

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2025  
TIME: 5:30 p.m. Closed Session  
7:00 p.m. Open Session (time approximate)  
LOCATION: Zone 7 Administration Building  
100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore  
LIVE STREAMING: Comcast Channel 29  
AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 (Livermore)  
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THERE IS NO HYBRID OPTION AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING.

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board on an item under discussion may do so upon receiving recognition from the President. If the public wishes to provide comment before the meeting, please email [publiccomment@zone7water.com](mailto:publiccomment@zone7water.com) by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available at the Zone 7 Administrative Building lot. If you are a person with a disability and you need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Assistant, Donna Fabian, at (925) 454-5000. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable Zone 7 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. {28 CFR 35.102-35, 104 ADA Title II}.

## AGENDA

1. Call Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting to Order
2. Closed Session
  - a. Government Code section 54957(b); Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Title: General Manager
  - b. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8): Water Transfers/Sale of Surplus State Water Project Supplies. Under negotiation: Price, terms, and amounts. Negotiating parties: General Manager Valerie Pryor, General Manager Mark Gilkey, and Engineering Manager Sheridan Nicholas
  - c. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code § 54954.5: Agency Negotiators: Valerie Pryor/Osborn Solitei 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
  - d. 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) Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, Zone 7 v. City of Pleasanton (Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24-CV-61595); (5) In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation (S.D. South Carolina, MDL No. 2: 18-mn-2873-RMG); (6) Munsell v. County of Alameda Civil Service Commission et al (Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. 24-CV-77110). (7) (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of § 54956.9) Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000006 and related cases.
  - e. Conference with Legal Counsel (Anticipated Litigation) – Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(c) (two cases)
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 March 19, 2025

8. Consent Calendar  
a. Award a Contract for Laboratory Analytical Support Services  
b. Award a Contract for Professional Audit Services  
c. Consider Adoption of Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Alamo Creek Bank Stabilization and Flood Management Pilot Project  
d. Proposed Purchasing Policy Update  
e. Amend the Recreational Use License Agreement with the City of Livermore

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions

9. 2025 Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report

Recommended Action: Information Only

10. Award of Construction Phase Contract for North Canyons Electric Vehicle Chargers

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

11. Award a Contract for Owner's Representative Services and Amend Contract for Public Relations Services for the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

12. Declaration of May as Water Awareness Month

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

13. Approve an Amendment to the Employment Agreement – General Manager for Compensation and Salary Increase

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

14. Committees  
a. Finance Committee Meeting Notes of March 12, 2025  
b. Legislative Committee Meeting Notes of March 13, 2025

15. Reports – Directors
  - a. Verbal Comments by President
  - b. Written Reports
  - c. Verbal Reports
  
16. Items for Future Agenda – Directors
  
17. Staff Reports
  - a. General Manager’s Report
  - b. March Outreach Activities
  - c. Monthly Water Inventory and Water Budget Update
  - d. Legislative Update
  - e. Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Sustainable Groundwater Management Annual Report 2024 Water Year (October 2023 – September 2024) Submittal
  - f. Status Report on Flood Management Plan Phase 1 Goals and Objectives
  
18. Adjournment
  
19. Upcoming Board Schedule: (All meeting locations are in the Boardroom at 100 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore, unless otherwise noted.)
  - a. Administrative Committee Meeting: May 7, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
  - b. Regular Board Meeting: May 21, 2025, 7:00 p.m.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2025

Directors Present: Dawn Benson  
Catherine Brown  
Sandy Figuers  
Dennis Gambs  
Laurene Green (participated remotely)  
Kathy Narum

Directors Absent: Sarah Palmer

Staff Present: Valerie Pryor, General Manager  
Chris Hentz, Assistant General Manager – Engineering  
Osborn Solitei, Treasurer/Assistant General Manager – Finance  
Lillian Xie, Associate Civil Engineer  
Donna Fabian, Executive Assistant

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 Gambs at 7:32 p.m.

Item 2 – Closed Session

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:14 p.m., Director Benson arrived at 5:31 p.m., and the Board adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Item 3 – Open Session and Report Out of Closed Session

President Gambs stated that the Board met in Closed Session to review the General Manager's performance and concluded that she exceeds expectations.

#### Item 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

Director Narum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Item 5 – Roll Call of Directors

Director Palmer was absent.

#### Item 6 – Public Comment

Public comment was received by Mamta Chaparala, a resident of Pleasanton, and Sridhar Verose, Vice-Mayor of San Ramon.

#### Item 7 – Minutes

Director Benson moved to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting on February 19, 2025, seconded by Director Figuers. President Gambs abstained. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0, with one abstention.

#### Item 8 – Consent Calendar

Director Figuers pulled Item 8d (Adopt Revised Records Retention Schedule) for discussion at a future Administrative Committee meeting. Director Narum moved to approve Items 8a, 8b, 8c, and 8e, seconded by Director Benson. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0.

#### Item 9 – Award a Consulting Services Contract for the 2025 Water Demand Assessment and the Urban Water Management Plan

Lillian Xie, Associate Civil Engineer, presented a proposal to award a consulting services contract to EKI Environment and Water Inc. for the 2025 Water Demand Assessment and Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The UWMP, required by California state law, ensures effective water resource planning for at least a 20-year horizon and must be submitted every five years. The 2025 UWMP is due by July 1, 2026, and requires updated water demand forecasts, developed in coordination with Zone 7's four retailers. While three retailers have conducted independent demand forecasts, Zone 7 will develop one for the City of Livermore.

Following a procurement process, EKI Environment and Water Inc. was selected for the project, with a total budget of \$278,300, including a 10% contingency. Director Narum questioned why the contract cost was similar to the previous assessment conducted five years ago. Ms. Xie clarified that the previous effort required building a demand model from scratch, whereas this time, the consultant's role is primarily to validate and integrate existing forecasts. President Gambs asked whether the updated estimates would inform broader water supply reliability projects, to which Ms. Xie confirmed that the demand forecasts would contribute to future planning efforts beyond regulatory compliance.

Director Narum made a motion to approve the Resolution and Director Green seconded it. The Resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0.

## Item 10 – Committees

There were no comments on the notes from the Water Resources Committee or the Finance Committee meetings.

## Item 11 – Reports - Directors

President Gambs reported on a recent tour of the Sites Reservoir, which he attended for the third time. He expressed his continued appreciation for the management of the project led by Executive Director Jerry Brown. He noted that the project has been progressing smoothly, though it faces significant hurdles, including securing water rights, which is anticipated later this year. He highlighted that, with the Los Vaqueros project not moving forward, Sites Reservoir has become an increasingly viable option, as evidenced by a waiting list of agencies willing to participate if any current participants withdraw.

Director Green provided an update on her attendance at the ACWA DC Conference alongside Carol Mahoney. She emphasized the importance of the trip, particularly in linking Zone 7's PFAS working group with ACWA and Senator Schiff's office. She noted that the senator is particularly interested in the working group's efforts to quantify the real costs of PFAS, moving beyond speculation. Director Green also commended Carol Mahoney's representation of Zone 7 during a meeting with Senator Schiff, where she effectively conveyed key information. She mentioned additional details from the conference will be submitted in a written report.

Director Narum announced that Zone 7 will be receiving \$1.59 million as part of the shutdown of the Los Vaqueros project. She confirmed that the April JPA meeting will serve as the final meeting before its dissolution, with only a few remaining administrative matters to address. She also attended the Sites Reservoir tour and was struck by the scale of the project. She appreciated Executive Director Jerry Brown's analogy comparing water allocations to "water condos" and expressed optimism about the project's progress, especially given the termination of Los Vaqueros.

Director Benson also shared her impressions from the Sites Reservoir tour, commending Jerry Brown and his team for an informative presentation. She highlighted the efforts of Valerie Pryor, who has been instrumental in advocating for Zone 7's role in the investment team for Sites Reservoir. She expressed confidence in the reservoir's potential to enhance the valley's water supply.

Director Benson further reported that she and President Gambs attended a Dublin Chamber of Commerce event where Zone 7 received a 25-year membership award. The agency was also recognized by County Tax Assessor Phong La and Congressman Eric Swalwell for its contributions. Director Gambs added that Zone 7 maintains membership in all chambers within the valley, underscoring the agency's commitment to community engagement.

## Item 12 – Items for Future Agenda – Directors

No items were requested for consideration at an upcoming Board meeting.

### Item 13 – Staff Reports

Ms. Pryor provided an overview of the written reports included in the Board packet, highlighting key updates. She reported that the Chain of Lakes Wells PFAS Treatment Facility is currently undergoing testing and operation. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th, to commemorate its completion.

Ms. Pryor also announced that on February 25th, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) increased the State Water Project allocation to 35% for 2025. She emphasized that with the current local and regional water storage levels, Zone 7 will easily meet water demand, making this a positive development for the agency.

Additionally, Ms. Pryor provided an update on the Delta Conveyance Project, specifically the change in the point of diversion hearing process related to water rights. The process began on February 18th with policy statements, during which Director Palmer presented a statement on behalf of Zone 7. She noted that DWR released an estimate on February 22nd indicating that if the Delta Conveyance Project had been operational, it could have conveyed an additional 700,000 acre-feet of water during the winter months. This would have equated to an increase of approximately 15-20% in the State Water Project allocation. Ms. Pryor underscored the significance of the Delta Conveyance Project for Zone 7's long-term water supply reliability.

### Item 14 – Adjournment

President Gambs adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Water Quality

**CONTACT:** Pony Yim/Angela O'Brien

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Award a Contract for Laboratory Analytical Support Services

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water, Zone 7 provides water quality monitoring and analytical services using in-house laboratory capabilities supplemented with services from an external laboratory certified by the state Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). This action is in support of Zone 7's Strategic Plan Initiative 7 – Meet or surpass all drinking water health and safety requirements.
- Zone 7's laboratory is certified by ELAP to analyze 135 analytes using 21 analytical methods. These analytes include physical parameters, general minerals, inorganics, disinfection byproducts, volatile organic chemicals, and taste-and-odor-causing compounds.
- External laboratory analytical support services are needed to handle samples that exceed the capacity of Zone 7's laboratory and to analyze new and pending regulated contaminants in drinking water, such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), hexavalent chromium, synthetic organic chemicals, and cyanotoxins, which require specialized instrumentation and additional ELAP certification.
- Consistent with Zone 7's purchasing policy, staff solicited quotes for laboratory analytical services. Two quotes were received. Staff reviewed the quotes and determined that Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC (Eurofins) was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- For the past five years, Eurofins has provided analytical services, with annual expenditures ranging from approximately \$75,000 to \$95,000. Current fiscal year (FY) expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$130,000 due to additional testing for PFAS and hexavalent chromium and additional monitoring for Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Plant startup testing. For the next five years, anticipated annual expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000.
- Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend as needed a contract with Eurofins for laboratory analytical support services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$475,000 for the three-year period of FYs 2025-26 to 2027-28, with the option to amend the contract, based on satisfactory performance, for up to two additional one-year terms (FYs 2028-29 to 2029-30) for a total five-year not-to-exceed contract amount of \$825,000.

**FUNDING:**

Funding is included in the Adopted Two-Year Budget for FY 2024-26 for Fund 100 – Water Enterprise Operations. Funding for additional years will be requested in the 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. 25-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Award a Contract for Laboratory Analytical Support Services**

WHEREAS, to support Zone 7's mission to deliver a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water, Zone 7 provides water quality monitoring and analytical services utilizing in-house laboratory capabilities supplemented with services from an external laboratory certified by the state Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Zone 7's purchasing policy, a Request for Quotation was issued for laboratory analytical support services and two quotations were received; and

WHEREAS, upon evaluation of the quotations, Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC, was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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 contract with Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC, for analytical support services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$475,000 for the three-year period of Fiscal Years (FYs) 2025-26 to 2027-28; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to amend the contract for analytical support services, based on satisfactory performance, for up to two additional one-year terms (FYs 2028-29 to 2029-30) for a total five-year not-to-exceed contract amount of \$825,000.

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 April 16, 2025.

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

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Administrative Services

**CONTACT:** Osborn Solitei/Teri Yasuda

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Award a Contract for Professional Audit Services

**SUMMARY:**

- The proposed action is in support of Strategic Plan Goal H – Fiscal Responsibility: Operate the Agency in a fiscally responsible manner, and Strategic Plan Initiative No. 21 – Continue to effectively manage financial resources for the Agency. In carrying out these fiscal responsibilities, the Agency contracts with an external audit firm to perform professional audit services and assist with the preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) at the end of every fiscal year. The external audit provides independent assurance of the full disclosure of the financial condition of the Agency and promotes public confidence in the Agency.
- The ACFR provides a comprehensive overview of Zone 7's financial operations and financial position. The ACFR is prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.
- The Agency has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its ACFR eight years in a row. This award represents a significant achievement as it reflects the commitment of Zone 7's Board of Directors and Staff for using the highest principles of governmental accounting and financial reporting.
- The Agency's contract for professional audit services expired with the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
- In accordance with the Agency's Purchasing Policy which allows procurement of professional services based on qualifications and experience (without a bidding process based on pricing), the selection of the external audit services was done through a competitive procurement process. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on February 3, 2025, for the professional audit services. The RFP was advertised on the Agency OpenGov eProcurement system. Three proposals were received.



- Upon review of the proposals, Maze and Associates was found to be best suited by the selection committee as they presented the best qualifications to achieve the Agency's auditing and reporting requirements for the following reasons:
  - Over 40 years of experience focused on audits of over two hundred Municipal clients
  - Demonstrated experience, qualifications, and success in preparing award-winning ACFR and Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) implementations
  - Proposed audit plan that meets the Agency's scope of work
  - Quality of and accessibility to the firm's audit staff located in Pleasant Hill, California
  
- Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to:
  - award, negotiate, execute, and amend as necessary, a contract with Maze and Associates for professional audit services for an amount not-to-exceed \$161,000 for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027 and
  - to extend the contract, based on satisfactory performance, for two additional years, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2028, and 2029, for a total five-year not-to-exceed contract amount of \$278,000.

**FUNDING:**

Funding is available in the fiscal years 2024-2026 budget from Fund 100 – Water Enterprise and Fund 200 – Flood Protection Operations and will be included in subsequent fiscal year 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.

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Award a Contract for Professional Audit Services**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Strategic Plan Goal H – Fiscal Responsibility: Operate the Agency in a fiscally responsible manner, and Strategic Plan Initiative No. 21 – Continue to effectively manage financial resources for the Agency, Zone 7 contracts with an external audit firm to perform professional audit services and assist with the preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) at the end of every fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the external audit provides independent assurance of the full disclosure of the financial condition of the Zone 7 and promotes public confidence; and

WHEREAS, the ACFR is prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants; and

WHEREAS, Zone 7's contract for external auditor services expired upon completion of the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, following a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional audit services and a review by evaluators of the three proposals received, it was determined that Maze and Associates presented the best qualifications to achieve the Agency's auditing and reporting requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District does hereby authorize the General Manager to award, negotiate, execute, and amend as necessary, a contract with Maze and Associates for professional audit services for an amount not-to-exceed \$161,000 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager be authorized to extend the contract, based on satisfactory performance, for two additional years, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2028, and 2029, for a total five-year not-to-exceed contract amount of \$278,000.

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 April 16, 2025.

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

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

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consider Adoption of Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Alamo Creek Bank Stabilization and Flood Management Pilot Project

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water and flood protection services, Zone 7 has initiated the Alamo Creek Bank Stabilization and Flood Management Pilot Project (Project). This Project aligns with Strategic Plan Initiative #13 – Continue to repair and maintain the flood protection facilities.
- The Project's objective is to reduce erosion and manage flood risks along Alamo Creek. The project scope includes: 1) installing bank stabilization measures to reduce erosion and prevent bank failure, and 2) improving habitat for aquatic and riparian species. The measures will consist of rock weirs, vegetated soil lifts, and native plantings to stabilize the creek banks and redirect turbulent flows.
- The California Department of Water Resources will reimburse up to 75% of the project cost (\$4.6 million) in grant funding for the project. A request for proposals was advertised last week, and staff anticipates awarding a contract at the June board meeting.
- Zone 7 is the Lead Agency for the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15070, a public agency shall prepare a negative declaration or a mitigated negative declaration when the Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that a proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, or where the Initial Study identifies potentially significant effects but those effects can be mitigated such that there is no substantial evidence that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.
- An Initial Study for the Project indicated that any potentially significant effects on the environment could be appropriately mitigated. Accordingly, a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project, including a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, was prepared and circulated for public review from January 27, 2025, through February 28, 2025.

- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, City of Dublin, East Bay Regional Park District, and a local resident each submitted comments on the Draft IS/MND. The comments did not necessitate significant changes to the IS/MND. A Final IS/MND, including Zone 7's responses to these public comments, has been prepared and posted on Zone 7's website.
- Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15074(b), the Lead Agency's decision makers must consider any comments on the proposed IS/MND and determine whether to adopt that IS/MND and any associated Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program prior to taking action to approve the Project.
- Staff recommends that the Board hear any additional public comment on the proposed IS/MND and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program, and then consider the attached resolution to adopt and certify the Final IS/MND for the Alamo Creek Bank Stabilization and Flood Management Pilot Project, and to adopt the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**FUNDING:**

None requested at this time.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution

ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Resolution Adopting the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Alamo Creek Bank Stabilization and Flood Management Pilot Project**

WHEREAS, the Board authorized award of design services for the Alamo Creek Bank Stabilization and Flood Management Pilot Project (Project) in August 2023; and

WHEREAS, consulting firm FlowWest was retained to perform an environmental evaluation of the Project, and to support the preparation of documentation for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including an Initial Study for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the Initial Study, which indicated that all potential environmental impacts from the Project were less than significant or could be mitigated to a level of insignificance, Zone 7 has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project, supported by a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was been prepared and circulated for public review from January 27, 2025, through February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Zone 7 received four comment letters during the public review period, each of which has been included in the proposed Final IS/MND, and none of which necessitated significant changes to the IS/MND or additional analysis;

WHEREAS, a Final IS/MND has been prepared and made available to the public; and

WHEREAS, Zone 7 staff have determined, based on a review of the record before the agency, including the IS/MND and all comments on that document, that the Project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment after implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the MMRP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) As the Lead Agency for the Project, Zone 7 has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final IS/MND and administrative record for the Project including all oral and written comments received during the comment period and public meeting. The Board of Directors finds that the Final IS/MND contains complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the

Project. The Board of Directors further finds that the Final IS/MND and the administrative record have been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

- 2) Based on the Final IS/MND and the administrative record including all written and oral evidence before it, the Board of Directors finds that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant impact on the environment. The Board of Directors finds that the Final IS/MND contains a complete, objective and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of Zone 7.
- 3) The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Final IS/MND prepared for the Project, together with the MMRP prepared for the Project.
- 4) The Board of Directors hereby approves the Project as described in the Final IS/MND.
- 5) The Board of Directors directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the Alameda County Clerk within five (5) working days.
- 6) There are documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings have been based. These are located at Zone 7 of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, California 94551. The custodian for these records is the General Manager of 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 April 16, 2025.

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

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Administrative Services

**CONTACT:** Osborn Solitei

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Purchasing Policy Update

**SUMMARY:**

- The proposed action is in support of Strategic Plan Goal H – Fiscal Responsibility: Operate the Agency in a fiscally responsible manner and Strategic Initiative No. 21 – continue to effectively manage financial resources. In carrying out these fiscal responsibilities, staff periodically review the Agency’s policies to ensure continued alignment with the Agency’s strategic plan objectives, industry best practices, and current legislation.
- The Agency’s Purchasing Policy was adopted on June 21, 2017, via Resolution No. 17-53. The purpose of the Purchasing Policy is to define the practices and policies governing the procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services, including construction and capital improvements, and to relate the policies and principles to applicable provisions of governing law and to the Agency administrative policies.
- Staff reviewed the Agency’s Purchasing Policy. Staff presented the proposed Purchasing Policy updates to the Finance Committee on March 12, 2025. The Committee unanimously agreed to forward the attached policy to the full Board for adoption. The following amendments are proposed to bring the Policy language into better alignment with California Government Code Section 54202:

1. Section 8.0 Public Works Contracts (page 10):

Proposed Change: Update section to include language from Senate Bill 991.

Justification: The language in Senate Bill 991 authorizes the Agency to use the progressive design-build process for up to 15 public works projects (approx. three (3) public works projects per year) in excess of \$5 million for each project for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of any water from any source. This language will allow the Agency to accelerate essential, high priority projects to meet evolving regulations.

2. Section 14.0 Conflict of Interest (page 13):

Proposed Change: Add a conflict of interest section.

Justification: The section has been added to align with industry best practices.



3. Section 15.0 Policy Review (page 13):

Proposed Change: Add a policy review section.

Justification: The proposed change brings the Purchasing Policy in compliance with the fourth recommendation from the Zone 7 Board's Policy Review and Update (June 2022), requiring every policy adopted or revised, to include a timeline for an official review of the policy.

- Staff also made minor edits throughout the Purchasing Policy to incorporate the best practices and current information.
- Staff recommend the Board adopt the attached Resolution approving the proposed Purchasing Policy updates.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Clean Purchasing Policy
3. Redlined Purchasing Policy

ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY  
SECONDED BY

**Proposed Purchasing Policy Update**

WHEREAS, the proposed action is in support of Strategic Plan Goal H – Fiscal Responsibility – Operate the Agency in a fiscally responsible manner, and Strategic Initiative No. 21 – Continue to effectively manage financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Purchasing Policy is to define the practices and policies governing the procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services, including construction and capital improvements, and to relate the policies and principles to applicable provisions of governing law and to the Agency administrative policies; and

WHEREAS, the Agency’s financial policies are periodically reviewed to ensure continued alignment with the Agency’s strategic plan objectives, industry best practices, and current legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Policy was last reviewed and approved in 2017 by Resolution No. 17-53, dated June 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Policy has been reviewed and amended to bring the language into better alignment with California Government Code Section 54202.

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 adopt the attached Purchasing Policy.

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 April 16, 2025.

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

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>POLICY TITLE:</b> <b>Purchasing Policy</b>	<b>NUMBER:</b> <b>2017-02</b>	<b>PAGE:</b> <b>1 of 11</b>
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### **PURPOSE OF THE PURCHASING POLICY**

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The procurement of goods and services will be reviewed and processed through the Agency's Procurement section. While Procurement will provide oversight, Agency staff may conduct solicitations for the purchase of goods and services in accordance with the Agency's Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

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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 General Manager or designee will report emergency conditions to the Board for informational and/or reaffirmation purposes. To reaffirm the emergency status, the Board of Directors shall find, by a four-fifths vote, at each subsequent regular board meeting that the emergency continues to not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids/competitive pricing requirements of the Public Contract Code or this Policy. Documentation of any emergency purpose must be retained according to the Agency's retention policy and shall include the reason for the emergency purchase, the amount of the purchase and the criteria for the selection of the particular vendor or contractor.

Generally, emergency purchases shall be made only for the following reasons:

1. To preserve or protect life, health, safety, welfare or property; or
2. Upon natural disaster; or
3. To forestall a shutdown of essential public services; or
4. To permit continuity of fundamental and critical Agency operations which would include items such as:
  - a. Unplanned equipment failure that could result in substantial revenue loss;
  - b. Release of a hazardous substance requiring immediate containment and/or remediation;
  - c. Unplanned interruption of water supplies required minimum water flows and related power generation.
  - d. Other emergency situations deemed by the General Manager.

Since emergency purchases do not normally provide the Agency an opportunity to obtain competitive pricing, those performing the purchasing function shall use sound judgment in keeping such orders to an absolute minimum. Emergency Purchases fall into two categories:

1. Goods and General Services and 2) Public Works Contracts.

### **5.1 EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF GOODS AND GENERAL SERVICES**

Once the General Manager, Purchasing Agent or designee determines the need for an emergency purchase, the purchase may be made, without competitive pricing requirements, utilizing the Agency's purchasing procedures and practices to rent or purchase from the nearest available source any equipment, supplies, services, or other items necessary for the Agency to respond to an immediate threat to life, public health, or safety, or to eliminate/reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost-effective measures.

Whenever possible, Agency sections shall consult with the Purchasing Agent prior to making the emergency purchase. If prior consultation was not possible, the Agency section shall advise the Purchasing Agent of emergency purchases as soon as possible after the commitment.

This Policy assures that, in a proclaimed disaster or emergency, the Agency is able to acquire the goods and services required to address an immediate threat to life safety, public health, or to eliminate or reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost-effective measures while still maintaining an effective purchasing process and complying with applicable local and state purchasing laws. Where the Agency is included in a major disaster or emergency declared by the President of the United States, this Policy also assures that Agency procurements comply with Federal regulations applicable to

Federal disaster grant reimbursement as defined in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200. (2CFR Part 200)

Notwithstanding the terms of this policy, nothing contained herein shall conflict with Federal procurement regulations as currently defined in 2 CFR Part 200.

## **5.2 EMERGENCY PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS**

Once the General Manager, Purchasing Agent or designee determines the need for an emergency purchase, per Public Contract Code, contracts for work may be made without advertising or bid in cases of significant emergency as determined by the Board. Cases of significant emergency include, but are not limited to:

- (1) States of emergency as specified in Government Code Section 8558.
- (2) When emergency repair or replacement is necessary to permit the continued operation or service of the Agency.
- (3) When the emergency work is necessary to avoid danger to life or property.

## **6.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The following provisions shall apply to all Purchases unless otherwise provided for herein:

- (a) Policies Applicable to All Purchases. All purchases for the Agency shall be made in conformance with these policies and procedures.
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- (c) Competitive Pricing. Agency employees must always strive to purchase competitively and wisely, except as otherwise directed by law, or as directed by the Board of Directors or as provided by this Policy. Documentation of competitive pricing shall be submitted to Procurement with a requisition. Documentation for RFP's shall be obtained and retained as provided by the Agency's Records Retention Policy by the Agency section performing the purchase.
- (d) Competition to be Encouraged. It shall be the duty of any Agency employee involved in the purchasing process to discourage collusive or uniform bidding by every possible means and to endeavor to obtain as full and open competition as possible on all purchases.

- (e) Splitting Orders to Avoid Competitive Pricing/Bid Process Prohibited. Splitting or separating into smaller orders the purchase of supplies, material, equipment or services to evade the competitive pricing provisions of this Policy is prohibited.
- (f) Purchases not Conforming to the Competitive Pricing/Bid Process. Certain purchases are not readily adaptable to competitive pricing or informal and formal bidding processes. These purchases may include the following: Advertisements and notices, consulting and professional services, United States Postal Service postage, insurance, membership dues, real property/easement acquisition, subscriptions, trade circulars or books, government fees, utility payments and any purchases from another public entity. As such, these purchases may be exempt from competitive pricing requirements.
- (g) Highest Ethical Standards. All purchasing functions are to be conducted with the highest ethical standards. All employees must remain constantly aware of their responsibilities for spending public funds. Acceptance of money, gifts or favors in exchange for purchasing goods or services is strictly prohibited.
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- (i) Recurring Expenditures Bidding. If it is known that the recurring purchase of any material, supply and/or item of equipment will result in an annual expenditure in excess of \$100,000, then formal bidding procedures shall be used for that purchase.
- (j) Time and Place for Opening of Bids. All solicitations for written bids shall specify the time and place for the public opening of written formal bids. However, other than Public Works bids, there is no requirement for a public bid opening, and shall be at the discretion of the Agency.
- (k) Record of Bids. The Purchasing Agent or designee shall make tabulation or other record of all bids received on any item and such records shall be open to public inspection per public records after the bid opening or the last day for receiving bids.
- (l) Awards to Bidders/Lowest Responsible Bidder. All purchases made pursuant to formal or informal bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, the Purchasing Agent or designee shall take into consideration the quality offered and its conformity with the specifications, the delivery and discount terms, pricing, ability to perform the scope of work, and any other information and data required to prove the bidder's responsibility. The award of



all contracts for goods up to \$100,000 shall be made by the Purchasing Agent. The award of all contracts for goods in excess of \$100,000 and general services in excess of \$50,000 under this section shall be made by the Board of Directors.

- (m) Subcontractors. Any bidder making a bid or offer to perform the work, shall, in the bid offer, set forth the name, the location of the place of business, and the California contractor license number and California Department of Industrial Relations registration number, if applicable, of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the prime contractor in or about the construction of the work or improvement according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications, in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the primes contractor's total bid.
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- (o) Tie Bids. If two or more bids are received for the same total amount, or unit price, and if the public interest will not permit the delay of rebidding, the award of the contract may be made to one of the tie bidders by drawing lots in public.
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- (q) Purchase of Patented or Proprietary Articles. When the Agency requires supplies, materials, or equipment, which are patented, or proprietary and which are obtainable in two or more equally satisfactory and competitive makes, brands or types, the Purchasing Agent or designee shall list the acceptable make, brands or types in the invitation to bid. Such lists shall also include the phrase "or equal" to permit bidders to bid on alternate or additional makes, brands or types. In order for any such alternate or additional make, brand or type to be considered, it shall be incumbent on each such bidder to prove to the satisfaction of the Purchasing Agent or designee prior to the time for submitting bids that the alternate or additional make, brand or type is equal in quality or performance to those listed in the invitation to bid.
- (r) Competitive Pricing Exceptions. There may be instances when open competitive pricing is not practical, such as purchases of standardized goods and services, or goods and services that can only be obtained from one source. Exceptions to competitive pricing require the Purchasing Agent's approval in advance.

- a. Directed Purchases can be justified for standardization and/or compatibility purposes. Standardization includes technical product applications when compatibility and interchangeability are important and/or useful. Standardization is used to ensure compatibility of components and maintain commonality of items to save time, training and reduce replacement part stocking. Standardization tends to limit the competitive pricing, yet to the extent possible, competitive pricing of a standardized product should be obtained. Items typically standardized include water meters, vehicles, water treatment equipment, and computer equipment. Directed Purchases may also be applicable to replacement and repair of specific operational equipment by the manufacturer, dealer or service provider to ensure warranty coverage and standardization of equipment.
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- 1) Only one known source exists for supplies or services as determined by documented research;
  - 2) No other reasonable alternative source exists that meets the Agency requirements;
  - 3) Only one service provider meets the business needs of the Agency or is required for equipment installation, maintenance, and/or repair to comply with manufacturer's warranty or specific knowledge of the equipment and its use in a water agency environment.
- c. Tri-Valley Intergovernmental Reciprocal Services Master Agreement: Pursuant to Resolution No. 15-12, the Agency entered into a Master Agreement with Tri-Valley Intergovernmental Reciprocal Services to facilitate the process of contracting for services, or sharing resources, materials, personnel, and equipment between the signatory local or regional government entities, and, to the extent appropriate, private utilities for the purposes described in the Master Agreement. The Agency at times will use this Master Agreement for purchases of commodities and services.
- d. Emergency purchases. See, Section 5.0 above.
- (s) Purchases Pursuant to Other Public Agency Bids or Cooperative Purchasing Organizations. The Agency may make purchases from vendors to whom other public

agencies or cooperative purchasing organizations have awarded competitively bid contracts at the prices provided for in such awarded contracts without requesting competitive bids; provided, the Purchasing Agent or designee determines such prices are competitive. Purchases under this section for services greater than \$50,000 or goods greater than \$100,000 shall be presented to the Board of Directors for award.

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- a) Purchases \$3,000 or less** – For purchases of \$3,000 or less, competitive pricing shall be used whenever practical.
- b) Purchases for Goods greater than \$3,000 and less than \$100,000** – Require at least 3 documented competitive pricing quotes from capable vendors in order to determine the lowest responsible bidder. Quotes should be documented on the Agency's Request for Quote form whenever possible.
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- d) Purchases for General Services over \$50,000** – For contracts over \$50,000 and for the purchase of general services that do not come within the definition of Public Works Contracts, formal bid procedures are required as provided for in this Policy. Formal bids for services shall be awarded by the Board of Directors.

## **7.0 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Professional Services are exempt from competitive pricing requirements. However, a competitive selection and/or qualifications processes should be used to ensure the most qualified firm or individual is selected. The competitive selection process is at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent and may include a sole source, RFP, or other approved procurement process. A proposal with pricing should be submitted by the qualified firm or individual for evaluation prior to selection. Professional services over \$50,000 require formal competitive solicitation which includes submission of formal proposals and pricing for evaluation prior to selection with a contract awarded by the Board of Directors.

Professional Services typically involves extensive analysis, the exercise of discretion and independent judgment, and/or an advanced, specialized type of knowledge customarily acquired either by a prolonged course of study or equivalent experience such as but not limited to: accountants, consultants, investigators, attorneys, architects, surveyors and engineers.

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## 9.0 PURCHASES (FORMAL BIDDING)

Formal bid procedures for all purchases of goods exceeding \$100,000, services and contracts for any improvement or unit of work exceeding \$50,000 that does not come within the definition of Public Works Contract, and Public Works Contracts over \$25,000, as outlined in Section 21151 of the Public Contract Code, shall be made as provided for in this section.

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- (c) Surety. If deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Agent or designee, a bid security or bid bond may be required when inviting bids. Those required bids shall be accompanied with security in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bid bond in such amount as be prescribed in the Agency's bid solicitation or bid contract document. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to return of their bid security.
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The General Manager, or designee (Treasurer/Assistant General Manager – Finance), will be responsible for reviewing and updating this Purchasing Policy every five years, and presenting any recommended revisions to the Board of Directors for adoption.

## 16.0 HISTORY

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The General Manager may appoint a Purchasing Agent from among the staff of the Agency. In the absence of such appointment, the Assistant General Manager, Finance shall be Ex Officio Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent may delegate approvals levels and responsibilities to staff within the ~~Accounting~~/Procurement section.

## 3.0 PURCHASING AGENT ROLE

The Purchasing Agent shall be responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing the purchasing process within prescribed law, Agency policy and administrative directives of the General Manager. The Purchasing Agent shall formulate purchasing procedures and standards and assist ~~Agency S~~sections with implementation. The ~~Accounting~~/Procurement section will assist the Purchasing Agent with these functions.

## 4.0 SECTION RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The procurement of goods and services will be reviewed and processed through the Agency's ~~procurement-Procurement team within the Accounting~~ section. While Procurement will provide oversight, Agency staff may conduct solicitations for the purchase of goods and services in accordance with the Agency's Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

## 5.0 EMERGENCY PURCHASES

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 ~~General Manager or designee Purchasing Agent~~ will report emergency conditions to the Board for informational and/or reaffirmation purposes. To reaffirm the emergency status, the Board of Directors shall find, by a ~~four-fifths majority~~ vote, at each subsequent regular board meeting that the emergency continues to not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids/competitive pricing requirements of the Public Contract Code or this Policy. Documentation of any emergency purpose must be retained according to the Agency's retention policy and shall include the

reason for the emergency purchase, the amount of the purchase and the criteria for the selection of the particular vendor or contractor.

Generally, emergency purchases shall be made only for the following reasons:

1. To preserve or protect life, health, safety, welfare or property; or
2. Upon natural disaster; or
3. To forestall a shutdown of essential public services; or
4. To permit continuity of fundamental and critical Agency operations which would include items such as:
  - a. Unplanned equipment failure that could result in substantial revenue loss;
  - b. Release of a hazardous substance requiring immediate containment and/or remediation;
  - c. Unplanned interruption of water supplies required minimum water flows and related power generation.
  - d. Other emergency situations deemed by the General Manager.

Since emergency purchases do not normally provide the Agency an opportunity to obtain competitive pricing, those performing the purchasing function shall use sound judgment in keeping such orders to an absolute minimum. Emergency Purchases fall into two categories:

1. ~~Commodities-Goods~~ and General Services and 2) Public Works Contracts.

### **5.1 EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF GOODS ~~COMMODITIES~~ AND GENERAL SERVICES PURCHASES**

Once the General Manager, Purchasing Agent or ~~designee~~Section Manager determines the need for an emergency purchase, the purchase may be made, without competitive pricing requirements, utilizing the Agency's purchasing procedures and practices. ~~If neither the General Manager, Assistance General Manager, Finance, nor the EOC Director are available, the Accounting Manager, Procurement staff or Section Managers have authority~~ to rent or purchase from the nearest available source any equipment, supplies, services, or other items necessary for the Agency to respond to an immediate threat to life, public health, or safety, or to eliminate/reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost- effective measures.

Whenever possible, Agency Ssections shall consult with the Purchasing Agent prior to making the emergency purchase. If prior consultation was not possible, the Agency Ssection shall advise the Purchasing Agent of emergency purchases as soon as possible after the commitment.

This Policy assures that, in a proclaimed disaster or emergency, the Agency is able to acquire the goods and services required to address an immediate threat to life safety, public health, or

to eliminate or reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost-effective measures while still maintaining an effective purchasing process and complying with applicable local and state purchasing laws. Where the Agency is included in a major disaster or emergency declared by the President of the United States, this Policy also assures that Agency procurements comply with Federal regulations applicable to Federal disaster grant reimbursement as defined in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200. (2CFR Part 200)

Notwithstanding the terms of this policy, nothing contained herein shall conflict with Federal procurement regulations as currently defined in 2 CFR Part 200.

## 5.2 EMERGENCY PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

Once the General Manager, Purchasing Agent or ~~designee~~Section Manager determines the need for an emergency purchase, per Public Contract Code, ~~Sections may let~~ contracts for work may be made without advertising or bid in cases of significant emergency as determined by the Board. Cases of significant emergency include, but are not limited to:

- (1) States of emergency as specified in Government Code Section 8558.
- (2) When emergency repair or replacement is necessary to permit the continued operation or service of the Agency.
- (3) When the emergency work is necessary to avoid danger to life or property.

## 6.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following provisions shall apply to all Purchases unless otherwise provided for herein:

- (a) Policies Applicable to All Purchases. All purchases for the Agency shall be made in conformance with these policies and procedures.
- (b) Bid Procedures. The Agency may determine the best method to procure ~~commodities~~ goods or services through public procurement best practices and available bid options. The solicitation may be in the form of a quote, bid, Request for Information (RFI), Request for Qualifications (RFQ), or Request for Proposal (RFP). Documentation of the solicitation process and ultimate selection is required.
- (c) Competitive Pricing. Agency employees must always strive to purchase competitively and wisely, except as otherwise directed by law, or as directed by the Board of Directors or as provided by this Policy. Documentation of competitive pricing shall be submitted to Procurement with a requisition. Documentation for RFP's shall be obtained and retained as provided by the Agency's Records Retention Policy by the Agency Ssection performing the purchase.

- (d) Competition to be Encouraged. It shall be the duty of any Agency employee involved in the purchasing process to discourage collusive or uniform bidding by every possible means and to endeavor to obtain as full and open competition as possible on all purchases.
- (e) Splitting Orders to Avoid Competitive Pricing/Bid Process Prohibited. Splitting or separating into smaller orders the purchase of supplies, material, equipment or services to evade the competitive pricing provisions of this Policy is prohibited.
- (f) Purchases not Conforming to the Competitive Pricing/Bid Process. Certain purchases are not readily adaptable to competitive pricing or informal and formal bidding processes. These purchases may include ~~examples of~~ the following: Advertisements and notices, consulting and professional services, United States Postal Service postage, insurance, ~~medical payments~~, membership dues, real property/easement acquisition, subscriptions, ~~computer hardware and software maintenance agreements~~, trade circulars or books, ~~certain travel expenses, vehicle and heavy equipment repairs~~ government fees, and utility payments and any purchases from another public entity. ~~As as~~ such, these purchases may be exempt from competitive pricing requirements.
- (g) Highest Ethical Standards. All purchasing functions are to be conducted with the highest ethical standards. All employees must remain constantly aware of their responsibilities for spending public funds. Acceptance of money, gifts or favors in exchange for purchasing goods or services is strictly prohibited.
- (h) Gifts and Gratuities. It is the policy of the Agency that it conducts its business in a fair and ethical manner. The Agency employees and Board members are governed by Section 81000 of the Government Code also known as the Political Reform Act. Consultants, contractors, vendors and others who do business or intend to do business with the Agency are also governed by the Act. Please visit the Fair Political Practices Commission's website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).
- (i) Recurring Expenditures Bidding. If it is known that the recurring purchase of any material, supply and/or item of equipment will result in an annual expenditure in excess of \$100,000, then formal bidding procedures shall be used for that purchase.
- (j) Time and Place for Opening of Bids. All solicitations for written bids shall specify the time and place for the public opening of written formal bids. However, other than Public Works bids, there is no requirement for a public bid opening, and shall be at the discretion of the Agency.
- (k) Record of Bids. The Purchasing Agent or designee shall make tabulation or other record of all bids received on any item and such records shall be open to public inspection per public records after the bid opening or the last day for receiving bids.

- (l) Awards to Bidders/Lowest Responsible Bidder. All purchases made pursuant to formal or informal bids shall be awarded to the lowest most-responsive and responsible bidder. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, the Purchasing Agent or designee shall take into consideration the quality offered and its conformity with the specifications, the delivery and discount terms, pricing, ability to perform the scope of work, and any other information and data required to prove the bidder's responsibility. The award of all contracts for goods up to \$100,000 shall be made by the Purchasing Agent. The award of all contracts for goods in excess of \$100,000 and general services in excess of \$50,000 under this section shall be made by the Board of Directors.
- (m) Subcontractors. Any bidder making a bid or offer to perform the work, shall, in the bid offer, set forth the name, the location of the place of business, and the California contractor license number and California Department of Industrial Relations registration number, if applicable, of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the prime contractor in or about the construction of the work or improvement according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications, in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the primes contractor's total bid. or a subcontractor licensed by the State of California who, under subcontract to the prime contractor, specially fabricates and installs a portion of the work or improvement according to Public Contract Code.
- (n) Rejection of Bids. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, Purchasing Agent or designee, the Agency may reject any and all bids and re-advertise or re-solicit for bids at any time.
- (o) Tie Bids. If two or more bids are received for the same total amount, or unit price, and if the public interest will not permit the delay of rebidding, the award of the contract may be made to one of the tie bidders by drawing lots in public, or the bid can be cancelled and the purchase may be made in the open market, provided the price paid in the open market shall not exceed the lowest bid price.
- (p) Failure of Bidder to Execute or Perform Contract. If the successful bidder fails to execute the contract, the bidder's security shall be forfeited to the Agency. If the Purchasing Agent, or designee, deems it is for the best interests of the Agency, he/she may, on the refusal or failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract, award it to the second lowest responsible bidder.
- (q) Purchase of Patented or Proprietary Articles. When the Agency requires supplies, materials, or equipment, which are patented, or proprietary and which are obtainable in two or more equally satisfactory and competitive makes, brands or types, the Purchasing Agent or designee shall list the acceptable make, brands or types in the invitation to bid. Such lists shall also include the phrase "or equal" to permit bidders to

bid on alternate or additional makes, brands or types. In order for any such alternate or additional make, brand or type to be considered, it shall be incumbent on each such bidder to prove to the satisfaction of the Purchasing Agent or designee prior to the time for submitting bids that the alternate or additional make, brand or type is equal in quality or performance to those listed in the invitation to bid.

(r) Competitive Pricing Exceptions. There may be instances when open competitive pricing is not practical, such as purchases of standardized goods and services, or goods and services that can only be obtained from one source. Exceptions to competitive pricing require the Purchasing Agent's approval in advance.

a. Directed Purchases can be justified for standardization and/or compatibility purposes. Standardization includes technical product applications when compatibility and interchangeability are important and/or useful. Standardization is used to ensure compatibility of components and maintain commonality of items to save time, training and reduce replacement part stocking. Standardization tends to limit the competitive pricing, yet to the extent possible, competitive pricing of a standardized product should be obtained. Items typically standardized include water meters, vehicles, water treatment equipment, and computer equipment. Directed Purchases may also be applicable to replacement and repair of specific operational equipment by the manufacturer, dealer or service provider to ensure warranty coverage and standardization of equipment.

b. Sole Source Purchases: ~~Any purchases where only one known source exists or only one single supplier can fulfill the requirements because of its technological nature, specialized nature, proprietary nature or unique character. Sometimes there is compelling urgency or it is in the best interest of the Agency to purchase a product or service because it is the best use of public funds or because not obtaining the product or service may cause harm, injury or unnecessary expense.~~ At other times, the reasons for sole sourcing it may include; warranties, compatibility, territorial limitations, proprietary items sold directly from the manufacturer, items that have only one distributor authorized to sell in this area or a certain product that has proven to be the only acceptable product and/or other factors that requires the Agency to purchase products or services only from those businesses. Examples of acceptable sole source exceptions may also include:

- 1) Only one known source exists for supplies or services as determined by documented research;
- 2) No other reasonable alternative source exists that meets the Agency requirements;
- 3) Only one service provider meets the business needs of the Agency or is required for equipment installation, maintenance, and/or repair to



comply with manufacturer's warranty or specific knowledge of the equipment and its use in a water agency environment.

- c. Tri-Valley Intergovernmental Reciprocal Services Master Agreement: Pursuant to Resolution No. 15-12, the Agency entered into a Master Agreement with Tri-Valley Intergovernmental Reciprocal Services to facilitate the process of contracting for services, or sharing resources, materials, personnel, and equipment between the signatory local or regional government entities, and, to the extent appropriate, private utilities for the purposes described in the Master Agreement. The Agency at times will use this Master Agreement for purchases of commodities and services.
- d. Emergency purchases. See, Section 5.0 above.
- (s) Purchases Pursuant to Other Public Agency Bids or Cooperative Purchasing Organizations. The Agency may make purchases from vendors to whom other public agencies or cooperative purchasing organizations have awarded competitively bid contracts at the prices provided for in such awarded contracts without requesting competitive bids; provided, the Purchasing Agent or designee determines such prices are competitive. Purchases under this section for services greater than \$50,000 or goods greater than \$100,000 shall be presented to the Board of Directors for award.
- (t) **Competitive Pricing Requirements for Purchase of Goods and Services:**

Commodities and General Services

- a) **Purchases ~~less than \$3,000 or less~~ —** ~~For purchases of~~ Although there is no specific requirement for the competitive pricing of Purchases less than \$3,000 or less, competitive pricing shall be used whenever practical.
- b) **Purchases for Goods Commodities from greater than \$3,000 and less than \$100,000** ~~\$3,001 to \$100,000~~ **—** Require at least 3 documented competitive pricing quotes from capable vendors in order to determine the lowest responsible bidder. Quotes should be documented on the Agency's Request for Quote form whenever possible.
- c) **Purchases for Goods Commodities over \$100,000** - Require formal bid procedures for all purchases of goods. ~~and contracts for any improvement or unit of work, which shall be made as provided for in this Policy and the Public Contract Code for Public Works contracts.~~ Formal bids for goods shall be awarded by the Board of Directors.



~~e)d) Purchases for General Services over \$50,000 -- For contracts over \$50,000 and for the purchase of general services that do not come within the definition of Public Works Contracts, Require formal bid procedures are required for all purchases and contracts for any improvement or unit of work, which shall be made as provided for in this Policy, and the Public Contract Code for Public Works contracts.~~ Formal bids for services shall be awarded by the Board of Directors.

## 7.0 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Professional Services are exempt from competitive pricing requirements. However, a competitive selection and/or qualifications processes should be used to ensure the most qualified firm or individual is selected. The competitive selection process is at the discretion of the ~~Section Manager and/or~~ Purchasing Agent and may include a sole source, RFP, or other approved procurement process. A proposal with pricing should be submitted by the qualified firm or individual for evaluation prior to selection. Professional services over \$50,000 require formal competitive solicitation which includes submission of formal proposals and pricing for evaluation prior to selection with a contract awarded by the Board of Directors.

Professional Services typically involves extensive analysis, the exercise of discretion and independent judgment, and/or an advanced, specialized type of knowledge customarily acquired either by a prolonged course of study or equivalent experience such as but not limited to: accountants, consultants, investigators, attorneys, architects, surveyors and engineers.

## 8.0 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

Per State of California Public Contract Code Article 82 - Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation ~~Agency District~~ and Agency policies, all construction bids and contracts will be formally bid and awarded per the guidelines provided within the Code. Effective January 1, 2024 until January 1, 2029, Senate Bill (SB) – 991 authorize local agencies, defined as any city, county, city and county, or special district authorized by law to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of any water from any source, to use the progressive design-build process for up to 15 public works projects in excess of \$5,000,000 for each project.

## 9.0 PURCHASES (FORMAL BIDDING)

Formal bid procedures for all purchases of goods exceeding \$100,000, ~~and~~ services and contracts for any improvement or unit of work, exceeding \$50,000 that does not come within the definition of Public Works Contract, and Public Works Contracts over \$25,000, as outlined in Section 21151 of the Public Contract Code, shall be made as provided for in this section.

~~and over \$25,000 for Public Works contracts as outlined in Section 21151 of the Public Contract Code.~~

- (a) Public Notice. Bids for such purchases and contracts shall be solicited by public notice in the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors; provided that such manner shall not be inconsistent with provisions of Section ~~21321-21151~~ of the Public Contract Code. All public notices for purchases shall include a general description of the ~~commodities~~ goods or services to be purchased, shall state where contract bids and specifications may be secured and shall specify the time and place of opening of bids. In addition to the giving of such public notice, the Purchasing Agent or designee shall solicit bids from prospective bidders on any bidder's list maintained by the Agency by sending them a notice of solicitation or such other notice that will acquaint them with the proposed Purchase.
- (b) Form and Submission of Bids. All bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or through an official electronic procurement system in the form and manner prescribed by the Agency. Bids submitted in a sealed envelope shall specify the ~~commodity~~ goods or services being bid upon and/or bid contract number.
- (c) Surety. If deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Agent or designee, a bid security or bid bond may be required when inviting bids. Those required bids shall be accompanied ~~by a surety with security~~ in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bid bond in such amount as be prescribed in the Agency's bid solicitation or bid contract document. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to return of their bid security ~~or bid bond~~.
- (d) Written Contract Required - Forfeiture of Surety. Written contracts shall be awarded for all such purchases or contracts. If the successful bidder does not enter into a written contract within the time limit specified in the invitation to bid, the bidder shall forfeit ~~its bid bond or other forms of security in cash an amount equivalent to any surety~~, which accompanied the bid, unless the Agency is responsible for the delay. The bidder shall also be liable for any cost in excess of its bid ~~price~~ security which the Agency incurs in purchasing the ~~commodity~~ goods or services elsewhere.
- (e) Required Bidder's Statement. The Purchasing Agent shall require each bidder to accompany the bid with a statement of non-collusion made under penalty of perjury that the bidder has not been a party with other bidders to an agreement to bid a fixed or uniform price. Violations of such statements shall void the bid of such bidders.
- (f) Public Contract Awards. At the time the contract is awarded, the contractor shall be properly licensed in accordance with the laws of the state.
- (g) Award of Bid. ~~The award of all contracts for Commodities shall be made by the Purchasing Agency.~~ The award of all contracts for goods in excess of \$100,000 and general services that do not come within the definition of Public Works Contract in

excess of \$50,000, ~~and Public Work Contracts over \$25,000 under this section~~ shall be made by the Board of Directors.

- (h) Flood Control Facilities: Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 21151 (the specific section applicable to the Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District), work for *"channel protection or maintenance work"* can be contracted for without going through the formal competitive bid process ~~as required like~~ for other ~~public~~ Public works Works contracts ~~Contracts~~. While ~~the Agency will we do~~ go through ~~with its our~~ own 'in-house' competitive process it is done as a good business practice as opposed to a legal ~~requirement. requirement thus the RFP process vs. the formal advertisement & bidding process.~~ As such, ~~the Agency we is -are~~ not constrained ~~as we would be with other types of public works contracts,~~ to ~~award to the lowest bidder go with the cheapest bid~~ but rather, can make ~~our~~ selection based upon other considerations. ~~other than just who's the cheapest.~~

## 10.0 DETERMINATION OF NON-~~RESPONSIVE~~ RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS

Public Contract Code Section 1103 defines a responsible bidder as "a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Public Works Contract." The General Manager or the Purchasing Agent may determine and declare a bidder to be non-responsible and may remove the bidder's name from the bidder's list and bar the bidder from bidding for a reasonable period not in excess of one year if the bidder fails to furnish proof of responsibility or if the bidder has repeatedly made slow or unsatisfactory performance/deliveries. Such barred bidder shall be furnished with a statement of the reasons for this action.

## 11.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Depending upon the type of procurement, the Agency may require bidders to submit proof of required insurance coverage prior to contract award. The specific insurance requirements will be included in the solicitation documents.

## 12.0 CONTRACTOR WAGE REQUIREMENT

Depending upon the type of procurement and its funding source, the Agency, State of California or Federal government may require certain prevailing or living wage requirements, particularly for public works projects. Those specific requirements will be included in the solicitation documents.

## 13.0 PURCHASING CARDS

Authorized Agency employees have been issued a purchasing card (P-Card) for small dollar purchases. While these cards have been issued in the employee's name, the Agency is responsible for paying all debts incurred in the use of the card. Vendors should always request

picture identification when charging against these cards. ~~sales~~ Sales should not be made to anyone other than the person whose name appears on the card. The P-Cards follow the same purchasing policy established by the Agency and the cardholders are accountable and responsible for all purchases made on their cards.

**14.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No director, officer, employee or agent of the Agency shall participate in any procedure, tasks, or decisions relative to initiation, evaluation, award, or administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, exists. Such a conflict of interest arises when (a) the director, officer, employee or agent, (b) any member of his or her immediate family, (c) his or her business associate, or (d) an organization which employs, or which is about to employ, any of the above described individuals has a financial or other interest in an entity that participates in an Agency procurement process or that is selected for an award. The standards governing the determination as to whether such an interest exists are set forth in the Political Reform Act (Section 8100 *et seq.* of the California Government Code) and in Sections 1090, 1091, and 1091.5 of the California Government Code.

**15.0 POLICY REVIEW**

The General Manager, or designee (Treasurer/Assistant General Manager – Finance), will be responsible for reviewing and updating this Purchasing Policy every five years, and presenting any recommended revisions to the Board of Directors for adoption.

**16.0 HISTORY**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Resolution</u></b>
<u>June 21, 2017</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>17-53</u>
<u>XXX XX, 2025</u>	<u>Updated</u>	<u>TBD</u>

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Flood Protection Engineering

**CONTACT:** Jeff Tang/Edward Reyes

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Amend the Recreational Use License Agreement with the City of Livermore

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable flood protection services and consistent with our value of collaboration, Zone 7 enters into agreements with local agencies to allow recreational uses while maintaining flood protection.
- The City of Livermore (City) is seeking a trail extension as part of the commercial development by Overton Moore Properties that consists of several warehouses on the Surface Mining Permit (SMP) 40 site. Zone 7 owns a portion of Arroyo Mocho (Line G) west of Isabel Avenue, shown in Attachment 2, which the City is proposing to utilize as part of the trail extension.
- Zone 7 and the City entered into a Recreational Use License Agreement (Agreement) in December 12, 2005, that allows the City to operate and maintain the trail along Arroyo Mocho east of Isabel Avenue at their expense. An amendment to the Agreement would be needed to include the trail extension on Zone 7's right of way to the west.
- Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Recreational Use License Agreement with the City to add the additional licensed area, which the City will be responsible to operate and maintain.

**FUNDING:**

No funding impact.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Vicinity and Location Map

ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY  
SECONDED BY

**Amend the Recreational Use License Agreement with the City of Livermore**

WHEREAS, to support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable flood protection services, and consistent with our value of collaboration, Zone 7 enters into agreements with local agencies to allow recreational uses while maintaining flood protection facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Zone 7 executed a Recreational Use License Agreement (A05-08-LIV) with the City of Livermore that allows it to be amended to add new recreational areas to be operated and maintained by the City of Livermore; and

WHEREAS, the City of Livermore wishes to have the Recreational Use License Agreement amended to include a trail extension under their responsibility.

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 and execute an amendment to the Recreational Use License Agreement (A05-08-LIV) with the City of Livermore to add the trail extension as an additional licensed area which the City of Livermore will be responsible to operate and maintain.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

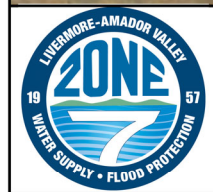
ABSENT:

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 April 16, 2025.

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





**ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY**  
**100 N. Canyons Parkway**  
**Livermore, CA 94551**

DRAWN: JT  
 REVIEWED:

**ZONE 7**  
**Vicinity and Location**  
**Amendment 5 of the Recreational Use License Agreement**  
**with the City of Livermore**

Scale: Not to Scale  
 Date: 04/16/2025  
 FIGURE 1





100 North Canyons Parkway  
Livermore, CA 94551  
(925) 454-5000

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

**CONTACT:** Sal Segura/Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report

**SUMMARY:**

- To support its mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) has been managing water supplies. This Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report assesses Zone 7's ability to provide a sustainable water supply for the next five years to support Strategic Plan Goal B - Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, and also to implement Initiative #5 - develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs.
- Zone 7's Water Supply Reliability Policy requires the preparation of an Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report to summarize available water supply, compare current water demand with available water supplies, and discuss water conservation requirements to meet Municipal and Industrial water demands for drought conditions.
- Based on the projected operations plan, available surface water supplies will be sufficient to meet water demands and replenish Zone 7's water storage reserves in the local groundwater basin.
- Staff presented a Preliminary Water Supply Operations Plan for 2025 to the Board in February 2025, reflecting the latest supply and demand conditions for Zone 7's feasible operational scenarios.
- Zone 7 staff will continue to monitor both state and local hydrologic conditions and adjust operations and projections accordingly.
- Staff concluded that Zone 7 will be able to deliver 100% of projected demands over the next five years, assuming average conditions in 2028 and 2029. As discussed in this Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report, Zone 7 is able to meet demands without mandatory conservation under expected conditions.

**FUNDING:** None requested at this time.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information only.

**ATTACHMENT:** Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report 2025





## **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY REPORT 2025**

### **BACKGROUND**

To support its mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) has been managing water supplies. This Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report assesses Zone 7's ability to provide a sustainable water supply for the next five years to support Strategic Plan Goal B - Reliable Water Supply and Infrastructure, and also to implement Initiative #5 - develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs.

In addition, on October 17, 2012, Zone 7 adopted the Water Supply Reliability Policy (Resolution 13-4230, see Attachment A), which requires an annual review of sustainable water supplies (Annual Review). This Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report covers the following topics:

- Key hydrologic and water supply conditions
- Projected water demands for the next five years
- Projected water supplies for the next five years
- Comparison of supplies and demands for the next five years
- Programs necessary to continue meeting water demands going forward

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Water Year 2024 (October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024) followed an abnormally wet 2023 in California. The year started with mild expectations and an initial State Water Project allocation of 10% in December 2023. Following a slate of atmospheric rivers, conditions gradually improved to moderate hydrologic conditions. Locally, a significant amount of runoff prompted DWR to make flood releases from Lake Del Valle in mid-February to manage the water level. In all, approximately 11,000 acre-feet (AF) were released for flood control during the month of February. Additionally, the State Water Project made a total of four allocation increases and announced an allocation of 40% in March. Together with a healthy supply of SWP carryover from 2023, this provided Zone 7 with sufficient surface water to meet all deliveries and store water both locally and in Kern County water banks.

In 2024, Zone 7 maximized surface water supplies, artificially recharged over 6,000 AF, produced less than 4,000 AF of groundwater, stored 10,000 AF in the Kern Storage and Recovery Programs, and carried over 9,200 AF in San Luis Reservoir for later use.

Under current 2025 calendar year conditions, Zone 7's planned incoming supplies for 2025 consist of the following:

- 32,200 AF based on a 40% State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocation
- 5,000 AF of Lake Del Valle local water captured in 2025 as of April 1

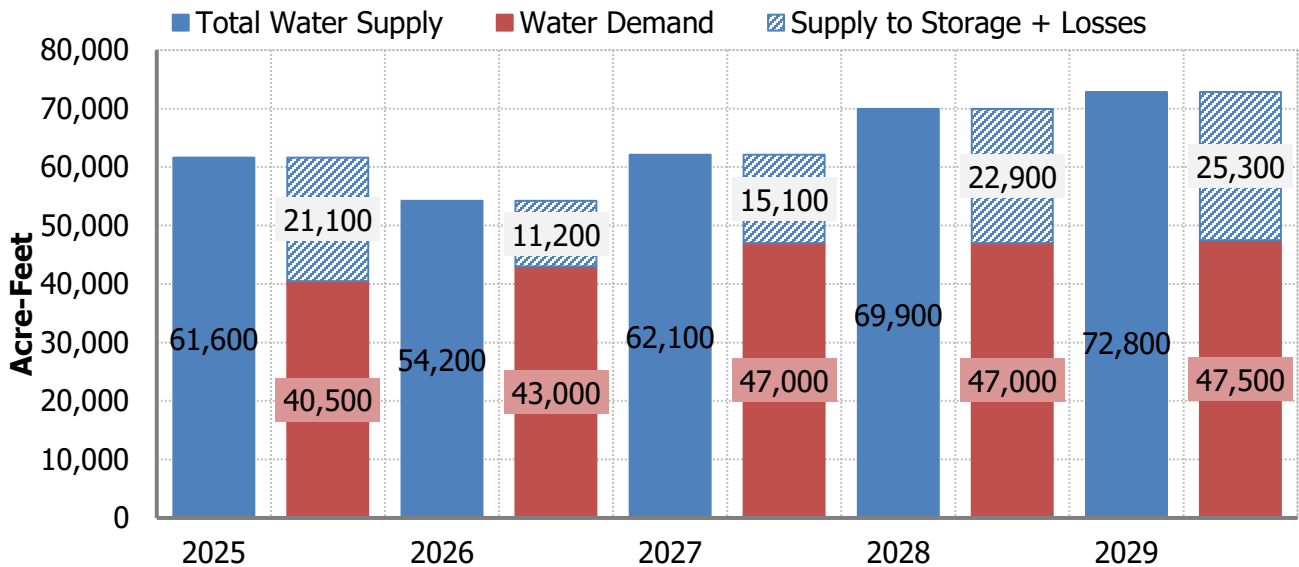
Given existing conditions and above normal incoming supplies, Zone 7 plans to draw from storage as follows:

- 9,200 AF of SWP carryover from 2024 stored in San Luis Reservoir
- 8,600 AF of Lake Del Valle local water captured in 2024, and
- 6,000 AF from the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin.

Planned 2025 incoming water supplies, combined with withdrawal from various stored supplies, result in a total of 61,600 AF that could be used to meet customer demands of 40,500 AF; note that this is based on treated customer demand projections including substitute for the City of Pleasanton’s groundwater pumping quota through 2029 (with current deliveries trending 10% below 2025 delivery requests) and untreated water demands. It is projected that no water will be used to artificially recharge the local groundwater basin as its storage condition is 100% of its capacity. An estimated 5,000 AF will be carried over in Lake Del Valle for use in 2026. A portion of the remaining water will be unavailable as operational system losses (DWR and Zone 7 losses; 1,000 AF). As part of the water management strategy, the remaining supplies (approximately 15,000 AF) will be retained in San Luis Reservoir for use in 2026 as SWP Carryover.

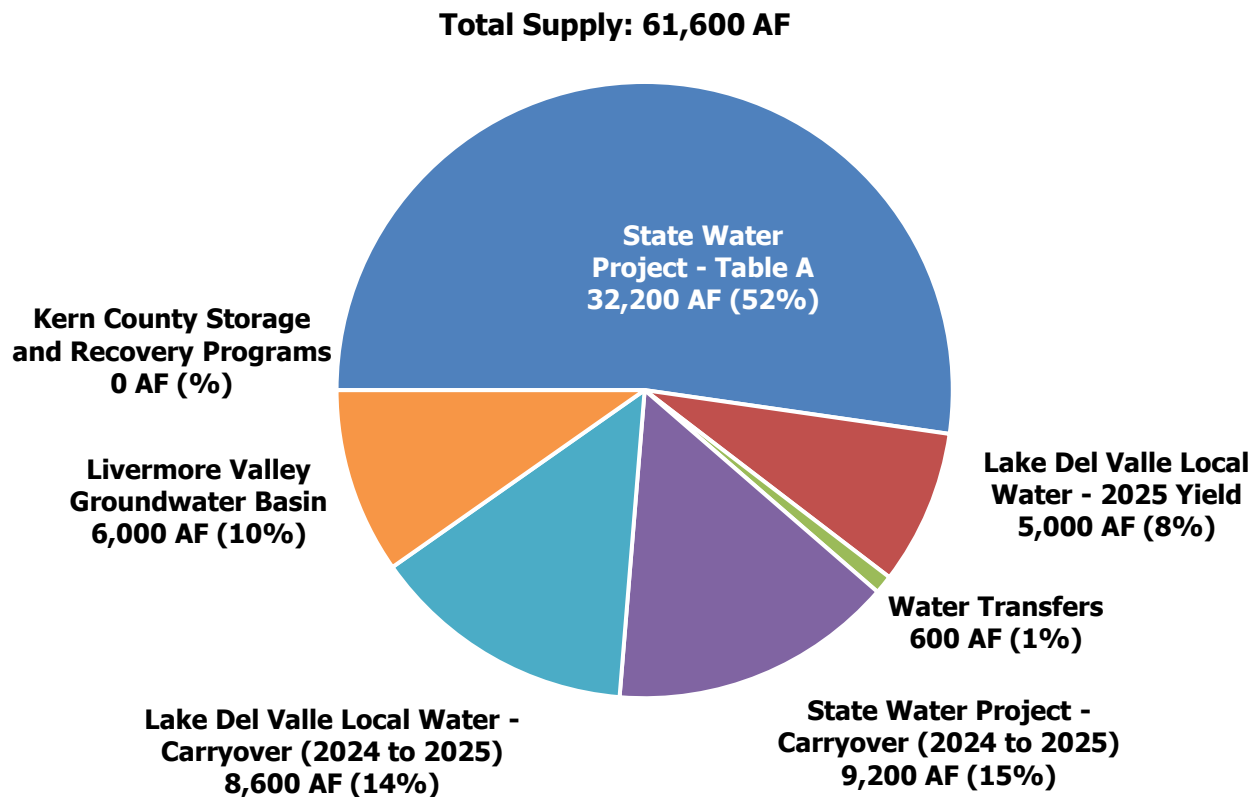
As shown in Figure 1, a comparison of projected water supply and demand indicates that Zone 7 can deliver projected demands, even if conditions are critically dry in 2026 and dry in 2027. Zone 7 also expects to meet demands over 2028 and 2029, assuming average hydrologic conditions in those years.

**Figure 1: Water Supplies versus Demands Based on Delivery Requests**



Based on the projected operations plan, the available surface water supply will be sufficient to meet water demands and allow the replenishment of Zone 7’s water storage reserves in the local groundwater basin. Figure 2 below shows how Zone 7 anticipates meeting demands with its water supply portfolio during 2025.

**Figure 2: Expected 2025 Water Supply Portfolio to Meet Demands**



Zone 7 has been evaluating several potential future water supply and storage options to bolster long-term water supply reliability (Delta Conveyance Project, Chain of Lakes Conveyance System, Potable Reuse and Sites Reservoir). A number of planned capital projects (new wells, the Chain of Lakes Conveyance System, and reliability intertie) will increase water supply reliability, and the completed Chain of Lakes will help bolster the reliability of Zone 7's water supply system in the distant future. Furthermore, these projects will help optimize the long-term yield of Lake Del Valle local water, a key source of incoming supplies, and the use of the local groundwater basin for storage and recovery.

Zone 7 will continue to monitor local and statewide hydrologic conditions, adjust operations as necessary to optimize use of available resources, remain prepared for another single or multi-year drought, and continue to coordinate with the local water supply retailers, untreated water customers, and the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

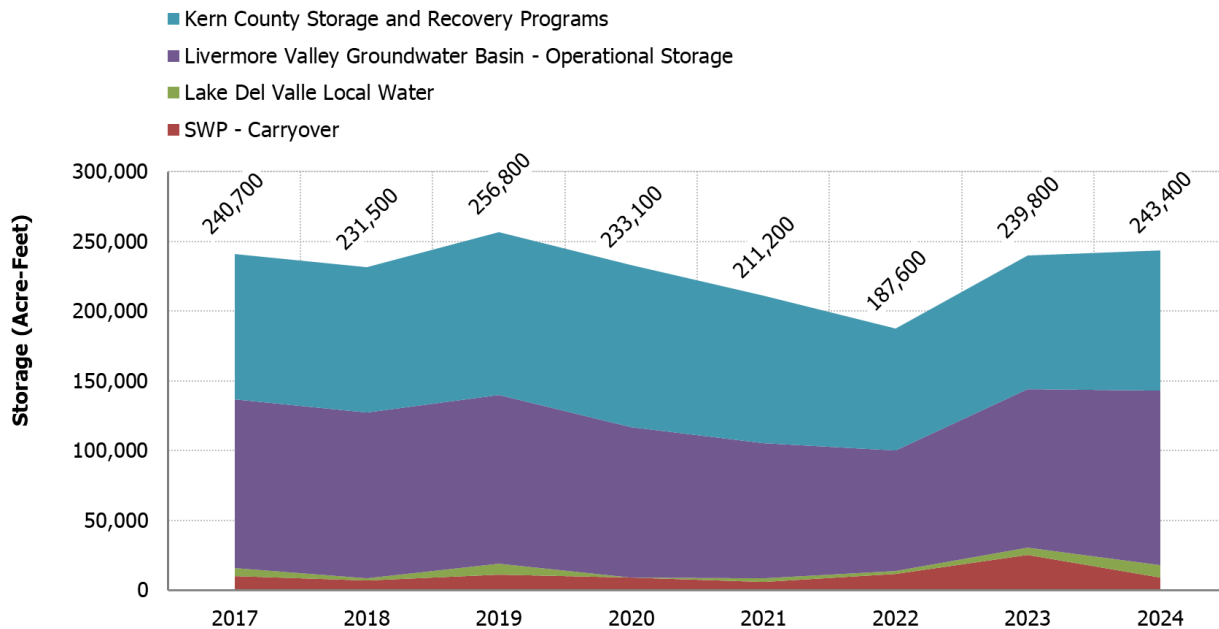
## KEY HYDROLOGIC AND WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

### INITIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS (JANUARY 1, 2025)

Zone 7 started 2025 with a SWP carryover of 9,200 AF, 8,600 in Lake Del Valle local water carryover, Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin storage of 125,000 AF above the Minimum Thresholds set in the Livermore Valley Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and 100,600 AF of water stored in the Kern County Storage and Recovery Programs (Semitropic

Water Storage District [Semitropic] and Cawelo Water District [Cawelo]). Zone 7’s storage portfolio at the beginning of 2025 had about 243,400 AF, as shown in Figure 3 below.

**Figure 3: Historical Water Supply Storage Conditions, End of Year Storage Balances**



**RESERVOIR CONDITIONS**

As of April 1, 2025, storage in Oroville Reservoir was at 3.02 million acre-feet (MAF), or 88% of capacity. Oroville Reservoir collects runoff from the Feather River watershed in Northern California, a main source of supply for the SWP. San Luis Reservoir, the main reservoir for the SWP south of the Delta, was at 1.77 MAF, or 89% of capacity as of April 1.

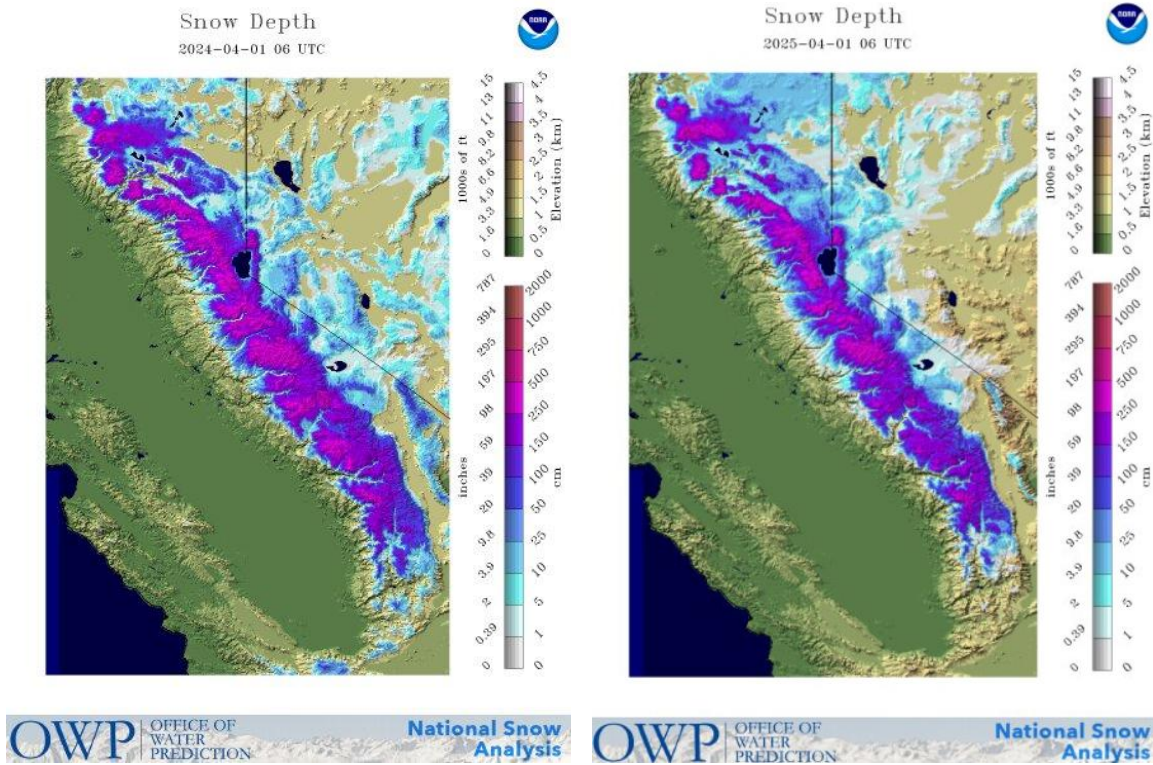
Most of Zone 7’s SWP carryover (9,200 AF) stored in San Luis Reservoir this year has been used or remains in storage and will be delivered to Zone 7 this year.

**SIERRA SNOWPACK AND PRECIPITATION (APRIL 1, 2025)**

The statewide Sierra snowpack on April 1, 2025, was estimated at about 96% of average (see Attachment B), compared to 110% at the same time last year. April 1 is normally when the snowpack level peaks before the spring melt begins. The snowpack in Northern California is the main source of supply for the SWP during the spring and summer. Figure 4 presents a comparison of snow depths in the Sierras in April 2024 versus those in April 2025. The comparison of snow depth is very similar between 2024 and 2025 although 2024 had a higher snow water content.

Northern Sierra precipitation, which is a key factor in SWP allocation, was 52.3 inches as of April 1, 2025, or 118% of average (Attachment B). This is about 9.5 inches (22%) greater than it was a year ago.

**Figure 4: Statewide Snowpack in the Sierra Nevada: 2024 versus 2025**

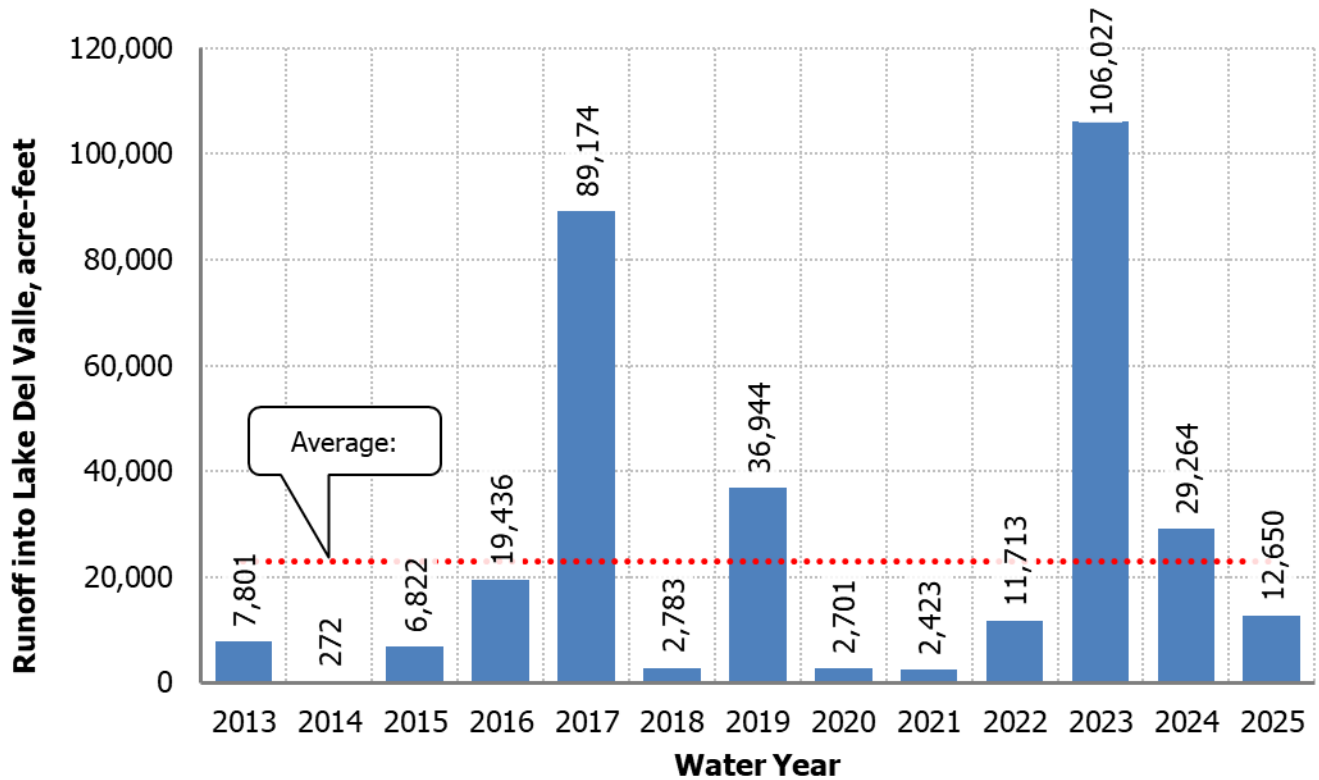


(Source: National Weather Service Remote Sensing Center, [www.noahrs.noaa.gov/nsa](http://www.noahrs.noaa.gov/nsa))

## LOCAL RUNOFF AND PRECIPITATION IN 2025

The Tri-Valley area has experienced significantly less runoff this year compared to the same time last year. Figure 5 shows that as of April 1, 2025, runoff into Lake Del Valle is 55% of average (12,600 AF compared to 23,000 AF). No flood releases have been made this year. Locally captured water is split with the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) and stored in the lake for future use in accordance with Zone 7 and ACWD's water rights permit. Based on DWR accounting, Zone 7 has about 13,400 AF of local water stored in Lake Del Valle as of April 1, 2025. The local precipitation total is at 79% of the average year-to-date at Livermore Airport Station for April 1, 2025 (Attachment B).

**Figure 5: Runoff into Lake Del Valle (USGS Stream Gauge Arroyo Valle Below Lang Canyon)**

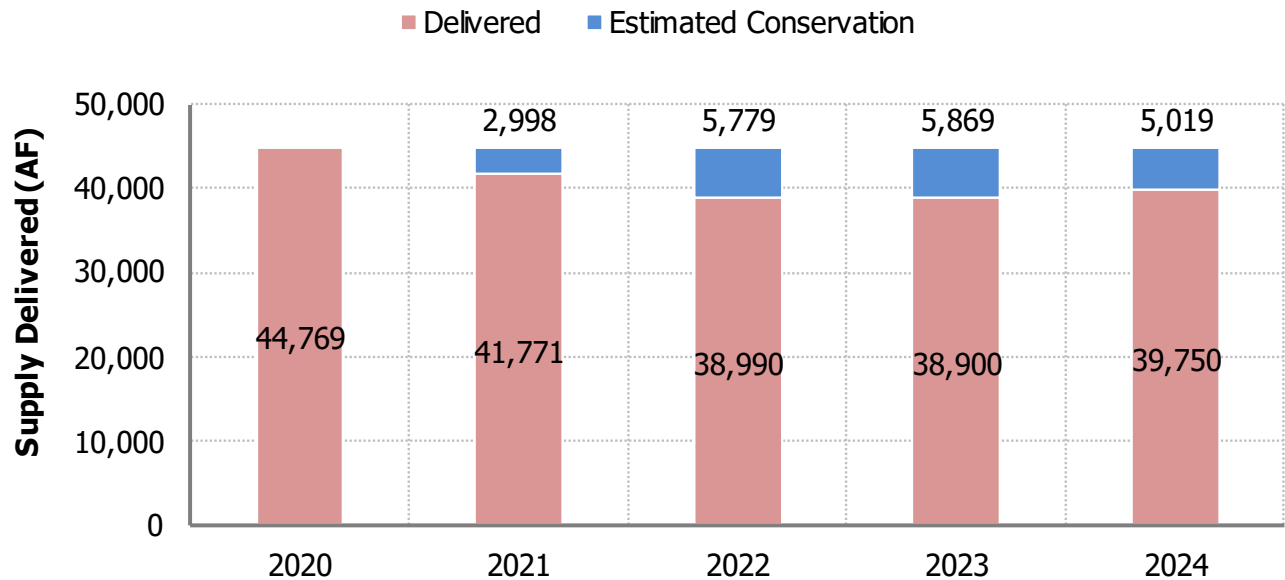


**CONSERVATION IN THE TRI-VALLEY**

On September 1, 2021, the Zone 7 Board called for 15% mandatory conservation for treated water customers in preparation for a potential third dry year in 2022 (Resolution No. 21-67). This requirement was rescinded in April of 2023 and replaced with a 5% voluntary conservation target. Since rescinding the mandatory conservation action, water demand has been slow to rebound to baseline levels. Figure 6 shows water use and conservation between 2021 and 2024 relative to 2020. A cumulative amount of about 20,000 AF was conserved during this period by Tri-Valley treated and untreated water customers (relative to 2020). Water supply conservation preserves supplies and supports Zone 7’s ability to meet retailer demands in current and subsequent years.



**Figure 6: Conservation in the Tri-Valley (2020 Baseline)**



**2025 SWP TABLE A ALLOCATION: 40% AS OF APRIL 1, 2025**

As per Zone 7’s water supply contract with DWR, Zone 7 can receive up to 80,619 AF of SWP Table A water in any given year; the percent of this amount Zone 7 actually receives is called the “Table A” allocation. The 2025 SWP Table A allocation is 40% as of April 1, 2025, equivalent to 32,200 AF for Zone 7. A final Table A allocation is expected in May.

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY REPORT ASSUMPTIONS**

In a normal year, the Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report uses the retailers’ delivery requests in the analysis. Given average precipitation conditions in 2025, this report reflects retailer demands corresponding to a moderate water consumption decrease in the first two years, as water usage has thus far been slow to rebound from the recent drought. It should be noted that the current 30-year water supply contracts for all four retailers are currently undergoing the contract renewal process. This report presumes those contracts will be renewed.

To illustrate Zone 7’s ability to meet treated and untreated water demands, the analysis assumes below-normal conditions<sup>1</sup> (equivalent to 2009 conditions) in 2025, followed by critically dry conditions in 2026, continuing dry conditions in 2027 and normal conditions in 2028-2029. The demand trend of this Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report is reflective of the historic nature of the recent drought and its anticipated long-term effects. For this Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report, projected average conditions are consistent with the 53% average Table A allocation or 42,700 AF for the existing conditions scenario in DWR’s 2023

<sup>1</sup> Designations of hydrologic conditions are based on the Sacramento Valley Water Year Index: <https://cdec.water.ca.gov/reportapp/javareports?name=WSIHIST>

Delivery Capability Report<sup>2</sup>. Lake Del Valle local water supply is expected to yield on average 5,500 AF per year to reflect climate change conditions. Each year, Zone 7 typically strives to carry over to the following year 10,000 AF in SWP facilities (“SWP Carryover”). Any water captured locally in Lake Del Valle is also typically carried over into the following year, whenever possible. Reserving water for future years is used as a prudent water management practice given the uncertainty and variability of hydrologic conditions from year to year.

## PROJECTED WATER DEMANDS: NEXT FIVE YEARS

Each year, Zone 7 receives Municipal and Industrial (M&I) treated water delivery requests from the retailers for the next five years (Table 1 and Figure 7), which are normally used in the Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report. Zone 7 estimates demands for direct customers and untreated water customers based on recent trends. Note that while the Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report typically uses retailer treated water delivery requests in the analysis, as noted above, retailer demands have been adjusted in 2025 and 2026 to reflect the current water usage trends. Retailer demands are assumed to progressively increase to delivery requests by 2027. This demand assumption includes providing 3,500 AF of treated water supply to the City of Pleasanton through 2029 in place of its groundwater pumping quota. Figure 8 shows untreated water demand projections used in the analysis.

As shown in Table 1, in addition to customer deliveries, demands also include system losses and water planned to go into storage for future use.

**Table 1: Actual and Projected Five-Year Demands (Customer Deliveries), Water Planned for Storage, and System Losses**

<b>DEMANDS/PLANNED FOR STORAGE<sup>a</sup></b> <b>Acre-Feet</b>	<b>PROJECTIONS</b>					
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<i>Hydrologic Year Equivalent</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Average</i>
<i>Table A Allocation</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>53%</i>
<b>Customer Deliveries</b>						
Treated Water Demand <sup>b</sup>	35,400	36,000	37,000	41,500	42,000	42,500
Untreated Water Demand <sup>c</sup>	4,350	4,500	6,000	5,500	5,000	5,000
<b>To Storage</b>						
State Water Project - Carryover (Current to Following Year)	9,200	15,100	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Lake Del Valle Local Water - Carryover	8,600	5,000	0	4,000	8,000	8,000
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Recharge	6,150	0	0	0	4,100	6,500
Semitropic Storage	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cawelo Storage	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
<b>System Losses</b>						
Groundwater Production (Disposal to brine)	200	200	400	400	100	100
Delta Carriage Water or Napa Repayment	1,200	200	300	300	0	0
Treated Water System Losses	0	200	200	200	200	200
Lake Del Valle Evaporation Losses	700	400	300	200	500	500
State Water Project - Carryover Spill	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,800</b>	<b>61,600</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>72,800</b>

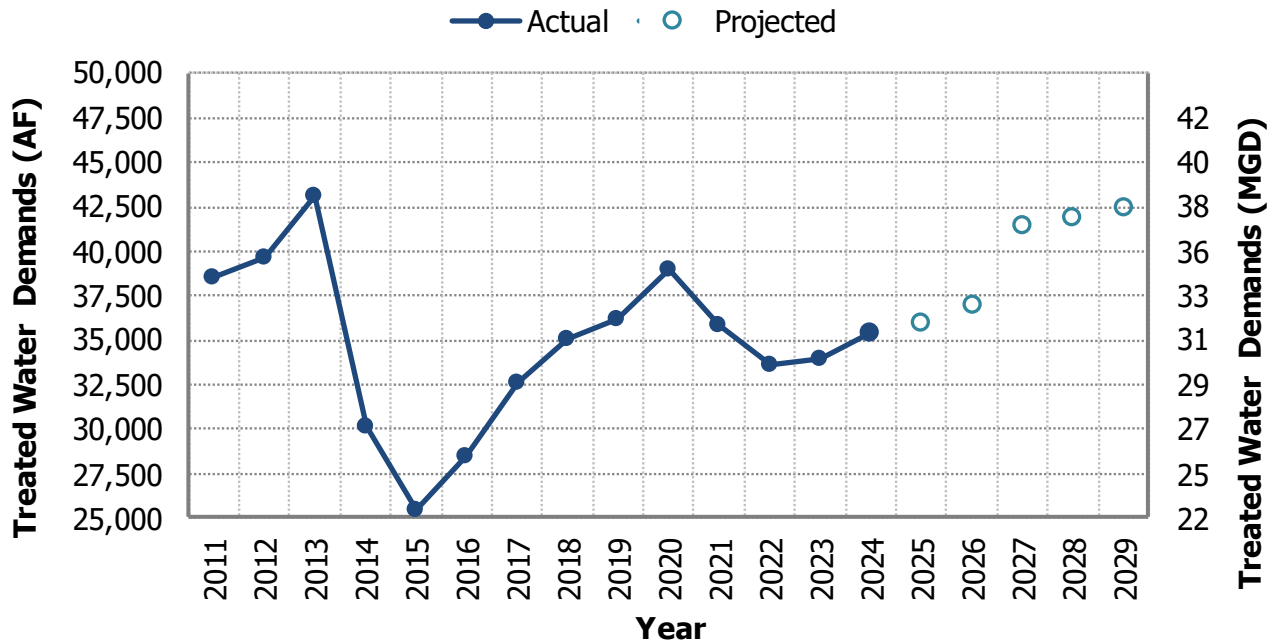
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<sup>2</sup> The 2023 Delivery Capability Report projections were used for the average SWP Table A estimate and for equivalent hydrologic conditions: <https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/finaldcr2023/resource/92356681-957a-48ee-97c4-529d25b9dbb2>

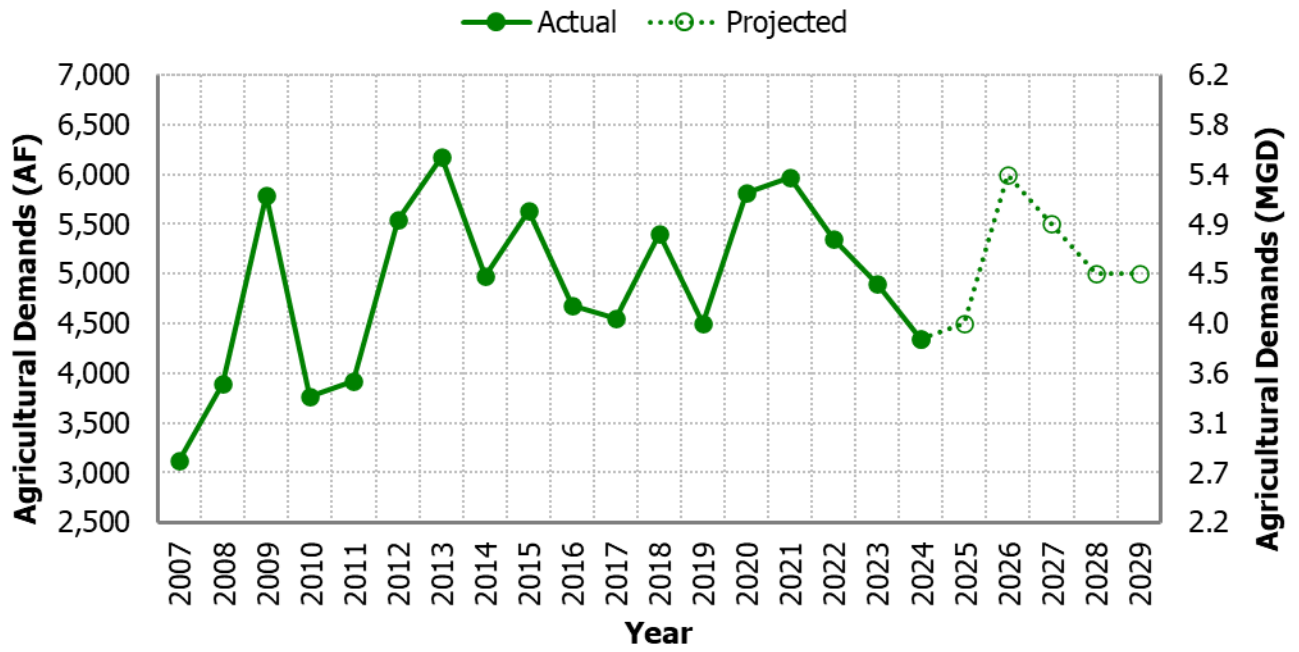


- (a) Demands were rounded to the nearest 100 acre-feet.
- (b) Treated Water Demand = Municipal and Industrial (M&I) demands. Demands include retailer demands (including groundwater pumping quota (GPQ) for Dublin San Ramon Services District and City of Pleasanton) and direct retail through 2029. Incorporates 10% conservation relative to 2024 delivery requests for 2025 and 2026.
- (c) Zone 7's untreated water demand is used primarily for agricultural and golf course irrigation; projections are based on recent past usage and projected hydrologic conditions.

**Figure 7: Historical and Projected Five-Year Treated Water Demands Based on Delivery Requests**



**Figure 8: Historical and Projected Untreated Water Demands**



The State of California has passed several recent pieces of legislation which focus on water conservation such as SB 1157 which sets Indoor Residential Water Use Standards, SB 606/AB 1668 which is referred to as the Making Conservation a California Way of Life legislation, and recently AB 1572 which phases in a ban on potable water irrigation of non-functional turf. Future demands will therefore reflect a combination of water conservation and population growth in the Tri-Valley. Zone 7 will continue to work closely with the retailers to verify demands and track the effects of conservation. The 2020 Tri-Valley Municipal and Industrial Water Demand Study has been completed to improve long-term demand estimates.<sup>3</sup> Zone 7 is currently conducting another assessment of demands to update this study.

## PROJECTED WATER SUPPLIES: NEXT FIVE YEARS

### INCOMING SUPPLIES

Each year, Zone 7 receives water from its contract with DWR for imported SWP Table A water<sup>4</sup> and its local water right permit on Arroyo Valle (Lake Del Valle Local Water). This year, Zone 7 expects less than 500 AF from the Yuba Accord program. Starting in 2025, Zone 7 has the option to purchase water from Sutter Extension Water District up to 3,500 AF as necessary to shore up supplies. There are currently no plans to purchase water from this source in 2025.

Table 2 presents the expected yields in 2025 and estimates for 2026-2029.

### WATER FROM STORAGE

Zone 7 currently stores surplus water in various storage facilities, including the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin, San Luis Reservoir, Lake Del Valle, and Kern County Storage and Recovery Programs (Semitropic and Cawelo) to help meet water demands as needed during dry years. Water is withdrawn from storage when needed to supplement that year's incoming supply to meet demands. Water may also be shifted from one type of storage to another as part of water management; in 2022, for example, water was withdrawn from storage and a portion was subsequently redeposited into storage in other locations to meet operational needs. As of the time of this report, Zone 7 continues monitoring water supply conditions and allocation projection to determine whether to store water outside of its service area in the current water year.

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<sup>3</sup> 2020 Tri-Valley Municipal and Industrial Water Demand Study:

[https://www.zone7water.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2020\\_tri-valley\\_demand\\_study.pdf?1627595774](https://www.zone7water.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2020_tri-valley_demand_study.pdf?1627595774)

<sup>4</sup> This includes Table A or SWP carryover from the previous year; the latter is discussed in the next section.

**Table 2: Projected Supply Sources: Incoming Supplies and Water from Storage**

<b>SUPPLY SOURCES</b> Acre-Feet	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PROJECTIONS</b>				
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<i>Hydrologic Year Equivalent</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Average</i>
<i>Table A Allocation</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>53%</i>
<b>Incoming Supplies</b>						
State Water Project (SWP) - Table A	32,250	32,200	8,100	24,200	42,700	42,700
Lake Del Valle Local Water - Current Year Capture	9,550	5,000	2,000	4,000	8,000	8,000
Yuba Accord/Dry Year Transfer Program	0	600	1,000	1,000	0	0
SWP/Other Water Transfer	0	0	2,000	5,000	0	0
<b>From Storage</b>						
State Water Project - Carryover (Previous to Current Year)	25,200	9,200	15,100	10,000	10,000	10,000
Lake Del Valle Local Water - Carryover	5,000	8,600	5,000	0	4,000	8,000
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin	3,600	5,800	7,500	9,500	5,000	4,000
Groundwater Brine Disposal	200	200	400	400	200	100
Semitropic Banked Water (Pumpback/Exchange)	0	0	9,000	6,000	0	0
Cawelo Banked Water	0	0	4,100	2,000	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,800</b>	<b>61,600</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>72,800</b>

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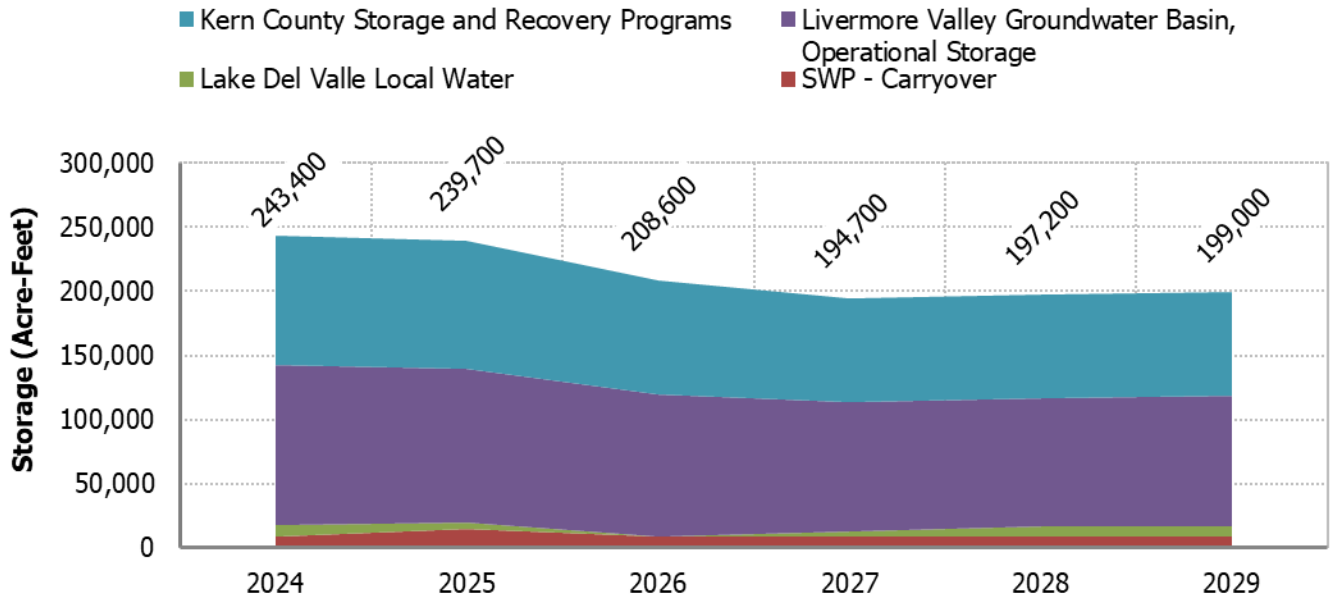
- (a) See Zone 7's 2022 Water Supply Status Report Update for more details about Zone 7 supplies:  
[https://www.zone7water.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/draft\\_zone\\_7\\_2022\\_wse\\_update\\_2025.03.pdf?1680823418](https://www.zone7water.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/draft_zone_7_2022_wse_update_2025.03.pdf?1680823418)
- (b) Zone 7 plans to obtain water transfers as needed, subject to availability.

Table 3 and Figure 9 summarize the total water in storage available as of the end of 2024, and projected storage levels over 2025 through 2029. Storage projections show a decrease of about 50,000 AF over the next five years from the end of 2024 through the end of 2029 based on assumed hydrologic conditions and demands. This trend is a preliminary estimate based on projected deposits and withdrawals from the various storage categories. For example, while it accounts for 10% groundwater loss from local storage activities, it does not account for the natural influx to storage that occurs in the local groundwater basin due to rainfall runoff. The declining storage trend could be mitigated through additional water transfers. Staff will monitor conditions to determine the appropriate amounts of water transfers in future years.

**Table 3: End-of-Year Storage Balances (Actual and Projected)**

<b>End of Year Storage Balance (Acre-Feet)</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PROJECTIONS</b>				
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b>SWP - Carryover</b>	9,200	15,100	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>Lake Del Valle Local Water</b>	8,600	5,000	0	4,000	8,000	8,000
<b>Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin - Operational Storage</b>	125,000	119,000	111,100	101,200	99,700	101,500
<b>Kern County Storage and Recovery Programs</b>	100,600	100,600	87,500	79,500	79,500	79,500
<b>TOTAL STORAGE</b>	<b>243,400</b>	<b>239,700</b>	<b>208,600</b>	<b>194,700</b>	<b>197,200</b>	<b>199,000</b>

**Figure 9: End-of-Year Storage Balances (Actual and Projected)**



**COMPARISON OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND: NEXT FIVE YEARS**

As shown in Table 4, Zone 7 can deliver water to supply 100% of customer demands based on adjusted retailer demand levels for 2025 and 2026, with demands expected to ramp up to delivery request levels by 2027 based on assumed hydrology.

**Table 4: Comparison of Supplies and Demands: Next Five Years**

<b>SUPPLIES VS DEMANDS</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PROJECTIONS</b>				
<b>Acre-Feet</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<i>Hydrologic Year Equivalent</i>	2009	2018	1977	2018	Average	Average
<i>Table A Allocation</i>	40%	40%	10%	30%	53%	53%
Incoming Supplies <sup>(a)</sup>	41,800	37,800	13,100	34,200	50,700	50,700
Water Supply from Storage <sup>(b)</sup>	34,000	23,800	41,100	27,900	19,200	22,100
<b>Total Water Supply</b>	<b>75,800</b>	<b>61,600</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>72,800</b>
Customer Deliveries <sup>(c)</sup>	39,750	40,500	43,000	47,000	47,000	47,500
Supply to Storage <sup>(d)</sup>	33,950	20,100	10,000	14,000	22,100	24,500
System Losses <sup>(e)</sup>	2,100	1,000	1,200	1,100	800	800
<b>% of Demand Delivered (Customer Deliveries)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TOTAL STORAGE</b>	<b>243,400</b>	<b>239,700</b>	<b>208,600</b>	<b>194,700</b>	<b>197,200</b>	<b>199,000</b>

Notes:

- (a) From Table 2: SWP - Table A, Lake Del Valle Local Water, and water transfers.
- (b) From Table 2: SWP - Carryover, Lake Del Valle Local Water - Carryover, Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin, and Semitropic/Cawelo.
- (c) From Table 1: Treated and Untreated Water Demands.
- (d) From Table 1: Water stored in Lake Del Valle and SWP as carryover, Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin recharge, and water stored in Semitropic/Cawelo.
- (e) Operational losses: storage losses, evaporation, other system losses.

## PROGRAMS NECESSARY TO MEET WATER DEMANDS GOING FORWARD

The Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report indicates that Zone 7 has enough water supplies to meet projected water demands over the next five years based on current projected demands (reflecting 10% decreased usage for retailers for 2025 and 2026) and assumed hydrology. To achieve long-term water supply reliability through buildout while accounting for hydrologic uncertainties, Zone 7 has been evaluating several potential future water supply and storage options.

The 2022 Water Supply Evaluation Update (WSE) Update analyzed several portfolios containing a combination of the following water supply and storage alternatives:

- Annual Water Transfers
- Bay Area Regional Desalination Project
- Delta Conveyance Project
- Chain of Lakes Conveyance System
- Los Vaqueros Expansion (LVE)
- Potable Reuse
- Sites Reservoir

The 2022 WSE Update found that simulated portfolios containing more new water supply and storage projects performed better than portfolios with fewer new water supply and storage projects at reducing Zone 7's shortage risk. No single project would effectively reduce the shortage risk enough to meet Zone 7's reliability goals. The LVE project was terminated in 2024 and removed from Zone 7's water supply portfolio. Zone 7's water supply risk model shows that remaining portfolio components without LVE are sufficient to address the long-term water supply reliability. Zone 7 continues to track and evaluate potential water supply and storage alternatives and will utilize the water supply risk model to evaluate the alternatives further as more information becomes available. Additionally, Zone 7 is updating the water supply risk model to better represent Zone 7's water supply system in preparation for future analyses.

Zone 7 also continues to evaluate and optimize the long-term local water yield from the Arroyo Valle. A number of planned capital projects (new wells, the Chain of Lakes Conveyance System, and reliability intertie) will help bolster the reliability of Zone 7's water supply system. The reconveyance of the lakes in the Chain of Lakes for Zone 7's operation continues to be a component of Zone 7's long-term reliability.

Zone 7 staff will also continue to monitor local and statewide conditions, adaptively modify operations as necessary to optimize use of available resources, remain prepared for continuing drought conditions, and continue to coordinate regularly with its local water supply retailers, untreated water customers, and with DWR. In June 2025, staff will provide an updated Operations Plan to the Water Resources Committee; this plan will reflect the latest actual supply and demand conditions and Zone 7's most feasible operational scenario for the remainder of 2025.

This Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report indicates that Zone 7 is able to meet demands without mandatory conservation. To promote conservation, Zone 7 will continue to implement rebates and public outreach programs in partnership with the retailers.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Water Supply Reliability Policy
2. Latest Hydrologic Conditions

# **Attachment A**

## **Water Supply Reliability Policy**

ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO 13-4230

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR QUIGLEY  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR STEVENS

### **Water Supply Reliability Policy**

WHEREAS, the Zone 7 Board of Directors desires to maintain a highly reliable Municipal and Industrial (M&I) water supply system so that existing and future M&I water demands can be met during varying hydrologic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has an obligation to communicate to its M&I customers and municipalities within its service area the ability of Zone 7's water supply system to meet projected water demands; and

WHEREAS, the Board on August 18, 2004 adopted Resolution No. 04-2662 setting forth its Reliability Policy for Municipal & Industrial Water Supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to revise the Reliability Policy to reflect recent data, analysis, and studies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rescinds Resolution No. 04-2662 adopting the August 18, 2004 Reliability Policy for Municipal & Industrial Water Supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the following level of service goals to guide the management of Zone 7's M&I water supplies as well as its Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

Goal 1. Zone 7 will meet its treated water customers' water supply needs, in accordance with Zone 7's most current Contracts for M&I Water Supply, including existing and projected demands as specified in Zone 7's most recent Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), during normal, average, and drought conditions, as follows:

- At least 85% of M&I water demands 99% of the time
- 100% of M&I water demands 90% of the time

Goal 2: Provide sufficient treated water production capacity and infrastructure to meet at least 80% of the maximum month M&I contractual demands should any one of Zone 7's major supply, production, or transmission facilities experience an extended unplanned outage of at least one week.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to ensure that this Board policy is carried out effectively, the Zone 7 General Manager will provide a water supply status report to the Board every five years with the Zone 7 Urban Water Management Plan that specifies how these goals will be, or are being, achieved.

If the General Manager finds that the goals cannot be met during the first five years of the Urban Water Management Plan, then the Board will hold a public hearing within two months of the General Manager's finding to consider remedial actions that will bring Zone 7 into substantial compliance with the stated level of service goals. Remedial actions may include, but are not limited to, voluntary conservation or mandatory rationing to reduce water demands, acquisition of additional water supplies, and/or a moratorium on new water connections. After reviewing staff analyses and information gathered at the public hearing, the Board shall, as expeditiously as is feasible, take any additional actions that are necessary to meet the level of service goals during the following five-year period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zone 7 General Manager shall prepare an Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report which includes the following information:

- (1) An estimate of the current annual average water demand for M&I water as well as a five-year projection based on the same information used to prepare the UWMP and CIP;
- (2) A Summary of available water supplies to Zone 7 at the beginning of the calendar year;
- (3) A comparison of current water demand with the available water supplies; and
- (4) A discussion of water conservation requirements and other long-term supply programs needed to meet Zone 7 M&I water demands for single-dry and multiple-dry year conditions, as specified in the Zone 7's UWMP.

A summary of this review will be provided to M&I customers.

### Definitions

*Level of Service for Annual Water Supply Needs*—the level of service is the percent of existing or projected water demand that Zone 7's water supply system can meet during two key conditions: (1) during various hydrologic conditions and (2) during unplanned outages of major facilities.

*Capital Improvement Program (CIP)*—the CIP is Zone 7's formal program for developing surface and ground water supplies, along with associated infrastructure, including import water conveyance facilities, surface water treatment plants, groundwater wells, and M&I water transmission system to meet projected water demands.

*Normal conditions*—conditions that most closely represent median runoff or allocation from all normally contracted or available water supplies from the historic record.

*Average conditions*—conditions that most closely represent the average runoff or allocation from all normally contracted or legally available water supplies from the historic record.

*Drought conditions*—conditions that most closely represent reduced runoff or allocation level from the historic record from all normally contracted or legally available water supplies, including both single-dry and multiple-dry year conditions.

*Single-dry year condition*—a condition that most closely represents the lowest yield over a one-year period from the historic record from all normally contracted or legally available supplies.

*Multiple-dry year condition*—a condition that most closely represents three or more consecutive dry years from the historic record that represent the lowest yields from all normally contracted or legally available supplies.

*Available water supplies*—consist solely of (1) water supplies that Zone 7 has contracted for (e.g., listed under Schedule A of the State Water Contract, dry-year water options, special contracts with other water districts, etc.) and (2) water actually stored in surface and subsurface reservoirs.

*Maximum Month*—the largest monthly average water use.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DIRECTORS FIGUERS, GRECI, MACHAEVICH, PALMER, QUIGLEY, RAMIREZ HOLMES STEVENS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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 October 17, 2012.

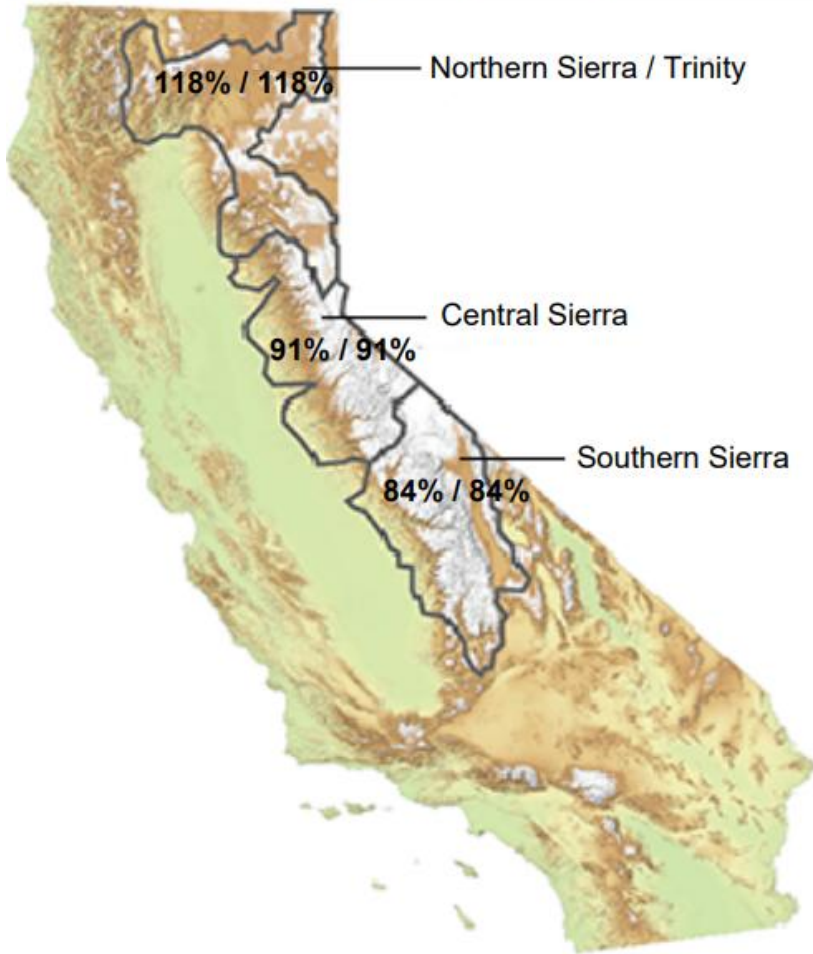
By   
President, Board of Directors

## Attachment B

### Hydrologic Conditions

**Figure 10: California Snow Water Content as of April 1, 2025**

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



NORTH	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	27
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	30.6
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	118
Percent of normal for this date (%)	118

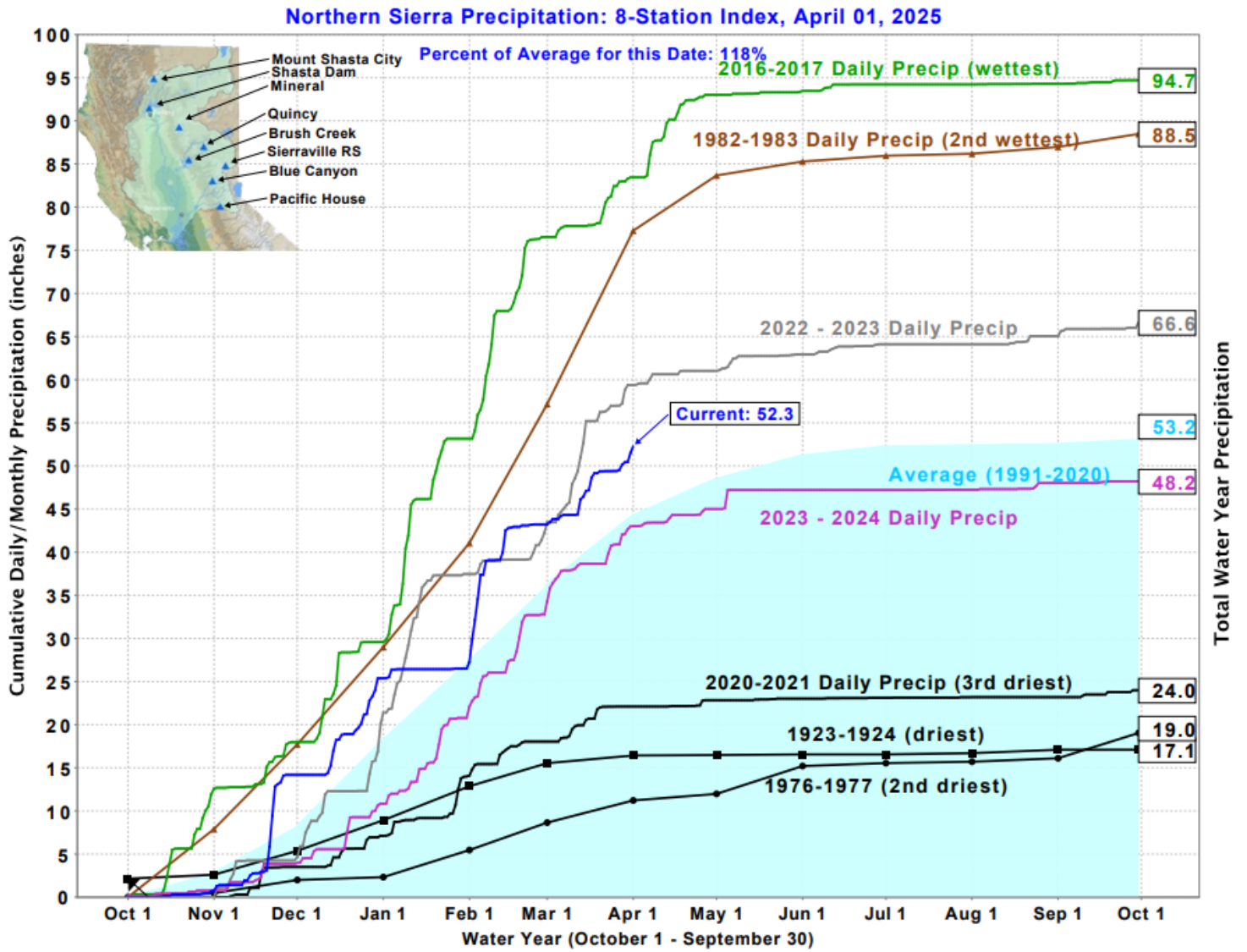
CENTRAL	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	52
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	25.3
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	91
Percent of normal for this date (%)	91

SOUTH	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	26
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	18.9
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	84
Percent of normal for this date (%)	84

STATE	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	105
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	25.1
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	96
Percent of normal for this date (%)	96

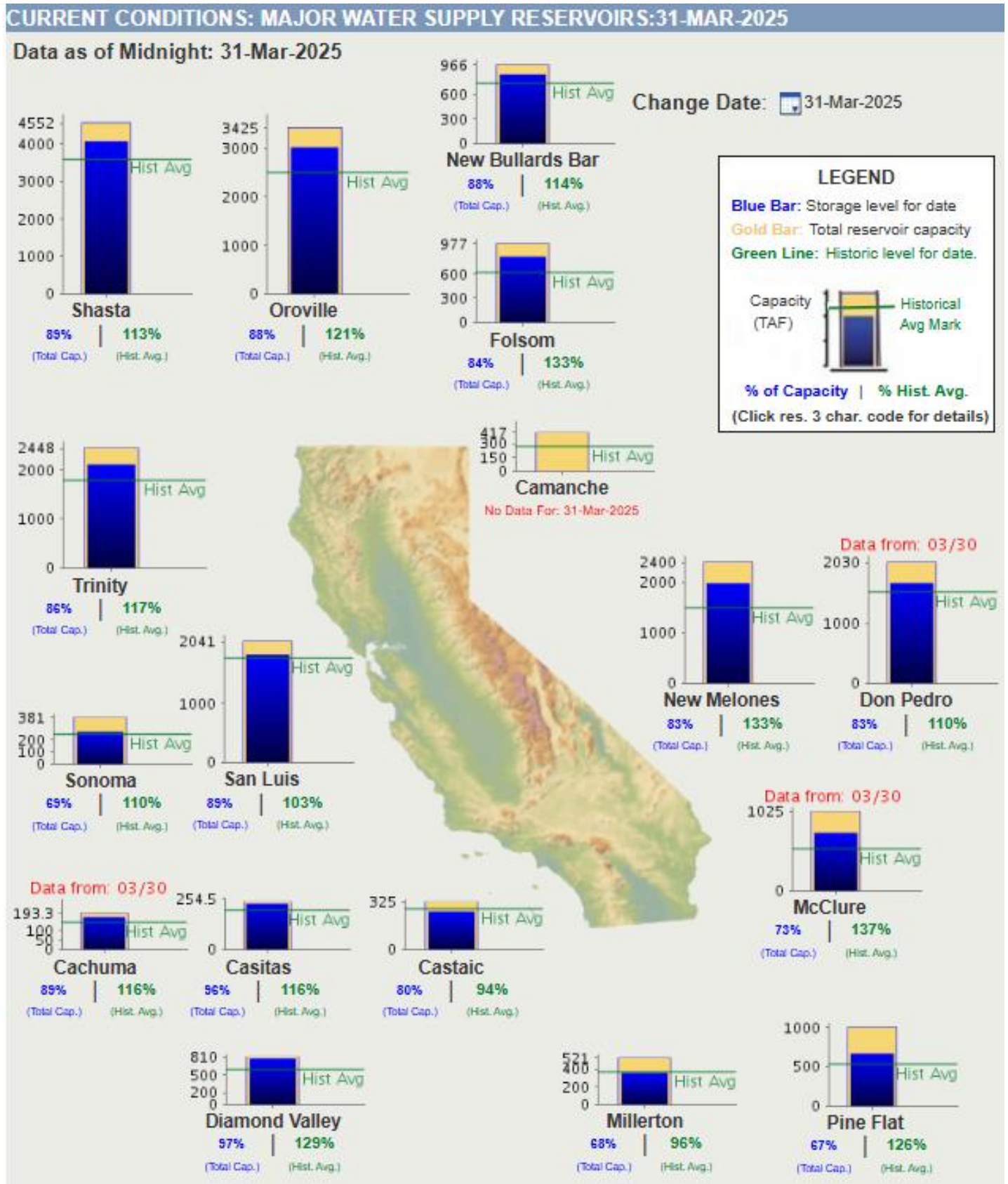
**Statewide Average: 96% / 96%**

**Figure 11: Northern Sierra Precipitation as of April 1, 2025**

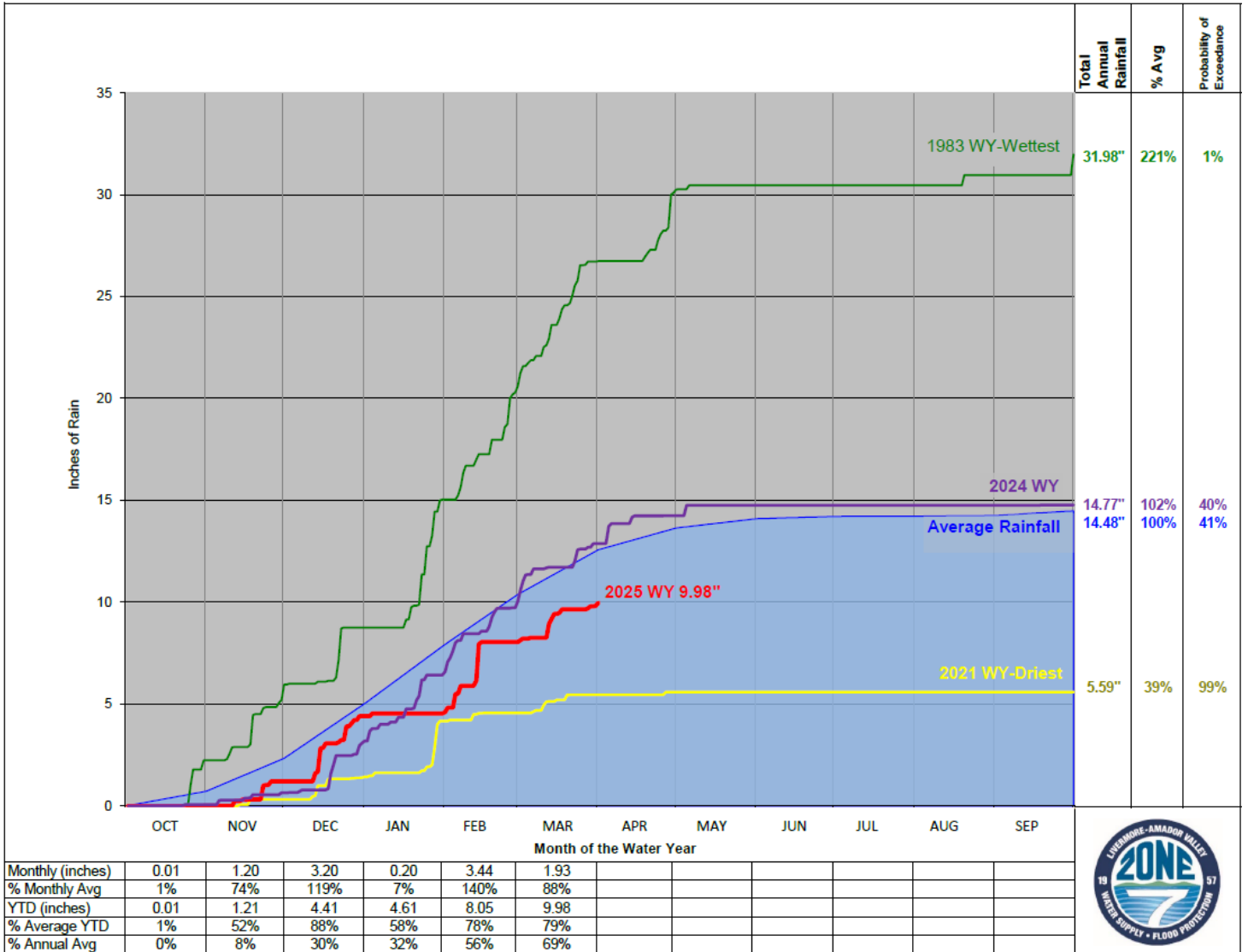




**Figure 12: California Reservoir Conditions as of April 1, 2025**



**Figure 13: Local Rainfall (Livermore Station KLVK) as of April 1, 2025**



**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Integrated Planning  
**CONTACT:** Neeta Bijoor/James Carney

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Award of Construction Phase Contract for North Canyons Electric Vehicle Chargers

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7 Water Agency's (Zone 7) mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water and flood protection services, Zone 7 implements facility improvements, modifications, and renewal/replacement projects. This project supports the Strategic Plan, Goal F – Effective Operations, and is to implement Initiative #15 – Develop and Implement an Energy Master Plan.
- The Energy Master Plan identified Fleet Electrification as a required project for Zone 7 in order to comply with regulations from the California Air Resources Board (CARB). To be in compliance with these regulations, Zone 7 will be required to replace existing gas-powered fleet vehicles with zero-emission (or qualifying near-zero-emission) vehicles as existing fleet vehicles reach their end of life.
- To support a fleet of electric vehicles, Zone 7 needs to develop the necessary electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The North Canyons main administration building was identified as the first site for the installation of chargers because it is situated to install chargers in the public/employee parking lot and the fleet parking area.
- In September 2023, the Board awarded a contract to Terra Verde to design Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers at North Canyons. Design was completed in July 2024, and a CEQA Notice of Exemption was completed in September 2024.
- In accordance with the California Public Contract Code, Zone 7 publicly advertised for bids to construct the project in February 2025. On March 27, 2025, six bids were received. Out of six bidders, only two were determined to be responsive and responsible.
- Staff recommends awarding the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Aztec Consultants, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$479,000 and to authorize the General Manager to execute change orders for an additional amount not-to-exceed \$47,900 (10% of construction contract amount).
- Engineering services during construction will be provided by the design consultant Terra Verde, under the existing contract.
- Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in May 2025, and final completion of the project is planned for December 2025.



**FUNDING:**

Funding is available in the FY 2024-26 Budget from Fund 120-Water Renewal/Replacement and 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.

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Award of Construction Contract for the North Canyons EV Chargers Project**

WHEREAS, Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has a project to design and construct electric vehicle charging equipment at the North Canyons administration building called the North Canyons EV Chargers Project; and

WHEREAS, the North Canyons EV Chargers Project is in support of the 2025-2029 5-year Strategic Plan, Goal F – Effective Operations, Initiative #15 – Develop and Implement an Energy Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Zone 7 will comply with the California Air Resources Board Advanced Clean Fleets and Advanced Clean Cards II regulations by transitioning to an electric vehicle fleet, and;

WHEREAS, electric vehicle charging stations must be installed at Zone 7 facilities to support an electric vehicle fleet, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-64, dated September 20, 2023, the Board authorized an engineering services contract with Terra Verde for the design of the North Canyons EV Chargers, with design being completed in July 2024; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Exemption was prepared per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines and filed with the Alameda County Clerk and Records Office in September 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Project plans, specifications, appendices, and addenda were developed and advertised for bids in accordance with the California Public Contract Code; and

WHEREAS, six bids were received and publicly opened via Zone 7's public procurement portal (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/zone7water>) on March 27, 2025, at 2:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for this project is the bid by Aztec Consultants, Inc., with a bid of \$479,000; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the FY 2024-26 Two-Year Adopted Budget from Fund 120 – Renewal/Replacement and System-Wide Improvements for this project; and

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 approve the plans, specifications, appendices, and addenda for the North Canyons EV Chargers Project; 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 accept the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Aztec Consultants, Inc., and that the construction contract for the work be awarded to Aztec Consultants, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$479,000; 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 authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute the contract with Aztec Consultants, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$479,000; 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 authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute change orders as and when needed in an amount not-to-exceed \$47,900; and

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 April 16, 2025.

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

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Water Supply Engineering

**CONTACT:** Mariza Sibal/Brandon Woods

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Award a Contract for Owner's Representative Services and Amend Contract for Public Relations Services for the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water for the Tri-Valley, Zone 7 plans and constructs treatment facilities and replaces aging equipment. The proposed action is in support of Strategic Plan Initiative 6 – Continue to effectively implement infrastructure projects in the Water System Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Initiative 10 – Implement the Mocho Wellfield PFAS Treatment Project, and Goal G – Engage our Stakeholders to Foster Understanding of their Needs, the Agency, and its Functions.
- The Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant (MTP) will remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from Mocho wellfield supplies to meet drinking water standards and restore production capacity and water supply reliability, operated in concert with the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant (MGDP). The project will also implement planned replacement of the aging switchgears at Mocho Wells 3 and 4, which is anticipated to be partially funded by a \$1,226,000 Department of Water Resources Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management grant.
- In April 2024, the Board authorized a contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc., (Carollo) to complete the conceptual design of the MTP, which was completed in December 2024.
- The conceptual design identified a range of options that should be further evaluated, including potential for phasing the project to meet current regulatory requirements now, or postponing full wellfield capacity treatment to the future. These resulted in project cost estimates that range from \$35 million to \$51 million. The estimated cost will be refined as major project decisions are made and as the project team evaluates alternatives cost-saving opportunities.
- Design and construction of the MTP could take over four years to complete using the traditional design-bid-build implementation, while market conditions and other uncertainties pose risk to project cost and schedule. A progressive design-build process (PDB) delivery approach is proposed (described below) that is well-suited to accelerate the Project and mitigate risks. The PDB process is consistent with Zone 7's recently updated purchasing policy.

- Owner’s representative support services are needed to assist staff with the PDB contract procurement and support through design and construction. The initial contract would provide services through award of the Design-Build (D-B) contract, at which time Board approval of an amendment would be requested.
- A competitive procurement process was completed for owner’s representative support services in accordance with Zone 7’s purchasing policy. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on February 20, and three proposals were received. The selection committee reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews, and determined that Carollo Engineers, Inc., was the best qualified firm to provide the requested services.
- Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and amend, as needed, a contract with Carollo for owner’s representative support services on the Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$657,000, which includes a 10% contingency.
- Additionally, staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to amend contract A23-57-AXI with Axiom of Purpose, LLC, for public outreach services during the initial phase of the Project in an amount of \$105,000, which includes a 10% contingency, increasing the total contract to a not-to-exceed amount of \$868,500.

**FUNDING:**

Funding is included in the Adopted Two-Year Budget for FY 2024-26 for Fund 120 – Renewal/Replacement and System-Wide Improvements. Total project cost in the FY 2024-25 Five-Year Water System CIP is \$35.5 million.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolutions.

**DISCUSSION:**

Progressive Design-Build

Progressive design-build (PDB) is a well-established, collaborative project delivery approach that can accelerate project delivery, reduce conflicts and other risks through collaboration with the contractor, and apply cost-saving value engineering. PDB consists of a qualifications-based selection of a design-build (D-B) contractor early in the project to design and construct the project. D-B contractors can consist of teams of design consultants, general contractors and subcontractors, or consulting engineering firms who self-perform some or most of the construction. The D-B team would work directly with the owner and their representatives to develop a basis of design, conduct value-engineering, and develop progressively detailed design (e.g., 30% design and 60% design). Detailed construction cost estimates would be developed at each step and used to inform design decisions. Based on the 60% design, the contractor would provide a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) using open-book pricing from subcontractors and quotes from multiple equipment and material suppliers. The owner would

then negotiate a final construction contract and GMP value that must be approved by the owner. If the owner and D-B contractor cannot reach agreement, the owner could choose to use the "offramp" to complete the design and separately competitively bid the project.

PDB implementation offers several potential benefits to the Project:

- Qualifications-based selection of a contractor best-suited to meet Zone 7 quality, cost, and schedule requirements to mitigate project risks
- Accelerated project schedule through early procurement of long lead items, including electrical equipment and PFAS treatment vessels
- Early alternative analysis to select the best value project configuration
- Constructability reviews and value engineering to identify cost savings early and throughout the project
- Contractor collaboration to address public interest at a highly visible, public site
- Reduced potential for conflict and risk of delays
- Open-book cost-model provides price transparency
- Off-ramp provides options if overall cost is not acceptable

Staff recommends applying the PDB delivery for the project given the significant benefits to the schedule, quality, and risk reduction. This approach would result in staff seeking Board approval of consultant and D-B contractor agreements at multiple steps:

- Award an Owner's Representative Services Contract with amendments at key milestones
- Award a Design-Build Contract for Pre-Construction Services (fall 2025)
- Authorize the D-B Contractor to Proceed with Early Procurement Packages
- Amend D-B Contract to Proceed with Construction Services Based on the GMP
- Other consultant and land actions, as needed

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution - Award of Owner's Representative Services Contract
2. Resolution - Amend Public Relations Services Contract

ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Award a Contract for Owner's Representative Services for  
the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project**

WHEREAS, Zone 7 has detected per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the Mocho wellfield; and

WHEREAS, based on the April 10, 2024, US EPA regulations, Zone 7 needs additional treatment for the Mocho wellfield, beyond blending and processing through the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant, to meet the PFAS regulatory standards; and

WHEREAS, the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project is in support of Strategic Plan Initiative 6 - Continue to effectively implement infrastructure projects in the Water System Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Initiative 10 - Implement the Mocho Wellfield PFAS Treatment Project; 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 February 20, 2025, and three proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews, evaluated the proposers based upon the capabilities requested and criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals, and determined that Carollo Engineers, Inc., was 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 professional services agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$657,000, which includes a 10% contingency.

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 April 16, 2025.

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

ZONE 7

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR

SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Amend Contract for Public Relations Services for  
the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project**

WHEREAS, the proposed action is in support of Strategic Plan Goal G – Engage our Stakeholders to Foster Understanding of their Needs, the Agency, and its Functions; and

WHEREAS, in December 2022, the Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Axiom of Purpose, LLC, for strategic communications services in the amount of \$714,000 (Resolution No. 22-97); and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, the Board authorized an amendment to contract A23-57-AXI with Axiom of Purpose, LLC, for developing multimedia informational materials for the Chain of Lakes Conveyance System project in the amount of \$49,500, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$763,500 (Resolution No. 24-79); and

WHEREAS, Axiom of Purpose, LLC, is an experienced strategic communications firm and has a proven track record of providing multimedia asset development and outreach support to the Agency;

WHEREAS, Axiom of Purpose, LLC's performance under contract A23-57-AXI has been to the Agency's satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the Axiom of Purpose, LLC, contract needs to be amended to include developing promotional multimedia materials, assisting with community outreach meetings, and assisting with other public relations services for stakeholder outreach for the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project.

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 execute an amendment to the contract with Axiom of Purpose, LLC, for public relations services for the initial phase of the Mocho PFAS Treatment Plant and Electrical Improvements Project in an amount of \$105,000, which includes a 10% contingency, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$868,500.

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 April 16, 2025.

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



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

**CONTACT:** Alexandra Bradley

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of May as Water Awareness Month

**SUMMARY:**

- As part of Zone 7's mission to "Deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water and flood protection services", Zone 7 participates in water conservation education activities to support Strategic Initiatives #5 – Develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs, #19 – Communications Program, and #20 – Pursue opportunities for interagency cooperation.
- Water Awareness Month is celebrated in May in California. During the celebration, water agencies throughout the state conduct public outreach and education events to heighten public awareness about water supply and the need for conservation and water use efficiency.
- Zone 7 traditionally recognizes the significance of Water Awareness Month with a Board Resolution of Support and various community activities, which highlight the vital role of water, and the importance of conservation even in non-drought years.
- Zone 7 works with the retailers to manage and reduce local water demands through water conservation and water use efficiency.
- To celebrate Water Awareness month, Zone 7 Water will be hosting public tours of the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant on Saturday, May 3 from 10am-3pm. Tours will provide attendees with an introduction to Zone 7 Water Agency's water supply through a video overview of the Tri-Valley's water journey. Following this, participants will experience a guided walking tour of the plant. The experience will conclude with refreshments and educational materials, including rebate information, water-saving tips, and details on the water treatment and ozone processes. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of their water delivery and treatment system, fostering an enhanced appreciation for the value of water and Zone 7's essential services.
- Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) will also be hosting tours of their wastewater treatment plant during Water Awareness Month on Sunday, May 4 at 1:30pm. Zone 7 will support DSRSD in promoting their tours. More info at [www.drsrd.com/outreach/tours](http://www.drsrd.com/outreach/tours).

- Zone 7 is also supporting Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour with a sponsorship and promotional efforts. In-person garden tours will be held Saturday, May 3 for Bayside gardens and Sunday, May 4 for Inland gardens. Participants will be inspired by the beautiful landscapes and will learn how they too can attract birds and pollinators, garden for color and interest throughout the year, remove water-wasting lawns and save water by planting natives. On Sunday, May 4, Zone 7 will have an information table at the garden of Jeff and Carol Garberson at 5354 Sandra Way in Livermore with rebate information. See [www.bringingbackthenatives.net/](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/) for more information.
- Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution, declaring the month of May as Water Awareness Month with associated public outreach and education activities.

**FUNDING:**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution

ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Declaration of May as Water Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, as part of Zone 7’s mission to “Deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water and flood protection services”, Zone 7 participates in water conservation education activities to support Strategic Initiatives #5 – Develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs, #19 – Communications Program, and #20 – Pursue opportunities for interagency cooperation; and

WHEREAS, May has historically been designated as Water Awareness Month to highlight the vital role of water and the importance of conservation and water use efficiency; and

WHEREAS, water conservation and water use efficiency are important tools in combating drought conditions in California; and

WHEREAS, staff plans to coordinate with local retailers to promote public outreach and education for this year’s Water Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District supports and declares May as Water Awareness Month with associated public outreach and education activities.

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 April 16, 2025.

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

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Administrative Services

**CONTACT:** Osborn Solitei

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approve an Amendment to the Employment Agreement – General Manager for Compensation and Salary Increase

**SUMMARY:**

- In accordance with section 7 of the General Manager's contract, *"The Board of Directors and General Manager shall meet no later than the Regular Board meeting of each March to discuss and establish mutually agreeable goals and objectives to be accomplished by General Manager for the ensuing year and to review General Manager's performance of duties and obligation hereunder. As a result of such evaluation, the Board may, but shall not be obligated to, adjust General Manager's compensation and/or revise his/her employment benefits as the Board shall determine."*
- In accordance with section 3 of the General Manager's contract, *"...the General Manager shall be eligible annually for up to an additional 5% of her base salary as a bonus in recognition of outstanding performance as determined by the Board at the General Manager's annual reviews conducted pursuant to Section 7. The decision to pay a bonus, if any, and the amount thereof, shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors and, if granted, will be paid over two (2) pay-periods following the Board of Directors' action."*
- The current annual base salary for the General Manager is \$352,809.60 with the potential for up to a 5% performance bonus based on extraordinary performance, as determined by the Board of Directors. The base salary includes a vehicle allowance.
- The General Manager receives the same general benefits package (retirement benefits, health care, dental care, etc.) the other unrepresented management employees at Zone 7 receive, and also receives a deferred compensation plan.
- If the Board of Directors wishes to increase the General Manager's base salary, the Board of Directors must make that decision in open session.

**FUNDING:** Funding will depend on the Board action.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Amendment #1 to the Employment Agreement – General Manager



ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR  
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR

**Amendment to the Employment Agreement –  
General Manager for Compensation and Salary Increase**

WHEREAS, pursuant to a March 2018 General Manager Employment Agreement (“Employment Agreement”), the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District shall annually meet to review the General Manager’s employment performance, and may adjust the General Manager’s compensation as a result of that annual review; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of that Employment Agreement identifies an initial base salary for the General Manager Position, subject to increase at the discretion of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 further provides that the Board of Directors may, in its sole and absolute discretion, provide an additional payment of up to 5% of base salary in recognition of outstanding performance as determined by the Board at the General Manager’s annual review, and which, if granted, will be paid over 2 pay-periods following the Board of Directors’ action; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager’s annual review is now complete; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that annual review the Board of Directors desires to implement certain changes to compensation for the General Manager of Zone 7, pursuant to Section 3 of the Employment Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors has considered whether to award an additional payment in recognition of outstanding performance as determined through the General Manager’s 2024 annual review process, and has determined that a one-time payment of [REDACTED] % is appropriate in light of the General Manager’s performance and pursuant to Section 3 of the Employment Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District that Section 3 of the Agreement shall be amended to set the base salary for this position at [REDACTED]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this change to base salary shall be made effective                     ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to execute the Amendment to the Employment Agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor-Controller of Alameda County is authorized and directed to draw the necessary payroll warrants from Zone 7 funds in accordance with this resolution.

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 April 16, 2025.

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

AMENDMENT #1  
to the  
March 21, 2018

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – GENERAL MANGER  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7

WHEREAS, pursuant to the March 21, 2018 agreement by and between Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (“Zone 7”) and Valerie Pryor (“General Manager”) titled Employment Agreement – General Manager (hereinafter “Employment Agreement”), the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District shall annually meet to review the General Manager’s employment performance, and may adjust the General Manager’s compensation as a result of that annual review; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Employment Agreement identifies an initial base salary for the General Manager Position, subject to increase at the discretion of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager’s 2024 annual review is now complete; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that annual review the Board of Directors desires to implement certain changes to compensation for the General Manager of Zone 7, pursuant to Section 3 of the Employment Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Section 3 of the Agreement shall be amended and replaced in its entirety as follows:

Compensation. Zone 7 shall compensate the General Manager a base annual salary of \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive of a vehicle allowance as provided in Section 4 below (“**Base Salary**”), payable in bi-weekly installments in accordance with Zone 7’s standard payroll procedures.

In addition to the foregoing, the General Manager shall be eligible annually for up to an additional 5% of her Base Salary as a bonus in recognition of outstanding performance as determined by the Board at the General Manager’s annual reviews conducted pursuant to Section 7 below. The decision to pay a bonus, if any, and the amount thereof, shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors and, if granted, will be paid over two (2) pay-periods following the Board of Directors’ action.

2. This change to Base Salary shall be effective on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ZONE 7**

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

ATTEST:

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**GENERAL MANAGER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Pryor

ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SUMMARY NOTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 12, 2025  
3:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Dawn Benson (arrived at 3:13 p.m.)  
Catherine Brown  
Kathy Narum

Staff Present: Valerie Pryor, General Manager  
Osborn Solitei, Treasurer/Assistant General Manager - Finance  
Nzinga Arrington, Administrative Assistant

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order** - Director Narum called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- 2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda** - There were no public comments.
- 3. Proposed Purchasing Policy Update**

The Committee discussed the proposed updates to the Purchasing Policy. Mr. Osborn Solitei explained that the updates were necessary to align with Senate Bill 991, which allows for the progressive design-build process for public works projects exceeding \$5 million. This change supports the agency's strategic plan for fiscal responsibility. Other amendments included adding a conflict-of-interest section to ensure transparency in procurement and incorporating a policy review requirement every five years.

Director Brown inquired about the conflict-of-interest policy, asking how Directors should determine if they need to recuse themselves. Mr. Solitei clarified that it is the responsibility of each Director to identify conflicts and seek guidance from legal counsel if needed. Ms. Valerie Pryor added that if a Director has a financial interest in a contractor, they must recuse themselves.

The discussion also covered the benefits of the progressive design-build approach, with Mr. Solitei explaining that it reduces project timelines, minimizes change orders, and allows for early procurement of long-lead items. Ms. Pryor provided examples of past successful design-build projects, such as the Stoneridge Project and Valley Pump Station.

Director Narum suggested clarifying the "up to 15 projects" limit in the staff report. She also raised the possibility of increasing contract approval limits to improve efficiency. The Committee briefly discussed potential adjustments, but no immediate changes were proposed.

Director Benson motioned to forward the proposed Purchasing Policy Update to the full Board, with Director Brown seconding. The Committee approved the recommendation.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Director Narum adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

ZONE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SUMMARY NOTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

March 13, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Catherine Brown  
Laurene Green

Directors Absent: Dawn Benson

Staff Present: Carol Mahoney, Government Relations Manager  
Donna Fabian, Executive Assistant

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

Director Green called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

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

No public comments were made.

### **3. Legislative Update – Association of California Water Agencies**

Julia Hall, State Legislative Director with ACWA, provided an overview of key legislative bills impacting water agencies:

- AB 269 (Bennett) – ACWA opposes this bill, which would allow dam removal projects to receive dam safety funding. Ms. Hall explained that while ACWA supports dam removals in appropriate cases, using funds designated for dam safety could undermine necessary infrastructure maintenance.
- AB 293 (Bennett) – ACWA opposes this bill, which would require groundwater sustainability agencies to post board membership and financial disclosure links on their websites. Ms. Hall noted that existing regulations already ensure transparency, making the bill redundant.
- AB 362 (Ramos) – This bill pertains to tribal beneficial use and its impact on water quality control plans. ACWA has taken an "oppose unless amended" stance, as the bill could affect water supply reliability and public input processes.
- SB 72 (Caballero) – ACWA supports this bill, which builds on previous conservation efforts to improve long-term water management.
- SB 454 (McNerney) – ACWA is co-sponsoring this bill, which would establish a PFAS Mitigation Fund to help water agencies cover treatment costs.

Director Green raised concerns about another bill, SB 601 (Allen) regarding waste discharges, asking whether ACWA was completely opposed to the bill or open to amendments. Ms. Hall clarified that while ACWA had serious concerns about negative impacts on water agencies, they would remain open to discussions if amendments could resolve the issues.

Director Green also inquired about Senator McNerney's bill on PFAS (SB 454), noting that many agencies seemed interested in supporting it but were uncertain about funding sources. Ms. Hall confirmed that funding mechanisms were still being explored but emphasized that this bill was a necessary first step in securing state support.

#### **4. Legislation for Potential Position**

Carol Mahoney, Government Relations Manager, presented SB 454 (McNerney), explaining that it aligns with Zone 7's goals, given the Agency's ongoing efforts to secure funding for PFAS treatment. She recommended that Zone 7 formally support the bill.

Mark Smith, Legislative Advocate, strongly recommended that Zone 7 issue its own letter of support rather than just signing onto ACWA's coalition letter. His reasoning:

1. Direct Impact – SB 454 would directly benefit Zone 7, which is already building and expanding PFAS treatment facilities.
2. Legislative Relationships – Since Senator McNerney represents Zone 7's service area, establishing a strong working relationship with him would be beneficial for future advocacy.

Mr. Smith also addressed procedural timing, noting that the bill might move through committee before the next Board meeting. He advised that even if ACWA and the League of Cities provide formal testimony, Zone 7 could still participate by making a "Me Too" statement in committee, reinforcing its support.

Ms. Mahoney emphasized that Zone 7's Legislative Platform was created to provide Board direction to staff regarding potential positions for legislation. The goal of the platform being to identify when a bill clearly aligns with Agency priorities such that the Agency can be well represented in evaluating potential positions during the changing landscape of bill amendments and committee actions. She pointed out that the intent of SB 454, which would establish a state fund for PFAS abatement projects, meets these criteria because:

- The Board has previously authorized PFAS-related funding efforts.
- Zone 7 has already built two PFAS treatment facilities and is planning a third.
- State funding would reduce financial burdens on Zone 7 and its ratepayers.

Director Green asked whether Zone 7 should actively participate in committee hearings beyond just submitting a letter of support. Ms. Mahoney explained that actions could include Zone 7 offering its logo for inclusion in ACWA's advocacy letter, sending an independent letter to support the legislation, or having Zone 7's advocate offer a "me too" statement during committee hearings where membership organizations are taking an active role in representing Zone 7's interest. She also noted that Zone 7 staff or advocate attending committee meetings for the purposes of testify would require additional Board discussion.

The Committee concurred with this approach and agreed that Zone 7 should take an active role in supporting SB 454 and proceed with submitting a formal letter of support.



## **5. Legislative Update – Consultant/Staff**

Mr. Smith provided a broader legislative update, noting that over 2,300 bills had been introduced this session. He emphasized the importance of strategic positioning and highlighted key bills for Zone 7 to monitor:

- AB 794 – This bill proposes codifying current federal PFAS regulations into California law. Mr. Smith recommended tracking its progress to assess potential implications for Zone 7.
- AB 497 – (Wilson) Delta Water Quality Control Plan Bill – While still an intent bill, its outcome could significantly affect Zone 7's water supply and regulatory environment.
- Emergency Water Supply Legislation – Several bills focus on water reliability, an issue Zone 7 should monitor closely.

Director Green asked if Zone 7 had received any indication of how widely SB 454 was being supported by other agencies. Mr. Smith responded that a large coalition was expected, including Southern California agencies that have also struggled with PFAS contamination. He referred to ACWA's coalition letter, which would likely have broad support.

Ms. Mahoney added that Zone 7 had engaged with local stakeholders, including the City of Pleasanton, which had also expressed interest in the bill. She emphasized that participating in broader coalitions while maintaining an independent voice would strengthen Zone 7's advocacy.

Ms. Mahoney also noted that the Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Facility ribbon-cutting was an opportunity to build relationships with legislators. Invitations had been sent to Senators Grayson and McNerney, as well as Assemblymembers Bauer-Kahan, Lee, and Ortega. She encouraged the Committee to attend and use the event as a chance to further discuss state funding for PFAS treatment.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Mahoney both stressed the importance of early engagement in the legislative process. Given the sheer volume of bills introduced, they advised Zone 7 to prioritize key issues and actively communicate with legislators to ensure its interests were well represented.

## **6. Adjournment**

Director Green adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

**Zone 7 Board April 2025 Report - PALMER****Draft ACWA PFAS Cost of Compliance and Barriers Study Scope of Work April 2025**

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is currently commissioning a PFAS Cost of Compliance Study and Barriers (Study) to identify statewide contaminant PFAS in drinking water. The Study will provide detailed cost data on known cost for the operation and maintenance, treatment and waste stream disposal for water systems currently treating for PFAS contamination. The Study will also identify and address common barriers that ACWA members face in treating PFAS contamination. ACWA will rely upon its PFAS Working Group to refine the Scope of Work for the Study before HDR Engineering begins work. (NOTE: this will relate to issues with CERCLA.)

**April 1 Interview for opinion on Water Policy**

Data Instincts is conducting interviews with water leaders in the region to help shape education and outreach materials that they are developing for water agencies. This is related to the possible regional purified water exploration project between ACWD, DSRSD, Zone 7, and other water utilities. We discussed direct potable reuse and indirect potable reuse.

**April 3 - Delta Conveyance Project Public Hearing on Points of Diversion**

(The hearing had been postponed from March 31 due to Zoom interference)

Several witnesses were bringing up water rights which were not supposed to be the scope of the hearings. Kuenzi was very lenient on allowing issues not related to the scope to be addressed by participants. DWR presented a PPT on the need for the project. Engineers presented on modeling of the system. This modeling was challenged by legal opponents. Objections by DWR legal to the line of questioning were overruled by Commissioner Keunzi.

**April 4 - ACWA Board Meeting****April 7 - ACWA CESA (California Endangered Species Act) Streamlining Work group****April 9 ACSDA Executive Committee Meeting**

Discussion on 2026 Annual dinner

By-law review

Partner membership role

Calendar for Membership meetings

Wednesday, May 14, 2025. 8-10 am

Host: Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 8-10 am

Joint meeting with CCSDA/ACSDA

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 8-10 am

Host: TBD

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 8-10 am

Host: Oro Loma Sanitary District

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Administration

**CONTACT:** Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** General Manager's Report

**SUMMARY:**

The following highlights a few of the key activities that occurred last month. Also attached is a list of contracts executed by the General Manager in March.

Engineering and Water Quality:

**Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Plant:** The treatment plant continues to undergo testing without running water to the transmission system. New fencing and gates have been installed, and site paving is being completed. The Division of Drinking Water has issued conditional approval, and PFAS sampling of the treated water showed no detection of PFAS.

**Flood Management Plan Phase 2a:** Consultants have completed the system-wide evaluation of current and future conditions of the flood protection system. The findings will be presented at the May 21, 2025, Board meeting.

Integrated Water Resources:

On March 25, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project allocation to 40%, which amounts to 32,248 AF for Zone 7. This was the fourth allocation change this water year. The initial allocation announced on December 2, 2024, was only 5%. The allocation is typically adjusted throughout the winter and spring months based on hydrology and operations. Staff continue to coordinate with Operations on the 2025 water operations plan. From March 1 – March 24, treated water supply was comprised of 95% surface water and 5% groundwater.

**Delta Conveyance Project:** Hearings for the State Water Resources Control Board's Change in Point of Diversion administrative hearing process resumed on April 3. The Administrative Hearings Office will continue hearing policy statements from the public and then DWR will begin their case-in-chief.

As of March 25, 16 of the 18 participating water agencies have approved continued planning and pre-construction work of the DCP for 2026 and 2027. It is expected that the last two remaining contractors will decide soon.

Board packets for both the Delta Conveyance Authority and the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority can be found at: <https://www.dcdca.org/meetings/>.

**Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion:** The Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board met on March 12. The JPA Board approved the final accounting, closeout, and the FY24 audit as part of the dissolution work plan. The JPA sent refunds of \$1.59M to each cash-contributing partner, including Zone 7. The refunds were from unspent funds that the partners previously contributed. For Zone 7, these funds will be used for future water supply reliability projects.

**Sites Reservoir:** The Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board met on March 21. The Reservoir Committee and Authority Board approved the contract to hire a Construction Office Lead to help prepare for and oversee construction activities. Other meeting topics included an update on the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Loan application and a discussion on the waitlist procedure for parties interested in participating in the project.

**Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Compliance:** SGMA requires that every April 1 following the adoption of an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan, an annual report be submitted to DWR providing updated information about the Basin (Wat. Code § 10728). Staff have restructured this year's report format to be consistent with DWR's annual reporting guidelines. Staff compiled the 2024 Water Year data and submitted the annual report to DWR prior to the submission deadline of April 1.

#### Administration and Outreach:

The Employee Led Initiatives Team organized a wonderful volunteer opportunity with City Serve, giving staff an opportunity to give back to the community! Volunteers participated in shifts that included serving lunch and mingling with guests or setting up and sorting household items and clothing for clients. City Serve greatly appreciated our employees' time and compassion. Thank you to those employees who participated!



On March 26, Zone 7 hosted a well-attended ribbon-cutting for the Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Plant.



Operations and Maintenance:

Staff supported several efforts this month, including work related to various Capital Improvement Projects such as the Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Facility. The implementation of the Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) is well underway, and staff now have access to the test environment. A CMMS working group is meeting to discuss coordination of CMMS, GIS and document management.

**March 2025**

<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Cole Huber	\$50,000	Legal Services
JDI Electrical Services, Inc.	\$45,000	As-Needed Repair for Medium Voltage Systems
San Leandro Crane	\$30,000	As-Needed Crane Rentals and Services
West Yost	\$25,000	Cross-Connection Control Specialist Services
<b>Total March 2025</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	



**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Office of the General Manager  
**CONTACT:** Alexandra Bradley

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** March 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 delivers proactive updates, promotes key initiatives, and engages stakeholders through public education campaigns, outreach programs, and digital tools. This report highlights progress and key activities that strengthen community relationships and advance these goals.

### **Communications Plan Updates**

**Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** Staff organized the grand opening of the Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Facility, a significant milestone in the Agency's commitment to water quality. The event, marking the launch of the Agency's second PFAS treatment facility in two years, was well attended by 59 guests, including numerous local legislators and representatives, alongside Zone 7 board, staff, and contractor personnel. This successful outreach effort fostered engagement with key stakeholders and highlighted the Agency's proactive approach to addressing emerging contaminants and ensuring safe drinking water for the Tri-Valley community. The facility's state-of-the-art Ion Exchange technology will treat up to 10 million gallons of groundwater daily.



**Water Wise Wendy Fix-A-Leak Challenge 2025:** Staff promoted the 2025 Water Wise Wendy Fix-A-Leak Challenge throughout the month of March to encourage water conservation and leak detection. Winners will be randomly selected on April 15.

**Groundwater Awareness Week:** Staff implemented a multi-faceted outreach strategy which included the dissemination of a press release highlighting Zone 7's proactive groundwater management, emphasizing its role as the Tri-Valley's "local water savings account" and detailing ongoing efforts to enhance treatment infrastructure for long-term reliability. Complementing the press release, social media channels were utilized to amplify key messages and promote the "Wondrous World of Water" video series, illustrating the importance of groundwater recharge and Zone 7's sustainability practices. This coordinated approach aimed to increase public understanding and appreciation of the region's groundwater resources.

**Press:**

- Staff sent out the March [newsletter](#).
- Staff sent out one media advisory and three press releases:
  - [Zone 7 is Looking for Leak Detectives to Help Stop Water Waste](#)
  - [Zone 7 Celebrates Groundwater Awareness Week with the Upcoming Completion of its Second PFAS Treatment Plant](#)
  - [Zone 7 Opens Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Facility](#)

**Annual Report:** Staff continues to promote the digital annual report throughout the year in order to maximize engagement with the website. Quarterly performance reports are conducted to measure results. The first quarter report is attached. The annual report can be viewed at [www.zone7water.report](http://www.zone7water.report).

**Chain of Lakes Pipeline Conveyance Project:** Staff spent three days working with a film crew to capture footage throughout the service area. This effort involved capturing interviews, drone footage, and photographs to support the future development of an informational video. The video will serve to clearly articulate the project's purpose and necessity, as well as aid in pursuing potential state and federal funding opportunities.

**Retailer Coordination:** Staff coordinated with the retailers to promote various outreach priorities including the Pleasanton Water Open House, the Tri-Valley Water Conservation Art Contest, the Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper training, Groundwater Awareness Week, the Fix-A-Leak Challenge, Spring Irrigation Tune-Up, and the Chain of Lakes PFAS Treatment Facility grand opening.

**Outreach Program Updates**

**Schools' Program:** Staff taught 78 classes throughout the service area in March. The program is being heavily promoted through March to ensure increased signups with two new videos in circulation.



## **In-Person Events:**

Pleasanton Water Open House: March 1, 9:00am-1:00pm at Veterans Memorial Building 301 Main St, Pleasanton. We joined the City of Pleasanton employees in greeting attendees and answering questions about their water supply. The Zone 7 table featured the California groundwater model used in our sixth-grade lessons. This helped facilitate answering questions about Zone 7's role in supplying drinking water to Pleasanton. Many people asked very detailed questions that our groundwater staff was able to answer in great depth. It was such a successful day that we were not able to keep track of how many people visited the tables. The City of Pleasanton estimated that 200 residents attended the event.

A Day by The Water Saturday, March 22, 10:00am-3:00pm at Del Valle Regional Park, Livermore. Booths were set up outside of the Del Valle Visitors Center and focused on the importance of water in our valley. Zone 7 joined other community organizations in interacting with families in the exploration and celebration of all things water.

Dublin Farmers' Market, Thursday, April 3, 2025, 4:00pm-8:00pm at Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Zone 7 was invited to table at the first Farmers' Market of the season. Non-profit and service organizations will be featured during the kickoff event. An activity will be available to engage families in discussions about responsible water usage.

Marylin Avenue Family Science Night: Monday, April 7 6:00pm-8:00pm at Marylin Avenue School, Livermore. Zone 7 will participate in this STEM school's family science night and provide water related educational activities.

Livermore Science Odyssey Thursday, April 10, 4:30pm-7:30pm. Joe Mitchell Elementary School, Livermore. Zone 7 will join other Livermore groups in celebrating science at this district wide annual event. We will support students and their families with a hands-on booth, and by sponsoring the One Water Award recognizing students with exemplary projects focused on water and wastewater.

Tri-Valley Innovation Fair: Saturday, April 12, 10:00am-5:00pm at Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Zone 7 will be represented at this hands-on event with over 50 exhibitors. We will have interactive activities, giveaways, and information about rebates.

City of Pleasanton Earth and Arbor Day Celebration: Saturday, April 19, 10:00am-2:00pm at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. The Earth and Arbor Day Celebration is an opportunity for community members of all ages to learn about environmental issues and sustainability solutions in an interactive, family friendly atmosphere. Zone 7 will have an interactive booth at which participants will create newspaper pots and plant native seeds to take home.

Las Positas College Child Development Center's Spring Festival, Tuesday, April 22, 3:00-5:30., Las Positas College, Livermore. Zone 7's education team has been invited to have an interactive booth at their spring family gathering. It is described as "...an opportunity to build a sense of community amongst and provide educational enrichment for our families." We are

excited that our presence at Rancho school's family science night gave the organizers the idea to reach out to us.

Fredericksen Pi Night, Friday, April 25, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Fredericksen Elementary School, 7243 Tamarack Drive, Dublin. Zone 7 Water Agency has been asked to attend Fredericksen Elementary school's Pi Night in celebration of math and sciences. We look forward to attending with our floodplain model and interacting with family members of the school.

Ag & Enviro Adventure Day: Tuesday, April 29, 8:00am-3:00pm at Livermore High School. For the ninth year, Zone 7 will participate in this special event for Livermore third graders offering an interactive movement-based activity which highlights our watershed and its connection with the community.

Altamont Creek, Earth Day Family Science Night: Tuesday, April 29, 6:00pm-7:30pm at Altamont Creek Elementary School in Livermore. Zone 7 will host a booth with science-based activities for kids.

Bring Back the Natives Tour, Sunday, May 4, 10:00am-5:00pm. Zone 7 will have a booth at a resident's home during the tour to educate visitors about native plants and lawn rebates. The booth will feature rebate information, an activity for children and snacks for volunteers.

Please visit [www.zone7water.com/calendar](http://www.zone7water.com/calendar) for the most up-to-date schedule of public events. Those interested in having Zone 7 attend a school or public event in the service area can email [schools@zone7water.com](mailto:schools@zone7water.com) for more information.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. March Social Media Dashboard
2. March Zone 7 Website Dashboard
3. First Quarter Dashboard for the 2024 Annual Report

# Social Media Insights

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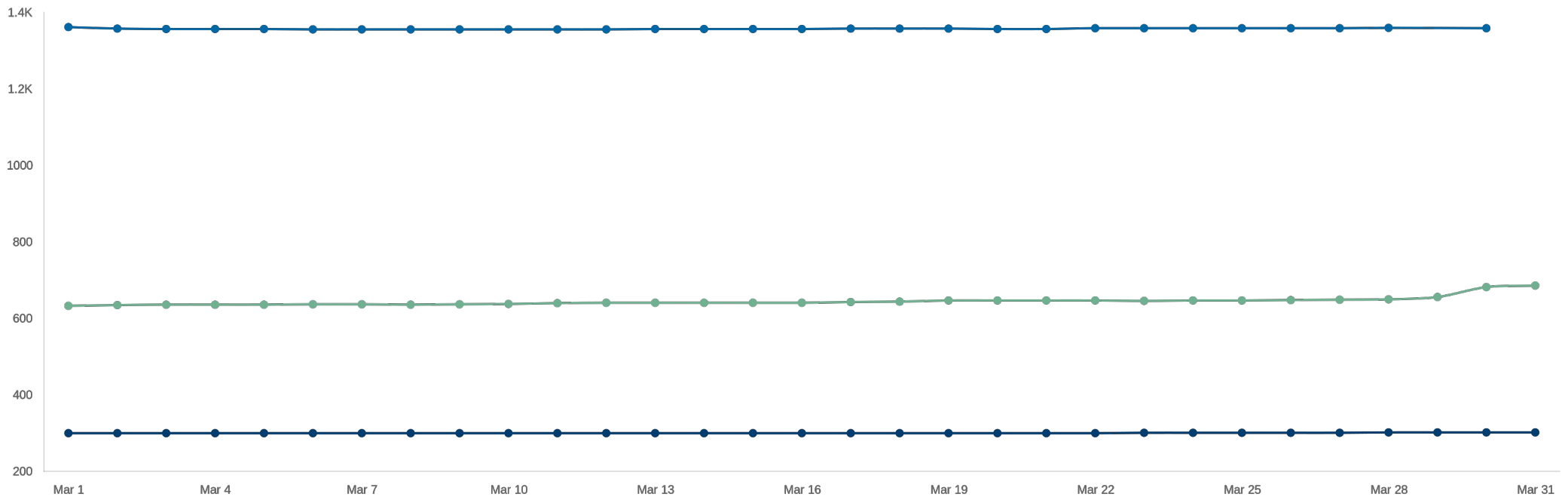
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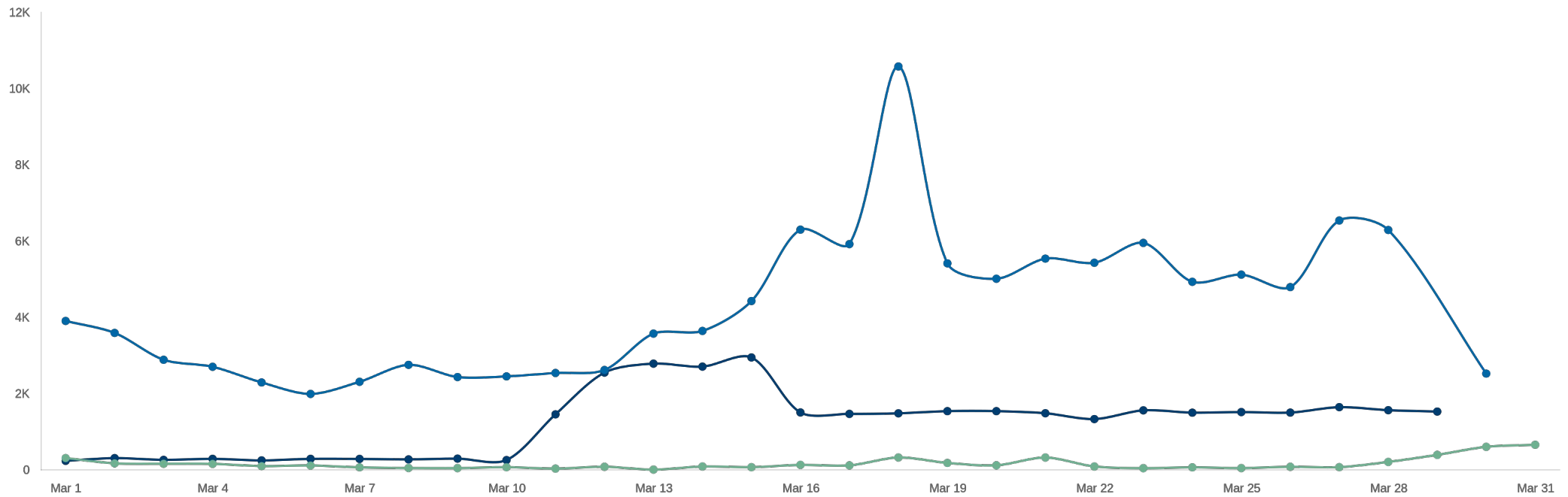
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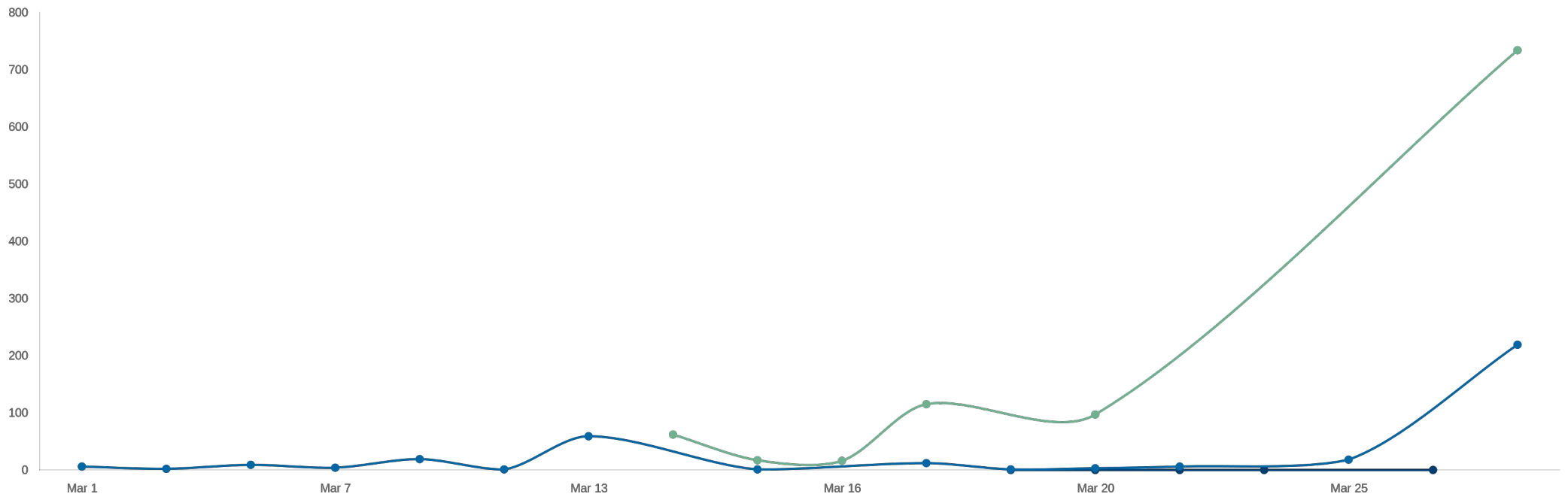
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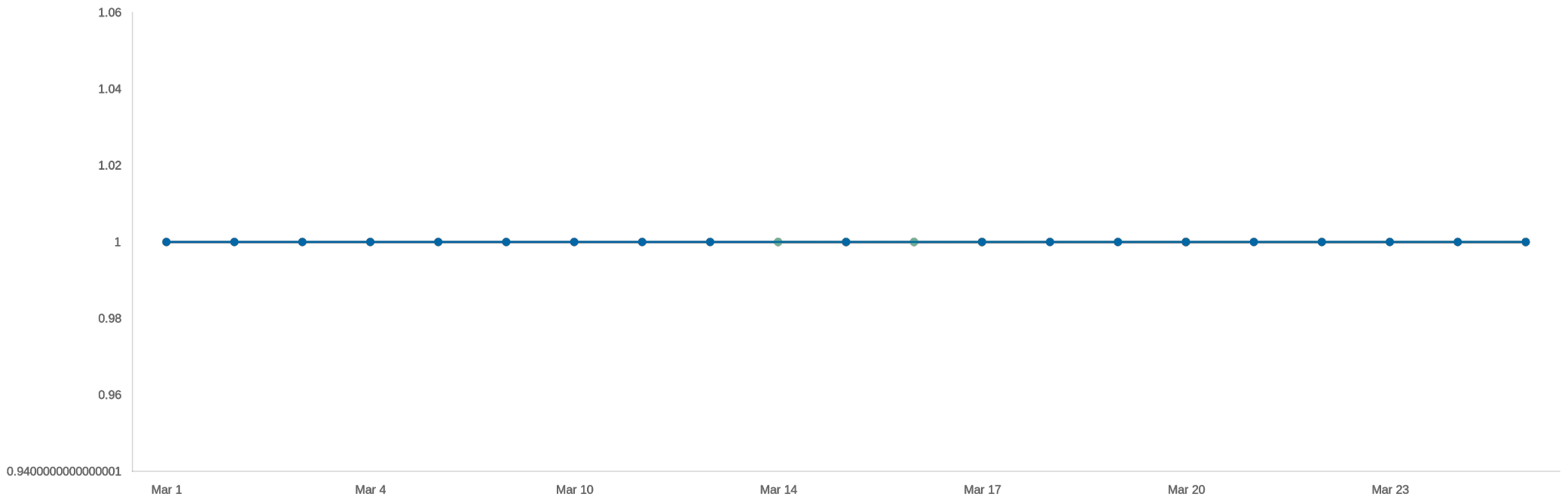
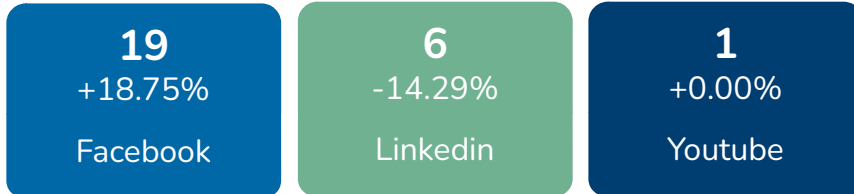


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## Zone 7 Water Agency

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Mar 13, 2025 12:38	 Have you entered our 2025 Fix-a-Leak Week Challenge yet?! Participating is easy. Follow Water-Wise...	<a href="#">Go</a> 	8851 59
Mar 28, 2025 14:29	 Our newest Ion Exchange PFAS Treatment Facility is now open at Chain of Lakes Well! This is the ...	<a href="#">Go</a> 	1734 722
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Feb 28, 2025 11:21	 Calling all Summer Interns! We have an exciting opportunity to gain valuable industry experience wit...	<a href="#">Go</a> 	573 42



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Feb 28, 2025 11:30		Come get your "feet wet" with our Water Resources paid internship! Gain valuable skills in groundwa...	<a href="#">Go</a>		489	37
Mar 20, 2025 18:31		Now hiring for Water Resources Technician! Come and be a part of our team to help protect our commun...	<a href="#">Go</a>		403	95
Feb 28, 2025 11:25		Paid Summer Internship with Water Quality Engineering! Join our Water Quality Engineering section a...	<a href="#">Go</a>		392	63
Feb 28, 2025 11:35		Interested in interning with our Water Supply Engineering section? Now is your chance! Gain valuable...	<a href="#">Go</a>		374	78
Mar 15, 2025 11:02		During Groundwater Awareness Week, we're pleased to announce that our SECOND Ion Exchange PFAS remov...	<a href="#">Go</a>		242	14
Mar 22, 2025 14:43		Fix-a-Leak Week continues! Any leaks found so far? <a href="https://youtu.be/OzZtBdCBxJs?feature=shared">https://youtu.be/OzZtBdCBxJs?feature=shared</a> C...	<a href="#">Go</a>		194	6
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Mar 14, 2025 14:05		Groundwater Awareness Week is March 9th - 15th so let's talk groundwater! Did you know groundwater m...	<a href="#">Go</a>		181	61
Mar 10, 2025 12:35		Groundwater Awareness Week is here! Did you know the Tri-Valley area we are lucky enough to have our...	<a href="#">Go</a>		175	19
Mar 01, 2025 14:30		🌱🌱 Our 2025 Fix-a-Leak Week Challenge is officially open! Follow Water-Wise Wendy as she leads you ...	<a href="#">Go</a>		107	6
Mar 07, 2025 12:03		🌱💧 Help us celebrate World Water Day on Mar 22, 2025, at Del Valle Regional Park for A Day By the W...	<a href="#">Go</a>		63	4
Mar 04, 2025 14:16		We have a ton of awesome stuff happening in the next few months. Sign up for our newsletter before o...	<a href="#">Go</a>		57	0
Mar 02, 2025 16:29		!! The deadline to submit your projects for the Tri-Valley Art Conservation Contest is tomorrow at 5 ...	<a href="#">Go</a>		57	2

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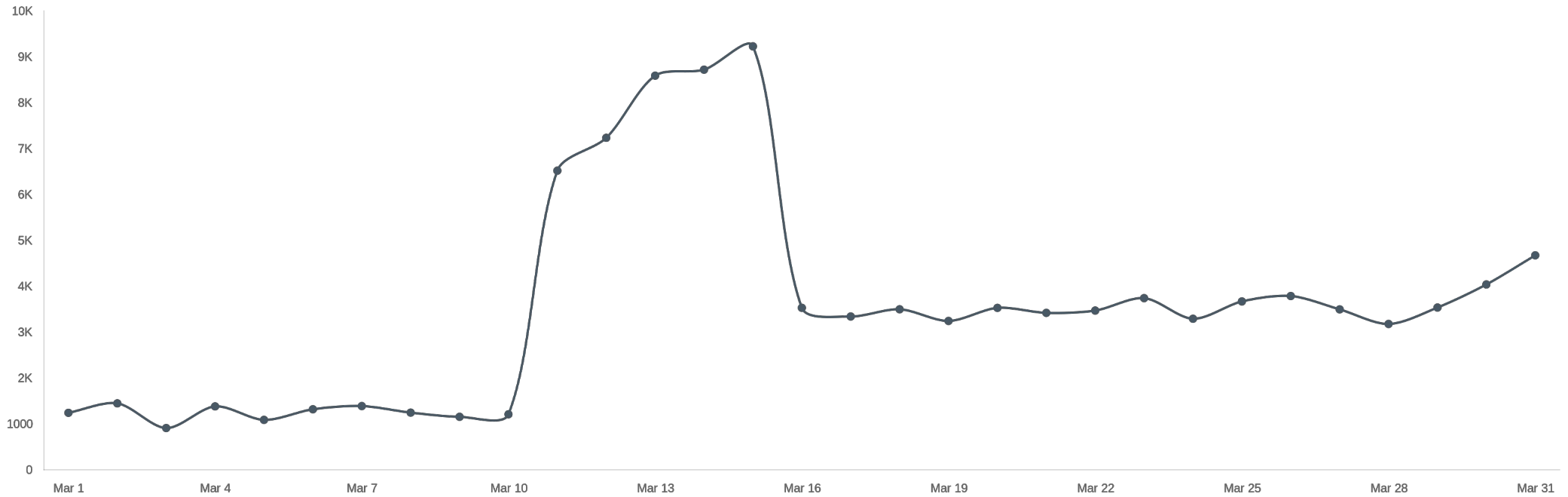
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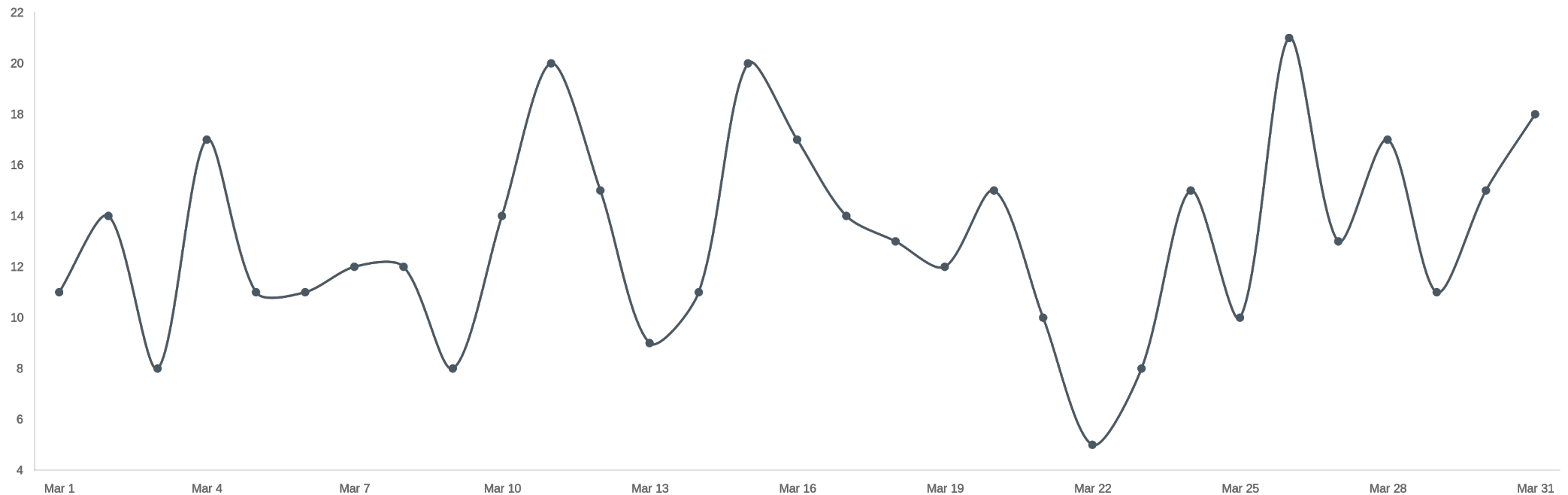
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Zone 7 Water Agency

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## Highlights:

Total users  
**6,968**  
↑ 16.4%

Views  
**16,493**  
↑ 14.5%

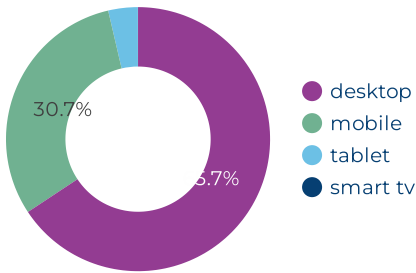
New users  
**6,509**  
↑ 16.0%

Engagement rate  
**47.38%**  
↓ -3.0%

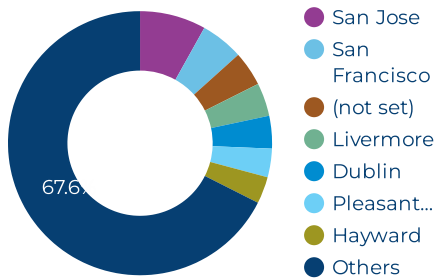
Sessions  
**10.2K**  
↑ 14.2%

User engagement  
**107:30:35**  
↓ -5.8%

## Device Type:



## Users by City



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

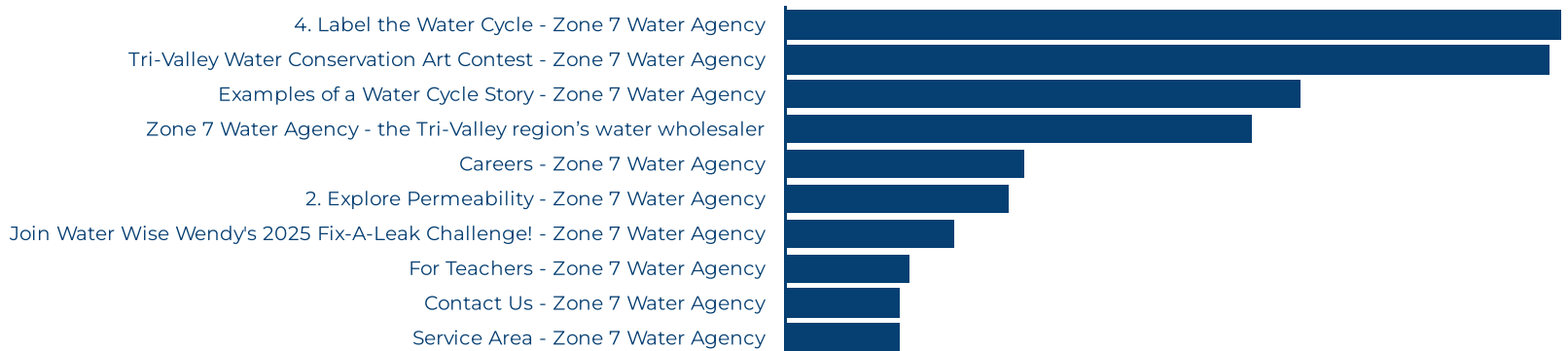
	Page title	Views	Total users
1.	Join Water Wise Wendy's 2025 Fix-A-Leak Challenge! - Zone 7 Water Agency	1,595	1,199
2.	Zone 7 Water Agency - the Tri-Valley region's water wholesaler	1,803	1,155
3.	4. Label the Water Cycle - Zone 7 Water Agency	773	647
4.	Tri-Valley Water Conservation Art Contest - Zone 7 Water Agency	1,106	612
5.	Careers - Zone 7 Water Agency	1,043	606
6.	Examples of a Water Cycle Story - Zone 7 Water Agency	690	522
7.	For Teachers - Zone 7 Water Agency	494	323
8.	Construction & Business Opportunities - Zone 7 Water Agency	467	305
9.	2. Explore Permeability - Zone 7 Water Agency	465	251
10.	Board Meetings - Zone 7 Water Agency	494	230

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

	Session source	Session medium	Sessions
1.	google	organic	3,898
2.	(direct)	(none)	2,607
3.	FB	Post	668
4.	FB	POST	379
5.	m.facebook.com	referral	335
6.	google	cpc	326
7.	bing	organic	312
8.	ui.schoology.com	referral	132
9.	dsrsd.com	referral	85
10.	jobs.cwea.org	referral	74

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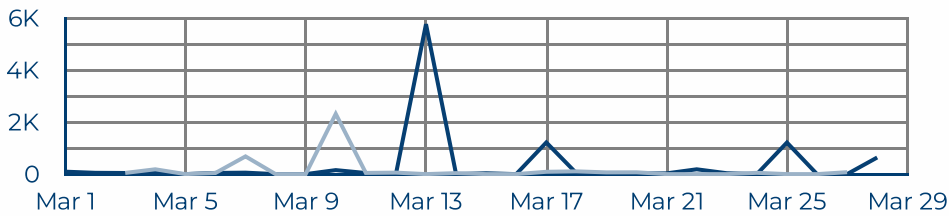
## Pages with the most time spent by users



## Facebook Analytics

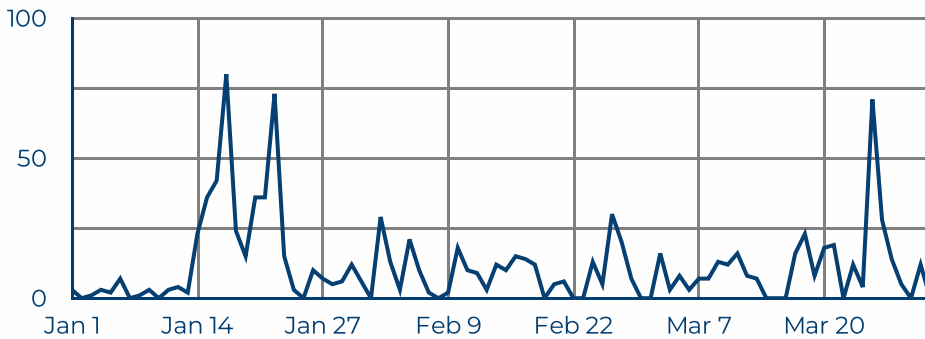
Total Posts	Engagement	Page Followers	Impressions
19	111.43	1,359	126,273
↑ 26.7%	↑ 41.2%	↓ -0.3%	↑ 87.6%

Facebook Daily Average Reach per Post

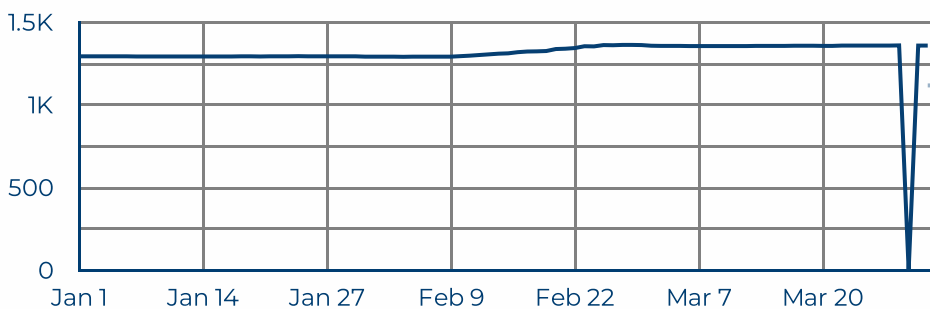


Paid Reach	Organic Reach	Total Reach
8,141	1,645	9,740
↑ 183.8%	↓ -20.6%	↑ 149.2%

Facebook Page Visits



Facebook Page Followers - Year-to-Date Growth



## Mailchimp Delivery Analytics

Total Eblasts Sent	3
Total Deliveries	3,024
Avg. Open Rate %	40.9%
Total Clicks	212
New Signups	0

## Monthly YouTube Performance

Total Views	39,982
Watch Time (Minutes)	30,450.41
Average View Duration	00:02:21

### Top Five Videos of Month

Video Title	Views
Groundwater Recharge - Wondrous World of Water	6,258
Water Wise Wendy Fix-a-Leak Tip #7 Look for signs of leaks under sinks	5,048
Water Wise Wendy Fix-a-Leak Tip #2 Check for Toilet Leaks with Food Color Drops	4,882
Water Wise Wendy Fix-a-Leak Tip #8 Check your sprinkler heads	4,057
Water Wise Wendy Fix-a-Leak Tip #3 Listen for Running Water	3,714

## Insights & Opportunities

### Website

- **Summary:** March continued the trend of increasing website traffic, with significant growth in user engagement with educational and conservation-themed content. Total website views rose to 16,204 (+12.5%), sessions increased to 10,100 (+12.9%), and total users grew to 6,849 (+14.4%).
- **Increase in traffic:** The "**Join Water Wise Wendy's 2025 Fix-A-Leak Challenge!**" page was a major driver, accumulating 1,555 views and 1,169 users, followed by the "**Tri-Valley Water Conservation Art Contest**" page, which saw 1,089 views and 596 users.
- **Engagement rate decline:** Despite 6,374 new users (+13.6%), the engagement rate dipped slightly, indicating visitors may not be interacting as deeply with the content.
- **Key traffic sources:** Google organic search remained the top driver of traffic, contributing 3,865 sessions, followed by direct traffic at 2,562 sessions.

### Social Media

- **Summary:** Social media engagement saw a notable increase, with strong content performance, although organic reach dropped. Total engagement increased to 111.52 (+41.3%), while total reach climbed to 9,679 (+147.7%), largely due to increased paid reach.
- **Decline in organic reach:** Organic reach dropped to 1,628 (-21.4%), while paid reach significantly increased to 8,102 (+182.4%), indicating a strong reliance on promoted content.
- **Engagement growth:** With 19 total posts (+26.7%), interactions rose, showcasing a highly engaged audience.
- **Page growth:** Facebook followers slightly declined to 1,359 (-0.3%), showing room for further audience-building strategies and the need for continued investment in this area.

### Mailchimp

- **Summary:** Email campaigns maintained steady open rates, demonstrating continued audience interest. Three e-blasts were sent, achieving a 40.9% open rate across 3,024 total deliveries.
- **Click engagement:** Emails generated 212 total clicks, suggesting engagement potential could be further improved with optimized call-to-action content.

### YouTube

- **Summary:** Video content remained a strong engagement tool, with educational videos continuing to drive audience interest. Total views reached 38,101, with total watch time at 29,718 minutes, and an average view duration of 2 minutes, 22 seconds.
- Top performing content:
  - "**Groundwater Recharge - Wondrous World of Water**" - 6,259 views
  - "**Water Wise Wendy Fix-a-Leak Tip #7 - Look for signs of leaks under sinks**" - 4,772 views
  - "**Water Wise Wendy Fix-a-Leak Tip #2 - Check for Toilet Leaks with Food Color Drops**" - 4,509 views

### Opportunities for March 2025

1. Enhance paid social reach – Continue investing in a strategic mix of organic and paid content to increase visibility and engagement.
2. Continue video promotion – Build on the success of water-related educational videos with additional promotional efforts to sustain high viewer engagement and retention.

## Highlights:

Total users

326

↓ -50.9%

Views

2,956

↑ 15.1%

New users

313

↓ -52.4%

Engaged sessions

591

↓ -21.0%

Sessions

918

↓ -1.0%

User engagement

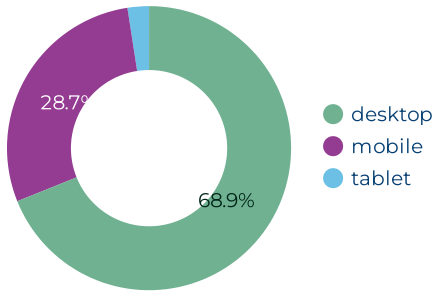
36:26:15

↑ 77.6%

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

	Page title	Total users	Views
1.	Water Quality - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	101	335
2.	Flood Protection - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	91	444
3.	Annual Report 2024 - Zone 7 Water Agency	79	277
4.	Water Reliability - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	73	240
5.	Annual Report 2024 - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	66	392
6.	Overview - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024 at-a-glance	64	111
7.	Finance - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	50	131
8.	Community - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	45	167
9.	Water Academy - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	43	118
10.	Water Quality - Annual Report 2023 - Zone 7 Water Agency	42	51
11.	Legislative and Policy Updates - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	39	163
12.	People - A Team That Cares - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	29	37

## Total Users and Device

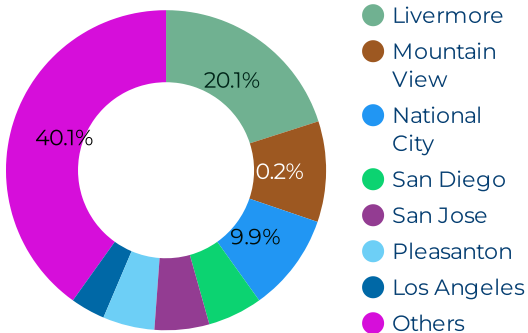


## Acquisition source/medium - where traffic sessions come from

	Session source	Sessions
1.	(direct)	363
2.	google	200
3.	bugherd.com	184
4.	Site	43
5.	MAILCHIMP	20
6.	QR	18
7.	betterfutureawards.com	15
8.	zone7water.com	14
9.	FB	13
10.	enter.amcpros.com	8

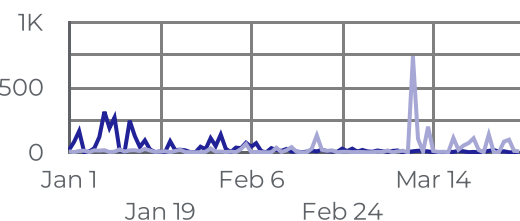
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## Users by City



## Traffic compared to last quarter

Views Views (previous quarter)



## Pages with the most time spent by users

	Page title	User engage...
1.	Flood Protection - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	09:00:56
2.	Water Quality - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	06:25:12
3.	Water Reliability - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	05:48:55
4.	Community - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	02:34:24
5.	Finance - Zone 7 Annual Report 2024	02:10:05

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## Insights & Opportunities

### Insights on traffic

In the first quarter of this year, from January 1 to March 31, we showed:

- 326 total users throughout the quarter, compared with 714 total users in first quarter of last year
- 2,956 individual page views have increased, compared with 2,244 in the first quarter of last year
- 918 user sessions, compared to 1,000 user sessions in first quarter of last year - note the 2023 annual report launched in the first week of January, vs the 2024 annual report which launched in the fourth week of January.
- 591 engaged sessions compared to 349 engaged sessions in first quarter of last year, a significant increase in engagement.

### Outreach investment currently in optimization phase:

This previous year we invested in a small search engine marketing campaign to drive traffic to the website which helped increase our outreach to the community. We are optimizing this campaign to encourage traffic to the 2024 site.

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Integrated Planning

**CONTACT:** Sal Segura/Neeta Bijoor

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

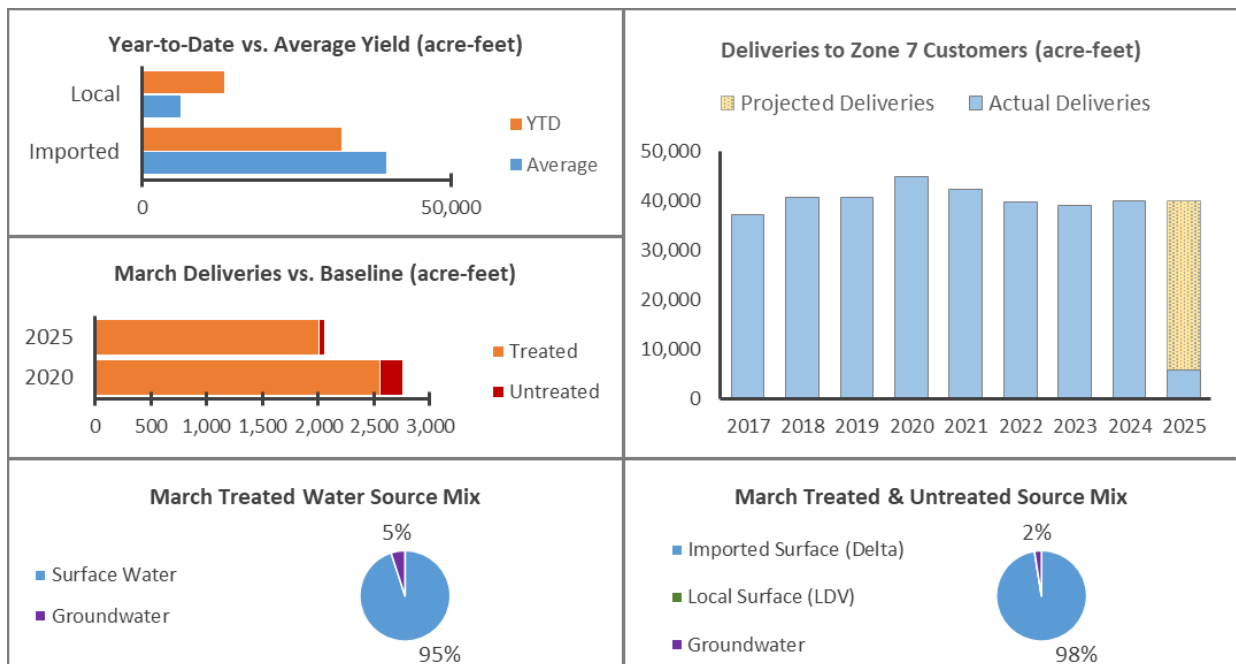
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Water Inventory and Water Budget Update

**SUMMARY:**

To support the 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 promote Strategic Plan Initiative #5 to develop a diversified water supply plan and implement supported projects and programs.

The 2025 Annual Review of the Sustainable Water Supply Report will discuss an overall analysis of the annual water supply and will be presented to the Board on April 16. A summary of long-term water supply planning is also included in the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which is updated every five years and assesses water supply reliability on a 20-year time horizon. The next update of the UWMP is due on 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 in Kern County storage and recovery programs.

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



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

### Supply and Demand

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

- Monthly totals: 2,060 acre-feet (AF) delivered to customers (2,010 AF treated production and 50 AF estimated untreated deliveries).
- 0 AF was released for artificial recharge in the Arroyos.
- Total treated water production increased by 12% compared to last month.
- Treated water sources were 95% surface water and 5% groundwater this month.
  - Treatment plant production was 20.2 million gallons per day (MGD).
  - Wellfield production was 1.0 MGD.

### Comparison of Demands: 2025 vs 2020 baseline

*(See Table 1)*

- In March 2025, Zone 7's overall water demands were 25% lower than March 2020: treated water production was 21% lower, and estimated untreated deliveries were 76% lower.

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

	<b>Treated Production</b>	<b>Untreated Delivery</b>	<b>Total</b>
March 2025 (AF)	2,010	50	2,060
March 2020 (AF)	2,550	210	2,760
March 2025 vs March 2020	21% lower	76% lower	25% lower

### Imported Water

*(See Table 2 and Table 3)*

- On March 25, 2025, DWR announced an allocation increase to 40%, which amounts to 32,248 AF for Zone 7. This was the fourth allocation change this water year. The initial allocation announced on December 2, 2024, was 5%.

**Table 2: Available Water Supplies (as of April 1, 2025)**

Sources of Water Supplies	Acre-Feet (AF)
Table A	32,250
Water Transfers/ Exchanges	0
SWP Carryover Water	3,340
Lake Del Valle (Carryover + New Yield)	13,400
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin (AF above Minimum Thresholds)	128,500
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	100,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>278,090</b>

**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.
- Currently, the Basin is at approximately 100% of its operational storage capacity.
- It is also important to note that not all of 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 limits the use of some wells.
- In March, the total pumping from Zone 7’s wellfield was approximately 90 AF, making up 5% of the treated supply.
- Estimated groundwater basin overflow on the west side of the Basin is 230 AF in March. This groundwater exfiltrates into Arroyo De La Laguna due to a high water table in that region.
- Zone 7 did not make artificial recharge releases in March.

**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 the month of March, resulting in approximately 2,180 AF of stream outflow.
- Note: Some surface flows out of the Livermore-Amador Valley are mandated for other downstream purposes.

## Local Precipitation

*(See Figure 7)*

- 1.93 inches of precipitation were recorded at Livermore Airport in March.
- Livermore has received 9.98 inches of rain or 79% of average for the Water Year-to-Date as of March 31.

## Sierra Precipitation

*(See Figure 8)*

- 8.3 inches of precipitation were recorded in the Northern Sierras in March. The historical average precipitation in March is 8.1 inches.
- Cumulative precipitation in the Northern Sierra for Water Year 2025 is 51.5 inches as of March 31, or 116% of the seasonal average-to-date.

## Sierra Snowpack

*(See Figure 9)*

- Statewide snowpack is 96% of normal for the Water Year-to-Date as of April 1.
- Northern Sierra snowpack is 118% of normal for the Water Year-to-Date as of April 1.

## Lake Oroville

*(See Figure 10)*

- As of March 31, 2025, Lake Oroville storage is 88% of total capacity representing 121% of average storage condition for this date of the year.
  - Storage: 3,023,419 AF
  - Storage as a percentage of total capacity increased by 4% over the month of March.
- DWR made flood control releases from Lake Oroville throughout the month of March.

## 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 March 31, 2025, the total reservoir storage is 1,817,698 AF, of which approximately 1,007,000 AF belongs to SWP. Currently, the SWP's share of the reservoir capacity is 95% full.
- Zone 7 staff is monitoring spill potential for Zone 7's carryover water stored in San Luis Reservoir.

- Lake Del Valle holds 36,270 AF as of March 31, 2025.
- Zone 7's estimated water storage in Lake Del Valle at the end of March is approximately 13,400 AF.
- Zone 7 did not utilize any of its Lake Del Valle Local Water supply to meet demand in March.

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

**Table 3: Water Inventory**

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

	<b>2024</b> <i>Jan-Dec</i>	<b>2025</b> <i>Mar</i>	<b>2025-YTD</b> <i>Jan-Dec</i>
<b>Source</b>			
<b>Incoming Supplies</b>			
State Water Project (SWP) - Table A	23,140	0	0
SWP - Article 21	0	0	0
Lake Del Valle Local Water	5,290	0	0
Water Transfers/Exchanges	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28,430</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>From Storage</b>			
SWP - Carryover	25,240	1,970	5,830
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin	3,580	90	360
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28,820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,190</b>
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>57,250</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>6,190</b>
<b>Water Use</b>			
<b>Customer Deliveries</b>			
Treated Water Demand <sup>1</sup>	35,440	2,010	5,870
Untreated Water Demand	4,380	50	120
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39,820</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>5,990</b>
<b>To Storage</b>			
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Recharge	6,180	0	200
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	10,000	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16,180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>SWP Transfer</b>			
Napa County Repayment <sup>2</sup>	1,250	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Water Use</b>	<b>57,250</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>6,190</b>
<b>Available Water Supplies</b>			
<b>Incoming Supplies</b>			
	End-of-2024		
SWP - Table A (%)	40%	40%	40%
SWP - Table A Remaining	0	32,250	32,250
Water Transfers/Exchanges	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,250</b>	<b>32,250</b>
<b>Storage Balance</b>			
	End-of-2024		
SWP Carryover	9,170	3,340	3,340
Lake Del Valle Local Water	8,550	13,400	13,400
Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin <sup>3</sup>	125,300	128,500	128,500
Kern Storage and Recovery Programs	100,600	100,600	100,600
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>243,620</b>	<b>245,840</b>	<b>245,840</b>
<b>Total Available Water</b>	<b>243,620</b>	<b>278,090</b>	<b>278,090</b>
<b>Watershed Conditions</b>			
Precipitation at Livermore Station (in) <sup>4</sup>	16	1.93	5.57
Lake Del Valle Local Water Net Yield	9,290	1,100	4,600
Measured Change in Groundwater Basin Storage	0	1,400	3,200
Surface Water Outflow <sup>5</sup>	43,910	2,180	11,540

1/ Includes a small amount of unaccounted-for water.

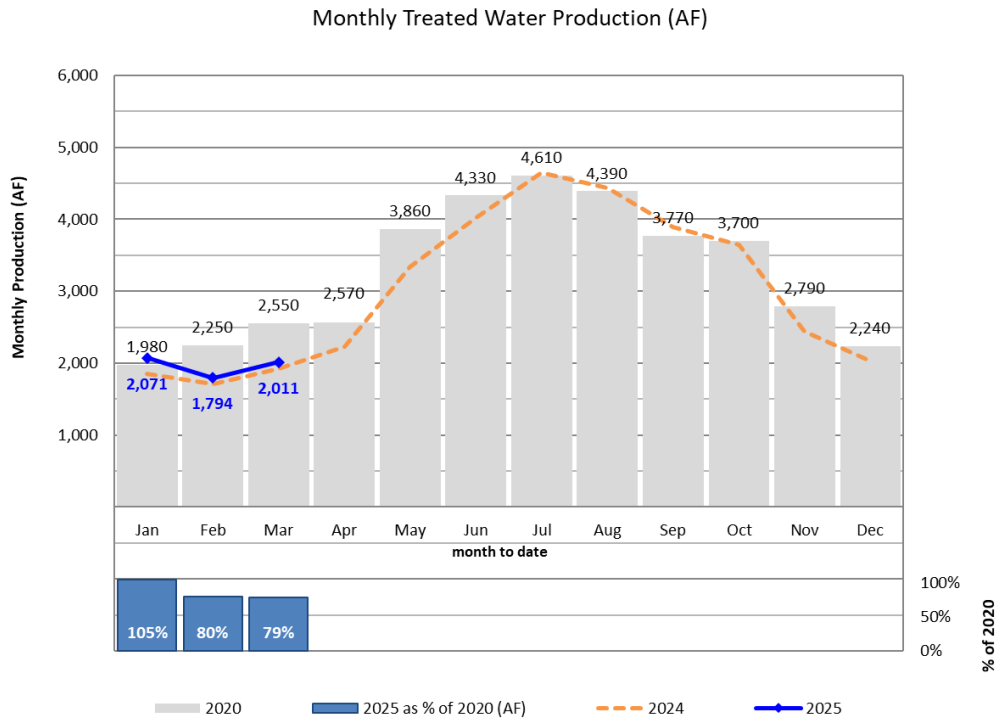
2/ In 2024, Zone 7 repaid Napa County for a water exchange agreement executed in 2020.

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

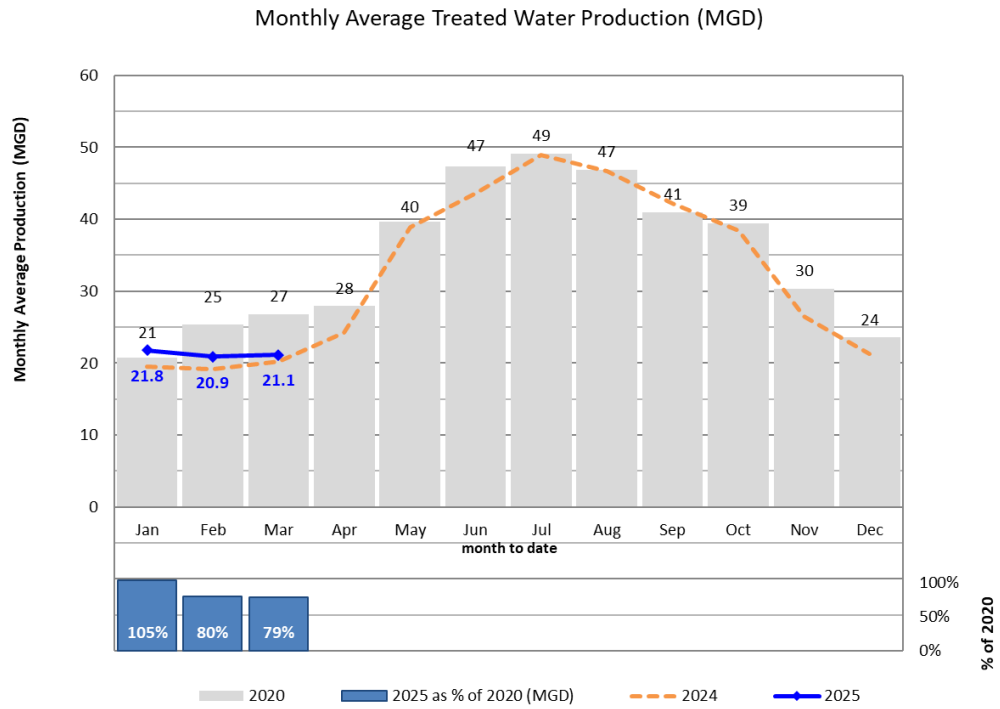
4/ Local precipitation reported in Table 3 for 2025 YTD is reported on a calendar year basis.

5/ 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)**

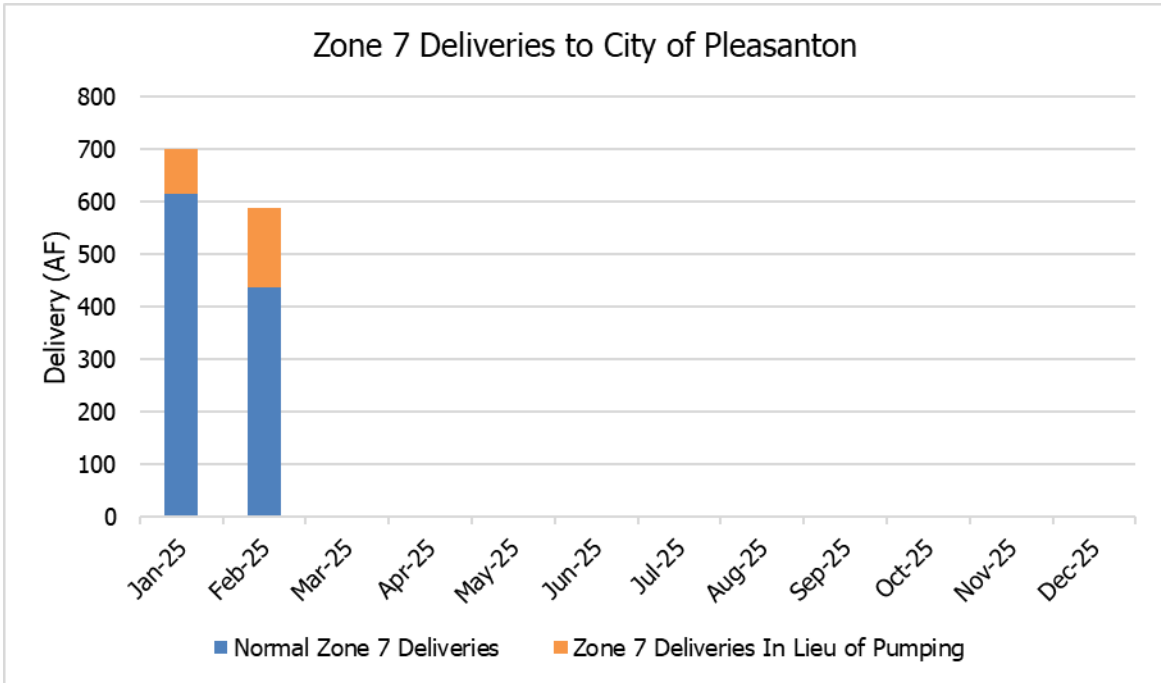


**Figure 2: Monthly Treated Water Production in Average Million Gallons Per Day (MGD)**



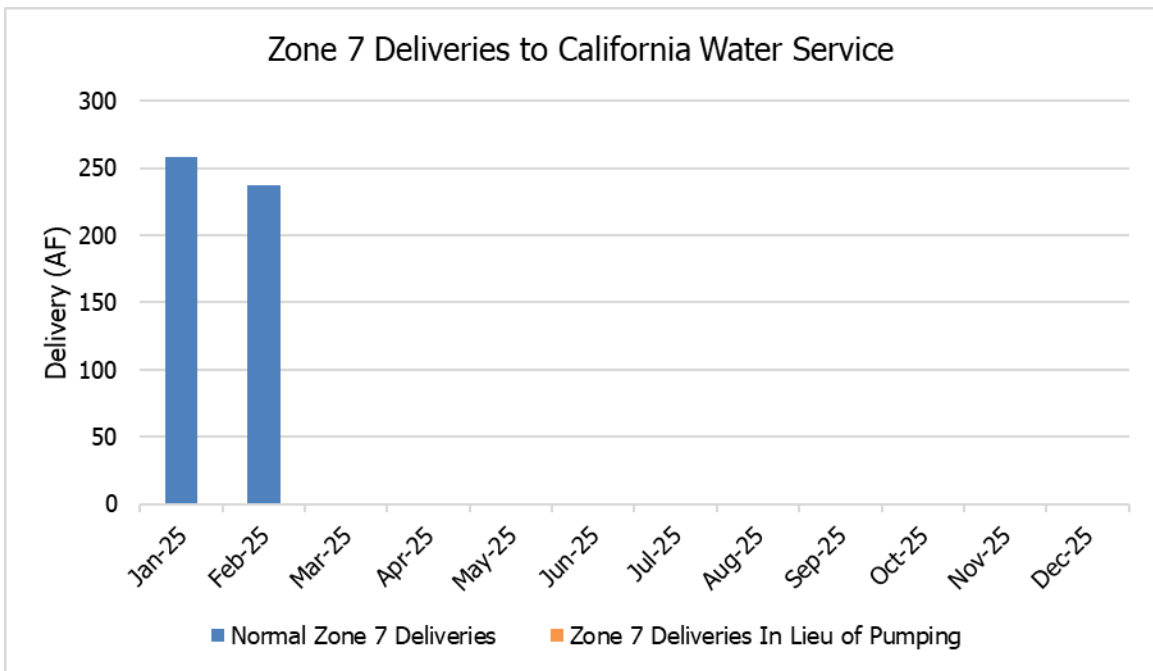


**Figure 3: Pleasanton Estimated In-Lieu Demand  
(Based on 2018-2021 Pumping)**



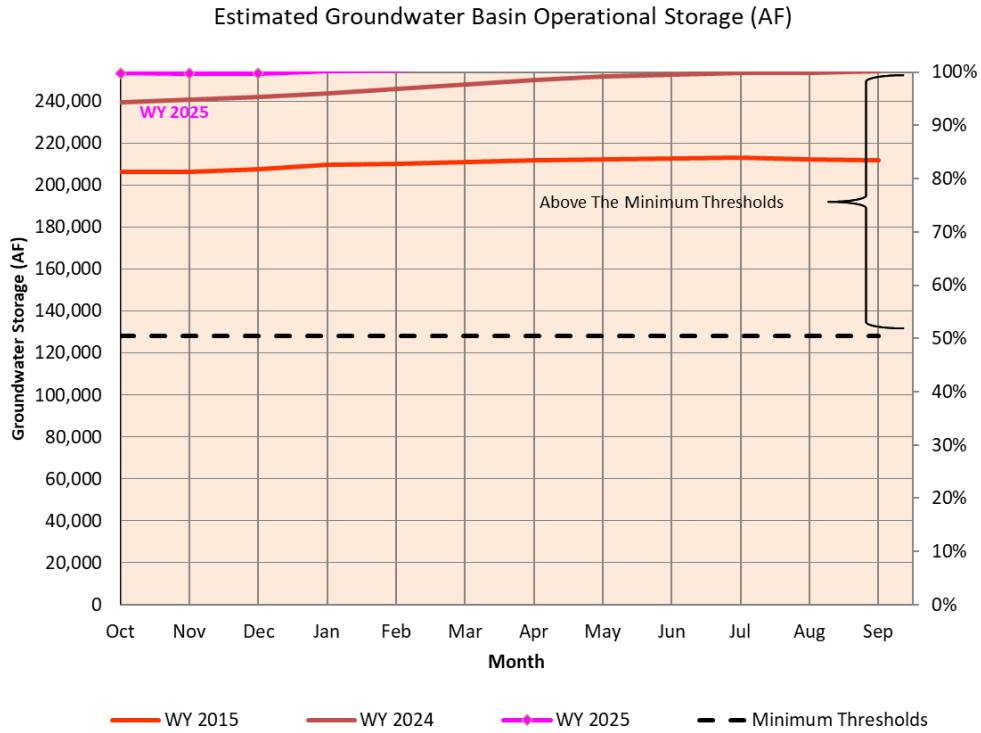
*\*Pleasanton's pumping data for March is not yet available and will be reflected in future inventories.*

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



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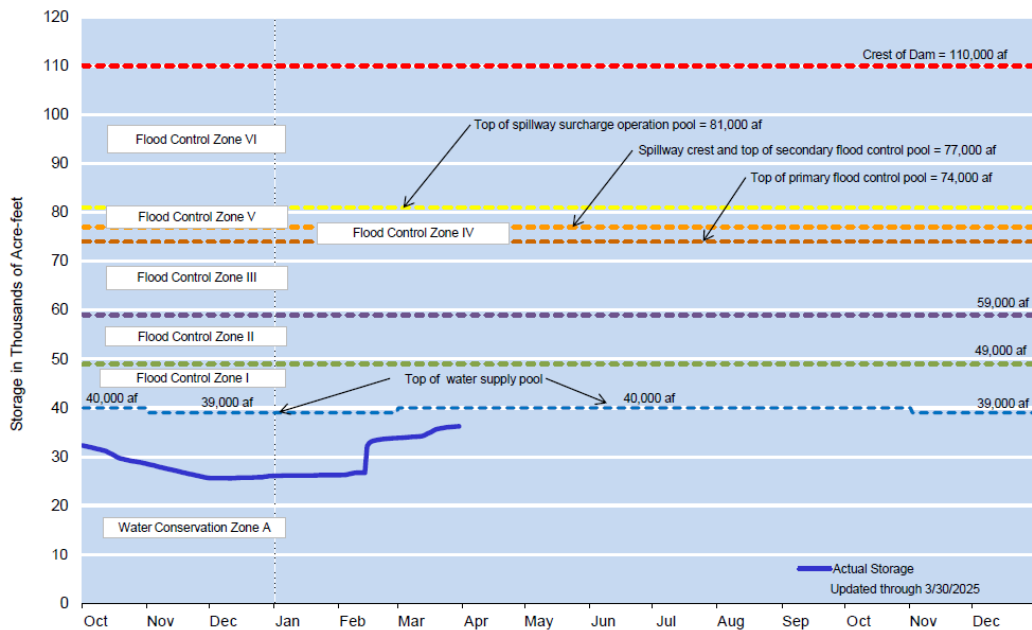
**Figure 5: Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Storage\***



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

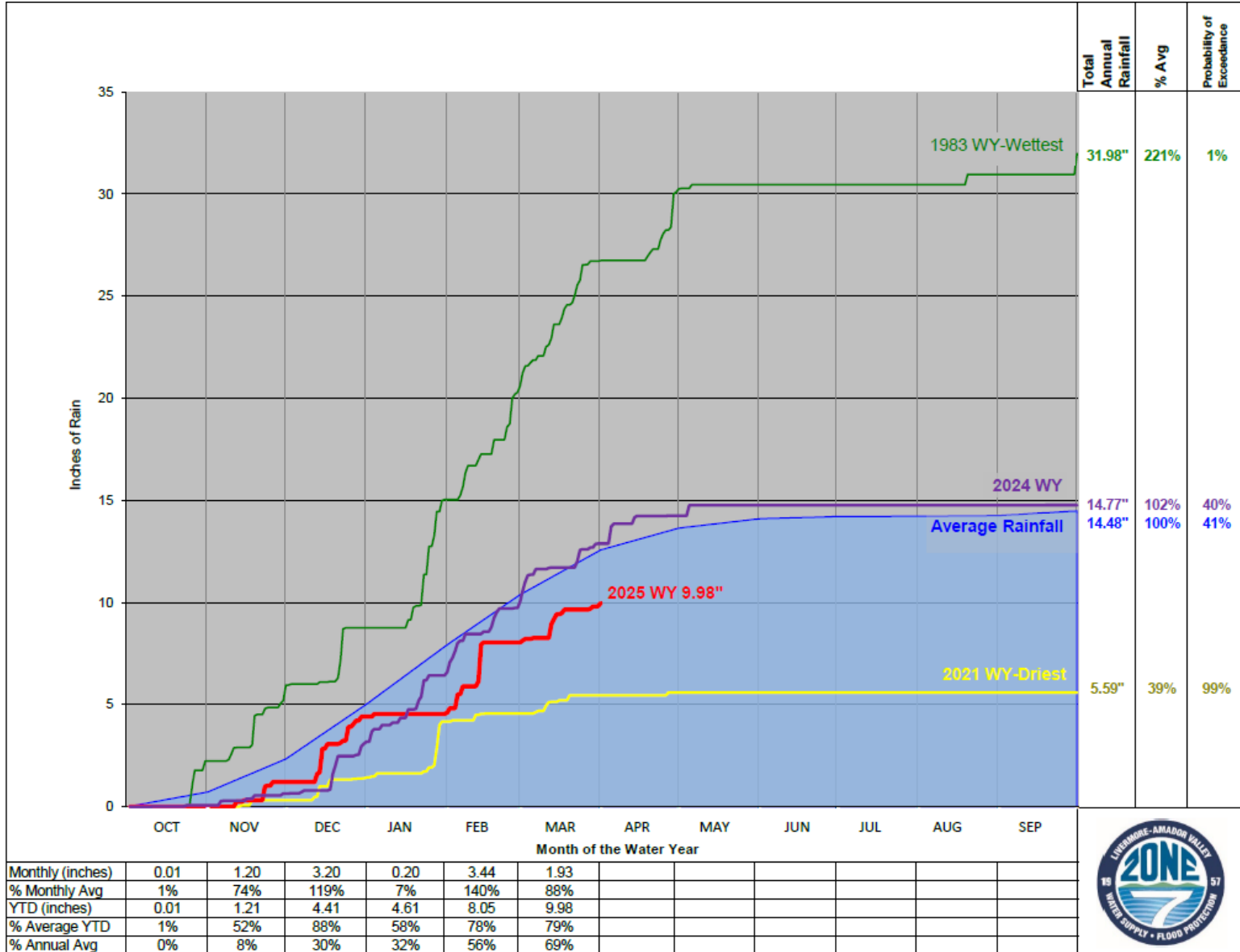
**Figure 6: Lake Del Valle Storage**

October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025

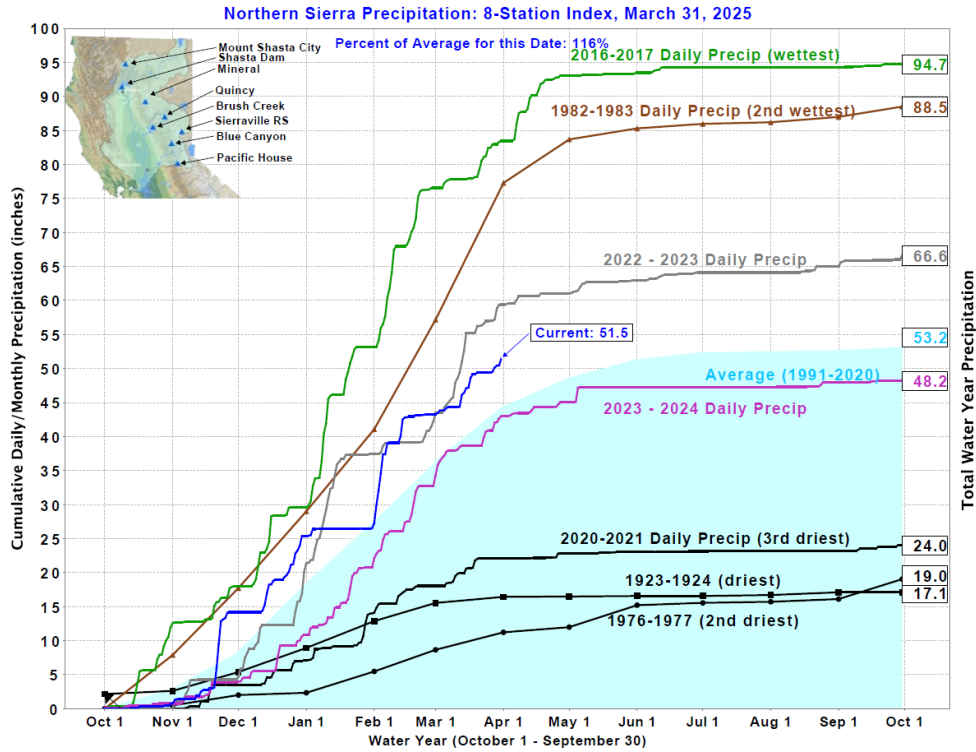


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**Figure 7: Local Precipitation**



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



**Figure 9: Sierra Snowpack**

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



NORTH	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	27
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	30.6
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	118
Percent of normal for this date (%)	118

CENTRAL	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	52
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	25.3
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	91
Percent of normal for this date (%)	91

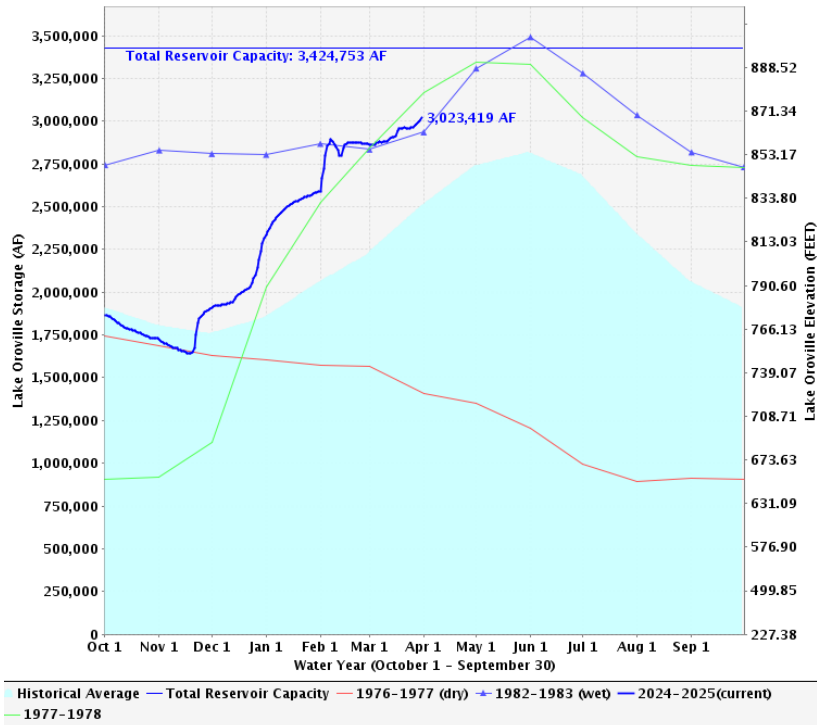
SOUTH	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	26
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	18.9
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	84
Percent of normal for this date (%)	84

STATE	
Data as of April 1, 2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	105
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	25.1
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	96
Percent of normal for this date (%)	96

Statewide Average: 96% / 96%

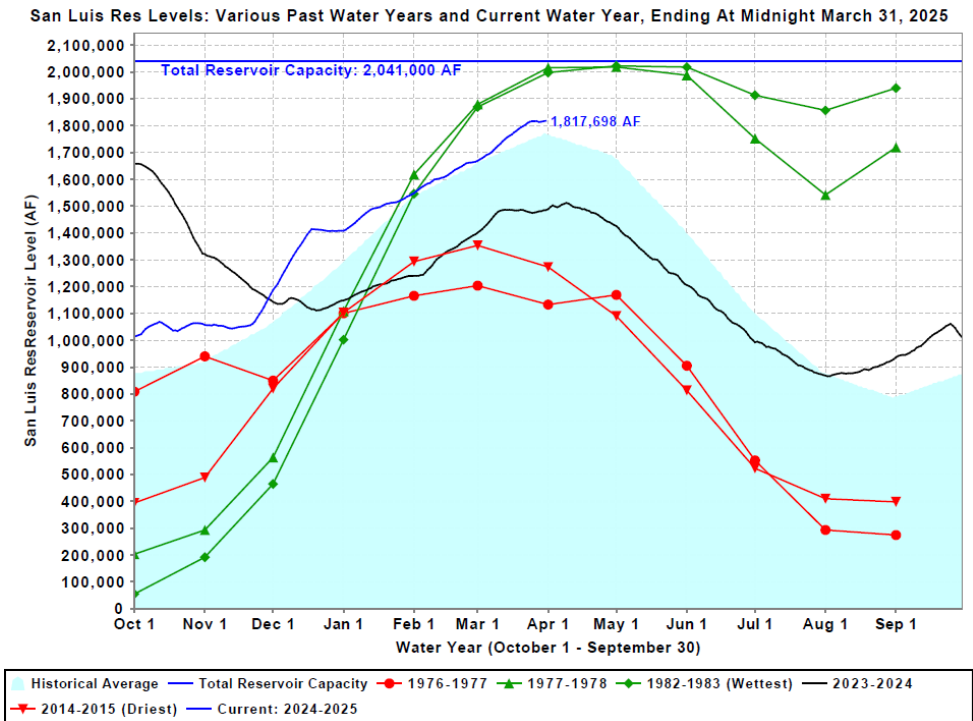
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**Figure 10: Lake Oroville Storage**



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**Figure 11: San Luis Reservoir Storage**



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

**CONTACT:** Carol Mahoney/Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**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 first year of their two-year legislative cycle on January 6, 2025.

Bills are in the committee process in their respective houses and are being monitored for amendments or other substantive changes. If a bill is pulled by the author, completely modified to another topic or fails to pass committee, it will be removed from the Board summary and evaluated for further tracking by staff.

The attached is a summary of bills of potential interest to Zone 7 monitored by SKV Associates. The format of the attached report conforms to that used by organizations like the Association of California Water Agencies. If other membership organizations have taken a position on a tracked bill, that will be indicated in the notes, if known. Note that the software used for creating this report does not have all the possible positions to be taken by various agencies and as such, does not have the option to identify a position of “Favor.” In cases where there are such limitations, staff have noted the Zone 7-specific position in the notes.

Zone 7, based on the Legislative Platform, Board actions on a topic, and/or Legislative Committee involvement has taken the following actions:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Bill</b>	<b>Action</b>
Favor	AB 514 - Emergency water supplies	Coalition letter
Support	SB 72 - Water Plan Update - long-term water supply targets	Coalition letter
Support	SB 454 State funding for PFAS remediation	Zone 7 letter to Senate
Favor	H.R.1871 – federal mirroring of state tax relief on water conservation rebates	Coalition letter

**FUNDING:** N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information only.

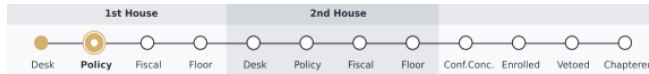
**ATTACHMENT:** Zone 7 – Bill Tracker/Status Report

**AB 93** (Papan, D) Water resources: demands: data centers.

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W.



**Location:** 03/24/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

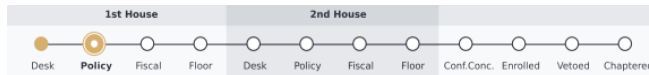
**Summary:** Would require a person who owns or operates a data center, as defined, to provide, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, under penalty of perjury, on the application, an estimate of the expected water use. The bill would require a person who owns or operates a data center to provide, when applying to a city or county for a renewal of a business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, under penalty of perjury, on the application, a report of the annual water use. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require a city or county to require data centers operating within its jurisdiction, as a condition for obtaining or renewing a business license, to meet efficiency standards, as determined by a local jurisdiction, as provided. By imposing additional duties on cities and counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**AB 259** (Rubio, Blanca, D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

**Current Text:** 01/16/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on L. GOV.



**Location:** 02/10/2025 - Assembly Local Government

**Summary:** The Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, as specified, and requires a legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing to comply with specified requirements, including that the local agency post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing if, during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, and the legislative body complies with prescribed requirements. Current law requires a member to satisfy specified requirements to participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including that specified circumstances apply. Current law establishes limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location pursuant to these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including prohibiting such participation for more than 2 meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. This bill would remove the January 1, 2026, date from those provisions, thereby extending the alternative teleconferencing procedures indefinitely. (Based on 01/16/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**Notes:**

CSDA = Sponsor

**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:** 03/24/2025 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.



**Location:** 02/10/2025 - Assembly Natural Resources

**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)

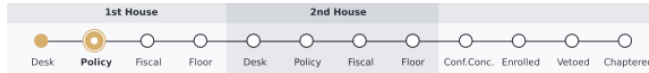
**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 04/02/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 04/02/2025

**Status:** 04/03/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on W. P., & W.



**Location:** 03/24/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**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 04/02/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

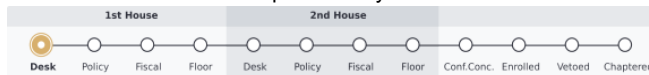
**Notes:**

ACWA = Oppose Unless Amended

**AB 497** **(Wilson, D) San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Water Quality Control Plan.**

**Current Text:** 02/10/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 02/11/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 13.



**Location:** 02/10/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Current law makes available to the Natural Resources Agency bond funds for, among other things, implementing an updated State Water Resources Control Board’s San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan), which establishes water quality control measures and flow requirements needed to provide reasonable protection of beneficial uses in the watershed. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

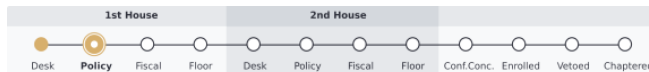
**Position:** Watch

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

**Current Text:** 04/03/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 04/03/2025

**Status:** 04/03/2025 - From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W. P., & W. Read second time and amended.



**Location:** 02/24/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**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 04/03/2025 text)

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

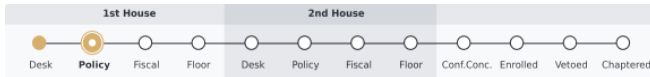
Per Framework, Zone 7’s position is “favor”

**AB 794** **(Gabriel, D) California Safe Drinking Water Act: emergency regulations.**

**Current Text:** 02/18/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 03/03/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.





**Location:** 03/03/2025 - Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

**Summary:** The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. The state board's duties include, but are not limited to, enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (federal act) and adopting and enforcing regulations. Current law authorizes the state board to adopt as an emergency regulation, a regulation that is not more stringent than, and is not materially different in substance and effect than, the requirements of a regulation promulgated under the federal act, with a specified exception. This bill would provide that the authority of the state board to adopt an emergency regulation pursuant to these provisions includes the authority to adopt requirements of a specified federal regulation that was in effect on January 19, 2025, regardless of whether the requirements were repealed or amended to be less stringent. The bill would prohibit an emergency regulation adopted pursuant to these provisions from implementing less stringent drinking water standards, as provided, and would authorize the regulation to include requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of the federal regulation. (Based on 02/18/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**Notes:**

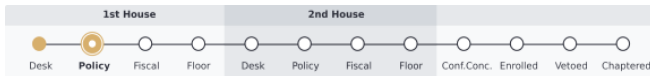
CMUA = Opposed

**AB 1373 (Soria, D) Water quality: state certification.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 03/25/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.



**Location:** 03/24/2025 - Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

**Summary:** Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Under federal law, any applicant seeking a federal license or permit for an activity that may result in any discharge into the navigable waters of the United States is required to first seek a state water quality certification, as specified. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes the state board to certify or provide a statement to a federal agency, as required pursuant to federal law, that there is reasonable assurance that an activity of any person subject to the jurisdiction of the state board will not reduce water quality below applicable standards. The federal act provides that if a state fails or refuses to act on a request for this certification within a reasonable period of time, which shall not exceed one year after receipt of the request, then the state certification requirements are waived with respect to the federal application. This bill would require the state board to hold a public hearing at least 21 days before taking action on an application for a certificate or statement. The bill would prohibit the authority to issue a certification for a license to operate a hydroelectric facility from being delegated. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

**SB 72 (Caballero, D) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.**

**Current Text:** 03/18/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 03/18/2025

**Status:** 03/28/2025 - Set for hearing April 8.



**Location:** 01/29/2025 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include, among others, tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050, as provided. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for a sustainable urban sector, agricultural sector, and environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things. (Based on 03/18/2025 text)

**Position:** Support

**Notes:**

ACWA = Support and Amend  
CMUA/CSAC = Sponsor

**SB 224 (Hurtado, D) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting.**

**Current Text:** 03/26/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 03/26/2025

**Status:** 03/28/2025 - Set for hearing April 7.



**Location:** 03/25/2025 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to gather and correlate information and data pertinent to an annual forecast of seasonal water crop. Current law also requires the department to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as “The California Water Plan.” This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a new water supply forecasting model and procedures that better address the effects of climate change and implement a formal policy and procedures for documenting the department’s operational plans and the department’s rationale for its operating procedures, including the department’s rationale for water releases from reservoirs. The bill would also require the department to establish, and publish on the department’s internet website, the specific criteria that it will employ to determine when its updated water supply forecasting model has demonstrated sufficient predictive capability to be ready for use in each of the watersheds. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its progress toward implementing the new forecasting model and to post the report on the department’s internet website. The bill would also require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that explains the rationale for the department’s operating procedures specific to the previous water year. (Based on 03/26/2025 text)

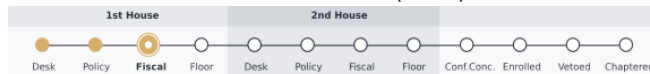
**Position:** Watch

**SB 454 (McNerney, D) State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program.**

**Current Text:** 03/24/2025 - Amended [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Last Amended:** 03/24/2025

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - VOTE: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to the Committee on [Appropriations] with the recommendation: To Consent Calendar (PASS)



**Location:** 04/02/2025 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** Existing law designates the State Water Resources Control Board as the agency responsible for administering specific programs related to drinking water, including, among others, the California Safe Drinking Water Act and the Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Funding Program. This bill would create the PFAS Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury and would authorize the fund to be expended by the state board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of these provisions. The bill would authorize the state board to seek out and accept nonstate, federal, and private funds, require those funds to be deposited into the PFAS Reduction Account within the PFAS Mitigation Fund, and continuously appropriate the moneys in the account to the state board for purposes of these provisions, thereby making an appropriation. (Based on 03/24/2025 text)

**Position:** Support

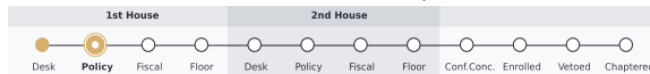
**Notes:**

CMUA = Favor

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

**Current Text:** 02/19/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 04/03/2025 - From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on TRANS. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 2).



**Location:** 04/03/2025 - Senate Transportation

**Summary:** The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the state 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. 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. The bill would require the state board to consider a recommendation of the committee at a public meeting no later than 60 days after the recommendation is made. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

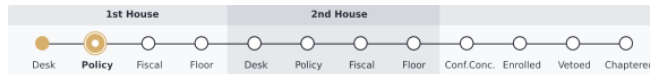
**Notes:**

The bill is sponsored by CSAC, CSDA, and Cal Cities.

**SB 601** (Allen, D) Water: waste discharge.

**Current Text:** 02/20/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - VOTE: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to the Committee on [Judiciary] (PASS)



**Location:** 04/02/2025 - Senate Judiciary

**Summary:** Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (act) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Current law requires, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license, equivalent instrument, or permit, or renewal thereof, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry, as defined, to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES permit program by providing specified information, under penalty of perjury, on the application. Current law includes in this specified information, among other things, the Standard Industrial Classification Codes for the business, and a Waste Discharger Identification number (WDID), as specified. This bill would revise the above-described requirement to demonstrate enrollment with NPDES to instead require demonstrating enrollment with NPDES or the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) permit programs by providing the specified information. The bill would require, when applying to a city or a county for a building or construction permit, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry and seeks permission for construction activities over one acre to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES or WDR permit programs by providing specified information under penalty of perjury on the initial building or construction permit application, or renewal thereof. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

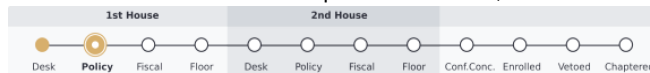
**Notes:**

CMUA = Opposed

**SB 682** (Allen, D) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

**Current Text:** 02/21/2025 - Introduced [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

**Status:** 04/02/2025 - VOTE: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to the Committee on [Health] (PASS)



**Location:** 04/02/2025 - Senate Health

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, on or before January 1, 2029, to adopt regulations to enforce specified covered perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) restrictions, which include prohibitions on the distribution, sale, or offering for sale of certain products that contain specified levels of PFAS. Current law requires the department, on and after July 1, 2030, to enforce and ensure compliance with those provisions and regulations, as provided. Current law requires manufacturers of these products, on or before July 1, 2029, to register with the department, to pay a registration fee to the department, and to provide a statement of compliance certifying compliance with the applicable prohibitions on the use of PFAS to the department, as specified. Current law authorizes the department to test products and to rely on third-party testing to determine compliance with prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as specified. Current law requires the department to issue a notice of violation for a product in violation of the prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as provided. Current law authorizes the department to assess an administrative penalty for a violation of these prohibitions and authorizes the department to seek an injunction to restrain a person or entity from violating these prohibitions, as specified. This bill would, beginning January 1, 2027, prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a covered product that contain intentionally added PFAS, as defined, except for previously used products and as otherwise preempted by federal law. The bill would define "covered product" to include cleaning products, cookware, dental floss, juvenile products, food packaging, and ski wax, as specified. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**Position:** Watch

Total Measures: 14

Total Tracking Forms: 14

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Groundwater  
**CONTACT:** Jacob Danielsen/Colleen Winey

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Sustainable Groundwater Management  
Annual Report for Water Year 2024 (October 2023 – September 2024)

**SUMMARY:**

- To support Zone 7's mission to deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water, Zone 7 manages the Livermore Valley Groundwater basin as the designated exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and implements the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Alternative GSP). This action supports the Strategic Plan, Goal D - Groundwater Management, and aligns with the Strategic Plan Initiative #11, which is to manage the groundwater sustainability agency and implement the groundwater sustainability plan.
- California Code of Regulations Title 23 (CCR §356.2) requires GSAs to submit annual reports describing basin conditions by April 1 of every year. In compliance with these regulations, Zone 7 prepared and submitted the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin Sustainable Groundwater Management Annual Report for Water Year 2024 (October 2023 – September 2024) on March 27, 2025.
- The annual report documents current groundwater conditions, data gathering and monitoring efforts, activities to fill data gaps, water year comparisons, and GSP implementation progress. It is also the mechanism for Zone 7 to convey critical information and data to the board, local stakeholders, interested parties, the public, and the Department of Water Resources on changing groundwater conditions, groundwater management efforts, and next steps for GSP implementation.
- Undesirable Results were not observed within the Basin during Water Year 2024 for any of the five applicable Sustainability Indicators represented by the Sustainable Management Criteria defined in the 2021 Alternative GSP. This implies that Zone 7's ongoing sustainable groundwater management is effective, and the basin was sustainable and in compliance with SGMA during Water Year 2024.
- The 2024 Annual Report is available on Zone 7's website at [https://www.zone7water.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2-010\\_wy\\_2024.pdf?1743110568](https://www.zone7water.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2-010_wy_2024.pdf?1743110568).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information only.

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Administration

**CONTACT:** Valerie Pryor

**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Status Report on Flood Management Plan Phase 1 Goals and Objectives

**SUMMARY:**

- The proposed action is in support of Strategic Plan Goal E – Provide an Effective System of Flood Protection and Zone 7 Strategic Plan Initiative No. 12 – Complete the Flood Management Plan. On August 17, 2022, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 22-73 to adopt the Flood Management Plan Phase 1. The Flood Management Plan Phase 1 is a high-level strategy for floor management that provides the background information on Zone 7, describes the flood protection system and provides a qualitative assessment of existing and future risk to the flood protection system.
- Zone 7 is currently working on the Flood Management Plan Phase 2. Phase 2 will include the Implementation Plan, a Capital Improvement Plan, and a Funding/Financing Plan, all of which will include a Public and Stakeholder Engagement Plan. Both phases use a risk-informed, system-focused planning approach. The current work effort is developing the planning-level modeling to support impact assessments. Modeling consultants are updating the Hydrologic and Hydraulic model to be used for the Flood Management Plan which includes revising hydrologic model parameters to improve model runs and improve accuracy under more frequent storm events including the 10-year, 25-year, and 100-year storm events. The results of this effort will be a systemwide evaluation of current flood risk and future flood risk, anticipated to be discussed at the May 21, 2025, Board meeting.
- The Flood Management Plan Phase 1 included a set of Goals and Objectives with estimated dates of completion. Some of the objectives have been completed and others are rescheduled based on the status of current work efforts. An updated list of the Goals and Objectives is attached as an information item ahead of the May 21, 2025, Board meeting. This list will continue to be updated as the Flood Management Plan progresses.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information only.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Goals and Objectives for Flood Management

## Zone 7 Goals and Objectives for Flood Management

The FMP goals and objectives presented in **Table 1** were developed by evaluating the existing and future risks to flood management within Zone 7's service area and organizing those risks according to the flood management themes. Goals and objectives provide the actionable and strategic bases for Phase 2 of the planning process as described above. All goals are interdependent and supporting objectives of any one goal must be accomplished before that goal is achieved.

**Table 1. Goals and objectives for flood management**

Goal Statement	Objectives
<b>Goal 1 – Flood Control Channel System</b>	
<p>Develop the framework to provide flood protection to a level as high as reasonably practicable using a risk-informed process.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <del>By 2025, conduct a risk-informed, watershed-based evaluation of the flood control channel system. [Underway]</del></li> <li>1. <del>By 2023</del><del>2027</del>, identify the regional institutional framework necessary to effect adequate flood management for areas protected by the flood control channel system.</li> <li>2. <del>By 2024, conduct a risk-informed, watershed-based evaluation of the flood control channel system.</del></li> </ol>
<b>Goal 2 – Relationships with Partner Agencies</b>	
<p>Foster and participate in productive relationships with land use agencies to improve flood management.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By <del>2023</del><del>2026</del>, identify common flood management interests of agencies with a flood management role or impact in the watershed.</li> <li>2. By <del>2024</del><del>2028</del>, propose agreements with agencies who share flood management interests in the watershed.</li> </ol>

Goal Statement	Objectives
<b>Goal 3 – Capital Improvement</b>	
<p>Develop a capital improvement program to support effective flood management projects and programs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By <del>2025</del><u>2026</u>, prepare a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) based on the outcomes of the systemwide evaluation (Objective 1.<del>2</del><u>1</u>).</li> <li><del>2.</del> By <del>2025</del><u>2027</u>, develop a CIP <del>and financing plan and</del>.</li> <li><del>3.2.</del> By <del>2026</del>, prepare a CIP implementation plan.</li> </ol>
<b>Goal 4 – Operations and Maintenance</b>	
<p>Operate and maintain the flood control channel system where Zone 7 has fee title, easement, or agreement.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By <del>2022</del><u>2024</u>, prepare an O&amp;M program for the existing flood control channel system. <u>[Complete]</u></li> <li>2. By <del>2023</del><u>2027</u>, prepare a right-of-way management plan for the flood control channel system and associated floodplain.</li> <li>3. By <del>2024</del><u>2027</u>, prepare an asset management plan for the existing flood control channel system.</li> <li>4. By <del>2024</del><u>2027</u>, prepare a funding/financing plan for O&amp;M and Asset Management programs.</li> </ol>
<b>Goal 5 – Technical Excellence</b>	
<p>Use the best available resources to achieve flood management projects and programs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>1. By 2026, implement enterprise-wide GIS-based solutions to support Zone 7 goals, including flood management.</u></li> <li><del>1.2.</del> <u>As needed, By 2023</u>, develop and initiate a plan to enhance Zone 7 flood management expertise.</li> <li><del>2.</del> <u>As needed, By 2024</u>, explore and establish resource sharing agreements with partner agencies.</li> <li><del>3. By 2025, implement enterprise-wide GIS-based solutions to support Zone 7 goals, including flood management.</del></li> </ol>



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<b>Goal 6 – Communication and Engagement</b>	
<p>Effectively communicate and engage with the public and other stakeholders to deliver Zone 7's flood management projects and programs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <del>By 2023, d</del>Develop a flood management communication and engagement plan integrated with Agency functions. <del>by 2024.</del> <u>[Complete]</u></li> <li>2. <del>By 2023</del>2024, enhance <u>communication protocols for routine flood O&amp;M activities.</u> <u>[Complete]</u></li> <li>2. <del>By 2026, enhance</del> and establish communication protocols and associated agreements for flood emergency response with partner agencies.</li> <li>3. <del>By 2022, enhance communication protocols for routine flood O&amp;M activities.</del></li> </ol>
<b>Goal 7 – Resource Agency Permitting</b>	
<p>Obtain permits in a timely manner to deliver flood management projects and programs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>As needed, By 2022</u>, participate in, or convene, a natural resources coordinating body for regional agencies with flood management impacts or roles. <u>[Partially complete]</u></li> <li>2. By 2026, adopt and implement a regional programmatic approach to routine O&amp;M with the resource agencies.</li> <li>3. By <del>2026</del>2027, prepare a programmatic EIR to support the CIP (Objective 3.1).</li> </ol>