

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chair:

Mayor Ronald Kott
City of Rio Vista

Vice Chair:

TBD

Mayor Steve Young
City of Benicia

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City of Dixon

Mayor Catherine Moy
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Reclamation District No. 2068

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Supervisor Monica Brown
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Supervisor Wanda Williams
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Supervisor John Vasquez
Solano County District 4

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Mayor Alma Hernandez City
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Mayor John Carli
City of Vacaville

Mayor Robert McConnell
City of Vallejo

GENERAL MANAGER:

Chris Lee
Solano County Water Agency

DATE: Thursday, December 14, 2023

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Berryessa Room
Solano County Water Agency Office
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203
Vacaville, CA 95688

Remote participation available under AB 2449:

Please review insert after agenda regarding AB 2449.

Zoom Information:

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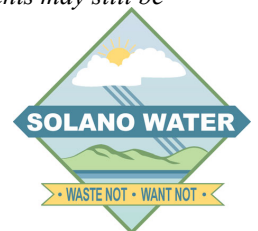
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **AB 2449 STATEMENT**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Public Comment section provides an opportunity to address the Board of Directors on items that are not listed on the agenda, or informational items pertinent to the agency's business. The Board welcomes your comments and requests that speakers present their remarks in a respectful manner, within established time limits, and focus on issues which directly affect the agency or are within the jurisdiction of the agency. The Board will not be able to act on matters brought to its attention under this item until a future board meeting.

If you wish to make a Public Comment, please contact the Secretary at: cle@scwa2.com to expedite the process, thank you. Public Comments may still be made during the meeting without prior notice.

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6. **CONSENT ITEMS** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

- (A) Minutes: Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of November 9, 2023.
- (B) Expenditure Approvals: Approval of the November 2023 checking account register.

7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

8. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

9. **SOLANO WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

10. **WATER AGENCY STAFFING-TWO RETIRED ANNUITANTS- PART TIME TEMPORARY HELP** *(estimated time: 10 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize General Manager to renew retired annuitant position for former Streamkeeper, Rich Marovich, to continue with assistance with project development, grant writing, and other duties as assigned and for Ms. Elizabeth Patterson to continue as Agency representative for North Bay Watershed Association, both for an additional year-total hours not to exceed 940 over a fiscal year and pay not to exceed \$65/hour.

11. **MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIVE PLANT NURSERY AT SACKETT RANCH** *(estimated time: 20 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize General Manager to sign Agreement with Putah Creek Council for Management of the Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch.

12. **2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM** *(estimated time: 15 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt Legislative Platform.
2. Authorize Legislative Committee Chair to sign and submit letters of support or opposition to pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2024 Legislative Platform.
3. Authorize General Manager to sign and submit letters of support or opposition to pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2024 Legislative Platform, with the stipulation that the Legislative Committee Chair be given the opportunity to review all letters of support

or opposition before release by the General Manager.

4. Direct General Manager to provide all Board members with copies of all letters of support or opposition within 24-hours of their submission/public release.

13. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES *(estimated time: 10 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hear report from Committee Chair on activities of the SCWA Legislative Committee.
2. Hear report from Bob Reeb of Reeb Government Relations, LLC.

14. WATER POLICY UPDATES *(estimated time: 10 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hear report from staff on current and emerging Delta and Water Policy issues and provide direction.
2. Hear status report from Committee Chair on activities of the SCWA Water Policy Committee.
3. Hear report from Supervisors Vasquez and Mashburn on activities of the Delta Counties Coalition, Delta Protection Commission, and Delta Conservancy.
4. Receive written report from Elizabeth Patterson on activities of the North Bay Watershed Association.

15. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the SCWA offices.

The Full Board of Directors packet with background materials for each agenda item can be viewed on the Agency's website at <https://www.scwa2.com/governance/board-meetings-agendas-minutes/>

Any materials related to items on this agenda distributed to the Board of Directors of Solano County Water Agency less than 72 hours before the public meeting are available for public inspection at the Agency's offices located at the following address: 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA 95688. Upon request, these materials may be made available in an alternative format to persons with disabilities.

AB 2449 Provides Remote Options for Public Agencies

Despite the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, public agencies still have options available to them if they need to exercise remote participation for members of their legislative bodies. AB 2449 provides that if a quorum of the legislative body participates in person, a member of a legislative body may participate remotely so long as the member provides prompt notice and the need for remote participation falls under one of the statutorily defined exceptions. The member does not need to identify their location nor ensure it is accessible to the public.

Members of legislative bodies can use AB 2449 to participate remotely if there is “just cause” or if “emergency circumstances” exist. “Just cause” is defined as any of the following:

- Providing childcare or caregiving of a parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires the member to participate remotely.
- A contagious illness that prevents attendance in person.
- Tending to a need related to a physical or mental disability.
- Travelling for business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

“Emergency circumstances” are defined as follows:

- A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member of a legislative body from attending in person.

Notice Must be Provided to Utilize AB 2449’s Provisions

In order to utilize the provisions of AB 2449, members of a legislative body must inform their public agency at the earliest possible opportunity of their need to participate remotely, which can include before the start of the meeting. The member must also provide a general description of the circumstances that require remote participation. In the case of emergency circumstances, the member must actually request that the legislative body allow them to participate remotely and the legislative body has to take action on this request.

Any member participating remotely because of just cause or emergency circumstances must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals.

Members and Public Must have Option to Participate in Meetings both Audibly and Visually

When a member participates remotely, he/she must utilize both audio and visual capabilities to effectuate compliance with the statute. Therefore, members of public agencies cannot use a call in only option to attend meetings, they must be on camera. Additionally, the legislative body is responsible for ensuring that the public can also participate in meetings remotely. This includes providing a way for the public to remotely hear, visually observe, and remotely address the legislative body. Furthermore, members of the public can no longer be required to submit their comments prior to the meeting but instead must be allowed to give comments in real time.

CONSENT ITEMS

**SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MEETING DATE: November 9, 2023**

The Solano County Water Agency Board of Directors met this evening in the Board Room located at the Water Agency office in Vacaville. Attending were:

Mayor Steve Young, City of Benicia
Mayor Steve Bird, City of Dixon
Mayor Catherine Moy, City of Fairfield
Mayor Ronald Kott, City of Rio Vista
Mayor Alma Hernandez, City of Suisun City
Vice Mayor Jeanette Wylie, City of Vacaville
Mayor Robert McConnell, City of Vallejo
Supervisor Erin Hannigan, Solano County District 1
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Supervisor John Vasquez, Solano County District 4
Supervisor Mitch Mashburn, Solano County District 5
Director J.D. Kluge, Solano Irrigation District

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kott at 6:35-pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Vasquez requested the removal of Agenda Item 11, Management of the Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch, to the next scheduled Board Meeting. Chair Kott requested moving Agenda Item 12, Water Supply Portfolio and Discussions with California Forever, after the General Manager's Report. On a motion by Mayor Young and a second by Supervisor Mashburn the Board approved by roll call vote the revised agenda.

Supervisor Brown voted no.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was extensive public comment from both in-person and virtual attendees. In-person attendees exceeded the capacity of the room, with all member agency staff being moved to an additional conference room. There were over 99 virtual attendees, exceeding the limits of the Zoom interface. Several media outlets were also in attendance. Jan Sramek, founder and CEO of California Forever began the public comment period, briefly discussing the proposed land exchange. There were extensive public comments from Solano County residents with regard to negative impacts on dry land farming in the Montezuma Hills, potential impacts to the Solano HCP and ability to acquire mitigation land, and the concern of urban sprawl and infrastructure being subsidized by Solano County taxpayers. Other public comments highlighted the uniqueness of Solano County with its farmland, marshes, and vernal pools and the impacts of the engineered sprawl being proposed by California Forever. Additional public comments voiced concern about destroying the democratic process, that the properties being purchased by California Forever were done in secrete, divided family farms, and now local farmers and landowners are being sued by California Forever. There were also public comments regarding protecting Jepson Prairie and the endangered species in this region. There were additional public comments in regard to Travis Air Force Base, in that similar to civilian airports, urban sprawl occurs and encroaches on these facilities, eventually impacting their ability to function.

CONSENT ITEMS

On a motion by Supervisor Vasquez and a second Hannigan the Board approved by roll call vote the following consent items:

- (A) Minutes
- (B) Expenditure Approvals

Mayor Young abstained on approving the minutes, as he was not present at the last meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no board member reports. Chair Kott would like to schedule a closed session agenda item for next month, at the start of the agenda, to discuss the California Forever exchange proposal. Chair Kott will form an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Mayor Kott, Mayor Moy, and Supervisor Mashburn. Mayor Moy suggested that it may be helpful to have a specialized attorney at this meeting, who can properly advise the Board.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Staff had nothing to report.

SOLANO WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT

Advisory Commission Chair Kyle Ochendusko provided a brief update to the Board on the importance and potential consequences of the draft SWRCB Bay Delta Plan update.

WATER SUPPLY PORTFOLIO AND DISCUSSIONS WITH CALIFORNIA FOREVER

Water Supply Portfolio Presentation:

Assistant General Manager Alex Rabidoux provided an overview of Solano County's regional water supply portfolio. The region has a total of three major supplies, which include the Solano Project, North Bay Aqueduct, and Groundwater. For groundwater, historically there was significant overdraft in Solano County. When surface water from the Solano Project was brought into Solano County, groundwater levels reversed, and today the region has a very sustainable basin, primarily located in the eastern half of Solano County. Over the last ten years, there has been significant legislation to manage groundwater, with local governing agencies and a Groundwater Sustainability Plan created for the Solano Subbasin.

The next water supply is the Solano Project which includes Lake Berryessa, which is a reliable and high-quality municipal and agricultural water supply for much of Solano County. The Solano Project is owned by the US Bureau of Reclamation, but all of the federal loans have been paid off. The Solano Project is managed under contract by the Water Agency and day-to-day operations by the Solano Irrigation District. Additionally, the predominate water rights for the Solano Project are held by the Water Agency on behalf of our Solano Project member agencies. Water is stored in Lake Berryessa and released downstream into Lake Solano. Once in Lake Solano, water is then diverted into the Putah South Canal for use by the Solano Project member agencies. Each of the Solano Project member agencies have specific entitlements, and can purchase, exchange, or call water amongst each other. The water rights also stipulate the place of use in Yolo and Solano Counties, which is specific to the member agency boundaries. Solano Project has excellent water quality and reliability. The Solano Project does have some challenges which include the risk of invasive species such as zebra and quagga mussels, aquatic plants, and aging infrastructure.

The last water supply is the State Water Project (SWP), which is owned and operated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The SWP serves over 70% of Californian's primarily as an urban water supply. Locally, the North Bay Aqueduct (NBA) portion of the SWP serves over 500,000 residents in Napa and Solano County. In Solano County, all the Solano cities have the right to use the NBA. The NBA does have several challenges which includes moderate reliability, the poorest water quality within the SWP, challenges with ESA listed species that include delta smelt and longfin smelt, and the intake is located in the Cache Slough Complex, where the state is focused on wide scale tidal wetland restoration. For the NBA, water is pumped out of the Barker Slough Pumping Plant, which is located between Dixon and Rio Vista. Water is then conveyed in a 27-mile pipeline from east to west, across Solano and into Napa County. The Solano cities have specific entitlements of NBA, called Table A water. The allocation changes annually based on hydrologic conditions. Unlike the Solano Project, the types of NBA water are quite complex but very important. Member agencies can purchase, transfer, and exchange water but based on very specific rules and criteria. Additionally, the SWP service area is much larger. The annual allocation of the SWP is also highly variable, as demonstrated by the current 2023 allocation of 100% and the prior 2022 allocation at only 15%. To help improve water quality and reduce ESA issues, one project of interest is the Water Plus Project, which consists of a new intake on the Sacramento River and corresponding pipeline. The challenge is this is a very expensive project, estimated to cost over \$600 million.

Besides the three water supplies discussed above, there are two additional supplies that are outside of SCWA's responsibility, but they are still very important to Solano County. The first is Vallejo Permit Water, which is a water right on Cache Slough, held by the City of Vallejo, that allows up to 31.5-cfs to be pulled out of the Delta, and is a more senior water right than the SWP. The place of use includes American Canyon, Vallejo, Fairfield, and Benicia but the water right is solely held by the City of Vallejo. The second water supply is the North Delta Water Agency (NDWA) water, which is a contractual agreement between DWR and the NDWA region, that provides assurances of both water supply and quality. In Solano County this region includes a significant portion of the Maine Prairie Water District, Reclamation District 2068, Hastings Tract, Ryer Island, and Peterson Estates (Flannery).

Mayor Young asked staff if all the water that SCWA controls is fully allocated, and would new water need to come from an existing member agencies allocation? Mr. Rabidoux responded that yes, the Solano Project and NBA water supplies are already fully allocated. The one exception would be groundwater, but that is now managed under SGMA. For the NBA, California Forever could potentially buy water outside of the region and bring that water in through the NBA.

Public Comment on Agenda Item 12:

Chair Kott requested the start of public comment, starting with in-person comments and then from virtual attendees. Jan Sramek, founder and CEO of California Forever began the public comment period for Agenda Item 12. Mr. Sramek indicated that California Forever already has enough water rights on the Sacramento River to meet their needs. California Forever could help contribute to the Water Plus Project. California Forever could buy water outside of Solano County and deliver water through the new Water Plus pipeline and would not take away water from any of the Solano agencies. Furthermore, as the NBA reliability continues to decrease, this would be a win-win situation for the public agencies. California Forever is also spending a lot of money on some of the best consultants to solve several of these issues. There was extensive public comment, including from a former Solano County Board of Supervisors, former City of Benicia public works director, long-time Solano County residents, farmers, and other members of the community. Many of the public comments were strongly opposed to the work and urbanization that California Forever is proposing. Other public comments included concern with the limited resources that Solano County has, that could be impacted by California Forever. Many of the comments voiced concern about a lack of transparency from California Forever, and the fact that they worked in secrecy for over 5-years. Other comments included the need for the Water Agency to conduct appropriate due diligence before engaging with California Forever. Long-time landowners shared that their families have been here for over 100-years and they would perish before seeing their land taken away. Other public comments voiced concern that there is no additional water to share. The public also voiced concern that several of the California Forever members sit on federal boards, and they are not being forthright with the federal government. Other public comments included that California Forever is trying to rush to build a city, in an area that is zoned and should be kept rural. Additional comments expressed frustration that Highway 12 is only a two-lane highway and there is no need for another city. Other comments recommended investing in the current communities, rather than building a new one. Additional comments expressed the importance of letting voters decide zoning. Other comments voiced concern that California Forever is not maintaining the land they own, and how are they managing fuel loads on these properties. Additional public comments voiced concern about the proposed property transfer. There were a few comments that recommended staying calm and listening to what California Forever was proposing.

Board Discussion:

Supervisor Mashburn started the Board discussion, as this is in the District he serves. First, the water from the NBA is safe to drink, but comes from a dead-end tidal slough with siltation and aquatic plants, so it doesn't always taste good, but is processed at several water treatment plants and is viable and safe for our residents. Secondly, everyone keeps talking about a Project, but nobody on this Board knows what this Project is, and we are really putting the cart before the horse. We cannot talk about the Project, as we don't know what California Forever is proposing. Furthermore, the website keeps changing and seems like California Forever is working on the airplane while it is in the air. We need to see something from California Forever, before any public agency can move forward and formulate a plan. Before we spend lots of money, we need to take a step back, wait for the project proposal, and then we can make decisions. The issue before the Board is whether to continue discussions with California Forever.

Mayor Moy expressed agreement, as we don't have a plan to evaluate. Mayor McConnell expressed concerns as the City of Vallejo has senior water rights, and the staff report raised concerns. Before the Water Agency starts spending time, money, and effort it is imperative that staff first talk with the member agencies. Supervisor Hannigan shared that government is slow and we are slow for very good reasons, to

protect the public good and public funds, as we spend money to serve the public. Furthermore, there is no project to evaluate, we need something more concrete, especially during this busy time of year. The residents are also the most important part of this. Mayor Young shared that he had general concerns, as there is a formal process to go through if you want to create a city. The process starts by going through LAFCO, to show how you are going to provide many of the required services, as well as requirements to provide affordable housing. The idea that this group would bypass this process, and not play by the rules, and take it out of the hands of local government is a real concern. Supervisor Vasquez explained that California Forever just wants to participate in the study to get cleaner, better water. Currently, we don't have the local funds and rates to pay for the Water Plus Project. Mayor Hernandez shared that for SSWA, it took 6-months to negotiate 5-AF of water and it was very complex. What alternatives do we have, to navigate the water needs for our community? For the issues that we do have, how do we deal with this? For example, Suisun City cannot access their NBA entitlement. Solano County has overall water needs that should be addressed. Supervisor Mashburn shared that the NBA during the drought had very poor reliability, and most likely none of the other Southern California SWP agencies would likely sell their water. DWR is also looking at putting their new Tunnel Intake on the Sacramento River, right near where our future intake could be. Does the NBA Water Plus Project need to be studied now, or can it wait until an actual project by California Forever is shared.

General Manager Chris Lee asked the Board if they want staff to continue to engage with California Forever to secure potential funding to support the Water Plus Project. Chair Kott polled the Board members, and the majority of the Board were not interested in continuing staff engagement with California Forever at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session pursuant to Gov. Code §54957
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:35 pm and returned to Open Session at 8:55 pm with nothing to report. The Board postponed the remaining items on the Agenda due to the length of public comments received.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the SCWA offices.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Solano County Water Agency Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Chris Lee
General Manager & Secretary to the
Solano County Water Agency

ACTION OF
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Expenditures Approval

RECOMMENDATIONS:


Approve expenditures from the Water Agency checking accounts for November 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

All expenditures are within previously approved budget amounts.

BACKGROUND:

The Water Agency auditor has recommended that the Board of Directors approve all expenditures (in arrears). Attached is a summary of expenditures from the Water Agency’s checking accounts for November 2023. Additional backup information is available upon request.

Recommended: 
Chris Lee, General Manager

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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Chris Lee, General Manager and Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 14, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Chris Lee
General Manager &
Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency

For the Period From Nov 1, 2023 to Nov 30, 2023

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SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
Cash Disbursements Journal
For the Period From Nov 1, 2023 to Nov 30, 2023

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Check Number. Report is printed in Detail Format.

Date	Check #	Account ID	Line Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount
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		2020SC	Invoice: 197795	19.46	
		2020SC	Invoice: 362133		151.71
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		2020SC	Invoice: 362218		114.15
		2020SC	Invoice: 362222		65.35
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		2020SC	Invoice: 362546		77.19
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		2020SC	Invoice: 994919	373.84	
		2020SC	Invoice: 995191	20.79	
		1020SC	BOB PISANI & SON		1,818.68
11/7/23	40421	2020SC	Invoice: 01247287	131.60	
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		2020SC	Invoice: 2060	2,293.69	
		1020SC	SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT		80,635.96

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		1020SC	RONALD JONES		883.29
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		2020SC	Invoice: 362547	48.25	
		2020SC	Invoice: 362546	77.19	
		2020SC	Invoice: 362727	86.82	
		2020SC	Invoice: 363075	39.41	
		2020SC	Invoice: 363141	18.22	
		2020SC	Invoice: 363194	59.37	
		2020SC	Invoice: 363169	252.05	
		2020SC	Invoice: 363358	185.76	

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		2020SC	Invoice: 363367	117.95	
		1020SC	PACIFIC ACE HARDWARE		1,782.46
11/21/23	40437	2020SC	Invoice: 0701188	2,568.55	
		1020SC	ACWA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY		2,568.55
11/21/23	40438	2020SC	Invoice: 133	8,500.00	
		2020SC	Invoice: 134	14,500.00	
		1020SC	AVRY DOTAN		23,000.00
11/21/23	40439	2020SC	Invoice: 700016-4	3,000.00	
		2020SC	Invoice: 699971-4	3,000.00	
		2020SC	Invoice: 700066-3	3,000.00	
		2020SC	Invoice: 700070-4	3,000.00	
		1020SC	ALPHA MEDIA LLC		12,000.00
11/21/23	40440	2020SC	Invoice: 12282337	14,051.10	
		1020SC	ARC DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS. LLC		14,051.10
11/21/23	40441	2020SC	Invoice: NOV 2023 BOD MTG	165.72	
		1020SC	STEVEN BIRD		165.72
11/21/23	40442	2020SC	Invoice: 0000001546063	227.08	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0000001546053	454.16	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0000001546061	1,135.40	
		1020SC	DEPT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION		1,816.64
11/21/23	40443	2020N	Invoice:	3,413.00	
			US01U001379768		
		1020SC	ERNST & YOUNG U.S. LLP		3,413.00
11/21/23	40444	2020SC	Invoice: 94599323	3,266.85	
		1020SC	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUT		3,266.85
11/21/23	40445	2020SC	Invoice: 1920	540.63	
		1020SC	FLUME INC		540.63
11/21/23	40446	2020SC	Invoice: 7777B	1,425.50	
		2020SC	Invoice: 7970B	275.00	
		1020SC	HAUGHN & SON TIRE SERVICE INC		1,700.50
11/21/23	40447	2020SC	Invoice: 9356/1	932.53	
		2020SC	Invoice: 9398/1	150.31	
		1020SC	HIGBY'S COUNTRY FEED INC		1,082.84
11/21/23	40448	2020SC	Invoice: ER7774070012	2,095.00	
		2020SC	Invoice: ER7774070030	7,377.85	
		2020SC	Invoice: ES0195226010	174,920.30	
		1020SC	HOLT OF CALIFORNIA		184,393.15
11/21/23	40449	2020SC	Invoice: NOV 2023 BOD MTG	150.00	
		1020SC	JOHN D. KLUGE		150.00
11/21/23	40450	2020SC	Invoice: 63100848817	1,448.30	
		1020SC	LES SCHWAB GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC		1,448.30
11/21/23	40451	2020SC	Invoice: 610023	135.00	
		1020SC	M&M SANITARY LLC		135.00

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11/21/23	40452	2020SC	Invoice: NOV 2023 BOD	150.00	
		1020SC	MTG MITCH MASHBURN		150.00
11/21/23	40453	2020SC	Invoice: OCT 2023	51.00	
		1020SC	MILLENNIUM TERMITE & PEST		51.00
11/21/23	40454	2020SC	Invoice: 034-DEC-2023	10,000.00	
		1020SC	REEB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LLC		10,000.00
11/21/23	40455	2020U	Invoice: 7797	8,067.25	
		1020SC	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES		8,067.25
11/21/23	40456	2020SC	Invoice: 1628	3,000.00	
		1020SC	DOUG NOLAN		3,000.00
11/21/23	40457	2020SC	Invoice: 2216	278.00	
		1020SC	WAYNE HUTCHINSON		278.00
11/21/23	40458	2020SC	Invoice: 103123AGS18	1,815.00	
		2020SC	Invoice: 103123AGS8	22,710.00	
		1020SC	SHANDAM INC.		24,525.00
11/21/23	40459	2020SC	Invoice: 16108155	17.18	
		1020SC	SHELDON		17.18
11/21/23	40460	2020U	Invoice: JUN 2023 LAST	678.31	
			WEEK		
		2020U	Invoice: OCT 2023	2,118.02	
		1020SC	SOLANO COUNTY FLEET MANAGEMENT		2,796.33
11/21/23	40461	2020SC	Invoice: 0040938	127,523.36	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0040939	62,453.59	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0041059	128,937.10	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0041060	70,754.85	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0041064	12,775.80	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0041062	12,422.24	
		2020SC	Invoice: 0041063	425.00	
		1020SC	SOLANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT		415,291.94
11/21/23	40461a	1020SC	VOID		
11/21/23	40461b	1020SC	VOID		
11/21/23	40462	2020SC	Invoice: 2058	7,559.79	
		1020SC	SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT		7,559.79
11/21/23	40463	2020N	Invoice: 3019114	5,118.18	
		2020N	Invoice: 3019112	8,480.40	
		1020SC	SOMACH, SIMMONS & DUNN		13,598.58
11/21/23	40464	2020SC	Invoice: 3551793510	52.75	
		1020SC	STAPLES		52.75
11/21/23	40465	2020SC	Invoice: 253894	50.98	
		2020SC	Invoice: 253896	828.34	
		1020SC	STERLING MAY EQUIPMENT CO.		879.32
11/21/23	40466	2020SC	Invoice: 81268	111.01	
		2020SC	Invoice: 81293	19.15	
		2020SC	Invoice: 81356	1.29	
		1020SC	SUISUN VALLEY		131.45

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			FRUIT GROWERS AS		
11/21/23	40467	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 2023-11-SCWA SUSTAINABLE SOLANO INC.	18,694.00	18,694.00
11/21/23	40468	2020SC 2020SC 2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 70317527 Invoice: 69980915 Invoice: 70640010 THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CA	1,421.38 3,666.43 128,711.24	133,799.05
11/21/23	40469	2020SC 2020SC 2020SC 2020SC 2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 413 Invoice: 412 Invoice: 411 Invoice: 409 Invoice: 410 KATHLEEN A SALAMUNOVICH	25.00 12,028.34 6,274.07 25,111.66 7,476.39	50,915.46
11/21/23	40470	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: FERDINAND BELLI FERDINAND J. BELLI	1,297.50	1,297.50
11/21/23	40471	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: JAHQUAN FOSTER JAHQUAN FOSTER	2,000.00	2,000.00
11/21/23	40472	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: GRACE SAUNDERS GRACE SAUNDERS	892.50	892.50
11/21/23	40473	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: ARLENE SMITH ARLENE C. SMITH	2,000.00	2,000.00
11/21/23	40474	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: NOV 2023 BOD MTG JOHN VASQUEZ	150.00	150.00
11/21/23	40475	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 2055527 WEST YOST & ASSOCIATES, INC.	21,500.75	21,500.75
11/21/23	40476	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: DAVIS_FY2023-24_3 KEN W. DAVIS	7,811.70	7,811.70
11/21/23	40477	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 3260466 CAL.NET INC. - WINTERS	595.00	595.00
11/21/23	40478	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: DS10-04 YOLO COUNTY RCD	6,027.50	6,027.50
11/21/23	40479	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: NOV 2023 BOD MTG STEVE YOUNG	193.88	193.88
11/28/23	40480	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 202311 BELIA MARTINEZ	740.00	740.00
11/28/23	40481	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: IN1440564 AM CONSERVATION GROUP, INC.	4,357.16	4,357.16
11/28/23	40482	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: LBO INCEN OCT 2023 ALLISON SEED	20.00	20.00
11/28/23	40483	2020SC 2020SC 2020SC	Invoice: BA9134 Invoice: BA9135 Invoice: BA9133	1,520.30 690.00 3,577.98	

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		1020SC	BLANKINSHIP & ASSOCIATES, INC.		5,788.28
11/28/23	40484	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 31574846 CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	869.43	869.43
11/28/23	40485	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 2056253 COUNTY OF YOLO	20.00	20.00
11/28/23	40486	2020SC 2020N 2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 23-026-T DEC2023 Invoice: 23-414-V OCT2023 Invoice: 23-024-O DEC2023 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	648,493.00 97,818.00 456.00	 746,767.00
11/28/23	40487	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 6544 EYASCO, INC.	34,390.85	34,390.85
11/28/23	40488	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 2023 DUES INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGICAL HEALTH	1,000.00	1,000.00
11/28/23	40489	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 97659 IRRIGATION SUPPLY COMPANY	253.39	253.39
11/28/23	40490	2020N 1020SC	Invoice: 1123-1 JEFFREY J JANIK	2,250.00	2,250.00
11/28/23	40491	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 8D0092768 AHEAD, INC.	8,324.18	8,324.18
11/28/23	40492	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: LBO INCEN OCT 2023 MARKLEY COVE RESORT	1,915.00	1,915.00
11/28/23	40493	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 15926 REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AUTHORITY	16.75	16.75
11/28/23	40494	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 2066 SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT	21,535.85	21,535.85
11/28/23	40494V	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 2066 SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT	21,535.85	21,535.85
11/28/23	40495	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: CALL#160 CHARLES LOMELI, TAX COLLECTOR	2,451.09	2,451.09
11/28/23	40495V	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: CALL#160 CHARLES LOMELI, TAX COLLECTOR	2,451.09	2,451.09
11/28/23	40496	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 006492990046 DEC2023 STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	2,468.29	2,468.29
11/28/23	40497	2020SC	Invoice: 229-530944 2024	310.90	

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		2020SC	Invoice: 094-023750 2024	418.25	
		2020SC	Invoice: 094-020737 2024	103,667.64	
		2020SC	Invoice: 094-020736 2024	6,718.90	
		2020SC	Invoice: 094-000273 2024	3,085.26	
		1020SC	CA DEPT. OF TAX AND FEE ADMIN		114,200.95
11/28/23	40498	2020SC	Invoice: 200661775	751.57	
		2020SC	Invoice: 300601349	260.04	
		2020SC	Invoice: 100198868	204.79	
		2020SC	Invoice: 200662268	53.68	
		2020SC	Invoice: 200662269	204.57	
		2020SC	Invoice: 200662789	9.61	
		2020SC	Invoice: 200662921	83.66	
		2020SC	Invoice: 100199236		53.68
		2020SC	Invoice: 100199237	101.96	
		2020SC	Invoice: 200663841	751.57	
		1020SC	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN		2,367.77
11/28/23	40499	2020SC	Invoice: 1221051	474.85	
		1020SC	GROW WEST		474.85
11/28/23	40500	2020SC	Invoice: AARON KIM	616.95	
		1020SC	AARON KIM		616.95
11/28/23	40501	2020SC	Invoice: CAROLYN ANGELO	2,000.00	
		1020SC	CAROLYN ANGELO		2,000.00
11/28/23	40502	2020SC	Invoice: KATHERINE CASTRO	53.90	
		1020SC	KATHERINE CASTRO		53.90
11/28/23	40502V	2020SC	Invoice: KATHERINE CASTRO		53.90
		1020SC	KATHERINE CASTRO	53.90	
11/28/23	40503	2020SC	Invoice: LOUIS CHIOFALO 1	1,500.00	
		1020SC	LOUIS CHIOFALO		1,500.00
11/28/23	40504	2020SC	Invoice: MARIA CLARK	1,160.00	
		1020SC	MARIA CLARK		1,160.00
11/28/23	40505	2020SC	Invoice: FAIRFIELD GATEWAY	3,218.43	
		1020SC	FAIRFIELD GATEWAY, LP		3,218.43
11/28/23	40506	2020SC	Invoice: GREGORY SMITH	1,500.00	
		1020SC	GREGORY SMITH		1,500.00
11/28/23	40507	2020SC	Invoice: HAMPTON BAY	7,500.00	
		1020SC	HAMPTON BAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.		7,500.00
11/28/23	40508	2020SC	Invoice: TIME HESGARD	99.50	
		1020SC	TIM HESGARD		99.50
11/28/23	40509	2020SC	Invoice: PATRICIA KNOLL 1	46.50	
		1020SC	PATRICIA KNOLL		46.50
11/28/23	40510	2020SC	Invoice: ALANA MILLER	2,000.00	
		1020SC	ALANA MILLER		2,000.00

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11/28/23	40511	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: CHE PRESANT CHE PRESANT	97.50	97.50
11/28/23	40512	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: MEGAN RICHARDS MEGAN RICHARDS	100.00	100.00
11/28/23	40513	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: KATHLEEN ROOS KATHLEEN ROOS	1,500.00	1,500.00
11/28/23	40514	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: LETICIA ROSA LETICIA ROSA	2,000.00	2,000.00
11/28/23	40515	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: JOSIE TOU JOSIE TOU	100.00	100.00
11/28/23	40516	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: SAMIRA VIJGHEN SAMIRA VIJGHEN	1,500.00	1,500.00
11/28/23	40517	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: DAVID VONG1 DAVID VONG	632.40	632.40
11/30/23	ACH 11.30.2023	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: PPE 11.26.2023 PAYROLL TAXES	31,390.02	31,390.02
11/25/23	ASHLEY OCT 20	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: ASHLEY OCT 2023 UMPQUA BANK	955.65	955.65
11/25/23	CRUZ OCT 2023	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: CRUZ OCT 2023 UMPQUA BANK	599.14	599.14
11/25/23	CUETARA OCT	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: CUETARA OCT 2023 UMPQUA BANK	1,178.39	1,178.39
11/21/23	EFT	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 93076816 WEX BANK	3,500.37	3,500.37
11/10/23	EFT	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: 27918027 PAYCHEX	130.00	130.00
11/2/23	EFT 10.28.2023	2020SC 2020SC 2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: PPE 10.28.2023 Invoice: SIP PPE 10.28.2023 Invoice: PEPRA PPE 10.28.2023 CALPERS	11,316.67 8,569.51 8,637.81	28,523.99
11/3/23	EFT 11.03.2023	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: PPE 10.28.2023 PAYROLL TAXES	26,356.46	26,356.46
11/20/23	EFT 11.20.2023	2020SC 2020SC 2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: SIP PPE 11.11.2023 Invoice: PEPRA PPE 11.11.2023 Invoice: PPE 11.11.2023 CALPERS	8,565.96 8,650.18 11,726.07	28,942.21
11/25/23	FEHRENKAMP	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: FEHRENKAMP OCT 2023 UMPQUA BANK	1,156.55	1,156.55
11/25/23	FLORENDO OCT	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: FLORENDO OCT 2023 UMPQUA BANK	620.25	620.25
11/16/23	FOWLER OCT 23	2020SC 1020SC	Invoice: FOWLER OCT 2023 UMPQUA BANK	1,340.94	1,340.94

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11/25/23	FOX OCT 2023	2020SC	Invoice: MORRIS AUG 2023		56.90
		2020SC	Invoice: PATE AUG 2023	224.78	
		2020SC	Invoice: PATE SEP 2023	49.98	
		2020SC	Invoice: PATE OCT 2023	789.96	
		2020SC	Invoice: RABIDOUX OCT 2023	120.23	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		1,128.05
11/16/23	FOX OCT 2023	2020SC	Invoice: FOX OCT 2023	1,128.05	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		1,128.05
11/1/23	FSA EFT 11.01.2	2023AC	FSA MEDICAL PY 2023 11.01.2023	25.00	
		1020SC	JEFF BARICH		25.00
11/20/23	FSA EFT 11.20.2	2023AC	FSA MEDICAL PY 2023 11.20.2023	125.64	
		1020SC	FLORENDO, ANDREW		125.64
11/22/23	FSA EFT 11.22.2	2023AC	FSA MEDICAL PY 2023 11.22.2023	366.10	
		1020SC	MARCIE FEHRENKAMP		366.10
11/29/23	FSA EFT 11.29.2	2023AC	FSA MEDICAL PY 2023 11.29.2023	1,334.00	
		1020SC	PATE, THOMAS		1,334.00
11/25/23	GANTNER OCT	2020SC	Invoice: GANTNER OCT 2023	2,411.66	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		2,411.66
11/25/23	HYER OCT 2023	2020SC	Invoice: HYER OCT 2023	797.89	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		797.89
11/25/23	JONES OCT 2023	2020SC	Invoice: JONES OCT 2023	656.45	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		656.45
11/25/23	LEE OCT 2023	2020SC	Invoice: LEE OCT 2023	1,094.32	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		1,094.32
11/25/23	MARQUEZ OCT	2020SC	Invoice: MARQUEZ OCT 2023	17.37	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		17.37
11/25/23	MOORE OCT 20	2020SC	Invoice: MOORE OCT 2023	23.99	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		23.99
11/16/23	MORRIS OCT 20	1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		
11/16/23	MORRIS OCT 23	2020SC	Invoice: MORRIS OCT 2023	357.27	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		357.27
11/2/23	NOV HEALTH 2	2020SC	Invoice: NOV 2023 HEALTH	27,645.81	
		1020SC	CALPERS		27,645.81
11/16/23	PEREZ OCT 2023	2020SC	Invoice: PEREZ OCT 2023	80.94	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		80.94
11/30/23	PETTY CASH	2020SC	Invoice: EXP REIM NOV 2023	16.38	
		1060SC	JOSHUA BYI		16.38
11/25/23	RABIDOUX OCT	2020SC	Invoice: RABIDOUX OCT 2023	627.24	

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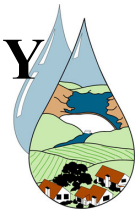
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		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		627.24
11/16/23	SHTAYYEH OC	2020SC	Invoice: SHTAYYEH OCT 2023	1,936.91	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		1,936.91
11/25/23	STEVENSON OC	2020SC	Invoice: STEVENSON OCT 2023	440.00	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		440.00
11/25/23	WILLINGMYRE	2020SC	Invoice: WILLINGMYRE OCT 2023	9.99	
		1020SC	UMPQUA BANK		9.99
Total				2,345,640.81	2,345,640.81

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chris Lee, General Manager

DATE: December 7, 2023

SUBJECT: December General Manager's Report

Water Supply Update

On December 1st, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that the initial allocation of the State Water Project (SWP) would be 10 percent. For those of us north of the Delta, it would be 15 percent. The water year has started off slow, October and November saw about half of the normal precipitation statewide.

To determine available SWP water supplies, DWR considers factors, including SWP contractors anticipated 2023 carryover supplies into 2024, projected 2024 demands, existing storage in SWP conservation facilities, estimates on future runoff, SWP operational and regulatory requirements of the Federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act, and water rights under the State Water Resources Control Board's authority. DWR may revise the SWP allocation if hydrologic conditions change. Last year, the initial allocation on December 1st was 0%, then adjusted to 10% and then 100% in subsequent months.

The water supply outlook remains unchanged for the Solano Project-full allocations for the 2024 Water Year.

As of December 7th, Lake Berryessa held 1,218,179 acre-feet in storage (79 percent of full capacity), about 18.5 feet below the Glory Hole.

Solano Project Contract Renewal

For the Solano Project Contract Renewal process, public negotiations were held at USBR's Folsom Area Office on November 9th. SCWA staff and legal counsel attended, as well as staff from the City of Vallejo. The two draft USBR-SCWA agreements are currently out for public review. The Water Service Agreement, which is for use of the last remaining Solano Project water right held by USBR on behalf of SCWA is out for a 60-day comment period, with the

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Operation, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation (OM&R) Agreement out for a 15-day comment period. Once complete, staff will bring these agreements before the Board, most likely in January or February.

LPCCC Updates for October

The Annual Winters Salmon Festival was held Nov 4th this year in downtown Winters, CA and was a great success. Hundreds of people attended and celebrated the return of Chinook Salmon, spawning in Putah Creek. Some attendees got a very close look at some very large salmon! Video here https://youtu.be/gMJ_mrxuZbk?si=IoY86nKy67cjYrr SCWA staff participated in organizing and running the festival through a planning committee. Regarding the salmon run itself, SCWA staff are still working diligently, checking Putah Creek flows and managing barriers to fish passage multiple days per week during the run. The salmon run will be mostly over by the end of December.

Sport and commercial Chinook salmon fishing were closed in California in 2023, due to concerns about the health of the overall population. Returns of salmon in Putah Creek, although small on a Statewide scale, are strong, even this year. We don't have final numbers yet for 2023, but it could number more than 500 spawning adults. UC Davis is working on the calculations, and new salmon continue to arrive in December. SCWA staff have been assisting UC Davis in this year's improved salmon counts. Nearby, an additional 300 fall run salmon have been caught at the Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Facility in the Yolo Bypass north of I-80. Some of those fish could be Putah Creek salmon that missed the left hand turn into Putah Creek and swam up to the Wallace Weir. The Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Facility exists because there is no spawning habitat in the Bypass, except in Putah Creek. Putah Creek is the only game in town for spawning salmon that arrive in the Yolo Bypass.

LPCCC continues working on the Putah Creek Water Management (PCWM) project. The Water Agency is responsible for providing flows for all the needs in the Creek; fish flows, water for irrigation, and water for groundwater recharge. Coordinating these flows and sharing the Creek is the goal of PCWM. <https://www.scwa2.com/pcwm/> We are busy planning upcoming focus group meetings in January. While the first large public meeting was held in Winters, CA, during October, we are also planning a second public meeting on PCWM in the Davis area, due to requests from stakeholders.

The Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) is a public forum for all things Putah Creek. The LPCCC reports and makes recommendations to SCWA. LPCCC meetings are held regularly at the SCWA offices the second Thursday of the month, starting at 3 PM

EPA Proposed Lead and Copper Rule

While not directly impacting the Water Agency, Cities may be interested in an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed Lead and Copper Rule. You can visit their website for details: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/proposed-lead-and-copper-rule-improvements>

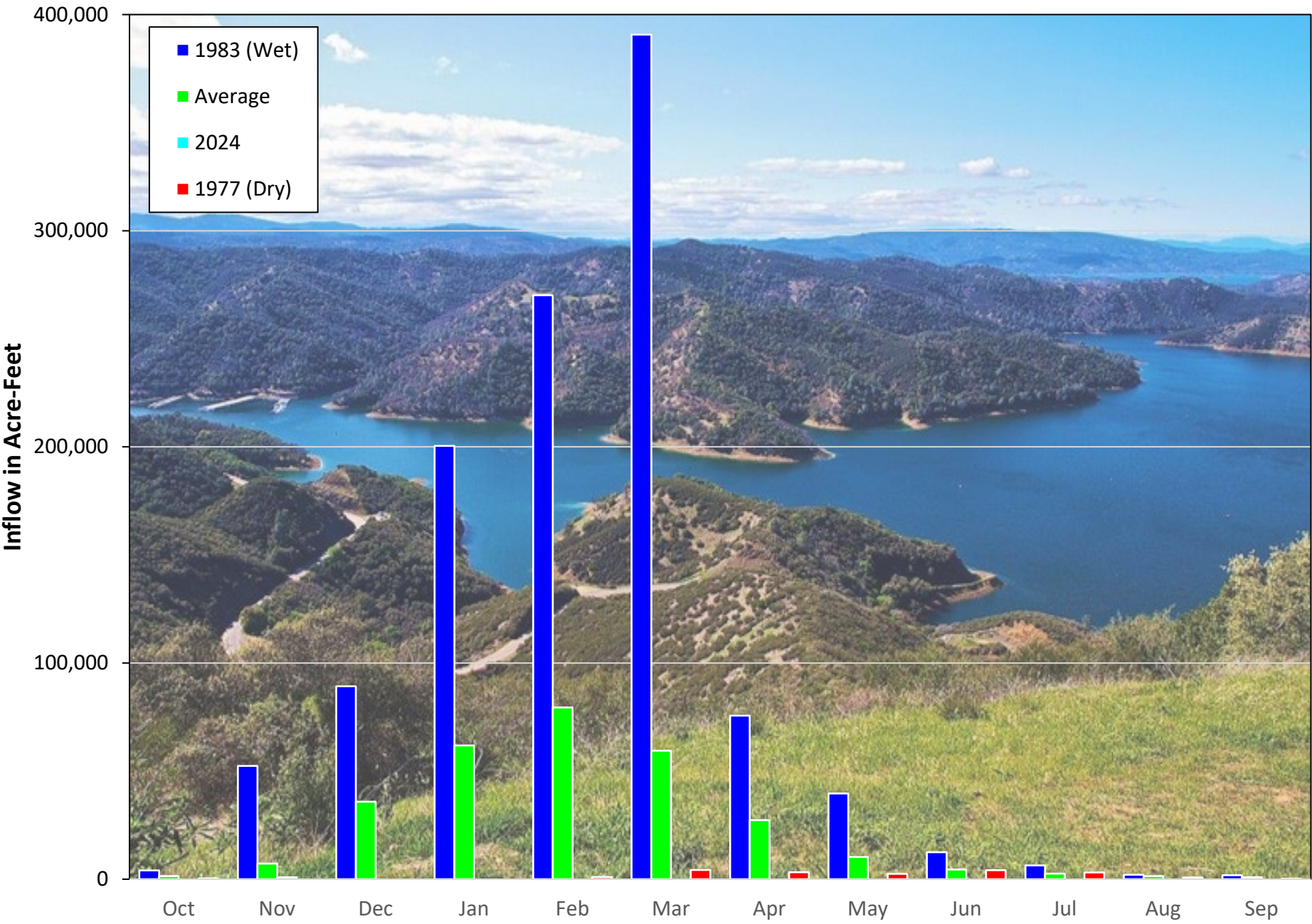
You can also catch a short video on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7vED_0nRRY

One of the main goals of the new regulations is replacement of 100% of all lead service lines within 10 years. And from reading the proposed regulations, this includes lines from the meter to the house.

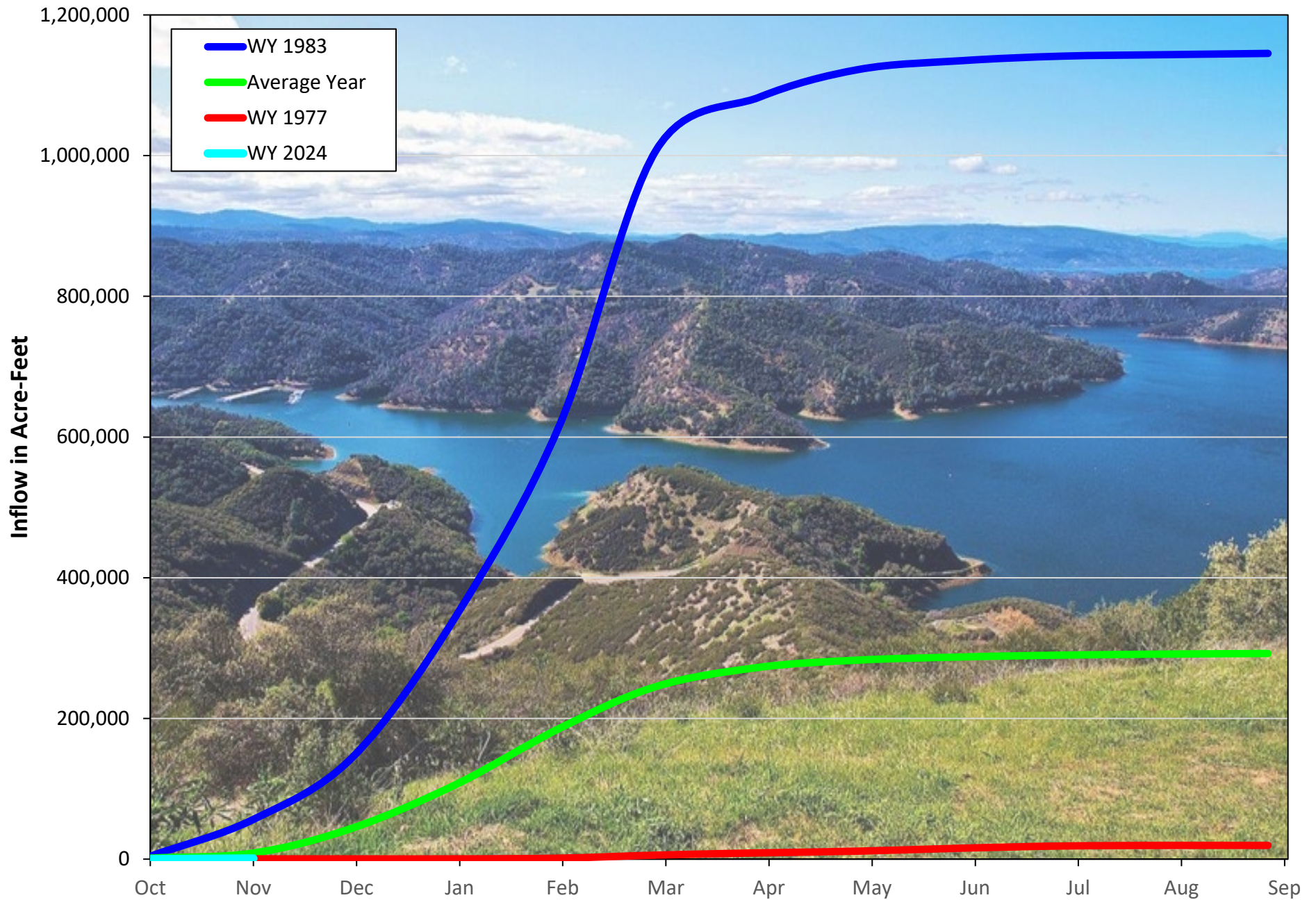
EPA is considering implementing this rule by October 2024. EPA is accepting written comments through 2/5/2024. They will also be hosting a virtual public hearing on 1/16/2024;

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epas-proposed-lcri-public-hearing-tickets-767835214797?aff=erelpanelorg>

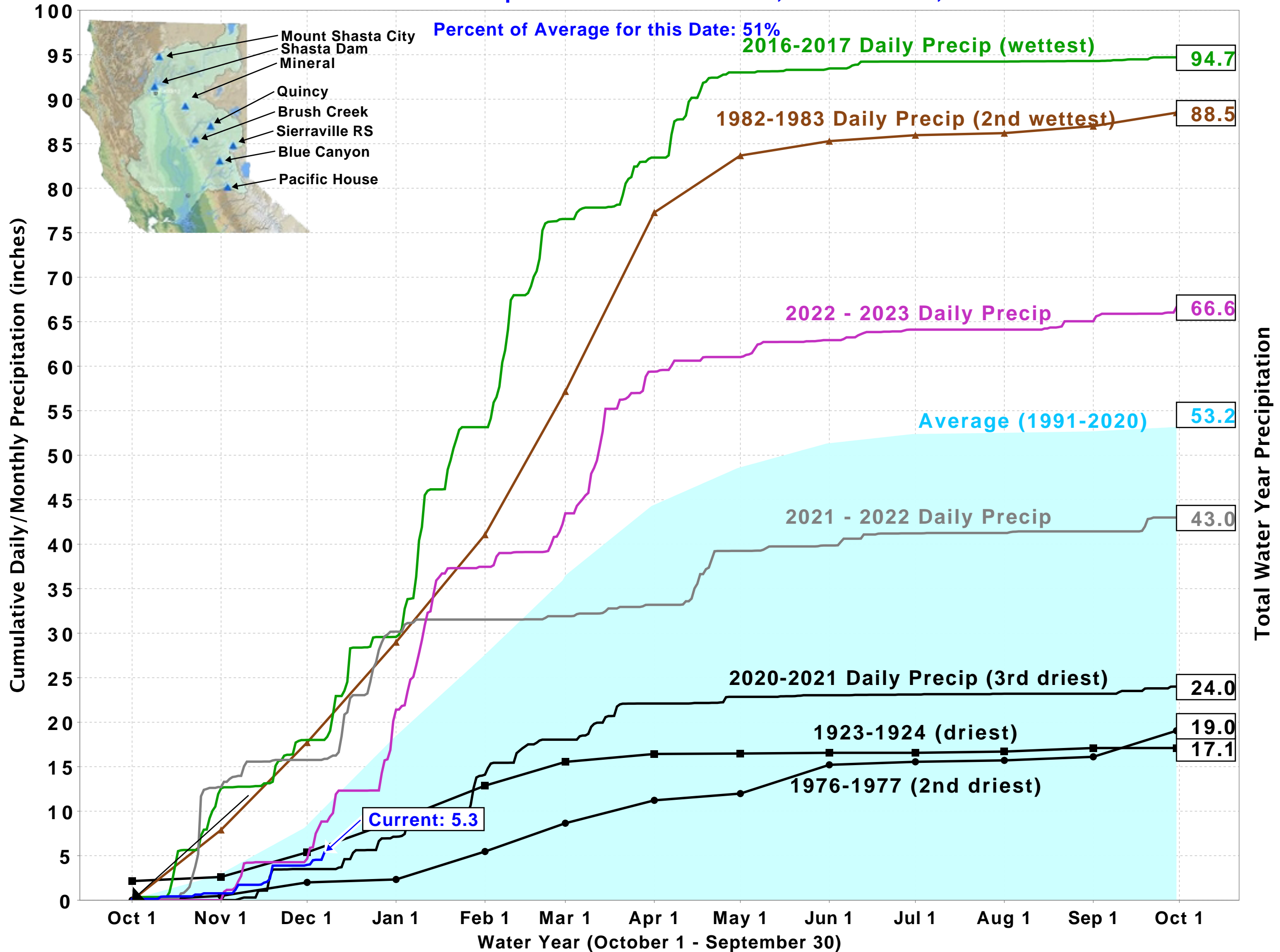
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Northern Sierra Precipitation: 8-Station Index, December 07, 2023



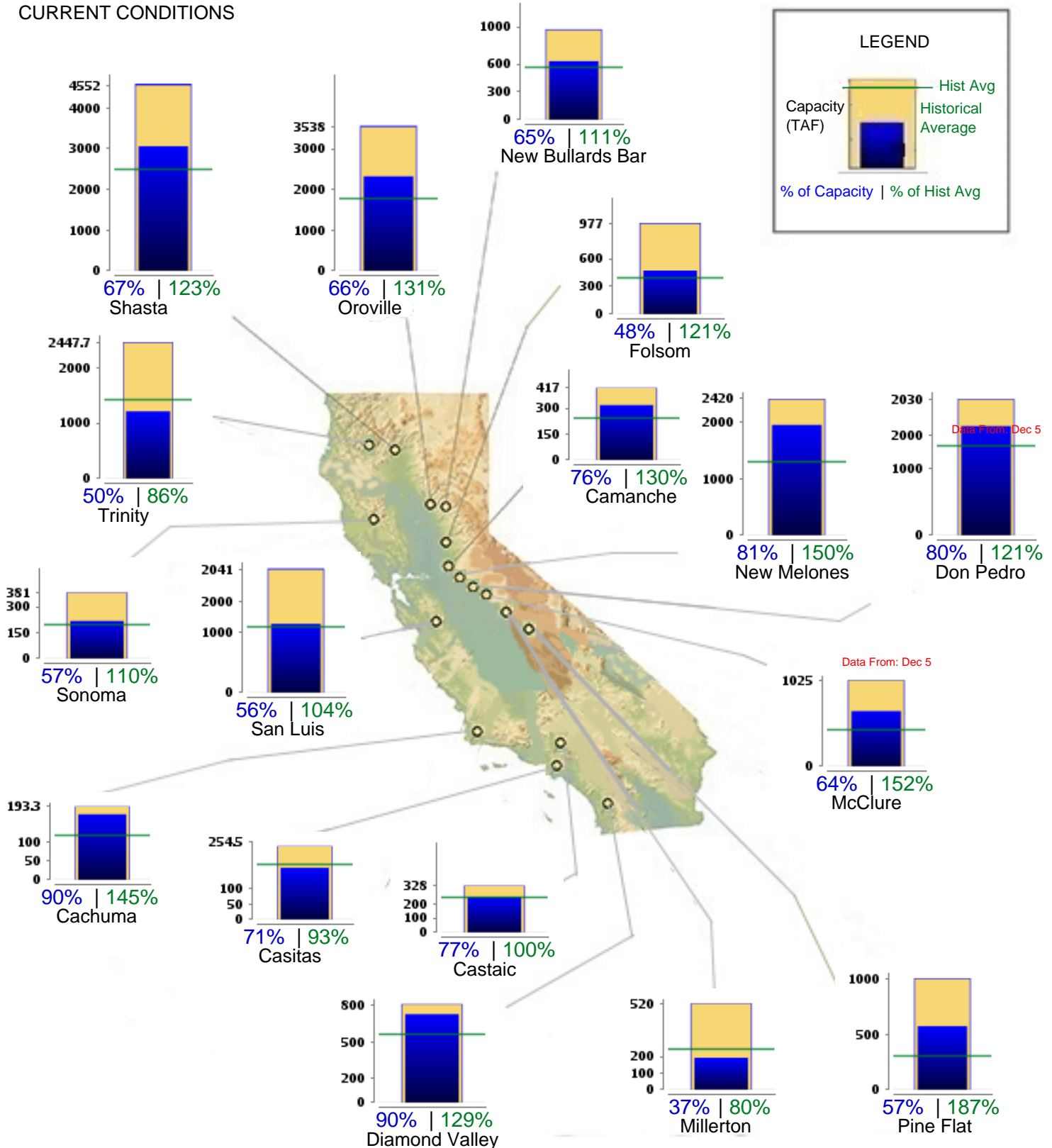


CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS

CALIFORNIA MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS

Midnight - December 6, 2023

CURRENT CONDITIONS



**REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS AND
CONTRACTS APPROVED BY GENERAL MANAGER UNDER
DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Construction Contract Change Orders (15% of original project costs or \$60,000, whichever is less) - None

Construction Contracts (\$60,000 and less)

Quam General Engineering – Ulati Creek Cuvert Replacement and Sink Hole Repair - \$29,508.66

Quam General Engineering – Alamo Creek Twin Culvert Replacement - \$15,000

Professional Service Agreements (\$45,000 and less) – None

Non-Professional Service Agreements (\$45,000 and less) – None

Construction contracts resulting from informal bids authorized by SCWA Ordinance- None

Note: Cumulative change orders or amendments resulting in exceeding the dollar limit need Board approval.

WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATES

**Solano Water Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2023**

Present:

Agency	Members
SCWA	Chris Lee, Alex Rabidoux, Maritza Flores Marquez, Andy Florendo, Thomas Pate
Benicia	Kyle Ochendusko, Danielle Bonham
Dixon	Jordan Santos
Fairfield	Michael Hether, Nigel Browne
Rio Vista	
Vacaville	Justen Cole, Ramiro Jimenez
Vallejo	Beth Schoenberger, Melissa Cansdale
Solano County	Misty Kaltreider
RD 2068	Dale Crossley
SID	Cary Keaten
Dixon RCD	Kelly Huff
FSSD	Jordan Damerel
MPWD	
Other	

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

1. Minutes of August 23, 2023, meeting:
The meeting minutes were approved.
2. Scheduling of Nov/Dec SWAC meeting:
The Commission will have the next Solano Water Advisory Commission (SWAC) meeting on December 6, 2023 at 12:30 pm.
3. Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan & Voluntary Agreement Update:
Chris Lee (SCWA) provided an update to the Commission. The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) released the 2023 Draft Staff Report, developed to support the consideration of updates to the Bay-Delta Plan focused on the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife in the Sacramento River and its tributaries, Delta eastside tributaries, and Delta. Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) has staff reviewing the 2023 Draft Staff Report and will develop a comment letter for the Commission to review during the next SWAC Meeting scheduled for December 6. Comments provided by the Commission will be integrated before submitting to the Water Board on January 19, 2024 (originally December 15, 2023).

Kyle Ochendusko (Benicia) recommended that the Commission review the water quality, water rights, and cost for the compliance section of the 2023 Draft Staff Report.

Chris Lee (SCWA) shared that SCWA is sticking with the terms found under the Voluntary Agreement Term Sheet. There was an agreement that having letters of support from local agencies would be a good idea to support the Voluntary Agreement for Putah Creek. It was also recommended that information be collected and shared with each of the agencies.

Different members of the Commission will review the 2023 Draft Staff Report to better understand the implications the proposed updates may have for our part of the Delta.

A concern was raised on the models used by the Water Board versus what SCWA is using. If there are water right hearings, there may be modeling wars. Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) shared that SCWA has been working with Dotan Consultants on developing a Fortran model. Dotan Consultants has previously reviewed the difference between the Fortran Berryessa Simulation Model and the Water Board's SacWAM and CalSim 3 models. Discrepancies on how our water system is modeled may be included the comment letter. At the moment, it is unclear on how Putah Creek is modeled in the Water Board's models, but there is an interest in finessing this out.

4. SWRCB "Conservation as a Way of Life" Legislation:

Kyle Ochendusko (Benicia) shared that the "Conservation as a Way of Life" Legislation will impact water retailers. Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) shared that there is a presentation available with more information. Andy Florendo (SCWA) shared that there is an Urban Water Conservation Committee that meets monthly, their takeaway was that a lot of data needs to be collected and agencies are short staffed, agencies would like to know what SCWA can do to support local water retailers. The Commission would like SCWA to provide a framework (approach and outreach) to get strength in numbers when complying with the State requirements. The messaging and approach should complement what the cities are already doing.

5. SCWA General Manager's Report:

a. SCWA Board Items:

Chris Lee (SCWA) shared with the Commission that the November Board meeting agenda will be light. The Commission may be interested in the California Forever agenda item. Chris Lee (SCWA) has previously talked with the California Forever CEO, but they did not share a lot of details. California Forever has shown interest in the Water Plus Project, in addition to sharing costs for infrastructure and studies.

b. North Bay Aqueduct (NBA):

Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) shared that if there are any issues with the NBA they should be brought to his attention to flag to DWR.

c. Solano Project:

Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) updated the Commission that the Solano Project is under the contract renewal process, Jacobs Engineering is supporting the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Overall, the terms of the contract remained unchanged. Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) and Chris Lee (SCWA) will be in Folsom negotiating with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on November 9. SCWA's legal counsel has reviewed the two agreements.

Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) shared that the Solano Irrigation District (SID) will begin the canal cleanout during the end of October and continue for 2 months. SID and SCWA will do canal repairs near the NBR WTP. Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) updated the Commission on the Rancho Solano landslide. There are no impacts to the canal, the area will be repaired.

d. Bay Delta Planning Issues:
See Item #3 above.

e. Flood Management Issues:
Kelly Huff (DRCD) updated the Commission on the Tremont Watershed. There is an interest in finding creative solutions and implementing multi-benefit projects on the Tremont Watershed. She also discussed that there is a benefit in creating a group like SWAC for flood management/drainage challenges, it would entail the same agencies but different members.

f. Other Regional and State Issues:
None.

g. Other Issues:
None.

6. Groundwater Planning:

a. SGMA Update:

Chris Lee (SCWA) updated the Commission that we were awarded Proposition 68 Grant funding. The grant award is anticipated to be used for groundwater recharge projects and addressing flood challenges. There is interest in pursuing implementation funding in the future.

7. Solano County Report:

Misty Kaltreider (County) provided an update to the Commission on One Water; it is currently looking at three critical areas. The Solano County Board of Supervisors approved Solano County's application to receive Direct Technical Assistance from the California Department of Water Resources to comply with Senate Bill 552.

8. Other Topics:

Cary Keaton (SID) provided the Commission with a friendly reminder that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) fall conference will occur from November 28-30. Chris Lee (SCWA) updated the Commission that Alex Rabidoux

is SCWA's new Assistant General Manager. Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) provided an update on SCWA's office reallocation and plans for having electric vehicles.

9. Public Comments:

None.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 12:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

ACTION OF
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Water Agency Staffing – Two Retired Annuitants-Part Time Temporary Help

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize General Manager to renew retired annuitant position for former Streamkeeper, Rich Marovich, to continue with assistance with project development, grant writing, and other duties as assigned and for Ms. Elizabeth Patterson to continue as Agency representative for several organizations, including North Bay Watershed Association, San Francisco Estuary Institute, California Water Commission, and Flood-MAR, both for an additional year-total hours not to exceed 940 over a fiscal year and pay not to exceed rate of a Senior Water Resources Specialist, currently at \$70/hour.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Both retired annuitants would be paid at an hourly rate not to exceed the rate of Senior Water Resources Specialist, currently at \$70 dollars per hour, without benefits. Total cost not to exceed \$131,600.

BACKGROUND:

The State and Federal government have committed significant funding for infrastructure, water management and environmental projects over the next several years – much of it in the form of grants. As outlined in the Water Agency’s annual Legislative Platform, the Water Agency is seeking funding for a variety of projects and programs. Potential funding sources are readily identifiable. However, the available staff time for preparing grant applications is limited. In order to take advantage of the State and Federal grant opportunities that currently exist, staff is recommending continuing the retention of former Streamkeeper, Richard Marovich, who has been working on acquiring grants over the last year.

Mr. Marovich retired in December 2021 after 21 years of service. During his tenure he was instrumental in obtaining over 15 million dollars of grant funds for various restoration and watershed management projects in Lower Putah Creek and the surrounding watershed. He is a proven, successful grant writer and is very familiar with the Water Agency, it’s staff capabilities and programs. Staff is requesting authorization to continue Mr. Marovich employment as a retired annuitant Streamkeeper – consistent with CalPERS regulations - to assist and advise on a variety of projects; grant applications, nursery management, creek restoration, “green” infrastructure,

Recommended: 
Chris Lee, General Manager

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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Chris Lee, General Manager and Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 14, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Chris Lee
General Manager & Secretary to the
Solano County Water Agency

biological monitoring, water conservation, invasive species control, and possibly other projects.

Ms. Patterson, retired Mayor of the City of Benicia and retired scientist with the State of California, brings a wealth of water knowledge and experience to the Water Agency. She will represent the Agency at designated science, planning, governmental, and non-governmental meetings and conferences. A partial list of the governmental and non-governmental meetings and conferences include: North Bay Watershed Association-including working group “One Water” initiative; San Francisco Estuary Institute-including updating plans focused on habitat enhancement and rising sea level; California Water Commission-which provides grant funds for surface water and groundwater storage projects-and includes annual review of State Water Project, including maintenance charges (Bulletin 132); Flood-MAR-an academic, governmental and scientific initiative to adapt to climate change focused on new water hydrodynamics. Ms. Patterson will provide written reports as warranted to the Board and be available to answer questions as needed.

RELEVANCE TO 2016-2025 SCWA STRATEGIC PLAN:

The authorization to hire one retired annuitant for grant writing services. This is consistent with Goal #1 (Water Supply Management), Goal #2 (Water Management Infrastructure), Goal #7 (Natural Resources Stewardship), and Goal #10 (Funding and Staffing) of the 2016-2025 SCWA Strategic Plan.

ACTION OF
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Management of the Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize General Manger to sign Agreement with Putah Creek Council for Management of the Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch.


FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Management of the Sackett Ranch Nursery will cost approximately \$172,205 for the remainder of the Fiscal Year. Costs for managing the Sackett Ranch Nursery for the remainder of the Fiscal Year have been programmed in the FY 2023-2024 Budget. Costs for Managing the Sackett Ranch Nursery will be approximately \$243,565 per Fiscal Year. This Agreement will be for three years at a total cost of \$659,335.

For this year, more than half of the direct costs will be reimbursed through existing grants. There will also be income from outside plant sales to regional partners (Dixon and Solano Resource Conservation Districts, Solano County Parks, etc.). As this effort is just taking off and efforts are ramping up to make more plants available, it is hard to quantify what annual sales might look like. There will also be variability from year to year depending on the needs of regional partners. Anticipated annual income from outside plant sales is projected to be \$50,000-\$100,000.

BACKGROUND:

Staff advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Management of the Native Plant Nursery on July 17, 2023. One response to the RFP was submitted, from Putah Creek Council (PCC). The Nursery Management RFP Subcommittee, comprised of the General Manager and Water Agency staff who regularly work at the nursery, including Retired Annuitant, Rich Marovich, who was instrumental in setting up the nursery when Sacket Ranch was purchased, interviewed PCC on September 6, 2023. The Subcommittee unanimously concluded that PCC could provide Management of the Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch under the terms and conditions set by the Water Agency.

Recommended: 
Chris Lee, General Manager

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The Native Plant Nursery provides plants for restoration efforts on Putah Creek, Sackett Ranch, Peterson Ranch, and in the future for our newest acquisition, Lang Tule Ranch.

As the Board will recall, through the Putah Creek Accord, we are required to provide both resident and anadromous fish flows, a forum for management of Putah Creek (Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee), and restoration and monitoring funds. With those restoration funds, a fair number of native plants are needed annually, beyond grant funded projects, as part of our overall watershed stewardship efforts.

The Water Agency also has need of native plants for specific project level work on Putah Creek. Most if not all of this type of work and the costs for native plants are reimbursed through grants. The biggest project in the works on Putah Creek right now is the Nishikawa Project. Of the approximately \$220,000 the Water Agency has spent on native plants this year, 80% of those plants are for the Nishikawa Project and the costs will be reimbursed.

The Water Agency also has need of native plants at our other land holdings. There has been a flurry of restoration efforts at Petersen Ranch the past few years, from hedge rows to riparian plantings on the numerous drainages, to multiple artificial burrowing owl complexes. Staff are working with our consultants on securing the permits to turn a large portion of the ranch into a mitigation bank, to not only recoup costs of the initial purchase investment, but to also make mitigation credits available for Solano Habitat Conservation Plan Participating Agencies for their new development needs. Once we have the permits in hand, Petersen Ranch will become a source of income to augment the Solano Project and the North Bay Aqueduct funds.

Staff also have been augmenting Sackett Ranch on Putah Creek with native plants. Native plants not only provide habitat for indigenous species, but also provide erosion control and reduce sediment loads in our source water.

Staff will also start ramping up use of native grasses on flood control channels as a more cost effective and natural means to protect against erosion and bank failures. This change is starting to become a requirement from the regulatory agencies as we have seen this added to our Routine Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and on individual permits for specific project level work on our flood control channels.

With the Water Agency's current and future needs of native plants for project specific and general purposes, maintaining the Sackett Ranch Native Plant Nursery is mission critical. A large portion of the annual costs to run the nursery will be reimbursed through grant funds. The nursery will also become more of a regional resource for our partner agencies, which will bring in additional income to offset costs, and perhaps create positive income.

The staff recommendation is to authorize the General Manager to sign an Agreement with Putah Creek Council for Management of the Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch.

RELEVANCE TO 2016-2025 SCWA STRATEGIC PLAN:

Management of the Sackett Ranch Native Plant Nursery is consistent with Goal #7 (*Natural Resources Stewardship: Develop comprehensive approaches to the stewardship of natural resources*), Objective A (*Implement the Solano Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan*), Objective B (*Support and promote Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee programs and projects*), Objective C (*Protect SCWA water supply sources*), and Objective D (*Identify other habitat and watershed stewardship opportunities and implement activities where feasible*), of the 2016-2025 Strategic Plan.

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Professional Services/Contractor)

THIS AGREEMENT, **effective December 14, 2023**, is between SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY, a public agency existing under and by virtue of Chapter 573 of the 1989 statutes of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "Agency," and **Putah Creek Council**, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor."

The Agency requires services for **Management of Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch**; and the Contractor is willing to perform these services pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED, as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Agency hereby engages the Contractor, and the Contractor agrees to perform the services for **Management of Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch**, as described in Exhibit A, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and any applicable laws, codes, ordinances, rules or regulations. In case of conflict between any part of this Agreement, this Agreement shall control over any Exhibit.

2. COMPENSATION

Compensation for services shall be as follows: Hourly rate of personnel plus any allowed reimbursable expenses based on unit costs as indicated on any allowed reimbursable expense in Exhibit B **not to exceed \$659,335** for all work contemplated by this Agreement.

3. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment for services will be approved by the Agency's representative only if all contract requirements have been met.

Invoices must be submitted monthly, and upon approval of the Agency's representative, the Agency shall pay the Contractor monthly in arrears for fees and allowed expenses incurred the prior month. Invoices that are over 6 months old will not be approved or paid by the Agency. **In no event shall the cumulative total paid pursuant to this agreement exceed the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 2 of this Agreement.**

Every invoice shall specify hours worked for each task identified in Exhibit A undertaken. To be approved by payment, any allowed reimbursable expenses will need supporting written documentation such as receipts and mileage logs.

Each invoice shall be accompanied by a spreadsheet showing, by month, costs incurred to date for the project broken down by the Tasks identified in Exhibit A. The spreadsheet shall show, for each task, budget amounts, total expended and remaining amounts. The spreadsheet shall show a subtotal for each fiscal year covered by the contract. Any amendments to the contract shall be listed and incorporated into spreadsheet. An example of a typical spreadsheet shall be provided by the Agency.

4. **PLANT SALES**

All sales of plants in excess of needs for Water Agency restoration projects shall be split between the Water Agency and Putah Creek Council at 75% for the Water Agency and 25% for Putah Creek Council. This does not include sales of plants included in agreements signed prior to this agreement but does include all future excess plant sales occurring after the effective date of this agreement.

5. **TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

This Agreement shall become effective as of the date it is executed and said services will take place between this date and **June 30, 2026**, as directed by the Agency.

6. **MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

This Agreement may be modified or amended only by written instrument signed by the parties hereto, and the Contractor's compensation and time of performance of this Agreement shall be adjusted if they are materially affected by such modification or amendment.

Any change in the scope of the professional services to be done, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or to any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the professional services will not be paid for or accepted unless such change, addition or deletion be approved in advance, in writing, by the Agency's General Manager.

This Agreement may be terminated by the Agency at any time, without cause, upon written notification to the Contractor. The Contractor may terminate this Agreement upon 30 days written notice to Agency.

Following termination by the Agency or the Contractor, the Contractor shall be reimbursed for all expenditures made in good faith in accordance with the terms of this Agreement that are unpaid at the time of termination.

7. **PERMITS** *(Note: include only if permits are required)*

Permits required by governmental authorities will be obtained at the Contractor's expense, and the Contractor will comply with local, state and federal regulations and statutes including Cal/OSHA requirements.

8. **INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS**

To the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify Solano County Water Agency, its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers, against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, arising from all acts or omissions of Contractor or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering services under this contract; excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses arising Solano County Water Agency's sole negligence or willful acts.

9. **INSURANCE**

Minimum Insurance Requirements: Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries or death to persons or damages to property which may

arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or sub-contractors.

Coverage - Coverage shall be at least as broad as the following:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL)** - Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability Coverage (Occurrence Form CG 00 01) including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, personal and advertising injury with limit of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence or the full per occurrence limits of the policies available, whichever is greater. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (coverage as broad as the ISO CG 25 03, or ISO CG 25 04 endorsement provided to Solano County Water Agency) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Automobile Liability** – (if necessary) Insurance Services Office (ISO) Business Auto Coverage (Form CA 00 01), covering Symbol 1 (any auto) or if Contractor has no owned autos, Symbol 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned) with limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage each accident.
3. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** - as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. **Waiver of Subrogation:** The insurer(s) named above agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Solano County Water Agency, its elected or appointed officers, officials, agents, authorized volunteers and employees for losses paid under the terms of this policy which arise from work performed by the Named Insured for the Agency; but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the Solano County Water Agency has received a waiver of subrogation from the insurer.

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the Solano County Water Agency requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the Solano County Water Agency.

Other Required Provisions - The general liability policy must contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured Status:** Solano County Water Agency, its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers are to be given insured status (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 10 01), with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations.
2. **Primary Coverage:** For any claims related to this project, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects to the Solano County Water Agency, its directors, officers, employees and authorized volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Solano County Water Agency its directors, officers, employees and authorized volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the Solano County Water Agency.

Self-Insured Retentions - Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Solano County Water Agency. The Solano County Water Agency require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the

retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or Solano County Water Agency.

Acceptability of Insurers - Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII or as otherwise approved by Solano County Water Agency.

Verification of Coverage – Contractor shall furnish the Solano County Water Agency with certificates and amendatory endorsements, or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the Solano County Water Agency before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The Solano County Water Agency reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including policy Declaration pages and Endorsement pages.

Sub-contractors - Contractor shall require and verify that all sub-contractor maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that Solano County Water Agency its directors, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers are an additional insured are an additional insured on Commercial General Liability Coverage.

10. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

The Contractor shall be subject to and comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations applicable with respect to its performance under this Agreement, including but not limited to, licensing, employment and purchasing practices, and wages, hours and conditions of employment.

11. **RECORD RETENTION**

Except for materials and records, delivered to the Agency, the Contractor shall retain all materials and records prepared or obtained in the performance of this Agreement, including financial records, for a period of at least three years after the Contractor's receipt of the final payment under this Agreement. Upon request by the Agency, the Contractor shall make such materials and records available to the Agency at no additional charge and without restriction or limitation to State and federal governments at no additional charge.

12. **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

All materials and records of a finished nature, such as final plans, specifications, reports and maps, prepared or obtained in the performance of this Agreement, shall be delivered to and become the property of the Agency. All materials of a preliminary nature, such as survey notes, sketches, preliminary plans, computations, and other data, prepared or obtained in the performance of this Agreement, shall be made available, upon request, to the Agency at no additional charge and without restriction or limitation on their use.

13. **SUBCONTRACT AND ASSIGNMENT**

This Agreement binds the heirs, successors, assigns and representatives of the Contractor. The Contractor shall not enter into subcontracts for any work contemplated under this Agreement and shall not assign this Agreement or monies due or to become due, without the prior written consent of the General Manager of the Agency or his designee, subject to any required state or federal approval.
(Note: list any subcontractors here)

14. **NONRENEWAL**

The Contractor understands and agrees that there is no representation, implication, or understanding that the services provided by the Contractor under this Agreement will be purchased by the Agency under a new agreement following expiration or termination of this Agreement and waives all rights or claims to notice or hearing respecting any failure to continue purchase of all or any such services from the Contractor.

15. **NOTICE**

Any notice provided for herein are necessary to the performance of this Agreement and shall be given in writing by personal delivery or by prepaid first-class mail addressed as follows:

AGENCY

Chris Lee, General Manager
Solano County Water Agency
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203
Vacaville, CA 95688

CONTRACTOR

Phil Stevens, Executive Director
Putah Creek Council
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The parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written. If the Contractor is a corporation, documentation must be provided that the person signing below for the Contractor has the authority to do so.

Solano County Water Agency
a Public Agency

By: _____
Chris Lee,
General Manager

By: _____
Phil Stevens,
Executive Director

FOR SCWA USE ONLY

Contract Period: December 14, 2023 to June 30, 2026
File Number: AG-P-4
Account Manager: C.Lee
G/L Account #: Various
Job Cost #: Various
Contract Type: Professional Services

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Solano County Water Agency requires an entity to serve as the primary agent responsible for Management of the Native Plant Nursery at Sackett Ranch.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

1. Nursery Operations:

- Provide day-to-day management of the native plant nursery, including propagation, planting, cultivation, and maintenance of plants.
- Implement and maintain industry best practices to ensure plant health, including phytosanitation, irrigation, fertilization, weed control, pest management, and disease control.
- Develop and maintain a production schedule and an inventory system for tracking plant species, quantities, and availability.
- Ensure compliance with all relevant regulations and permits related to plant production, distribution, and sales.
- Collaborate with our Agency to identify and prioritize plant species based on ecological importance and market demand.

2. Sales and Marketing

- Develop and execute marketing strategies to promote the native plant nursery to landscaping companies, contractors, restoration projects, and other potential customers.
- Establish relationships with local businesses, environmental organizations, and government agencies to expand the customer base.
- Maintain accurate records of sales, customer interactions, and inventory management.
- Provide exceptional customer service, including plant selection advice and recommendations.
- All sales of plants beyond what are required for Agency needs will be retained by the Agency.

3. Staff Management and Training

- Hire, train, and manage a team of nursery staff, ensuring their adherence to best practices and safety protocols.
- Foster a positive and collaborative work environment that promotes employee growth and professional development.
- Conduct regular staff meetings, provide performance evaluations, and address any personnel issues that may arise.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Respondent must have experience managing a native plant nursery.
2. Respondent must have experience in marketing and sales of native plants.
3. Respondent must have the necessary staff to fulfill the requirements of this agreement.

EXHIBIT B
RATE OF COMPENSATION

See attached Vendor Proposal.

Exhibit A. Scope of Work

Nursery Management, 2023-2026

Putah Creek Council (PCC) will manage the native plant nursery at Sackett Ranch on behalf of the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) to provide high-quality native plants for restoration projects and public and private landscapes. The principal client for the nursery is SCWA, whose needs for plants will be top priority. SCWA will not pay for plants produced by the nursery.

PCC will carry out the following tasks:

I. Plant Production and Maintenance

Production

PCC will collect seed and cuttings and propagate plants in consultation with SCWA personnel and with reference to market demand. Wherever possible, plants will be wild types of known provenance and native to the region. Propagation will focus on straight natives that meet the needs of both restoration and landscaping projects and will not include cultivars or non-native species. Plants will preferentially be grown from seed to preserve genetic diversity within the plant stock. Cuttings may be used for species that have low seed viability or do not produce sufficient quantities of seed for propagation.

Maintenance

Should a SCWA project be delayed, PCC will maintain plants in a healthy state to the extent possible, including moving plants up to larger containers as needed. PCC will not charge SCWA any additional fees for plant maintenance. In the case of another customer's project being delayed, PCC will maintain those plants in the same manner, for an agreed-on fee. Fees for maintenance for other customers will be shared between SCWA and PCC at the same ratio as is applied to plant sales (see below, "Sales and Grow Contracts"), i.e. SCWA will receive 75% of the income and PCC will receive 25% (excluding taxes).

Project space allocation

PCC will maintain plant stock allocated to SCWA in a separate location to facilitate easy identification by SCWA staff. SCWA staff will consult with PCC nursery personnel before taking any plants that have not been assigned to their stock so PCC can maintain accurate inventory counts and fulfill other orders.

II. Nursery Management

PCC will manage the nursery in accordance with best practices wherever possible. Management activities include plant maintenance, transplanting, pest control, fertilization, watering, culling, and keeping an accurate inventory of plant stock. Inventory will be tracked electronically to enable nursery staff to immediately generate up-to-date availability lists. In addition, data will be kept for each plant regarding source of propagules, date of propagation, date(s) of up-potting, etc.

Phytosanitation

Because the primary goal of the nursery is to produce plants to be used in habitat restoration efforts, effective phytosanitation, and particularly the control of *Phytophthora*, is essential. The nursery presently has attained a bronze-tier certification in *Phytophthora* management from the CDFA. The aim is to achieve best practices in *Phytophthora* management over time as funding for upgrades becomes available. To remain in compliance with these standards and avoid contamination, any new hires or current SCWA employees need to be trained by the nursery staff before they enter propagation areas. Employees that do not follow procedures will be retrained or will not be allowed to access propagation areas.

Weed and Pest Management

PCC will use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques to control pests in order to minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides. Such techniques might include releasing beneficial insects within the greenhouse or hoop house, use of less-toxic chemicals such as neem oil to control insect pests, and an emphasis on good cultural practices to help plants be as resilient as possible to pests and diseases. PCC will never use systemic pesticides that are taken up by plant tissues or those that are considered high-risk to pollinators, such as neonicotinoids.

SCWA staff will be responsible for weed control outside of propagation structures (hoop house, greenhouse, and shade house). Any herbicide applications within the vicinity of nursery plants will contain dyes to help prevent plant injury through drift. Inside propagation structures, SCWA will also provide staff time for hand weeding and flame torching or will apply PCC approved herbicides under supervision of PCC nursery staff.

SCWA staff will notify PCC before any pesticide applications in the vicinity of the nursery and parking areas and will avoid spraying during volunteer events whenever possible.

Volunteer Recruiting and Management

PCC staff are joined on a once-weekly basis by volunteers from the surrounding community, who assist in nursery tasks such as planting, weeding, and potting up.

Volunteers are recruited and managed by PCC. This program provides significant labor cost savings, benefits the community and is a platform for good public relations for SCWA. PCC will continue its volunteer program at the nursery while operating under the management contract.

Purchasing

PCC will be responsible for purchasing all necessary supplies and materials. Receipts for purchases will be included in quarterly invoices that PCC will prepare for SCWA. SCWA will reimburse PCC for these expenses at a rate of cost plus 20%.

Site Maintenance

It is assumed that maintenance of the nursery facilities, including but not limited to pumps, greenhouses/shade houses, watering systems, etc., will be carried out by SCWA staff.

III. Intellectual property

PCC will retain ownership of all existing intellectual property and that generated during its time under this management agreement. This includes but is not limited to locations for collecting seeds and cuttings, techniques for processing and preservation of seeds and cuttings, timing and methods of producing plants, as well as any databases and electronic management tools developed for use in nursery operations.

The seed library/collection will also remain the property of PCC.

IV. Branding, Marketing, and Communications

PCC will actively seek out new customers and new opportunities to grow the nursery business. Specific market segments to be targeted include professional restoration firms, landscapers, Resource Conservation Districts, and Caltrans.

Branding and Marketing

The nursery will be given a unique name that is descriptive and marketable and includes a reference to SCWA and PCC. Our top choices are:

- 1) Creekside Natives - a Partnership between the Solano County Water Agency and Putah Creek Council
- 2) Green River Nursery - a Partnership between the Solano County Water Agency and Putah Creek Council

In all marketing efforts, the SCWA name and logo will be featured in tandem with their PCC counterparts. Electronic and print marketing materials will make it clear that the nursery is owned by SCWA and managed by PCC.

Communications

PCC staff (typically the Nursery Manager) will be the primary point of contact with customers. SCWA staff who receive inquiries about availability or other aspects of nursery management will refer those customers to the Nursery Manager, or in her absence, to the lead Nursery Technician.

V. Sales and Grow Contracts

PCC staff will be responsible for transacting all plant sales and, in consultation with SCWA, for entering into grow contracts.

In addition to producing plants for SCWA, the nursery will also produce plants for sale to other customers. Pricing of plants will be determined by PCC with reference to current market trends.

Volunteer labor is an essential part of the plant production cycle that PCC brings to the table. To account for the value of volunteer labor and except as noted below, proceeds (selling price excluding taxes) from third-party sales of plants started after the effective date of the management contract will be shared between SCWA and PCC in a ratio of SCWA 75% and PCC 25%.

Should SCWA choose to sell plants that it has purchased from PCC, all revenues from those sales will revert to SCWA. In this case, PCC nursery staff will facilitate the transaction(s).

Plants already started under contract to PCC prior to the effective date of the management agreement will be provided to their respective buyers when ready and any income generated will revert to PCC alone. Time spent maintaining these plants will not be charged to SCWA.

Additionally, PCC is bound by conditions of a grant to provide plant plugs at no cost to Solano Resource Conservation District and Solano Land Trust in fall/winter 2023-24. These plugs have already been started. PCC will fulfill the orders for these partners per the terms of the grant. Time spent producing and maintaining these plants will not be charged to SCWA.

VI. Time Tracking

Staff hours expended will be tracked on a daily basis. The use of overtime will be discouraged, though it is occasionally necessary. Time tracking records will be available for inspection by SCWA staff at all times, with a minimum of 24 hours' notice.

VII. Bookkeeping and Accounting

PCC will maintain accurate records of all sales and maintenance income, as well as taxes collected. PCC's books and records related to plant sales will be available for inspection by SCWA staff at all times, with a minimum of 24 hours' notice.

It shall be PCC's responsibility to report and pay sales tax due in a timely manner so as not to incur penalties. Any penalties incurred for late payment of taxes shall be the responsibility of PCC.

VIII. Invoicing and Remittances

PCC will remit SCWA's share of the proceeds of plant sales and maintenance along with full documentation to SCWA on a quarterly basis.

PCC's fee for managing the nursery will be calculated as cost plus 20%. PCC will invoice SCWA for staff labor and supplies and materials ordered on a quarterly basis. In order to recoup not readily allocable costs such as rent, bookkeeping, utilities, insurance, etc., PCC will add 10% of total labor costs as overhead to each invoice. Overhead costs will be applied before the 20% markup.

IX. Staffing

PCC will determine staffing needs in consultation with SCWA. At present PCC nursery staff consists of two full-time personnel. As of October 2023, we anticipate needing to hire one more part-time technician in the near future to meet production needs.

SCWA technicians

We anticipate needing at least 20 hrs/week of seasonal tech staff time to help with maintenance tasks such as weed management, irrigation upkeep, cutting back plants, keeping premises clean as determined by PCC nursery staff. SCWA techs will be trained by PCC staff prior to working in the nursery.

Three-year Budget

2023-24

Staff	Rate	Hours	Total
Nursery manager	\$ 45.50	1560	\$ 70,980.00
Nursery tech	\$ 26.18	1560	\$ 40,840.80
Total sal/ben			\$ 111,820.80
Overhead			\$ 11,182.08
Subtotal			\$ 123,002.88
Plus 20%			\$ 147,603.46
Contingency @ 20%			\$ 24,600.58
Total			\$ 172,204.03

2024-25

Staff	Rate	Hours	Total
Nursery manager	\$ 47.32	2080	\$ 98,425.60
Nursery tech	\$ 27.23	2080	\$ 56,632.58
Total sal/ben			\$ 155,058.18
Overhead			\$ 15,505.82
Subtotal			\$ 170,563.99
Plus 20%			\$ 204,676.79
Contingency @ 20%			\$ 34,112.80
Total			\$ 238,789.59

2025-26

Staff	Rate	Hours	Total
Nursery manager	\$ 49.21	2080	\$ 102,362.62
Nursery tech	\$ 28.32	2080	\$ 58,897.88
Total sal/ben			\$ 161,260.50
Overhead			\$ 16,126.05
Subtotal			\$ 177,386.55
Plus 20%			\$ 212,863.86
Contingency @ 20%			\$ 35,477.31
Total			\$ 248,341.17

Grand total 3 years \$ 659,334.80

Billing Rates

Year	Staff	Rate	
2023-24	Nursery manager	\$	45.50
	Nursery tech	\$	26.18

2024-25	Nursery manager	\$	47.32
	Nursery tech	\$	27.23

2025-26	Nursery manager	\$	49.21
	Nursery tech	\$	28.32

ACTION OF
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 14, 2023

SUBJECT: 2024 Legislative Platform

RECOMMENDATIONS:


- 1. Adopt Legislative Platform.
- 2. Authorize Legislative Committee Chair to sign and submit letters of support or opposition to pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2022 Legislative Platform.
- 3. Authorize General Manager to sign and submit letters of support or opposition to pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2023 Legislative Platform, with the stipulation that the Legislative Committee Chair be given the opportunity to review all letters of support or opposition before release by the General Manager.
- 4. Direct General Manager to provide all Board members with copies of all letters of support or opposition within 24-hours of their submission/public release.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The Water Agency is frequently asked to respond on short notice to pending legislation or proposed policy guidelines. In many cases the proposed legislation or policy guidelines are clearly beneficial or detrimental to the Water Agency’s operations and/or Board directives, and therefore, little or no Board discussion is necessary. Because the Board typically meets only monthly, there are many instances when staff is requested to submit a letter of support or opposition but is unable to do so because the deadline to submit the letter is well before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Recommended: 
Chris Lee, General Manager

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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Chris Lee, General Manager and Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 14, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Chris Lee
General Manager & Secretary to the
Solano County Water Agency

In addition to articulating the Water Agency’s priority issues and policies to legislators and other interested parties, the proposed 2024 Legislative Platform provides a mechanism that allows for timely responses to requests for letters of support or opposition – as long as the issue at hand is addressed in the adopted 2024 Legislative Platform. Pending legislation or proposed policy guidelines that are not addressed by the 2024 Legislative Platform must be brought to the full Board for discussion.

The proposed 2024 Legislative Platform is based on the priorities outlined in the Water Agency’s 2016-2025 Strategic Plan (<http://www.scwa2.com/resources-management/strategic-plan>) and to the degree possible, also mirrors the recommendations and policy guidelines set forth in the California Water Plan Update 2018 (<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/California-Water-Plan/Update-2018>) prepared by the California Department of Water Resources, and Governor Newsom’s 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio (<http://waterresilience.ca.gov>).

The proposed 2024 Legislative Platform has been reviewed by the Legislative Committee and all suggestions and updates have been included in the document.

RELEVANCE TO 2016-2025 SCWA STRATEGIC PLAN:

Adoption of the proposed 2024 Legislative Platform is consistent with Objective A (*Develop legislative/advocacy priorities*) of Goal #9 (*Expand proactive advocacy at regional, state and federal levels to achieve the objectives of SCWA*).



Solano County Water Agency
2024 FEDERAL AND STATE PLATFORM
Priority Issues and Policy Guidelines



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SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

PRIORITY ISSUES AND POLICY GUIDELINES

Solano County Water Agency (Agency) is committed to providing cities and farms with reliable access to water, flood risk reduction, and habitat conservation services. Federal and State financial and technical resources and legislative support are needed to fulfill the Agency's commitment to Solano County residents, businesses, and agricultural water users. Accordingly, the Agency supports the priority issues and policy positions as outlined below.

Water Supply Reliability

Summary: Water is fundamental to our quality of life in Solano County. The resources of the Delta, food and fiber production, and the County's urban communities are all shaped in part by reliable water supplies. Today, we collectively benefit from the foresight and fortitude of those who championed construction of the Solano Project, the North Bay Aqueduct, local water supply projects, and protected our water rights – projects that required substantial long-term planning and coordination.

- Support State legislative and regulatory actions that protect local water resources and enhance local control of water management activities.



- Support legislation and policies that preserve and protect existing water rights.
- Support legislation and policies that provide funding and technical assistance for recycled water projects.
- Support state funding to implement urban water use efficiency and agricultural best management practices.

Infrastructure Maintenance and Development

Summary: Solano County's water supply and flood management infrastructure is aging and, in some cases, not well suited to address today's water management challenges, particularly with respect to flood management. In addition to maintaining existing infrastructure, there is a need to retrofit and construct new infrastructure.



- Support Federal and State legislation and initiatives that provide funding, permit streamlining, and reduce regulatory constraints for repair/replacement of aging infrastructure.
- Support Federal and State funding for planning, design, environmental review, and construction of water and flood management infrastructure.
- Support Federal, State, and local efforts to address sea level rise and to accomplish necessary infrastructure adaptations.
- Support Federal and State legislation and initiatives that provide funding for the Agency's WATER+ (North Bay Aqueduct Alternate Intake Project) and local water conveyance options to improve water supply reliability, drinking water quality improvements, and drought resilience.

Groundwater Management

Summary: Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are implementing the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Implementing multi-benefit projects that can help attenuate flood waters, while also providing groundwater infiltration, and maintaining agricultural productivity, are needed in the Solano Subbasin.

- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that provide timely funding and technical assistance for implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans and SGMA compliance.
- Support Federal and State legislation and initiatives that provide timely funding for implementation of conjunctive use programs.



Flood Risk Reduction

Summary: Flood management has evolved over time to encompass multiple objectives and disciplines. Over the years, Solano County's flood management facilities have been increasingly used to capture and convey agricultural return flows, urban storm water runoff, and discharge tertiary treated wastewater. In the future these facilities will assume a role in groundwater

recharge, habitat enhancement, and public recreation. These new roles, coupled with climate change and sea level rise, constitute new challenges and are likely to necessitate the retrofitting and/or repurposing of existing infrastructure, as well as the construction and integration of new infrastructure.

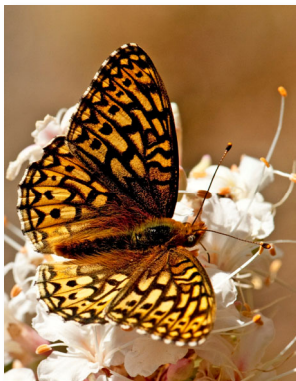
- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that provide funding for the design, implementation, and maintenance of flood management systems and facilities - canals, levees, and green infrastructure for groundwater recharge and stormwater capture.
- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that provide funding for flood protection and preparedness, and emergency systems and procedures.
- Support actions and activities that facilitate communication among local, state, and federal flood management entities.
- Support Federal and State legislation and initiatives that provide funding to construct the Rio Vista Flood Wall or alternative flood risk reduction measures.



Habitat Conservation and Stewardship

Summary: The Agency is committed to policies and projects that protect the environment and preserve vital water supplies.

- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that support and provide funding for implementation of the Solano Project Habitat Conservation Plan.



- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that provide support and funding for implementation of the Cache Slough Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that promote Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) programs and projects.
- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that protect the County's waterways from invasive species such as Nutria, Zebra and Quagga mussels, and Arundo.

Integrated Regional Water Management

Summary: The Agency embraces integrated water resources management and is party to both the Westside Sac Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that support and provide funding for implementation of integrated regional water management plans.

Agricultural Sustainability

Summary: Agriculture is an essential element of Solano County's economy and culture. Over the last 30 years, the County has experienced significant urbanization and an associated reallocation of agricultural water supplies for urban uses, as well as the reallocation of agricultural water supplies for environmental purposes. In Solano County, the diminishment of agricultural water supplies, coupled with the conversion of agricultural properties to urban and more recently, large scale habitat restoration projects, threatens the long-term viability of agriculture.

- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that preserve reliable and affordable agricultural water supplies.
- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that minimize the disruption of agricultural operations by habitat restoration projects.
- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that facilitate the construction, maintenance, and operation of agricultural drainage and water supply conveyance and storage infrastructure.
- Support Federal and State funding for implementation of on-farm water use efficiency measures and agricultural water supplier efficient water management practices.



Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex

Summary: The Cache Slough Complex (CSC), located at the downstream end of the Yolo Bypass, is the focus of Federal, State, and regional agencies for large-scale habitat conservation and restoration projects. These projects can at times conflict with the flood management, water supply, and agricultural functions of the CSC.

- Support Federal and State legislation and initiatives that resolve conflicts between water supply and/or flood management operations, and habitat restoration activities in the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex.
- Support Federal and State legislation and funding for the implementation of the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Partnership Program, which is the preferred approach to achieving Federal, State, and local policy objectives in the region. This includes flood protection measures, preservation of agriculture, conservation of habitats, water supply and drainage improvements, increased opportunities for recreation, and improvement of water quality.

State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update

Summary: The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is conducting a lengthy review and update of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan to ensure that beneficial uses of water in the Bay-Delta watershed are reasonably protected. The outcome of this effort is likely to impact the Agency's operations and water supply portfolio.

- Support Federal and State efforts to ensure the reasonable protection of all beneficial uses of water in a way that is consistent with the coequal goals of improving water supply reliability and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Bay-Delta ecosystem.
- Support Federal and State policies that are consistent with the principles of collaboration, comprehensive solutions, science, functional flows, economic considerations, and consistency with Federal and State policy and local priorities.
- Support Federal and State funding for development and implementation of Voluntary Agreements as an integral component of the Bay-Delta Plan update.



Wildfire Resilience and Watershed Restoration

Summary: While the immediate impacts of wildland fires – destroyed structures and burnt vegetation – are readily observable and typically receive immediate attention, less obvious are the “secondary impacts” such as increased soil erosion, which may not fully manifest themselves for several years but have profound impacts on water quality and runoff volumes. These secondary impacts can result in significant long-term

infrastructure, flood management, and water supply operation and maintenance costs, and degrade aquatic habitats. Within the last 10 years most of the Lake Berryessa watershed has experienced wildland fires that have collectively resulted in increased Solano Project water supply operational costs and adversely impacted salmonid habitat restoration investments in Lower Putah Creek.

- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that provide funding and technical assistance for post wildfire watershed restoration and source water protection.
- Support State and Federal funding for development and implementation of wildland fire management plans, fuel reduction projects, erosion prevention, sediment removal, and removal of invasive plant species and restoration of native plants.
- Support State and Federal funding for development and implementation of cooperative multi-agency infrastructure upgrades/or new facilities for fire suppression in rural areas.



Climate Change and Sea Level Rise

Summary: Increasingly over time, Solano County and the surrounding region are projected to experience fewer but generally more intense rainfall events that will increase flooding potential throughout the County. Flooding potential, particularly in the low-lying areas of Solano County, will be further exacerbated by sea level rise. In addition to increased flood potential, climate change and sea level rise pose significant threats to Solano County's water supply via more frequent and potentially longer lasting drought cycles, and saltwater intrusion into the lower Delta. The lower Delta is not only a significant source of the County's agricultural water supply, but also provides municipal drinking water – the State Water Project's North Bay Aqueduct - for over 500,000 residents in Solano and Napa counties,

- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that provide funding and technical assistance to address the impacts to infrastructure and natural habitat from climate change and sea level rise.

Electrical Energy

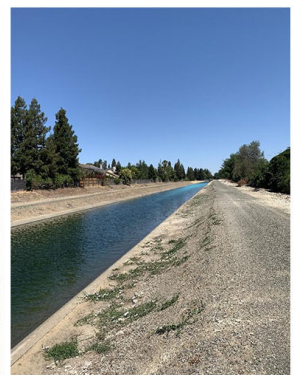
Summary: Over the coming decade electrical energy costs are projected to increase substantially. The Agency, by virtue of its contract with the Department of Water Resources for water deliveries from the State Water Project's North Bay Aqueduct, is a significant indirect consumer of electricity. Many of the Agency's member agencies who operate water treatment and conveyance facilities are also significant electrical energy consumers. The Agency owns and operates various assets that could be used to generate and store electricity and is seeking to position itself to better address future challenges and opportunities associated with the electrical energy market.

- Support Federal and State legislation and policies that provide funding and technical assistance to local agencies for the development of renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources, including installing zero-carbon resources or eligible renewable energy resources behind the meter on the State Water Resources Development System property or properties to service its load.



Summary of Specific Funding Needs

- Implementation of Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- Water+ (North Bay Aqueduct Alternate Intake Project) feasibility studies and preliminary design.
- Construction of Rio Vista Flood Wall or alternative flood protection measures.
- Implementation of Solano Project Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Implementation of Cache Slough Complex Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Development of Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Management Plan.
- Implementation of Dixon Regional Watershed Management Plan.
- Implementation of Putah South Canal Terminal Check Seismic Upgrade & Risk Reduction Project.
- Wildfire resilience and watershed restoration.



WATER POLICY UPDATES

**NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
REPORT TO SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING DATE: December 14, 2023**

Elizabeth Patterson, SCWA

The North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) is a group of 18 regional and local public agencies located throughout Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties. The NBWA brings together regulated North Bay public agencies to address issues of common interest that cross political boundaries and to promote stewardship of the North Bay watershed resources. NBWA Board of Directors' Meetings are held once a month, usually on the first Friday of the month ([meeting information](#)). All meetings are open to the public.

This is the link to the agenda for the NBWA meeting August 4th at the Napa Sanitation District office <https://www.nbwatershed.org/> The treasure's report and Executive Director's report are posted. Because NBWA has not held annual conference due to COVID, the fund balance is higher than the usual. Two significant Director reports were to reestablish the grants program and to join SFEI in a competitive proposal.

Guest Presentation: Education Into Action Collaborations: A Lever to Move the World
Dr. Chris Halle, Program Developer, Center for Environmental Inquiry, Sonoma State University



Education Into Action Collaborations: A Lever to Move the World November 2023

Dr. Chris Halle, Nature!Tech Program Developer
Dr. Claudia Luke, Director
Ms. Kerry Winger, Outreach & Communications Lead

Chris described the Education Into Action model developed at **SSU's Center for Environmental Inquiry** by focusing on the *Rising Waters Initiative*, a collaborative driven by local experts, NGOs, faculty, and students working together to tackle complex issues at the nexus of homelessness and water quality. Particular attention was paid on how universities and outside agencies can merge their cultures to work together to create actionable change in local communities. Chris discussed a few of the WATERS Accomplishments, covering topics like Flood, Invasive Aquatics, Land Use Planning, and the Rising Waters Initiative.

Rising Waters

• Initiative

- o Complex high-priority issues surrounding water
- o Neutral meeting ground for diverse partners
- o Cross-disciplinary engagement to address cultural, economic, and environmental issues
- o Facilitated process targeting innovative and practical solutions

• Process

- o Rising Waters Working Group identifies issue(s)
- o Multi-disciplinary faculty-student teams collect and summarize data
- o Collaborative brainstorm for solutions and cost-benefit analysis by teams

- o Presentations and reports

- **Timeline**

- o Fall 2018 when discussions began to Sept 2021 when there was a formal public workshop to discuss Year 1 results.

- **The First few years have been focused on homelessness and watersheds.**

- o Flood protection
- o Water quality
- o Sanitation/health
- o Habitat conservation

Chris listed the Rising Waters Supporters (Sonoma Water, RRWA, Alexander Leff, and Sonoma State Center for Environmental Inquiry), and the Year 3 Steering Committee. The Steering Committee meets on an ongoing basis to provide feedback to the researchers and students and help guide the students. Chris noted that the program is not funded, they managed to get the students internship money from the funds they do have. They do it because there is a need in the whole state to get universities and communities talking.

They divided the initiative into a few questions:

1. Where are services needed to reduce water quality impacts? They redefined the goal and created a resource mapping, instead of impact/location mapping. They are currently looking for an agency to pull the license (around \$2k a year).
2. What are the economic, social, and political barriers to providing services to people experiencing homelessness? Refined Goal: Investigate the barriers and cost of providing sanitation services, including the “do nothing” option. Focus on real world case studies for and spoken about to the Continuum of Care (CoC), Sonoma County's collaborative effort representing the homeless services system of care and they are incorporating it into some of their materials.

Sanitation Case Studies Methods / Results and Sanitation Case Studies: “Doing Nothing” option can have significant costs.

3. How Can we better align investments across all sectors? Refined Goal: Develop an Interview advocates and summarize pressing issues. Begin exploring presenting this inventory in a “knowledge map”. During the first couple of years, students had a hard time talking about homelessness and water quality, even with both on agencies because there were a lot of misconceptions floating around. Students pushed faculty to do an education public media story

campaign that could get the message about real facts out there, whatever those facts may be. Items developed:

- Public Relations plan
- Website
- Media product library
- Interviews
- Social media posts
- Poster presentation
- Flyers
- News Release

After COVID, they began water quality sampling field work which documents / explores any links between homeless encampments and water quality issues (pH, total suspended solids, temperature, ammonia, nitrogen, phosphorus, fecal bacteria (E. coli, Enterococcus)) What the team has done is come up with a way to quantify disturbances from homeless encampments. It's not just what encampments do to water quality; it is also what water quality issues individuals are experiencing.

This work recently won a CASQA award for outstanding student project or program. The program has been asked by one of their partners to help advise the state Sustainable Development Council on effective ways of engaging academia. The Development Council would like them to provide tools to evaluate grants.

They recommended finding organizations whose job it is to break down these barriers because the relationship drives the research. Fund relationships rather than individual project. Not just students and not just leaders Their focus is on engaging organizations like NBWA on how to make this process better. Chris spent about a year and a half developing a pledge where individuals can go and take a climate/ sustainability pledge where it was the top 3 things people can actually do to make a difference. Reach out to him for details.

Workforce development is a really, really big piece of this program. Feedback from partners is that the students that have gone through these programs are able to function and do want to focus on these issues in society.

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- [HANDOUT-1-Groundwater-Rise-Proposal-Brief-v3](#)

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