



ZONE 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

AGENDA

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

Arroyo Grande, 10:30 AM

215 E. Branch St

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT
This is also an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items that are not on the agenda.
- III. MEETING MINUTES
A. September 18, 2025, Meeting – [Attachment 1](#)
- IV. APPROVAL OF 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE - [Attachment 2](#)
- V. OPERATIONS REPORT
A. Water Plant Operations, Reservoir Storage, Downstream Releases - [Verbal Update](#)
B. Projected Reservoir Levels – [Attachment 3](#)
C. September and October Monthly Operations Report – [Attachment 4](#)
D. Projects Updates - [Attachment 5](#)
- VI. LOPEZ RECREATION REPORT
- VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
A. Present 1st Quarter FY 2025/26 Budget Status– [Attachment 6](#)
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS (No Subsequent Board of Supervisors Action Required)
- IX. ACTION ITEMS (Board of Supervisors Action is Subsequently Required)
A. Endorse Agriculture Member Appointment (Byron Talley)
- X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- XI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled for
January 15, 2026, at 10:30 AM at Arroyo Grande, 215 E. Branch St
Agendas accessible online at www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/zone3



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ZONE 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY September 18, 2025
GROVER BEACH**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- **Action:** The Zone 3 Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Member at Large Ron Reilly
- **Action:** Roll call conducted by David Spiegel

Members in Attendance:

- Vard Ikeda, Agriculture
- Ron Reilly, Member at Large
- Brad Hagemann, CSA-12
- Jules Tuggle, Grover Beach Member
- Marcia Guthrie, Pismo Beach Member
- Shirley Gibson, Oceano CSD

Members Absent:

- Aileen Loe, Arroyo Grande Member

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gordon Hensley, San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper

Mr. Hensley stated that San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper focuses on the protection of public trust resources, including species and water rights. He expressed concern that the county has delayed compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for decades and asserted that current legal strategies are contributing to further delays without addressing compliance requirements. He noted that, regardless of litigation outcomes, the County will remain out of compliance until a Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit are completed. He also questions whether Zone 3 has ever received a state-issued document confirming its water rights, indicating that neither his organization nor, to his knowledge, the Zone 3 board has seen such

documentation. Mr. Hensley expressed concern about the financial costs of ongoing litigation and encouraged the Zone 3 board to direct the County and its legal counsel to work toward compliance and resolution rather than pursuing further delay.

Jesse Swanhuysen, Partner, Sycamore Law

Mr. Swanhuysen, serving in a supporting role to Environmental Advocates in litigation against the County, delivered a letter previously sent to the County. He noted that appendices are extensive but available through the County. He provided background on state water rights, clarifying that Zone 3 has not yet reached the “right” stage of the permitting process, and current permits do not accurately reflect operations. He emphasized that securing future water rights is directly linked to compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Mr. Swanhuysen outlines the history of the ongoing litigation, noting that the county has been advised for over 30 years to comply with ESA obligations. He stated the lawsuit was filed to compel compliance, which is necessary both for protecting Steelhead and for securing water rights. He expressed concern that the County’s litigation strategy has misaligned incentives among the County, Zone 3 agencies, and the ratepayers funding legal costs (approximately \$2 million to date). He clarified that the County’s pending appeal relates only to preliminary injunction and does not resolve the underlying case. At best, a favorable outcome for the County would result in remand to the district court, further complicating and delaying the case. He further noted that the appeal expands the scope to additional species beyond steelhead. Mr. Swanhuysen urged Zone 3 representatives to engage more directly with the County and its legal counsel regarding litigation strategy, alternatives, and settlement positions. He observed that County responses to settlement proposals have not been substantive, leaving the parties too far apart. He concluded by stating that ESA compliance is not optional; the key issue is how quickly, and cost-effective compliance can be achieved to redirect resources from litigation expenses toward necessary environmental and water supply programs.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Reilly presented item for approval of July 17, 2025, minutes.

Motion for approval: Vard; Seconded: Gibson; The motion was approved with all ayes and no nays.

IV. OPERATIONS REPORT

A. Water Plant Operations, Reservoir Storage, Downstream Releases

- **Action:** Report provided by Spiegel

B. Projected Reservoir levels

- **Action:** Report provided by Spiegel.
- **Action:** The capacity (actual storage), Storage projection (SP), Storage projection (0 rain) and Storage projection with no Preliminary injunction are all now on the chart at the request of the agencies.

C. July and August Monthly Operations Report

- **Action:** Report provided by Spiegel.

D. Project Updates

- **Action:** Report provided by Spiegel.

Public Comment – Susannah Brown, Data Scientist, Renaissance Strategy Dynamics; Chairperson, South County chambers of Commerce

- Thanked the committee for providing data and reports
- Highlighted three concerning trends in the Zone 3 reports:
 - Over \$2 million has already been spent on legal defense, significantly impacting the budget
 - Lopez Reservoir storage is trending below historic averages with updated projections showing continued decline even under average rainfall conditions.
 - Contractors are receiving less than full entitlements, resulting in higher costs for reduced water supplies.
- Noted that these combined factors create risks of instability for communities, businesses and residents.
- Encouraged inclusion of scenario modeling in future reports (e.g., impacts of increased releases or 20% entitlement reductions) to support decision-making and build public confidence.
- Acknowledged broader county efforts in desalination and recycled water and emphasized the importance of aligning Lopez planning with these initiatives.
- Expressed appreciation for the committee's ongoing work and consideration.

V. LOPEZ RECREATION REPORT INFORMATION ITEMS

Presented by Parks Superintendent Brian Wilder.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Present 4th Quarter FY 2024/25 Budget Status

Presented was a comparison of the budget to actual expenses for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2024-25. The 7.7 million budget is broken into three

categories: Routine O & M, Non-Routine O & M, and Capital Outlay. At the end of the fiscal year, 123% of the total annual budget was expended.

Public Comment- Stacy Inman, City of Pismo Beach Councilmember

Stacey Inman inquired about the reported \$2.2 million litigation cost, seeking clarification on whether the figure represented county expenses or Zone 3 agency contributions. It was noted that the amount is reflected as a pass-through expense, meaning Zone 3 agencies are funding the litigation rather than the county directly.

Katie Franco, Department Administrator for the County of San Luis Obispo

Since this lawsuit was not anticipated, it represents an unbudgeted expense. Typically, such costs are billed to the agencies as part of the fiscal year 24-25 budget true-up. This true-up will be reflected in the November billing, when the second installment of the current year's budget is issued. This is the extent of the information available currently.

Susannah Brown, Renaissance Strategy Dynamics

I would like to encourage the committee to recommend a mid-year budget adjustment, with review at the committee level before advancing to the Board. This process would ensure transparency and provide contractors the opportunity to give input prior to Board Consideration, given the current budget overages.

Katie Franco, Department Administrator for the County of San Luis Obispo

The expense was unanticipated, and the full scope remains unknown, making cost estimates difficult. A portion of this was included in the current year budget, but the duration and total expense are still uncertain. The county will continue to keep agencies informed to the extent possible, while exercising discretion due to the nature of the situation.

Jesse Swanhuysen, Partner, Sycamore Law

Mr. Swanhuysen reiterated that settlement remains the most effective way to control costs, noting that litigation expenses are high. He clarified that the reported \$2.2 million reflects only payments to outside counsel and represents roughly half of the actual cost incurred, as his firm has not yet received compensation. He emphasized that settlement continues to be the most viable resolution.

VII. ACTION ITEMS (No Subsequent Board of Supervisors Action Required)

None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Board of Supervisor Action is Subsequently Required)

None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Hagemann CSA-12 requested additional Budget analysis for the November Advisory meeting.

*This comment was presented following Item VI.

Ron Reilly, Member at Large, noted that uncertainty in answering certain questions during the meeting. He Suggested exploring whether the committee could utilize closed session at a future meeting to receive advice from legal and financial counsel, allowing for a unified understanding when addressing inquiries. It was confirmed by David Spiegel that a common interest joint defense agreement exists between the agencies and the County. Members and their respective councils were encouraged to direct any legal questions to County Counsel.

X COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

*This item was presented following Public Comment.

Brad Hagemann stated; my observation from being in this regulatory slash now private game for 30 years, there would have been a better way to do this than just file a suit against the county. They've been working on the HCP. The Advisory committee was aware of that work and a nudge that says, we're planning on litigation, where are you guys at? But this came about very quickly and moved into a very expensive lawsuit that, you know, the motives. I'm not going to, you know, guess on, but I just think there would have been a better way to move this long than would have been thinking mostly about the rate payers because that's who's going to basically end up with this. I guess that's my personal comment, maybe not even a comment as CSA-12. I think we could have done better with it

ADJOURNMENT

- **Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM by Reilly

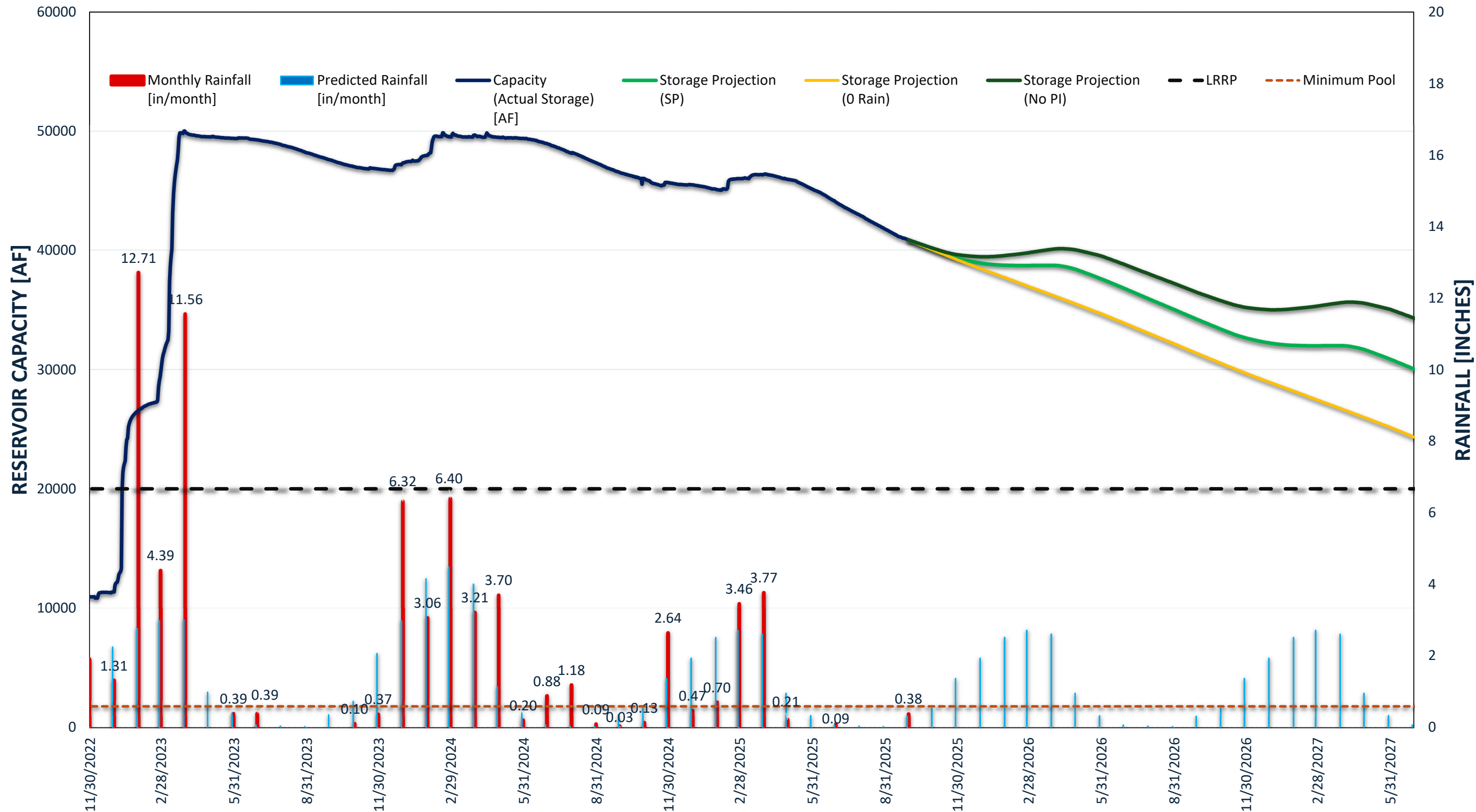
Next Meeting: Scheduled for November 20, 2025, at Arroyo Grande

Respectfully Submitted,

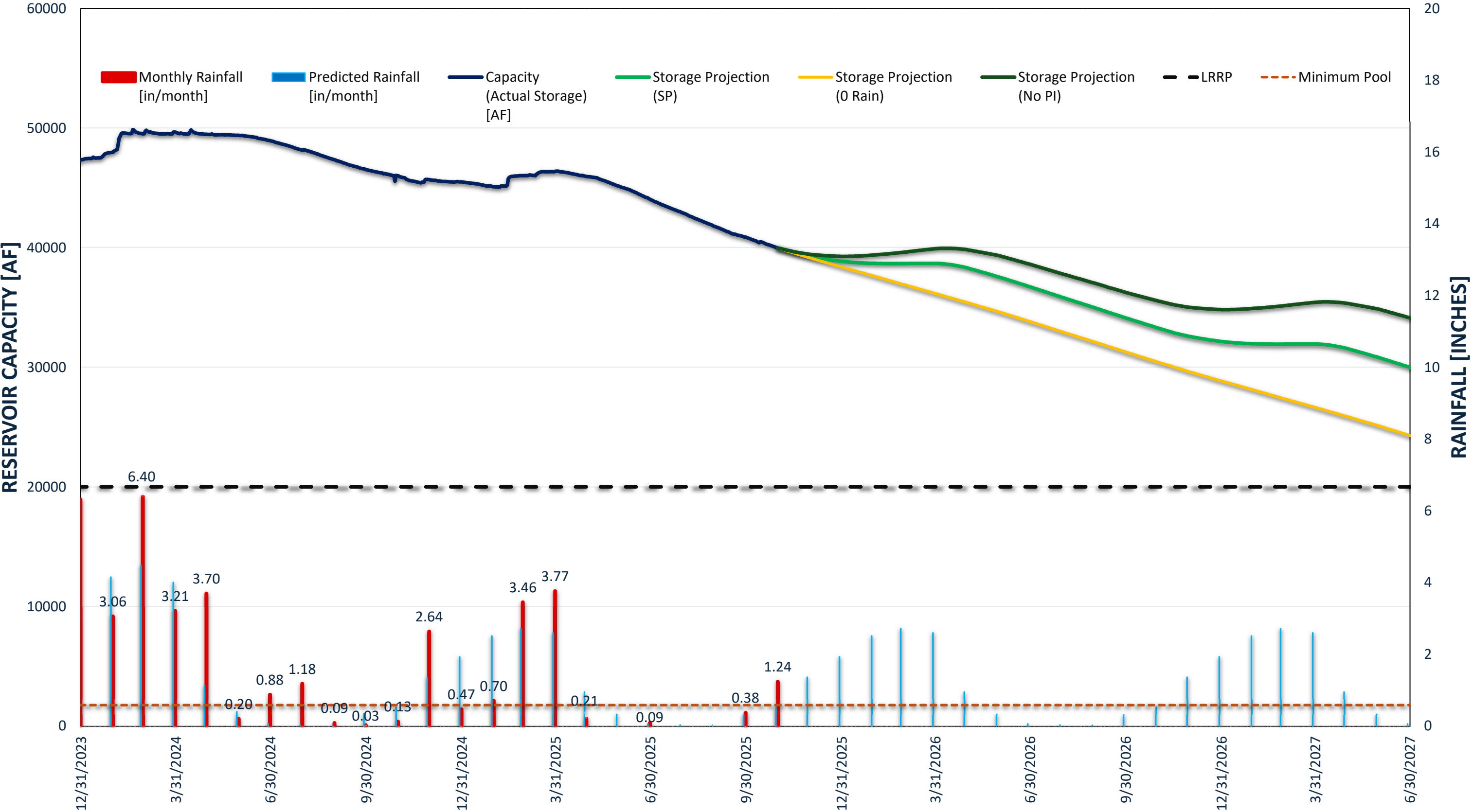
Darla Budge

County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department

LOPEZ RESERVOIR STORAGE PROJECTION CHART



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San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water District

Zone 3 - Lopez Project - Monthly Operations Report

September, 2025

PROJECT WATER																				
AVAILABLE WATER (APR-MAR)					DELIVERIES															
CONTRACTOR	ENTITLEMENT	STORED PW*	SURPLUS WATER AVAILABLE	TOTAL AVAILABLE PW	THIS MONTH								APRIL TO PRESENT							
					ENTITLEMENT		STORED PW	SURPLUS PW	DELIVERIES DURING SPILL	DIE STORED PW	TOTAL		ENTITLEMENT		STORED PW	SURPLUS PW	DELIVERIES DURING SPILL	DIE STORED PW	TOTAL USAGE	
					USAGE	%					USAGE	%	USAGE	%					USAGE	%
AG	2290	739.71	470.33	3500	0.00	0%	174.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	174.10	5%	0.00	0%	564.85	470.33	0.00	0.00	1035.18	30%
OCSD	303	118.91	0.00	422	24.05	8%	7.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.09	7%	24.05	8%	211.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	235.45	56%
GB	800	542.28	164.31	1507	56.50	7%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.50	4%	341.89	43%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	341.89	23%
PB	892	397.81	183.20	1473	133.94	15%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.94	9%	250.96	28%	397.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	648.77	44%
CSA 12	245	184.61	50.32	480	10.37	4%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.37	2%	62.86	26%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.86	13%
SM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	4530	1983.32	868.16	7381	224.86	5.0%	181.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	406.00	5.5%	679.8	15.0%	1174.06	470.3	0.00	0.00	2324.15	31%

STATE WATER PROJECT WATER														
CONTRACTOR	ANNUAL REQUEST**	CUMULATIVE AIE SSWPW ***	DELIVERIES											
			THIS MONTH						JANUARY TO PRESENT					
			ALLOCATION			DIE	AIE	TOTAL	ALLOCATION			DIE	AIE	TOTAL
			REQUEST	USAGE	%	USAGE	USAGE	USAGE	USAGE	%	USAGE	USAGE	USAGE	USAGE
AG	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
OCSD	95.0	0.0	20.00	20.00	21.1%	0.00	0.00	20.00	64.15	68%	29.09	0.00	0.00	93.24
GB	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A	35.12	0.00	0.00	35.12
PB	1190.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	429.90	36%	0.00	0.00	0.00	429.90
CSA 12	96.0	0.0	2.50	2.00	2.1%	0.00	0.00	2.00	48.27	50%	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.27
SM	90.0	0.0	8.00	7.51	8.3%	0.00	0.00	7.51	68.24	76%	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.24
TOTAL	1471.0	0.0	30.5	29.51	2.0%	0.00	0.00	29.51	610.56	42%	114.21	0.00	0.00	724.77

DISTRICT INITIATED EXCHANGE		
PW		
JANUARY TO PRESENT		
STORED DIE WATER		
AVAILABLE	USAGE	BALANCE
0.00	0.00	0.00
35.81	35.81	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00
59.21	59.21	0.00
6.06	6.06	0.00
13.13	13.13	0.00
114.21	114.21	0.00

CONTRACTOR	TOTAL MONTHLY DELIVERIES [AF]
AG	174.10
OCSD	51.09
GB	56.50
PB	133.94
CSA 12	12.37
SM	7.51
TOTAL	435.51

GLOSSARY
AIE: Agency Initiated Exchange
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SWP: State Water Project
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** Actual amount available is dependent on the State's (DWR) delivery %
*** Stored SWP water resulting from AIE

DAM & OTHER OPERATIONS				
	THIS MONTH	WY TO DATE	MAX CAPACITY	
LAKE ELEVATION (ft)	512.74	N/A	522.60	
STORAGE [AF]	40,885	N/A	49,476	83%
MONTHLY RAINFALL [in]	0.38	2.99	N/A	
(Annual: April 1- March 31)	-	-	-	
DOWNSTREAM RELEASES [AF]	475.13	2,903.02	4,200.00	
LAKE TO TERMINAL [AF] (WY)	509.04	2,708.97	N/A	
SPILLAGE [AF] (WY)	-	-	N/A	
AG WHEELING OCEANO WATER	2.19	N/A	N/A	

WATER ACCT. AFFECTED DUE TO SPILLAGE	
	[AF]
DISTRICT SSWPW LOST DURING SPILL	0.00
CUMULATIVE SSWPW LOST	0.00
STORED PW LOST	0.00

District Stored SWPW	
	[AF]
PREVIOUS DISTRICT SSWPW	TBD
DWR METER DELIVERIES	TBD
CHANGE IN STORAGE	TBD
EVAPORATION	N/A
LOSSES DUE TO SPILL	0.00
REMAINING DSSWPW	TBD

District Initiated Exchange Summary	
LOPEZ PW NEEDED THIS MONTH	N/A
LOPEZ PW AVAILABLE THIS MONTH	N/A
DIE EXCHANGE	N/A

NOTES

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9) Agencies requested a total of 930.39 AF of Surplus Water for the 2025-2026 Water Year.

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water District

Zone 3 - Lopez Project - Monthly Operations Report

October, 2025

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OCSD	303	118.91	0.00	422	35.94	12%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.94	9%	152.48	50%	118.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	271.39	64%
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CSA 12	245	184.61	50.32	480	10.45	4%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.45	2%	75.15	31%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.15	16%
SM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	4530	1983.32	868.16	7381	232.42	5.1%	157.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	389.65	5.3%	1006.5	22.2%	1238.8	470.3	0.00	0.00	2715.64	37%

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OCSD	95.0	0.0	15.00	15.00	15.8%	0.00	0.00	15.00	79.15	83%	29.09	0.00	0.00	108.24
GB	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A	35.12	0.00	0.00	35.12
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SM	90.0	0.0	7.00	7.22	8.0%	0.00	0.00	7.22	75.46	84%	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.46
TOTAL	1471.0	0.0	24.5	24.22	1.6%	0.00	0.00	24.22	634.78	43%	114.21	0.00	0.00	748.99

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PW		
JANUARY TO PRESENT		
STORED DIE WATER		
AVAILABLE	USAGE	BALANCE
0.00	0.00	0.00
35.81	35.81	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00
59.21	59.21	0.00
6.06	6.06	0.00
13.13	13.13	0.00
114.21	114.21	0.00

CONTRACTOR	TOTAL MONTHLY DELIVERIES [AF]
AG	157.23
OCSD	50.94
GB	60.23
PB	125.80
CSA 12	12.45
SM	7.22
TOTAL	413.87

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** Actual amount available is dependent on the State's (DWR) delivery %
*** Stored SWP water resulting from AIE

DAM & OTHER OPERATIONS				
	THIS MONTH	WY TO DATE	MAX CAPACITY	
LAKE ELEVATION (ft)	511.62	N/A	522.60	
STORAGE [AF]	39,968	N/A	49,476	81%
MONTHLY RAINFALL [in]	1.24	4.23	N/A	
(Annual: April 1- March 31)	-	-	-	
DOWNSTREAM RELEASES [AF]	496.48	3,399.50	4,200.00	
LAKE TO TERMINAL [AF] (WY)	463.57	3,172.54	N/A	
SPILLAGE [AF] (WY)	-	-	N/A	
AG WHEELING OCEANO WATER	1.80	N/A	N/A	

WATER ACCT. AFFECTED DUE TO SPILLAGE	
	[AF]
DISTRICT SSWPW LOST DURING SPILL	0.00
CUMULATIVE SSWPW LOST	0.00
STORED PW LOST	0.00

District Stored SWPW	
	[AF]
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DWR METER DELIVERIES	TBD
CHANGE IN STORAGE	TBD
EVAPORATION	N/A
LOSSES DUE TO SPILL	0.00
REMAINING DSSWPW	TBD

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ZONE 3 Lopez Project

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

TO: Zone 3 Advisory Committee
FROM: David Spiegel, PE, Utilities Engineer
DATE: November , 20, 2025
SUBJECT: Zone 3 Projects Update

Project Updates:

- Membrane Module Replacement (No Change)
 - Two racks ordered
 - Installation scheduled for December 9th
 - Budget ~\$600,000
- Spillway Assessment and Investigation
 - Draft Spillway Alternatives Analysis Received
 - Geotechnical Data Report submitted to DSOD
 - Remainder of project ~ minimum of \$300,000
- Geotechnical Testing & Seismic Alternatives Study of Terminal Reservoir Dam
 - DSOD requested 2DFlac and Fault Displacement Hazard Analysis
 - Getting quotes for additional work effort
 - Budget ~\$500,000
- Cathodic Protection Repair Project
 - Performing CP testing of new and existing test stations (1 Year)
 - Working on transient monitoring station plans for DWR/State water line crossing
 - System working well
 - Budget ~\$449,933



ZONE 3 Lopez Project

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

- Fire Flow Tank Replacement (on hold)
 - Reviewing grant opportunities
 - ~\$500k in Zone 3 Funds
 - Budget ~\$1,400,000

Complete

- Steelhead Passage Feasibility Assessment of Lopez Dam
- Lopez Dam Flow Sensor



ZONE 3 Lopez Project

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

November 20, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Flood Control Zone 3 Advisory Committee

FROM: Kristina Borges, Accountant

SUBJECT: Flood Control Zone 3, First Quarter Budget Status, Fiscal Year 2025-26

Recommendation

The item to be received and filed.

Summary

Attached please find a comparison of the budget to actual expenses for the first quarter of fiscal year 2025-26. The \$8.2M budget does not include the Debt Service portion and is broken into three categories: Routine Operations & Maintenance, Non-Routine Operations & Maintenance, and Capital Outlay. At the end of the first quarter, 29% of the total annual budget was expended.

25/26 Budget	24/25 Budget Carryforward	Total Budget	Expenses through Q1	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
7,086,127	1,157,927	8,244,054	2,369,961	5,874,093	29%

Routine O&M: This category has a budget of \$6.7M dollars. At the end of the first quarter, 27% of the annual budget had been expended, resulting in approximately \$4.9M being available for the remainder of the year. The unspent budget from the prior year has been carried forward for a couple of projects. Expenses in this category are slightly above target with budgeted levels.

25/26 Budget	24/25 Budget Carryforward	Total Budget	Expenses through Q1	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
6,433,727	261,254	6,694,981	1,780,429	4,914,552	27%

Non-Routine O&M: This category has a budget of \$741,548. At the end of the first quarter, 79% of the annual budget had been expended, resulting in an available balance of \$152,259 for the remainder of the year. The unspent budget from the prior year has been carried forward for several projects. Expenses in this category are above target as a result of the litigation expenses at \$589k, which is 99% of the expenses in this category.

25/26 Budget	24/25 Budget Carryforward	Total Budget	Expenses through Q1	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
557,400	184,148	741,548	589,289	152,259	79%



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Capital Outlay: This category has a budget of \$807,525. At the end of the first quarter, expenses were <1% of the annual budget, resulting in \$807,282 available for the remainder of the year. The unspent budget from the prior year has been carried forward for several projects and accounts for the majority of this category's budget.

25/26 Budget	24/25 Budget Carryforward	Total Budget	Expenses through Q1	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
95,000	712,525	807,525	243	807,282	<1%

Other Agency Involvement/Impact

The agencies involved: City of Arroyo Grande, City of Grover Beach, City of Pismo Beach, Oceano Community Services District, and County Service Area 12. Subcontractors of CSA 12 include Port San Luis Harbor District and Avila Beach Community Services District.

Financial Consideration

The revised billings for FY 2024-25 have been mailed along with the 2nd installment of the FY 2025-2026 billings. Payments are due January 1, 2026.