

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Closed Session  
7:00 p.m. Open Session (time approximate)

LOCATION: Zone 7 Administration Building  
100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore

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## AGENDA

1. Call Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting to Order
2. Closed Session
  - a. Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Property: APNs 99-525-2, 99-550-2-3, 99-550-3-2, 99A-2700-2-5, 99A-2700-6-6, 99A-2700-9- 8, 99A-2700-10, 99A-2700-11-3, 99A-2700-12-6, 99A-2700-12-7, 99A-2420-4-13, 96-420-2, 96-420-3, 96-429-6, 99A-2701-1, 99A-2701-2, 99A-2701-3.  
Agency Negotiators: Valerie Pryor/Rebecca Smith  
Under negotiation: Price and terms
  - b. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code § 54954.5:  
Agency Negotiators: Valerie Pryor/Osborn Solitei/Shelisa Jackson. Employee Organizations: Alameda County Management Employees Association; Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, Local 342, AFL-CIO; International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO; Local 1021 of the Service Employees International Union, CTW; Unrepresented Management
  - c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation pursuant to Gov’t Code § 54956.9(d) (1): (1) State Water Contractors v. California Department of Fish & Wildlife (JCCP Case No. 5117), (2) Stark v. Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 22-CV-5837), (3) Bautista v. Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 22-CV-10679); (4) Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000006 and related cases.
  - d. Conference with Legal Counsel (Anticipated Litigation) – Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(c) (one case)
3. Open Session and Report Out of Closed Session
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call of Directors
6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items  
*The Public Comment section provides an opportunity to address the Board of Directors on items that are not listed on the agenda, or informational items pertinent to the Agency's business. The Board welcomes your comments and requests that speakers present their remarks in a respectful manner, within established time limits, and focus on issues which directly affect the agency or are within the jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not be able to act on matters brought to its attention under this item until a future Board meeting.*

7. Minutes
  - a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2025
8. Consent Calendar
  - a. Award a Contract to Montrose Environmental for Environmental Planning Services for Channel Maintenance Projects
  - b. Reaffirm Emergency Procurement of Services to Repair Stoneridge Well

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions

9. Workshop on Board Policy for Conducting Business

Recommended Action: Information Only

10. Authorize an Agreement with Dublin San Ramon Services District for Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

11. Update on the Regional Groundwater Facilities Improvement Project – Phase I Feasibility Study Results

Recommended Action: Information Only

12. Authorize General Manager to Approve Reassignment of Sites Reservoir Capacity among Project Participants

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

13. Committees
  - a. Administrative Committee Meeting Notes of December 8, 2025
  - b. Finance Committee Meeting Notes of December 9, 2025

14. Reports – Directors
  - a. Verbal Comments by President
  - b. Written Reports
  - c. Verbal Reports

15. Items for Future Agenda – Directors

16. Staff Reports
  - a. General Manager’s Report
  - b. December Outreach Activities
  - c. Legislative Update
  - d. Monthly Water Inventory and Water Budget Update

17. Adjournment

18. Upcoming Board Schedule: (All meeting locations are in the Boardroom at 100 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore, unless otherwise noted.)

- a. Water Resources Committee Meeting: January 27, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
- b. Administrative Committee Meeting: January 29, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
- c. Regular Board Meeting: February 18, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2025

Directors Present: Dawn Benson  
Catherine Brown  
Sandy Figuers  
Dennis Gambs  
Laurene Green  
Kathy Narum  
Sarah Palmer

Staff Present: Valerie Pryor, General Manager  
Chris Hentz, Assistant General Manager – Engineering  
Osborn Solitei, Treasurer/Assistant General Manager – Finance  
Donna Fabian, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

General Counsel: Rebecca Smith, Downey Brand

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Item 1 – Call Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting to Order

The Zone 7 Water Agency meeting was called to order by President Narum at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2 – Closed Session

Closed Session was canceled.

Item 3 – Open Session and Report Out of Closed Session

There was no reportable action as Closed Session was canceled.

Item 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

Director Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Item 5 – Roll Call of Directors

All Directors were present, with Director Green participating remotely.

### Item 6 – Public Comment

Martin Espinoza gave public comment.

### Item 7 – Minutes

Director Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on November 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Benson and approved by a voice vote of 6-0. Director Green was present; however, her vote was not heard due to audio issues.

### Item 8 – Consent Calendar

Director Gambs pulled Item 8d for comment and stated that the item referenced Exhibits A and B, one of which would show a map of the easement. He commented that, as presented, the document did not clearly indicate the specific location of the easement. Director Gambs suggested that, for future items of this nature, including the exhibit or drawing showing the easement location would be helpful.

Director Palmer moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8a through 8g. The motion was seconded by Director Gambs and approved by a roll-call vote of 6–0. Director Green was present; however, her vote was not heard due to audio issues.

### Item 9 – Commendation for Retirement of Operations Manager Rich Gould

Valerie Pryor, General Manager, presented a commendation honoring Operations Manager Rich Gould for his retirement and many years of dedicated service to the Zone 7 Water Agency. She highlighted Mr. Gould’s leadership, extensive institutional knowledge, numerous professional accomplishments, industry awards, and lasting impact on the Agency, including facility operations, staff training, emergency preparedness, and system reliability. Ms. Pryor read a Resolution of Commendation recognizing Mr. Gould’s 45 years of public service and his contributions to the Agency.

Board members and staff expressed appreciation for Mr. Gould’s mentorship, professionalism, and commitment to public service, sharing personal remarks regarding his influence on the agency, its employees, and the broader water community.

The Board unanimously approved the Resolution of Commendation honoring Rich Gould for his service and retirement. A group photo was taken.

Item 10 – Independent Auditors’ Report and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

David Alvey, CPA, Audit Partner with Maze & Associates, the Agency’s independent external auditor, presented the Independent Auditors’ Report and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Mr. Alvey provided an overview of the audit process, including interim and final audit phases, and summarized the scope of testing performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards.

Mr. Alvey reported that the Agency received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, the highest level of assurance provided by an independent audit. He noted there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified in internal controls and no disagreements with management. Financial highlights and overall fund performance were summarized, and required communications and upcoming accounting standards were reviewed. Mr. Alvey commended Agency management and finance staff for their cooperation and sound financial practices.

Board members expressed appreciation to the auditor and Agency staff for the successful audit, noting the value of an independent review and the Agency’s continued excellence in financial reporting. Comments included recognition of the efficiency of the Finance Committee review and the quality of the audit process.

Director Benson moved to accept the Independent Auditors’ Report and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Palmer and approved unanimously by a roll-call vote of 7–0.

Item 11 – Temporary Adjournment/Continuance of Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting

President Narum adjourned the Zone 7 Water Agency meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Item 12 – Call Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority (LVWFA) Regular Meeting to Order

President Narum called the Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority Regular Meeting to Order at 7:43 p.m.

Item 13 – Roll Call of LVWFA Board

All Directors were present.

Item 14 – Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 15 – Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority Water Revenue Bonds, 2018 and 2023 Series A for the Year Ended June 30, 2025, Update

Osborn Solitei, Treasurer/Assistant General Manager – Finance, provided an update on the Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority Water Revenue Bonds, 2018 and 2023 Series A. He reported that the 2023 Series A projects are nearly complete, with approximately \$11.4 million remaining to be spent, and that \$18.7 million was expended in the prior year. The bonds are tax-exempt and subject to IRS arbitrage regulations; as of the end of the fiscal year, there was a reported liability of approximately \$100,000 related to interest earnings, which is expected to decrease as funds are spent. This item was for information only.

Item 16 – Adjournment of Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority Regular Meeting

President Narum adjourned the Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority Regular Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Item 17 - Call Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting to Order

President Narum called the Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m.

Item 18 – Recommend Approval of a Candidate Statement Funding Policy

Valerie Pryor reminded the Board that at the November Board meeting, the draft Candidate Statement Funding Policy was referred back to the Administrative Committee for further discussion. The Committee reviewed options regarding partial or no funding, including provisions for indigent candidates, and unanimously recommended continuing past practice: no funding for candidate statements and no funding for indigent candidates.

Director Gambs asked whether the Committee considered differences in cost for two-year versus four-year seats. Ms. Pryor confirmed that the Committee did not discuss this issue.

Directors Benson and Palmer noted that adopting the policy would provide guidance where none previously existed, while maintaining the approach of requiring candidates to have “skin in the game.” Director Gambs expressed concern that the cost of statements could limit participation for qualified candidates and suggested partial funding. Other Directors noted the importance of candidate engagement and public accountability.

Director Green raised a separate issue regarding the potential disparity in cost allocation between two-year and four-year seats. Rebecca Smith, General Counsel, clarified that any adjustment would require an amendment to the policy, and cost distribution depends on the number of candidates filing for each seat. Directors discussed concerns about equity and potential impacts on candidacy.

President Narum and Director Palmer emphasized that filing to run for office carries no cost, that there are multiple free avenues for candidates to communicate with constituents, and that incumbency, rather than candidate statement cost, is a more significant barrier to being elected.

Following discussion, Director Palmer moved to adopt the Candidate Statement Funding Policy as recommended by the Administrative Committee. Director Benson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a roll-call vote of 5–2, with Directors Gambbs and Green voting no.

#### Item 19 – Committees

There were no Board comments on the Finance Committee meeting notes.

#### Item 20 – Reports - Directors

Director Palmer reported on her attendance at the ACWA Conference in San Diego. She noted that while she did not attend as many panels as usual, she participated in several important meetings, including discussions with Irvine Ranch, the director’s breakfast, and a meeting with Karla Nemeth of DWR. She highlighted positive developments regarding the Delta Conveyance Project and noted that Andrew Schwartz of UWR spoke in strong support of the project as a key component of major water initiatives in California. Director Palmer also mentioned updates on water quality, including PFAS, water policy, and the ongoing role of SGMA, which continues to be a focus of discussion among agencies. She emphasized the networking opportunities at the conference, including meeting representatives from other agencies. Additionally, she provided an update on ACWA’s search for a new Executive Director, noting that a committee has been formed and a timeline is expected for spring. Finally, she reported on a meeting with the executive committee of the Alameda County Special Districts Association to coordinate activities among various groups.

#### Item 21 – Items for Future Agenda – Directors

President Narum requested that the technical findings of the Regional Wells Feasibility Study be presented at the January 21, 2026, Board meeting. She noted that the study is nearly complete and will recommend the optimal number of wells and the basis of design. She clarified that the item is intended for informational purposes only, and no discussion of future steps is requested at this time, as further work between Zone 7 staff and Pleasanton staff is still required.

#### Item 22 – Staff Reports

Ms. Pryor noted that the Board packet included the usual monthly reports. She highlighted the fourth quarter PFAS sampling results, reporting no detection of PFAS in the treated water supplied to customers. She also provided an update on the Flood Management Plan Phase 2A process, noting ongoing progress and upcoming public town hall meetings scheduled for January 13, 14, and 15, 2026, to share current findings and potential solutions. President Narum inquired about the meeting locations, and Ms. Pryor stated that the January 13 meeting will be held in the Zone 7 Boardroom, the January 14 meeting at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin, and the January 15 meeting at the Amador Recreation Center in Pleasanton.

Item 23 – Adjournment - President Narum adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Integrated Planning  
**CONTACT:** Elke Rank/Neeta Bijoor

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Award a Contract to Montrose Environmental for Environmental Planning Services for Channel Maintenance Projects

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable flood protection services, Zone 7 implements projects to maintain its flood protection systems. This action supports Strategic Goal E – Effective Flood Protection and is to implement Strategic Plan Initiative 13 – Continue to repair and maintain the flood protection facilities.
- Zone 7 owns and maintains approximately 37 miles of flood protection channels. Channel maintenance is needed to preserve conveyance capacity and proper functionality; maintenance activities include upkeep of fences and gates, vegetation planting and pruning, bank slope repairs, and sediment removal.
- Although Zone 7 currently has on-call consulting contracts for general environmental planning tasks, a consulting firm with expertise in completing environmental compliance tasks for sediment removal projects and securing permits for flood channel maintenance is needed. Additionally, the scope of services will include working with other on-call consultants to obtain programmatic permits for routine maintenance tasks.
- Consistent with Zone 7's purchasing policy, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on December 3, 2025. Six proposals were received. An internal selection committee evaluated the proposals and determined that Montrose Environmental was the best-qualified firm to provide the services requested.
- Montrose Environmental was identified as the best qualified firm for the following reasons:
  - This firm proposed a highly skilled permitting and CEQA compliance team with substantial experience in permitting channel maintenance work in the Bay Area.
  - This firm is a leader in the Bay Area in developing programmatic permits for routine maintenance, including an ongoing effort for Zone 7, which will provide cost and schedule efficiencies for this effort.
  - Montrose has previously completed permitting and CEQA services for Zone 7 with good results.

- Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend, as needed, a two-year contract with Montrose Environmental for professional services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$294,000, including 10% contingency, with the option to extend for an additional year for a not-to-exceed amount of additional \$150,000.

**FUNDING:**

Funding for the first year of the contract is included in the adopted Two-Year Budget for FYs 2024-26 under Fund 200 – Flood Protection Operations, and for the remaining years, funding will be requested in subsequent budget requests.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution

ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Environmental Planning Services for Channel Maintenance Projects**

WHEREAS, this action is in support of Strategic Plan Initiative 13 – Continue to repair and maintain the flood protection facilities; and

WHEREAS, consultant services are needed to secure environmental permits for a set of channel maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Zone 7’s purchasing policy, a competitive procurement process was completed to select a consulting firm to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was issued on December 3, 2025, and six proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee reviewed the proposals, evaluated the proposers based upon the capabilities requested and criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals, and determined that Montrose Environmental is the best qualified firm to provide the requested services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District does hereby authorize the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend, as needed, a two-year contract with Montrose Environmental for professional services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$294,000, including 10% contingency, with the option to extend for an additional year for a not-to-exceed amount of additional \$150,000.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on January 21, 2026.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Directors

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Water Supply Engineering  
**CONTACT:** Shanna Norton/Mona Olmsted

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Reaffirm Emergency Procurement of Services to Repair Stoneridge Well

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe and reliable water services, Zone 7 takes emergency actions to expedite repair of treated water facilities that are relied upon to maintain to water supply operations. The proposed action is in support of Zone 7's Strategic Plan Goal B: Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure – Provide customers with reliable water supply and infrastructure.
- In accordance with Zone 7's Purchasing Policy, Section 5, "Emergency purchases may be necessary when unforeseen circumstances require an immediate purchase to avoid a substantial hazard to life, property, or serious interruption of Agency operations. The requirement for competitive bidding may be waived in the case of an emergency. In accordance with the Public Contract Code Section 22050 (b), the Board of Directors delegates the authority to declare an emergency to the General Manager until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting where the Purchasing Agent will report emergency conditions to the Board for informational and/or reaffirmation purposes."
- Stoneridge Well recently experienced power surges and unplanned shutdowns that suggest issues with mechanical parts and pose a significant risk to equipment and water supply operations. Stoneridge was constructed in 1991, is over 800 feet deep, is Zone 7's largest production well, producing approximately 8 million gallons per day (MGD), and is regularly in operation. The mechanical issues are likely attributable to the near-continuous operation and significant mechanical stresses associated with the size and depth of the well. The treated water production from the Stoneridge well is essential to meeting Zone 7's Water Supply Reliability goals, particularly in light of the 16 MGD production loss from the Mocho wellfield due to the presence per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
- An emergency construction contract was issued to assess the Stoneridge Well, procure equipment, and repair or replace the well prior to increased spring demands. In accordance with Sections 5.0 and 5.2 of the Purchasing Policy, emergency action was deemed necessary "to forestall a shutdown of essential public services" and "permit the continued operation or service of the Agency."

- The General Manager declared an emergency and authorized a construction contract with Bartley Pump PM LLC on January 8, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$494,000 to provide emergency well repair services. The work includes removal of the existing well shaft and pump column, cleaning and inspection of the well, the replacement of damaged pump column sections, installation of a new pump, and disinfection of the well. The work began January 12, 2026. The work is anticipated to be complete within 3 months.
- Staff recommends that the Board reaffirm the emergency status needed to prevent a delay that would have resulted from a competitive solicitation for bids/competitive pricing requirements of the Public Contract Code or this Policy and authorize a construction contract with Bartley Pump PM LLC for emergency well repair services in an amount of \$494,000, which includes 10% contingency.

**FUNDING:**

Funding is available in Fund 120 – Water Enterprise Renewal/Replacement & System-Wide Improvements.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution

ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Reaffirm Emergency Procurement of Services to Repair Stoneridge Well**

WHEREAS, Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is committed to delivering safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water and flood protection services; and

WHEREAS, this proposed action is in support of Zone 7's Strategic Plan Goal B: Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure – Provide customers with reliable water supply and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Zone 7's Purchasing Policy, Section 5, "Emergency purchases may be necessary when unforeseen circumstances require an immediate purchase to avoid a substantial hazard to life, property or serious interruption of Agency operations. The requirement for competitive bidding may be waived in the case of an emergency. In accordance with the Public Contract Code Section 22050 (b), the Board of Directors delegates the authority to declare an emergency to the General Manager until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting where the Purchasing Agent will report emergency conditions to the Board for informational and/or reaffirmation purposes"; and

WHEREAS, the emergency repair or replacement of the Stoneridge Well pump is required "to forestall a shutdown of essential public services" and "permit the continued operation or service of the Agency"; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, as authorized by the Purchasing Policy, Section 5, declared an emergency and authorized a contract with Bartley Pump PM LLC, for \$494,000, which includes 10% contingency, to provide emergency repair services for the Stoneridge Well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District does hereby reaffirm the emergency status declared by the General Manager to procure services for the repair of Stoneridge Well to avoid the delay that would result from a competitive solicitation for bids/competitive pricing requirements of the Public Contract Code or this Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District does hereby reaffirm and authorize the contract with Bartley Pump PM LLC, for \$494,000, including a 10% contingency, to provide emergency repair services for Stoneridge Well.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on January 21, 2026.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Directors



**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Office of the General Manager

**CONTACT:** Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Board Workshop on the Board Policy on Conducting Business

**SUMMARY:**

- The proposed action is in support of Strategic Plan Goal F – Effective Operations: Provide the Agency with effective leadership, administration and governance. The Board adopted the attached revised Board Policy on Conducting Business on August 20, 2025, via Resolution No. 25-71.
- General Counsel will provide a workshop on the revised Policy and its key elements.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information only.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Board Policy on Conducting Business

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>POLICY TITLE:</b> <b>Board Policy on Conducting Business</b>	<b>NUMBER:</b> <b>2012-02</b>	<b>PAGE:</b> <b>1 of 10</b>
<b>APPROVED BY:</b> <b>Zone 7 Board</b>	<b>REVISION:</b> <b>4</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> <b>August 20, 2025</b>

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## **1. AUTHORITY**

Zone 7 Water Agency ("Agency") is a special district formed and operating under the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act ("District Act"). The Agency is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors. The Board is the legislative body that governs the Agency, sets the Agency's policies, hires its General Manager, appoints its officers, and is ultimately responsible and accountable to the residents of Zone 7. It exercises these powers pursuant to Section 36 of the District Act.

## **2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy provides guidelines on the roles, responsibilities, duties, practices and procedures, and authority of the Board and individual Directors.

These rules of procedure are intended to help implement, but do not limit or supersede, the state and local laws that govern the requirements and responsibilities for the Agency's Board meetings. Those laws include, but are not limited to the Brown Act, the Political Reform Act, and the District Act. These rules of procedure are not intended to limit the inherent power or the general legal authority of the Board of Directors, and failure to follow these rules will not invalidate a Board action.

## **3. ROLE OF THE BOARD**

The Board of Directors is the legislative body and unit of authority within the Agency. Power is centralized in the elected Board collectively and not in an individual Director. The Board is the official body responsible for setting agency policies and priorities.

The Board strives to promote the best interest of the public by establishing policies that support the mission, vision and core values of the organization and by ensuring the implementation of those policies. It is responsible for fiscal stewardship of the Agency, and it provides policy direction to the General Manager, who will in turn manage the day-to-day operations of the organization. Directors have no individual authority unless authorized by the Board and may not commit (nor represent that they can commit) the Agency to any policy, act, or expenditure.

## **4. PRINCIPLES OF BOARD MEMBER CONDUCT**

Board Members will work as a team, in cooperation with other public officials, to serve the best interests of the Agency and its constituents. Directors agree to hold themselves to high standards of conduct in connection with their service as public officials. These include, for example:

- *A commitment to thorough preparation and regular attendance at Board meetings.*  
Directors will read all agenda materials and come to meetings prepared for discussion.

Directors are responsible for promptly notifying the Board President or Committee Chair (as applicable) and Board Secretary of anticipated absences, and for coordinating with the Board Secretary to ensure that any remote meeting participation is in full compliance with Brown Act requirements.

- *A commitment to treating one another, members of the public, and Agency staff with respect and courtesy at all times.* Directors shall afford due respect for others' differing opinions and viewpoints. They shall be courteous and shall not engage in personal attacks or make malicious or offensive statements or comments during the conduct of Agency business.
- *A commitment to professionalism in their interactions with the Board and the public.* Directors will provide any comments on agenda items with a focus on comments that are relevant, thoughtful, clear, and succinct. Directors are encouraged to avoid public statements that conflict with Board-adopted policy and decisions. When expressing personal views concerning matters affecting the Agency, Directors should clearly disclose them as such to avoid any confusion regarding the position of the Agency.

In carrying out their duties, Board members shall bear in mind the Board's role, the Agency's mission, and the interests of the constituency the Board serves. Board Members will comply with applicable laws and Agency policies regulating their conduct, including conflict of interest rules, financial disclosure and open government laws, and this Policy on Conducting Business.

## 5. BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees of the Board are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), which sets basic requirements for the noticing, public comment, and content of local agency meetings. Where existing law or this Policy is silent on the procedure for a meeting, the Board will rely on [Rosenberg's Rules of Order: Simple Parliamentary Procedures for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#), League of California Cities, 2011.

### 5.1 Types of Meetings

By law, a "meeting" of a public agency's Board occurs whenever a majority of the members of that body convene at the same time and place to hear, discuss or deliberate upon any matter which is under the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency. There are four types of Board meetings: regular, special, adjourned, and emergency:

- **Regular Board Meetings:** Most Agency business is conducted at regular Board meetings. The dates, times, and locations of regular Board meetings are established by resolution of the Board. The agenda for regular Board meetings must be posted in a public place at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

- **Special Board Meetings:** These meetings are held to discuss a special topic, to conduct a workshop, or anytime a Board meeting must be held at a different date, time, or location than the regular Board meeting. These meetings must be noticed 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- **Adjourned Board Meetings:** A Board meeting may be adjourned by the Board to another date, time, and place if the business of that meeting has not been completed or if the Board's deliberations would benefit from continuing the meeting at another time or in another location. If less than a quorum is present, the Directors who are present can adjourn the meeting to another date, time, and place.
- **Emergency Board Meetings:** The Board may hold an emergency Board meeting when prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities. Special noticing requirements apply to emergency meetings; the General Manager and Board Secretary will consult with General Counsel in convening and noticing emergency meetings.

## 5.2 Meeting Time and Location

Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Agency's Boardroom located at 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, California.

Special and emergency meetings of the Board may be held at any other time or day, subject to appropriate notice. Board meetings must generally be conducted within the boundaries of the Agency; staff will coordinate with the Agency's General Counsel in those limited circumstances where a meeting must be conducted outside the Agency's boundaries.

## 5.3 Quorum; Board Action and Direction

Four directors constitute a quorum of the Board. From time to time, the law may impose more stringent requirements for convening or conducting a meeting: for example, the Brown Act's requirement that a quorum of Directors participate from within the boundaries of the agency in certain circumstances where remote participation will occur. Directors are encouraged to consult the Agency's General Counsel with any questions.

The Board takes formal action on an item following a simple majority vote of the members present, unless a greater number of votes are otherwise required by law. A member abstaining in a vote is considered as absent for that vote; a member abstaining due to a conflict of interest does not count towards a quorum.

The Board may also give directions that are not a formal action of the Board or Agency. Most commonly, such informal actions would include the Board's directives and instructions to staff in response to a particular agenda item. In such cases, the President shall determine by consensus a Board directive and shall state it for clarification. Should any two Directors challenge the statement of the President, a voice vote may be requested. Board direction of this sort shall only occur regarding matters that appear on that meeting's agenda.

#### **5.4 Committee Meetings**

Zone 7 Water Agency maintains both standing and ad-hoc committees to facilitate the efficient management of Agency issues. The Board President shall be responsible for determining the Board committees and committee assignments no later than the first regularly scheduled Board meeting in August of each year. If a Board member is not satisfied with the committee or his/her assignment, that member may take his/her request or complaint to the Board for consideration and action at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Committee meetings include less than a quorum of the Board and are held on an "as needed" basis in consultation with the Board President and General Manager. Non-Committee members who wish to observe or participate in a committee meeting should consult with the Board Secretary to ensure that appropriate noticing procedures are followed.

### **6. MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Meetings of the Board of Directors will generally proceed along the following order of business:

- **Call to Order.** The President of the Board shall call the meeting to order by striking the gavel. If the President is absent, the Vice President shall call the meeting to order. The President or their designee shall then lead the Directors, staff, and public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
- **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.** The presiding officer will request that the Board Secretary perform a roll call, whereupon any Directors required to make special announcements to comply with remote meeting participation requirements may do so.
- **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.** This portion of the agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board of Directors on an item of interest to the public that is within the Agency's subject matter jurisdiction but is not listed on the posted agenda. The Board will not be able to act on matters brought to its attention under this item until a future board meeting. The Board may seek clarification or follow-up from staff where appropriate.
- **Approval of Minutes.** At each regular Board meeting, the Board receives draft summary minutes of recent regular and special Board meetings. The Board considers and approves each set of minutes by motion. The Board has the sole discretion to approve the contents and the format of the minutes.

- **Consent Calendar.** Matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and generally are acted upon by a single, consolidated motion. The consent calendar portion of the agenda is for routine items such as resolutions confirming actions from a previous meeting, the processing of administrative items, the acceptance of public improvements, and other routine items requiring Board approval. Any Director may pull an item from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion. The removed items are then discussed and considered individually.
- **Action Items and Informational Presentations.** Following the approval of the consent calendar, each action item or informational item on the agenda will be presented to the Board by staff. Following the presentation of the item, the President of the Board will solicit questions from the Board. At this stage, Directors are limited to asking technical or clarifying questions of Agency staff and consultants on the item but shall not express personal opinion or debate the merits of the item under consideration. When Director questions have concluded, the presiding officer will call for public comment on the item. Members of the public must adhere to the posted time limits for public comment. The Board will receive public comments but will not engage in debate or dialogue with commenters. Following public comment, the presiding officer will solicit any comments from Directors regarding the item. The presiding officer will then entertain a motion and vote on the item, as applicable. Generally, a Director speaks on an item for the second time only after every other Director who wishes to speak has had a chance to speak for the first time.
- **Director Reports.** During the Director Reports item, Directors should limit reports to topics or activities related to the Agency's mission. These reports shall be limited to five minutes per Director. If the Director has additional information to share with the Board, such information shall be provided in advance to the General Manager as a written report that can be included in the agenda package.
- **Items for Future Agendas.** During this item, Directors may request topics to be included on future agendas. Items raised during this portion of the agenda may be placed on a future Board meeting agenda by a majority vote of the Board. In the alternative, a Director may request that an item be placed onto the board agenda by submitting a written request to the President of the Board and General Manager for consideration no later than 10 business days prior to the scheduled Board meeting.
- **Staff Reports.** During the Staff Reports item, staff will provide updates on Agency activities not already covered on the agenda. These updates will generally accompany a written report and are an informational item only.
- **Adjournment.** The presiding officer will adjourn the meeting and announce the time of adjournment for the record.

## **7. BOARD OFFICERS**

The Board of Directors selects officers annually at the first regular Board meeting of the fiscal year, through a vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board President serves as the presiding officer at Board meetings. The President is responsible for facilitating the meeting; for keeping the Board focused on the agenda at hand; for providing appropriate avenues for public participation; and for maintaining proper and appropriate parliamentary procedure and agenda management (e.g., ensure that actions are taken with proper motions and seconds). The Board President may make motions, discuss items, and vote on items like any other Board member, though as the presiding officer the President will allow other Directors to complete their comments or provide any desired motions before offer personal comments. The Board President is responsible for determining the Board committees and committee assignments no later than the first regularly scheduled Board meeting in August of each year. The President acts as the ceremonial head of the agency and may be required to execute documents or perform ceremonial functions on the agency's behalf.

The Board Vice President assumes the duties of the President in the President's absence and is responsible for presiding over Board meetings in the event that the President is absent or otherwise unavailable to conduct the meeting. If the President is participating in the meeting remotely, the Vice President will preside over the meeting.

## **8. BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND STAFFING**

The Board appoints five Agency positions: General Manager, General Counsel, Independent Auditor, Board Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors recognizes that each participant in the conduct of the Agency's business plays a unique role in carrying out the mission of the Agency. Certain roles and expectations are defined in greater detail below.

### **8.1 General Manager.**

The Agency's General Manager serves by appointment of the Board. The General Manager is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations of the Agency, consistent with the policy direction provided by the Board. The Board provides policy direction and general instructions to the General Manager on matters within the authority of the Board by the requisite vote of the Board during duly convened Board meetings.

The General Manager's responsibilities include the authority to set the duties and manage the work flow of Agency employees; to make decisions regarding the day-to-day operations and long term maintenance of the Agency's water system, flood control, and other facilities; to hire and discharge agency employees, consistent with Agency policy and County of Alameda Civil Service Rules; to expend or direct Agency resources or within the scope of authority delegated by the Board and consistent with Board direction. Directors will deal with matters within the

authority of the General Manager through the General Manager and not through other Agency employees.

Agency staff are appointed under and pursuant to the civil service rules and regulations of the County of Alameda and are employed through Alameda County Civil Service. Board Members with questions or requests related to Agency matters will make those requests directly to the General Manager, who shall be responsible for responding to or delegating the request. Board Members will refrain from making requests directly to other Agency employees.

The Board will evaluate the General Manager at least annually, consistent with the terms of the General Manager's employment contract. The purpose of the evaluation is to strengthen the relationship between the Board of Directors and the General Manager; to identify performance objectives for the General Manager; and to provide feedback to the General Manager and identify areas where improvements may be needed.

## **8.2 General Counsel.**

The Board appoints the Agency's General Counsel, and the General Counsel in turn reports to the Board. General Counsel is responsible for providing legal guidance on matters within the Agency's purview. The General Counsel's attorney-client relationship is with the Agency, and not with any individual Board member or employee. Members of the Board may request non-confidential, factual information from the General Counsel, but will not separately direct legal work.

Substantive or strategic legal work should be performed in coordination with the General Manager or appropriate staff, and consistent with the policy direction and general instructions provided by the Board to the General Manager, staff, or General Counsel as appropriate. The General Counsel may undertake analyses, prepare agreements and correspondence, negotiate with other parties, and evaluate risk, but may not bind the Agency without appropriately delegated authority from the Board.

The Board may evaluate the General Counsel periodically. The purpose of the evaluation is to strengthen the relationship between the Board of Directors and the General Counsel; to identify performance objectives for the General Counsel; and to provide feedback to the General Counsel and identify areas where improvements may be needed.

## **8.3 Independent Auditor.**

The Board selects and appoints an independent auditor to support the Board and Agency by performing certain duties and responsibilities such as conducting an annual audit of the Agency's financial statements in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards, and to provide comments or recommendations resulting from the auditor's review of systems of internal controls in connection with the financial audit. Consistent with industry best practices, the Agency will consider a change to its independent auditor at least once every 5 years.

#### **8.4 Board Secretary and Treasurer.**

The Board appoints a Board Secretary and a Treasurer to support the Board and the Agency by performing certain duties and responsibilities established by law for said positions. These positions are typically appointed from among Agency staff and may be reappointed or reassigned at the pleasure of the Board.

### **9. VIOLATIONS OF THE POLICY ON CONDUCTING BUSINESS**

A perceived violation of this Policy by a Board Member should be referred to the President of the Board or the Board of Directors for investigation, and consideration of any appropriate action warranted. A violation of this policy may be addressed by the use of such remedies as are available by law to the Agency.

A Board Member will not use or threaten to use any official authority or influence to affect any action as a reprisal against a Director or Agency employee who reports or otherwise brings to the attention of the General Manager, General Counsel, Board President, Assistant General Manager, or other legal authority any information regarding the subjects described in this Policy.

### **10. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC OFFICE**

In addition to the District Act, the Agency is governed by relevant provisions of the California Water Code, the California Government Code, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Political Reform Act, and other laws and regulations pertaining to California public agencies. This Policy does not override those legal obligations, and in the event of a conflict, those prevailing statutory requirements will control. Directors are expected to engage in regular continuing education, and to work closely with General Counsel regarding these requirements. Directors will conduct themselves at all times to avoid any appearance of impropriety in their conduct of Agency business.

### **11. OTHER IMPORTANT MATERIALS**

To be an effective Director, Directors should be familiar with several important documents. These are typically provided at Director orientation and can also be obtained from the Board Secretary or General Manager. These include but are not limited to: The District Act; Rosenberg's Rules of Order; the Ralph M. Brown Act; the California Public Records Act; Agency-adopted budgets; Agency strategic plans and planning reports; and Agency policies.

**HISTORY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
December 17, 2008	Originally adopted	09-3266
February 15, 2012	Amended	12-4162
September 19, 2012	Amended	13-4217
August 20, 2025	Amended	25-71

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Office of the General Manager  
**CONTACT:** Chris Hentz

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Authorize an Agreement with Dublin San Ramon Services District for Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, and in support of Strategic Plan Goal B – Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, Goal C – Safe Water, and Goal D – Groundwater Management, Zone 7 proposes entering into a Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements Agreement (Agreement) with Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD).
- Zone 7 is planning to design and construct a treatment plant to remove per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to restore groundwater production and water supply reliability from the Mocho Wellfield. The Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and associated facilities are proposed to be located at the site of the existing Mocho Well No. 3 at the corner of Stoneridge and Santa Rita on land owned by DSRSD and by the City of Pleasanton.
- Zone 7 is planning to expand the capacity of the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant (MGDP) within its existing footprint to enhance salt management efforts in the Tri-Valley. This project combined with the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant are referred to as the Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements.
- Zone 7 and DSRSD have entered into mutually beneficial agreements, including agreements addressing water supply commitments, Mocho Well No. 3 and 4 and MGDP, salt management in the Tri-Valley, and supplying DSRSD's Groundwater Pumping Quota:
  - Contract Between Zone 7 Water Agency and Dublin San Ramon Services District for a Municipal and Industrial Water Supply (Water Supply Agreement), dated August 23, 1994 and amended February 7, 2000; and,
  - Agreement Granting Zone 7 Permission to Construct and Operate a Municipal Well and Providing Terms for Delivery of Dublin San Ramon Services District's Groundwater Pumping Quota (Well Agreement), dated June 20, 2000, as amended on June 22, 2005, and December 22, 2021; and
  - Memorandum of Understanding Between Dublin San Ramon Services District and Zone 7 for Cooperative Effort Regarding Groundwater Demineralization and Storage within the Livermore-Amador Valley (2004 Cooperative MOU), dated April 20, 2004; and,

- Easement agreement under which DSRSD granted Zone 7 an easement to use property DSRSD to operate, maintain, repair, replace, and improve Mocho Well No. 4 and the MGDP, dated September 13, 2012.
- Zone 7 and DSRSD propose entering into the Agreement to support the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and expansion of the MGDP, including granting rights-of-way required for the planned Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant Project, enhancing salt management in the Tri-Valley, and consolidating terms of existing agreements, as described below.
- Staff recommend the Board authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements consistent with the terms set forth herein.

### **Key terms of the Agreement**

- DSRSD will grant Zone 7 a non-exclusive easement to the property (APN 946-3200-5-4, shown in Exhibit A) to construct, operate, maintain, renew and replace facilities associated with the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and to continue to operate, maintain, renew, replace and expand the existing MGDP.
- DSRSD will decline its option to purchase Mocho Well No. 4 and Zone 7 will incorporate provisions from the Well Agreement into the planned renewal of the Water Supply Contract between DSRSD and Zone 7 requiring Zone 7 to deliver DSRSD's Groundwater Pumping Quota.
- DSRSD will grant Zone 7 a non-exclusive easement for continued use of the Camp Parks Brine Disposal Pipeline, required to dispose concentrate from the MGDP, and Zone 7 will accept responsibility, risk and liability for operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the pipeline.
- Other commitments, terms and conditions from the Well Agreement and 2004 Cooperative MOU are incorporated into and superseded by the Agreement and renewal of the Water Supply Contract, after which those agreements will terminate.
- DSRSD agrees to apply the appraised market value of the permanent non-exclusive easement (\$3,900) for the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant as DSRSD's financial contribution to water quality management improvements outlined in the Agreement.

### **FUNDING:**

There is no funding impact.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an Agreement between Zone 7 Water Agency and the Dublin San Ramon Services District for the Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution
- Exhibit A – Site Map of the Proposed Grant of Easement Area

ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Agreement with Dublin San Ramon Services District for  
Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements**

WHEREAS, in support of Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, and in support of Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Goal B – Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, Goal C – Safe Water, and Goal D – Groundwater Management, Zone 7 proposes entering into a Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements Agreement (Agreement) with Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD); and

WHEREAS, Zone 7 is planning to design and construct a treatment plant to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to restore groundwater production and water supply reliability from the Mocho Wellfield, known as the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, Zone 7 is planning to expand the capacity of the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant, which together with the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant are referred to as the Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant facilities are proposed to be located at the site of the existing Mocho Well No. 3 at the corner of Stoneridge and Santa Rita on land owned by DSRSD and by the City of Pleasanton; and,

WHEREAS, Zone 7 and DSRSD entered into an Agreement Granting Zone 7 Permission to Construct and Operate a Municipal Well on Camp Parks Well Site and Providing Terms for Delivery of Dublin San Ramon Services District's Groundwater Pumping Quota, dated June 20, 2000, as amended on June 22, 2005 and December 22, 2021, provided for DSRSD to grant an easement to Zone 7 to use property (APN 946-3200-5-5) for construction, operation, and maintenance of Mocho Well No. 4, the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant, and other water related facilities, in exchange for Zone 7's delivery of DSRSD's Groundwater Pumping Quota and an option for DSRSD to purchase Mocho Well No. 4 by January 1, 2027.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2004, Zone 7 and DSRSD entered into a Memorandum of Understanding Between Dublin San Ramon Services District and Zone 7 for Cooperative Effort Regarding Groundwater Demineralization and Storage within the Livermore-Amador Valley to guide cooperative efforts to identify and implement possible projects to support Zone 7's implementation of the groundwater demineralization program portion of the Salt Management Plan, DSRSD's wastewater disposal needs, and DSRSD's local recycled water projects; and,

WHEREAS, On September 13, 2012, DSRSD and Zone 7 entered into an Easement Agreement under which DSRSD granted Zone 7 an easement to use property DSRSD obtained from the United States of America (APN 946-3200-5-5) to operate, maintain, repair, replace,

and improve Mocho Well No. 4, the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant, and all other water related facilities located on the property; and,

WHEREAS, Zone 7 and DSRSD desire to continue working together on cooperative efforts in support of improving long-term water resiliency and water quality for the Tri-Valley and customers of the Dublin San Ramon Services District; and,

WHEREAS, DSRSD will grant Zone 7 a non-exclusive easement to the property (APN 946-3200-5-4, shown in Exhibit A) to construct, operate, maintain, renew and replace facilities associated with the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and to continue to operate, maintain, renew, replace and expand the existing MGDP; and,

WHEREAS, DSRSD will decline its option to purchase Mocho Well No. 4 and Zone 7 will incorporate provisions from the Well Agreement into the planned renewal of the Water Supply Contract between DSRSD and Zone 7 requiring Zone 7 to deliver DSRSD’s Groundwater Pumping Quota; and,

WHEREAS, DSRSD will grant Zone 7 a non-exclusive easement for continued use of the Camp Parks Brine Disposal Pipeline, required to dispose concentrate from the MGDP, and Zone 7 will accept responsibility, risk and liability for operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the pipeline; and,

WHEREAS, other commitments, terms and conditions from the Well Agreement and 2004 Cooperative MOU are incorporated into and superseded by the Agreement and renewal of the Water Supply Contract, after which those agreements will terminate; and,

WHEREAS, DSRSD will apply the appraised market value of the permanent non-exclusive easement for the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant as DSRSD’s financial contribution to water quality management improvements outlined in the Agreement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District hereby authorizes the General Manager to negotiate and execute an Agreement between Zone 7 Water Agency and the Dublin San Ramon Services District for the Mocho Wellfield Water Quality Improvements consistent with the terms identified herein.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on January 21, 2026.  
  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Directors



Easement Area  
(APN 946-3200-5-4)  
to be granted by DSRSD  
to Zone 7

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Groundwater  
**CONTACT:** Colleen Winey/Ken Minn

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Update on the Regional Groundwater Facilities Improvement Project – Phase I  
Feasibility Study Results

**SUMMARY:**

- To support the Mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) partnered with the City of Pleasanton to evaluate the feasibility of a Joint Regional Groundwater Facilities Project (the joint project) in the Bernal subbasin. This action supports Strategic Plan Goal B – Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, Goal C – Safe Water, and Goal D – Groundwater Management. It is also to implement Strategic Plan Initiative #5 – Develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs, Initiative #9 – Implement the PFAS Management Strategy, and Initiative #11 - Manage the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- Zone 7 has been exploring the Bernal subbasin to recover the groundwater production capacity, which has been reduced due to out-of-commission wells and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment process, and to meet projected future demands. The City of Pleasanton is also planning to install new groundwater wells to recover its annual groundwater pumping quota of 3,500 acre-feet.
- If feasible, installing additional groundwater wells in the Bernal subbasin will enable Zone 7 to become more resilient to multi-year droughts by providing additional groundwater supply, operational flexibility, and redundancy, thereby increasing water supply reliability. The project could be upsized to accommodate Pleasanton’s groundwater pumping quota.
- Developing a joint project with the City of Pleasanton will be mutually beneficial, as it will enable both parties to achieve significant cost savings through economies of scale, minimize the impact on the local community and environment, and gain operational efficiencies through centralized treatment.
- Zone 7’s existing infrastructure, including the distribution system and the water treatment facilities at Hopyard well field, can be upgraded to make integrating new production wells to the existing system more cost-effective and efficient without the need to construct a new (non-PFAs) groundwater treatment facility. Groundwater treatment typically includes the addition of standard disinfectants.

- Phase I of the project, the feasibility study, has involved installing up to three test wells on the City of Pleasanton's property to assess potential yields at these locations and analyze groundwater quality. It also involved analyzing PFAS mobilization using the newly developed groundwater flow model and developing a basis of design for the transmission pipeline and water treatment facility upgrades at the Hopyard well field. Preliminary results were presented to the Board at the June 18, 2025, meeting.
- The feasibility study and the Basis of Design Report (BODR) were completed on December 31, 2025. The City of Pleasanton and Zone 7 Staff will analyze the study findings and the BODR to determine the optimal number and locations of wells, pipelines, and facility upgrades, roles and responsibilities, and terms of cost-sharing, construction, and O&M agreements.
- At the January 21 Board meeting, the findings of the Feasibility Study will be presented. The discussion at the January 21 Board meeting will not include next steps. That discussion would occur after staff from Zone 7 and Pleasanton have fully reviewed the Feasibility Study and have worked together to recommend next steps.

**FUNDING:**

No funding is requested at this time.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information only.

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Office of the General Manager

**CONTACT:** Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Authorize General Manager to Approve Reassignment of Sites Reservoir Capacity among Project Participants

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) has been participating in the planning phase of Sites Reservoir Project (Project). This action aligns with Strategic Plan Goal B – Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure and Strategic Plan Initiative #5 – Develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs.
- The Project seeks to construct Sites Reservoir, a new off-stream reservoir located 75 miles northwest of Sacramento. The Project can provide both new water supply and water storage to Zone 7. Sites Reservoir is intended to capture and store excess stormwater flows from the Sacramento River, after all other water rights and regulatory requirements are met. The stored water can be released later to meet the needs of the Project participants. The Project's benefits are expected to improve with climate change. This is because Sites Reservoir is not reliant on snowpack and is intended to fill during major storm events, which are forecasted to be more frequent and extreme under climate change.
- The Sites Project Authority was formed in 2010 as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) by several Sacramento Valley public entities to advance the Project. Zone 7 has been participating in the Project since 2016 with continuing authorizations from the Zone 7 Board. In 2020, the Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute future extensions of the Sites Reservoir Project Agreement involving no additional cash contributions by Zone 7. There are currently 23 participants in the project, including the State and federal government.
- Section 11 of the Sites Reservoir Project Agreement provides that the rights and duties of the Project Agreement Members may not be assigned or delegated without the written consent of the other Project Agreement Members and the Authority. When a Sites participant wishes to assign its storage capacity to another participant, it must obtain the written consent of the Authority Board and each Sites Reservoir Committee member.

- At the December 19, 2025 Board meeting, the Sites JPA approved the first reassignment request, or 6,234 acre-feet of storage from Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage Replenishment District to Santa Clara Valley Water District. The transaction now requires written consent from each of the 28 Sites Project participants. Zone 7 is not a party to the proposed assignment transaction, and the assignment would not involve any additional cash contributions from Zone 7.
- Staff recommends the Board of Directors provide written consent to the December 19, 2025 assignment request.
- To process these and similar administrative requests in a timely manner, staff further recommends that the Board of Directors delegates to the General Manager the authority to provide written consent to these and other administrative requests under the Sites Reservoir Project Agreement, provided that those requests do not materially alter Zone 7's rights in the Site project and do not involve any additional cash contributions from Zone 7.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution

ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Authorize General Manager to Approve Reassignment of  
Sites Reservoir Capacity among Project Participants**

WHEREAS, Zone 7 Water Agency continues to proactively seek ways to enhance storage flexibility, diversify its water supply portfolio, and improve long-term water supply reliability for the Livermore-Amador Valley; and

WHEREAS, findings from the 2019 Water Supply Evaluation Update indicate that the Sites Reservoir Project could significantly improve the reliability of Zone 7's water supply system by providing storage and new water supply; and

WHEREAS, The Sites Project Authority was formed in 2010 as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) by several Sacramento Valley public entities to advance the Project. Zone 7 has been participating in the Project since 2016 with continuing authorizations from the Zone 7 Board; and

WHEREAS, the Sites Reservoir Project Agreement allows project participants to assign their rights and duties under that Agreement with the written consent of the Sites Authority and each of the Project Agreement participants; and

WHEREAS, among those rights and duties that may be assigned, the Sites Reservoir Project Agreement allows for the assignment of storage capacity between current participants, subject to the written consent of the Authority Board and each Sites Reservoir Committee member; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the timely implementation of the Sites Reservoir Project Agreement, staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to provide written consent to requests for assignments of rights and duties, including the assignment of storage capacity, between Sites Project participants; and

WHEREAS, this authority shall be limited to consenting to those requests for assignment or delegation that (1) do not materially alter Zone 7's rights under the Project Agreement; and (2) involve no additional cash contributions from Zone 7; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District authorizes the General Manager to provide written consent to the proposed reassignment of capacity between Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage Replenishment District to Santa Clara Valley Water District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District delegates to the General Manager to consent to these and similar proposed assignments for the purposes of administering the Sites Reservoir Project Agreement, provided that authority shall be limited to consenting to those requests that are administrative in nature, and do not materially alter Zone 7's rights under the Project Agreement or involve any additional cash contributions from Zone 7.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on January 21, 2026.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Directors

ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SUMMARY NOTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

December 8, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Dawn Benson  
Sandy Figuers  
Sarah Palmer

Staff Present: Valerie Pryor, General Manager  
Chris Hentz, Assistant General Manager – Engineering  
Osborn Solitei, Treasurer/Assistant General Manager – Finance  
Donna Fabian, Executive Assistant to the General Manager/Board Secretary

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### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Director Palmer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

### **3. Continued Discussion of a Candidate Statement Funding Policy**

Valerie Pryor, General Manager, provided a brief overview, noting that the Committee had previously recommended no funding for candidate statements, consistent with past practice. Following additional discussion at the November 19, 2025, Board meeting, staff was asked to return with options, including partial funding and considerations for indigent candidates. Ms. Pryor outlined five options for the Committee's consideration, including funding 50 percent of costs, a flat amount of \$1,000 per candidate, continuation of past practice with no funding, and options related to indigent candidates.

Director Benson expressed support for continuing past practice with no funding for candidate statements and no provision for indigent candidates. She emphasized that campaigning is part of running for office and noted concerns about the difficulty and fairness of determining indigent status.

Director Figuers acknowledged the rising costs of candidate statements and the increasing limitations on traditional campaigning methods. While he understood the rationale for providing funding, he ultimately supported keeping the Agency out of the election process and continuing past practice with no funding.

Director Palmer stated that candidates should be responsible for campaigning and engaging with the public and expressed concern about placing the responsibility of determining indigent status on staff. While she acknowledged the increasing costs associated with candidate statements, she indicated that Zone 7 should not fund them. She noted that she would be open to a limited compromise, such as a capped amount per candidate, but ultimately supported maintaining current practice.

The Committee agreed to recommend continuing past practice by providing no funding for candidate statements and not establishing provisions for indigent candidates. The Committee directed staff to revise the draft policy accordingly and forward it to the Board for consideration.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Director Palmer adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SUMMARY NOTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

December 9, 2025  
3:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Dawn Benson  
Catherine Brown  
Kathy Narum

Staff Present: Valerie Pryor, General Manager  
Osborn Solitei, Treasurer/Assistant General Manager – Finance  
Teri Yasuda, Accounting Manager  
Lizzie Foss, Financial Analyst  
JaVia Green, Financial Analyst  
Donna Fabian, Executive Assistant to the General Manager/Board Secretary

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### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Director Benson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

### **3. Independent Auditors' Report and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

David Alvey, Partner with Maze & Associates, Zone 7's independent external auditor, presented the Independent Auditors' Report and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Mr. Alvey explained that the audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and Government Auditing Standards, and provided an overview of the audit process, results, financial highlights, and the memorandum on internal controls.

Mr. Alvey described the audit timeline, noting that interim audit work began in August and focused on internal controls, segregation of duties, compliance with purchasing policies, payroll testing, and journal entry procedures. The final audit phase occurred after the books were closed and included confirmation of balances, bank confirmations, legal and debt confirmations, and substantive testing of financial statement balances.

Mr. Alvey reported that Maze & Associates issued an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, representing the highest level of assurance a CPA firm can provide. He stated that, in the firm's independent judgment, the financial statements prepared by management were free from material misstatement and fairly presented. He further noted there were no

disagreements with management, no material misstatements identified, no concerns with accounting assumptions or estimates, and no scope limitations during the audit.

Financial highlights were reviewed, including an increase in total assets and deferred outflows of \$40.2 million (5.4%) over the prior year. Cash and investments increased by \$30.8 million (9.1%). Governmental revenues increased by \$3.8 million (19.7%), with significant growth in development impact fees and investment earnings. Proprietary revenues increased by \$26.4 million (20.4%), primarily due to higher water sales and connection fees.

Mr. Alvey explained the Agency's financial structure as a Special District with both governmental and proprietary funds, and reviewed the differences between modified accrual and full accrual accounting. Government-wide financial statements reflected total assets of \$784.3 million, deferred outflows of \$5.7 million, liabilities of \$120.2 million, deferred inflows of \$3.7 million, and net position of \$666.1 million, representing an increase of \$47.9 million over the prior year. Governmental funds ended the year with a fund balance of \$118.7 million, including \$85.3 million restricted and \$33.4 million committed. Proprietary funds ended the year with a net position of \$515.5 million, an increase of \$37.0 million.

The Committee reviewed the memorandum on internal control and required communications (management letter). Mr. Alvey reported that there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified. The only items noted were informational in nature, related to upcoming Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

Committee members asked questions regarding specific funds, including the Water Facilities Fund, deferred inflows and outflows related to pension and OPEB liabilities, non-major governmental funds, property tax handling through the County, and the increase in proprietary revenues. Staff and the auditor provided clarifications, confirming appropriate accounting treatment and internal controls.

Committee members expressed confidence in the Agency's financial position, reserves, and asset management, and commended staff and the auditor for the quality of the audit and financial reporting, particularly given the first year with a new audit firm.

The Finance Committee agreed to forward the Independent Auditors' Report and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, to the full Board for consideration.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

## January 2026 Board Meeting Report - PALMER

### REGION 5 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 | 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Sheraton San Diego Resort

**Board Members in Attendance:** Sarah Palmer, Mary Banister, Antonio Martinez, John Muller, John Weed, Floyd Wicks

#### Recap:

Vice Chair Sarah Palmer called the meeting to order. The region board members provided self-introductions. Palmer acknowledged any first-time attendees in the room and invited them to also provide self-introductions.

Vice President Ernie Avila provided an ACWA Update. Updates were provided about the Executive Director recruitment and ACWA's Strategic Plan. Avila thanked the region for their engagement in ACWA throughout the term and encouraged everyone to stay involved.

Kari Shively provided an update about the ACWA Foundation.

Region Board Member Antonio Martinez introduced Contra Costa WD Assistant General Manager Kyle Ochendusko to present his district's response to Golden Mussels. The presentation was followed by attendees sharing similar responses and impact stories from their agencies.

Palmer facilitated a roundtable discussion on region priorities. Priorities shared included:

- Small GSA's struggling to meet regulatory requirements
- Need for a mechanism to streamline data management for GSA, such as an AI solution
- Elevate Golden Mussel issue so it can be responded to more quickly
- SGMA – DACs need streamlined funding and more of it
- Prop 4 Money needs to get dispersed more quickly
- Overall regulatory streamlining – water right, permitting

Committee Reports were shared for the Agriculture, Energy, Federal Affairs, Groundwater, Local Government, State Legislative, Water Management, Water Quality, and Legal Affairs Committees.

Palmer acknowledged and congratulated Monterey Peninsula Water District on receiving ACWA's award for the Most Active Agency on Outreach in Region 5. General Manager David Stoldt and Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough were there to accept the award.

Melody McDonald provided an update on ACWA JPIA.

Palmer thanked out-going region board member Mary Banister for her service on the board.

Member Services Manager Katie Dahl provided an update on ACWA elections and the committee appointment process.

The meeting adjourned.

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Office of the General Manager  
**CONTACT:** Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** General Manager's Report

**SUMMARY:**

The following highlights several key activities that occurred last month. There were no General Manager contracts executed in December.

Integrated Water Resources:

On December 1, DWR announced an initial 2026 SWP allocation of 10%. This amounts to 8,060 AF to Zone 7. The allocation is typically adjusted as hydrologic and operational conditions develop throughout the year. The initial allocation was set based on several factors, including observed conditions through mid-November, assumed dry hydrologic conditions in 2026, SWP operational and regulatory requirements, and existing storage in SWP facilities, among other considerations. In December, treated water supply was comprised of 72% surface water and 28% groundwater.

**Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** The Department of Water Resources submitted its Certification for Delta Plan Consistency for the DCP to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) on October 17. Ten appeals were submitted, which will be heard by the DSC on February 26 and 27. The DSC is expected to issue a final decision on the certification in the following months. This is a key permit for the DCP.

On December 31, 2025, the California Third District Court of Appeals affirmed an unfavorable 2024 trial court decision on DWR's validation action filed in August 2020. The validation action sought to confirm DWR's authority to issue bonds for a Delta Program (i.e. DCP). The trial court found, and the appellate court affirmed, that DWR's 2020 Bond Resolutions for a Delta Program were overbroad and did not qualify as further modification of the Feather River Project under the Central Valley Project Act. While DWR had appealed the unfavorable trial court decision in hopes of a reversal, DWR has a parallel validation action in motion. In January of 2025, DWR adopted a new bond resolution addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2024 trial court decision and subsequently filed a separate validation action with the Sacramento Superior Court. That case is set for trial in March of 2026.

**Sites Reservoir:** The Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board met on December 19. The Sites Project Authority is continuing its recruitment for positions to support the next phase of the project. Recently, the Authority hired a Deputy Engineering and Construction Manager.

The Benefits and Obligations Contract, Bylaws, Joint Powers Agreement, and Operations Plan are expected to be finalized before the start of the Investor Commitment Period.

#### Engineering and Water Quality:

**PFAS Management:** As discussed in previous reports, Zone 7 continues to provide PFAS-clean water. All water supplied to our customers meets the regulatory standards set by the state and federal governments and, in almost all cases, the quality was significantly better than required. Zone 7 is committed to protecting public health and ensuring clean, safe water for all residents and has been at the forefront of PFAS monitoring and management since 2018. To inform the public about Zone 7's PFAS management strategy, we provided a comprehensive overview of the strategy at a Special Board Meeting held on September 4, 2024. We encourage interested people to review the meeting materials and watch the recording of the meeting.

- A copy of the presentation can be viewed here: [PFAS Management Update Presentation \(September 4, 2024\)](#)
- A video of the Special Board Meeting can be viewed [here](#).

**Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant:** The Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant will remove PFAS from Mocho wellfield supplies to meet drinking water standards and restore production capacity and water supply reliability. The proposed project site consists of adjacent parcels separately owned by the City of Pleasanton and Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD). Staff is currently conducting rights-of-way assessments and appraisals to facilitate the acquisition of these parcels. In response to the Request for Proposals issued on September 29, six proposals for Progressive Design-Build (PDB) services were received on December 29. Staff is currently evaluating these proposals, with a contract award targeted for April.

As per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Zone 7 is the Lead Agency for the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant project. In compliance with CEQA, Zone 7 has prepared the Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project and made it available for the required 30-day public review, as follows. **The public review period on this Draft IS/MND is set from Wednesday, January 7, 2026, through Wednesday, February 11, 2026.** Public noticing includes: filing of a notice at both the County Clerk and State Office of Planning and Research; postcard mailers to nearby residents; e-mails to 3 cities and DSRSD staff; two newspaper ads; signage at the project site; and social media posts. A Final IS/MND will be prepared considering comments received on the Draft IS/MND document. Staff plan to seek the Board's consideration and adoption of the Final IS/MND at the regular meeting on May 20, 2026. The Draft IS/MND is available here:

<https://www.zone7waterca.gov/environmental-review-documents>

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Office of the General Manager  
**CONTACT:** Donna Fabian

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** December Outreach Activities

**SUMMARY:**

In alignment with the Agency's 2025–2029 Strategic Plan Goal G – Stakeholder Engagement, Zone 7 is dedicated to fostering understanding of community needs, the Agency, and its functions. Initiative #19 emphasizes transparency and effective communication as essential for building trust and upholding our commitment to customer service and integrity. The Agency shares proactive updates, promotes key initiatives, and engages stakeholders through education campaigns, outreach programs, and digital tools. This report highlights progress and key activities that strengthen community relationships and advance these goals.

**Communications Updates:**

**2025 Annual Report:** A first draft of the 2024-2025 Online Annual Report is currently in review. Outreach planning to promote the report to the community is currently underway. Anticipated publish date is January 14, 2026.

**Mocho PFAS Outreach - CEQA Notification:** The team is working with the Project Managers to provide a folded mailer and signage to ensure the local community is aware of the review period for available environmental documents. Mailers are currently being distributed in the community.

**Press:**

- Staff sent out the [December e-newsletter](#).
- No press releases were sent in December.

**Digital Overview:**

**Website Overview**

- **Users:** 9,663 (+75.6%) | Page Views: 18,038 (+55%) | Sessions: 11,800 (+64.2%)
- **Top Pages:** Homepage (2,575), Fix-A-Leak (1047), Explore Permeability (1,044 total)
- **Traffic Sources:** Direct 57.5%, Google organic 18.96%, Organic Social 9.89%, Paid Search 3.76%, Referrals 7.1%

- **Highlights:** 2025 was a banner year for the website, with 74,946 users, a 26% increase over the number of users in 2024 (which also saw a 26% increase in users over 2024). For reference:
  - 2021 Users 48,013
  - 2022 Users 49,143
  - 2023 Users 46,981
  - 2024 Users 59,230
  - 2025 Users 74,946
- **NOTE:** Unusually high December traffic is partly attributed to internal sources (cross-referencing for annual report, auditing for contact form updates, etc.)

### **Social Media Snapshot**

- **Facebook:** 1,354 followers (+.01%), 13 posts (+44.4%), 95,893 impressions (+1,288.5%)
- **LinkedIn:** 875 followers (+15 followers in last 30 days) 203 Page Views, -23.6% Unique Visitors
- **YouTube:** 380 views (-93.90%), top video "Ground Water Recharge - Wondrous World of Water"
- **Highlight:** Paid campaign end dates impacted YouTube views, however, new 2026 campaign planning will help total video views rebound in the coming months.

### **Email Outreach (Mailchimp)**

- **Eblasts:** Sent: 3 | Deliveries: 5,596 | Avg. Open Rate: 38.7% | Clicks: 348
- **Highlight:** Open rates remain above industry average, though domain redirect challenges continue to impact engagement overall.

### **Key Takeaways**

- Audience engagement remains high with an overall banner year, particularly for website traffic.
- Paid social campaigns help drive traffic.
- Rebate and project pages show sustained interest from the public.

### **Outreach Updates**

#### **Schools' Program:**

Staff taught 47 lessons throughout the Zone 7 service area this month, with 60 lessons scheduled for the start of the new year.

## **In-Person Events:**

### **Lawrence Elementary School Family Science Night**

*Wednesday, January 14, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Lawrence Elementary School, Livermore*

Zone 7 has been invited to participate in Lawrence Elementary's Interactive Family Science Night. We look forward to engaging with students and their families through fun, hands-on activities that highlight the importance of water in our community.

### **Croce Elementary School Family Science Night**

*Thursday, January 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Croce Elementary School, Livermore*

Zone 7 has been invited to participate in Croce Elementary's Family Science Night. We look forward to once again engaging with Croce Elementary students and their family members.

### **Dublin Elementary School Family Science Night**

*Thursday, January 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Dublin Elementary School, Dublin*

Zone 7 has been invited to participate in Dublin Elementary's Family Science Night. We look forward to once again engaging with Dublin Elementary students and their families through fun, hands-on activities that highlight the importance of water in our community.

### **Marylin Avenue School Family Science Night**

*Tuesday, January 27, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Marilyn Avenue School, Livermore*

Once again, Zone 7 will partner with Marylin Avenue families to learn about the Upper Alameda Creek Watershed and the role that Zone 7 Water Agency plays in the community.

### **Granada High School Career Fair**

*Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 9:30-12:30 | Granada High School, Livermore.*

Zone 7 has been invited to host a booth with information about water industry-based jobs. Students will be invited to play a game that teaches the types of careers at Zone 7 and the educational paths leading to these. Zone 7 employees will be on hand to answer questions as well.

### **Livermore Science Odyssey**

*Thursday, February 26, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | Joe Michell School, Livermore*

Zone 7 will join other Livermore organizations in celebrating science at this district-wide annual event. We will engage with students and their families through a hands-on booth and sponsor a prize for the best water-focused project.

### **Smith Elementary School Family Science Night**

*Friday, March 20, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Smith Elementary School, Livermore*

Zone 7 has been invited to participate in Smith Elementary's Interactive Family Science Night. We look forward to engaging with students and their families through fun, hands-on activities that highlight the importance of water in our community.

### **Tri-Valley Innovation Fair**

*Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 10:00-5:00 | Alameda Fairgrounds.* Zone 7 will be represented at this hands-on event with over 50 exhibitors. We will have a staffed booth that will have interactive activities, our usual giveaways, and information about rebates.

### **Ag & Enviro Adventure Day**

*Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Livermore High School, Livermore*  
For the tenth year, Zone 7 will participate in this organized event for Livermore third graders, featuring an interactive, movement-based activity that highlights our watershed and its connection to the community.

### **Altamont Creek Earth Day Family Science Night**

*Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Altamont Creek Elementary School, Livermore*  
Zone 7 has been invited to participate alongside other exhibitors at this event focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. We look forward to engaging with Altamont Creek Elementary students and their families through fun, hands-on activities that highlight the importance of water in our community.

For the most up-to-date schedule of public events, please visit [www.zone7water.com/calendar](http://www.zone7water.com/calendar).

### **ATTACHMENT:**

December Website Dashboard

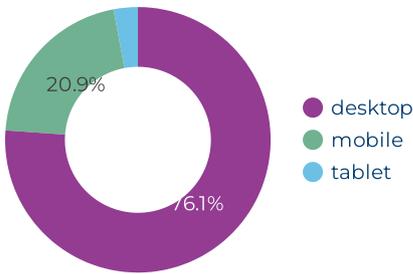
## Highlights:

Total users	Views
<b>9,663</b> ↑ 75.6%	<b>18,038</b> ↑ 55.0%
New users	Engagement rate
<b>9,225</b> ↑ 78.9%	<b>35.91%</b> ↓ -25.6%
Sessions	User engagement
<b>11.8K</b> ↑ 64.2%	<b>70:41:04</b> ↑ 14.2%

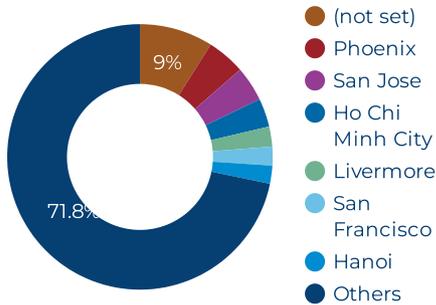
## Most visited pages on the website - users and pageviews

	Page title	Views ▾	Total users
1.	Zone 7 Water Agency - the Tri-Valley region's water wholesaler	2,575	1,967
2.	Page not found - Zone 7 Water Agency	1,153	469
3.	Join Water Wise Wendy's 2025 Fix-A-Leak Challenge! - Zone 7 Water Agency	1,047	984
4.	2. Explore Permeability - Zone 7 Water Agency	1,042	511
5.	Login required - Zone 7 Water Agency	801	799
6.	Careers - Zone 7 Water Agency	739	441
7.	Rebate: Water-Efficient Landscape Conversion - Zone 7 Water Agency	585	398
8.	Rebate: High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Zone 7 Water Agency	441	333

## Device Type:



## Users by City

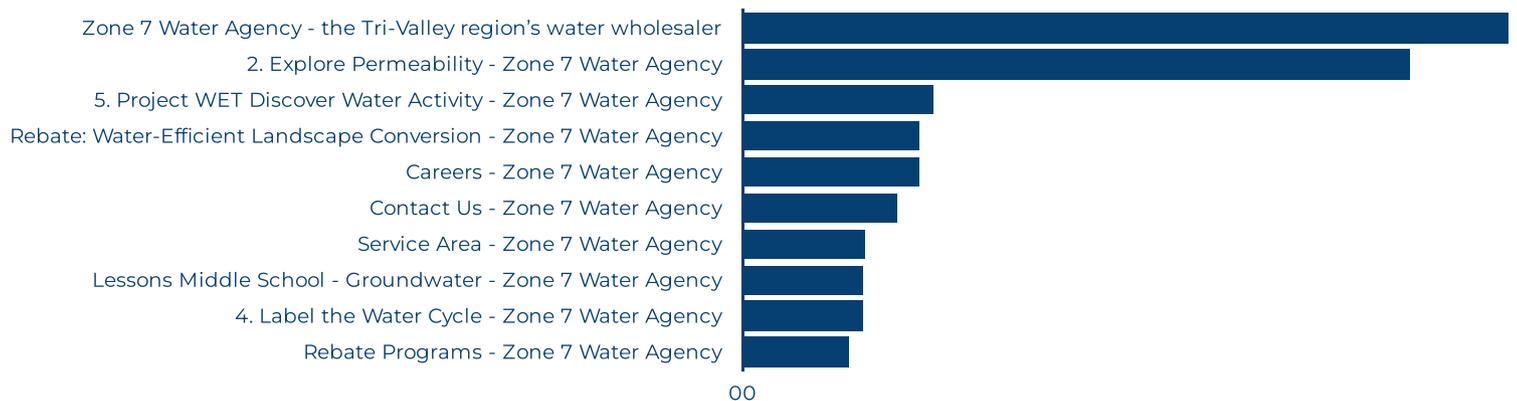


## Acquisition source/medium - where traffic sessions come from

	Session source	Session medium	Sessions ▾
1.	(direct)	(none)	6,850
2.	google	organic	1,938
3.	FB	AD	941
4.	google	cpc	448
5.	bing	organic	254
6.	classroom.google.com	referral	209
7.	(not set)	(not set)	137
8.	m.facebook.com	referral	92
9.	dsrsd.com	referral	76
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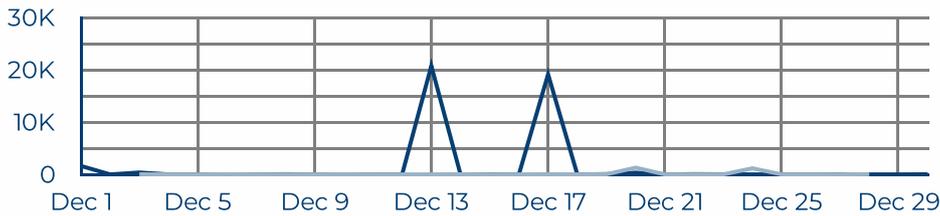
## Pages with the most time spent by users



## Facebook Analytics

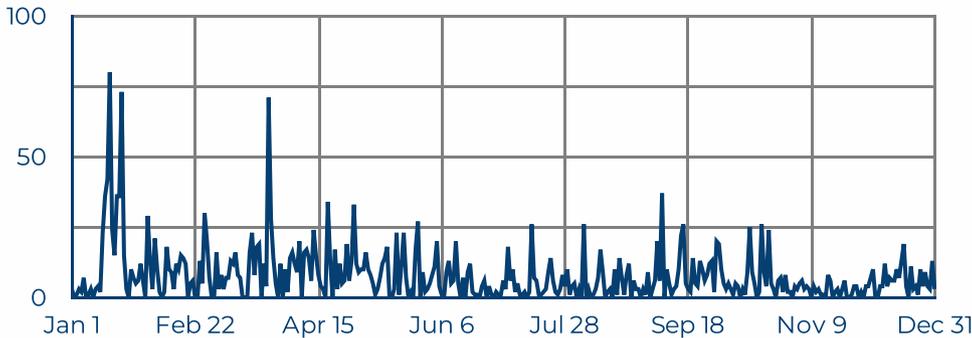
Total Posts	Engagement	Page Followers	Impressions
<b>13</b> ↑ 44.4%	<b>57.12</b> ↓ -1.3%	<b>1,354</b> ↑ 0.1%	<b>104,481</b> ↑ 1,412.7%

Facebook Daily Average Reach per Post

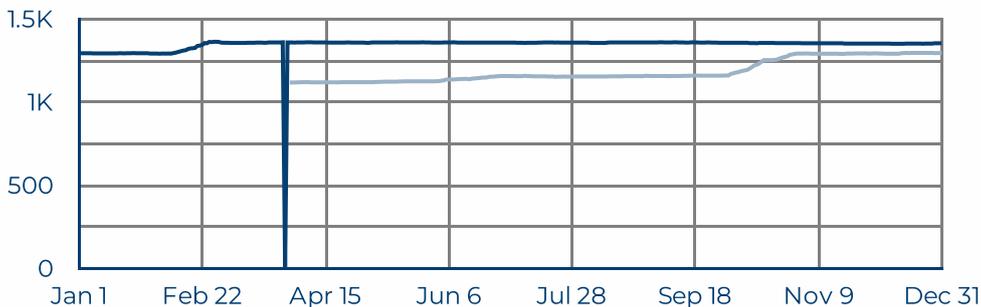


Paid Reach	Organic Reach	Total Reach
<b>40,964</b> ↑ 1,619.7%	<b>1,409</b> ↓ -21.0%	<b>42,513</b> ↑ 1,489.9%

Facebook Page Visits



Facebook Page Followers - Year-to-Date Growth



## Mailchimp Delivery Analytics

Total Eblasts Sent

**3**

Total Deliveries

**2,596**

Avg. Open Rate %

**38.7%**

Total Clicks

**348**

New Signups

**1**

## Monthly YouTube Performance

Total Views

**380**

Watch Time (Minutes)

**410.37**

Average View Duration

**00:00:59**

Top Five Videos of Month

Video Title	Views
Groundwater Recharge - Wondrous World of Water	79
Wondrous World of Water - Ion Exchange PFAS Treatment	64
Test the Waters: Get in the Zone	26
Wondrous World of Water - Ozone Treatment	18
Tri-Valley Water Partners_Our Water's Journey	12

## Insights & Opportunities

### Website Summary:

December saw a **significant increase in website traffic**, partially due to internal traffic and domain redirect issues. Website views climbed to **18,038 (+55.0%)**, while sessions rose to **11.8K (+64.2%)**. New users increased sharply to **9,225 (+78.9%)**, and total users reached **9,663 (+75.6%)**, indicating strong top-of-funnel growth and expanded reach. Despite the surge in traffic, the **engagement rate declined to 35.91% (-25.6%)**, primarily due to broken redirect links which result in bounced users. The homepage remained the top destination with **2,575 views**, followed by high-interest campaign and educational pages. Careers content also continued to perform well, reinforcing sustained interest in employment opportunities.

### Website Highlights:

- **Traffic Growth Accelerated:** Strong increases across views, sessions, and users reflect successful outreach and campaign visibility..
- **Campaign Pages Drove Volume:** Seasonal and educational tools ranked among the most visited pages.
- **Paid & Social Traffic Impact:** Facebook Ads emerged as a top traffic source (941 sessions), complementing continued strength in direct and organic Google traffic.
- **Engagement Opportunity:** Lower engagement rate signals an opportunity to refine landing-page messaging and CTAs to better convert high-volume traffic.

### Social Media Summary:

December marked a **dramatic rebound in social media performance**, largely fueled by reactivated paid campaigns and increased posting frequency. Total reach surged to **37,046 (+1,285.4%)**, while impressions skyrocketed to **95,893(+1,288.5%)**. Paid reach accounted for the majority of growth, increasing to **35,559 (+1,392.8%)**, confirming the effectiveness of renewed amplification. Posting volume increased to **13 posts (+44.4%)**, supporting higher visibility. Engagement per post remained stable at **57.26 (-1%)**, showing that content quality held steady even as reach expanded. Page followers grew modestly to **1,354 (+0.1%)**, reflecting continued audience retention and gradual growth.

### Social Media Highlights:

- **Paid Media Drove Visibility:** Reintroduction of paid campaigns directly resulted in exponential reach and impression growth.
- **Balanced Engagement:** Engagement levels held firm despite a much broader audience.
- **Organic Opportunity:** Organic reach declined (-21.5%), suggesting room to strengthen non-paid content distribution alongside ads.

**Mailchimp Summary:** Email performance in December remained **strong and consistent**. A total of **3 eblasts** were sent, delivering **2,596 emails**. The average open rate held steady at 38.7%, maintaining November's high benchmark. Total clicks increased to **348**, reflecting improved content interaction, while **new signups totaled 1**, consistent with seasonal trends.

- **Key Metrics:** Eblasts Sent: 3 Total Deliveries: 2596 Average Open Rate: 38.7% Total Clicks: 348 New Signups: 1

### YouTube Summary:

YouTube activity slowed in December following November's high-performing rebate content. The channel recorded **380 total views** and **410 minutes watched**, with an average view duration of **:59 seconds**, indicating strong retention among a smaller viewer base. Educational content led performance, with **Groundwater Recharge – Wondrous World of Water** and **PFAS Treatment videos** ranking as the most viewed. While overall volume declined, engagement quality improved through longer average watch times.

### YouTube Highlights

- **Improved Viewer Retention:** Longer average view duration suggests strong content relevance.
- **Education Over Promotion:** Informational and science-based videos outperformed promotional content.
- **Opportunity for Campaign Alignment:** Reintroducing paid campaigns for rebate-focused video content could restore higher view volumes.

### Opportunities for December & Winter Season

- 1. Refine High-Volume Traffic Conversion:** December's traffic surge presents an opportunity to improve engagement with clearer CTAs, landing-page optimization, and guided user paths.
- 2. Sustain Paid Social Momentum:** Paid campaigns proved highly effective—maintaining even modest budgets can preserve visibility gains.
- 3. Leverage Educational Content:** High engagement on learning-based pages and videos supports continued investment in Water Academy, conservation education, and interactive tools.
- 4. Align Video With Website Trends:** Rebate and campaign-driven video content historically performs best and should be reintroduced to match website demand.



**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Office of the General Manager  
**CONTACT:** Carol Mahoney/Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Update

**SUMMARY:**

- Zone 7 staff, with the support of Agency consultants, monitors legislation that is being considered in Sacramento, as well as other political activities of interest. This item supports Strategic Plan, Goal G – Stakeholder Engagement, engage our stakeholders to foster understanding of their needs, the Agency, and its function. California’s Assembly, Senate, and Committees began the second year of their two-year legislative cycle on January 5, 2026. The last day for new bills to be introduced in this session is February 20, 2026. Bills that were categorized as “two-year” bills in the 2025 session that did not move passed their house of origin (i.e., Assembly bills passing to consideration in the Senate) have until January 31 to be acted upon or they will not move forward in the 2026 session. The attached is list of bills of potential interest monitored on behalf of Zone 7 by SKV Associates. Links to the bill text are available in the electronic version of this attachment in either HTML or PDF format. Bills noted as “monitor” have an indirect nexus to Zone 7’s mission and are being watched at this time to see if they develop into legislation that needs closer scrutiny.
- In implementing the approved 2026 Legislative Platform and pursuant to discussions at the Legislative Committee meeting (January 8, 2026), Zone 7 staff identified AB35 (Alvarez), as a bill that will receive supporting positions, along with our partner organizations. Both Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) are supporting the bill. This bill would exempt Proposition 4 (approved by voters as the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024) funding recipients from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act where emergency regulations must be adopted to benefit from expedited review and release of funds. Previous bond initiatives have included language that exempted the distribution of funding from the emergency regulation requirement and there is concern that projects not able to be categorized under an emergency regulation could be subject to long waits to receive funds. Proposition 4 contains funding for projects of interest to Zone 7, such as PFAS abatement and Sites Reservoir.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information only.

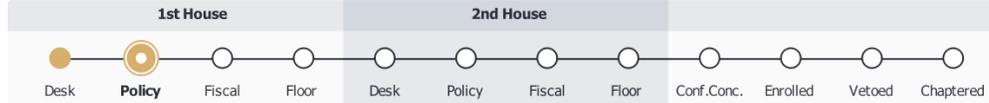
**ATTACHMENT:** Zone 7 – Bill Tracker/Status Report

**AB 35 (Alvarez, D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.**

**Current Text:** 01/05/2026 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 01/05/2026

**Status:** 01/06/2026 - Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.



**Location:** 12/18/2025 - Assembly Natural Resources

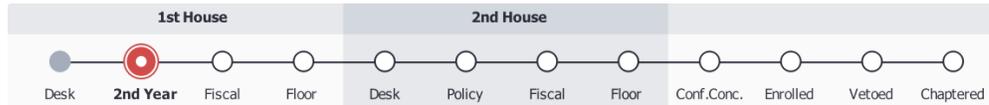
**Summary:** The Administrative Procedure Act sets forth the requirements for the adoption, publication, review, and implementation of regulations by state agencies. The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. Current law authorizes certain regulations needed to effectuate or implement programs of the act to be adopted as emergency regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, as provided. Current law requires the emergency regulations to be filed with the Office of Administrative Law and requires the emergency regulations to remain in effect until repealed or amended by the adopting state agency. This bill would delete the above provisions relating to the adoption of regulations to implement the act as emergency regulations and would instead exempt the adoption of those regulations from the Administrative Procedure Act. (Based on 01/05/2026 text)

**Position:** Support

**AB 295 (Macedo, R) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: water storage, water conveyance, and groundwater recharge projects: streamlined review.**

**Current Text:** 01/23/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 05/01/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/10/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)



**Location:** 05/01/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

**Summary:** The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021 authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2032, to certify environmental leadership development projects that meet specified requirements for certain streamlining benefits related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The act, among other things, requires a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings for an environmental leadership development project, as provided, and to provide a specified notice within 10 days of the Governor certifying the project. The act is repealed by its own term on January 1, 2034. This bill would extend the application of the act to water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects that provide public benefits and drought preparedness. Because a lead agency would be required to prepare the record of proceedings for water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects pursuant to the act, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**Notes:**

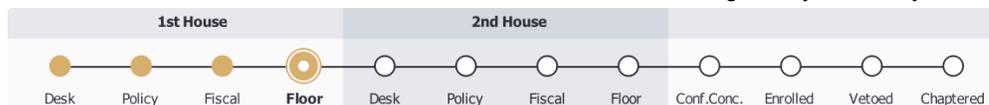
SWC are supporting

**AB 362 (Ramos, D) Water policy: California tribal communities.**

**Current Text:** 04/21/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 04/21/2025

**Status:** 01/08/2026 - Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Ramos.



**Location:** 09/10/2025 - Assembly INACTIVE FILE

**Summary:** The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act establishes a statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters in the state and makes certain legislative findings and declarations. Current law defines the term "beneficial uses" for the purposes of water quality as certain waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation, to include, among others, domestic, municipal, agricultural, and industrial supplies. This bill would add findings and declarations related to California tribal communities, as defined, and the importance of protecting tribal water use. The bill would add tribal water uses as waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation for purposes of the defined term "beneficial uses." (Based on 04/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**Notes:**

ACWA = Oppose Unless Amended

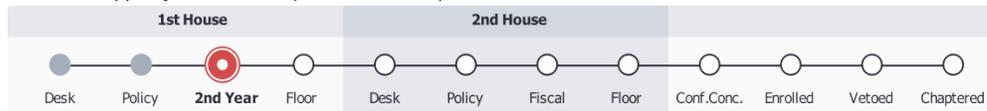
SWC = Oppose Unless Amended

**AB 514** **(Petrie-Norris, D) Water: emergency water supplies.**

**Current Text:** 05/01/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 05/01/2025

**Status:** 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/14/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)



**Location:** 05/23/2025 - Assembly 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies by both local and regional water suppliers, as defined, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided. (Based on 05/01/2025 text)

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

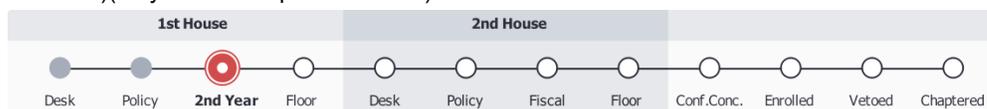
Per Framework, Zone 7's position is "favor"

**SB 496** **(Hurtado, D) Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.**

**Current Text:** 04/07/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 04/07/2025

**Status:** 05/23/2025 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/5/2025)(May be acted upon Jan 2026)



**Location:** 05/23/2025 - Senate 2 YEAR

**Summary:** The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions from those sources. Pursuant to its authority, the state board has adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, which imposes various requirements for transitioning local, state, and federal government fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, other high-priority fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, and drayage trucks to zero-emission vehicles. The Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation authorizes entities subject to the regulation to apply for exemptions from its requirements under certain circumstances. This bill would require the state board to establish the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee by an unspecified date for purposes of reviewing appeals of denied requests for exemptions from the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. The bill would require the committee to include representatives of specified governmental and nongovernmental entities. The bill would require the committee to meet monthly and would require recordings of its meetings to be made publicly available on the state board's internet website. The bill would require the committee to consider, and make a recommendation on, an appeal of an exemption request denial no later than 60 days after the appeal is made. The bill would require specified information relating to the committee's consideration of an appeal to be made publicly available on the state board's internet website. (Based on 04/07/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**Notes:**

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Integrated Planning  
**CONTACT:** Sal Segura/Neeta Bijoor

**AGENDA DATE:** January 21, 2026

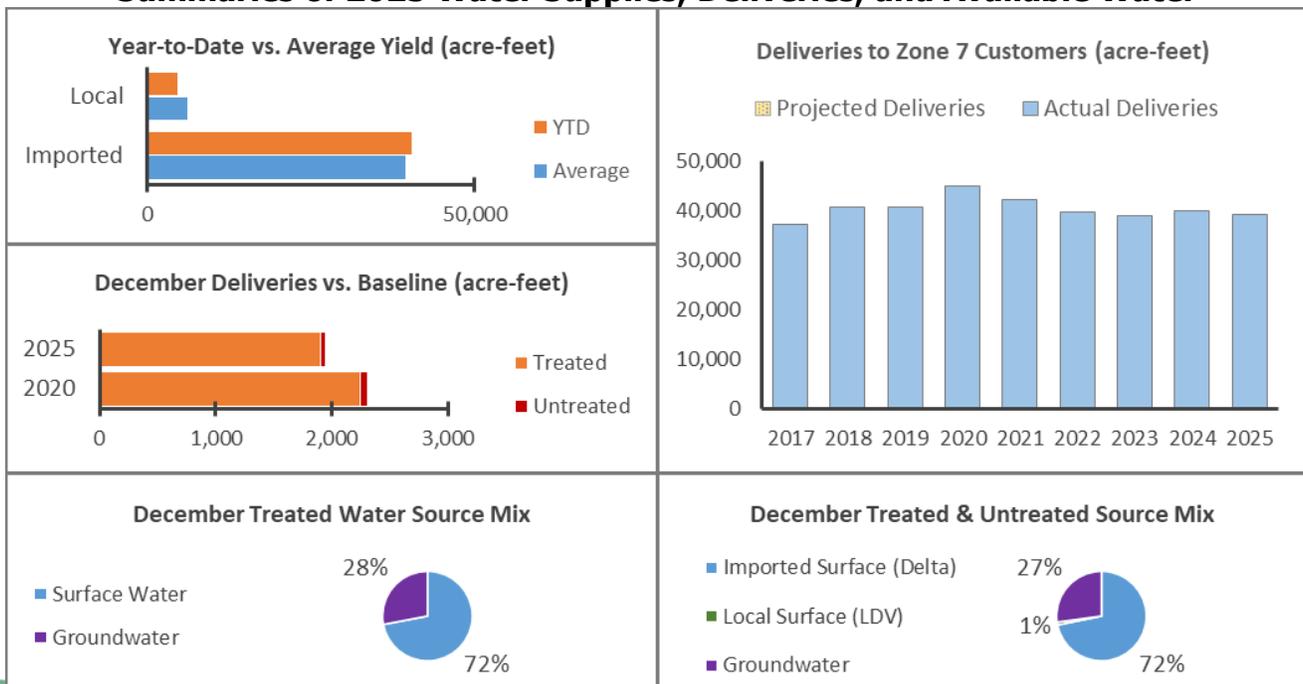
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Water Inventory and Water Budget Update

**SUMMARY:**

To support its mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) manages its water supply portfolio. This report summarizes current water supply, usage, and storage conditions to support Strategic Plan Goal B – Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, and advance Strategic Plan Initiative #5 – Develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs.

The 2025 Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report, which discusses an overall analysis of the annual water supply, was presented to the Board on April 16, 2025. A summary of long-term water supply planning is also included in the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which is updated every five years to assess water supply reliability on a 20-year planning horizon. The next update of the UWMP is due July 1, 2026. These plans and evaluations consider the various sources of supply and storage available to Zone 7 locally, in State Water Project (SWP) facilities, and Kern County storage and recovery programs.

**Summaries of 2025 Water Supplies, Deliveries, and Available Water**



## ZONE 7 WATER INVENTORY AND WATER BUDGET (December 2025)

### Supply and Demand

*(See Table 3, Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, and Figure 4)*

- Monthly totals: 1,950 acre-feet (AF) delivered to customers (1,900 AF treated production and 50 AF estimated untreated deliveries).
- Total treated water production decreased by 7% compared to last month.
- Treated water sources were 72% surface water and 28% groundwater this month.
  - Treatment plant production was 14.3 million gallons per day (MGD).
  - Wellfield production was 5.6 MGD.

### Comparison of Demands: 2025 vs 2020 baseline

*(See Table 1)*

- In December 2025, Zone 7's overall water demands were 16% lower than those in December 2020: treated water production was 15% lower, and estimated untreated deliveries were 29% lower.

**Table 1: December 2025 comparison – Treated and Untreated Demands**

	<b>Treated Production</b>	<b>Untreated Delivery</b>	<b>Total</b>
December 2025 (AF)	1,900	50	1,950
December 2020 (AF)	2,240	70	2,310
December 2025 vs December 2020	15% lower	29% lower	16% lower

### Imported Water

*(See Table 2 and Table 3)*

- The final 2025 State Water Project (SWP) allocation was 50%, which supplied 40,310 AF to Zone 7. At the end of the year, Zone 7 had 13,340 AF of its 2025 Table A water allocation remaining, which became SWP Carryover Water on January 1.
- On December 1, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an initial 2026 allocation of 10%. The allocation is subject to revision throughout the year as hydrologic and operational conditions develop. This amounts to 8,060 AF for Zone 7.

**Table 2: Available Water Supplies (as of January 1, 2026)**

Sources of Water Supplies	Acre-Feet (AF)
Table A	8,060
Water Transfers/ Exchanges <sup>1</sup>	0
SWP Carryover Water	13,340
Lake Del Valle (Carryover + New Yield)	5,080
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin (AF above Minimum Thresholds)	123,100
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	106,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>255,980</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes any approved SWP purchases/exchanges, Yuba Accord Water, and Sutter Extension Water District supplies if exercised (Zone 7 entered into a 5-year option agreement to purchase up to 3,000 AF/year).

## Groundwater

*(See Table 3 and Figure 5)*

- The Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin comprises four subbasins. The Basin’s estimated maximum storage capacity is 254,000 AF, including the storage capacity below the Minimum Thresholds established in the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The estimated storage capacity above the Minimum Thresholds (operational storage) is 126,000 AF.
- The Basin storage is approximately 98% of operational storage capacity.
- It is important to note that not all the storage above the Minimum Thresholds is accessible with Zone 7’s existing wells, as 80% of Zone 7’s groundwater facilities are in the Amador West subbasin. Furthermore, the presence of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds in the groundwater basin has limited the use of some wells.
- In December, the total pumping from Zone 7’s wellfields was approximately 530 AF, making up 28% of the treated supply.
- Estimated groundwater basin outflow on the west side of the Basin was 40 AF in December. This groundwater spills into Arroyo De La Laguna due to a high groundwater table near the Arroyo.
- In December, Zone 7 did not make any artificial recharge releases.

## Stream Outflow

*(See Table 3)*

- Surface runoff exceeded the 10 cubic feet per second (CFS) baseflow at Arroyo De La Laguna at the Verona stream gauge for most of December, resulting in approximately 2,130 AF of outflow.
- Note: Some surface outflow from the Livermore-Amador Valley is mandated for other downstream purposes.

## Local Precipitation

*(See Figure 7)*

- 1.90 inches of precipitation was recorded at Livermore Airport in December. As of December 31, Livermore has received 5.66 inches of rain for the water year starting October 1, 2025, to date, or 113% of average.

## Sierra Precipitation

*(See Figure 8)*

- 15.6 inches of precipitation was recorded in the Northern Sierras in December. Historical average precipitation in December is 10.0 inches. Cumulative precipitation in the Northern Sierra in Water Year 2026 through January 2 is 28.0 inches, or 149% of the average.

## Sierra Snowpack

*(See Figure 9)*

- As of December 31, Northern Sierra snow water equivalent was 4.4 inches, or 50% of the average.

## Lake Oroville

*(See Figure 10)*

- As of January 1, 2026, Lake Oroville storage is at 70% of total capacity, representing 129% of average storage conditions for this date of the year.
  - Storage: 2,403,925 AF
  - Storage as a percentage of total capacity increased by 37% over the month of December.

## San Luis Reservoir

*(See Figure 11)*

San Luis Reservoir is a joint-use facility between the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project. Its total storage capacity is 2,041,000 AF, and the SWP's share of the total capacity is 1,062,180 AF. As of January 1, 2026, the total reservoir storage is 1,405,750 AF, of which approximately 960,000 AF belongs to SWP. Currently, the SWP's share of the reservoir capacity is 90% full. DWR's recent modeling indicates a likelihood that DWR will fill its share of the San Luis Reservoir in the next few months. Staff are tracking this and SWP operations.

## Lake Del Valle

*(See Table 3 and Figure 6)*

- Lake Del Valle holds 28,700 AF as of December 31, 2025.
- Zone 7's estimated water storage in Lake Del Valle at the end of December is approximately 5,080 AF.
- Lake Del Valle inflows peaked at approximately 50 CFS in December. The total volume of inflow in December was enough to satisfy the required releases under Zone 7's water rights permit.

**NOTE:** Numbers presented are estimated and subject to refinement over the course of the year.

### Table 3: Water Inventory

#### Water Inventory for Zone 7 Water Agency

Note: Values are rounded. All units in AF unless noted otherwise. Subject to adjustment over the year.

	2024 <i>Jan-Dec</i>	2025 <i>Dec</i>	2025 - YTD <i>Jan-Dec</i>
<b>Source</b>			
<b>Incoming Supplies</b>			
State Water Project (SWP) - Table A	23,140	1,400	26,970
State Water Project - Article 21	0	0	0
Lake Del Valle Local Water	5,290	20	7,890
Water Transfers/Exchanges <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28,430</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>34,860</b>
<b>From Storage</b>			
State Water Project - Carryover	25,240	0	9,170
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin	3,580	530	7,480
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28,820</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>16,650</b>
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>57,250</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>51,510</b>
<b>Water Use</b>			
<b>Customer Deliveries</b>			
Treated Water Demand <sup>2</sup>	35,440	1,900	34,790
Untreated Water Demand	4,380	50	4,420
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39,820</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>39,210</b>
<b>To Storage</b>			
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Recharge	6,180	0	3,300
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	10,000	0	5,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16,180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,300</b>
<b>SWP Transfer</b>			
Water Transfers/Exchanges <sup>3</sup>	1,250	0	4,000
<b>Total Water Use</b>	<b>57,250</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>51,510</b>
<b>Available Water Supplies</b>			
<b>Incoming Supplies</b>			
	<b>End-of-2024</b>		
SWP - Table A (%)	40%	50%	50%
SWP - Table A Remaining	0	13,340	13,340
Water Transfers/Exchanges	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,340</b>	<b>13,340</b>
<b>Storage Balance</b>			
	<b>End-of-2024</b>		
SWP Carryover	9,170	0	0
Lake Del Valle Local Water	8,550	5,080	5,080
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin <sup>4</sup>	124,000	123,100	123,100
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	101,900	106,400	106,400
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>243,620</b>	<b>234,580</b>	<b>234,580</b>
<b>Total Available Water</b>	<b>243,620</b>	<b>247,920</b>	<b>247,920</b>
<b>Watershed Conditions</b>			
	<b>End-of-2024</b>		
Precipitation at Livermore Station (in) <sup>5</sup>	16.1	1.90	11.66
Lake Del Valle Local Water Net Yield	9,290	0	4,580
Measured Change in Groundwater Basin Storage	0	500	-900
Surface Water Outflow <sup>6</sup>	43,910	2,130	17,990

<sup>1</sup> Includes any approved SWP purchases/exchanges and Sutter Extension Water District supplies if exercised.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small amount of unaccounted-for water.

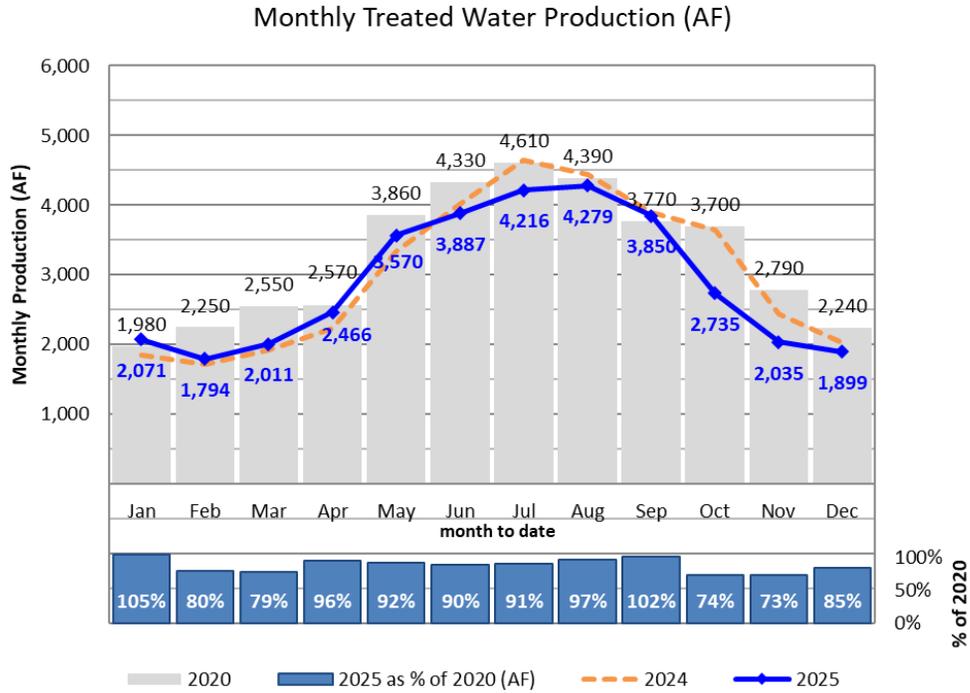
<sup>3</sup> In 2024, Zone 7 repaid Napa County for a water exchange agreement executed in 2020. In 2025, Zone 7 transferred water to the Westside Districts.

<sup>4</sup> Storage volume is based on most recent groundwater level data; amount shown excludes 128,000 AF of storage below the minimum thresholds.

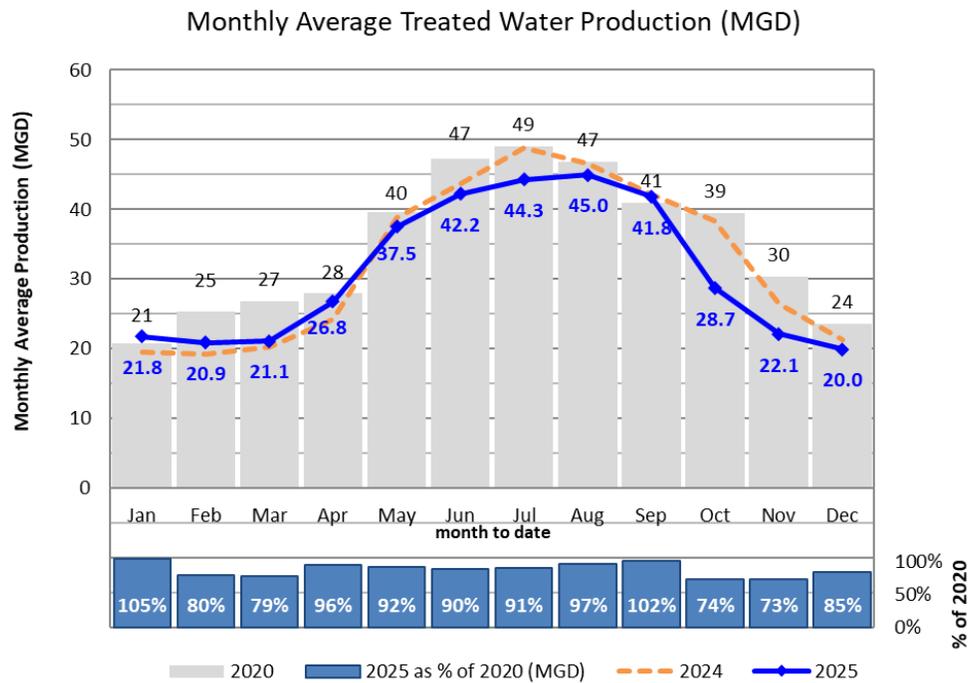
<sup>5</sup> Local precipitation reported in Table 3 for 2025YTD is reported on a calendar year basis.

<sup>6</sup> Surface Water Outflow is estimated based on flow at USGS gage Arroyo De La Laguna at Verona.

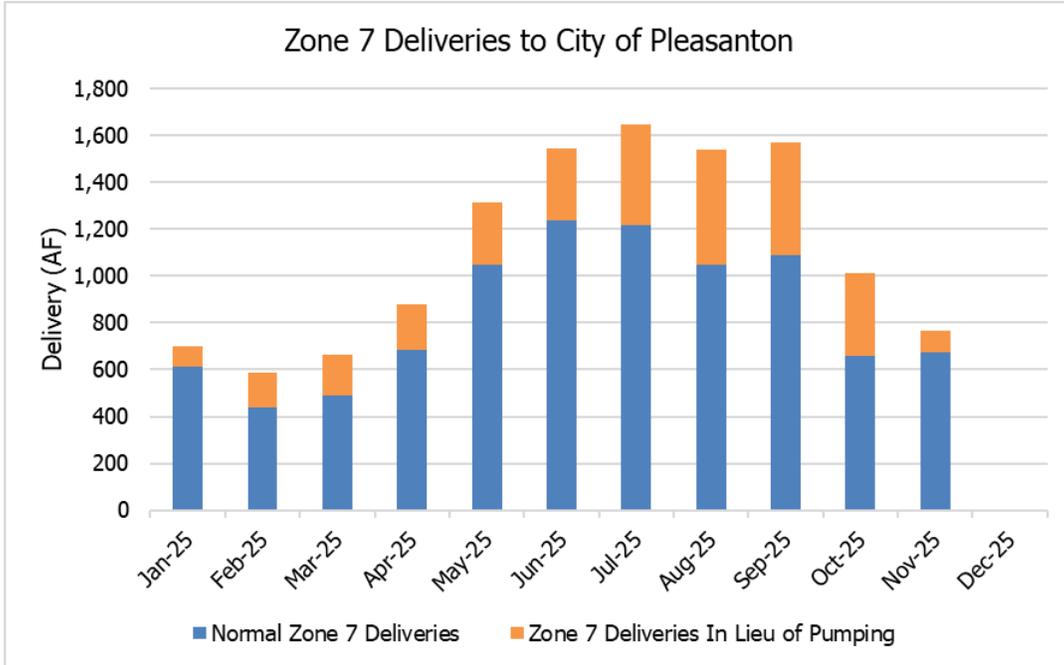
**Figure 1: Monthly Treated Water Production in Acre-Feet (AF)**



**Figure 2: Monthly Treated Water Production in Average Million Gallons Per Day (MGD)**

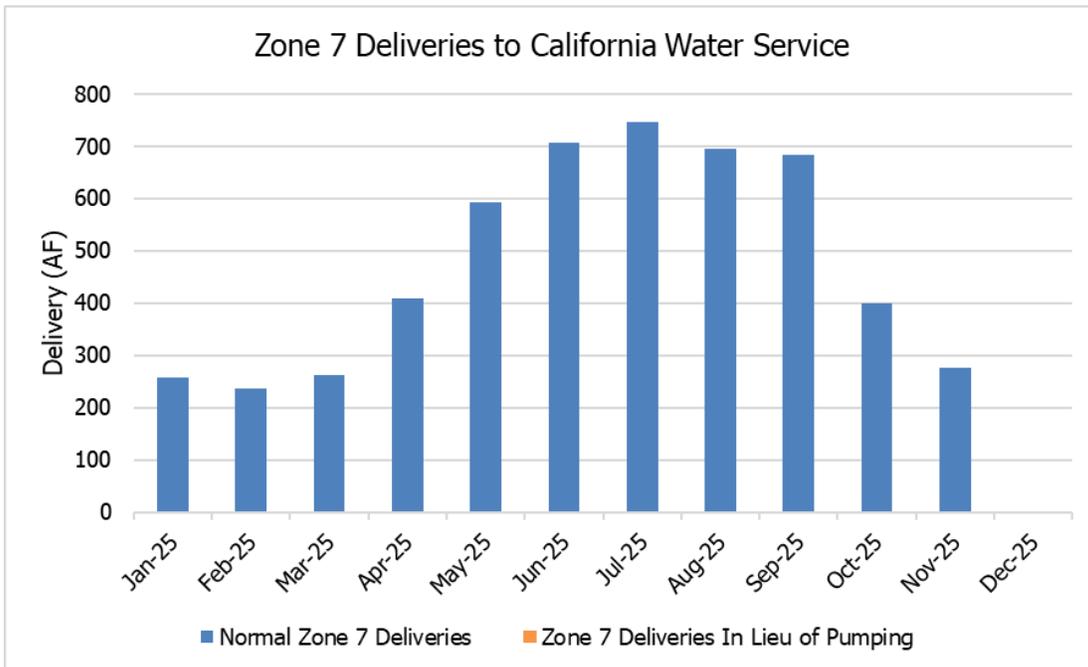


**Figure 3: Pleasanton Estimated In-Lieu Demand  
(Based on 2018-2021 Pumping)**



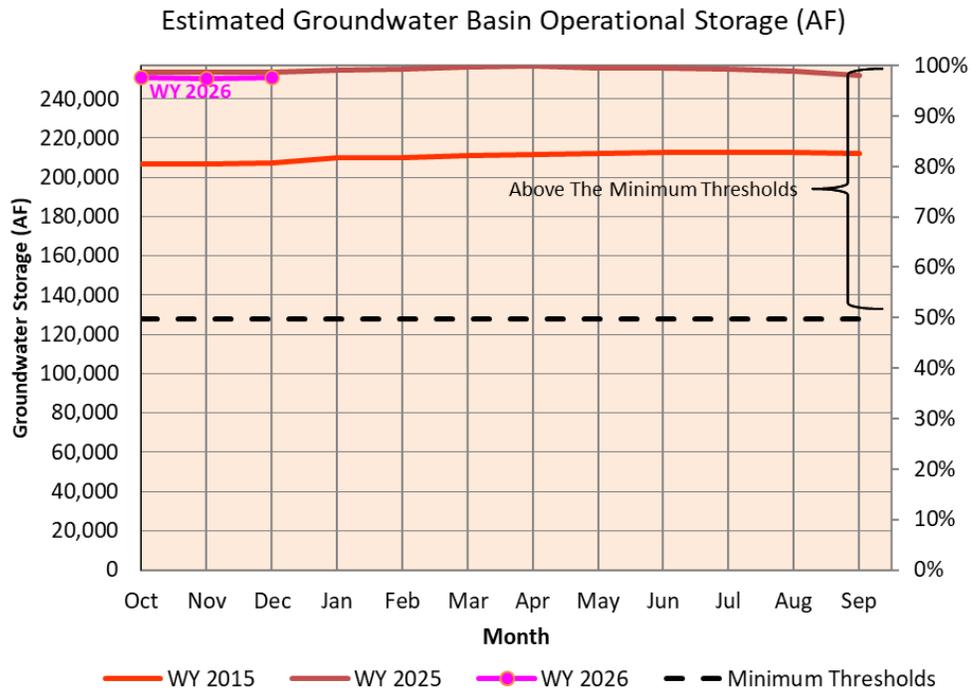
*\*Pleasanton's pumping data for December is not yet available and will be reflected in future inventories.*

**Figure 4: California Water Service Estimated In-Lieu Demand  
(Based on 2018-2021 Pumping)**



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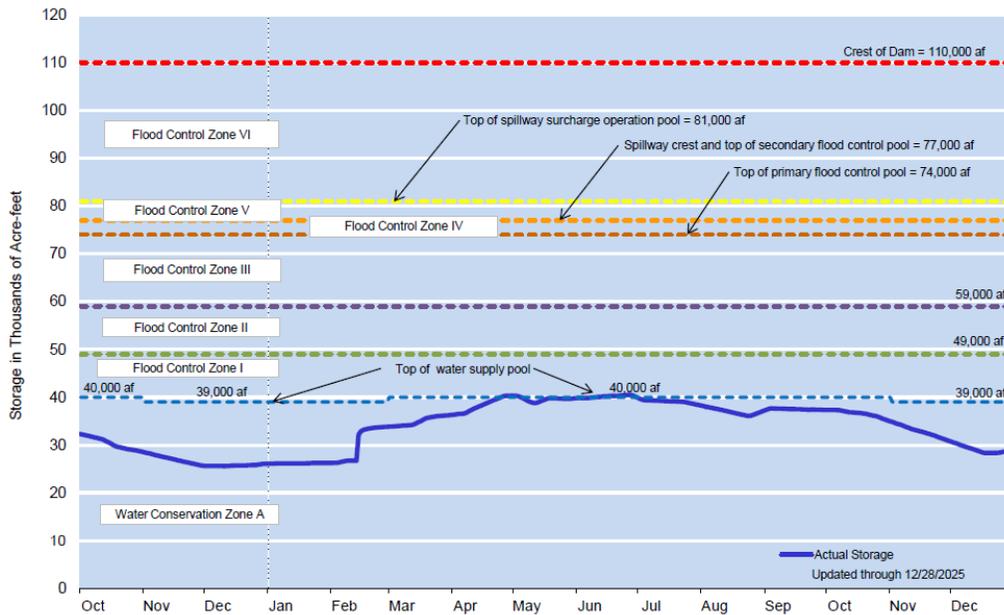
**Figure 5: Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Storage\***



\*The estimated groundwater basin storage represents the combined total storage from all four subbasins.

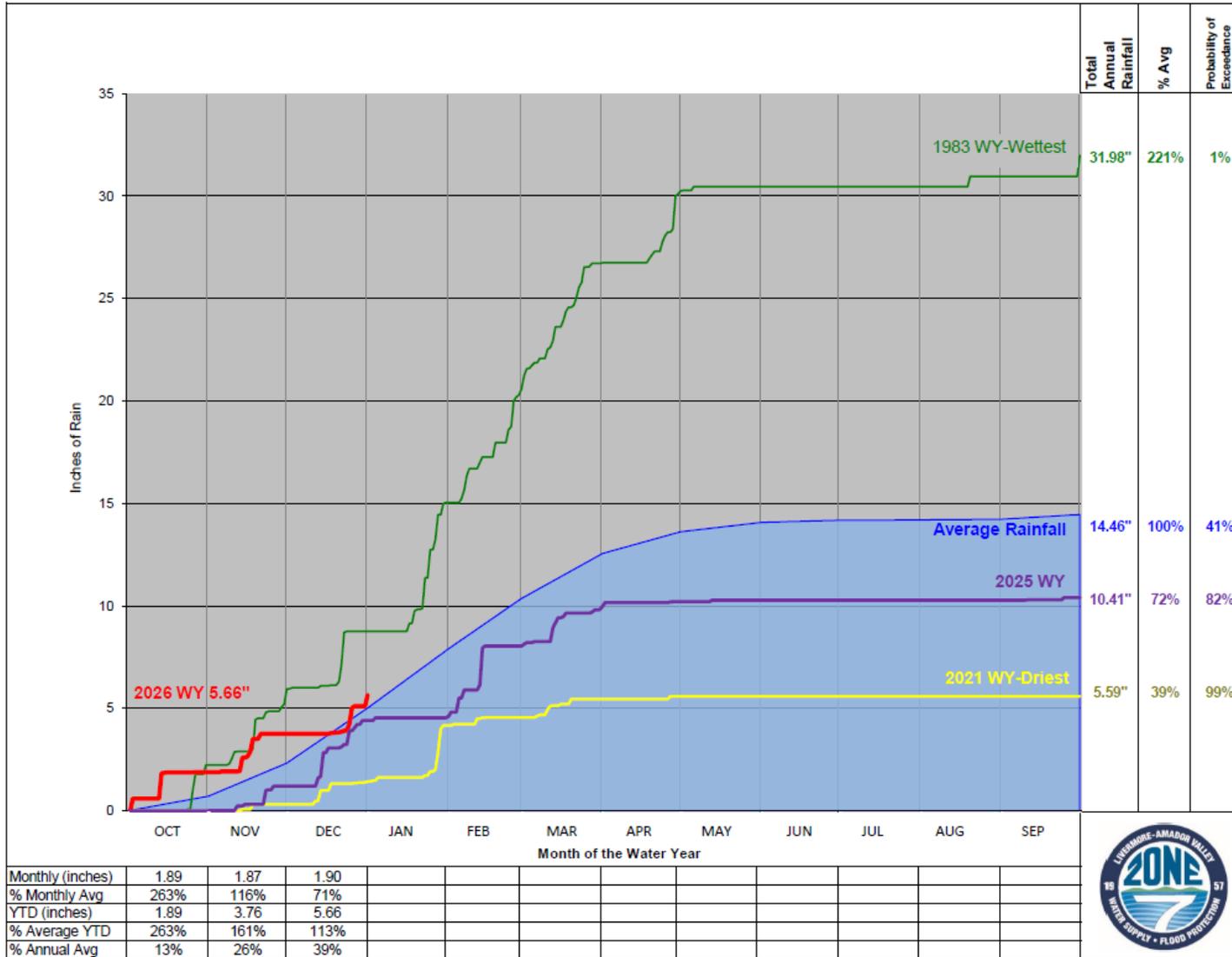
**Figure 6: Lake Del Valle Storage**

Lake Del Valle Storage  
October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025

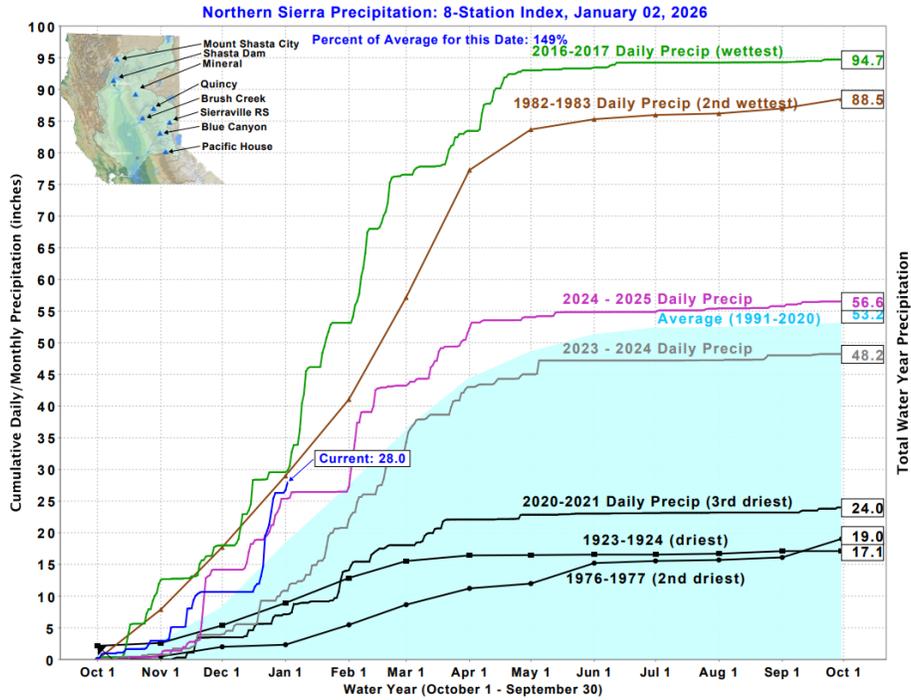


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### Figure 7: Local Precipitation



**Figure 8: Cumulative Precipitation in the North Sierra**



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**Figure 9: Sierra Snowpack**

% of April 1 Average / % of Normal for This Date



NORTH	
Data as of December 31, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	33
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	4.4
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	17
Percent of normal for this date (%)	50

CENTRAL	
Data as of December 31, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	54
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	7.0
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	25
Percent of normal for this date (%)	70

SOUTH	
Data as of December 31, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	24
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	7.9
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	31
Percent of normal for this date (%)	91

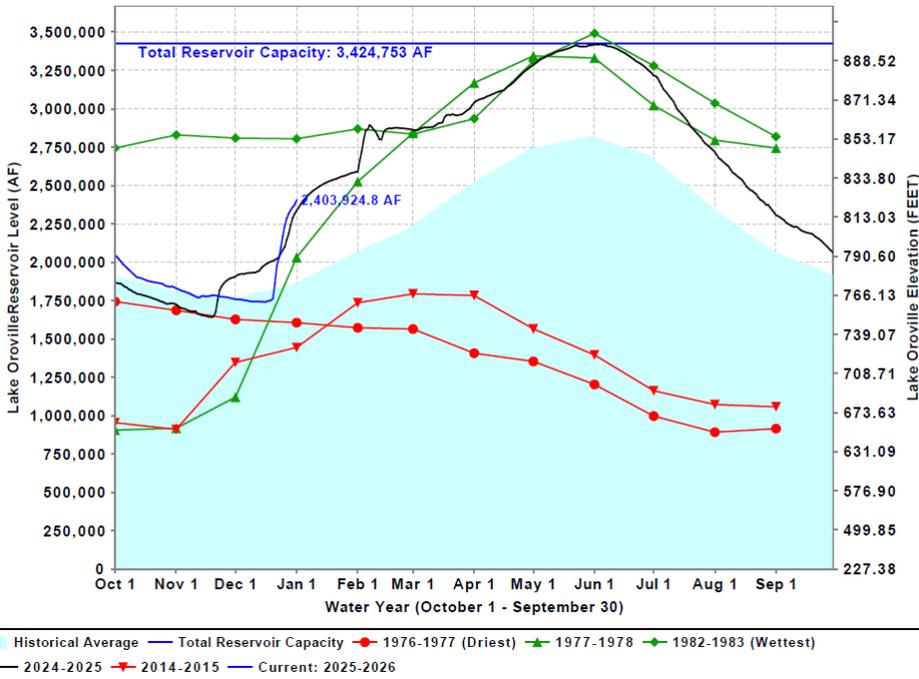
STATE	
Data as of December 31, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	111
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	6.4
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	24
Percent of normal for this date (%)	69

Statewide Average: 24% / 69%

Source: <https://cdec.water.ca.gov/reportapp/javareports?name=swcond.pdf>

### Figure 10: Lake Oroville Storage

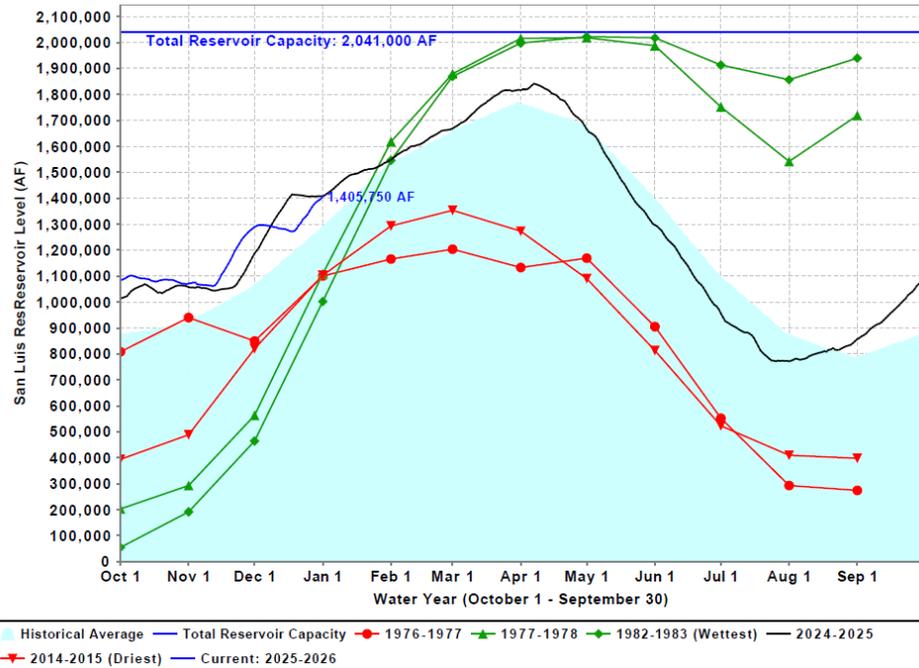
Lake Oroville Levels: Various Past Water Years and Current Water Year, Ending At Midnight January 1, 2026



Source: <https://cdec.water.ca.gov/resapp/ResDetail.action?resid=ORO>

### Figure 11: San Luis Reservoir Storage

San Luis Res Levels: Various Past Water Years and Current Water Year, Ending At Midnight January 1, 2026



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