



Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

Sacramento Update

December 16, 2025

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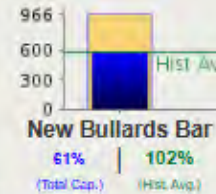
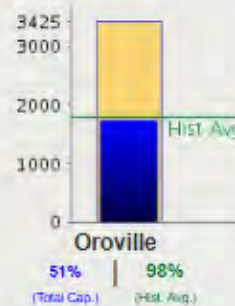
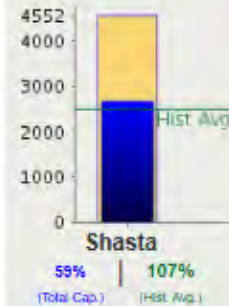


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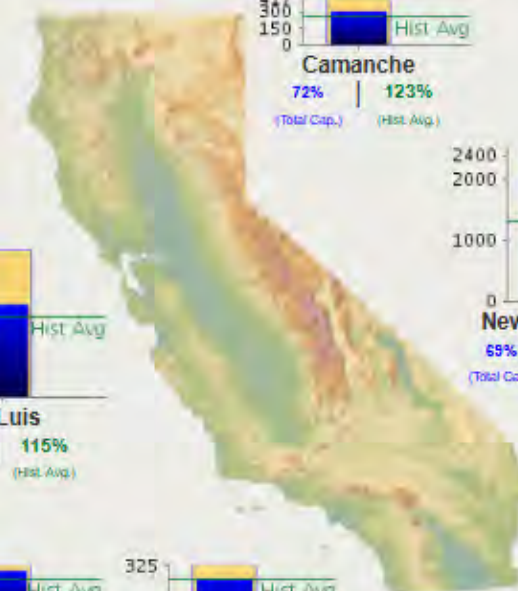
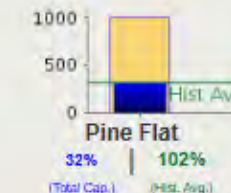
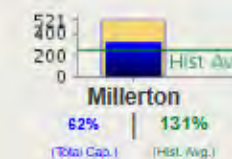
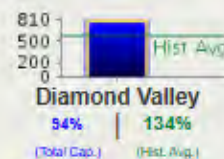
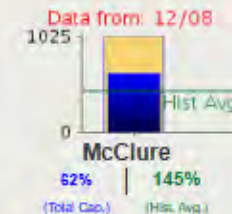
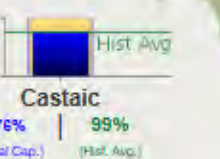
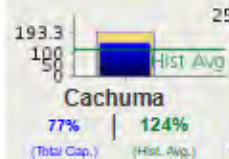
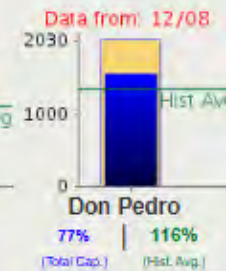
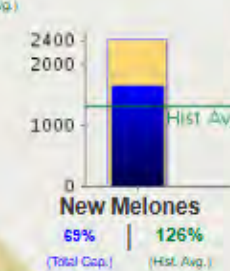
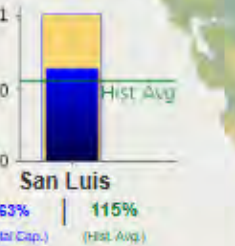
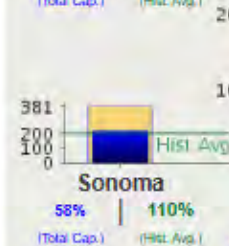
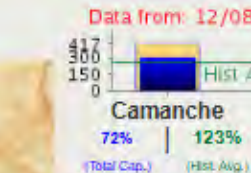
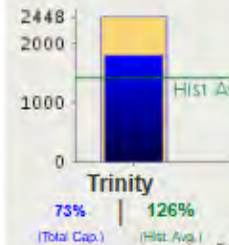
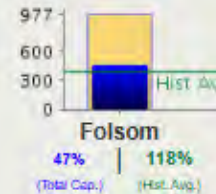
Drought/ Water Supply Update

CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS: 09-DEC-2025

Data as of Midnight: 09-Dec-2025

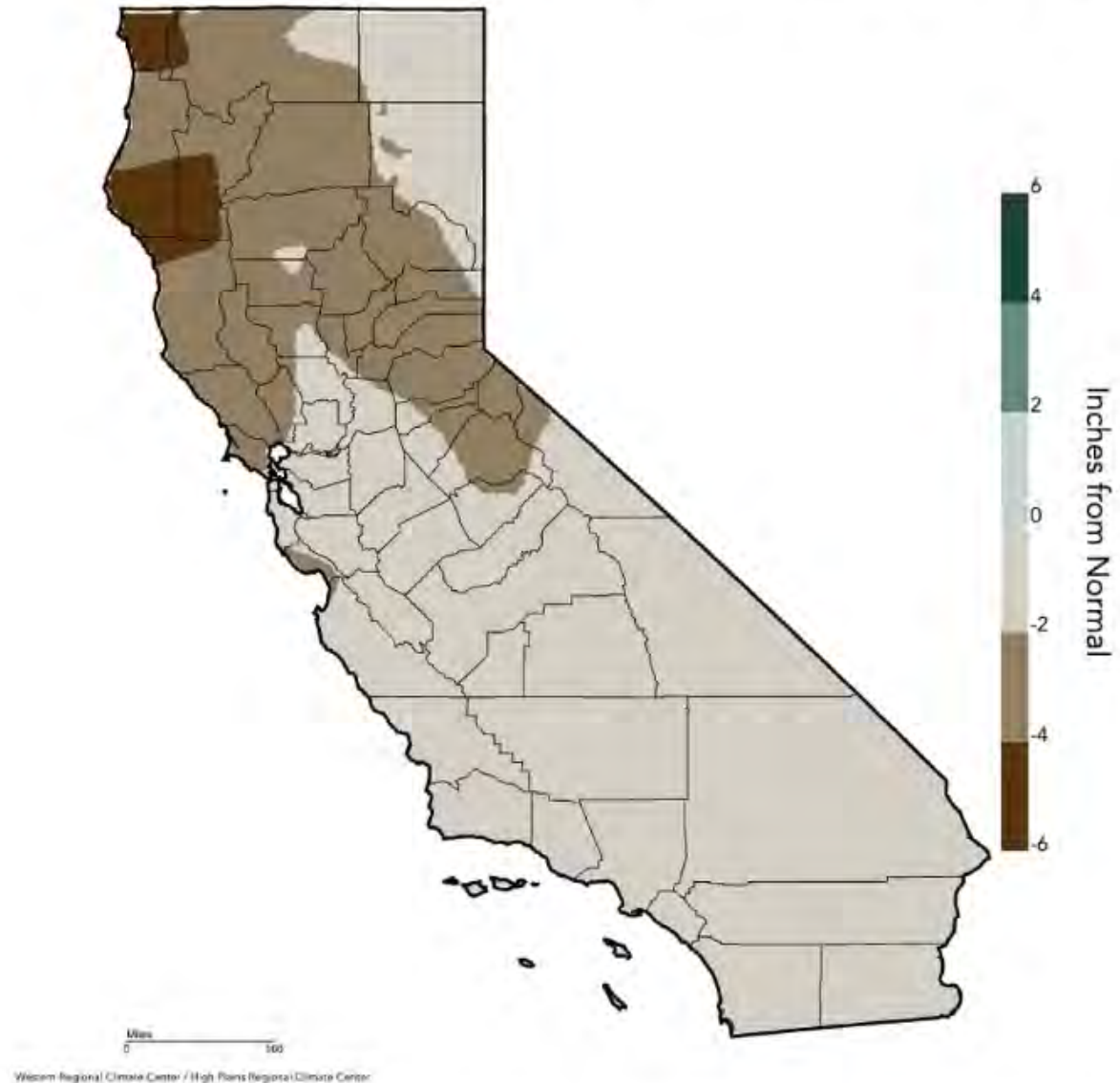


Change Date: 09-Dec-2025



Drought/ Water Supply Update

California Contours
Total Precipitation Departure from Normal (November 23, 2025 - December 6, 2025)

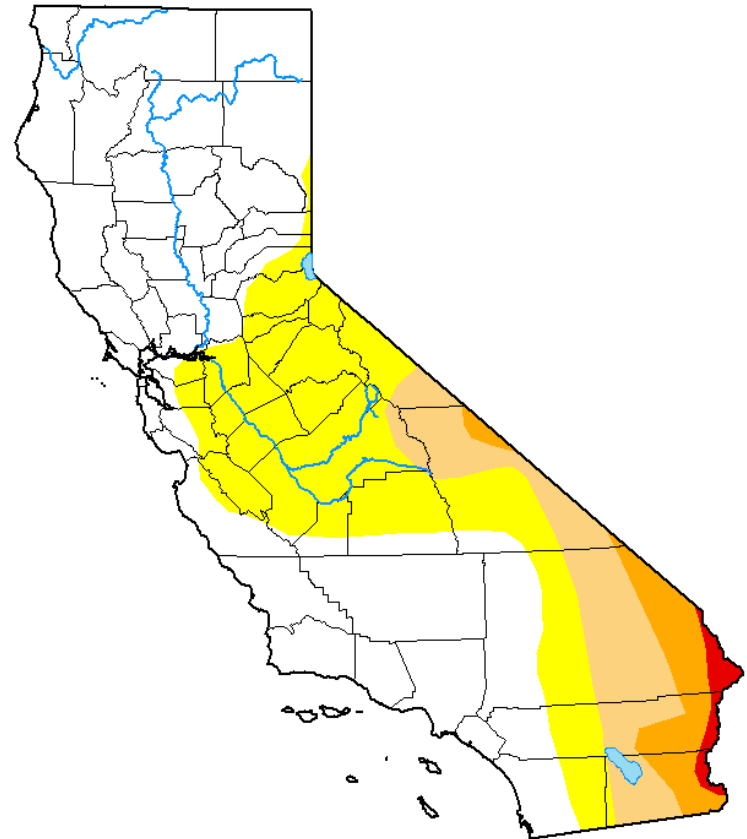
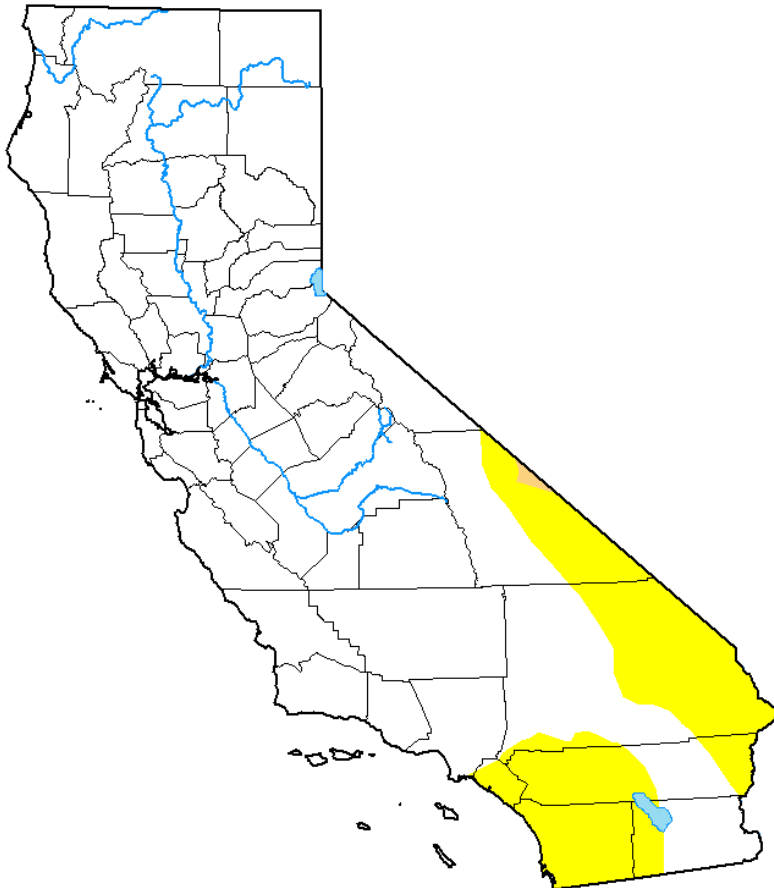


After a record-setting month for precipitation in November, California has been very dry. The discrepancy is most notable in Northern California, where this time of year is normally wet, but the absence of precipitation over the past two weeks has the region running a 4- to 6-inch deficit.


Drought/Water Supply Update

December 9, 2025


December 3, 2024




2026-27 State Budget Outlook

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- \$18 Billion deficit- driven by structural spending imbalances
 - ➔ Could balloon to \$35B in coming years
 - Legislative Analyst Office recommends “achievable spending reductions and/or revenue increases”
 - Governor’s Budget Proposal- January 10

Legislative Update

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- New Senate Leader- Sen. Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara)
 - New Natural Resources and Water Chair
 - Other Changes??
 - Assembly: largely the same

Legislative Update- 2-Year Bills

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- SB 496 (Hurtado): Advanced Clean Fleets
 - SB 445 (Wiener): Transportation
 - SB 601 (Allen): Waste Discharge
 - AB 810 (Irwin): Local government: internet websites and email addresses.

Legislative Update- Possible New Bills

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- Healthy Rivers and Landscapes
 - State Revolving Fund
 - PFAS
 - Financing/Investing Opportunities for Special Districts
 - Brine Discharge

Key Legislative Dates



- Jan 5- Legislature Returns
- Jan 16- Policy Committee Deadline for first house two-year bills
- Jan 23- Appropriations Deadline for two-year bills
- Jan 31- House of Origin Deadline for two-year bills
- Feb 20- Bill Introduction Deadline
- April 24- Policy Committee Deadline

Thank You



Questions?

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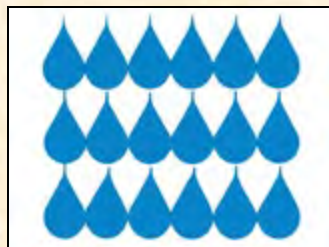


Board of Commissioners

Presentation Of The June 30, 2025

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

C.J. Brown & Company, CPAs
An Accountancy Corporation



Professional Guidance

- **The Audit Process is Governed by:**
 - **The AICPA's Statements of Auditing Standards**
 - **Federal and State Requirements**
- **GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) is Established By The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)**

The Reports & Auditor's Opinion

Independent Auditor's Report

Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority** as of June 30, 2025....

Management Report

Communication to Governing Board

- Auditor's Responsibility Under U.S. GAAS
- Scope of Audit
- Authority's Accounting Practices
- Corrected and/or Uncorrected Adjustments
- Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit – None Noted
- Disagreements with Management – None Noted

GASB No. 101 - *Compensated Absences*

The Objective of this Statement is to Better Meet the Information Needs of the Financial Statement Users and is Achieved by Aligning Recognition and Measurement Guidance Under a Unified Model and by Amending Certain Previously Required Disclosures.

The Authority is in Compliance with the New Standard at June 30, 2025.

Financial Highlights

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets:			
Current	\$ 100,988,932	83,217,581	17,771,351
Non-current	628,803	369,212	259,591
Capital	<u>88,919,660</u>	<u>92,521,424</u>	<u>(3,601,764)</u>
Total assets	<u>190,537,395</u>	<u>176,108,217</u>	<u>14,429,178</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>1,906,602</u>	<u>2,636,976</u>	<u>(730,374)</u>
Liabilities:			
Current	17,944,473	11,679,775	6,264,698
Non-current	<u>79,161,503</u>	<u>78,627,738</u>	<u>533,765</u>
Total liabilities	<u>97,105,976</u>	<u>90,307,513</u>	<u>6,798,463</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>874,419</u>	<u>845,675</u>	<u>28,744</u>
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	69,016,710	71,336,614	(2,319,904)
Restricted	3,589,363	3,329,772	259,591
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>21,857,529</u>	<u>12,925,619</u>	<u>8,931,910</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 94,463,602</u>	<u>87,592,005</u>	<u>6,871,596</u>

	2025	2024	Change
Operating Revenues:			
WWT and disposal	\$ 13,037,789	13,047,884	(10,095)
WWT and disposal capacity rights	2,614,477	2,510,154	104,323
Program administration	142,100	153,460	(11,360)
Other operating revenues	15,182	3,186	11,996
Total operating revenues	15,809,548	15,714,684	94,864
Non-operating revenues:			
Member contributions	2,261,410	2,308,275	(46,865)
Intergovernmental	14,448,599	7,903,442	6,545,157
OPEB income – GASB 75	159,361	273,301	(113,940)
Investment earnings, net	3,856,464	3,438,677	417,787
Total non-operating revenues	20,725,834	13,923,695	6,802,139
Total revenues	36,535,382	29,638,379	6,897,003
Operating expenses:			
WWT and disposal	8,305,066	8,038,986	266,080
General, admin, and overhead	82,992	399,828	(316,836)
Studies and planning costs	2,660,903	3,104,665	(443,762)
Depreciation	3,193,945	3,085,805	108,140
Amortization WWT & disposal rights	927,235	927,235	-
Total operating expenses	15,170,141	15,556,519	(386,378)
Non-operating expenses:			
Interest expense	446,768	479,119	(32,351)
Pension expense – GASB 68	1,175,064	1,271,247	(96,183)
Grant program expenses	12,871,812	6,893,893	5,977,919
Total non-operating expenses	14,493,644	8,644,259	5,849,385
Total expenses	29,663,785	24,200,778	5,463,007
Capital contributions	-	2,166,016	(2,166,016)
Change in net position	6,871,597	7,603,617	(732,020)
Beginning net position	87,592,005	79,988,388	7,603,617
Ending net position	\$ 94,463,602	87,592,005	6,871,597

Financial Highlights

In 2025:

Net Position – Increased by \$6.9 million to \$94.5.

Total Revenues – Increased by \$6.9 million to \$36.5 million.

- **Operating Revenues** – Increased by \$94.8 thousand.
- **Non-operating Revenues** – Increased by \$6.9 million, primarily due to a \$6.5 million increase in intergovernmental associated with the Proposition 84 Final Round grant nearing completion, resulting in a higher volume of invoices submitted by project proponents. In addition, Proposition I Round II projects commenced implementation in fiscal year 2025, further contributing to the increase in intergovernmental revenue compared to fiscal year 2024. Additionally, investment income increased by approximately \$0.4 million which reflects higher interest earnings due to rising interest rates, as well as favorable unrealized market value adjustments to the Authority's investment portfolio.

Total Expenses – Increase by \$5.5 million to \$29.7 million.

- **Operating Expenses** – Decreased by \$0.39 million to \$15.0 million primarily due to a \$0.4 million decrease in Studies and Planning costs from planned reductions in study-related budgets for fiscal year 2025. Several task forces also experienced slower than anticipated progress in implementing scheduled studies and work plans.
- **Non-operating Expense** – Increased by \$5.8 million, primarily due to a \$6.0 million increase in grant program expenses is largely due to Proposition 84 Final Round projects nearing completion, resulting in higher billings from project proponents. In addition, Proposition I Round II projects began implementation in 2025, leading to increased expenditures compared to fiscal year 2024.

Questions





Approval of Results from Request for Qualifications on Groundwater Technical Assistance & Surface Water Reporting

Ian Achimore

December 16, 2025

SAWPA Commission

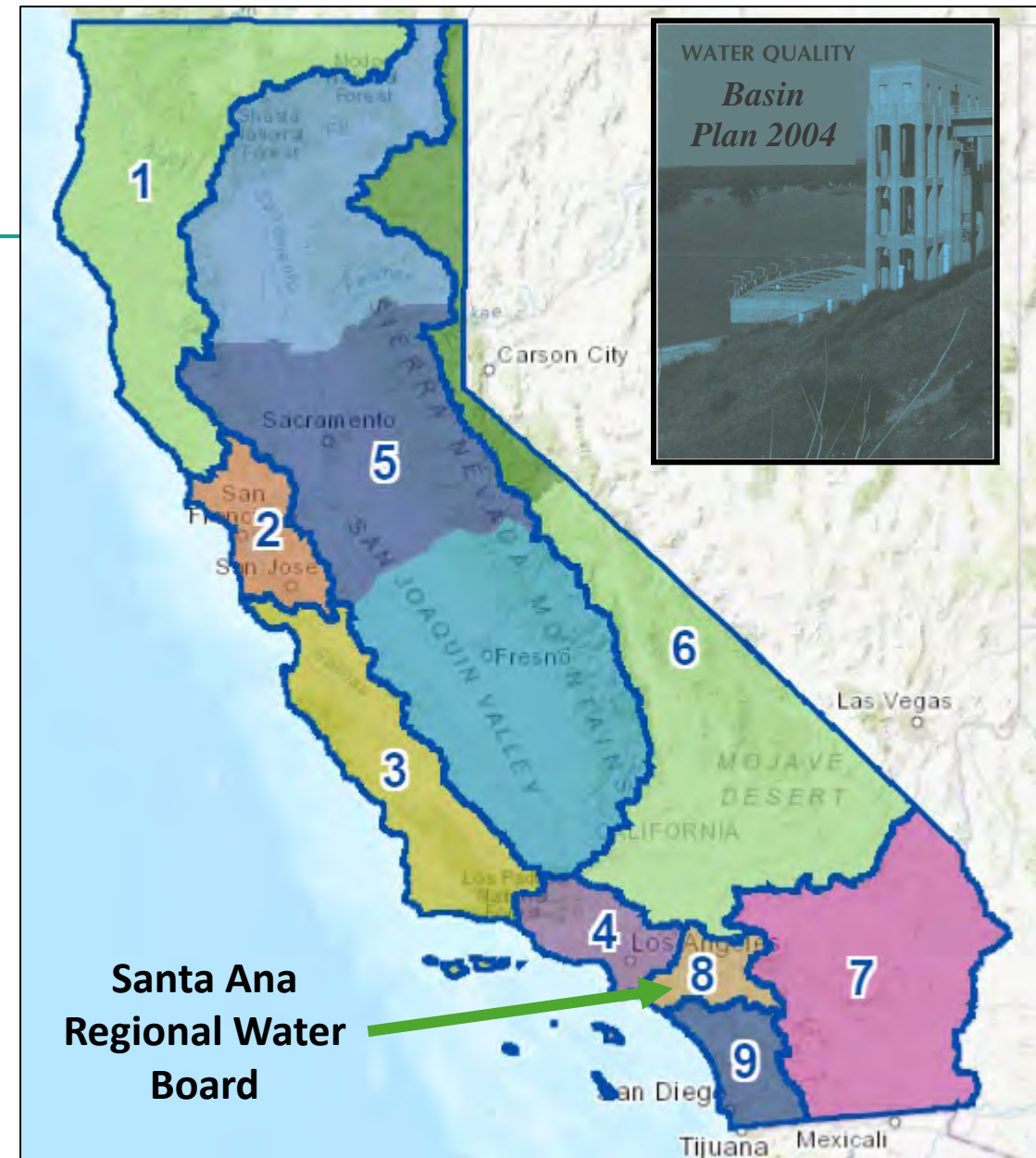
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission approve the list of qualified consultants for the following services in the Request for Qualifications on Groundwater Technical Assistance and Surface Water Reporting:

Service	Firms on Qualified Consultant List
Storage Model Technical Assistance	Water Systems Consulting, Inc. West Yost
Groundwater Data Consolidation	GEI Consultants Inc. West Yost
Implementation of 2026 Ambient Water Quality Recomputation	Water Systems Consulting, Inc. West Yost
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Task Force Purpose

- The Task Force implements ongoing monitoring tasks that are required in the Santa Ana Regional Board's regulatory document, the Basin Plan.
- Various agencies are identified in the 2004 Basin Plan Amendment and thus responsible for this monitoring.
- These agencies formed the Task Force in 2004.



Task Force Members

Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Chino Basin Watermaster	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
City of Banning	Irvine Ranch Water District
City of Beaumont	Jurupa Community Services District
City of Corona	Orange County Water District
City of Redlands	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
City of Rialto	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
City of Riverside	Temescal Valley Water District
Colton/San Bernardino Regional Tertiary Treatment and Wastewater Reclamation	Western Riverside Co Regional Wastewater Authority/Western Municipal Water District
Eastern Municipal Water District	Yucaipa Valley Water District
Santa Ana Regional Board - regulatory agency partner (non-funding member).	

Task Force Ongoing Monitoring

Monitoring Task	Description	Timeline for Completion
Ambient Water Quality Recomputation	Calculates salt and nutrient concentrations in Santa Ana River Watershed's 35 groundwater management zones.	Performed every five years. (note - was previously every three years)
Annual Report of Santa Ana River Water Quality	Reports water quality data to inform compliance for Santa Ana River Reaches 2, 3, 4 and 5.	Performed annually.
Wasteload Allocation Model	Models the Santa Ana River's salt and nutrients concentrations, and estimates those concentrations as recharge to underlying groundwater management zones or as discharge at Prado Dam.	Performed every ten years.

Note: Salt is regulated as the broader pollutant category of total dissolved solids (TDS), nutrients are regulated as Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) and Nitrate-Nitrogen.

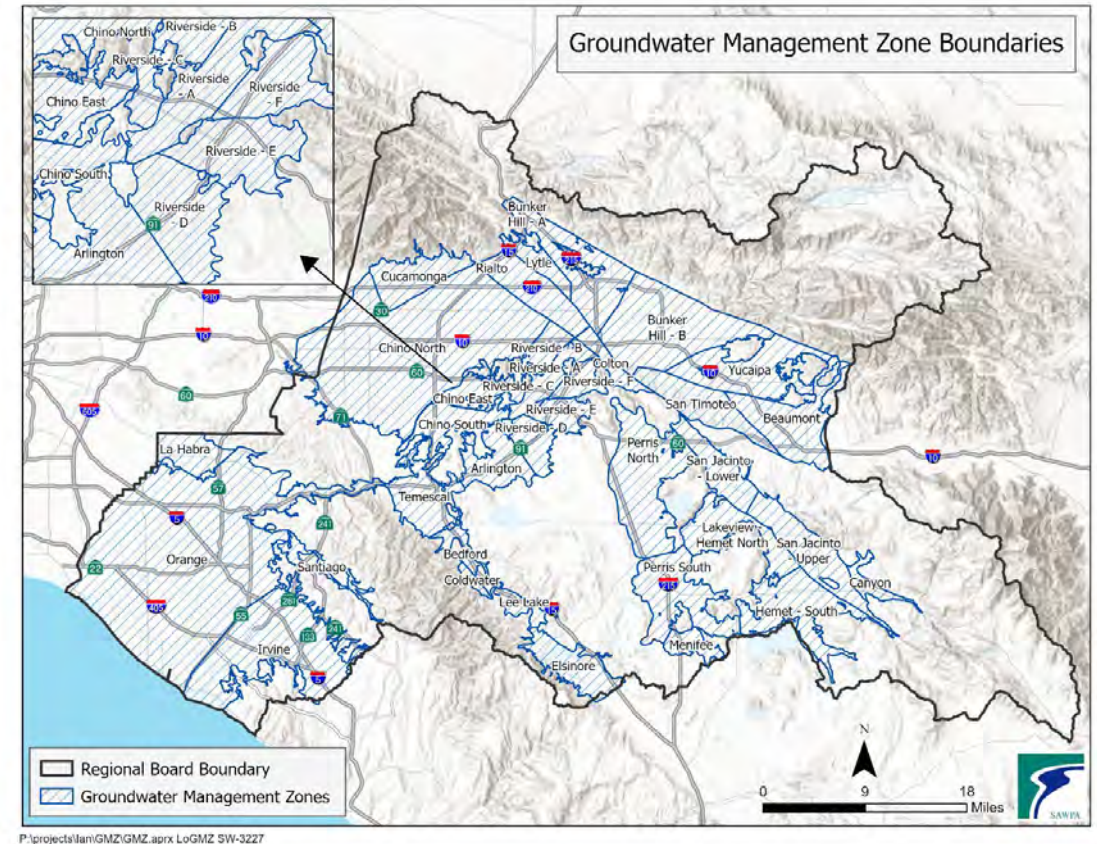
Services in RFQ

RFQ Service	Related BMP Ongoing Monitoring Task	Due Date for Service
Storage Model Technical Assistance	Ambient Water Quality Recomputation	October 31, 2028.
Groundwater Data Consolidation		Annually.
Implementation of 2026 Ambient Water Quality Recomputation		October 31, 2028.
Development of Santa Ana River Annual Water Quality Report	Santa Ana River Annual Water Quality Report	Annually (by August).

Purpose of the RFQ Groundwater Services

- The Regional Board agreed that a five-year frequency, instead of three, is appropriate for the ambient water quality recomputations.
- In exchange, the Regional Board required that the Task Force update the aquifer storage properties data layer of the 35 groundwater management zones (GMZs) using new hydrogeologic data.

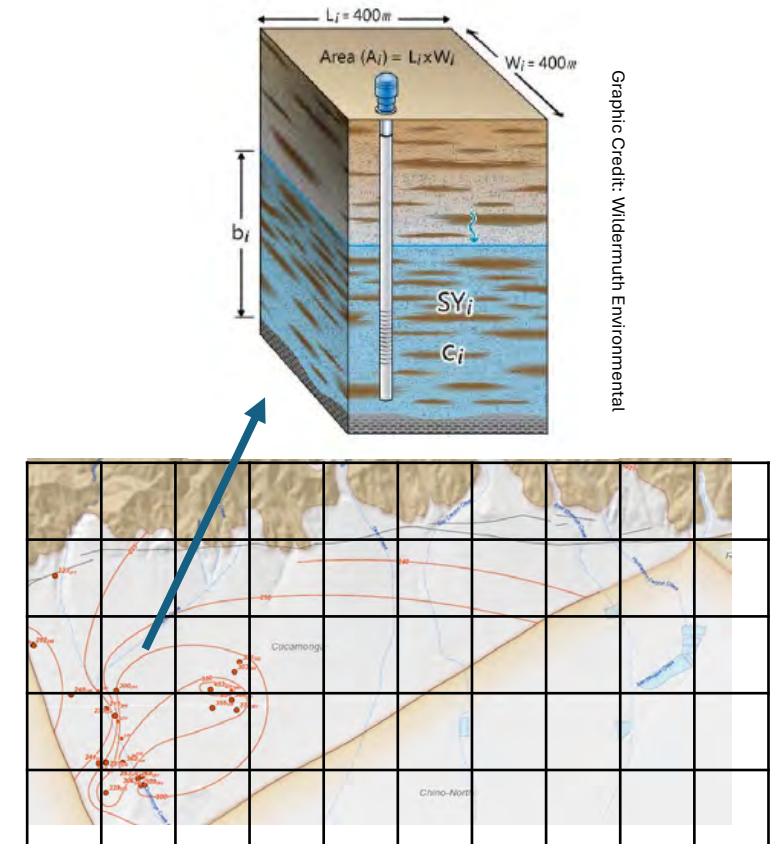
The Regional Board desires this since that layer used groundwater data from 2000, when the Task Force was working on the inaugural 2004 Basin Plan amendment.



Aquifer Storage Properties Data Layer Creation

- Ambient (current) groundwater water quality was first calculated in 2000 to prepare for the 2004 Basin Plan Amendment.
- New information from various groundwater models, developed by water agencies, exists in 2025.
- RFQ service involves consultant gathering this new information to produce contemporary ambient water quality calculations for the Task Force.

Visualization of Aquifer Layer



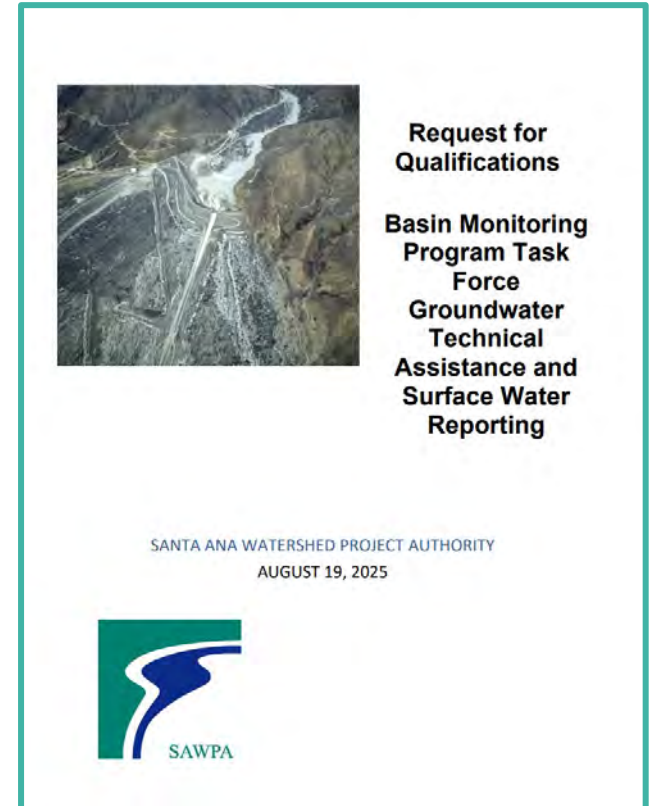
Purpose of the RFQ Surface Water Service

- The BMP Task Force's has a long-term obligation to produce the Annual Report of Santa Ana River Water Quality.
- Contained within this Report are water quality data necessary to determine compliance with Nitrogen and TDS water quality objectives for the following four Santa Ana River Reaches:
 - 2 (TDS Only)
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5.



RFQ Process

- **Short List:** The short list of qualified Consultants will remain valid for a minimum of five years from the “RFQ Proposals Due” date (September 30, 2025).
- **Project /Task Assignment:** Depending on the service needed, SAWPA will issue a request for a Scope of Work and Schedule (with due dates) to the Consultants on the short list.
- **Term of Services:** The term for applicable contracts is up to five years, beginning on the date that SAWPA enters into agreements with the selected qualified consultants, with the option to exercise an up to five-year extension (for a total of up to ten years).



RFQ Review Criteria

- The criteria for reviewing the Consultant proposals shall be based on, but not limited to, the following:
 - Qualifications and Experience (Firm and Personnel) – Consultant shall have a minimum of five years demonstrated experience related to the services they have selected.
 - Understanding of the Service(s) – As demonstrated in the completion of their Understanding of the Project and Approach, and other material.

Consultants Responding to Services

RFQ Service	Consultants Responding (Short List Recommendation in Bold)	
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Task Force Review of Consultants

- The BMP Task Force reviewed the six consultants proposals, and scored them by ranking their top selections in each service. The BMP Task Force recognized overlap in first three services related to groundwater, and the top two firms stood out in scorings for each service.
- The top three scoring firms had close scores for the Annual Report (surface water related) service. The BMP Task Force recognized that the surface water work was unique from the groundwater-related work, and wanted the short list to include the top three scoring firms.
- If approved by the Commission, SAWPA will work with the top consultants on the short list to develop scope of works, budgets and schedules for each of the four services.

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Questions

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SAWPA 50th Anniversary Celebration Budget & Funding Strategy

Karen Williams, General Manager

December 16, 2025

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission review and discuss the update on the detailed budget and funding strategy for the 50th Anniversary celebration and receive and file.

Purpose of Today's Item

- **Present draft budget framework for key celebration components**
- **Review funding strategy and sponsorship approach**
- **Ensure all materials remain on schedule for January 22, 2026**
- **Guest list**



Key Components

- **Commemorative Book & E-Book (history, timeline, photos)**
- **Anniversary Video (10-15 min, archival & interviews)**
- **Dinner Event (January 22, 2026 - Crestmore Manor)**
- **SAWPA 50th Anniversary Logo**
- **Outreach, challenge coin**



Project Components Overview

- **Commemorative Book & E-Book**
 - **Coffee-table style history book**
 - **Archival photos, narratives, watershed story**
- **50th Anniversary Video**
 - **10 – 15 minutes, interviews + archival footage**
- **Anniversary Dinner**
 - **Commissioners, member agencies, watershed partners**
 - **Premier of video + book distribution**

Commemorative Book

Scope Includes:

- **Writing, research, and editorial work done in-house to save on costs.**
- **Graphic design and layout**
- **Printing of physical copies**
- **E-book conversion**

Benefits:

- **High-quality legacy publication**
- **Lasting educational and outreach tool**

Anniversary Video

Scope Includes:

- **Script development**
- **Filming/interviews (Commissioners, partners, staff, former staff)**
- **Editing, graphics, voiceover**

Purpose:

- **Showcase SAWPA's 50-year legacy**
- **Inspire future watershed collaboration**
- **Debuts at January 22, 2026 dinner**

50th Anniversary Dinner

Event Summary:

- **Date: January 22, 2026**
- **Location: Crestmore Manor**
- **Attendees: Commissioners, GMs, partners, past leaders, staff**

Elements Included:

- **Venue & catering**
- **Event production & A/V**
- **Décor, programs, signage**
- **Video premiere & book release**

Preliminary Budget

Commemorative Book & E-Book	Amount
SG Creative LLC – Book Design	\$9,840
Printing	2,500
Total	\$12,340

Preliminary Budget

50th Anniversary Video	Amount
CV Strategies	\$30,000
Total	\$30,000

Preliminary Budget

50th Anniversary Dinner Event	Amount
Venue – Crestmore Manor	\$3,500
Food	5,000
Videographer	2,000
Photographer	1,500
Stage design	2,000
Décor	2,000
AV/DJ	3,000
Printing/Signage	2,000
Swag items/gift bags	5,000
Miscellaneous	2,000
Total	\$29,000

Preliminary Budget

Category	Amount
Commemorative Book & E-Book	\$12,340
50 th Anniversary Video	30,000
50 th Anniversary Dinner Event	29,000
Total	\$71,340

Sponsorships

Category	Amount
Platinum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo placement in the SAWPA 50th Anniversary event program• Recognition on SAWPA's 50th Anniversary digital materials• Recognition on all SAWPA 50th Anniversary event signage• Reserved table and name and logo placement on table placard• Certificate of appreciation presented at 50th Anniversary event	\$3,000
Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo placement in the SAWPA 50th Anniversary event program• Recognition on SAWPA's 50th Anniversary digital materials• Recognition on all SAWPA 50th Anniversary event signage• Name and logo placement on table placard	\$2,000
Silver <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo placement in the SAWPA 50th Anniversary event program• Recognition on SAWPA's 50th Anniversary digital materials• Recognition on all SAWPA 50th Anniversary event signage	\$1,000
Bronze <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo placement in the SAWPA 50th Anniversary event program• Recognition on SAWPA's 50th Anniversary digital materials	\$500
Open Contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAWPA welcomes custom sponsorship amounts.• At minimum, logo placement in the SAWPA 50th Anniversary event program.	

We will be sending out sponsor letters and hope to receive more in donations

Funding Strategy Overview

- **Sponsorship Campaign**
- **Use of Outreach/Communications Funds**
- **In-kind partner contributions where available**

Goal: Minimize financial impact while producing high-quality commemorative materials.

Sponsorship Approach

Sponsorship Letters:

- **Target: consulting firms, watershed partners, collaborators**
- **Scheduled for release immediately**

Sponsor Recognition May Include:

- **Logo/name in event program**
- **Acknowledgment on screen during event**
- **Event signage**
- **Reserved table**

Proposed Schedule

Milestone	Target Date
Book and Video Production	November – January
Venue and Food Vendor Selection	November - December
Event Preparation	December – January
Anniversary Dinner	January 22, 2026

Next Steps

- **Issue sponsorship letters**
- **Finalize production work (book & video)**
- **Develop event program**
- **Create guest list**
 - **Please provide any requested guests by EOD 12/17/2025. We are looking at a 120 person guest list.**
- **Send invitations**
- **Prepare/finalize January 22 celebration materials**

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Questions/Feedback

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