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June 27, 2019

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Sincerely,

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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 MINUTES OF THE May 28, 2019, SPECIAL MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Groff, John Newton, Andy Waters

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: David Schwabauer, Roy Talley

COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY: None

STAFF: Michaela Brown, Outgoing Director

Joseph Pope, Incoming Director

Sandy Harrison, Staff Services Specialist II

Caytlyn Caylor, Office Assistant III

GUESTS: None

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE April 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING -

Vote: Yeas – Nays –; Abstained; Absence –; Motion carried-.
Deferred April 11th minutes due to lack of quorum, postponed to later date

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

None

- 4. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT
 - A. CAPITAL PROJECTS
 - i. District 1 Desalter
 - Ms. Brown stated we are finalizing the agreement with Calleguas to use their groundwater modeling to run two modeling cycles at no cost
 - ii. Storm water Capture and Groundwater recharge
 - Ms. Brown discussed a call she had from Susan regarding a grant from Metropolitan. There may be an opportunity to do a presentation to Metropolitan Water District about the project.
 - iii. Recycled water pump upgrade
 - 1. This project got awarded APWA project of the year.

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- 2. Ms. Brown informed the Committee that Susan will be giving a presentation of the project on June 13th
- iv. Stockton Reservoir
 - 1. Restarting real estate efforts to secure easement and completing design and specs
- v. Walnut Acres waterline replacement
 - 1. No updated given
- vi. Home Acres reservoir and pipeline
 - 1. Ms. Brown informed Committee that a new real estate appraisal is needed
- vii. Left Turn Lane on HWY 118
 - 1. Real estate is working on getting the additional right of way on the north side
 - 2. CalTrans approved for Public Works to manage the project
- B. WATER QUALITY REPORT
 - i. 1. 1 Odor Complaint
 - 1. Customer is escalating complaint to shut down the well
 - ii. 5 Pressure Complaints
 - 1. Staff will install a water pressure monitor at the hydrant line to pinpoint the issue
- C. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS
 - i. Great conditions, remain above normal
- D. FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY (GMA) / LAS POSAS USERS GROUP (LPUG) UPDATE
 - i. No updates on Fox Canyon GMA
 - ii. LPUG Mr. Waters stated the committee will be meeting every 3 weeks
- E. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT / METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATE
 - i. Eric Bergh is retiring, no replacement for his position currently
- F. UPDATE ON THE MOORPARK DESALTER -
 - No information to report

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G. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH -

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H. BOARD LETTER TRACKER

- i. 21st APWA project of the year receipt and file.
- ii. Regulatory updates for sewer for Rule and Reg changes.
- iii. Water standby charges, request to add to property tax bill go to the Board of Supervisors on June 11th

I. AN UPDATE ON THE BRIEF ON THE LAS POSAS VALLEY WATER RIGHTS COALITION ADJUDICATION

- i. Mediation required by current judge on June 6-7
- ii. We have met with County Counsel and Harper Bridgett to focus on strategy and required documents to support our position of purveyor water rights

J. UPDATE ON THE AGRICULTURAL FOCUS GROUP

- i. There were no good agenda items, so Ms. Brown didn't hold one this time
- ii. We are pushing for the agenda items and meeting focus to come from the Ag community

K. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

- i. The proposed budget will be discussed at the June 19th meeting
- ii. Higher than expected revenues of 2.1 Million
- iii. Ms. Brown discussed the budget of \$700,000 for the left turn lane project

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

i. The state is going to create District wide water budget, but this process may conflict with Prop 218 regulations

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

Waterworks District No. 1

Regular Meeting, July 11, 2019



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District No. 1 MWTP Desalter Project WS231801	S. Pan/ M. Segui/ A. Isabel Kennedy Jenks; Hopkins Groundwater; Dr. Steven Bachman; ESA;	11/21	01/22	02/22	06/24	15/0	 6/2019- Reaching agreement with Calleguas MWD to use using ELPB groundwater modeling program for project assimilation. 7/2018- Presented project update at LPUG meeting. 3/2018- Reviewed preliminary draft Las Posas Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. 12/2017- Met with Lawrence Berkeley National Lab to possibly partnering on groundwater recharge research project; and solar thermal desalination project for zero liquid discharge and DOE \$5 million grant application.
District No. 1 MWTP Storm Water Capture and Groundwater Recharge Project	S. Pan/ A. Isabel Lawrence Berkeley National Lab; R2 Resource Consultants ESD						 6/2019- MWDSC awarded \$120,000 grant; entering into grant agreements with Calleguas MWD and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab for groundwater filtration enhancement study. Preparing engineering services agreement with R2 Consultant for engineering study. Project was not selected for Prop. 1 Round 1 grant application by WCVC. 10/2018- Submitted Prop. 1 Round 1 Grant pre-application to WCVC.
District No. 1 MWTP Recycled Water Pump Station Upgrade WS232810	S. Pan/ M. Segui MSO Technologies; Travis Ag	10/17	01/18	02/18	08/18	100/100	06/2019- Ventura County APWA awarded 2018 Project of the Year for the VCWWD No. 1 Moorpark Recycled Water System Expansion Project. Award presentation at BOS meeting on 5/21. Project presentation at APWA meeting on 6/13.



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District No. 1 Stockton Reservoir WS231803	K. Panah / M. Segui Penfield & Smith; Padre & Assoc.; Kennedy Jenks; Oakridge	10/19	12/19	01/20	12/20	90/0	 03/2019- Real Estate Services is pursuing easement from SCG and will process and preparing legal description for property acquisition. ROW acquisition from property owners next. Additional two geotech boring at the tank site for more complete data gathering. Completing 100% design plans and specs. 3/2018 – Reviewing 60% design and ground improvement estimate. Met with consultants 3/26/18. 1/2018 – Review draft geotechnical report; 60%
District No. 1 Walnut Acres Tract Water Lines Replacement WS231805	<u>S. Pan/</u> <u>M. Segui</u>	04/20	6/20	7/20	6/21	60/0	 8/2018 – Completed 60% design plans in progress and updated project cost estimate. 12/2017- Compiled survey and utilities info, completed 50% plans. 11/2017 – Real Estate Services conducted utilities search. Received survey data 11/22/17.
District No. 1 Home Acres Reservoir & Pipelines		TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		6/2019- Procuring new real estate appraisal of the proposed tank site. Processing real estate acquisition of proposed tank site.
District No. 1 MWRF- Left-turn lane on HWY 118 to plant entrance WS232437	E. Keller/ Transportation Dept.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		 3/2019- Caltrans agreed to use the original design for permit processing; Real Estate Services acquiring additional ROW; 7/2018 – April meeting with PWA Transportation Dept, advised original alignment adding-left-turn lane to Hwy 118 at entrance. Awaiting refined project cost estimate and PM schedule. 12/2017 – Met with Transportation Dept. and provided them with previously completed preliminary engineering study and design plans.



B. WATER QUALITY REPORT

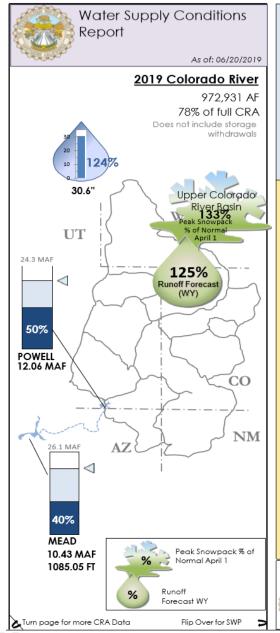
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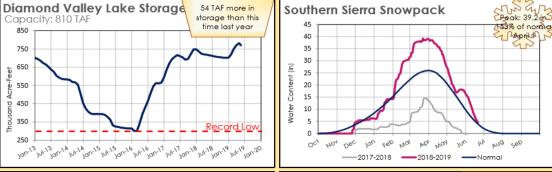


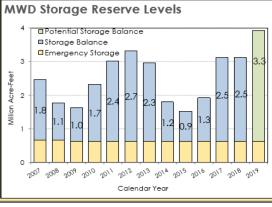


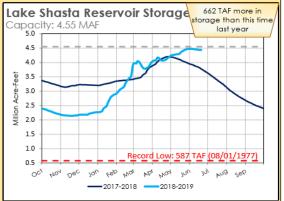
Highlights

- ♦ Northern Sierra snowpack peaked at 163% of April 1 normal
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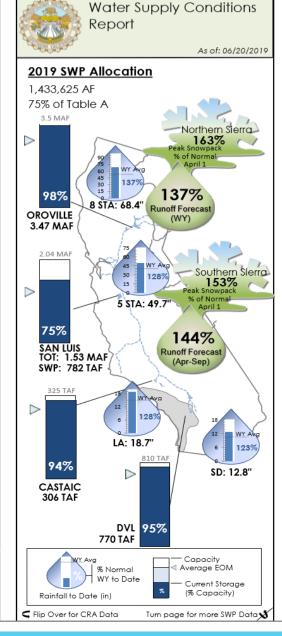






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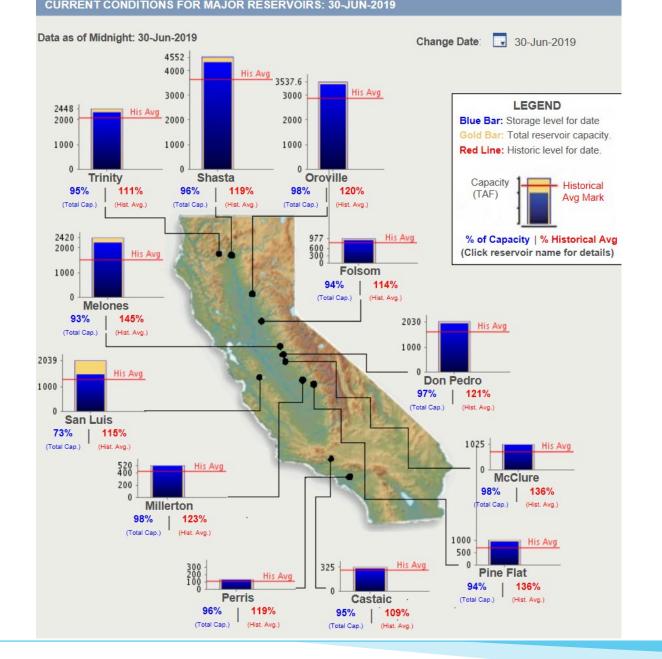
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DISTRICT 1 & 19 ADJUDICATION FAQs

GROUNDWATER BASIN ADJUDICATION INFORMATION

Information for Ventura County Waterworks Districts (District) Nos. 1 (Moorpark) & 19 (Somis) property owners who received a Notice of Commencement of Groundwater Basin Adjudication from JND Legal Administration regarding the Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition case

Q: What is the Groundwater Basin Adjudication?

A: In 2018, a few agricultural landowners ("Plaintiffs") that overlie the Las Posas Groundwater Basin ("Basin"), a groundwater basin that underlies an area between roughly Somis and Moorpark, filed a comprehensive groundwater adjudication lawsuit to determine the rights of all persons to extract groundwater from this Basin. The lawsuit seeks a court adjudication of groundwater rights against all persons or entities that either (a) extract, or pump, groundwater from this basin, such as Ventura County Waterworks Districts Nos. 1 and 19, several water mutual companies, and several farm operators or (b) own real property overlying this basin.

Q: Why did I receive this Notice? Am I being sued? Is this a Class Action Lawsuit?

A: You received Plaintiffs' mailing of their Notice of Commencement of Groundwater Basin Adjudication, Second Amended Verified Complaint and Answer to Adjudication Complaint because you are a property owner overlying this Basin. Although Plaintiffs' Complaint likely does not list you as a defendant by name, it is Plaintiffs intent to serve you as a party to this lawsuit so that you are bound by a court judgment determining water rights. The amount of money that you pay for water and your property rights may be affected by this lawsuit. No, this is not a class action lawsuit: however, it involves the interests of thousands of property owners.

Q: Are Plaintiffs seeking money damages against me?

A: No, they are not.

Q: Will this Adjudication affect my water rate?

A: Yes.

First. Waterworks Districts Nos. 1 and 19 have been forced to retain experienced, specialized outside water counsel and hydrology experts to represent them in this litigation. Being sued and defending water rights costs money. This legal cost will be born by the Districts' ratepayers.

Second, if plaintiffs succeed in their claims, Waterworks Districts Nos. 1 and 19 will lose some or all of their right to pump groundwater in the Basin and will be forced to purchase more imported State Water Project ("SWP") water. SWP water is dramatically more expensive than locally pumped groundwater, and this would cause water rates to increase substantially. In Waterworks District 1, 19% of all water distributed to customers is groundwater pumped from the Basin and 81% is imported SWP water. In Waterworks District 19, 64% of all water distributed is Basin groundwater and 36% is imported SWP water.

Q: Why have Ventura County Waterworks Districts Nos. 1 and 19 Been Sued?

A: Because they pump groundwater from the Basin to supply to their customers. The Waterworks Districts, and/or their legal predecessors, have been pumping groundwater from the Basin for 75 years or more. In this litigation, Plaintiffs (some of whom do not even own wells and have never pumped groundwater from the Basin) allege that the rights of Waterworks District Nos. 1 and 19 to pump groundwater in this Basin are "junior" to the rights of Plaintiffs and other overlying property owners. Waterworks District Nos. 1 and 19 vigorously dispute this allegation.

Q: What can I do to help? What if I have more questions about the Adjudication?

A: The District will keep you informed as new information becomes available here https://www.vcpublicworks.org/wsd/. You can also follow this link to submit a question.



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Water & Sanitation Department

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