

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

SLO City/County Library Community Room
995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Wednesday, June 4, 2025
1:30 pm

Via Zoom Teleconference:

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Call-in information: 1 (669) 900 6833, Meeting ID: 886 4725 0277, Passcode: 181580

Note: Members must be physically present in order to count toward the quorum and cast votes.

WRAC Agenda

1.	Introductions & Welcome	1:30pm
2.	Approval of May 7, 2025 WRAC Meeting Minutes	1:35pm
3.	Receive Presentation from the Central Coast Water Board Chair and Executive Officer on Goals, Programs and Projects	1:40pm
4.	Receive Update from County Staff Regarding State Water Policies and Consider Actions	2:25pm
5.	Receive Update from County Staff on the Central Coast Blue Project's Award in the Proposition 1, Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant and Consider Actions	2:45pm
6.	Ongoing Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Rain & Reservoir Reportb. Drought Updatesc. Groundwater Basin Management Effortsd. Flood Control Zonese. Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)f. Master Water Report (MWR) Updateg. State Water Project (SWP)h. Desalinationi. Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinancesj. Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information	3:05pm
7.	Future Agenda Items	3:15pm
8.	Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda	3:20pm
9.	Adjourn Meeting	3:25pm

This agenda packet and attachments are available online at www.slocounty.ca.gov/wrac

Next Regular Meeting: September 3, 2025, 1:30 pm
SLO City/County Library Community Room
995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA

Please contact WRAC Secretary, Brendan Clark, with any questions. bclark@co.slo.ca.us

Purpose of the Committee:

To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to the water resources of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific water resource and water conservation programs with recognition of the economic and environmental values of the programs. To recommend methods of financing water resource programs.

Excerpts from WRAC By-Laws dated January 23, 2024

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MINUTES (DRAFT)

Chairperson: Thomas Burhenn
Vice Chairperson: Christine Mulholland
Secretary: Brendan Clark

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) as listed on the Regular Meeting agenda for **May 7, 2025** together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

The video recording of the meeting and materials submitted to the WRAC are available online: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-\(WRAC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Water-Resources-Advisory-Committee-(WRAC).aspx)

Call to order at 1:30 PM

1) **Determination of a Quorum and Introductions**

The number of voting Members present is 18. Quorum met.

2) **Approval of April 2, 2025, WRAC Meeting Minutes**

Item start time ~ 00:04:00

T. Burhenn introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

D. Roques moves to approve the April 2, 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

E. Greening seconds the motion.

Motion carries 16-0-2-0.

3) **Review and Discuss Proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2025/2026 and Consider Actions**

Item start time ~ 00:04:35

T. Burhenn introduces the item and C. Howard presents on the proposed San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget for FY 2025/26.

E. Greening references the County's drought planning consolidation efforts and asks if the assets or rate base are expected to cover the cost of integration. Is this a potential source for a future budget adjustment? And will the proposed budget account for any surprises as these efforts move forward? C. Howard responds.

E. Greening asks about the status and criteria related to Prop 4 Grant funding. C. Howard and B. Clark respond.

D. Chipping comments on Federal pullback of FEMA and Clean Water Act funding and asks if the County anticipates losing funds. C. Howard responds.

A. Loe asks about the proposed budget's ties to the Zone 3 budget. C. Howard and P. Brown respond.

P. Brown comments on the slide that mentions future Prop 218 initiatives and asks what rates might be analyzed. C. Howard responds.

P. Wilmore comments on the Joint Power Authority over the Paso Basin and asks if the establishment of new fees, levied on consumptive water use and potentially authorized through a Prop 218 ballot measure, would result in cost savings for the County's general fund. C. Howard responds.

L. Azeem asks for clarification about the County's well permitting authority as it relates to the GSAs. C. Howard Responds.

Committee Members ask staff to revisit sections of the 5-year projection spreadsheet and ask clarifying questions. C. Howard responds.

E. Greening moves to endorse approval of the proposed FY 2025/26 San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget.

D. Chipping seconds the motion.

Motion carries 17-0-1-0.

D. Chipping asks if a budget performance review can be provided to determine improved steps for the next budget proposal. C. Howard responds.

4) Receive Presentation on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the DESAL Plan

Item start time ~ 00:42:40

T. Burhenn introduces the item. C. Berg and A. Ford present on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the DESAL Plan.

E. Greening comments on potential site locations and conveyance facilities, and the likelihood of required property easements/resolutions, and asks when these property owners would be engaged in the outreach process. Also, in what format will you be engaging the regulatory agencies? A. Ford and D. Heimel responded.

D. Chipping asks if tailwater treatment is being considered as part of this analysis and comments on the energy/electrical requirements needed to meet conveyance.

A. Loe comments on the phased planning efforts of the project and how project specifics will be refined after the current phase. A. Ford responds.

T. Burhenn comments on OceanWell technology, a system that leverages the ocean's natural deep-water pressure to drive desalination and reverse osmosis. This technology is being prototyped in southern California and could interest the project team as they analyze power-related impacts and energy efficiency. D. Heimerl responds.

P. Brown comments on the requirement to evaluate recycled water use as part of the desalination planning process and asks what is being done to meet that requirement. A. Ford responds.

5) **Ongoing Updates**

Item start time ~ 01:11:18

a) Rain & Reservoir Report

No comments.

b) California Drought Monitor Summary

No comments.

c) Groundwater Basin Management Efforts

No comments.

d) Flood Control Zones

No comments.

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

P. Brown asks if the Regional Water Management Group will hold a meeting in the near future. B. Clark responds.

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

No comments.

g) State Water Project (SWP)

B. Clark notes that the State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee will be meeting on Friday, May 9th to review the latest iteration of policy edits. The WRAC is scheduled to receive an update on this topic in June.

h) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

No comments.

i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

E. Greening comments on the current 5 AFY exemption related to the Paso Basin Offset Program and asks if this amount constitutes a realignment from the prior de minimis threshold. B. Clark responds.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

B. Clark provides an update on the recent boil water notice and Lopez Water System.

E. Greening notes the importance of available decontamination options during the boil water notice and asks:

1. How are residents able to handle situations where both water supply and electricity are simultaneously cut off; and
2. Are these types of simultaneous shut-off scenarios included in the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

B. Clark and P. Brown respond.

P. Brown also comments on the recent boil water notice, noting that local cities tested negative for contamination in nearby connected distribution systems.

6) Future Agenda Items

Item start time ~ 01:20:25

B. Clark notes that staff from the Central Coast Water Board is planning on attending the June 4th WRAC Meeting.

E. Greening asks if any meetings are expected to be scheduled over the summer break period. B. Clark responds.

7) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

None

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC) 2025

Organization	Representative	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT														
District 1	Melanie Blankenship	M			O		O							
	Elizabeth Covert	A												
District 2	(Vacant)	M												
	Neal MacDougall	A												
District 3	Jim Marderosian	M				O	X							
	Natalie Risner	A												
District 4	Thomas Burhenn	M		X	X	X	X							
	David Crater	A		X	X	X	X							
District 5	Allen Duckworth	M		X	X									
	(Vacant)	A												
AT-LARGE														
Agriculture At-Large	Jon Winstead	M		X	X	X								
	Patricia Wilmore	A		O	O		X							
Agriculture At-Large	Mary van Ryn	M		X	X	X								
	Jason Yeager	A			X		O							
Development At-Large	(Vacant)	M												
	Tim Walters	A		X	X									
Environmental At-Large	Christine Mulholland	M		X	X	X								
	Dolores Howard	A												
Environmental At-Large	Eric Greening	M		X	X	X	X							
	(Vacant)	A												
Environmental At-Large	David Chipping	M		X	X	X	X							
	Stephnie Wald	A												
RCDs														
Coastal San Luis RCD	Dominic Roques	M		X	X	X	X							
	Linda Chipping	A					X							
Upper Salinas RCD	George Kendall	M												
	Tom Mora	A												
OTHERS														
Atascadero Mutual	John Neil	M												
	Jaime Hendrickson	A		X			X							
California Men's Colony	Scott Buffaloe	M												
	Mike Schwartz	A												
Camp SLO	(Vacant)	M												
	Jubilee Satele	A												
County Farm Bureau	Steve Carter	M		X		O	X							
	Paul Clark	A			X									
Cuesta College	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Golden State Water	Matt Cook	M		O	X	X	X							
	Mark Zimmer	A		O	O	O	O							
Shandon-San Juan Water District	Stephen Sinton	M		X		X								
	Ray Shady	A			X									
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	Lee Nesbit	M		O	X	O	X							
	Hilary Graves	A												
CITIES														
City of Arroyo Grande	Aileen Loe	M		X	X		X							
	Jim Guthrie	A				X								
City of Atascadero	Seth Peek	M				O								
	Nick DeBar	A		X										
City of Grover Beach	Jules Tuggle	M		X	X	X								
	Robert Robert	A												
City of Morro Bay	Zara Landrum	M		X	X									
	Cyndee Edwards	A												
City of Paso Robles	Christopher Alakel	M												
	Kirk Gonzalez	A												
City of Pismo Beach	Marcia Guthrie	M												
	Stacy Inman	A					X							
City of San Luis Obispo	Jan Marx	M		X	X	X								
	Emily Francis	A					X							
CSDs														
Avila Beach CSD	Brad Hagemann	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Cambria CSD	Jim Green	M		O	X	X	O							
	Tristan Reaper	A												
Heritage Ranch CSD	Scott Duffield	M		X	X	X	X							
	Doug Groshart	A		X										
Los Osos CSD	Chuck Cesena	M												
	Ron Munds	A		X	X	O	X							
Nipomo CSD	Ed Eby	M		X	X	X	X							
	Phil Henry	A												
Oceano CSD	Allene Villa	M			O	O								
	Peter Brown	A				X	X							
San Miguel CSD	Kelly Dodds	M		O	O									
	Tamara Parent	A												
San Simeon CSD	(Vacant)	M												
	(Vacant)	A												
Templeton CSD	Jeff Britz	M			X									
	Lori Azeem	A		O		X	X							
STAFF														
Public Works	Courtney Howard	Staff		X	X	O	X							
	Brendan Clark	Staff		X	X	X	X							
	Jenny Williamson	Staff		O	O	O	O							
	Joey Steil	Staff		X	X	X	X							

Notes: M=Member; A=Alternate Member, O=attended virtually, *=Special Meeting

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Advisory Committee - Roll Call Vote Form

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WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WRAC)

GUEST LIST 2025

Signing-in is voluntary. You may attend the meeting regardless of whether you sign-in.

NAME	AFFILIATION (if any)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AJ Maul	County of SLO	/		X		X		/	/				
Alejandra Celio	County of SLO	/		X	X			/	/				
Brian Neff	WSP	/		X				/	/				
Carolyn Berg	Koble Collaborative	/	X			X		/	/				
Carrie Poytress	Stantex	/			X			/	/				
Charlotte Arnao	Confluence Engineering Solutions	/			X			/	/				
Dan Heimel	Confluence Engineering Solutions	/				X		/	/				
Eric Johnson	Cambria CSD	/			X	X		/	/				
Greg Grewal	SLO County Cattlemans Association	/	X	X	X			/	/				
Harold Wright	County of SLO	/		X		X		/	/				
Jeff Brislawm	WSP	/		X				/	/				
Jeff Edwards	Resident	/	X	X	X	X		/	/				
Jessica Sucheki	County of SLO	/		X				/	/				
Jim Marderosian	Bee Sweet Citrus	/	X					/	/				
John Hollenbeck	Hollenbeck Consulting	/			X	X		/	/				
Josh Porter	County of SLO	/	X	X	X	X		/	/				
Juliana Prosperi	WSP	/		X				/	/				
Julie Tacker	Resident	/	X					/	/				
Kellie Fortner	City of SLO	/	X			X		/	/				
Kyle Anderson	City of SLO	/	X					/	/				
Lauren Gauschi	County of SLO	/		X	X	X		/	/				
Lydia Homes	Carollo	/				X		/	/				
Louis Lafebvre	Carollo	/	X		X			/	/				
Mark Battany	Resident	/		X				/	/				
Mark Madison	Edna Valley Growers MWC	/			X			/	/				
Mathew Scrudato	County of Santa Barbara	/				X		/	/				
Matt Watkins	Bee Sweet Citrus	/	X		X	X		/	/				
Melissa Baum	WSP	/		X				/	/				
Nick Teague	City of SLO	/	X	X	X	X		/	/				
Nola Engelskirger	County of SLO	/		X				/	/				
Paul Donnelly	Resident	/	X	X				/	/				
Peter Brown	Oceano CSD	/	X	X				/	/				
Peter Hague	County of SLO	/		X				/	/				
Ramy Wahba	County of SLO	/		X				/	/				
Ray Dienzo	Nipomo CSD	/	X	X		X		/	/				
Rosemarie Gaglione	City of Pismo Beach	/		X				/	/				
Sarah Ko	DWR	/			X			/	/				
Scott Milner	County of SLO	/		X				/	/				
Tim Kershaw	Cleath-Harris	/	X		X	X		/	/				
Troy Barnhart	County of SLO	/	X			X		/	/				
Wes Thompson	County of SLO	/	X	X				/	/				

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TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Wes Thomson, Supervising Water Utilities Engineer

DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Item 4: Receive Update from County Staff Regarding State Water Policies and Consider Actions

Recommendation

Recommend that the District staff present the proposed draft SWP Transfer Policy to the District Board for consideration, with the understanding that staff may continue to receive comments and suggest refinements prior to or during the Board's adoption process.

Discussion

As discussed over multiple meetings in Fall 2024, Winter 2025 and in parallel with the State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee, District staff are preparing to bring a proposed update to the SWP Policies to the District Board for consideration. The target date is June 17, 2025. The objective of the policy update is to clarify District priorities and criteria for SWP water supply contracting conditions – whether those are temporary (short-term; multi-year) or permanent (long-term) agreements – that will serve as a framework for developing program or contracts that align with the District Board's goal of maximizing the SWP water supply benefit for the County and reducing the cost burden on the county taxpayers and Subcontractors. As such, the policies would be used to (1) guide the District staff as it works to improve SWP water management and consider cost recovery opportunities, and (2) develop related contract provisions and administrative program procedures.

District staff intend to take the attached version to the District Board for consideration.

The State Water Subcontractor Advisory committee voted May 9, 2025, recommending District staff present the draft SWP Transfer Policy (version dated 4/18/25) to the District Board for consideration. The latest version (5/20/25) is substantially similar but includes minor refinements for clarification.

Attachments

1. Proposed Draft SWP Transfer Policies with Exhibit A Map (dated 5/20/25)
2. 2003 Excess Entitlement Policies (for reference)

State Water Project Water Transfer Policies

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

The State Water Project (SWP) Water Supply Agreement (Master Contract) is a long-term contract between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) which provides for the annual purchase and delivery of up to 25,000 acre-feet (AF) of SWP water (Project Water) to San Luis Obispo County. The District, as a wholesaler of Project Water, has in turn contracted with local public water agencies and others for delivery of Project Water within its service area (each a Subcontractor and collectively, the Subcontractors) pursuant to certain agreements (collectively, the SWP Subcontracts).

Additionally, the District has a side agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) for annual treatment of up to 4,830 AF of Project Water (CCWA Agreement), and coordinates delivery operations with DWR and CCWA for the delivery of Project Water to the District's turnouts within the DWR-owned SWP Coastal Branch pipeline. As a result, each Subcontractor has also entered into a Local Water Treatment Agreement (collectively, the Water Treatment Agreements) with the District to provide the terms and conditions under which the delivered water will be treated consistent with the CCWA Agreement.

One of the primary purposes of these Policies is to establish a framework for the District and Subcontractors that promotes flexibility and cost recovery to minimize the long-term financial burden on County taxpayers and ratepayers.

B. Description of the Coastal Branch System

In the 1990s, the District (on behalf of its Subcontractors) and CCWA (on behalf of its Santa Barbara County members) partnered with DWR to plan and design "Phase II" of the SWP Coastal Branch Aqueduct ("Phase I" was completed in 1968). This extension of the SWP brought Project Water supplies into San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties starting in 1997.

The DWR-owned pipeline (with pumping plants and storage tanks) and CCWA treatment plant (collectively, the Coastal Branch System) were developed to provide supplemental water for municipal use. For the District, the facilities were sized to deliver up to 4,830 AF annually based on its SWP Subcontracts at the time.

The Coastal Branch System delivers treated water to three turnouts in San Luis Obispo County – Shandon, Chorro Valley, and Lopez – before continuing south to serve communities in Santa Barbara County (see Exhibit A). Once the water passes through these District turnouts, it enters local distribution systems and becomes subject to local agreements, policies, and oversight. In some areas, the District or County may continue to have responsibilities – either as a water service provider or in their role as a land use and permitting authority – depending on local governance.

C. SWP Allocation

The “SWP Allocation” is the “Annual Table A Amount” of 25,000 AF available to the District under the Master Contract and represents the maximum annual amount of Project Water that can be delivered to the District under certain conditions. A portion of the District’s SWP Allocation is committed to the Subcontractors (the Subcontracted Amount) for municipal (domestic) supply use. The Subcontractors’ annual Water Supply Agreements total 4,830 AF, and Drought Buffer Water Agreements total 5,747 AF (for a combined total Subcontracted Amount of 10,577 AF).

The Subcontractors’ Water Supply Agreements are long-term “take-or-pay” arrangements (i.e., for annual delivery of up to 4,830 AF) and provide them with the first right each year to schedule monthly Project Water deliveries to the three existing SWP turnouts within the District. Under certain conditions, this benefit means the Subcontractors may decide to utilize 100% of the District’s conveyance capacity within the Coastal Branch in a given month or “delivery year” (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). However, the take-or-pay condition means that regardless of whether the Subcontractors use 100% of the available Coastal Branch capacity needed to take delivery of the subcontracted amount under their Water Supply Agreements (i.e., the 4,830 AF), they are still obligated to pay 100% of the annual DWR Coastal Branch and CCWA treatment plant costs that are allocated to the District. Accordingly, Subcontractors shall have the first right to utilize all Project Water and Coastal Branch System capacity (conveyance and treatment) made available to the District under the Master Contract and CCWA Agreement.

The remaining portion of the 25,000 AF of SWP Allocation not subcontracted totals 14,423 AF (the District’s Reserve Amount). Consistent with the requirements of the Master Contract, the District’s Reserve Amount is paid for primarily by property tax revenue which enables the District to maintain the balance of its contracted SWP water supply from DWR for the long-term benefit of the County.

When there is available Project Water in a given year that is not needed by the District to fulfill the Subcontractors’ Water Supply Agreements, then that water is considered surplus Project Water (the District’s Surplus Water).

II. GENERAL

A. Relationship to Previously Adopted Policies

These Policies replace / supersede the District’s 2003 Excess Entitlement Policies approved by the Board of Supervisors sitting as the District Board (Board) on January 14, 2003.

B. Application and Interpretation

These Policies apply to all of the District’s Project Water. The purpose of these Policies is to establish a framework that will guide District staff, the Board and its Subcontractors in maximizing the Project Water supply. The goal is to fully utilize the District’s Surplus Water within the County, and develop opportunities to optimize the Subcontracted Amount with a recognition that water transfers/exchanges (on an annual, multi-year, or permanent basis) are going to be one of the primary water management tools to achieve these objectives.

These Policies are intended to apply and be limited to water management decisions concerning water delivery contracts within DWR's SWP conveyance facilities, primarily those within the Coastal Branch, as shown in Exhibit A. Although these policies apply to the entire annual SWP water supply available to the District, the District is only a wholesaler of the Project Water, and so these Policies are limited to SWP water transfers within the District's contracted share of the DWR-owned part of the SWP system. The District is a separate legal entity from the County, and recognizes that other laws, regulations, and policies may govern how, where, or under what conditions the Project Water can be used locally. As such, these policies are not intended to address water management decisions about Project Water once that water is within local systems, that is, once that water has passed through the DWR-owned turnout (i.e., Shandon, Chorro Valley, Lopez, etc.). Water management actions for the water at that point are subject to the respective policies and contractual arrangements of the local systems (e.g., Chorro Valley Pipeline, Zone 3/Lopez, etc.). However, these Policies shall not be deemed to limit future discretionary actions by the District Board.

C. SWP is a Supplemental Supply – Primarily for Urban Water Needs (But Not Exclusively)

Given that SWP water is an imported supply and subject to delivery reductions and operational interruptions (annually, for up to several weeks at a time) for operations maintenance, it is the responsibility of the local public water agencies to integrate this supply into their local systems and to comply with local land use policies for water supply.

For the County, the SWP water supply was developed as a supplemental supply to meet municipal water needs. Domestic use shall be considered the highest priority use of all SWP water made available for local use in the County under the Master Contract. Domestic use is needed for sustenance, public health and safety, and welfare. State Water shall be used first to address public health, ensure reliable access to safe, affordable drinking water and sanitation. However, these Policies acknowledge that domestic use occurs both within public water supply system service areas and outside of those areas in the rural areas of the County where domestic water supplies are from individual water supply wells.

As part of a future program, the District will incorporate the 5,000 AF reliability reserve (20% of its 25,000 AF SWP allocation) for short-term use only (one-year or less). This reserve is intended to help meet Subcontractor obligations and support countywide water resiliency and response needs. It will not be available for long-term contracts.

III. PRIORITIES (GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR HOW THE DISTRICT'S SWP ALLOCATION SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED)

A. FIRST – Prioritize Needs of Subcontractors.

The Subcontractors shall have first rights to Project Water. The District will prioritize meeting the needs of its Subcontractors before making Project Water available to third parties. If any Subcontractor plans to acquire additional supplies, the District will attempt to meet the needs of these Subcontractors first, before entering into transactions with third parties. In addition and without limiting the foregoing:

- District Surplus Water made available to third parties must not harm the District's ability to meet its obligations to the existing Subcontractors.
- Transfers/exchanges of the District's Surplus Water with third parties can only be considered – whether temporary (short-term/single-year or multi-year) or permanent (long-term) – under a second-priority/standby basis in which the Subcontractors' first right of refusal to use the District's Surplus Water is preserved, and they retain the first priority option for delivery scheduling.
- Financial considerations shall be provided to Subcontractors providing capacity to deliver second-priority water. This ensures deliveries of transferred water do not detrimentally impact the ability of the District to fulfill existing delivery contracts for the other Subcontractors.

B. SECOND – Prioritize Local Public Water Agencies and Purpose of Use.

After all Subcontractors' Project Water needs are met, the District will give preference to local Public Water Agencies (within the County), with water allocated according to the purpose of use (via direct delivery, in-lieu, or groundwater recharge):

- **1st Order – Emergency Use:** Project Water needed for emergency use to ensure public safety and well-being. The intention is to give priority to transfers that address a public health need or a water shortage emergency pursuant to Water Code Section 350.
- **2nd Order – Domestic Use:** Use of Project Water as a supplemental supply to improve water system resiliency and reliability for drinking, sanitation, and fire protection for urban and rural water users.
- **3rd Order – Agricultural Use:** Use of Project Water for production agricultural irrigation or other farm and ranch purposes.
- **4th Order – Non-Domestic/Non-Agricultural Use:** Water allocated for non-domestic, non-agricultural purposes such as industrial, commercial, recreational or other non-essential uses.

C. THIRD – Prioritize Place of Use.

The original delivery location established under each of the Subcontractors' Water Supply Agreements is considered the preferred place of use. However, when capacity allows, requests for emergency or domestic use at other locations should take precedence over requests for agricultural or non-domestic use at a preferred place of use.

Among requests of the same priority (e.g., two domestic use requests), preference is given to those uses within the same/upstream financial reach – to minimize the “allocation without capacity” issue.

Downstream deliveries (including transfers or new water supply agreements involving turnout locations beyond the financial/conveyance reaches with dedicated capacity for that allocation) can be considered only under short-term (single-year) or on a second-priority/standby basis in which the Subcontractors' first right of refusal is preserved, and they retain priority for delivery scheduling.

D. FOURTH – Prioritize Internal Temporary Transfers/Exchanges within the District.

(Temporary reallocation to balance supply among local entities.)

If water remains available after meeting the needs described in Orders 1-4, the District will consider transfers or exchanges of District Surplus Water between local public agencies within the District, to balance out the supply.

E. FIFTH – Consider External Temporary Transfers/Exchanges.

Consider only after internal priorities are met; temporary transfers only, for achieving water management objectives and/or cost recovery.

F. SIXTH – Additional Considerations.

Additional consideration should be given to uses that:

- Help the District manage the District's Surplus Water to better match the variation in local domestic need that varies from year-to-year and seasonally.
- Store available and/or unscheduled water deliveries for later use during times of water shortages to support municipal, groundwater basin replenishment, and agricultural benefits provided these uses are integrated with domestic or other priority uses.
- Complement demonstrated efforts to maximize the efficiency and beneficial use of locally available supplies.
- Solve or mitigate water supply problems in key watersheds/groundwater basins identified by the Board.
- Support SWP supply planning objectives and create opportunities for the District and Subcontractors to benefit from revenue-generating water market activities that offset or recover costs.
- Align with State, District, or County water management plans, strategies, and priorities.

IV. CRITERIA FOR USE

Requests for use of the District's Surplus Water must meet the following Board-established criteria:

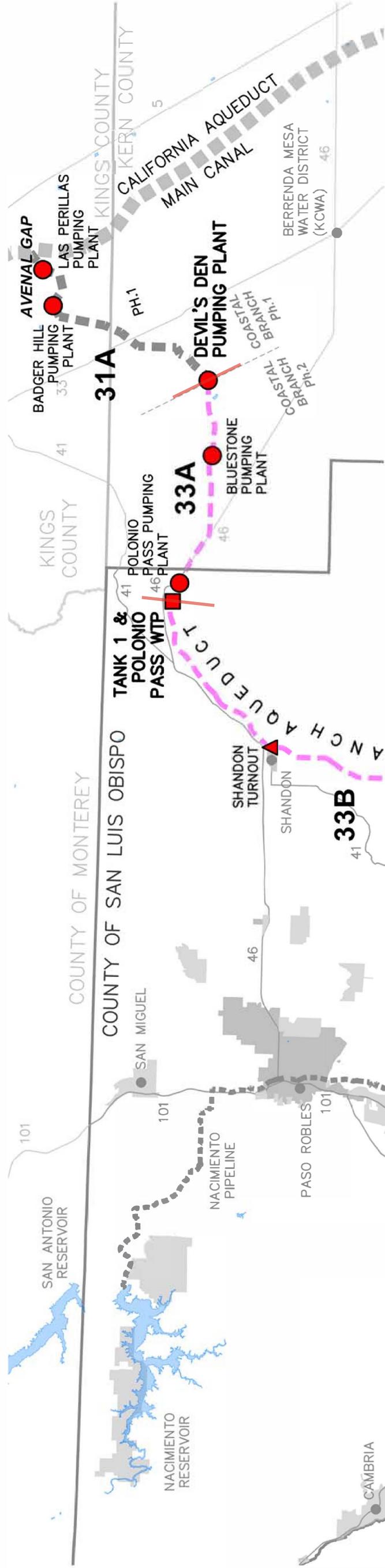
- A. Eligible Users** – Subcontractors, public water agencies, special districts, and groundwater sustainability agencies established to serve municipal/domestic, agricultural, or basin water management needs.
- B. Restrictions on Contracting** – Water cannot be contracted to non-public water agencies, or private individuals, private organizations, or institutions; the District will not establish new agreements for delivery of Project Water to entities whose primary mission is not focused on water supply management or water delivery operations for domestic, agricultural, or basin management needs.

- C. Approval Requirements** – The County or a designated public water agency / special district must request and approve the contract for supplemental use – whether for domestic, agricultural, or non-domestic use.
- D. Emergency Use** – Allowed if both County Board and requesting agency declare an “Emergency Condition”; use is subject to emergency declarations and all costs at that time.
- E. System Reliability** – Use of the District’s Surplus must not compromise the SWP system reliability or reduce delivery capabilities to the Subcontractors.
- F. Financial Considerations** – All costs must be paid by the water user. Uses shall not detrimentally impact existing subcontractors from a financial standpoint. There shall be no increase in administrative costs to the Subcontractors.
- G. Investment Recovery** – An investment recovery program is necessary to recover current and past costs. An amendment(s) to the SWP Subcontracts is anticipated to be the mechanism by which the investment recovery program is created and implemented, the development of which will necessitate the involvement of the Subcontractors.
- H. Regional Water Collaboration** – Requests should demonstrate how the proposed use of Project Water supports regional water supply reliability and maintains or strengthens existing partnerships that improve regional water resilience for the County.
- I. Compliance with Obligations and Laws** – Transfers and exchanges shall be carried out consistent with all applicable requirements and obligations, including but not limited to these policies, the Master Contract, Subcontracts, Water Treatment Agreements and all applicable laws and regulations, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

V. IMPLEMENTATION

The District Board acknowledges that the existing SWP Subcontracts do not provide for a water transfer program. These Policies are intended to guide the District staff and Board in considering transfer requests and in preparing amendments to the SWP Subcontracts that would make implementation of said requests possible by creating a defined process for temporary and permanent transfers; and it is not anticipated that any new long-term contracts will be established between the District and others for use of the District’s Surplus Water until the updated SWP Subcontracts are in place.

Notwithstanding, as indicated above, these Policies shall not be deemed to limit future discretionary actions by the District Board, including, without limitation, approval of a permanent transfer of existing water supply amounts under the SWP Subcontracts while the amendments needed to provide for the program contemplated herein are completed.

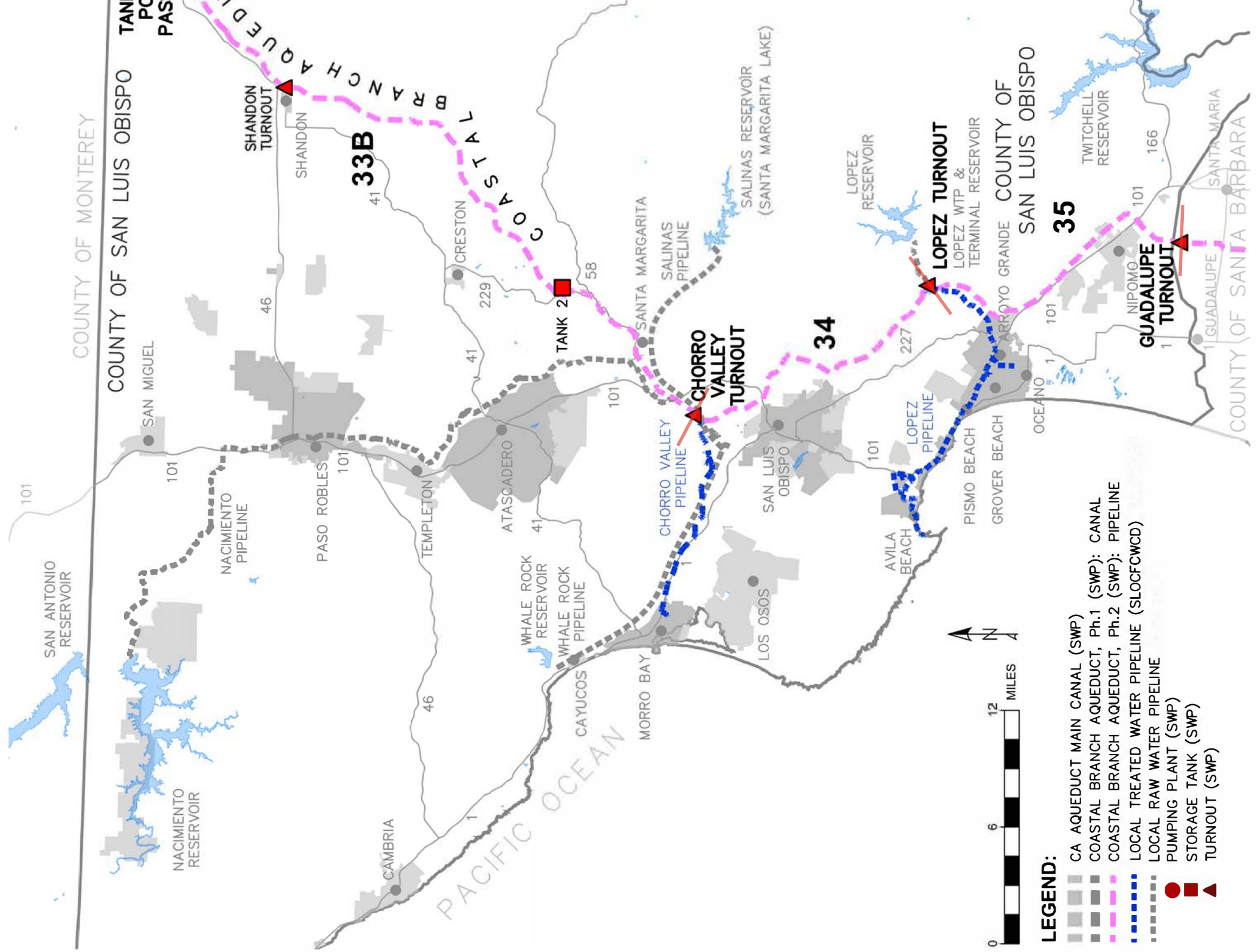


STATE WATER PROJECT (SWP) COASTAL BRANCH AQUEDUCT CONVEYANCE CAPACITY

SWP REACH NO.	SWP REACH DESCRIPTION	SLOCFCWCD ¹ CONTRACTED CAPACITY (AFY)	SBCFCWCD ² CONTRACTED CAPACITY (AFY)	TOTAL CONTRACTED CAPACITY (AFY)	OWNER-SHIP	O & M
31A	AVENAL GAP TO DEVIL'S DEN PUMPING PLANT	25,000	45,486	N/A ³	DWR	DWR
33A	DEVIL'S DEN PUMPING PLANT TO TANK 1 SITE	4,830	42,986	47,816	DWR	DWR
33B	TANK 1 SITE TO CHORRO VALLEY TURNOUT	4,830	42,986	47,816	DWR	CCWA
34	CHORRO VALLEY TURNOUT TO LOPEZ TURNOUT	2392	42,986	45,378	DWR	CCWA
35	LOPEZ TURNOUT TO GUADALUPE TURNOUT	0	42,986	42,986	DWR	CCWA

SLOCFCWCD ¹ TURNOUT	TURNOUT DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTED CAPACITY (AFY)	O & M
SHANDON	2-INCH PIPELINE CONNECTION NEAR INTERSECTION OF TOBY WAY AT SAN JUAN RD., SHANDON, CA	100	DWR
CHORRO VALLEY	16-INCH PIPELINE CONNECTION NEARBY THE SOUTH PORTAL OF CUESTA TUNNEL, 3 MILES NORTH OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA	2,338	DWR
LOPEZ	8-INCH PIPELINE CONNECTION NEAR INTERSECTION OF ORCUTT RD. AT LOPEZ DR., 3 MILES NORTHEAST OF ARROYO GRANDE, CA	2,392	DWR

NOTES:
1. SLOCFCWCD = SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2. SBCFCWCD = SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
3. TOTAL CONTRACTED CAPACITY WITHIN PHASE 1 OF THE COASTAL BRANCH IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY HAS CONTRACTED CAPACITY TO DELIVER STATE WATER TO BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT (AG) WHICH UTILIZES CAPACITY IN THE COASTAL BRANCH CANAL. THERE IS ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FOR SANTA CLARITA (DDWD) AND A FUTURE SJV CONTRACTOR.



LEGEND:

- CA AQUEDUCT MAIN CANAL (SWP)
- COASTAL BRANCH AQUEDUCT, Ph.1 (SWP): CANAL
- COASTAL BRANCH AQUEDUCT, Ph.2 (SWP): PIPELINE
- LOCAL TREATED WATER PIPELINE (SLOCFCWCD)
- LOCAL RAW WATER PIPELINE
- PUMPING PLANT (SWP)
- STORAGE TANK (SWP)
- TURNOUT (SWP)

State Water Project
Excess Entitlement Policies
Approved by Board of Supervisors January 14, 2003

Excess Entitlement - Definition

The District State Water Project “Excess” Entitlement is the portion of the District’s total entitlement that is not contracted to others for their deliverable or drought buffer uses.

Priority of Use

1. Prior to transferring the excess entitlement for any other use, contractors of state water entitlement with capacity in Phase II of the Coastal Aqueduct shall have the first right to utilize the excess entitlement for “drought buffer” (reliability) purposes under the terms of a drought buffer agreement.
2. Preference shall be given to local agencies and water purveyors regardless of whether a transfer is on an annual, multi-year, or a permanent basis.
3. No permanent transfer of the excess entitlement for use outside District boundaries shall be made prior to a final update of the District’s Master Water Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and then only if the transfer is consistent with the then adopted Master Plan. (See ‘Note’ below)
4. No multi-year transfer for use outside District boundaries shall be made with a term in excess of five years prior to a final update to the District’s Master Water Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and then out of District transfers can only take place if the transfer is consistent with the adopted Master Plan.
5. On any out -of-District transfer, preference shall be given to those that provide: a) revenues that recover current costs and some or all of the District’s past costs, b)

maintain the District's right to use the water in the future, or c) which are used for environmental mitigation.

6. The Public Works Director is authorized to determine the annual amount of the excess entitlement to transfer to the State Water Project "Turnback Pools" established under the existing terms of State Water Agreements. In making that determination, the Public Works Director shall first consider local needs and how the use of the Turnback Pool might impact other potential transfers.

Note:

These policies were adopted by the Board of Supervisors "with the understanding there will be no permanent sales outside the District."

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #4: Receive Update from County Staff on the Central Coast Blue Project's Award in the Proposition 1, Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant and Consider Actions

Recommendation

Recommend the District Board of Supervisors direct staff to return to the Board with a proposed project, or suite of projects, to replace Central Coast Blue in the Proposition 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant.

Discussion

In summary, District staff observe and assert that the Central Coast Blue project (Project) is significantly different from the project that was recommended by the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), presented to the WRAC, authorized by the BOS, and awarded by DWR¹.

Since the award of the grant (May 6th, 2023) and the Agreement between the State and District (Dec 7th, 2023), the Project has experienced several challenges, which have significantly delayed and scaled back its benefits. This includes a 1-year pause due to escalating costs² and a loss of project partners.

The table below summarizes the key differences in the current direction of the Project, and what was originally submitted to the RWMG for scoring and subsequently awarded by DWR:

	Original Project	Current Project³
Benefits	900 AFY	350 AFY
Number of wells	4 Injection 9 Monitoring	1 Injection 2 Monitoring
Construction Completion	Sept. 1, 2026	After June 30, 2027
Multi-agency?	Yes	No

The Project's continued inclusion requires an amendment of the Scope, Budget, and Schedule of the P1R2 Grant Agreement as well as an extension of the Grant Term, all of which are subject to approval by DWR. Under normal circumstances, such as procurement delays, Staff would execute an amendment with DWR without consulting the RWMG or BOS. However, with the significant differences between the multi-agency, regional Project scored and recommended by the RWMG and its current approach, Staff cannot support an amendment and believe the

¹ For a summary of the P1R2 Grant project selection process, recommended projects and more, please see attached BOS staff report from November 1, 2022: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-\(irwm\)/rwmg-agendas/2022/2022-09-07-rwmg-agenda-packet](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/committees-programs/integrated-regional-water-management-(irwm)/rwmg-agendas/2022/2022-09-07-rwmg-agenda-packet)

² <https://www.centralcoastblue.com/post/central-coast-blue-project-update>

³ Per conversation and correspondence with City Staff in April and May 2025

Project should be replaced in the Agreement. Without an amendment, the District and its partner agencies in the RWMG risk losing \$1,000,000 in implementation grant funding.

Next Steps

The RWMG is expected to consider this item at 10am on June 4th. Any actions from this meeting will be verbally reported to the WRAC during this item.

Staff expect to go to the Board of Supervisors in Summer 2025 with the recommendation for direction to return to the Board with a proposed project, or suite of projects, to replace Central Coast Blue in the P1R2 Grant.

Should the Board of Supervisors provide this direction, Staff would return promptly to the RWMG to initiate a Call for Projects and re-establish the Working Group in order to facilitate identifying a potential replacement project or suite of projects.

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5: Ongoing Updates

a) **Rain & Reservoir Report.** See attached report.

b) **Drought Updates.**

- As part of SB-552, counties are required to have a standing Drought Task Force. Ours is led by the County of SLO Office of Emergency Services (OES).
 - The Drought Task Force has been involved with and reviewing completion of the 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP).
 - The draft MJHMP is available for review and comment, for more information, please visit: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/administrative-office/office-of-emergency-services/news/multijurisdictional-hazard-mitigation-plan-update>

c) **Groundwater Management Efforts**

On December 18, 2019, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) 2019 Prioritization¹ that designates each groundwater basin and subbasin (collectively, basins) as high, medium, low or very low priority. Groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) are required to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) for each high or medium priority basin.

Basin Updates:

Basin	Update:
Los Osos Basin	<p>Los Osos Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. SGMA does not apply to the portions of Los Osos Basin that are adjudicated provided that certain requirements are met (Water Code §10720.8). The fringe areas of the Los Osos Area Subbasin are not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR very-low prioritization. The Los Osos Basin Management Committee (BMC) oversees implementation of the Los Osos Basin Plan for the area.</p> <p>May 2025 Basin Management Committee (BMC) Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At its regularly scheduled BMC Meeting on May 21, 2025:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The BMC approved the selection of Cleath-Harris Geologists to provide Hydrogeological Well Design and Construction Support Services for the Sweet Springs Monitoring Well.

¹ <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BMC received a presentation on the Public Draft 2024 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and confirmed the schedule for the BMC to consider approval of the Final Draft 2024 AMR at the June 18, 2025 BMC Meeting, and if the Final Draft is approved, submit to the Court by June 30, 2025. The Board additionally provided direction to Staff to include public comments, and details on how they were addressed, in an appendix to the Final AMR. • The BMC received information on the Updated San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District State Water Project Water Transfer Policy. • The next regular BMC Meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2025. <p>April 2025 Basin Management Committee (BMC) Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its regularly scheduled BMC Meeting on April 16th, 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BMC received a presentation of the preliminary findings of the 2024 Annual Monitoring Report. • The Board approved the 2024 Annual Operating Budget Closeout recommendations and proposed modifications to the BMC Rules and Regulations to incorporate the Budget Reserve Target. • The BMC held a closed session for a Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code 54957(b) for General Counsel (legal). <p>Meeting notices, minutes, and recordings are available on the BMC's website: https://www.losososbmc.org/.</p>
Atascadero Basin	<p>Atascadero Basin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the Atascadero Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Executive Committee (EC) elected to develop, and submit to DWR, a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022. The GSP was submitted on January 30, 2022 and approved by DWR on April 14, 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update this month. • The next EC meeting date has not been scheduled yet. <p>For more information or to view meeting material, visit: www.AtascaderoBasin.com</p>
Santa Maria Basin	<p>Santa Maria Area Subbasin (adjudicated area) is designated as a very low priority basin. The adjudicated areas of the Santa Maria Basin are managed by the Northern Cities Management Area, Nipomo Mesa Management Area, and Santa Maria Valley Management Area. The County is implementing wellhead improvements at coastal monitoring well cluster 11N/36W-12C (Dunes Well 12C). The main purpose of the work is to raise the wellhead, which is covered by dune sand, and to re-equip the well with new, dedicated pumps for water quality monitoring.</p>

	<p>The Santa Maria Basin Fringe Areas – County of San Luis Obispo GSA is the GSA for the non-adjudicated fringe areas of the basin within the County. This subbasin consists of an adjudicated area and other non-adjudicated fringe areas. However, only the priority of the non-adjudicated fringe areas was assessed, which include the Ziegler Canyon Fringe Area in San Luis Obispo County and other fringe areas in Santa Barbara County.</p> <p>Arroyo Grande Subbasin is designated as a very low priority basin and is not subject to the requirements of SGMA due to the DWR prioritization; however, the County and City of Arroyo Grande as GSAs in the basin have prepared a GSP. DWR conducted Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys over the Arroyo Grande Subbasin in November 2023. All data collected as a part of the Statewide AEM Surveys will be made publicly available through the California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Portal.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.slocounty.ca.gov/santamariabasin or www.slocounty.ca.gov/agbasin</p>
<p>Paso Basin</p>	<p>Paso Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA, City of Paso Robles GSA, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston WD GSA, San Miguel CSD GSA, and Shandon San Juan WD GSA, entered into an agreement to develop and implement a single GSP for the basin and coordinate via the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC). In April 2025, the County of San Luis Obispo GSA, City of Paso Robles GSA, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston WD GSA, and Shandon San Juan WD GSA formed the Paso Authority through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which supersedes the PBCC and is the new governing body of Paso Basin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Paso Authority held a special meeting on April 30, 2025, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Draft of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget ○ Proposal from Hanson Bridgett, LLP for Legal Services ○ Contract with Hallmark Group Capital Program Management, Inc. for Interim Administrative Services through the end of the Calendar Year • The Paso Authority held a special meeting on May 22, 2025, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft Rate Study Sequence of Events and Timeline ○ Projected 5-Year Budget for Use in the Draft Rate Study • The Paso Authority held a regular meeting on May 28, 2025, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Hearing on Staff Vacancies and Recruitment Efforts Per Cal. Gov. Code Section 3502.3 ○ Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget ○ Release of the Draft Cost of Service Rate Study ○ Contract with SCI Consulting to Implement a Draft Cost of Service Rate Study

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal to Develop a Well Mitigation Program for the Paso Basin • The next Paso Authority regular meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2025,
Cuyama Basin	<p>Cuyama Basin is designated as a high priority basin subject to critical conditions of overdraft. The Cuyama Basin GSA was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and is an independent agency governed by a Board of Directors for Cuyama Basin. An amended GSP was submitted to DWR on July 20, 2022 and on March 3, 2023, DWR issued a recommended “approval” of the GSP. The final approval with proposed corrective actions was received on May 25, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cuyama Basin GSA Standing Advisory Committee and Board of Directors met on May 1, 2025, and May 7, 2025, regarding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Cash Flow ○ Report on Potential Non-Reporting Pumps ○ Report on Basin-Wide Pumping ○ Report on 2024 Central Management Area Allocations ○ Report on Historic (1998-2017) Modeled Pumping for All Parcels in the Basin • The Cuyama Basin GSA Board of Directors held a special meeting on May 22, 2025, regarding the approval of the resolution setting a Groundwater Extraction fee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. • The next regular Cuyama Basin GSA Advisory and Board meetings are scheduled for June 26, 2025, and July 9, 2025, respectively. <p>For more information, please visit: www.cuyamabasin.org</p>
San Luis Obispo Basin	<p>San Luis Obispo Basin is designated as a high priority basin. The County and City of San Luis Obispo GSAs, in coordination with other basin stakeholders, formed the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) to develop and submit a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the SLO Basin to DWR by the January 31, 2022 statutory deadline. The GSP was approved by DWR on April 27, 2023, and per the GSC MOA, the GSC terminated on March 18, 2024. DWR recommended four corrective actions and the County GSA and City GSA will be addressing these ahead of the next GSP periodic evaluation due January 26, 2027. Moving forward, the County GSA will work with local stakeholders to receive relevant feedback on the implementation of the GSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings are currently scheduled at this time. <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin</p>
Adelaida Area	<p>The Adelaida Area is not a DWR designated groundwater basin; however, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has been coordinating with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on a hydrogeologic study to increase understanding of the groundwater conditions, availability, and sustainability in the fractured rock area. Currently, the USGS is working to integrate and analyze the hydrogeologic system using data gathered in the initial study</p>

	<p>tasks, which commenced in 2019, to produce an interpretive report that is anticipated late 2026.</p> <p>For more information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/adelaidastudy • https://www.usgs.gov/centers/ca-water/science/evaluation-groundwater-resources-adelaida-area-san-luis-obispo-county?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects
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WRAC members and interested stakeholders are encouraged to join the various mailing lists for groundwater basin management efforts:

San Luis Obispo County's SGMA Website and Mailing List Sign-up

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/sgma>

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Website and Mailing List

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>

d) County Flood Control Zones

The San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District is a resource to help individuals and communities in San Luis Obispo County identify and address flooding problems with the purpose *"to provide for control, disposition and distribution of the flood and storm waters of the district and of streams flowing into the district..."*

Updates by Zone:

Zone	Update:
<p><u>Zone 1/1A</u> Arroyo Grande Creek Channel</p>	<p>Flood Control Zone 1/1A includes the maintenance and operations of the Arroyo Grande and Los Berros Channels to provide flood protection within the Zone located near the City of Arroyo Grande and the community of Oceano.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 3:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Sheriff's South Patrol Station, 1681 Front Street, Oceano, CA.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A</p>
<p><u>Zone 9</u> San Luis Obispo Creek</p>	<p>Flood Control Zone 9 provides flood control data and planning for the area encompassing San Luis Obispo Creek and its tributaries.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 11, 2025, at the City of San Luis Obispo Community Development Conference Room 1, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone9</p>

e) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

The Board of Supervisors are scheduled to consider approving a budget adjustment on June 3rd, 2025 to disperse grant funds to the City of Morro Bay, Oceano CSD and San Miguel CSD.

A detailed update related to the City of Pismo Beach's award is included as item 5 in this month's WRAC agenda.

To be notified of the upcoming meetings, visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/irwm.

A summary of open and pending IRWM grants is below:

Prop 1E Stormwater Flood Mgmt Grant (2011)	\$2,797,000	Complete	
Prop 84 Implementation Grant (2011)	\$10,401,000	Complete	
Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement 2017	\$877,563	Complete	
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 1	\$2,782,130	Complete	
Prop 1 Implementation Grant, Round 2	\$3,782,129	In Progress	
Grant Administration	\$132,374	In Progress	Flood Control District
Indirect Potable Reuse	\$1,200,000	In Progress	City of Morro Bay
Central Coast Blue, Phase 1	\$1,000,000	TBD	City of Pismo Beach
Master Water Report Information System	\$549,755	In Progress	Flood Control District
Water Resource Reliability Projects	\$600,000	In Progress	Oceano CSD
Water Reliability Projects	\$300,000	In Progress	San Miguel CSD

For questions, contact:

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Phone: (805) 788-2316

f) Master Water Report (MWR) Update

May 2025 Update:

County staff and the consultant team are planning the expansion of the Master Water Report Data and Information Management System (DIMS) to the rest of the County after having started with the Morro Bay Watershed. This includes integration with ongoing GSPs & associated annual reports and the Planning Department's annual housing projections. We anticipate the next WRAC update to be September 2025.

Background:

On June 7, 2022, the District Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to develop the Master Water Report Update and Information System. Board Item:

<https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/agendaitem/details/14655>

For more information, please visit the project website:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Public-Works-Projects/Master-Water-Report-and-Data-Information-System.aspx>

g) State Water Project (SWP)

- Current 2025 SWP Water Supply & Demand:

2025 SWP Supply		
The District's "Carryover" water in storage at San Luis Reservoir on <u>January 1, 2025</u> (the start of the new SWP delivery year) was:	<u>6,294 AF</u>	Carryover Water
The current SWP allocation % (and date) set by DWR:	<u>50%</u>	(4/29/2025)
The Table A water amount based on the current SWP allocation % applied to the District's 25,000 AF "Table A" contract translates to:	<u>12,500 AF</u>	Table A Water
Total Project Water available to the District:	<u>18,794 AF</u>	Total Supply
2025 SWP Demand		
Total Project Water scheduled for delivery to the District within the Coastal Branch (under the District's 4,830 AF capacity share):	<u>3,685 AF</u>	Scheduled Deliveries

- State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee (SWSAC):** The next regular SWSAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2025. More information, once available, will be posted to the SWSAC website: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/State-Water-Project-and-Subcontractors-Advisory-Co.aspx>

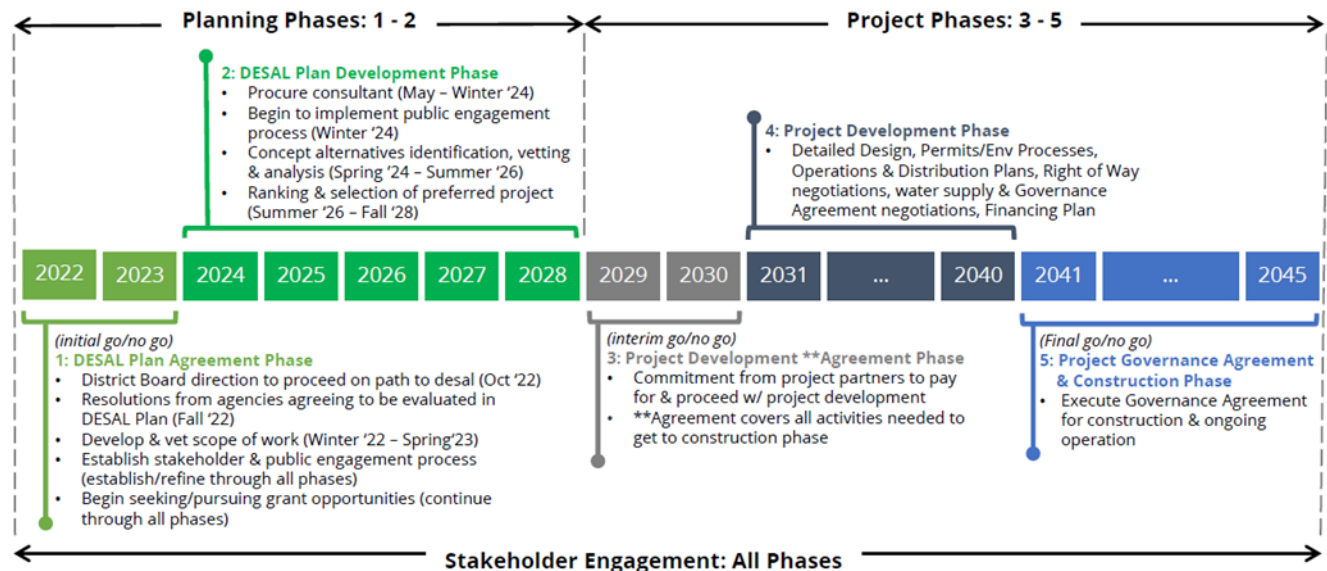
h) Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan)

Desalination, the process of removing salt from saltwater to make it freshwater, can offer a safe, long term, resilient water supply. The District, in collaboration with partner agencies, is conducting a planning effort to explore a potential regional desalination project in San Luis Obispo County. The District has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to support development of the DESAL Plan and, this past January, the District Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Carollo Engineers to start this desalination planning work to develop the DESAL Plan Feasibility Study.

In May, the WRAC received a presentation on the DESAL Plan Feasibility Study Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). The SEP outlines the periodic meetings and communication tools with the District and involved and interested parties, including the WRAC, to present progress and gather input on the project at key milestones.

For more information, to join the DESAL Plan email list, submit public comments, or view project materials—including the Stakeholder Engagement Plan—please visit the County's DESAL Plan webpage at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/DESAL>

Desalination Executable Solution And Logistics Plan **DESAL Plan***



i) Various County Water Programs, Policies, and Ordinances

The County Department of Planning & Building's website for the water conservation programs in Nipomo Mesa, Paso Basin, and Los Osos: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Countywide-Water-Conservation-Program.aspx>

Nipomo Mesa

Offset Programs. The County is continuing to process building permits subject to the County's water offset fees at a 1:1 ratio to fund the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available for both residential and commercial uses. Funding is currently limited for the rebate programs and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants in the Nipomo CSD service area may pay the CSD's supplemental water fee to meet the County's offset requirement. For more information, visit: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-\(NMWCA\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Nipomo-Mesa-Water-Conservation-Area-(NMWCA).aspx)

Paso Basin

Offset Programs. In the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, there are funds available for the Cash for Grass, Washer Rebate, and Plumbing Retrofit Programs, available to both residential and commercial property owners. A well meter is required for compliance with Title 19.

The Ag Offset ordinance requires property owners to verify that new and expanded irrigated commercial crops are not increasing their existing water use on-site, based on a 5 year look back period, with a 5 AFY exemption for sites that do not have existing irrigation and are outside of the area of severe decline. For more information, visit:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,->

[Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin-\(PRGWB\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/forms-documents/plans-and-elements/community-plans/los-osos-community-plan/cert-los-osos-community-plan).

Los Osos

Guide to Planning Information for Development in Los Osos. This website is currently the best resource for FAQ concerning what type of development is currently allowed within Los Osos:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/grid-items/community-engagement/communities-villages/los-osos>

Offset Requirement.

The retrofit-to-build program within the community of Los Osos is allowing property owners to retrofit washers and/or hot water recirculation pumps within and outside the prohibition zone to acquire retrofit credits to offset water use for new development at a 2:1 ratio. Program information is available at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planning-Building/Department-Divisions/Agriculture,-Water,-and-Energy/Water-Programs/Programs-and-Services/Los-Osos-Groundwater-Basin-Plumbing-Retrofit-to-Bu.aspx>

Los Osos Community Plan:

On June 13, 2024, the California Coastal Commission issued suggested modifications to the Estero Area Plan and the proposed Los Osos Community Plan, including a maximum residential growth rate of 1% for the sustainable buildout of Los Osos if groundwater production remains below sustainable yield, based on the best available science. On October 29th, 2024, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to accept the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications. The Los Osos Community Plan (LOCP) can be found here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/planning-building/forms-documents/plans-and-elements/community-plans/los-osos-community-plan/cert-los-osos-community-plan>.

j) Open Reporting on Water Conservation Opportunities & Information

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Rainfall and Reservoir Report

Generated: 5/28/2025

Notes

- All data from automated sensors and preliminary (subject to verification and/or revision).
All rainfall data in inches.
* denotes data not available at time of generation.
- 1 SLO County FCWCD defines each Water Year from July 1 to the subsequent June 30.
2 Rainfall data for month of generation is partial (only to time of generation).
3 Water Planning Areas as defined by 2018 County IWRM update.
4 Per County Standard Drawing H-1, calculated over 42 year period from WY1955-56 to 1997-98.
5 Elevation datums vary; refer to operating agency materials for detail.
6 Salinas Reservoir was resurveyed in April 2024, with max storage decreasing from 23,843 in 1991. In late May 2024, the elevation datum was updated along with the storage-elevation curve. 2023 values use previous datum and storage-elevation assumptions.
7 n/a (no elevation) is reported for Twitchell when the pool elevation is below 535 feet.



SLO County FCWCD Rain Stations

WPA ³	Station	Water Year 2024-25 ^{1,2}														Average Annual ⁴	Water Year 2023-24	
		July 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Year-to-Date	% of Year Avg		% of Year Avg	Total
5 North County	Hog Canyon	0	0	0.02	0	1.45	0.44	0.09	1.96	2.10	0.27	0		6.3	40%	16	104%	16.7
	Rocky Butte	0	0	0	0	8.39	1.97	0.28	15.84	7.99	0.44	0		34.9	87%	40	181%	72.3
	Shandon	0	0	0	0	1.37	0.29	0.19	1.16	2.82	0.74	0		6.6	55%	12	105%	12.7
	Templeton	0	0.01	0	0	1.82	0.74	0.33	3.69	2.64	0.16	0		9.4	52%	18	99%	17.8
	Creston	0	0	0	0	1.82	*	*	*	*	*	*		1.8	15%	12	135%	16.2
	Atascadero	0	0	0.20	0	1.53	0.75	0.24	3.74	2.56	0.20	0		9.2	51%	18	86%	15.6
	Santa Margarita	0	0	0.04	0	2.34	0.88	0.52	5.09	3.84	0.42	0		13.1	55%	24	103%	24.8
1 San Simeon / Cambria	Salinas Dam	0	0	0.08	0	0	2.16	1.24	7.53	3.31	0.02	0		14.3	65%	22	129%	28.5
	San Simeon	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.08	1.57	1.16	0.32	5.37	3.19	0.25	0.02		12.1	50%	24	95%	22.8
	Santa Rosa at Main	0	0.01	0.05	0.05	2.92	1.27	0.21	4.70	3.79	0.22	0		13.2	60%	22	114%	25.1
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	Hwy 46 W 7 Mile	0.02	0.01	0.11	0	3.02	1.31	0.18	4.34	4.00	0.23	0.08		13.3	44%	30	80%	23.9
	Morro Toro	0	0	0.04	0	3.70	1.62	0.23	7.29	5.87	0.36	0.04		19.2	68%	28	118%	33.2
	Canet	0	0.01	0.04	0.07	2.16	1.17	0.16	4.16	3.15	0.30	0		11.2	51%	22	96%	21.1
	Camp San Luis	0	0	0	0.08	2.05	1.53	0.40	6.78	3.42	0.28	0		14.5	73%	20	127%	25.5
	Los Osos Landfill	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.10	1.81	1.41	0.24	4.76	3.01	0.50	0		12.0	66%	18	120%	21.6
3 SLO / South County	Davis Peak	0	0	0	0	3.19	1.07	0.39	5.71	3.19	0.43	0.04		14.0	78%	18	140%	25.2
	South Portal	0	0.03	0.08	0.02	3.68	1.92	0.60	9.32	5.11	0.52	0.04		21.3	76%	28	116%	32.4
	SLO Reservoir	0	0	0.03	0.08	2.52	1.39	0.09	6.80	3.26	0.40	0		14.6	61%	24	102%	24.4
	Gas Company	0	0	0.01	0	2.64	1.37	0.21	5.39	2.85	0.34	0		12.8	58%	22	99%	21.8
	Upper Lopez	0	0	0	0	3.82	0.87	0.43	5.64	4.37	0.35	0		15.5	52%	30	89%	26.7
	Lopez Rec Area	0	0	0	0	3.75	0.91	0.64	4.54	4.44	0.38	0		14.7	67%	22	107%	23.4
	Lopez Dam	0	0	0.01	0.02	3.91	1.19	0.72	4.36	4.51	0.41	0.01		15.1	76%	20	145%	28.9
	Lopez WTP	0	0	0.02	0.02	3.00	0.82	0.30	2.33	3.42	0.48	0		10.4	52%	20	105%	20.9
	Arroyo Grande	0	0	0	0	2.43	0.84	0.28	2.29	3.02	0.44	0		9.3	52%	18	116%	20.9
	Los Berros	0	0	0.16	0.04	2.79	1.19	0.35	4.02	4.10	0.43	0.08		13.2	66%	20	136%	27.2
	Oceano	0	0.01	0.02	0.04	2.80	0.97	0.20	1.73	2.74	0.53	0		9.0	57%	16	109%	17.4
	Nipomo East	0	0	0	0	3.15	0.65	0.12	3.81	3.32	0.23	0.02		11.3	63%	18	135%	24.3
	Nipomo South	0	0.01	0.01	0	2.20	0.64	0.18	2.20	2.60	0.28	0		8.1	58%	14	131%	18.4

Non-County Rain Stations

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5 North County	City of Paso Robles	Paso Robles	0	0	0	0	1.97	0.73	0.22	3.88	2.67	0.24	0		9.7	69%	14	151%	21.2
	Atascadero Mutual Water Company	Atascadero MWC	0	0	0.06	0	2.04	1.13	0.28	4.94	3.58	0.01	0		12.0	69%	17.5	131%	22.9
2 Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock	0	0	0	0	2.57	1.19	0.46	*	*	*	*		4.2	26%	16	119%	19.0

Reservoirs

WPA ³	Operating Agency	Facility	Spillway Elevation ⁵	Data Date	Pool Elevation ⁵	Capacity	Storage [acre-feet]	Max Storage [acre-feet]
North County	Monterey County Water Agency	Nacimiento Reservoir	787.75 - 800.00 (gate-dependent)	5/28/2025	769.85	60%	226,855	377,900
		San Antonio Reservoir		5/28/2024	789.30	85%	319,375	
	SLO County FCWCD	Salinas Reservoir / Santa Margarita Lake ⁶	780.00	5/28/2025	759.65	70%	234,713	335,000
				5/28/2024	768.80	82%	276,340	
Cayucos / Morro Bay / Los Osos	City of SLO	Whale Rock Reservoir	216.00	5/28/2025	1301.97	95%	21,172	22,320
				5/28/2024	1303.86	101%	22,507	
SLO / South County	City of SLO	Whale Rock Reservoir	216.00	5/28/2025	210.40	92%	35,783	38,967
				5/28/2024	215.90	100%	38,909	
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County FCD	Twitchell Reservoir ⁷	522.66	5/28/2025	517.83	91%	45,205	49,476
				5/28/2024	522.59	100%	49,467	
Cuyama	Santa Barbara County FCD	Twitchell Reservoir ⁷	651.50	5/28/2025	n/a	n/a	n/a	194,971
				5/28/2024	578.84	16%	31,508	

TO: Water Resources Advisory Committee

FROM: Brendan Clark, Supervising Water Resources Engineer

DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7: Future Agenda Items

Areas of Interest – Future

- Master Water Report
- Considering Recreational use of water resources as part of the District's policies.
- Update on policies and studies related to groundwater in fractured rock
- Update on Salinas Reservoir Dam Project
- Well permitting regulation as a tool for groundwater management
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Lake Tunnel Project
- Biosolids Updates (i.e. barriers, regulations, etc.)
- City and/or Sector panel discussions
- Nursery & landscape panel discussion

Excerpt from WRAC By-laws dated January 23, 2024

Administration: The Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, shall prepare the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the WRAC. Any WRAC member may contact the Secretary and Chairperson and request that an item be placed on the regular meeting agenda no later than 4:30 p.m. twelve calendar days prior to the applicable meeting date. Such a request must be also submitted in writing either at the time of communication with the Secretary or delivered to the County Public Works Department within the next working day. Consideration of the request by the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chairperson, for inclusion on the agenda will be limited to include review for consistency with District and Board of Supervisors priorities, the mandate of the WRAC, and available time.