



## **AGENDA**

### **EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (EOCWD)**

Thursday, March 27, 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 non-agendized 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 – Director Marquez**
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 4-8)** 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 February 20, 2025  
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.

#### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

9. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Update  
Recommendation: Receive and File.
10. Conference and Meeting Requests  
Recommendation: Authorize attendance as desired.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

11. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report  
Recommendation: Receive and File.
12. 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)

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

1. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(2))– Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case*
2. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))– East Orange County Water District v. Pacific Bell, et. al. (Orange County Superior Ct. Case No. 30-2022-01290371-CU-OR-CJC)*
3. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))– ACWA-JPIA et. al. v. Performance Pipeline Technologies (Orange County Superior Ct. Case No. 30-2022-01299697-CU-PO-WJC)*

#### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**



## ADJOURNMENT

Adjourning to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for **April 24, 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)

February 20, 2025

**1. Call to Order.** 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 GEORGE MURDOCH at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025. Director DOUG DAVERT led the Pledge of Allegiance. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors attended the meeting: DOUGLASS DAVERT, KARIN MARQUEZ, GEORGE MURDOCH, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
BOBBY YOUNG	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
JOHN NIELSEN	Former Director/Tustin City Council
HON. JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting
PAUL MESMER	Independent Special Districts of Orange County
PAUL KAYMARK	Nigro & Nigro PC
IAN BERG	Starting Line Advisory
SCOTT NELSON	Starting Line Advisory
ROBERT SANDERS	Public
ROSE JONES	Public

Other staff and members of the public may have attended but are not listed above.

**2. Administration of Oath of Office – Karin Marquez.** John Nielsen administered the oath of office before Secretary Hoskinson and the Board of Directors.

**3. 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).

ACTION TAKEN: None.

**\*\* ITEM 13 WAS HEARD OUT OF ORDER**

**13. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** Honorable John Lewis, of Lewis Consulting, provided a brief oral update on his written report, including an update on local elections, the State Senate, and politics of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by DAVERT, by unanimous vote of all members elected to receive and file the presented reports.

**\*\*\* THE BOARD RETURN TO THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**4. Public Communications to the Board.** Paul Mesmer of ISDOC provided an update on the agency to the Board, including an overview of current issues and upcoming meetings and speakers.

**CONSENT CALENDAR.** Director DAVERT requested that Item No. 10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar. As to the balance of the Consent Calendar, the Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by THOMS, approved the Consent Calendar by a unanimous vote of all members present as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING AND JANUARY 23, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
6. **General Manager's Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
7. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
8. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
9. **Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; and

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**10. Annual Audit Presentation.** General Manager Youngblood introduced Paul Kaymark who presented a summary of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit. Mr. Kaymark noted that minor issues were identified, discussed with management, and corrected, before presenting a summary on the separate audits for the wholesale, retail, and ID1 Sewer zones. The Board briefly discussed the reserve status, with potential future discussion to review and revise reserve policies and targets.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote elected to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit.

**11. Committee Assignments.** President MURDOCH reviewed the existing committee assignments in light of the appointment of Director MARQUEZ, noting that at this time the assignments remained generally the same, with Ms. Marquez added as the alternate representative to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) in place of former Director Nielsen.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote received and filed the Committee Assignment report.

**12. Special Counsel Transition.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, explaining that Greg Newmark, the District's counsel in the *IRWD v. OCWD* litigation, had moved from Meyers Nave to Duane Morris.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from THOMS, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote delegated authority to the General Manager to direct a determination as to representation in the *IRWD v. OCWD* litigation, with a preference for continued representation by Greg Newmark of Duane Morris subject to confirmation that the District's partners in the litigation, Mesa Water District and Yorba Linda Water District, intend to take the same action.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

**14. 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

1/13 ACWA R10 Midterm Board Meeting  
1/22 EOCWD Special Board Meeting  
1/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
1/28 ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting  
1/30 ACWA Board Workshop, Sacramento  
1/31 ACWA Board Meeting, Sacramento

Vice President Thoms

1/3 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
1/7 ISDOC Executive Committee  
1/22 EOCWD Special Board Meeting  
1/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
1/29 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon

Director Davert

1/22 EOCWD Special Board Meeting  
1/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears

1/3 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

- 1/22 EOCWD Special Board Meeting
- 1/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 1/29 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon

Director SEARS provided an overview of the WACO meeting in February.

Director DAVERT discussed the published Water Resource Reservoir levels, and welcomed Director MARQUEZ. Director DAVERT noted that wildfires are the major topic at moment, and we may want an update on how fire hardened EOCWD is, including backup power and fire hardened facilities. General Manager Youngblood noted that the water system is not designed for protecting 100 homes simultaneously, and discussed backup power options and vegetation removal efforts.

Vice-President THOMS discussed the ISDOC luncheon, providing a summary Doug Chaffey's discussions on County claims relative to the Airport Fire. Director THOMS also noted that Foothill Community Meeting is on March 3, 2025.

President MURDOCH discussed Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) involvement, including upcoming workshops. President MURDOCH noted that Marwan Khalifa has been appointed interim Executive Director, with an open recruitment to occur to locate a permanent director. President MURDOCH noted that ACWA has a new strategic plan, with key performance indicators.

It was requested that wildfire updates and ideas for messaging be scheduled as a future item for discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT.**

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:44 p.m., to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, March 27, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m., at the District Office located at 185 North McPherson, Orange, California, 92869.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey A. Hoskinson



# MEMO

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT  
**DATE** MARCH 27, 2025

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## 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**

## **March 2025**

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

### **SYSTEMS STATUS - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

#### **1) SEWER**

Activities & Accomplishments are included in the attached Monthly Report.

EOCWD Sewer Spills - None to report for February

Private Sewer Spills – None to report for February

#### **2) WHOLESALE**

WZ Water Demands - see attachment

Monitored daily operations of treatment plant, reservoir chlorination system at Andres reservoir.

Submitted monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to SWRCB.

Reviewed weekly water quality data.

#### **3) RETAIL**

Activities & Accomplishments are included in the attached Monthly Water Asset Report.

RZ Water Demands - see attachment

System Leaks: None to report

### **PERMIT STATUS**

See attached Permit Status sheet for Sewer, Wholesale, and Retail permits.

### **CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

Capital Project Status updates are provided at the Engineering & Operations Committee meeting.

### **DISTRICT GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **1) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)**

None to report.

#### **2) GIS Newsletter**

No Update.

#### **3) Safety**

Staff completed training on the following topics during the month of February:

- Underground Utility Strikes
- Spill Emergency Response Plan (SERP)
- Rainy Weather Toolbox Talk
- Muddy Work Areas
- Anti-Harassment
- Building Evacuation
- Excavation & Trenching
- Lockout Tagout
- Personal Fall Protection
- Defensive Driving
- Organization Work Area/Excavation Safety

#### **4) Engineering & Operations Committee**

March 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes attached.

#### **5) Administrative & Finance Committee**

The February meeting was cancelled.



# Monthly Sewer Asset Report

## February 2025

As of: 3/11/2025

Sewer Gravity Main Work			FOG Work	
Workflow	Sum of relength	Workflows Completed	Workflow	Workflows Completed
CCTV Inspection	23,895	90	BMP GRE Inspection	0
Main Cleaning	76,792	320	BMP GRE Violation Follow-up	4
Main Lining	0	0	BMP Inspection	2
Main Repair	0	0	BMP Violation Follow-up	1
Main Replace	0	0	FOG Permitting	0
Managers Form	0	0	GRE Inspection	0
Pipe Edit	0	0	GRE Violation Follow-up	0
Root Foaming	0	0	Initial Inspection	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>410</b>	Operational Status Investigation	1
			Private Sewer Investigation	0
			<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

Easement Work	
Workflow	Workflows Completed
Easement Edit	0
Easement Inspection	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Lateral Work	
Workflow	Workflows Completed
Lateral Connection Edit	0
Lateral Connection Rehab	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Water Hydrants			
Workflow	Workflows Completed	Water Used in Gallons	Water Used in CCF
Hydrant Meter Read	1	6,750	9

Manhole Work	
Workflow	Workflows Completed
Manhole Edit	0
Manhole Inspection	201
Manhole Rehab	0
Manhole Repair	0
Roach Spray	0
SSO Report	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>

SSO Report		
Spill Date and Time	Spill Size	Spill Recovered
No Spills		



Monthly Water Asset Report

February 2025

As of: 3/11/2025

Meter Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Broken Meter Box	3
High Water Bill	0
Meter Changeout	7
Meter Connect	0
Meter Disconnect	0
Meter Investigation	0
Meter Leak	0
Meter Read	2
Meter Re-read	0
Miscellaneous Meter Work	2
Grand Total	14

Production Meter Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Production Meter Changeout	0
Production Meter Maintenance	0
Production Meter Repair	0
Production Meter Test	0
Grand Total	0

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

Pressure Reducing Station Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Pressure Reducing Station Maintenance	1
Grand Total	1

Hydrant Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Dead End Flushing	4
Fire Flow Test	0
Hydrant Flushing	31
Hydrant Installation	0
Hydrant Maintenance	1
Hydrant Meter Install	0
Hydrant Meter Read	0
Hydrant Meter Removal	0
Grand Total	36

Valve Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Main Line Shut Down	0
Valve Exercise	104
Valve Repair/Replace	0
Grand Total	104

Sample Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
In-House WQ Data	60
Grand Total	60

Water Distribution Line Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Main Leak Report	0
Water Main Repair	0
Grand Total	0

Facilities Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Andres Reservoir Site	13
Barret Reservoir Site	6
Final Read	0
Maintenance	2
McPherson Site	0
Newport Reservoir Site	2
Peters Canyon Reservoir Site	5
PFAS Treatment Plant	8
Repairs	0
Reservoir Cleaning	0
Tank Inspection	0
Vista Panorama Reservoir Site	0
Well Meter Read	0
Grand Total	36

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

Air Vac Work	
Workflow	Work Completed
Air Vac Maintenance	0
Grand Total	0

# Monthly Customer and Locate Work Report

## February 2025

As of: 3/10/2025

### Customer Work

Workflow	Work Completed
<b>Construction Inspection</b>	<b>0</b>
Brayden Bonnell	0
Justin Davis	0
<b>Customer Door Tag</b>	<b>2</b>
Brayden Bonnell	0
Jason Thorsell	0
Matt Plummer	2
<b>Customer High Water Bill Investigation</b>	<b>6</b>
Jason Thorsell	0
Matt Plummer	6
<b>Customer Investigation</b>	<b>1</b>
Brayden Bonnell	0
Jason Thorsell	0
Matt Plummer	0
Ricardo Sanchez	1
<b>Customer Leak</b>	<b>4</b>
Jason Thorsell	4
Matt Plummer	0
<b>Customer Task or Investigation</b>	<b>0</b>
Brayden Bonnell	0
Jason Thorsell	0
Matt Plummer	0
<b>Customer Water Pressure Investigation</b>	<b>1</b>
Brayden Bonnell	0
Jason Thorsell	0
Matt Plummer	1
<b>Customer Water Quality Investigation</b>	<b>0</b>
Jason Thorsell	0
Matt Plummer	0
<b>Preconstruction</b>	<b>0</b>
Justin Davis	0
<b>Water Pressure Investigation</b>	<b>1</b>
Brayden Bonnell	0
Jason Thorsell	0
Matt Plummer	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15</b>

### DigTicket Work

Workflow	Work Completed
Tickets completed by Sewer	487
Tickets completed by Water	40
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>527</b>



## ISSUED PERMITS

Received	Address	Type of Development	APN	Date Issued	Regional CFCC (OCSan) Fees	EOCWD Sewer Capacity Fees	Sewerer PC&I Fees	Total Sewer Fees	WZ Meter Fees	RZ Meter Fees
7/17/2024	16791 McFadden Ave. Tustin, CA 92780	COM (R)	402-301-42	2/4/2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11/21/2024	18622 Manning Dr. Tustin, CA 92780	ADU (N)	401-181-26	2/18/2025	\$ 1,169.60	\$ 3,405.46	\$ -	\$ 4,575.06	\$ 1,079.00	\$ -
1/13/2025	19065 E. Spring St. Orange, CA 92869	SFR (R)	379-294-14	2/28/2025	\$ 2,491.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,491.00	\$ -	\$ -
2/13/2025	1042 San Juan St. Tustin, CA 92780	SFR MFR	500-153-18	2/14/2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,798.00	\$ -
2/14/2025	1462 Kenneth Dr. Tustin, CA 92780	Meter Up-Size	103-341-18	2/14/2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 719.00	\$ -

## APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Received	Address	Type of Development	APN	Permit Status
2/15/2025	19022 E. Smiley Dr. Orange, CA 92869	ADU (N)	094-221-46	FF Complete, pending customer plans
2/20/2025	11832 S. Esplanade St. Orange, CA 92869	ADU (N)	093-102-28	Pending customer payment and signature
2/24/2025	14491 Cloverbrook Dr. Tustin, CA 92780	ADU (N)	432-301-54	Pending customer plans
2/27/2025	18822 Muriel Pl. Santa Ana, CA 92705	ADU (N)	395-561-18	Pending customer plans

**Minutes of the  
Engineering & Operations Committee  
March 20, 2025**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Director Murdoch.

Attendees: President Murdoch, Vice President Thoms, David Youngblood – General Manager, Bobby Young – Engineering Manager, Jerry Mendzer – Operations Manager, and Sylvia Prado – Office Manager.

2. No public comments were received.
3. No additional items were added to the agenda.

Informational Items

4. Retail Zone (RZ) Well Levels, System Status, and Water Use – Staff informed the committee well levels are stabilized due to rain. RZ water usage is consistent. The treatment plant is working well and no water quality issues have been reported. The treatment plant is tested on a monthly basis for PFAS. This year's Water Quality Report will be the first in over 5 years with EOCWD ground water. Field staff working on meter change out projects, hydrant work, and continuing on with the valve program.
5. Wholesale Zone (WZ) System Status and Water Use – WZ water quality remains stable due to continued usage but as the City of Tustin's Treatment Plant comes online in the near future we may experience lower system demands. A discussion will be held with the WZ agencies about the WZ system and how best to manage low flows. Vice President Thoms asked about the feasibility of performing system flushing into Peters Canyon storm drain. Staff reported that there is no direct runoff path and that collection infrastructure may flow to a separate entity.
6. Sewer System Status and Permit Reports – Ongoing permit activity was discussed. No sewer spills in February. Staff continues to work with OCSan regarding permitting of properties that are directly connected to OCSan trunk lines. Staff is having ongoing discussions with neighboring agencies involving interconnected sewer systems serving some of the unincorporated islands throughout the City of Orange.
7. Capital Projects Status Update – Staff reported an overview of capital projects. SCADA Phase 2 and District HQ Emergency Generator projects nearing completion. Staff held kick off meetings for the Master Plans with completion of the Master Plans scheduled for later in the year.
8. Adjournment at 10:35 a.m.



# MEMO

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT  
**DATE** MARCH 27, 2025

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## Background

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

## Recommendation

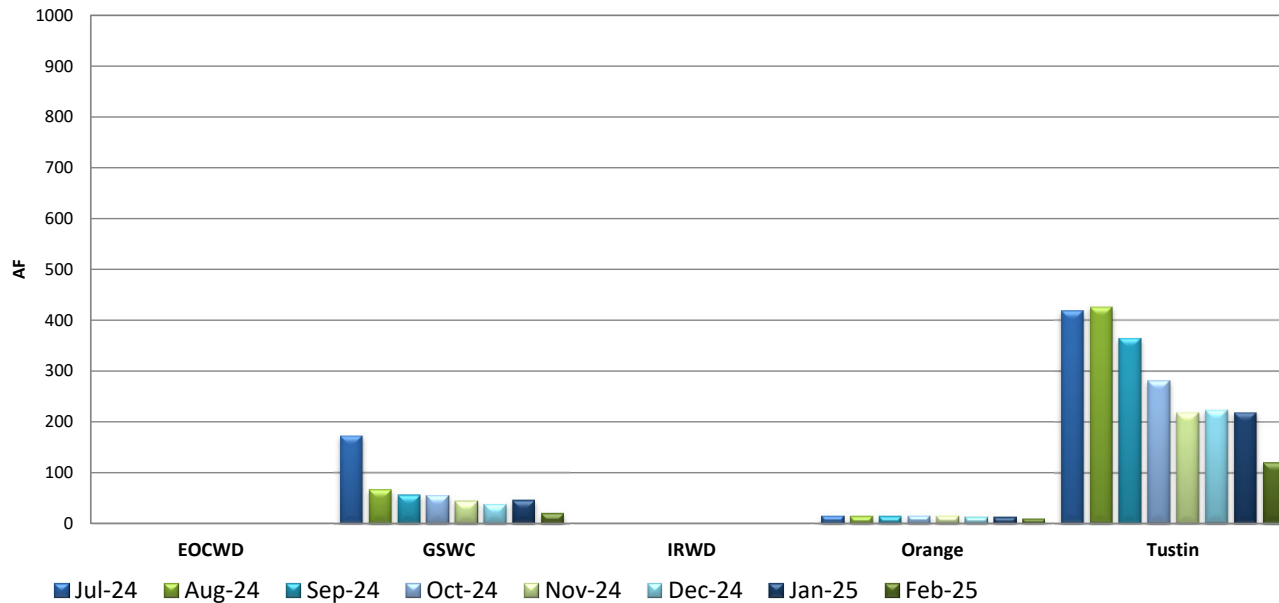
Informational.

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

## Wholesale Zone Water Demand

Total Monthly Sales for February 2025 = 153.6 AF

Total YTD Sales for July 2024 - June 2025 = 2,903 AF



### EOCWD IMPORTED WATER DELIVERY BALANCE - FY23/24

(Acre-feet)

	OC-43	OC-48				OC-70						TOTAL DELIVERIES BY AGENCY					
	MWD Tustin	Retail Zone	Golden State	Tustin	MWD Total	IRWD Jamboree	Orange	Retail Zone	Golden State	Tustin	MWD Total	IRWD OPA	Orange	Retail Zone	Golden 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	128.5	0.0	0.1	73.9	74.0	0.0	13.1	0.0	47.3	17.1	77.5	0.0	13.1	0.0	47.4	219.5	
FEB	81.1	0.0	0.0	37.5	37.5	0.0	10.2	0.0	21.7	3.1	35.0	0.0	10.2	0.0	21.7	121.7	
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	1064.2	0.0	10.3	972.3	982.6	0.0	112.9	0.0	500.3	243.0	856.2	0.0	112.9	0.0	510.6	2279.5	



# East Orange County Retail Zone Water Usage Report

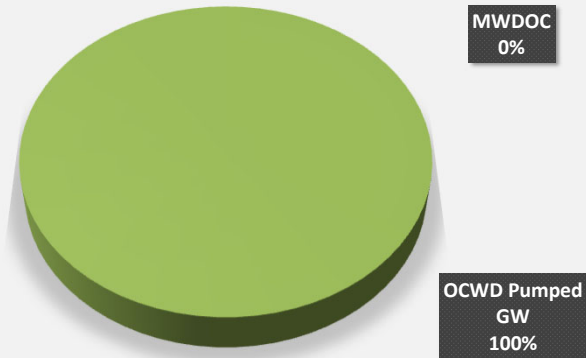
## East Orange County Retail Zone Overview of Usage FY 2024-25 Monthly Water Use

Type of Supply	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
MWDOC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCWD Pumped GW	139.5	166.1	147.2	162.9	167.9	143.8	159.2	152.0	-	-	-	-	1,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,239</b>

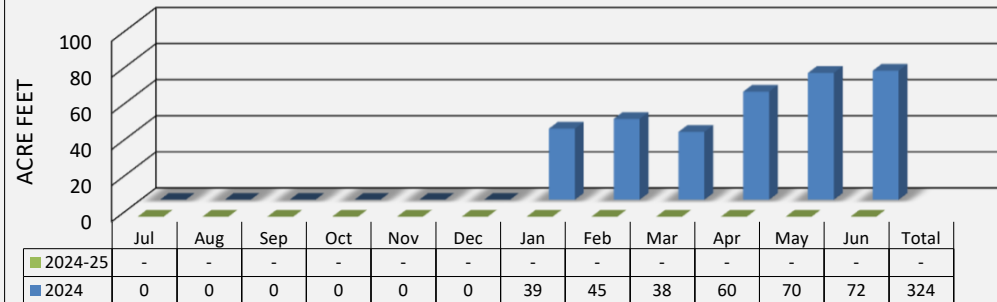
  

2024 MWDOC Usage	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	45	38	60	70	72	324
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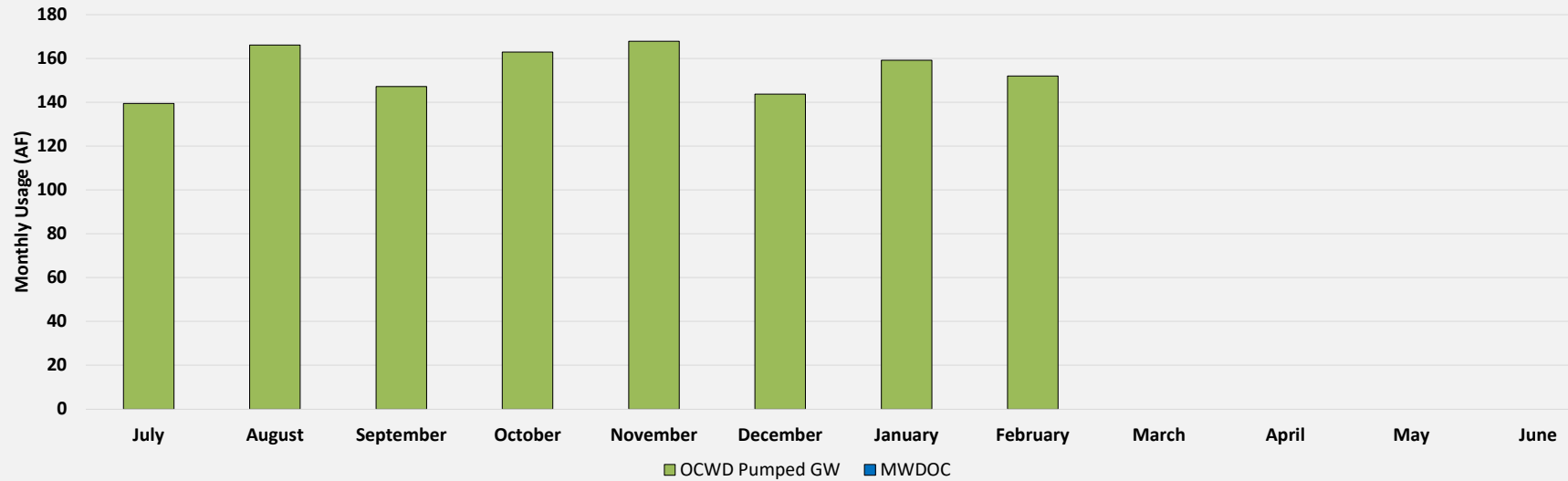
**2024-25 Sources of Water**



**MWDOC Calendar Year and Fiscal Year Purchases**



**2024-25 Monthly Water Supply Sources**

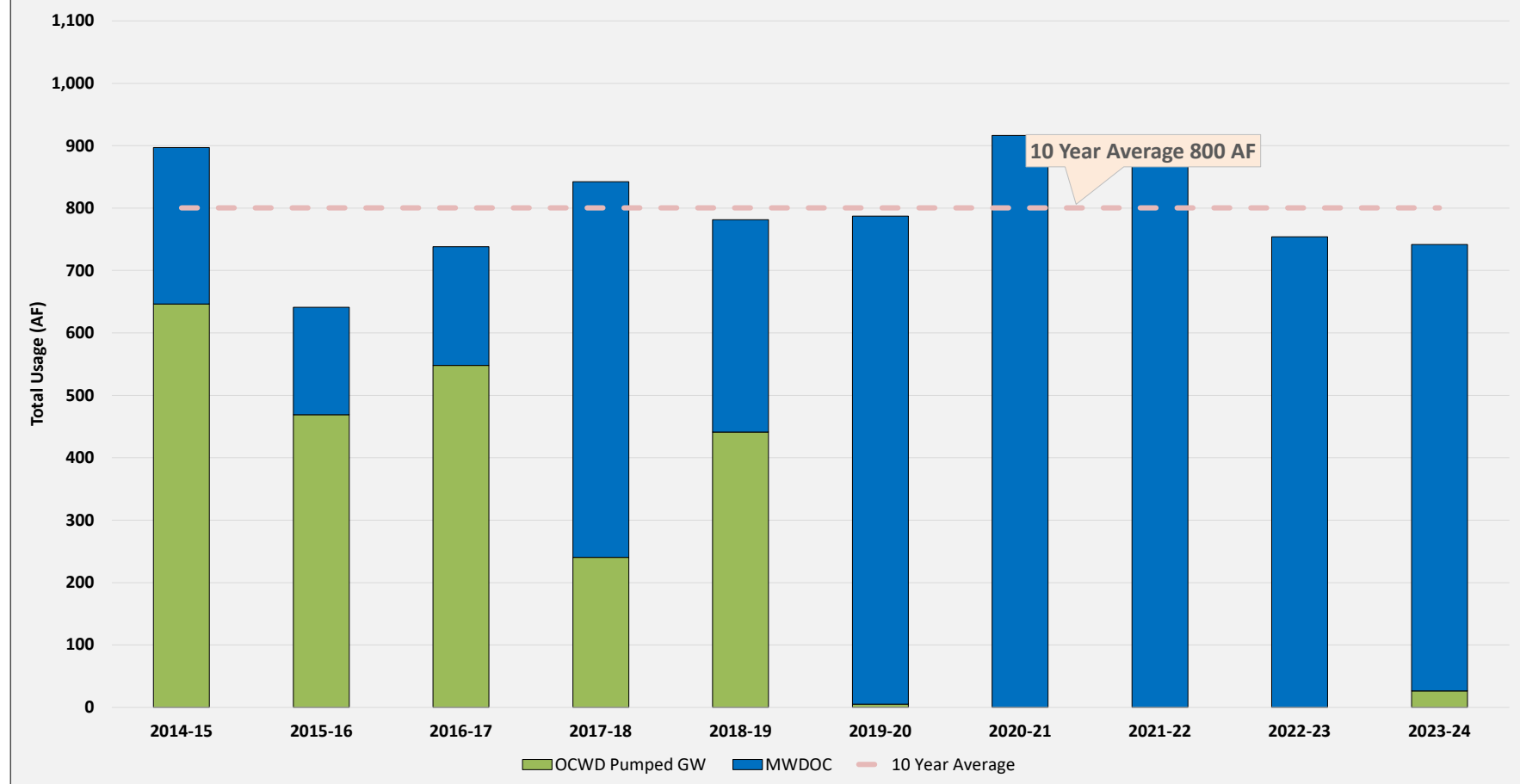


# East Orange County Retail Zone Water Usage Report

## Annual Water Usage

Type of Supply	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Average
MWDOC	250.7	172.1	190.2	602.1	340.0	781.8	916.4	903.3	753.9	715.3	562.6
OCWD Pumped GW	646.3	468.8	547.8	240.2	441.3	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.3	237.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>800</b>

## 10 Year Water Supply Sources

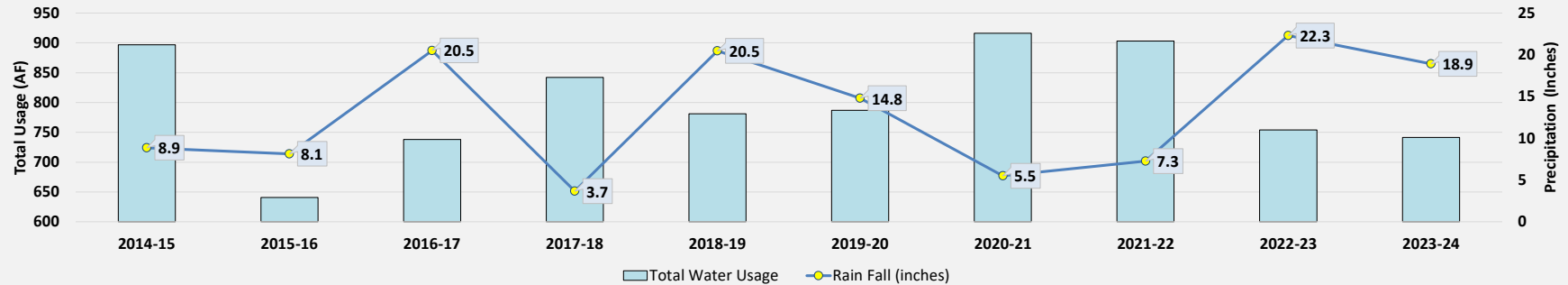


# East Orange County Retail Zone Water Usage Report

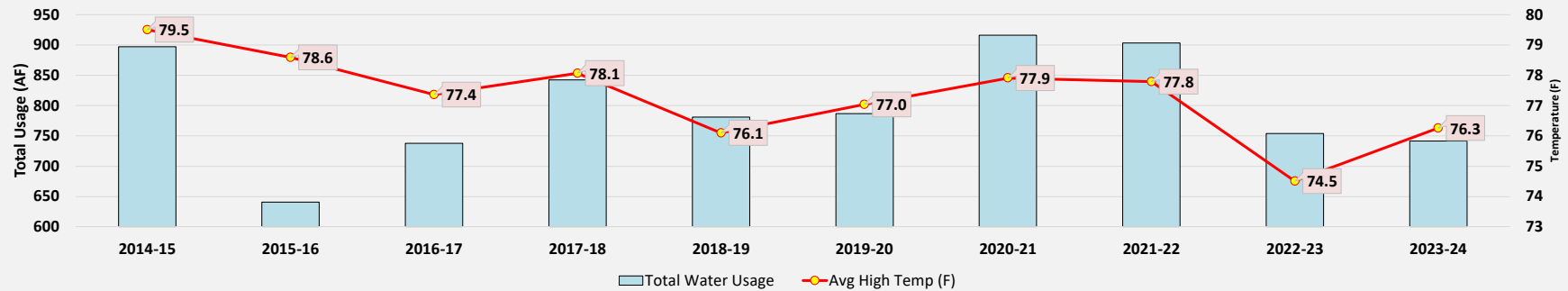
## Water Usage Variables

Type of Supply	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Average
Rain Fall (inches)	8.9	8.1	20.5	3.7	20.5	14.8	5.5	7.3	22.3	18.9	13.0
Avg High Temp (F)	79.5	78.6	77.4	78.1	76.1	77.0	77.9	77.8	74.5	76.3	77.3
OC Unemployment %	5.0%	4.2%	3.8%	3.2%	2.9%	5.8%	8.1%	4.2%	3.2%	3.8%	4.4%
<b>Total Water Usage</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>800</b>

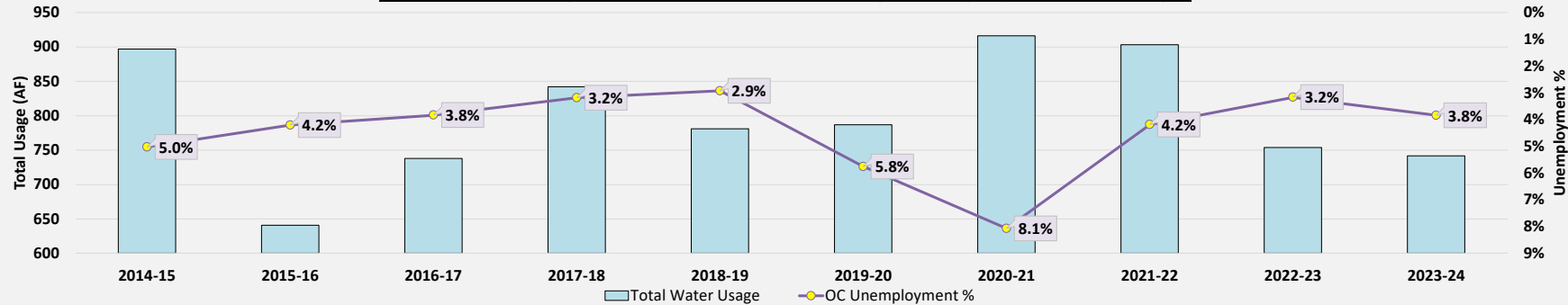
**10 Year Water Usage VS Precipitation (SNA #121 Station)**



**10 Year Water Usage VS Average High Temperature (Santa Ana Fire Station)**



**10 Year Water Usage VS L.A. Metro Annual Average Unemployment Percentages**



# East Orange County Retail Zone Water Usage Report

## East Orange County Retail Zone Detailed Usage Historical Monthly Potable Usage (Fiscal Year, July-June)

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%

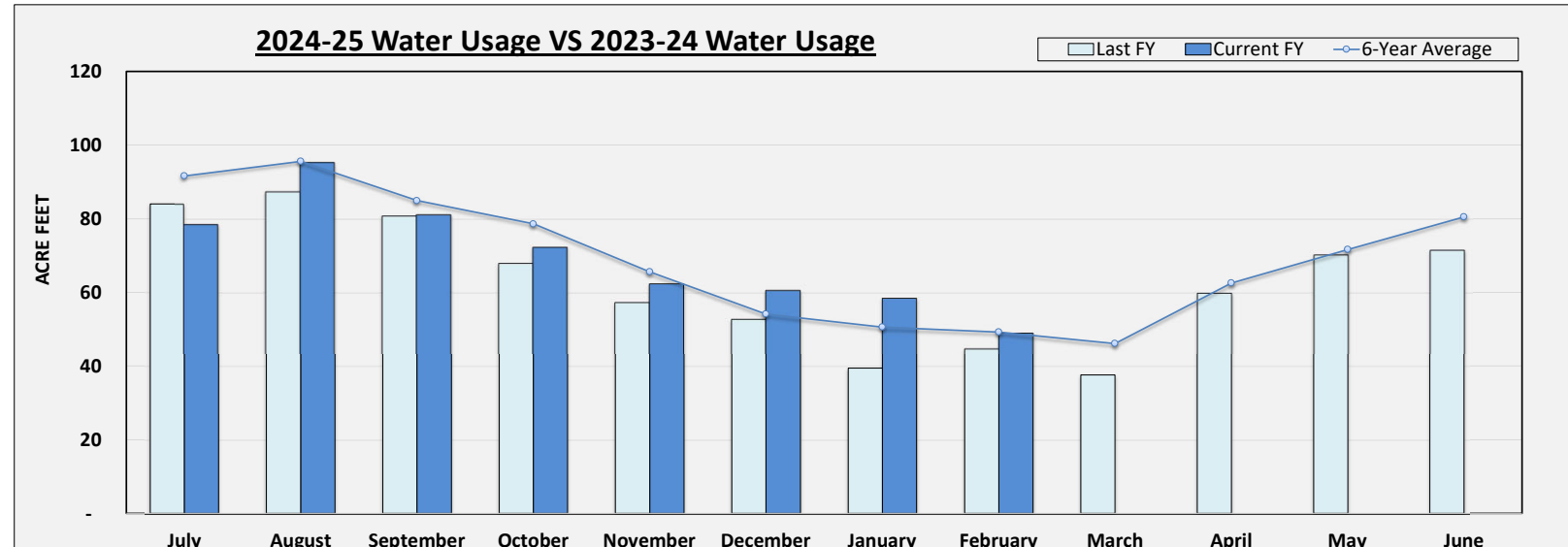
### Water Usage By Source

Imported	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
MWD via EO Wholesale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water from IRWD during OC-70 shutdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CPTP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MWD In-Lieu*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*In-lieu totals are subtracted from imported totals

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	159.2	152.0					1,238.6
Less Fill up Reservoir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-
Less CPTP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-
OCWD to Tustin	(57.80)	(70.40)	(66.1)	(90.5)	(105.5)	(83.1)	(100.4)	(102.9)					(676.7)
OCWD to GSWC	(3.20)	(0.40)	-	-	-	-	(0.2)	-					(3.8)
Local Total (minus reservoir)	78.5	95.3	81.1	72.4	62.4	60.7	58.6	49.1	-	-	-	-	558.1

<b>Total Usage 2024-25</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>558</b>
FY 23-24 versus FY 24-25	-7%	+9%	+0%	+6%	+9%	+15%	+49%	+10%					



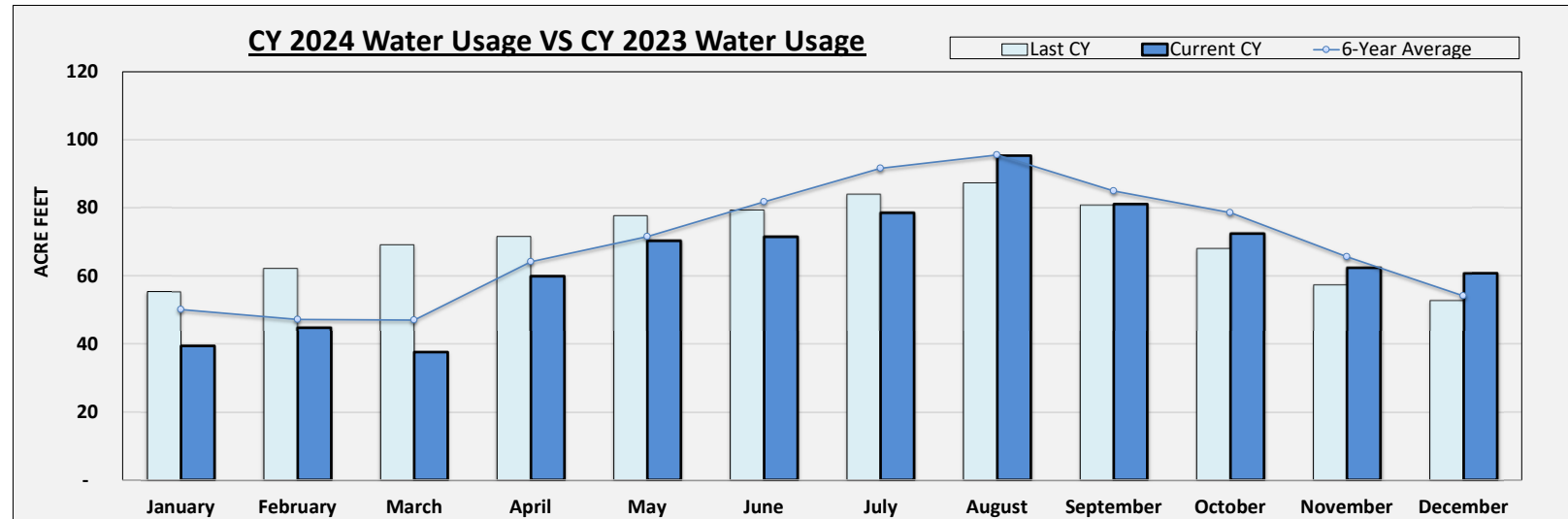
# East Orange County Retail Zone Water Usage Report

## Historical Monthly Potable Usage (Calendar Year)

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
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2024 VS 2023 Usage      -29%      -28%      -46%      -16%      -10%      -10%      -7%      +9%      +0%      +6%      +9%      +15%



	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 GPCD      -48      -58      -95      -36      -22      -24

	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	59	49	-	-	-	-	558
2024-25 GPCD	3,464	238	289	254	220	196	184	178	165	-	-	-	-	216

FY over FY change in GPCD      -16      +25      +2      +14      +16      +24      +59      +15      +22

\*Cumulative through the end of the last month shown

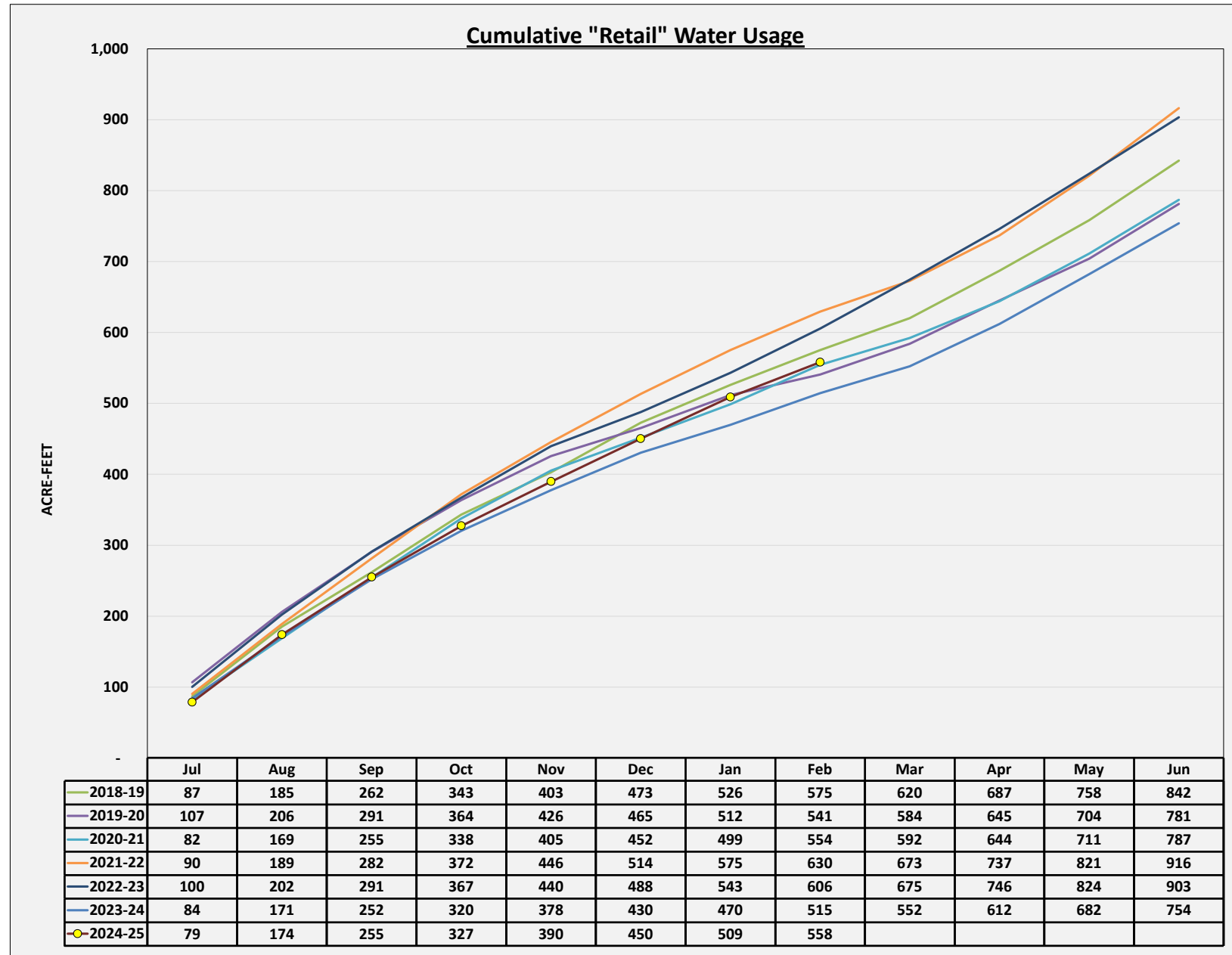
\*GPCD = (Total Monthly Production - Fill up Reservoir) / Population/days in the month

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

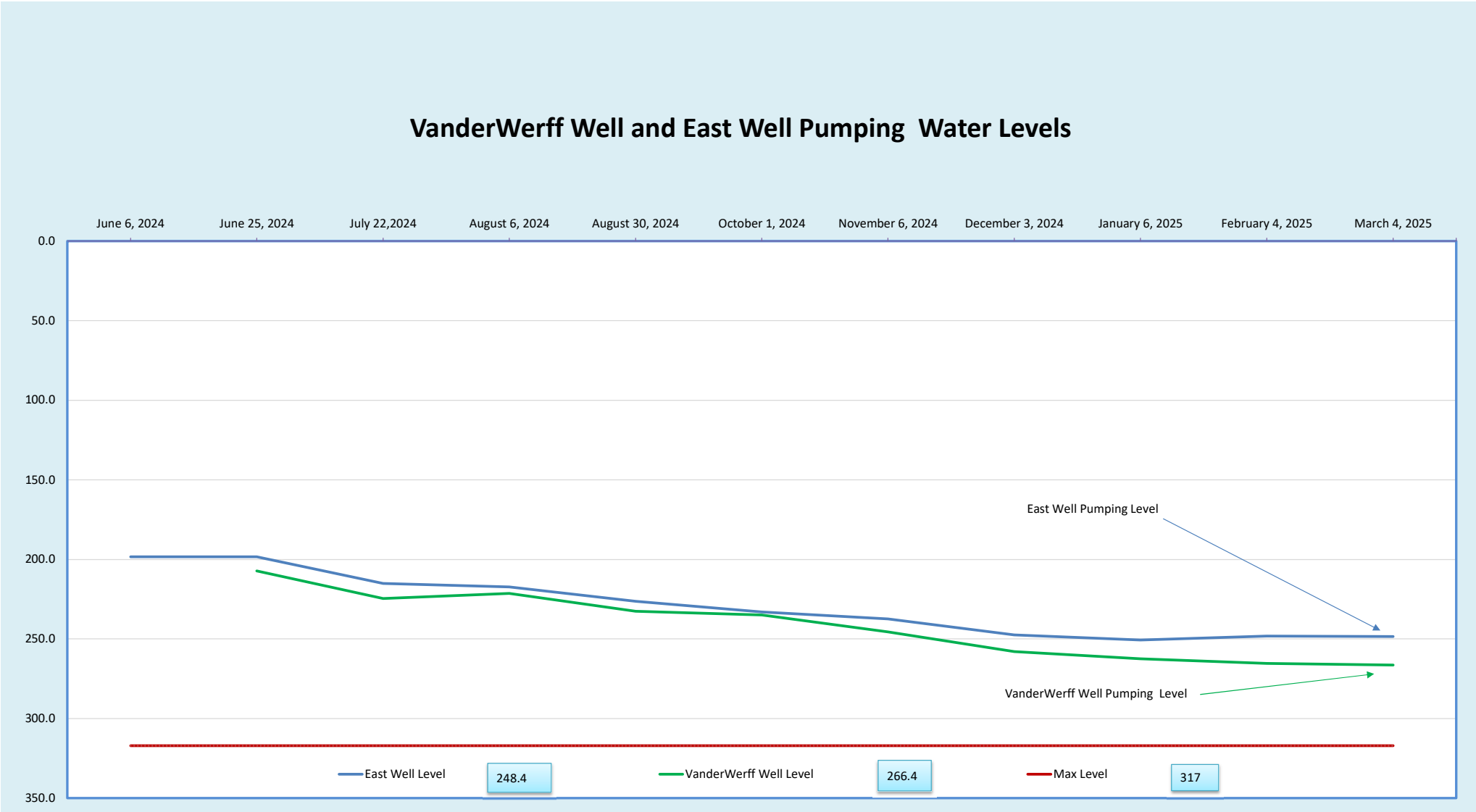


# East Orange County Retail Zone Water Usage Report

Cumulative Water Usage by Fiscal Year



VanderWerff Well and East Well Pumping Water Levels





# MEMO

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS  
**DATE** MARCH 27, 2025

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## Background

Monthly disbursements.

## Recommendation

Informational.

**Attachment(s):** Monthly disbursements report



**East Orange County Water District**

**Summary of Disbursements  
March 27, 2025**

**CHECK PAYMENTS:**

Wholesale Zone, Retail Zone, and ID1 Bill Payments	\$ 563,434.96
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**WIRE PAYMENTS:**

MWDOC - December 2024 Water Deliveries Payment	\$ 394,475.57
US Bank - Community Facilities District 2018 Debt Service	\$ 11,447.48
	<u>\$ 405,923.05</u>

<b>TOTAL OF CHECK PAYMENTS &amp; WIRES</b>	<b>\$ 969,358.01</b>
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**PAYROLL 2/5/2025**

Direct Deposit	\$ 53,440.19
Payroll Taxes	\$ 31,518.10
EFT - CalPERS	\$ 16,272.03
	<u>\$ 101,230.32</u>

**PAYROLL 2/19/2025**

Direct Deposit	\$ 53,068.43
Payroll Taxes	\$ 31,049.26
EFT - CalPERS	\$ 15,647.23
	<u>\$ 99,764.91</u>

**DIRECTOR'S PAYROLL 2/20/2025**

Printed Checks	\$ 2,908.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 470.29
	<u>\$ 3,378.29</u>

<b>TOTAL OF PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$ 204,373.52</b>
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<b>DISBURSEMENT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,173,731.54</b>
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**Check Disbursements  
February 2025**

Check Date	Check No.	Payee Name	Description	Check Amount
02/19/2025	25716	ALS Group Usa, Corp	Water Quality	344.00
02/19/2025	25717	Bay Alarm	185 N McPherson -Security Alarm 03/01/25-05/31/25	1,095.00
02/19/2025	25718	Butler Engineering, Inc.	Circula Panorama Pipeline	5,400.00
02/19/2025	25719	Cintas Corporation No. 3	Uniforms	95.31
02/19/2025	25720	CR&R, Inc.	Service Period 02/01/25-02/28/25(185 N McPherson)	383.39
02/19/2025	25721	EEC Environmental	FOG Program 11/01/24-12/31/24	3,122.50
02/19/2025	25722	Ferguson Enterprises, LLC	Hydrant- Traffic Marking Material	64.73
02/19/2025	25723	Francisco Lozano	Sewer Permit Refund	4,164.24
02/19/2025	25724	Generator Services Co, Inc.	Annual Maintenance & Rental Generator	2,505.01
02/19/2025	25725	Hach Company	Water Quality	1,769.37
02/19/2025	25726	Hill Brothers Chemical Co	Chemicals for WZ Reservoir	1,299.17
02/19/2025	25727	MKN	EOCWD Zone 3 to 2 Pipeline Conversion - January	7,176.53
02/19/2025	25728	Morrow Meadows Corp	Electrical Services at Newport Reservoir	2,141.88
02/19/2025	25729	Netika Raval	RZ Customer Refund	349.81
02/19/2025	25730	Santiago Aqueduct Commission	SAC Landscape Special Project - July 2024 to December 2024	2,865.92
02/19/2025	25731	Softscapes Corporation	Landscape Services - Various Reservoir Sites	11,350.00
02/19/2025	25732	Southern California Edison	Electric Services - Various Locations - 01/04/25-02/06/25	2,540.08
02/19/2025	25733	T.E. Roberts, Inc.	Circula Panorama Pipeline Conversion - Contract Retention	208,853.74
02/19/2025	25734	Total Exterminating, Inc.	Rodent Control - Peter's Canyon Res	570.00
02/19/2025	25735	Uline	Office Supplies	501.83
02/19/2025	25736	Umpqua Bank	Credit Card Activity 01/01/25-01/31/25	1,945.50
02/19/2025	25737	Variable Speed Solutions, Inc	Equipment & Install - Lift Station	11,194.43
02/19/2025	25738	Waterline Technologies, Inc.	Water Quality	442.25
02/19/2025	25739	West Yost & Associates, Inc.	Professional Services 12/07/24 to 01/03/25 - On-Call Engineering	3,191.50
02/19/2025	25740	Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc.	Planned Maintenance Service - Daniger Pump	2,200.88
02/19/2025	25741	Yo Fire	Small Tools	6,965.46
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$282,532.53</b>



## Check Disbursements March 2025

Check Date	Check No.	Payee Name	Description	Check Amount
03/06/2025	25742	ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority	Employee Medical Insurance - April 2025	29,755.38
03/06/2025	25743	ALS Group Usa, Corp	Water Quality	641.50
03/06/2025	25744	AT&T Mobility	Cellular Line 02/13/25-03/12/25	109.07
03/06/2025	25745	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo	January 2025 Legal Fees	8,698.83
03/06/2025	25746	Best Best & Krieger, LLP	Legal Services through 01/31/25 Reservoir Cell Tower Equipment	1,566.00
03/06/2025	25747	BTI Communications Group, Ltd.	Annual Fee - SonicWall TZ270	174.23
03/06/2025	25748	Cintas Corporation No. 3	Uniforms - February	190.62
03/06/2025	25749	City Of Orange	Vehicle Maintenance	975.33
03/06/2025	25750	City Of Orange-Water	12/23/24-02/24/25 Water Usage for 185/210 N McPherson	488.17
03/06/2025	25751	County Of Orange	General Election - November 5,2024	23,423.97
03/06/2025	25752	Dopudja & Wells Consulting Inc.	Master Plan Update - Wholesale & Retail - January 2025	19,466.25
03/06/2025	25753	East Orange County Water District	Payment to WZ for Imported Water - January 2025	10,395.67
03/06/2025	25754	Eide Bailly, LLP	Consulting Services Retainer - January 2025	10,085.77
03/06/2025	25755	Foothill Sentry, Inc.	Display Color Ad March 2025	525.17
03/06/2025	25756	Generator Services Co, Inc.	Rental Generator -02/01/25-02/28/25 150KVA	1,349.76
03/06/2025	25757	Haaker Equipment Company	Vehicle Maintenance	2,376.10
03/06/2025	25758	Hach Company	Water Quality	11,219.32
03/06/2025	25759	Hill Brothers Chemical Co	Chemicals for WZ Reservoir	1,265.52
03/06/2025	25760	Home Depot Credit Services	Misc. Hardware, Materials & Tools/Maintenance	1,291.07
03/06/2025	25761	Instant Lube, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	59.99
03/06/2025	25762	JAN-PRO Franchise Development of Southern Cali	Monthly Janitorial Service - March 2025	823.05
03/06/2025	25763	Lewis Consulting Group	Consulting Services - February 2025	2,500.00
03/06/2025	25764	Main Graphics	Bi-Monthly Mailing - Postage	1,543.29
03/06/2025	25765	Matrix Computer Service	IT Support 01/18/25 - 02/21/25	7,590.00
03/06/2025	25766	Morrow Meadows Corp	Electric - Barrett Pump Station	1,588.24
03/06/2025	25767	Orange County Sanitation District	OCHCA Fog/BMP Inspections Q1/Q2 2024-2025	519.54
03/06/2025	25768	Richard E. Ruegger	Sewer Permit Refund - Inspection Fee	800.00
03/06/2025	25769	SoCalGas	Gas - 185 N McPherson (01/24/25-02/24/25)	28.25
03/06/2025	25770	Southern California Edison	Electric Services - Various Locations 10/09/25-02/23/25	3,837.52
03/06/2025	25771	Spectrum Business	Office Phones Internet - 02/15/25 - 03/14/25	384.97
03/06/2025	25772	Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance Premium 03/01/25-03/31/25	1,000.74
03/06/2025	25773	Starting Line Advisory	February 2025 Advisory Services	8,250.00
03/06/2025	25774	Waterline Technologies, Inc.	Water Quality	921.10
03/06/2025	25775	Xerox Corporation	Copier - Monthly Maintenance	152.70
03/06/2025	25776	Yo Fire	Valve & Service Line Maintenance	1,098.70
03/19/2025	25777	ALS Group Usa, Corp	Water Quality	107.50
03/19/2025	25778	AT&T	Scada Alarm Lines for 02/01/25-02/28/25	47.28
03/19/2025	25779	AT&T	Scada System Lines for 02/01/25-02/28/25	375.29
03/19/2025	25780	AT&T	Scada Fax Lines for 02/01/25-02/28/25	47.28
03/19/2025	25781	Austin Clean Water Advisors, Inc.	SSMP Workshop	998.00
03/19/2025	25782	Best Best & Krieger, LLP	Legal Services through 02/28/25 Reservoir Cell	1,188.00
03/19/2025	25783	Butier Engineering, Inc.	Circula Panorama Pipeline - February 2025	2,310.00
03/19/2025	25784	Cintas Corporation No. 3	Uniforms	277.81
03/19/2025	25785	Communications Lab	Professional Services for February 2025	5,109.48
03/19/2025	25786	Concentra Medical Centers	Employee Physical	600.00
03/19/2025	25787	CR&R, Inc.	Service Period 03/01/25-03/31/25 (185 & 210 N McPherson)	383.39
03/19/2025	25788	Eagle Communications	Small Tools	827.35
03/19/2025	25789	Eide Bailly, LLP	Consulting Services - February 2025	53.81
03/19/2025	25790	Ferguson Enterprises, LLC	Hydrant Relocation & Valve Replacement at Circula Panorama	3,144.45
03/19/2025	25791	Great America Networks, Inc	Office Phones 03/01/25-03/31/25	352.41
03/19/2025	25792	Hach Company	Water Quality	1,006.14
03/19/2025	25793	Hill Brothers Chemical Co	Chemicals for WZ Reservoir	3,585.00
03/19/2025	25794	Home Depot Credit Services	Misc. Hardware, Materials & Tools/Maintenance	2,219.07
03/19/2025	25795	Hydropro Solutions	Meter Maintenance	2,093.88
03/19/2025	25796	Irvine Pipe Supply	Valve Replacement	343.68

Check Date	Check No.	Payee Name	Description	Check Amount
03/19/2025	25797	Matrix Computer Service	IT Support - 02/	264.76
03/19/2025	25798	Mesa Water District	Nov - Jan Fee Share	70.50
03/19/2025	25799	MKN	EOCWD Zone 3 to 2 Pipeline Conversion- February	561.35
03/19/2025	25800	O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	43.94
03/19/2025	25801	Petty Cash	Petty Cash Expense - October 31,2024 - November 30, 2024	232.16
03/19/2025	25802	SC Fuels	Fuel - February 2025	3,340.67
03/19/2025	25803	Softscapes Corporation	Landscape - Main Office Clean up and Trimming	450.00
03/19/2025	25804	Southern California Edison	Electricity Services - Various Locations - 01/27/24 to 03/10/25	21,753.07
03/19/2025	25805	Springbrook Holding Company, LLC	Standard Professional Services -January 2025	275.00
03/19/2025	25806	Total Exterminating, Inc.	Rodent Control - Peter's Canyon Res	285.00
03/19/2025	25807	Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.	Consulting Services for March 2025	3,500.00
03/19/2025	25808	Uline	Office Supplies	775.18
03/19/2025	25809	Underground Service Alert	USA Location - February 2025	547.49
03/19/2025	25810	Verizon Wireless	Wireless 01/26/25-02/25/25	1,154.99
03/19/2025	25811	W.M. Lyles Co.	SCADA Field Site RTU Programming	57,037.50
03/19/2025	25812	Waterline Technologies, Inc.	Water Quality	579.50
03/19/2025	25813	Yo Fire	Small tools	825.11
03/21/2025	25814	Umpqua Bank	Credit Card Activity - 02/01/25-02/28/25	9,040.57
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$280,902.43</b>



# MEMO

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
**DATE** MARCH 27, 2025

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## Background

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

## Recommendation

Receive and File.

**Attachment(s):** Financial Statements for December 2024 and January 2025



# December 2024 Financial Reporting

*Prepared by*



*\*No assurance is provided on the financial statements. The financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows. Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States are not included.*



**Cash & Investments**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**December 31, 2024**

	Type	Cost	Market	% Total
<b>District Cash &amp; Investments</b>				
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) *	Investment	\$ 104,313	\$ 104,273	0.2%
U.S. Bank - Sewer	Investment	23,501,715	23,274,232	45.3%
Raymond James Brokerage - Wholesale	Investment	2,610,695	2,582,111	5.0%
Raymond James Brokerage - Sewer	Investment	5,154,747	5,138,137	10.0%
CA CLASS Prime Fund **	Investment	1,333,184	1,333,201	2.6%
Citizens Business Bank	Checking	2,011,506	2,011,506	3.9%
Citizens Business Bank	Money Market	108,961	108,961	0.2%
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>		<b>34,825,121</b>	<b>34,552,422</b>	<b>67.3%</b>
<b>Restricted</b>				
U.S. Bank - Sewer Acquisition Funds	Investment	15,340,432	15,191,946	29.6%
U.S. Bank - Sewer Capacity Fees	Investment	1,431,277	1,417,423	2.8%
PARS Post-Employment Benefits	Trust	125,000	162,342	0.3%
<b>Total Restricted</b>		<b>16,896,709</b>	<b>16,771,712</b>	<b>32.7%</b>
<b>Total District Cash &amp; Investments</b>		<b>\$ 51,721,830</b>	<b>\$ 51,324,134</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

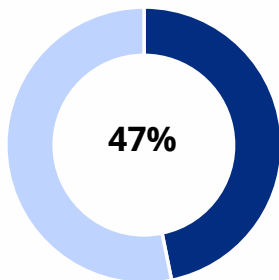
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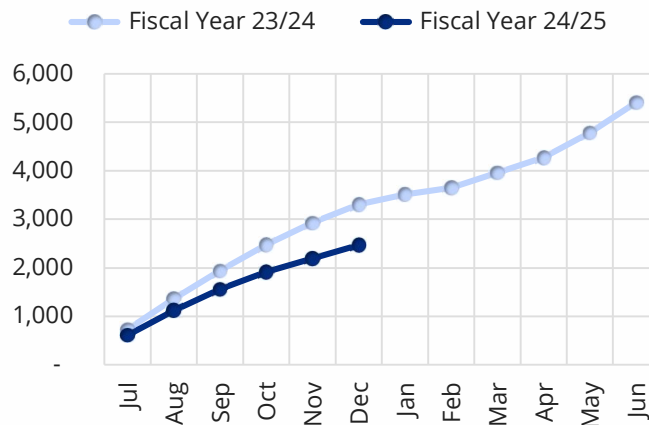
## Wholesale Water Financial Dashboard December 2024

	December 2024 Actual	Year-to-Date (YTD) Actual	2024/25 Annual Budget	YTD 50%
1 Operating Revenue	\$ 474,330	\$ 3,927,669	\$ 8,177,100	48%
2 Non-Operating Revenue	294,815	604,814	1,511,700	40%
3 <b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>769,145</b>	<b>4,532,482</b>	<b>9,688,800</b>	<b>47%</b>
4 Source of Supply	420,164	3,537,280	7,590,300	47%
5 Salaries & Benefits	48,484	262,692	578,700	45%
6 Operations & Maintenance	12,688	129,840	377,950	34%
7 General & Administrative	28,044	214,431	361,800	59%
8 <b>Total Expense</b>	<b>509,380</b>	<b>4,144,243</b>	<b>8,908,750</b>	<b>47%</b>
9 <b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b>259,765</b>	<b>388,239</b>	<b>780,050</b>	<b>50%</b>
10 CIP, Net of Capital Grants	(154,687)	(222,966)	(2,539,300)	9%
11 CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments	-	-	(7,079)	0%
12 <b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>\$ 105,078</b>	<b>\$ 165,273</b>	<b>\$ (1,766,329)</b>	

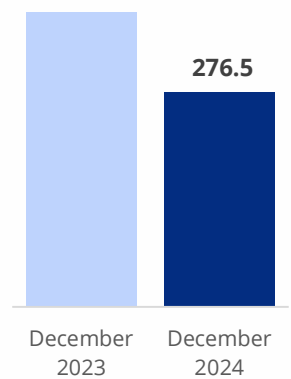
**Total Revenue v.  
Budget**



**Water Sales Trend in Acre-Feet (AF)**

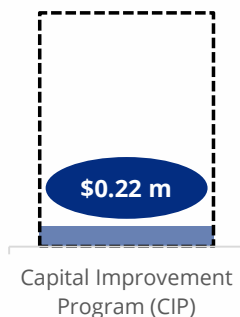


**Water Sold this  
Month in Acre-Feet  
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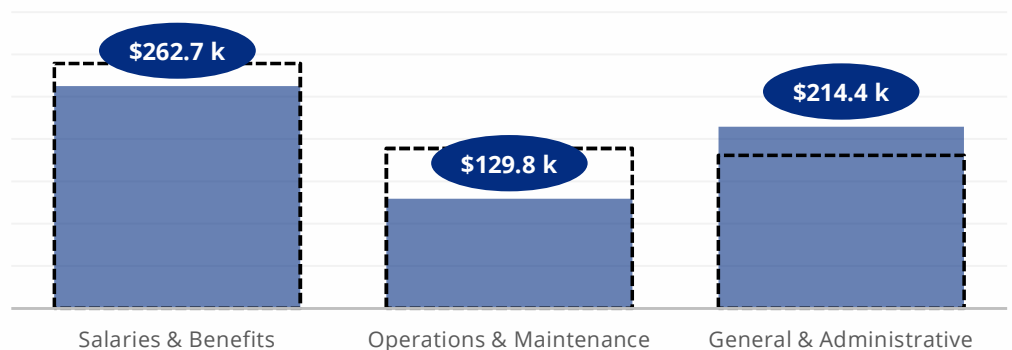
**YTD CIP v. Budget**

■ Actual □ TTL Budget



**YTD Expense v. YTD Target Budget**

■ YTD Actual □ Target 0.5 of Budget

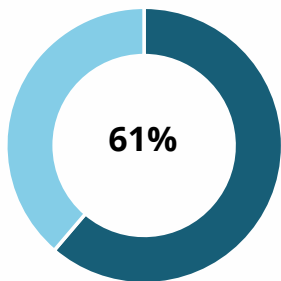




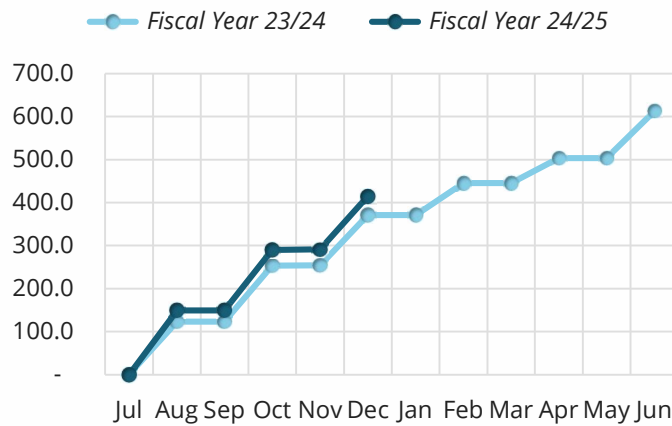
**Retail Water  
Financial Dashboard  
December 2024**

	December 2024 Actual	Year-to-Date (YTD) Actual	2024/25 Annual Budget	YTD 50%
1 Operating Revenue	\$ 981,647	\$ 1,966,176	\$ 2,966,600	66%
2 Non-Operating Revenue	157,118	298,394	727,800	41%
3 <b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,138,765</b>	<b>2,264,569</b>	<b>3,694,400</b>	<b>61%</b>
4 Source of Supply	660,740	834,704	706,400	118%
5 Salaries & Benefits	75,719	399,193	837,500	48%
6 Operations & Maintenance	7,589	98,278	217,500	45%
7 General & Administrative	34,431	246,643	413,100	60%
8 <b>Total Expense</b>	<b>778,480</b>	<b>1,578,817</b>	<b>2,174,500</b>	<b>73%</b>
9 <b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b>360,285</b>	<b>685,752</b>	<b>1,519,900</b>	<b>45%</b>
10 CIP, Net of Capital Grants	(157,977)	(4,103,943)	(7,374,450)	56%
11 Internal Loan Proceeds for CIP from Sewer	4,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	200%
12 Debt Service Payments	-	(39,496)	(259,000)	15%
13 CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments	-	-	(10,031)	0%
14 <b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>\$ 4,202,308</b>	<b>\$ 542,313</b>	<b>\$ (4,123,581)</b>	

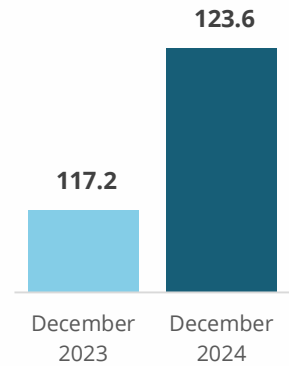
**Total Revenue v.  
Budget**



**Water Sales Trend in Acre-Feet (AF)**

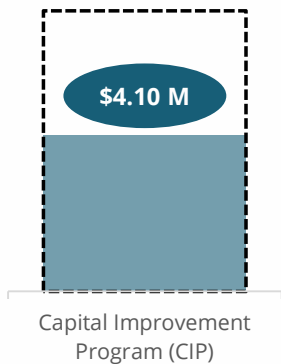


**Water Sold this  
Month in Acre-Feet**



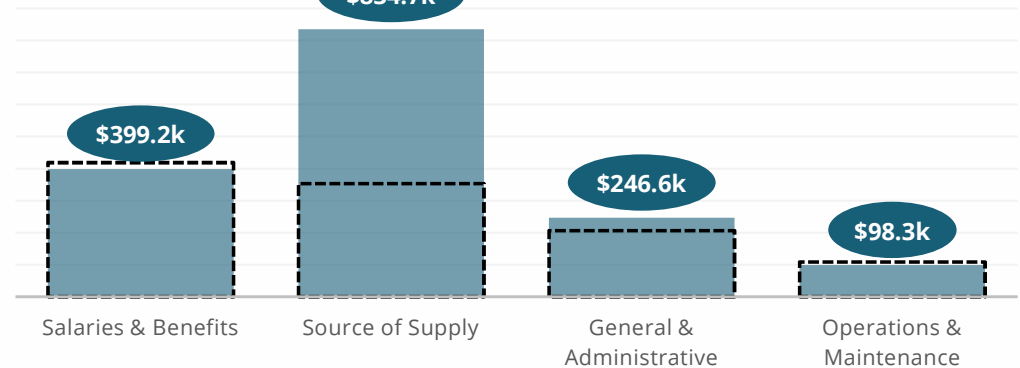
**YTD CIP v. Budget**

Actual Total Budget



**YTD Expense v. Target Budget**

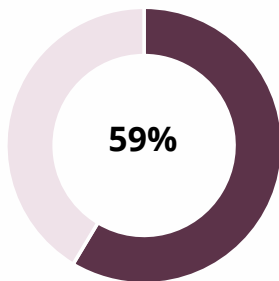
Actual Target 0.5 of Budget



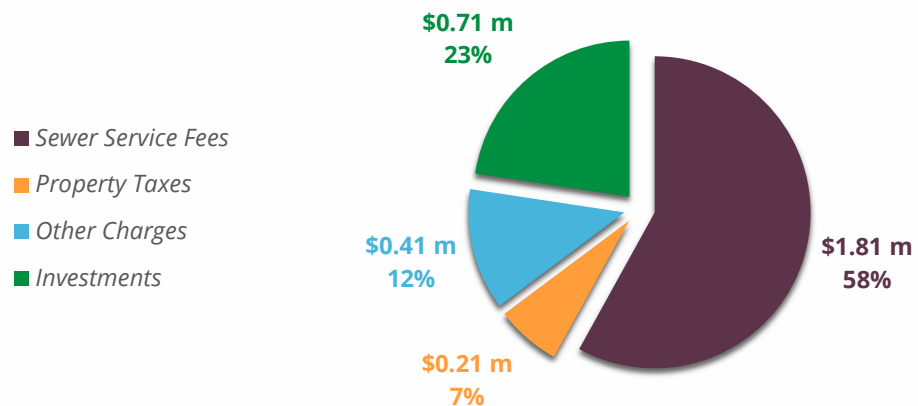
**Sewer  
Financial Dashboard  
December 2024**

	December 2024 Actual	Year-to-Date (YTD) Actual	2024/25 Annual Budget	YTD 50%
1 Operating Revenue	\$ 1,144,366	\$ 2,217,857	\$ 3,941,400	56%
2 Non-Operating Revenue	341,297	943,605	1,455,900	65%
3 <b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,485,662</b>	<b>3,161,462</b>	<b>5,397,300</b>	<b>59%</b>
4 Salaries & Benefits	153,735	868,859	1,756,100	49%
5 Operations & Maintenance	26,671	157,976	330,200	48%
6 General & Administrative	47,508	274,900	495,400	55%
7 <b>Total Expense</b>	<b>227,914</b>	<b>1,301,736</b>	<b>2,581,700</b>	<b>50%</b>
8 <b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b>1,257,748</b>	<b>1,859,726</b>	<b>2,815,600</b>	<b>66%</b>
9 CIP, Net of Capital Grants	(93,550)	(435,033)	(1,595,250)	27%
10 Internal Loan Funding for Retail CIP	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(2,000,000)	200%
11 Debt Service Payments	-	(157,982)	(1,036,000)	15%
12 CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments	-	-	(17,810)	0%
13 <b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>\$ (2,835,801)</b>	<b>\$ (2,733,290)</b>	<b>\$ (1,833,460)</b>	

**Total Revenue v.  
Budget**

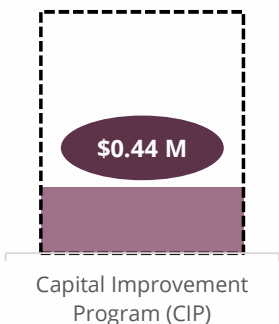


**YTD Major Revenue Sources**



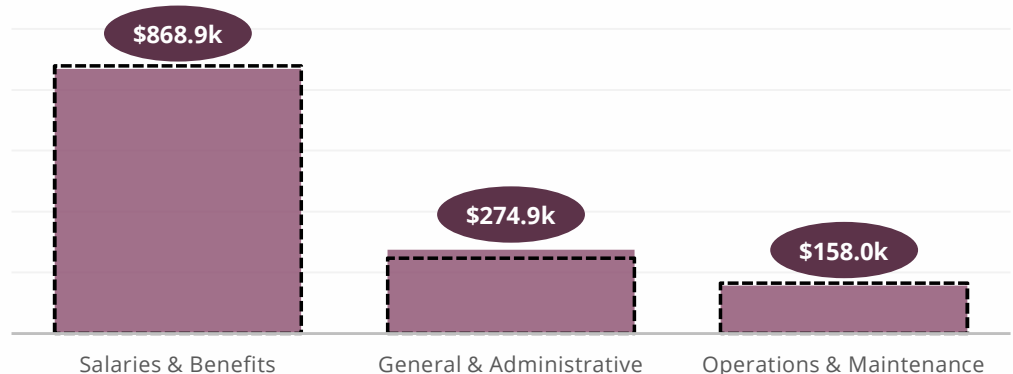
**YTD CIP v. Budget**

■ Actual    □ Total Budget



**YTD Expense v. Target Budget**

■ Actual    □ Target 0.5 of Budget





# January 2025 Financial Reporting

*Prepared by*



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## Cash & Investments (Unaudited) January 31, 2025

	Type	Cost	Market	% Total
<b>District Cash &amp; Investments</b>				
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) *	Investment	\$ 105,521	\$ 105,481	0.2%
U.S. Bank - Sewer	Investment	23,714,288	23,432,065	46.7%
Raymond James Brokerage - Wholesale	Investment	2,632,298	2,579,042	5.1%
Raymond James Brokerage - Sewer	Investment	5,129,813	5,146,643	10.3%
CA CLASS Prime Fund **	Investment	1,343,450	1,343,509	2.7%
Citizens Business Bank	Checking	751,812	751,812	1.5%
Citizens Business Bank	Money Market	41,344	41,344	0.1%
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>		<b>33,718,527</b>	<b>33,399,897</b>	<b>66.6%</b>
<b>Restricted</b>				
U.S. Bank - Sewer Acquisition Funds	Investment	15,374,922	15,191,946	30.3%
U.S. Bank - Sewer Capacity Fees	Investment	1,434,495	1,417,423	2.8%
PARS Post-Employment Benefits	Trust	125,000	165,206	0.3%
<b>Total Restricted</b>		<b>16,934,418</b>	<b>16,774,576</b>	<b>33.4%</b>
<b>Total District Cash &amp; Investments</b>		<b>\$ 50,652,944</b>	<b>\$ 50,174,473</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

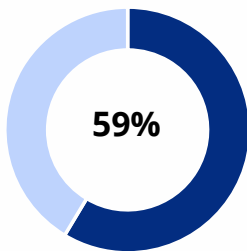
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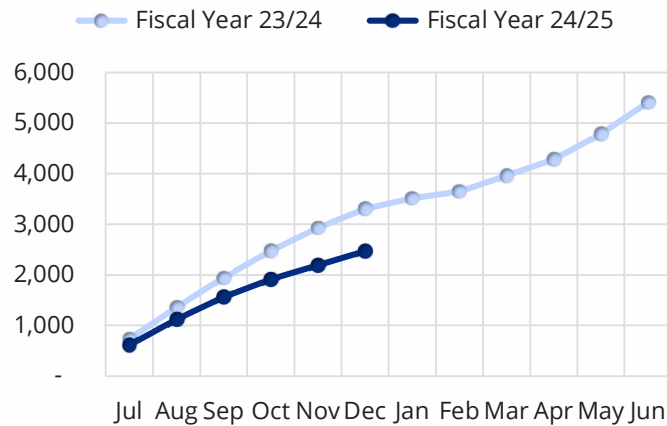
## Wholesale Water Financial Dashboard January 2025

	January 2025 Actual	Year-to-Date (YTD) Actual	2024/25 Annual Budget	YTD 58%
1 Operating Revenue	\$ 880,630	\$ 4,808,298	\$ 8,177,100	59%
2 Non-Operating Revenue	262,862	867,676	1,511,700	57%
3 <b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,143,492</b>	<b>5,675,974</b>	<b>9,688,800</b>	<b>59%</b>
4 Source of Supply	470,735	4,008,016	7,590,300	53%
5 Salaries & Benefits	38,797	301,489	578,700	52%
6 Operations & Maintenance	32,103	165,606	377,950	44%
7 General & Administrative	21,677	237,333	361,800	66%
8 <b>Total Expense</b>	<b>563,313</b>	<b>4,712,444</b>	<b>8,908,750</b>	<b>53%</b>
9 <b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b>580,179</b>	<b>963,531</b>	<b>780,050</b>	<b>124%</b>
10 CIP, Net of Capital Grants	(43,742)	(266,708)	(2,539,300)	11%
11 CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments	-	-	(7,079)	0%
12 <b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>\$ 536,437</b>	<b>\$ 696,823</b>	<b>\$ (1,766,329)</b>	

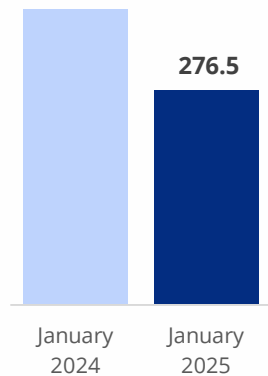
**Total Revenue v.  
Budget**



**Water Sales Trend in Acre-Feet (AF)**

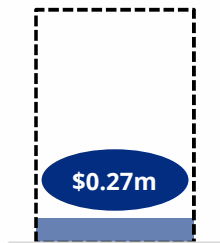


**Water Sold this  
Month in Acre-Feet**



**YTD CIP v. Budget**

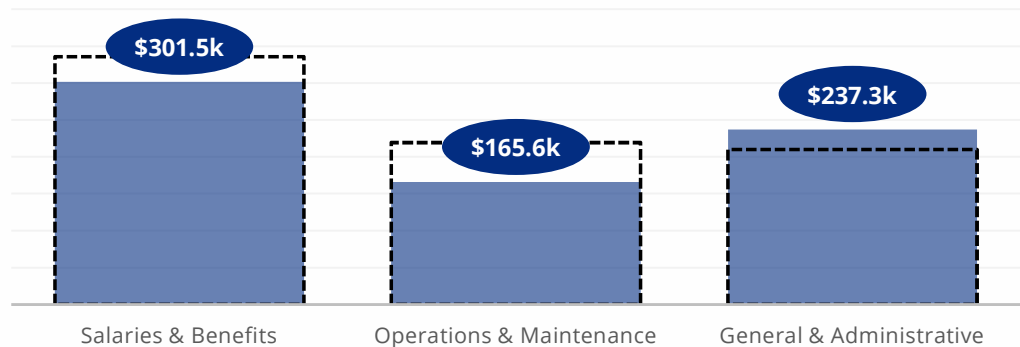
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Capital Improvement  
Program (CIP)

**YTD Expense v. YTD Target Budget**

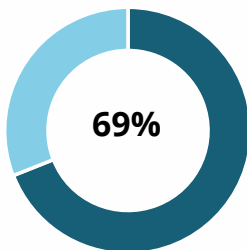
■ YTD Actual □ Target 58% of Budget



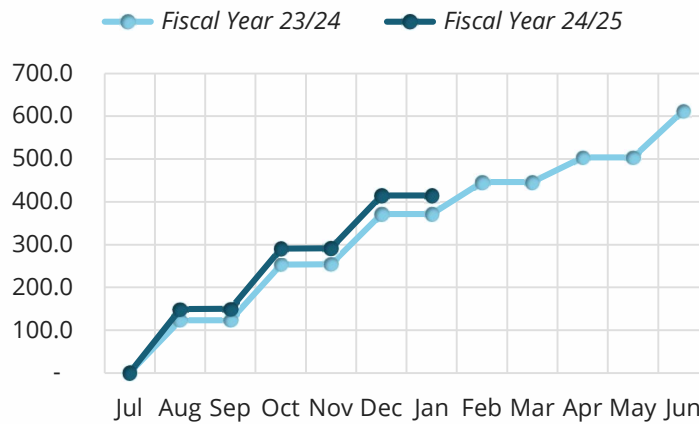
## Retail Water Financial Dashboard January 2025

	January 2025 Actual	Year-to-Date (YTD) Actual	2024/25 Annual Budget	YTD 58%
1 Operating Revenue	\$ 215,907	\$ 2,182,083	\$ 2,966,600	74%
2 Non-Operating Revenue	70,705	369,098	727,800	51%
3 <b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>286,612</b>	<b>2,551,181</b>	<b>3,694,400</b>	<b>69%</b>
4 Source of Supply	323,088	1,157,793	706,400	▶ 164%
5 Salaries & Benefits	62,191	461,384	837,500	55%
6 Operations & Maintenance	24,518	122,863	217,500	56%
7 General & Administrative	23,160	271,028	413,100	▶ 66%
8 <b>Total Expense</b>	<b>432,958</b>	<b>2,013,068</b>	<b>2,174,500</b>	<b>▶ 93%</b>
9 <b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b>(146,347)</b>	<b>538,113</b>	<b>1,519,900</b>	<b>35%</b>
10 CIP, Net of Capital Grants	(273,802)	(4,377,946)	(7,374,450)	59%
11 Internal Loan Proceeds for CIP from Sewer	-	4,000,000	2,000,000	▶ 200%
12 Debt Service Payments	-	(39,496)	(259,000)	15%
13 CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments	-	-	(10,031)	0%
14 <b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>\$ (420,149)</b>	<b>\$ 120,671</b>	<b>\$ (4,123,581)</b>	

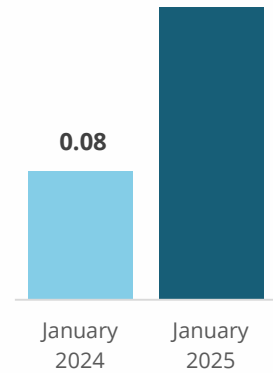
**Total Revenue v.  
Budget**



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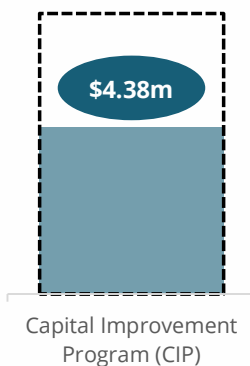


**Water Sold this  
Month in Acre-Feet  
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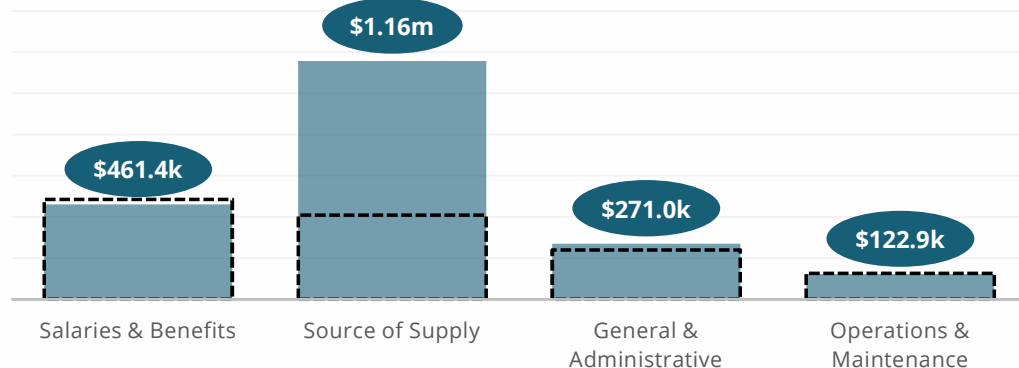
**YTD CIP v. Budget**

■ Actual □ Total Budget



**YTD Expense v. Target Budget**

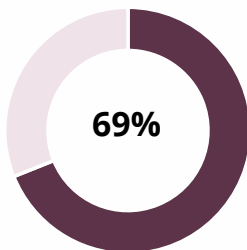
■ Actual □ Target 58% of Budget



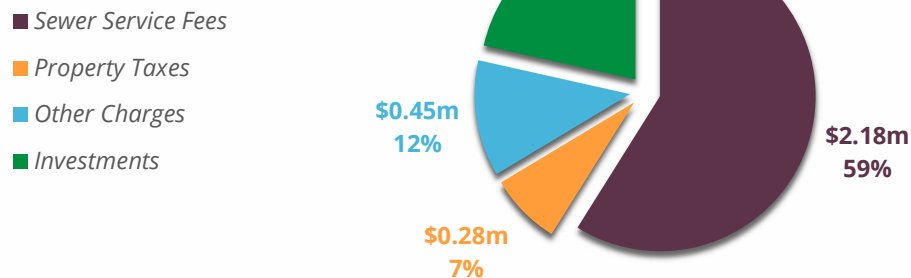
**Sewer  
Financial Dashboard  
January 2025**

	January 2025 Actual	Year-to-Date (YTD) Actual	2024/25 Annual Budget	YTD 58%
1 Operating Revenue	\$ 407,079	\$ 2,624,936	\$ 3,941,400	67%
2 Non-Operating Revenue	149,471	1,093,076	1,455,900	75%
3 <b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>556,550</b>	<b>3,718,012</b>	<b>5,397,300</b>	<b>69%</b>
4 Salaries & Benefits	128,538	997,398	1,756,100	57%
5 Operations & Maintenance	15,284	173,746	330,200	53%
6 General & Administrative	24,228	303,544	495,400	61%
7 <b>Total Expense</b>	<b>168,050</b>	<b>1,474,688</b>	<b>2,581,700</b>	<b>57%</b>
8 <b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b>388,500</b>	<b>2,243,324</b>	<b>2,815,600</b>	<b>80%</b>
9 CIP, Net of Capital Grants	(11,286)	(446,319)	(1,595,250)	28%
10 Internal Loan Funding for Retail CIP	-	(4,000,000)	(2,000,000)	200%
11 Debt Service Payments	-	(157,982)	(1,036,000)	15%
12 CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payments	-	-	(17,810)	0%
13 <b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>\$ 377,214</b>	<b>\$ (2,360,978)</b>	<b>\$ (1,833,460)</b>	

**Total Revenue v.  
Budget**

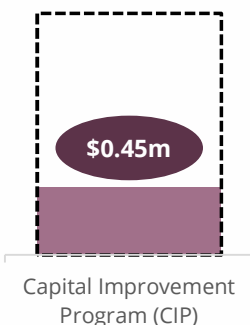


**YTD Major Revenue Sources**



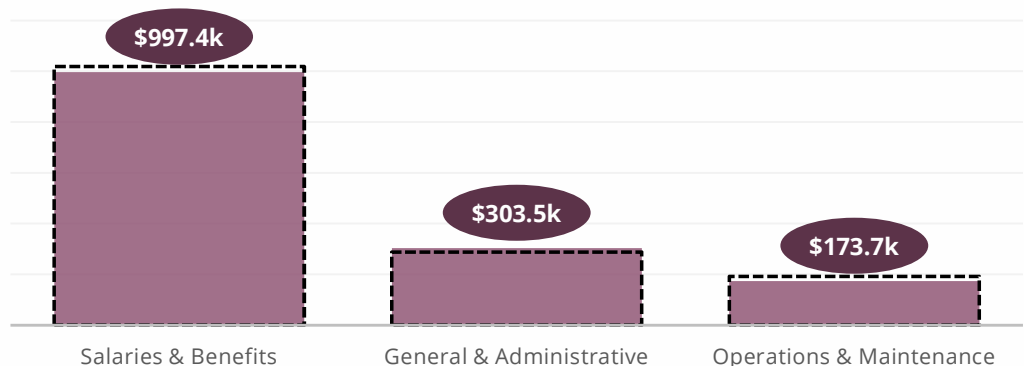
**YTD CIP v. Budget**

■ Actual □ Total Budget



**YTD Expense v. Target Budget**

■ Actual □ Target 58% of Budget





# MEMO

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE  
**DATE** MARCH 27, 2025

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## Background

Staff will present a progress update on this fiscal year's Capital Improvement Program.

## Recommendation

Receive and File.

Attachment(s): CIP Program Summary 2024/25



East Orange County Water District Capital Project Summary FY 2024/25

Project Number	Capital Improvement Project Name	FY 24/25 Budget	Project % Complete	Project Status	Notes
SHARED COST PROJECTS					
21-045	SCADA System Improvements {Phase II}	300,000	80%	Construction	Startup/Commissioning complete at several sites
22-001	Financial Software and Implementation	60,000	100%		Springbrook migration complete
24-011	Hazard Mitigation Plan	150,000	10%	Planning	Kickoff meeting took place; cost to be 100% covered by Grant
25-012	Hydrant Replacements 2025	40,000	10%		Staff determining assets to replace
25-007	District HQ Backup Generator	130,000	95%	Construction	Pending final inspection from City FD
25-008	Field Truck	75,000	100%		Received and in use
25-004	6MG Equipment Canopy	75,000	10%		May be deferred until site design completed
25-005	6MG Site Additional Storage	20,000	10%		May be deferred until site design completed
25-003	AWIA Assessment	150,000	10%	Planning	Kickoff meeting took place; cost to be 100% covered by Grant
25-015	11.5MG Spare Mixer	15,000	100%		Received
WHOLESALE ZONE					
23-007	6MG Reservoir - Pipeline and Vault Improvements	200,000	50%	Construction	Issued PO, ordered materials
22-051	Wholesale Reservoir Backup Power	245,000	10%	RFQ	Portable Generator that can be used at several sites
24-007	Wholesale Reservoir Management Systems	1,500,000	35%	Design	Staff developing scope
24-001	Master Plan Update - Wholesale	150,000	10%	Planning	Kickoff meeting took place
25-011	Valve Replacements 2025	40,000	10%		Staff determining assets to replace
RETAIL ZONE					
21-011	Brae Glen Pipeline Replacement	500,000	50%	Bidding	Phase I construction complete, bid Phase II
22-040	Circula Panorama Pipeline Replacement / Conversion	4,700,000	100%		Project closed out
22-018	Orange Knoll PRV Station	75,000	50%	Bidding	Design complete, procure materials and Bid
21-009	Springwood Drive Pipeline Improvement	100,000	10%	Design	Design in-house
22-029	East Well Electrical	150,000	50%	Construction	Waiting soft start delivery to complete
22-031	Barrett and Hinton Service Relocations	225,000	50%	Bidding	Design complete, bid
24-008	Daniger Pump Station Upgrades	230,000	10%	Study	Staff evaluating
24-009	St. Jude/Panorama View Pipeline	225,000	35%	Design	Finalizing design, then bid
24-010	Barrett to Cresthaven Pipeline Replacement	75,000	50%	Bidding	Design complete, bid
24-002	Master Plan Update - Retail	150,000	10%	Planning	Kickoff meeting took place
25-011	Valve Replacements 2025	75,000	10%		Staff determining assets to replace
25-001	4" Main Replace/Abandon on Hewes & Fowler	100,000	10%	Design	Finalize design, then bid
25-002	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	1,200,000	10%	RFP	\$1M Funds appropriated but not yet Awarded; District's cost is \$200K
25-006	Vista Panorama Pump Station	250,000	35%	Design	Finalizing design, then bid
SEWER SYSTEM					
24-004	Lemon Heights Dr. Lift Station Rehabilitation	60,000	80%	Construction	VFDs replaced, Remote Monitoring in place, staff to replace damaged piping
24-003	SSMP Update and Spill Response	200,000	10%	Planning	Kickoff meeting took place
25-010	Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) 2025	300,000	10%		Staff determining pipes to line
25-013	Manhole Additions, Raising, Frames & Covers 2025	100,000	50%		Based on outside Agency projects
25-014	Manhole Rehabilitation/Replacement 2025	500,000	10%		Staff determining assets to replace
25-016	Fallen Leaf Sewer Rehab	100,000	10%		Review capacity analysis and monitor
25-009	Robotic Sewer Inspection Camera	44,000	100%		Received and in use
TOTAL CIP		\$ 12,509,000			

\* Grant Funding for reimbursement of project, Capital Budget shows potential contracting amount  
= Completed project



# MEMO

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER *ay*  
**SUBJECT:** CONFERENCE AND MEETING REQUESTS  
**DATE:** MARCH 27, 2025

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## Background

District policy requires prior approval for Board Member attendance at conferences and meetings.

- MWDOC Annual Elected Officials' Forum, April 9, 2025, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

## Recommendation

Board to authorize attendance as desired.

Attachment(s): None

# MEMO

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER *ay*  
**SUBJECT:** LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH REPORT  
**DATE:** MARCH 27, 2025

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## 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.

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** East Orange County Water District  
**From:** Townsend Public Affairs  
**Date:** March 4, 2025  
**Subject:** February 2025 Legislative Monthly Report

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**STATE UPDATES**

February 21 marked the deadline for introducing new bills in the Legislature, officially concluding the 2025 bill introduction period. Over the course of two months, lawmakers in both houses submitted a total of 2,350 measures—850 bills from the Senate and 1,500 from the Assembly.

This year, legislators are operating under new bill limits aimed at streamlining the legislative process. The Senate and Assembly have reduced their respective caps to 35 bills per member, down from previous limits of 40 in the Senate and 50 in the Assembly. These adjustments are intended to promote a more focused set of policy priorities and enhance the efficiency of the legislative process.

With the introduction period now closed, the Legislature shifts its attention to the next phase: policy committee hearings, where bills will undergo their first formal review. In the coming weeks, hundreds of measures will be examined in policy and fiscal committees, helping shape the year's legislative agenda. Committees have already begun holding informational and oversight hearings in preparation for evaluating the newly introduced proposals.

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

**STATE BUDGET**

**LAO Update on State Revenues and Budget Implications**

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) reported potential **higher-than-expected revenues for 2024-25**, with estimates suggesting \$4.4 billion above the Governor's Budget projections for 2024-25 and \$2.4 billion above for 2025-26. This increase is primarily driven by stock market gains boosting high-income tax collections, while corporate and sales tax revenues remain weaker.

Despite this, the overall budget impact may be limited. Much of the additional revenue must go to schools and reserves, and higher revenues in 2025-26 could reduce planned rainy-day fund withdrawals.

The LAO warns that stock market sustainability and inflation risks remain uncertain and advises policymakers to interpret revenue forecasts with caution. Their new forecasting guidelines state:

- Expect multi-billion-dollar variances in state revenue forecasts.
- Focus on larger trends rather than smaller differences in projections.
- Weigh upside and downside risks when planning.
- Be cautious in interpreting early-year tax collection trends.
- Recognize that revenues and the economy do not always align.

For now, California's short-term revenue outlook has improved, but long-term stability remains uncertain.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

As the bill introduction deadline steadily approached in the month of February, Speaker Robert Rivas released his legislative priorities, particularly on affordability—a central theme that has taken shape after the Los Angeles-area wildfires and a special session focused on countering federal policies dominated the first weeks of the legislative year. His strategy includes:

1. **Fast-Tracking Housing Legislation** – A package of bills will be introduced to expedite housing construction, especially in fire-ravaged coastal areas. These measures will require local governments and state agencies to accelerate permit approvals, freeze building standards, and enhance tenant protections for displaced residents. Speaker Rivas plans to add urgency clauses, ensuring the bills take effect immediately.
2. **Committee Hearings on Affordability** – On February 26, the Assembly's Economic Development, Growth, and Household Impact Committee began a series of hearings on key cost-of-living challenges, including LA fire recovery, grocery prices, transportation, child care, and health care costs.
3. **Assessing Additional Affordability Legislation** – As lawmakers introduced bills before the deadline, Speaker Rivas began evaluating which proposals could become part of a second round of affordability legislation, expected to be announced this spring. He previously stated that all legislation this session should be evaluated based on its impact on working families.

Several affordability-focused bills are already in play, addressing student loan debt forgiveness, tax breaks on essential goods, lower utility bills, and expanded child tax credits. However, housing remains the top priority, especially after the devastating LA wildfires, which destroyed over 16,000 homes and structures in a region already struggling with one of the nation's worst housing shortages.

In addition to the focus on affordability, notable upcoming hearings include an informational hearing on Proposition 36 implementation—which deals with sentencing reforms for nonviolent drug offenders—and a hearing on the State's Cap and Trade program and plans for its impending reauthorization. These discussions will be key in shaping California's approach to criminal justice and environmental policy moving forward.

## Proposition 4 Implementation Update: Wildfire Prevention Funding and New Fire Regulations

With the passage of Proposition 4 in November 2024, California voters approved a \$10 billion Climate Resilience Bond, directing significant funding toward wildfire prevention, water

infrastructure, coastal protection, and climate adaptation projects. Of this, \$1.5 billion is earmarked for wildfire prevention and forest resilience over the next five years, with \$325 million proposed for the FY25/26 cycle. Given the increasing severity of wildfires, rising insurance costs, and the need for stronger fire mitigation efforts, these funds are being expedited to support fire-prone communities ahead of the 2025 fire season.

A major priority in the funding plan is ensuring at least 40% of funds benefit disadvantaged communities. CalFire noted that this goal is typically met, though adjustments may be made as needed to ensure equitable distribution. Two pilot projects in Riverside and Siskiyou counties will test localized funding approaches.

While much of the Proposition 4 wildfire funding will be distributed through existing CalFire and CalOES programs, concerns remain over uncertainties in FEMA matching funds and the allocation of the remaining \$39 million in uncommitted resources. Moving forward, legislative discussions will focus on ensuring these funds reach the most at-risk communities, strengthening local fire mitigation efforts, and addressing gaps in insurance affordability.

Furthermore, the Governor's proposed budget allocates more than \$1 billion in the FY25/26 cycle for Safe Drinking Water, Drought, Flood, & Water Resilience. The funds are proposed to be allocated as follows:

- \$231.5 million to the Dam Safety and Climate Resiliency Local Assistance Program
- \$183.2 million for grants and loans to improve water quality and help provide clean, safe, reliable drinking water
- \$173.1 million for flood control projects
- \$153.4 million for water reuse and recycling projects
- \$148.2 million for the Salta Sea Management Program

## **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

### **State Water Project Allocations and Drought Conditions**

As of February 25, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) increased the State Water Project (SWP) allocation to 35% of requested supplies, up from 20% in January. This adjustment reflects the benefits of recent wet years, storms, improved snowpack, and enhanced reservoir storage.

Despite the above increase, drought conditions persist in certain regions across the State. Approximately 31.5% of California is still experiencing moderate drought, with 5.7% under severe drought conditions as of February. Notably, Southern California continues to face significant dryness, leading to the expansion of extreme drought—the third-highest classification—across parts of the State.

The Climate Prediction Center anticipates a wet and cool March for Northern and Central California, which may alleviate drought conditions in those areas.

## Fire Hazard Map Release & Public Comment Period

In addition to wildfire prevention funding, California fire officials recently released updated fire risk maps for cities and towns across the Bay Area and Northern California, marking the first hazard update in over a decade. These maps will guide stricter fire-resistant building and landscape regulations, such as the ban on combustible materials within five feet of homes. Property owners in "very high fire hazard" areas will face the strictest building codes, while those in "high" risk zones must also follow upgraded fire-resistant standards.

CalFire is releasing the maps in phases, with the next sets covering:

- March 10 – Central California, including Sacramento
- March 24 – Southern California

To engage in the process, local agencies can review the newly designated fire hazard severity zones and assess their impact on local building codes and fire safety regulations. According to the State, local governments are encouraged to work with CalFire and regional agencies to ensure the accuracy of designations and address any discrepancies. Additionally, they can submit comments or propose boundary refinements within the **120-day public review period** before the final adoption of the maps later this year.

## FEDERAL UPDATES

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

#### House and Senate Pass Dueling Budget Resolutions

The Senate and House have passed competing budget resolutions, marking the completion of the first step in the budget reconciliation process. These resolutions aim to advance key elements of President Donald Trump's legislative agenda. Budget reconciliation is a fast-track process that allows certain tax, spending, and debt limit legislation to pass in the Senate with a simple majority. The next step requires the House and Senate to reconcile their differences and adopt a unified budget resolution before it can move forward as legislation.

The Senate's Budget Committee [resolution](#) would add \$517 billion to the deficit over the next decade. That includes \$150 billion for defense and \$350 billion for border and immigration measures, and instructs several other Senate Committees to submit policy recommendations implementing these funding levels by March 7. Below is a high-level overview of the committee's instructions to increase and reduce spending for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034:

- Agriculture – reduce the deficit by not less than \$1 billion
- Armed Services – increase the deficit by not more than \$150 billion
- Commerce, Science and Transportation – increase the deficit by not more than \$20 billion
- Energy and Natural Resources – reduce the deficit by not less than \$1 billion
- Environment and Public Works – increase the deficit by not more than \$1 billion
- Finance – reduce the deficit by not less than \$1 billion
- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions – reduce the deficit by not less than \$1 billion



- Homeland Security – increase the deficit by not more than \$175 billion
- Judiciary – increase the deficit by not more than \$175 billion

The House Budget Committee's [resolution](#) calls for \$4.5 trillion to be spent on tax cuts and \$1.5 trillion on spending cuts, with instructions to other House Committees to submit policy recommendations implementing these funding levels by March 27. Below are the instructions to committees to increase or reduce spending for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034 with related policy proposals:

- Agriculture – reduce the deficit by not less than \$230 billion
- Armed Services – increase the deficit by not more than \$100 billion
- Education and Workforce – reduce the deficit by not less than \$330 billion
- Energy and Commerce – reduce the deficit by not less than \$880 billion
- Financial Services – reduce the deficit by not less than \$1 billion
- Homeland Security – increase the deficit by not more than \$90 billion
- Judiciary – to increase the deficit by not more than \$110 billion
- Natural Resources – reduce the deficit by not less than \$1 billion
- Oversight and Reform – reduce the deficit by not less than \$50 billion
- Transportation and Infrastructure – reduce the deficit by not less than \$10 billion
- Ways and Means – increase the deficit by \$4.5 trillion

Both House and Senate leaders have yet to agree on how to proceed with budget reconciliation. The Senate hopes to give President Trump a quick win by enacting a narrower border-energy-defense spending package now and extending the tax rates later. Due to the slim margin of GOP control, the House is leaning toward one bill. Additional details on the path forward will materialize as negotiations continue in the weeks to come.

## **FY2025 Appropriations Update**

On February 24, House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole said that negotiators are still trading offers as both sides seek a compromise to keep the government funded. However, he cautioned that a stopgap for the rest of the year is becoming more likely the longer Congress goes without a deal. Chairman Cole and House Speaker Mike Johnson are considering a full-year stopgap to keep the government funded through the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2025.

The Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) effort to shrink the size of government and implement funding cuts without approval from Congress has complicated negotiations. Congressional Democrats see the upcoming March 14 shutdown deadline as a way to counter some of those efforts. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer also said earlier this month that Democrats will push for language to unwind the recent measures by the Trump Administration.

## **EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY**

### **White House Starts Unwinding Environmental Permitting Rules**

The White House is dismantling the rules that clarify how environmental permits are issued for federal projects such as pipelines, highways, and transmission lines. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) submitted an [interim final rule](#), titled *Removal of National*



*Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations*, which circumvents the typical notice and comment process and can take effect immediately. The rule change aims to speed up permitting, but opponents argue that it will accelerate climate change, harm communities, and lead to more litigation.

This is consistent with President Trump's efforts to reduce red tape and regulation. President Trump set a goal during his first term to eliminate two regulations for every new one. This time, he has said, he wants to slash 10 regulations for each new one. President Trump has also signed a series of executive orders aimed at boosting American fossil fuels and undoing policies that favor electric vehicles.

Previously, President Trump signed an [executive order](#) giving the CEQ until February 19 to consider rescinding all rules issued under the National Environmental Policy Act and replace them with nonbinding guidance. Agencies would still have to do National Environmental Policy Act analyses if the rules are scrapped.

### **Trump Administration Lays Off Probationary Federal Workers**

The Trump Administration has initiated extensive layoffs for probationary federal employees who have not yet secured civil service protections. Directed by the Office of Personnel Management, the layoffs are part of a broader strategy to significantly reduce the federal workforce. Recently, President Trump signed an executive order mandating large-scale staff reductions and appointed Elon Musk to lead efforts in cutting government expenditures.

The confirmed list of agencies with mass layoffs to probationary employees is listed below:

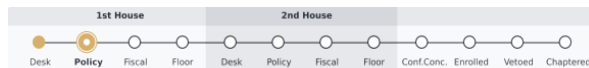
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- General Services Administration
- Office of Personnel Management
- Small Business Administration
- US Forest Service
- Veterans Affairs
- National Nuclear Security Administration
- Housing and Urban Development



## East Orange County Water District Legislative Matrix

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

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



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

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

### **AB 263**     **(Rogers, D)** Scott River: Shasta River: watersheds.

**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.



**Location:** 02/10/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Current law provides that an emergency regulation adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board following a Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions, for which the board makes specified findings, may remain in effect for up to one year, as provided, and may be renewed if the board determines that specified conditions relating to precipitation are still in effect. This bill would provide that specified emergency regulations adopted by the board for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds shall remain in effect until permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flow requirements are adopted for those watersheds. (Based on 01/16/2025 text)

### **AB 267**     **(Macedo, R)** Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: high-speed rail: water infrastructure and wildfire prevention.

**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and NAT. RES.



**Location:** 02/18/2025 - Assembly Transportation

**Summary:** Would suspend the appropriation to the High-Speed Rail Authority for the 2026–27 and 2027–28 fiscal years and would instead require those amounts from moneys collected by the State Air Resources Board to be transferred to the General Fund. The bill would specify that the transferred amounts shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to augment funding for water infrastructure and wildfire prevention. (Based on 01/17/2025 text)

**AB 269**      **(Bennett, D) Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program.**

**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.

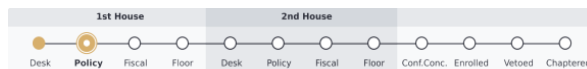


**Location:** 02/10/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Current law provides for the regulation and supervision of dams and reservoirs by the state, and requires the Department of Water Resources, under the police power of the state, to supervise the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, and removal of dams and reservoirs for the protection of life and property, as prescribed. Current law requires the department to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, develop and administer the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program to provide state funding for repairs, rehabilitation, enhancements, and other dam safety projects at existing state jurisdictional dams and associated facilities that were in service prior to January 1, 2023, subject to prescribed criteria. This bill would include the removal of project facilities as additional projects eligible to receive funding under the program. (Based on 01/17/2025 text)

**AB 288**      **(McKinnor, D) Public employment: labor relations: employee information.**

**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Referred to Com. on P. E. & R.



**Location:** 02/10/2025 - Assembly Public Employment and Retirement

**Summary:** Current law requires certain public employers to provide labor representatives with the names and addresses of newly hired employees, as well as related information, within 30 days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire. Current law also requires the public employers to provide this information for all employees in a bargaining unit at least every 120 days, as specified. Current law, operative July 1, 2022, authorizes an exclusive representative to file a charge of an unfair labor practice with the Public Employment Relations Board alleging a violation of the above provisions only after certain requirements have been met. This bill would delete the above reference to the July 1, 2022, operative date in those provisions. (Based on 01/22/2025 text)

**AB 293**      **(Bennett, D) Groundwater sustainability agency: transparency.**

**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.



**Location:** 02/18/2025 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

**Summary:** Current law requires a groundwater sustainability plan to be developed and implemented for each medium- or high-priority basin by a groundwater sustainability agency. Current law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin, as provided. Current law requires members of the board of directors and the executive, as defined, of a groundwater sustainability agency to file statements of economic interests with the Fair Political Practices Commission using the commission's online system for filing statements of economic interests. This bill would require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish the membership of its board of directors on its internet website, or on the local agency's internet website, as provided. The bill would also require each groundwater sustainability agency to publish a link on its internet website or its local agency's internet website to the location on the Fair Political Practices Commission's internet website where the statements of economic interests, filed by the members of the board and executives of the agency, can be viewed. (Based on 01/22/2025 text)

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

**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and W. P., & W.



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

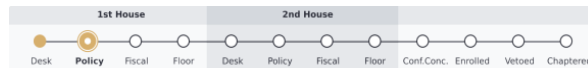
**Summary:** The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021 authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2032, to certify environmental leadership development projects that meet specified requirements for certain streamlining benefits related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The act, among other things, requires a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings for an environmental leadership development project, as provided, and to provide a specified notice within 10 days of the Governor certifying the project. The act is repealed by its own term on January 1, 2034. This bill would extend the application of the act to water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater

recharge projects that provide public benefits and drought preparedness. Because a lead agency would be required to prepare the record of proceedings for water storage projects, water conveyance projects, and groundwater recharge projects pursuant to the act, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. (Based on 01/23/2025 text)

**AB 339**     **(Ortega, D) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements.**

**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on P. E. & R.

**Calendar:** 03/19/25 A-PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444  
MCKINNOR, TINA, Chair



**Location:** 02/18/2025 - Assembly Public Employment and Retirement

**Summary:** The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act contains various provisions that govern collective bargaining of local represented employees and delegates jurisdiction to the Public Employment Relations Board to resolve disputes and enforce the statutory duties and rights of local public agency employers and employees. Current law requires the governing body of a public agency to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations. Current law requires the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body, to give reasonable written notice, except in cases of emergency, as specified, to each recognized employee organization affected of any ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the governing body or the designated boards and commissions. This bill would require the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body of a public agency, to give the recognized employee organization no less than 120 days' written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization. The bill would require the notice to include specified information, including the anticipated duration of the contract. (Based on 01/28/2025 text)

**AB 340**     **(Ahrens, D) Employer-employee relations: confidential communications.**

**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on P. E. & R.

**Calendar:** 03/19/25 A-PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444  
MCKINNOR, TINA, Chair



**Location:** 02/18/2025 - Assembly Public Employment and Retirement

**Summary:** Current law that governs the labor relations of public employees and employers, including the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, the Ralph C. Dills Act, provisions relating to public schools, provisions relating to higher education, and provisions relating to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, prohibits employers from taking certain actions relating to employee organization, including imposing or threatening to impose reprisals on employees, discriminating or threatening to discriminate against employees, or otherwise interfering with, restraining, or coercing employees because of their exercise of their guaranteed rights. Those provisions of existing law further prohibit denying to employee organizations the rights guaranteed to them by current law. This bill would also prohibit a local public agency employer, a state employer, a public school employer, a higher education employer, or the district from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation. (Based on 01/28/2025 text)

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

**Status:** 01/31/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 2.



**Location:** 01/30/2025 - Assembly PRINT

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

as waters of the state that may be protected against quality degradation for purposes of the defined term "beneficial uses." (Based on 01/30/2025 text)

**AB 367**     **(Bennett, D) County water districts: County of Ventura: fire suppression.**

**Status:** 02/04/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 6.



**Location:** 02/03/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The County Water District Law authorizes the formation of county water districts and authorizes those districts to appropriate, acquire, and conserve water and water rights for any useful purpose and to operate water rights, works, properties, rights, and privileges useful or necessary to convey, supply, store, or make use of water for any purpose authorized by that law. Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. This bill would require a water district that supplies water to more than 20 residential dwellings that is used for the suppression of fire in either a high or very high risk fire hazard severity zone in the County of Ventura to have a backup energy source with sufficient power to promptly operate wells and pumps servicing the high or very high risk hazard severity zone at normal capacity for at least 24 hours in the case of a power shutoff unless the relevant water delivery systems are gravity fed and do not need any backup power to continue to operate during a power shutoff. The bill would require the Ventura County Fire Department to annually inspect facilities that provide water, as specified. The bill would require a water district to take various actions, including alerting the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services whenever its water delivery capacity has been reduced due to equipment failure or maintenance. The bill would require, if any fire destroys more than 10 residential dwellings or causes more than \$3,000,000 in damages to any residential dwelling in a specified water district, a report be made by the water district where the fire occurred and the Ventura County Fire Department that assesses the appropriateness of the water delivery system, as specified. (Based on 02/03/2025 text)

**AB 370**     **(Carrillo, D) California Public Records Act: cyberattacks.**

**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Referred to Com. on JUD.

**Calendar:** 03/11/25 A-JUDICIARY 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 KALRA, ASH, Chair



**Location:** 02/18/2025 - Assembly Judiciary

**Summary:** The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, except as specified. Current law requires each agency, within 10 days of a request for a copy of records, to determine whether the request seeks copies of disclosable public records in possession of the agency and to promptly notify the person of the determination and the reasons therefor. Current law authorizes that time limit to be extended by no more than 14 days under unusual circumstances, and defines "unusual circumstances" to include, among other things, the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine records during a state of emergency when the state of emergency currently affects the agency's ability to timely respond to requests due to staffing shortages or closure of facilities, as provided. This bill would revise the definition of unusual circumstances as it applies to a state of emergency to require the state of emergency, in addition to currently affecting the agency's ability to timely respond to requests as described above, to also require the state of emergency to directly affect the agency's ability to timely respond to requests as described above. By restricting the time period in which a local agency may respond to requests, thus increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. (Based on 02/03/2025 text)

**AB 372**     **(Bennett, D) Office of Emergency Services: state matching funds: water system infrastructure improvements.**

**Status:** 02/04/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 6.



**Location:** 02/03/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Current law establishes, within the office of the Governor, the Office of Emergency Services (OES), under the direction of the Director of Emergency Services. Current law charges the OES with coordinating various emergency activities within the state. The California Emergency Services Act, contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, requires the OES to enter into a joint powers agreement pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program relating to structure hardening and retrofitting and

prescribed fuel modification activities. Current law authorizes the joint powers authority to establish financial assistance limits and matching funding or other recipient contribution requirements for the program, as provided. This bill, contingent on funding being appropriated pursuant to a bond act, as specified, would establish the Rural Water Infrastructure for Wildfire Resilience Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to communities within the Wildland Urban Interface in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure, as prescribed. (Based on 02/03/2025 text)

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

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



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

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

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

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - Referred to Com. on W. P., & W.



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

**Summary:** The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan. The act requires an urban water management plan to include a water shortage contingency plan, as provided. This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies by local water suppliers, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

**AB 532**      **(Ransom, D)** **Water rate assistance program.**

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



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

**Summary:** Current federal law, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, among other things, requires the federal Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program, which is also known as the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, for making grants to states and Indian tribes to assist low-income households that pay a high proportion of household income for drinking water and wastewater services, as provided. Current law requires the Department of Community Services and Development to administer the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in this state, and to receive and expend moneys appropriated and allocated to the state for purposes of that program, pursuant to the above-described federal law. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program was only operative until March 31, 2024. This bill would repeal the above-described requirements related to the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. The bill would instead require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Community Services and Development to establish and administer the California Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. (Based on 02/11/2025 text)

**AB 638**      **(Rodriguez, Celeste, D)** **Stormwater: reuses: irrigation.**

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



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

**Summary:** The Stormwater Resource Planning Act authorizes one or more public agencies to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards to address the capture of stormwater, as defined, and dry weather runoff, as defined. The act requires the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2016, to



establish guidance for purposes of the act. This bill would require the board, by June 1, 2026, to establish guidance for stormwater capture and reuse for the irrigation of urban public lands, as defined. The bill would require the guidance to include, but not be limited to, the use of captured stormwater for irrigation to offset the use of potable water, as specified, and criteria including, among other things, pathogens and pathogen indicators and total suspended solids. (Based on 02/13/2025 text)

**AB 790**     **(Ávila Farias, D) Housing.**

**Status:** 02/19/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

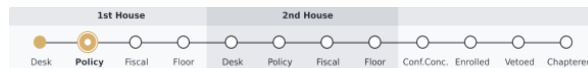


**Location:** 02/18/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The State Housing Law establishes statewide construction and occupancy standards for buildings used for human habitation. Current law requires the building department of every city or county to enforce within its jurisdiction the provisions of the California Building Standards Code, the provisions of the State Housing Law, and specified other rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to that law. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to housing. (Based on 02/18/2025 text)

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

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



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

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

**AB 810**     **(Irwin, D) Local government: internet websites and email addresses.**

**Status:** 02/20/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.



**Location:** 02/19/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law requires that a local agency that maintains an internet website for use by the public to ensure that the internet website uses a ".gov" top-level domain or a ".ca.gov" second-level domain no later than January 1, 2029. Existing law requires that a local agency that maintains public email addresses to ensure that each email address provided to its employees uses a ".gov" domain name or a ".ca.gov" domain name no later than January 1, 2029. Existing law defines "local government" for these purposes. This bill would allow a community college district, community college, or other postsecondary institution to use a ".edu" domain to satisfy these requirements. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

**AB 823**     **(Boerner, D) Solid waste: plastic microbeads.**

**Status:** 02/20/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.



**Location:** 02/19/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Would, on and after January 1, 2027, prohibit a person from selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a cleaning product, as defined, or a personal care product in a rinse-off product, containing one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are used as an abrasive, as specified. The bill would, on and after January 1, 2028, prohibit a person from selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a coating, as defined, cleaning product, or personal care product, that contains one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are not used as an abrasive. By adding these

prohibitions to the Plastic Microbeads Nuisance Prevention Law, the bill would impose the civil penalty for violations of these prohibitions. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

**AB 911**     **(Carrillo, D)** Emergency telecommunications medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles.

**Status:** 02/20/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.



**Location:** 02/19/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The State Air Resources Board has adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations, which imposes various requirements for transitioning local, state, and federal government fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, other high-priority fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, and drayage trucks to zero-emission vehicles, as provided. This bill would exempt emergency telecommunications vehicles owned or purchased by emergency telecommunications service providers that are used to participate in the federal Emergency Alert System, to provide access to 911 emergency services, or to provide wireless connectivity during service outages from specified requirements in the above-described regulations. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

**AB 990**     **(Hadwick, R)** Public water systems: emergency notification plan.

**Status:** 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.



**Location:** 02/20/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Current law prohibits a person from operating a public water system without an emergency notification plan that has been submitted to and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. Current law requires the emergency notification plan to provide for immediate notice to the customers of the public water system of any significant rise in the bacterial count of water or other failure to comply with any primary drinking water standard that represents an imminent danger to the health of the water users. This bill would authorize and encourage a public water system to provide notification to water users in their preferred language when updating the emergency notification plan, if resources are available. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**AB 995**     **(Caloza, D)** California Safe Drinking Water Act: public water systems: random testing.

**Status:** 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

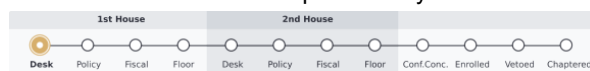


**Location:** 02/20/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The California Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the state board to take certain actions relating to the inspection of public water systems, including inspecting and copying any records, reports, test results, or other information required to carry out the provisions of the act. This bill would require the state board to additionally inspect each public water system by establishing a program for the testing of water quality that tests random samples of water taken from locations within the public water system that are at or near to an ultimate destination of water delivery in order to test for water quality consistency throughout the delivery system. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**AB 1000**     **(Gallagher, R)** Water quality: statewide program.

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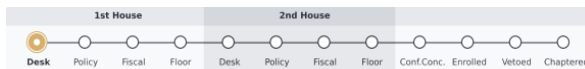
**Location:** 02/20/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act designates the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards as the principal state agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. The act requires the state board and the regional boards to, among other things, coordinate their respective activities to achieve a unified and effective water quality control program in the state. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provision. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**AB 1146**     **(Papan, D)** Water infrastructure: dams and reservoirs.

**Status:** 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.





**Location:** 02/20/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law provides for the regulation and supervision of dams and reservoirs exclusively by the state. This bill would make a non-substantive change to that provision. (Based on 02/20/2025 text)

**AB 1373 (Soria, D) Water delivery systems.**

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - Read first time.



**Location:** 02/21/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Current law declares that the protection of the public interest in the development of the water resources of the state is of vital concern to the people of the state and that the state shall determine in what way the water of the state, both surface and underground, should be developed for the greatest public benefit. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would improve water delivery systems. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**AB 1466 (Hart, D) Groundwater adjudication: burden of proof.**

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - Read first time.

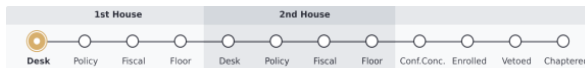


**Location:** 02/21/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Existing law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin and imposes specified duties upon that agency or combination of agencies, as provided. This bill would provide that in any action to adjudicate groundwater rights, as provided, if a party to the action is seeking judicial review of an action taken by a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to a groundwater sustainability plan that was adopted after January 30, 2020, that party has the burden of proof. This bill contains other existing laws. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**AB 1469 (Hart, D) Disaster preparedness: public water systems.**

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - Read first time.



**Location:** 02/21/2025 - Assembly PRINT

**Summary:** The California Emergency Services Act requires all public water systems, as defined, with 10,000 or more service connections to review and revise their disaster preparedness plans in conjunction with related agencies, including, but not limited to, local fire departments and the Office of Emergency Services to ensure that the plans are sufficient to address possible disaster scenarios. Current law requires these public water systems to, following a declared state of emergency, furnish an assessment of their emergency response and recommendations to the Legislature within 6 months after each disaster, and to implement the recommendations in a timely manner. Current law requires the office to establish emergency response and recovery plans in coordination with these public water systems. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**SB 31 (McNerney, D) Water quality: recycled water.**

**Status:** 02/19/2025 - Re-referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.



**Location:** 02/19/2025 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

**Summary:** The Water Recycling Law generally provides for the use of recycled water. Current law requires any person who, without regard to intent or negligence, causes or permits an unauthorized discharge of 50,000 gallons or more of recycled water in or on any waters of the state to immediately notify the appropriate regional water board. This bill would, for the purposes of the above provision, redefine "recycled water" and provide that water discharged from a decorative body of water during storm events is not to be considered an unauthorized discharge if recycled water was used to restore levels due to evaporation. (Based on 02/10/2025 text)

**SB 72****(Caballero, D) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.****Status:** 01/29/2025 - Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.**Location:** 01/29/2025 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050, as provided. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for a sustainable urban sector, agricultural sector, and environment, and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things. (Based on 01/15/2025 text)

**SB 90****(Seyarto, R) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: grants: improvements to public evacuation routes: mobile rigid water storage: electrical generators.****Status:** 02/26/2025 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.**Calendar:** 03/11/25 S-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION 9:30 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1200 PADILLA, STEPHEN, Chair**Location:** 01/29/2025 - Senate Governmental Organization

**Summary:** The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, approved by the voters as Proposition 4 at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. The act makes \$135,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency Services for a wildfire mitigation grant program to provide, among other things, loans, direct assistance, and matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires, increase resilience, maintain existing wildfire risk reduction projects, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or increase home or community hardening. The act provides that eligible projects include, but are not limited to, grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers authorities, tribes, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, and nonprofit organizations for structure hardening of critical community infrastructure, wildfire smoke mitigation, evacuation centers, including community clean air centers, structure hardening projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods and communities, water delivery system improvements for fire suppression purposes for communities in very high or high fire hazard areas, wildfire buffers, and incentives to remove structures that significantly increase hazard risk. This bill would include in the list of eligible projects grants to the above-mentioned entities for improvements to public evacuation routes in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, mobile rigid dip tanks, as defined, to support firefighting efforts, prepositioned mobile rigid water storage, as defined, and improvements to the response and effectiveness of fire engines and helicopters. (Based on 02/26/2025 text)

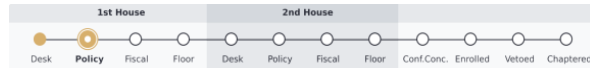
**SB 224****(Hurtado, D) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting.****Status:** 02/05/2025 - Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.**Location:** 02/05/2025 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to gather and correlate information and data pertinent to an annual forecast of seasonal water crop. Current law also requires the department to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a new water supply forecasting model and

procedures that better address the effects of climate change and implement a formal policy and procedures for documenting the department's operational plans and the department's rationale for its operating procedures, including the department's rationale for water releases from reservoirs. (Based on 01/27/2025 text)

**SB 239**      **(Arreguín, D) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.**

**Status:** 02/14/2025 - Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and JUD.



**Location:** 02/14/2025 - Senate Local Government

**Summary:** The Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as specified. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes specified neighborhood city councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions related to notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed, if, among other requirements, the city council has adopted an authorizing resolution and 2/3 of the neighborhood city council votes to use alternate teleconference provisions, as specified. This bill would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The bill would require the subsidiary body to post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location. The bill would require the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, as specified. (Based on 01/30/2025 text)

**SB 350**      **(Durazo, D) Water Rate Assistance Program.**

**Status:** 02/19/2025 - Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and E., U & C.



**Location:** 02/19/2025 - Senate Environmental Quality

**Summary:** Would establish the Water Rate Assistance Program. As part of the program, the bill would establish the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income residential ratepayers, as specified. The bill would require the state board to take various actions in administering the fund, including, among other things, track and manage revenue in the fund separately from all other revenue. The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with relevant agencies and after a public hearing, to adopt guidelines for implementation of the program and adopt an annual report to be posted on the state board's internet website identifying how the fund has performed, as specified. The bill would require the guidelines to include minimum requirements for eligible systems, including the ability to confirm eligibility for enrollment through a request for self-certification of eligibility under penalty of perjury. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the state board to take various actions in administering the program, including, but not limited to, providing guidance, oversight, and funding for low-income rate assistance for residential ratepayers of eligible systems. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to bring an action in state court to restrain the use of any method, act, or practice in violation of these provisions, except as provided. (Based on 02/12/2025 text)

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

**Status:** 02/26/2025 - Referred to Com. on E.Q.



**Location:** 02/26/2025 - Senate Environmental Quality

**Summary:** Would create the PFAS Mitigation Fund in the General Fund and would authorize the fund to be expended by the State Water Resources Control Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of these provisions. The bill would authorize the state board to seek out and accept nonstate, federal, and private funds, require those funds to be deposited into the PFAS Reduction Account within the PFAS Mitigation Fund, and continuously appropriate the moneys in the account to the state board for purposes of these provisions, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would authorize the state board to expend moneys from the fund and account in the form of a grant, loan, or contract, or to provide assistance services to water

suppliers and wastewater operators, as those terms are defined, for multiple purposes, including, among other things, to cover or reduce the costs for water suppliers associated with treating drinking water to meet the applicable state and federal maximum PFAS contaminant levels. The bill would require a water supplier or wastewater operator to include a clear and definite purpose for how the funds will be used to provide a public benefit related to safe drinking water or treated wastewater in order to be eligible to receive funds. The bill would authorize the state board to adopt guidelines to implement these provisions. (Based on 02/19/2025 text)

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

**Status:** 02/21/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 23.



**Location:** 02/20/2025 - Senate Rules

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

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

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.



**Location:** 02/21/2025 - Senate Rules

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

**SB 724**      **(Richardson, D) Public water systems: public housing: lead testing.**

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.



**Location:** 02/21/2025 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** Existing law prohibits a person from using any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, solder, or flux that is not lead free in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing water for human consumption, except when necessary for the repair of leaded joints of cast iron

pipes. Existing law requires a community water system to compile an inventory of known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system and identify areas that may have lead user service lines in use in its distribution system, as provided. Existing law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to apply these requirements to, and enforce them against, public water systems and community water systems, as specified. This bill would require a public water system, including community water systems and noncommunity water systems, that provides service to residents of public housing owned or managed by a city, county, city and county, or city, county, or city and county housing authority, to provide information to those residents regarding any applicable existing program that offers free testing of the water for lead. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**SB 740**      **(Rubio, D) Municipal wastewater agency: new agreement or amendment.**

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.



**Location:** 02/21/2025 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a municipal wastewater agency to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management, including, but not limited to, municipal, industrial, and commercial stormwater dischargers, for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff. Current law requires a municipal wastewater agency, if the agency enters into a new agreement or amends an agreement pursuant to those provisions, to file a copy of the agreement or amendment with the local agency formation commission in each county where any part of the municipal wastewater agency's territory is located within 30 days after the effective date of the new agreement or amendment. This bill would extend that filing requirement timeline to 40 days. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

**SB 742**      **(Pérez, D) Water systems and water districts.**

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 24. Read first time.



**Location:** 02/21/2025 - Senate Rules

**Summary:** The California Water District Law provides for the establishment of water districts, and grants a district the power to acquire, plan, construct, maintain, improve, operate, and keep in repair the necessary works for the production, storage, transmission, and distribution of water for irrigation, domestic, industrial, and municipal purposes. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation related to the regulation of water systems and water districts. (Based on 02/21/2025 text)

# The County of Orange Report

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## **Orange County Consolidation Study**

In like a lion, out like a lamb . . .

When the Orange County Grand Jury released its “Water in Orange County needs one voice” report in June 2022, it unleashed a torrent of controversy. In October 2022, the Orange County Water District submitted an application to Orange County LAFCO to prepare a comprehensive Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence update. They also requested a feasibility analysis of the potential consolidation of OCWD and MWDOC.

For over two years, Orange County’s waterworld anxiously awaited the results. In the meantime, there was significant posturing by both of Orange County’s two major water agencies.

After all the waiting, things concluded with a whimper at the March OCLAFCO meeting. When only three cards were submitted for public comment, it was apparent the water war had been called off.

The first of the three public comments speeches, MWDOC Director Al Nederhood brought up shortcomings of the consolidation study conducted by Albert Webb and Associates and argued that the Commission should merely receive and file the study. This year’s OCWD Chair Denis Bilodeau remarked that this process had been a good exercise and the study could serve as a great starting point in the future. Finally, MWDOC General Manager Harvey La Torre made the point that proceeding with consolidation would be an extremely complicated process.

Both the Webb and Associates Project Manager and the merger consultant John Schutz gave brief testimony due to the admonishment from LAFCO Chair Don Wagner. In his comments, Schutz seemed to walk back some of his rosier consolidation comments by noting that going to Sacramento for a legislative solution would be problematic.

After over two years of controversy, the Commission voted unanimously to receive and file.

**In Other**



The March meeting also featured adoption of the Agency’s proposed annual budget. The adopted budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal years totals \$1.837 million dollars. The largest expenditure is comprised of staff salaries. The lion’s share of revenues \$1.692



million dollars will come from apportionments. The overall increases from this year's apportionments is 7%. The total received from special districts is \$526,779.

### OC LAFCO FY 2025-26 Special District Allocations

District	ISDOC Formula Calulation FY 2025-26
Silverado-Modjeska Rec. & Park	\$ 620.40
Surfside Colony Stormwater	620.40
Surfside Colony CSD	620.40
Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District	3,214.82
Capistrano Bay CSD	3,214.82
Rossmoor CSD	3,214.82
Three Arch Bay CSD	3,214.82
Emerald Bay CSD	3,214.82
Buena Park Library District	3,214.82
Placentia Library District	3,214.82
Orange County Cemetery District	6,429.64
Orange County Vector Control District	6,429.64
<b>Total Non-Enterprise Districts</b>	<b>\$ 37,224.22</b>
Sunset Beach Sanitary District	6,486.04
Serrano Water District	19,288.91
East Orange Co. Water District	25,718.55
Midway City Sanitary District	25,718.55
Trabuco Canyon Water District	25,718.55
Costa Mesa Sanitary District	25,718.55
El Toro Water District	32,091.79
Mesa Water District	38,521.43
Yorba Linda Water District	38,521.43
South Coast Water District	38,521.43
Moulton Niguel Water District	44,951.07
Santa Margarita Water District	44,951.07
Municipal Water District of O.C.	51,380.70
Orange County Water District	51,380.70
Irvine Ranch Water District	57,810.34
<b>Total Enterprise Districts</b>	<b>\$ 526,779.11</b>
<b>Total Special Districts</b>	<b>\$ 564,003.33</b>

## **New PPIC Statewide Survey**

The Public Policy Institute of California recently released the results of its latest Californians and Their Government statewide survey. The survey of 1,589 California adults was conducted February 4-11, 2025. A survey of this size has a margin of error +/- 3.2% with a 95% confidence level.

Response to this survey tilts slightly more conservative when filtered for “likely voters”. Here are the questions and responses from Californian adults in some of the survey’s key questions:

Which one issue facing California today do you think is the most important for the governor and state legislature to work on in 2025?

- 24% cost of living, economy, inflation, jobs
- 14% housing costs, availability
- 13% environment, fires, water
- 10% homelessness
- 10% immigration, illegal immigration
- 9% government in general, problems with elected officials, political parties
- 5% state budget, deficit, taxes
- 4% crime, gangs, drugs
- 11% other
- 1% don’t know

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

- 52% approve
- 47% disapprove
- 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?

- 30% good times
- 69% bad times
- 1% don’t know

Do you think the state budget situation in California—that is, the balance between government spending and revenues—is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?

- 38% big problem
- 53% somewhat of a problem
- 7% not a problem
- 2% don’t know

In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more: I’d rather pay higher taxes and have a state government that provides more services, OR I’d rather pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides fewer services?

- 47% higher taxes and more services
- 51% lower taxes and fewer services
- 2% don’t know



Governor Newsom recently proposed a budget plan for the next fiscal year that includes \$228.9 billion in general fund spending and \$363 million surplus. The governor's proposal—which also revises the existing budget—includes strengthening climate resiliency, increasing higher education and K–12 resources, fully funding transitional kindergarten, and expanding health and human services. Despite \$16.5 billion more in revenue than projected in last year's budget, the plan pulls \$7.1 billion from the state's reserves. In general, do you favor or oppose the governor's budget plan?

- 58% favor
- 39% oppose
- 1% haven't heard anything about the budget (volunteered)
- 2% don't know

Governor Newsom has proposed to use \$7.1 billion from the Budget Stabilization Account or "Rainy Day Fund," one of the state's reserves, to partially balance the current budget. This is part of a two-year plan proposed in 2024. This means less funding will be available to backfill spending if revenues start to decrease. In general, do you think using state reserve money is a good idea or a bad idea?

- 44% good idea
- 52% bad idea
- 4% don't know

As part of the budget proposal, the governor proposes \$2.7 billion for the first year of a multi-year expenditure to implement Proposition 4 (\$10 billion Climate Bond). This includes \$1 billion in safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience and \$325 million in wildfire and forest resilience. In general, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

- 70% favor
- 27% oppose
- 3% don't know

How concerned are you about climate change causing wildfires in the future that are more severe?

- 46% very concerned
- 32% somewhat concerned
- 11% not too concerned
- 11% not at all concerned

In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the US today?

- 31% political extremism or threats to democracy
- 19% economy, unemployment, and jobs
- 15% immigration
- 8% crime or corruption
- 5% environment and climate
- 5% health care system
- 5% inequality and discrimination
- 3% morality
- 2% education
- 2% public health, disease, and illness
- 2% terrorism and extremism
- 2% war and foreign conflicts
- 1% abortion issues
- 1% energy issues

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

27% good times  
72% bad times  
2% don't know

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Donald Trump is handling his job as president of the United States?

30% approve  
69% disapprove  
1% don't know

How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in the United States? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

6% very satisfied  
27% somewhat satisfied  
  
36% not too satisfied  
31% not at all satisfied  
1% don't know

How much confidence do you have in the future of the US political system?

7% a lot  
31% some  
38% not too much  
23% none at all

Do you think that global climate change is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?

58% major threat  
28% minor threat  
13% not a threat  
1% don't know

Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply:

71% developing alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydrogen technology  
27% expanding exploration and production of oil, coal, and natural gas  
2% don't know

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are living in the US: There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met OR They should not be allowed to stay in this country legally?

73% allowed to stay legally  
26% not allowed to stay legally  
1% don't know



## **February 25 Board Meeting Brings Clarity**

The February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Supervisors added finality to the two previous discussed “hot potato” issues - the Board Chair’s committee appointments and the Board’s reasoning for stripping the Orange County Treasurer of her traditional investment authority.

The Board, without comment, voted 4-1 to sustain the Chair’s appointment prerogative and in doing so removed Supervisor Katrina Foley from the Orange County Fire Authority Board and replaced her with Supervisor Janet Nguyen. A mild surprise was that usual Foley ally Supervisor Vince Sarmiento did not vote against the appointment changes.

The Board also broke its silence on restructuring Orange County’s Treasurer Investment function. All five Supervisors verbally criticized Shari Freidenrich’s performance as Treasurer. They cited a hostile workplace, high staff turnover, and an inability to fill vacant positions. They also found fault with the job she done fulfilling her basic duties. The Board voted unanimously to end the Orange County Investment Pool.

## **Board of Supervisors March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The March 11, 2025 meeting of the OC Board was a lengthy affair, lasting nearly eight hours. There were three issues that consumed much of the time.

First, the Board continued to restructure the County’s treasury operation. The Board voted unanimously to dissolve the Treasury Oversight Committee and instead establish a new Audit Oversight Committee. As part of the Board’s ongoing assault on Orange County elected Treasurer, they voted to allow her to serve only as a non-voting member of this new committee.

Secondly, at the behest of Supervisors Nguyen and Sarmiento, the Board voted to begin the process of revamping the Orange County Animal Care program. High on the list of proposed changes for the animal shelter include lengthening the hours of operation, a greater emphasis on public visitation and pet adoption and a greater emphasis on transparency, posting animal statistics monthly on the agency’s website.

Finally, the Board discussed the County’s response to the Orange County Grand Jury’s report “Is voting integrity alive and well in Orange County?”

The Grand Jury made three key findings in their report. First, “there was no evidence of fraud or election interference ascertained in the 2024 general election in Orange County”. Secondly, “voting in Orange County is fair, secure and transparent”. Lastly, the ROV communications and outreach programs promotes transparency and public confidence in the voting process. Orange County eligible voters can feel secure in knowing that the ROV provided an election of the highest recognized standards”. About 15 public speakers called the report into question, stating various data points of the total number of voters didn’t mesh. They also contend that the process of sending all voters absentee ballots lends itself to fraud. The Board of Supervisors ended up voting 4-1 to concur with the Grand Jury’s findings with only Supervisor Nguyen dissenting.



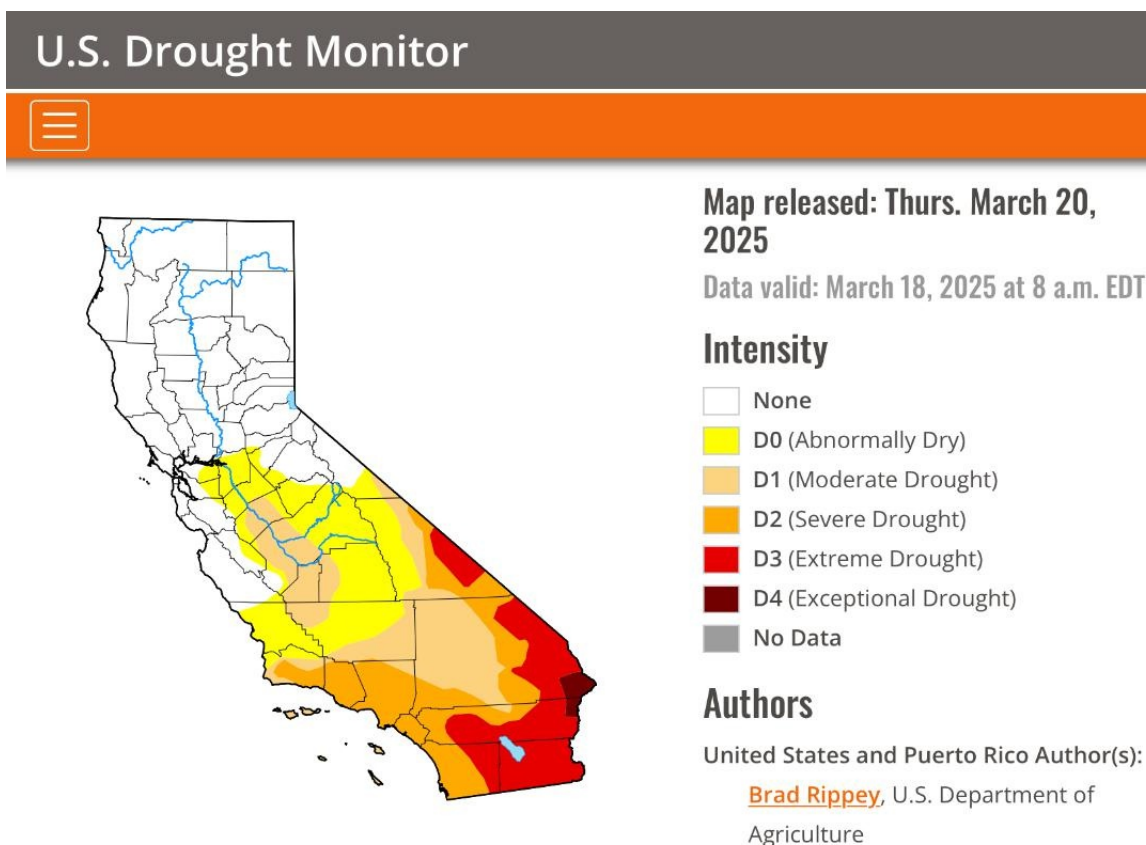
## **Strickland Wins O.C. Senate Election**

Former Huntington Beach Mayor Tony Strickland emerged victorious in the February 25<sup>th</sup> State Senate Special Election. Because the 51% of the vote he received exceeds the 50% margin needed for outright victory, Strickland avoids a run-off election.

Strickland previously served in the Legislature [one Senate term and three Assembly terms]. Due to that previous service, Strickland will be limited to only this four year term.

Strickland was sworn in on the Senate Floor on March 11<sup>th</sup>, joining the Senate Republican Caucus as its tenth and newest member.

## **Hopefully Last Week's Rains Will Bring Improvement to this Chart**





Parting is such sweet sorrow . . .

A week from the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be packing up Suzanne's Ford Flex and driving to Nashville, Tennessee. We might return to the City of Orange in one year, or we might make it a permanent move.

I want to thank the Directors and Staff of EOCWD for our many years of collaboration. When former General Manager, Lisa Ohlund, hired me to serve as lead lobbyist in the "great sewer war", I didn't realize my tenure would remain in place for quite so long.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the past and present Board members and also David Youngblood for allowing me the opportunity to continue EOCWD representation until my retirement on March 28, 2025.

Best wishes to EOCWD in the months and years to come.

# CHECK YOUR LEAKS!

For more tips, visit [www.eocwd.com/helpful-links](http://www.eocwd.com/helpful-links)

# SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

**To:** David Youngblood, General Manager, EOCWD

**From:** Victoria Castro, Social Media Manager, *Communications LAB*

**Date:** March 3rd, 2025

**Re:** Social Media Report // February 2025



# SUMMARY REPORT

## FACEBOOK

CURRENT PAGE FOLLOWERS

**2,247**

NEW PAGE FOLLOWERS

**0**

PAGE VISITS

**67** -33.7%

PAGE REACH

**125** -98.8%

## INSTAGRAM

TOTAL FOLLOWERS

**629**

NEW FOLLOWERS

**4** -33.3%

PAGE REACH

**1.3K** +50.5%

PROFILE VISITS

**6** -25%

## LINKEDIN

TOTAL FOLLOWERS

**83**

NEW FOLLOWERS

**5**

PAGE VIEWS

**16** -50%

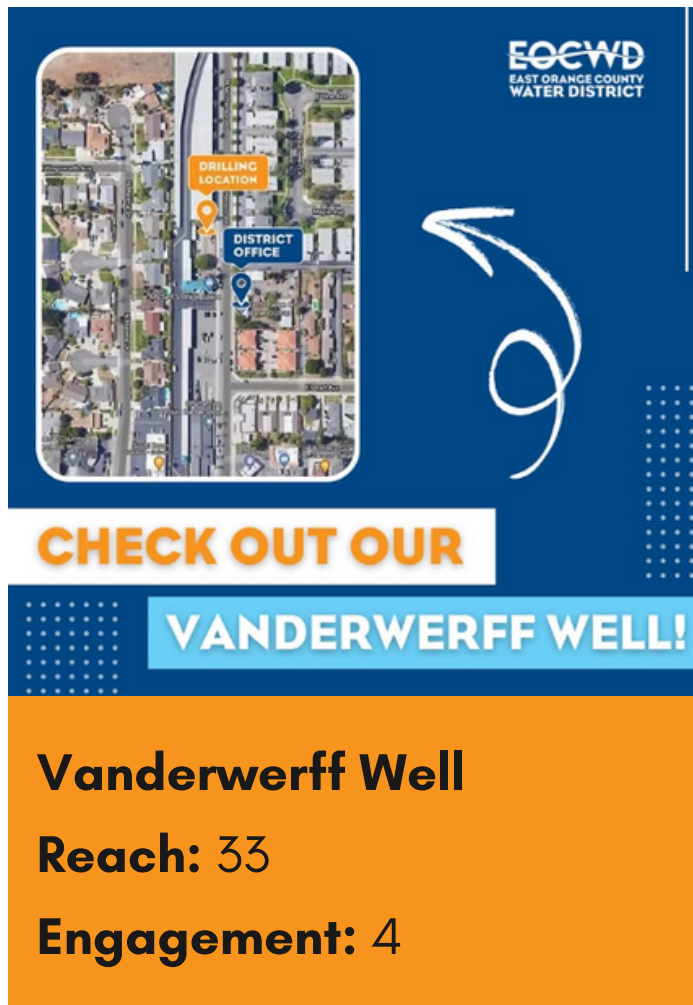
UNIQUE VISITORS

**8** -52.9%

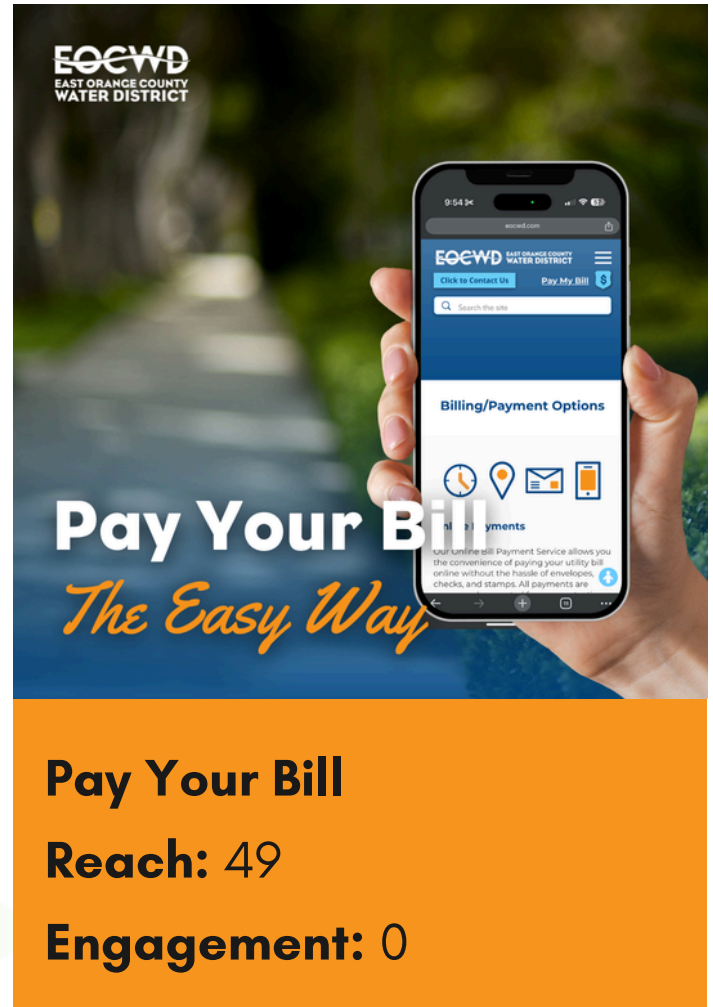


# TOP SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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## TOP FACEBOOK POST



## TOP LINKEDIN POST

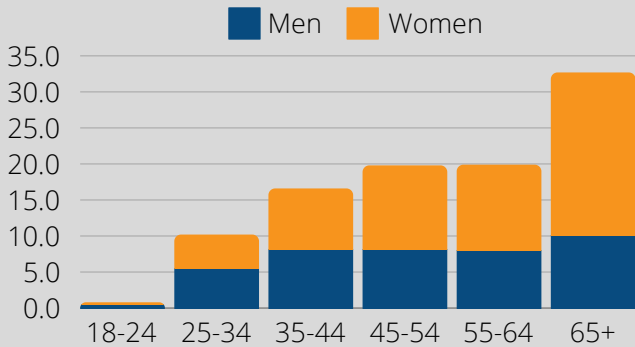
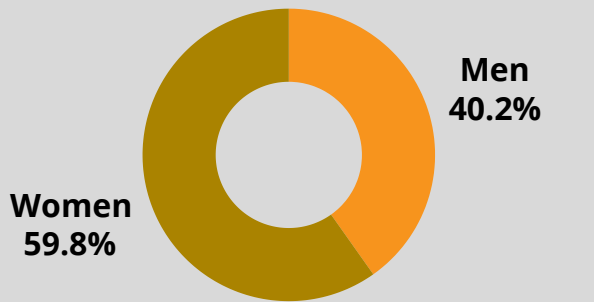


# DEMOGRAPHIC | TARGET MARKET

## PAGE LIKES & FOLLOWERS (AGE & GENDER)

### FACEBOOK PAGE FOLLOWERS

2,247



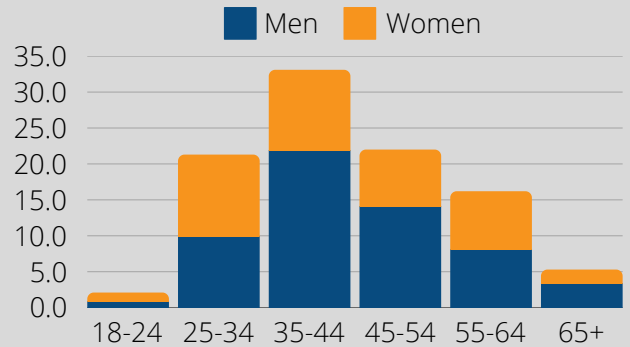
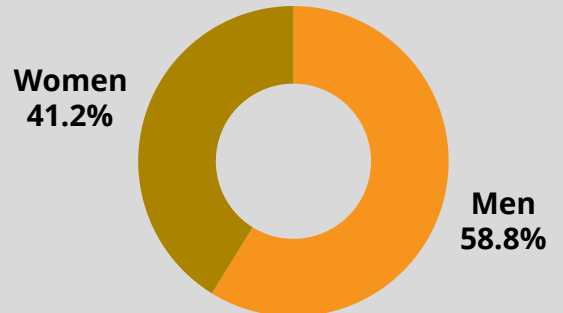
#### TOP DEMOGRAPHIC:

AGES 65+

WOMEN (22.5%) MEN (10%)

### INSTAGRAM PAGE FOLLOWERS

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#### TOP DEMOGRAPHIC:

AGES 35-44

WOMEN (11.3%) MEN (21.7%)

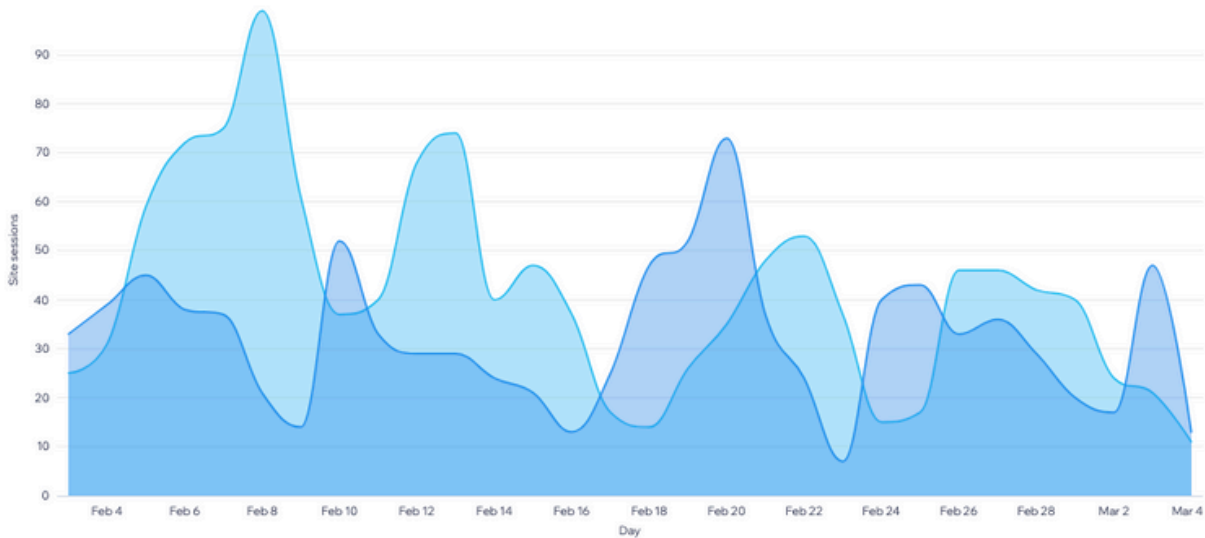
### TOP CITIES (FACEBOOK)

- Los Angeles, CA 10.7%
- Santa Ana, CA 8.1%
- Orange, CA 5.2%
- Anaheim, CA 5%
- Long Beach, CA 4.1%

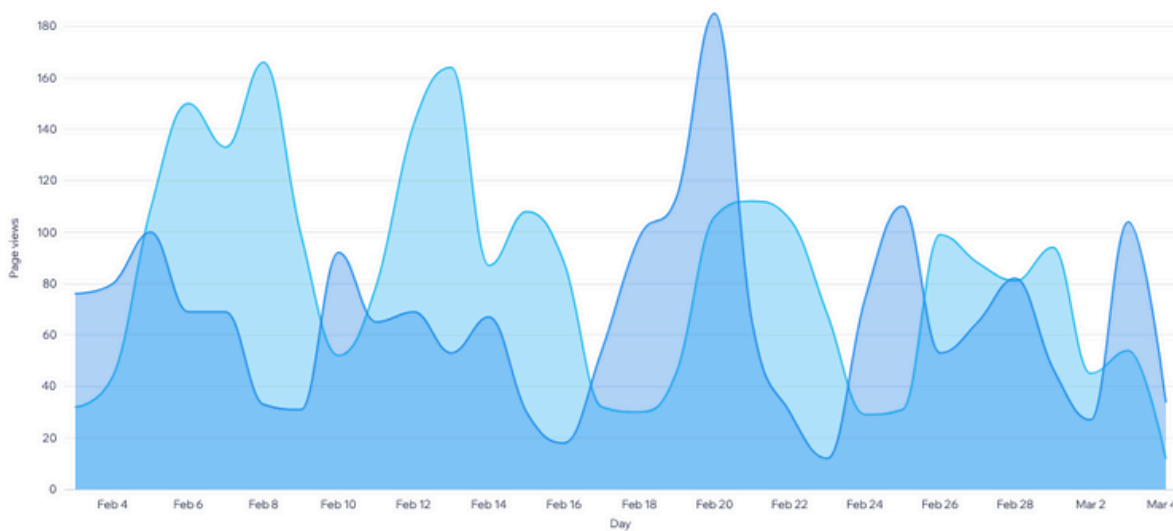
### TOP CITIES (INSTAGRAM)

- Los Angeles, CA 3.2%
- San Diego, CA 2.7%
- Long Beach, CA 2.1%
- Anaheim, CA 2.1%
- Orange, CA 1.9%

## TRAFFIC OVER TIME *2/1/25 - 2/28/25 v. /1/25 - 1/31/25*



## PAGE VIEWS *2/1/25 - 2/28/25 v. /1/25 - 1/31/25*



## TRAFFIC BY TIME OF DAY

*Best time of day to schedule: Thursday (4:00pm)*

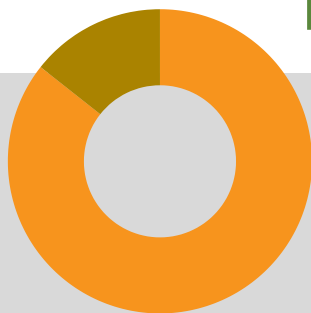
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Hour ^							
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01 am	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
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03 am	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
04 am	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
05 am	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
06 am	1	2	2	1	3	2	2
07 am	1	2	3	1	3	1	2
08 am	1	2	2	2	3	1	2
09 am	2	2	4	3	3	2	1
10 am	2	2	3	5	4	4	3
11 am	1	4	3	5	3	3	1
12 pm	1	2	2	3	5	3	1
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06 pm	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
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08 pm	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
09 pm	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10 pm	1	2	1	1	2	3	1
11 pm	1	1	1	2	1	0	0

## TOP TRAFFIC SOURCES BY SESSIONS

Direct	↑ 100%	6
Google (Organic)	↓ 75%	1
tustinca.org (Referral)		1
epiliron.com (Referral)		1
Unknown (Unknown)	↓ 80%	1

## NEW VS. RETURNING VISITORS

Returning  
105



New  
626

731

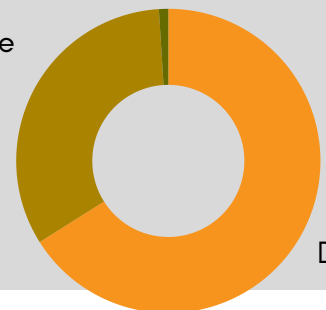
UNIQUE  
VISITORS

907

SITE  
SESSIONS

Mobile  
299

Tablet  
9



Desktop  
599

## SESSIONS BY DEVICE

## OVERVIEW

SITE SESSIONS

907

UNIQUE VISITORS

731

AVG. SESSION  
DURATION

3M 59S



# MEMO

**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FROM: GENERAL MANAGER** *dy*  
**SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**  
**DATE: MARCH 27, 2025**

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## Background

Board members represented the District at the following meetings in February 2025:

**President Murdoch**

2/5 ACWA SLC – Region 10 Prep  
 2/11 ACWA Education Subcommittee Meeting  
 2/19 ACWA Business Development Committee Meeting  
 2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

**Vice President Thoms**

2/4 Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Board Meeting  
 2/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
 2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
 2/26-2/28 Urban Water Institute 2025 Spring Conference

**Director Davert**

2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

**Director Sears**

2/6 Foothills Communities Association Board Meeting  
 2/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
 2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
 2/26-2/28 Urban Water Institute 2025 Spring Conference

**Director Marquez**

2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

## Recommendation

Informational.