



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

Location-1630 West Redlands Boulevard, Suite A, Redlands, California

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Section 54954.2 provides that a legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under the following conditions: (1) an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5; (2) a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted; and (3) the item was posted for a prior meeting occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.

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3. GUEST RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTIONS

**4. PUBLIC MEETING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE –
10 minutes**

Article 1, Section 75560 of the California Water Code requires that a Water Conservation District that proposes to levy a groundwater charge "...shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon groundwater conditions of the District." District staff will present the annual Bunker Hill Engineering Investigation Report and review the Groundwater Replenishment Program annual budget. District staff is recommending to the District's Board of Directors that an increase of 5% take place for fiscal year 2024-2025, the proposed unitary groundwater charge is \$17.80 per acre-foot (af) for all groundwater production. In light of the non-renewal of the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council ("Council"), the District is also considering eliminating the Replenishment/Sustainability component to the groundwater charge, formerly imposed on entities subject to the District's Groundwater Charge that were not members of the Council. The rates proposed pertain to municipal and non-municipal agricultural groundwater production from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. District staff will present any written comments received and the board will hear oral comments.

- *Open Public Meeting*
- [2024 Engineering Investigation Report Presentation \(if requested\)](#)
- *Staff Presentation on GW Sustainability/Replenishment Component and Groundwater Charge*
- *Groundwater Charge for FY 2024-2025 with Draft Groundwater Enterprise Budget (M#2016) and Review Draft Resolution No. 622 for Groundwater Charge for 2024-2025.....5*
- *Receive Public Comments or Testimony*
- *Close Public Meeting*

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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- B. Approval of Expenditure Report, March 202439
- C. Report of Excused Absences

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS /ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- A. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS, March 2024 – 5 minutes (M#2017).....52
Presenter: Angie Quiroga/Betsy Miller
Recommendation: Review and approve the unaudited financials for March 2024.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Environmental Update – 5 minutes.....58
- B. Engineering Update – 5 minutes.....62
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- D. Future Agenda Items & Staff Tasks – 5 minutes

8. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER MEETING REPORTS, AND/OR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Board Member Meeting Reports – 15 minutes
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9. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. April 15, 2024 Sterling Natural Resource Center Tour hosted by East Valley Water District, 4:30 p.m.
- B. April 15, 2024 Association of San Bernardino County Special District Dinner hosted by East Valley Water District, 5:30 p.m., San Bernardino
(Topic: From Groundbreaking to Ribbon Cutting: Unleashing Potential with Progressive Design Build and SB 706)
- C. April 16, 2024 Finance & Administration Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 843 7978 6030)
- D. April 17, 2024 Operations Committee, 9:00 a.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 842 4390 8855)
- E. April 17, 2024 San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust, 2:00 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2238 1298)
- F. April 24, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing, 1:30 p.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 811 9302 1966)
- G. May 7 – 9, 2024 ACWA Spring Conference, Sacramento, CA
(Board Approval Required)
- H. May 15, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
(Zoom Meeting ID: 846 8609 6002)
- I. June 4, 2024 PERC Policy Committee, 10:00 a.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 874 6107 0953)

- J. June 5, 2024 Basin Technical Advisory Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Valley Municipal
- K. October 3-4, 2024 H2O Women Conference, Santa Barbara, CA
(Board Approval Required)

10. CLOSED SESSION

1. The Board will meet in Closed Session under the authority of Government Code §54956.9 (a), in order to discuss existing litigation, Endangered Habitats League et al. vs. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Central District Court Case No.: 2:16-cv-09178-MWF-E.
2. The Board may convene in Closed Session for Conference to discuss Real Property Negotiations pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; Owner: Southern California Edison East End Hydroelectric Generation Plant property located on various parcels and easements in Mill Creek and Santa Ana River Canyons, Negotiator: Betsy Miller and David Cosgrove Owner: Southern California Edison Negotiators Allison, Bahen, Property Manager and Steven Powell, Vice President.
3. The Board may meet in Closed Session under Government Code section 54956.8, to discuss the terms and conditions of the potential acquisition of Federal properties as part of the Wash Plan land exchange with BLM, consisting of 327.5 acres of the Federal Exchange Parcel, and 90 acres of the Federal Equalization Parcels, in exchange for District property of Assessor Parcel Nos. 0291-151-01, -02, and-05. David Cosgrove and Betsy Miller are the District's negotiators, and Dara Glass is the lead negotiator for BLM.
4. The Board may convene in closed session under Government Code Sections 54956.9(a), (d)(2) and (4), and (e) (2) to discuss pending or potential litigation relating to conditions of the property at 1630 West Redlands Boulevard Suites G, H, and I.
5. The Board may meet in closed session under Government code section 54956.8 Real Property negotiations, to consider the terms and conditions of a possible lease for 1630 W. Redlands Boulevard; Suites E, I, J, G and H. Betsy Miller and David Cosgrove are the District's negotiators. Tae Sang Park is the negotiator on behalf of the prospective tenant.
6. The Board may meet in closed session under authority of Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e) (2), exposure to potential litigation, relating to high groundwater conditions and their potential impact on CemexMaterials Pacific, LLC mining areas.

11. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing will be on April 24, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA and via Zoom/teleconference.



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

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Memorandum No. 2016

To: Board of Directors
From: Finance & Administration Committee
Betsy Miller, General Manager
David B. Cosgrove, General Counsel
Date: April 10 and 24, 2024
Subject: Groundwater Charge for FY 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public meeting on April 10, 2024, regarding the proposed 2024-25 Groundwater Charge, and then continue the matter to April 24, 2024, for final action and adoption of a resolution approving an adjustment of the Groundwater Charge in the unitary amount of \$17.80 per acre-foot, for both agricultural and non-agricultural production. This change represents a five (5%) percent increase from the rates in effect for the prior year. In addition, eliminate the Sustainability Component of the Groundwater Charge, subject to renewal of this component of the charge in future annual ratemaking cycles, depending on the potential renewal or reformulation of the Groundwater Council.

BACKGROUND

On January 24, 2024, the Finance & Administration Committee reviewed the District’s Groundwater Enterprise Budget for FY25 and discussed alternatives for proposed groundwater charge updates.

On February 14, 2024, the District reviewed its Preliminary Groundwater Enterprise Budget for the upcoming year, and the Board gave direction to staff to advertise a proposed Groundwater Charge rate in public notices of \$17.80 per acre-foot, which represents a five (5%) percent increase from the rates in effect for the prior year. The proposed increase primarily reflects inflation, with an evaluation of increases in the costs of the District’s groundwater enterprise activities related to operations of the new Enhanced Recharge facilities in future years. Background facts supporting staff’s recommendation for this increase were detailed in the staff report accompanying the Board’s consideration of a published rate on February 14, 2024. For ease of reference, a copy of that staff report is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

The Board also gave direction on updated budgeting reflecting the expected cessation of the Groundwater Council in July of 2024. In addition to removing the Groundwater Council Revenue and Groundwater Council Passthrough lines from the FY25 budget, the Board also directed staff to terminate, for the time being, the Sustainability Component of the Groundwater Charge. This component, which was initiated at

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the request of the Groundwater Council, was intended to provide equity on costs of basin-benefitting water supply and recharge enhancement between Groundwater Council members and non-members. Proceeds passed through the District and were paid to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to purchase State Water Project water to augment replenishment efforts using local stormflows. The draft budget attached as part of the administrative record for the groundwater charge rate setting has been revised to incorporate these changes, which will be carried through to the fiscal year 2024-25 District budget for discussion and review at the Finance & Administration Committee on April 16, the Board's Budget Workshop on April 24, and the Board meeting on May 15, 2024.

On February 22 and 29, 2024, notices of the proposed groundwater charge rate were mailed to all reporting groundwater producers in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII D, Sec. 6(a)(2), which requires forty-five (45) days between the date of the mailed notice and the proposed actual imposition of the Groundwater Charge on April 24, 2023.

On March 1, 8, and 15, 2024, notices of the April 10, 2024, public meeting and April 24, 2024, public hearing were published on the District's website and in the San Bernardino County Sun and the Redlands Community News.

On March 13, 2024, the District Board reviewed and approved its annual Engineering Investigation for the 2024-25 water year ("EI").

DISCUSSION

April 10, 2024, is the time set for a public meeting on the proposed adjustment to the District's rate for the Groundwater Charge for FY25. A public hearing will be held on April 24, 2024, at 1:30 pm, per the District's established custom and consistent with applicable statutes governing Groundwater Charge processes.

As in the past, the decision to fix the Groundwater Charge rate comes with a series of findings regarding agricultural and non-agricultural groundwater production, annual and cumulative change in storage, and overall basin conditions. These findings are based upon the Engineering Investigation and required by statute. The findings, and the support for them, are set out in detail in the "Resolution of The Board of Directors of The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Establishing A Groundwater Charge on the Production Of Groundwater Within District Boundaries, And Making Certain Findings Relative Thereto" ("Resolution"), which is attached hereto, and submitted for Board and public review.

The recommendation to adjust the Groundwater Charge rate is based on staff's review of the Groundwater Enterprise Budget, based on anticipated expenditures for the upcoming year. These topics were reviewed in detail at the Finance & Administration Committee on January 24, 2024, and at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024. The staff report regarding Budget Planning for Groundwater Enterprise for FY25 Advertised Groundwater Charge, dated February 14, 2024, identifies budget revenue and expense projections, details budget presumptions, and describes the recent history of Groundwater Charge amounts and the proposed discontinuance of the Sustainability Component. In order to avoid repetition, the staff report is attached hereto, and its contents are incorporated herein by reference.

On balance, in considering the budget, the Board directed that the noticed rate would be as set forth above, representing both the discontinuance of the five-year phase-in of the Groundwater Charge Sustainability Component, and a five percent (5%) increase in the Groundwater Charge rate, from \$16.95 to \$17.80 per acre-foot. These are the rates that have been proposed for consideration, and which are the subject of public review and comment both at the April 10, 2024, public meeting, and the April 24, 2024, public hearing. Of course, the actual rate levied may vary, per Board direction after public input.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

While the proposed rate is calculated to cover District groundwater operations in average years, use of reserves is expected in FY25 due to 1) significant maintenance needs following record recharge in 2023 and 2) the return from Groundwater Council revenue to all District statutory rates being collected through the Groundwater Charge in FY25. With all producers paying the Groundwater Charge, the District's Groundwater Charge revenue for FY25 is lower than average due to our policy of estimating revenues based on a two-year average, which is lower than average given the high rainfall (which results in lower pumping) over the last 18 months.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the recommended action would result in estimated revenue of \$1,339,191.10 to GL 4022, Groundwater Charge, in FY24. The draft budget, which will be evaluated at the upcoming Finance & Administration Committee and Budget Workshop prior to presentation to the Board for consideration in May, includes use of \$85,000 from the Groundwater Assessment Rate Stabilization Reserve (to address the return from Groundwater Council revenue to Groundwater Charge collection for all former Groundwater Council members) and \$165,000 from the Groundwater Recharge Enterprise Reserve (for significant maintenance needs following record recharge in 2023), for a total of \$250,000 from reserves. The impact to reserves without an increase is approximately \$313,771.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Board Memo No. 2008 Budget Planning for Groundwater Enterprise for FY25:
Advertised Groundwater Rate from February 14, 2024
Attachment 1A – Draft Groundwater Budget FY25 from February 14, 2024
Attachment 2 – Updated Draft Groundwater Budget for FY 25 from April 4, 2024
Attachment 3 – Groundwater Production and Charge Revenue Projection
Attachment 4 – Draft Resolution No. 622
Attachment 5 – Declaration of Mailing of Groundwater Charge Notices
Attachment 5A – Exhibit A: Groundwater Rate Increase Letter and Notice of Public Hearing
Attachment 5B – Exhibit B: Groundwater Producers List



**San Bernardino Valley
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Memorandum No. 2008

To: Board of Directors

**From: Finance & Administration Committee
Betsy Miller, General Manager**

Date: February 14, 2024

Subject: Budget Planning for Groundwater Enterprise for FY25: Advertised Groundwater Charge

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Administration Committee recommends the Board review and discuss the FY25 Groundwater Enterprise Budget and provide direction to staff on Public Notice for the Groundwater Charge.

BACKGROUND

Each year, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (District) staff prepares revenue and expense estimates for the Groundwater Enterprise, as underlying support for the Board to determine a proposed amount for the Groundwater Charge for public notice purposes. The estimated amount included in the proposed advertised rate provides public notice of the potential proposed rate for discussion purposes, and does not set or adopt any change. Following this analysis, the proposed Groundwater Charge rate is noticed in the newspaper and sent via mail to groundwater producers, with opportunities for community input and feedback at both a public meeting and a Board hearing to determine the annual groundwater charge.

In 2021, the groundwater charge shifted to a unitary rate from prior separate rates for Agricultural and Non-Agricultural usage. The Board approved a change to rates, increasing the unitary rate by 5% to \$14.54/AF and added a replenishment sustainability component for San Bernardino County entities that were not members of the Groundwater Council. In 2022, the Board approved a change to rates, increasing the charge by 5% to \$15.27/AF and the replenishment sustainability component to \$7.35/AF. In 2023, the Board approved a change to rates, higher than in past years due to new permitting compliance requirements, increasing the charge by 11% to \$16.95/AF and the replenishment sustainability component to \$12.00/AF.

Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin producers collaborated with the District to develop and approve a Groundwater Council (GC), which was formalized in 2018. The Groundwater Council offers a cooperative vehicle whereby members have created a method to allocate basin recharge operations and maintenance costs equitably and to provide funding for basin replenishment with imported water whenever feasible.

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Over the past five years, the GC payments and Groundwater Charge rates have proven effective in recovering the majority of costs for the Groundwater Enterprise, as well as providing a cooperative regional funding source for taking advantage of variable imported water supplies for local recharge. In 2023, the GC members renewed the GC agreement for one year through June 2024. It is anticipated that the GC will not renew again in time for the start of the FY25, or may cease entirely; thus, in the future, the current GC members who own wells within the District's jurisdiction will revert back to paying the Groundwater Charge until such time as a new GC that includes District operations and maintenance costs is adopted.

DISCUSSION

The Groundwater Enterprise fund revenue has met its operating expenditures for the past six years, with Groundwater Reserves used to fund capital construction projects (e.g. Mill Creek Diversion and Debris Management Plan) and major maintenance needs following high rainfall years. Based on performance for the first half of the fiscal year, staff has projected a budget for Groundwater Enterprise operations and updated capital expenses. Staff has estimated a preliminary Groundwater Charge rate and initial GC revenue budget needed to offset these expenses.

Budget Approach:

The budget approach recommended by staff includes the following efforts and activities:

- Utilize the Groundwater Enterprise Budget to develop the proposed Groundwater Charge;
- Review the draft budget with the Finance & Administration Committee and/or in a Board Workshop before submitting it to the Board for approval.

Assumptions

The budget process follows those used for previous budgets, including the following specific assumptions:

Revenue:

- Groundwater Charge revenue is based on actual charges paid in the prior year.

Expenses:

- Expenses are estimated on a zero basis, or actual costs/estimates modified based on specific needs and actual 2023 costs;
- Board administrative costs and Staff COLA increases are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U All West at 3.6% based on the actual December 2023 rate compared to 6.2% over the previous budget year https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex_west.htm;
- Utilities increase at approximately 5-7%, based on sector CPI or projected rate changes;
- Salary forecast includes raise pool of up to 5% as a percentage of total salaries;
- Miscellaneous expenses are generally increased at 5% where no other basis is available;
- For FY25, significant planned costs include: 1) operation of the 20 new Enhanced Recharge basins, and 2) significant maintenance following a record recharge year in 2023.

During the 2016 budget process, the Board requested the full cost of capital improvements, repairs, and equipment in the budget. CIP costs are incorporated into the annual operating budget to account for

specific instances where operating revenue is paid to capital projects, and capital funding covers annual costs such as salaries. CIP costs in the current Groundwater Enterprise budget include the following:

- Design, permitting, and construction of PERC projects;
- Mentone shop construction;
Permit costs for the Mill Creek Groundwater Recharge Facility;
- Mill Creek North Canal measurement structure;
- Mill Creek/SAR Facility maintenance upgrades.

Based on the year-to-date budget information and the assumptions listed above, including operation of two of the 20 planned new Enhanced Recharge basins, staff projects that a 5% increase in the Groundwater Charge is needed for FY25.

Groundwater Sustainability and Replenishment

With the cessation of the Groundwater Council, the District will no longer collect the Replenishment/Sustainability component, which was originally approved by the Board during their FY22 rate-setting process, until such time as a new Groundwater Council is approved.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Board provides direction to staff on the appropriate Groundwater Charge rate to advertise in the notices for the public meeting and hearing. Staff has reviewed the groundwater recharge operational costs to date for FY25 and Groundwater Recharge Enterprise revenue likely to be generated by the Groundwater Charge. Staff believes that these data provide sufficient information to project the FY25 Groundwater Recharge Enterprise needs. Following this analysis, staff recommends that the Board advertise an 5% increase in rates for the upcoming fiscal year. The recommendation is in keeping with prior Board direction to limit annual rate increases to 3-5% except in cases of significant policy, economic, or operational change.

FISCAL IMPACT

The annual development of the Groundwater Charge rate is supported by the Groundwater Recharge Enterprise. Without the proposed 5% rate increase in FY25, the impact to the Rate Stabilization Fund would be approximately \$68,113.

POTENTIAL MOTIONS

1. Move to direct staff to advertise a 5% in the Groundwater Charge and approve the budget plan as shown herein.
2. Move to direct staff to advertise a different rate change to the Groundwater Charge and approve changes to the budget plan as shown herein.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Groundwater Enterprise Budget for FY25
Groundwater Production and Charge Revenue Projection

Attachment 1A – Draft Groundwater Budget FY25 from February 14, 2024

GL ACCT:	GL DESCRIPTION:	Approved 2023-2024 Budget	Projected Annual Costs (7/1/23-6/30/24)	Draft 2024-2025 Budget	GROUNDWATER RECHARGE ENTERPRISE		
					2025 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
Draft 2024-2025 Budget							
INCOME:							
4012	INTEREST INCOME-LAIF	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00		
4013	INTEREST INCOME-CALTRUST	99,038.99	71,315.78	0.00	0.00		Groundwater Totals
4015	INTEREST INCOME-UBS	510,000.00	1,350,000.00	1,275,000.00	0.00		\$ 924,303
4016	INTEREST INCOME CAMP	562,000.00	562,000.00	385,000.00	0.00		
4017	PERC CAPITAL INCOME	171,900.00	171,900.00	171,900.00	0.00		
4022	GROUNDWATER CHARGE	753,061.42	753,061.42	661,905.57	661,905.57	100%	5% increase
4024	GROUNDWATER COUNCIL REVENUE	731,858.00	731,858.00	768,450.90	768,450.90	100%	5% increase
4024-2	GW COUNCIL PASSTHROUGH	200,000.00	200,000.00	177,084.88	177,084.88	100%	
4026	GW SUSTAIN./REPLENISHMENT	61,040.75	61,040.75	85,312.08	85,312.08	100%	
4031	PLANT SITE CEMEX	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	0.00		
4032	CEMEX - ROYALTY/LEASE	600,000.00	750,000.00	600,000.00	0.00		
4036	AGGREGATE MAINTENANCE	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00		
4040	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		
4043	PROJECT SALARY REIMBURSEMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00		
4050	PROPERTY TAX	141,479.29	141,479.29	145,723.67	0.00		
4051	WASH PLAN TRAILS	66,000.00	66,000.00	66,000.00	0.00		
4055	SBVMWD LEASE AGREEMENT	483,213.76	479,961.36	502,542.31	276,398.27	55%	
4062	MENTONE PROPERTY INCOME	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00		
4065	REDLANDS PLAZA	206,160.35	157,781.64	206,160.35	0.00		
4066	REDLANDS PLAZA CAM	46,621.41	46,621.41	47,553.84	0.00		
4080	EXCHANGE PLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
4025	WASH PLAN REVENUE	374,450.00	374,450.00	374,450.00	0.00		
	GW Recharge Enterprise Reserve	110,000.00	110,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	100%	
4999	TRUST REIMBURSEMENT WP	225,000.00	576,153.64	225,000.00	0.00		
TOTAL INCOME:		5,474,923.97	6,737,823.29	6,075,183.59	2,219,151.70		
EXPENSES:							
5080	LAFCO CONTRIBUTION/FEES	2,056.95	2,048.06	2,056.95	0.00		
5120	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	539,625.00	539,625.00	539,625.00	120,000.00		Consulting Services
5122	WASH PLAN PROF. SERVICES	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00		
5123	WASH PLAN IMPLEMENTATON	329,700.00	329,700.00	329,700.00	0.00		
5125	ENGINEERING SERVICES	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	100.00%	
5126	GW SUSTAIN./REPLENISHMENT	61,040.75	61,040.75	85,312.08	85,312.08	100%	Pass through of GC cost
5127	PROJECT ACCOUNTING SERVICES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
5128	GC NONDISTRICT FACILITIES MAINT.	200,000.00	200,000.00	177,084.88	177,084.88	100%	Pass through of GC cost
5130	AERIAL PHOTO/SURVEYING/MARKET	2,425.50	2,425.50	2,546.78	0.00		
5133	Regional River HCP Contribution	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	24,000.00	80%	
5155	WP TRAILS SERVICES	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00		
5160	IT SUPPORT	45,625.00	45,625.00	34,500.00	15,525.00	45%	Share by need
5170	AUDIT	28,500.00	29,800.00	31,350.00	13,794.00	44%	Share based on Revenue
5175	LEGAL-WASH PLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
5180	LEGAL	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	6,250.00	25%	GC and COE Litigation
FIELD OPERATIONS:							
5210	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	8,528.40	20,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	100%	based on average actual
5215	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	40,000.00	25,000.00	40,000.00	32,000.00	80%	
5223	TEMP FIELD LABOR	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	100%	Invasive and canal cleanin
5225	FIELD CLEAN UP-DUMPING/VECTOR	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	36,000.00	60%	

GL ACCT: GL DESCRIPTION:		Approved 2023-2024 Budget	Projected Annual Costs (7/1/23-6/30/24)	Draft 2024-2025 Budget	GROUNDWATER RECHARGE ENTERPRISE		
Draft 2024-2025 Budget					2025 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
5050	BASIN CLEANING	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	100%	
	VEHICLE OPERATIONS:						
5310	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	9,240.00	9,240.00	10,626.00	10,626.00	100%	
5320	FUEL	21,560.77	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	100%	Based on FY 23 Actuals
	UTILITIES:						
5410	ALARM SERVICE	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,260.00	504.00	40%	FACILITIES SHARE
5420	ELECTRICITY	10,815.69	10,815.69	11,356.47	2,271.29	20%	FACILITIES SHARE
5430	MOBILE PHONES	7,150.00	7,150.00	7,507.50	3,753.75	50%	FACILITIES SHARE
5440	TELEPHONE	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,150.00	787.50	25%	FACILITIES SHARE
5450	NATURAL GAS	2,730.00	2,730.00	2,866.50	859.95	30%	FACILITIES SHARE
5460	WATER / TRASH / SEWER	3,904.11	3,904.11	4,099.32	1,434.76	35%	FACILITIES SHARE
5470	INTERNET SERVICES	2,832.50	2,832.50	2,974.13	743.53	25%	FACILITIES SHARE
	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:						
6001	GENERAL ADMIN-OTHER	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	50%	ESTIMATE BY USE
6002	WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,300.00	0.00		
6004	MEETING EXPENSES	2,200.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00		
6006	PERMIT FEES	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	12,750.00	85%	USFWS/CDFW/COE
6007	INTER DISTRICT COSTS	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	50%	
6009	LICENSES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,600.00	80%	
6010	SURETY BOND	1,900.00	1,210.00	1,900.00	0.00		
6012	OFFICE MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		
6013	OFFICE LEASE PAYMENT	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	20%	Share by allocation
6015	MENTONE HOUSE MAINTENANCE	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00		
6016	REDLANDS PLAZA MAINTENANCE	47,000.00	47,000.00	47,000.00	0.00		
6026	REDLANDS PLAZA CAM EXPENSES	42,861.03	42,861.03	44,146.86	0.00		
6018	JANITORIAL SERVICES	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,560.00	0.00		
6019	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	375.00	450.00	450.00	180.00	40%	FACILITIES SHARE
6020	VACANCY MARKETING-RP	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
6024	COMPUTER HARDWARE	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,150.00	1,968.75	63%	FACILITIES SHARE
6027	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	23,250.00	23,250.00	23,250.00	2,325.00	10%	FACILITIES SHARE
6030	OFFICE SUPPLIES	12,100.00	12,100.00	10,000.00	2,000.00	20%	FACILITIES SHARE
6033	OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,100.00	405.00	5%	FACILITIES SHARE
6036	PRINTING	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	40%	
6039	POSTAGE AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	25%	
6042	PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
6045	BANK INVESTMT. SERVICE CHARGES	10,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		
6051	UNIFORMS	3,115.75	3,115.75	3,209.22	2,246.46	70%	Field Uniforms
6060	OUTREACH	127,000.00	127,000.00	77,000.00	15,400.00	20%	share by mission
6087	EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
6090	SUBSCRIPTIONS/PUBLICATIONS	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,150.00	0.00		
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6170	PERS RETIREMENT	225,400.91	225,400.91	282,564.33	155,127.82	45%	Based on percent of hours
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SALARIES:							
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Sub	Lands Resources Mgr.	172,523.69	172,523.69	185,860.65	90,700.00	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Admin Services Spec.	100,521.24	100,521.24	99,447.71	48,530.48	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
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Sub	Senior Engineer (Part-time)	98,542.77	98,542.77	176,800.00	43,139.20	20%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	District Engineer	153,372.38	153,372.38	160,267.54	58,657.92	30%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Assistant Engineer	86,481.57	86,481.57	88,273.91	32,308.25	30%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Assistant Engineer/Biologist	74,500.44	74,500.44	78,744.56	48,034.18	50%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Legal Counsel	294,966.45	294,966.45	305,928.81	111,969.94	30%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	General Manager	277,994.66	277,994.66	288,323.44	105,526.38	30%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Clerical (Part-time)	25,599.13	25,599.13	27,304.65	0.00	0%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Doc Imaging Intern	17,614.08	17,614.08	17,202.24	8,394.69	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
sub	Engineering/GIS Intern	16,546.56	16,546.56	19,089.27	9,315.57	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
sub	Biology Intern	16,546.56	16,546.56	19,089.27	9,315.57	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
INSURANCE:							
6310	PROPERTY / AUTO INSURANCE	6,374.80	7,653.37	8,036.04	6,027.03	75%	Approximate from Insurer
6320	GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	46,295.49	46,295.49	47,221.40	35,416.05	75%	Approximate from Insurer
DIRECTOR'S EXPENSES:							
6401	DIRECTOR'S FEES	105,600.00	105,600.00	110,600.00	0.00		
6410	MILEAGE	4,840.00	4,840.00	5,324.00	0.00		
6415	AIR FARE	3,906.25	3,906.25	4,882.81	0.00		
6420	OTHER TRAVEL	605.00	605.00	665.50	0.00		
6425	MEALS	4,235.00	4,235.00	4,658.50	0.00		
6430	LODGING	4,840.00	4,840.00	5,324.00	0.00		
6435	CONF/SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS	6,050.00	6,050.00	6,655.00	0.00		
6440	ELECTION FEES/REDISTRICTING	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00		
ADMIN/STAFF EXPENSES:							
6510	MILEAGE	2,750.00	2,750.00	3,025.00	756.25	25%	
6515	AIR FARE	4,950.00	4,950.00	5,445.00	544.50	10%	
6520	OTHER TRAVEL	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	375.00	25%	
6525	MEALS	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,725.00	1,653.75	35%	
6530	LODGING	6,500.00	8,000.00	7,800.00	2,730.00	35%	
6535	CONF/TRAINING REGISTRATIONS	29,875.00	29,875.00	30,000.00	10,500.00	35%	
9999	Contribution toward Capital Maint.	220,000.00	220,000.00	220,000.00	0.00		Reduced Allocation
8010	Capital Reserve GWE/Rate Stabilizati	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100%	Use not contribution
TOTAL EXPENSES:		4,979,301.60	4,985,602.83	5,260,961.66	2,225,713.47		
Operating Revenue		5,474,923.97	6,737,823.29	6,075,183.59	2,219,151.70		
NET OPERATING REVENUE		495,622.37	1,752,220.46	814,221.94	-6,561.77		

Attachment 2 – Updated Draft Groundwater Budget for FY 25 from April 4, 2024

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Draft 2024-2025 Budget				2025 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
INCOME:						
4012 INTEREST INCOME-LAIF	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00		
4013 INTEREST INCOME-CALTRUST	99,038.99	71,315.78	0.00	0.00		
4015 INTEREST INCOME-UBS	510,000.00	1,350,000.00	1,275,000.00	73,743.75		Updated GW res. interest
4016 INTEREST INCOME CAMP	562,000.00	562,000.00	385,000.00	33,772.50		Updated GW res. interest
4017 PERC CAPITAL INCOME	171,900.00	171,900.00	171,900.00	0.00		
4022 GROUNDWATER CHARGE	753,061.42	753,061.42	1,339,191.10	1,339,191.10	100%	Updated w/o GW Council
4024 GROUNDWATER COUNCIL REVENUE	731,858.00	731,858.00	0.00	0.00	100%	Updated w/o GW Council
4024-2 GW COUNCIL PASSTHROUGH	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	100%	Updated w/o GW Council
4026 GW SUSTAIN./REPLENISHMENT	61,040.75	61,040.75	0.00	0.00	100%	Updated w/o GW Council
4031 PLANT SITE CEMEX	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	0.00		
4032 CEMEX - ROYALTY/LEASE	600,000.00	750,000.00	600,000.00	0.00		
4036 AGGREGATE MAINTENANCE	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00		
4040 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		
4043 PROJECT SALARY REIMBURSEMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00		
4050 PROPERTY TAX	141,479.29	141,479.29	145,723.67	0.00		
4051 WASH PLAN TRAILS	66,000.00	66,000.00	66,000.00	0.00		
4055 SBVMWD LEASE AGREEMENT	483,213.76	479,961.36	502,542.31	276,398.27	55%	
4062 MENTONE PROPERTY INCOME	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00		
4065 REDLANDS PLAZA	206,160.35	157,781.64	206,160.35	0.00		
4066 REDLANDS PLAZA CAM	46,621.41	46,621.41	47,553.84	0.00		
4080 EXCHANGE PLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
4025 WASH PLAN REVENUE	374,450.00	374,450.00	374,450.00	0.00		
GW Recharge Enterprise Reserve	110,000.00	110,000.00	165,000.00	165,000.00	100%	Updated w/o GW Council
4998 RATE STABILIZATION *From Reserves		0.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	100%	Updated w/o GW Council
4999 TRUST REIMBURSEMENT WP	225,000.00	576,153.64	225,000.00	0.00		
TOTAL INCOME:	5,474,923.97	6,737,823.29	5,721,621.26	1,973,105.62		
EXPENSES:						
5080 LAFCO CONTRIBUTION/FEES	2,056.95	2,048.06	2,056.95	0.00		
5120 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	539,625.00	539,625.00	539,625.00	120,000.00		Consulting Services
5122 WASH PLAN PROF. SERVICES	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00		
5123 WASH PLAN IMPLEMENTATON	329,700.00	329,700.00	329,700.00	0.00		
5125 ENGINEERING SERVICES	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	100%	
5127 PROJECT ACCOUNTING SERVICES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		
5130 AERIAL PHOTO/SURVEYING/MARKET	2,425.50	2,425.50	2,546.78	0.00		
5133 Regional River HCP Contribution	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	24,000.00	80%	
5155 WP TRAILS SERVICES	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00		
5160 IT SUPPORT	45,625.00	45,625.00	34,500.00	15,525.00	45%	Share by need
5170 AUDIT	28,500.00	29,800.00	31,350.00	13,794.00	44%	Share based on Revenue
5175 LEGAL-WASH PLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
5180 LEGAL	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	6,250.00	25%	GC and COE Litigation
FIELD OPERATIONS:						
5210 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	8,528.40	20,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	100%	based on average actual
5215 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	40,000.00	25,000.00	40,000.00	32,000.00	80%	
5223 TEMP FIELD LABOR	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	100%	Invasive & canal cleaning

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5225	FIELD CLEAN UP-DUMPING/VECTOR	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	36,000.00	60%	
5050	BASIN CLEANING	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	100%	
VEHICLE OPERATIONS:							
5310	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	9,240.00	9,240.00	10,626.00	10,626.00	100%	
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Sub	General Manager	277,994.66	277,994.66	288,323.44	105,526.38	30%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Clerical (Part-time)	25,599.13	25,599.13	27,304.65	0.00	0%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Doc Imaging Intern	17,614.08	17,614.08	17,202.24	8,394.69	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
sub	Engineering/GIS Intern	16,546.56	16,546.56	19,089.27	9,315.57	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
sub	Biology Intern	16,546.56	16,546.56	19,089.27	9,315.57	40%	Salary+overhead 22% time
INSURANCE:							
6310	PROPERTY / AUTO INSURANCE	6,374.80	7,653.37	8,036.04	6,027.03	75%	Approximate from Insurer
6320	GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	46,295.49	46,295.49	47,221.40	35,416.05	75%	Approximate from Insurer
DIRECTOR'S EXPENSES:							
6401	DIRECTOR'S FEES	105,600.00	105,600.00	110,600.00	0.00		
6410	MILEAGE	4,840.00	4,840.00	5,324.00	0.00		
6415	AIR FARE	3,906.25	3,906.25	4,882.81	0.00		
6420	OTHER TRAVEL	605.00	605.00	665.50	0.00		
6425	MEALS	4,235.00	4,235.00	4,658.50	0.00		
6430	LODGING	4,840.00	4,840.00	5,324.00	0.00		
6435	CONF/SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS	6,050.00	6,050.00	6,655.00	0.00		
6440	ELECTION FEES/REDISTRICTING	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00		
ADMIN/STAFF EXPENSES:							
6510	MILEAGE	2,750.00	2,750.00	3,025.00	756.25	25%	
6515	AIR FARE	4,950.00	4,950.00	5,445.00	544.50	10%	
6520	OTHER TRAVEL	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	375.00	25%	
6525	MEALS	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,725.00	1,653.75	35%	
6530	LODGING	6,500.00	8,000.00	7,800.00	2,730.00	35%	
6535	CONF/TRAINING REGISTRATIONS	29,875.00	29,875.00	30,000.00	10,500.00	35%	

GL ACCT:	GL DESCRIPTION:	Approved 2023 2024 Budget	Projected Annual Costs (7/1/23- 6/30/24)	Draft 2024- 2025 Budget	GROUNDWATER RECHARGE ENTERPRISE		
					2025 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
Draft 2024-2025 Budget							
9999	Contribution toward Capital Maint.	220,000.00	220,000.00	220,000.00	0.00		Reduced Allocation
8010	Capital Reserve GWE/Rate Stabilizati	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100%	Use not contribution
TOTAL EXPENSES:		4,979,301.60	4,985,602.83	4,998,564.70	1,968,316.51		
Operating Revenue		5,474,923.97	6,737,823.29	5,721,621.26	1,973,105.62		
NET OPERATING REVENUE		495,622.37	1,752,220.46	723,056.57	4,789.11		

Attachment 3 - Groundwater Production and Charge Revenue Projection

GWA	Date	Total Prod	Rate(s)	GW Charge	GW Council	Total Rev
53	2019.5	28,853	\$9.54/\$13.19	\$ 359,858	\$326,026	\$685,884
54	2020	23,031	\$9.54/\$13.19	\$ 286,819	\$326,026	\$612,845
55	2020.5	27,187	\$13.85	\$ 326,545	\$280,197	\$606,742
56	2021	19,609	\$13.85	\$ 306,161	\$263,484	\$569,645
57	2021.5	47,195	\$14.54	\$ 686,220	\$348,401	\$1,034,621
58	2022	39,716	\$14.54	\$ 577,468	\$348,401	\$925,869
59	2022.5	47,603	\$15.27	\$ 726,901	\$365,820	\$1,092,721
60	2023	28,986	\$15.27	\$ 442,614	\$365,820	\$808,434
61	2023.5	39,410	\$16.95	\$ 667,999	\$365,929	\$1,033,928
62	2024	38,929	\$16.95	\$ 659,842	\$365,929	\$1,025,771

No Change in GW Charge 0%

62	2024	28,986	\$ 16.95	\$ 491,310
63	2024.5	38,732	\$ 16.95	\$ 656,506
64	2025	36,514	\$ 16.95	\$ 618,914
Fiscal 24-25				\$ 1,275,420
Calendar 24				\$ 1,147,816
				FY TOTAL \$ 1,275,420

3% Increase GW Charge 3%

62	2024	28,986	\$ 16.95	491,310
63	2024.5	38,732	\$ 17.46	676,201
64	2025	36,514	\$ 17.46	637,481
Fiscal 24-25				\$ 1,313,683
Calendar 24				\$ 1,167,511
				FY TOTAL \$ 1,313,683

5% Increase in GW Charge 5%

62	2024	28,986	\$ 16.95	\$ 491,310
63	2024.5	38,732	\$ 17.80	\$ 689,331
64	2025	36,514	\$ 17.80	\$ 649,860
Fiscal 24-25				\$ 1,339,191
Calendar 24				\$ 1,180,641
				FY TOTAL \$ 1,339,191

Attachment 4 – Draft Resolution No. 622

RESOLUTION NO. 622

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A GROUNDWATER CHARGE ON THE PRODUCTION OF GROUNDWATER WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATIVE THERETO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, California Water Code, Division 21, Part 9 provides authority for the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to consider and impose a groundwater charge on groundwater production within the District; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has found, in Water Code Section 75521, that such groundwater charges are in furtherance of District activities in the protection and augmentation of water supplies for users, which are necessary for the public health, welfare and safety; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 75523 allows for the use of proceeds from a groundwater charge for any District purposes, which may be authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, The District has presented a budget showing the needs and uses of the Groundwater Charge revenues for the 2024-2025 water year; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on March 13, 2024, the District approved and accepted an Engineering Investigation report relating to groundwater conditions in the Bunker Hill Basin underlying the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council Framework Agreement (“GC Agreement”), which previously provided funding for various maintenance costs for facilities used to replenish the Bunker Hill Basin, including facilities owned or managed by the District, is expiring, with no immediate prospects for renewal or reformulation, and as such, prior components of the District’s groundwater charge relating to sustainability charges, whose purpose was to equalize contributions to basin sustainability efforts between members of the Groundwater Council and non-members, are no longer pertinent; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Groundwater Enterprise Budget and rate recommendations were publicly presented at the District's Board meeting on February 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the California Supreme Court decision in the case of *City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District*; Case No. S226036 (“Ventura Decision”) resolved previously outstanding legal issues relating to the procedures and constitutional requirements attending the levy and collection of groundwater charges under applicable authorizing statutes pertaining to water conservation districts like the District; and

WHEREAS, under that opinion, the California Supreme Court clarified that such groundwater charges are not “property related charges” under California Constitution Article XIII D (Proposition 218), but did affirm that such charges are governed by California Constitution Article XIII C (Proposition 26), such that the charge must be set at a rate that in the aggregate is no more than is necessary to cover the reasonable costs of the governmental activity for which it is charged, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor’s burdens on, or benefits received from, the governmental activity; and

WHEREAS, the California Supreme Court’s opinion in the Ventura Decision cast serious legal doubt on the continuing validity of the statutory differentials in groundwater charge rates provided under Water Code Section

75594, which dictates that groundwater charges for non-agricultural uses be three to five times greater than agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the District, in compliance with the procedural and constitutional requirements clarified by the California Supreme Court in the Ventura Decision, shifted its groundwater charge to eliminate differentials in agricultural and non-agricultural uses, having implemented a three-year rate stabilization mechanism to ease the transition of agricultural users, who historically paid lower per acre/foot rates, to a unitary rate that is in line with current legal guidance; and

WHEREAS, the District provided mailed notice to all groundwater producers within its District boundaries of a public meeting held on April 10, 2024, and a public hearing held on April 24, 2024, inviting all groundwater producers and all persons interested in the condition of groundwater or surface water supplies of the District to appear and submit evidence, and inviting all water producers to examine the Engineering Investigation report; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors conducted a public meeting on April 10, 2024, and a public hearing on April 24, 2024, to receive comments and evidence submitted by the public at such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the District has made available by wide distribution, beginning on February 14, 2024, a Groundwater Enterprise Budget identifying the proposed use of the estimated Groundwater Charge proceeds, which will be subsequently incorporated in the District budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Engineering Investigation report, applicable groundwater enterprise budgets, and considered all comments and evidence presented to it at the public meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, the District's ad valorem tax revenues are limited, and the District receives a relatively low return in interest on reserves; and

WHEREAS, based on all evidence presented, including the Engineering Investigation report and such public comment, the Board has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interests of the District and all those water users who rely, directly or indirectly, on the District's services, to levy a groundwater charge as further provided herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. As required by Water Code Section 75574, the Board hereby makes the following findings:
- A. Annual Change in Storage in those portions of the Bunker Hill Basin lying within the District's boundaries ("Bunker Hill Basin" herein), Fall 2022 to Fall 2023, is an increase of 226,806 acre-feet or more.
 - B. Accumulated Change in Storage in the Bunker Hill Basin as of the Last Day of the Preceding Water Year, June 30, 2023, (using 1993 as the base year) is -424,456 acre-feet or more.
 - C. Total Groundwater Production from the Bunker Hill Basin from the Preceding Water Year, July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, is 139,296 acre-feet.
 - D. Estimate of the Annual Change in Storage for the Current Water Year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) in the Bunker Hill Basin is an increase of 108,401 acre-feet or more.
 - E. Estimate of the Annual Change in Storage for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) in the Bunker Hill Basin is -3,007 acre-feet.

- F. Average Annual Change in Storage for the Immediate Past Ten Water Years (2013-2023) in the Bunker Hill Basin is -1,238 acre-feet or more.
- G. Estimated Amount of historically Agricultural Water Withdrawn from the Groundwater Supplies of the District for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) is 5,021 acre-feet.
- H. Estimated Amount of historically Other-than-Agricultural Water Withdrawn from the Groundwater Supplies of the District for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) is 94,101 acre-feet.
- I. Estimated Amount of Water Necessary for Surface Distribution for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) within the Bunker Hill Basin is 73,935 acre-feet.
- J. Estimated Amount of Water Necessary for Surface Distribution for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) within the District is 52,127 acre-feet.
- K. The Amount of Water which is Necessary for the Replenishment of the Groundwater Supplies of the Bunker Hill Basin to maintain constant groundwater supplies for the Ensuing Water Year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) is 126,251 acre-feet.
- L. The Amount of Water which is necessary from all sources, including natural recharge, to bring the basin back to its "full" condition of 1993 is 442,307 acre-feet.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby finds that the entire District constitutes a single zone of benefit for the imposition of this charge. The basis for this finding is that the entire portion of the basin underlying the District boundary is fed by the same naturally occurring surface flows. Although the basin may be divided into various subparts because of hydrogeological conditions, these areas are interconnected, and water recharged by the District from its existing recharge facilities contributes to underground "flows" that eventually reach other subparts of the basin. Thus, the District's recharge inures to the benefit of users in other areas by enhancing the availability of water supplies throughout the basin. In addition, the District maintains both the availability of surface water flows for groundwater recharge, and the facilities for accommodating the recharge, whether owned by the District or by other parties pursuant to collaborative regional groundwater management efforts. The District likewise undertakes habitat enhancement and preservation measures, providing an essential source of offsetting mitigation land for disturbances occasioned by the maintenance of existing groundwater recharge facilities and the development of new ones.

Section 3. The Board finds that there is no past accumulation of the amount of water necessary to be replaced in the intake areas of the groundwater basins within the District to prevent the landward movement of salt water into the fresh groundwater body or to prevent subsidence of the land within the District, either in the past water year or the proceeding 10 years, nor is there likely to be any amount of water necessary for these purposes in the ensuing water year. The Board further finds that the District is not obligated by contract to purchase any water. The Board also finds that further recharge of the basin is required based upon the findings related to the change in storage stated in Section 1 above, to prevent depletion or degradation to the basin's groundwater supplies, to enhance both the availability and accessibility of such supplies, and to replenish, augment, and protect such supplies, and that the proceeds of the groundwater charge established herein shall be used for such purposes.

Section 4. The Board of Directors hereby levies, assesses, and affixes a groundwater charge in the amount of \$17.80 per acre-foot of water produced, to be applicable to all production (agricultural and non-agricultural use). The Board imposes this unitary rate in response to, and in an attempt to comply with, the Ventura Decision, but also because the District has not historically segregated either facilities or groundwater charge-funded efforts based on agricultural vs. non-agricultural use basis. Nor has the District undertaken studies to isolate a predominantly agricultural producing zone or region within the District boundaries,

and even if such an area were to be isolated, there is some question, based on existing facts and circumstances, whether the benefits and burdens of the District's groundwater management and replenishment services could support a rate differential based on agricultural use. Late charges on delinquent accounts will be 1% interest per month in accordance with Water Code Section 75615 et seq. and any additional actual costs to collect delinquent amounts not paid by August 1, 2024, and February 1, 2025.

Section 5. Exemption:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for producers who can demonstrate that their production for the water year is restricted to basic, personal residential use limited to the property on which the applicable groundwater production facility is based, and the total cumulative production for the applicable producer within the District is not in excess of two (2) acre feet over the course of the water year; such production shall be exempted from the groundwater charge provided the producer documents its exemption prior to semi-annual collection of the groundwater charge. In establishing this exemption, the Board finds that the likely revenues to be derived from the groundwater production subject to the exemption are outweighed by the administrative burdens in administering and collecting the charge. The District General Manager is authorized to waive late fees with explanation and request from payees or if the cost of recovery outweighs the fee to be collected.

Section 6. In connection with fixing the groundwater charge as set forth in Section 4 above, the Board of Directors makes the following findings:

A. Consistent with the Ventura Decision, the District's groundwater charge is not a "property-related charge" for purposes of determining the applicability of Article XIII D of the California Constitution. Notwithstanding, the District has provided mailed notice of the proposed charge and the amounts proposed to be charged to all known groundwater producers within its jurisdictional boundaries, on February 22 and 29, 2024.

B. The groundwater charge is imposed upon the action of extraction of groundwater from the basin underlying the District's boundaries, and not on property or groundwater extraction facilities as such. The groundwater charge will be incurred by groundwater producers through their voluntary action of groundwater production. The groundwater charge is not one for water delivery by the District to groundwater extractors, but rather relates to the District's service of maintaining groundwater supplies, recharge facilities, and management of both for groundwater extractors within the District. The District maintains no pipes, canals, or other facilities that directly connect the district facilities to the groundwater extractors' property or pumping facilities. In addition, parties subject to the groundwater charge are predominantly either public or private entities involved in the business of providing water, or persons or entities involved in irrigation, for agricultural-related activities, and for uses of water exceeding what would be required for basic residential use of the property.

C. The District has provided notice of the proposal for imposition of the groundwater charge through several different avenues. Mailed notice was provided to all operators, as reflected in the District's records, containing active groundwater production facilities within the District. In addition, published notice was provided in the San Bernardino Sun and in the Redlands Daily Facts on March 1, 8, and 15, 2024. All such notices identified the prior and proposed rates, the estimated total revenue to be collected from the charge, and the time and place for public hearing at a public meeting at which parties objecting to the charge could appear and be heard. That notice also reflected the rate and method of calculation for this consumption-based charge, which provided notice of the basis of the charge.

D. The proposed groundwater charges, and Engineering Investigation report prepared by the District, were reviewed at a public meeting held April 10, 2024, and a public hearing held April 24, 2024. In addition, the District's Groundwater Enterprise budget was presented to and reviewed with the Board of Directors at a public meeting on February 13, 2024 and March 13, 2024.

E. The groundwater charge is being levied to assist in offsetting the costs of the District's Groundwater Enterprise in providing groundwater supplies, groundwater recharge facilities, and recharge management and administration for the benefit of groundwater producers within the District. The Groundwater Enterprise Budget includes, but is not limited to, funding the following:

1. Making available the District's Santa Ana River water rights, in an amount no less than 10,400 acre per feet per year, for recharge into the Bunker Hill Basin;
2. Conducting groundwater recharge activities by diverting both Santa Ana River and Mill Creek water supplies into District's recharge facilities;
3. Applying the District's experience and expertise in directing groundwater recharge effectively and efficiently, administering the physical recharge of groundwater both directly for the District and its water supplies, and recharging on behalf of other entities, including State Project Water and exchanges under the Santa Ana River/Mill Creek Cooperative Water Project Agreement;
4. Maintaining and operating the District's diversion works, recharge basins, and canals to ensure the availability of sufficient infrastructure to accommodate needed groundwater recharge; and defense and protection of the District's water rights and manner of operations; performing such maintenance of other parties' diversion works, recharge basins and canals as requested and per prior agreements; and maintaining and operating new groundwater recharge facilities constructed under the Enhanced Recharge Project;
5. Pursuing various environmental permits and related permissions to continue the maintenance and operation of the District's Facilities for the future and to provide for potential expansion of facilities for Bunker Hill Basin recharge, including the preservation, enhancement, and management of habitat areas;
6. Investigation and implementation of improvements to groundwater measurement and recharge infrastructure;
7. Reporting to groundwater producers and other interested parties of groundwater recharge activities and conditions;
8. Conducting engineering analyses, such as the District's annual Engineering Investigation, designed to provide information regarding the Bunker Hill groundwater basin and the District's groundwater recharge facilities;
9. Administrative support, training and overhead for all the above-listed activities.

F. The total amount of estimated revenues from the groundwater charge, is estimated at approximately \$1,339,191.10 based on production reported for the 2023-2024 water year. These revenues do not fully recover expected cost and will not exceed the costs of providing the services as detailed above, in that the District's Groundwater Enterprise Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 proposes total expenditures of \$1,968,316.51. The remaining funds are to be paid by the District's capital and groundwater reserves, lease

payments from Valley District and Western, Exchange Plan management reimbursements, and other District revenue sources.

G. The amount of groundwater charge paid by each individual payor will not exceed the benefit of the Conservation District’s services to such parties, because the structure of the groundwater charge is such that the amount paid varies in direct proportion to the amount of groundwater supplies extracted, and therefore is proportional to the benefit each individual payor receives from the District’s services, and the burden each producer puts on the basin, ratably to such user’s production.

Section 7. The Board of Directors further finds that the groundwater charge adopted herein is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Title 14, California Code of Regulations Sections 15273, 15301, and 15306. The action contemplated herein constitutes a structuring and establishment of a charge which will be used in part for meeting operating expenses and for purchasing or leasing equipment and materials. To the extent the groundwater charge revenues will be applied to groundwater testing, these activities fit within Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15306. Such activities involve the occasional taking of groundwater samples by means of temporary equipment, which will not cause any alteration to the land, and consist solely of information gathering. To the extent any portion of the funds is directed to maintenance, operation, or repair of existing facilities, involving no or negligible expansion of existing uses, these activities fit within Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15301. To the extent any portion of the funds is directed to construction or establishment of new facilities, environmental review of such facilities will occur at such time those facilities are proposed, and the nature, location, scope, and function of such potential future facilities becomes known. Under each of the above-referenced exemptions, therefore, the Board of Directors finds that the levy and implementation of the groundwater charge is properly exempt from CEQA.

Section 8. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to provide notice to operators of the levy of the groundwater charge, as provided for in Water Code Section 75610.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors this 24th day of April 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

YES: DIRECTORS:
NO: DIRECTORS:
ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS:
ABSENT: DIRECTORS:

ATTEST:

Melody McDonald, President

Betsy Miller, Secretary

Attachment 5 – Declaration of Mailing of Groundwater Charge Notices

DECLARATION OF MAILING OF GROUNDWATER CHARGE NOTICES

I Laura Torres, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am employed by the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District as an Assistant Engineer. I am aware of the facts set forth below from personal knowledge, unless otherwise specifically indicated, and if called upon to do so, could and would competently testify to the same under oath.
2. On February 22, 2024 and on February 29, 2024, and in that capacity, I caused to be mailed the notice, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to each and every address listed on Exhibit B.
I am informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that this list reflects the district's last known mailing address for each reporting groundwater producer and Groundwater Council members within its jurisdictional boundaries.
3. I personally deposited these notices in the U.S. Mail, for first class delivery, on February 22, 2024 and on February 29, 2024.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 3rd day of April 2024 at Redlands, CA,



Laura Torres, Assistant Engineer



**San Bernardino Valley
Water Conservation District**

Helping Nature Store Our Water

February 22, 2024



Dear [Redacted]

You are being provided a copy of this notice because our records reflect you are the owner or operator of a groundwater producing well in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District’s (“District”) jurisdictional boundaries.

The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (“District”) has completed the 2024 Engineering Investigation (EI) of the Bunker Hill Basin. The Draft EI was presented to the Board at its February 14th Board Meeting and will be presented to the Board for approval at its March 13th Board of Directors meeting to be held at the District Office at 1:30 p.m. This report is completed in connection with the Board of Directors’ consideration of a groundwater charge on groundwater production within the Conservation District’s boundaries. Article 1, Section 75560 of the California Water Code, requires that a water conservation district that proposes to levy or continue a groundwater extraction fee “...shall annually cause to be made an engineering investigation and report upon groundwater conditions of the District.” A copy of the Conservation District’s 2024 EI report is available for review online at the District’s website at <http://www.sbvwd.org/reports-and-data/engineering-investigation.html> or at the District’s office at 1630 West Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA.

This notice is provided to advise all interested parties that District staff has recommended a rate increase of 5% for the upcoming water year in the base groundwater charge, and discontinuance of the replenishment assessment component; the District’s Board of Directors has approved this rate for noticing. The staff proposed unitary groundwater charge for 2024-2025 of \$17.80 per acre-foot (af) for all groundwater production. In light of the non-renewal of the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council (“Council”), the District is also considering eliminating the Replenishment/Sustainability component to the groundwater charge, formerly imposed on entities subject to the District’s Groundwater Charge that were not members of the Council. The rates proposed pertain to municipal and non-municipal agricultural groundwater production from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The groundwater charge is not imposed on a property basis, but rather is a per acre-foot charge, which relates directly to the amount of groundwater produced from wells overlying the groundwater basin within the Conservation District’s boundaries. Consequently, the ultimate amount of groundwater charge to be paid by individual operators cannot be precisely identified now, because it will depend directly upon the amount of groundwater produced in the basin from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The estimated total amount of revenues from the groundwater charge is approximately \$1,430,444, based on estimated

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	Division 1: Richard Cornelle	Division 4: John Longville	Betsy Miller
	Division 2: David E. Raley	Division 5: Melody McDonald	

production of 80,362 acre feet for the 2023-24 water year. The groundwater charge is collected on a semi-annual basis, based on production statements operators submit for their groundwater production. The District uses the proceeds of the groundwater charge to fund ongoing groundwater replenishment of the basin, including direct water recharge, facility operations repairs and maintenance, and related costs.

A public meeting and public hearing on the proposed groundwater charge will be held in the Conservation District's Board Room located at 1630 West Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA 92373. The date and time for the public meeting will be April 10, 2024, at 1:30 pm. The date and time of the public hearing will be held on April 24, 2024, at 1:30 pm. The District will also be asked on April 24, 2024, to make a finding that the imposition of the groundwater charge is exempt from CEQA, under title 14, C.C.R. Sections 15273, 15301, and 15306.

You are invited to attend the public meeting and public hearing, and may submit any objection, protest or support you may have to the charge, or any evidence concerning groundwater conditions, water supplies of the Conservation District, rates, the CEQA exemption findings, or any matter relating to the proposed groundwater charge. You may also submit such matters to the District in writing any time at or before the 1:30 pm scheduled time of the Public Hearing on April 24, 2024, by providing such written communication to the District's Administrative Specialist, Athena Laroche, at the address given above, for hard copies, or for digital transmissions, to athena@sbvwcd.org. Late submissions will not be considered. Please be advised that in any later judicial or other action challenging the groundwater charge, you may be limited to those grounds raised either in writing or in person prior to the close of the public hearing, and the administrative record of the proceedings on the consideration of the charge. Please also be advised that pursuant to California Government Code section 53759 and other provisions of law, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge, including the District's proposed groundwater charge covered in this notice.

Further inquiries regarding the report or the groundwater charge, or requests for further documents or information, may be directed to Betsy Miller at 1630 West Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA 92373, or by telephone at (909) 793-2503.

Sincerely,



Betsy Miller,
General Manager

Attachment 5B – Exhibit B: Groundwater Producers List

OWNER/COMPANY	Contact Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
AHD Limited/Herbal Bees	Ed Haddad/Justin Boz	422 Weir Rd. Front Office	San Bernardino	CA	92408
Arrowhead Country Club	Mike Winn	3433 Parkside Drive	San Bernardino	CA	92404
Bear Valley Mutual Water Company	George Hanson	101 East Olive Avenue	Redlands	CA	92373
Bear Valley Mutual Water Company	Sam Fuller	102 East Olive Avenue	Redlands	CA	92374
Calvary Chapel Packinghouse	Pastor Ed Rea	27165 San Bernardino Ave	Redlands	CA	92374
Cemex USA	Attn: Christine Jones	4120 E. Jurupa St., Suite 202	Ontario	CA	91764
Crafton Water Company	Kristy Hoover	101 East Olive Ave	Redlands	CA	92373
Cram Patterson Well Co	Ron Arnott	P.O. Box 544	Mentone	CA	92359
Gage Canal Company	Rebecca Macklin	7452 Dufferin Ave	Riverside	CA	92504
Doug Guyette	Linda Guyette	25222 Redlands Blvd.	Loma Linda	CA	92354
DRC Industrial CBC 1, LP	Velia Oliver	10459 Mountain View Ave, Ste H	Loma Linda	CA	92354
East Valley Water District	Michael Moore	31111 Greenspot Road	Highland	CA	92346
Gage Canal Company	Ben Alms	7452 Dufferin Ave	Riverside	CA	92504
Jacob R Howell & Tracy Mack	Jacob R Howell & Tracy Mack	1342 Jasper Ave	Mentone	CA	92359
George Meadows	Maria Meadows	1332 Opal Ave	Mentone	CA	92359
Gladysta Well & Water Company	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda	CA	92354
Greenspot Mutual Well Company	Ron Arnott	P.O. Box 544	Mentone	CA	92359
Happe Mutual Well Company	Kristy Hoover	101 E. Olive Ave	Redlands	CA	92374
Inland Valley Development Agency	Alka Chudasama	294 S. Leland Norton Way	San Bernardino	CA	92408
Monte LLC (Jack Dangermond)	Attn: Shareholder Accounting	P.O. Box 7538	Redlands	CA	92375
Laranni Gunter Well c/o Canyon Ranch	Daniel Kunihira	25522 Allen Way	Loma Linda	CA	92354
City of Loma Linda	Kirk Mayo	25541 Barton Road	Loma Linda	CA	92355
Loma Linda University Power Plant	Wendy Roth	11100 Anderson St.	Loma Linda	CA	92350
Lucky Farms, Inc.	Julio Ortiz	P.O. Box 985	Loma Linda	CA	92354
MEEKS & DALEY WATER CO.	Attn: Parag Kalaria	P.O. Box 3000	Lake Elsinore	CA	92531
Mentone Citrus Growers	Mike Perricone	36437-B Carney Rd	Valley Center	CA	92082
Mroland Management Services, INC	Steve Wellington	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda	CA	92354
Montecito Memorial Park and Mortuary	Kenny Pantoja	3520 E. Washington St	Colton	CA	92324
Mountain View Mortuary and Cemetary	Robert Moreno	570 E. Highland Ave	San Bernardino	CA	92404
Mountainview Generating Station	Anthony Villicana	2492 W. San Bernardino Ave.	Redlands	CA	92374
National Orange Show	Sheri Raborn	689 South E Street	San Bernardino	CA	92408
New England Water Co.	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda	CA	92354
Patton State Hospital	Edward Sousa	3102 E. Highland Ave	Patton	CA	92369
Pioneer Mutual Water Co.	George Nash	1104 E. Pioneer Ave	Redlands	CA	92374
Highpointe Groves LLC	Ross Yamauchi	16501 Scientific Way	Irvine	CA	92618
Ramirez, Laura	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda	CA	92354
Raught Mutual Well Company	Charlotte Van Eck	101 East Olive Ave	Redlands	CA	92373
Redland-Branson Development	Lee Trigonis	711 S. Brea Blvd	Brea	CA	92821
Redlands Unified School District	Joe Williamson & Doug Covey	P.O. Box 3008	Redlands	CA	92373
Redlands, City of	Zach Labonte/Erik Reeves	P.O. Box 3005	Redlands	CA	92373
Riverside, City of	Main POC: Greg Herzog CC:Robin	2911 Adams Street	Riverside	CA	92504
City of San Bernardino	Ernesto Salinas	290 North D Street	Riverside	CA	92401
San Bernardino County Flood Control	Christina De Leon Collado , Diana	825 E. Third Street	San Bernardino	CA	92415
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Distri	David McArthur	380 E. Vanderbilt Way	San Bernardino	CA	92408
County of San Bernardino	Steven Pamintuan	200 S. Lena Road	San Bernardino	CA	92415
Solono Well Company	Ron Arnott	P.O. Box 544	Mentone	CA	92359
Splash Kingdom Waterpark/The California Ga	Frank Mistretta Jr.	846 W. Foothill Blvd, Suite G	Upland	CA	91786
Tennessee Mutual Well Company	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda	CA	92354
Tennessee Water Company	Bert Marcum	233 Grandview Drive	Redlands	CA	92373
TIAA-CREF Financial Services	Ted Dickerson-CBRE	3501 Jamboree Road Suite 100	Newport Beach	CA	92660
Trojan Groves	John Thomas	21202 Kroll Lane	Huntington Beach	CA	92646
University of California, Riverside	David Palacios	3401 Watkins Drive	Riverside	CA	92521
University of California, Riverside	Alejandro Gonzalez	3401 Watkins Drive	Riverside	CA	92521
Williams Well Corporation, LTD	Laura Ramirez	P.O. Box 1525	Loma Linda	CA	92354

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2024
1:30 p.m.

President McDonald called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in person, by teleconference, and by Zoom meeting. All those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance led by President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melody McDonald, President
Robert Stewart, Vice President
Richard Corneille, Director
David E. Raley, Director
John Longville, Director (Arrival time: 2:03 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Betsy Miller, General Manager
David Cosgrove, District Counsel
Milan Mitrovich, Land Resources Manager
John Lambie, Consulting Chief Engineer and Geohydrologist
Katelyn Scholte, Principal Engineer
Angie Quiroga, Senior Administrative Analyst
Athena Laroche, Administrative Specialist
Zach Blum, Intern

GUESTS PRESENT:

Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
June Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Aaron Jones, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Willow Green, Tetra Tech

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President McDonald announced that any persons present, who so desired, may make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. There being none, the meeting continued with the posted agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the posted agenda.

3. AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President McDonald appointed Director Corneille and Vice President Stewart to the Ad Hoc General Manager's Evaluation Committee.

4. GUEST RECOGNITIONS/SELF INTRODUCTIONS

The Board and staff made self-introductions. President McDonald introduced online attendees.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Vice President Stewart to approve the Consent Calendar: Item A: Board Minutes, February 14, 2024, 2024; Item B: Expenditure Report, February 2024; and Item C: Report of Excused Absence for Director Longville from February 14, 2024 Board Meeting. The motion carried 4-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative. Director Longville was noted absent from the vote.

**President McDonald: Yes
Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes
Director Longville: Absent
Director Raley: Yes**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

A. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2024

Ms. Quiroga reviewed expenses discussed in the memo while also noting specific large expenses as shown in the Expenditure Report beginning on package page 16. The expenditure report on package page 16 begins with check number 24707 and ends with 24774. She noted larger expenditures as follows:

- County of San Bernardino, \$24,355 expended from GL 5225 Field Clean Up for vector services
- John Lambie (dba. E-PUR LLC), \$16,792.40 expended from GL 5120 Miscellaneous Professional Services for engineering consulting support
- Geoscience, \$22,487.00 expended from GL 5120 Miscellaneous Professional Services for Santa Ana River Groundwater Recharge Modeling
- Mars Carpets & Flooring, \$2,666.47 expended from GL 6016 Redlands Plaza for the replacement of carpet in Suite I

- Sonsray Machinery LLC., \$7,824.71 expended from GL 5050 Basin Cleaning and GL 5210 Equipment Maintenance
- ThunderWheel Communications, \$10,333.74 expended from GL 6060 Outreach and 6036 Printing for outreach consulting and preparation of the Annual Report
- IERCD, \$14,494 expended from GL 5123 Habitat Management for the Wash Plan
- Tetra Tech, \$35,071.92 expended from GL 7126 PERC Engineering/Professional Services

Director Corneille asked for more information on the payment made to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife Services in the amount of \$739.50. Ms. Miller stated that this is an annual permit fee.

Ms. Quiroga reviewed the graph financials included on package page 29. Revenue increased by \$532,643 for the month. She noted that GL 4026 is higher than budgeted, primarily due to East Valley Water District paying the groundwater charge instead of contributing to the Groundwater Council. The sustainability portion of the groundwater charge will be paid to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District on the next check run, reducing GL 4024. A brief discussion ensued on the PERC projects. Director Raley requested a copy of the agreement. Director Corneille stated that the PERC Status Report also includes additional information on the PERC Projects. Ms. Quiroga stated that operating expenses increased by approximately \$300,000. Director Corneille asked if GL 4999 is the reimbursement from the Trust. Ms. Miller said this is a one-time collection of \$1.125 million in Wash Plan preparation/issuance costs, which was not budgeted for FY24. Director Corneille asked if all expenses are included in GL 7126 for PERC projects. Ms. Quiroga noted that these include only expenses from this fiscal year. The other costs have been moved to the capital work-in-progress account. Ms. Scholte pointed out that staff is awaiting billing from main consultants to sub-consultants to be received.

Director Corneille asked if the amount of \$1,477,205 is the total cost of the Mill Creek Diversion Project expended from GL 7150. Ms. Quiroga noted that more costs are included in the work-in-progress account. The amount shown only includes this fiscal year. Ms. Miller asked if this amount includes the security placed with CDFW. Ms. Quiroga stated that it is not included in GL 7150 for this fiscal year. Director Corneille requested to see the total expenses for the Mill Creek Diversion Project. Director Raley asked for more information on memberships. Ms. Quiroga offered to provide a list of memberships for discussion at the Finance & Administration Committee. She noted that GL 6093 Memberships will end the year slightly over budget. Director Raley requested that any item that is over 20% of the budget be reported to the Board with an explanation. Director Corneille noted that reporting for exceeding budgeted amounts should consider the General Manager's approval limit. Ms. Miller offered to bring this item to the Finance & Administration Committee. Ms. Miller noted that the over-budget expenses in GL 7120 Computer Hardware-Capital Purchase and GL 7220 Computer Software were incurred to limit staff inefficiencies related to loss of productivity due to computers freezing and crashing during engineering work. Ms. Miller indicated that GL 7220 is currently \$3,600 over budget. Vice President Stewart requested additional information on the expenses included under GL 5128 GC Non-District Facilities Maintenance in the amount of \$117,000. Ms. Miller noted that these were pass-through payments collected from the Groundwater Council for cleaning of Waterman Basins.

With the cessation of the Groundwater Council, this line will not be included in next year's budget. The cash position as of February is \$4,717,781.

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Vice President Stewart to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports for February 2024. The motion carried 4-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative. Director Longville was noted absent from the vote.

**President McDonald: Yes
Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes
Director Longville: Absent
Director Raley: Yes**

B. GROUNDWATER NON-RESPONDENT, LATE PAYER, AND INVESTIGATION LIST FOR GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT NO. 61

Ms. Miller introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on package page 34. She stated that eight of forty-seven producers have yet to respond or pay for the groundwater assessment period 61. The estimated outstanding balance is just under \$1,000. Ms. Miller thanked Assistant Engineer Laura Torres for following up with producers. She asked for Board direction and feedback. Mr. Cosgrove stated that, consistent with precedent, the District seeks enforcement, even of smaller amounts due, to promote consistency among ratepayers. President McDonald asked about the process for the District to remove a well from the list. It was noted that if a well is capped or abandoned, the producer must file with the county and forward that paperwork to the District to be removed.

It was moved by Vice President Stewart and seconded by Director Raley to direct staff to follow up and investigate those listed on package page 35. The motion carried 5-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative.

**President McDonald: Yes
Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes**

C. FINAL 2024 ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION REPORT

Ms. Scholte reported that no additional data has been received since the last Engineering Investigation Report (EI Report) presentation at the February meeting. She offered to present the PowerPoint presentation again if a member of the public or Board desired it. No public or Board members requested the presentation.

The Bunker Hill Basin's annual storage increase from last year was 226,806 acre feet (AF). The depth to groundwater in most wells increased by approximately 100 feet. President McDonald said that based on the data presented, there is still a lot of capacity available in the groundwater basin for recharge. Director Corneille recognized Ms. Torres and Ms. Scholte and thanked them for preparing this report.

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Vice President Stewart to receive and file the Final Engineering Investigation Report. The motion carried 5-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative.

**President McDonald: Yes
Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes**

D. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR DISTRICT FACILITIES

Ms. Miller presented this item, noting its inclusion on package page 38. The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) approached the District with an opportunity to partner in developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The HMP would identify facilities that are at risk for natural disasters and develop and fund projects to address the threats. Ms. Miller noted that having an HMP would allow the District to apply for significant federal funding for projects. The three approaches to developing an HMP for the District are noted on package page 38, including independently developing a plan for approximately \$100,000, preparing a joint HMP for approximately \$50,000, or pursuing grant funding for an independent plan in the future. Vice President Stewart asked if staff has the time to assist with the HMP preparation. Ms. Miller said that this was also considered by SBVMWD and was discussed with a consultant for consideration. Vice President Stewart asked if the Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Enhanced Recharge Project has been completed to assist in the development of the HMP. Ms. Scholte said that it will not be completed until after the Enhanced Recharge Project is constructed and operational. President McDonald asked if an operations plan was required to complete the HMP. Ms. Miller said that it is not required. She said that preparation of the HMP would require two days of our engineering team's time to download our facilities information to the consultant. Staff would also need to assist with the review of the HMP and share data as needed. An HMP is updated every five years, and updates are significantly less expensive than preparing the initial plan. FEMA and Cal OES require a separate risk and resilience assessment and public outreach. Vice President Stewart said he does not believe our facilities are at risk.

Ms. Miller said the consultants would evaluate all the spreading basins, canals, diversions, shops, monitoring wells, and the District Office. President McDonald spoke on the importance of having an HMP in place to help the District qualify for grant funds. Ms. Miller said that if the Board directs staff to prepare an HMP, an agreement for cost-sharing would be brought back to the Board for final approval. Director Corneille spoke about his reservations about proceeding with the HMP

now. However, he said he would be willing to move to the next phase, which would involve discussing cost share and the associated benefits. Director Longville spoke in support of preparing a multi-jurisdictional HMP with SBVMWD. Vice President Stewart does not believe that there is a substantial benefit of pursuing the HMP currently.

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by President McDonald to direct staff to prepare a multi-jurisdictional HMP with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. The motion failed 2-3, with Director Longville and President McDonald voting in the affirmative. Vice President Stewart, Director Corneille and Raley voted in opposition.

**President McDonald: Yes
Vice President Stewart: No
Director Corneille: No
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: No**

E. PROMISSORY NOTE BETWEEN THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY CONSERVATION TRUST AND SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Ms. Miller reviewed this item beginning package page 40. She noted that the District extended funds to the San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust (Trust) in order for it to complete Wash Plan implementation requirements, given that not all of the Participating Entities have paid into the endowment. The Promissory Note (Note) addressing the loan was prepared at the recommendation of the auditors. Mr. Cosgrove provided the purpose of the Note and its objectives. In total, \$1,254,077 in services has been provided to the Trust by the District in support of Wash Plan implementation from July 2020 to January 2024. The staff has prepared a Promissory Note to document what is owed to whom, its purpose, and its term. Ms. Miller stated that at this time, the amount that is owed to the District by the Trust is \$652,341; the District has not invoiced the Trust for this calendar year. Mr. Cosgrove said that the Trust reviewed and approved the draft Promissory Note. The parameters include that it is a no-interest loan, with one-tenth of the outstanding balance due yearly. Prepayments can be paid at any time, with a ten-year balloon payment at the end of the term, which runs from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2033. The maturity date could be extended with the District's approval for an extension fee of 1.25% of the then-outstanding balance for every three months. In the event of any default, the District could accelerate the debt, and any post-default balances would accrue interest at ten percent per annum. Director Corneille asked what the funds that were received were associated with. Ms. Miller said funds covered by the Note were used to implement the Wash Plan after its adoption in July 2020. The final Promissory Note with dollar amounts will be presented to the Trust in April for final approval.

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director Longville to approve the terms and conditions and identified value of the attached Promissory Note, and authorize the Board President to

sign same on behalf of the District, and find the action so doing is consistent with the Provision of Services. The motion carried 5-0 with all Board members voting in the affirmative.

**President McDonald: Yes
Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes**

F. NOMINATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER ON LAFCO

This item is included on package page 49. President McDonald said that this position is for the high desert. There was no action taken.

G. CSDA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SEAT A, SOUTHERN NETWORK

This item was introduced for discussion, noting its inclusion on package page 54. There was no action taken.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ENGINEERING UPDATE

Ms. Scholte presented this item, noting its inclusion on package page 63. She reported that the contractor will begin pouring the slab for the Mentone Shop next week. The new building is expected to be delivered in early April. Staff are obtaining bids for the new septic system. They are also monitoring the new septic system that was installed at the Mentone House to ensure that it is able to handle the grease from the kitchen, and are looking at options to address any additional issues if needed.

Ms. Scholte reviewed the Enhanced Recharge Project. The District is recharging in Basins AA through EE. Staff are carefully monitoring areas of high groundwater in Mill Creek and Santa Ana. Vice President Stewart asked if our monitoring reflects the estimates for groundwater levels. Ms. Scholte said that the monitoring is generally in line with the estimates, with changes as the groundwater mound moves toward the pressure zone.

Ms. Scholte said that Mr. Lambie is working with the PERC consultants to understand progress to date. The sediment transport modeling for Plunge and Oak Creek has been received.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Dr. Mitrovich introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on package page 65. He reviewed the slender-horned spineflower (SHSF) activities and stated that on February 8, District staff counted 2,961 SHSF plants at the out-planting locations.

Dr. Mitrovich reviewed the BLM Fuels Management Grant. Under the grant program, nearly 125 acres of annual grasses have been treated with a grass-specific herbicide, which supports Fuel reduction and the management corridor between Cone Camp and Plunge Creek.

Dr. Mitrovich reviewed the Wash Plan Implementation – Organizational Structure, Planning, and Reporting on page 66. On February 13, staff completed a formal review of the Draft Recovery Plan for the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (SBKR) for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dr. Mitrovich reviewed the Wash Plan Programmatic Permits staff met with the CDFW management team to discuss 2081 ITP for Wash Plan Covered Activities. Staff organized meetings with CDFW and mining partners to address permits for near-term mining activities.

Dr. Mitrovich reviewed the Mill Creek Programmatic Permits. He said that the second draft of the Safe Harbor Agreement was finalized last week. President McDonald thanked Dr. Mitrovich for his detailed report. This item was received and filed.

Dr. Mitrovich reviewed Partnership Activities, noting that staff participated in the Santa Ana River Science Symposium on February 15 and a field visit on February 16. On February 23, staff attended the Groundwater Resources Association of California meeting in Sacramento.

C. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY RECHARGE REPORT

Ms. Miller indicated that the written General Manager's Report was included on package pages 68 through 73. She stated the District has recharged 35,000 AF to date for this water year. Interns Zach Blum and Caryn Iwanaga will reach their one-year anniversary on March 15. She noted that she and Ms. Quiroga have been working on the budget for FY25. Ms. Miller stated that Ms. Laroche will reschedule the Finance & Administration Committee meeting to be before the Budget Workshop. She noted that the new Mill Creek Diversion is working very well.

Ms. Miller reported that five of the new Enhanced Recharge basins are recharging as of today. She said that she and Director Corneille met with the Redlands City Manager on February 22 to discuss the next steps on the trails project. On March 2, City of Redlands staff reached out for additional information. The Redlands Plaza remediation issues have been completed, and staff is moving forward with negotiating leases. Ms. Miller thanked the Trust for their partnership. The District's monthly successes on package page 70 were reviewed. The outreach efforts were reviewed under Item 20, beginning package page 69. The Monthly Recharge Report was shown on package page 74. This item was received and filed.

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND STAFF TASKS

There will be an Earth Day event sponsored by the District held at the San Bernardino County Museum on April 20. Director Corneille noted there will be Earth Day activities held at the Redlands Bowl and throughout Redlands from 9 am to noon, with a celebration following from 12:30 to 2:30 on April 20. Vice President Stewart requested a cost-benefit ratio on operations of the new Mill Creek Diversion Project. Ms. Scholte indicated we may need another year of data in order to prepare an accurate analysis.

8. MONTHLY BOARD MEMBER MEETING REPORTS AND/OR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice President Stewart attended the PERC Policy Committee on February 27, signed checks on February 28, and Trust Workshop on February 29. He attended the Bear Valley Board meeting on March 6 and SBVMWD Policy & Administration Workshop on March 7.

Director Corneille attended the Science Symposium on February 15, met with the Redlands City Manager on February 22, and attended the SBVMWD 70th celebration. He attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts (ASBCSD) on February 26 and the Redlands Rise N Shine on March 1. He attended the PERC Policy Committee on February 27.

Director Raley signed expenditures on February 15, attended the Trust Workshop on February 29, and Redlands Rise N Shine on March 1. He attended the SBVMWD 70th celebration on February 22 and ASBCSD on February 26.

Director Longville attended the Trust Workshop on February 29, the SBVMWD Board meeting on March 5, and the meeting with Eloise Reyes on February 22. He also attended the SBVMWD Board meetings on February 20 and February 14 and the Joint Meeting with SBVMWD on February 13.

President McDonald attended the SBVMWD Resources and Engineering Workshop on March 12, lunch with the SBVMWD president on March 11, and the SBVMWD Policy and Administration Workshop on March 7. She also attended the SBVMWD Board meeting on March 5, the ACWA State Legislative Committee on March 1, and the Board agenda review on February 29. She attended the SBVMWD 70th celebration on February 22 and the SBVMWD Board meeting on February 19.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

There were none discussed.

10. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Director Corneille and a second by Director Longville, adjourned to Closed Session. The motion carried 5-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative.

**President McDonald: Yes
Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes
Director Longville: Yes
Director Raley: Yes**

Mr. Cosgrove announced that the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to discuss all posted agenda items.

At 4:26 p.m., the meeting reconvened into an open session. Mr. Cosgrove noted that there was no reportable action during the closed session under Government Code section 54957.1.

11. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Director Corneille and a second by Vice President Stewart to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0, with all Board members present voting in the affirmative.

President McDonald: Yes

Vice President Stewart: Yes

Director Corneille: Yes

Director Longville: Yes

Director Raley: Yes

At 4:27 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting/Groundwater Public Meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 10, 2024, in-person, teleconference, and Zoom meeting.

Betsy Miller
General Manager

San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Expenditure Report March 2024

Num	Date	Name	Account	Class	Original Amount
Online Pymt	03/27/2024	WEX Bank-Valero	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-125.15
			5320 · Fuel	1-Groundwater Ent.	125.15
TOTAL					125.15
PC 03.06.24	03/06/2024	Paychex	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-138.30
			6042 · Payroll Processing	4-General Fund Ent.	138.30
TOTAL					138.30
PC 03.20.24	03/20/2024	Paychex	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-143.59
			6042 · Payroll Processing	4-General Fund Ent.	143.59
TOTAL					143.59
ACH0271	03/19/2024	Melody McDonald	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-12.06
			6410 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	12.06
TOTAL					12.06
24775	03/12/2024	ACWA/JPIA-Health	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24776	03/12/2024	AECOM Technical Serv...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24777	03/12/2024	American Express	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24778	03/12/2024	American Power Security	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24779	03/12/2024	Cal Fire	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24780	03/12/2024	CPS JR Consulting	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24781	03/12/2024	Day Lite Maintenance, I...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24782	03/12/2024	Diamond Environmen...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00

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Num	Date	Name	Account	Class	Original Amount
24783	03/12/2024	Edison - 6256 (Redland...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24784	03/12/2024	Edison - 8958	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24785	03/12/2024	Edison - 9779	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24786	03/12/2024	Empire Disposal	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24787	03/12/2024	Frontier-4860	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24788	03/12/2024	Frontier-7275	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24789	03/12/2024	G3 Quality, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24790	03/12/2024	Grainger	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24791	03/12/2024	Home Depot Credit Ser...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24792	03/12/2024	Horizon Water	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24793	03/12/2024	Katelyn Scholte	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24794	03/12/2024	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24795	03/12/2024	Mentone Chamber of C...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00

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24796	03/12/2024	Minds Illustrated	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24797	03/12/2024	O'Reilly	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24798	03/12/2024	Patton Sales Corp	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24799	03/12/2024	PCtronics	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24800	03/12/2024	Pitney Bowes	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24801	03/12/2024	Powers Electric Produ...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24802	03/12/2024	Q3 Consulting, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24803	03/12/2024	San Bernardino Valley ...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24804	03/12/2024	Sonsray Machinery LLC.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24805	03/12/2024	Strategy Driver Inc	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24806	03/12/2024	Thompson Reuters	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24807	03/12/2024	Unlimited Services	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24808	03/12/2024	Visual Edge IT, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00

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24809	03/12/2024	WEX Bank-Shell	1012 · Citizens Busine...		0.00
TOTAL					0.00
24810	03/12/2024	ACWA/JPIA-Health	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-24,171.60
	03/04/2024		6110 · Vision Insurance	4-General Fund Ent.	39.99
			6110 · Vision Insurance	1-Groundwater Ent.	138.41
			6110 · Vision Insurance	2-Redlands Plaza/...	12.30
			6110 · Vision Insurance	3-Land Resources	30.76
			6110 · Vision Insurance	5-Wash Plan	21.53
			6110 · Vision Insurance	6-Active Recharge ...	64.59
			6130 · Dental Insurance	4-General Fund Ent.	133.92
			6130 · Dental Insurance	1-Groundwater Ent.	463.57
			6130 · Dental Insurance	2-Redlands Plaza/...	41.21
			6130 · Dental Insurance	3-Land Resources	103.02
			6130 · Dental Insurance	5-Wash Plan	72.11
			6130 · Dental Insurance	6-Active Recharge ...	216.33
			6150 · Medical Insurance	4-General Fund Ent.	2,968.40
			6150 · Medical Insurance	1-Groundwater Ent.	10,275.24
			6150 · Medical Insurance	2-Redlands Plaza/...	913.35
			6150 · Medical Insurance	3-Land Resources	2,283.39
			6150 · Medical Insurance	5-Wash Plan	1,598.37
			6150 · Medical Insurance	6-Active Recharge ...	4,795.11
TOTAL					24,171.60
24811	03/12/2024	AECOM Technical Serv...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-10,367.67
	02/19/2024		5123 · Habitat Manage...	5-Wash Plan	6,904.80
			5120 · Misc. Profession...	6-Active Recharge ...	1,471.46
			5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	1,991.41
TOTAL					10,367.67
24812	03/12/2024	American Express	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-413.83
	02/22/2024		6001 · General Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	24.41
			6001 · General Adminis...	1-Groundwater Ent.	24.42
			6002 · Website Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	365.00
TOTAL					413.83
24813	03/12/2024	American Power Security	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-816.13
	02/29/2024		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	816.13
TOTAL					816.13
24814	03/12/2024	Cal Fire	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-1,135.40
	03/12/2024		5223 · Temp. Field Labor	1-Groundwater Ent.	1,135.40
TOTAL					1,135.40
24815	03/12/2024	CPS JR Consulting	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-1,465.00
	02/24/2024		5120 · Misc. Profession...	4-General Fund Ent.	1,465.00
TOTAL					1,465.00

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24816	03/12/2024	Day Lite Maintenance, I...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-174.00
	03/01/2024		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	174.00
TOTAL					174.00
24817	03/12/2024	Diamond Environment...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-100.48
	02/26/2024		5460 · Water / Trash / ...	4-General Fund Ent.	45.22
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	1-Groundwater Ent.	35.17
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	3-Land Resources	10.05
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	6-Active Recharge ...	10.04
TOTAL					100.48
24818	03/12/2024	Edison - 6256 (Redland...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-214.00
	02/29/2024		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	214.00
TOTAL					214.00
24819	03/12/2024	Edison - 8958	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-279.18
	03/07/2024		5420 · Electricity	4-General Fund Ent.	78.17
			5420 · Electricity	1-Groundwater Ent.	55.84
			5420 · Electricity	2-Redlands Plaza/...	117.25
			5420 · Electricity	6-Active Recharge ...	27.92
TOTAL					279.18
24820	03/12/2024	Edison - 9779	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-265.12
	02/29/2024		5420 · Electricity	4-General Fund Ent.	74.24
			5420 · Electricity	1-Groundwater Ent.	53.02
			5420 · Electricity	2-Redlands Plaza/...	111.35
			5420 · Electricity	6-Active Recharge ...	26.51
TOTAL					265.12
24821	03/12/2024	Empire Disposal	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-216.33
	02/29/2024		5460 · Water / Trash / ...	4-General Fund Ent.	97.35
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	1-Groundwater Ent.	75.72
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	3-Land Resources	21.63
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	6-Active Recharge ...	21.63
TOTAL					216.33
24822	03/12/2024	Frontier-4860	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-626.76
	02/29/2024		5440 · Telephone	4-General Fund Ent.	291.47
			5440 · Telephone	1-Groundwater Ent.	121.45
			5440 · Telephone	6-Active Recharge ...	72.87
			5470 · Internet Services	4-General Fund Ent.	63.43
			5470 · Internet Services	1-Groundwater Ent.	35.24
			5470 · Internet Services	2-Redlands Plaza/...	7.05
			5470 · Internet Services	3-Land Resources	21.15
			5470 · Internet Services	6-Active Recharge ...	14.10
TOTAL					626.76

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24823	03/12/2024	Frontier-7275	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-152.02
	02/19/2024		5440 · Telephone	4-General Fund Ent.	26.32
			5440 · Telephone	1-Groundwater Ent.	10.97
			5440 · Telephone	6-Active Recharge ...	6.58
			5470 · Internet Services	4-General Fund Ent.	48.66
			5470 · Internet Services	1-Groundwater Ent.	27.04
			5470 · Internet Services	2-Redlands Plaza/...	5.41
			5470 · Internet Services	3-Land Resources	16.22
			5470 · Internet Services	6-Active Recharge ...	10.82
TOTAL					152.02
24824	03/12/2024	G3 Quality, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-16,959.00
	12/31/2023		7150 · Mill Creek Divers...	1-Groundwater Ent...	16,959.00
TOTAL					16,959.00
24825	03/12/2024	Grainger	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-132.87
	02/21/2024		6051 · Uniforms	4-General Fund Ent.	39.86
			6051 · Uniforms	1-Groundwater Ent.	93.01
TOTAL					132.87
24826	03/12/2024	Home Depot Credit Ser...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-791.35
	02/28/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	791.35
TOTAL					791.35
24827	03/12/2024	Horizon Water	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-31.00
	02/27/2024		5460 · Water / Trash / ...	4-General Fund Ent.	13.95
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	1-Groundwater Ent.	10.85
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	3-Land Resources	3.10
			5460 · Water / Trash / ...	6-Active Recharge ...	3.10
TOTAL					31.00
24828	03/12/2024	Katelyn Scholte	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-206.26
	03/12/2024		6510 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	10.50
			6510 · Mileage	1-Groundwater Ent.	6.57
			6510 · Mileage	3-Land Resources	2.62
			6510 · Mileage	6-Active Recharge ...	6.57
			6009 · Licenses	4-General Fund Ent.	18.00
			6009 · Licenses	1-Groundwater Ent.	144.00
			6009 · Licenses	6-Active Recharge ...	18.00
TOTAL					206.26
24829	03/12/2024	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-424.11
	02/25/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	424.11
TOTAL					424.11

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24830	03/12/2024	Mentone Chamber of C...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-50.00
	03/12/2024		6093 · Memberships	4-General Fund Ent.	50.00
TOTAL					50.00
24831	03/12/2024	Minds Illustrated	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-5,580.00
	03/03/2024		6060 · Outreach	5-Wash Plan	1,440.00
	03/03/2024		5120 · Misc. Profession...	4-General Fund Ent.	540.00
			6060 · Outreach	4-General Fund Ent.	1,080.00
			6060 · Outreach	1-Groundwater Ent.	720.00
			6060 · Outreach	3-Land Resources	1,080.00
			6060 · Outreach	5-Wash Plan	252.00
			6060 · Outreach	6-Active Recharge ...	468.00
TOTAL					5,580.00
24832	03/12/2024	O'Reilly	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-34.23
	03/07/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	34.23
TOTAL					34.23
24833	03/12/2024	Patton Sales Corp	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-98.77
	03/12/2024		5215 · Property Mainte...	1-Groundwater Ent.	79.02
			5215 · Property Mainte...	3-Land Resources	19.75
TOTAL					98.77
24834	03/12/2024	PCtronics	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-3,397.94
	02/29/2024		5160 · IT Support	4-General Fund Ent.	750.00
			5160 · IT Support	1-Groundwater Ent.	1,125.00
			5160 · IT Support	3-Land Resources	250.00
			5160 · IT Support	5-Wash Plan	125.00
			5160 · IT Support	6-Active Recharge ...	250.00
	03/01/2024		6027 · Computer Softw...	4-General Fund Ent.	113.61
			6027 · Computer Softw...	1-Groundwater Ent.	29.90
			6027 · Computer Softw...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	44.83
			6027 · Computer Softw...	3-Land Resources	44.83
			6027 · Computer Softw...	5-Wash Plan	14.95
			6027 · Computer Softw...	6-Active Recharge ...	50.82
	03/01/2024		5160 · IT Support	4-General Fund Ent.	179.70
			5160 · IT Support	1-Groundwater Ent.	269.55
			5160 · IT Support	3-Land Resources	59.90
			5160 · IT Support	5-Wash Plan	29.95
			5160 · IT Support	6-Active Recharge ...	59.90
TOTAL					3,397.94
24835	03/12/2024	Pitney Bowes	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-45.02
	01/17/2024		6039 · Postage and Ov...	4-General Fund Ent.	24.76
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	1-Groundwater Ent.	11.26
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	4.50
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	3-Land Resources	4.50
TOTAL					45.02

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24836	03/12/2024	Powers Electric Produ...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-517.35
	01/23/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	517.35
TOTAL					517.35
24837	03/12/2024	Q3 Consulting, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-7,773.50
	02/28/2024		7126 · PERC Engr/Prof...	6-Active Recharge ...	7,773.50
TOTAL					7,773.50
24838	03/12/2024	San Bernardino Valley ...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-58,647.28
	03/06/2024		5128 · GC NonDistrict ...	1-Groundwater Ent.	58,647.28
TOTAL					58,647.28
24839	03/12/2024	Sonsray Machinery LLC.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-166.58
	02/28/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	26.11
	03/06/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	140.47
TOTAL					166.58
24840	03/12/2024	Strategy Driver Inc	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-4,567.50
	03/09/2024		6060 · Outreach	4-General Fund Ent.	1,370.25
			6060 · Outreach	1-Groundwater Ent.	913.50
			6060 · Outreach	3-Land Resources	1,370.25
			6060 · Outreach	5-Wash Plan	319.73
			6060 · Outreach	6-Active Recharge ...	593.77
TOTAL					4,567.50
24841	03/12/2024	Thompson Reuters	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-529.65
	03/01/2024		5180 · Legal	4-General Fund Ent.	132.41
			5180 · Legal	1-Groundwater Ent.	132.41
			5180 · Legal	3-Land Resources	105.93
			5180 · Legal	6-Active Recharge ...	158.90
TOTAL					529.65
24842	03/12/2024	Unlimited Services	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-800.00
	03/01/2024		6018 · Janitorial Services	4-General Fund Ent.	800.00
TOTAL					800.00
24843	03/12/2024	Visual Edge IT, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-291.38
	02/26/2024		6033 · Office Equipmen...	4-General Fund Ent.	218.53
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	1-Groundwater Ent.	14.57
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	43.71
			6033 · Office Equipmen...	3-Land Resources	14.57
TOTAL					291.38

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24844	03/12/2024	WEX Bank-Shell	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-1,697.62
	03/06/2024		5320 · Fuel	1-Groundwater Ent.	1,697.62
TOTAL					1,697.62
24845	03/26/2024	AAA Alarm Systems, Inc.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-129.00
	04/01/2024		5410 · Alarm Service	4-General Fund Ent.	51.60
			5410 · Alarm Service	1-Groundwater Ent.	51.60
			5410 · Alarm Service	6-Active Recharge ...	25.80
TOTAL					129.00
24846	03/26/2024	AECOM Technical Serv...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-7,667.14
	03/21/2024		7151 · Mill Creek Permi...	1-Groundwater Ent.	7,667.14
TOTAL					7,667.14
24847	03/26/2024	CASC Engineering and...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-10,413.15
	03/19/2024		7126 · PERC Engr/Prof...	6-Active Recharge ...	10,413.15
TOTAL					10,413.15
24848	03/26/2024	Citizens Business Bank	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-7,722.57
	03/12/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	70.00
			5215 · Property Mainte...	1-Groundwater Ent.	156.52
			5215 · Property Mainte...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	39.13
			5310 · Vehicle Mainten...	1-Groundwater Ent.	229.06
			6002 · Website Adminis...	4-General Fund Ent.	134.97
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	4-General Fund Ent.	28.97
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	3-Land Resources	28.98
			6027 · Computer Softw...	4-General Fund Ent.	204.69
			6027 · Computer Softw...	1-Groundwater Ent.	53.87
			6027 · Computer Softw...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	80.80
			6027 · Computer Softw...	3-Land Resources	80.80
			6027 · Computer Softw...	5-Wash Plan	26.93
			6027 · Computer Softw...	6-Active Recharge ...	91.57
			6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	50.79
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	40.62
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	20.31
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	20.31
			6030 · Office Supplies	5-Wash Plan	30.47
			6030 · Office Supplies	6-Active Recharge ...	40.62
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	4-General Fund Ent.	59.82
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	1-Groundwater Ent.	27.20
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	10.88
			6039 · Postage and Ov...	3-Land Resources	10.88
			6051 · Uniforms	4-General Fund Ent.	62.34
			6051 · Uniforms	1-Groundwater Ent.	145.47
			6090 · Subscriptions/Pu...	4-General Fund Ent.	16.30
			6091 · Public Notices	4-General Fund Ent.	437.32
			6091 · Public Notices	1-Groundwater Ent.	1,749.29
			6425 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	15.74
			6525 · Meals	4-General Fund Ent.	75.34
			6525 · Meals	1-Groundwater Ent.	58.60
			6525 · Meals	3-Land Resources	33.49
			6530 · Lodging	4-General Fund Ent.	81.32
			6530 · Lodging	1-Groundwater Ent.	63.25
			6530 · Lodging	3-Land Resources	36.14
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	4-General Fund Ent.	180.00

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			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	1-Groundwater Ent.	140.00
			6535 · Conf/Seminar R...	3-Land Resources	80.00
			7230 · Field Equipment ...	1-Groundwater Ent.	2,407.82
			7230 · Field Equipment ...	3-Land Resources	601.96
TOTAL					7,722.57
24849	03/26/2024	Corneille, Richard	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-15.00
	01/27/2024		6420 · Other Travel	4-General Fund Ent.	15.00
TOTAL					15.00
24850	03/26/2024	CS-NK Construction S...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-976.38
	03/21/2024		7140 · Mentone Propert...	1-Groundwater Ent.	976.38
TOTAL					976.38
24851	03/26/2024	Day Lite Maintenance, I...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-34.89
	01/04/2024		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	34.89
TOTAL					34.89
24852	03/26/2024	E-PUR LLC	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-18,603.60
	03/19/2024		5120 · Misc. Profession...	6-Active Recharge ...	18,603.60
TOTAL					18,603.60
24853	03/26/2024	Edison - 6493	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-74.31
	03/11/2024		5420 · Electricity	4-General Fund Ent.	20.81
			5420 · Electricity	1-Groundwater Ent.	14.86
			5420 · Electricity	2-Redlands Plaza/...	31.21
			5420 · Electricity	6-Active Recharge ...	7.43
TOTAL					74.31
24854	03/26/2024	FMB Truck Outfitters	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-205.43
	03/20/2024		5310 · Vehicle Mainten...	1-Groundwater Ent.	205.43
TOTAL					205.43
24855	03/26/2024	IERCD	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-8,811.67
	02/07/2024		5120 · Misc. Profession...	3-Land Resources	2,924.16
	02/15/2024		5123 · Habitat Manage...	5-Wash Plan	5,887.51
TOTAL					8,811.67
24856	03/26/2024	Manuel Colunga	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-9.56
	03/11/2024		5215 · Property Mainte...	1-Groundwater Ent.	7.65
			5215 · Property Mainte...	3-Land Resources	1.91
TOTAL					9.56

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24857	03/26/2024	Mikael Romich	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-1,550.00
	03/04/2024		5123 · Habitat Manage... 7151 · Mill Creek Permi...	5-Wash Plan 1-Groundwater Ent.	1,000.00 550.00
TOTAL					1,550.00
24858	03/26/2024	O'Reilly	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-74.43
	03/05/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	40.20
			5310 · Vehicle Mainten...	1-Groundwater Ent.	12.50
	03/19/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	21.73
TOTAL					74.43
24859	03/26/2024	Press Enterprise	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-823.51
	03/06/2024		6090 · Subscriptions/Pu...	4-General Fund Ent.	823.51
TOTAL					823.51
24860	03/26/2024	Quill Corporation	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-23.48
	02/06/2024		6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	5.86
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	4.70
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	2.35
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	2.35
			6030 · Office Supplies	5-Wash Plan	3.52
			6030 · Office Supplies	6-Active Recharge ...	4.70
TOTAL					23.48
24861	03/26/2024	Rebecca Martin	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-42.88
	03/25/2024		6510 · Mileage	4-General Fund Ent.	17.15
			6510 · Mileage	1-Groundwater Ent.	10.72
			6510 · Mileage	3-Land Resources	4.29
			6510 · Mileage	6-Active Recharge ...	10.72
TOTAL					42.88
24862	03/26/2024	Securitas Technology ...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-246.06
	03/03/2024		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	246.06
TOTAL					246.06
24863	03/26/2024	Smart & Final	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-542.32
	03/01/2024		6004 · Meeting Expenses	4-General Fund Ent.	102.80
			6004 · Meeting Expenses	3-Land Resources	102.79
			6019 · Janitorial Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	164.90
			6019 · Janitorial Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	109.93
			6030 · Office Supplies	4-General Fund Ent.	15.47
			6030 · Office Supplies	1-Groundwater Ent.	12.38
			6030 · Office Supplies	2-Redlands Plaza/...	6.19
			6030 · Office Supplies	3-Land Resources	6.19
			6030 · Office Supplies	5-Wash Plan	9.29
			6030 · Office Supplies	6-Active Recharge ...	12.38
TOTAL					542.32

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24864	03/26/2024	Sonsray Machinery LLC.	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-146.99
	03/26/2024		5210 · Equipment Maint...	1-Groundwater Ent.	146.99
TOTAL					146.99
24865	03/26/2024	State Water Resources...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-2,126.00
	12/15/2023		7150 · Mill Creek Divers...	1-Groundwater Ent.	2,126.00
TOTAL					2,126.00
24866	03/26/2024	The Gas Company	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-190.44
	03/12/2024		5450 · Natural Gas	4-General Fund Ent.	95.22
			5450 · Natural Gas	1-Groundwater Ent.	57.13
			5450 · Natural Gas	6-Active Recharge ...	38.09
TOTAL					190.44
24867	03/26/2024	TLC Landscape Servic...	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-430.00
	03/24/2024		6026 · Redlands Plaza ...	2-Redlands Plaza/...	430.00
TOTAL					430.00
100352N	03/14/2024	PERS	1012 · Citizens Busine...		-10,560.31
			6170 · PERS Retirement	4-General Fund Ent.	1,372.84
			6170 · PERS Retirement	1-Groundwater Ent.	4,752.14
			6170 · PERS Retirement	2-Redlands Plaza/...	422.41
			6170 · PERS Retirement	3-Land Resources	1,056.03
			6170 · PERS Retirement	5-Wash Plan	739.22
			6170 · PERS Retirement	6-Active Recharge ...	2,217.67
TOTAL					10,560.31

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Director Fees Expenditure Payroll Report

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Pay Date	Name	For Period	Director Fees	Taxes Withheld	Check Amt
3/6/2024	McDonald, M	24-Feb	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 465.37	\$ 2,234.63
3/20/2024	Corneille, R	24-Feb	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 237.17	\$ 1,652.83
3/20/2024	McDonald, M	24-Mar	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 213.55	\$ 1,406.45
3/20/2024	Bob Stewart	Jul 23-Feb 24	\$ 9,690.00	\$ 3,229.15	\$ 6,460.85



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

Memorandum No. 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Angie Quiroga, Senior Administrative Analyst
Betsy Miller, General Manager

Date: April 10, 2024

Subject: Unaudited Financial Reports for March 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Review and approve the unaudited financials for March 2024.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Staff presents the unaudited financial report for the previous month at the subsequent board meeting. The reports presented here include information through March 31, 2024.

Overall income increased by \$313,726 during the reporting period, with significant payments received in GL 4010, Interest Income, and GL 4030, Mining Income. Final payment was made to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District under GL 5128, Groundwater Council Non-District Facilities Maintenance; this line will remain under budget due to agencies that did not renew the Groundwater Council for the current year with payment directly to the District's groundwater charge, resulting in the an increased in GL 4026, Groundwater Sustainability/Replenishment, as previously discussed. GL 6401, Director Fees, increased following receipt of expenditure reports. All other expenses are as expected.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from reporting the financial status of the District.

POTENTIAL MOTIONS

1. Move approval of the Unaudited Financials for March 2024 as presented.
2. Move to request this item be tabled and referred to the Finance & Administration Committee to reconsider specific issues.

ATTACHMENTS

Graph Financials for March 2024
Profit & Loss to Date vs. Annual Budget

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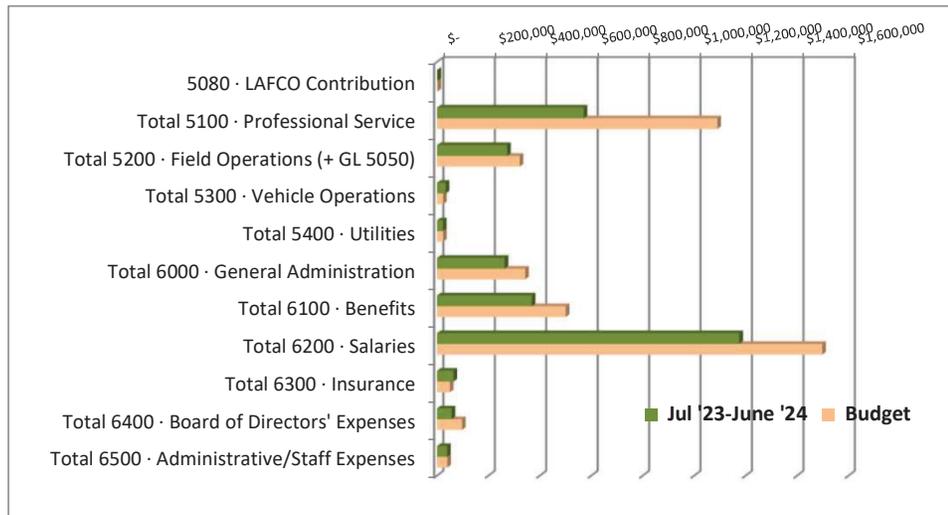
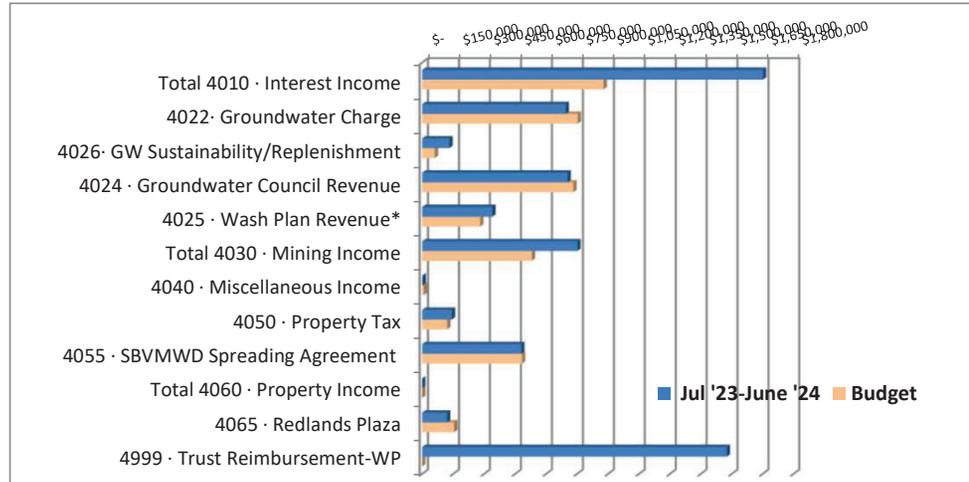
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March 2024

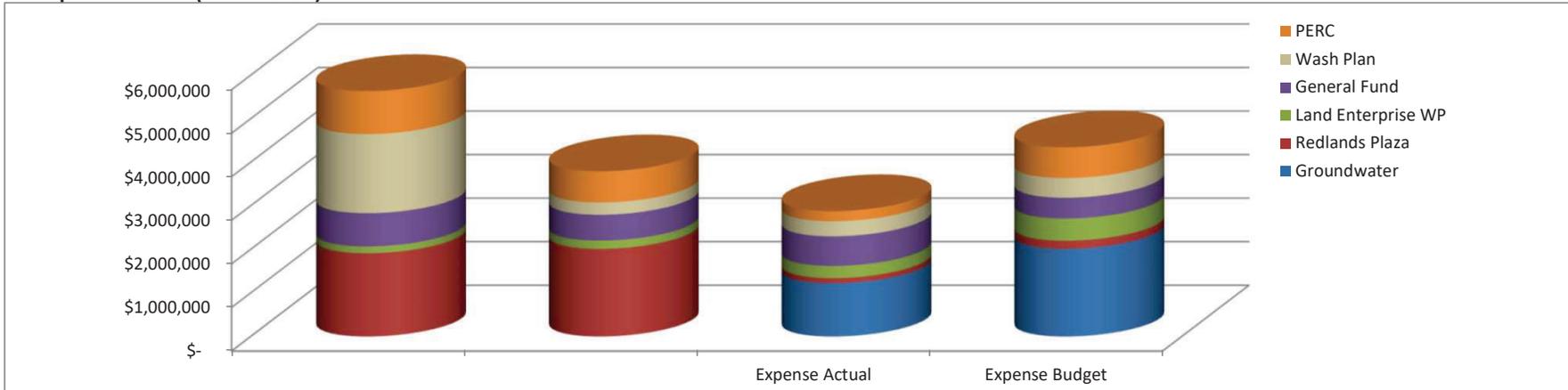
REVENUE	Jul '23-June '24	Budget
Total 4010 · Interest Income	\$ 1,652,029	\$ 878,280
4022 · Groundwater Charge	\$ 694,999	\$ 753,061
4026 · GW Sustainability/Replenishment	\$ 131,930	\$ 61,041
4024 · Groundwater Council Revenue	\$ 703,949	\$ 731,858
4025 · Wash Plan Revenue*	\$ 339,411	\$ 280,837
Total 4030 · Mining Income	\$ 751,595	\$ 531,000
4040 · Miscellaneous Income	\$ 2,678	\$ 7,500
4050 · Property Tax	\$ 143,685	\$ 121,109
4055 · SBVMWD Spreading Agreement	\$ 479,961	\$ 483,214
Total 4060 · Property Income	\$ 100	\$ 100
4065 · Redlands Plaza	\$ 120,733	\$ 154,620
4999 · Trust Reimbursement-WP	\$ 1,476,154	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 6,497,224	\$ 4,002,621

*District loans to the WP & State Permitting payments

EXPENSES Operating and Capital	Jul '23-June '24	Budget
5080 · LAFCO Contribution	\$ 2,048	\$ 2,057
Total 5100 · Professional Service	\$ 570,717	\$ 1,090,377
Total 5200 · Field Operations (+ GL 5050)	\$ 273,180	\$ 321,394
Total 5300 · Vehicle Operations	\$ 33,956	\$ 23,911
Total 5400 · Utilities	\$ 23,304	\$ 23,724
Total 6000 · General Administration	\$ 263,206	\$ 342,997
Total 6100 · Benefits	\$ 368,984	\$ 500,788
Total 6200 · Salaries	\$ 1,175,749	\$ 1,497,883
Total 6300 · Insurance	\$ 64,500	\$ 50,037
Total 6400 · Board of Directors' Expenses	\$ 57,175	\$ 97,557
Total 6500 · Administrative/Staff Expenses	\$ 39,561	\$ 40,156
Total Expense	\$ 2,872,381	\$ 3,990,883



Enterprises to Date (March 2024)



Enterprise	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Groundwater Revenue	\$ 1,912,556	\$ 2,011,728	95%
Groundwater Expense	\$ 1,222,493	\$ 1,689,886	72%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 690,063	\$ 321,842	
Redlands Plaza Revenue	\$ 155,793	\$ 189,686	82%
Redlands Plaza Expense	\$ 118,906	\$ 188,790	63%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 36,887	\$ 896	
Land Enterprise Revenue	\$ 763,219	\$ 593,625	129%
Land Enterprise Expense	\$ 278,740	\$ 507,550	55%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 484,479	\$ 86,075	
General Fund Revenue *	\$ 1,024,852	\$ 635,728	161%
General Fund Expense	\$ 680,334	\$ 477,214	143%
Revenue -Expense	\$ 344,518	\$ 158,515	
Wash Plan Revenue	\$ 1,815,564	\$ 280,837	646%
Wash Plan Expense	\$ 344,775	\$ 451,070	76%
Revenue-Expense	1,470,789	(170,233)	
PERC Revenue	\$ 989,246	\$ 715,658	138%
PERC Expense	\$ 231,605	\$ 706,372	33%
Revenue-Expense	\$ 757,641	\$ 9,285	
Total All Revenue - Expense	\$ 3,784,377	\$ 406,380	

Cash Status	As of 7/1/2023	As of 03/31/24
LAIF	\$ -	\$ 1,015.32
Cal Trust	\$ 3,305,798.37	\$ -
Citizens Bank	\$ 814,215.58	\$ 866,483.99
UBS Financial-Gen	\$ 20,878,305.53	\$ 5,575,087.65
UBS Financial-PERC	\$ -	\$ 28,215,518.84
USBank-CAMP Gen	\$ 4,088,747.94	\$ 4,291,580.36
USBank-CAMP PERC	\$ 14,041,513.08	\$ 5,145,480.73
Total Cash	\$ 43,128,580.50	\$ 44,095,166.89
Less Prepaid Royalty	\$ (5,000,000.00)	\$ (5,000,000.00)
Less PERC Obligation	\$ (35,108,303.19)	\$ (34,356,424.03)
Cash Position	\$ 3,020,277.31	\$ 4,738,742.86

Increase (decrease) of \$1,718,465.55
 Percent Increase 56.9%

* General Fund Revenue shown here does not include overhead

San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss To Date vs. Annual Budget

	<u>Jul '23 - Mar 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4010 · Interest Income				
4012 · LAIF	1,015.32	0.00	1,015.32	100.0%
4013 · Caltrust Investment Income	71,315.78	99,039.99	-27,724.21	72.01%
4015 · UBS Interest Income	1,170,635.66	510,000.00	660,635.66	229.54%
4016 · Interest Income CAMP	409,062.49	562,000.00	-152,937.51	72.79%
Total 4010 · Interest Income	1,652,029.25	1,171,039.99	480,989.26	141.07%
4017 · PERC Capital Income	0.00	171,900.00	-171,900.00	0.0%
4020 · Groundwater Charge				
4022 · Groundwater Charge	694,999.46	753,061.42	-58,061.96	92.29%
4024-2 · GW Council Passthrough	117,698.71	200,000.00	-82,301.29	58.85%
4024 · Groundwater Council Revenue	703,949.29	731,858.00	-27,908.71	96.19%
4026 · GW Sustainability/Replenishment	131,930.00	61,040.75	70,889.25	216.13%
Total 4020 · Groundwater Charge	1,648,577.46	1,745,960.17	-97,382.71	94.42%
4025 · Wash Plan Revenue	339,410.64	374,450.00	-35,039.36	90.64%
4030 · Mining Income				
4031 · Plant Site - CEMEX	28,000.00	48,000.00	-20,000.00	58.33%
4032 · Cemex - Royalty / Lease	674,248.33	600,000.00	74,248.33	112.38%
4036 · Aggregate Maintenance	49,346.36	60,000.00	-10,653.64	82.24%
Total 4030 · Mining Income	751,594.69	708,000.00	43,594.69	106.16%
4040 · Miscellaneous Income				
4041 · Reimbursed Expenses	338.24	0.00	338.24	100.0%
4040 · Miscellaneous Income - Other	2,339.50	10,000.00	-7,660.50	23.4%
Total 4040 · Miscellaneous Income	2,677.74	10,000.00	-7,322.26	26.78%
4043 · Project Salary Reimbursement	11,624.35	15,000.00	-3,375.65	77.5%
4050 · Property Tax	143,685.29	141,479.29	2,206.00	101.56%
4051 · Wash Plan Trails	0.00	66,000.00	-66,000.00	0.0%
4055 · SBVMWD Spreading Agreement Reim	479,961.36	483,213.76	-3,252.40	99.33%
4060 · Property Income				
4062 · Mentone Property	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 4060 · Property Income	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
4065 · Redlands Plaza	120,732.66	206,160.35	-85,427.69	58.56%
4066 · Redlands Plaza CAM	34,684.33	46,621.41	-11,937.08	74.4%
4999 · Trust Reimbursement-Wash Plan	1,476,153.64	225,000.00	1,251,153.64	656.07%
Total Income	6,661,231.41	5,364,924.97	1,296,306.44	124.16%
Gross Profit	6,661,231.41	5,364,924.97	1,296,306.44	124.16%
Expense				
5040 · Regional Programs				
5080 · LAFCO Contribution	2,048.06	2,056.95	-8.89	99.57%
Total 5040 · Regional Programs	2,048.06	2,056.95	-8.89	99.57%
5050 · Basin Cleaning	201,081.38	250,000.00	-48,918.62	80.43%
5100 · Professional Service				
5120 · Misc. Professional Services	135,192.74	539,625.00	-404,432.26	25.05%
5122 · Wash Plan Professional Services	7,560.60	28,000.00	-20,439.40	27.0%
5123 · Habitat Management-WP	178,932.62	329,700.00	-150,767.38	54.27%
5125 · Engineering Services	0.00	35,000.00	-35,000.00	0.0%
5126 · GW Sustainability/Replenishment	0.00	61,040.75	-61,040.75	0.0%
5127 · Project Accounting Services	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
5128 · GC NonDistrict Facilities Maint	176,345.99	200,000.00	-23,654.01	88.17%
5130 · Aerial Photography & Surveying	0.00	2,425.50	-2,425.50	0.0%
5155 · WP Trails Professional Services	0.00	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.0%
5160 · IT Support	25,986.19	45,625.00	-19,638.81	56.96%
5170 · Audit	29,800.00	28,500.00	1,300.00	104.56%
5180 · Legal	16,898.90	25,000.00	-8,101.10	67.6%
Total 5100 · Professional Service	570,717.04	1,399,916.25	-829,199.21	40.77%
5133 · Regional River HCP Contribution	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
5200 · Field Operations				
5210 · Equipment Maintenance	20,173.46	8,528.40	11,645.06	236.54%
5215 · Property Maintenance	3,692.67	40,000.00	-36,307.33	9.23%
5225 · Field Clean Up-Illegal dumping	48,232.00	60,000.00	-11,768.00	80.39%
Total 5200 · Field Operations	72,098.13	108,528.40	-36,430.27	66.43%
5223 · Temp. Field Labor	4,473.48	10,000.00	-5,526.52	44.74%

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	<u>Jul '23 - Mar 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
5300 · Vehicle Operations				
5310 · Vehicle Maintenance	7,121.87	9,240.00	-2,118.13	77.08%
5320 · Fuel	26,834.27	21,560.77	5,273.50	124.46%
Total 5300 · Vehicle Operations	<u>33,956.14</u>	<u>30,800.77</u>	<u>3,155.37</u>	<u>110.24%</u>
5400 · Utilities				
5410 · Alarm Service	597.00	1,200.00	-603.00	49.75%
5420 · Electricity	7,349.62	10,815.69	-3,466.07	67.95%
5430 · Mobile Phone	5,100.00	7,150.00	-2,050.00	71.33%
5440 · Telephone	2,808.68	3,000.00	-191.32	93.62%
5450 · Natural Gas	662.44	2,730.00	-2,067.56	24.27%
5460 · Water / Trash / Sewer	3,434.16	3,904.10	-469.94	87.96%
5470 · Internet Services	3,352.33	2,832.52	519.81	118.35%
Total 5400 · Utilities	<u>23,304.23</u>	<u>31,632.31</u>	<u>-8,328.08</u>	<u>73.67%</u>
6000 · General Administration				
6001 · General Administration - Other	3,357.99	6,000.00	-2,642.01	55.97%
6002 · Website Administration	3,231.91	6,000.00	-2,768.09	53.87%
6004 · Meeting Expenses	2,266.52	2,200.00	66.52	103.02%
6006 · Permits	2,767.00	15,000.00	-12,233.00	18.45%
6007 · Inter District Costs	1,500.00	10,000.00	-8,500.00	15.0%
6009 · Licenses	1,911.42	2,000.00	-88.58	95.57%
6010 · Surety Bond	3,025.00	1,900.00	1,125.00	159.21%
6012 · Office Maintenance	10,854.22	10,000.00	854.22	108.54%
6013 · Office Lease Payment	37,500.03	50,000.00	-12,499.97	75.0%
6015 · Mentone House Maintenance	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
6016 · Redlands Plaza Maintenance	12,092.20	47,000.00	-34,907.80	25.73%
6018 · Janitorial Services	7,395.00	10,500.00	-3,105.00	70.43%
6019 · Janitorial Supplies	669.35	375.00	294.35	178.49%
6020 · Vacancy Marketing-Redlands Plaz	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
6024 · Computer Equip Maint.	1,374.36	3,000.00	-1,625.64	45.81%
6026 · Redlands Plaza CAM expenses	32,327.79	42,861.03	-10,533.24	75.43%
6027 · Computer Software	8,643.84	23,250.00	-14,606.16	37.18%
6030 · Office Supplies	4,592.61	12,100.00	-7,507.39	37.96%
6033 · Office Equipment Rental	5,338.13	8,000.00	-2,661.87	66.73%
6036 · Printing	3,255.59	2,500.00	755.59	130.22%
6039 · Postage and Overnight Delivery	918.07	1,200.00	-281.93	76.51%
6042 · Payroll Processing	3,019.45	5,000.00	-1,980.55	60.39%
6045 · Bank Service Charges	806.34	10,000.00	-9,193.66	8.06%
6051 · Uniforms	3,008.37	3,115.76	-107.39	96.55%
6060 · Outreach	84,572.12	127,000.00	-42,427.88	66.59%
6087 · Educational Reimbursement	1,095.00	5,000.00	-3,905.00	21.9%
6090 · Subscriptions/Publications	2,359.67	3,000.00	-640.33	78.66%
6091 · Public Notices	2,186.61	3,200.00	-1,013.39	68.33%
6093 · Memberships	23,137.45	25,364.28	-2,226.83	91.22%
Total 6000 · General Administration	<u>263,206.04</u>	<u>444,566.07</u>	<u>-181,360.03</u>	<u>59.21%</u>
6100 · Benefits				
6110 · Vision Insurance	2,839.20	3,776.71	-937.51	75.18%
6120 · Workers' Comp. Insurance	10,348.29	25,528.10	-15,179.81	40.54%
6130 · Dental Insurance	9,555.90	13,056.65	-3,500.75	73.19%
6150 · Medical Insurance				
6150.01 · Medical Employee Contribution	-25,513.19	-41,288.06	15,774.87	61.79%
6150 · Medical Insurance - Other	197,617.40	323,085.52	-125,468.12	61.17%
Total 6150 · Medical Insurance	<u>172,104.21</u>	<u>281,797.46</u>	<u>-109,693.25</u>	<u>61.07%</u>
6160 · Payroll Taxes-Employer	78,418.12	143,336.67	-64,918.55	54.71%
6170 · PERS Retirement				
6170.01 · PERS Employee Contributions	-48,141.65	-68,320.21	20,178.56	70.47%
6170.02 · 457 Plan Employee Contributions	-44,547.78			
6170 · PERS Retirement - Other	188,407.73	268,542.64	-80,134.91	70.16%
Total 6170 · PERS Retirement	<u>95,718.30</u>	<u>200,222.43</u>	<u>-104,504.13</u>	<u>47.81%</u>
Total 6100 · Benefits	<u>368,984.02</u>	<u>667,718.02</u>	<u>-298,734.00</u>	<u>55.26%</u>
6200 · Salaries				
6230 · Regular Salaries	1,175,749.49	1,997,177.80	-821,428.31	58.87%
Total 6200 · Salaries	<u>1,175,749.49</u>	<u>1,997,177.80</u>	<u>-821,428.31</u>	<u>58.87%</u>
6300 · Insurance				
6310 · Property/ Auto Insurance	7,653.37	6,374.80	1,278.57	120.06%
6320 · General Liability Insurance	56,847.00	46,295.48	10,551.52	122.79%
Total 6300 · Insurance	<u>64,500.37</u>	<u>52,670.28</u>	<u>11,830.09</u>	<u>122.46%</u>

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6400 · Board of Directors' Expenses				
6401 · Directors' Fees				
6401.5 · Payroll Taxes-Directors	928.23	0.00	928.23	100.0%
6401 · Directors' Fees - Other	46,332.18	105,600.00	-59,267.82	43.88%
Total 6401 · Directors' Fees	47,260.41	105,600.00	-58,339.59	44.75%
6410 · Mileage	587.94	4,840.00	-4,252.06	12.15%
6415 · Air Fare	1,970.88	3,906.25	-1,935.37	50.46%
6420 · Other Travel	254.54	605.00	-350.46	42.07%
6425 · Meals	2,433.55	4,235.00	-1,801.45	57.46%
6430 · Lodging	1,821.96	4,840.00	-3,018.04	37.64%
6435 · Conf/Seminar Registrations	2,846.17	6,050.00	-3,203.83	47.04%
Total 6400 · Board of Directors' Expenses	57,175.45	130,076.25	-72,900.80	43.96%
6500 · Administrative/Staff Expenses				
6510 · Mileage	2,396.94	2,750.00	-353.06	87.16%
6515 · Air Fare	2,401.22	4,950.00	-2,548.78	48.51%
6520 · Travel, Other (rental car, taxi)	1,304.87	1,500.00	-195.13	86.99%
6525 · Meals	2,979.91	4,500.00	-1,520.09	66.22%
6530 · Lodging	9,606.85	6,500.00	3,106.85	147.8%
6535 · Conf/Seminar Registrations	20,871.00	29,875.00	-9,004.00	69.86%
Total 6500 · Administrative/Staff Expenses	39,560.79	50,075.00	-10,514.21	79.0%
9999 · Contribution to Capital Maint.	0.00	220,000.00	-220,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	2,876,854.62	5,425,218.10	-2,548,363.48	53.03%
Net Ordinary Income	3,784,376.79	-60,293.13	3,844,669.92	-6,276.63%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
7000 · Construction				
7010 · Materials	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
Total 7000 · Construction	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
7100 · Land & Buildings				
7110 · Property Capital Repairs	30,647.00	387,999.50	-357,352.50	7.9%
7120 · Property-Land Purchase	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
7126 · PERC Engr/Prof Services	416,150.52	3,532,019.00	-3,115,868.48	11.78%
7130 · Mentone Property (House)-CapRep	29,000.00	7,000.00	22,000.00	414.29%
7140 · Mentone Property (Shop)-CapRep	111,067.21	891,649.15	-780,581.94	12.46%
7150 · Mill Creek Diversion	1,496,344.19	2,299,616.86	-803,272.67	65.07%
7151 · Mill Creek Permitting	222,083.50	285,207.27	-63,123.77	77.87%
7160 · Mendoza Property	0.00	137,000.00	-137,000.00	0.0%
Total 7100 · Land & Buildings	2,305,292.42	7,610,491.78	-5,305,199.36	30.29%
7200 · Equipment & Vehicles				
7210 · Computer Hardware-Capital Purch	13,691.60	10,000.00	3,691.60	136.92%
7220 · Computer Software	5,263.06	1,000.00	4,263.06	526.31%
7230 · Field Equipment / Vehicles	88,299.49	225,000.00	-136,700.51	39.24%
7240 · Office Equipment	55,950.98	54,400.00	1,550.98	102.85%
Total 7200 · Equipment & Vehicles	163,205.13	290,400.00	-127,194.87	56.2%
7400 · Professional Services Capital				
7438 · Engineering Services-Other	0.00	125,000.00	-125,000.00	0.0%
Total 7400 · Professional Services Capital	0.00	125,000.00	-125,000.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	2,468,497.55	8,037,891.78	-5,569,394.23	30.71%
Net Other Income	-2,468,497.55	-8,037,891.78	5,569,394.23	30.71%
Net Income	1,315,879.24	-8,098,184.91	9,414,064.15	-16.25%



Environmental Update

as of March 29, 2024

Wash Plan Implementation – Monitoring Activities

- SBKR Monitoring Program
 - On March 19, District staff initiated spring habitat surveys of SBKR monitoring plots within the Wash Plan Preserve and, for the first time, at our Mill Creek properties. Expansion of the monitoring activities to include Mill Creek is consistent with the final Safe Harbor Agreement that has been submitted by USFWS for approval. Over the course of five field days (March 19, 20, 21, 26, 27), 19 plots were surveyed in the Wash and 17 at Mill Creek. A total of 146 plots are to be surveyed across the two areas this spring. Fieldwork is expected to extend through the end of May.
- California Gnatcatcher Monitoring Program
 - On March 19 and 20, District staff performed the first round of California gnatcatcher surveys at four locations within the Wash Plan Preserve to support the regional monitoring program for the species overseen by the USGS and USFWS. Staff will perform two more rounds of surveys in April and complete complementary vegetation monitoring in May. District staff last participated in the regional monitoring efforts in 2020. The regional monitoring efforts provide the USFWS with a measure of the status and trend of the California gnatcatcher from Ventura to the United States - Mexico border. Regional surveys were initiated in 2016 and are scheduled to occur every four years.

Wash Plan Implementation – Management Activities

- Slender-horned Spineflower (SHSF) Restoration Program
 - On January 4, District staff confirmed the germination of SHSF at the experimental out-planting locations following seeding in November.
 - District staff conducted the first round of monitoring of out-planting locations on January 17, counting a total of 1,136 young SHSF plants.
 - By February 8, the number of SHSF plants growing at the out-planting locations counted by District staff had increased to 2,961.
 - On March 12, District staff, together with Dudek, counted 5,205 SHSF growing at the out-planting locations. Importantly, the size and condition of the individual plants at the trial sites were comparable with those growing at the native reference patch, which served as the source population for the bulked seed.
 - The fourth round of monitoring is to be conducted on April 17.



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- BLM Fuels Management Grant
 - Beginning in December 2023, Nakae & Associates performed herbicide treatment across approximately 70 acres of heavily infested grasslands located just west of Railroad Line Road.
 - In January and February, Nakae expanded treatment activities to an additional 55 acres of annual grasses just west and east of D-Dike and east of Railroad Line Road to Cone Camp Road.
 - By early March, Nakae had expanded herbicide treatment to include treatment of broadleaved invasives, principally mustard, across the entirety of the 125-acre area treated for annual grasses stretching from Cone Camp Road to the Plunge Creek Conservation Project.

Wash Plan Implementation – Organizational Structure, Planning, and Reporting

- The monthly coordination meeting with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District was held on March 4.
- On March 6, members of the District's Operations Team, Engineers, and Environmental Team walked Plunge Creek to discuss adaptive management measures that can be undertaken later this spring and summer in support of the larger Plunge Creek Conservation Project. The group's focus is on expanding the number of novel wetted areas created by high-flow conditions following major storm events consistent with the original permits and addressing the district and partners' future aquatic resource mitigation needs.
- The regularly scheduled monthly coordination meeting with the USFWS was held on March 19.

Wash Plan Programmatic Permits

- USACE 404 Programmatic Individual Agreement – Beginning in January 2023 and extending through March 2024, District staff and AECOM have continued to meet with USACE weekly to support completion of the EA and eventual issuance of the standard individual permit. The Corp's cultural resources officer is scheduled to engage both Tribes (in March) and the State Historic Preservation Officer (in April) prior to finalization of the 404 permit, which is now estimated to be completed by the end of June 2024.
- In response to CDFW's recommendation for a phased approach to permitting Wash Plan-covered activities, District staff organized several meetings beginning in August 2023 with the Department, Robertson's Ready Mix, and CEMEX to facilitate the issuance of 2081 Incidental Take Permits for near-term mining activities covered under the Wash Plan.



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- On January 5, CDFW shared a completed 2081 Incidental Take Permit for authorization to incidentally take San Bernardino kangaroo rat and slender-horned spineflower as a result of the eastern expansion of the Old Webster Quarry by Robertson's Ready Mix.
- Following issuance of the 2081 ITP, District staff met with Robertson's Ready Mix and their contractors in the field in early January to discuss enhancement activities planned for implementation within the Plunge Creek Management Area consistent with the Wash Plan and requirements of the 2081 ITP.
- On February 29, CDFW visited Plunge Creek Management Area to evaluate the location and its potential to serve as the receiver site in support of the proposed translocation of SBKR required in the draft 2081 ITP.
- On March 11, District Staff met with CDFW to discuss the Department's findings and recommendations for improving the translocation effort.
- In early February, District staff met with CEMEX to discuss the next steps associated with submission of the Certification of Inclusion application tied to expansion of mining activities consistent with the Wash Plan.

Mill Creek Programmatic Permits

- The final Safe Harbor Agreement, which incorporated revisions to address USFWS comments along with newly-available species data, was finalized in February and submitted to the Service for review and approval on March 5.

Partnership Agreement – Active Recharge Project Development

- On March 14, District staff met with Valley District to discuss next steps in identifying the location of the 295 acres of District property to be conserved in support of the Santa Ana River HCP, consistent with the Partnership Agreement for Joint Active Recharge Project Development. Preliminary siting efforts identified areas to be conserved within the Upper Santa Ana River Wash and at Mill Creek.

Partnership Activities

- On March 12, District staff participated in the Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) Environmental Work Team Meeting for Seven Oaks Dam (SOD) hosted by Valley District and the Climate, Atmospheric Science & Physical Oceanography Division of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
- On March 14, District staff met with students from the University of Redlands participating in a multi-day field ecology lab taking place in the Wash Plan Preserve. As part of the lab, students were introduced to the Santa Ana River Woolly Star and the successional stages of the Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub.



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- On March 28, District staff hosted one of the five California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) training sessions taking place the week of March 25 at Plunge Creek. The CRAM training session at Plunge Creek served as an example of episodic riverine conditions. The weeklong CRAM training was put on by the San Francisco Estuary Institute CRAM and attended by District Assistant Biologist, Anna Frey. CRAM is recognized to be a cost-effective and scientifically defensible rapid assessment methodology for monitoring and assessing the ecological conditions of wetlands throughout California.



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Engineering Update
as of March 29, 2024

Mentone Shop

- Construction began on March 26, 2024. Current work is focused on compaction, foundation preparation, waterline connection, stub outs, and foundation placement.
- The building delivery is expected in the next 3 to 4 weeks.
- A contract for materials testing with G3 Quality is in place to support shop construction.
- Electrical connection work is anticipated after the completion of the building foundation.
- Bids on the septic system have been obtained; work with the shop contractor to support the septic installation in coordination with the building continues.

Enhanced Recharge Phase 1B

- Basins AA through EE are being utilized for recharge. Additional basins expected to become operational around April 15, 2024.
- Earthwork and concrete placement for main canal drop structures 2 and 4 are underway.
- Ongoing coordination with SBVMWD's team has allowed recharge in the range of 100 cfs from Santa Ana River and/or State Water Project to continue during construction.
- Clearing, grubbing, and initial grading of the A Basins are continuing. Grading of the B Basins is in process and expected to be completed in June 2024.

PERC (Active Recharge Transfer) Projects

PERC Projects: Waterman, Twin Creek, and Lynwood Basins

- 1D and 2D hydraulic models for the Waterman Basin diversions have been reviewed by staff, including running the models to check for performance. Initial findings show the Waterman Channel Diversion could be repaired and operated to handle the desired recharge flow rates.
- District staff have received the parent hydraulics document for review. This document summarizes all the modeling for the project to help guide Flood Control's review of the different modeling scenarios.
- Preliminary basin routing results have been discussed with District staff. Results indicate that the concept plan proposals require improvements to the basins to meet Flood Control design standards.
- Sediment transport models are being developed. Staff coordinated with Tetra Tech on required basin drain times for vector and flood control purposes as well as possible corrections applied to the bulking factor.
- The draft of the Geotechnical Report (infiltration only) was reviewed by staff. The report will be finalized as part of the basin routing and groundwater modeling process.
- Geoscience has set up the focused groundwater model and is waiting to complete the basin routing models.

PERC Projects: Plunge and Oak Creeks

- The final hydrology study and average annual storm event report have been received; Flood Control has approved the Q100 model.



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- CASC has refined average storm event models based on actual precipitation data, which staff has reviewed.
- The existing condition 1D Hydraulic models were submitted to SBCFCD for approval. Flood Control has accepted the cross-section locations and will review the entire model once the proposed condition has been submitted.
- The proposed condition 2D hydraulic models for diversion analysis are in development.
- The sediment transport analysis has been received by District staff and is under review.
- Initial infiltration testing is complete. Evaluation of additional geotechnical testing options on the Plunge Creek site is underway. Testing may be completed after the BLM land transfer has occurred.
- An analysis of the existing city storm drains was submitted to the District and reviewed by staff.
- Geoscience has set up the focused groundwater model and is waiting for the basin routing models to be completed.

PERC Projects: Mill, Bledsoe, and Cook Creeks

- Staff are reviewing alternatives for the proposed condition diversion structures. Two options have been eliminated due to infeasibility. One alternative upstream of the current diversion structure will be further analyzed by Q3.
- Additional analysis of the newly constructed Mill Creek Diversion improvements was completed to incorporate the results into the other hydraulic models. These results have also helped inform the operation of the new structure.
- The basin routing model was revised to incorporate percolation testing results. The model was revised again using decay rate values to simulate the historically observed function of the system by District operations staff.
- Geotechnical testing for infiltration and test pits is complete. Additional borings may be completed. Kleinfelder prepared draft infiltration results, which have been presented to staff.
- Initial average annual hydrology study results for Bledsoe Creek have been submitted and are being reviewed by staff.
- Cook Creek has been eliminated as a potential project site.

General Manager's Report

April 2024
Betsy Miller



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The following report covers the efforts and activities during the reporting period.

- 1. Water Conservation – Plan Goal 1** – Santa Ana River and Mill Creek continue to receive flows from rainfall, snowmelt, and the State Water Project. In March, Mill Creek recharge totaled 2,377 AF, 375 AF of which was delivered via the State Water Project. Santa Ana River recharge for the month of March was 3,602 AF. During this time, Plunge Creek recharge was 3,501 AF. Total recharge across all sites for the current water year is 45,674 AF, with the a total of 10,656 AF recharged in the month of March.
- 2. Facility Maintenance and Cleanout – Plan Goal 1** – Water recharge operations are focused on operating the new Mill Creek diversion, operation of the first five Enhanced Recharge basins, and on-going recharge operations at existing facilities.
- 3. Aggregate Management – Plan Goal 1** – Upland Rock continues screening and selling sand and rock from District basin cleaning efforts in support of land management efforts.
- 4. Personnel/Administration/Staff** – Assistant Biologist Anna Frey attended Practitioner California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) Training on March 25-29 to learn conduct standardized and cost-effective assessment of wetland condition in Southern California ecosystems.
- 5. Finance/Budget/Audit** – Preparation of the draft FY25 budget is underway for presentation to the Finance & Administration Committee and the Board's Budget Workshop.
- 6. Mill Creek Diversion Engineering – Plan Goals 1/4** – This project is completed, with one environmental mitigation permit requirement in progress. Operation of the new diversion has significantly reduced the sediment entering District spreading basins, which will reduce maintenance costs.
- 7. Plunge Creek Conservation Project – Plan Goals 1/4** – Total project recharge for this water year is currently 4,142 AF.
- 8. Enhanced Recharge Project – Plan Goal 1** – Five basins are complete and are being operated for recharge, with additional basins expected to be completed in mid-April. District biologists and engineers meet weekly with the Valley District team for project coordination, updates, and problem-solving.
- 9. Program for Expansion of Recharge Capacity Project Partnership – Plan Goals 1, 2, and 4** – Please refer to the Engineering Update.

10. **Edison Divestiture** – *Plan Goals 1/4* – Updates will be discussed in Closed Session.
11. **Groundwater Council** – *Plan Goal 1* – None.
12. **Shop Facilities for Field Staff** – *Plan Goals 1* – Construction began on March 26. Please refer to the Engineering Update for additional details.
13. **Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations at Seven Oaks Dam** – The draft Seven Oaks Dam Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) Workplan was provided to Steering Committee members for review on April 1. The Seven Oaks Dam FIRO Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on May 14.
14. **Wildland Trails** – *Plan Goal 3* – On March 28, City of Redlands staff indicated their intent to tentatively schedule the trails MOU and agreement for Council hearing on May 7, 2024.
15. **Wash Plan** – *Plan Goal 4* – On March 12, District staff and consultants recorded a total of 5,205 slender-horned spineflower at the new “out-planting” population areas, up from 2,961 in February and 1,136 in January. Please refer to the Environmental Update for additional information.
16. **Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act Implementation** – *Plan Goal 4* – BLM is revising their conveyance documents based on feedback from the State office.
17. **Conservation Trust** – *Plan Goal 4* – The Conservation Trust began work under the California Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance Program grant from BLM on District lands on December 11, with invasive grasses and forbs removed from approximately 125 acres to date.
18. **Property/Redlands Plaza** – Updates will be discussed in Closed Session.
19. **Mining** – Mining efforts by CEMEX contractors continue at the Plant Site quarry. Robertson’s is expected to begin mining a new area soon following receipt of a 2081 permit from California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
20. **Public Outreach and Legislative** – *Plan Goal 5* – On March 6, the PR team arranged for District staff photos to be taken for use in media, the website, etc.

On March 11, ACWA submitted a coalition letter in support of AB 2257 which would require concerned parties to participate in and raise specific objections to rates during the public hearing process in an effort to provide opportunities to resolve disputes without the need for costly, publicly-funded litigation. Please see attached letter for additional details.

On March 13, the District released a press release titled “100-Year Record-Breaking Water Capture Year” for Groundwater Awareness Week. The release was viewed 10,103 times, picked-up by 126 outlets, and resulted in 145 engagement actions. Please see attached press release for additional details.

On March 25, the District signed the California Special District’s Association’s coalition letter in support of the Special District Grant Accessibility Act (H.R. 7525). This act would codify a formal definition of “special district” in federal law and federal agencies to recognize special districts as local governments to ensure eligibility for federal assistance such as funding and resources through key grant programs. A copy of this letter will be provided to the Board when it is available.

21. Current Board Action Implementation – Significant staff resources were allocated to groundwater recharge, PERC, Wash Plan implementation, the groundwater modeling project with GeoScience, and preparation of the draft FY25 budget.

22. Future Board Activities – Expected short-term items for consideration or note:

- FY25 budget

23. District Successes

- Our monthly recharge total for March of 10,656 AF is more than the annual recharge for 75 years of the District’s history.
- Development of press release sharing the District’s record-breaking recharge in 2023 as well as information on our mission and work through time for Groundwater Awareness Week.
- 5,205 slender-horned-spineflower were recorded at the six new “out-planting” locations. Construction for the Mentone Shop began on March 26.



Tommy Purvis hauling the District’s excavator with the recently-purchased F-250



Large rosettes of slender-horned spineflower



Anna Frey attending Practitioner CRAM Training



Staff photos of the Natural Resources Team



Staff photos of the Operations Team



March 11, 2024

The Honorable Ash Kalra
 Chair, Assembly Committee on Judiciary
 1020 N Street, Room 104
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2257 (Wilson) – Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Kalra:

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and undersigned organizations write to express our strong support for AB 2257, which would authorize public agencies to adopt procedures for the submittal and consideration of public comments regarding proposed water and sewer rates and assessments. This optional process proposed in this bill would bolster dialogue and transparency between public agencies and their customers and give public agencies an opportunity to address concerns during the ratemaking process.

Public water and sewer agencies provide essential government services for the benefit of communities, agriculture, industries, and the environment. These agencies are responsible for ensuring a consistent

and reliable water supply, safeguarding the quality of drinking water, planning, constructing, and maintaining critical infrastructure, and much more. With climate change presenting unprecedented challenges, these agencies also must adapt and enhance aging infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of increasingly frequent and severe climate-related events. Public agencies throughout California are making generational investments to build 21st Century infrastructure for a 21st Century climate.

The revenue necessary for public agencies to fulfill their essential government functions and adapt to a changing climate predominantly comes from service rates and assessments. While these agencies require financial stability to meet increasing demands, a rise in Proposition 218 litigation is making it increasingly difficult to ensure agencies can pass fair and reasonable rates to cover the costs of operations and investments.

Oftentimes, these suits are filed without first having raised concerns with the public agency during the public notice-and-comment process leading up to the decision to adopt rates or assessment. When litigants avoid raising concerns with proposed rates or assessments during the ratemaking process, the public agencies cannot endeavor to resolve the dispute and avoid litigation. The financial consequences of these lawsuits can be severe, as it is not uncommon for litigants to seek tens of millions of dollars in damages. Surprise lawsuits have the potential to undermine an agency's ability to maintain stable budgets necessary to operate effectively.

AB 2257 would build upon Proposition 218's existing procedural requirements by creating an exhaustion of administrative remedies procedure, that, if a public agency elected to follow, would require the timely submittal of written objections during an agency's ratemaking process. Ratepayers would be required to state the particular Proposition 218 compliance concern, and public agencies would be required to provide their board and the public with written responses to each comment received prior to acting on the proposed rate or assessment. Ratepayers would be required to participate in this process in order to challenge the agency's adopted rates or assessments in court.

With a greater understanding of potential concerns and the agency's responses, the agency's board would have the opportunity to abandon its ratemaking/assessment proposal, change it (reduce it), or to better explain why it complies with Proposition 218's substantive limitations, before having to defend it in litigation. Additionally, if a public agency complies with the exhaustion procedures, the bill would specify documents that could be included in the administrative record, subject to certain exceptions, in the event of litigation.

AB 2257 would bolster the financial stability of public water and sewer agencies by creating a clear and robust public process that facilitates dialogue, transparency, and the opportunity to resolve issues and avoid costly litigation. Codifying a procedure that requires issue exhaustion in Proposition 218 litigation would protect both legislative and adjudicative functions by allowing a legislative body to hear the evidence, apply its reasoned discretion and expertise, and create an administrative record to facilitate judicial review. This would also foster better-informed administrative decisions, which benefit the objector, the public agency, and members of the public within the public agency's jurisdiction. This is especially valuable in ratemaking cases in which evidence and policies are highly technical. It would also help agencies develop more defensible rates and build rapport and trust with their ratepayers.

For the reasons above, ACWA and the undersigned organizations strongly support AB 2257 and respectfully request your "AYE" vote when the bill is heard in the Assembly Judiciary Committee. If you

have any questions about our position or this bill, please contact ACWA Senior State Relations Advocate, Kristopher Anderson, at KrisA@acwa.com or (916) 441-4545.

Sincerely,

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GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK **100-Year Record-Breaking Water Capture Year**

San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District 2023 Groundwater Achievement

*** Agency Sources Available for Interviews ** Photos Available ***

REDLANDS, Calif. (March 11, 2024) — To celebrate Groundwater Week and California’s recent atmospheric rivers dumping inches on the southland, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District announced its final groundwater recharge tally for 2023, which was a record-breaking water year.

“The district soundly surpassed our 100-year water recharge record from 1923 when we had recharged 84,981-acre feet (AF) of water,” says Betsy Miller Vixie, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District’s General Manager. “In 2023, we totaled **87,914 AF** of water collected in the district’s basin, which includes 15,513 AF from the State Water Project.” Miller Vixie adds that this figure does not include water that naturally recharges within the river system on District-owned land. According to data going back to 1912, this is the district’s best yield for the recorded history of 111 years.

Since 1912, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District has conserved more than **1.41-million-acre feet** by diverting the natural flow of the Santa Ana River and Mill Creek into 71 percolation basins. This allows the water to collect and seep naturally into the ground, where it can be pumped out for future use.

According to the district’s data, February 2024’s atmospheric rivers have already resulted in more than 2.13 billion gallons of stormwater captured for groundwater recharge. The recharging of San Bernardino’s Bunker Hill Basin aquifer was significant but only a drop in the bucket compared to the **459.5-billion gallons** of water the district collected since 1912.

The water captured and stored from February’s storms is enough to handle the indoor use needs of 117,000 Inland Empire residents for a year. The work making this possible was completed at the cost of \$98,000 – or less than \$1 per person per year. Combined with recycled and imported water, this type of active stewardship of local groundwater supplies a critical piece of San Bernardino’s regional water reliability strategy.

Looking to 2024, the newly built Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge Project basins on district property, which began capturing stormwater on January 7, have augmented existing facilities. This collaborative joint-agency project, led by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, will increase the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin's recharge capacity by an additional 80,000-acre feet each year.

About the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District:

For nearly a century, the SBVWCD has stewarded the San Bernardino Valley water basin and the native species of the Upper Santa Ana River Wash. Its collaborative approach to project management assures high-quality local water supplies for people, agriculture, and the environment. This includes groundwater recharge and oversight, as well as protection of habitat and native species in the Wash. Visit www.sbvxcd.org.

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San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Monthly Recharge Report

From: 3/1/2024
To: 3/31/2024



	March				
	Avg Daily Recharge	Monthly Recharge	Recharge WYTD	10yr Avg Recharge*	BTAC Max**
Santa Ana River	116.2	3,602	17,549	14,913	71,250
Mill Creek	64.6	2,002	4,142	4,568	42,750
Plunge Creek	112.9	3,501.0	4,142	1,233	#N/A
State Water Project	12.1	375	16,331	7,093	#N/A
In River Channel Recharge***	38.0	1,177	3,510	#N/A	#N/A
Total	344	10656	45,674	27,807	114,000

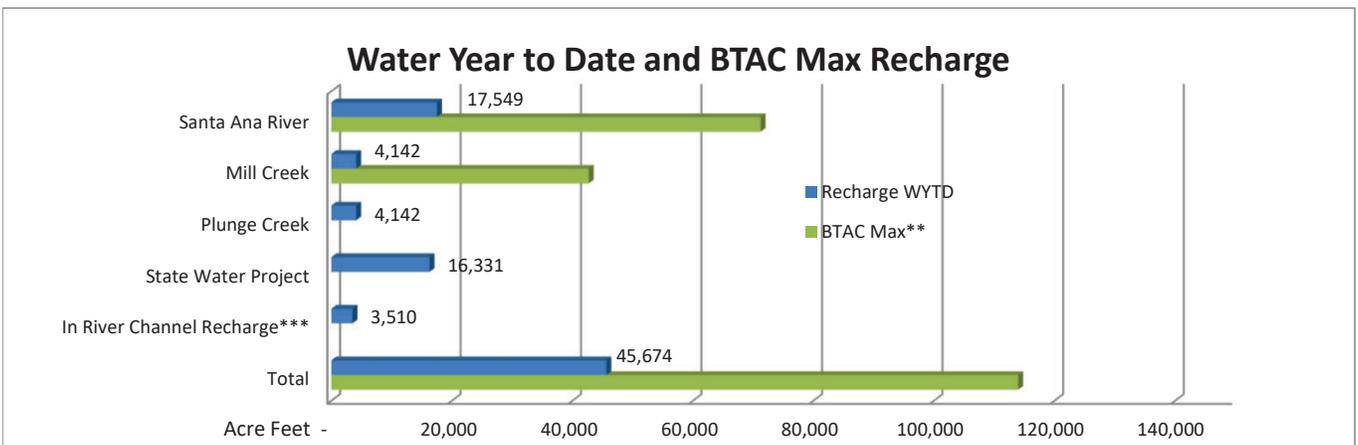
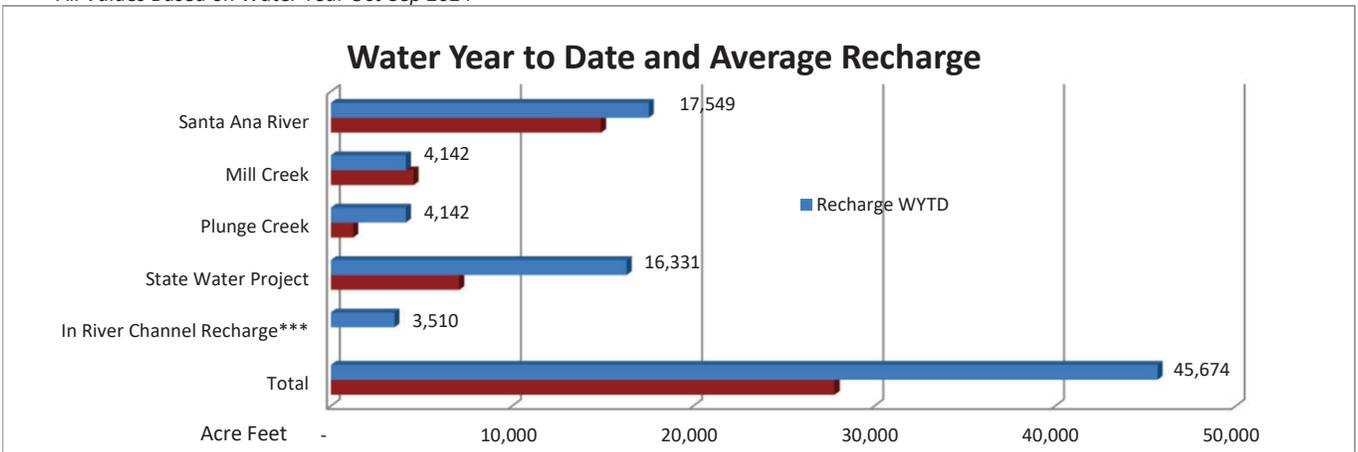
Values in Acre Feet

* Plunge Creek only has 3 years of available data

**BTAC Revised Max in December 2023

***Monitoring began in Mid-April 2011

**** All Values Based on Water Year Oct-Sep 2024



TRAVEL AND EXPENSES COST ESTIMATE

Name of Event:	Water Conservation Showcase
Event Dates:	04/04/2024
Conference Location:	San Ramon, CA
Requested by:	John Longville

GL	GL Name	Cost	Notes
6401	Directors Fees (\$270)	\$ 810.00	3 days
6410	Mileage (.67)	\$ 544.04	
6415	Air Fare	\$ -	
6420	Other Travel	\$ -	(Parking/Taxi/Rental Car)
6425	Meals	\$ 400.00	
6430	Lodging	\$ 300.00	2 nights
6435	Conference Registration (Full)	\$ -	
Estimated Total		\$ 2,054.04	

2024 Board Calendar - San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

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Jan. 10 Board Meeting
Jan. 24 2nd Qtr. Finance & Admin Committee

JULY						
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Jul. 10 Board Meeting
Jul. 24 4th Qtr. Finance & Admin Committee

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Feb. 6 Operations Committee
Feb. 14 Board Meeting

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Aug. 6 Operations Committee
Aug. 14 Board Meeting

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Mar. 13 Board Meeting
Engineering Investigation Report Presentation

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Sept. 11 Board Meeting

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Apr. 10 Board Meeting
Public Meeting/Groundwater Charge
Apr. 16 3rd Qtr. Finance & Administration Committee
April 17 Operations Committee
Apr. 24 Board Meeting
Public Hearing/Groundwater Charge
April 24 Budget Workshop

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Oct. 9 Board Meeting
Oct. 30 1st Qtr. Finance & Admin Committee

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May 15 Board Meeting

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Nov. 5 Operations Committee
Nov. 13 Board Meeting

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Jun. 12 Board Meeting

DECEMBER						
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Dec. 11 Board Meeting
(@ 9:30 a.m.)
Annual Luncheon