

# <u>AGENDA</u>

# EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (EOCWD)

Thursday, January 23, 2025 East Orange County Water District 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange CA 92869

5:00 p.m.

Members of the public shall be permitted to speak in-person as to both agendized and nonagendized items. Those wishing to speak may verbally indicating their desire to comment at the time the item is called. Additionally, members of the public may, but are not required to, e-mail comments to Sylvia Prado at sprado@eocwd.com up to 60 minutes before the Board meeting, and such comments shall be provided to the Board. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting that require other reasonable modifications or accommodation to facilitate such attendance should contact Ms. Prado at (714) 538-5815 or the e-mail provided as soon as feasible before the meeting to make such request.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order; Pledge of Allegiance Vice President Thoms
- 2. Addition of Items Arising After Posting of Agenda Requiring Immediate Action (Requires 2/3 vote or unanimous vote if less than 2/3 of members are present) Recommendation: Determine by motion need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action came to the District's attention after posting of the Agenda and that such item(s) be added to the Agenda.
- 3. **Public Communications to the Board**: Opportunity for members of the public to comment on agendized and non-agendized items. Each speaker and comment is limited to three minutes. During this time, e-mailed comments timely submitted to Ms. Prado shall be provided to the Board. Interested speakers who verbally indicate their desire to speak during this item shall be afforded an opportunity to address the Board. At the discretion of the Board President, comments on a particular agendized item may be deferred until that item is heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 4-10)** All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion, without separate discussion on these items, unless a Board member or District staff request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

4. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held December 19, 2024 Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented.



- 5. General Manager's Report Recommendation: Receive and File.
- 6. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report Recommendation: Informational.
- 7. Schedule of Disbursements Recommendation: Informational.
- 8. Financial Statements Recommendation: Receive and File.
- 9. Conference and Meeting Requests Recommendation: Board to authorize attendance as desired.
- 10.Commendation of John Nielsen Recommendation: Approve resolution

## MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 11. Recognition Policy Recommendation: Provide staff direction.
- 12. Board Appointment Division 4 Recommendation: Consider appointment
- 13. Financial Management Services Recommendation: Approve services contract with Starting Line.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 14. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report Recommendation: Receive and File.
- 15. Directors' reports on meetings attended at District expense (Government Code Section 53232.3) and Directors' comments. Directors or staff may ask questions for clarification, make brief announcements, and make brief reports on their own activities. Directors may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning a matter, or direct staff to place a matter on a future agenda (Government Code § 54954.2)

#### ADJOURNMENT

Adjourning to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for **February 27, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m., at East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Orange, CA 92869 or as noticed pursuant to findings of the Board.

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#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (EOCWD)

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## December 19, 2024

**1.** <u>Call to Order</u>. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District held at the District Office, located at 185 N. McPherson Road in the City of Orange, California, was called to order by President DOUGLASS DAVERT at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024, with Vice-President MURDOCH leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Public attendance was permitted in-person only. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors attended the meeting: DOUGLASS DAVERT, GEORGE MURDOCH, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS. The seat of Director NIELSEN was vacated by his resignation on December 3, 2024, in light of his election to the Tustin City Council.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JULIAN DE LA O SOLIS	Administrative Assistant
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel

Other staff and members of the public may have attended in-person that are not listed above.

#### 2. Administration of the Oath of Office

General Counsel Hoskinson administered the oath of office to President DAVERT and Director SEARS.

**3.** <u>Election of Officers.</u> General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, with the Board to select its offers for the upcoming two years. Following the selection of officers, now President MURDOCH thanked Director DAVERT for his hard work and nine years as Board President, followed by comments from now Vice-President THOMS.

<u>ACTION TAKEN:</u> The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, following nominations and by unanimous vote, elected Director MURDOCH to the position of Board President, and Director THOMS to the position of Vice-President, effective immediately.

**4.** <u>Addition of Items Arising After Posting of Agenda Requiring Immediate Action</u>. (Requires 2/3 vote or unanimous vote if less than 2/3 of members are present).

ACTION TAKEN: None.

5. Public Communications to the Board. None.



<u>Consent Calendar</u>. The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote as follows:

- 6. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
- 7. General Manager's Report: THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
- 8. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report: THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
- **9.** Schedules of Disbursements: THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
- **10. Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
- **11.** Salary Schedule Adjustments: THE BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 948 AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEERING MANAGER FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022 THROUGH 2024-2025;
- **12. Manhole Adjustment Contract:** THE BOARD APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR \$91,500 TO RJ NOBLE TO RAISE MANHOLES IN SUPPORT OF A COUNTY PAVING PROJECT IN TUSTIN;
- **13. CalOES and US EPA Grants Authorized Agent:** THE BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 949 DESIGNATING SUBRECIPIENT'S AGENT FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM AND PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM.

## Matters for Consideration.

**14. Board Vacancy.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item with a brief staff report, followed by a discussion with the Board on the potential cost of a special election.

<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, determined to fill the vacant seat by way of appointment, and directed staff to advertise for potential candidates.

**15. Retail System Loan**. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, along with proposed Resolution No. 950 to authorize a loan of \$4 million in funds from the Sewer Fund to the Retail Zone Fund, with questions from the Board. President MURDOCH inquired as to the loan including satisfying Retail Zone reserve levels, which General Manager Youngblood confirmed would occur to minimum reserve levels.



<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>: The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by DAVERT, by unanimous vote approved Resolution No. 950 authorizing the a loan of funds from the Sewer Fund the Retail Zone fund.

**16. Investment Balance Adjustments.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, noting that the District had used its capital reserve funds to complete several projects, depleting its liquid assets. To maintain financial flexibility, the District plans to liquidate \$5 million from long-term investments and move the funds to the CA CLASS Prime Fund for direct access. The General Manager has been given the authority to make these changes, and this report is for informational purposes only.

ACTION TAKEN: None. Information Only.

**17.** Sewer System Master Plan Award. General Manager Youngblood noted that the Sewer Master Plan (2018) and Sewer System Management Plan (2019) were due for updates in light of infrastructure improvements and regulatory changes. Staff issued an RFP for these updates, receiving proposals from two consultants. Dopudja & Wells (DW) offered the lower bid of \$233,130.

<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote awarded a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$233,130 to Dopudja & Wells to complete the Sewer Master Plan and Sewer System Management Plan.

18. Updates to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), Risk Resilience Assessment (RRA), and Emergency Response Plan (ERP). General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, explaining the decision to handle LHMP/RRA/ERP projects internally for cost-effectiveness and customization, with funding secured for a new reservoir. The Engineering and Operations Committee reviewed proposals from Black and Veatch and West Yost, recommending the best-scoring consultant. Director SEARS noted significant cost differences between bids.

<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote awarded a professional services agreement in the amount of \$137,486 to Herndon Solutions Group for the LHMP, RRA, and ERP updates.

**19. Circula Panorama Pipeline.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, providing an overview of the Circula Panorama Pipeline Replacement Project ("Project"), completed alongside the Circula Panorama Customer PRV Installation Project, and involved replacing/upgrading 3,200 LF of pipeline and installing pressure reducing stations and valves, which allowed for the removal of the Vista Panorama reservoir and improved system pressures. T.E. Roberts Construction completed the project, including unforeseen additional work and quantity adjustments, and a final change order of \$178,057 is recommended for approval. Director SEARS inquired as to comments from neighbors on the modifications, with brief responses from Operations Manager Jerry Mendzer and General Manager Youngblood relative to positive comments and notifications of additional available pressure.



<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote (1) approved a final change order for the Circula Panorama Pipeline Project ("Project") in the amount of \$178,057, to T.E. Roberts for unforeseen additional work and quantity adjustment for the pipeline replacement; (2) accepted construction of the Project; (3) authorized the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion for the Project; and (4) authorized payment of the retention 35 days after the recording of the Notice of Completion.

## Miscellaneous Items.

21. Directors' reports on meetings attended at District expense (Government Code Section 53232.3) and Directors' comments. The Directors reported attendance as set forth in the agenda, as follows:

President Murdoch 10/15 ACWA Region 10 Event 10/17 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee 10/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting 11/7 ACWA Business Development Committee 11/14 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee 11/21-11/22 ACWA Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento, CA

Vice-President Thoms 10/4 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) 10/17 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee 10/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting 10/30 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon 11/1 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) 11/14 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee

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Director Nielsen 10/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director DAVERT provided an update on the ACWA Conference, to which Vice-President THOMS added additional comments.

President MURDOCH discussed his appointment as ACWA Vice-Chair for Region 10, which put him in the State ACWA Board, also thanking for the District and Board for its



support in the role. President MURDOCH also indicated his current service on the ACWA Finance Committee. Director DAVERT noted the important of President MURDOCH's role at ACWA, providing statewide representation for EOCWD and elevating its standing in the water community both local and statewide. Director DAVERT encouraged President MURDOCH not to curtail his attendance at other conferences to offset the added costs of ACWA.

Director SEARS requested that an item be added to the future agenda to discuss acknowledgments of former Board member, including the hanging of former Board President William VanderWerff's picture at the District Office.

#### Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:40 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, January 23, 2024,** at 5:00 p.m., at the District Office located at 185 North McPherson, Orange, California, 92869.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson

# MEMO



- TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE JANUARY 23, 2025

# **Background**

Monthly report from the General Manager on District activities

# **Recommendation**

Receive and File.

Attachment(s): General Manager's Report

# EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

## January 2025

The following report is a summary of the District's activities over the past month.

## **SEWER**

## 1) ID1 Update

Activities & Accomplishments for December include:

## Activities

- Completed Group 12 cleaning (see attached reports).
- Reviewed applications for sewer permits.
- Completed monthly siphon cleaning.
- Completed monthly hot spot cleaning.
- Completed 56 CCTV inspections.
- Completed 32 FSE Inspections in December.
- Completed 386 Dig Alert tickets.
- Ordered misc. sewer supplies and tools.
- Performed Spill Emergency Response Plan training (on going).
- Provided training to water staff on use of combo trucks (on going).

#### **EOCWD Sewer Spills - None to report for December**

#### Private Sewer Spills – None to report for December

#### Permits Update:

Seven (7) permits were issued in December; six (6) permits were issued for ADUs, three (3) in the unincorporated area and three (3) in the City of Tustin; one (1) permit was issued for a SFR remodel in the unincorporated area.

Five (5) permits were issued in November; three (3) for ADUs, one (1) in the unincorporated area, one (1) in the City of Tustin, and one (1) in the City of Orange; one (1) permit was issued for a new SFR along with a new ADU in the unincorporated area; one (1) permit was issued for a SFR remodel in the unincorporated area.

#### WHOLESALE ZONE

#### 1) <u>WZ Water Demands -</u> see attachment

#### 2) <u>WZ Connection Permits</u>

Eight (8) permits were issued in the month of December; four (4) in the unincorporated area, and four (4) in the City of Tustin

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## **RETAIL ZONE**

#### 1) <u>Water Demand</u> – see attachments

#### 2) East Orange DroughtReach<sup>™</sup> Program

**Update:** RZ Demand in December 2024 was 61 acre feet compared to 53 acre feet in 2023. Water efficiency messaging continues through social media and print media (Foothill Sentry).

## 3) <u>Well</u>

**Well Levels – Update: Water levels have continued to decline** over the last month as shown on the attached graph. The pumping water level for the East Well in December was 248 feet BGS (below ground surface) while the VanderWerff Well pumping water level was 258 feet BGS. Please note that the VanderWerff Well continues to pump 24/7 at a flow rate between 1,000 and 1,400 gpm. Historically pumping water levels have been as low as 297 feet BGS back in July 2014).

## 4) Circula Panorama Pipeline Conversion (Zone 3 to 2) and Replacement Project

**Update**: The project is complete.

#### 5) 6MG Reservoir Replacement Project

**Update**: CalOES notified staff that HMGP grant funding, in the amount of \$1.5M has been approved for Phase 1 – Design of the Peters Canyon Reservoir Seismic Reconstruction Project. A kickoff meeting with CalOES is scheduled in December. Procurement of a design consultant will follow.

#### 6) System Leaks

None to report for December.

## 7) Water Availability Request/Connection Permits

No permits were issued in November nor in December.

#### 8) Monthly WZ & RZ Operations Activities

- Exercised mainline valves.
- Performed maintenance on the PFAS plant.
- Repaired Newport Intertie electrical issue.
- Meeting with Communications Lab to discuss website updates.
- Met with County regarding new hydrant for Crawford Canyon park project.
- Worked with SCADA integrator to complete a majority of the phase 2 project.
- Ordered misc. tools, parts, and materials for water and sewer departments.
- Completed Dig Alerts.
- Monitored daily operations of treatment plant, reservoir chlorination system at Andres reservoir (Ops. Manager).
- Attended Groundwater Producer Meetings (Eng. Manager).
- Submitted monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to SWRCB.
- Reviewed weekly water quality data.
- Ordered water quality supplies.

## JOINT SYSTEM ACTIVITIES

#### A. District Headquarters Building Replacement

**Update:** The emergency backup generator has been installed. Staff is working with the vendors to schedule start-up and commissioning of the generator.

## B. Pandemic Response (COVID-19) Plan

No Update.

## C. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

No Update.

## D. Field Maps

Please see the attached Field Maps water work and sewer work reports which provide information on work staff is performing and the types of customer interactions that staff are having.

## E. GIS Newsletter

No Update.

## F. <u>Safety</u>

**Update:** Staff completed training on the following topics during the month of December and November:

• Hearing Loss Safety

## G. Engineering & Operations Committee

The December meeting was cancelled.

#### H. Administrative & Finance Committee

The December meeting was cancelled.



# Monthly Sewer Asset Report December 2024

#### As of: 1/3/2025

Sewer Gravity Main Work		FOG Work		
Workflow	Sum of reclength	Workflows Completed	Workflow	Workflows Completed
CCTV Inspection	13,870	56	BMP GRE Inspection	4
Main Cleaning	83,257	362	BMP GRE Violation Follow-up	1
Main Lining	0	0	BMP Inspection	16
Main Repair	0	0	BMP Violation Follow-up	0
Main Replace	0	0	FOG Permitting	0
Managers Form	0	0	GRE Inspection	0
Pipe Edit	0	0	GRE Violation Follow-up	2
Root Foaming	0	0	Initial Inspection	9
Total		418	Other Entity Inspection	0
			Private Sewer Investigation	0
			Total	32

Easement Work		
Workflow	Workflows Completed	
Easement Edit	0	
Easement Inspection	0	
Total	0	

# Lateral Work

Workflow	Workflows Completed
Lateral Connection Edit	0
Lateral Connection Rehab	0
Total	0

Water Used in CCF

0

# Water Hydrants

Workflow	Workflows Completed	Water Used in Gallons
Hydrant Meter Read	0	0

# Manhole Work

Workflow	Workflows Completed
Manhole Edit	0
Manhole Inspection	328
Manhole Rehab	0
Manhole Repair	0
Roach Spray	0
SSO Report	0
Total	328

SSO Report		
Spill Date and Time	Spill Size	Spill Recovered

No Spills

# EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

# **Monthly Water Asset Report**

# December 2024

As of: 1/3/2025

# **Meter Work**

Workflow	Work Completed
Broken Meter Box	2
Meter Changeout	6
Meter Connect	0
Meter Disconnect	0
Meter Investigation	0
Meter Leak	0
Meter Read	1
Meter Re-read	1
Grand Total	10

# **Hydrant Work**

Workflow	Work
WORNOW	Completed
Dead End Flushing	0
Fire Flow Test	0
Hydrant Flushing	0
Hydrant Installation	0
Hydrant Maintenance	0
Hydrant Meter Install	0
Hydrant Meter Read	0
Hydrant Meter Removal	0
Grand Total	0

Valve Work

Workflow

Grand Total

Grand Total

Main Line Shut Down

Valve Repair/Replace

Valve Exercise

Work

Completed

0

42

0

42

73

# **Facilities Work**

Workflow	Work Completed
Andres Reservoir Site	6
Barret Reservoir Site	9
Final Read	0
Maintenance	1
McPherson Site	0
Newport Reservoir Site	5
Peters Canyon Reservoir Site	3
PFAS Treatment Plant	7
Repairs	0
Reservoir Cleaning	0
Tank Inspection	0
Vista Panorama Reservoir Site	0
Well Meter Read	0
Grand Total	31

Prod	luction	Meter	Work
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Workflow	Work
WORKINOW	Completed
Production Meter Changeout	0
Production Meter Maintenance	0
Production Meter Repair	0
Production Meter Test	5
Grand Total	5

Pump Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Pump and Motor Inspection	0
Pump and Motor Maintenance	0
Grand Total	0

Sample W	lork
Sample w	UIK
Workflow	Work
WORKIOW	Completed
In-House WQ Data	73

# Water Distribution Line Work

Workflow	Work
WORNOW	Completed
Main Leak Report	0
Water Main Repair	0
Grand Total	0

Lateral Work							
Workflow	Work						
WORNIOW	Completed						
Lateral Inspection	0						
Lateral Leak	0						
Grand Total	0						

# Air Vac Work

Workflow	Work Completed
Air Vac Maintenance	0
Grand Total	0

## Pressure Reducing Station Work

Workflow	Work Completed
Pressure Reducing Station Maintenance	1
Grand Total	1



# Monthly Customer and Locate Work Report, for the Month

# December 2024

As of: 1/3/2025

Customer Work										
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Workflow	Complet	ed								
Construction Inspection		1								
Brayden Bonnell	0									
Justin Davis	1									
Customer Door Tag		0								
Brayden Bonnell	0									
Jason Thorsell	0									
Matt Plummer	0									
Customer High Water Bill Investigation		0								
Jason Thorsell	0									
Matt Plummer	0									
Customer Investigation		0								
Brayden Bonnell	0									
Hermilo Mondragon	0									
Matt Plummer	0									
Oliver Mercado	0									
sewer1	0									
Customer Leak		0								
Jason Thorsell	0									
Jerry Mendzer	0									
Matt Plummer	0									
Customer Task or Investigation		0								
Brayden Bonnell	0									
Jason Thorsell	0									
Matt Plummer	0									
Customer Water Pressure Investigation		2								
Brayden Bonnell	0									
Jerry Mendzer		1								
Matt Plummer	1									
Customer Water Quality Investigation		0								
Jason Thorsell	0									

# DigTicket Work

Workflow	Work Completed
Tickets completed by Sewer	386
Tickets completed by Water	42
Grand Total	428



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT

DATE JANUARY 23, 2025

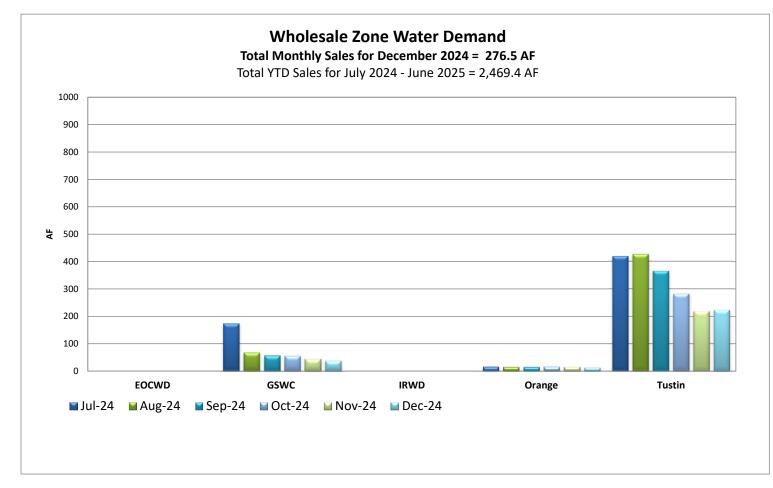
# **Background**

Monthly report on wholesale and retail water usage for the month of December.

# **Recommendation**

Informational.

Attachment(s): Wholesale and Retail Usage Reports East Well Levels Report

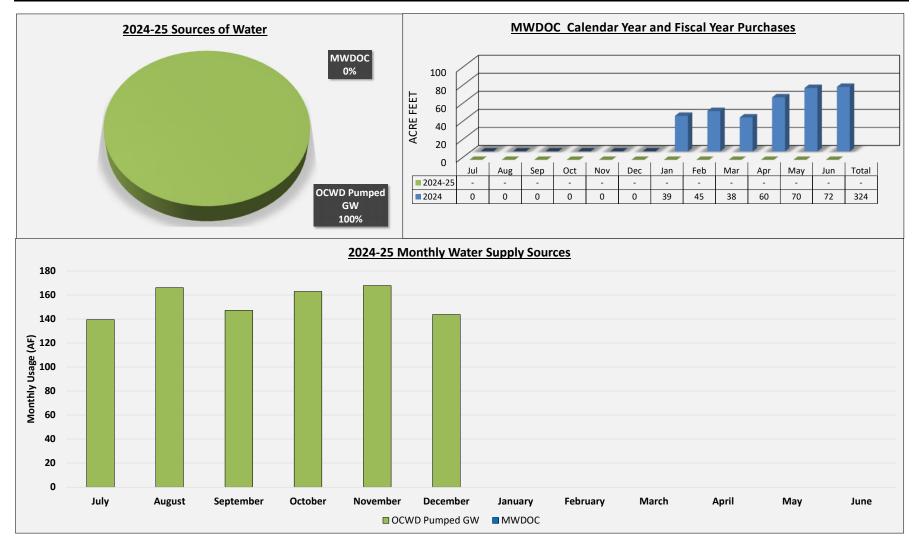


# EOCWD IMPORTED WATER DELIVERY BALANCE - FY23/24 (Acre-feet)

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	OC-43		0	C-48			OC-70						OTAL DELI	VERIES B	Y AGENCY	
	MWD	Retail	Golden		MWD	IRWD		Retail	Golden		MWD	IRWD		Retail	Golden	
	Tustin	Zone	State	Tustin	Total	Jamboree	Orange	Zone	State	Tustin	Total	OPA	Orange	Zone	State	Tustin
JUL	224.2	0.0	9.4	172.5	181.9	0.0	16.0	0.0	164.0	23.2	203.2	0.0	16.0	0.0	173.4	419.9
AUG	197.1	0.0	0.8	173.0	173.8	0.0	14.8	0.0	67.7	56.6	139.1	0.0	14.8	0.0	68.5	426.7
SEP	136.8	0.0	0.0	178.6	178.6	0.0	14.8	0.0	57.6	50.4	122.8	0.0	14.8	0.0	57.6	365.8
OCT	106.2	0.0	0.0	135.8	135.8	0.0	16.0	0.0	57.0	40.4	113.4	0.0	16.0	0.0	57.0	282.4
NOV	93.1	0.0	0.0	95.7	95.7	0.0	15.1	0.0	45.6	30.5	91.2	0.0	15.1	0.0	45.6	219.3
DEC	97.2	0.0	0.0	105.3	105.3	0.0	12.9	0.0	39.4	21.7	74.0	0.0	12.9	0.0	39.4	224.2
JAN												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FEB												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MAR												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
APR												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MAY												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
JUN												0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	854.6	0.0	10.2	860.9	871.1	0.0	89.6	0.0	431.3	222.8	743.7	0.0	89.6	0.0	441.5	1938.3

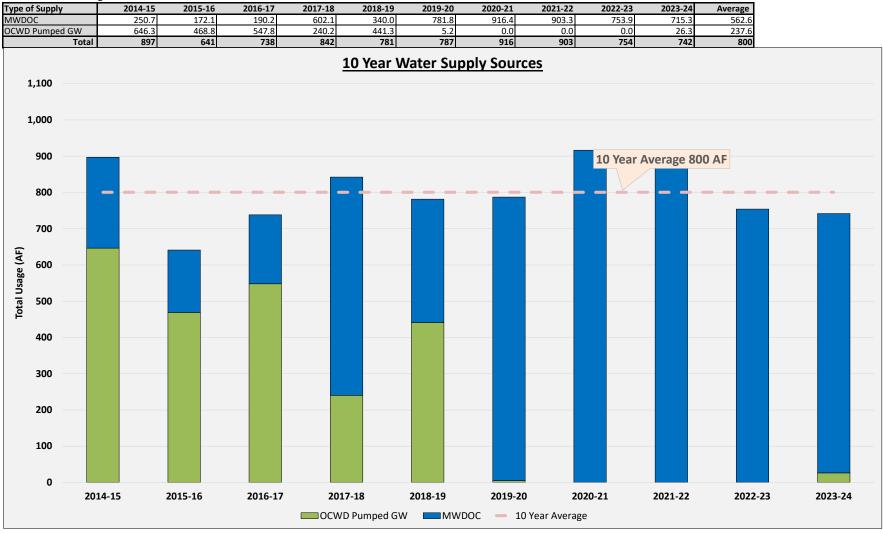
## East Orange County Retail Zone Overview of Usage

Type of Supply	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
NWDOC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCWD Pumped GW	139.5	166.1	147.2	162.9	167.9	143.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	927
Total	140	166	147	163	168	144	-	-	-	-	-	-	927

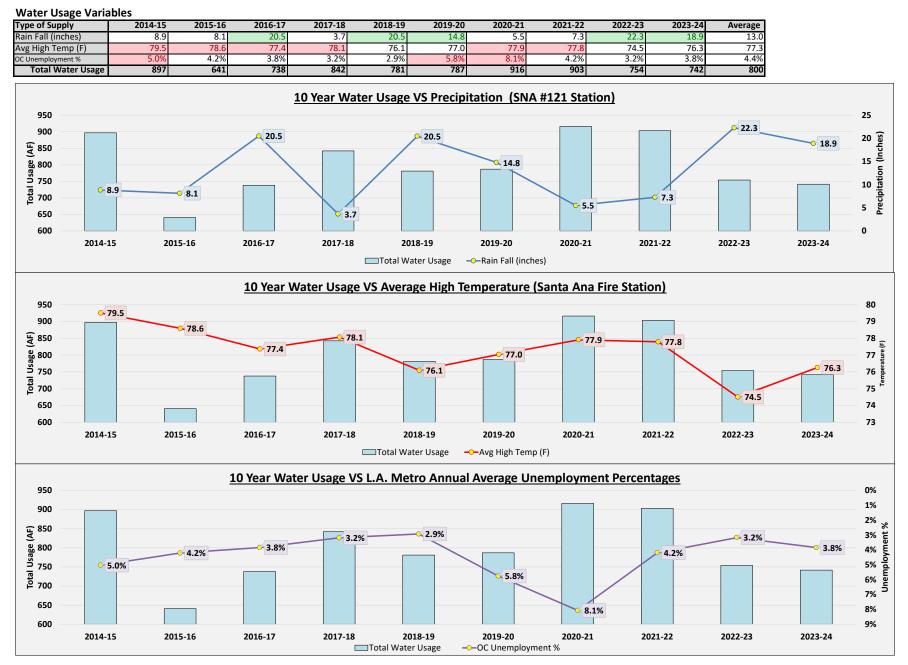




Annual Water Usage









#### East Orange County Retail Zone Detailed Usage

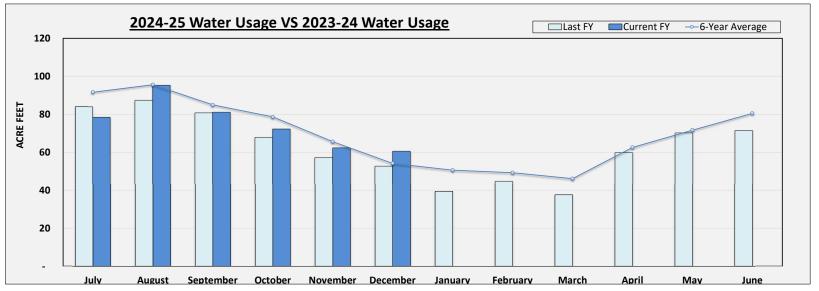
Historical Monthly Potable Usage (Fiscal Year, July-June)

Thistorical Monthly Potable 03a								-					
Fiscal Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
2018-19 Usage	87	98	77	81	60	70	53	49	45	67	71	84	842
2019-20 Usage	107	99	85	73	62	40	47	29	43	61	59	77	781
2020-21 Usage	82	87	86	83	68	46	47	56	38	52	67	76	787
2021-22 Usage	90	99	93	90	74	68	62	54	43	64	84	95	916
2022-23 Usage	100	102	89	76	73	48	55	62	69	72	78	79	903
2023-24 Usage	84	87	81	68	57	53	39	45	38	60	70	72	754
Average of Last 6 FYs	92	96	85	79	66	54	51	49	46	63	72	80	831
Monthly Usage Percentage	11%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%	9%	10%	100%
Water Usage By Source													
Imported	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
MWD via EO Wholesale	-	-	-	-	-	-							-
Water from IRWD during OC-70 shutdov	-	-	-	-	-	-							-
СРТР	-	-	-	-	-	-							-
MWD In-Lieu*	-	-	-	-	-	-							-
Imported Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*In-lieu totals are subtracted from imported tota	als												
Local	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
OCWD Pumped GW	139.5	166.1	147.2	162.9	167.9	143.8							927.4
Less Fill up Reservoir	-	-	-	-	-	-							-
Less CPTP	-	-	-	-	-	-							-
OCWD to Tustin	(57.80)	(70.40)	(66.1)	(90.5)	(105.5)	(83.1)							(473.4)
OCWD to GSWC	(3.20)	(0.40)	-	-	-	-							(3.6)
Local Total (minus reservoir)	78.5	95.3	81.1	72.4	62.4	60.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	450.4

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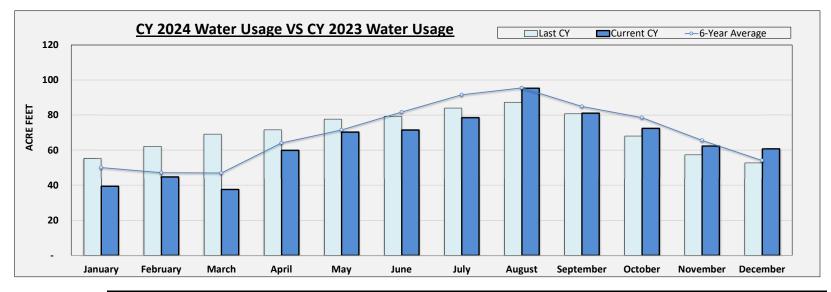
Total Usage 2024-25	79	95	81	72	62	61	-	-	-	-
FY 23-24 versus FY 24-25	-7%	+9%	+0%	+6%	+9%	+15%				





Calendar Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2018	37	32	43	70	70	79	87	98	77	81	60	70	803
2019	53	49	45	67	71	84	107	99	85	73	62	40	835
2020	47	29	43	61	59	77	82	87	86	83	68	46	767
2021	47	56	38	52	67	76	90	99	93	90	74	68	849
2022	62	54	43	64	84	95	100	102	89	76	73	48	891
2023	55	62	69	72	78	79	84	87	81	68	57	53	846
6 year Average	50	47	47	64	72	82	92	96	85	79	66	54	832
	-											-	
Total Water Usage 2024	39	45	38	60	70	72	79	95	81	72	62	61	774
2024 VS 2023 Usage	-29%	-28%	-46%	-16%	-10%	-10%	-7%	+9%	+0%	+6%	+9%	+15%	

#### Historical Monthly Potable Usage (Calendar Year)



	Population	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023 Usage (AF)		55	62	69	72	78	79	84	87	81	68	57	53	846
2023 GPCD	3,473	168	208	209	224	235	248	254	265	253	206	180	160	217
2024 Usage (AF)		39	45	38	60	70	72	(61)	(71)	(66)	(91)	(106)	(83)	(154)
2024 GPCD	3,464	120	151	114	188	213	224	(185)	(215)	(207)	(275)	(331)	(252)	(40)
CY over CY change in GF	PCD	-48	-58	-95	-36	-22	-24							

CY over CY change in GPCD

	Population	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2023-24 Usage (AF)		84	87	81	68	57	53	39	45	38	60	70	72	754
2023-24 GPCD	3,473	254	265	253	206	180	160	119	150	114	187	213	224	194
2024-25 Usage (AF)		79	95	81	72	62	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	450
2024-25 GPCD	3,464	238	289	254	220	196	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	230
FY over FY change in GP	PCD	-16	+25	+2	+14	+16	+24							+36

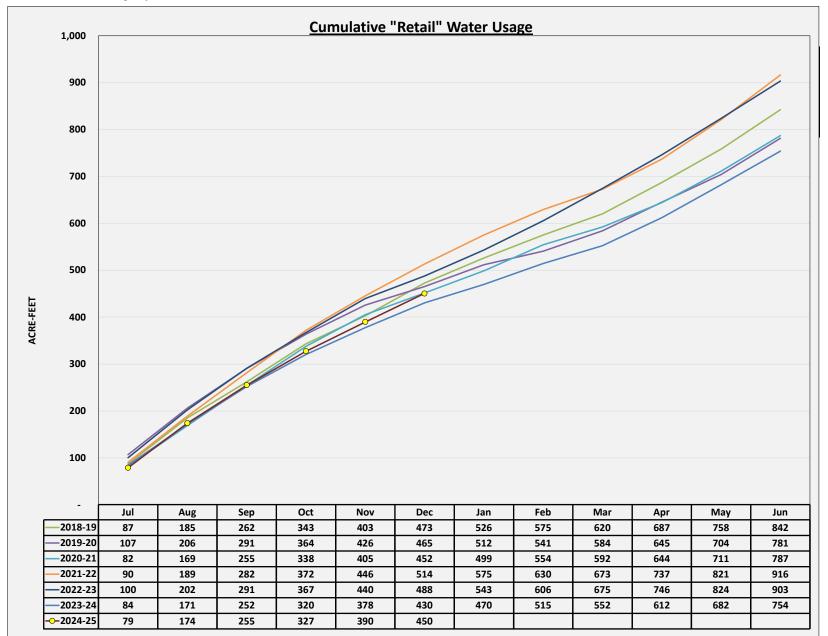
\*Cumulative through the end of the last month shown

\*GPCD = (Total Monthly Production - Fill up Reservoir)/ Population/days in the month

\*For the months of July 2022 through September 2022, groundwater usage was not delivered to customers and is not counted towards GPCD



**Cumulative Water Usage by Fiscal Year** 





# VanderWerff Well and East Well Pumping Water Levels



# MEMO



- TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- FROM: GENERAL MANAGER
- SUBJECT: MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS
- DATE JANUARY 23, 2025

# **Background**

Monthly disbursements.

## **Recommendation**

Informational.

Attachment(s): Monthly disbursements report

# East Orange County Water District

# Disbursement Summary January 23, 2025

Wholesale Zone, Retail Zone, and ID1 Bill Payments	\$1,88	89,691.47
Wire Payments: MWDOC - November Water Deliveries Payment	\$39	98,871.57
Director's Payroll	ç	\$3,639.76
Employee's Payroll	\$2 <sup>^</sup>	18,312.29
Disbursement Total	\$2,5	12,811.98
Transfer Summary		
Transfers	\$	-
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NOTE: THE EXPLANATION OF FUNDS TRANSFERRED IS SHOWN ON THE FUNDS TRANSFERRED SHEET ATTACHED.



# Check Disbursements December 2024

Check Date	Check No	. Payee Name	Description	<b>Check Amount</b>
12/20/2024	25544	ALS Group Usa, Corp	Laboratory Analysis (water quality) December 2024	177.50
12/20/2024	25545	AT&T	Scada System- 11/01/24-11/30/24	467.49
12/20/2024	25546	Cintas Corporation No. 3	Uniforms - December	106.46
12/20/2024	25547	Concentra Medical Centers	Employee Physical	169.00
12/20/2024	25548	CR&R, Inc.	Service Period 12/01/24-12/31/24 (185 N McPherson &	830.72
12/20/2024	25549	EEC Environmental	FOG Program 10/01/24-10/30/24	3,185.14
12/20/2024	25550	Evan Kruger	RZ Customer Deposit Refund	415.87
12/20/2024	25551	Gerry Green Inc.	Vista Panorama Electrical Design 04/01/24-09/30/24	11,400.00
12/20/2024	25552	Hach Company	Water Quality	3,157.75
12/20/2024	25553	Hill Brothers Chemical Co	Chemicals for WZ Reservoir	1,370.62
12/20/2024	25554	John's Salt Service, Inc.	Generator Maintenance	2,153.79
12/20/2024	25555	Keeping Score Custom Lettering	Uniforms - Hats	503.84
12/20/2024	25556	Lewis Consulting Group	Consulting Services - December 2024	2,500.00
12/20/2024	25557	Luz Antunez-Castillo	RZ Customer Deposit Refund	175.42
12/20/2024	25558	Mallory Fetter	RZ Customer Deposit Refund	139.29
12/20/2024	25559	Mark Doumani TR	Local Sewer Refund - Property Tavxes	688.44
12/20/2024	25560	Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc	Circula Panorama Pipeline	34,034.49
12/20/2024	25561	MKN	Brae Glen Pipeline	1,656.24
12/20/2024	25562	Orange County Sanitation District	Sewer Permits - November 2024	6,567.84
12/20/2024	25563	PSI Water Technologies, Inc.	11.5 MG Spare Mixer	12,919.23
12/20/2024	25564	Red Wing Shoe Store	Boots for Employees	1,611.00
12/20/2024	25565	Solv-Business Solutions	Accounts Payable Checks	349.01
12/20/2024	25566	Southern California Edison	Electric Services - Various Locations - 11/01/24-12/08	2,617.32
12/20/2024	25567	Specialty Truck Collision	Crane Truck Repairs	3,136.11
12/20/2024	25568	State Water Resources Control Board	Annual Permit Fee - 07/01/24-06/30/25	24,780.00
12/20/2024	25569	Sunkist Solutions, LLC	Professional Services October-November 2024	3,168.75
12/20/2024	25570	T.E. Roberts, Inc.	On-Call - Additional 4-inch Grind & Overlay Paving	22,272.00
12/20/2024	25571	The Mom Project Inc.	Temp Agency	2,616.90
12/20/2024	25572	Umpqua Bank	Credit Card Activity 11/01/24-11/30/24	7,311.10
12/20/2024	25573	Urban Water Institute, Inc.	Private Sector Board Chair's Circle	5,000.00
12/20/2024	25574	Verizon Wireless	Wireless - 10/26/24-11/25/24	1,011.27
12/20/2024	25575	Waterline Technologies, Inc.	Water Quality	533.75
			Total:	\$ 157,026.34



## Check Disbursements January 2025

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<b>Check Date</b>	Check No.	Payee Name	Description	<b>Check Amount</b>
01/06/2025	25576	AT&T Mobility	Cellular Line 12/13/24-01/12/25	142.50
01/06/2025	25577	Column Software, PBC	Public Notice - Notice of Vacancy of the Board of Directors	1,741.53
01/06/2025	25578	Home Depot Credit Services	Misc. Hardware, Materials & Tools/Maintenance	4.31
01/06/2025	25579	Home Depot Credit Services	Misc. Hardware, Materials & Tools/Maintenance	1,260.62
01/06/2025	25580	JAN-PRO Franchise Development of So	ut Monthly Janitorial Service - January 2025	823.05
01/06/2025	25581	Matrix Computer Service	IT Support - 11/16/24-12/20/24	5,850.00
01/06/2025	25582	NMG Geotechnical, Inc.	Geotechnical Observation & Testing Services - Circula Panorama & V	40,731.00
01/06/2025	25583	Paradise Drinking Waters	Bottled Water (Office & Field)	70.60
01/06/2025	25584	Salco Electric, Inc.	Installation of New Office Space	1,052.38
01/06/2025	25585	Southern California Edison	Electric Services - Various Locations - 11/19/24 to 12/26/24	18,680.98
01/06/2025	25586	West Yost & Associates, Inc.	Professional Services 11/09/24 to 12/06/24 - On-Call Engineering	4,036.00
01/10/2025	25587		Voided	-
01/10/2025	25588	ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authorit	y Employee Medical Insurance - Febuary2025	35,883.34
01/10/2025	25589	AKM Consulting Engineers	2024 SSMP Audit - 12/02/24-12/27/24	4,925.00
01/10/2025	25590	ALS Group Usa, Corp	Water Quality	2,366.50
01/10/2025	25591	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Rom	no November 2024 Legal Fees	3,946.00
01/10/2025	25592	Bay Alarm	Alarm Services 02/01/25-4/30/25 - 210 N McPherson	180.00
01/10/2025	25593	Big Bear Electric, Inc.	EOCWD PLC Upgrade SCADA Phase 2	91,977.52
01/10/2025	25594	Butier Engineering, Inc.	Circula Panorama Pipeline	50,330.00
01/10/2025	25595	CASA	Membership Renewal - O&M Budget through December 31,2025	4,510.00
01/10/2025	25596	City Of Orange-Water	10/17/24 - 12/13/24 Water Usage for 185 & 210 N. McPherson Road	892.30
01/10/2025	25597	City Of Tustin	2025 Annual Blanket Permit - Various Locations - U-2025-00005	6,524.00
01/10/2025	25598	Cla-Val, Soundcast, Griswold Casting	Valve Maintenance	243.52
01/10/2025	25599	County Of Orange	Encroachement Permit	1,550.75
01/10/2025	25600	County Of Orange	2024-2025 Property Tax Bill 210 McPherson Rd 2nd Install	207.36
01/10/2025	25601	Doty Bros Equipment Co.	Pipeline Replacement Project - Brae Glen (06/1/24-09/30/24)	25,536.12
01/10/2025	25602	East Orange County Water District	Payment to WZ for Imported Water - November 2024	9,572.44
01/10/2025	25603	Eide Bailly, LLP	Consulting Services Retainer - November 2024	10,085.77
01/10/2025	25604	Enterprise Automation	On-Call SCADA Support FY24-25	13,485.25
01/10/2025	25605	Foothill Sentry, Inc.	Display Color Ad	525.17
01/10/2025	25606	Grainger	Vehicle Maintenance	2,545.47
01/10/2025	25607	Great America Networks, Inc	Office Phones 01/01/25-01/31/25	350.25
01/10/2025	25608	Hach Company	Water Quality	560.81
01/10/2025	25609	Hermilo Mondragon	Employee Distribution Renewal Reimbursement	220.00
01/10/2025	25610	Hill Brothers Chemical Co	Chemicals for WZ Reservoir	2,411.50
01/10/2025	25611	O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	43.08
01/10/2025	25612	SC Fuels	Fuel - December 2024	3,414.70
01/10/2025	25613	SoCalGas	Gas - 185 N McPherson (11/25/24-12/26/24)	26.04
01/10/2025	25614	Softscapes Corporation	Tree Replacement - Admin Building	585.00
01/10/2025	25615	Southern California Edison	Electric Services - Various Locations - 11/22/24-01/03/25	1,037.83
01/10/2025	25616	Spectrum Business	Scada & Office Phone Lines- 12/15/24-01/14/25	384.97
01/10/2025	25617	Springbrook Holding Company, LLC	Standard Professional Services - November 2024	715.00
01/10/2025	25618	Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance Premium 01/01/25-01/31/25	889.99
01/10/2025	25619	T.E. Roberts, Inc.	Circula Panorama Pipeline Conversion	1,235,687.42
01/10/2025	25620	Total Exterminating, Inc.	Rodent Control - Peter's Canyon Res December	570.00
01/10/2025	25621	Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.	Consulting Services for January 2025	3,500.00
01/10/2025	25622	Underground Service Alert	USA Location - December 2024	466.10
01/10/2025	25623	Verizon Wireless	Wireless - 11/26/24-12/25/24	916.30
01/10/2025	25624	W.M. Lyles Co.	SCADA Field Site RTU Programming	137,812.50
01/10/2025	25625	Waterline Technologies, Inc.	Water Quality	1,317.60
01/10/2025	25626	Xerox Corporation	Copier - Monthly Maintenance 11/21/24-12/21/24	153.56
01/16/2025	25627	Sally Picciuto	RZ Customer Overpayment Refund	1,923.00
				\$ 1.732.665.13

Total \$ 1,732,665.13

# East Orange County Water District Citizens Business Bank Prior Month's Checks To Ratify Directors' Payroll\*

#### Payment for meeting activity in the month of October 2024

Date	Check No.	Ar	nount	Payable To
12/19/2024 12/19/2024 12/19/2024 12/19/2024 12/19/2024	472 473 474 475	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	476.55 159.69 484.84 798.43	Board Director Board Director Board Director Board Director
		\$	1,919.51	Total Payroll Checks
			\$377.38	ADP taxes
			\$2,296.89	Grand Total Payroll

#### Payment for meeting activity in the month of November 2024

Date	Check No.	Amou	nt	Payable To
12/19/2024 12/19/2024 12/19/2024	476 477 478	\$	618.75 161.61 319.38	Board Director Board Director Board Director
		\$ 1,0	099.74	Total Payroll Checks
		\$	243.13	ADP taxes
		\$1,	,342.87	Grand Total Payroll

#### \*\*\* NOTE: DOUG DAVERT DECLINES PAYMENT FOR ALL MEETINGS

\*Note: Payroll is processed by ADP (Automatic Data Processing)

# East Orange County Water District Citizens Business Bank Prior Month's Checks To Ratify Employee Payroll\* Month of December 2024

	Check	Check	Develo Te	
	Date	Amount	Payable To	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 11,317.07	General Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 6,739.17	Engineering Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 10,123.90	Operations Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 3,881.05	GIS Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 5,376.97	Wastewater Collections Supervisor	
Auto Deposit Auto Deposit	12/11/2024 12/11/2024	\$ 2,293.69 \$ 2,405.89	Water Distribution Lead Operator Water Distribution Operator I	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 2,808.40	Wastewater Collections Operator II	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 2,500.40 \$ 2,577.49	Wastewater Collections Operator II	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 3,460.60	Wastewater Collections Lead Operator	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 1,970.68	Wastewater Collections Operator I	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 1,774.88	Water Distribution Operator I	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 3,633.71	Office Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 1,775.11	Management Analyst	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 2,472.51	Administrative Assistant II	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 2,539.87	Administrative Assistant II	
Auto Deposit	12/11/2024	\$ 1,709.33	Part Time Administrative Assistant	
		\$ 66,860.32	Sub Total	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 7,602.36	General Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 6,739.17	Engineering Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 5,796.44	Operations Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 3,881.06	GIS Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 5,077.69	Wastewater Collections Supervisor	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 2,249.75	Water Distribution Lead Operator	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 3,169.58	Water Distribution Operator I	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 2,835.96	Wastewater Collections Operator II	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 2,339.59	Wastewater Collections Operator II	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 2,718.85	Wastewater Collections Lead Operator	
Auto Deposit Auto Deposit	12/23/2024 12/23/2024	\$ 2,002.42 \$ 1,799.46	Wastewater Collections Operator I Water Distribution Operator I	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 3,151.64	Office Manager	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 2,217.08	Management Analyst	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 2,502.42	Administrative Assistant II	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 1,754.08	Administrative Assistant II	
Auto Deposit	12/23/2024	\$ 2,549.52	Part Time Administrative Assistant	
		\$ 58,387.07	Sub Total	
	12/11/2024	\$ 31,454.01	ADP Taxes	Payroll Payroll
	12/11/2024	\$ 3,277.90	Employee CalPERS Electronic Funds Transfer	12/11/2024 11/27/2024
	12/11/2024	\$ 4,752.95	Employer CalPERS Electronic Funds Transfer	<b>#</b> 00,000,00 <b>#</b> 50,007,07
	12/11/2024	\$ 2,717.96	Employee CalPERS PEPRA Electronic Funds Transfer	\$66,860.32 \$58,387.07
	12/11/2024 12/11/2024	\$ 2,760.06 \$ 2.872.53	Emplloyer CalPERS PEPRA Electronic Funds Transfer CalPERS PERS 457 - Voya	\$47,835.41 \$45,229.49
	12/11/2024	\$ 2,872.53	Cairens rens 457 - Voya	\$47,835.41 \$45,229.49
		\$47,835.41	Total Transfers	\$114,695.73 \$103,616.56
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	12/23/2024	\$ 28,604.14	ADP Taxes	
	12/23/2024	\$ 3,278.94	Employee CalPERS Electronic Funds Transfer	
	12/23/2024	\$ 4,754.47 \$ 2,704.76	Employer CalPERS Electronic Funds Transfer	
	12/23/2024 12/23/2024	\$ 2,794.76 \$ 2,838.03	Employee CalPERS PEPRA Electronic Funds Transfer Employer CalPERS PEPRA Electronic Funds Transfer	
	12/23/2024	\$ 2,030.03 \$ 2,959.15	CalPERS PERS 457 - Voya	
	12/20/2024	ψ 2,000.10		
		\$45,229.49	Total Transfers	
		\$218 212 20	Grand Total Payroll	
		\$218,312.29	Grand Total Payroll	

\*Note: Payroll is processed by ADP (Automatic Data Processing)



TO:BOARD OF DIRECTORSFROM:GENERAL MANAGERSUBJECT:MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TREASURERS REPORTDATEJANUARY 23, 2025

## **Background**

Monthly Financial Statements for Wholesale Zone, Retail Zone, and ID1 (wastewater).

## **Recommendation**

Receive and File.

Attachment(s): Financial Statements for October 2024

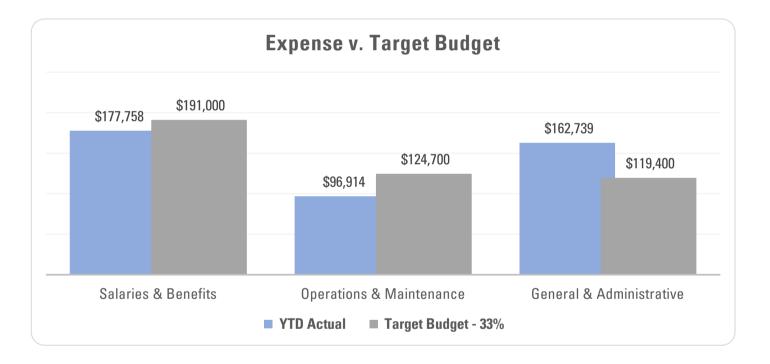


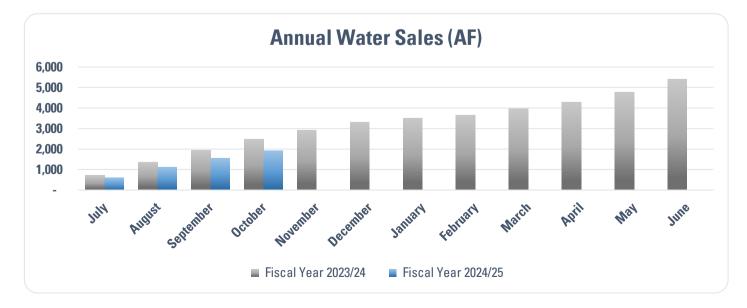
# Wholesale Budget to Actual Summary

(Unaudited)

# For the Period Ending October 31, 2024

			Α	В	С	D = B / C
W	Wholesale Budget to Actual Summary		OCT 2024 ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	2024/25 ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD BUDGET 33%
1	REVENUE					
2	Operating Revenue	\$	646,284	\$ 2,978,770	\$ 8,177,100	36%
3	Non-Operating Revenue /(Expense)		16,937	105,710	1,511,700	7%
4	TOTAL REVENUE		663,220	3,084,480	9,688,800	32%
5	EXPENSE					
6	Source of Supply		517,697	2,692,556	7,590,300	35%
7	Salaries & Benefits		57,015	177,758	578,700	31%
8	Operations & Maintenance		24,017	96,914	377,950	26%
9	General & Administrative		41,521	162,739	361,800	45%
10	TOTAL EXPENSE		640,250	3,129,968	8,908,750	35%
11	NET REVENUE / (EXPENSE)		22,970	(45,488)	780,050	N/A
12	Capital Improvement Program PAYGO		(176)	(42,534)	(2,539,300)	2%
13	Section 115 Pension Trust Contribution		-	-	-	N/A
14	CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments		-	-	(7,079)	0%
15	NET CASH INFLOW / (OUTFLOW)	\$	22,794	\$ (88,023)	\$ (1,766,329)	5%





No assurance provided on these financial statements. The financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows. Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. not included.

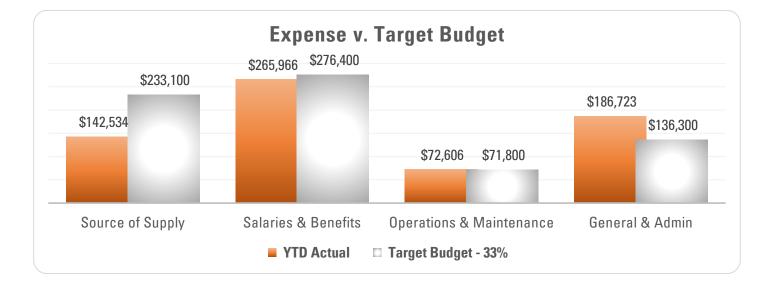


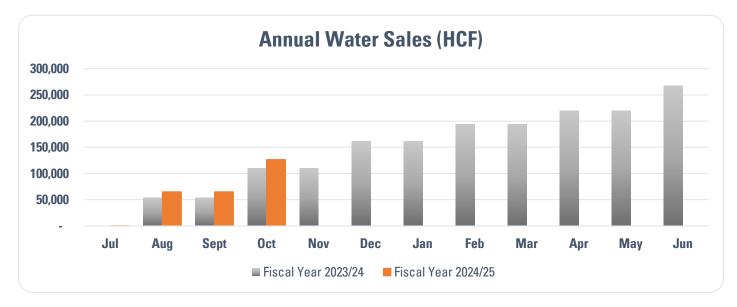
Retail Budget to Actual Summary

(Unaudited)

# For the Period Ending October 31, 2024

			Α	В		с	D = B / C
Re	Retail Budget to Actual Summary		OCT 2024 ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL		2024/25 ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD BUDGET 33%
1	REVENUE						
2	Operating Revenue	\$	403,105	\$ 800,270	\$	2,966,600	27%
3	Non-Operating Revenue /(Expense)		2,205	32,521		727,800	4%
4	TOTAL REVENUE		405,310	832,791		3,694,400	23%
5	EXPENSE						
6	Source of Supply		31,820	142,534		706,400	20%
7	Salaries & Benefits		86,842	265,966		837,500	32%
8	Operations & Maintenance		16,968	72,606		217,500	33%
9	General & Administrative		51,179	186,723		413,100	45%
10	TOTAL EXPENSE		186,810	667,828		2,174,500	31%
11	NET REVENUE / (EXPENSE)		218,500	164,963		1,519,900	11%
12	Debt Service		-	-		(259,000)	0%
13	Capital Improvement Program PAYGO		(57,722)	(2,668,655	)	(5,374,450)	50%
14	Section 115 Pension Trust Contribution		-	-		-	N/A
15	CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments		-	-		(10,031)	0%
16	NET CASH INFLOW / (OUTFLOW)	\$	160,778	\$ (2,503,692	)\$	(4,123,581)	61%





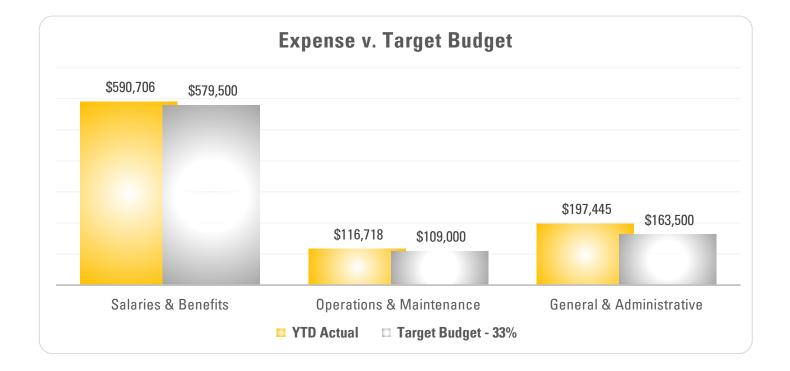
No assurance provided on these financial statements. The financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows. Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. not included.



Sewer Budget to Actual Summary (Unaudited)

# For the Period Ending October 31, 2024

			Α	В		С	D = B / C
Se	Sewer Budget to Actual Summary		OCT 2024 ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	2024/25 ANNUAL BUDGET		YTD BUDGET 33%
1	REVENUE						
2	Operating Revenue	\$	312,566	\$ 353,916	\$	3,941,400	9%
3	Non-Operating Revenue /(Expense)		56,285	431,528		1,455,900	30%
4	TOTAL REVENUE		368,851	785,444		5,397,300	15%
5	EXPENSE						
6	Salaries & Benefits		189,838	590,706		1,756,100	34%
7	Operations & Maintenance		37,257	116,718		330,200	35%
8	General & Administrative		65,632	197,445		495,400	40%
9	TOTAL EXPENSE	-	292,727	904,869		2,581,700	35%
10	NET REVENUE / (EXPENSE)		76,124	(119,425)		2,815,600	N/A
11	Debt Service		-	-		(1,036,000)	0%
12	Internal Loan Issuance for Capital		-	-		(2,000,000)	0%
13	Capital Improvement Program PAYGO		(673)	(287,545)		(1,595,250)	18%
14	Section 115 Pension Trust Contribution		-	-		-	N/A
15	CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments		-	-		(17,810)	0%
16	NET CASH INFLOW / (OUTFLOW)	\$	75,451	\$ (406,970)	\$	(1,833,460)	22%





# Cash & Investments (Unaudited) October 31, 2024

	Туре	Cost	Market	% Total
District Cash & Investments				
Unrestricted				
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) *	Investment	\$ 104,313	\$ 104,528	0.2%
U.S. Bank - Sewer	Investment	8,914,472	8,786,453	17.5%
Raymond James Brokerage - Wholesale	Investment	2,613,990	2,563,432	5.1%
Raymond James Brokerage - Sewer	Investment	5,060,749	5,098,187	10.2%
CA CLASS Prime Fund **	Investment	1,327,930	1,328,088	2.6%
Citizens Business Bank	Checking	1,157,073	1,157,073	2.3%
Citizens Business Bank	Money Market	116,094	116,094	0.2%
Total Unrestricted		 19,294,620	19,153,855	38.2%
Restricted				
U.S. Bank - Sewer Acquisition Funds	Investment	29,847,789	29,419,151	58.7%
U.S. Bank - Sewer Capacity Fees	Investment	1,438,075	1,417,423	2.8%
PARS Post-Employment Benefits	Trust	125,000	165,032	0.3%
Total Restricted		 31,410,865	31,001,607	61.8%
Total District Cash & Investments		\$ 50,705,484	\$ 50,155,461	100.0%

\* The LAIF Market Value factor is updated quarterly in September, December, March, and June.

\*\* The CLASS Prime Fund Net Asset Value factor is updated monthly.

# MEMO



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE & MEETING REQUESTS

DATE JANUARY 23, 2025

# **Background**

District policy requires prior approval for Board Member attendance at conferences and meetings.
ACWA 2025 Spring Conference, May 13-15, 2025, Monterey, CA

**Recommendation** 

Board to authorize attendance as desired.

Attachment(s): None

# MEMO



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION OF JOHN NIELSEN

DATE JANUARY 23, 2025

#### **Background**

John Nielsen resigned his Board position in December, 2024 following his election to the Tustin City Council. Nielsen has served the District for 2 years during a critical time for the District. Nielsen was elected to the Board in November, 2022 and served through December 2024. This was the first election held by Division and Board Member Nielsen represented Division 4. In addition to his service at EOCWD, John has provided over 30 years of service to the local community. Staff has prepared the attached resolution of commendation for Board Member Nielsen.

#### **Recommendation**

The Board adopt Resolution No. 951 expressing appreciation for the outstanding service rendered by John Nielsen to the District.

Attachment(s): Resolution No. 951

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY

#### John Nielsen

#### AS A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*WHEREAS,* JOHN NIELSEN was duly elected by the voters to represent them on the East Orange County Water District Board of Directors in 2022; and

*WHEREAS,* on December 3, 2024, JOHN NIELSEN resigned from the Board following his election to the Tustin City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** JOHN NIELSEN served the District as a member or alternate of the Finance Committee; Water Advisory Committee of Orange County and the Independent Special Districts of Orange County, providing invaluable guidance and assuring the effective operation of the District; and

**WHEREAS,** JOHN NIELSEN provided unfailing support and encouragement to the Board and staff during the lengthy Local Agency Formation Commission process to acquire the Service Area 7 Sewer System from the Orange County Sanitation District; and

**WHEREAS,** JOHN NIELSEN has made meaningful and lasting contributions as an elected leader and policy maker that have benefitted not only the East Orange County Water District and the City of Tustin but also the entire County of Orange through his service as an appointed representative to numerous county and regional agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** JOHN NIELSEN has been a long-time friend and ally of East Orange County Water District and has recognized and unequivocally supported the District in its unique role as a water and sanitation service provider in the unincorporated communities of North Tustin and East Orange, as well as in parts of the City of Tustin; and

**WHEREAS,** JOHN NIELSEN has been a champion for smaller, fiscally conservative government and the efficient delivery of services to the community; and

*WHEREAS, JOHN NIELSEN* has served the local community for over 30 years as a council member, community leader and as a Director of East Orange County Water District; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as a Director of the District, JOHN NIELSEN rendered dedicated, professional, and outstanding services to the benefit of the District, and is to be commended for the willing and generous contributions he has made to the District and the citizens of the community which he has served.

**NOW,** THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

- 1. Full measure of appreciation is hereby expressed and acknowledged for the effective and beneficial services rendered by JOHN NIELSEN during his participation in the duties and affairs of the East Orange County Water District as a Director thereof;
- 2. Public attention is hereby called and directed to the exemplary services rendered by JOHN NIELSEN during his served term of office; and
- *3.* This Resolution shall be maintained in the permanent records of the District in recognition of JOHN NIELSEN's outstanding performance of duty.

ADOPTED, this 23rd day of January, 2025



George Murdoch, President

Douglass S. Davert, Director

Marilyn Thoms, Vice President

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson, Secretary

John L. Sears, Director



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

DATE JANUARY 23, 2025

#### **Background**

Typically, when a Board member departs the District, staff prepare a resolution of commendation for the Board's signature in order to recognize the contribution made to the District over their tenure. Previously, the Board took action in 2019 to name a well after a prior Board member. Separately without Board action, a Board member's photo was displayed next to the photos of the currently elected Board with the title President Emeritus. There is no policy regarding either of these forms of recognition. With the move to the new building, only the currently elected Board member's photos are displayed prominently in the lobby.

Recently, a request was made to display the photo of the past Board member with the president emeritus title in the public Board room. Since there has not been any Board approval to take this action, the request has not been met. While it is important to recognize contributions to the District, it is essential to recognize the Board members currently elected by the voters. Staff require direction on how to handle this request or any future requests along these lines.

**Recommendation** 

Provide staff direction

Attachment(s): None

# MEMO



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

DATE JANUARY 23, 2025

#### **Background**

Director John Nielsen, Division 4 notified the District that he was resigning his position on the Board of Directors, effective December 3, 2024, creating a vacancy on the Board. With the Board's acceptance of the resignation, the Board has 60 days from December 3, 2024, to appoint a successor. Director Nielsen's seat is up for election on November 3, 2026; such that an appointed successor will serve the remainder of his term until December 4, 2026 (first Friday in December).

A Notice of Vacancy was advertised from December 20, 2024, through January 15, 2025, in the following areas:

- 1) Issued a Press Release with the Notice of Vacancy to the Orange County Register and any other news organizations identified by staff.
- 2) Published an advertisement of the vacancy in the Orange County Register.
- 3) Posted a notice of the vacancy in the front banner of the EOCWD website.
- 4) Posted a "Notice of Vacancy" at the Tustin Library.
- 5) Posted a "Notice of Vacancy" in the marquee at the District Administrative Office.
- 6) Post notice at other locations and/or in such mediums, such as social media, as the General Manager may determine appropriate and potentially effective.

An application form, including general information and a request for a resume, was prominently placed on the District's website commencing December 20, 2024 the information was also available in the District office. Applicants must meet two requirements: 1) they must be a resident within the District 4, 2) a registered voter within the District.

In response to the District's solicitation, multiple applications were received. A special Board meeting was scheduled to interview the applicants.

#### **Recommendation**

Consider appointment of a Board member.

Attachment(s): None





TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2025

#### **Background**

EOCWD has a long-standing relationship with Cindy Byerrum to provide financial services. Ms. Byerrum recently announced her retirement and will be leaving Eide Bailly in April of this year. With her departure and the departure of other staff who provided service to EOCWD, this is a logical time to consider other firms for these services.

Starting Line Advisory is a financial services company formed by Ian Berg formerly of Eide Bailly. In addition, Ian has hired another former employee of Eide Bailly that the District has worked closely with over the last few years, Scott Nelson. Both Ian and Scott have strong financial background and have benefitted from training under Cindy Byerrum for many years in the past. Their offices are located in Lake Forest.

Currently, Eide Bailly provides these services at a fixed fee of \$10,085 per month with outside of scope work charged at billable rates ranging \$375-\$205 per hour. Starting Line has quoted us the same scope of work for \$8,250 per month with other services billed at \$225 to \$135 per hour.

Staff believe given the changes at Eide Bailly and the loss of Cindy Byerrum a move is necessary and Starting Line Advisory provides the least disruptive change at significantly lower costs.

#### **Recommendation**

The Board approve a professional services agreement with Starting Line Advisory for financial services.

Attachment(s): Starting Line Advisory Proposal



December 13, 2024

David Youngblood, General Manager East Orange County Water District 185 N. McPherson Rd. Orange, CA 92869

Dear Mr. Youngblood,

This letter outlines the scope of services and fees for a consulting services engagement proposal between Starting Line Advisory and East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025. The terms of this proposal are valid for 30 days from the date of this letter. If an agreement is not executed within that time, adjustments may be made to the cost and scope of proposed services. This letter does not constitute an executed agreement between Starting Line Advisory and EOCWD.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

Starting Line Advisory will provide EOCWD with finance and accounting consulting services including:

- 1. Monthly journal entry preparation and/or review.
- 2. Monthly bank account and balance sheet account reconciliations.
- 3. Monthly financial report preparation and analysis.
- 4. Wholesale water agency invoicing preparation.
- 5. Direct the annual budget process and prepare the detailed budget and annual budget book.
- 6. Fiscal year-end closing of accounting records and coordination with District auditors.
- 7. Annual 1099 tax form preparation and filing.
- 8. Best practices recommendations and implementation of accounting and finance processes.

#### MONTHLY RETAINER FEE

A monthly retainer fee of \$8,250 will be invoiced following the provision of monthly services. The fee is based on time requirements for in-scope advisory services. The monthly retainer fee and estimated time requirements are outlined in the following table:

#### East Orange County Water District

Service Category	Service Description	Staff	Annual Freq.	Days (10 Hrs)	Annual Hours		Rate	Anı	nual Cos
Accounting	Monthly journal entries, bank & balance sheet reconciliations	Senior	12.0	2.50	300.0	\$	165	\$	49,500
Invoicing	Wholesale billing preparation	Senior	12.0	0.10	12.0	\$	165	\$	1,98
Financial Reporting	Monthly financials preparation	Senior	12.0	0.50	60.0	\$	165	\$	9,900
Financial Reporting	Monthly close, financial reports review	Manager	12.0	0.25	30.0	\$	195	\$	5,850
Budget Preparation	Budget preparation, process updates, final budget book	Manager	1.0	8.00	80.0	\$	195	\$	15,600
Budget Preparation	Budget advisory and review	Partner	1.0	2.00	20.0	\$	225	\$	4,500
Fiscal Year-End	Year-end closing and coordination for annual audit	Manager	1.0	5.00	50.0	\$	195	\$	9,75
Fiscal Year-End	Year-end advisory and review	Partner	1.0	1.00	10.0	\$	225	\$	2,250
1099	Annual 1099 tax form preparation and filing	Manager	1.0	2.00	20.0	\$	195	\$	3,900
Special Reporting	Assistance with Electronic Annual Report (EAR)	Manager	1.0	0.25	2.5	\$	195	\$	488
Consultation	General best practices, process updates & advisory	Partner	12.0	0.10	12.0	\$	225	\$	2,700
		-			596.5			\$	106,418
				Estim	ated Month	nthly Average 💲 🗧		8,868	
				Mont	Monthly Retainer Proposal			\$	8,25
Estimated Retainer Discount		-7.0%	Annual Retainer Total			\$	99,00		

Innovative Financial Consulting



#### **OUT OF SCOPE SERVICES & TRAVEL**

50% of the standard hourly rate will be charged for time spent during travel. Mileage will *not* be charged during the engagement for travel within the County of Orange. Additional out-of-scope services provided at client request not included in the scope of services above will be charged on an hourly basis for time requirements to provide services. Standard hourly rates are displayed in the following table:

Personnel	Hourly Rate
Advisory Partner	\$225
Advisory Manager	\$195
Senior Advisor	\$165
Advisor	\$135
Intern	\$95

We appreciate the consideration to serve you as your Certified Public Accountants and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

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**Ian Berg, CPA** Owner Starting Line Advisory



## **MEMO**

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2025

#### **Background**

Attached is most recent monthly report from Lewis & Consulting Group regarding local, regional and state issues. Additionally, copies of our monthly print and social media outreach are also attached.

#### **Recommendation**

Receive and File.

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: Townsend Legislative Report & Current Legislative Matrix Lewis Consulting – County of Orange Report Foothills Sentry Outreach Ad Communications Lab Social Media Report

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#### MEMORANDUM

To: East Orange County Water District

From: Townsend Public Affairs

Date: December 30, 2024

Subject: December 2024 Legislative Monthly Report

#### STATE UPDATES

December marked the beginning of the 2025-26 legislative session with freshman and incumbent members being sworn in during the Organizational Session on December 2. Legislators hit the ground running introducing approximately 140 new bills, angling for committee membership, and building up their Capitol and District Office staff. Priorities have begun to emerge from both the Legislature and Governor's office, setting the stage for another active year.

Below is an overview of pertinent state actions from the month of December.

#### STATE LEGISLATURE

#### Legislature Commences 2025-26 Session

In early December, the California State Assembly and Senate reconvened for Organizational Session to welcome new legislators, adopt house rules, and elect their respective leadership teams. One notable change to the Standing Rules in each house is a reduction in how many bills legislators may introduce during the two-year Session. Assembly Members and Senators are now only permitted to introduce 35 bills, a change from 50 in the Assembly and 40 in the Senate, in order to allow more time for consideration of measures and improve the deliberative process. So far, approximately 140 bills, resolutions, and constitutional amendments have been introduced since December 2nd.

Assembly Member Robert Rivas and Senator Mike McGuire were re-elected as Assembly Speaker and Senate pro Tempore, respectively, and both addressed their chambers kicking off their Regular and Special Sessions. Members from both houses introduced bills in the Special Session related to shoring up resources for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to pay for federal litigation expenses, one of which appropriates \$500,000 to the Department. More details on the Special Session and funding to DOJ are anticipated to coincide with the Governor's January Budget. Next, we can expect changes to committee chairs and membership as members and staff get settled in.

#### Wildfire Insurance Legislation Introduced

Assembly Member Connolly kicked off the legislative session with the introduction of <u>AB 1</u> (a rerun of 2024's AB 2416) which requires the Department of Insurance to include additional building hardening measures for property-level mitigation efforts and communitywide wildfire mitigation programs. The measure is co-authored by Assembly Speaker Rivas and aims to provide some relief to homeowners throughout the state who have been seeing cancellations and significant increases in insurance premiums based on updated modeling for climate intensified wildfire risk. Amidst California's insurance crisis, AB 1 offers a practical solution that enables consumers to lower their insurance costs while also enhancing disaster preparedness for vulnerable communities.

#### EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

#### **Insurer Promises to Write More Policies in California**

With the Department of Insurance set to implement new regulatory reforms to the state's insurance market, Farmers Insurance has committed to writing 9,500 new homeowner's policies each month (up from 7,000) and starting December 14, it plans to insure additional condos and renters which it had previously paused. In 2023, Farmers instituted the 7,000 policy cap and paused condo and renters insurance, and the Department of Insurance has been working since last September on its Sustainable Insurance Strategy to stabilize insurance market conditions. Farmers' decision to once again expand in the California market is a key indicator that the Department's pending regulations could bring other insurers back to California.

The new catastrophe modeling and ratemaking regulations have been posted by the Department and filed with the Secretary of State, officially concluding the rulemaking process. Members of the Legislature are already active introducing legislation geared toward home hardening and vegetation management as tools to prevent wildfires and make home insurance more available across the state and in high wildfire severity zones.

#### November Income Tax Withholdings Come in Below Projections

Overall, for fiscal year 2024-25 Personal Income Tax (PIT) withholdings have run about even with projections, but November withholdings came in \$806 million, or about 10%, below projections. Most withholding payments are for wages and salaries, but income tax withholding payments are also due on bonuses and stock options received by employees. With a later Thanksgiving holiday week, end-of-month and holiday bonuses were remitted to the state in December as opposed to November, which contributed to the lackluster collection.

The drop in withholdings could drive the state's General Fund revenues down, but other revenue sources are still pending. Also, the Legislative Analyst's Office notes the collection during the week after Thanksgiving came in approximately 20% higher than the same period last year, which would in turn be reflected in this year's December collection. The Department of Finance's next state budget projections will coincide with the Governor's January Budget Proposal early next month.

#### State of Emergency Declared Over Bird Flu

In response to the rapid spread of H5NI avian influenza virus, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in California. Since March, the virus has spread through dairy cattle herds across the country raising concerns amongst virologists. No person-to-person spread of the Bird Flu has been detected in California, but there have been 34 human cases linked to infected birds or cows, and considering the state's dairy sector's susceptibility to H5N1 there is already a strong testing and monitoring network established. Declaring a state of emergency will provide local

entities with additional flexibility around staffing, contracting, and other rules to support any necessary response.

The Department of Public Health, Department of Food and Agriculture, and Office of Emergency Services have joined other agencies to provide outreach to all Californians and seasonal flu vaccines to agriculture workers to reduce concurrent flu risks. The Food and Drug Administration has advertised that grocery shelf beef and dairy are safe to consume, but they recommend against consuming raw unpasteurized milk. Moving forward, more personal protective equipment will be delivered to dairy-farm workers, and the state will continue to monitor and investigate the spread of the virus.

#### FEDERAL UPDATES

#### Congress Passes Stopgap Funding Bill to Avoid a Government Shutdown

After a week of rollercoaster negotiations Congress has approved a legislative package to avert a government shutdown and extend current government funding levels until March 14, 2025. The bill, H.R.10545 also includes provisions providing more than \$100 billion in disaster relief and several extensions of health care and agriculture programs.

This final package comes after two previous attempts failed earlier in the week. The first proposal, which Republicans negotiated with Democrats, included measures to regulate pharmacy benefit managers, limit trade with China, and allow year-round sales of certain ethanol-blended fuels. However, this proposal was withdrawn after President-elect Donald Trump opposed it, urging Republican leaders to address the debt limit first.

A second plan, which removed most of the provisions from the first, aimed to suspend the debt limit until January 2027. This plan was rejected on December 19, with a vote of 174-235, as 38 Republicans opposed it and only two Democrats supported it.

The latest plan resembled the second but excluded the debt limit suspension and extensions for the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program and the MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program. The House approved this plan by a vote of 366-34 with one member not voting.

Below are provisions and extensions included in the package:

#### Spending Provisions

- The legislative package included a continuing resolution (CR) extending current funding from Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations through March 14, 2025.
- Anomalies (adjustments to funding that differ from FY24 appropriations) include:
  - Allocate an annualized \$625 million to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to maintain the acquisition schedule for the Geostationary Earth Orbit weather satellite program.
  - Permit the Federal Aviation Administration to use funds necessary for air traffic operations, aviation safety oversight, and the hiring and training of air traffic controllers.
  - Authorize the Energy Department to utilize funds required for specialized security activities.

- Grant the Education Department the flexibility to allocate funds needed to administer federal student loan and aid programs.
- The bill blocks an automatic cost of living pay increase for Members of Congress, the Vice President, and other executive and senior-level government officials.

#### Extensions

- Several programs that were set to expire are extended through March 14, 2025, these include:
  - The CFTC Whistleblower Program
  - The Domestic Trafficking Victims Fund
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program.
  - DHS' and the Justice Department's authority to counter uncrewed aircraft systems that pose a credible threat.
  - The Homeland Security Department's National Cybersecurity Protection System.
  - US Agency for International Development's Food for Peace program.

#### Incoming Senate Majority Leader John Thune Previews Legislative Agenda

After the Republican sweep in the federal elections, incoming Senate Majority Leader John Thune is pitching a two-pronged approach to enacting their agenda, starting with a reconciliation bill focused on border security, defense, and energy within 30 days of President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration. Under Senator Thune's plan, a second reconciliation package focused on tax policy would come later in the year. That would give tax writers more time to come up with a bill and to bridge the intraparty divides that separate them from a deal.

Budget reconciliation is a Senate rule that allows one party to pass fiscal legislation without help from the other party. However, it comes with limitations enforced by the Senate Parliamentarian. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that extending all of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act would add \$4.6 trillion to deficits over about a decade. This is a concern for members of the Republican conference who have campaigned on being fiscal hawks. Discussions over total costs and what programs receive funding have begun, but finding a consensus will be a challenge over the course of next year.

Another reason for potentially delaying action on a tax bill until later in 2025 is that President-elect Trump has selected three members of the House to join his administration, leaving the Republican majority at one vote for the first quarter of 2025. The special elections to fill those vacancies are not likely to occur until spring at the earliest. With an effective House majority of one for the first few months of the year, more contentious aspects of the Republican agenda may be delayed until special elections can increase their majority.

#### Congress Approves Water Resources Development Act, Sends to President for Signature

The bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (S. 4367) is now on its way to President Joe Biden after the Senate approved it on Wednesday. The bill, which authorizes civil works and water resources projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers across the U.S. is passed by Congress every two years. The 2024 version was overwhelmingly approved by the Senate with a 97-1 vote, following its passage in the House last week.

The legislation will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to begin 21 projects related to navigation, flood management, ecosystem restoration, and other water infrastructure, with an estimated cost of about \$17 billion. Additionally, it will authorize over 200 feasibility studies for new projects and modifications to existing ones.

#### EPA Announces Latest Actions to Ban Trichloroethylene and Perchloroethylene

On December 9, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the latest risk management rules for trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene (PCE) under the bipartisan Toxic Substances Control Act of 2016. The final rule will ban manufacturing and processing of both substances within one year in an effort to protect public health.

TCE is known to cause liver cancer, kidney cancer, and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. It also causes damage to the central nervous system, liver, kidneys, immune system, reproductive organs, and causes fetal heart defects. PCE is known to cause liver, kidney, brain and testicular cancer, as well as damage to the kidney, liver and immune system, neurotoxicity, and reproductive toxicity.

Both TCE and PCE are found in consumer and commercial products such as cleaning and furniture care products, degreasers, brake cleaners, sealants, lubricants, adhesives, paints and coatings, arts and crafts spray coatings, and are also used in the manufacture of some refrigerants. Safer alternatives are readily available for the majority of these uses.

#### EPA Grants Waiver for California's Advanced Clean Cars II Regulations

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is granting two requests from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for waivers to implement and enforce its Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) regulations for light-duty vehicles, and its "Omnibus" low-NOx regulation for heavy-duty highway and off-road vehicles and engines. Under the Clean Air Act, California is afforded the ability to adopt emissions requirements independent from EPA's regulations to meet its significant air quality challenges. The state must seek a waiver from EPA for new motor vehicle emission standards.

The ACC II program is a single coordinated package of requirements for model year 2026 through 2035 and beyond for on-road light- and medium-duty engines and vehicles. The ACC II regulations include revisions to both California's Low Emission Vehicle and Zero Emission Vehicle regulations. After reviewing the information provided by California, the EPA determined in each case that it would be appropriate to grant both waiver requests. The records, included in the waiver decisions, contain public comments on the programs' feasibility, including costs to manufacturers and the lead time provided. EPA's review found that opponents of the waivers did not meet their burden to show how either program is inconsistent with the Clean Air Act.

#### EPA Launches New Efforts to Protect Communities from PFAS

On December 16, the Environmental Protection Agency published for public comment its plan for studying and developing technology-based PFAS limits on industrial wastewater discharges. The plan falls under the agency's PFAS Strategic Roadmap as it considers rulemaking efforts to protect communities from forever chemicals in local waterways. The goal of these studies is to enable the agency to make informed decisions on revised limitations and guidelines.

Any future rulemakings developed as a result of these studies would be based on the best available science and designed to stop PFAS contamination at the source, safeguarding community and environmental health. The EPA opened a 30-day public comment period. To submit a written comment, visit <u>EPA's Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan webpage</u> for more information.

#### EPA Report Highlights Water Affordability Challenges

On December 17, the EPA released the Water Affordability Needs Assessment report detailing water affordability across the U.S. among households and utilities. They estimated that between 12.1 million and 19.2 million households throughout the U.S. lack access to affordable water services. Nationally, the cost of unaffordable water service bills ranges from \$5.1 billion to \$8.8 billion. To further learn about the assessment, findings, and next steps register for the webinar that will be held on January 9, 2025.

The <u>Water Affordability Needs Assessment</u> summarizes decades of research by utilities, academics, and associations, and includes recommendations. Large-scale, sustainable change requires addressing how water utilities are funded, how rates are set, and how assistance programs are established to support all rate payers, the report states. It also requires continued investment in the nation's aging infrastructure. A national water assistance program could serve as a critical tool for alleviating some of the financial stress faced by households and utilities around the country.

#### **Reclamation Approves Central Valley Project and State Water Project**

On December 20, The Bureau of Reclamation approved a new plan for the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and Delta facilities of the State Water Project. The plan presents a path forward with more predictable actions for endangered fish species and a more reliable CVP response to multi-year droughts. The plan includes a new framework for Shasta Reservoir operations to benefit winter-run Chinook salmon, revised operational criteria for Delta exports, and supports early implementation of components of the <u>Healthy Rivers and Landscapes</u> <u>Program</u> to provide more Delta outflow and habitat restoration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta.

The plan was completed in coordination with partners from the California Department of Water Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Efforts to complete the updated operating plan spanned three years and included regular engagement and feedback from interested parties.

# The County of Orange Report

Prepared for East Orange County Water District

January 16, 2025 by Lewis Consulting Group

#### **Orange County Board December Highlights**



The OC Board of Supervisors held two meetings in the month of December - December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>. The most consequential item was the swearing-in of new Supervisor Janet Nguyen. The former State Senator and now newly elected supervisor again, wasted no time in making her presence known. In her previous Board experience, Supervisor Nguyen was keenly involved in the

structure and governance of CAL-OPTIMA, Orange County's massive health agency, which offers health insurance programs for low income individuals, families, seniors and people with disabilities. It provides coverage through programs like Medi-Cal, providing services for over 25% of Orange County's population.

Supervisor Nguyen wanted to "tap the brakes" on a request from the CAL-OPTIMA Board of Directors to take first steps in allowing them to also participate in Covered California. Their desire is to take necessary action to be able to join in January 2027. Supervisor Nguyen aggressively grilled staff about their time line and need for further study. Her not too subtle message was "I'm back!" The Board yielded to her request and granted a two week delay before the final vote.

Board Chairman Don Wagner announced new committee appointments for the new term, but curiously no one stepped up to join him in serving on OCLAFCO. Aside from Chairman Wagner's service, there are vacancies for the second full Board seat, as well as the alternate position. For the last several year, Supervisors have seemed to dislike serving on LAFCO.

One additional item of note, the Board of Supervisors quietly removed from the agenda the delegation of investment authority from Orange County Treasurer Shari Freidenrich. The investment delegation has been in the past a non-controversial near ministerial act. The County action has been clouded in secrecy and no one is going "on the record" to say why this action has been taken. Without the delegation to the County Treasurer, the investment authority will now reside with the County C.E.O.





#### **California Post Election Survey**

PPIC PUBLIC POLICY CALIFORNIA Right on the heels of the November 5<sup>th</sup> Presidential election, the Public Policy Institute of

California conducted a statewide survey titled Californians and Their Economic Well-Being. The survey was conducted November 6<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> and they queried 2,344 California adults. A survey sample this size, yields a margin of error of +/- 3.1% with a confidence of 95%.

This survey was instructive as the overall pessimistic tone might help explain that despite losing in California, Donald Trump, exceeded polling expectations. One has to wonder how much the recent rash of Los Angeles County fires would have impacted results if the survey had been taken at a later date. In particular, one would expect a significant decline in the "right direction/wrong direction" responses. The overall tone of pessimism was apparent with 56% of respondents who think bad financial times are expected in the next twelve months. 26% of respondents have considered moving out of California. The overall sense of pessimism is apparent with the 52% who believe the "American Dream" once held true, but no longer is. That is magnified by the 70% who believe their children will be worse off financially than themselves.

Another issue explored dealt with attitudes towards artificial intelligence. A slight majority (52%) have an unfavorable opinion of the disruptive technology with 52% fearing a loss of jobs in their chosen filed of employment.

There are a series of public policy questions that indicate Californians still want to spend even more on government programs. Only the concept of a \$1,000 per month universal stipend failed to attain majority support. California adults do view combating inflation as a priority with 52% saying its very high priority and another 32% describing it as a high priority. The importance and intensity of this issue undoubtedly helped bolster the Trump electoral tally. Below are some of the survey questions and responses:

How much of the time can you trust the state government to do what is right when it comes to handling the issue of jobs and the economy?

6% just about always 37% most of the time 56% only some of the time 1% don't know

Do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

44% right direction 56% wrong direction 1% don't know

Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

42% good times 56% bad times 2% don't know

Does the lack of well-paying jobs make you and your family seriously consider moving away from the part of California you live in now?

5% yes, seriously considered moving to another part of California

21% yes, seriously considered moving outside of California

73% no, have not seriously considered moving

1% don't know

Now thinking about your own personal finances, would you say that you and your family are financially better off, worse off, or just about the same as you were a year ago?

19% better off 29% worse off 52% about the same – don't know

On another topic, do you think the American Dream—that if you work hard you'll get ahead—still holds true, never held true, or once held true but does not anymore?

33% still holds true15% never held true52% once held true, but not anymore1% don't know

Do you think the American Dream is easier to achieve in California than elsewhere in the US or harder to achieve?

12% easier to achieve

62% harder to achieve

26% about the same

1% don't know

When children today in California grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

28% better off 70% worse off 2% don't know

How often, if ever, do you worry about you or someone in your family losing their job.

8% every day 7% almost every day 30% sometimes 26% rarely 29% never – don't know

How often, if ever, do you worry about the cost of health care for you and your family.

9% every day

10% almost every day

36% sometimes

21% rarely

24% never

– don't know

How often, if ever, do you worry about the cost of housing for you and your family. 14% every day 12% almost every day 33% sometimes 18% rarely 22% never - don't know How often, if ever, do you worry about paying bills. 11% every day 9% almost every day 26% sometimes 25% rarely 28% never – don't know How often, if ever, do you worry about the amount of debt you have. 13% every day 11% almost every day 25% sometimes 21% rarely 30% never – don't know How often, if ever, do you worry about being able to save enough for your retirement. 15% every day 13% almost every day 37% sometimes 15% rarely 20% never - don't know Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of AI or artificial intelligence? 45% favorable 52% unfavorable 3% don't know How concerned are you about the possibility of AI resulting in you losing your job, or having your hours or salary cut? 9% very concerned 24% somewhat concerned 40% not very concerned 27% not at all concerned – don't know Do you think that advances in artificial intelligence (AI) will increase or decrease the number of jobs available in the industry that you are currently employed in? 8% increase 52% decrease 38% have no effect 2% don't know

Do you favor or oppose a government policy to make college tuition free at both public two-year and four-year colleges?

66% favor

34% oppose

– don't know

Would you favor or oppose a government policy to eliminate college debt?

58% favor

41% oppose

1% don't know

Do you favor or oppose increasing government funding so that child care programs are available for more lower-income working parents?

76% favor 23% oppose 1% don't know

Do you favor or oppose increasing government funding for job training programs so that more workers have the skills they need for today's jobs?

79% favor 20% oppose 1% don't know

Would you favor or oppose the government offering a health insurance plan, similar to Medicare, that Americans can choose to purchase instead of private insurance?

78% favor 21% oppose 1% don't know

Do you favor or oppose the government expanding the eligibility and payments of the Earned Income Tax Credit for lower-income working families and individuals?

74% favor 24% oppose 2% don't know

Would you favor or oppose the federal government providing a guaranteed income, sometimes called a "Universal Basic Income," of about \$1,000 a month for all adult citizens, whether or not they work?

47% favor 52% oppose 1% don't know

Do you favor or oppose a policy that would increase the current minimum wage from \$15 per hour to \$16 in 2024 and subsequently by \$1 each year until it reaches \$18?

62% favor 37% oppose 1% don't know

Do you favor or oppose a policy that would give first-time homebuyers \$25,000 to put toward a down payment?

62% favor 37% oppose 1% don't know In recent years, some companies have adopted diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, or "DEI programs." Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing for companies to adopt these programs?

63% good thing 34% bad thing 4% don't know

These days, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic that Americans of different political views can still come together and work out their differences?

35% optimistic 63% pessimistic 1% don't know

When considering economic priorities for the next president, please tell me if each of the following should be very high priority, a high priority, medium priority, low priority, or very low priority. Building an economy that gives every American a chance to succeed.

45% very high priority
35% high priority
13% medium priority
3% low priority
2% very low priority
– don't know

Getting costs and inflation under control.

52% very high priority 32% high priority 11% medium priority 3% low priority 2% very low priority – don't know



- The special election to fill the vacancy in Janet Nguyen's former State Senate seat [SD 36] has been set for February 25, 2025. The four candidates who will appear on the ballot are: Huntington Beach Councilmember Tony Strickland, business owner John Briscoe, disability rights advocate Julie Diep and attorney Jimmy Pham. As of now, Strickland appears to have the inside track.
- Both political parties have elected new county leadership. For the Democrats, Union leader Florice Hoffman succeeds Ada Briceño. The Republican changing of the guard was more interesting. Newport beach City Councilmember, Will O'Neill, bested County Supervisor Don Wagner and Republican activist Bruce Whitaker. Wagner's late entry was surprising given the fact that O'Neill had sewed up so many pledges of support.
- Sifting through the ashes of L.A.'s two major fires, I highly recommend a most comprehensive article on the fire's root causes <u>"Why Los Angeles is Burning"</u> www.AmericanUnwon.com



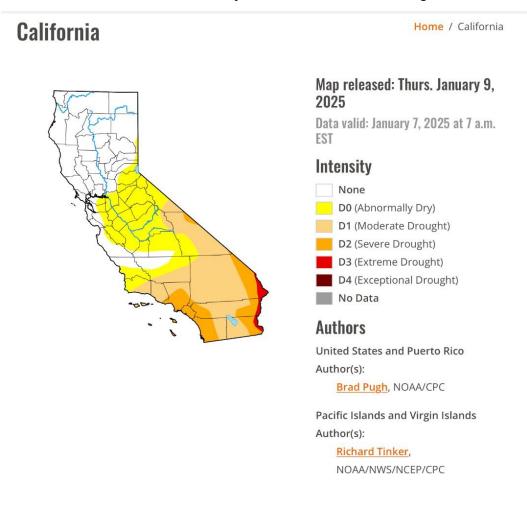
The January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of LAFCO had a controversy-free agenda. The highlights of the meeting included the swearing-in of new City commissioner Peggy Huang and the reelection of Don Wagner and Wendy Bucknum to serve as 2025 Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Adoption of the Commission's quarterly finance report and their 2023/2024 audited financial statement along with the mid-year work plan were all unanimously approved. Staff indicated comments on MWDOC/OCWD merger study may be discussed at the March meeting.

On another LAFCO related measure, about 30 county LAFCO's including Orange County have written letters to Cal-LAFCO once again expressing their strong disagreement over perceived lack of transparency, lack of notice in making key restructuring moves and opposition to some of the moves themselves. In the letter, the local LAFCO's threaten to stop paying dues to the state organization. Stay tuned...

#### **Drought Officially Returns**

Despite heavy rain in Northern California alleviating all drought there, the rain remained North and Southern California has plunged back into drought. Drought conditions along with Santa Ana winds were the two major reasons for the Los Angeles infernos.





## A Gift for All Seasons

The elves at East Orange County Water District are working extra hard to make sure your holiday, and every day after, is merry and bright.

This past year, our team worked on projects large and small throughout the service area to repair and upgrade your local water and sewer systems. We sincerely appreciate your patience!

EOCWD wishes you and your family a healthy holiday season!

Get Project Updates & Alerts Any Time, Online at www.EOCWD.com

Or Call Our Office **714.538.5815** 

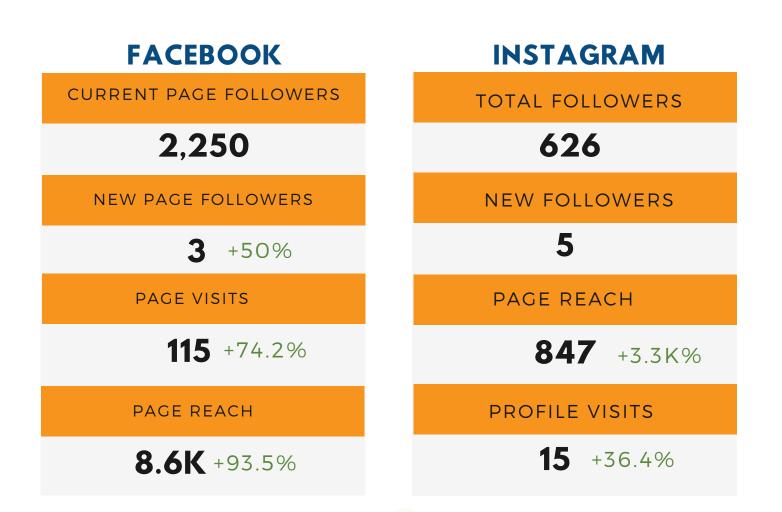
ESCEND EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT



# SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

To: David Youngblood, General Manager, EOCWD
From: Victoria Castro, Social Media Manager, *Communications LAB*Date: January 6th. 2025
Re: Social Media Report // December 2025

## **SUMMARY REPORT**



## LINKEDIN

TOTAL FOLLOWERS

70

NEW FOLLOWERS

10 +900%

PAGE VIEWS

14 -12.5%

UNIQUE VISITORS

7

# **TOP SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS**

## **TOP INSTAGRAM POST**



**Water Meter Inspection Reach:** 50 Engagement: 5

## **TOP FACEBOOK POST**



- Applicants must be a registered voter and live in Division 4
- Appointed term ends following the Nov. 2026 election
- Apply by 5 pm on January 15, 2025

**EMAIL TO APPLY TODAY!** SPRADO@EOCWD.COM

**Board Vacancy Reach:** 11,310 Engagement: 15



**Board of** Directors

## **TOPLINKEDIN POST**

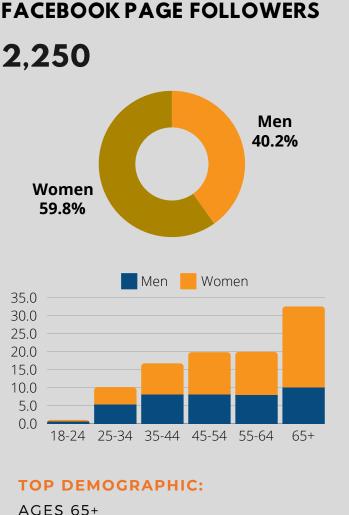


DON'T POUR FATS, OILS, AND **CREASE DOWN THE DRAIN!** 

**Sewer Safety: FOGs Reach:** 70 Engagement: 1

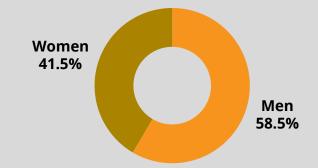
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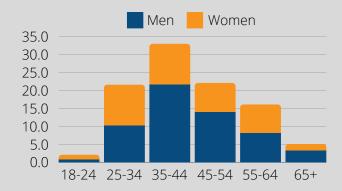
## PAGELIKES & FOLLOWERS (AGE & GENDER)



## WOMEN (22.5%) MEN (10%)

# INSTAGRAM PAGE FOLLOWERS 626





#### **TOP DEMOGRAPHIC:**

AGES 35-44 WOMEN (11.3%) MEN (21.7%)

## TOP CITIES (FACEBOOK)

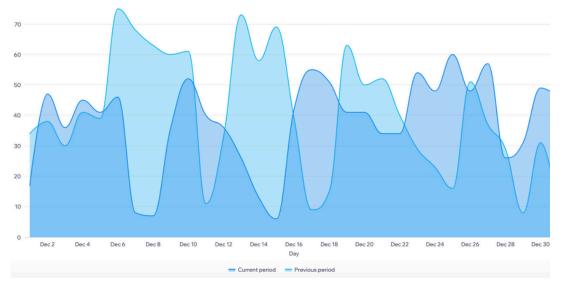
- Los Angeles, CA 10.7%
- Santa Ana, CA 7.8%
- Orange, CA 5.2%
- Anaheim, CA 5%
- Long Beach, CA 4.3%

## TOP CITIES (INSTAGRAM)

- San Diego, CA 2.9%
- Los Angeles, CA 2.9%
- Anaheim, CA 2.6%
- Long Beach, CA 2.1%
- Orange, CA 1.9%

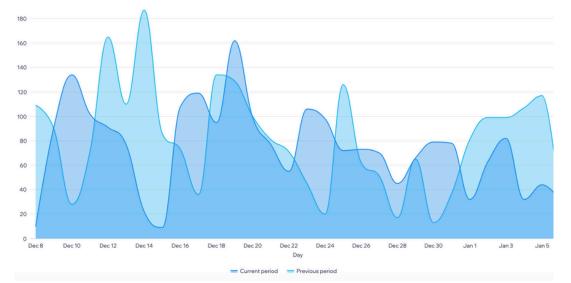
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## **TRAFFIC OVER TIME** 12/1/25 - 12/31/25 v. 11/1/24 - 11/26/24



## **PAGE VIEWS**

## 12/1/25 - 12/31/25 v. 11/1/24 - 11/26/24



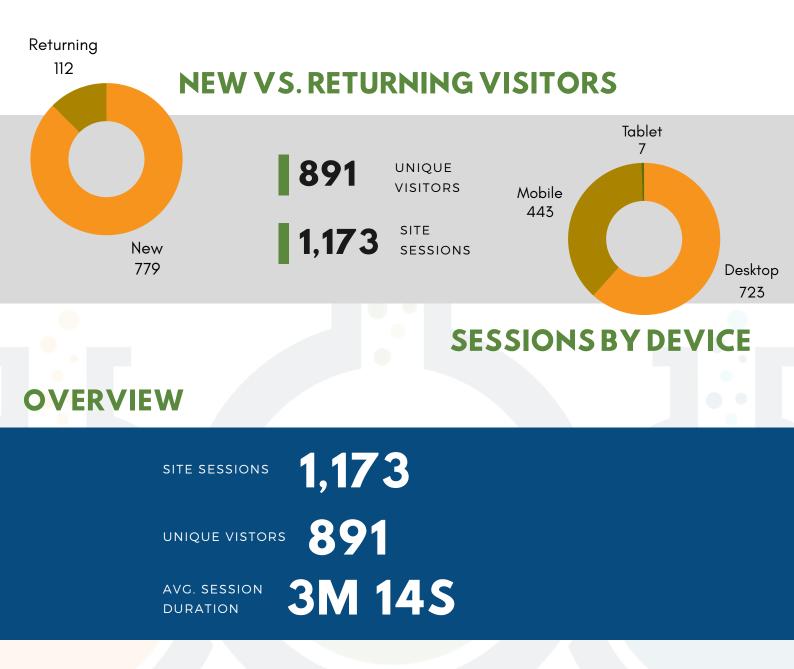
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02 am	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
03 am	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
04 am	5	1	1	1	2	1	1
05 am	2	1	1	1	1	1	0
06 am	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
07 am	2	1	3	9	2	3	1
08 am	1	4	4	2	2	2	1
09 am	5	3	3	4	2	3	1
10 am	1	4	3	6	3	3	2
11 am	1	4	5	3	3	8	1
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07 pm	2	1	1	1	2	1	1
08 pm	1	1	3	1	3	1	1
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10 pm	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
11 pm	1	2	1	2	2	1	2

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### **TOP TRAFFIC SOURCES BY SESSIONS**

Google (Organic search)	↓ 33%   453
Direct	↑ 1%   433
Facebook (Organic social)	170
Bing (Organic search)	↓ 27%   41
bcwaterjobs.com (Referral)	↓ 17%   15





**MEMO** 

#### TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2025

#### **Background**

Board members represented the District at the following meetings in December 2024:

President Murdoch

12/3-12/5	2024 ACWA Fall Conference
12/4	ACWA Region 10 Membership Meeting
12/16	ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting
12/19	EOCWD Employee Recognition Holiday Lunch
12/19	EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Thoms

12/2-12/5	2024 ACWA Fall Conference
12/9	ISDOC Executive Board Meeting
12/13	Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
12/19	EOCWD Employee Recognition Holiday Lunch
12/19	EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Davert

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12/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

**Director Sears** 

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#### **Recommendation**

Informational.