

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223



SAN GORGONIO PASS
WATER AGENCY
A California State Water Project Contractor

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**Vice President Smith will be participating
via teleconference from the following location:**
123 Palfrey Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472

AGENDA

This meeting is being held virtually and in person.
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Robert Ybarra

Vice President
Larry Smith

Treasurer
James Tickemyer

Secretary
Sarah Wargo

Directors
Dr. Blair M Ball
Chander Letulle
Mickey Valdivia

General Manager
Lance Eckhart,
PG, CHG

Legal Counsel
Holland Stewart

requiere. También puede contactar a la secretaria de la junta directiva por escrito al San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223.

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Adjustment and Adoption of Agenda

4. Public Comment:

Members of the public may address the Board at this time concerning items relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. There will be an opportunity to comment on specific agenda items, as the items are addressed. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Under the Brown Act, no action or discussion shall take place on any item not appearing on the agenda, except that the Board or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed for the purpose of directing statements or questions to staff for follow-up.

5. Consent Calendar:

If any board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

- A. Approve Minutes of the April 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors, [\(pg. 4\)](#)

6. Reports – Staff

- A. General Manager's Report
- B. General Counsel's Report

7. Informational Presentations and Updates:

- A. Water Conditions Report, [\(pg. 9\)](#)
- B. State Water Project Fundamentals – Article 55 Water, [\(pg. 18\)](#)
- C. County Line Road Construction Update, [\(pg. 24\)](#)
- D. Delta Conveyance Project Update, [\(pg. 37\)](#)

8. Reports – Directors and Committees

9. Board Requests for Future Agenda Items

10. Announcements

- A. Finance & Budget Committee Meeting, April 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- B. SoCal STEAM Challenge, May 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, May 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.
- D. ACWA Spring Conference, May 5-7, 2026

11. Adjournment

Pending Agenda Items:

<i>Request</i>	<i>Requester</i>	<i>Date of Request</i>	<i>Status</i>
Public Surveying/Polling Processes	Smith	3/16/2026	

(1) Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Agency's office, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's website, accessible at: www.sgpwa.com (2) Any person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should telephone the Agency at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation.

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Official Minutes
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 6, 2026

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON,
WITH PUBLIC AVAILABILITY PROVIDED VIA ZOOM.

1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Robert Ybarra at 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2026, at the office of the Agency. Secretary Wargo provided the invocation and Director Ball led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to roll call, Counsel Stewart conducted the required Brown Act verification for Director Valdivia who appeared remotely from the following location: KM 20, Boulevard Kukulcan, Zona Hotelera, 77500 Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

2. Roll Call

President Ybarra requested a roll call.

Board Present:

Robert Ybarra, President
Larry Smith, Vice-President
Sarah Wargo, Secretary
Blair M Ball, Director
Mickey Valdivia, Director – via teleconference

Absent:

James Tickemyer, Treasurer
Chander Letulle, Director

Staff Present:

Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Thomas Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Ustation, Chief Financial Officer
Maricela Cabral, Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board
Emmett Campbell, Director of Water Resources
Matt Howard, Operations Manager

Consultant Present:

Holland Stewart, Legal Counsel

A quorum was present.

3. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda

General Manager Eckhart announced that, due to an anticipated closed session call and the presence of guests from South Mesa Water Company, the meeting

would proceed with Item 7.A, Gap Funding Check Presentation, before returning to the regular order of business. The agenda was adjusted accordingly.

4. Public Comment

No public comment received.

7. Informational Presentations and Updates:

A. Gap Funding Check Presentation

South Mesa Water Company Board President Dave Dutchover thanked the Board for the Agency's Gap Funding Program, noting that the approved funding helped secure state grant funds, install approximately 50,000 feet of pipeline, and improve system reliability. They also presented the Agency with a reimbursement check of approximately \$4.4 million and advised that an additional payment is expected once remaining state funds are received. Board members expressed appreciation for the partnership, highlighting the program's continued success, the benefit of bringing State Water Project water into Calimesa, and the value of regional collaboration to strengthen local water systems.

5. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve Minutes of the March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors
- B. Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2026, Special Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors
- C. Approve Minutes of the March 16, 2026, Pass Water Agency Foundation and Regular Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors
- D. Approve Finance & Budget Committee Meeting report for March 26, 2026

Director Ball requested Items 5.C and 5.D be pulled for discussion.

On a motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by President Ybarra, the board approved Items 5.A and 5.B on the Consent Calendar.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Ball, Ybarra

Noes: None

Absent: Tickemyer, Letulle

Motion passed 5-0.

Items pulled for Discussion

Director Ball requested a correction to the March 16, 2026, minutes noting the comment under Item 11, Topics for Future Agendas, should be attributed to Vice President Smith rather than himself. Correction noted.

Director Ball requested clarification regarding the Finance and Budget Committee discussion related to Board use of legal counsel, and whether any resulting action would come before the full Board. Staff and counsel confirmed any formal action would return to the full Board for consideration.

On a motion by Director Ball, seconded by Vice President Smith, the board approved items 5.C and 5.D.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Ball, Ybarra

Noes: None

Absent: Tickemyer, Letulle

Motion passed 5-0.

6. Reports

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager, Lance Eckhart reported on the following:

1. Assemblymember Greg Wallis' letter of congratulations to CFO Jennifer Ustation
2. 3,000 Acre-foot Water transfer with Napa
3. Procurement Policy Notification: Weka Change Orders No. 5 & 6
4. Letter from United Water Conservation District thanking SGPWA for support in recent litigation efforts involving water rights principles

The Board recessed into Closed Session to discuss Item 11.A.

11. Closed Session Agenda

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code § 54956.9)

Significant Exposure to Litigation: Three Potential Cases

12. Reconvene

A. Report out of Closed Session

President Ybarra reconvened the meeting into open session at 2:42 p.m. Counsel Stewart announced there was no reportable action.

6. Reports, cont.

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager, Lance Eckhart reported on the following:

3. Completion of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Heli-Hydrant Connection
4. Draft Water Rights for Sites Reservoir Project have been issued
5. Water Operator hired

B. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel, Stewart provided an update on the following:

1. Brown Act Refresher scheduled for April 20, 2026, Board meeting

7. Informational Presentations and Updates:

B. State Water Project Fundamentals: Article 21

Director of Water Resources Emmett Campbell presented on Article 21 water, explaining it is surplus State Water Project water available on a short-term, first-come, first-served basis and must be used immediately. He noted the Agency

received more than 5,000 acre-feet in 2023, and the Board discussed its value for recharge, operational flexibility, and long-term water supply planning.

B. Small Water Systems Assistance Program

Operations Manager Matt Howard provided an update on the Agency's Small Water Systems Assistance Program, highlighting continued support for smaller local systems through technical assistance, planning documents, workshops, and grant application support. He noted the program has helped participating agencies improve readiness for outside funding and will continue focusing on training and targeted assistance based on system needs.

8. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action:

A. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Feasibility of Expanding an Existing Water Bank within the Area Overlying the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin Between the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency

Director of Water Resources Emmett Campbell presented the proposed First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency related to future water banking feasibility. He explained the amendment establishes a framework for evaluating potential property opportunities and bringing any future agreements back to the Board.

On a motion by Director Ball, seconded by Secretary Wargo, the board approved and authorized the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Feasibility of Expanding an existing Water Bank with the area overlying the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin between the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and Antelope-Valley – East Kern Water Agency.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Ball, Ybarra

Noes: None

Absent: Tickemyer, Letulle

Motion passed 5-0.

9. Reports - Directors and Committee Report

The following meetings were reported on:

- March 17, 2026, Cabazon Water District Board Meeting (Wargo)
- March 18, 2026, Riverside County Planning Commission Meeting (Wargo)
- March 18, 2026, High Valley Water District Board Meeting (Wargo)
- March 19, 2026, Banning Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation Dinner (Wargo, Ybarra)
- March 24, 2026, Banning City Council Meeting (Wargo, Ybarra)
- March 25, 2026, Board Workshop – Agency Act (Wargo)
- March 26 – 28, 2026, Water Education for Latino Leaders 2026 Annual Conference (Ybarra)
- March 30, 2026, Board Workshop – Media Training (Ball)

- April 1, 2026, Beaumont Basin Water Master Meeting (Wargo)

Vice President Smith reported that IERCD will be hosting a booth at the Bogart Trout Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 11, 2026.

10. Topics for Future Agendas

No topics were discussed.

11. Closed Session Agenda, cont.

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Significant Exposure to Litigation: Three Potential Cases

12. Reconvene

A. Report out of Closed Session

President Ybarra reconvened the meeting into open session. Counsel Stewart announced there was no reportable action.

13. Announcements

President Ybarra reviewed the following announcements:

A. Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, April 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

B. Regular Board Meeting, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

C. Finance & Budget Committee Meeting, April 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, President Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Maricela V. Cabral, CMC, CPMC
Deputy Secretary of the Board

Water Conditions Report

Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2026



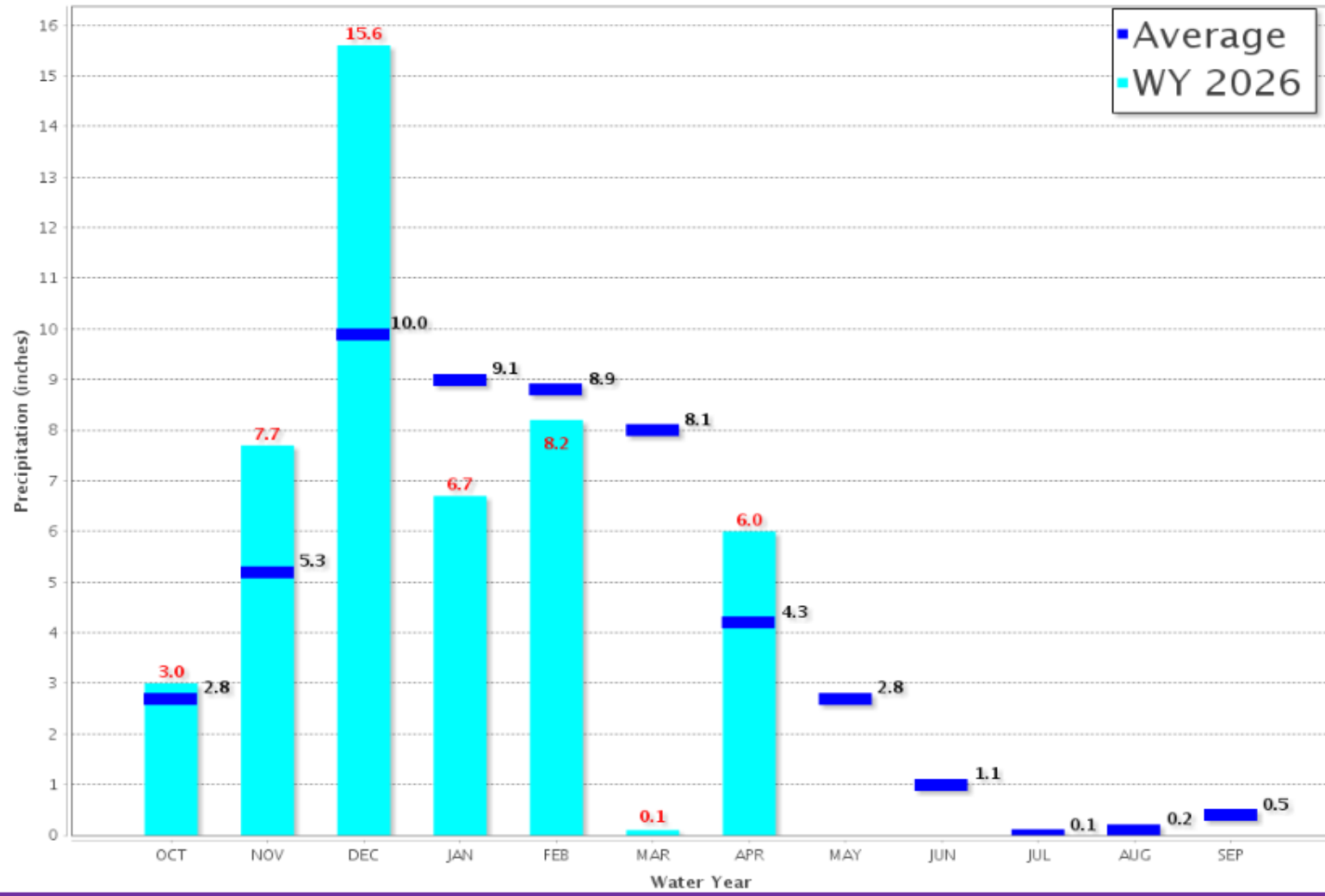


Northern Sierra 8-Station

Precipitation Index for Water Year 2026 - Updated on April 15, 2026 12:48 PM

Note: Monthly totals may not add up to seasonal total because of rounding

Water Year Monthly totals are calculated based on Daily precipitation data from 12am to 12am PST

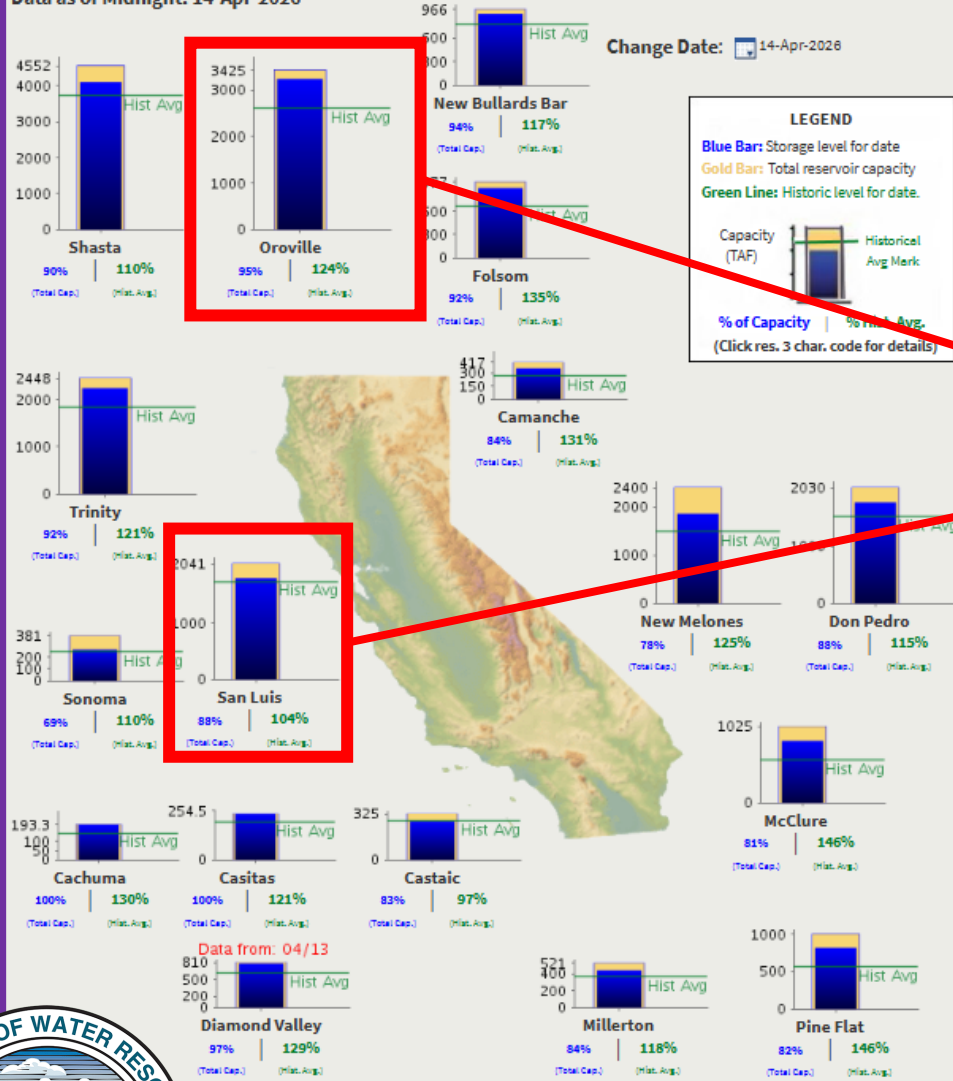


State Precipitation Stations – North Sierra

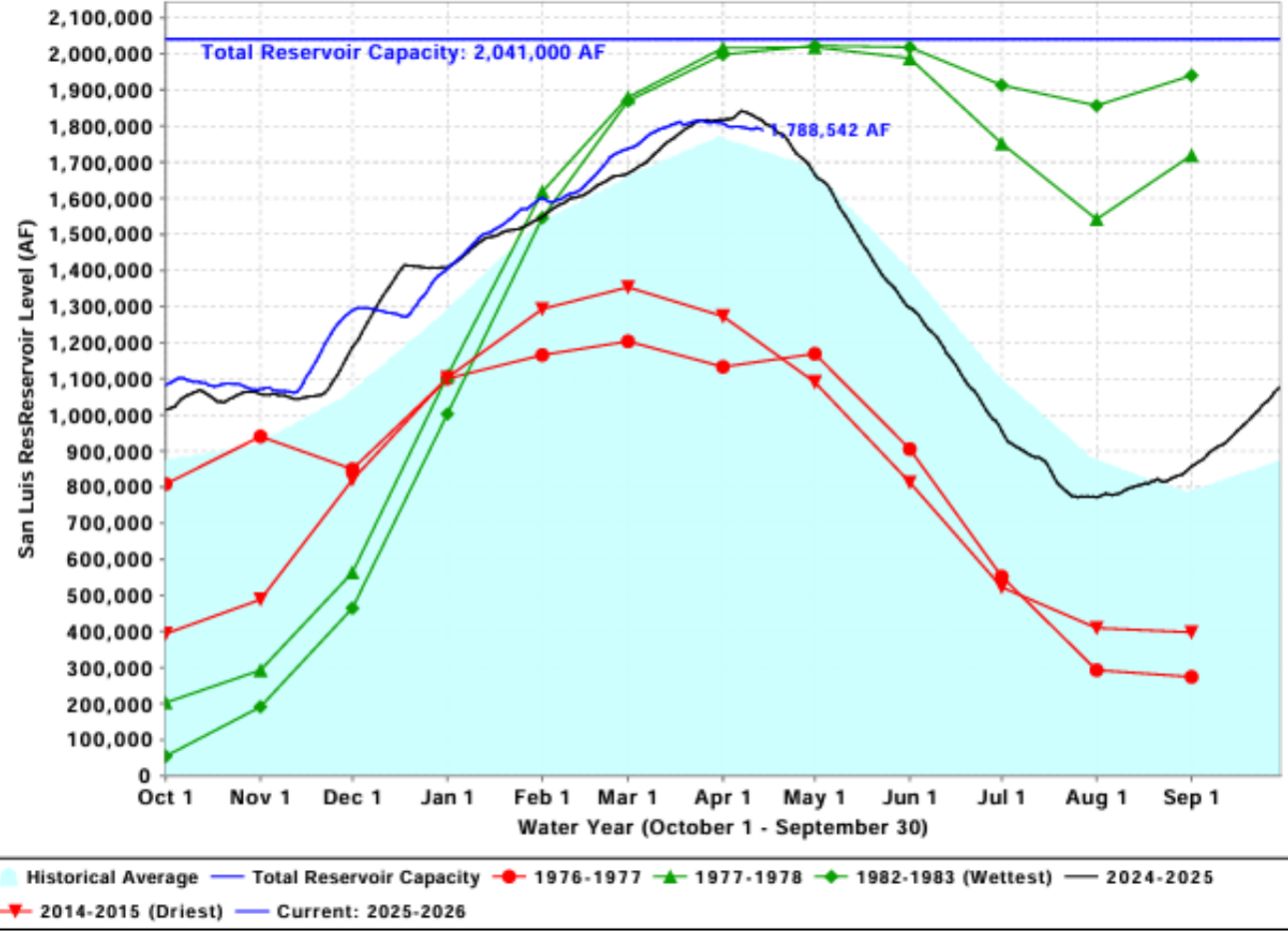


CURRENT CONDITIONS: MAJOR WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS:14-APR-2026

Data as of Midnight: 14-Apr-2026

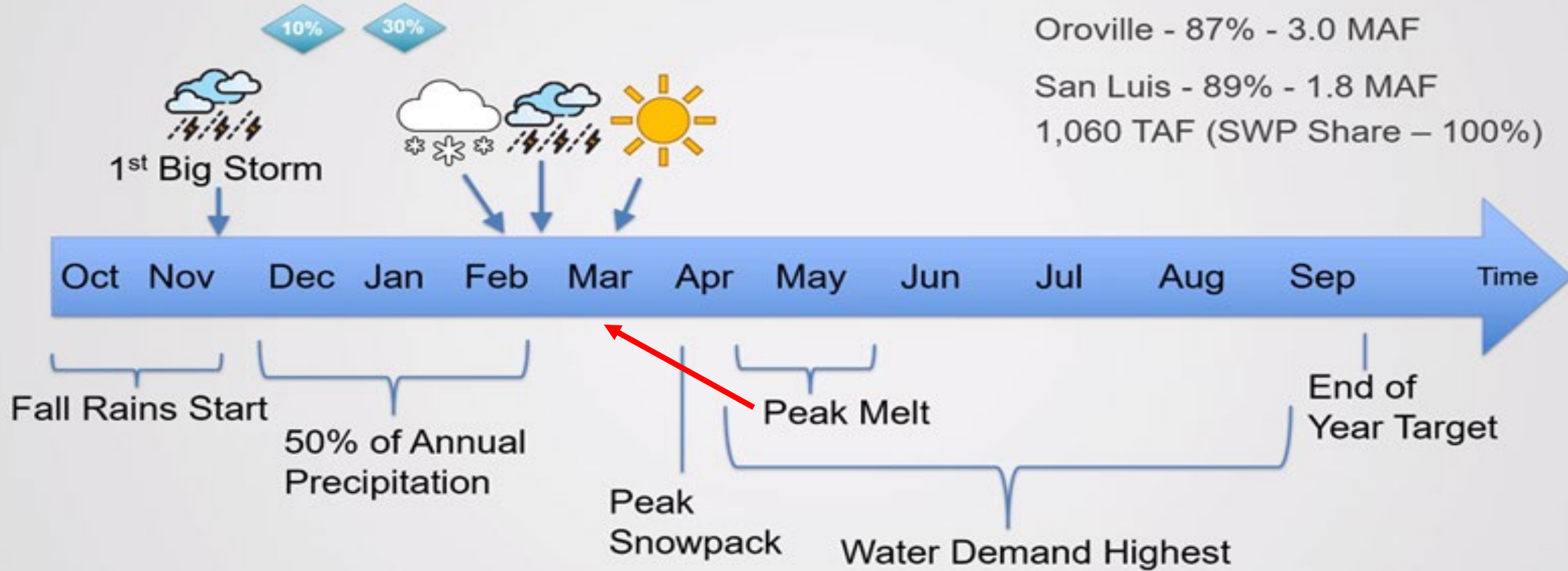


San Luis Res Levels: Various Past Water Years and Current Water Year, Ending At Midnight April 14, 2026



Current Reservoir Conditions

Building a Water Year 2026



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES



DWR Building a Water Year 2026



CURRENT REGIONAL SNOWPACK FROM AUTOMATED SNOW SENSORS

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



NORTH	
Data as of April 15, 2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	31
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	2.7
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	10
Percent of normal for this date (%)	11

CENTRAL	
Data as of April 15, 2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	53
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	6.8
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	24
Percent of normal for this date (%)	25

SOUTH	
Data as of April 15, 2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	24
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	6.2
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	26
Percent of normal for this date (%)	28

STATE	
Data as of April 15, 2026	
Number of Stations Reporting	108
Average snow water equivalent (Inches)	5.5
Percent of April 1 Average (%)	20
Percent of normal for this date (%)	21

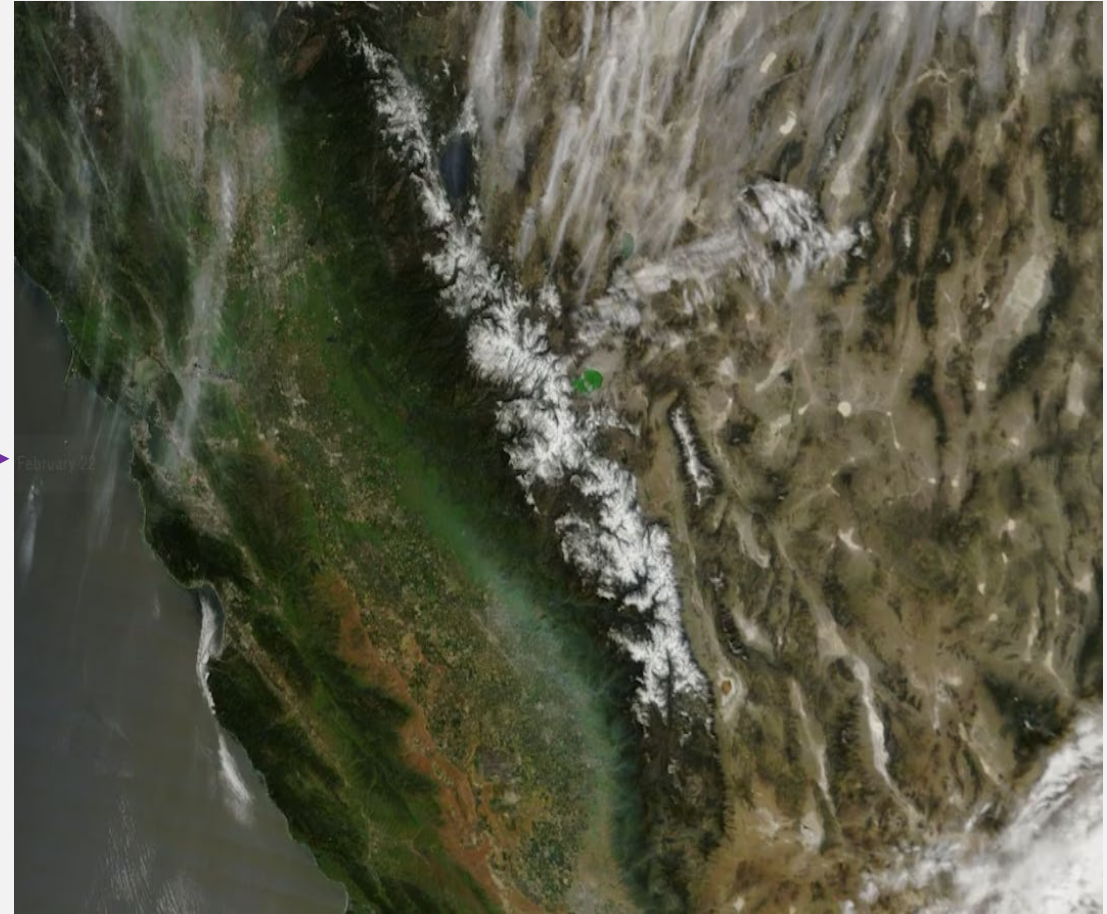
Statewide Average: 20% / 21%



Snowpack Report



Record
Breaking
Heat
Wave in
March



February 22, 2026 Snowpack

March 22, 2026 Snowpack



Snowpack Report

SWP Allocation Timeline

2026 Table A Allocation Timeline

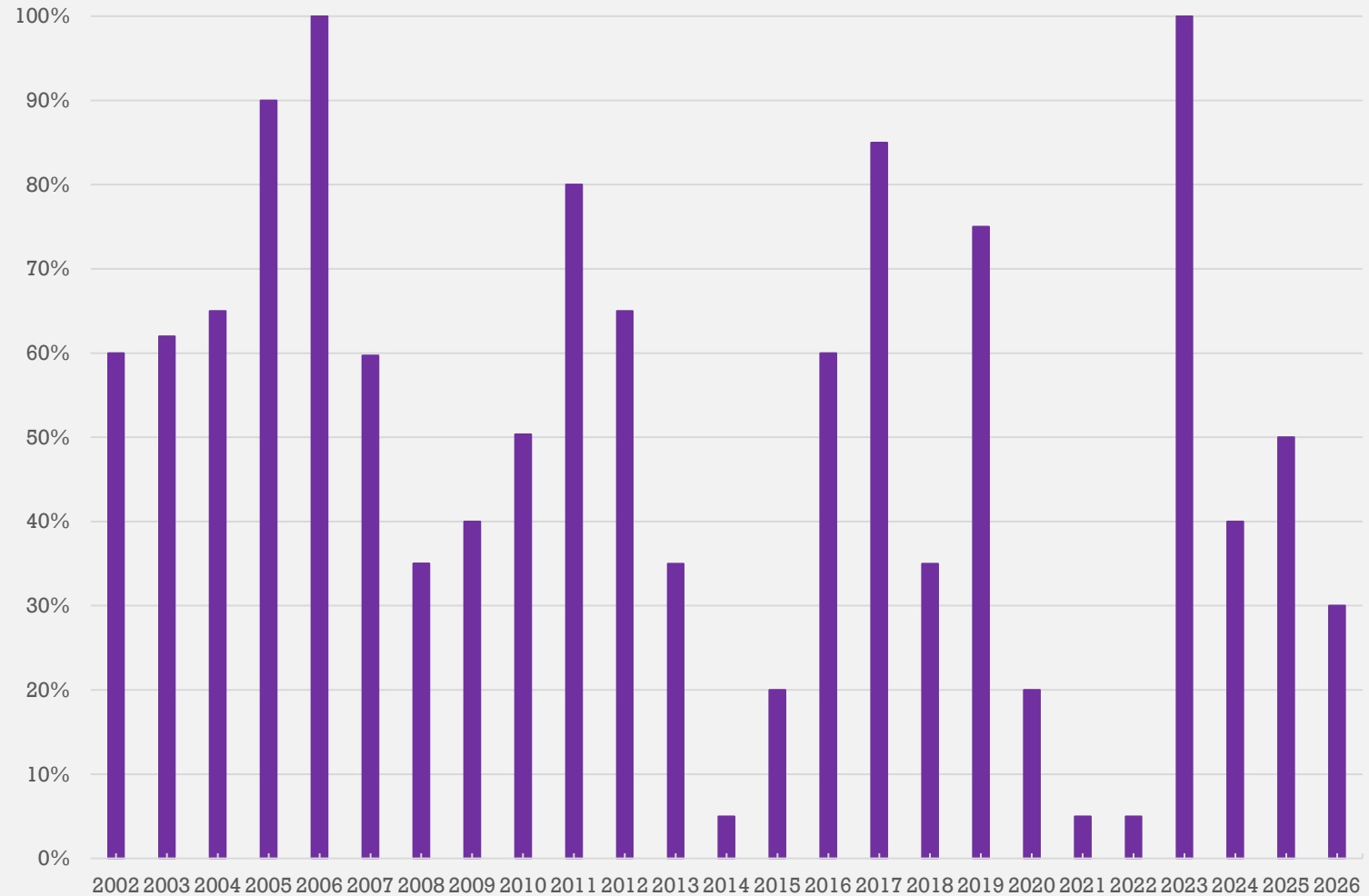
December 1, 2025: 10% allocation

January 29, 2026: 30% allocation

SGPWA Portfolio @ 30%

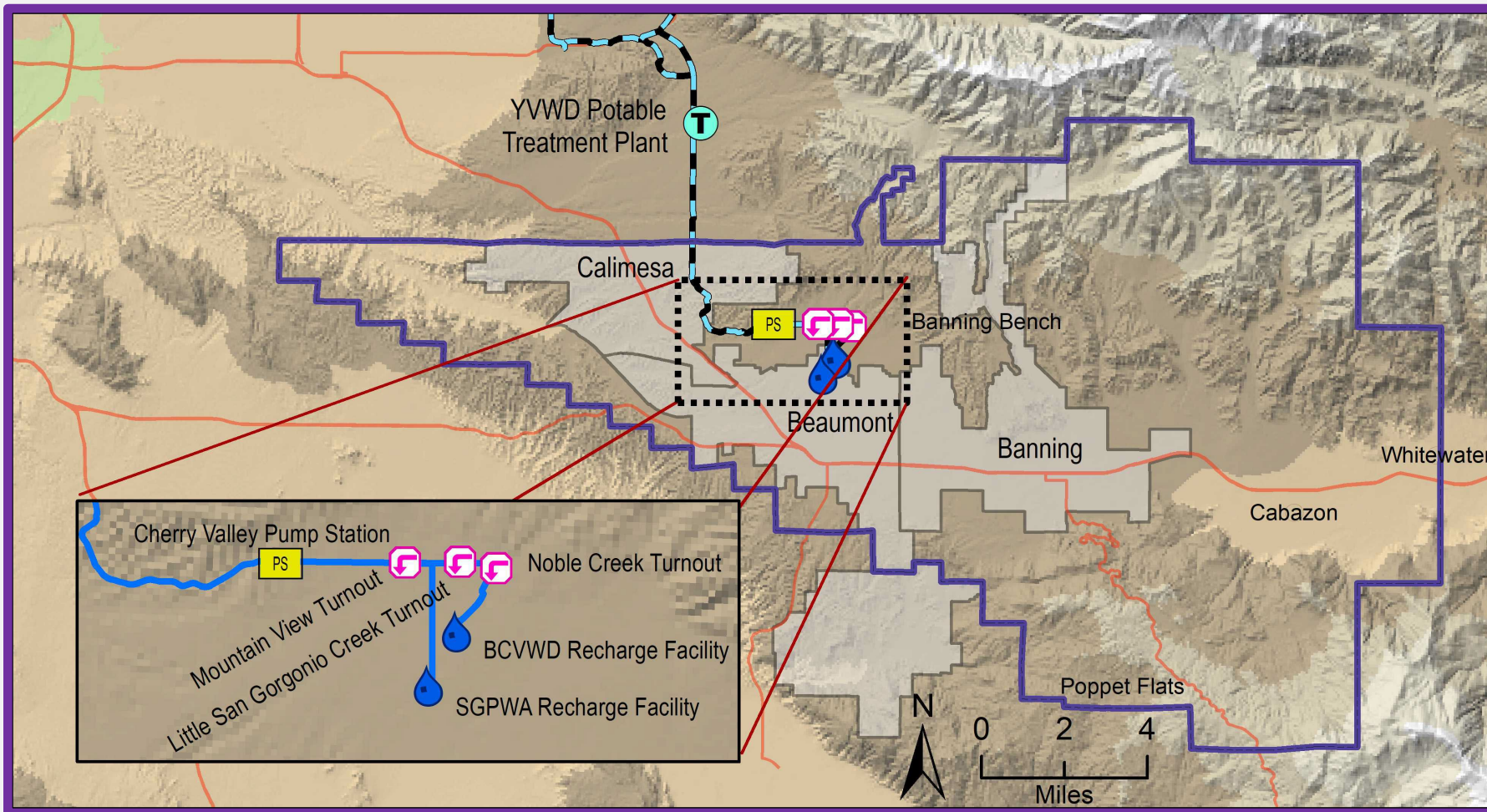
Source	Total (AF)	Delivered
SWP – Carryover	50	✓
SWP – Table A	5,190	✓
SWP – Ventura	3,000	✓
Non-SWP - Nickel Water	1,700	
County of Napa Transfer	3,000	
Total Available Supply	12,940	

Historic SWP Allocations



2026 SWP Allocation & Portfolio Update





	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Recharge	1,327	1,881	2,155	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,363
Direct	0	8	51	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59

**Estimated*
**From Local Storage*



Local Deliveries 2026 (acre-feet)

Subject to Final Verification





Brookside East Recharge Facility



BCVWD Recharge Facilities



April Recharge Photos

State Water Project Fundamentals

Article 55 Water

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Previous State Water Project Fundamentals

- SWP Overview
- Water Supply Contract
- Table A and Allocation
- Carryover Water
- Article 21 Water

Article 55 outlines the process for delivering water that is not classified as project water under the State Water Project

Key aspects of Article 55...

- Procurement: can be procured by DWR or the participating contractors
- Conveyance Rights: Contractors can use their designated reaches of the SWP conveyance system to transport non-project water
- Cost responsibility: Contractors are responsible for any additional costs incurred for the conveyance of non-project water through SWP facilities
- Operational Coordination: The scheduling and delivery of non-project water must be coordinated with DWR to ensure that it does not interfere with the delivery of project water to other contractors.

SGPWA has Article 55 Water in the Water Portfolio



NICKEL WATER



YUBA ACCORD WATER

To be continued...

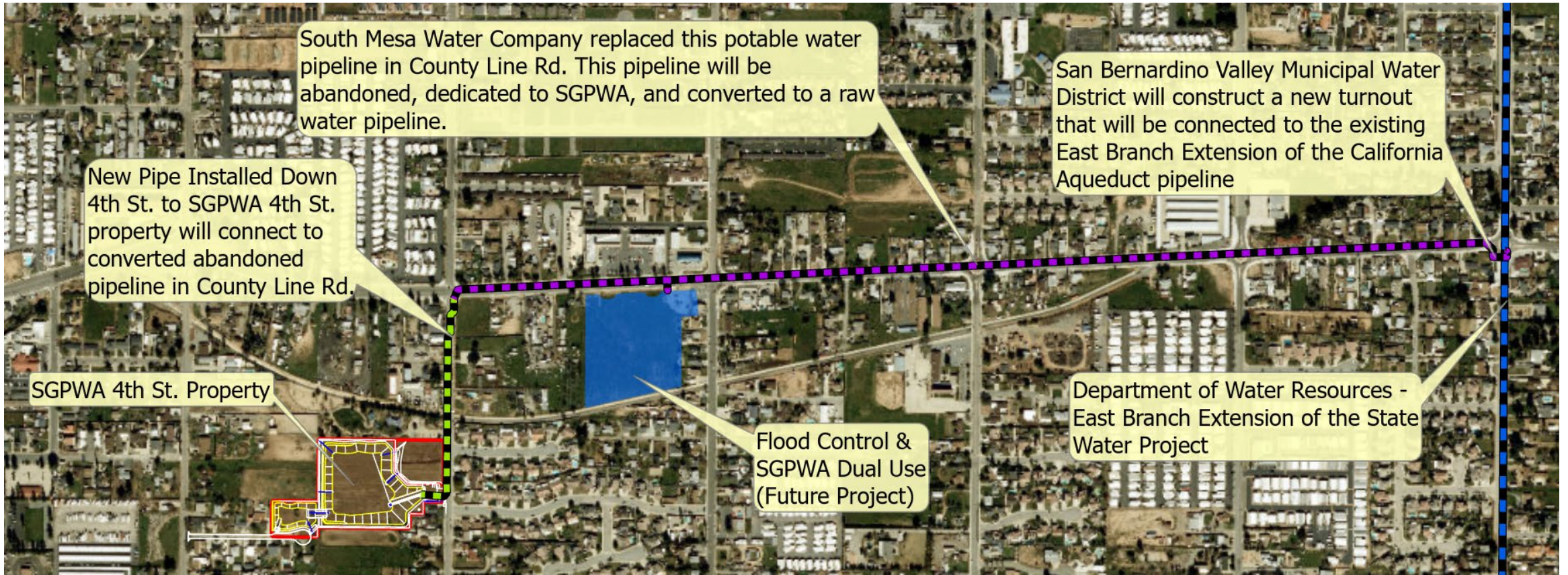
A construction site at sunset. In the foreground, there is a large pile of dark soil. In the middle ground, a yellow excavator is visible, and a worker in a high-visibility vest stands near a piece of heavy machinery. In the background, there are residential houses and trees under a warm, orange sky.

County Line Rd Construction Update

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County Line Rd Recharge Basin and Turnout Project

Ongoing Activities

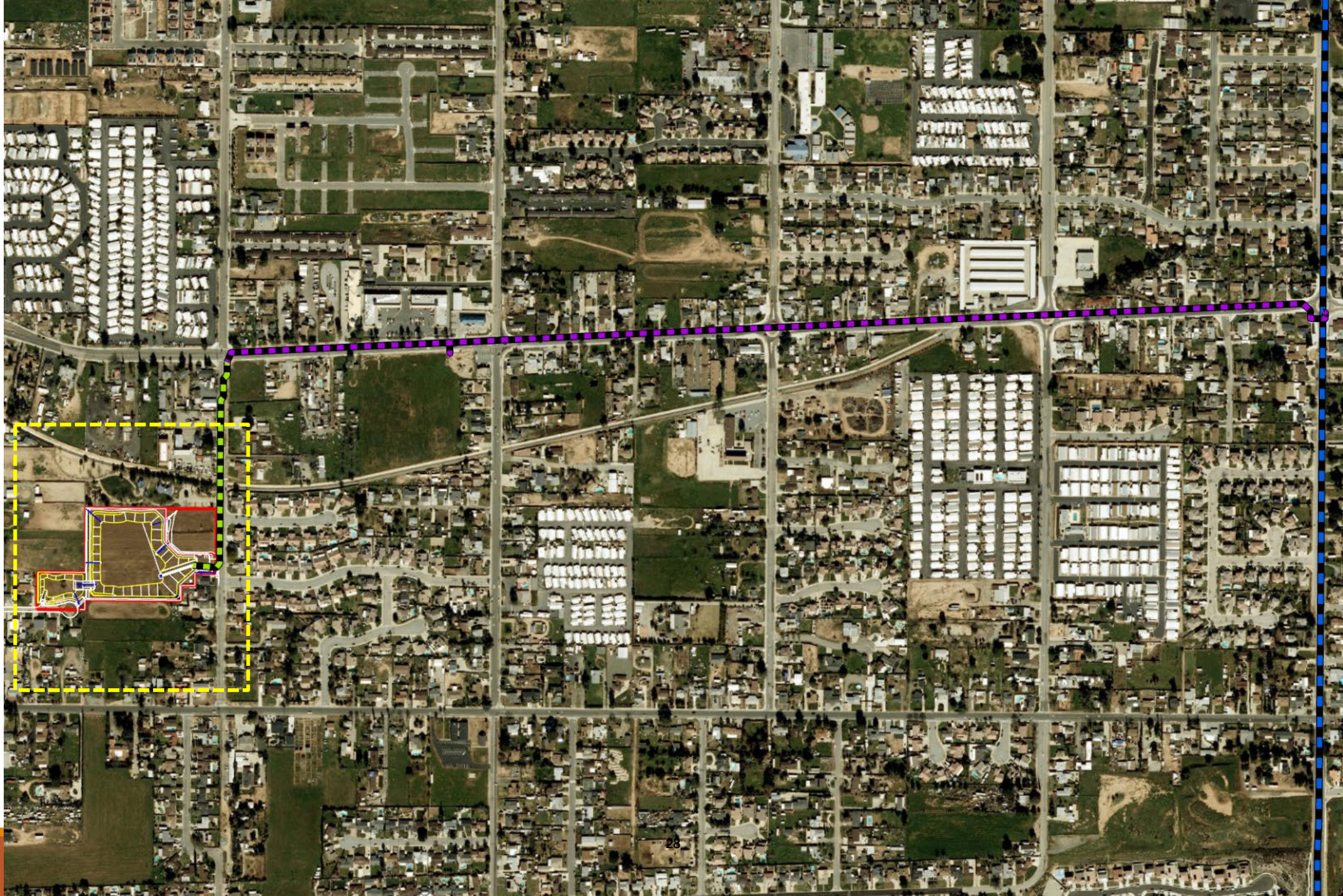
SMWC 8-inch pipe relocation – Completed

County Line Rd 14-inch pipeline rehab - Ongoing

Basin excavation – Ongoing

Storm drain installation - Ongoing

Archaeo/Paleo/Tribal monitoring - Ongoing





Basin Excavation



Basin Excavation



Basin Excavation



Basin Excavation



Storm Drain Install



Storm Drain Install



Metering Vault Cap Installation



To be continued...



Delta Conveyance Project Update

April 2026

Collaboration & Momentum from 2025



Status Snapshot: Current Priorities



Environmental permits and CPOD process advancing



Cost, benefit and affordability analysis underway, incorporating refinements



Accountability Action Plan development, including community agreements



JEPA updates in progress to reflect transition toward implementation phase



Implementation communications program in development



Engineering Focus Areas

“Preparing DCP to transition from planning to delivery”

Analysis of Refinements – improve constructability and reduce risk/schedule/cost

Systemwide Basis of Design Report and Updated Cost Estimate – advance design to reduce cost uncertainty; prepare updated AACE Class 3 cost estimate

Prepare for handoff to Engineer of Record teams – geotechnical data collection; development of procedures, systems, standards

Missed Opportunities

If the DCP was operational over the past five winters, a significant amount of water could have been captured and moved.

Amount of water that could have been captured.*

That's enough water to supply:

Water Year
2022

110,000
acre-feet

Over **1.1 Million**
people for one year

Over **385,000**
households for one year

Water Year
2023

186,000
acre-feet

Nearly **2 Million**
people for one year

Over **650,000**
households for one year

Water Year
2024

815,000
acre-feet

Over **8.5 Million**
people for one year

Over **2.8 Million**
households for one year

Water Year
2025

956,000
acre-feet

Over **10 Million**
people for one year

Over **3.3 Million**
households for one year

Water Year
2026

546,000
acre-feet

Nearly **5.9 Million**
people for one year

Nearly **2 Million**
households for one year

(Oct 1, 2025 – Apr 2, 2026)

OR



*Estimates have been updated to reflect the Incidental Take Permit.

Key Planning & Permitting Progress

 Complete  Remaining



Next Steps: Maintain Momentum

Secure key remaining permits related to water rights, federal Endangered Species Act and Delta Plan consistency

Continue evaluation of design and construction refinements to improve constructability and manage costs and risks

Update cost and economic evaluations, address project affordability considerations and develop finance plan for implementation

Disciplined, robust communications program that conveys sustained momentum toward implementation

Ensure PWA boards receive the precise information and data necessary to support informed implementation votes



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