experience study and includes 15 years of projected ongoing mortality improvement using 90% of scale MP 2016 published by the Society of Actuaries. The inflation assumption is reduced from 2.75% to 2.50%.

The assumptions for individual salary increases and overall payroll growth are reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%. These changes will be implemented in two steps commencing in the June 30, 2017 funding valuation. However, for financial reporting purposes, these assumption changes are fully reflected in the results for fiscal year 2018.

In fiscal year 2017, the financial reporting discount rate for the PERF C was lowered from 7.65% to 7.15%. In December 2016, the CalPERS Board approved lowering the funding discount rate used in the PERF C from 7.50% to 7.00%, which is to be phased in over a three-year period (7.50% to 7.375%, 7.375% to 7.25%, and 7.25% to 7.00%) beginning with the June 30, 2016, valuation reports. The funding discount rate includes a 15 basis-point reduction for administrative expenses, and the remaining decrease is consistent with the change in the financial reporting discount rate.

In fiscal year 2015, the financial reporting discount rate was increased from 7.50% to 7.65% resulting from eliminating the 15 basis-point reduction for administrative expenses. The funding discount rate remained at 7.50% during this period, and remained adjusted for administrative expenses.



**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Schedules of Pension Plan Contributions**  
**As of June 30, 2025**  
**Last Ten Years**

Description	Fiscal Years Ended									
	6/30/2025	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2016
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 315,959	282,102	267,270	245,656	220,388	192,849	155,931	151,169	132,932	110,292
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	(309,143)	(253,545)	(282,363)	(262,145)	(238,632)	(226,625)	(188,604)	(159,828)	(137,342)	(83,557)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 6,816	28,557	(15,093)	(16,489)	(18,244)	(33,776)	(32,673)	(8,659)	(4,410)	26,735
Covered payroll	\$ 1,551,813	1,498,233	1,311,262	1,246,404	1,198,184	1,091,719	1,031,755	860,266	979,741	888,483
Contribution's as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	19.92%	16.92%	21.53%	21.03%	19.92%	20.76%	18.28%	18.58%	14.02%	9.40%

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## **Supplemental Information Section**

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Combining Schedule of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2025**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Pool Fund</u>	<u>2025</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,352,799	-	12,352,799
Accounts receivable	1,052,150	-	1,052,150
Accrued interest receivable	7,295	-	7,295
Due from General Fund	-	132,581	132,581
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	57,763	-	57,763
Total current assets	<u>13,470,007</u>	<u>132,581</u>	<u>13,602,588</u>
<b>Non-current assets:</b>			
Capital assets, net	1,144,851	-	1,144,851
Total non-current assets	<u>1,144,851</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,144,851</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>14,614,858</u>	<u>132,581</u>	<u>14,747,439</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>			
Deferred OPEB outflows	79,011	-	79,011
Deferred pension outflows	667,453	-	667,453
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<u>746,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>746,464</u>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,310,746	250	1,310,996
Accrued salaries and benefits	46,249	-	46,249
Due to Pool Fund	132,581	-	132,581
Long-term liabilities – due within one year:			
Compensated absences	173,011	-	173,011
Leases payable	135,787	-	135,787
Total current liabilities	<u>1,798,374</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>1,798,624</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities:</b>			
Long-term liabilities – due in more than one year:			
Compensated absences	12,998	-	12,998
Leases payable	575,151	-	575,151
Net OPEB liability	253,540	-	253,540
Net pension liability	1,897,516	-	1,897,516
Total non-current liabilities	<u>2,739,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,739,205</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>4,537,579</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>4,537,829</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>			
Deferred OPEB inflows	148,597	-	148,597
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<u>148,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,597</u>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	433,913	-	433,913
Unrestricted	10,241,233	132,331	10,373,564
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 10,675,146</u>	<u>132,331</u>	<u>10,807,477</u>

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Pool Fund</u>	<u>2025</u>
<b>Operating revenues:</b>			
Administrative assessments	\$ 9,834,155	130,200	9,964,355
Replenishment water revenue	92,858	-	92,858
Other revenue	192,540	-	192,540
Total operating revenue	<u>10,119,553</u>	<u>130,200</u>	<u>10,249,753</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Groundwater replenishment and other water purchases	234,659	-	234,659
Optimum basin management plan	6,241,855	-	6,241,855
Watermaster administration	3,086,166	-	3,086,166
Pool, advisory, and board administration	523,314	338,961	862,275
Total operating expense	<u>10,085,994</u>	<u>338,961</u>	<u>10,424,955</u>
Operating income before depreciation	33,559	(208,761)	(175,202)
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(209,957)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(209,957)</u>
<b>Operating income</b>	<u>(176,398)</u>	<u>(208,761)</u>	<u>(385,159)</u>
<b>Non-operating revenue (expense):</b>			
Interest expense	(19,571)	-	(19,571)
Investment returns	473,247	86,390	559,637
Internal transfers	327,246	(327,246)	-
Total non-operating (expense) revenue, net	<u>780,922</u>	<u>(240,856)</u>	<u>540,066</u>
<b>Changes in net position</b>	<u>604,524</u>	<u>(449,617)</u>	<u>154,907</u>
<b>Net position, beginning of period</b>	<u>10,070,622</u>	<u>581,948</u>	<u>10,652,570</u>
<b>Net position, end of period</b>	<u>\$ 10,675,146</u>	<u>132,331</u>	<u>10,807,477</u>

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Combining Schedule of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Pool Fund</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,693,858	-	11,693,858
Accounts receivable	1,303,493	-	1,303,493
Accrued interest receivable	7,171	-	7,171
Due from General Fund	-	581,948	581,948
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	36,657	-	36,657
Total current assets	<u>13,091,179</u>	<u>581,948</u>	<u>13,673,127</u>
<b>Non-current assets:</b>			
Capital assets, net	983,347	-	983,347
Total non-current assets	<u>983,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>983,347</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>14,074,526</u>	<u>581,948</u>	<u>14,656,474</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>			
Deferred OPEB outflows	91,055	-	91,055
Deferred pension outflows	811,933	-	811,933
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<u>902,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>902,988</u>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	962,078	-	962,078
Accrued salaries and benefits	36,023	-	36,023
Due to Pool Fund	581,948	-	581,948
Long-term liabilities – due within one year:			-
Compensated absences	181,839	-	181,839
Leases payable	137,947	-	137,947
Total current liabilities	<u>1,899,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,899,835</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities:</b>			
Long-term liabilities – due in more than one year:			
Leases payable	678,397	-	678,397
Net OPEB liability	275,478	-	275,478
Net pension liability	1,913,265	-	1,913,265
Total non-current liabilities	<u>2,867,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,867,140</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>4,766,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,766,975</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>			
Deferred OPEB inflows	139,917	-	139,917
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<u>139,917</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,917</u>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	167,003	-	167,003
Unrestricted	9,903,619	581,948	10,485,567
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 10,070,622</u>	<u>581,948</u>	<u>10,652,570</u>

**Chino Basin Watermaster**  
**Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Pool Fund</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Operating revenues:</b>			
Administrative assessments	\$ 9,187,986	677,000	9,864,986
Replenishment water revenue	349,825	-	349,825
Other revenue	186,443	-	186,443
Total operating revenue	<u>9,724,254</u>	<u>677,000</u>	<u>10,401,254</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Groundwater replenishment and other water purchases	1,920,791	-	1,920,791
Optimum basin management plan	4,974,213	-	4,974,213
Watermaster administration	3,911,875	-	3,911,875
Pool, advisory, and board administration	514,516	433,166	947,682
Total operating expense	<u>11,321,395</u>	<u>433,166</u>	<u>11,754,561</u>
Operating income before depreciation	(1,597,141)	243,834	(1,353,307)
Depreciation and amortization expense	(182,093)	-	(182,093)
<b>Operating income</b>	<u>(1,779,234)</u>	<u>243,834</u>	<u>(1,535,400)</u>
<b>Non-operating revenue (expense):</b>			
Reserve distribution	(1,542,183)	-	(1,542,183)
Interest expense	(22,197)	-	(22,197)
Investment returns	644,453	83,413	727,866
Total non-operating revenue, net	<u>(919,927)</u>	<u>83,413</u>	<u>(836,514)</u>
<b>Changes in net position</b>	<u>(2,699,161)</u>	<u>327,247</u>	<u>(2,371,914)</u>
<b>Net position, beginning of period</b>	<u>12,769,783</u>	<u>254,701</u>	<u>13,024,484</u>
<b>Net position, end of period</b>	<u>\$ 10,070,622</u>	<u>581,948</u>	<u>10,652,570</u>



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## **Report on Internal Controls and Compliance**

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on Audits of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Chino Basin Watermaster Board  
Rancho Cucamonga, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the Watermaster's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 23, 2025.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the Watermaster's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Watermaster's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Watermaster's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Watermaster's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on Audits of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, (continued)**

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Watermaster's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of audits performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Watermaster's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Cypress, California  
October 23, 2025

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# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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## STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026  
TO: Advisory Committee Members  
SUBJECT: Budget Amendment A-26-01-01 – Refinement of Safe Yield Reevaluation Technical Work (Business Item II.B.)

Issue: At the request of the Appropriative Pool, Watermaster is bringing forward a budget amendment to perform refinements to the Safe Yield Reevaluation technical work based on SSPA and the Appropriative Pool's technical advisor's recommendations. [AC Approval Required]

Recommendation: Approve the budget amendment as presented.

Financial Impact: The proposed budget amendment in the amount of \$207,700, with a 7.5% contingency, is presented for a total budget increase of \$223,277.50. If approved, the authorized Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget would increase from \$12,017,729 to \$12,241,007 (excluding any Carry-Over funding). The additional authorized funding of \$223,277.50 will be evaluated, along with all costs and carry-over funding during the assessment reconciliation for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Assessment Package to determine the amount of the final assessment for the fiscal year.

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### ACTIONS:

**Appropriative Pool – January 08, 2026 [Final]:** Unanimously recommended AC to approve.

**Non-Agricultural Pool – January 08, 2026 [Recommended]:** Unanimously recommended their reps to support at AC and Board subject to any changes they deem necessary.

**Agricultural Pool – January 08, 2026 [Recommended]:** Unanimously recommended AC to approve.

**Advisory Committee – January 15, 2026 [Recommended]:** Approve.

**Watermaster Board – January 22, 2026 [Recommended]:** Adopt

## BACKGROUND

The court-ordered update to the Chino Basin groundwater model is now complete and the initial technical analysis for the 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation is completed. The review process began with a workshop on March 25, 2025 to discuss the preliminary results. Prior to the release of the Final Administrative Draft of the technical analysis report by Watermaster's engineering consultant, West Yost and Associates (West Yost), the Watermaster Board (Board) directed, at its March 27, 2025 meeting, an independent peer review of the groundwater model results, methodologies, and final 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation Report be conducted. The Board requested the peer review be conducted prior to finalizing the final report for the Board's consideration.

Watermaster staff developed a scope of work and solicitation process which was reviewed, amended and approved through the Watermaster process in April and May 2025. Watermaster received three proposals from a prequalified list of bidders. After the proposals were scored and bidder interviews were conducted, the consulting firm of S.S. Papadopoulos and Associates (SSPA) was selected.

## DISCUSSION

The comprehensive Scope of Work included evaluating Watermaster's implementation of the court-approved 2022 Safe Yield Reset Methodology, reviewing assumptions and calculations used to estimate Net Recharge for the 10-year period 2021-2030, assessing the calibration and storage level determinations of the Chino Valley Model (CVM), and identifying any additional issues relevant to the calculation of Net Recharge. SSPA was tasked with presenting findings for discussion at the regular meetings of the Advisory Committee and Watermaster Board in September 2025.

The Superior Court granted, on September 12, 2025, Watermaster's motion for extension of time to complete the evaluation of the Safe Yield through October 31, 2025. The moving papers indicated that this extension would allow the Watermaster Board to address the results of the 2025 evaluation during a December 2025 Board meeting. A tentative timeline consistent with this schedule was developed and shared with the Watermaster Pool Committees on September 11, 2025.

The evaluation and determination of Safe Yield is a significant element of sustainable basin management and local water supplies. The presentation was provided to the Advisory Committee and the Watermaster Board in September 2025.

In October 2025, SSP&A provided its official recommendation in Appendix A, *the Supplemental Hydrogeologic Information*. Included in Appendix A, on October 23, 2025, West Yost provided its response on Appendix E-1, *Response to Recommendations from SSP&A Peer Review Report*. On December 5, 2025, Mr. Jim Van de Water and Mr. Thomas Harder of Thomas Harder & Company (Appropriative Pool technical consultant) provided a letter in response to the Peer Review recommendation.

At their December 11, 2025, meetings, the three Pool Committees provided their advice and assistance on the draft Safe Yield Reevaluation Report and Peer Review Recommendations as follows:

- The Appropriative Pool made a motion out of Confidential Session, directing their technical consultant, Mr. Thomas Harder of Thomas Harder & Company, to work with West Yost to develop a recommended scope of work to implement the agreed-upon recommendations to improve identified elements of the Chino Valley Model. The Pool further indicated that they do not believe the technical analysis work for the reevaluation of the safe yield to be complete.
- The Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool expressed support for the Appropriative Pool's position, though the Pool expressly stated that they do not intend to fund any related additional technical work.
- The Overlying (Agricultural) Pool was given an update from staff as to the other Pool Committees' positions. They further discussed the item in Confidential Session and did not provide any reportable action.

At the December, 2025 Board meeting, the Board instructed staff to prepare a budget amendment consistent with Pool and Advisory Committee recommendations. The Scope of work presented (Attachment 2) reflects the collaboration between the Appropriate Pool's technical consultant and Watermaster's Engineer, West Yost. During the Pool committee meetings in January, 2026, Watermaster's engineer, West Yost, provided an overview of the scope of the effort, clarifying that this refinement is intended to improve the model based upon the recommendations of the peer review and the collaboration with parties' consultants. This effort is intended to improve and refine the Chino Valley Model and it may or may not result in a change to the Safe Yield as presented in the Draft Technical Report.

At the January 8, 2026 Pool Committee meeting, the Appropriate Pool unanimously recommended approval of the budget amendment along with the recommended scope for work. The Overlying Non Agricultural Pool provided the following advice and assistance quoted verbatim: "The non-agricultural pool encourages the work to be done for the appropriate pool and treat it as a special project. It's math at that point. If we're taken out of it, then we won't comment. If we're still in it for as low as a dollar, we'll say something" motion by Bob Bowcock, seconded by City of Ontario. And the Overlying Agricultural Pool unanimously recommended approval of the item as presented.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget Amendment Form (A-26-01-01)
2. West Yost Scope of Work for Implementation of Suggested Technical Refinements



# ATTACHMENT 1

## CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER BUDGET AMENDMENT (A-26-01-01)

To: **All Parties**

Fiscal Year 2025/26

From : Daniela Uriarte, Senior Accountant Date: January 8, 2026

**Describe reason for the budget amendment here:** The current approved, adopted, and subsequently amended budget for FY 2025/26 is \$12,017,729. Budget Amendment (A-26-01-01) is being submitted for \$207,700 with a 7.5% contingency, a total of \$223,277.50. Account number (7614 PE 8&9 Develop S&R Master Plan) will be used to record these expenses. The current budget for account number (7614), is \$79,656 and the additional funding of \$223,277.50 would bring the "Amended" budget to \$302,933.50 (\$79,656 + \$223,277.50 = \$302,933.50). This Budget Amendment is proposed to increase the total Watermaster amended budget from \$12,017,729 (excluding any Carry-Over funding) to \$12,241,007, an increase of \$223,277.50. The additional funding of \$223,277.50 is proposed to be included in the Assessment Package reconciliation in Spring 2026.

<b>Expenditure Amendment</b>				
<i>Line Item Description</i>	<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Amended Budget 1</i>	<i>Amended Budget 2</i>	<i>Amendment Amount</i>
PE 8&9 Develop S&R Master Plan	7614	\$79,656	\$302,934	\$223,278
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$ 223,278</b>

<b>Revenue Source</b>				
<i>Line Item Description</i>	<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Amended Budget 1</i>	<i>Amended Budget 2</i>	<i>Amendment Amount</i>
Administrative Assessments - OBMP	Various	\$12,017,729	\$12,241,007	\$223,278
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$ 223,278</b>

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Amendment Procedure</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff takes amendment requests to the Pools, Advisory Committee &amp; Board for approval.</li> <li>2. The Chief Financial Officer will prepare and process the budget entry.</li> <li>4. A log will be maintained by the Finance Department detailing the adjustment.</li> <li>5. A fiscal year file will also be kept to hold all budget amendment forms for auditor review.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Finance Use Only</b></p> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> Date Board Approved _____  Entered into System By _____  Finance Log # _____  Date Posted _____  Approved By _____  Date Approved _____ </div>
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December 29, 2025

Project No.: 941-80-25-32  
SENT VIA: EMAIL

Todd M. Corbin  
General Manager  
Chino Basin Watermaster  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

**SUBJECT: Proposal for Model Update and Report Revisions to Address Peer Review Recommendations on 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation**

Dear Todd:

This letter proposal describes a scope of work, schedule, and budget to assist the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) in implementing selected recommendations from the S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates (SSPA) Peer Review and Watermaster party review of the 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation (2025 SYR).

## **BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES**

Watermaster hosted a workshop on March 25, 2025 to discuss several of the preliminary results of the 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation. Following that meeting, the Watermaster Board directed staff to procure an independent peer review consultant to review the 2025 Chino Valley Model (CVM) and the 2025 SYR draft report.<sup>1</sup> SSPA conducted the peer review between July and September 2025, coordinating closely with Watermaster and West Yost. SSPA review was comprehensive, evaluating both the technical basis of the CVM and the application of the 2022 Safe Yield Reset Methodology (2022 SYRM). The SSPA findings and recommendations were presented to the Watermaster Advisory Committee<sup>2</sup> and Board in September 2025 and were published in October 2025.

Following the publication of the draft 2025 SYR Report, Watermaster hosted a workshop on November 6, 2025 to review the findings and gather feedback. Several parties provided written feedback on the draft 2025 SYR Report, including the City of Ontario, Jurupa Community Services District, the State of California, Monte Vista Water District, and the Appropriative Pool (AP) Committee. The AP Committee's technical consultant, Thomas Harder and Company (THC), provided detailed technical recommendations to support additional documentation and refine the CVM in a letter dated December 5, 2025. At the AP Committee meeting on December 11, 2025, the Appropriative Pool requested that West Yost work with THC to develop a scope to address the peer review recommendations. West Yost met with THC staff on December 19, 2025 to discuss a draft of the scope of work described in this letter proposal.

Based on SSPA's review and the comments from THC, Watermaster staff directed West Yost to prepare this letter proposal, which identifies the SSPA and THC recommendations that West Yost believes should be implemented for the final 2025 SYR Report, and the SSPA recommendations that should be considered

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<sup>1</sup> [October 2025 Draft 2025 SYR Report; Appendices](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Presentation from 9/18/2025 Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

for implementation in future Safe Yield recalculations (e.g., the 2030 Safe Yield Recalculation). This letter proposal includes a proposed scope of work and cost estimate to implement the SSPA and THC recommendations that West Yost recommends for completing the final 2025 SYR Report.

## SCOPE OF WORK TO IMPLEMENT PEER-REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Table 1, attached, is a summary of the SSPA peer-review recommendations, which are described in more detail in the peer review report. Table 1 includes West Yost's opinion on the timing to implement the recommendations (i.e., implement for the 2025 SYR or defer for consideration in a future Safe Yield Recalculation). More detail on the reasoning for the timing of recommendations can be found in Appendix E of the draft 2025 SYR Report. West Yost recommends implementing all THC recommendations as part of the 2025 SYR.

Based on the recommendations in Table 1 and the THC recommendations, West Yost grouped the recommendations chosen for implementation in the 2025 SYR Report into tasks to develop a proposed scope of work, each further described below:

- Task 1. Develop Integrated Water Budgets
- Task 2. Refine Calibration Data
- Task 3. Refine Model Mechanics and Numerical Stability
- Task 4. Prepare, Run, and Process Additional PESTPP-IES Configuration and Projection Ensemble
- Task 5. Update Report and Appendices
- Task 6. Conduct Stakeholder Workshop
- Task 7. Project Management and Meetings

While the 2025 CVM was found by the independent peer reviewer to be well-calibrated and technically robust, several refinements were recommended to enhance transparency, confirm hydrologic-system balance, and improve confidence in the model results (e.g., estimates of net recharge). The scope of work is intended to balance the responsiveness to the peer review recommendations that have the greatest material impact on the Safe Yield evaluation, the practicality of implementing the peer-review recommendations, and labor/cost efficiency. Accordingly, this scope focuses on refinements that can be completed within a reasonable timeframe and are expected to yield practical improvements in calibration performance and improved documentation.

Certain recommendations, such as those addressing calibration biases, may require the interrogation of model structure or other changes that are longer-term items that may be more appropriately addressed with improvements in monitoring and future CVM updates.

### Task 1. Develop Integrated Water Budgets

Task 1 includes developing comprehensive water budgets within and between the HSPF, R4, and MODFLOW components of the CVM. We will verify and reconcile inflow/outflow components (i.e., ensuring that the models are physically realistic and mass is conserved) and evaluate upstream headwater inflows for reasonableness for use in the model. Our approach for each component of the CVM is as follows:

- **HSPF Model:** Prepare an annual water budget for the calibration period that summarizes all relevant components needed to verify water balance closure. Summarize the annual outflows that provide boundary inflows to the R4 and MODFLOW models. As part of this task, we will

review and compare the simulated upstream headwater inflows to gaged data similar to that shown in Section 6.2.1 of the 2020 Safe Yield Recalculation Report<sup>3</sup> to confirm that boundary inflows are hydrologically reasonable and consistent with observed conditions.

- **R4 Model:** Prepare an annual water budget for the calibration period that summarizes all relevant components needed to verify water balance closure. Because the R4 model outputs are interpolated between land-use years, a full time-series balance would include non-physical gaps introduced by interpolation. Instead, the water budget will be prepared for a representative land-use year. The results from that year, combined with some additional analysis on the differences between land use year parameters, will be used to verify internal continuity across the runoff, router, and root-zone modules for all land-use years. Summarize the annual outflows (streamflow and deep infiltration of precipitation and applied water [DIPAW]) that are used as inputs to the MODFLOW model.
  - The water budget will also account for the individual components of precipitation and applied water infiltration that comprise DIPAW (THC recommendation).
  - As part of this review, we will also evaluate the assumptions underlying agricultural applied-water recharge, including irrigation efficiencies and crop coefficients, to confirm that the applied-water component of DIPAW is reasonable and representative of local agricultural conditions (THC recommendation). This evaluation will focus on documentation and verification rather than modification of model inputs.
- **HYDRUS-2D:** Use the existing lag-time estimates of deep infiltration of precipitation and applied water (DIPAW) to calculate vadose-zone storage and fluxes.
- **MODFLOW:** For MODFLOW inputs that are derived from surface-water model outputs (such as streamflow, boundary inflows, and DIPAW), compile the existing MODFLOW water budget components and verify that they are consistent with the corresponding surface-water model and HYDRUS-2D model results.

#### Task 1 Assumptions

- Work will rely on existing 2025 SYR model files and results; no new HSPF or R4 calibrations will be performed.
- Reconciliation will focus on annual totals over the calibration period.
- Analysis will include tabular and graphical summaries only; no reconfiguration of model linkages.
- Model inputs will not be revised unless a significant mass-balance discrepancy is identified.

#### Task 1 Deliverables

- Annual water budgets for HSPF and R4, summary tables and figures showing consistency and balance within and across all four models and documentation demonstrating the reasonableness of the upstream headwater inflows. The deliverables will be included as an appendix to the 2025 SYR Report (Task 5).

## Task 2. Refine Calibration Data

Task 2 includes addressing the peer review recommendations to refine or improve the representation and weighting of calibration observations in the 2025 CVM in response to peer review recommendations, focusing on streamflow and groundwater-level datasets. This is broken up into two subtasks:

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<sup>3</sup> [2020 Safe Yield Recalculation Report](#)



- **Subtask 2.1 – Increase Weighting of Streamflow Observations:** Increase the relative weighting of streamflow targets in the PESTPP-IES calibration framework to ensure that simulated streamflow contributes more strongly to the objective function. This will improve calibration consistency between surface-water and groundwater domains (peer review recommendation 4).
- **Subtask 2.2 – Review and Refine Groundwater-Level Observation Data:** Reevaluate groundwater-level observation data used for calibration, focusing on data completeness, temporal weighting, and redundancy. Observations affected by known measurement issues or structural bias (e.g., wells near boundaries or faults) will be adjusted or down-weighted. Updated weights will support a more balanced calibration across space and time and prepare inputs for Task 4 uncertainty analysis (peer review recommendations 10 and 15).

#### Task 2 Assumptions

- All work will use existing datasets and PESTPP-IES configuration files from the 2025 SYR; no new observations will be collected.
- Data refinements are limited to review, reweighting, and coding improvements; no modification of model structure or parameterization.

#### Task 2 Deliverables

- Revised observation datasets, weighting tables, and documentation of calibration-data refinements for inclusion in the updated 2025 SYR Report (Task 5).

### Task 3. Refine Model Mechanics and Numerical Stability

Task 3 is to implement several peer review recommendations related to the model mechanics and stability and is divided into four subtasks:

- **Subtask 3.1 – Evaluate DIPAW and Lateral Flow Multipliers:** Retain the current use of scalar multipliers for Deep Infiltration of Precipitation and Applied Water (DIPAW) and lateral inflow, while refining their initialization and allowable variation to improve transparency and assess sensitivity (peer review recommendation 8). This subtask will use alternative configurations with an initial scalar multiplier of 1.0 instead of 0.94 for DIPAW to evaluate the influence of these multipliers on calibration results and ensure that their behavior remains physically reasonable within the ensemble framework.
- **Subtask 3.2 – Address Pumping Curtailment Representation:** Review the implementation of pumping stress periods to ensure all prescribed extractions are fully simulated (peer review recommendation 11).
- **Subtask 3.3 – Adjust Head Closure Criteria:** Test reduced head-closure criteria in MODFLOW (peer review recommendation 12) to evaluate potential improvements in convergence precision versus model runtime. If feasible, the tolerance will be tightened consistent with typical groundwater-flow model best practices, and results will be compared for computational efficiency and stability.
- **Subtask 3.4 – Refine Observation Noise:** Modify the handling of observation noise in the calibration datasets (peer review recommendation 17). Random noise in streamflow observations will be removed, and groundwater-level observation noise will be reduced, while retaining limited stochastic variability to avoid ensemble collapse in PESTPP-IES and to reflect realistic measurement uncertainty.
- **Subtask 3.5 – Evaluate Localized Parameter Adjustments:** Evaluate whether limited, localized adjustments to parameters within defensible ranges could reduce systematic groundwater-level

deviations in specific areas of concern (e.g., Well 1206525), as identified in THC's comment and recommendation. This evaluation will include testing small adjustments to parameters such as DIPAW multipliers or aquifer hydraulic properties in localized zones to assess the potential to improve model fit. The intent of this subtask is to provide a diagnostic evaluation only; no basin-wide recalibration or structural modification of the CVM will be performed.

### Task 3 Assumptions

- The refinements will be implemented within the existing 2025 CVM structure and calibration framework.
- Model testing will focus on short diagnostic runs to verify mechanical stability before full ensemble runs (Task 4).
- Changes are limited to parameter configuration and solver settings; no revisions to aquifer properties, pilot points, or stress-period discretization are planned.
- Localized parameter adjustments evaluated under Subtask 3.5 will be diagnostic only and will not modify the final parameter sets used in the PESTPP-IES calibration or Projection Ensemble unless determined necessary.

### Task 3 Deliverables

- Documentation of model mechanic refinements and summary tables of adjusted parameters and solver settings for incorporation into the revised 2025 SYR Report (Task 5).

## Task 4. Prepare, Run, and Process Additional PESTPP-IES Configuration and Projection Ensemble

Task 4 is to develop an alternative PESTPP-IES configuration that incorporates the refinements from Tasks 1-3, process the resulting calibration and projection outputs, and reevaluate model uncertainty and the Safe Yield. This task directly responds to peer review recommendations 10, 15, and 16 by enhancing the characterization of model uncertainty, improving the spatial and temporal fit of groundwater levels, and ensuring that the selected calibrated realizations encompass a broader range of observed conditions. Task 4 is divided into the following subtasks:

- **Subtask 4.1 – Configure and Initiate PESTPP-IES Calibration Run:** Integrate updates from Tasks 1–3 into a new PESTPP-IES setup, including refined observation datasets, multipliers, and solver settings. Generate required input files, confirm parameter linkages, and initiate a full calibration run using the updated configuration.
- **Subtask 4.2 – QA/QC Calibration Results:** Review calibration diagnostics, residuals, and parameter statistics to verify convergence and reasonableness of the new configuration. Evaluate whether calibration improvements reduce spatial bias and whether the ensemble captures a wider portion of observed groundwater-level variability, addressing peer review recommendation 15.
- **Subtask 4.3 – Construct and Review Calibrated Realizations:** Assemble model datasets for the set of calibrated realizations produced by the new PESTPP-IES run. Conduct diagnostic simulations to confirm numerical stability and review the distribution of calibration metrics across realizations. Select a representative subset for use in projection modeling that reflects both calibration quality and variability in net recharge (peer review recommendation 16).
- **Subtask 4.4 – Develop and Execute Projection Ensemble.** Using the selected calibrated realizations, construct a Projection Ensemble consistent with the 2025 SYR projection scenarios and water-management assumptions. Conduct simulations of future conditions to produce basin-wide estimates of net recharge, groundwater levels, and change in storage.

- **Subtask 4.5 – Process Results and Reevaluate Safe Yield:** Post-process ensemble outputs to calculate time-series averages, evaluate Material Physical Injury (MPI) indicators, and update the Tentative Safe Yield. Compare results with those documented in the draft 2025 SYR to determine whether the refinements improve the model’s ability to encompass observed variability and reduce calibration bias.

#### **Task 4 Assumptions**

- PESTPP-IES configuration will use the 2025 CVM structure and calibration framework.
- Ensemble size will remain consistent with the 2025 SYR (five realizations).
- Additional realizations will only be generated if calibration divergence is significant.
- No alternative configurations of pilot points or parameter fields will be introduced.
- There will be no changes to the Projection Scenarios used in the Projection Ensemble other than the imported water recharge calculated to meet replenishment obligations.
- Selection of representative realizations will follow the same multi-criteria approach as the 2025 SYR but will incorporate weighting of calibration statistics and spatial coverage per peer review recommendations 15 and 16.

#### **Task 4 Deliverables**

- Documentation of the additional PESTPP-IES configuration, calibration results, ensemble projections, and comparative analysis of Tentative Safe Yield, to be incorporated into the revised 2025 SYR Report (Task 5).

### **Task 5. Update Report and Appendices**

Task 5 includes revising the draft 2025 SYR Report to incorporate the results of Tasks 1–4, clarify methods, and update supporting tables and figures.

#### **Task 5 Assumptions**

- The scope includes two iterative draft versions: a redlined draft for Watermaster staff review and a final draft for stakeholder distribution.
- Revisions will be limited to content directly affected by the updates in Tasks 1–4; other portions of the draft 2025 SYR will be retained unchanged except for editorial consistency.

#### **Task 5 Deliverables**

- Revised draft and final 2025 SYR Report, including internal redlines as deliverables to Watermaster staff.

### **Task 6. Conduct Stakeholder Workshop**

Task 6 includes preparing for and conducting one stakeholder meeting with the parties and peer review consultants to review the updated results and solicit feedback before finalizing the documentation.

Following completion of the revised draft 2025 SYR, the updated findings and documentation will be shared with SSPA for information and comment. No additional formal peer review or model revisions beyond those described in this scope are anticipated.

#### **Task 6 Assumptions**

- One half-day, in-person workshop.
- Additional modeling iterations resulting from post-workshop feedback are not included.

#### Task 6 Deliverables

- Workshop and presentation materials.

### Task 7. Project Management and Meetings

This task includes ongoing project coordination, budget tracking, and progress reporting, including:

- Project management to facilitate schedule and budget tracking and QA/QC reviews.
- Up to three one-hour coordination meetings with Watermaster staff to review progress and address technical questions.

#### Task 7 Assumptions

- Up to three (3) one-hour, virtual meetings with Watermaster staff.

#### Task 7 Deliverables

- Meeting notes summarizing key decisions and action items.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

The technical work (Tasks 1-5, through completion of the revised draft 2025 SYR report) is scheduled for completion by April 30, 2026. Following a workshop with the parties to present the updated technical information, and a four-week review and comment period, the final 2025 SYR report is anticipated to be completed by June 2026.

## PROJECT BUDGET

West Yost proposes to complete the scope of work on a time-and-materials basis using the rates established for FY 2025/26 per West Yost's 2024 Master Services Agreement with Watermaster. The estimated budget is summarized in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Estimated Project Hours and Budget		
Task	Level of Effort, Hours	Estimated Budget, dollars
Task 1. Develop Integrated Water Budgets	178	47,300
Task 2. Refine Calibration Data	88	27,800
Task 3. Refine Model Mechanics and Numerical Stability	112	37,100
Task 4. Prepare, Run, and Process Additional PESTPP-IES Configuration and Projection Ensemble	146	45,500
Task 5. Update Report and Appendices	104	28,200
Task 6. Conduct Stakeholder Workshop	48	15,000
Task 7. Project Management and Meetings	22	6,800
<b>Total Project Hours and Budget</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>\$207,700</b>

## STAFFING

Garrett Rapp, PE will serve as Project Manager. Eric Chiang, PhD will serve as Lead Modeler. Andy Malone, PG will provide technical QA/QC review. Samantha Adams will serve as Principal-in-Charge. Work will be supported by West Yost engineers, scientists, and other staff as needed.

Todd Corbin  
December 29, 2025  
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Thank you for the opportunity to continue supporting Watermaster to advance groundwater management in the Chino Basin. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

WEST YOST

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Garrett Rapp, PE  
Senior Engineer II  
RCE #86007

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samantha Adams", written in a cursive style.

Samantha Adams  
Business Sector Leader - Groundwater

cc: Edgar Tellez-Foster, PhD

Attachments: Attachment A. Table 1

Table 1

**Table 1. SSPA Peer-Review Recommendations and West Yost Recommendations for Implementation**

Recommendation	Recommendation	Update for 2025 SYR	Reconsider or Defer to 2030 SYR	Task
1	Develop comprehensive water budgets within and between the individual models (HSPF, R4, and MODFLOW) to ensure consistency and balance across the integrated system	X		1.1
2	Consider incorporating the R4 Model within the calibration process to better link surface-water and groundwater components and improve streamflow calibration		X	None
3	Reassess the lag representation for both physical realism and numerical integrity, confirming its necessity through comparison with observed groundwater responses		X	None
4	Incorporate streamflow observations within PEST and increase their weighting to ensure that streamflow observations meaningfully contribute to the overall calibration objective function	X		2.1
5	Evaluate the reasonableness of surface headwater inflows to streams to confirm that upstream boundary conditions are appropriately represented	X		1.2
6	Consider integrating the R4 Model within the calibration framework to improve consistency between surface-water and groundwater systems and strengthen overall water-budget accounting.		X	None
7	Consider incorporating cumulative streamflow volumes as additional observations to aid in the model calibration. This will help constrain the overall flow budgets of the system.		X	None
8	Avoid calibrating multipliers for DIPAW and lateral inflow	X		3.1
9	Consider storage change as an additional calibration target in the form of “head change” targets or “type hydrographs” if cluster analysis is performed	X		None
10	Monitor calibration improvement in groundwater levels. Address spatial bias in the model – north and east heads overestimated, west underestimated. Ensure that recent trends showing increasing groundwater levels are well represented.	X		2.2, 4
11	Address pumping curtailment in the model to ensure that all the prescribed pumping is simulated	X		3.2
12	Currently the head closure criteria is set to 15 feet. It is recommended to reduce this value to the extent practical. A maximum of one foot is recommended.	X		3.3
13	Check if any pumping wells are co-located with a constant head boundary	X		None
14	Include stream inflows for the last stress period that are currently missing	X		None
15	Model uncertainty is not fully captured. Several observations are outside of the modeled range provided by selected realizations.	X		4
16	Enhance model uncertainty quantification by basing representative model realizations on both calibration quality and net recharge variability	X		4
17	Avoid the use of random noise in observations. Avoid streamflow observation noise. Avoid observation noise in groundwater, if possible; or use systematic noise that retains temporal changes in individual hydrographs to capture change in storage.	X		3.4
18	Add uncertainty bands around groundwater level time-series plots in Appendix B	X		None
19	It is recommended that calibration results for the ‘mean’ realization (Realization C) be presented in the report since it forms the basis of Safe Yield estimates	X		None





## **CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**January 15, 2026**

### **INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY REPORTS**

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**The following items are provided for receive and file.**

- Metropolitan Water District Activities Report
- Water Supply Conditions
- State and Federal Legislative Reports

## For More Information

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See [www.MWDh2o.com](http://www.MWDh2o.com) for the latest information from MWD and tune into livestream broadcasts of meetings.

## Deven Upadhyay, MWD General Manager, Retires

At the end of 2025, Deven Upadhyay retired as General Manager of MWD. Filling the role is previous MWD General Manager-Designate, Shivaji Deshmukh, who issued a message to the MWD Board expressing appreciation for the time to overlap with Deven, highlighting his focus on maintaining operational excellence and system reliability while advancing long-term resilience, and committing to his goal to sustain strong relationships with member agencies.



*Deven Upadhyay – MWD December 10, 2025*

## MWD Shares Update on Water Surplus & Drought Management (WSDM)

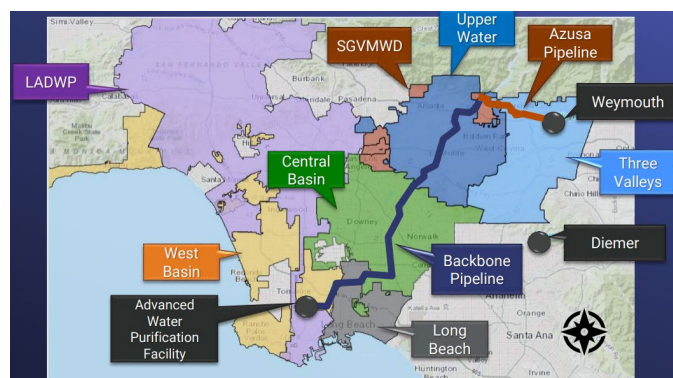
On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the MWD Joint One Water and Adaptation Committee received an update on WSDM. The update included that Department of Water Resources released an initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation on December 1<sup>st</sup> of 10%, higher than the last year's initial allocation of only 5%. A 10% allocation reflects approximately 200,000 acre-feet (AF) of SWP imported water supply for MWD. Based on this initial allocation, DWR is projecting a potential final allocation range of 10% to 45%. At any allocation below 30%, MWD operates in drought mode, pulling from storage and purchasing transfer supplies. If the final allocation is above 30%, MWD operates in surplus mode, where cyclic deliveries are made, water is added to storage, and sales to external agencies may be made.

Even with a 10% initial allocation, Article 21 supplies may become available in early 2026, if the SWP share of San Luis Reservoir hits capacity. San Luis Reservoir SWP supplies are currently at 85% of capacity.

MWD is entering 2026 with 3.8 million AF of water stored, matching the record high level of storage set at the beginning of 2025. The 3.8 million AF of storage includes approximately 1.54 million AF of Lake Mead surplus, 1 million AF of in region storage, 570,000 AF of out of region groundwater banking, 466,000 AF of SWP carryover, and 219,000 AF of SWP flexible storage.

## MWD Outlines Guiding Principles for Pure Water Southern California (PWSC) Partnerships

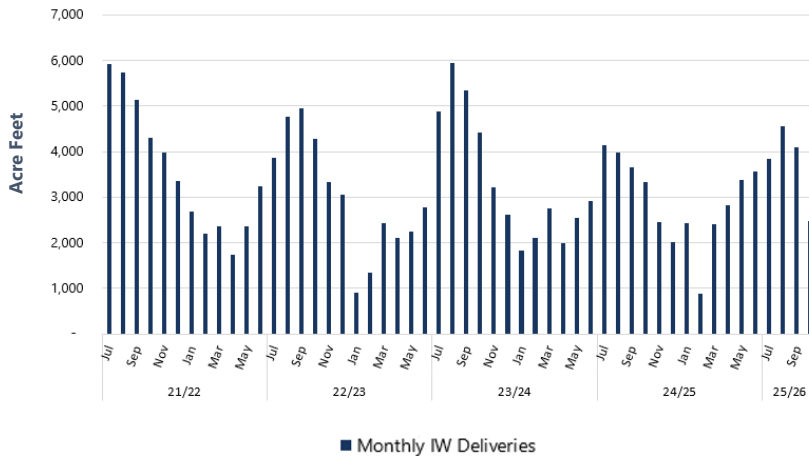
On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the MWD Engineering, Operations, & Technology Committee reviewed the guiding principles for PWSC partnerships. These guiding principles will be an MWD action item in January 2026 and follow previously completed letters of intent. The guiding principles for partnerships are split amongst partner groups including MWD member agency partnerships, Colorado River partnerships, and SWP partnerships. Of note, MWD member agency partners would be expected to purchase predetermined amounts of water over an average period, Colorado River Partnerships would allow MWD the ability to store water during surplus years, and SWP Partnership would give MWD access to conveyance infrastructure in exchange for PWSC water.



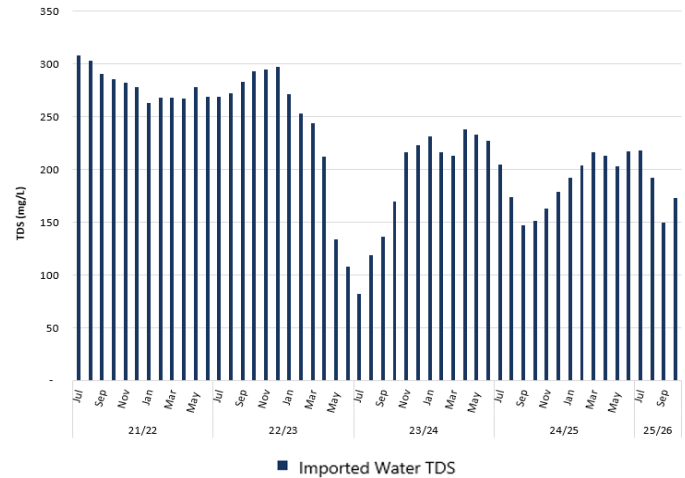
*MWD PWSC Partners, – MWD December 8, 2025*

### Imported Water

**Full Service Imported Water Deliveries Summary  
(FY 2020/21 to 2025/26)**

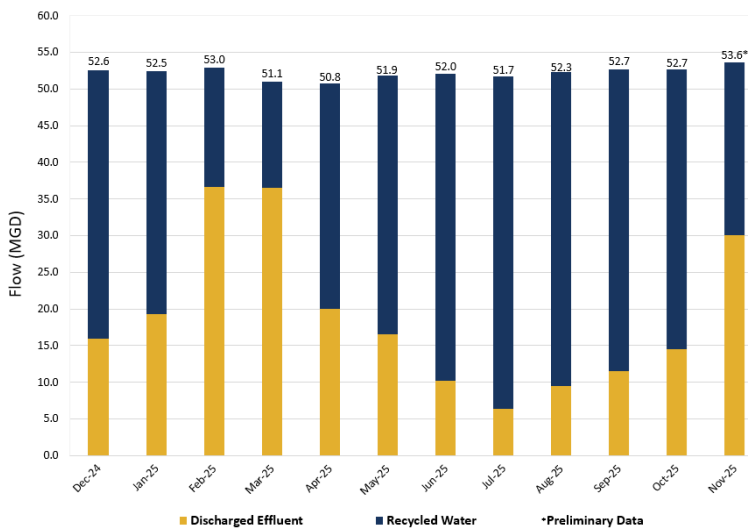


**Imported Water TDS Summary  
(FY 2020/21 to 2024/25)**

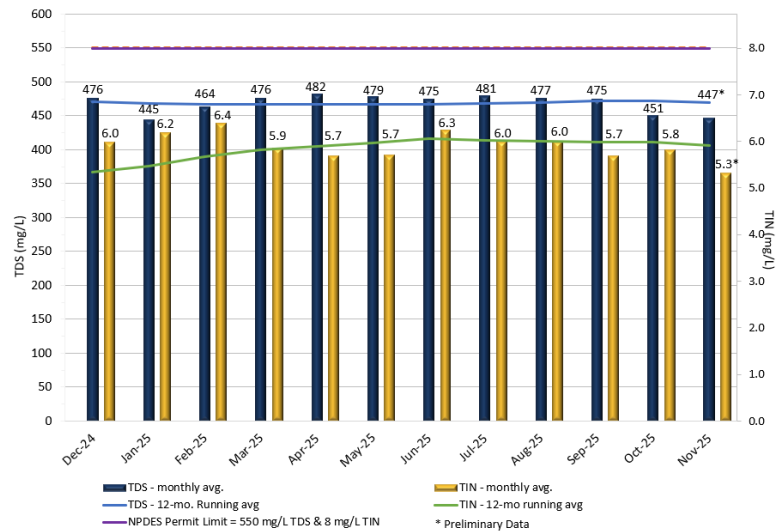


### Recycled Water

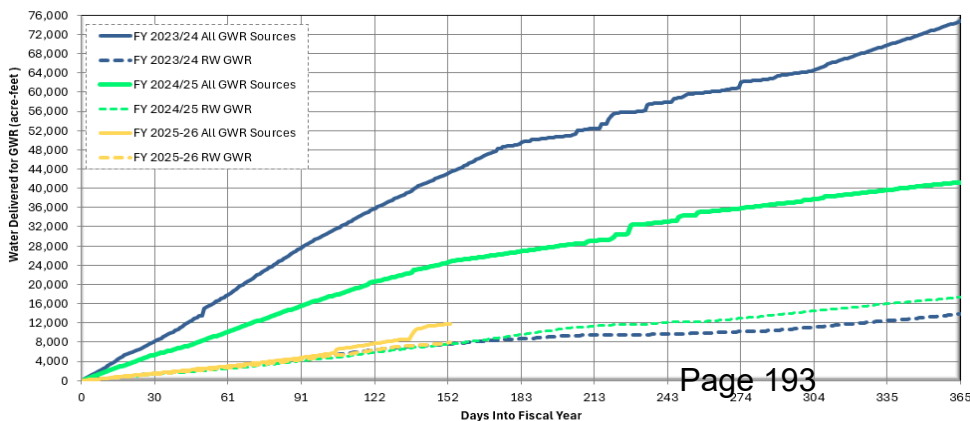
**Discharged Effluent & Recycled**



**Agencywide Effluent TDS & TIN**



### Groundwater Recharge



#### NOVEMBER 2025 NOTES:

- Total stormwater and dry weather flow recharged is preliminarily estimated at 2,262.5 acre-feet.
- Recycled water delivered for recharge totaled 1,469.4 acre-feet.
- There was no imported water recharged in the Chino Basin from MWD.
- Chino Basin Watermaster will remove 1.5% for evaporation losses from delivered supplemental water sources (imported water and recycled water).
- Considering evaporation losses, total recharge is preliminarily estimated at 3,709.9 acre-feet.



# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

## Water Supply Conditions Report - <https://www.mwdh2o.com/WSCR>

Questions? Reach out via the form: <https://forms.office.com/g/Gj3aReAuCm>

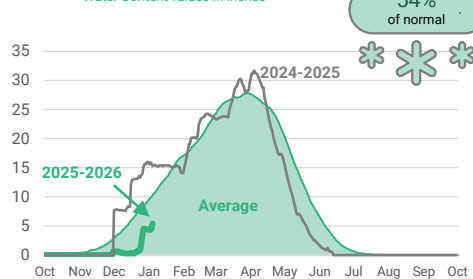
Water Year 2025-2026

As of: 01/04/2026

### State Water Project

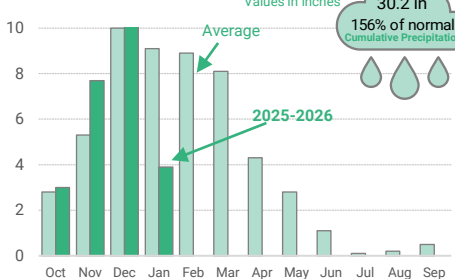
#### Northern Sierra Snow

Water Content values in inches



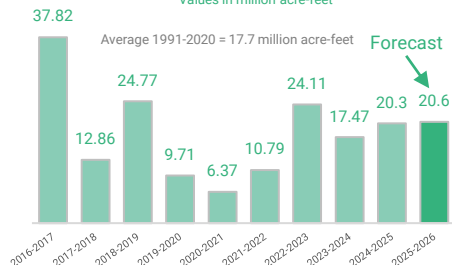
#### 8 Station Index Precipitation

Values in inches



#### Sacramento River Runoff

Values in million acre-feet



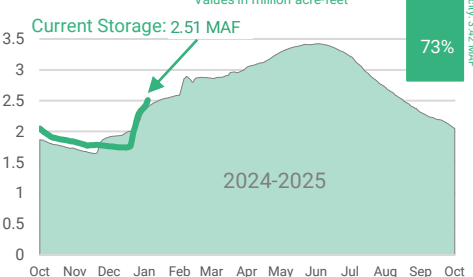
#### 2026 State Water Project Allocation

10%

Initial Allocation (December 1, 2025)

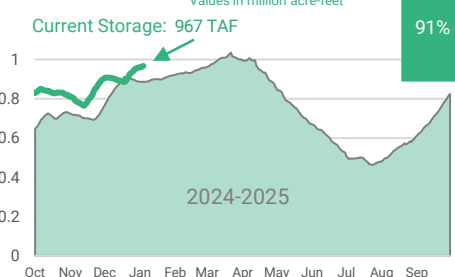
#### Oroville Reservoir Storage

Values in million acre-feet



#### San Luis Reservoir SWP Storage

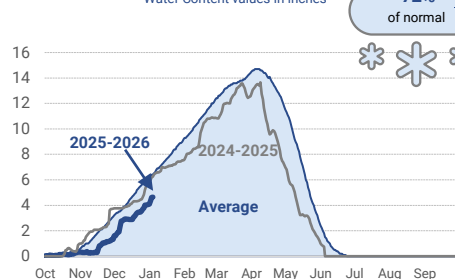
Values in million acre-feet



### Colorado River

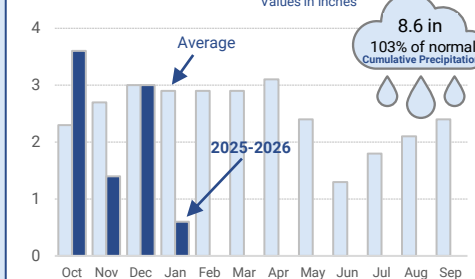
#### Colorado River Basin Snow

Water Content values in inches



#### Colorado River Basin Precipitation

Values in inches



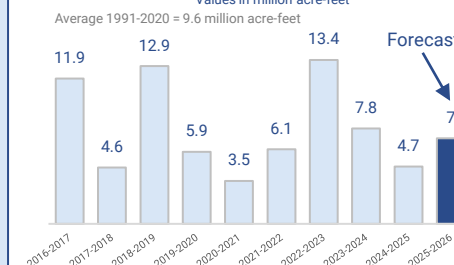
#### Lake Mead Chance of Operating Condition

		2026	2027*	2028*	2029*
Shortage	Surplus (above 1,145 ft)	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Normal Year (between 1,075 and 1,145 ft)	0%	7%	3%	10%
	1st Level (between 1,050 and 1,075 ft)	100%	50%	30%	20%
	2nd Level (between 1,025 and 1,050 ft)	0%	40%	53%	43%
	3rd Level (below 1,025 ft)	0%	3%	13%	27%

\* Years beyond 2026 assume continuation of current operating guidelines

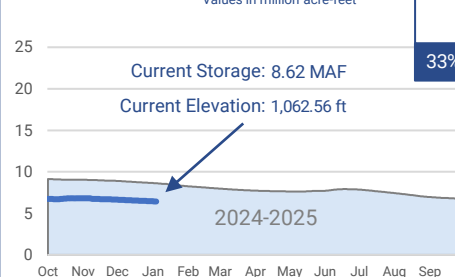
#### Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell

Values in million acre-feet



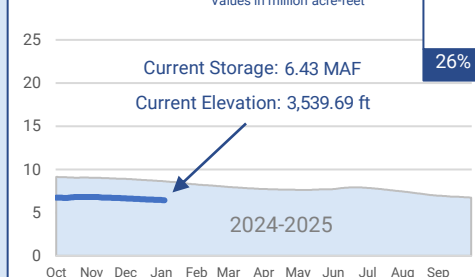
#### Lake Mead Storage

Values in million acre-feet



#### Lake Powell Storage

Values in million acre-feet



# Inland Empire Utilities Agency, a Municipal Water District Federal Update

December 31, 2025

## Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Update

With the government operating under a continuing resolution through January 30, 2026, House and Senate appropriators focused on establishing a bicameral framework to guide negotiations on the remaining bills. On December 20, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) and Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) **announced** that they had reached agreement on the remaining topline funding allocations for FY26. In his statement, Chairman Cole said the agreement would set overall discretionary spending below the level projected under the current continuing resolution. While the announcement establishes an aggregate fiscal framework, specific subcommittee allocations and bill text have not yet been released. Both chambers will resume session during the week of January 5, 2026.

FY26 Appropriations Bill	House Subcommittee Allocation (in Billions)	Passed House Committee	Passed House	Passed Senate Committee	Passed Senate	Signed into Law
Agriculture-Rural Development-FDA	\$25.523	June 23 by a 35-27 vote	November 12 by a 222-209 vote	July 10 by a 27-0 vote	August 1 by an 87-9 vote November 12 by a 60-40 vote	November 12
Commerce-Justice-Science	\$76.824	September 10 by a 34-28 vote		July 17 by a 19-10 vote		
Defense	\$831.513	June 12 by a 36-27 vote	July 18 by a 219-202 vote	July 31 by a 26-3 vote		
Energy-Water Development	\$57.300	July 10 by a 35-27 vote	September 4 by a 214-213 vote			
Financial Services-General Government	\$23.198	September 3 by a 35-28 vote				
Homeland Security	\$66.361	June 24 by a 36-27 vote				
Interior-Environment	\$37.971	July 22 by a 33-28 vote		July 24 by a 26-2 vote		



Labor-HHS-Education	\$184.491	September 9 by a 35-28 vote		July 31 by a 26-3 vote		
Legislative Branch	\$6.700	June 26 by a 34-28 vote	November 12 by a 222-209 vote	July 10 by a 26-1 vote	August 1 by an 81-15 vote November 12 by a 60-40 vote	November 12
Military Construction-Veterans Affairs	\$152.091	June 10 by a 36-27 vote	June 25 by a 218-206 vote November 12 by a 222-209 vote	July 26 by a 26-3 vote	August 1 by an 87-9 vote November 12 by a 60-40 vote	November 12
State-Foreign Operations	\$46.218	July 23 by a 35-27 vote				
Transportation-HUD	\$89.910	July 17 by a 35-28 vote		July 24 by a 27-1 vote		

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

**House Passes SPEED Act Aimed at Accelerating Federal Permitting.** On December 18, the House passed the *Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act* ([H.R. 4776](#)) in a 221-196 vote, advancing legislation aimed at streamlining federal environmental reviews under the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA). Led by Representatives Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and Jared Golden (D-ME), the bill would reduce duplicative reviews by allowing federal agencies to rely on existing state, Tribal, or prior federal environmental analyses; extend the duration of programmatic reviews; impose firm deadlines on environmental assessments and impact statements; and limit litigation by shortening the statute of limitations and narrowing standing and venue. The bill would also clarify that receipt of federal funding alone does not constitute a “major Federal action” for NEPA purposes. Senate Democratic leaders have indicated they are unlikely to advance the House measure unchanged and instead expect to pursue a separate bipartisan permitting framework in 2026.

**House Approves PERMIT Act Aimed at Revising Clean Water Act Permitting.** On December 10, the House passed the *Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT) Act* ([H.R. 3898](#)) by a 221-205 vote. The bill would make a series of changes to permitting processes under the *Clean Water Act*, including modifying water quality standards and certification processes, extending the duration of certain discharge permits, clarifying the scope of federal review under Sections 401, 402, and 404, and setting timelines for judicial review of permitting decisions. The legislation would also codify and update practices related to general permits, agricultural stormwater, wildfire suppression activities, and the definition of “waters of the United States,” while directing federal agencies to reduce permitting backlogs and improve coordination.

**House Passes Permitting Reform Measures Focused on NEPA and Digital Reviews.** On December 10, the House passed the following bills by a voice vote:

- The *ePermit Act* ([H.R. 4503](#)), which aims to improve environmental reviews and authorization through the use of interactive, digital, and cloud-based platforms; and
- The *Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act* ([H.R. 573](#)), which would require the Council on Environmental Quality to publish an annual report on environmental reviews and causes of action based on alleged non-compliance with the *National Environmental Policy Act*.

**Senate Passes Bill to Simplify Federal Disaster Assistance Process.** On December 17, the Senate passed the *Disaster Assistance Simplification Act* ([S. 861](#)), which aims to streamline how disaster survivors apply for federal recovery assistance. Sponsored by Sens. Gary Peters (D-MI), Rand Paul (R-KY), James Lankford (R-OK), and Thom Tillis (R-NC), this bill would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a universal application that allows individuals affected by federally declared disasters to apply for assistance across multiple federal programs through a single process. The bill aims to reduce administrative burdens and speed access to aid by replacing the current system of agency-specific applications, while maintaining federal data security and privacy standards. The measure now heads to the House for further consideration.

**Senate Passes Bipartisan Recycling and Reuse Bills.** The Senate approved two bipartisan bills aimed at strengthening recycling infrastructure and reducing waste. The *Strategies to Eliminate Waste and Accelerate Recycling Development (STEWARD) Act* ([S. 351](#)), led by Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Ranking Member Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), would invest in recycling and composting infrastructure—particularly in rural and underserved communities—and improve data collection on waste management systems. The Senate also passed the *Research for Environmental Uses and Sustainable Economies (REUSE) Act* ([S. 2110](#)), sponsored by Chair Capito and Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR), which would direct EPA to study the feasibility of federal refill and reuse programs designed to reduce reliance on single-use plastics. These bills now await further consideration in the House.

**Senate Confirms Trump Administration Nominees.** On December 18, the Senate approved the [following nominations](#) by an en bloc 53-43 vote:

- Jeffrey Hall to be Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assistant Administrator of Enforcement and Compliance
- Douglas Troutman to be EPA Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances
- Ethan Klein to be Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Tim Petty to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

**House Committee Approves Updated Roster.** On December 3, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee [approved](#) Democratic membership changes and updated subcommittee rosters.



**Bipartisan Bill Introduced to Reauthorize and Amend WIFIA Program.** Representatives Kim Schrier (WA-08) and Dan Newhouse (WA-04) introduced the *Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Amendments of 2025* ([H.R. 6229](#)) to reauthorize and expand the WIFIA program and improve access to low-cost federal financing for water infrastructure projects. The legislation would broaden eligibility for state-led storage projects, rural and small-community systems, and certain non-federal water projects; lower minimum project cost thresholds; authorize technical assistance for small communities; extend loan maturities for long-lived projects; and reauthorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' WIFIA authority through FY29, with the goal of accelerating delivery of critical drinking water, wastewater, and water supply infrastructure.

**Bipartisan Legislation Introduced to Update Federal Water Infrastructure Pilot Program.** Representatives Rob Bresnahan (R-PA) and Kristen McDonald Rivet (D-MI) introduced the *Water Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2025* ([H.R. 6075](#)) to reauthorize and expand the federal pilot program for alternative water source projects under the *Federal Water Pollution Control Act*. The legislation would update statutory definitions to support the use of “intelligent water infrastructure technology,” including real-time monitoring, advanced sensors, predictive analytics, and artificial intelligence to improve the efficiency, reliability, and resiliency of wastewater, stormwater, and water reuse systems. The bill would also clarify eligible uses of grant funds for design, construction, implementation, training, and operations related to these technologies; increase authorized funding to \$50 million annually through FY2028; and require regular reporting to Congress on project outcomes and resiliency improvements. Companion legislation ([S. 2388](#)) was introduced by Senators Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) and John Curtis (D-UT) in July.

**Bipartisan Bill Reintroduced to Expand Federal Support for Urban Canal Repairs.** Representatives Mike Simpson (R-ID), Russ Fulcher (R-ID), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), and Adam Gray (D-CA) introduced the *Urban Canal Modernization Act* ([H.R. 6279](#)), which aims to address safety and infrastructure risks associated with aging canals that run through urban areas. The bill would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to cover 35 percent of the cost of extraordinary operation and maintenance work on so-called “urban canals of concern,” where a failure could result in significant property damage or loss of life. Under current law, local canal operators are often responsible for the full cost of major repairs, which the sponsors say can delay needed upgrades. The bill would allow a non-reimbursable federal cost share for eligible projects, with remaining federal funds advanced on a reimbursable basis. Senators James Risch (R-ID) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced a companion measure ([S. 2753](#)) in September.

## CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

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**California Lawmakers Seek Information on USGS ShakeAlert False Earthquake Alert.** On December 10, Representatives Kevin Mullin (D-CA), Eric Swalwell (D-CA), Laura Friedman (D-CA), Jared Huffman (D-CA), and Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Director Dr. Ned Mamula requesting information about the ShakeAlert earthquake early warning system following a false magnitude 5.9 earthquake alert issued on December 4

near the California-Nevada border. The alert, later withdrawn, reached residents across a wide area, including the San Francisco Bay Area, and raised concerns among emergency managers and the public. The lawmakers asked USGS to explain the cause of the false alert, outline safeguards used to validate seismic data, describe coordination with state and local officials following such incidents, and clarify the criteria for issuing public alerts.

**Senators Seek Information on Delays in EPA Water Infrastructure Loans.** On December 16, Senators Adam Schiff (D-CA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Ed Markey (D-MA), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Ron Wyden (D-OR) sent a letter to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin requesting information on delays in processing loans under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. The lawmakers contend that approvals for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects have slowed significantly in 2025 compared to prior years, with dozens of applications currently awaiting action. The letter asks EPA to explain the causes of the slowdown, including whether additional administrative or executive review requirements are contributing to delays, and requests details on staffing capacity, coordination with the Office of Management and Budget, and steps being taken to expedite loan processing.

**Senators Request Action on Fish and Wildlife Service Staffing Levels.** On December 18, Senator Adam Schiff led 19 Senate colleagues in sending a [letter](#) to Department of the Interior Secretary Doug Burgum and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Brian Nesvik raising concerns about recent declines in Fish and Wildlife Service staffing. Citing data obtained through a *Freedom of Information Act* request, the lawmakers note that staffing reductions have affected the agency's ability to manage national wildlife refuges, protect endangered species, and carry out conservation, flood control, and wildfire mitigation activities. The letter requests information on plans to address staffing capacity, maintain refuge operations, and ensure the agency can meet its statutory responsibilities. This letter comes as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service begins a comprehensive review of all national wildlife refuges, marine national monuments, and national fish hatcheries. The review is being conducted pursuant to a [Director's Order](#) issued on December 16.

## FEDERAL AGENCY ACTIONS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES

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**President Trump Signs Executive Order Directing Evaluation of State AI Regulations and Federal Preemption Options.** On December 11, President Trump signed an [executive order](#) establishing a federal policy framework for artificial intelligence (AI) aimed at promoting U.S. leadership while reducing regulatory fragmentation across states. The order directs the Department of Justice to create an AI Litigation Task Force to challenge state AI laws deemed inconsistent with federal policy, instructs the Department of Commerce to evaluate and identify state AI laws that may conflict with interstate commerce or constitutional protections, and outlines potential limits on certain federal funding for states with conflicting AI regulations. It also calls on federal agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission, to consider federal reporting, disclosure, and consumer protection standards for AI models, and directs the Administration to develop legislative recommendations

for a uniform national AI framework that would preempt conflicting state laws while preserving state authority in specified areas such as child safety and state procurement.

**Federal Court Rules FEMA BRIC Program Termination Violated Law.** On December 11, Judge Richard G. Stearns for the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts granted [summary judgment](#) for a coalition of states in *State of Washington, et al. v. FEMA, et al.*, holding that FEMA's actions to end or wind down the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation program violated federal law. The court found FEMA lacked authority to substantially reduce core mitigation functions and to withhold or redirect funds Congress made available for mitigation. The court entered a permanent injunction preventing FEMA from terminating BRIC as established by statute, while noting the agency could seek changes from Congress or propose a different mitigation program consistent with law.

**Trump Administration Fills Senior FEMA Response and Recovery Post.** President Trump has appointed Gregg Phillips to lead the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Office of Response and Recovery. This Office oversees core FEMA functions, including search and rescue coordination, disaster assistance to individuals and communities, debris removal, and intergovernmental response operations. Phillips has held senior roles in state government, including as head of the Mississippi Department of Human Services and deputy commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and has also been involved with election integrity advocacy organizations.

**Interior Confirms Departure of Energy and Minerals Chief.** On December 19, the Department of the Interior [confirmed](#) that Leslie Beyer left her role as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, which oversees the Department's energy and mining programs on public lands and waters. Beyer was confirmed as Assistant Secretary by the Senate in September. The position will be filled on an acting basis by Lanny Erdos, Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Interior did not provide a specific reason for Beyer's departure, which was announced in a secretarial order.

**Reclamation Issues Record of Decision for Updated Central Valley Project Operations.** On December 4, the Bureau of Reclamation signed a [Record of Decision](#) adopting an updated long-term operations plan for the Central Valley Project (CVP). The decision responds to Executive Order 14181, issued on January 24, 2025, which directs federal agencies to take available actions to increase water deliveries and hydropower production from the CVP consistent with federal law. According to Reclamation, the updated operations could increase annual CVP water deliveries by an estimated 130,000 to 180,000 acre-feet, depending on hydrologic conditions, with additional increases possible under the State Water Project if the State of California adopts corresponding operational changes. Reclamation stated that the updates remain within the range of impacts analyzed in the December 2024 Long-Term Operations Final Environmental Impact Statement and are consistent with the 2024 Biological Opinions issued by NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Changes include adjustments to Delta export operations and the removal of certain habitat and export-reduction provisions previously contemplated under state programs.

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**December 30, 2025**

**To:** Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**From:** Michael Boccadoro  
Beth Olhasso

**RE:** December Report

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**Overview:**

While the second half of November and most of December were unseasonably dry in California, the Christmas string of atmospheric rivers have helped water storage levels recover. A colder storm dumped four feet of snow on the Sierras, bringing the snowpack from 20 percent of average to 74 percent of average over the Christmas holiday. Reservoir levels are also increasing significantly leaving the state's storage in good shape. Lake Oroville is sitting at 68 percent capacity, 127 percent of normal; Lake Shasta is sitting at 72 percent of capacity, 123 percent of average; while San Luis Reservoir is at 68 percent of capacity, 110 percent average for this time of year. Water is not moving into San Luis in the volumes Southern California water managers would hope.

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) as well as other statewide associations continue to work with the CA Air Resources Board to revise the Advanced Clean Fleets rules for state and local governments. CASA has led the charge on alternatives to full electric vehicles while ACWA has been coordinating visits by air board staff to agencies so they can see the type of vehicles they are trying to force agencies to convert.

News around Southern California Edison (SCE) has been significant in the past month. Following the Eaton fire, SCE announced that they are going to proactively turn off power even more, and 20-40 percent more Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events are expected.

Concern over SCE customers having to cover significant costs from the Eaton fire are rising. It is possible costs could rise to \$45 billion, for which customers could be on the hook. The Wildfire Fund will pick up the first \$21 billion with customers potentially footing the rest of the bill. The effect on rates could be significant.

A recent California Energy Commission workshop highlighted concerns over natural gas shortages. While there is more concern in Northern California, the workshop noted that if other western states slip into significant cold weather at the same time as California, there could be some reliability issues in the system and significantly higher costs.

The Legislature will return to Sacramento January 5 to start the final year of the two-year session. Bills that didn't advance out of their first house last year have until January 31 to do so. At the same time, members will be introducing new bills ahead of the February 20 bill introduction deadline.

New Senate President Pro Tem, Monique Limón, recently announced committee assignments for the final year of the session. The new assignments are delayed until February 1.

## Inland Empire Utilities Agency Status Report – December 2025

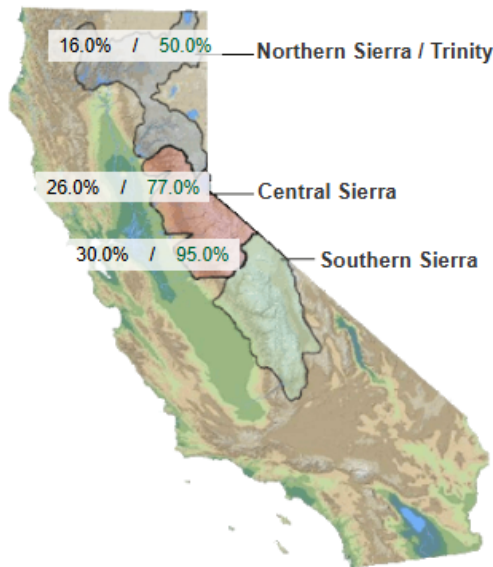
### *Water Supply Conditions*

Christmas storms brought some much needed precipitation to the state after a prolonged dry period. A mix of warm and cold storms brought lots of rain, but also significant snow to the Sierras. The snowpack is sitting at 74 percent of normal for this time of the year, a good growth, but still a concerning number for long-term water supply. San Luis reservoir is at 110 percent of historical average and 68 percent capacity. Lake Oroville is at 68 percent capacity, 127 percent of normal; Lake Shasta is sitting at 72 percent of capacity, 123 percent of average for this time of the year.

Provided by the California Cooperative Snow Surveys

Data For: 29-Dec-2025

% Apr 1 Avg. / % Normal for this Date



Change Date :

NORTH	
Data For: 29-Dec-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	33
Average snow water equivalent	4.4"
Percent of April 1 Average	16%
Percent of normal for this date	50%

CENTRAL	
Data For: 29-Dec-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	52
Average snow water equivalent	7.1"
Percent of April 1 Average	26%
Percent of normal for this date	77%

SOUTH	
Data For: 29-Dec-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	24
Average snow water equivalent	7.8"
Percent of April 1 Average	30%
Percent of normal for this date	95%

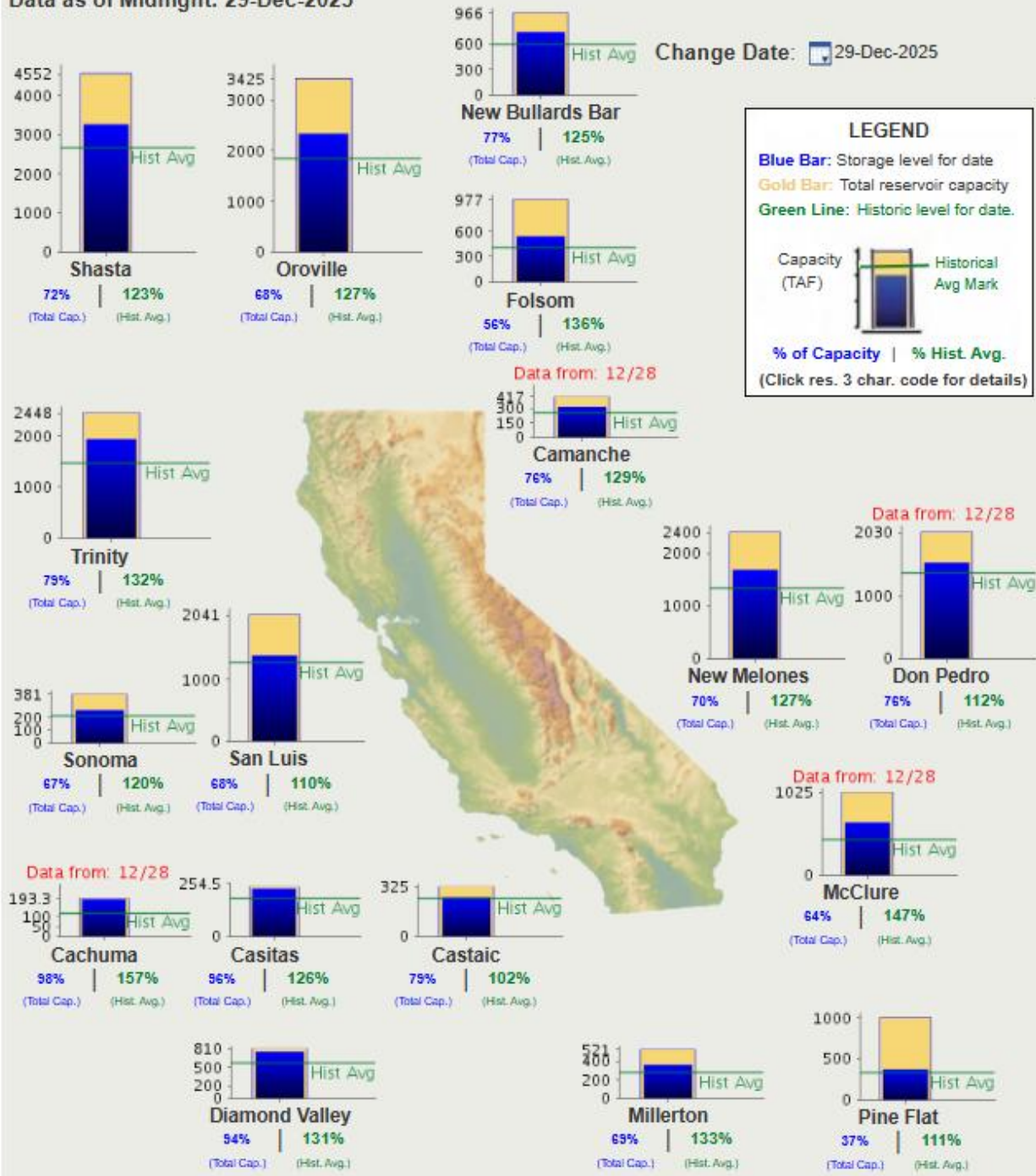
STATEWIDE SUMMARY	
Data For: 29-Dec-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	109
Average snow water equivalent	6.5"
Percent of April 1 Average	24%
Percent of normal for this date	74%

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## CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:29-DEC-2025

Data as of Midnight: 29-Dec-2025



### ***CARB Provides CASA a Preview of the Final Set of Amendments to the ACF Regulation***

California Air Resources Board (CARB) provided the CA Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) a preview of the final set of proposed amendments to the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation. The intent of these amendments has been to increase flexibility and ensure fleet resilience across public agencies (including a market for wastewater-derived biogas as a low carbon fuel) per the Board's and stakeholders' repeated requests. CARB's preview showed some



effort to increase flexibility, but the language still limits access to some critical vehicles. Written comments were submitted by CASA, ACWA and CSDA on December 15 highlighting concerns about maintaining functions that are critical to POTW operations. CASA, and other statewide associations, are reaching out to CARB Board Members to advocate for asks, including support for internal combustion engines fueled by biogas to achieve the ACF and SB 1383 mandates, while remaining resilient. Formal language will be released in January 2026.

### ***Energy Updates***

#### **Edison Expands Power Shutoffs**

Southern California Edison has cut power to more than 534,000 customers so far this year — nearly four times as many as in 2024 — as it tightens wildfire prevention measures following the deadly Eaton Fire, which killed 19 people in January.

The utility has lowered the wind-speed threshold for public safety power shutoffs (PSPS) and expanded the number of customers in high-risk zones, warning communities to expect more frequent and longer outages.

Residents across Moorpark, Malibu, and other fire-prone areas have criticized the company for cutting power even during calm conditions and for failing to provide adequate warnings, leading to traffic accidents, medical emergencies, and communication failures.

State regulators have expressed alarm at the growing scope of outages. California Public Utilities Commission President Alice Reynolds said Edison's blackouts have left more than 10,000 critical facilities, including hospitals, without power — some for up to 15 days. She ordered Edison to meet biweekly with regulators to improve safety and communication.

Edison executives acknowledge “execution has not always met expectations,” but maintain the blackouts are necessary to prevent new fires amid worsening weather and high winds. Critics argue customers are paying rising bills for unreliable service, with some questioning whether the shutoffs are being used appropriately.

Despite billions spent on fire-hardening infrastructure, Edison now expects 20% to 40% more shutoffs this year, a sharp reversal from its earlier claims of reduced wildfire risk.

#### **Newsom's New Energy Law Could Shift Eaton Fire Costs to Customers**

At a press event billed as “Cutting Utility Bills,” Gov. Gavin Newsom signed SB 254, a sweeping energy package he said would lower costs for Californians. But consumer advocates say a little-noticed paragraph in the bill could let Southern California Edison pass billions in Eaton Fire damages onto its customers — a move critics are calling “effectively a bailout.”

The measure allows Edison to charge ratepayers for any Eaton Fire costs beyond the state's \$21-billion wildfire fund, which was created in 2019 to prevent utility bankruptcies. Damages from the January blaze — which killed 19 people and destroyed 9,400 structures — could reach as high as \$45 billion. Edison could issue bonds backed by customer payments to cover those excess costs.

The governor's office defended the bill as "smart public policy," noting that regulators at the Public Utilities Commission will eventually review the charges to determine if they are "just and reasonable." But that review may not happen until after claims are settled, meaning customers might be on the hook.

Critics say the law, introduced and amended in the Legislature's final hours, expands on the 2019 wildfire liability reforms (AB 1054) that already shielded utilities from full financial responsibility. Consumer groups argue the rushed process lacked transparency and further weakens accountability for utilities whose equipment continues to spark fires.

Edison, which received a state safety certificate just weeks before the fire, told investors the law provides "constructive" protections for potential losses. The company said the new financing tools would lower borrowing costs, while Newsom's team highlighted provisions preventing utilities from earning profits on \$6 billion in wildfire-prevention spending.

Still, watchdogs warn the legislation leaves Californians paying more for an energy system that remains unsafe. Edison's equipment has been linked to 178 fires last year — up 45% since 2019 — even as executive bonuses continue to rise.

### **Experts Warn of Possible Winter Gas Shortages Despite Strong Storage Levels**

California's natural gas reserves are above the five-year average, but state energy experts caution that regional shortages could still hit this winter.

At a California Energy Commission (CEC) workshop on Nov. 3, analysts projected a potential shortfall of up to 778 million cubic feet per day during extreme cold snaps. However, they said those gaps could likely be filled by purchasing gas from independent storage providers. The Southern California Gas Co. network is considered less vulnerable to shortages than PG&E's.

Experts warned that out-of-state weather events—like the 2021 Texas freeze—could still strain supply and drive up prices in California, even if local inventories remain healthy. Meanwhile, increasing U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports—expected to rise from 12 to 16 billion cubic feet per day next year—could tighten national markets further.

On the supply side, regulators at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) discussed the future of Aliso Canyon, the state's largest gas storage field. Staff analyses recommend keeping it open through the early 2030s to preserve reliability but suggest a modest 10 Bcf reduction in maximum inventory as a precaution.

Analysts also warned that rising LNG exports and higher gas prices—projected to climb from \$2.20/MMBtu in 2024 to \$4.90 by 2026—could increase competition for supply and pipeline capacity in California.

### ***Legislative Update***

Legislators remained in their districts for the past month. With the second year of the two-year session guaranteed to start quickly in January, members and staff have been working on those bills that need to pass before the January 31 deadline for two-year bills still in their first house to move into the second house.

Pro Tem Limón has announced her leadership team and released committee assignments. The new assignments are on hold until February 1 to keep the chaos to a minimum during the January push to get two-year bills out of their house or origin.

### **IEUA Delegation**

#### **Senator Reyes**

Banking and Financial Institutions

Budget & Fiscal Review, Subcomm #2 on Resources, Env. Protection and Energy (*Chair*)

Education

Energy, Utilities & Communications

Judiciary

Privacy, Digital Technologies, and Consumer Protection

Rules

Legislative Ethics Committee (*Chair*)

#### **Senator Cervantes**

Appropriations (*Chair*)

Banking and Financial Institutions

Elections and Constitutional Amendments

Governmental Organization

Joint Legislative Audit Committee

#### **Senator Rubio**

Governmental Organization (*Chair*)

Energy, Utilities & Communications

Emergency Management

Health

Insurance

Joint Committee on the Arts

Special Committee on International Sporting Events: Olympics and World Cup Soccer

*(Rubio also serves as an Assistant Majority Whip for the Democratic Caucus)*

#### **Senator Seyarto**

Appropriations (*Vice Chair*)

Budget, Subcommittee #5 on Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor and Trans.

Emergency Management (*Vice Chair*)

Housing (*Vice Chair*)

Local Government

Natural Resources and Water (*Vice Chair*)

Public Safety (*Vice Chair*)  
Transportation

**Senator Perez**

Budget, Subcommittee #1 on Education  
Education (*Chair*)  
Emergency Management  
Health  
Joint Committee on the Arts

## IEUA Bill List- Two-Year Bills

Bills With Positions								
Measure	Author	Topic	Last Amend	Status	Location	Calendar	Brief Summary	Notes
<b><u>AB 514</u></b>	<b><u>Petrie-Norris, D</u></b>	Water: emergency water supplies.	05/01/2025	05/22/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/14/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)	05/22/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR		Would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies by both local and regional water suppliers, as defined, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided. (Based on 05/01/2025 text)	IRWD Sponsor SUPPORT
<b><u>AB 532</u></b>	<b><u>Ransom, D</u></b>	Water rate assistance program.	07/17/2025	Held on Appr Suspense			The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program was only operative until March 31, 2024. This bill would repeal the above-described requirements related to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. (Based on 05/23/2025 text)	CMUA Sponsor SUPPORT
<b><u>AB 794</u></b>	<b><u>Gabriel, D</u></b>	California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations.	04/10/2025	INACTIVE FILE			This bill would provide that the authority of the state board to adopt an emergency regulation pursuant to these provisions includes the authority to adopt requirements of a specified federal regulation that was in effect on January 19, 2025, regardless of whether the requirements were repealed or amended to be less stringent. The bill would prohibit an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards, as provided, and would authorize the regulation to include monitoring requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of the federal regulation. The bill would prohibit maximum contaminant levels and compliance dates for maximum contaminant levels adopted as part of an emergency regulation from being more stringent than the maximum contaminant levels and compliance dates of a regulation promulgated pursuant to the federal act. (Based on 04/10/2025 text)	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

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<b><u>AB 810</u></b>	<b><u>Irwin, D</u></b>	Local government: internet websites and email addresses.	04/10/2025	05/22/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/7/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)	05/22/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR		Current law requires that a local agency that maintains an internet website for use by the public to ensure that the internet website uses a ".gov" top-level domain or a ".ca.gov" second-level domain no later than January 1, 2029. The bill would also require a special district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision to comply with similar domain requirements no later than January 1, 2031. (Based on 04/10/2025 text)	OPPOSE
<b><u>SB 239</u></b>	<b><u>Arrequin, D</u></b>	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.	04/07/2025	INACTIVE FILE.			This bill would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The bill would require the subsidiary body to post the agenda at each physical meeting location designated by the subsidiary body, as specified. The bill would require the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, as specified. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)	SUPPORT
<b><u>SB 350</u></b>	<b><u>Durazo, D</u></b>	Water Rate Assistance Program.	05/07/2025	05/22/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/12/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)	05/22/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR		Would establish the Water Rate Assistance Program. As part of the program, the bill would establish the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury (Based on 05/07/2025 text)	Environmental justice community bill.  OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
<b><u>SB 496</u></b>	<b><u>Hurtado, D</u></b>	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.	04/07/2025	05/22/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/5/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)	05/22/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR		This bill would require the state board to establish the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee by an unspecified date for purposes of reviewing appeals of denied requests for exemptions from the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)	CSDA and other local gov sponsored bill  SUPPORT

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<b><u>SB 601</u></b>	<b><u>Allen, D</u></b>	Water: waste discharge.	07/10/2025	Two-Year Bill			This bill would authorize the state board to adopt water quality control plans for nexus waters, which the bill would define as all waters of the state that are not also navigable, except as specified. The bill would require any water quality standard that was submitted to, and approved by, or is awaiting approval by, the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the state board that applied to nexus waters as of May 24, 2023, to remain in effect, as provided.	Coastkeeper sponsor  OPPOSE

## Watch Bills

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<b><u>SB 74</u></b>	<b><u>Seyarto, R</u></b>	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program.	04/07/2025	Held on Suspense			The bill would authorize the office to provide funding for up to 20% of a project's additional projected cost, as defined, after the project has started construction, subject to specified conditions, including, among other things, that the local agency has allocated existing local tax revenue for at least 45% of the initially budgeted total cost of the infrastructure project. When applying to the program, the bill would require the local agency to demonstrate challenges with completing the project on time and on budget and how the infrastructure project helps meet state and local goals, as specified. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)	
<b><u>SB 431</u></b>	<b><u>Arrequín, D</u></b>	Assault and battery: public utility employees and essential infrastructure workers.	05/23/2025	Held on Suspense			This bill would make an assault or battery committed against an employee of a public utility or other worker engaged in essential infrastructure work, as defined, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or by both that fine and imprisonment. (Based on 05/23/2025 text)	



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<b>SB 445</b>	<b>Stern, D</b>	Transportation: planning: complete streets facilities: sustainable transportation projects.	07/17/2025	Held on Suspense			This bill would instead require the Department of Transportation to develop and adopt the above-described project intake, evaluation, and encroachment review process on or before February 1, 2027. The bill would also state the intent of the Legislature to amend this bill with legislation that accelerates and makes more reliable third-party permits and approvals for preconstruction and construction activities on sustainable transportation projects.	
<b>SB 654</b>	<b>Stern, D</b>	California Environmental Protection Agency: contract: registry: greenhouse gas emissions that result from the water-energy nexus.		05/22/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/21/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)	05/22/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR		The California Environmental Protection Agency is required to oversee the development of a registry for greenhouse gas emissions that result from the water-energy nexus using the best available data. Current law provides that participation in the registry is voluntary and open to any entity conducting business in the state. Existing law authorizes the agency to enter into a contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to do specified things, including to recruit broad participation in the registry from all economic sectors and regions of the state. Current law limits the term of the term of the contract to 3 years, except as provided. This bill would instead require the agency to oversee the administration of the above-described registry and would authorize the agency to enter into a new contract, limited to a term of 3 years and with a total budget of \$2,000,000, to do specified things, including to recruit broad participation in the registry from all economic sectors and regions of the state to meet the different needs of water users throughout the state by various means, as provided. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)	

## Acronym List

AB	Appropriations Bill
ACF	Advanced Clean Fleets
ACWA	Association of California Water Agencies
BRIC	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CASA	California Association of Sanitation Agencies
CEC	California Energy Commission
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMUA	California Municipal Utilities Association
CSDA	California Special Districts Association
CVP	Central Valley Project
DOE	Department of Energy
DWR	Department of Water Resources
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FDA	United States Food and Drug Administration
HHS	Health and Human Services
HUD	Housing and Urban Development
IRWD	Irvine Ranch Water District
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
MilCon	Military Construction
MWD	Municipal Water District / Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works
PSPS	Public Safety Power Shutoff
SB	Senate Bill
SCE	Southern California Edison
SWC	State Water Contractors
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
VA	Veterans Affairs