

# County of Monterey

*Board of Supervisors Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St 1st Flr,  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

### **Water Resources Agency Board of Directors**

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**Recess to Closed Session**



**Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY CLERK: The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.**

**Public Comment**

**Presentations**

2. Summary of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project's 2023 Operational Season.  
(Staff Presenting: Peter Vannerus)

**Attachments:** [CSIP Season Summary 2023](#)

**Consent Calendar**

3. Approve the Action Minutes of January 16, 2024, and Special Board of Directors Meeting Action Minutes of January 24, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Draft BOD Minutes January 16, 2024](#)  
[Draft SPECIAL BOD Minutes January 24, 2024](#)

4. Receive the Monterey County Water Resources Agency FY 2023-24 Financial Status Report through December 31, 2023. (Staff: Nan Kyung Kim)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[FY24 Financial Status Report thru Dec. 31, 2023](#)

**Action Items**

5. Consider receiving the 2023 Annual Groundwater Level Contours and Cumulative Change Chart. (Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz Moreno)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Attachment A: Annual 2023 Shallow](#)  
[Attachment B: Annual 2023 Deep](#)  
[Attachment C: Cumulative Changes 1944 - 2023](#)  
[Attachment D: Summary of Changes 2022 - 2023](#)  
[Board Order](#)

6. Consider adoption of a resolution amending the Bylaws of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors concerning Board member participation

on standing and advisory committees. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[MCWRA Bylaws proposed amendments \(clean\) REVISED](#)  
[MCWRA Bylaws proposed amendments \(redline\) REVISED](#)  
[Resolution](#)

7. Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors to include funding for Interlake Tunnel Project development, in the recommended budget for fiscal-year 2024-2025. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Board Order](#)

### **Key Information and Calendar of Events**

8. February, March and April 2024 Calendars.

**Attachments:** [February 2024](#)  
[March 2024](#)  
[April 2024](#)

### **General Manager's Report**

- 9.
- Fiscal-Year Ending 2025 Budget Preparation Update
  - GEMS Expansion
  - Personnel Update
  - Monterey One Reconciliation
  - Dam Safety Project Funding
  - Carmel River Flood Model Update Funding
  - Association of California Water Agencies Update
  - Other

**Attachments:** [General Manager Memo](#)  
[Board of Director - Special Meeting GEMS Expansion Presentation](#)  
[WRA Planning Committee Presentation RE Financial Forecasting Model](#)  
[BOS Legislative Workshop WRA Priorities Fact Sheets](#)  
[DRAFT ACWA 2024 FAC Priorities](#)

### **Committee Reports**

10. Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for January and February 2024:
- Special Water Resources Agency Board of Directors
  - Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee

- Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee
- Water Resources Agency Personnel and Administration Committee
- Water Resources Finance Committee
- Water Resources Planning Committee
- Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee

**Attachments:**    [Final SPECIAL BOD MEETING Agenda January 24, 2024](#)  
[Final ResOps Agenda January 25, 2024](#)  
[Final BMAC Agenda February 7, 2024](#)  
[P&A Cancellation Notice February 2024](#)  
[Final Finance Agenda February 2, 2024](#)  
[Final Planning Agenda February 7, 2024](#)  
[Final SPECIAL BOD Agenda February 7, 2024](#)  
[JBL Cancellation Notice February 2024](#)

### **Information Items**

11.                      Reservoir Storage Release Update. (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

**Attachments:**    [Reservoir Storage Release Update](#)

12.                      Salinas Valley Water Conditions: Quarterly Update for the First Quarter of Water Year 2023-2024. (Staff: Rene Nunez, Guillermo Diaz Moreno, and Tamara Voss)

**Attachments:**    [Salinas Valley Water Conditions for the First Qtr. Water Yr 23-24](#)

13.                      Well Permit Application Summary. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz Moreno)

**Attachments:**    [Well Permit Application Summary](#)

### **Correspondence**

14.                      1. Letter dated January 23, 2024 to Governor Gavin Newson, Ben Allen (Bond Authors), Susan Eggman (Bond Authors), Eduardo Garcia (Bond Authors), Carlos Villapudua (Bond Authors), Josh Becker (Budget Subcommittee Chair), Steve Bennett (Budget Subcommittee Chair) from ACWA, CMUA, California Alliance for Jobs, Irvine Ranch Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, Sweetwater Authority, Yuba Water Agency, EVMWD, El Dorado Irrigation District, United Water Conservation District, Sonoma Water, NCWA, Serrano Water District, Monterey County, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, The City of San Diego, Turlock Irrigation District, Northern California Power Agency, Valley Water, SAFCA  
RE: Dam Safety and Resilience Program/Legislative Bond Proposals

2. Letter dated February 2, 2024 to Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Democratic Leader Hakeem Jefferies from Agribusiness and Water Council Arizona, Animas - La Plata Water Conservancy District (Colorado), Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District, Colorado Ag Water Alliance Colorado River District, Columbia Basin Development League (WASHINGTON), Deschutes Basin Board of Control (OREGON) - Arnold Irrigation District - Central Oregon Irrigation District -North Unit Irrigation District -Ochoco Irrigation District -Swalley Irrigation District -Three Sisters Irrigation District -Tumalo Irrigation District -Lone Pine Irrigation District, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Elephant Butte Irrigation District (NEW MEXICO), Farmers Conservation Alliance, Family Farm Alliance, Family Water Alliance (CALIFORNIA), Farwell Irrigation District (NEBRASKA), Greenfields Irrigation District (MONTANA), Idaho Water Users Association, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District (KANSAS), Kittitas Reclamation District (WASHINGTON), Klamath Water Users Association (OREGON), Iliff Irrigation District (COLORADO), Logan Irrigation District; Loup Basin Reclamation District (NEBRASKA), Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), Milk River Joint Board of Control (MONTANA), Monterey County Farm Bureau (CALIFORNIA), Monterey County Water Resources Agency (CALIFORNIA), National Water Resources Association, New Magma Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), North Sterling Irrigation District (COLORADO), Orange Cove Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Roza Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Salt River Project (ARIZONA), San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (CALIFORNIA), Sargent Irrigation District (NEBRASKA), Solana Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (NEVADA), Turlock Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), Washington State Potato Commission, Washington State Water Resources Association.  
RE: 70 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation Program

3. Letter dated February 1, 2024 to Honorable Alex Padilla, United States Senate from Sonia M. De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer RE: Support for the Low-Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act

**Attachments:**    [1.23.24 LTR Coalition to Governor Newsom RE Dam Safety Funding](#)  
                              [2.2.24 LTR Re WFPO Funding FY24 Appropriations](#)  
                              [2.1.24 CAO LTR of Support for Padilla RE: LIHWAP Establishment Act](#)

### **Board of Directors Comments**

### **Adjournment**





# County of Monterey

## Item No.1

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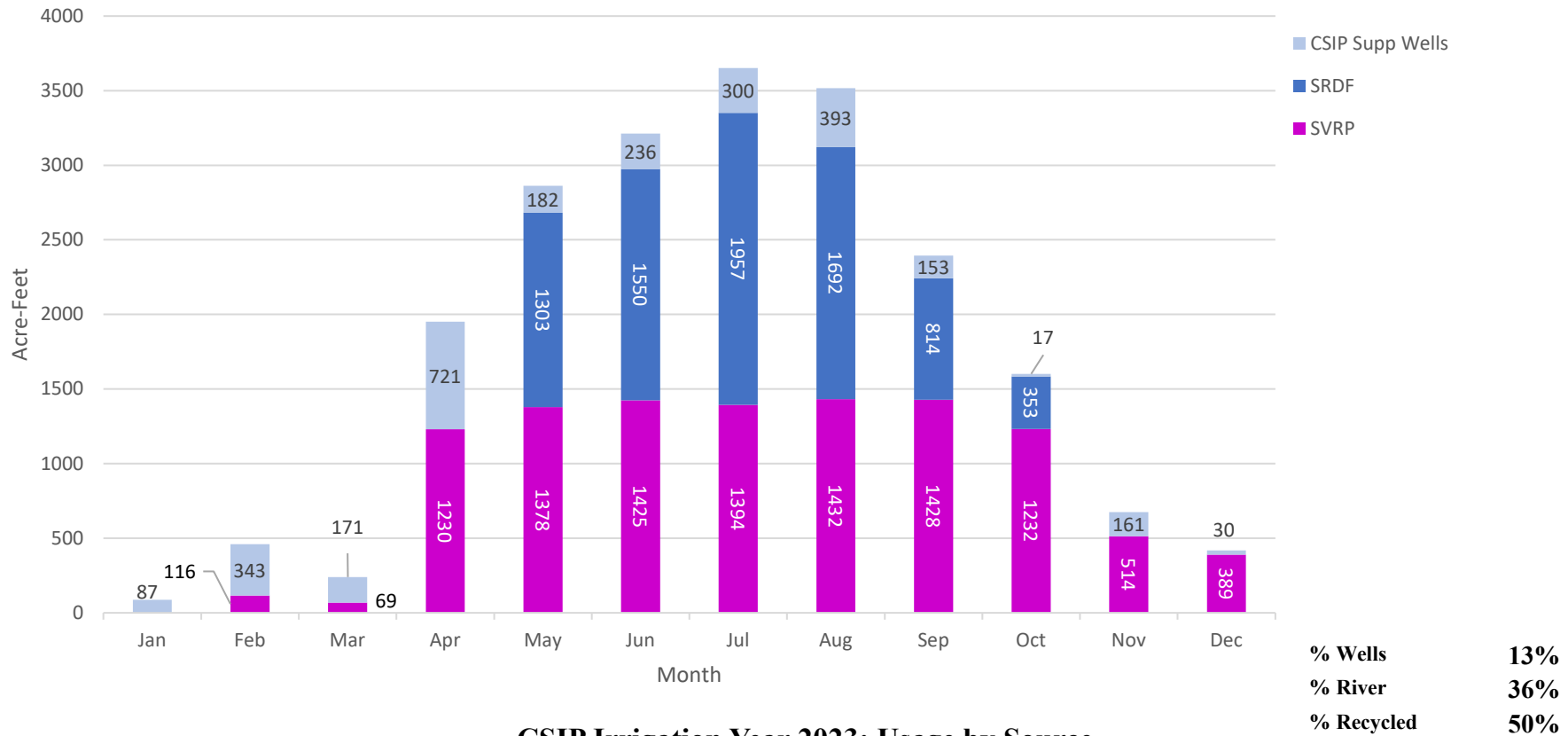






# Summary of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project's 2023 Operational Season

## CSIP Water Production Summary: 2023



## CSIP Irrigation Year 2023: Usage by Source

Source	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CSIP-Wells	87	343	171	721	182	236	300	393	153	17	161	30
SRDF-River	0	0	0	0	1303	1550	1957	1692	814	353	0	0
SVRP-Recycled	0	116	69	1230	1378	1425	1394	1432	1428	1232	514	389
<b>Mo. Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1951</b>	<b>2863</b>	<b>3211</b>	<b>3651</b>	<b>3517</b>	<b>2395</b>	<b>1602</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>21,070</b>											
<b>Ave. SRDF Year Total</b>	<b>21,323</b>											



# Committee Action

- Similar presentation made to January BMAC meeting (01/03/24)

# SRDF 2023 Season Summary

## "The Year for the Records"

- Pre-Season Preparations: 2023
  - Winter Storm cleanup
    - Extensive debris and sand removal
    - Damage assessments





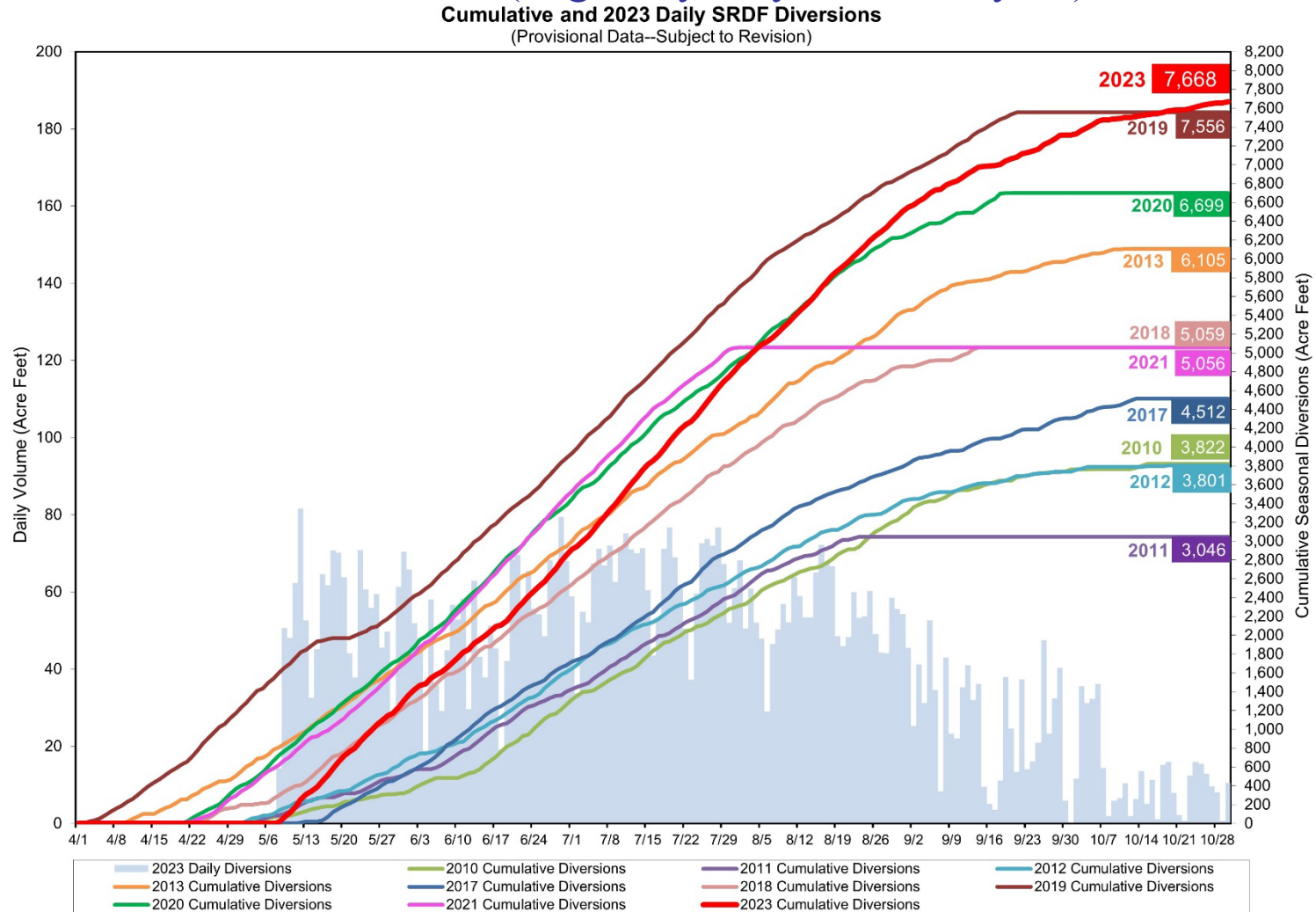
# High Water At SRDF

- Highest recorded water level at Facility
- Approx 7.5ft of water flowed above facility base, approx. 4 ft higher than 2017 High Water level



# SRDF Summary

- Total Diversions 7,668.5 AF (Highest yearly diversion year)





# SRDF Summary Cont.



- Successful 2023 Season:  
Over 7,600 AF river water delivered, offsetting groundwater pumping in seawater intruded area





# SRDF Summary Cont.

## – Season Length

- May 8<sup>th</sup>- October 31<sup>st</sup> (176 Days)
- Later start due to storm cleanup and river conditions

## – Current status

- Irrigation season completed October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Winter site prep completed
- Off season repairs/ maintenance commencing with coordination with M1W



# CSIP 2023 Supplemental Wells

- **CSIP Supplemental Wells Status**
  - 8 fully operational
  - 2 currently out for service/maintenance
  - 1 in process of destruction (22L, seawater intruded)
- **CSIP Well Maintenance Plan**
  - Developed a systematic maintenance approach to assess well condition and prevent emergency failures



# CSIP Well Maintenance Plan

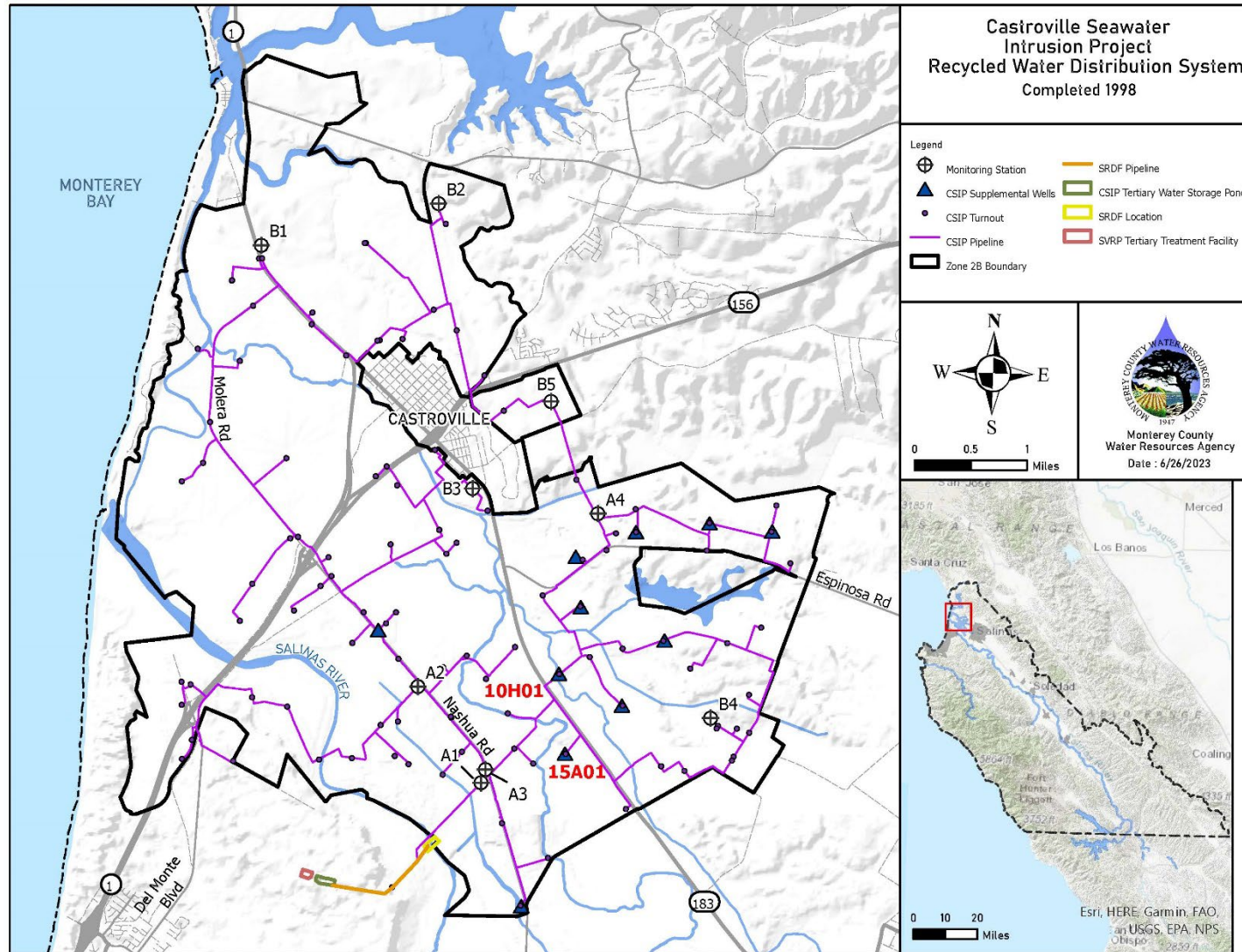
## ■ 3 yr. Maintenance plan

- Pull three wells per year for thorough inspections and condition assessment of pump components and well casing
- Wells were ranked by priority (present condition, length of time between repairs, age, etc.)
- Sets baseline for current well condition

## ■ Implementation began Fall 2023

- Began at end of peak irrigation season (Mid-September)
- Pulled two wells offline and began assessment, one for known sanding issue and one as first service in the WM Plan
- Wells 15A01 and 10H01

# CSIP Well/System Map





# CSIP Well Maintenance Plan

## ■ Inspection Procedure:

- Pull equipment and inspect for damage, corrosion, wear, etc.
- Perform video survey of well
  - Review survey and determine next steps

## ■ Progress on first two wells:

- Visual inspections complete
- Additional surveys are in the works to review items discovered from the videos.
- These surveys review the well casing condition and will provide additional data needed to thoroughly evaluate the condition of the wells.
- Survey review will determine final plan for each well



# Well Replacement Funding

- **Federal Grant Awarded- \$900k**
  - Currently evaluating possible locations
  - Will begin landowner outreach for easements/ extensions after location assessment is completed





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**Public Comment**

None

### **Presentations**

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(Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

**Attachments:**     [2023 at GWL Contours](#)  
                         [Attachment A: August Shallow 23](#)  
                         [Attachment B: August Deep 23](#)  
                         [2023 ATGWL Contours PPT](#)

**Board of Directors Comment: Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith**  
**Public Comments: None**

3. 2023 Seawater Intrusion Contours. (Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

**Attachments:**     [2023 SWI Contours](#)  
                         [Attachment A: p180 2023 SWI with 250line](#)  
                         [Attachment B: p400 2023 SWI with 250line](#)  
                         [2023 SWI Contours Slides](#)

**Board of Directors Comments: John Baillie, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, Ken Ekelund**  
**Public Comment: None**

4. Summary of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project's 2023 Operational Season.  
(Staff Presenting: Peter Vannerus)

**Attachments:**     [CSIP Season Summary 2023](#)

Item was pulled from Agenda will be brought to Board of Directors in future.

### **Consent Calendar**

Upon Motion by Director John Baillie, and Second by Matt Simis the Board approved the Consent Calendar.

**Ayes:** John Baille, Mike Lebarre, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith,  
Matt Simis, Marvin Borzini

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstained:** Ken Ekelund

**Recused:** None

5. Approve the Action Minutes of December 18, 2023.

**Attachments:**     [Draft BOD Minutes December 18, 2023](#)

### **Action Items**

6. Consider recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Nacimiento and San Antonio Safety of Dam Projects; and authorize the General Manager, and his designees, to accept, execute, and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of the resolution. (Staff Presenting: Elise Ramirez)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [Ca Dept of Fish and Wildlife Local Assistance Grant](#)  
                              [Budget Transfer Request Letter, October 18, 2023](#)  
                              [DRAFT SB 104 Funding Agreement](#)  
                              [Resolution](#)

Upon Motion by Director Ken Ekelund and Second by Mark Gonzalez the Board recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Nacimiento and San Antonio Safety of Dam Projects; and authorize the General Manager, and his designees, to accept, execute, and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of the resolution.

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, Matt Simis, Marvin Borzini

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

7. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with Industrial Machine Shop to increase the dollar amount by \$250,000 for a new contract total not to exceed \$540,000 for machining, fabrication and repair services related to Agency facilities and equipment; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment. (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [Original Agreement for Services](#)  
                              [Original Amendment No. 1 Agreement for Services](#)  
                              [Amendment No. 2 \(Industrial Machine Shop\)](#)  
                              [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Mark Gonzalez and Second by Matt Simis the Board approved Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with Industrial Machine Shop to increase the dollar amount by \$250,000 for a new contract total not to exceed \$540,000 for machining, fabrication and repair services related to Agency facilities and equipment; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, Matt Simis, Marvin Borzini

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

### **Key Information and Calendar of Events**

8. January, February and March 2024 Calendars.

**Attachments:**     [January 2024](#)  
                              [February 2024](#)  
                              [March 2024](#)

### **General Manager's Report**

9.                    • Personnel Update  
                         • Dam Safety funding  
                         • Monterey One Water Reconciliation  
                         • Association of California Water Agencies Update  
                         • Other

**Attachments:**     [Dam Safety Funding Memo](#)  
                              [Association of California Water Agencies Memo](#)

### **Committee Reports**

10. Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for December 2023 and January 2024:
- Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee
  - Water Resources Agency Personnel and Administration Committee
  - Water Resources Finance Committee
  - Water Resources Planning Committee
  - Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee
  - Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee

**Attachments:**     [BMAC Cancellation Notice Dec. 2023](#)  
                              [Final BMAC Agenda Jan 3, 2024](#)  
                              [P&A Committee Cancellation Notice Dec. 2023](#)  
                              [P&A Committee Cancellation Notice Jan. 2024](#)  
                              [Finance Committee Cancellation Notice Dec. 2023](#)  
                              [Finance Committee Cancellation Notice Jan. 2024](#)  
                              [Final Planning Committee Agenda Dec. 6, 2023](#)  
                              [Planning Committee Cancellation Notice Jan. 2024](#)  
                              [ResOps Cancellation Notice Dec. 2023](#)  
                              [Final JBL Agenda Dec. 8, 2023](#)

### **Information Items**

11. Reservoir Storage Release Update. (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

**Attachments:**     [Reservoir Storage Release Update](#)

**Correspondence**

12. 1. Letter dated January 5, 2024 to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Paul Sciuto, General Manager, Monterey One Water from Nancy Isakson, Salinas Valley Water Coalition and Christopher Bunn, Salinas Basin Water Alliance RE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Monterey One Water's Joint Water Modeling and Financial Audit Projects

**Attachments:**     [Joint SVWC-SBWA Letter to MCWRA M1W](#)

**Board of Directors Comments**

Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Marvin Borzini, John Baillie

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:32pm.

**ADDENDA/SUPPLEMENTAL**

13. Water Resources Agency Board of Directors Addenda/Revision at the beginning of the agenda after the Pledge of Allegiance on Tuesday January 16, 2024:
- Election of Officers
    1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for a two-year term.
    2. Committee Assignments.

Upon Motion by Director Ken Ekelund, and Second by Jason Smith the Board elected Chair and Vice-Chair for a two-year term.

Ayes: John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, Matt Simis, Marvin Borzini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Recused: None

Absent: None

# **County of Monterey**

*Saffron Room  
1441 Schilling Place, 1st Floor  
Salinas, Ca.93901*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**IN-PERSON SPECIAL MEETING - HOSPITALITY PAVILION  
LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY**

### **Water Resources Agency Board of Directors**

*Mike LeBarre, Chair  
Matt Simis, Vice Chair  
Mark Gonzalez  
Deidre Sullivan  
Ken Ekelund  
Mike Scattini  
Jason Smith  
John Ballie  
Marvin Borzini*



1. If you choose not to attend the Board of Directors meeting but wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting.. Please submit your comment to the Secretary of the Board at [WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us) mailto:WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us In an effort to assist the Secretary in identifying the agenda item relating to your public comment please indicate in the Subject Line, the meeting body (i.e. Board of Directors Agenda) and item number (i.e. Item No. 10). Your comment will be placed into the record at the Board meeting.

2. Si prefiere no asistir a la reunión de la Junta Directiva pero desea hacer un comentario sobre algún tema específico de la agenda, por favor envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m. el Viernes antes de la reunion.. Envíe su comentario al Secretario de la junta al correo electronico [WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us) mailto:WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us Para ayudar al Secretario a idenficar el artículo de la agenda relacionado con su comentario, por favor indique en la linea de asunto del correo electronico el cuerpo de la reunion (es decir, la Agenda de la Junta Directiva) y el número de artículo (es decir, el Artículo No. 10). Su comentario se colocará en el registro de la reunion de esta Junta.

#### Call to Order at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### Roll Call

Present: Mike LeBarre (arrived at 10:40 a.m), Matthew Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini (arrived at 9:32 a.m), John Baillie, Marvin Borzini (arrived at 9:09 a.m)  
Absent: Jason Smith

#### Public Comment on items not on today's agenda

None

#### Scheduled Items

1. Hold a workshop to review the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Strategic Plan Update.

Attachments:     [2020 Strategic Plan](#)  
                          [Staff Presentation of Strategic Plan Goals and Results](#)  
                          [Staff Presentation of Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year](#)

#### Public Comment

Public Comments: Chris Bunn, Norm Groot, Tom Versik, Sara Hardgrave

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.



# County of Monterey

## Item No.4

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 24-022

February 20, 2024

Introduced: 2/13/2024

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Version: 1

Matter Type: WR General Agenda

Receive the Monterey County Water Resources Agency FY 2023-24 Financial Status Report through December 31, 2023. (Staff: Nan Kyung Kim)

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency:

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#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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Agency's total actual revenue received between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023 was \$16.68 million. The combined total of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Benefit Assessments was \$12.31 million, 74% of the total revenue received. Additional revenue received includes grant payments of \$2.30 million (14%), \$1.19 million of Water Delivery and Service fee payments (7%) and \$0.36 million of hydro-electric power revenue. The total revenue received was 33% of FY24's revenue budget and an increase of \$1.86 million compared to \$14.82 million of the total revenue during the same period of FY23.

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	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Amount</b>
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FY24 Revenues	50,097,830	16,684,454
<u>FY24 Expenditures</u>	<u>(54,860,209)</u>	<u>(20,560,971)</u>
FY24 Fund Balance (use)	(4,786,643)	(3,876,516)
<b>FY24 Est. Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$20,572,593</b>	<b>\$21,458,456</b>

(\*) The beginning fund balance is estimated at \$25.33 million based on FY23 actual expenditures and revenues, which have not been finalized as 1/31/2024. The fund balance estimate also accounts for estimated \$3.14 remaining balances of cash aide that the Agency received from the County under the Advance Funding Agreement for damage repairs caused by the 2022/2023 winter storm events.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

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Prepared by: Nan Kyung Kim, Finance Manager III, (831) 755-4860

Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

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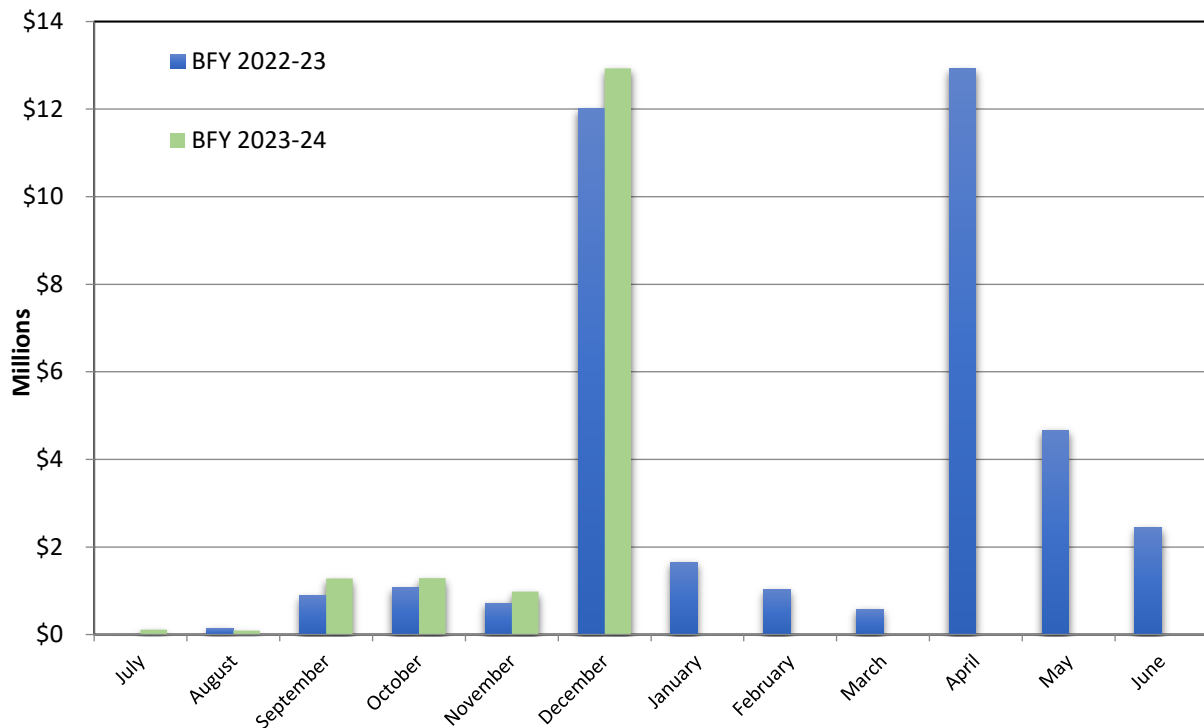
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**Monterey County**  
**Water Resources Agency**  
**FY 2023-24 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

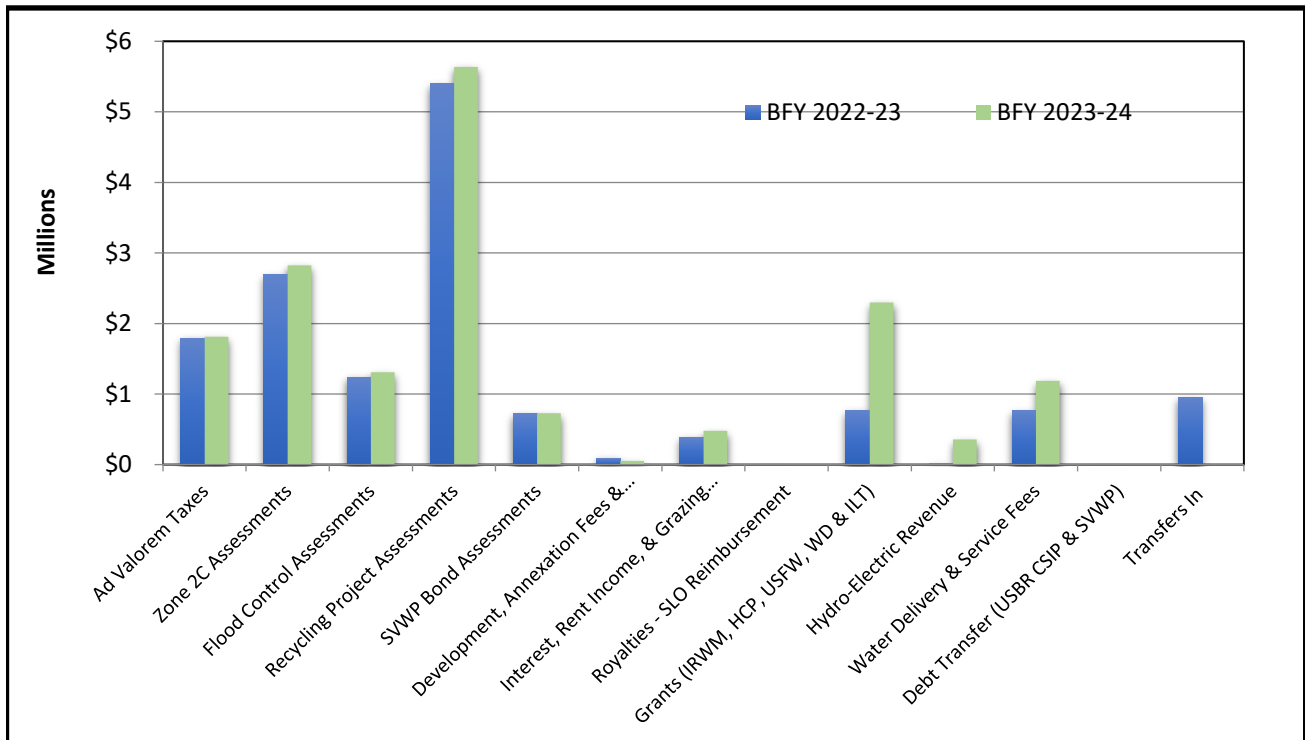
**YTD Actual Revenues**

Month By Month Revenues				
	BFY 2022-23	% Received	BFY 2023-24	% Received
July	6,068	0.0%	114,716	0.2%
August	142,866	0.4%	90,494	0.4%
September	881,004	2.4%	1,282,256	3.0%
October	1,070,731	5.0%	1,286,447	5.5%
November	716,645	6.7%	983,161	7.5%
December	12,004,745	35.0%	12,927,380	33.3%
January	1,646,748	38.9%	-	
February	1,032,482	41.3%	-	
March	579,827	42.7%	-	
April	12,918,961	73.2%	-	
May	4,660,203	84.2%	-	
June	2,439,775	90.0%	-	
<b>YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL:</b>	<b>38,100,055</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>16,684,454</b>	<b>33.3%</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>42,335,652</b>		<b>50,097,830</b>	



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**Water Resources Agency**  
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**YTD Revenues by Source**

Through Accounting Period 06 - December 31		
	BFY 2022-23	BFY 2023-24
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,793,139	1,814,162
Zone 2C Assessments	2,693,856	2,825,053
Flood Control Assessments	1,236,504	1,307,705
Recycling Project Assessments	5,397,510	5,636,271
SVWP Bond Assessments	718,224	729,193
Development, Annexation Fees & Other	91,051	51,626
Interest, Rent Income, & Grazing Leases	388,477	478,572
Royalties - SLO Reimbursement	0	0
Grants (IRWM, HCP, USFW, WD & ILT)	767,945	2,297,165
Hydro-Electric Revenue	20,383	357,220
Water Delivery & Service Fees	764,970	1,187,486
Debt Transfer (USBR CSIP & SVWP)	0	0
Transfers In	950,000	0
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTAL:</b>	<b>14,822,058</b>	<b>16,684,454</b>

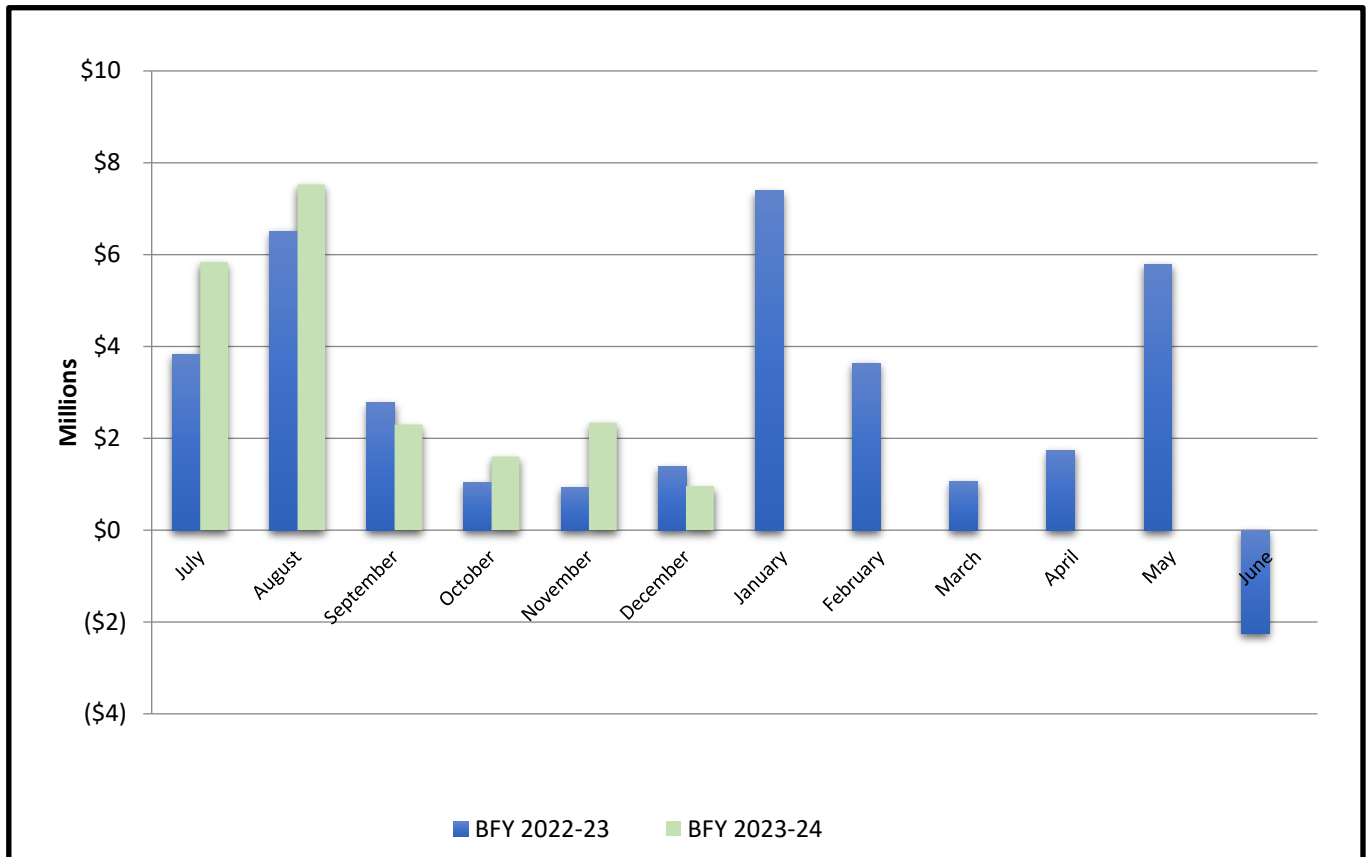




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**YTD Actual Expenditures**

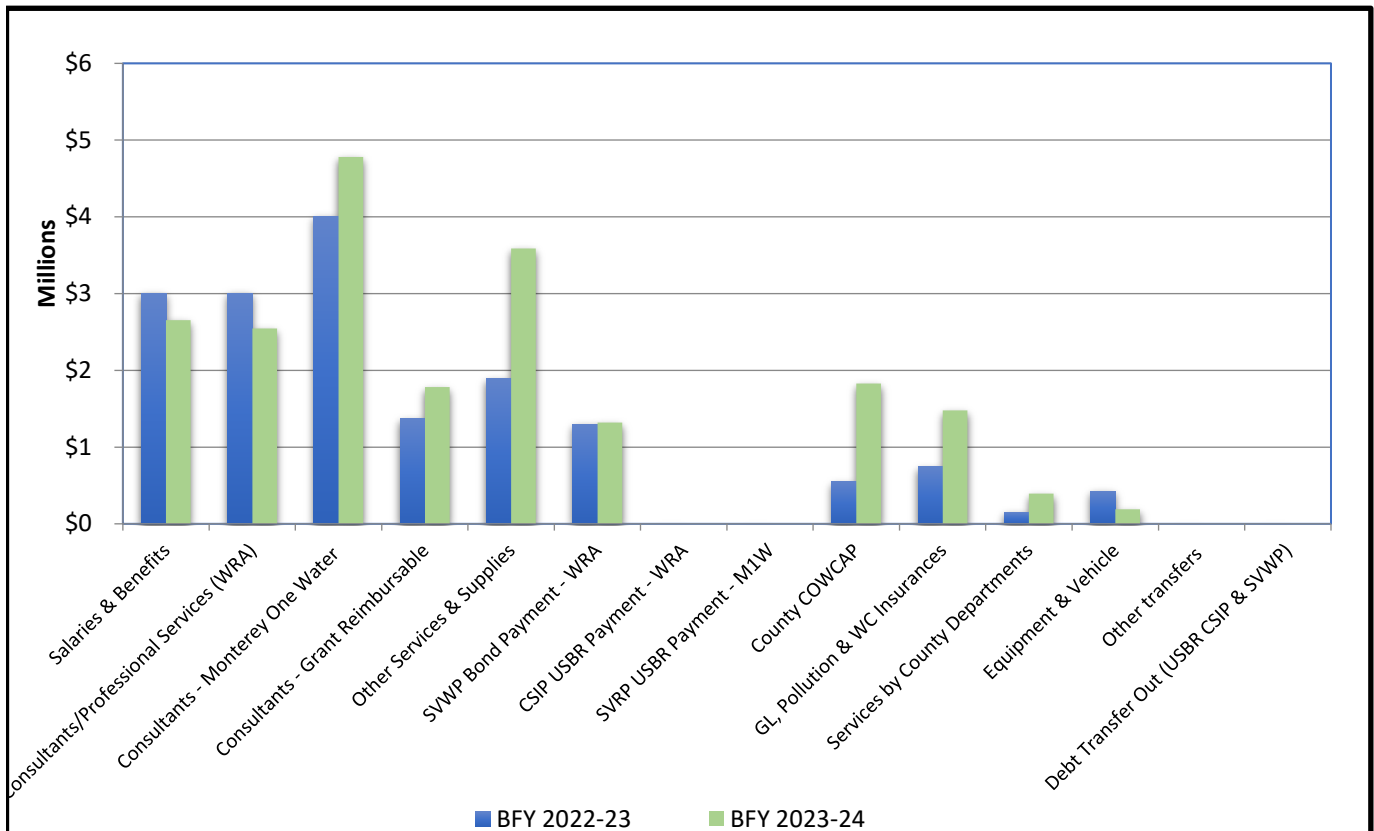
Month By Month Expenditures				
	BFY 2022-23	% Expended	BFY 2023-24	% Expended
July	3,826,260	8.0%	5,838,175	10.6%
August	6,506,256	21.5%	7,527,945	24.4%
September	2,770,110	27.3%	2,295,563	28.5%
October	1,029,596	29.4%	1,601,557	31.5%
November	935,997	31.3%	2,338,606	35.7%
December	1,383,500	34.2%	959,125	37.5%
January	7,396,513	49.6%	-	
February	3,634,020	57.2%	-	
March	1,060,889	59.4%	-	
April	1,743,934	63.0%	-	
May	5,791,093	75.0%	-	
June	(2,243,366)	70.4%	-	
<b>YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL:</b>	<b>33,834,802</b>	<b>70.4%</b>	<b>20,560,971</b>	<b>37.5%</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>48,072,295</b>		<b>54,860,209</b>	



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**YTD Expenditures by Type**

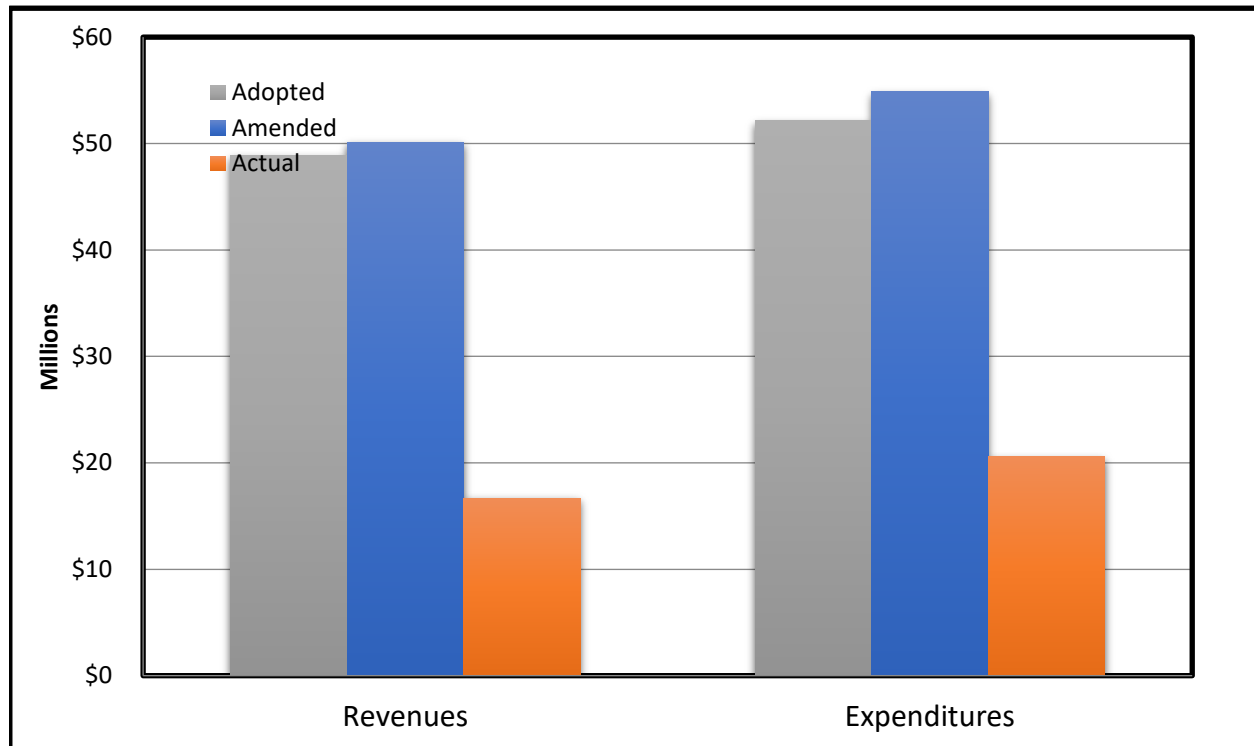
Through Accounting Period 06 - December 31		
	BFY 2022-23	BFY 2023-24
Salaries & Benefits	2,999,975	2,655,388
Consultants/Professional Services (WRA)	3,003,298	2,543,912
Consultants - Monterey One Water	4,009,798	4,778,657
Consultants - Grant Reimbursable	1,372,403	1,782,954
Other Services & Supplies	1,889,361	3,589,434
SVWP Bond Payment - WRA	1,299,919	1,318,419
CSIP USBR Payment - WRA	-	0
SVRP USBR Payment - M1W	-	0
County COWCAP	551,357	1,829,892
GL, Pollution & WC Insurances	746,437	1,477,450
Services by County Departments	153,947	395,260
Equipment & Vehicle	425,224	189,605
Other transfers	-	0
Debt Transfer Out (USBR CSIP & SVWP)	-	0
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,451,719</b>	<b>20,560,971</b>



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WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
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For Month Ending: December 31, 2023

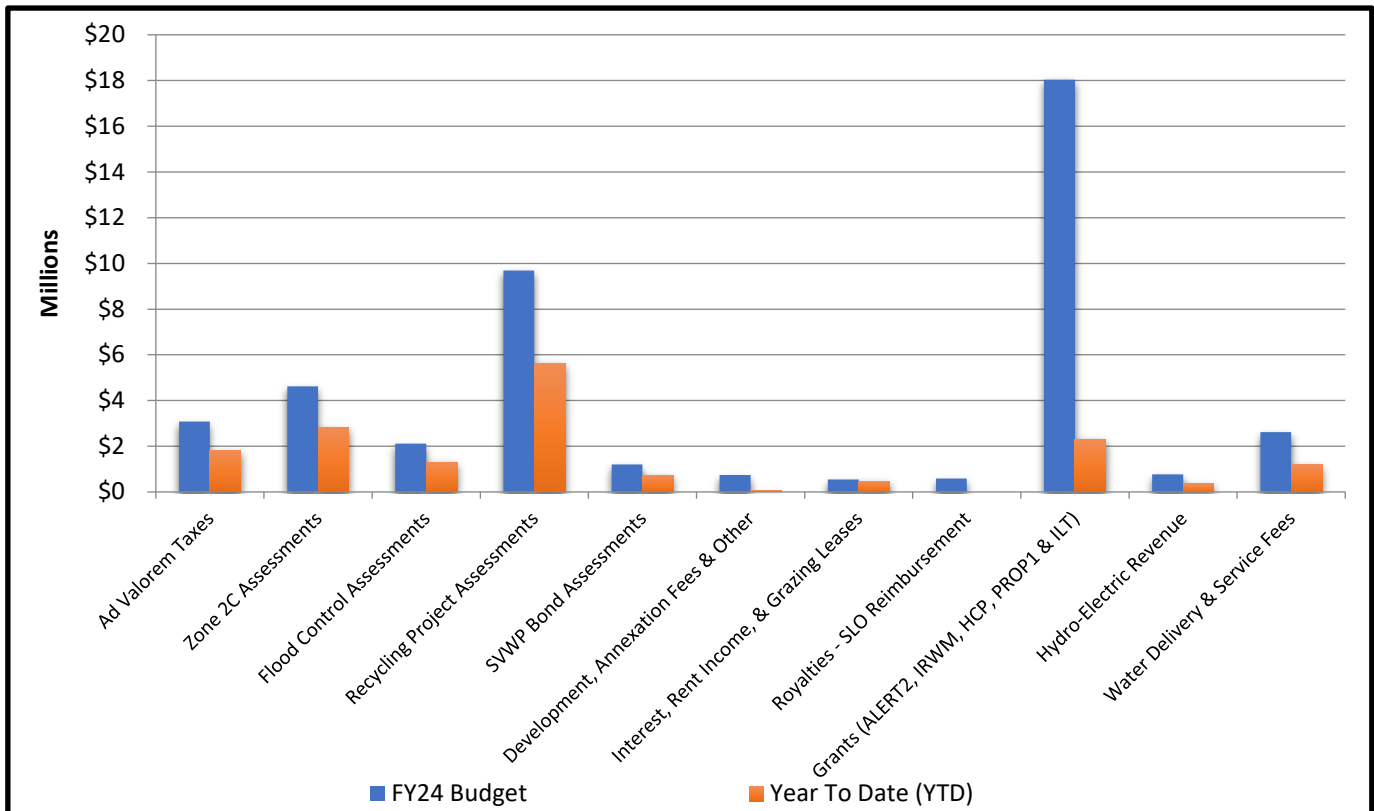
Budget Variance Analysis			
Category	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Actual
Beginning Available Fund Balance	25,334,972	25,334,972	25,334,972
Revenues	48,885,830	50,097,830	16,684,454
Expenditures	52,148,209	54,860,209	20,560,971
<b>Ending Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>22,072,593</b>	<b>20,572,593</b>	<b>21,458,456</b>



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**Revenue Variance**

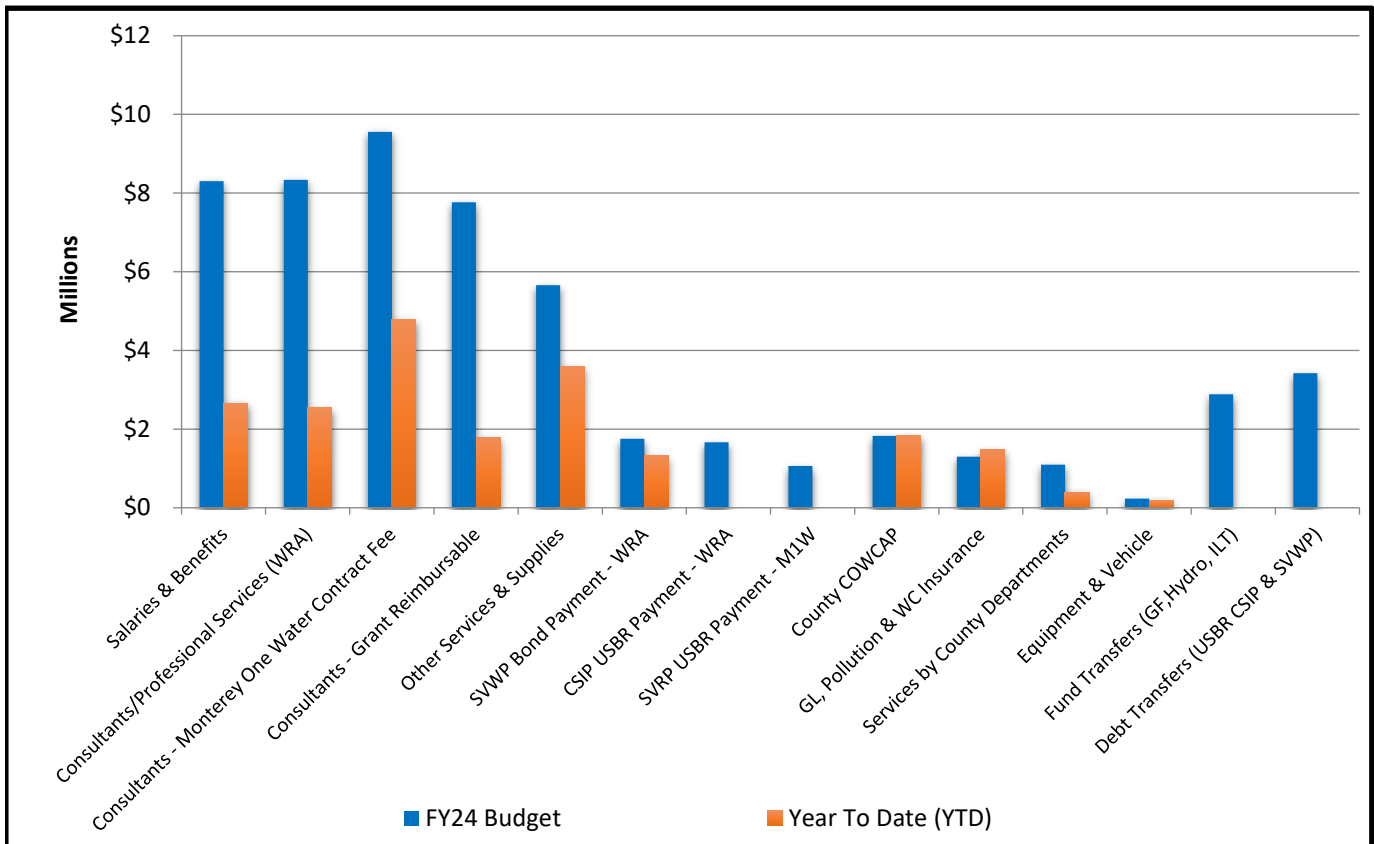
Revenue Variance by Source				
	FY24 Budget	% of Adopted	Year To Date (YTD)	% of YTD vs. Budget
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,084,317	6.2%	1,814,162	58.8%
Zone 2C Assessments	4,619,495	9.2%	2,825,053	61.2%
Flood Control Assessments	2,116,008	4.2%	1,307,705	61.8%
Recycling Project Assessments	9,693,962	19.4%	5,636,271	58.1%
SVWP Bond Assessments	1,199,766	2.4%	729,193	60.8%
Development, Annexation Fees & Other	737,619	1.5%	51,626	7.0%
Interest, Rent Income, & Grazing Leases	547,528	1.1%	478,572	87.4%
Royalties - SLO Reimbursement	582,600	1.2%	0	0.0%
Grants (ALERT2, IRWM, HCP, PROP1 & ILT)	18,029,290	36.0%	2,297,165	12.7%
Hydro-Electric Revenue	772,856	1.5%	357,220	46.2%
Water Delivery & Service Fees	2,621,654	5.2%	1,187,486	45.3%
Transfers In (from other Agency Funds)	2,669,398	5.3%	0	0.0%
Debt Transfer (USBR CSIP & SVWP)	3,423,338	6.8%	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>50,097,830</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16,684,454</b>	<b>33.3%</b>



**MONTEREY COUNTY  
WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BFY 2023-24 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

**Expenditure Variance**

Expenditure Variance by Type				
	FY24 Budget	% of Adopted	Year To Date (YTD)	% of YTD vs. Budget
Salaries & Benefits	8,301,533	15.1%	2,655,388	32.0%
Consultants/Professional Services (WRA)	8,336,361	15.2%	2,543,912	30.5%
Consultants - Monterey One Water Contract Fee	9,557,314	17.4%	4,778,657	50.0%
Consultants - Grant Reimbursable	7,765,716	14.2%	1,782,954	23.0%
Other Services & Supplies	5,660,911	10.3%	3,589,434	63.4%
SVWP Bond Payment - WRA	1,755,338	3.2%	1,318,419	75.1%
CSIP USBR Payment - WRA	1,668,000	3.0%	0	0.0%
SVRP USBR Payment - M1W	1,063,000	1.9%	0	0.0%
County COWCAP	1,828,247	3.3%	1,829,892	100.1%
GL, Pollution & WC Insurance	1,296,068	2.4%	1,477,450	114.0%
Services by County Departments	1,092,504	2.0%	395,260	36.2%
Equipment & Vehicle	230,575	0.4%	189,605	0.0%
Fund Transfers (GF,Hydro, ILT)	2,881,304	5.3%	0	0.0%
Debt Transfers (USBR CSIP & SVWP)	3,423,338	6.2%	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>54,860,209</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,560,971</b>	<b>37.5%</b>



# BFY 2023-24 WRA Fund Balances

For Month Ending: December 31, 2023

% Monthly Time Elapsed: 100.00%

			FY2023-24 Budget						YEAR-TO-DATE Actual					
Fund	Unit	Fund Name	**Estimate Beginning Fund Balance	Adopted Budget Expenditures	Amendment #1 Expenditure Increase	Adopted Budget Revenue	Amendment #1 Revenue Increase	Estimated Ending Fund Balance	YTD Actual Expenditures	Percent Budget Expended	YTD Actual Revenue	Percent Budget Received	Estimated Current Fund Balance	Fund
111	8267	WRA Administration	4,310,771	5,374,265		4,909,517		3,846,023	2,212,376	41.2%	2,630,384	53.6%	4,728,778	111
112	8484	Pajaro Levee	1,243,368	1,828,108	1,812,000	1,231,673	1,212,000	46,933	1,673,128	91.5%	981,419	79.7%	551,659	112
116	8485	Dam Operations	4,450,021	14,124,383	900,000	15,548,422	0	4,974,060	5,393,780	38.2%	3,507,063	22.6%	2,563,304	116
121	8486	Soledad Storm Drain	287,577	147,903		106,435		246,109	58,480	39.5%	50,817	47.7%	279,915	121
122	8487	Reclamation Ditch	1,283,668	2,648,376		2,650,886		1,286,178	936,087	35.3%	966,536	36.5%	1,314,117	122
124	8488	San Lorenzo Creek	31,644	51,518		47,249		27,375	22,629	43.9%	28,068	59.4%	37,084	124
127	8489	Moro Cojo Slough	596,684	610,407		240,667		226,944	246,774	40.4%	54,336	22.6%	404,246	127
130	8490	Hydro-Electric Ops	1,418,459	975,726		789,656		1,232,389	421,619	43.2%	362,651	45.9%	1,359,491	130
131	8491	CSIP Operations	3,253,270	7,908,709		7,527,636		2,872,197	2,537,538	32.1%	2,918,752	38.8%	3,634,484	131
132	8492	SVRP Operations	2,642,410	6,394,009		5,060,202		1,308,603	2,594,690	40.6%	4,270,730	84.4%	4,318,449	132
134	8493	SRDF Operations	3,422,273	6,810,286		5,426,002		2,037,989	2,315,308	34.0%	901,680	16.6%	2,008,645	134
303	8267	CSIP Debt Service	770,672	1,668,000		1,668,000		770,672	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	770,672	303
313	8494	Debt Services	1,035,749	1,755,338		1,755,338		1,035,749	1,318,419	75.1%	724	0.0%	(281,946)	313
426	8495	Interlake Tunnel	588,406	1,851,181		1,924,147		661,372	830,144	44.8%	11,294	0.6%	(230,444)	426
TOTAL:			25,334,972	52,148,209	2,712,000	48,885,830	1,212,000	20,572,593	20,560,971	39.4%	16,684,454	34.1%	21,458,456	

\*\*Beginning Fund balance of FY24 is estimated based on FY23 actual expenditures and revenues. FY23 has not been finalized and the actual amounts are not known



# County of Monterey

## Item No.5

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 24-023

February 20, 2024

Introduced: 2/13/2024

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: WR General Agenda

Consider receiving the 2023 Annual Groundwater Level Contours and Cumulative Change Chart.  
(Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz Moreno)

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency:

Receive the 2023 Annual Groundwater Level Contours and Cumulative Change Chart.

#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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These activities align with Strategic Plan Goals B7, *Use of data and analysis to make informed decisions based on science* and E1, *improve public outreach to increase transparency, communication, education and information about Agency projects and programs*. Activities associated with this program are included in Funds 111 & 116 of the FY 23-24 budget.

#### Annual Groundwater Elevation Survey

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south of Salinas to Greenfield increased by 5-20 feet, and by 10-20 feet from Greenfield to the north of San Lucas. South of San Lucas, groundwater elevations were generally within a foot of where they were last year.

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#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

#### FINANCING:

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Prepared by: Guillermo Diaz Moreno, Hydrologist, (831) 755-4860

Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

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# Salinas Valley Basin Annals 2023

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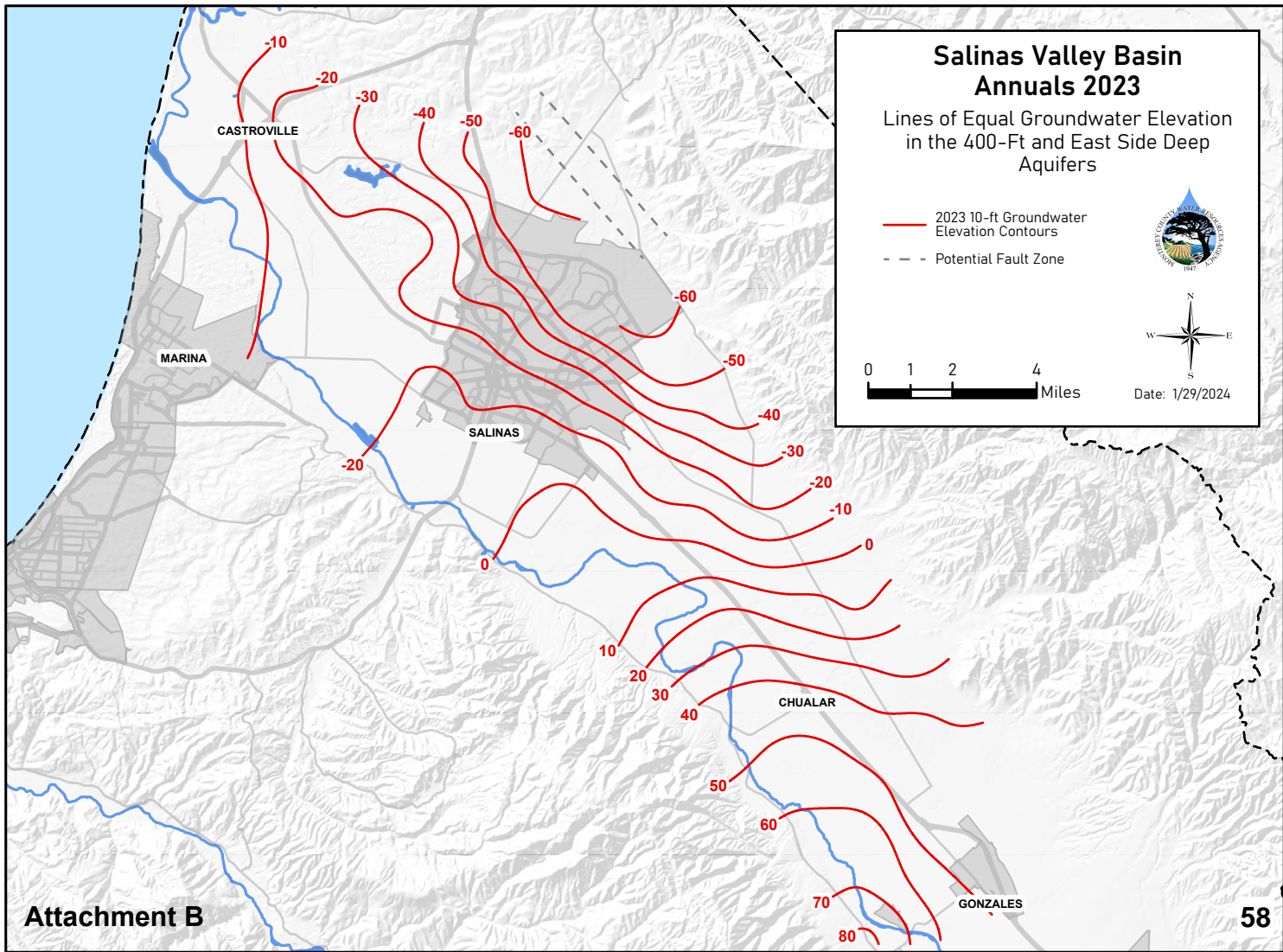
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Elevation Contours

- - - Potential Fault Zone



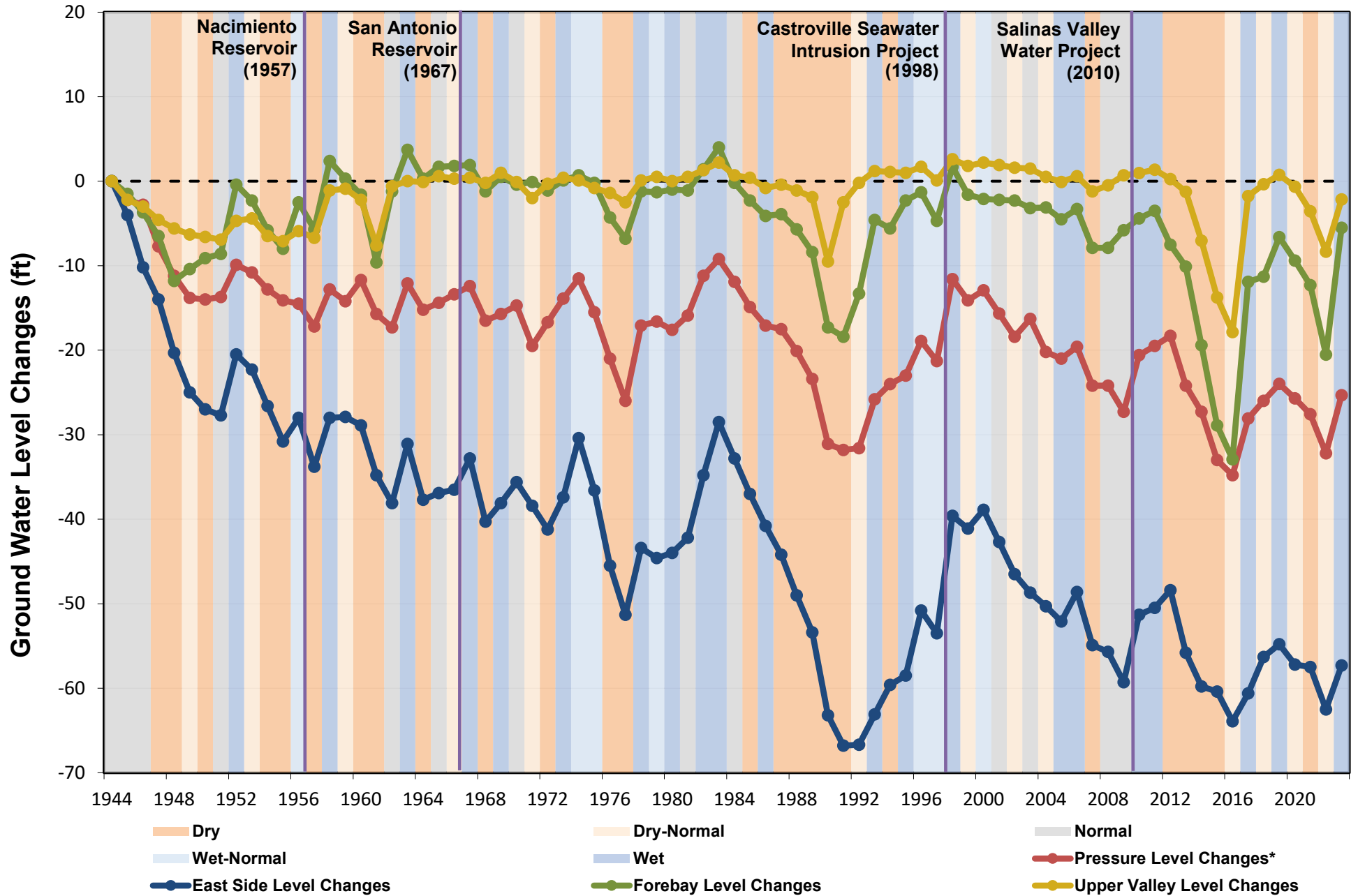
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Date: 1/29/2024



# Salinas Valley Groundwater Level Changes

## 1944 - 2023 Average Annual Groundwater Level Changes



\*Level Changes for the Pressure subarea are calculated using a weighted average between the 180-Ft and the 400-Ft Aquifers.



# SUMMARY OF ANNUAL FALL WELL MEASUREMENTS

## SALINAS VALLEY BASIN

Change in Elevation of Ground Water from Fall 2022 to  
Fall 2023

Area and Quadrant	No of Wells	Average Change (ft.)	Area and Quadrant	No of Wells	Average Change (ft.)
<b><u>EAST SIDE</u></b>			<b><u>PRESSURE 400</u></b>		
13S/02E	2	5.8	12S/02E	1	4.0
13S/03E	4	8.7	13S/02E	9	0.6
14S/02E	1	10.8	14S/02E	28	3.3
14S/03E	29	2.1	14S/03E	12	6.0
14S/04E	3	11.1	15S/02E	4	7.4
15S/03E	3	13.2	15S/03E	27	10.5
15S/04E	22	5.7	15S/04E	3	16.2
16S/04E	1	10.9	16S/04E	6	13.0
16S/05E	8	6.7	16S/05E	1	4.6
TOTAL	73	5.2	TOTAL	91	6.8
<b><u>FOREBAY</u></b>			<b><u>PRESSURE BOTH</u></b>		
16S/05E	5	13.4	16S/04E	1	17.9
17S/05E	18	13.2	TOTAL	1	17.9
17S/06E	13	12.0	<b><u>PRESSURE DEEP ZONE</u></b>		
18S/06E	23	17.5	13S/01E	2	0.0
18S/07E	8	16.8	13S/02E	3	0.7
19S/06E	2	21.4	14S/01E	4	0.6
19S/07E	4	13.8	14S/02E	13	-2.7
TOTAL	73	15.0	15S/02E	1	-13.6
<b><u>PRESSURE 180</u></b>			15S/03E	3	8.8
13S/02E	3	1.6	16S/04E	1	8.9
14S/02E	18	4.2	TOTAL	27	-0.3
14S/03E	6	7.4	<b><u>UPPER VALLEY</u></b>		
15S/02E	2	1.9	19S/07E	8	13.6
15S/03E	9	12.8	19S/08E	3	10.3
15S/04E	1	18.7	20S/08E	6	10.5
16S/04E	14	16.6	21S/09E	6	0.2
16S/05E	7	12.8	21S/10E	2	-0.6
17S/04E	1	17.5	22S/10E	7	-0.7
TOTAL	61	9.9	TOTAL	32	6.2

**TOTAL VALLEY WELLS COMPARED: 358**  
**AVERAGE CHANGE FOR THE SALINAS VALLEY (FT.): 8.1**

Printed on: 1/29/2024





***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

BOARD ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIVE THE 2023 ANNUAL** )  
**GROUNDWATER LEVEL CONTOURS AND** )  
**CUMULATIVE CHANGE CHART** )

Upon motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Receive the 2023 Annual Groundwater Level Contours and Cumulative Change Chart

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **February 2024**, by the following vote, to-wit:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair  
Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

## Item No.6

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 24-024

February 20, 2024

**Introduced:** 2/13/2024

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Consider adoption of a resolution amending the Bylaws of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors concerning Board member participation on standing and advisory committees. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of a resolution amending the Bylaws of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) Board of Directors concerning Board member participation on standing and advisory committees.

#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

#### FINANCING:

Not applicable.

Prepared by: Kelly L. Donlon, Assistant County Counsel

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution approving amendments to Bylaws
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3. Draft Bylaws (clean)



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## **BYLAWS**

### **MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (As amended 2/20/24)**

#### **I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.**

1.01. Authority. These bylaws are adopted pursuant to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act, as amended by the statutes of 1991, Chapter 1130 (West's California Water Code, Appendix, Chapter 52; hereinafter "Agency Act"), and pursuant to Monterey County Water Resources Agency Ordinance No. 3559.

1.02. Purpose. The purpose of these bylaws is to establish procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors and to provide guidelines for the other activities of the Board of Directors.

1.03. Relations between Board and Staff. The purpose of the Board of Directors is to set policy for implementation by the General Manager and Staff. The Board will adopt a hands-off policy regarding day-to-day management as that is the duty of the General Manager. Board members shall direct requests of Staff to the General Manager.

#### **II. MEMBERS.**

2.01. Number and Appointment. There are nine members on the Board of Directors. The members are appointed by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors.

2.02. Duties. The Board of Directors shall perform the duties delegated to them by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act and by Ordinance No. 3559.

2.03. Vacancies and Removal of Directors. A vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors when a Director resigns or dies or when the position is declared vacant by the Supervisors, on the recommendation of the Directors due to the incumbent Directors' incapacity or failure to attend meetings. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the appointment of the original holder of the office. If a Board member is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board or its committees, the Personnel/Administration Committee shall review the matter within 30 days and determine whether it should be heard by the full Board. The Board may, based on the recommendation of the Personnel/Administration Committee, by resolution, recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Board of Supervisors declare a vacancy and appoint a replacement Director.

#### 2.04. Compensation.

(a) Each member of the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency appointed pursuant to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act shall receive compensation for his or her services at the rate of \$100.00 for each meeting attended by such Director. A meeting shall be a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, a meeting of any of the standing committees or additional committees, or any meeting so designated as such by the Chair.

(b) In addition, the Directors shall be reimbursed for actual necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official business of the Agency pursuant to assignment of the Board of Directors consistent with the reimbursement schedules and policies of the County of Monterey.

2.05. Conflicts of Interest. No Board member shall participate in any matter which comes before the Board of Directors, or in any matter in which he or she is required to act in his or her capacity as a Board member, when the Board member has or may have a direct or indirect economic interest which may be affected as a result of such action, unless such participation is otherwise required or permitted by law. No Board member shall undertake any employment, activity, or economic enterprise for compensation which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with or inimical to his or her duties as a Board member. Board members shall comply with the conflict of interest code to be adopted by the Board.

2.06. Notice to Directors. Whenever written notice is required by these bylaws to be given or delivered when the notice is left at the Directors' residence or usual place of business by personal messenger, when the notice is sent to the Director via fax transmittal to the fax number given to the Agency by the Director, or five days after the notice is deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed to the Director.

2.07. Authority of Director to speak for the Board or Agency. No director will speak on behalf of the Board of Directors in any public forum unless expressly authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. No director will speak on behalf of the Agency in any public forum unless expressly authorized to do so by the Board of Supervisors.

### III. OFFICERS.

3.01. List of Officers. The officers of the Board shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

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## **VI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.**

6.01 These bylaws shall be adopted by resolution, approved by a majority of the Directors. The bylaws may be amended at any properly noticed meeting, by resolution approved by a majority of the Directors.

Upon motion by Director\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, these bylaws were amended to read as above on **February 20, 2024**, by the following votes:

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

Attest: I certify that the within instrument is a true and complete copy of the original Bylaws of the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency on file within this office.

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ara Azhderian  
General Manager

History: Adopted 12/19/91; amended: 1/13/92, 9/14/92, 10/12/92, 10/26/92, 3/29/93, 5/9/94, 10/28/96, 4/25/16, 9/19/16, 11/19/18, 5/20/19, and 2/20/24

## **BYLAWS**

### **MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (As amended 2/20/24)**

#### **I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.**

1.01. Authority. These bylaws are adopted pursuant to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act, as amended by the statutes of 1991, Chapter 1130 (West's California Water Code, Appendix, Chapter 52; hereinafter "Agency Act"), and pursuant to Monterey County Water Resources Agency Ordinance No. 3559.

1.02. Purpose. The purpose of these bylaws is to establish procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors and to provide guidelines for the other activities of the Board of Directors.

1.03. Relations between Board and Staff. The purpose of the Board of Directors is to set policy for implementation by the General Manager and Staff. The Board will adopt a hands-off policy regarding day-to-day management as that is the duty of the General Manager. Board members shall direct requests of Staff to the General Manager.

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2.01. Number and Appointment. There are nine members on the Board of Directors. The members are appointed by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors.

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(a) Each member of the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency appointed pursuant to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act shall receive compensation for his or her services at the rate of \$100.00 for each meeting attended by such Director. A meeting shall be a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, a meeting of any of the standing committees or additional committees, or any meeting so designated as such by the Chair.

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## **VI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.**

6.01 These bylaws shall be adopted by resolution, approved by a majority of the Directors. The bylaws may be amended at any properly noticed meeting, by resolution approved by a majority of the Directors.

Upon motion by Director\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, these bylaws were amended to read as above on **February 20, 2024**, by the following votes:

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

Attest: I certify that the within instrument is a true and complete copy of the original Bylaws of the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency on file within this office.

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ara Azhderian  
General Manager

History: Adopted 12/19/91; amended: 1/13/92, 9/14/92, 10/12/92, 10/26/92, 3/29/93, 5/9/94, 10/28/96, 4/25/16, 9/19/16, 11/19/18, 5/20/19, and 2/20/24



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution Amending the Bylaws )  
of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency )  
Board of Directors concerning Board member )  
Participation on standing and advisory committees )**

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency exists under the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act (Water Code Appendix Chapter 52; Stat. 1990, c. 1159) (the “Agency Act”);

WHEREAS, Section 66 of the Agency Act provides that the Directors shall adopt Bylaws for the conduct of their business and shall establish standing committees comprised of Board members; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require the Chair to be an ex officio member of all committees with the right to vote, including: Finance, Planning, Personnel/Administration, Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee, and the Basin Management Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors seek to amend the Bylaws to remove the requirement that the Chair of the Board of Directors serve as an ex officio member on all committees, while providing the Chair discretion to serve on committees, and continuing to allow other Board members to sit on the committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors hereby amends its Bylaws as reflected in Attachment 1.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20<sup>th</sup>** day of **February 2024**, by the following vote, to-wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair  
Board of Directors

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ATTEST:     Ara Azhderian  
                 General Manager



# County of Monterey

## Item No.7

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 24-032

February 20, 2024

Introduced: 2/13/2024

Current Status: Agenda Ready

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Matter Type: WR General Agenda

Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors to include funding for Interlake Tunnel Project development, in the recommended budget for fiscal-year 2024-2025. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

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County of Monterey, California Department of Water Resources

FINANCING:

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Prepared by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager (831)755-4860



# County of Monterey

Item No.

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 24-032

February 20, 2024

Introduced: 2/13/2024

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: WR General Agenda

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***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency***

***County of Monterey, State of California***

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WATER RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF )  
DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR )  
INTERLAKE TUNNEL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, )  
IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR )  
FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025. )**

Upon motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th day of February 2024**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair  
Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

## Item No.8

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Legistar File Number: WRAG 24-025**

**February 20, 2024**

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**Version:** 1

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February, March and April 2024 Calendars.

# February 2024

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Jan 28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2 10:00am Finance Committee-2023-11 ( <a href="https://montereycity.zoom.us/j/92403510520?pwd=ektEZUNZenYyMStLMVZ6U0c2SUN">https://montereycity.zoom.us/j/92403510520?pwd=ektEZUNZenYyMStLMVZ6U0c2SUN</a> )	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 12:00pm Board of Directors Meeting Place holder (Gov. Center - 168 Alisal St.) - MC Water	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 1:30pm Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee - 2024 ( <a href="https://montereycity.zoom.us/j/92085702216?pwd=RzQ0R1RNaU">https://montereycity.zoom.us/j/92085702216?pwd=RzQ0R1RNaU</a> )	Mar 1	2

# March 2024

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# April 2024

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21	22	23	24	25 11:00am Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors 1:30pm Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee - 2024	26	27
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4





# County of Monterey

## Item No.9

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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- Fiscal-Year Ending 2025 Budget Preparation Update
- GEMS Expansion
- Personnel Update
- Monterey One Reconciliation
- Dam Safety Project Funding
- Carmel River Flood Model Update Funding
- Association of California Water Agencies Update
- Other



## WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

# MEMORANDUM

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Monterey County

DATE: February 20, 2024

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Ara Azhderian, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** General Manager's Report

### Fiscal-Year Ending 2025 Budget Preparation Update

Work continues on the development of the fiscal-year ending 2025 budget. Preliminary information will be provided to the County of Monterey by March 1. A workshop will be scheduled of the WRA BOD on March 18<sup>th</sup> for a detailed review and direction. Related, the initial draft of the WRA Financial Forecasting Model is essentially complete. A summary presentation of the model was provided to the Planning Committee on February 7<sup>th</sup> – see attached. Work on the model will resume following development of the FYE'25 budget, later this spring and early summer. Work on the model will begin to coincide with the current update of the Historical Benefits Analysis, legal review of funding authorities and alternatives, and analysis of revenue streams and debt potential all aimed at informing development of a funding strategy for the Safety of Dams Project to meet state and federal mandates and compliment state and federal funding sources.

### GEMS Expansion

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the WRA Directors held a special meeting to consider alternative approaches to expand the existing Groundwater Extraction Management System to meet today's regulatory requirements under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The presentation, attached, reviewed the establishment of GEMS, SGMA, and the changes that have occurred in Monterey County as a result, as well as exploring potential opportunities to streamline current groundwater management efforts led by numerous entities. It also summarized existing roles of the WRA and Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and offered some comparisons of alternative approaches, if pursued. In the end, the WRA Directors directed staff to explore the expansion of GEMS by the WRA to meet the needs of the SVB, at a minimum, and to potentially provide additional services to other entities in the County upon request. Staff will continue to work with the SVB and others and provide a more detailed recommendation at the March WRA Directors meeting.

### Personnel Update

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, WRA staff met with the new County of Monterey Director of Human Resources, Andreas Pyper, to discuss the Agency commissioning a class and compensation study. We explained our difficulties recruiting, retaining, and rewarding quality staff when we are competing against other water agencies, not counties, and discussed potentially establishing an Agency specific compensation philosophy, similar to how Natividad approaches its unique staffing needs. The Director easily understood the challenge and offered advice. Following that advice, staff has prepared a draft scope of work and has identified potential consultants to perform the proposed work. Upon receipt of work proposals from the consultants, WRA staff will review with County HR and make a final decision about next steps. We expect to initiate the study by May.

As for staffing recruitment efforts and changes:

- Water Resource Engineer: In the interview process;
- Water Maintenance Worker I: In the interview process;
- Water Resource Hydrologist: recruitment closed, staff is working with HR on next steps;
- Water Resource Technician: recruitment closed, staff is working with HR on next steps;
- Associate WR Engineer: recruitment closed, staff is working with HR on next steps;
- Accountant II: HR has the recruitment open through 2/16

Current staffing level: Approved positions – 51, filled – 37, unfilled – 11, unfunded – 3.

### Monterey One Water Reconciliation

The reconciliation effort to address certain questions regarding the operation and maintenance of the Monterey County Water Recycling Projects remains ongoing. The draft financial audit is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Both the WRA and M1W will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft, then finalize and present the final report to our respective Boards in March. As for the hydrodynamic modelling, that work continues to be delayed by data quality assurance and control issues. WRA has engaged E2 Engineers's SCADA experts to help resolve the issues. The electrical engineers have been supplied with the remote monitoring unit (RMU) component specifications for each turnout, which will be followed by a field inspection of the equipment to determine a solution. A workplan and schedule is expected by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Delay of the hydrodynamic modelling may also affect the potential use of grant funding through a sub-grant agreement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as this funding was originally aimed at Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project improvements, which were to be informed by the hydrodynamic modelling. WRA staff is working with the SVB to explore options to meet the grant deadline of March 2025. Additionally, WRA has been beta testing the read-only SCADA feed for the Monterey County Water Recycling Projects from M1W and initial indications are positive. WRA is now receiving information about what turnouts are in use and instantaneous flow readings, which provides improved clarity on current operational conditions. As for next steps, WRA staff and County ITD will meet with M1W to discuss additional options, such as possibly developing a database to store usage logs. Lastly, WRA and M1W met with the Salinas Basin Water Alliance and Salinas Valley Water Coalition to discuss their letter of January 5<sup>th</sup> requesting information pertaining to quantities and timings of recycled water source supplies. WRA and M1W committed to providing the Alliance and Coalition a joint response within the next few months.

### Dam Safety Funding

The WRA continues to work with the California Department of Water Resources to finalize a funding agreement for the \$17M appropriated by the state legislature in 2023 under Senate Bill 104 for Nacimiento and San Antonio Dam improvements. We anticipate executing a final agreement within the next few weeks. The funding is currently aimed at supporting spillway replacement design work at San Antonio and the plunge pool rehabilitation at Nacimiento. Also, the WRA participated in the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors special Legislative Workshop wherein we provided an update – see attached – on current Safety of Dams Project work and funding sources and requested legislative support to pursue an additional \$1.8M of state and federal funds in the upcoming 2024-25 fiscal-year to support modernization of San Antonio’s Low Level Outlet Works, as well as County support for the United States Department of Agriculture’s Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – PL-566 – as a potential funding source for the Interlake Tunnel Project.

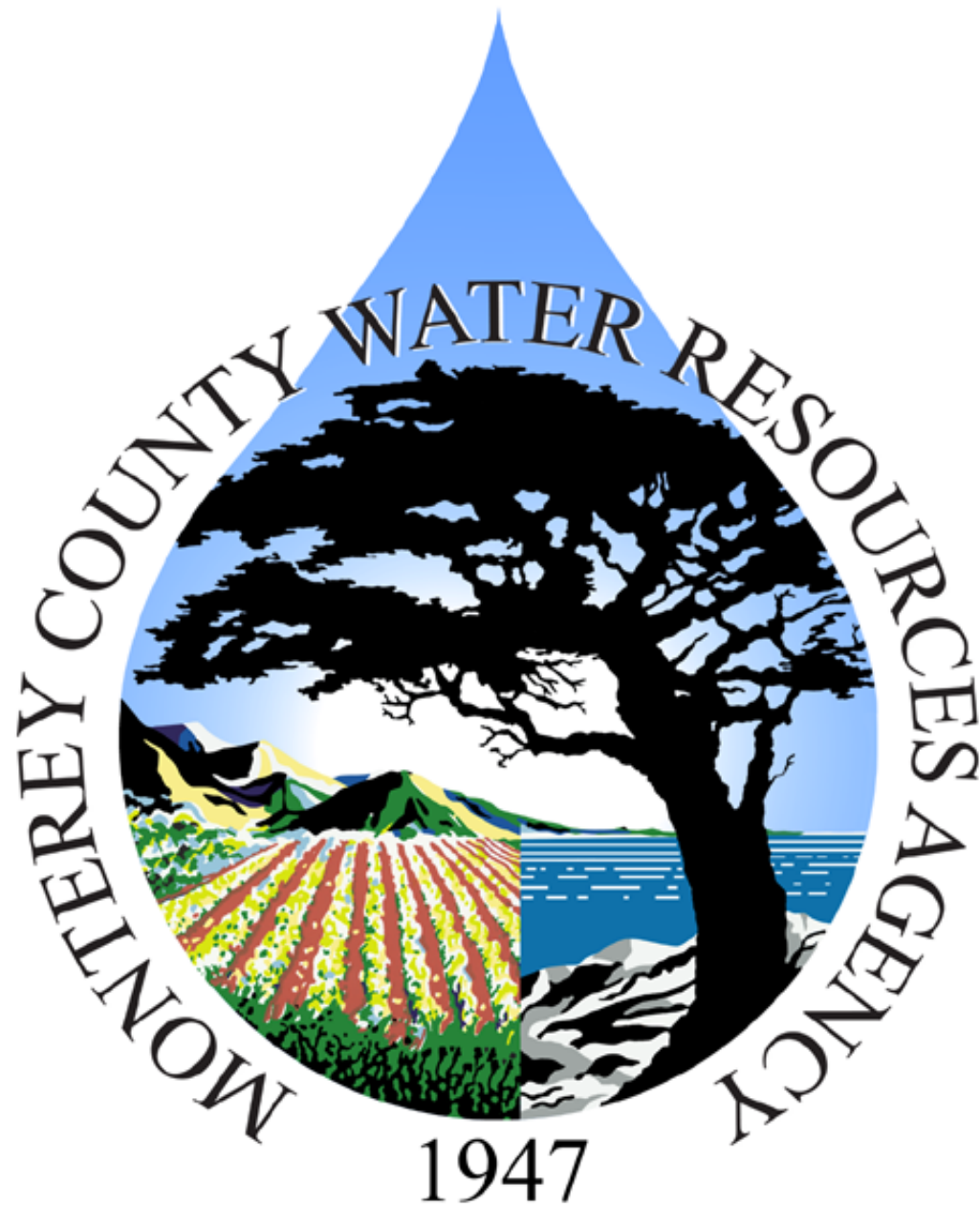
### Carmel River Flood Model Update Funding

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, WRA received notice from the California Department of Water Resources that the \$230k appropriated under Assembly Bill 102 in 2023 to update the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s hydrologic flood model of the Carmel River had been suspended. This is the first fiscal impact upon the WRA as a result of the State’s current fiscal situation. Senator Laird and Supervisor Adams have both been informed of the situation. They have been ardent advocates for this important update and will continue to work diligently to restore this funding.

### Association of California Water Agencies Update

The Federal Affairs Committee met on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Angela Ebner, Policy Advisor for Senator Padilla, spoke to the FAC about supporting the soon to be introduced “Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act” to permanently establish a program first launched as emergency assistance during COVID to assist low-income households in paying arrearages and other rates for drinking water or wastewater services. The FAC did not take a position at the meeting; however, separately, the County Administrative Officer has provided a letter of support – see attached. As we do not serve retail customers, I offer no recommendation on a WRA position. The balance of the meeting was to receive updates from ACWA staff on regulatory and legislative matters and to review proposed FAC priorities for 2024 – see attached. ACWA has requested comments on these priorities from FAC members.

Amy Woodrow attended the SGMA Implementation Subcommittee of the ACWA Groundwater Committee meetings in January and February 2024. The subcommittee has discussed the content and timeline of forthcoming Guidance Documents from DWR, as well as the California Salmon Strategy launched by Governor Newsom in January 2024.





# TODAY'S ACTION

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# Committee Action

- No Prior Committee Action



# Board Of Directors Action

- No Prior BOD Action

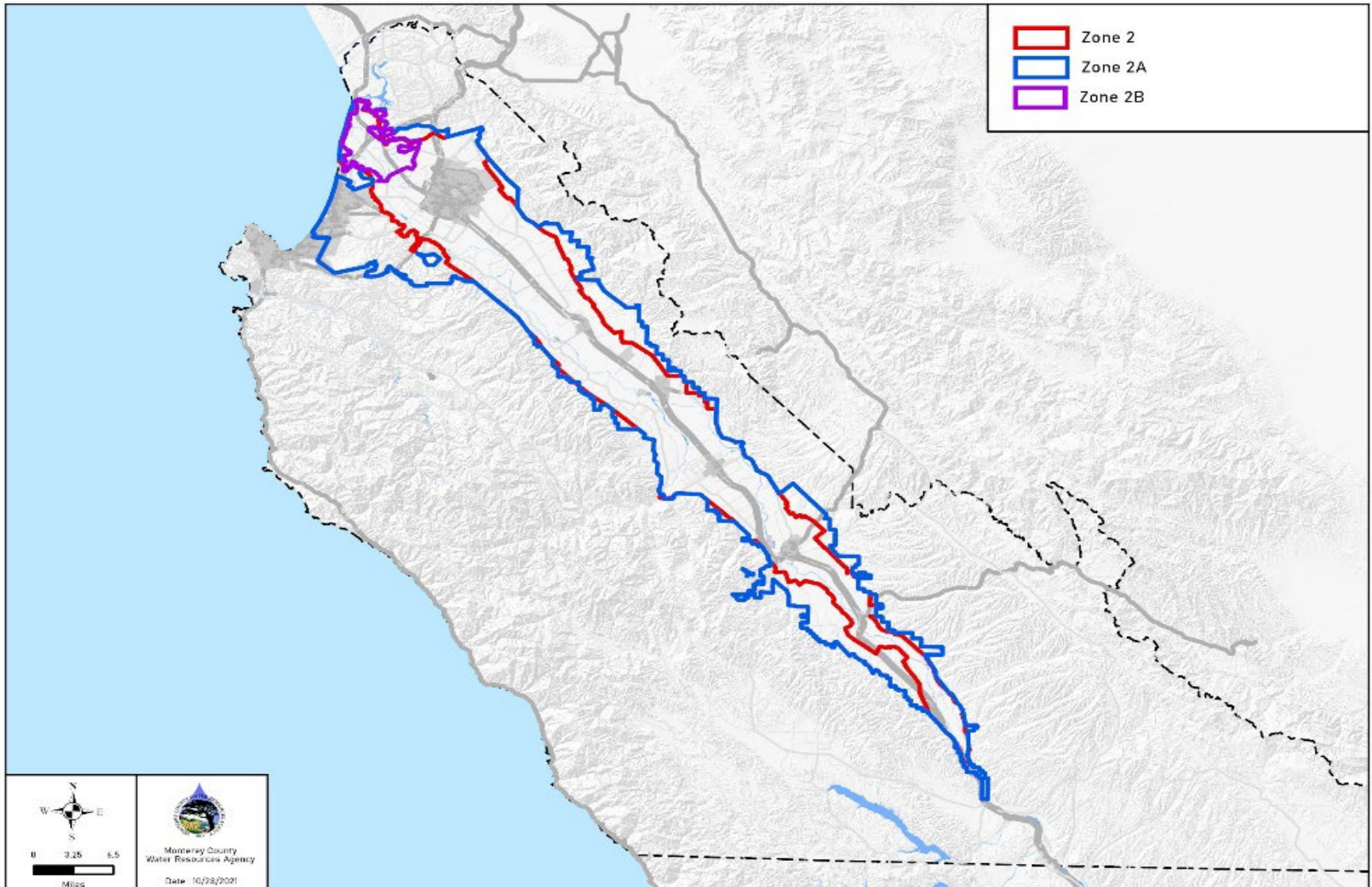


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- 3851 & 3886
  - The Agency Ordinances authorizing Ag & Urban Water Conservation Plan reporting
- 29
  - How many GEMS & Water Conservation Reports have been published!

# Summary Discussion



## Summary Report:

1995 Ground Water Extraction Data and  
Agricultural Water Conservation Practices

Published by the  
**Monterey County Water Resources Agency**

August 1996

## 2022 Groundwater Extraction Summary Report



Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
July 2023





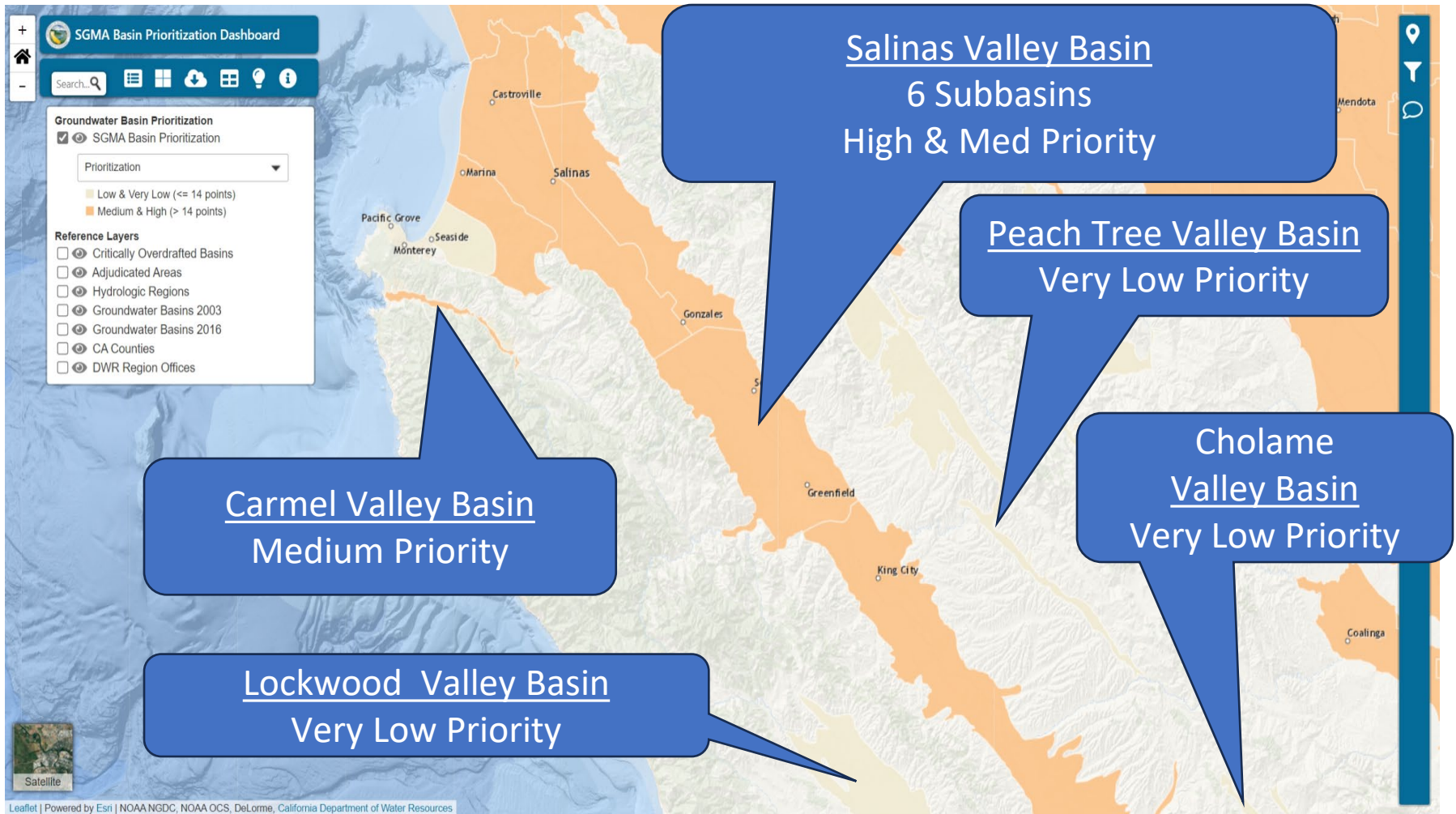
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- DWR
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    - ✓ Establishing and prioritizing groundwater basins
    - ✓ Approving plans and monitoring progress
    - ✓ Determining sustainability
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# Summary Discussion

## County of Monterey SGMA Basins



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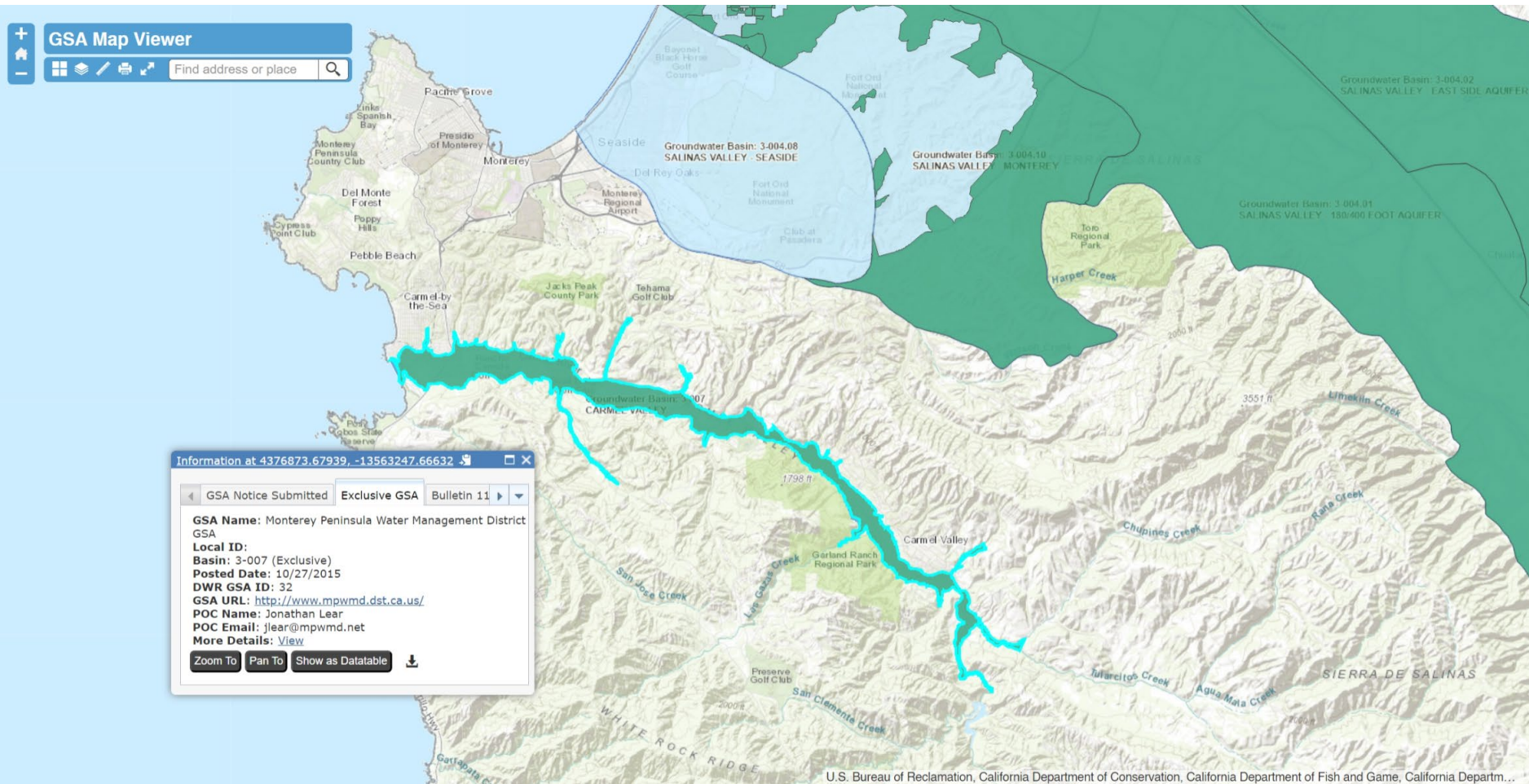
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# Summary Discussion

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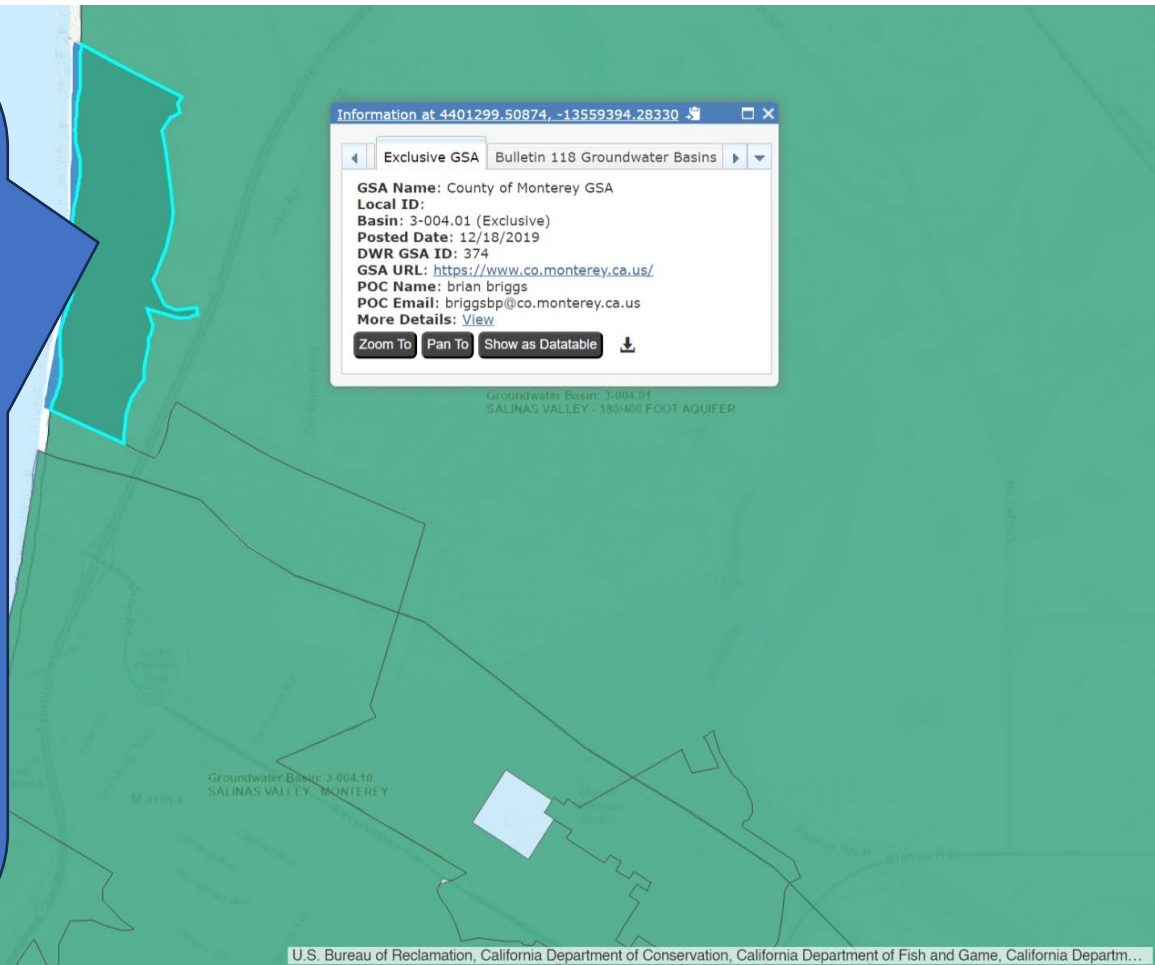




# Summary Discussion

## County of Monterey\* GSA Salinas Valley 180/400 Subbasin

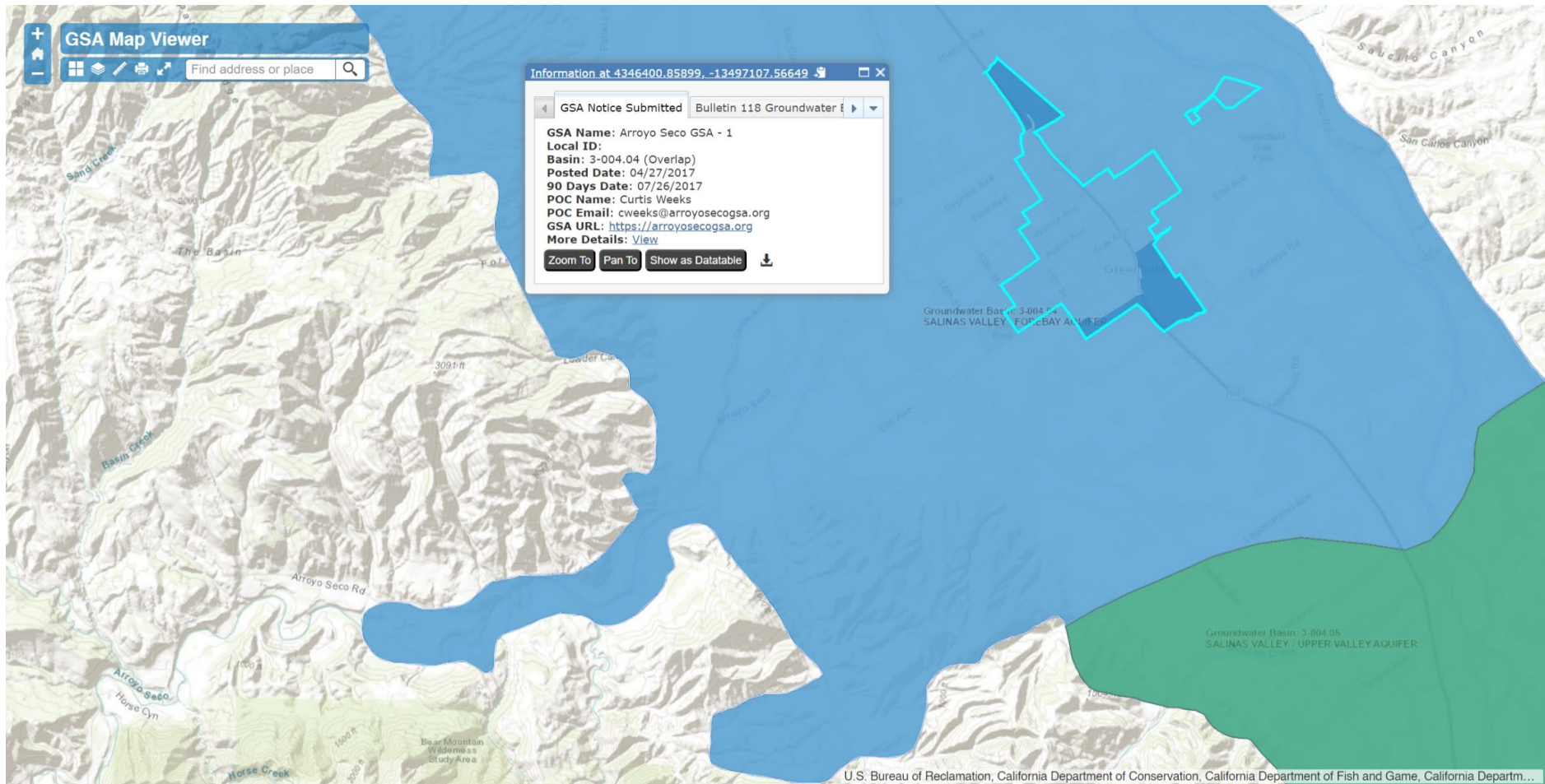
\* The status of the City of Marina's GSA is in dispute per the *City of Marina, et al. v. County of Monterey, et al.* (H049575) case. The Sixth Appellate District opined that the County of Monterey properly stepped in as the groundwater sustainability agency for the disputed CEMEX area of the 180/400 subbasin. The City of Marina has filed a petition for review with the California Supreme Court, which is currently pending.



# Summary Discussion

## Arroyo Seco GSA

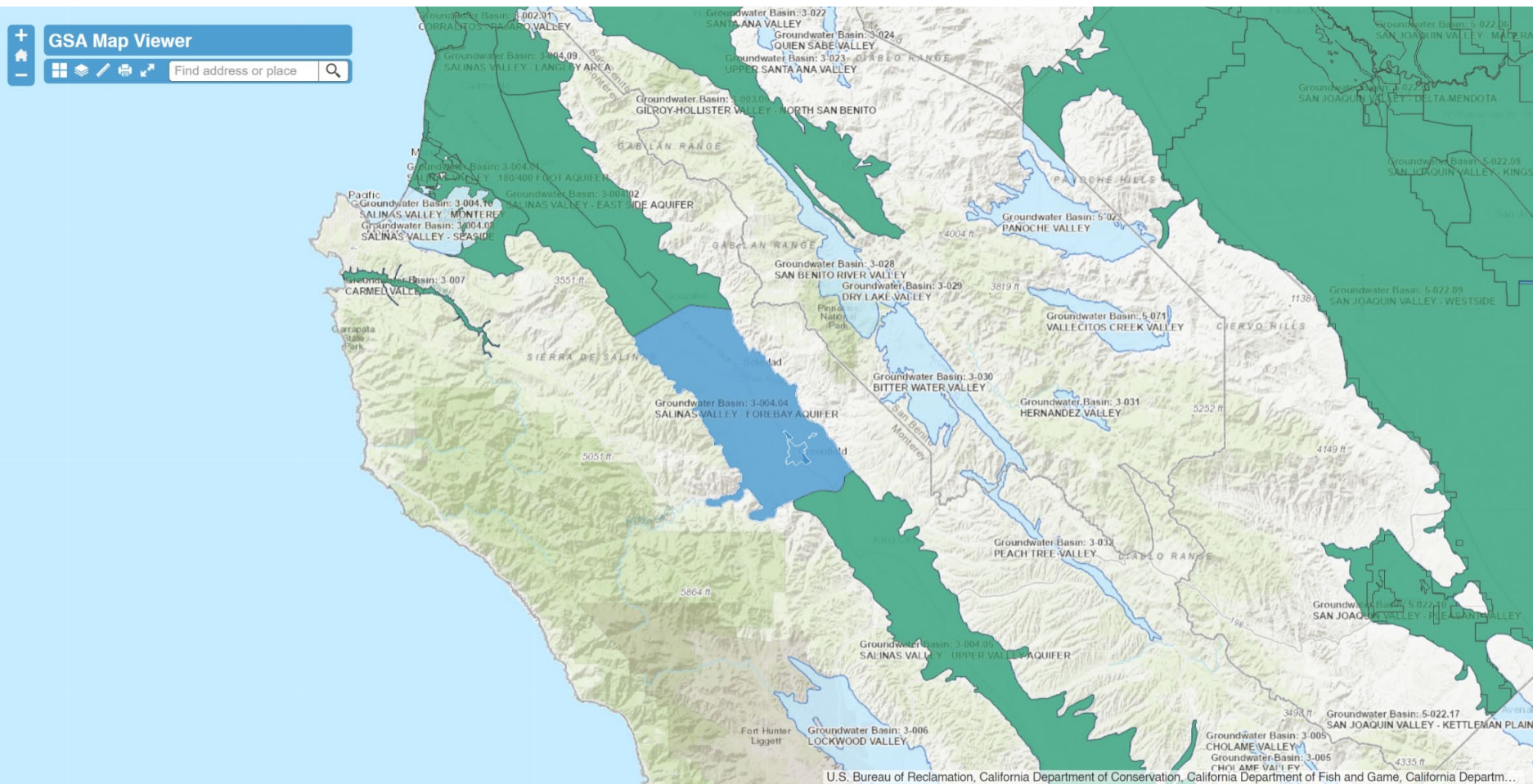
### Salinas Valley Forebay Subbasin





# Summary Discussion

## Salinas Valley Basin GSA – 6 Subbasins 180/400, Eastside, Forebay, Langley, Monterey, Upper Valley



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- GSPs
  - Groundwater Sustainability Plans – **ALL** dependent upon monitoring!



# Summary Discussion

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Expand cooperation among agencies with well monitoring jurisdiction
  - County of Monterey's Health Department
  - Monterey County Water Resources Agency
  - Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.
  - Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
  - Other GSAs
- Streamline the current well permitting process
- Minimize potential for duplicative services
- Minimize confusion about jurisdictions
- Explore opportunities to consolidate work & reduce costs



# Summary Discussion

## SVBGSA NEEDS GOING FORWARD

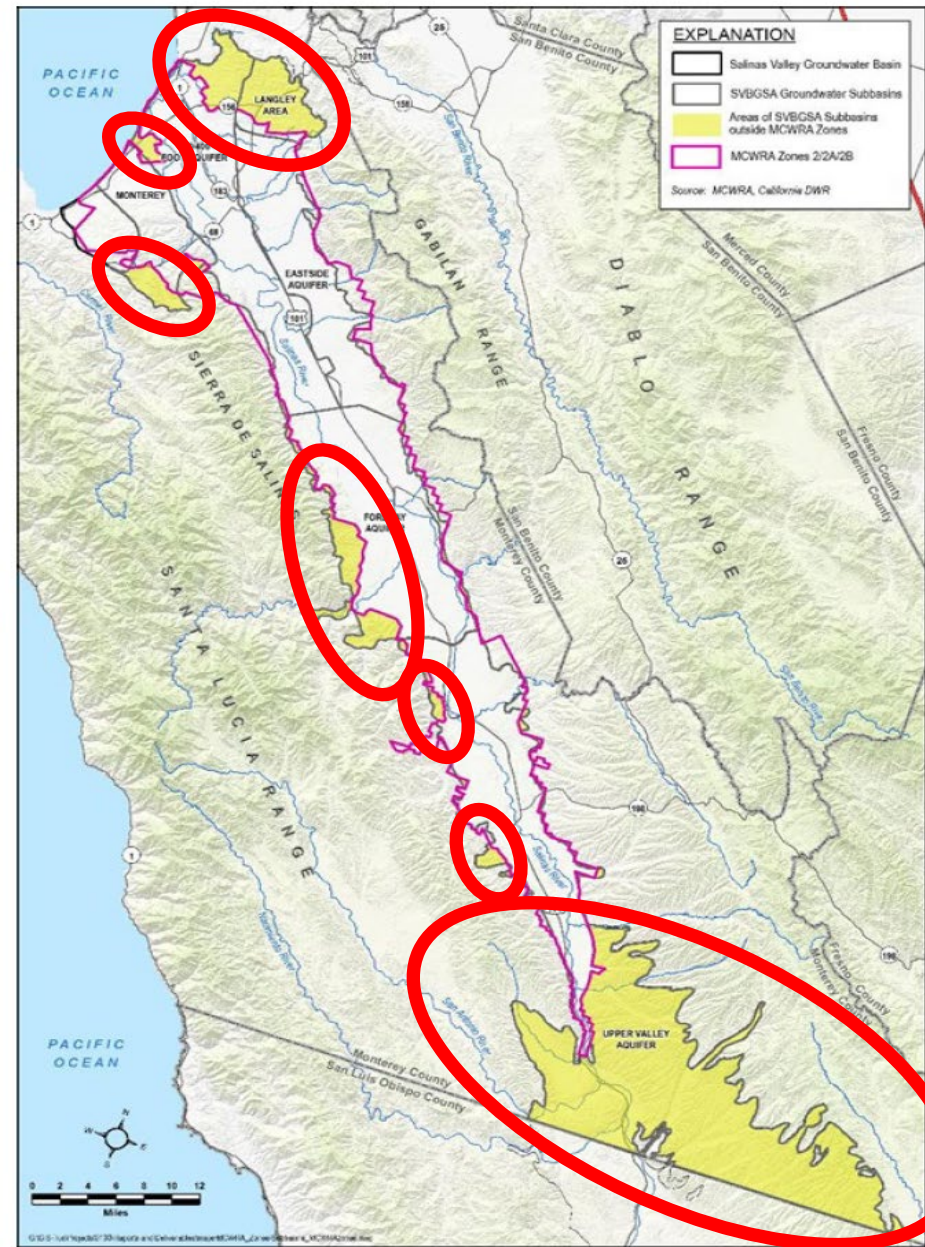
- All the GSAs are dependent upon collecting and monitoring groundwater data
- The SVB's 5-year evaluations of high and medium GSPs Priorities are due January 2025 and 2027
- SVB received a DWR “Recommended Corrective Action” requiring additional well data to resolve
- DATA GAPS!
  - ! The Agency's GEMS Zones do not align entirely with the Salinas Valley Basin boundary



# Red Circles Are Outside of Current GEMS Program

## 3 alternatives to address DATA GAPS:

- ✓ The Agency expands its current GEMS program to include the new areas currently not reporting;
- ✓ The Agency transfers its GEMS program to the SVB for all future administration; or
- ✓ The SVB develops a GEMS like program to address the areas currently not reporting.





# Summary Discussion

## CURRENT ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

### The Agency – Data Collection & Management

- Collect groundwater level data
- Administer GEMS Well Registration effort
- Administer GEMS Reporting
- Administer Water Conservation Reporting
- Monitor Water Chemistry 180/400

### The SVB – Governance & Planning for Sustainability

- Governance of the 6 SVB GSPs
- Planning for Sustainability
- Administer Planning Grants
- Studying Projects Feasibility
- Coordinating within and doing outreach among Subbasins and other GSAs



# Summary Discussion

## CHANGES IN ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES Agency expands its current GEMS

### Agency – Data Collection & Management

- Add staffing
- Procure additional equipment
- Expand administration
- Modify funding mechanism
- No OTHER changes to current Data Collection & Management efforts

### SVB – Governance & Planning for Sustainability

- No changes to current Governance & Planning for Sustainability
- No change in staffing, administration, or funding

# Summary Discussion

## CHANGES IN ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES *SVB assumes and expands GEMS*

### Agency – Data Collection & Management

- Eliminate well registration & GEMS Reporting
- Rely upon SVB for Water Conservation Reporting data
- No changes to OTHER current Data Collection & Management
- No staffing changes
- No equipment changes
- No administrative or funding changes

### SVB – Governance & Planning for Sustainability

- Add staff to perform well registration & GEMS reporting
- Develop program procedures and expand administration
- Procure equipment
- Develop funding mechanism
- No changes to current Governance & Planning for Sustainability

# Summary Discussion

## CHANGES IN ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

*SVB develops GEMS like program in expansion area*

### Agency – Data Collection & Management

- No changes to current Data Collection & Management
- No change in staffing, administration, or funding

### SVB – Governance & Planning for Sustainability

- Add staff to perform well registration & GEMS reporting
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# GEMS Expansion Proposed Timeline

WELL REGISTRATION & GEMS EXPANSION TIMELINE															
Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Oct '25	Feb '26	Jan '27
OUTREACH															
			WELL REGISTRATION & GEMS EXPANSION PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT												
					ORDINANCE, AGREEMENTS, & POLICIES DEVELOPMENT										
									POPULATE WELL REGISTRATION & GEMS EXPANSION DATABASE						
												COLLECT NEW WELL & GEMS DATA			
														REPORT NEW DATA	
															5-YR. GSPs UPDATE



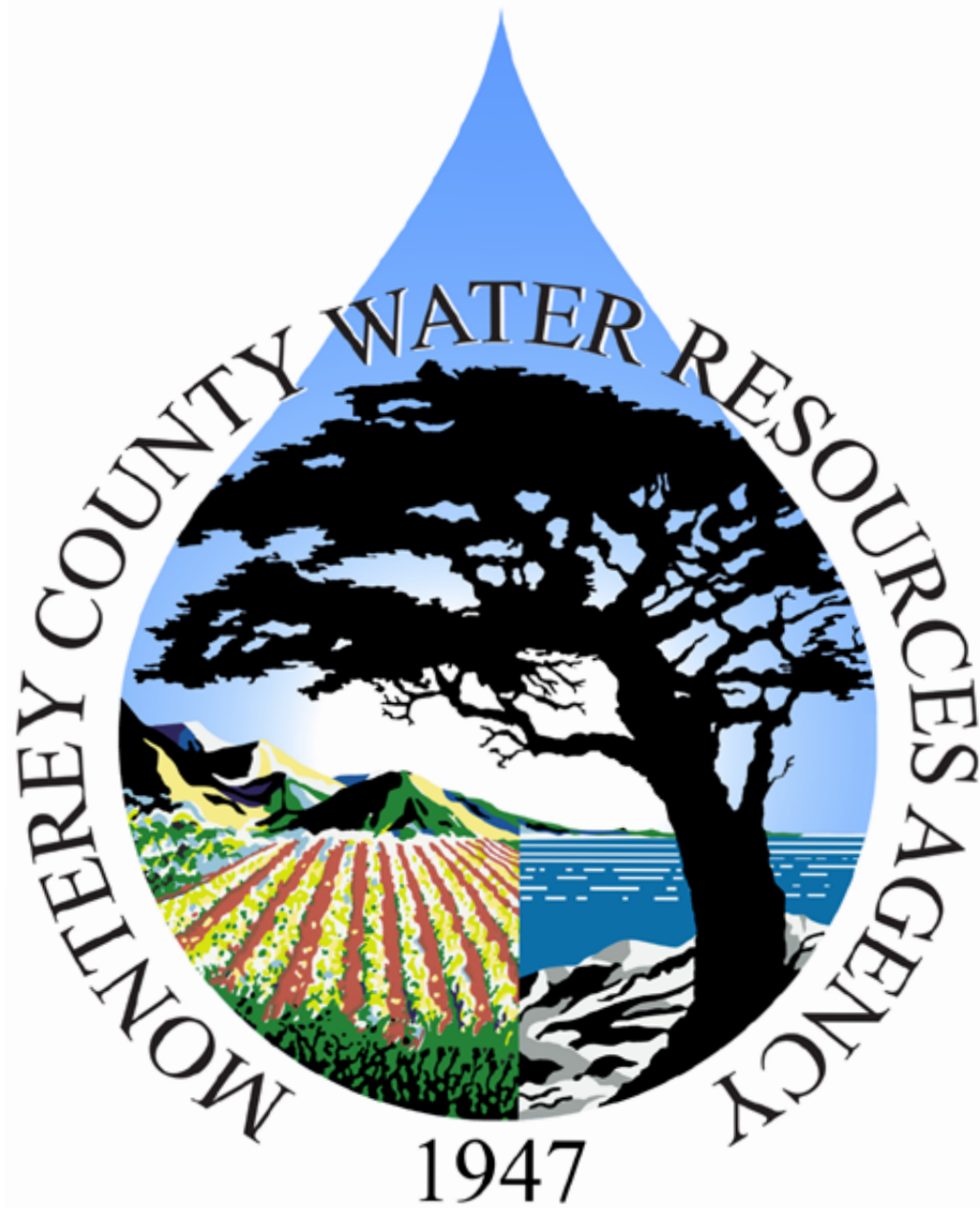
# Financial Impact

- Unknown



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# Monterey County Water Resources Agency

## Planning Committee Meeting

February 7, 2024

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# Long Range Financial Planning Tool - Objectives

**Combines financial forecasting, strategic thinking and a vision for the long-term**

**Aligns finances, capital needs, public policy and service objectives**

**Maintains sound financial position**

- Preserves or enhances key financial metrics

**Provides a flexible financial framework allowing for adjustments due to:**

- Changing economic conditions
  - Operational objectives
  - Stakeholder needs
- Environmental/Regulatory factors

**Becomes a tool to effectively manage financial challenges**

**Requires annual review/maintenance and periodic consideration**

# Long Range Financial Planning Tool - Elements



***Time Horizon:*** Upcoming budget year plus at least 31 years into the future



***Scope:*** All Agency Funds



***Monitoring:*** Annual review of financial results and update of model; in depth review every 5 years, e.g., revise assumptions and objectives

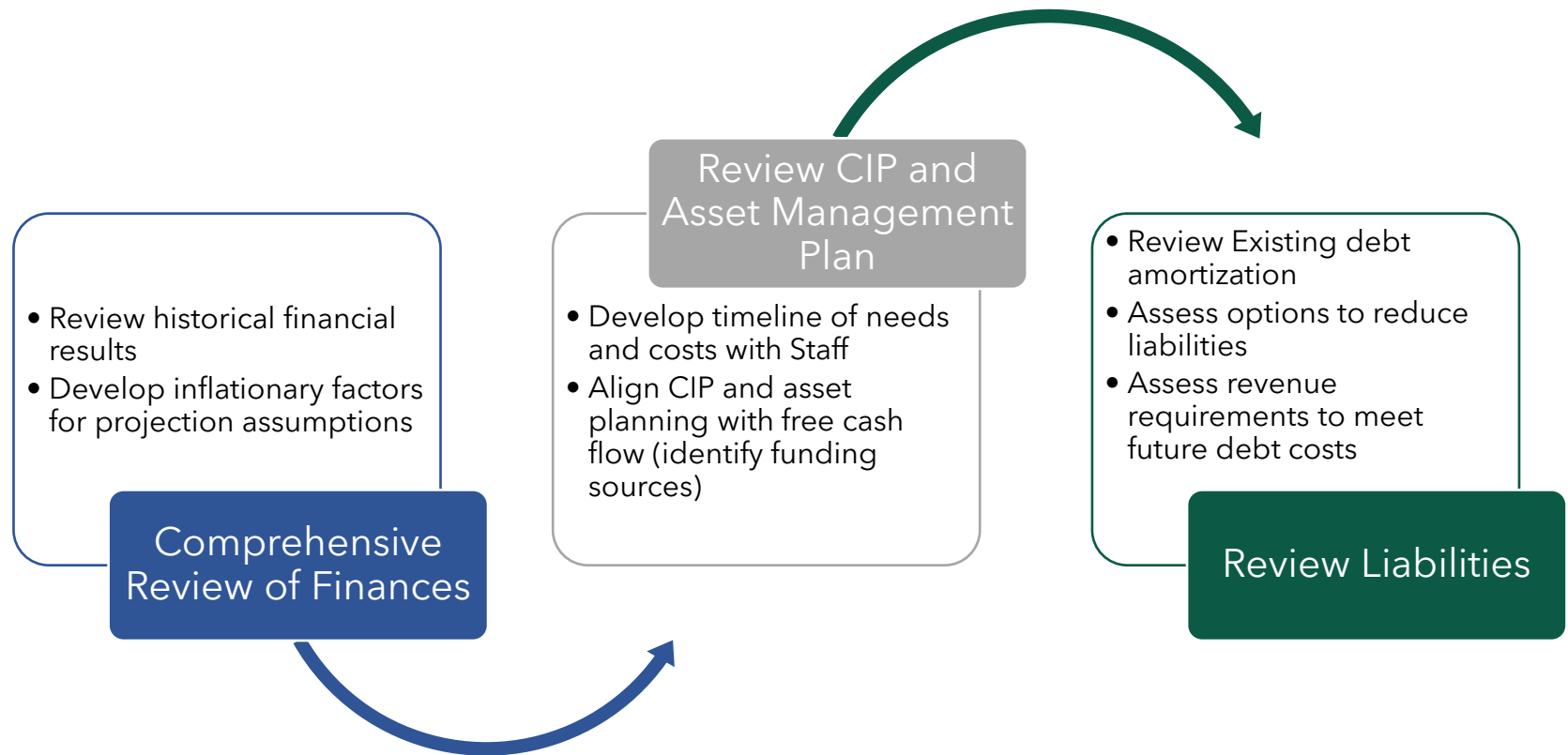


***Content:*** Analysis of economic and financial environments, revenues, expenses, capital expenditures, rate impacts, strategies to achieve strong financial health and key indicators to measure financial health



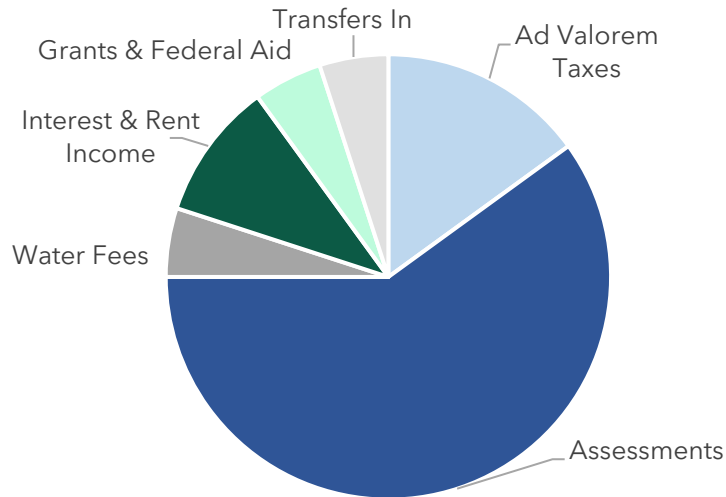
***Visibility:*** Easily communicated and understandable by officials, staff and public

# Initiating the LRFP

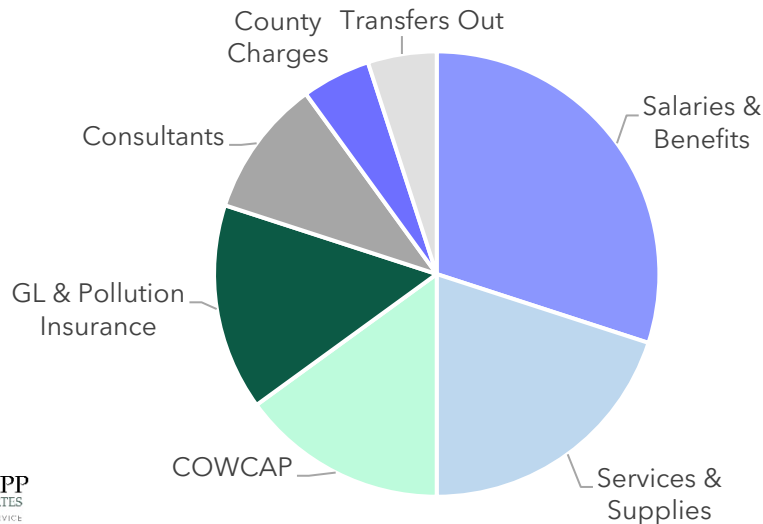


# Funding Overview

## Revenue Sources



## O&M Sources



## All Agency Funds



# Capital Financing Options

- Debt financing is reviewed in conjunction with funding provided by grants and PayGo sources

	Fixed-rate Tax Exempt Loans / Bonds	WIFIA / CWIFP	SRF Loan
Lien Priority	Issuer's Option	Senior or Subordinate	Senior
Borrowing	100%	49%	Up to 100%
Prepayment	Usually, 10 years after closing	Annually, \$500,000 minimum	With consent of SWRCB
Rate Reset	NA	Permits 1 rate reset	NA
Amortization	Typically, 30 years	35 Years after Completion	Between 20-30 years

Sources: US EPA, USACE, and State Water Resources Control Board.

# Next Steps

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- Update future capital costs
- Examine flexibility of existing revenue sources
  - ✓ Assessments
  - ✓ Property tax share
- Discuss financing options with Finance Committee



# Questions & Discussion

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# Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams

## High Priority Safety of Dams Project

***A set of subprojects for Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoir and Dam facilities to fulfill Federal and State regulatory requirements and provide flood protection and a sustainable water supply. Current cost estimate \$192.5 million.***



Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs supply water to Monterey County's fertile Salinas Valley for all the valley's beneficial uses. The reservoirs, built in 1957 and 1967 respectively, were put in place by the people of the Salinas Valley to provide flood control; store and release water for aquifer recharge; and combat seawater intrusion in the valley. The facilities provide water to the Salinas Valley agricultural economy, as well as valley residents; a large number who work in the agricultural industry or in the tourism-related businesses on the Monterey Peninsula. Without these reservoirs, life, culture, and the economies of Monterey County would suffer greatly.

The water released from these reservoirs utilizes the natural Salinas River channel for approximately 100 miles of conveyance through the Salinas Valley. The releases percolate into the ground for groundwater aquifer recharge and are seasonally diverted about 90 miles downstream to augment recycled water supplies used for irrigating crops in northern Monterey County.

Aging infrastructure is a national phenomenon. The problems in California and other states indicate there is a significant need to protect, maintain, enhance, and renew existing infrastructure, which is far more cost effective if done early and consistently. At Nacimiento, the condition of the spillway and plunge pool limits the volume of releases from the high-level outlets. This limitation can adversely affect the dam's storage and flood control potential. San Antonio is currently operated under self-imposed, risk reduction measures that limit the amount of water that can be stored pending the California Department of Safety of Dams mandated replacement of the spillway following the 2017 Oroville Dam spillway failure.

This is a multi-benefit Project. It provides flood control, drought resiliency, and groundwater recharge to drinking water supply aquifers for over 250,000 residents, including disadvantaged communities that support our hospitality and \$11.7 billion agricultural industry. In addition, having both facilities fully operational is crucial to implementation of several



*Nacimiento Dam and Reservoir*



*San Antonio Reservoir*



*San Antonio Dam and Spillway*

Groundwater Sustainability Plans. Monterey County does not receive any imported water from State or Federal water projects. Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) is the lead agency for the Project. The Agency received just over \$6 million in the 2022-23 State Budget, and a commitment for an additional \$17 million in the 2023-24 State Budget to advance these projects. While appreciative of these investments, a large financial obligation remains to achieve project completion.

#### **San Antonio Dam Spillway:**

In September 2023, the Agency let a contract to conduct a feasibility study of the replacement of the San Antonio Dam spillway. The study is expected to be complete in February 2024 and will provide the basis for future design and permitting steps as well as updated cost estimates.

After the feasibility study, the Agency currently estimates design and permitting costs for the spillway replacement to be about \$3 million over a 2-to-3-year timeframe. The Agency currently plans to utilize a portion of the \$17 million in 2023-24 State Budget funding to support this work.

#### **Nacimiento Plunge Pool Rehabilitation:**

Also, in November 2023, the Agency let another contract to begin the design of the Nacimiento Plunge Pool Rehabilitation, and more specifically removal of the Plunge Pool rock outcropping. This work is expected to be complete by the Fall of 2024 and will provide the basis for future design and permitting steps, as well as updated cost estimates, to complete the Rehabilitation.

The Agency currently estimates full design and permitting costs to be \$1.1 million over a 2-to-3-year timeframe and the construction cost to be about \$17 million. The Agency currently plans to utilize a portion of the \$6 million in 2022-23 State Budget funding and the \$17 million in 2023-24 State Budget funding to support this work. The Agency has also applied for an additional \$5 million of funding assistance from the United States Department of Energy for the Safety of Dams Project at Nacimiento for this project. The Rehabilitation Project is expected to be complete by 2028.

#### **San Antonio Dam Low-Level Outlet Works:**

The Agency must secure an additional \$8.6 million over the next three (3) fiscal years to modernize the San Antonio Dam Low-Level Outlet Works. This project entails seven (7) sub-tasks laid out in an order of successive steps to ensure safety and efficiency. To achieve this goal, the Agency is seeking \$1.8 million in funding in FY 2024-25, \$5.6 million in FY 2025-26, and \$1.2 million in FY 2026-27.

### **Request**

Secure funding for a set of projects for Nacimiento and San Antonio Dam and Reservoir facilities to fulfill Federal and State regulatory requirements and provide flood protection and a sustainable water supply. Support legislation and budget proposals that protect existing and create new sources of funding for these projects. Tremendous momentum has been achieved to advance these critical dam safety projects over the past few years. The Agency seeks continued assistance and support in securing funding to complete the full suite of dam safety projects, and specifically \$8.6 million over the next three (3) fiscal years to complete the San Antonio Dam Low-Level Outlet Works project.

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# Farm Bill Reauthorization and Immigration Considerations

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***Support reauthorization of the Farm Bill, especially an update to the definition of “rural” and funding for the USDA Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – PL-566. Support the Farm Workforce Modernization Act and other comprehensive immigration reform legislation that addresses the County’s labor force needs and provides a path to citizenship for the nation’s undocumented immigrant population.***

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**Farm Bill Reauthorization:** The Farm Bill is a package of legislation passed roughly once every five years that has a tremendous impact on farming livelihoods, how food is grown, and what kinds of foods are grown. Covering programs ranging from crop insurance for farmers to healthy food access for low-income families, from beginning farmer training to support for sustainable farming practices, the farm bill sets the stage for our food and farm systems. Several components of the current Farm Bill expired in September 2023, with others set to expire on December 31, 2023. However, in November 2023, Congress extended the Farm Bill provisions through September 2024. The County supports reauthorization of the Farm Bill to support the local agricultural industry, consumers, and the natural environment.



**Update the Definition of “Rural”:** Significantly, there has been discussion about updating the federal definition of “rural” in the new Farm Bill. For many programs covered in the Farm Bill, the adjusted gross income (AGI) is capped at \$900,000. However, this cap sometimes makes California farmers and ranchers ineligible because their income thresholds are higher, and because the calculation is based on gross numbers and not net numbers.

**Funding for the USDA Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – PL-566:** This program provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribal organizations to help plan and implement authorized watershed projects for the purpose of flood prevention, watershed protection, public recreation, public fish and wildlife, agricultural water management, municipal and industrial water supply, and water quality management.

**Immigration:** Current immigration policies make it increasingly difficult to meet the workforce needs of the local agricultural industry that is highly dependent on an adequate supply of immigrant labor. The County is becoming increasingly concerned with labor shortages affecting the agricultural industry that threaten the economic vitality of the region. In California alone, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates losses attributed to labor shortages has cost



farmers millions of dollars per year as fruit and other crops are left to rot in the field because of a lack of farmworkers to bring in the harvest. The County believes the Farm Workforce Modernization Act strikes the right balance between the needs of workers and employers, as evidenced by the support it has garnered from over 300 agricultural groups, including the United Farm Workers and California Farm Bureau Federation.

Taken together, these policy proposals are critically important to the economic health of Monterey County.

## **Request**

Support reauthorization of the Farm Bill, including agricultural reforms that will improve health and protect the environment of all County residents through significantly strengthening federal nutrition programs, improving access to healthy food, promoting environmental stewardship and conservation, protecting our food supply, and robustly funding rural development initiatives based on best practices in coordination with local officials. Support efforts to update the definition of “rural” in the new Farm Bill and to protect or expand funding for the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – PL-566.

Support the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which would establish a program for agricultural workers in the United States to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment and contribution to the U.S. agricultural economy; reform the H-2A program to provide more flexibility for employers, while ensuring critical protections for workers; and establish a nationwide E-Verify system through which agricultural employers would electronically verify the employment eligibility of their workers.

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## **Proposed Federal Affairs Committee 2024 – 2025 Priorities**

### **Funding:**

- Funding for Water Infrastructure
  - SRF
  - WIFIA for EPA, Army Corps, and Bureau
  - Water Recycling
  - Desalination
  - Storage, WIIN Act Storage Account
  - CALFED
  - Colorado River Salinity Control Program
  - Salton Sea
  - Dam Safety
  - Resilient Infrastructure
  - Safe Drinking Water for Disadvantaged Communities
- Funding to support health and reliability of critical water systems including Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and Colorado River Basins
- Expedited funding allocation and disbursement

### **Water Supply:**

- West Wide Drought Legislation
- Forest Management/Wildfire legislation and funding
- Weather forecasting and implementation of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operation
- Conservation and Forestry Titles in Farm Bill

### **Infrastructure and Agriculture:**

- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
- Endangered Species Act Implementation
- Buy America, Build America Act Implementation
- Permitting issues

### **Drinking Water & Energy:**

- Low-income water rate assistance
- Tax exemptions for water conservation rebates
- Clean Water Act issues
- Lead and Copper regulation and implementation
- Addressing PFAS

*Items are listed in no particular order.*



# County of Monterey

## Item No.10

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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**February 20, 2024**

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Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for January and February 2024:

- Special Water Resources Agency Board of Directors
- Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee
- Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee
- Water Resources Agency Personnel and Administration Committee
- Water Resources Finance Committee
- Water Resources Planning Committee
- Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee

# County of Monterey

*Laguna Seca Raceway - Hospitality Pavilion  
1021 Monterey Salinas Hwy,  
Salinas, CA 93908*



## Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**IN-PERSON SPECIAL MEETING - HOSPITALITY PAVILION  
LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY**

### **Water Resources Agency Board of Directors**

*Mike LeBarre, Chair  
Matt Simis, Vice Chair  
Mark Gonzalez  
Deidre Sullivan  
Ken Ekelund  
Mike Scattini  
Jason Smith  
John Ballie  
Marvin Borzini*

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**Call to Order at 9:00 A.M.**

**Roll Call**

**Public Comment on items not on today's agenda**

**Scheduled Items**

1. Hold a workshop to review the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Strategic Plan Update.

**Attachments:** [2020 Strategic Plan](#)  
[Staff Presentation of Strategic Plan Goals and Results](#)  
[Staff Presentation of Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year](#)

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment**



# County of Monterey

*Cayenne Room  
1441 Schilling Place 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

**1:30 PM**

### **Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee**

*John Baillie, Chair  
Ken Ekelund  
Mark Gonzalez  
Matthew Simis*

*Jon Anthony  
Bill Lipe  
Wes Thomson  
Layla Decker  
Richard Ortiz  
Matthew Panziera*

*Eric Morgan  
Kevin Piearcy  
Marc Kelley  
Doug Scattini  
Zach Barnes  
Steve Blois*

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Public Comment

#### Committee Member Comments

#### Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee meeting on November 30, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Draft ResOps Minutes November 30, 2023](#)

#### Staff Reports

2. Reservoir Storage and Releases Update. (Staff Presenting; Joseph Klein)

**Attachments:** [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)  
[Reservoir Elevation and Storage PPT](#)

3. Current Operations and Maintenance Activities at the Reservoirs. (Staff Presenting; Jason Demers)
4. San Antonio Operations Policy Manual Update. (Staff Presenting; Peter Kwick)

#### Status Reports

5.
  - Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department
  - San Luis Obispo County Activities

- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Quagga Mussel Update

### Calendar

6. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

### Adjournment

# County of Monterey

*Taragon Room  
1441 Schilling Place  
Salinas, Ca. 93901*



## Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**8:30 AM**

### **Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee**

*John Baillie Chair  
Deidre Sullivan  
Matthew Simis  
David Bunn  
Kevin Piearcy  
Marisela Cerda  
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#### **Call to Order**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Committee Appointments**

1. Appointment of Basin Management Advisory Committee Members for 2024.

#### **Consent Calendar**

2. Approve the minutes of Basin Management Advisory Committee meeting held on January 3, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Draft BMAC Minutes January 3, 2024](#)

#### **Staff Reports**

3. Update on 2023 Annual Groundwater Elevation Program-Groundwater Contour Maps and Cumulative Groundwater Change Chart. (Staff Presenting; Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

**Attachments:**    [2023 Annual GWL and Change Chart Report](#)  
                              [AttachmentA AnnualShallow23](#)  
                              [AttachmentB AnnualDeep23](#)  
                              [AttachmentC CumulativeChanges 2023 WY](#)  
                              [AttachmentD SummaryofChanges 2023](#)

4.                      Update on data presented in the Salinas Valley Water Conditions Report for the First Quarter of Water Year 2023-2024 (Staff Presenting; Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

**Attachments:**    [QuarterlyRpt 1stQtr WY24](#)

5.                      Update on New Monitoring Wells. (Staff Presenting; Tamara Voss)

**Information Items**

6.                      2023 Well Permit Applications (Staff Presenting; Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

**Calendar**

7.                      Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

**Adjournment**



WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

# MEMORANDUM

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Monterey County

DATE: January 23, 2024

## **PUBLIC MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE**

**THE PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
FRIDAY February 2, 2024 @ 8:30 AM  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR  
FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2024 @ 8:30 AM**

**WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
1441 SCHILLING PLACE  
SALINAS, CA**

# County of Monterey

*Taragon Room  
1441 Schilling Place, North Building  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Agenda

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

### **Water Resources Agency Finance Committee**

*John Baillie, Chair  
Mark Gonzalez  
Mike LeBarre  
Matthew Simis*

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Call to

#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Public Comment

#### Committee Member Comments

#### Consent Calendar

1. Approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 3, 2023.

Attachments: [Draft Finance Minutes November 3, 2023](#)

#### Scheduled Items

2. Consider receiving the December 2023 Financials for All Agency Funds.

**Attachments:**    [WRA FY24 Financial Status Report Dec 31 2023](#)  
[23 12 WRA Financial BFY2023-24 R1 PPT](#)

### Staff Reports

3. Year-to-Date Expense Report by Monterey One Water. (Presenter; Fred Marsh)

**Attachments:**    [M1W YTD expenses thru Nov 2023](#)

4. Fiscal Year 23-24 Hydroelectric Revenue Summary. (Staff Presenting; Nora Cervantes)

**Attachments:**    [FY23 - FY24 Hydro Revenue](#)

5. Water Resources Agency Fund Balance Reserves. (Staff Presenting; Nan Kim)

**Attachments:**    [FY24 Budgeted Fund Balance Reserves](#)

### Presentation

6. County's Cost Allocation Plan. (Staff Presenting; Nan Kim)

**Attachments:**    [23 12 County Wide Cost Allocation Plan PPT](#)

### Calendar

7. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

### Adjournment

# **County of Monterey**

*1441 Schilling Place  
Taragon Room  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## **Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

### **Water Resources Agency Planning Committee**

*Deidre Sullivan, Chair  
Ken Ekelund  
Mark Gonzalez  
Matthew Simis*

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Public Comment

#### Committee Member Comments

#### Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Action Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on December 6, 2023.

Attachments: [Draft Planning Minutes December 6, 2023](#)

#### Presentation

2. Long Range Financial Forecasting Model Update-Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, Inc. (Presenting; Robert A. Porr & Lora Nichols)

Attachments: [Planning Committee Presentation \(MCWRA\) Financial Forecasting Model](#)

#### Scheduled Items

3. Consider adoption of a resolution amending the Bylaws of the Monterey County



Water Resources Agency Board of Directors concerning Board member participation on standing and advisory committees.

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[ByLaws MCWRA BOD Proposed Amendments](#)  
[Bylaws MCWRA BOD Proposed Amendments Feb.2024 \(redline\)](#)  
[Resolution](#)

4. Consider recommending to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors to include funding for Interlake Tunnel Project Development, in the recommended budget for fiscal-year 2024-2025.

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)

#### **Staff Reports**

5. Agency Compensation Philosophy Update. (Staff Presenting; Ara Azhderian)
6. Salinas River Maintenance Update. (Staff Presenting; Ara Azhderian)
7. Review of January 2024 Strategic Planning Update Meeting. (Staff Presenting; Shaunna Murray)
8. Discuss development of staff survey related to the Agency and General Manager. (Staff Presenting; Shaunna Murray)

#### **Calendar**

9. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

#### **Adjournment**

# County of Monterey

*Cinnamon Room  
1441 Schilling Place North Building  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

**SPECIAL MEETING - GEMS Expansion**

### **Water Resources Agency Board of Directors**

*Mike LeBarre, Chair  
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**Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.**

**Roll Call**

**Public Comments on Closed Session Items**

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
  - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation.

*Note: Continuance of Closed Session to be held at the conclusion of the Board's Regular Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.*

**Recess to Closed Session**

**Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY CLERK: The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.**

**Public Comment**

**Action Items**

2. Consider receiving an update on the Agency's Groundwater Extraction Management System and discuss options on how to expand that system consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Sustainability Act requirements related to collecting and monitoring groundwater data; and provide direction to staff.

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Exhibit A: Map of Expansion Areas](#)  
[Board Order](#)

**Board of Directors Comments**

**Adjournment**



MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE: February 8, 2024**

**PUBLIC MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE**

**THE JOINT WATER RESOURCES/BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2024 @ 11:00AM**

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 @ 10:30AM**

**WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
1441 SCHILLING PLACE  
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# County of Monterey

## Item No.11

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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**February 20, 2024**

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Reservoir Storage Release Update. (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

## Reservoir Storage & Release Update

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Board of Directors receives monthly updates on the status of Agency reservoirs.

**RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE:** As of February 6, 2024, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 758.9 feet (NGVD 29), with 231,530 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 779.0 feet, with 268,150 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 69% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 71% of capacity.

**RESERVOIR RELEASES:** Following a staff assessment of watershed conditions in response to hydrologic triggers, Nacimiento releases were increased to an approximate flowrate range of 280 to 300 cfs on February 1, 2024, to support Steelhead passage conditions, in accordance with the Agency's Interim Operations Plan and the Salinas Valley Water Project Flow Prescription for Steelhead Trout in the Salinas River. By February 3, sustained storm activity began to provide targeted Flow Prescription flowrates in the lower Salinas River, obviating the need for supplemental flow, and Nacimiento releases were reduced to minimum fisheries releases of 60 cfs. Subsequently, on February 5, periodic inspection and testing of Nacimiento's high level gates required a temporary release of water through the gates, resulting in a daily average flowrate of approximately 90 cfs on that day. Nacimiento releases have since been reduced to a target flow of 60 cfs to support fish habitat below the dams. San Antonio Reservoir has remained at minimum fisheries releases of 10 cfs since the end of conservation releases on October 27, 2023.

**INFLOW:** Rainfall through the region this winter has generated inflow to both reservoirs. Since December 18, water storage at Nacimiento reservoir has increased by approximately 60,000 acre-feet and water storage at San Antonio Reservoir has increased by approximately 17,000 acre-feet.

**SALINAS LAGOON:** High tides and large waves on December 28 and 30, 2023 caused the Salinas Lagoon to fill to over 7 feet in elevation. Agency staff managed the sandbar to open the lagoon to the ocean on January 4, 2024. The lagoon has remained open to the ocean since this action and recent Salinas River stormflows have stabilized the river mouth.

Releases as of February 6, 2024:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 69 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 79 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Salinas River near Bradley: 966 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 1,780 cfs
- Salinas River near Chualar: 3,080 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 4,040 cfs

Prepared by: Peter Kwiek, Associate Hydrologist (831) 755-4860





# County of Monterey

## Item No.12

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
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Salinas Valley Water Conditions: Quarterly Update for the First Quarter of Water Year 2023-2024.  
(Staff: Rene Nunez, Guillermo Diaz Moreno, and Tamara Voss)

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January 2024

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# MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

## Salinas Valley Water Conditions

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## Introduction

This report covers the first quarter of Water Year 2024 (WY24), consisting of October through December 2023. It provides a brief overview and discussion of hydrologic conditions in the Salinas Valley including precipitation, reservoir storage, streamflow, and groundwater level trends (Figure 1).

Data for the first quarter of Water Year 2023-2024 indicate close to normal levels of precipitation, and reservoir storage is significantly higher than in December 2022 at both Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs. Over the first quarter of WY24, groundwater elevations increased across all monitored subareas and aquifers, and are higher than they were one year ago.

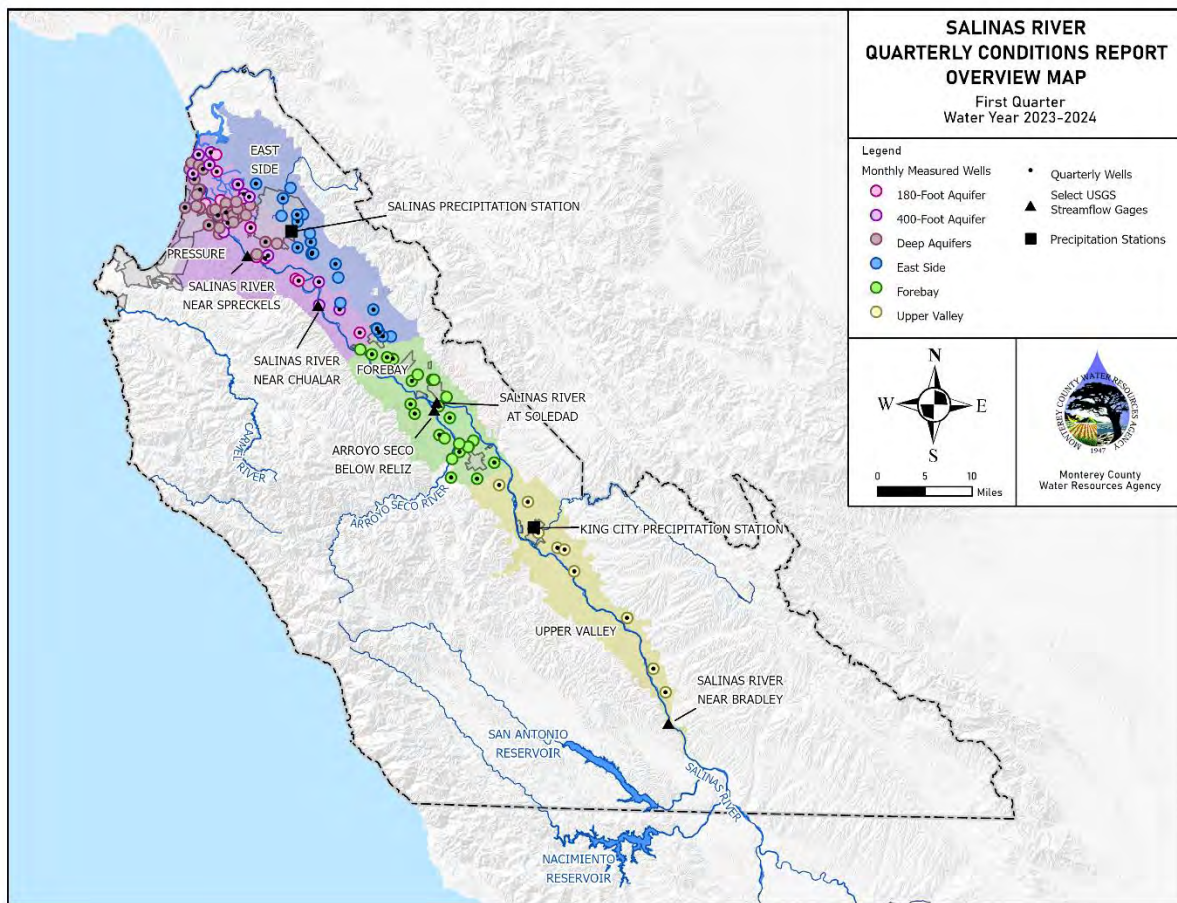


Figure 1: Geographic extent of the area covered by this report and supporting data sources.

## Precipitation

Preliminary National Weather Service rainfall data indicates that the first quarter of WY24 brought below normal rainfall to Salinas and above normal rainfall to King City. Totals for the quarter were 2.62 inches at the Salinas Airport (66% of normal rainfall of 3.98 inches for the quarter) and 4.71 inches in King City (132% of normal rainfall of 3.57 inches for the quarter).

Figure 2 and Figure 3 show monthly and cumulative precipitation data for the current and a “normal” water year, based on long-term monthly precipitation averages, for the Salinas Airport and King City sites, respectively. Included below each graph is a table showing the numeric values for precipitation as well as percent of “normal” precipitation. For the purposes of these graphs, a “normal” water year is the average precipitation over the most recent 30-year period ending in a decade. Currently, the period from 1991 to 2020 is used for this calculation.

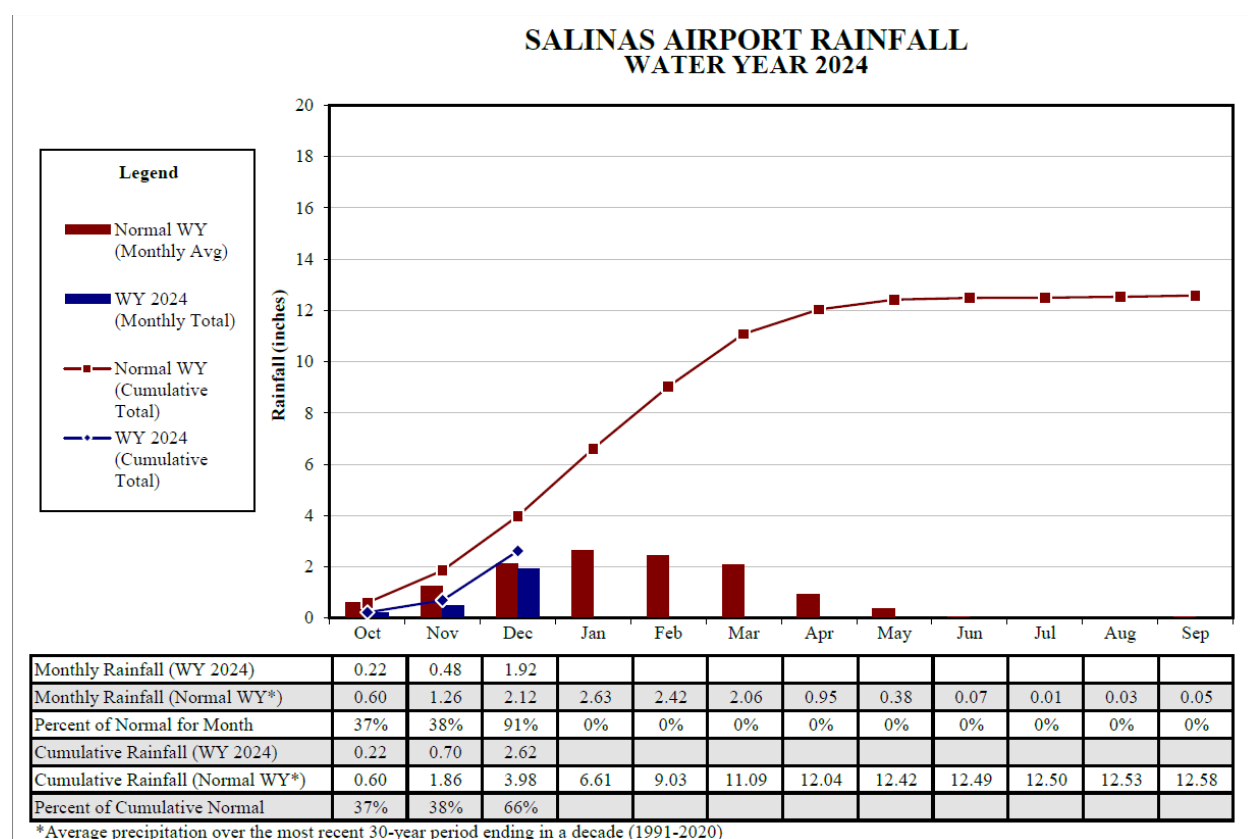


Figure 2: Salinas Airport Rainfall for Water Year 2024

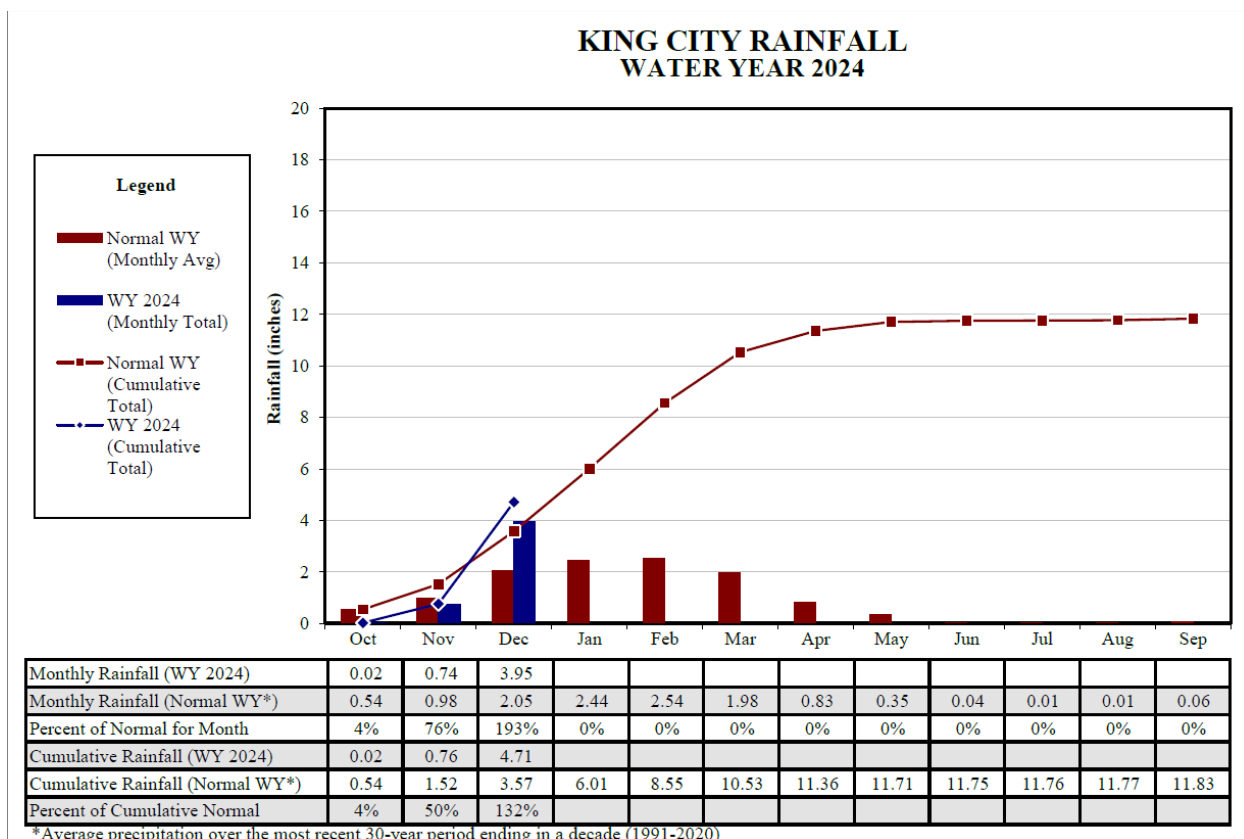


Figure 3: King City Rainfall for Water Year 2024

## Reservoir Storage

At the end of the first quarter of Water Year 2024, storage at Nacimiento Reservoir on December 31, 2023 was 216,010 acre-feet, which is 112,380 acre-feet higher than in December 2022. Storage in San Antonio Reservoir on December 31, 2023 was 215,750 acre-feet, which is 179,455 acre-feet higher than at the same time in December 2022.

Reservoir	December 31, 2023 (WY24) Storage in acre-feet	December 31, 2022 (WY23) Storage in acre-feet	Difference in acre-feet
Nacimiento	216,010	103,630	112,380
San Antonio	215,750	36,295	179,455

Graphs showing daily reservoir storage for the last five water years along with 30-year average daily storage for comparison are included as Figure 4 and Figure 5.

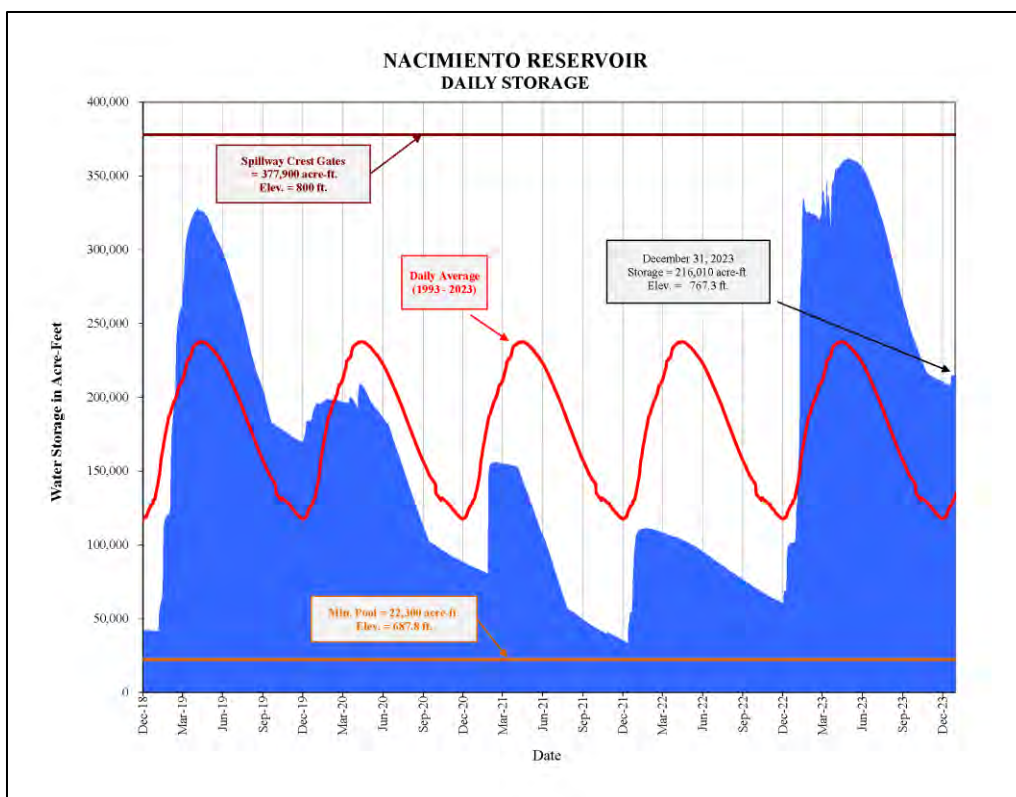


Figure 4: Nacimiento Reservoir Storage

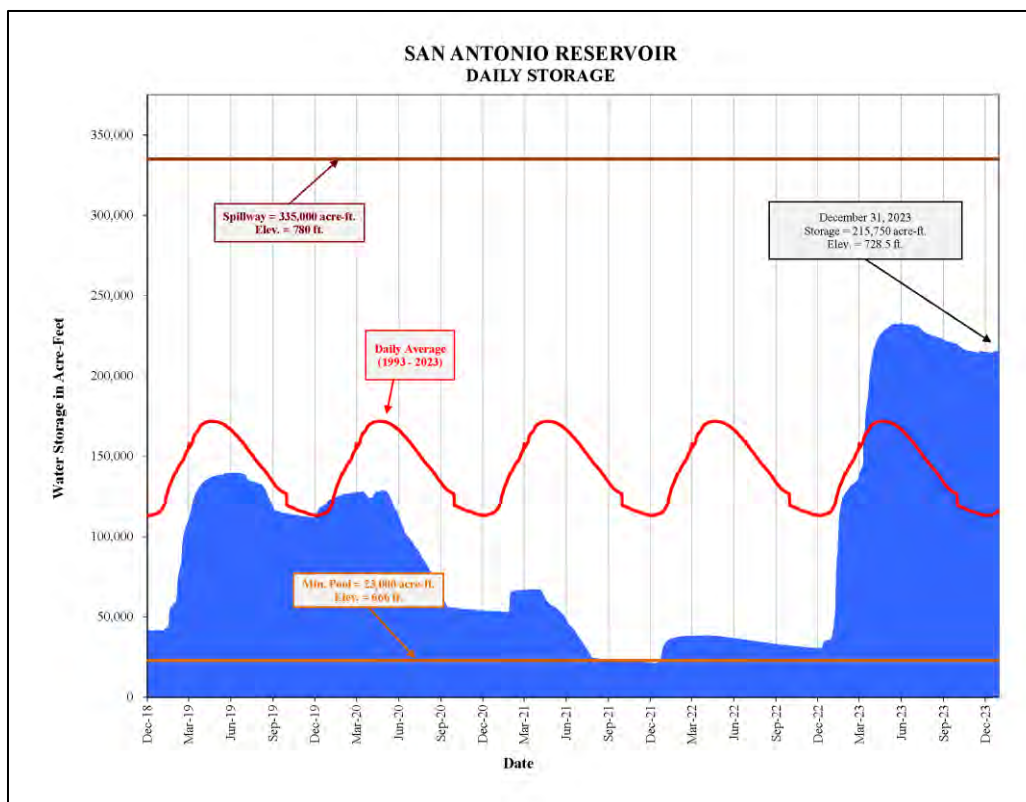


Figure 5: San Antonio Reservoir Storage



## Streamflow

The Salinas River is predominately a losing stream, meaning streamflow moves from the streambed into the underlying aquifers. The U.S. Geological Survey maintains several streamflow gages throughout the Salinas River watershed that continuously measure discharge or flow in the river (Figure 1). Figure 6 shows mean daily flow, in cubic feet per second, from select gages on the Salinas River and Arroyo Seco for the last five years (WY 2020-2024) and the current water year (WY 2024).

Streamflow recorded during the first quarter of WY24 was predominantly the result of releases being made from the reservoirs with the exception of a small increase in December due to the rainfall recorded at the end of the quarter.

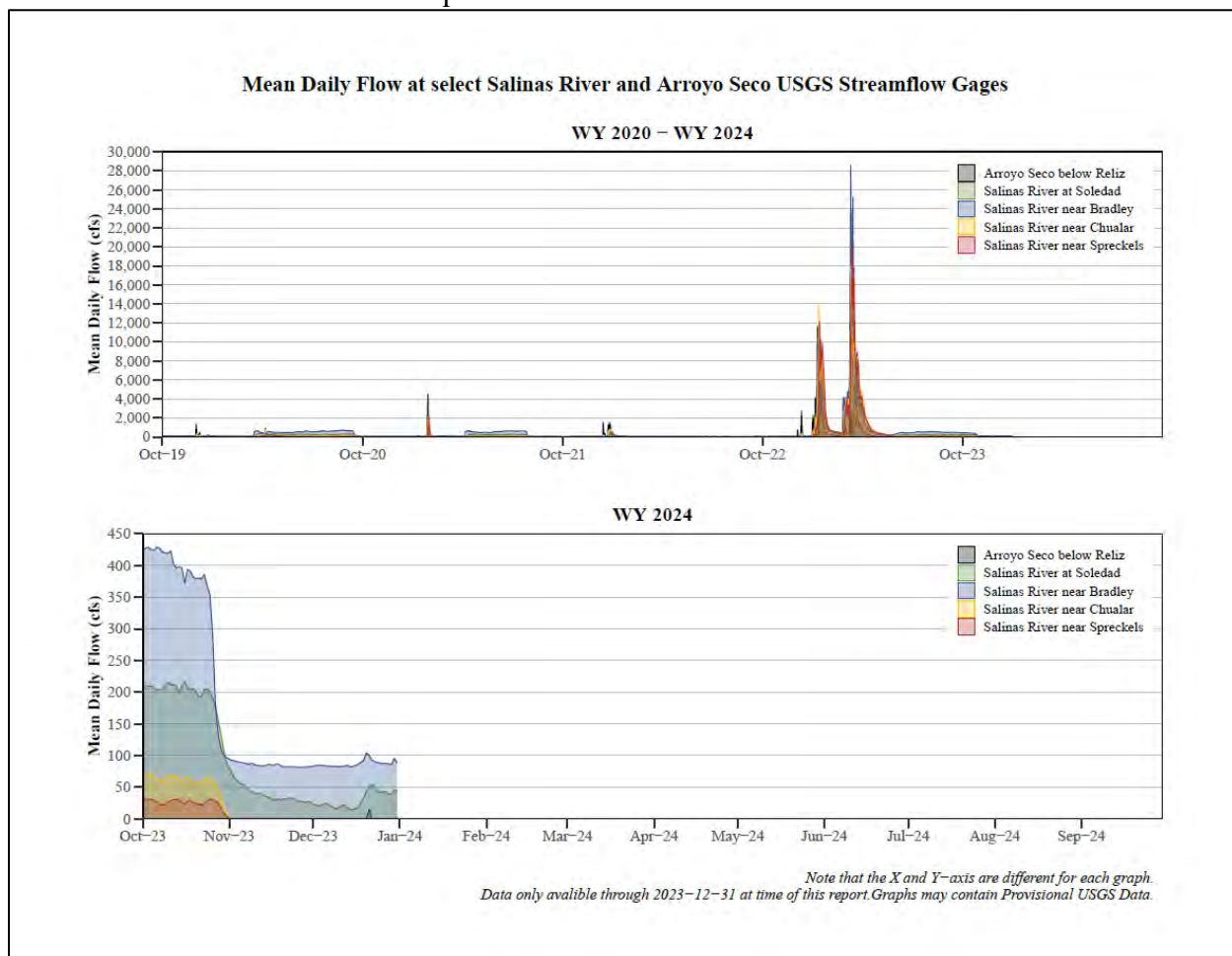


Figure 6: Mean Daily Flow at Selected Stream Gages



## Groundwater Elevations

Groundwater elevation data provides insight into how an aquifer or subarea responds to hydrologic conditions over time, such as changes in precipitation and reservoir releases. A one-year comparison can show the short-term effects of a single wet or dry year while a long-term comparison will help provide information on general trends in groundwater storage and demonstrate effects that occur on a longer time scale as surface hydrology interacts with the underlying geology. Subareas or aquifers will respond differently to these hydrologic conditions. For example, groundwater elevations in shallower aquifers may respond more quickly to a wet season while aquifers that are confined, deeper, or more depleted may take longer to show a response to hydrologic conditions.

More than 130 wells are measured monthly throughout the Salinas Valley to monitor seasonal groundwater elevation fluctuations. Data from approximately 50 of these wells are used in the preparation of this report (Figure 1). The measurements are grouped by hydrologic subarea, averaged, and a single value for the wells within each subarea is graphed to compare current groundwater elevations (WY24) with past conditions. Graphs for individual subareas, showing the current year's water level conditions, last year's conditions (WY23) and dry conditions (WY15) are found in the following sections.

For comparison to long term conditions, a curve showing monthly water levels averaged over the most recent 30 years (WY1994-WY2023) is included on each graph. The Deep Aquifers graph (Figure 9) does not include a 30-year average because there is not yet a 30-year period of record to make that comparison. Table 1 provides a summary of the groundwater elevation trends for December 2023, with additional detail provided on Figures 7-12.

<b>Table 1: Groundwater Elevation Trends Summary for December 2023</b>				
Subarea/Aquifer	December 2023 Groundwater Elevation (ft-msl)	Change during First Quarter	One Year Change	Difference from 30-Year Average Elevation
180-Foot Aquifer	11 feet	Up 8 feet	Up 8 feet	Up <1 foot
400-Foot Aquifer	2 feet	Up 10 feet	Up 6 feet	Up <1 foot
Deep Aquifers	-24 feet	Up 10 feet	Up <1 foot	Not applicable
East Side	-4 feet	Up 22 feet	Up 7 feet	Down 6 feet
Forebay	164 feet	Up 3 feet	Up 14 feet	Up 5 feet
Upper Valley	318 feet	Up 3 feet	Up 9 feet	Up 3 feet

## 180-Foot Aquifer

Over the last quarter, groundwater elevation levels increased eight feet in the 180-Foot Aquifer (Figure 7). Groundwater elevations have increased eight feet compared to December 2022 and are up less than one foot from the 30-year average.

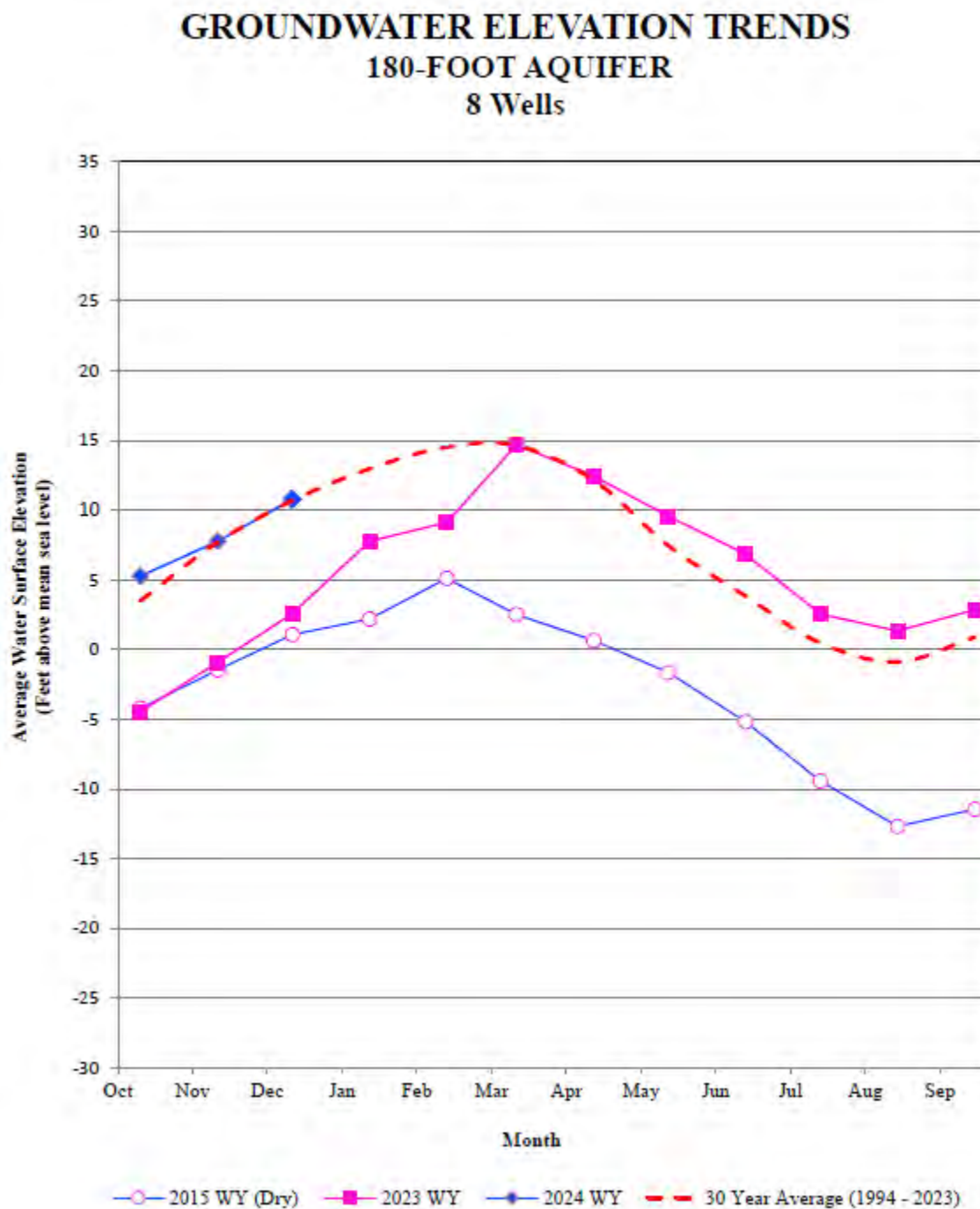


Figure 7: Groundwater Elevation Trends for the 180-Foot Aquifer

## 400-Foot Aquifer

Over the last quarter, groundwater elevation levels increased ten feet in the 400- Foot Aquifer (Figure 8). Groundwater levels are up six feet compared to December 2022 and up half a foot from the 30-year average.

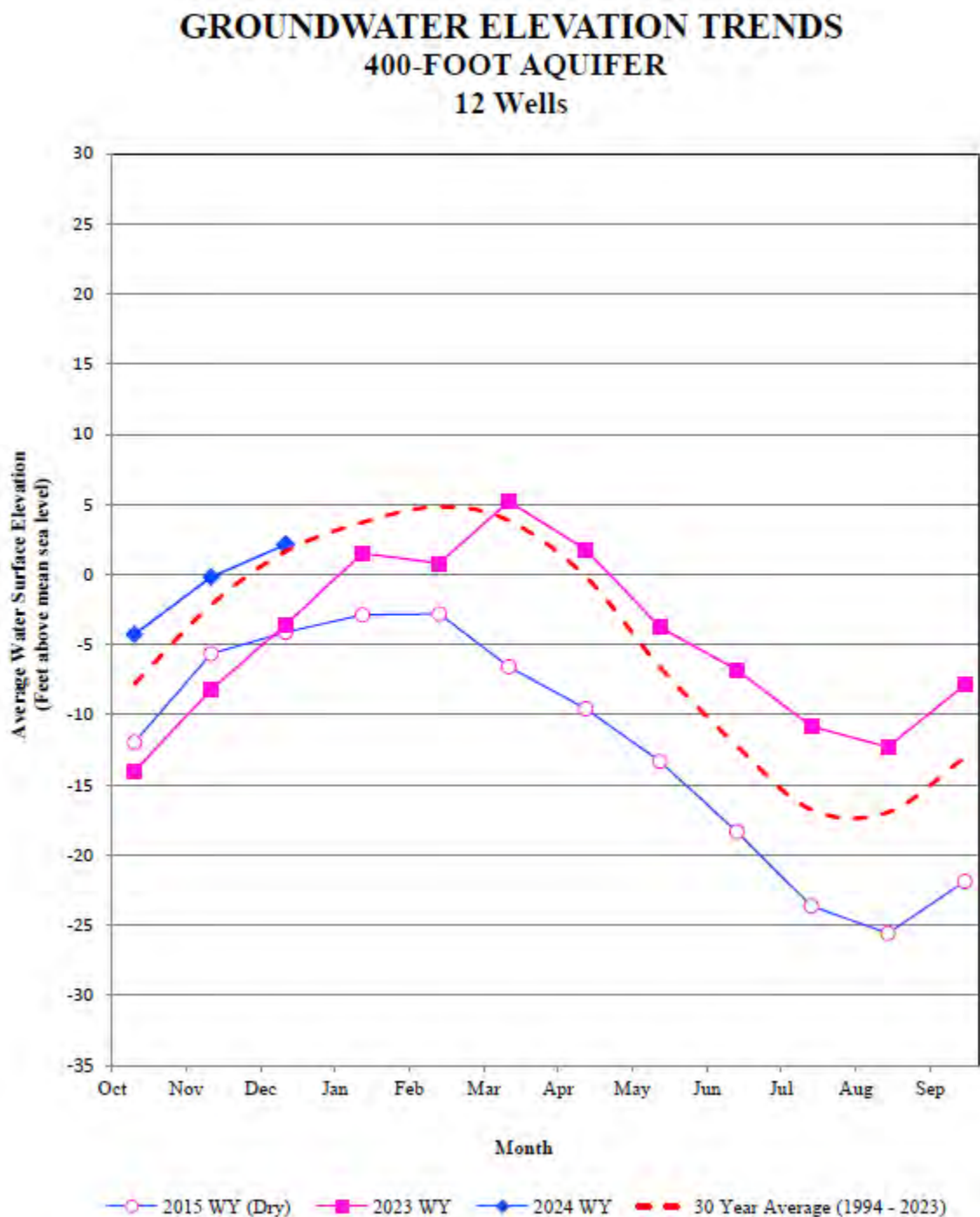


Figure 8: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the 400-Foot Aquifer

## Deep Aquifers

Over the last quarter, groundwater elevations increased ten feet in the Deep Aquifers (Figure 9). Groundwater elevation levels are up less than one foot compared to December 2022. Given the shorter period of record in the wells used for the Deep Aquifers, a 30-year average cannot yet be calculated. To represent the long-term trends in the Deep Aquifers, Figure 9 also includes a 30-year time series graph with groundwater elevation level data from the eleven wells to show the seasonal and long-term trends in these wells.

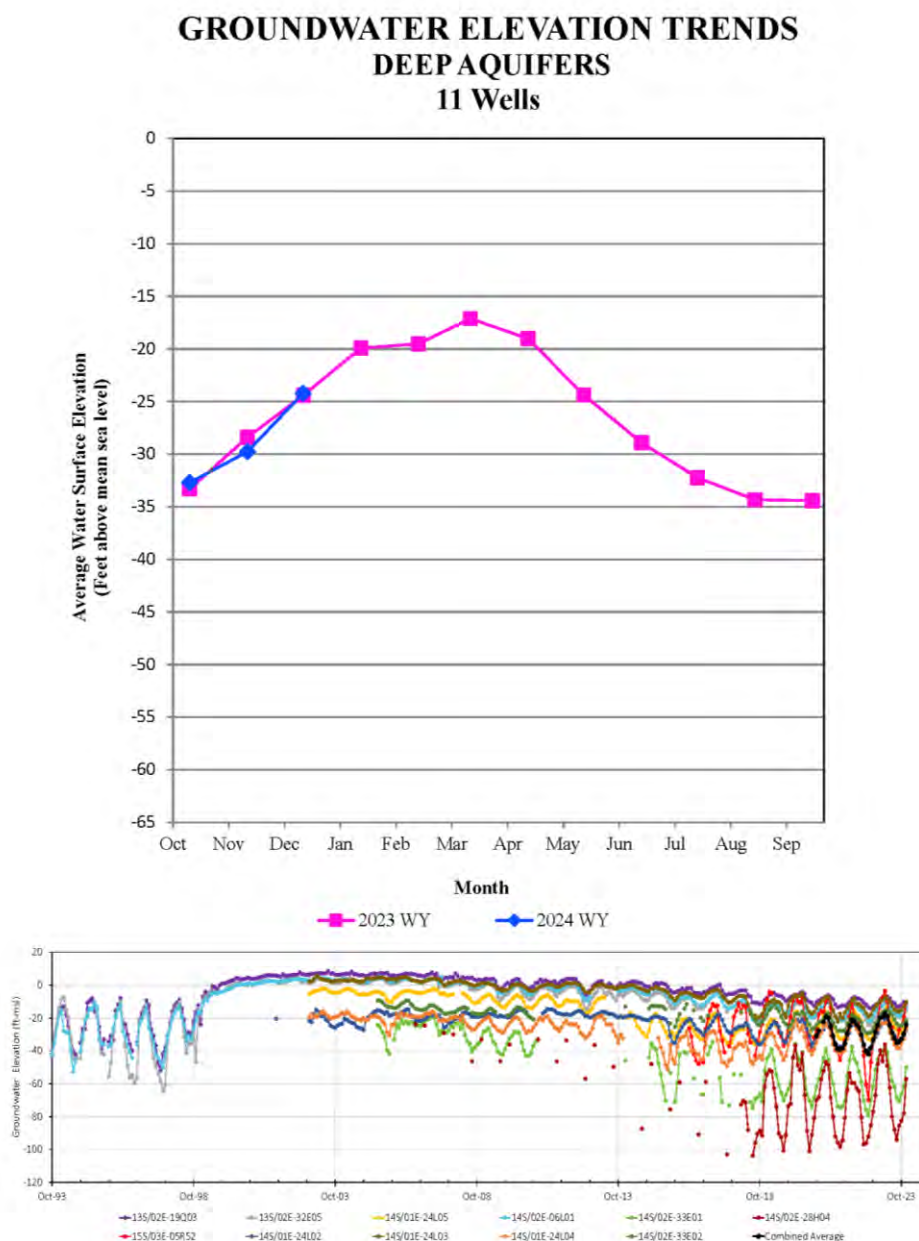


Figure 9: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the Deep Aquifers

## East Side Subarea

East Side groundwater elevation levels increased twenty-two feet over the last quarter (Figure 10). Groundwater elevation levels are up seven feet from December 2022 levels and down six feet from the 30-year average.

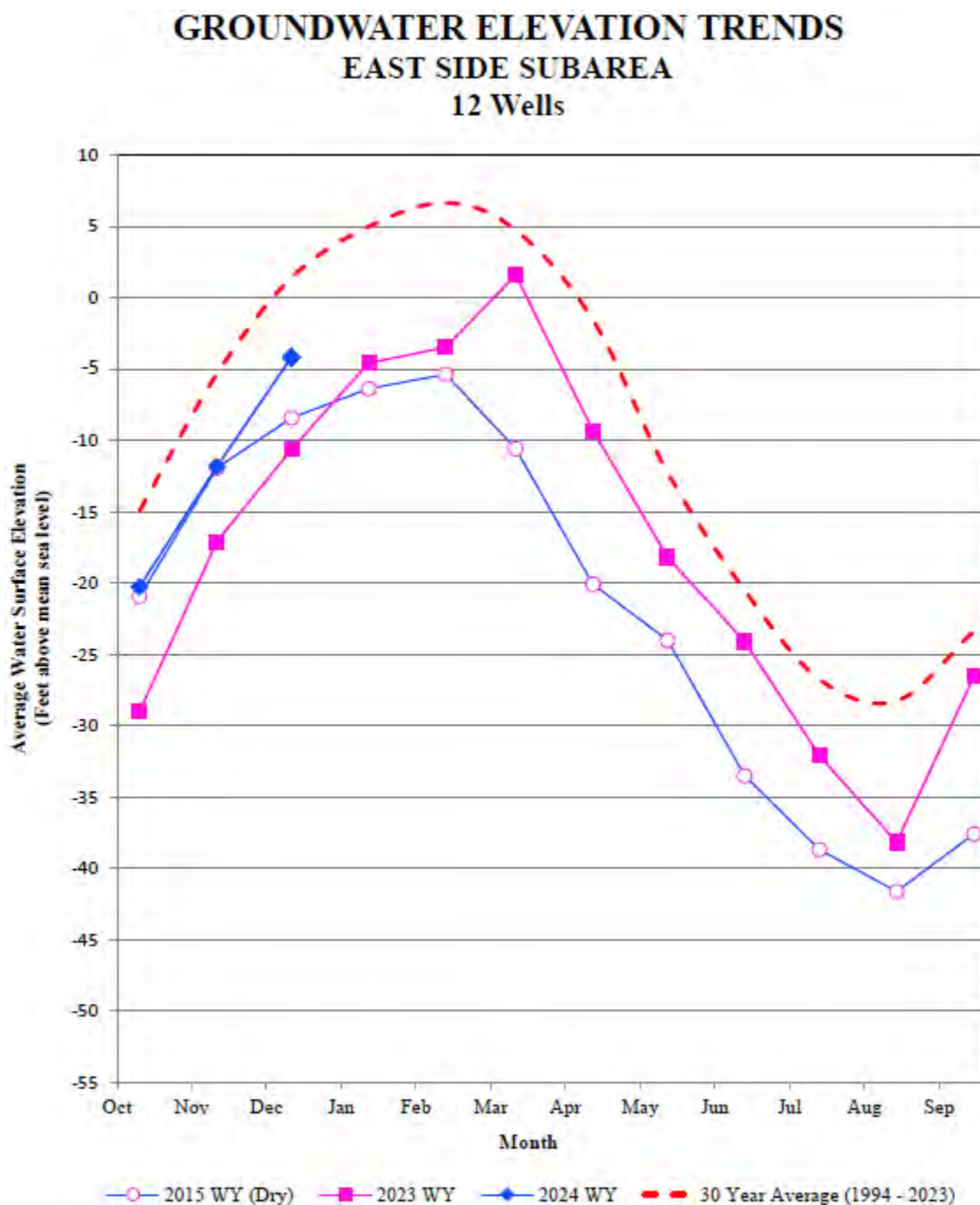


Figure 10: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the East Side Subarea

## Forebay Subarea

Over the last quarter, groundwater elevation levels have increased three feet in the Forebay (Figure 11). Groundwater elevation levels are up fourteen feet from December 2022 levels and are up five feet from the 30-year average.

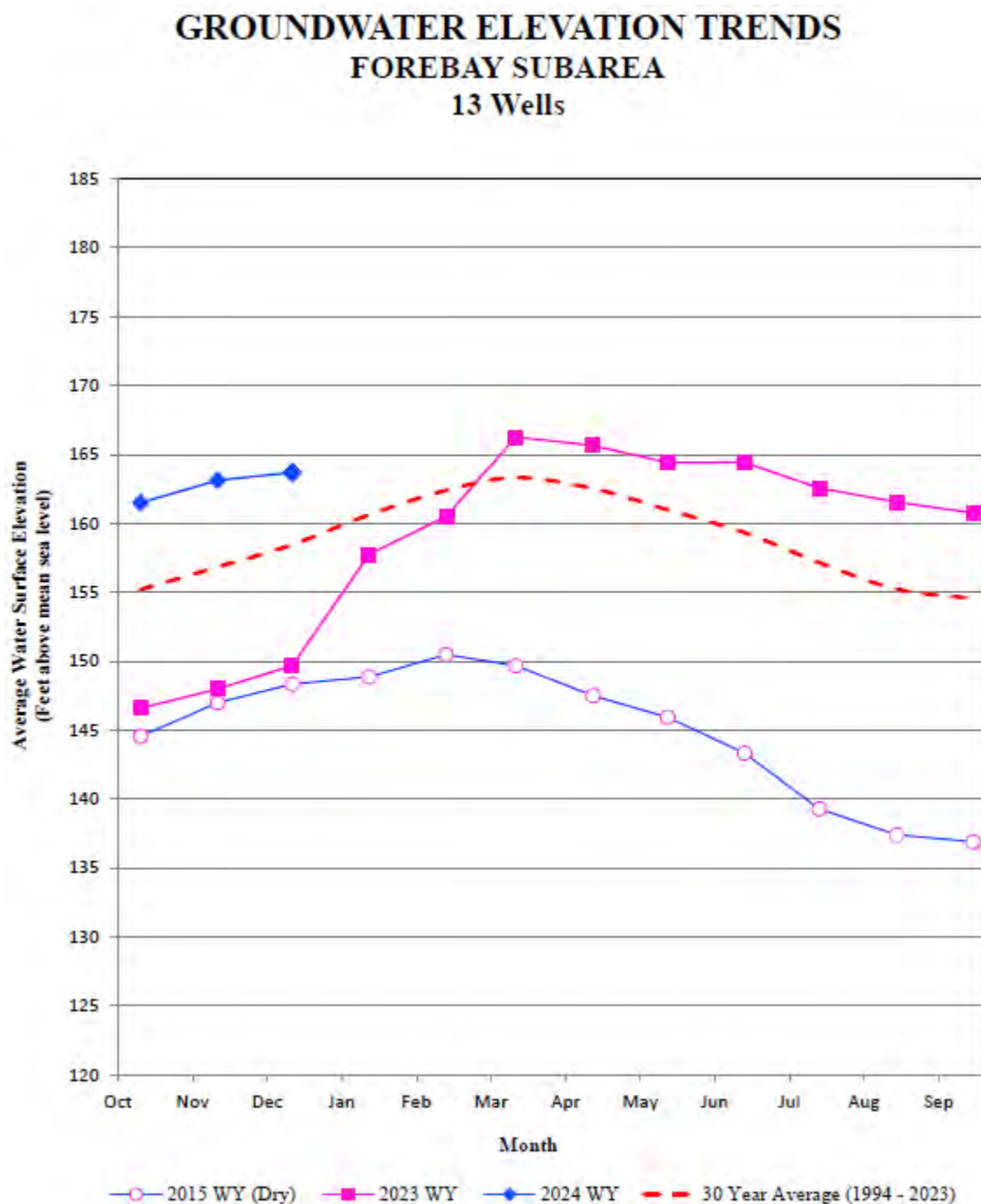


Figure 11: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the Forebay Subarea



## Upper Valley Subarea

Upper Valley groundwater elevation levels have increased three feet over the last quarter (Figure 12). Groundwater elevation levels are up nine feet from December 2022 levels and up three feet from the 30-year average.

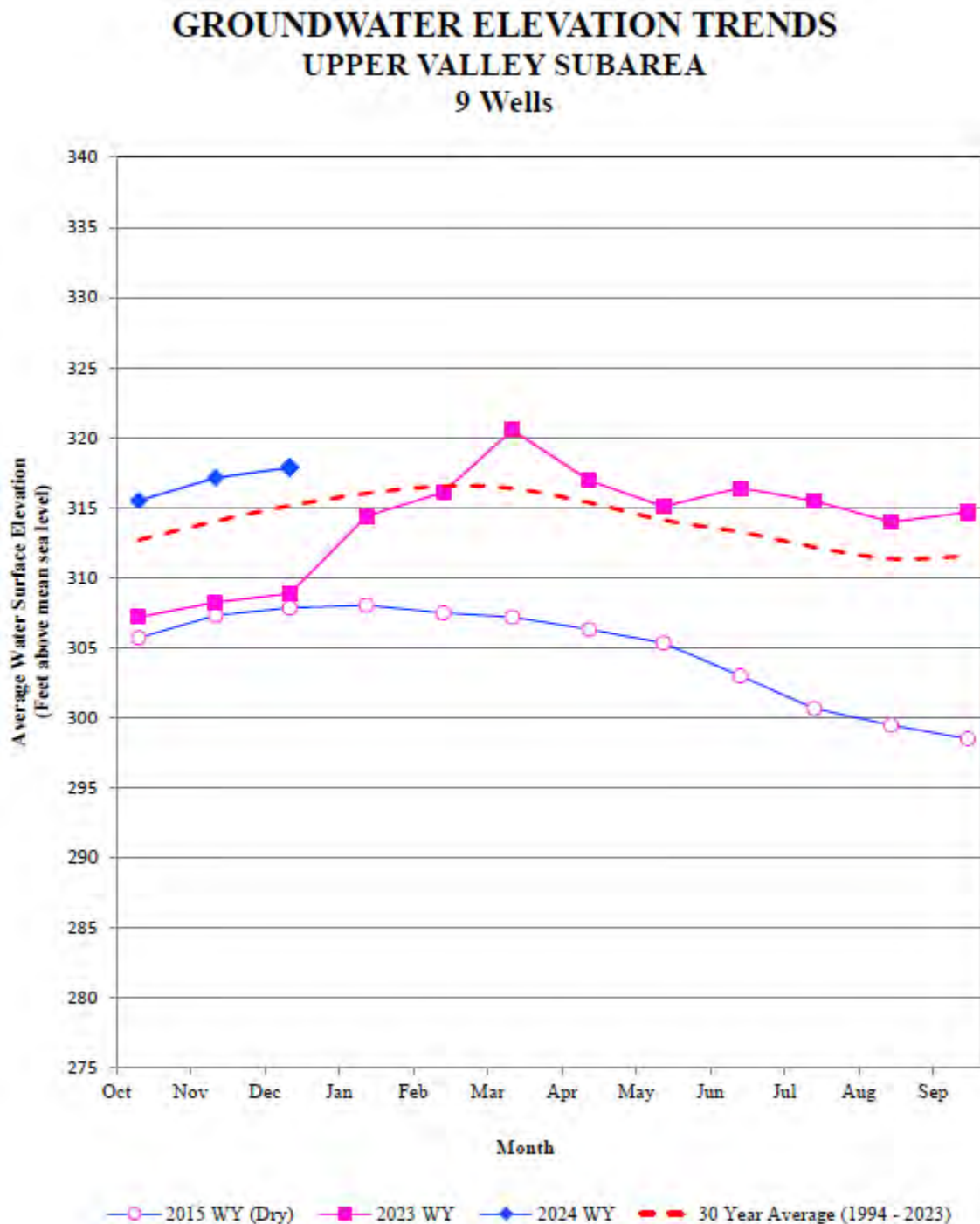


Figure 12: Groundwater Elevation Trends in the Upper Valley Subarea

Figure 13 shows the spatial distribution of changes in groundwater elevation levels from December 2022 to December 2023. Over the last Water Year, all hydrologic subareas experienced increasing groundwater elevations, though not all wells in the Deep and East Side aquifers showed signs of increased groundwater elevations.

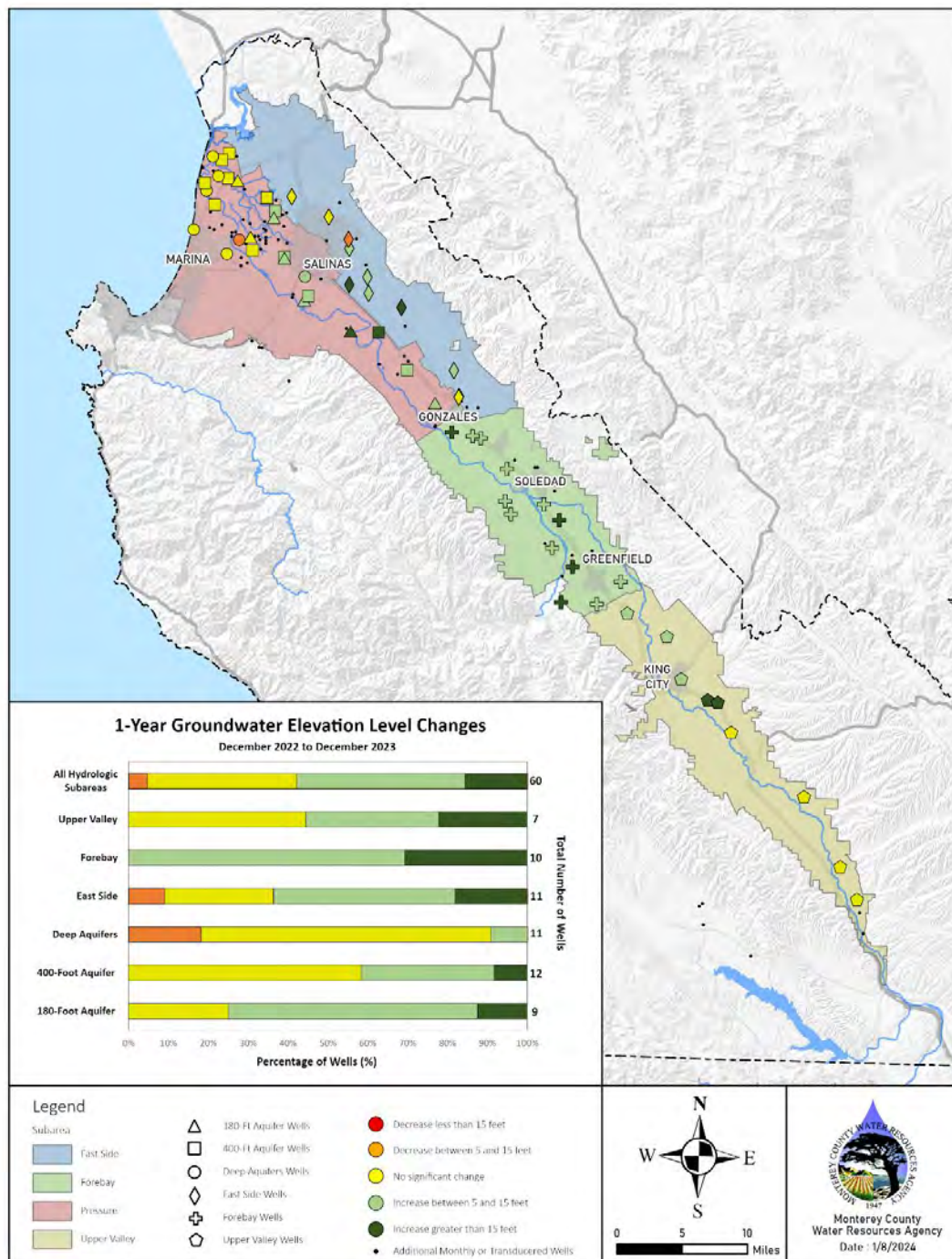


Figure 13: One-Year Groundwater Elevation Changes



## Depth to Groundwater vs Groundwater Elevation

Most of the figures in this report use groundwater elevation as a means of describing where groundwater was observed in a well. However, Figure 14 shows the monthly depth to groundwater measured in each well, which is an alternative approach to representing the same type of data.<sup>1</sup> The depth to groundwater is measured from a reference point that is unique to each well. Groundwater elevation is calculated from the measured depth to groundwater using the reference point elevation and ground surface elevation.

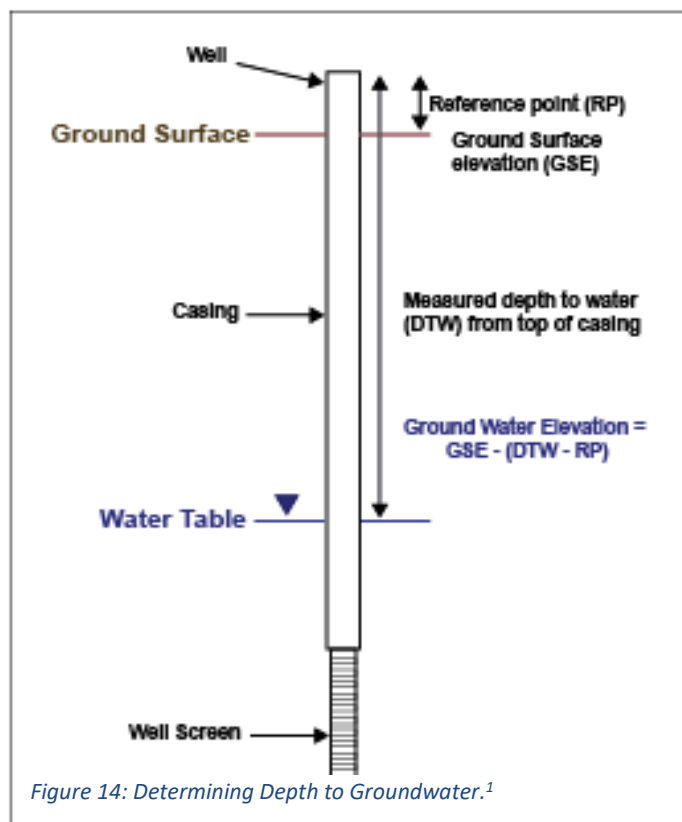
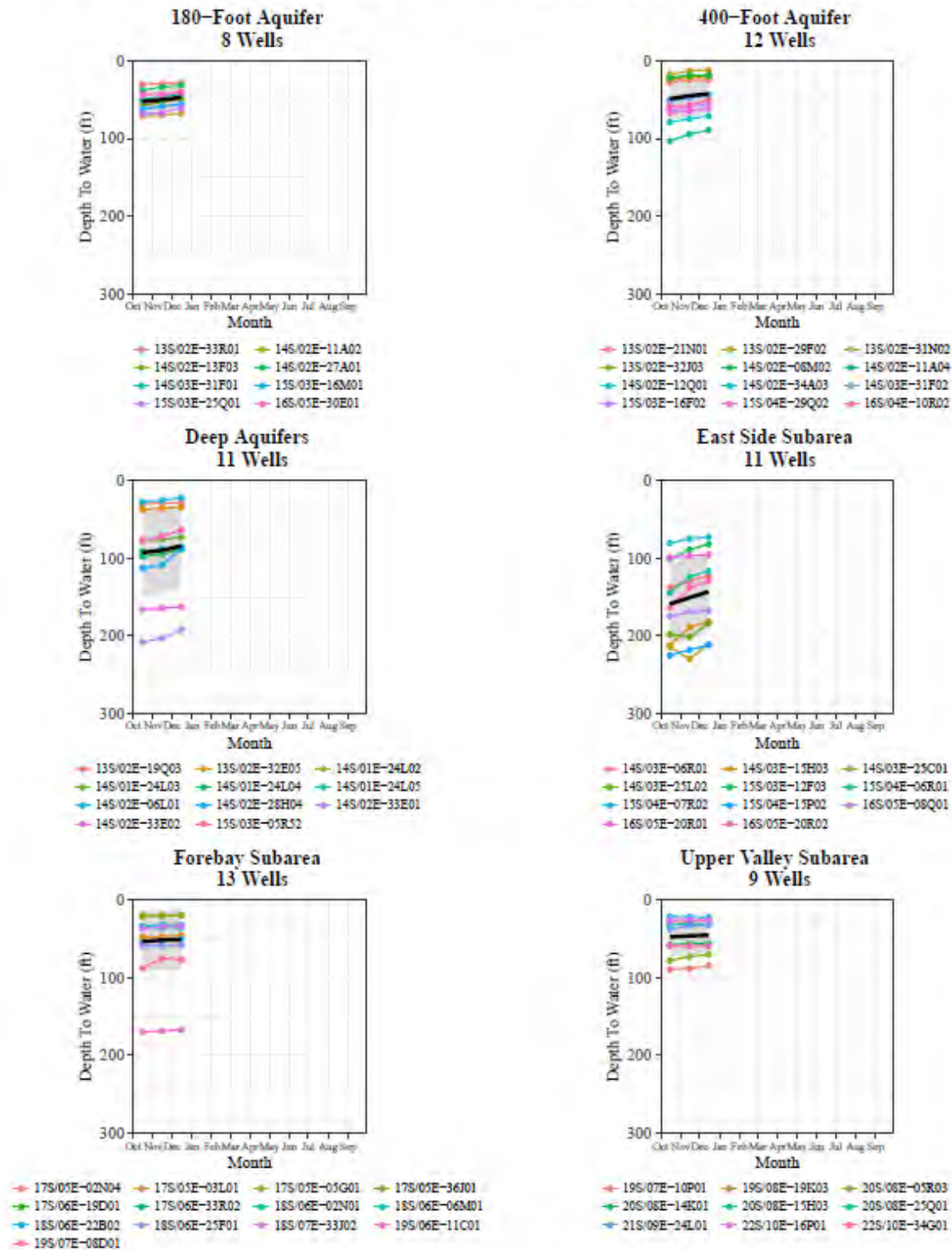


Figure 15 shows the depth to groundwater that was measured in each of the wells, within a given subarea, that is used for developing this quarterly water conditions report. As shown on Figure 15, there is a range of depth to water values within each subarea with some, like the East Side Subarea, having a wider range of measured values than others, like the 180-Foot Aquifer. The black line on each of the subarea graphs in Figure 15 is the average depth to groundwater for each set of wells. This value is converted from “depth to groundwater” to “groundwater elevation” and graphed as the “2024 WY” line on each of the preceding subarea-specific graphs (Figures 7-12).

<sup>1</sup> Figure 14 is modified from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

## Depth to Groundwater in Quarterly Conditions Report Wells, WY 2024



Depth to Water is measured in feet below a standard reference point at each well. This may be close to, but not always equal to, the ground surface. The black line on each graph shows the average depth to water for each set of wells. The grey shaded area shows the standard deviation.

Figure 15: Depth to Groundwater in Wells Used for Quarterly Conditions Report, WY 2024



# County of Monterey

## Item No.13

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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Well Permit Application Summary. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz Moreno)

## Well Permit Application Activities Update

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

In support of Monterey County's Well Permit Application Program the Agency acts as technical advisor to the program's lead agency, the Environmental Health Bureau (EHB). In accordance with a 1991 interdepartmental Memorandum of Agreement between the Agency and EHB, the Agency performs a comprehensive review process on well permit applications for new wells pumping five acre-feet of water or more per year, as well as for proposed well destructions and repairs.

The Agency provides review and/or advisement to EHB within five (5) business days of receiving new well permit applications. The Agency has provided EHB a review within 4.1 business days, on average, for permits received in 2023.

The Agency also reviews final well designs and annular seal depth proposals on an on-going basis and is committed to providing a response to EHB within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving design proposals.

The Agency receives funds that cover staff time for well application review, well completion report processing, and database maintenance from fees collected by EHB. The Agency's fees are defined in Article XI of the Monterey County Fee Resolution.

The Agency conducts a well impact assessment for non-replacement domestic and high-capacity wells in fulfillment of the County's mandate to implement policies of the 2010 Monterey County General Plan. Additionally, the Agency conducts a well impact assessment for all non-domestic or public water supply wells in Monterey County in partial fulfillment of the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22. This year, none of the well impact assessments performed indicated potential for significant adverse impacts to the subject under evaluation by the applicable policy (e.g., existing domestic wells, water system wells, or in-stream flows).

Table 1 (attached) provides a summation of well permit applications received in 2023 for evaluation by Agency staff, categorized by permit type, Agency management area, and aquifer unit. Also included is a tabulation of new well applications reviewed for the year. This table is now being provided to the Board of Directors and Basin Management Advisory Committee on a yearly basis.

Publication of the Agency's Report, "Recommendations To Address the Expansion of Seawater Intrusion in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (October, 2017) and subsequent adoption of Interim Urgency Ordinance 5302 and Ordinance 5303 by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors (May 22, 2018 and June 26, 2018, respectively) have led to increased interest in data related to wells in and extractions from the Deep Aquifers (Figure 1).

Figure 2 depicts the history of well installation in the Deep Aquifers by water use category. As illustrated in the chart, a total of fifty-seven (57) wells have been installed in the Deep Aquifers since 1974, with twenty-two (22) of those wells being constructed in the last ten years. Figure 2 includes a tabular historical summary of reported annual Deep Aquifer well extractions by water use category.

Three (3) additional permit applications have been submitted for new Deep Aquifers wells but construction has not been completed as of the date of this report. The proposed wells were applied for as replacement wells after the expiration of Ordinance No. 5302, which expired on May 21, 2020.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

None

Prepared by: Guillermo Diaz Moreno, Hydrologist, (831) 755-4860

Attachments:

1. Table 1 - Summary of Well Permits Received
2. Figure 1- Map showing Deep Aquifer Wells
3. Figure 2 - Timeline of Well Installation in the Deep Aquifers with Summary of Deep Aquifer Groundwater Extractions



## Well Permits Received January-December, 2023

### Permit Type

- △ Construction- High Capacity Agricultural
- ▽ Construction- Non High Capacity Agricultural
- Construction-Domestic
- + Construction-Other
- Destruction
- ◇ Other
- ◇ Repair

### Subarea

- 180-Ft Aquifer
- 400-Ft Aquifer
- Deep Aquifers
- East Side
- Forebay
- Upper Valley
- Outside Zone 2C or defined GW Basin

Zone 2C

CA 118 Groundwater basins in Monterey County

**Table 1. Well Permit Applications Received by Category: January - December, 2023**

Subarea/ Aquifer	Construction: Agricultural		Construction: Domestic	Construction: Other	Destruction	Repair	Other	Yearly Total
	High Capacity	Non High Capacity						
180-Ft Aquifer	1		1	3	4	1		10
400-Ft Aquifer	2	2		1	4	1		10
Deep Aquifers				2			2	4
East Side		4	1		2	1		8
Forebay	1		2		5			8
Upper Valley		2			2			4
Outside Zone 2C, Undefined GW Basin		1	33	1	11	1	1	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>92 194</b>

# Figure 1

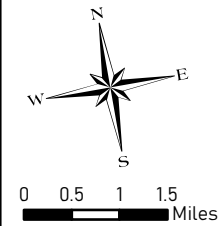
## Legend

### Deep Aquifer Wells

By Use, Labeled by Year  
Constructed

- Agricultural
- Municipal
- Industrial
- Domestic
- Monitoring

Area of Impact



Monterey County  
Water Resources Agency

Date: 1/26/2024

4 Monitoring Wells  
constructed in 2000

2 Monitoring Wells  
constructed in 2005

2 Municipal Wells  
constructed in 1998 and 2000

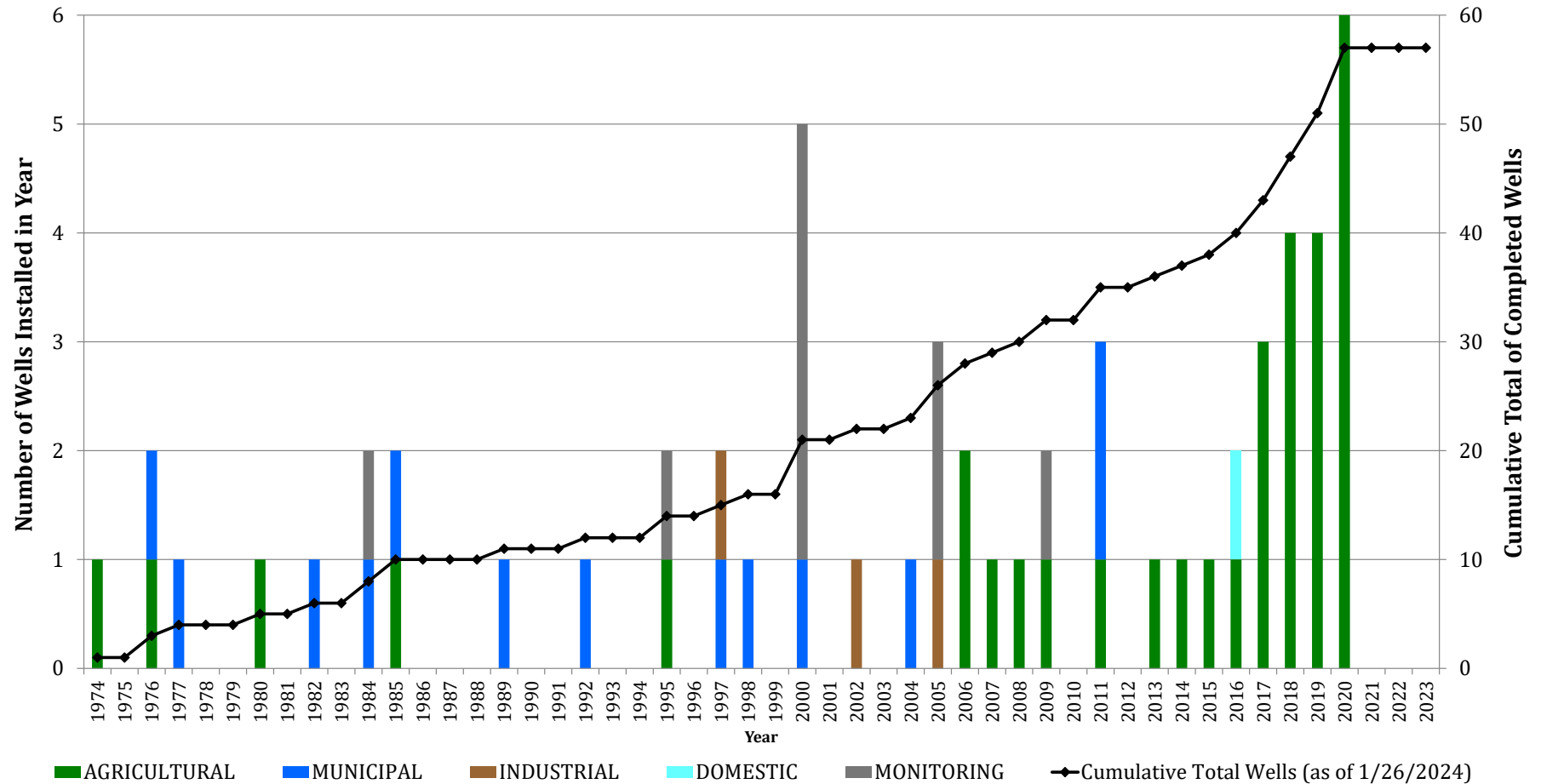




Source: MCWRA  
Date: 1/26/2024

Figure 2

### Timeline of Well Installation in Deep Aquifers of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin



### Deep Aquifers Groundwater Extraction History Since 1993\*

1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2,054	1,992	2,036	2,137	2,170	1,906	2,056	2,302	2,355	2,399	2,366	2,442	2,358	2,005	1,738	2,004	2,102	1,903	1,803	2,044	1,989	3,784	3,746	3,788	4,116	4,605	4,820	4,264	4,216	4,085
1,507	2,620	2,302	1,990	2,556	1,648	96	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	384	696	982	927	1,397	1,097	2,031	2,010	4,194	4,834	4,749	5,331	6,996	8,820	9,599
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	17	379	305	343	336	393	371	348	333	370	380	523	620	617	569	567	291	196	84	42	69
3,561	4,612	4,338	4,127	4,725	3,554	2,151	2,307	2,368	2,416	2,745	2,747	2,701	2,341	2,189	2,759	3,146	3,218	3,100	3,821	3,608	6,436	6,373	8,551	9,516	9,645	10,347	11,344	13,079	13,752

\* Notes: Table includes all reported extraction data for the forty-five (45) Deep Aquifer production wells that have reported extractions since inception of the Agency's GEMS program in 1993. Data are reported in acre-feet. Colors denote water use category (Municipal, Agricultural, Industrial).





# County of Monterey

Item No.14

## Board Report

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1. Letter dated January 23, 2024 to Governor Gavin Newsom, Ben Allen (Bond Authors), Susan Eggman (Bond Authors), Eduardo Garcia (Bond Authors), Carlos Villapudua (Bond Authors), Josh Becker (Budget Subcommittee Chair), Steve Bennett (Budget Subcommittee Chair) from ACWA, CMUA, California Alliance for Jobs, Irvine Ranch Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, Sweetwater Authority, Yuba Water Agency, EVMWD, El Dorado Irrigation District, United Water Conservation District, Sonoma Water, NCWA, Serrano Water District, Monterey County, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, The City of San Diego, Turlock Irrigation District, Northern California Power Agency, Valley Water, SAFCA  
RE: Dam Safety and Resilience Program/Legislative Bond Proposals

2. Letter dated February 2, 2024 to Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Democratic Leader Hakeem Jefferies from Agribusiness and Water Council Arizona, Animas - La Plata Water Conservancy District (Colorado), Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District, Colorado Ag Water Alliance Colorado River District, Columbia Basin Development League (WASHINGTON), Deschutes Basin Board of Control (OREGON) - Arnold Irrigation District - Central Oregon Irrigation District -North Unit Irrigation District -Ochoco Irrigation District -Swalley Irrigation District -Three Sisters Irrigation District -Tumalo Irrigation District -Lone Pine Irrigation District, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Elephant Butte Irrigation District (NEW MEXICO), Farmers Conservation Alliance, Family Farm Alliance, Family Water Alliance (CALIFORNIA), Farwell Irrigation District (NEBRASKA), Greenfields Irrigation District (MONTANA), Idaho Water Users Association, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District (KANSAS), Kittitas Reclamation District (WASHINGTON), Klamath Water Users Association (OREGON), Iliff Irrigation District (COLORADO), Logan Irrigation District; Loup Basin Reclamation District (NEBRASKA), Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), Milk River Joint Board of Control (MONTANA), Monterey County Farm Bureau (CALIFORNIA), Monterey County Water Resources Agency (CALIFORNIA), National Water Resources Association, New Magma Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), North Sterling Irrigation District (COLORADO), Orange Cove Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Roza Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Salt River Project (ARIZONA), San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (CALIFORNIA), Sargent Irrigation District (NEBRASKA), Solana Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (NEVADA), Turlock Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), Washington State Potato Commission, Washington State Water Resources Association.

RE: 70 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation Program

3. Letter dated February 1, 2024 to Honorable Alex Padilla, United States Senate from Sonia M. De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer RE: Support for the Low-Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act



January 23, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Ben Allen  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 6610  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Susan Eggman  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 8530  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 8120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Carlos Villapudua  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 6340  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Josh Becker  
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #2  
1021 O St., Ste. 7250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Steve Bennett  
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4  
1021 O St., Ste. 4710  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Dam Safety and Resilience Program / Legislative Bond Proposals**

Dear Governor Newsom, Bond Authors and Budget Subcommittee Chairs:

As members of the dam safety and climate resilience coalition, we are writing to urge the Administration and Legislature to maintain dam safety as a priority in budgetary and water and climate bond discussions in 2024.

This an important public safety issue that has been highlighted in the state and national media, including the attached New York Times' piece "The Trillion Dollar Question: What if California's Dams Fail?" (*available at [www.nytimes.com/2023/06/22/magazine/california-dams.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/22/magazine/california-dams.html)*). Additionally, funding for dam safety projects will provide significant job opportunities throughout the state.

Specifically, we are writing to:

- 1) Express our continued support for the "Dam Safety and Enhancements Grant Program" and statutory language as established last year, as well as update decision makers on progress on current implementation.
- 2) Comment on the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2024-'25 cut from \$100 million to \$50 million for the "starter" funding for the program.
- 3) Express our continued gratitude for the inclusion of dam safety program funding in all four of the current water, flood and climate resilience bonds currently under consideration by the Legislature and urge substantial funding in any final water and climate resilience bond for the November 2024 ballot.

Please find additional detail on these topics below:

#### **Newly Established "Dam Safety and Enhancements Grant Program" and Proposed General Fund Reduction for Initial Funding Allocation**

As you may recall, last year's SB 122, Section 35 (as attached) established California's first-ever dam safety funding program. We are grateful for this well-crafted language and are generally encouraged by the Department of Water Resources' ongoing work to establish program guidelines and allocate currently available funding.

As individual organizations, we will continue to engage in this process and strongly believe that this program should be fortified with substantial additional funding to make a real impact in the multibillion challenge facing dams throughout California.

The Governor's January 10 budget proposal includes a proposed cut from \$100 million to \$50 million, and we appreciate the state's current budget challenges - yet we would urge consideration of a restoration of the full initial funding to the greatest extent possible, especially if economic conditions improve relative to current estimates.

Beyond the level of initial general fund monies available, we continue, as detailed below, to strongly urge inclusion of substantial monies for this purpose in any final water and climate bond forged in 2024.

#### **Maintaining Dam Safety Funding as a Priority in Water and Climate Bond Discussion:**

We are grateful to note that the current range for dam safety and related climate resilience funding among the bond proposals is from \$400 million to a welcome \$1 billion. We continue to maintain our request that at least \$850 million be included in any final bond agreement.

Additionally, we wish to speak to our interest in ensuring that final bond language sufficiently captures all necessary elements of a dam safety and climate resilience program needed to address the paramount priority of public safety and to support important benefits related to dam safety improvements.

**Specifically, the language in the Fiscal Year 2023-'24 budget package (SB 122, Section 35 - as attached) that established the program addresses these needs, and we urge that a final bond refer to this well-crafted language.**

Again, we are grateful to all current bond authors for the inclusion of dam safety as a significant funding category and will continue to highlight this issue as discussions build toward a bond agreement.

### **Reiterating the Need for Substantial Program Funding - The Background:**

For your convenience, we are providing key, previously distributed background information about the significant need for dam safety and enhancements funding.

Overall, to our knowledge, there is no comprehensive total for the statewide need for dam safety and resilience projects, but the information that does exist easily suggests the need is in the multiple billions of dollars.

For example, the Department of Water Resources has conducted an analysis for just a small subset of the 1,240 jurisdictional-sized dams that fall under the Division of the Safety of Dams' oversight. For 76 of the 88 less-than-satisfactory dams with high or extremely high downstream hazard classification, repair costs are estimated to exceed \$2 billion.

Additionally, just a few examples of dam safety and resilience project costs totaling roughly \$3.7 billion suggest a multi-billion state need for funding. These few examples include:

- Santa Clara County - Anderson Dam - \$2.3 billion
- Yuba County - Atmospheric River Control Spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam - \$240 million
- San Luis Obispo County and Monterey County - San Antonio and Nacimiento Dams Repair/Rehabilitation - \$192.5 million.
- San Diego County - Lake Hodge Dam Repair/Rehabilitation - \$275-300 million
- Ventura County - Santa Felicia Dam Public Safety Improvement Project - \$198 million
- Sacramento County Flood Control Agency - Union Valley Reservoir and Hell Hole Reservoir release facilities - \$400 million
- Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District - Lee Lake Dam - \$60 million
- El Dorado Irrigation District - Silver Lake Dam - \$50 million

For more background information, please find the attached fact sheet from the Association of California Water Agencies, California Municipal Utilities Association and California Alliance for Jobs.

**As you are aware, the 2023 hydrological year served as a stunning reminder of why substantial funding for such a program is critically important. Whether providing funds to restore existing dam storage capacity to capture atmospheric river-driven storm flows or better protect communities from flooding risks and/or dam failure, recent conditions have proven the great need to bolster California's aging dam infrastructure.**

We offer this information to the Governor, all of the bond authors and relevant budget subcommittees and policy committees as we seek to continue to engage in the finalization of a dam safety and resilience funding component of a bond to be considered by the voters.

Sincerely,

**Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director  
Association of California Water Agencies**

**Danielle Blacet-Hyden, Deputy Executive Director  
California Municipal Utilities Association**

**Michael Quigley, Executive Director  
California Alliance for Jobs**

**Paul A. Cook, General Manager  
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**Dan Denham, General Manager  
San Diego County Water Authority**

**Carlos Quintero, General Manager  
Sweetwater Authority**

**Willie Whittlesey, General Manager  
Yuba Water Agency**

**Greg Thomas, General Manager  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District**

**Jim Abercrombie, General Manager  
El Dorado Irrigation District**

**Mauricio Guardado, General Manager  
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**Grant Davis, General Manager  
Sonoma Water**

**David Guy, President  
Northern California Water Association**

**Jerry Vilander, General Manager  
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**Adrian Granda, Director, Department of Government Affairs  
City of San Diego, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria**

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Northern California Power Agency**

**Rick L. Callender, Esq., Chief Executive Officer  
Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)**

**Richard M. Johnson, Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency**

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Joanne Roy, Consultant, Senate Budget Subcommittee #2  
Katharine Moore, Chief Consultant, Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee  
Genevieve Wong, Principal Consultant, Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee  
Keith Cialino, Policy Consultant, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas  
Shy Forbes, Consultant, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4  
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# Why Invest in Dam Safety?



California can protect public safety and enhance the State's climate resilience by allocating substantial funding for public safety projects at existing dams, including repairs, reinforcements, seismic upgrades and new spillways.

As detailed in "State High Risk," the California State Auditor's updated assessment of high-risk issues faced by the State released in 2020:

"Aging water infrastructure within the State continues to threaten public safety. Specifically, inadequately maintained dams or those not meeting standards, especially those whose failure could affect large populations, pose significant risks to California residents."

Many of these aging facilities present public safety risks and cannot provide their intended water supply benefit because they have been forced to operate at levels significantly below their full design capacities.

The impacts of climate change on California's hydrology also will require improvements to existing dams and their associated facilities to ensure that they can provide flood protection benefits now and into the future.

Half of the state's 1,250 dams are classified as "high" or "extremely high" downstream hazard risks by the California Division of Safety of Dams.

California's 2023-24 budget package established a new State program, the "Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program," (SB 122, Section 35) to provide funding assistance to local dam safety projects and appropriated \$100 million in initial funding for the program.

Fortunately, all bond proposals introduced to date in the 2023-24 legislative session include some level of funding for dam safety. Given the multi-billion dollar need to continue to enhance dam safety statewide, any ultimate resources bond proposal for 2024 should include substantial additional funding – at least \$850 million – for this important new program.

Re-investing in existing dam facilities across California will protect public safety, enhance the state's resilience to climate extremes like drought and flood and create thousands of jobs.

## Examples of Dam Safety Projects



1

**Anderson Dam Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order Compliance Project**  
Santa Clara County  
Estimated Project Cost: \$475 million

2

**Atmospheric River Control (ARC) Spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam**  
Yuba County  
Estimated Project Cost: \$240 million

3

**San Antonio and Nacimiento Dams Repair/Rehabilitation**  
San Luis Obispo County and Monterey County  
Estimated Project Cost: \$145 million

4

**Lake Hodges Dam Repair/Rehabilitation**  
San Diego County  
Estimated Project Cost: \$275-300 million

1

## Anderson Dam FERC-Order Compliance Project

Santa Clara County

Estimated Project Cost: \$475 million

A large earthquake on nearby faults could result in significant damage to Anderson Dam, possibly leading to dam failure and an uncontrolled water release that could inundate cities and rural areas from San Francisco Bay south to Monterey Bay, including much of Silicon Valley. The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is working closely with federal and State regulators on this first phase of a larger project to fully remove and replace the dam.

The now drained reservoir had a capacity of nearly 90,000 acre-feet, enough water to supply a million people for a year. It is the largest in Santa Clara County, and its reconstruction is critical to the regional water supply system. Valley Water is moving expeditiously to construct a new dam outlet structure and necessary downstream flood, groundwater recharge and environmental improvements.



2

## Atmospheric River Control Spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam

Yuba County

Estimated Project Cost: \$240 million

Yuba Water Agency is designing a new, second spillway for New Bullards Bar Dam – the state's second tallest dam, with a reservoir capacity of approximately one million acre-feet. The ARC spillway will have gates 31.5 feet lower in elevation, which will significantly reduce flood risk for approximately 100,000 downstream residents along the Yuba and Feather rivers.

The lower gates will improve operational flexibility, allowing for water releases in advance of large, threatening storm events, during periods when there is enough downstream channel capacity to handle increased flows. The ARC Spillway will protect nearly \$1 billion in levee improvement investments made by the State, federal and local governments over the last 20 years by reducing river elevations and pressure on levees during high flow events.



3

## San Antonio and Nacimiento Dams Repair/Rehabilitation

San Luis Obispo County and Monterey County

Estimated Project Cost: \$145 million

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) owns and operates the Nacimiento and San Antonio dams and reservoirs. These two dams provide flood protection and groundwater recharge to more than 418,000 acres, with much of the acreage supporting a \$4 billion agricultural industry in the Salinas Valley. Included in this area is a population of over 200,000 people in cities and towns like King City, Gonzales, Soledad and Salinas, as well as rural areas that utilize groundwater as the primary drinking water supply.

MCWRA currently has self-imposed operational criteria in place for these facilities and, without improvements, it is possible that further water storage limitations will be required, impacting MCWRA's ability to provide reservoir releases necessary for groundwater recharge and municipal, industrial, and irrigation water supply wells.



4

## Lake Hodges Dam Repair/Rehabilitation

San Diego County

Estimated Project Cost: \$275-300 million

Owned by the City of San Diego, Lake Hodges Dam was constructed between 1917-1919 and has a reservoir capacity of 30,633 acre-ft. The dam is located on the San Dieguito River near Escondido and has an "extremely high" downstream hazard classification from DSOD. Hodges Reservoir is the main source of local water for Santa Fe Irrigation District. Other local water suppliers also hold water rights in Lake Hodges.

In August 2019, DSOD imposed a water level restriction for Lake Hodges, which resulted in a 57% reduction in the reservoir's capacity. This restriction significantly reduces the ability of the districts to store local water supplies and reduces the regional emergency storage levels protecting San Diego County in the event of disruption of the imported water system or due to a catastrophic event such as an earthquake.





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February 2, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
 Majority Leader  
 U.S. Senate  
 S-221 Capitol Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
 Speaker of the House  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 H-232 Capitol Building  
 Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
 Republican Leader  
 U.S. Senate  
 S-230 Capitol Building  
 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
 Democratic Leader  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 H-204 Capitol Building  
 Washington, DC 20515

**Re: \$70 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation Program**

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Republican Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Democratic Leader Jeffries:

As the West continues to see increasing pressure on its water resources, investing in our water infrastructure is essential to ensure communities, farms, and aquatic ecosystems are resilient to the frequent swings between drought and flood that have accelerated in recent years. One tool that has been especially successful in helping water managers throughout the west is the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation (WFPO) program.

Funding from this program has been successfully deployed for projects ranging from irrigation modernization, water development for drought-stricken communities and irrigation districts, and flood protection, including flood plain reintegration.

To continue the important ongoing work by water managers to increase water security, we urge you to retain the \$70 million in programmatic funding for WFPO, including the preference for multi-benefit projects, that was included in the Senate Agriculture, Rural Development and Drug Administration spending bill.

Not only is this funding essential to addressing pressing water challenges, it will also ensure that preliminary funding from previous spending bills for planning and compliance is able to proceed to construction.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue and for all of your leadership on agriculture and water management issues. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Keppen at Family Farm Alliance ([dan@familyfarmalliance.org](mailto:dan@familyfarmalliance.org)).

Sincerely,

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Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District  
Colorado Ag Water Alliance Colorado River District  
Columbia Basin Development League (WASHINGTON)  
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- *Tumalo Irrigation District*  
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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Support for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I write in support of the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act to establish a national, low-income water assistance program.

LIHWAP is an emergency program created by Congress to help households afford drinking water and wastewater services during the COVID-19 pandemic. This critical program expired in September 2023, ending a lifeline for low-income families in need across the country. Congress recognized the public health and economic imperative of maintaining water services by the establishment of this first ever national water assistance program. But with the increase cost of water and sewer services exceeding inflation and energy and medical while and household incomes remain stagnant, the need for the LIHWAP remains.

Water service providers, environmental and public interest organizations, consumer advocates, and labor unions agree that the LIHWAP is just as important to public health and economic development as basic needs like home energy and nutrition, which have benefitted from Federal support for decades.

The LIHWAP Establishment Act would formally establish a program to assist low-income households in paying arrearages and other rates for drinking water or wastewater services. Benefits would be targeted towards households with low incomes and the highest home water burdens; while, allowing recipients of programs like the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI), and means-tested Veterans programs to be categorically eligible for LIHWAP assistance.

Thank you for your continued leadership in introducing this legislation and I look forward to working with you as Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife to ensure low-income families across the country have access to clean and affordable drinking water and sanitation services.

Sincerely,

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