



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

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

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Call in (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 811 9302 1966

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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 HEARING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF THE 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 Hearing*
- *[2024 Engineering Investigation Report Presentation \(if requested\)](#)*
- *Staff Presentation on GW Sustainability/Replenishment Component and Groundwater Charge*
- *Groundwater Charge for FY 2024-2025 (M#2018) and Review Draft Resolution No. 622 for Groundwater Charge for 2024-20254*
- *Provide any comments on Resolution No.622*
- *Receive Public Comments or Testimony*
- *Close Public Hearing*

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Board Minutes, April 10, 2024.....28
- B. Report of Excused Absences

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Future Agenda Items & Staff Tasks

1. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- A. May 7 – 9, 2024 ACWA Spring Conference, Sacramento, CA
(Board Approval Required)
- B. May 15, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
(Zoom Meeting ID: 846 8609 6002)

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| C. June 4, 2024 | PERC Policy Committee, 10:00 a.m. at Conservation District
(Zoom Meeting ID: 874 6107 0953) |
| D. June 5, 2024 | Basin Technical Advisory Committee, 1:30 p.m. at Valley Municipal |
| E. October 3-4, 2024 | H2O Women Conference, Santa Barbara, CA
<i>(Board Approval Required)</i> |

2. 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 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.
5. 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.
7. **ADJOURN MEETING.** The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting will be on May 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA and via Zoom/teleconference.



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Memorandum No. 2018

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.

Notices of the proposed groundwater charge rate were mailed to all reporting groundwater producers on February 22 and 29, 2024, 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.

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

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 significant maintenance needs following record recharge in 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the recommended action would result in an estimated revenue of \$1,440,349 to GL 4022, Groundwater Charge, in FY25. 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 the use of \$185,000 from the Groundwater Recharge Enterprise Reserve (for significant maintenance needs following record recharge in 2023). The impact to reserves without an increase is approximately \$256,408.

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 FY25 from April 18, 2024

Attachment 3 – Updated 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		
Draft 2024-2025 Budget					2025 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
INCOME:							
4012	INTEREST INCOME-LAIF	0.00	1,100.00	0.00			
4013	INTEREST INCOME-CALTRUST	99,038.99	71,315.78	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%	

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Draft 2024-2025 Budget					2025 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
5050	BASIN CLEANING	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	100%	Based on FY 23 Actuals
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%	
5420	ELECTRICITY	10,815.69	10,815.69	11,356.47	2,271.29	20%	
5430	MOBILE PHONES	7,150.00	7,150.00	7,507.50	3,753.75	50%	
5440	TELEPHONE	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,150.00	787.50	25%	
5450	NATURAL GAS	2,730.00	2,730.00	2,866.50	859.95	30%	
5460	WATER / TRASH / SEWER	3,904.11	3,904.11	4,099.32	1,434.76	35%	
5470	INTERNET SERVICES	2,832.50	2,832.50	2,974.13	743.53	25%	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:							
6001	GENERAL ADMIN-OTHER	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	50%	
6002	WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,300.00	0.00	USFWS/CDFW/COE	
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		
6007	INTER DISTRICT COSTS	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00		
6009	LICENSES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,600.00	80%	Share by allocation
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		
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		
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%	
6027	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	23,250.00	23,250.00	23,250.00	2,325.00	10%	
6030	OFFICE SUPPLIES	12,100.00	12,100.00	10,000.00	2,000.00	20%	
6033	OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,100.00	405.00	5%	
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	Field Uniforms share by mission	
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		
6060	OUTREACH	127,000.00	127,000.00	77,000.00	15,400.00		
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		
6091	PUBLIC NOTICES	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	2,560.00		
6093	MEMBERSHIPS	25,364.28	28,000.00	29,400.00	0.00		
BENEFITS:							
6110	VISION INSURANCE	3,169.97	3,169.97	3,169.97	1,740.31		45%
6120	WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	21,426.97	21,426.97	23,276.97	12,779.06	45%	
6130	DENTAL INSURANCE	10,959.08	10,959.08	12,136.64	6,663.01	45%	
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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
6170.01	PERS EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION	-68,320.21	-68,320.21	-85,755.07	-38,589.78	45%	
6170.02	457 Plan EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION						
SALARIES:							
6210	OVERTIME				0.00		898,414.51
6230	REGULAR SALARIES	1,676,139.84	1,676,139.84	1,829,643.56			
Sub	Field Staff Part Time				0.00	100%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Field Supervisor	104,175.72	104,175.72	109,871.92	134,043.75	100%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Field Operations Spec I	69,388.80	69,388.80	76,192.02	92,954.27	100%	Salary+overhead 22% time
Sub	Field Operations Spec I	57,824.00	57,824.00	64,897.62	71,257.59	90%	Salary+overhead 22% time
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
Sub	Senior Admin Analyst	109,541.79	109,541.79	112,349.95	34,266.74	25%	Salary+overhead 22% time
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
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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
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INSURANCE:							0.38
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 FY25 from April 18, 2024

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INCOME:							
4012	INTEREST INCOME-LAIF	0.00	1,025.00	0.00			
4013	INTEREST INCOME-CALTRUST	99,038.99	71,315.78	0.00			
4015	INTEREST INCOME-UBS	510,000.00	1,270,635.66	1,275,000.00	73,743.75	Shared Interest	
4016	INTEREST INCOME CAMP	562,000.00	470,000.00	385,000.00	33,772.50	Shared Interest	
4017	PERC CAPITAL INCOME	171,900.00	0.00	0.00			
4022	GROUNDWATER CHARGE	753,061.42	753,061.42	1,440,349.41	1,440,349.41	100% 5% increase	
4024	GROUNDWATER COUNCIL REVENUE	731,858.00	645,302.01	0.00	0.00	100% 5% increase	
4024-2	GW COUNCIL PASSTHROUGH	200,000.00	176,345.99	0.00	0.00	100%	
4026	GW SUSTAIN./REPLENISHMENT	61,040.75	131,975.00	0.00	0.00	100%	
4031	PLANT SITE CEMEX	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	0.00		
4032	CEMEX - ROYALTY/LEASE	600,000.00	974,248.33	600,000.00	0.00		
4036	AGGREGATE MAINTENANCE	60,000.00	70,000.00	65,000.00	0.00		
4040	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10,000.00	3,500.00	64,000.00	54,000.00	Bureau of Rec grant funds	
4043	PROJECT SALARY REIMBURSEMENT	15,000.00	22,000.00	52,373.50	37,373.50		
4050	PROPERTY TAX	141,479.29	193,685.29	169,775.15	0.00		
4051	WASH PLAN TRAILS	66,000.00	0.00	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	160,732.66	201,162.26	0.00		
4066	REDLANDS PLAZA CAM	46,621.41	46,684.33	47,553.84	0.00		
4025	WASH PLAN REVENUE	374,450.00	414,410.64	120,255.44	0.00		
	GW Recharge Enterprise Reserve	110,000.00	110,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	100%	
4998	RATE STABILIZATION *From Reserves		0.00	0.00	0.00	100%	
4999	TRUST REIMBURSEMENT WP	225,000.00	1,566,153.64	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL INCOME:		5,474,923.97	7,609,137.11	5,222,111.91	2,100,637.43		
EXPENSES:							
5080	LAFCO CONTRIBUTION/FEES	2,056.95	2,048.06	2,056.95	0.00		
5120	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	539,625.00	322,240.80	477,500.00	255,000.00	Consulting Services	
5122	WASH PLAN PROF. SERVICES	28,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00		
5123	WASH PLAN IMPLEMENTATON	329,700.00	329,700.00	87,589.78	0.00		
5125	ENGINEERING SERVICES	35,000.00	17,500.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	100%	
5126	GW SUSTAIN./REPLENISHMENT	61,040.75	131,930.00	0.00	0.00	100% Pass through of GC cost	
5127	PROJECT ACCOUNTING SERVICES	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	0.00		
5128	GC NONDISTRICT FACILITIES MAINT.	200,000.00	176,345.99	0.00	0.00	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	10,000.00	100,000.00	0.00		
5160	IT SUPPORT	45,625.00	40,486.19	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	22,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	100% based on average actual	

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5215	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	40,000.00	25,000.00	40,000.00	32,000.00	80%	Invasive and canal cleanin
5223	TEMP FIELD LABOR	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	100%	
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:							Based on FY 23 Actuals
5310	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	9,240.00	9,240.00	10,626.00	10,626.00	100%	
5320	FUEL	21,560.77	31,560.77	35,000.00	35,000.00	100%	
UTILITIES:							
5410	ALARM SERVICE	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,260.00	504.00	40%	FACILITIES SHARE
5420	ELECTRICITY	10,815.69	8,849.62	11,032.00	2,206.40	20%	FACILITIES SHARE
5430	MOBILE PHONES	7,150.00	6,500.00	7,507.50	3,753.75	50%	FACILITIES SHARE
5440	TELEPHONE	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,240.00	810.00	25%	FACILITIES SHARE
5450	NATURAL GAS	2,730.00	2,000.00	2,350.00	705.00	30%	FACILITIES SHARE
5460	WATER / TRASH / SEWER	3,904.11	4,668.99	4,489.73	1,571.40	35%	FACILITIES SHARE
5470	INTERNET SERVICES	2,832.50	3,866.30	3,257.38	814.34	25%	FACILITIES SHARE
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:							ESTIMATE BY USE
6001	GENERAL ADMIN-OTHER	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	50%	
6002	WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION	6,000.00	5,000.00	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	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	50%	
6009	LICENSES	2,000.00	1,911.42	2,000.00	1,600.00	80%	
6010	SURETY BOND	1,900.00	1,815.00	1,900.00	0.00		
6012	OFFICE MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	11,000.00	10,000.00	0.00		Share by allocation
6013	OFFICE LEASE PAYMENT	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	20%	
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6435	CONF/SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS	6,050.00	6,050.00	6,655.00	0.00		
6440	ELECTION FEES/REDISTRICTING	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	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	6,750.00	675.00	10%	

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				2025 BUDGET:	% BUDGET	BASIS:
Draft 2024-2025 Budget						
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	8,800.00	3,080.00	35%	
6535 CONF/TRAINING REGISTRATIONS	29,875.00	29,875.00	28,275.00	9,896.25	35%	
9999 Contribution toward Capital Maint.	220,000.00	220,000.00	100,000.00	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	4,644,943.39	4,539,438.69	2,096,216.22		
Operating Revenue	5,474,923.97	7,609,137.11	5,222,111.91	2,100,637.43		
NET OPERATING REVENUE	495,622.37	2,964,193.72	682,673.22	4,421.21		

Attachment 3 – Updated 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	23,250	\$14.54	\$ 338,060	\$348,401	\$686,461
58	2022	21,022	\$14.54	\$ 305,657	\$348,401	\$654,058
59	2022.5	22,763	\$15.27	\$ 347,594	\$365,820	\$713,414
60	2023	14,981	\$15.27	\$ 228,757	\$365,820	\$594,577
61	2023.5	27,503	\$16.95	\$ 466,170	\$365,929	\$832,099
62	2024	21,567	\$16.95	\$ 365,563	\$365,929	\$731,492

No Change in GW Charge			0%	GC-Did not renew	
62	2024	40,950	\$ 16.95	\$ 694,096	GC Income
63	2024.5	41,258	\$ 16.95	\$ 699,324	\$0.00
64	2025	39,672	\$ 16.95	\$ 672,437	\$0.00
Fiscal 24-25				\$ 1,371,761	\$0.00
Calendar 24				\$ 1,393,421	
				FY TOTAL	\$ 1,371,761

3% Increase GW Charge			3%	GC-Did not renew	
62	2024	40,950	\$ 16.95	694,096	GC Income
63	2024.5	41,258	\$ 17.46	720,304	\$0.00
64	2025	39,672	\$ 17.46	692,610	\$0.00
Fiscal 24-25				\$ 1,412,914	\$0.00
Calendar 24				\$ 1,414,400	
				FY TOTAL	\$ 1,412,914

5% Increase in GW Charge			5%	GC-Did not renew	
62	2024	40,950	\$ 16.95	\$ 694,096	GC Income
63	2024.5	41,258	\$ 17.80	\$ 734,291	\$0.00
64	2025	39,672	\$ 17.80	\$ 706,059	\$0.00
Fiscal 24-25				\$ 1,440,349	\$0.00
Calendar 24				\$ 1,428,387	
				FY TOTAL	\$ 1,440,349

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 foot 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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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betsy Miller".

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 Kunihiro	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

1:50 pm) SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2024
1:30 p.m.

President McDonald called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. by in-person, teleconference, and 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: 1:50 pm)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

June Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
David Smith, East Valley Water District
Michael Moore, East Valley Water District
Johnny Cho, Realtor
Ted Parks, Hello Sushi
Joseph Aguirre, 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. Mr. Cho spoke on behalf of Ted Parks of Hello Sushi who lease Suite G-H at Redlands Plaza. He discussed Mr. Park's request to exercise a five-year extension to the existing lease with an additional five-year option for a total of ten years. President McDonald thanked Mr. Cho for his comments and noted that this item will be discussed in closed session and therefore the Board is unable to take action on this item in open session today. Mr. Cosgrove said there was no Board action taken in September 2023, as previously indicated by Mr. Parks. He said that the existing lease has expired, and the renewal will be discussed in closed session. Mr. Cosgrove said that the District will respond to Mr. Park's request by the close of business tomorrow. June Hayes, Director of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD), announced the sad passing of their former Director, Gil Navarro. Paul Kielhold, Director of SBVMWD, announced upcoming events including the Foundation Summit being held on April 25-26 to discuss the history and role of the wholesale District with a tour held on the second day. This will be followed by a tour of the State Water Project facilities on May 29-31.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the posted agenda.

3. GUEST RECOGNITIONS/SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and staff made self-introductions.

4. PUBLIC MEETING RELATED TO ADOPTION OF THE GROUNDWATER CHARGE

Ms. Miller reviewed the groundwater rate-setting process. The Finance & Administration Committee and staff recommend a 5% increase to the groundwater charge, which is a total of \$0.85 cents. She noted that the proposed increase of 5% reflects the impact of inflation on the costs needed to operate and maintain District facilities. She indicated that a detailed budgetary review of the Groundwater Enterprise was presented to the Board on February 14, and that those documents are included in today's package. The Groundwater Charge notices were mailed to all District producers, and the notice of public hearing was published in the Redlands Daily Facts and the San Bernardino Sun on March 1, March 8, and March 15. Mr. Cosgrove provided a verbal overview of the draft Groundwater Resolution included on package page 19. The resolution will be brought back to the Board for final approval on April 24. He indicated that the proposed increase to the Groundwater Charge is 5%, to a total unitary amount of \$17.80 per acre foot. In addition, the Sustainability Component is recommended to cease due to the cessation of the Groundwater Council. He provided a brief history of the Sustainability Component. Mr. Cosgrove noted that the draft Engineering Investigation report was presented to the Board on February 14, and the final was approved on March 13. The Groundwater Enterprise budget has been presented to the Finance & Administration Committee. He noted that the Engineering Investigation Report presentation is available for presentation today if requested. No Board member or member of the public requested the presentation. Mr. Cosgrove discussed compliance with the noticing requirements, including newspaper and mailed notices. No action will be taken today, with the Board action scheduled for April 24. Director Corneille stated that

the District is planning to use some reserves for the FY25 budget. He noted his support for appropriate use of reserves such as this, and discussed that reserves were accounted for in development of the recommended Groundwater Charge. Ms. Miller said that a great deal of maintenance is needed after the recent record recharge years. A plan for maintenance is in development and will be presented to the Operations Committee. Director Raley requested additional information on the Groundwater Council (GC). Mr. Cosgrove provided a brief overview of the GC. Mr. Cosgrove noted that no public comments, written or verbal, have been received on the groundwater charge to date.

President McDonald opened the public meeting. Mr. Moore spoke on the GC, noting the need for ongoing discussions on how GC could equitably continue its mission. The GC has funds set aside to purchase water throughout 2024 and possibly into 2025. Mr. Moore said that East Valley Water District is committed to ensuring the District has the resources and funds to continue its mission. He commended the District for carrying out its mission and spoke in support of the District's proposed action. President McDonald asked if any other public wished to comment on the Groundwater Charge or Engineering Investigation Report. President McDonald closed the Public Meeting.

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Director Corneille to continue this matter to the April 24 Groundwater Public Hearing. 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**

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director Longville to approve the Consent Calendar: Item A: Board Minutes, March 13, 2024; and Item B: Expenditure Report, March 2024. 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**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

A. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT, MARCH 2024

Ms. Quiroga introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on package page 52. She indicated that overall revenue increased by \$313,726 due to an increase in interest and mining income. She said a pass-through payment of \$58,647.28 collected from the Groundwater Council was made to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District from GL 5128 GC NonDistrict Facilities Maintenance. The overall expenses for the month were \$274,850. Ms. Quiroga reviewed the graph financials on package page 54. She stated that groundwater revenue is 95% of the budget, Redlands Plaza revenue is 82% of the budget, and General Fund expenses are 143% of the budget. She said that the general fund looks high, primarily due to salaries, prior to being adjusted at year-end when staff adjusts overhead for the fiscal year. GL 6401 Directors Fees increased by approximately \$17,000 with the recent submission of expense reports from directors. Vice President Stewart discussed revenues being above budget, and requested a review of the reserves. Ms. Quiroga said that the increase in revenue was primarily due to fluctuations in the market in interest income. Director Corneille discussed the one-time lump sum payment from the Trust to the District. Ms. Quiroga noted that the payment will offset the District liability by reducing that receivable.

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director Raley to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports from March 2024. 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**

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Dr. Mitrovich provided an update on this item, noting its inclusion on package pages 58 to 61. He reviewed the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (SBKR) Monitoring Program, noting habitat monitoring began in March and will end in May. There have been 19 plots surveyed in the Wash and 17 in Mill Creek.

Dr. Mitrovich provided an update on the Wash Plan Implementation-Management Activities. He reviewed the Slender-horned Spineflower (SHSF) Monitoring Program, noting that staff and consultants counted 5,205 SHSF on March 12. Staff signed a 2081(a)-research permit extension with CDFW that runs through 2026.

Dr. Mitrovich reviewed the Wash Plan Implementation – Organizational Structure, Planning and Reporting on package page 59, noting that on March 6 staff walked Plunge Creek to discuss adaptive

management measures that can be performed this spring and summer in support of the larger Plunge Creek Conservation Project. He discussed partnership activities as noted on package page 60 and 61. He said that on April 16, the District will host a Wash tour for USFWS. This item was received and filed.

B. ENGINEERING UPDATE

Ms. Scholte introduced this item for discussion, noting its inclusion on package page 62. She reviewed the Mentone Shop project, stating that construction began on March 26. The new building is estimated to arrive in three weeks. The formwork is in place, and rebar is being installed. The electrical and water connections will be done soon. The concrete slab will be poured next week and will take 28 days to cure. She said that the fire hydrant has been connected. G3 Quality will perform testing. Ms. Scholte shared photos via Zoom of the current progress. Vice President Stewart asked for the Certificate of Occupancy date to be brought to the Board. Director Corneille suggested having a ribbon cutting for the new building.

Ms. Scholte provided an update on the Enhanced Recharge Project, noting that five newly-constructed basins are now in operation, with two additional basins (G and H) expected to be online by next week. In addition, our existing basins 15 and 17 will be operable again after that part of construction is complete. Staff is coordinating closely with SBVMWD staff regarding Seven Oaks Dam (SOD) releases that will begin next week to test the operation of the new main canal and basin system. We will also be running water from the sedimentation basin to the Santa Ana low turnout for the first time. Director Corneille asked for the project completion date and the total number of planned basins. Ms. Scholte indicated that 20 new basins will be constructed in total. The original scheduled completion date was 2025 but the project is expected to be completed sooner.

Ms. Scholte provided an update on the PERC projects, as included on package pages 62 to 63. Staff has received the parent document from Tetra Tech which compiles all of the existing conditions models and hydraulics for review by San Bernardino Flood Control District (FCD). After staff receives approval from FCD, modeling of the proposed conditions will begin. The sediment transport model for Plunge and Oak Creek has been received and is under review by staff. Mill Creek existing conditions modeling, and infiltration results have been reviewed. This item was received and filed.

C. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY RECHARGE REPORT

Ms. Miller indicated that the written General Manager's Report is included in the Board package on pages 64 through 68. The District has exceeded 45,000 AF of recharge for the current water year. She noted that the Assistant Biologist, Anna Frey, attended a California Rapid Assessment training in March, a portion of which was held at the District's Plunge Creek site. The Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) project continues to progress, with a draft workplan provided to the Steering Committee for review. She noted that the City of Redlands staff indicated their intent to present the trails MOU to their Council on May 7. She noted that the state director for BLM has

retired, and that we continue to work with BLM staff on the land exchange. On March 6, District staff photos were taken. District successes were noted and reviewed on package page 66.

She noted that a letter of support for AB2257 was submitted by the District and is included on package page 69. A press release for Groundwater Awareness Week is included on package page 73. Ms. Miller noted the District is hosting an event in coordination with the San Bernardino County Museum on April 20 for A Day of Climate Action in Redlands. The event includes a presentation on native bees and native gardens by a local National Geographics Explorer who specializes in insect photography. Director Corneille provided information on events that will be held on April 20 by the Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action, including a Repair Café. Ms. Miller said that LAFCO provided an update on their Special District's Committee election, noting that Kimberly Cox will be appointed following no nominations for other candidates in her geographic area. She said that Tommy Purvis has shared how the new F-250 has increased efficiency by allowing staff to transport the excavator via trailer without having to use the dump truck, and directed attention to a photo of the truck on package page 66. The Monthly Recharge Report is included on package page 75. This item was received and filed.

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND STAFF TASKS

Director Corneille asked if there was an update to our outreach program and if the Outreach Committee had reviewed the budget. Ms. Miller said that the Draft Communications and Engagement Plan has been completed and is awaiting staff review. She will work with the Board Secretary to schedule an Outreach Committee meeting.

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

Director Longville attended the District's Board meeting on March 13, SBVMWD Board Meeting on March 19 and April 2. He indicated that he did not attend the Water Conservation Showcase that he had intended to go to.

Director Raley attended the Redlands Rise N Shine on April 5 and signed expenditures on April 9.

Director Corneille attended a climate teaching at the University of Redlands on March 21 and Redlands Rise N Shine on April 5.

Vice President Stewart attended the Big Bear Watermaster Committee on March 19, the Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce Mayors Breakfast on April 3, and the SBVMWD Policy & Administration Workshop on April 4. He noted that the meetings on the Sunrise Ranch should be attended by the Board and/or staff.

President McDonald will attend the ACWA State Legislative Committee tomorrow. She attended the SBVMWD Resources & Engineering Workshop on April 9, SBVMWD Policy & Administration Workshop on April 4 and Met with President Morales of East Valley Water District on April 3. She attended the SBVMWD Board meeting on April 2, the Highland Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on March 26, and

the ACWA State Legislative Committee on March 22. She attended the SBVMWD Board Meeting on March 19. President McDonald encouraged Board members to submit expense reports in a timely manner.

There was no action required related to the travel request included on package page 76.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Finance & Administration Committee will be held on April 16, and the Operations Committee will be held on April 17.

10. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Director Corneille and second by Director Raley to adjourn to Closed Session. The motion carried 5-0, with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.

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

General Counsel announced that the meeting would adjourn to a closed session to discuss all posted agenda items.

At 4:22 p.m. the meeting reconvened into open session. Mr. Cosgrove noted that direction was given to its negotiators, but otherwise there was no reportable action during the closed session.

11. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Director Longville and seconded by Director Corneille to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0, with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.

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

At 4:24 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting/Groundwater Public Hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 24, 2024, in-person, teleconference, and Zoom meeting.

Betsy Miller
General Manager