

ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, October 27, 2026
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Boardroom
Zone 7 Administration Building
100 North Canyons Parkway
Livermore, California

Director Figuers
Director Green
Director Palmer

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
3. Environmental Compliance, Planning, and Stewardship Program Update
4. Adjournment

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TO: Water Resources Committee

FROM: Elke Rank, Senior Water Resources Planner
Neeta Bijoor, Principal Water Resources Planner

SUBJECT: Environmental Compliance, Planning, and Stewardship Program Update

SUMMARY:

- To support the Agency's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) implements the Environmental Compliance, Planning, and Stewardship Program. This program serves all divisions at Zone 7 and therefore supports several Strategic Plan goals, including Goal B - Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, Goal C - Safe Water, Goal D - Groundwater Management, and Goal E - Effective Flood Protection.
- The program covers three key facets:
 - Environmental Compliance: Zone 7 has an ongoing need to comply with State and federal environmental regulations. This includes (1) compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and (2) securing permits for work in accordance with regulations of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 - Planning: Planning projects often support future permitting requirements such as identifying suitable locations for channel restoration and mitigation projects. Planning work may also include completing environmental assessments in support of grant applications.
 - Stewardship: Zone 7 participates in regional environmental stewardship efforts including the Living Arroyos program and the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup. The program also includes special stewardship studies, such as residual dry matter monitoring at the Lake Del Valle property, to help inform grazing management decisions.
- In this meeting, staff will present an overview of the program components and a summary of key environmental regulatory requirements.

FUNDING: No funding is requested at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information only.