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DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and
the Board of Directors thereof

AGENDA

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 24, 2026
7:30 a.m.

BOARDROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE
24251 LOS ALISOS BLVD., LAKE FOREST, CA 92630

This meeting will be held in person. As a convenience for the public, the meeting may also be accessed by Zoom and will be available by either computer or telephone audio as indicated below. Because this is an in-person meeting and the virtual component is not required, but rather is being offered as a convenience, if there are any technical issues during the meeting, this meeting will continue and will not be suspended.

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Freshley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice President Havens

ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board at this time or they may reserve this opportunity with regard to an item on the agenda, until said item is discussed by the Board. Comments on other items will be heard at the time set aside for "COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS." The public may identify themselves when called on and limit their comments to three minutes.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize items which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present.)

1. Consider Board Member's Request for Remote Participation (AB 2449)

2. Consent Calendar

(All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item)

a. Consider approving the minutes of the October 22, 2026 Board meeting

b. Consider approving Director Freshley, Director Monin, and Director McClean to attend the CASA Winter Conference with approved travel accommodations from January 27, 2027 through January 29, 2027.

Recommended Action: The Board will consider approving the above Consent Calendar.

3. Director Reports for Meetings Attended (Oral Report)

GENERAL MANAGER ACTION ITEMS

4. Resolution No. 26-11-1 Board and Committee Meetings Schedule for the 2027 Calendar Year (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on Resolution No. 26-11-1 which adopts the District's schedule of Board and Committee Meetings for the 2027 Calendar Year.

Recommended Action: The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution No. 26-11-1, which adopts the District's schedule of Board and Committee Meetings for the 2027 Calendar Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11-1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE ELTORO WATER DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF
REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS,
BOARD ENGINEERING AND FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE
MEETINGS AND STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027

5. **Administrative Code Amendment – Conflict of Interest Code (§5100)**
(Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the addition of the District's existing Conflict of Interest Code to the District Administrative Code.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board of Directors consider adding Section 5100 – Conflict of Interest Code to the District Administrative Code.

6. **Proposed Updates/Revisions to ACWA Amended and Restated Bylaws**
(Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on proposed updates/revisions to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association of California Water Agencies.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board of Directors consider directing the General Manager to cast a ballot in favor of the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws as recommended by ACWA.

GENERAL MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **General Manager's Monthly Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the General Manager's Monthly Report.

8. **Legislative Reports** (Reference Material Included)

Staff and General Counsel will review and comment on the Legislative reports.

9. **Public Education and Outreach Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the Public Education and Outreach report.

10. **Water Use Efficiency Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the Water Use Efficiency Report.

11. **Water Loss Audit** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will provide a presentation describing the requirements, terminology and results of the annual Water Loss Audit.

12. **South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Report**
(Reference Material Included)

a. SOCWA Board Meeting – November 5, 2026

b. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting – November 17, 2026 - Canceled

c. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting – November 19, 2026

13. **Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Report**
(Reference Material Included)

a. MWDOC Planning/Operations Meeting – November 2, 2026

b. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop – November 4, 2026

c. MWDOC Admin/Finance Meeting – November 12, 2026

d. MWDOC Board Meeting – November 18, 2026

14. **South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the November 17, 2026 SOCAG meeting

15. **Local Agency Formation Commission Report** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the November 18, 2026 LAFCO meeting

16. **ISDOC Meetings Report** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the November 3, 2026 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting

17. **WACO Meeting Report** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the November 6, 2026 WACO Meeting

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

18. **Dates to Remember for November/December (**Reference Material Included)

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

At this time the Board will go into Closed Session as follows:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (4) to consult with legal counsel and staff- Potential Initiation of Litigation. (one matter)

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to consult with the District's Designated Negotiator (Dennis P. Cafferty), regarding the price, terms & conditions pertaining to the District's proposed purchase of an easement from the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods. Said easement would be located on the Laguna Woods Golf Course and is in conjunction with the District's Project of relocating and repairing existing public service facilities (Effluent Transmission Main) therein.

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1) to conduct the General Manager's annual performance evaluation.

REGULAR SESSION

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (Legal Counsel)

Mr. Granito will provide an oral report on the Closed Session.

19. General Manager Compensation

Board Action: The District's Board of Directors will discuss and consider granting the District's General Manager a compensation increase in the amount and form as determined by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The agenda material for this meeting is available to the public at the District's Administrative Office, which is located at 24251 Los Alisos Blvd., Lake Forest, CA. 92630. If any additional material related to an open session agenda item is distributed to all or a majority of the board of directors after this agenda is posted, such material will be made available for immediate public inspection at the same location.

Request for Disability-Related Modifications or Accommodations

If you require any disability-related accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in this public meeting, please telephone the District's Recording Secretary, Marisol Melendez at (949) 837-7050, extension 225 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting. If you prefer, your request may be submitted in writing to El Toro Water District, P.O. Box 4000, Laguna Hills, California 92654, Attention: Marisol Melendez.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
October 22, 2026

President Freshley called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the EL TORO WATER DISTRICT to order at 7:30 a.m.

Director McClean led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Directors MARK MONIN (Zoom), MIKE GASKINS, KAY HAVENS, KATHRYN FRESHLEY, and WYATT McCLEAN participated.

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, JUDY CIMORELL, Director of Human Resources, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, MIKE MIAZGA, Information Technology Manager (Zoom), VU CHU, Water Resources Supervisor, MATT VERA, Senior Engineer (Zoom, 7:43 a.m.), DANIEL OROZCO, Collections Maintenance Worker III, MICHAEL MILLER, Member of the Public (Zoom), and MARISOL MELENDEZ, Recording Secretary.

Determination of a Quorum

Roll Call:

Director McClean	Present
Director Monin	Present
Director Gaskins	Present
Vice President Havens	Present
President Freshley	Present

Director Monin participated in the meeting via teleconferencing as noted in today's Agenda and the remaining Board members were present. Therefore, a Quorum was determined.

Oral Communications/Public Comments

There were no comments.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

President Freshley asked whether there were any items received too late to be agendized. Mr. Cafferty reported that two Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) Board members are retiring and will be recognized at their November Board meeting. He stated that the District plans to honor the retiring Board members through a Resolution or with certificates of recognition.

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Gaskins made a Motion, seconded by Director McClean to agendize the action to recognize Director Rifkin and Director Froelich of Moulton Niguel Water District.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Havens	aye
President Freshley	aye

Recognizing Moulton Niguel Water District Board Members

Mr. Cafferty proposed that staff produce certificates of recognition for Director Rifkin and Director Froelich.

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Vice President Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Gaskins to direct the General Manager to prepare certificates of recognition for Moulton Niguel Water District's retiring Board members, Director Rifkin and Director Froelich.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Havens	aye
President Freshley	aye

Presentation of Awards, Recognition, Certifications and Introductions

Mr. Cafferty recognized and congratulated Daniel Orozco, Collections Maintenance Worker III, for 10 years of Service.

Mr. Orozco left the meeting at approximately 7:44 a.m.

Consent Calendar

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director McClean made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Havens to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Havens	aye
President Freshley	aye

Directors Reports for Meetings Attended

Director Gaskins stated that he attended the SOCWA Planning Committee meeting, all of the MWDOC meetings, the WACO meeting, the SOCWA Board meeting, the Engineering and Finance committee meeting, the District's regular Board meeting, and will attend the ISDOC Quarterly luncheon next week.

Director Monin stated that he attended the ISDOC Executive meeting, the WACO meeting, all of the MWDOC meetings, both the District's Board meetings, and the ISDOC Quarterly luncheon.

Director McClean stated that he attended the Lake Forest Chamber legislative luncheon, the MWDOC Planning and Operations meeting, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC Met Directors Workshop, the ACWA Region 10 event, the HOA event, the District's regular Board meeting, the District's Engineering and Finance meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the ISDOC Quarterly luncheon, and the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning meeting.

Vice President Havens stated that she attended the WACO meeting, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC/Met Directors Workshop, the President/Vice President/General Manager meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the H2O for HOA's event, both ETWD's regular Board meetings, the CSDA trainings, and will attend the Water Conservation meeting at Laguna Woods Village.

President Freshley stated that she attended the SOCWA Board meeting, the WACO meeting, the Lake Forest State of the City event, the MWDOC P&O meeting, the MWDOC/Met Directors Workshop, the MWDOC Board meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the LAFCO meeting, the ACWA Region 10 meeting, both ETWD's regular Board meetings, the OCWA Luncheon, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, and will attend the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon.

General Manager Action Items

Resolution No. 26-10-1 Administrative Code Amendment – Records Storage and Retention Policy

Mr. Cafferty reported that staff worked with Gladwell Governmental Services, Inc. (GGS) to thoroughly evaluate the District's existing retention schedules and update them to ensure consistency with current codes. The most significant policy revision was

the reference to applicable Government Codes. The updated policy was reviewed by GGS and Legal Counsel. Staff recommends approval of the updated policy and its incorporation into the Administrative Code. Mr. Cafferty explained that the proposed Resolution authorizes the General Manager to update the records retention schedules without further Board approval. However, changes to the policy itself would require Board approval. Mr. Cafferty noted that the retention schedules establish the minimum length of time the District is required to retain records and the District may retain records beyond the specified periods. Mr. Cafferty requested feedback regarding the retention of audio and video recordings of Board meetings. The consensus was to keep the audio and video recordings for future reference.

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Gaskins made a Motion, seconded by Director McClean to adopt Resolution No. 26-10-1 adopting and adding Section 9070 – Records Storage and Retention Policy to the District Administrative Code authorizing destruction of certain agency records.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Havens	aye
President Freshley	aye

Designation of Voting Representative for ACWA Amended and Restated Bylaws

Mr. Cafferty reported that ACWA is proposing amendments to their Bylaws and require a designated representative from each agency to cast an upcoming electronic vote. The Board agreed to designate Mr. Cafferty as the voting representative.

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director McClean made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Havens to designate General Manager, Dennis Cafferty for the purpose of casting a vote regarding the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association of California Water Agencies and for the General Manager to complete and submit the ACWA Authorized Voting Representative Form identifying the Board approved Voting Representative.

Roll Call Vote:

Director McClean	aye
Director Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Havens	aye
President Freshley	aye

General Manager Information Items

Recycled Water Project Opportunities

Ms. Ford presented an analysis of potential recycled water opportunities and alternative options involving direct potable reuse. Mr. Cafferty explained that the analyses evaluate the potential impacts of these projects in consideration of existing debt obligations. Ms. Ford reviewed the District's current water and wastewater supply, potential impacts of AB 1572, and considerations related to Proposition 4 grant applications. She discussed potential opportunities for a phase 3 recycled water expansion in different areas of the District, including costs, payback scenarios, and financing options. She also discussed the possibility of partnering with Moulton Niguel Water District on a recycled water project. Ms. Ford further presented information on potable reuse options, including indirect and direct reuse. She reviewed the anticipated costs, payback scenarios, benefits and challenges of Direct Potable Reuse. Ms. Ford concluded that, should the Board would wish to further explore either the recycled water expansion or potable reuse alternatives, the next steps would involve direction

regarding which opportunities to prioritize. She noted that additional analysis would require consulting support.

Vice President Havens expressed concern regarding zone zero and upcoming adjustments to landscape causing lower demand. Mr. Cafferty noted that staff would coordinate with VMS to help understand the implications of potential landscape modifications. After further discussion, the Board and staff agreed that staff would prepare a more detailed financial analysis incorporating variables discussed today and present the findings next month.

General Manager's Monthly Report

Mr. Cafferty noted that the outstanding delinquent balances decreased after receiving payments.

Legislative Reports

There were no comments.

Public Education and Outreach Report

Mr. Cafferty reported that the next CAG meeting will feature a guest speaker from MWDOC providing an update on the current status of the Colorado River. The Board also discussed whether or not to include Mr. Cafferty in the Laguna Woods Television appearance rotation. The Board decided that the standard rotation will include the Board members with the option for the General Manager to present on an as needed basis.

Vice President Havens reported on the H20 for HOA's event and stated that the District will host an informational booth next year. She added that there was a presentation regarding bio-retention soil media features acting as sponges.

ISDOC

Director Monin reported that LAFCO and CSDA provided updates. He also mentioned the open Board positions at ISDOC.

WACO

Director Monin reported that a guest speaker from MET presented on managing and storing water in the Metropolitan Service Area.

Director Monin left the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Water Use Efficiency Report

Mr. Chu reported that potable water demand moderated in September. However, year to date potable water consumption remains approximately 3% higher than the same period last year. Recycled water demand also continues to trend above the prior year's levels. He noted that overall water consumption has increased and is more concentrated among commercial and irrigation accounts. He further stated that staff completed the validation call with MWDOC regarding the Water Loss Audit.

SOCWA Reports

President Freshley reported that the Board approved the revised attorney contract. Mr. Cafferty reported that the cost allocation policy was approved. The use audit was discussed and the District will receive a small refund. He also stated that a draft agreement for maintenance was completed regarding the effluent transmission main and will be reviewed by the other involved agencies and their attorneys.

MWDOC

Vice President Havens reported that MWDOC's OPEB is overfunded, Ms. Ackerman is resigning as a Metropolitan Water District Director, and there was a post-action report on the Norte fire.

South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting

Mr. Cafferty reported that a representative from the Orange County Fire Authority provided a presentation and that Ms. Compton provided the usual legislative update.

LAFCO

President Freshley reported that the first quarter financial results were presented and the audit resulted in a clean report.

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for October/November 2026

There were no comments.

Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that there is no need for a Closed Session today.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

President Freshley reported that water trading was discussed at the ACWA Region 10 event.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARISOL MELENDEZ
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

KATHRYN FRESHLEY, President of
the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof

DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and
the Board of Directors thereof



We are excited to announce that the 2027 CASA Winter Conference is returning to Indian Wells! This year's event will take place January 27-29, 2027, at the Renaissance Esmeralda. The theme for this year's event is "From Silos to Systems" and we will have several speakers and panelists discussing how to bring a more holistic and integrated approach to resource recovery at wastewater agencies. Our first day will include several technical tracks focused on key issues facing the clean water community, including member agency project spotlights, biogas utilization, biosolids management planning, and more.

Our main sessions on Thursday and Friday will feature speakers and panels that provide unique perspective on relevant topics such as affordability and capital project financing, how to manage and message the impacts of the super el nino, and a deeper dive into what the results of the 2026 election will mean for our sector in the coming year. As always, there will be several networking opportunities and dedicated forums for you to connect with your clean water colleagues. We look forward to seeing you there!

Agenda Item No. 4

STAFF REPORT

To:	**Board of Directors**	**Meeting Date: November 24, 2026**
From:	**Dennis Cafferty, General Manager**	
Subject:	**Resolution 26-11-1 Board and Committee Meetings Schedule for the 2027 Calendar Year**	

Resolution 26-11-1 defines and adopts the schedules for the District's Board and Committee Meetings for the 2027 calendar year.

Recommended Action:

The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution No. 26-11-1, which adopts the District's schedule of Board and Committee Meetings for the 2027 calendar year.

RESOLUTION 26-11-1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE ELTORO WATER DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF
REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS,
BOARD ENGINEERING AND FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE
MEETINGS AND STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11-1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ELTORO WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS AND BOARD/ENGINEERING & FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027

RESOLVED, that the Regular 2027 Board meetings and Board/Engineering & Finance/Insurance Committee meetings of the Board of Directors of the El Toro Water District shall be held at the Administrative Offices of the El Toro Water District located at 24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, California as set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Resolution unless otherwise changed by this Board by appropriate Resolution.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in 2027, the Standing Advisory Committees set forth in Exhibit "B" shall be held on the dates/times in Exhibit "B" to this Resolution, unless otherwise changed from time to time by the Chairman of the Committee.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED, this 24th day of November 2026.

KATHRYN FRESHLEY, President
El Toro Water District and of the
Board of Directors thereof

ATTEST:

DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
El Toro Water District and of
the Board of Directors thereof

Exhibit "A" to Resolution No. 26-11-1

ETWD SCHEDULED MEETINGS 2027
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

	Engineering & Finance/Insurance Committee Meetings		**Board Meetings**	
1.	January 25, Monday	7:30 a.m.	January 26, Tuesday(1)	7:30 a.m.
2.	February 22, Monday	7:30 a.m.	February 23, Tuesday(2)	7:30 a.m.
3.	March 22, Monday	7:30 a.m.	March 25, Thursday	7:30 a.m.
4.	April 19, Monday	7:30 a.m.	April 22, Thursday	7:30 a.m.
5.	May 24, Monday	7:30 a.m.	May 27, Thursday	7:30 a.m.
6.	June 21, Monday	7:30 a.m.	June 24, Thursday	7:30 a.m.
7.	July 19, Monday	7:30 a.m.	July 22, Thursday	7:30 a.m.
8.	August 23, Monday	7:30 a.m.	August 24, Tuesday(3)	7:30 a.m.
9.	September 20, Monday	7:30 a.m.	September 23, Thursday	7:30 a.m.
10.	October 25, Monday	7:30 a.m.	October 28, Thursday	7:30 a.m.
11.	November 22, Monday	7:30 a.m.	November 23, Tuesday(4)	7:30 a.m.
12.	December 13, Monday(5)	7:30 a.m.	December 16, Thursday(5)	7:30 a.m.

(1) Meeting date change due to the CASA Winter Conference.

(2) Meeting date change due to the UWI Spring Conference.

(3) Meeting date change due to the UWI Annual Conference.

(4) Meeting date change due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

(5) Meeting date change due to Christmas Holiday.

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Exhibit "B" to Resolution No. 26-11-1

AGENDA REVIEW MEETINGS (10:00 a.m.)

1. January 18, Monday
2. February 16, Tuesday(1)
3. March 15, Monday
4. April 12, Monday
5. May, 17 Monday
6. June 14, Monday
7. July 12, Monday
8. August 16, Monday
9. September 13, Monday
10. October 18, Monday
11. November 15, Monday
12. December 6, Monday

(1) Meeting moved to Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. due to Presidents Day Holiday.

SOCWA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (10:00 a.m.(2))

1. January 5, Tuesday
2. February 2, Tuesday
3. March 2, Tuesday
4. March 30, Tuesday
5. May 4, Tuesday
6. June 1, Tuesday
7. July 6, Tuesday
8. August 3, Tuesday
9. August 31, Tuesday
10. October 5, Tuesday
11. November 2, Tuesday
12. December 7, Tuesday

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS (11:30 a.m.)

1. February 11, Thursday
2. May 6, Thursday
3. August 12, Thursday
4. November 4, Thursday

(2) Meeting dates subject to change depending on SOCWA's Board meeting dates or at the Direction of the General Manager.

Agenda Item No. 5

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors **Meeting Date:** November 24, 2026

From: Dennis Cafferty, General Manager

Subject: Administrative Code Amendment – Conflict of Interest Code (§5100)

The Political Reform Act ("Act"), Government Code Section 81000 et seq, requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate Conflict of Interest Codes. The District Board of Directors amended the District's Conflict of Interest Code in its entirety on February 16, 1994, (First Amendment). The Conflict of Interest Code has been amended 10 times since, most recently in July of 2024.

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") regulation, 2 Cal. Code of Regs., Section 18730, contains the terms of a standard Conflict of Interest Code, which can be incorporated by reference by state and local government agencies. The District Conflict of Interest Code incorporates the FPPC Conflict of Interest Code by reference.

Staff propose to incorporate the current Conflict of Interest Code into the District Administrative Code. Staff are not proposing changes to the current Conflict of Interest Code. The Administrative Code will include new language (Section 6 – Project Specific Conflict of Interest Requirements) that provides staff the necessary flexibility for certain projects that might require project specific conflict of interest compliance.

The District has been awarded $300,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for energy efficiency improvements associated with the Headworks and Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Rehabilitation Project. As a condition of receiving this funding, the District must comply with DOE's Interim Conflict of Interest Policy which establishes requirements for identifying, disclosing, and managing financial and organizational conflicts of interest associated with federally funded projects. The proposed amendment to the District's Administrative Code would authorize the General Manager to establish and implement supplemental, project-specific conflict of interest policies and procedures as required by funding agencies. This amendment would allow the District to implement the necessary DOE-specific policy and certifications to satisfy the grant requirements while maintaining flexibility to comply with similar requirements for future funding opportunities.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors consider adding Section 5100 – Conflict of Interest Code to the District Administrative Code.

§5100 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

1. PURPOSE

The Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections 81000, et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate Conflict of Interest Codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18730) which contains the terms of a standard Conflict of Interest Code, which may be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The El Toro Water District has adopted the Fair Political Practices Commission Model Code (2 Cal. Code of Regs., Section 18730) as its Conflict of Interest Code (Code) and has promulgated a list of Designated Positions (see Appendix A to Section 5100) and Disclosure Categories (see Appendix B to Section 5100) as required therein. This Code incorporates, by reference, the definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission and any amendments to the Act or regulations. This regulation and the attached Appendices designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the El Toro Water District.

In accordance with Government Code 82011(b), the Board of Supervisors for the County of Orange (Board of Supervisors) has been designated as the Code Reviewing Body for the El Toro Water District. Amendments to the District Conflict of Interest Code, including Appendix "A" and Appendix "B", will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval within 90 days after the circumstances necessitating the amendments have become apparent. (Government Code Section 87306(a).)

3. FILING OFFICER/OFFICIAL

The District Executive Assistant/Board Secretary is designated as the filing official responsible for receiving and forwarding original statements of economic interest (statements) for ETWD Directors to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The District Executive Assistant/Board Secretary shall retain one copy of each such statement for ETWD records. The District Executive Assistant/Board Secretary is designated as filing officer for all other designated filers of ETWD and as such shall be responsible for receiving and retaining the original statements of such filers in the official records of the District. The District

Executive Assistant/Board Secretary shall follow the duties of filing officer denoted in Title 2, Section 18115(a) and of filing official denoted in Title 2, Section 18115(b).

4. FILING OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Persons in designated positions are required to file Statements of Economic Interests with the District Executive Assistant/Board Secretary as follows:

A. Initial Statements - Within 30 days after adoption of the Conflict of Interest Code or amendments to the Code. Includes all reportable interests during 12 months prior to the effective date of the Code or amendments thereto.

B. Assuming Office Statements - Within 30 days after assuming the designated position. Includes all reportable interests during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or date of appointment or nomination

C. Annual Statements - No later than April 1 each year. Includes all reportable interests during the previous calendar year.

D. Leaving Office Statements - Within 30 days after leaving office. Includes all reportable interests during period between the closing of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

5. DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND CATEGORIES

Designated employees shall file statements of economic interests with the El Toro Water District's Political Reform Act Filing Officer (Executive Assistant/Board Secretary), who will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction (Government Code Section 82008). This Conflict of Interest Code does not require the reporting of gifts from outside the District's jurisdiction if the source does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position for which reporting is required (2 Cal. Code of Regs., Section 18730.1).

Upon receipt of the statements of the Directors, Treasurer, General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Engineering, Operations Superintendent and District/Board Attorney, the Filing Officer shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of these statements to the Clerk of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Statements for all other designated positions will be retained by the Filing Officer.

6. PROJECT SPECIFICE CONFLICT OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Certain projects may require specific Conflict of Interest compliance requirements in addition to the District's existing Conflict of Interest Code. The District shall comply with all applicable project-specific requirements. The General Manager is authorized to establish, implement, enforce, certify, and document supplemental

Conflict of Interest policies and procedures as necessary to comply with such requirements for District staff, consultants, contractors, and other persons responsible for the purpose, design, conduct, or reporting of the applicable project.

APPENDIX A

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

DESIGNATED POSITIONS

DESIGNATED POSITIONS	Disclosure Categories
Director*	OC-01
Treasurer *	OC-01
General Manager *	OC-01
Chief Financial Officer*	OC-01
Director of Engineering*	OC-01
Operations Superintendent	OC-01
District / Board Attorney*	OC-01
Information Technology Manager	OC-08
Purchasing Agent	OC-05
Senior Engineer	OC-05
Consultant	OC-30

*Designated Positions file Form 700, Conflict of Interest, with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Orange County, California.

APPENDIX B

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

DESIGNATED POSITIONS

Disclosure Category	Disclosure Description
OC-01	All interests in real property in Orange County or the District, as well as investments, business positions and sources of income (including gifts, loans and travel payments).
OC-05	All investments in, business positions with, and income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from sources that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, equipment (including training and consulting services) used by this department or District.
OC-08	All investments in, business positions with and income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from sources that develop or provide computer hardware/software, voice data communications, or data processing goods, supplies, equipment, or services (including training and consulting services) used by the department.
OC-30	Consultants shall be included in the list of designated employees and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest category in the code subject to the following limitation: The Department Head/Director/General Manager/etc. may determine that a particular consultant, although a “designated position,” is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure required. The determination of disclosure is a public record and shall be filed with the Form 700 and retained by the Filing Officer for public inspection.

Agenda Item No. 6

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From: **Dennis Cafferty, General Manager**

Subject: **ACWA Amended and Restated Bylaws**

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Proposed Amendments to the ACWA's Bylaws

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Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw	Rationale
Section 4.05. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the president's own volition or shall be called by the president when requested in writing by five directors. Prior to conducting such a special meeting, the president shall consult with the Executive Committee to ensure that adequate information is available to the Board of Directors for any necessary decisions; and where such meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall also consult with the Executive Committee as to the necessity of the special meeting. Notice for special meetings shall be provided in the following manner: (1) upon 10 days' written notice sent by mail to each director and addressed to each at the address as shown upon the records of the Association; or (2) upon 48 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means. When the meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall choose the form of notice; when the meeting is called by a request of five directors, the five directors shall choose the form of notice and the president shall promptly call the meeting. No business except those items described in the notice shall be transacted at any special meeting, except by consent of three-fourths of the members of the Board of Directors present.	**Section 4.05. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the president upon the president's own volition or shall be called by the president when requested in writing by five directors. Prior to conducting such a special meeting, the president shall consult with the Executive Committee to ensure that adequate information is available to the Board of Directors for any necessary decisions; and where such meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall also consult with the Executive Committee as to the necessity of the special meeting. However, the president's determination of necessity shall control. Notice for special meetings shall be provided in the following manner: (1) upon 10 days' written notice sent by mail to each director and addressed to each at the address as shown upon the records of the Association; or (2) upon 48 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means. When the meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall choose the form of notice; when the meeting is called by a request of five directors, the five directors shall choose the form of notice and the president shall promptly call the meeting. No business except those items described in the notice shall be transacted at any special meeting, except by consent of three-fourths of the members of the Board of Directors present.	Amendment to add the president's ultimate authority to schedule a special meeting if deemed necessary.

Note: Green text throughout this document reflects edits recommended by the Legal Affairs Bylaws and Procedures Subcommittee in response to its review and analysis of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, consistent with Section 9.09 of ACWA's Bylaws. The ACWA Board included the LAC Workgroup's recommended edits as part of its recommendation to the members.

Amendment 2: ARTICLE 4, Section 4.06 Meetings by Electronic Communication

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw	Rationale
Section 4.06. Meetings by Electronic Communication. Any meeting of the Board of Directors, region boards, or any committee may be conducted, in whole or in part, by telephone, electronic transmission, or by electronic video screen communication. A member of the Board of Directors, a region board, or any committee shall be deemed present in person at the meeting if the following apply: **(a)** Each director, region board, or committee member participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with all other directors, region board, or committee members. **(b)** Each director, region board or, committee member is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, region board, or committee, including the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the Association.	**Section 4.06. ~~Meetings by Electronic Communication.~~ Alternatives to Traditional Meetings.** **(a)** Any meeting of the Board of Directors, region boards, or any committee may be conducted, in whole or in part, by telephone, electronic transmission, or by electronic video screen communication. A member of the Board of Directors, a region board, or any committee shall be deemed present in person at the meeting if the following apply: 1) Each director, region board, or committee member participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with all other directors, region board, or committee members. 2) Each director, region board or, committee member is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, region board, or committee, including the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the Association. **(b)** To the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to all applicable requirements, any action that may be taken at a regular or special Board of Directors, a region board, or any committee may be approved by unanimous written consent of the members of that body.	Amendment to allow the flexibility to take action by written consent. LAC recommended this language be added to Article 4 instead of Article 9.

Amendment 3: ARTICLE 5, Regions

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw	Rationale
Section 5.02. Officers (a) The officers of each region shall be a chair and vice chair and three to five region board members who shall be elected by the region in each odd-numbered year. A region may maintain a board of fewer than five but not less than three members as provided in the region's rules and regulations. The officers of the region board shall take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors take office. Regions shall hold elections by electronic ballot. Association staff shall verify the legitimacy of the ballots**.**	**Section 5.02. Officers** (a) The officers of each region shall be a chair and vice chair and three to five region board members who shall be elected by the region in each odd-numbered year. A region may maintain a board of fewer than five but not less than three members as provided in the region's rules and regulations. The officers of the region board shall take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors take office. Regions shall hold elections by electronic ballot. Five or more members of the Association from the region shall constitut~~ing~~ a quorum for the purposes of regional board elections. Association staff shall verify the legitimacy of the ballots**.**	Amendment to clarify the quorum for region board elections is five members.

Amendment 4: ARTICLE 6, Section 6.04, Meetings

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw	Rationale
Section 6.04. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall hold regularly scheduled meetings as set by the president. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president upon notice to the members of that committee or upon written request of three Executive Committee members. Notice for special Executive Committee meetings shall be provided to the entire Board: (1) upon five days' written notice sent by mail, or (2) upon 24 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means; and all such meetings shall be open to the Board of Directors. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held in person or by telephone conference, web video conference, or other electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission, as set forth in Section 4.06. All members of the Board of Directors may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be closed to others at the discretion of the president or committee. Only members of the Executive Committee are allowed to vote on matters at a meeting of the committee.	**Section 6.04. Meetings.** The Executive Committee shall hold regularly scheduled meetings as set by the president. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president upon notice to the members of that committee or upon written request of three Executive Committee members. Notice for special Executive Committee meetings shall be provided to the entire Board: (1) upon five days' written notice sent by mail, or (2) upon 24 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means; and all such meetings shall be open to the Board of Directors. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held in person or by telephone conference, web video conference, or other electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission, as set forth in Section 4.06. With the exception of closed sessions as designated by the Executive Committee, all members of the Board of Directors and Council of Past Presidents may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee. However, ~~Meetings of~~ the Executive Committee may ~~be~~ close~~d~~ its meetings to select or all non-members of the Committee ~~to others~~ at the discretion of the president or by a majority vote of the Executive C~~e~~ommittee. Any decision to close an Executive Committee meeting to others shall be final and not reversible except with the consent of party that decided to close the meeting.Only members of the Executive Committee are allowed to vote on Executive Committee matters. ~~at a meeting of the committee.~~	Amendment to limit attendance during closed session discussions involving personnel matters to preserve the confidentiality of sensitive employment information, protect the privacy rights of employees and applicants, and promote candid discussion by those with responsibility for making personnel decisions. Importantly, the Board of Directors could conduct its own closed session prior to any final action. This amendment ensures flexibility for the Executive Committee's internal deliberation and consideration while preserving ultimate Board decision-making authority.

Amendment 5, ARTICLE 8, Section 8.01, Council of Past Presidents

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw	Rationale
Section 8.01. Council of Past Presidents. There shall be a Council of Past Presidents composed of all past presidents of the Association who serve on the council until each is no longer able to or wishes to serve. The council shall provide a mechanism for past presidents to continue to make valuable contributions to the Association. With approval of the Board of Directors, the president and/or executive director/secretary may assign specific responsibilities to the council from time to time. Members of the Council of Past Presidents are invited to attend and participate in the Association's Board and Executive Committee meetings, including attending closed sessions. With the exception of the immediate past president, members of the Council of Past Presidents are non-voting.	**Section 8.01. Council of Past Presidents.** There shall be a Council of Past Presidents composed of all past presidents of the Association who serve on the council until each is no longer able to or wishes to serve. The council shall provide a mechanism for past presidents to continue to make valuable contributions to the Association. With approval of the Board of Directors, the president and/or executive director/secretary may assign specific responsibilities to the council from time to time. Members of the Council of Past Presidents are invited to attend and participate in the Association's Board and Executive Committee meetings, including attending closed sessions of the Board. Members of the Council of Past Presidents may also attend ~~closed session~~ meetings the Executive Committee except as designated by the Executive Committee as further described in Section 6.04. With the exception of the immediate past president, members of the Council of Past Presidents are non-voting.	Amendment to clarify that the Council of Past Presidents may attend Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings, with the exception of Executive Committee closed sessions as designated by the Executive Committee.

Amendment 6, Article 9, Section 9.08, Quorum

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw	Rationale
Section 9.08. Quorum. The presence of the authorized representatives of at least 50 members of the Association at any meeting of the members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business. Actions taken by written ballot shall require the timely receipt of the written ballot from the authorized representatives of at least 50 members to constitute a quorum.	**Section 9.08. Quorum.** The presence of the authorized representatives of at least 50 members of the Association at any meeting of the members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business. Actions of the members of the Association taken by written ballot shall require the timely receipt of the written ballot from the authorized representatives of at least 50 members to constitute a quorum.	Amendment to clarify that the quorum for the region board elections is five, consistent with the quorum needed to conduct business at a region meeting, as established in Section 5.04, and with newly amended quorum language to elect region boards in Section 5.02.

PROPOSED AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS of the Association of California Water Agencies

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Amended and restated by the ACWA Members: December 4, 2024

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BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

(As amended and restated by the Members on December 4, 2024)

ARTICLE 1 - General

Section 1.01. Name. The name of this California nonprofit corporation shall be the Association of California Water Agencies (hereinafter referred to as the Association).

Section 1.02. Principal Office. The principal office for the transaction of business of the Association shall be located in Sacramento, California.

Section 1.03. Purposes. The purposes of the Association shall be to work together with its members and others for the best interests of California and its citizens and landowners who use, need and depend upon water; to encourage the orderly development of the waters of the state; to seek means of obtaining and making available to all of California a dependable water supply of the best possible quality at the lowest possible cost, giving due consideration to environmental factors involved therein; to provide inspiration and leadership in meeting and solving the water supply problems of this state; to propose and advocate such policies and measures—local, state and federal—that serve the best interests of the Association, opposing those of contrary nature; to assist in promoting the health, safety and welfare of the employees of its members; and to do all other things that are in the best interests of its members.

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ARTICLE 2 – Membership and Dues

Section 2.01. Membership.

(a) Members. Only a public district, public agency, or public organization created and operated for the purpose of controlling, treating, developing, acquiring, using or supplying water for any purpose for inhabitants or lands within the state of California, or for the protection, drainage or reclamation of lands within the state of California, may become a member of the Association. Such an entity will become a member upon written application, approval by the Board of Directors, and the payment of the required dues. Acceptance to membership shall authorize full participation in Association activities. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.01(b) below, in no case may an organization other than a state, a political subdivision (as defined in § 1.103-1(b) of the Income Tax Regulations) of a state or an entity the income of which is excluded from gross income under § 115 of the Internal Revenue Code be a member of the Association. A member of the Association shall be in good standing if in compliance with all bylaws and requirements of membership, including timely payment of annual dues and emergency assessments.

(b) Honorary Life Members. Any person who has rendered conspicuous service in furthering the purposes of the Association may, by vote of the Board of Directors, be granted an honorary life membership in the Association without payment of dues or assessments. All past presidents of the Association shall automatically be honorary life members without vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary life members shall not be entitled to a vote or to hold office automatically because of their status as honorary life members.

(c) Termination of Members. Membership shall cease upon the failure of any member to pay the dues provided for in Section 2.02 of this Article. The membership of any member may be terminated at any time by such member sending written notification of its intention to withdraw to the Association's principal office. The Board of Directors may terminate the membership of any member upon 30 days' written notice by first-class mail when it is determined at any regular Board meeting or at any special Board meeting called for that purpose that continuance of such membership would not be in the best interests of the Association. Withdrawal or termination of membership ends any participation in Association activities and shall terminate a member's interest in the Association's assets.

Section 2.02. Dues. The annual dues of each member of the Association shall be established by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that any member may apply for a change in its dues because of conditions that differentiate such applicant from other members.

Section 2.03. Liability of Members. No member shall be liable for any obligation incurred by the Association with the following exception: (1) the payment of the annual dues while it remains a member;

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and (2) the payment of emergency assessments, which shall not exceed 10 percent of current annual dues for each member in any calendar year while it remains a member. No emergency assessment may be levied against any member during its first two years of membership in the Association.

ARTICLE 3 - Officers

Section 3.01. President and Vice President.

(a) **General.** The president and vice president of the Association shall be the elected officers of the Association. At the time of their election the president and vice president shall each be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission (as appropriate) of a member agency of the Association. The president and vice president shall be elected by the members of the Association by written ballot in each odd-numbered year before the Association's annual meeting, shall be announced at the Association's annual meeting, shall take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election, and shall hold office until such time as their successors take office or are appointed. An elected president shall not be permitted to succeed himself/herself to that office. Except as provided in this Article, should vacancies occur in either office of the president or vice president, the Board of Directors shall appoint persons to fill such offices for the unexpired terms thereof.

(b) **President.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the general membership; shall appoint members of all committees, including the chair and vice chair of each, upon recommendation from members and regions (as communicated by the region chairs), with each such committee chair and vice chair ratified by the Board of Directors; and shall perform all other duties necessary to carry out the functions of the office. The president shall be a non-voting, *ex officio* member of each committee, but shall not be an *ex officio* member of the Election Committee or the region boards.

The president may be expelled from office with or without cause, upon the satisfaction of the following two events: (1) a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors; and (2) a subsequent simple majority vote of the members of the Association during a meeting of the membership.

(c) **Vice President.** The vice president shall, in the absence of the president, assume all of the duties of that office and, if a vacancy occurs, succeed thereto for the unexpired term. The vice president shall sit as a member of the Executive Committee of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the president. The vice president shall be a non-voting, *ex officio* member of each committee, but shall not be an *ex officio* member of the Election Committee or the region boards.

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The vice president may be expelled from office with or without cause, upon the satisfaction of the following two events: (1) a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors; and (2) a subsequent simple majority vote of the members of the Association during a meeting of the membership.

Section 3.02. Executive Director/Secretary and Controller/Treasurer.

(a) **General.** The executive director/secretary and controller/treasurer of the Association shall also be officers of the Association. The executive director/secretary shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Association.

(b) **Executive Director/Secretary.** The executive director/secretary shall: (1) advise and assist the Board of Directors, all committees, the boards of each region, and the workgroups of each region; (2) be responsible for administering the total operations of the Association; (3) employ, direct, and release all employed staff in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Directors and consistent with the budget adopted by the Board of Directors; (4) provide relevant information to the Board of Directors needed by the Board to take actions; (5) give members notice and record minutes of all meetings of the membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee; and (6) have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be provided and assigned by the Board of Directors directly or through the president of the Board or the Executive Committee. The executive director/secretary, with the assistance of the controller/treasurer, shall render a report to the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the close of each calendar year showing the membership of the Association, the receipts and expenditures during the year, and the work accomplished during the previous year.

(c) **Controller/Treasurer.** The controller/treasurer shall report to and act under the direction of the executive director/secretary. The controller/treasurer shall be a signatory on all accounts held by the Association and shall act as a fiduciary for all assets of the Association.

ARTICLE 4 – Board of Directors

Section 4.01. **Membership.** The Board of Directors shall consist of:

(a) The Association president and vice president.

(b) The chair and vice chair of each region.

(c) The chair of each standing committee.

(d) The most immediate active past president.

(e) The vice president of the ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

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Section 4.02. Term of Office. The term of office of all members of the Board of Directors shall commence on January 1 of the calendar year following election of the president and vice president, except for those persons who serve on the Board of Directors by nature of their position as chairs of standing committees, whose terms shall instead commence upon their ratification by the Board of Directors. Except as provided in Article 4, Section 4.11, the term of office for all members of the Board of Directors shall terminate on December 31 of the following odd-numbered year two years later, or until their successors take office.

Section 4.03. Attendance Requirement. Any member of the Board of Directors who misses two consecutive regular Board meetings without being excused by the Board will no longer be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4.04. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held bimonthly at such times and places as the Board may determine.

Section 4.05. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the president's own volition or shall be called by the president when requested in writing by five directors. Prior to conducting such a special meeting, the president shall consult with the Executive Committee to ensure that adequate information is available to the Board of Directors for any necessary decisions; and where such meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall also consult with the Executive Committee as to the necessity of the special meeting. However, the president's determination of necessity shall control. Notice for special meetings shall be provided in the following manner: (1) upon 10 days' written notice sent by mail to each director and addressed to each at the address as shown upon the records of the Association; or (2) upon 48 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means. When the meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall choose the form of notice; when the meeting is called by a request of five directors, the five directors shall choose the form of notice and the president shall promptly call the meeting. No business except those items described in the notice shall be transacted at any special meeting, except by consent of three-fourths of the members of the Board of Directors present.

Section 4.06. ~~Meetings by Electronic Communication.~~ Alternatives to Traditional Meetings.

(a) Any meeting of the Board of Directors, region boards, or any committee may be conducted, in whole or in part, by telephone, electronic transmission, or by electronic video screen communication. A member of the Board of Directors, a region board, or any committee shall be deemed present in person at the meeting if the following apply:

~~(a)~~(1) Each director, region board, or committee member participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with all other directors, region board, or committee members.

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~~(1)~~ (2) Each director, region board or, committee member is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, region board, or committee, including the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the Association.

(b) To the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to all applicable requirements, any action that may be taken at a regular or special Board of Directors, a region board, or any committee may be approved by unanimous written consent of the members of that body.

~~Section 4.06.~~Section 4.07. **Quorum**. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the attendance of 50 percent of the voting members of the Board of Directors, or their permitted alternates as specified in these bylaws, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The Board may hold a closed session for discussion of personnel matters; enforcement of violations of the code of conduct; pending or anticipated litigation or other legal matters, including, but not limited to, considering whether to file or join in an amicus brief; real property negotiations and discussions; and other confidential matters as determined by the Board to the extent permitted by applicable law. (See Board Policy 2.1.8.3.)

~~Section 4.07.~~Section 4.08. **Alternates.** Each region shall designate an alternate for each chair and vice chair, who shall meet the qualification requirements for chair and vice chair, to act at meetings of the Board of Directors when the chair or vice chair is unable to attend. The vice chair of each standing committee will be the alternate to act at meetings of the Board of Directors when the standing committee chair is unable to attend. An alternate may not act or vote on behalf of more than one member of the Board of Directors. A member of the Board of Directors may not act as an alternate for any other member.

~~Section 4.08.~~Section 4.09. **Vacancies for Standing Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.** Should a vacancy occur in the office of any standing committee chair or vice chair before the end of the term, the president shall appoint a new committee chair or vice chair to fulfill the unexpired term of such committee chair or vice chair subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. A vacancy in the office of any such standing committee chair or vice chair as described in the previous sentence shall be deemed to exist when the chair or vice chair: (1) resigns the office; (2) no longer is an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member agency of the Association to represent that member; or (3) is otherwise removed by a member agency of the Association.

~~Section 4.09.~~Section 4.10. **Duties, Authorities, and Delegation.** Subject to the provisions and limitations of California Nonprofit Corporation Law, other applicable laws, and the provisions of these bylaws, the Association's activities and affairs are to be exercised by or under the direction of the Association's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall supervision, control, and direction of the Association. The Board of Directors shall: (1) employ and release the executive director/secretary; (2) set performance expectations for the executive director/secretary; (3) receive, review, and consider approval of executive director/secretary recommended compensation, other terms and conditions of employment, and annual evaluations as prepared by the Executive Committee; (4)

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annually adopt a budget; and (5) set the level of dues for the Association. Except as to the duties listed in the previous sentence, and subject to Article 3, Section 2, the Board of Directors may delegate the supervision, control, and direction of the Association's affairs to any person or group, including a committee, provided the Association Board retains ultimate responsibility for the actions of such person or group. Where such powers are delegated, the delegation shall be documented in writing.

~~Section 4.10.~~Section 4.11. **Immediate Past President.** The immediate past president automatically assumes this position after serving as the Association's elected president and is a voting member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The term of office for the immediate past president shall commence on January 1 of the calendar year following election of the president and vice president and shall terminate on December 31 of the following odd-numbered year two years later. In the event the most immediate active past president is unavailable to serve, the most recent and available active past president in succession shall serve in this capacity.

~~Section 4.11.~~Section 4.12. **Code of Conduct of Board Members.**

(a) The Board of Directors shall establish, and update as appropriate, a code of conduct for its Directors that recognizes the Association's commitment of integrity, respect, and fair representation to its members and the public they serve and establishes minimum ethical standards for the performance of the duties of office. (See Code of Conduct Policy, Board Policy Manual, Policy No. GO-2.1A.) The code shall be consistent with the procedural processes contained in the Code of Conduct Policy. (See sections 2.1.3A and 2.1.4A of Policy GO-2.1A of the Board Policy Manual.) The code shall be distributed to all new Directors and shall be distributed annually to all members of the Association.

ARTICLE 5– Regions

Section 5.01. Boundaries of Each Region.

(a) There shall be a maximum of 10 regions within the state. The Board of Directors shall determine the regional boundaries. Insofar as is practicable, the regions shall have a numerical balance in members of the Association; make geographic sense; and promote regional problem solving.

(b) A member of the Association may file a written petition to the Board of Directors requesting a change in regions. Such petition shall set forth the reasons for such requested change. The Board shall, within a reasonable time, act upon such petition and set forth the reasons for its action. Such action by the Board shall be based on factors in Section 5.01(a) above, as well as others deemed by the Board of Directors to be relevant to the decision.

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Section 5.02. Officers.

(a) The officers of each region shall be a chair and vice chair and three to five region board members who shall be elected by the region in each odd-numbered year. A region may maintain a board of fewer than five but not less than three members as provided in the region's rules and regulations. The officers of the region board shall take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors take office. Regions shall hold elections by electronic ballot. Five or more members of the Association from the region shall constitute~~ing~~ a quorum for purposes of regional board elections. Association staff shall verify the legitimacy of the ballots.

(b) The officers of each region shall: (1) exercise the powers and perform duties of the region during the interim between region meetings; and (2) make recommendations to the president regarding appointments to committees. The chair and vice chair shall be the region's representatives to the Board of Directors.

(c) Each officer of a region shall be an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member agency of the Association to represent that member at the time of the appointment. Where an individual ceases to meet these criteria during the term of the office, the individual may not serve during the remaining term of that office unless that individual can again meet the criteria for the office and is appointed to complete the term. The region board may adopt more stringent criteria for board member qualifications as part of the region's rules and regulations.

(d) Should a vacancy occur in any of the region board positions before the end of the term, the remaining members of the region board shall appoint a new member. A vacancy in the office of any region board position shall be deemed to exist when a region board member: (1) resigns the office; (2) no longer is an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member of the Association to represent that member; or (3) is otherwise removed by a member agency of the Association.

Section 5.03. Nominating Committees. There shall be a nominating committee for each region consisting of three or more designees, each representing a member of the Association located within the region, appointed by the chair of the region and approved by the region board. Nominating committees shall be formed by February 28 of each odd-numbered year.

Section 5.04. Meetings. The meetings of each region shall be held at both the spring and fall conferences and at such other times and places as may be determined by the region chair. Representatives of five or more members of the Association from the region present at any region meeting shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting the business of the region. Any meeting,

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regular or special, may be held in person or by telephone conference, web video conference, or other electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission, as set forth in Section 4.06.

Section 5.05. Workgroups. Workgroups may be appointed by the region chair as needed.

Section 5.06. Rules. Each region shall organize and adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and affairs not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or bylaws of the Association. Each region shall abide by the code of conduct adopted by the Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE 6 – Executive Committee

Section 6.01. Membership. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the following: the president of the Association, who shall be the chair thereof; the vice president; the most immediate active past president; the chair of the Finance Committee; and three at-large representatives selected from and by the members of the Board of Directors. The election of the three at-large representatives to the Executive Committee shall occur at the first Board of Directors meeting held in each even-numbered year and the elected representatives shall serve immediately following their election and until such time as their successors take office. To the extent practical, the Executive Committee should be constituted so as to reflect the geographic extent of the Association and the functions of the members of the Association.

Section 6.02. Powers. The Executive Committee shall have the following authority:

(a) Personnel. Subject to the budget adopted by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall perform the following personnel actions: (1) recommend compensation for the executive director/secretary to the Board of Directors for approval; (2) perform annual reviews of the executive director/secretary and submit that review to the Board of Directors; (3) review the classification and compensation plan and publicly posted salary schedule for Association employees submitted by the executive director/secretary, which shall be approved by the Board of Directors; (4) establish personnel policies for the conduct and behavior of employees, which shall be reviewable by the Board of Directors; and (5) undertake such other personnel actions as may be requested by the executive director/secretary in support of his or her oversight of all other personnel matters, which shall be reviewable by the Board of Directors, in closed session, upon request of the Board of Directors.

(b) Delegation. The Executive Committee may act pursuant to any authority specifically delegated to it by the Board of Directors. The delegation shall indicate whether the authority is still subject to the ultimate authority of the Board.

(c) Authority to Act Between Meetings. The Executive Committee may act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings when calling a special meeting of the Board of Directors is impracticable, provided that no such action of the Executive Committee shall be binding on the Board of Directors until authorized or approved by the Board. The

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Executive Committee has the authority to authorize actions recommended by the Legal Affairs Committee (such as the filing of letter briefs and amicus curiae briefs) by electronic means without the need for an in-person or telephonic meeting, but such actions shall be ratified by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 6.03. Reporting. The president, or any person designated by the president, shall report to the Board of Directors, at each regular Board meeting, any action taken by the Executive Committee since the last preceding regular Board meeting. The minutes of Executive Committee meetings, which at that time may still be in draft form, shall be mailed (using the U.S. Postal Service, express delivery, electronic means, or otherwise) to each member of the Board of Directors at least five days prior to Board meetings, except in cases in which the Executive Committee meets during or immediately prior to a conference of the Association or immediately prior to a Board meeting, in which case the minutes, which may still be in draft form, shall be mailed to each director promptly thereafter.

Section 6.04. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall hold regularly scheduled meetings as set by the president. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president upon notice to the members of that committee or upon written request of three Executive Committee members. Notice for special Executive Committee meetings shall be provided to the entire Board: (1) upon five days' written notice sent by mail, or (2) upon 24 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means; and all such meetings shall be open to the Board of Directors. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held in person or by telephone conference, web video conference, or other electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission, as set forth in Section 4.06. With the exception of closed sessions as designated by the Executive Committee, all members of the Board of Directors and Council of Past Presidents may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee. However, ~~Meetings of~~ the Executive Committee may ~~be~~ close~~d~~ its meetings to select or all non-members of the Committee ~~to others~~ at the discretion of the president or by a majority vote of the Executive C~~c~~ommittee. Any decision to close an Executive Committee meeting to others shall be final and not reversible except with the consent of party that decided to close the meeting. Only members of the Executive Committee are allowed to vote on Executive Committee matters ~~at a meeting of the committee~~.

Section 6.05. Minutes. The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be kept by the executive director/secretary at the Association's principal office. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors as provided in Section 3 of this Article and shall be available to any member of the Board of Directors upon request to the executive director/secretary.

ARTICLE 7 – Standing Committees

Section 7.01. Qualification. In order to serve on any Association standing committee, an individual must be an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member agency of the Association to represent that member at the time of the appointment. Where an individual ceases to meet these criteria during the term of the

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appointment, the individual may not serve during the remaining term of that appointment unless that individual can again meet the criteria for appointment and is appointed to complete the term.

Section 7.02. Term of Office. The term of office of standing committee members shall be two years commencing on January 1 of each even-numbered year. The term of office of standing committee chairs and vice chairs shall be approximately two years and shall commence as soon after January 1 of the even-numbered year as they may be appointed by the president and ratified by the then-seated Board of Directors, and shall terminate on December 31 of the odd-numbered year approximately two years later or until their successors are appointed and ratified.

Section 7.03. Meetings. Meetings of standing committees may be called at such times and places designated by the respective chair thereof except where provided otherwise by these bylaws. Any meetings of standing committees may be conducted, in whole or in part, by electronic transmission or by electronic video screen communication, as set forth in Section 4.06. Subject to the provisions of these bylaws and any actions that may be taken by the Board of Directors, the chairs of each standing committee may establish their own rules for the efficient operation of the committee they each chair. The chairs of each standing committee are authorized to create subcommittees and workgroups in order to complete the work of the committee.

Section 7.04. Committee Composition. Each limited standing committee shall have a membership composition that is comprised of members in the quantity and with qualifications as defined by the provisions of these bylaws. The committee chair position shall not be included in the maximum count for determining the committee composition total of any given limited committee. The committee chair shall, however, be a voting member of their respective committees subject to the rules and procedures of each committee. If the chair is absent, the vice chair shall fill the role of the chair during such absence.

Section 7.05. Agriculture Committee. There shall be an Agriculture Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend Association policy, positions and programs to the Board of Directors, State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee or other committees, as appropriate, regarding agricultural issues affecting the interests of the Association and its members. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

Section 7.06. Business Development Committee. There shall be a Business Development Committee whose duty it is to develop and recommend to the Board of Directors programs and activities to be provided or administered by the Association that generate non-dues revenue and provide a service or benefit to member agencies. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region and may include members from any of the other standing committees.

Section 7.07. Communications Committee. There shall be a Communications Committee whose duty it shall be to develop and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding a comprehensive internal and external communications program for the Association and to promote development of sound public information and education programs and practices among member agencies. The committee shall

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consist of no more than 40 members. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

Section 7.08. Energy Committee. There shall be an Energy Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policies and programs to the Board of Directors and to the State Legislative Committee and/or Federal Affairs Committee as appropriate. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

Section 7.09. Federal Affairs Committee. There shall be a Federal Affairs Committee whose duty it shall be to review all federal legislative proposals and regulatory proposals affecting member agencies, after consulting with other appropriate committees, and to develop Association positions consistent with existing policy, where it has been established; recommend sponsorship of bills that will resolve problems or improve conditions for member agencies; and assist in the establishment of the Association's federal legislative program. The committee shall consist of at least one, but no more than five members from each region.

Section 7.10. Finance Committee. There shall be a Finance Committee whose duty it shall be to make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding annual budgets, dues formula and schedules and other revenue-producing income, annual audit and selection of an auditor, and investment strategies. The committee shall consist of the president and vice president of the Association as *ex officio* members, either the chair or vice chair from each of the Association's 10 region boards, and one additional member from each region with experience in financial matters.

Section 7.11. Groundwater Committee. There shall be a Groundwater Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policies and programs to the Board of Directors and to the State Legislative Committee and/or Federal Affairs Committee as appropriate. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

Section 7.12. Legal Affairs Committee. There shall be a Legal Affairs Committee whose duty it shall be to support the mission of the Association, and more particularly to deal with requests for assistance involving legal matters of significance to member agencies, including but not limited to state and federal court litigation, water rights matters, selected regulatory and resources agency matters, proposed bylaw revisions, review of legislation as requested by the State Legislative Committee, etc. The committee shall consider matters and issues submitted to it in order to determine which ones are of major significance to the member agencies and, assuming a finding of major significance, recommend to the Board of Directors the position(s) which the committee believes the Association should take with respect thereto. The committee shall be composed of between 34 and 44 attorneys, each of whom shall be a member of the California Bar and shall be, or act as, counsel for a member agency, representing diverse interests within the Association, including but not limited to, different geographical areas throughout the state, large and small agencies, agricultural and urban agencies, agencies created under the various enabling statutes, etc. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

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Section 7.13. Local Government Committee. There shall be a Local Government Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policies to the State Legislative Committee, as appropriate, and Board of Directors on matters affecting water agencies as a segment of local government in California. The committee shall consist of at least one, but no more than three members from each region.

Section 7.14. Membership Committee. There shall be a Membership Committee whose duty it shall be to assist staff in developing membership recruitment and retention programs, make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding membership policies, eligibility, and applications for membership and review and make recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding an equitable dues structure. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

Section 7.15. State Legislative Committee. There shall be a State Legislative Committee whose duty it shall be to review all state legislative proposals affecting member agencies and to establish Association positions, consistent with existing policy, where it has been established; sponsor bills that will resolve problems or improve conditions for member agencies; and assist in the establishment of the Association's legislative program. The committee shall consist of members representing a variety of types of member agencies and at least one, but no more than four members from each region.

Section 7.16. Water Management Committee. There shall be a Water Management Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policy and programs to the Board of Directors on any area of concern in water management. The committee shall consist of at least one, but no more than four members from each region.

Section 7.17. Water Quality Committee. There shall be a Water Quality Committee whose duty it shall be to develop and recommend Association policy, positions, and programs to the Board of Directors, to promote cost-effective state and federal water quality regulations that protect the public health, to enable interested member agencies to join together to develop and coordinate with other organizations, and to present unified comments regarding agricultural and domestic water quality regulations. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

ARTICLE 8 – Special Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

Section 8.01. Council of Past Presidents. There shall be a Council of Past Presidents composed of all past presidents of the Association who serve on the council until each is no longer able to or wishes to serve. The council shall provide a mechanism for past presidents to continue to make valuable contributions to the Association. With approval of the Board of Directors, the president and/or executive director/secretary may assign specific responsibilities to the council from time to time. Members of the Council of Past Presidents are invited to attend and participate in the Association's Board and Executive Committee meetings, including attending closed sessions of the Board. Members of the Council of Past Presidents may also attend ~~closed sessions~~ meetings of the Executive Committee except as designated by the Executive Committee as further described in Section 6.04. With the exception of the immediate past president, members of the Council of Past Presidents are non-voting.

Section 8.02. Election Committee. There shall be an Election Committee consisting of eleven representatives established by February 28 of each odd-numbered year, whose purpose shall be to present qualified individuals for the offices of president and vice president of the Association. The Election Committee shall vet all candidates to determine if the eligibility criteria have been met. The Election Committee will endorse a preferred candidate for president and vice president before presenting an open ballot with all qualifying candidates to the members for a vote in the manner set forth in Section 9.10 and Section 9.11.

(a) Selection. The Election Committee shall be selected in the following manner:

(1) Each of the 10 currently seated Region Boards in the odd-numbered year shall appoint a representative from their respective regions to serve on the Election Committee.

(2) One representative appointed by the president in the odd-numbered year shall also serve on the Election Committee. Neither the president nor the vice president qualifies to be appointed to this position.

(b) Qualification. In order to serve on the Election Committee, an individual must be an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member agency of the Association to represent that member at the time of the appointment. Past presidents, who are Honorary Life Members of the Association, may also serve on the Election Committee without meeting stated qualifications unless otherwise disqualified. Where an individual ceases to meet these criteria during the election cycle, the individual may not continue to serve. When the disqualified member represented a Region Board, the affected Region Board shall select a replacement representative. When the disqualified member represented the President, the President shall select an alternate representative.

Section 8.03. Other Committees and Task Forces. Other committees and task forces may be appointed by the president from time to time as needed, consistent with and supportive of the mission of the Association.

ARTICLE 9 – Meetings of Members

Section 9.01. Meetings. Meetings of the members of the Association shall be held at the Association's conferences to provide a report to the members on the Association's activities during the past year, provide an overview of the Association's finances, announce the newly elected president and vice president of the Association in each odd-numbered year, and to transact such other proper business as may come before the meeting.

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Section 9.02. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors, the president of the Board of Directors, or by 5 percent or more of the members of the Association. Except when called by the Board, a request for a special meeting must be in writing and must be delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail addressed to the president of the Board at the principal office of the Association, with a copy to the executive director/secretary. The request must state the general nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

A special meeting that has been called by written request of 5 percent of the member agencies of the Association to the Board of Directors shall be set by the Board of Directors on a date that is not less than 35 or more than 90 days after receipt of the request.

Section 9.03. Meetings by Remote Communication. Any meeting of the members may be conducted, in whole or in part, by electronic transmission by and to the Association or by electronic video screen communication. The member shall be deemed present in person at the meeting if the following apply:

(a) The Association implements reasonable measures to provide the member a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the members, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with those proceedings.

(b) If any member votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of electronic transmission to the Association or electronic video screen communication, a record of that vote or action is maintained by the Association.

(c) The Association verifies that each person participating remotely is an authorized representative of a voting member.

Section 9.04. Notice Requirements for Membership Meetings. Written notice of any membership meeting shall be given to each voting member of the Association. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting; the means by which members may participate; and the general nature of the business to be transacted. The member notification information shall also be posted on the Association's website.

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws or California law, a written notice of regular membership meetings shall be given not less than 10 or more than 90 days before the date of the meeting to each member who, on the record date for notice of the meeting, is entitled to vote; provided, however, that if notice is given by mail, and the notice is not mailed by first-class, registered, or certified mail, that notice shall be given not less than 20 days before the meeting.

Section 9.05. Notice Requirements for Special Meetings. The executive director/secretary shall cause notice to be given to all members of the Association of the date, time, and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting. No business except that specified in the request and notice may be transacted at said special meeting. If notice of the requested special meeting

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is not given within 20 days after receipt of the request, the person or persons requesting the meeting may give the notice.

Section 9.06. Voting. Each member of the Association in good standing at the time of the annual or special meeting shall be entitled to one vote that shall be cast by its authorized representative. Each member must designate its authorized representative prior to the annual or special meeting. It is the member's responsibility to designate or update its authorized representative as needed. The Association may confirm with any member the identity of that member's authorized representative for the purpose of casting ballots in any election of president and vice president, amendments to these Bylaws, or other Association business that requires a vote. All questions, except amendments or revisions of these bylaws, shall be determined by a majority of the members present and voting. A roll call may be requested by any authorized representative.

Section 9.07. Amendment of Bylaws. These bylaws may be amended or revised by two-thirds of the member agencies of the Association present and voting at any meeting.

Section 9.08. Quorum. The presence of the authorized representatives of at least 50 members of the Association at any meeting of the members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business. Actions of the members of the Association taken by written ballot shall require the timely receipt of the written ballot from the authorized representatives of at least 50 members to constitute a quorum.

Section 9.09. Amendments, Revisions, and Resolutions. Before any amendments or revisions to the bylaws, or resolutions, may be considered at any meeting of the Association, any such amendment, revision, or resolution shall be submitted to the executive director/secretary at least 90 days prior to the first day of such meeting. The executive director/secretary shall promptly distribute any proposed amendments or revisions to the Legal Affairs Committee for the Legal Affairs Committee to develop an unbiased analysis of the amendments or revisions. Following development of an analysis for the proposed amendments or revisions, the executive director/secretary shall distribute copies of any resolutions, amendments or revisions, including any applicable analyses, to all members of the Association not less than 10 days or more than 90 days prior to presentation at such meeting. The written notice of the membership meeting shall be given to each voting member of the Association consistent with the provisions defined in Section 9.04. The 90-day rule may be suspended at any meeting of the Association by consent of three-fourths of the members present. Voting on resolutions, amendments, or revisions shall proceed as provided by Sections 9.06 and 9.07.

Section 9.10. Nomination of President and Vice President.

(a) **Qualification.** At the time of their election, the president and vice president of the Association shall each be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission (as appropriate) of a member agency of the Association.

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(b) **Nominating Resolutions.** All nominations for the positions of president and vice president shall be accompanied by an official resolution from the Association member agency on whose board the nominee serves. Said resolution shall be signed by an authorized signatory of the member agency's Board of Directors.

Section 9.11. Election of President and Vice President. Each member of the Association in good standing at the time a vote is cast is entitled to one vote for election of the president and vice president that shall be cast by its authorized representative by written ballot. The ballot and any related material may be sent by first class, registered, or certified mail or electronic transmission by the Corporation that meets the requirements of Corporations Code section 20, and responses may be returned to the Corporation by mail or electronic transmission. On any written ballot for the election of president or vice president, an authorized representative acting on behalf of the member may write in a qualified candidate for election. Nominating resolutions for write-in candidates must be received by the deadline for the return of ballots.

Section 9.12. Write-In Candidates. If a write-in candidate prevails in any election for president or vice president, such individual shall not be officially elected into such position until the Election Committee confirms that the individual meets the eligibility criteria and qualifications requirements.

Section 9.13. Run-off Election for President and Vice President. In the event a nominee does not receive a majority of the votes for president or vice president, a run-off election shall be held for the office or offices for which a majority of the votes have not been received. The run-off election shall only involve the nominees who received the two highest amounts of votes. The run-off election shall be conducted in the same manner as the initial election.

Section 9.14. Additional Procedures for Election of President and Vice President. The Board shall have the authority to adopt policies for elections ("Election Policy") of president and vice president setting forth the details for the election of such positions when not otherwise contrary to or covered by these bylaws.

Section 9.15. Action by Written Ballot. To the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to all applicable requirements, any action that may be taken at a regular or special member meeting of the members may be approved by written ballot if a ballot is sent to each member entitled to vote on the matter. If approved by the Board, ballots may be sent and returned by electronic transmission as permitted in the Corporations Code. Ballot format, solicitation and voting thresholds shall meet the requirements of the Corporations Code and be consistent with applicable provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 10–Indemnification of Directors, Officers, and Other Agents

Section 10.01. Right of Indemnity. To the fullest extent permitted by law, this Corporation shall indemnify its Directors, Officers, employees, and other persons described in Section 7237(a) of the California Corporations Code, including persons formerly occupying any such position, against all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by them in

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connection with any "proceeding," as that term is used in that Section, and including an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a person described in that section. "Expenses," as used in this bylaw, shall have the same meaning as in Section 7237(a) of the California Corporations Code.

Section 10.02. Approval of Indemnity. On written request to the Board by any person seeking indemnification under Section 7237(b) or Section 7237(c) of the California Corporations Code, the Board shall promptly determine under Section 7237(e) of the California Corporations Code whether the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 7237(b) or Section 7237(c) has been met and, if so, the Board shall authorize indemnification.

Section 10.03. Advancement of Expenses. To the fullest extent permitted by law and except as otherwise determined by the Board in a specific instance, expenses incurred by a person seeking indemnification under these bylaws in defending any proceeding covered by those Sections shall be advanced by the Corporation before final disposition of the proceeding, on receipt by the Corporation of an undertaking by or on behalf of that person that the advance will be repaid unless it is ultimately determined that the person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation for those expenses.

Section 10.04. Insurance. The Corporation shall have the right to purchase and maintain insurance to the full extent permitted by law on behalf of its Officers, Directors, employees, and other agents, against any liability asserted against or incurred by any officer, director, employee, or agent in such capacity or arising out of the officer's, director's, employee's or agent's status as such.

ARTICLE 11 - Miscellaneous

Section 11.01. Conduct of Meetings. All meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accord with the code of conduct and in substantial accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised unless the Board adopts alternate rules of conduct for itself and/or its committees, region boards, and region workgroups.

Section 11.02. Funds. The funds of the Association shall be used to further the aims and purposes of this Association. They shall be kept by the controller/treasurer and paid out by checks or other electronic means, which shall only be valid with two authorized signatures. The Board of Directors shall designate by resolution which persons, other than the controller/treasurer, may sign for expenditures. The Finance Committee shall implement procedures to ensure necessary internal controls over the receipt and expenditures of Association funds and arrange for an external audit. Audit reports shall be presented to the Board of Directors.

Section 11.03. Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution. The Association's properties and assets are irrevocably dedicated to the fulfillment of the Association's purposes as described in Article 2 of the Articles of Incorporation. No part of the Association's net earnings, properties and assets, on dissolution or otherwise, may inure to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution of the Association, all

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debts thereof shall be paid and its affairs settled, and all remaining assets shall be distributed to the Association's member political subdivisions for a public purpose, consistent with the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law relating to mutual benefit corporations then in effect and with the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 11.04. Definitions. As used in these Bylaws, the terms "electronic transmission" and "notice provided by electronic means" shall refer to notice and other communications given by fax or e-mail.

Section 11.05. Conflicts Between Bylaws and Other Association Policies. To the extent permitted by applicable law, these Bylaws shall govern in the event there is a conflict between these Bylaws and another Association policy, rule, or procedure.

Amended comprehensively December 1, 2010
Amended May 9, 2012
Amended May 7, 2014
Amended December 2, 2015
Amended November 29, 2017
Amended & Restated November 30, 2022
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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

November 2026

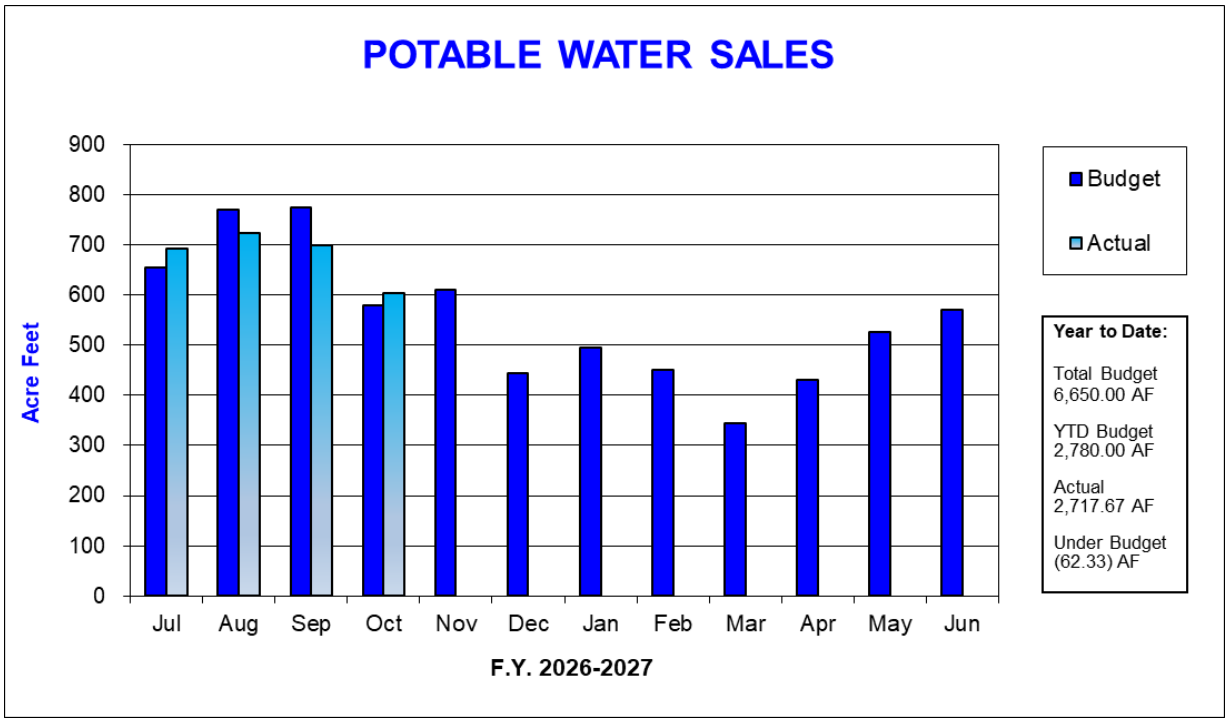
I. OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

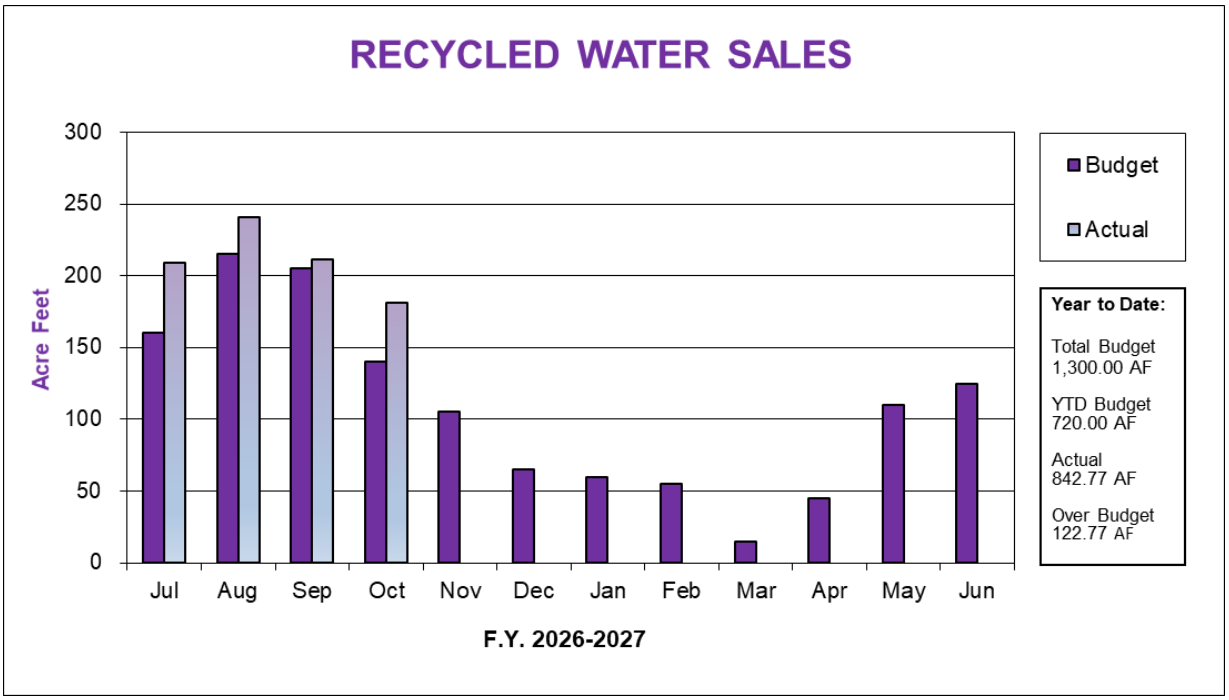
- MWDOC P&O Committee Meeting
- MWDOC MET Directors Workshop
- MWDOC A&F Committee Meeting
- MWDOC Board Meeting
- MWDOC Managers Meeting
- SOCWA Managers Meeting
- SOCWA Board Meeting
- South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting
- Lead & Copper Rule Improvements Webinar
- MNWD Board Meeting
- Meeting with MNWD Staff Regarding Regional Plant Salinity Management Project
- Meeting with IRWD and MNWD Staff Regarding Effluent Transmission Main
- Meeting with IRWD and MNWD Staff & Attorneys Regarding ETM
- Laguna Hills State of the City Luncheon
- ETWD President / Vice President / General Manager Meetings
- Meeting with HEBT Regarding WRP Battery Agreement
- ETWD Community Advisory Committee Meeting
- ETWD SOCWA Planning Committee Meeting
- ETWD Agenda Review Meeting
- ETWD Regular Engineering & Finance Committee Meetings
- ETWD Regular Board Meeting

II. DOMESTIC AND RECYCLED WATER SALES

Actual domestic sales for the year-to-date as of October 31, 2026, are 2,717.67 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted domestic sales of 2,780.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects a decrease of 62.33 acre-feet. Actual sales are 110.82 acre-feet higher than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

Actual recycled sales for the year-to-date as of October 31, 2026, are 842.77 acre-feet. This compares to year-to-date budgeted recycled sales of 720.00 acre-feet. The year-to-date variation in actual to budgeted sales reflects an increase of 122.77 acre-feet. Actual sales are 45.51 acre-feet higher than last year-to-date actual sales for the same period.

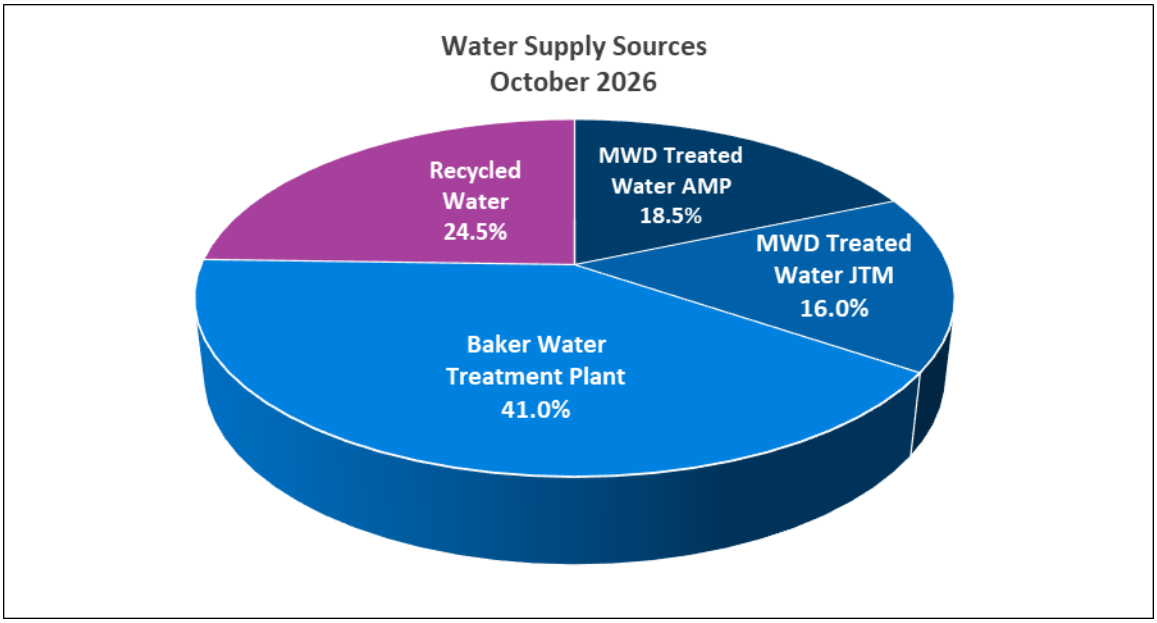


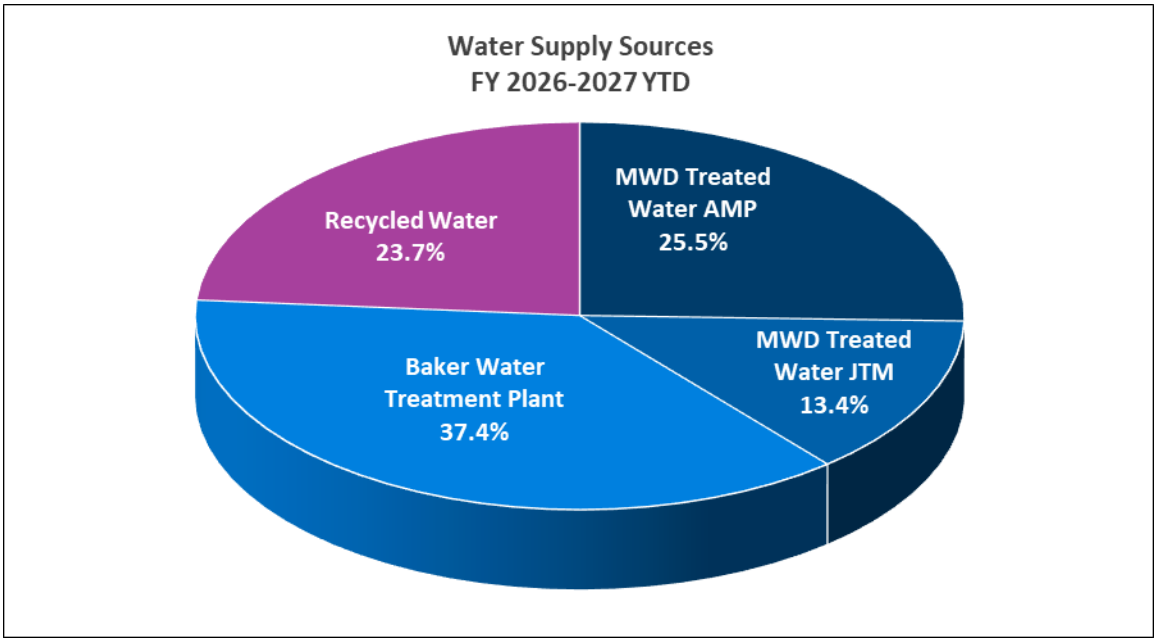


III. WATER SUPPLY SOURCES

The charts below provide a summary of water supply sources for the month and fiscal year to date (FY 2026-2027). They illustrate the relative contribution of each supply source, including imported treated water from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) via the AMP and JTM connections, local production from the Baker Water Treatment Plant, interconnections with neighboring agencies, and recycled water. These charts help track supply trends and support planning and operational decisions.

Water Supply Sources (AF)				
	October 2026		FY 2026-2027 YTD	
MWD Treated Water AMP	137.2	18.5%	904.2	25.5%
MWD Treated Water JTM	118.3	16.0%	476.8	13.4%
Interconnections	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Baker Water Treatment Plant	303.7	41.0%	1,328.0	37.4%
Recycled Water	181.6	24.5%	842.8	23.7%
TOTAL	**740.8**	**100.0%**	**3,551.7**	**100.0%**





Office Customer Service Activity Report

Telephone Calls	OCT 2026	OCT 2025
Change of Service: Connections and Disconnections	58	74
Ordinance Infraction / Water Waste Complaints	0	0
Water Quality Taste - Odor - Color	2	1
Leaks / Breaks	10	30
Sewer Problems (Odor / Spills)	1	3
ETWD Facilities Inquiries		
Meter Boxes / Covers / Lids / Hydrants / Pump Stations /Graffiti / "Gen. Maint"	0	0
Backflow / Cross Connection (Questions or Yearly Testing Forms)	0	0
Maintenance Service Order Requests (Bees, Pressure, Fogged-Dirty Registers)	11	21
Miscellaneous (Other: Employment, Deliveries, Sales calls)	18	24
Outside Utility Districts	43	47
Phone calls Transfer to other Departments within ETWD	35	71
Phone calls for the Board of Directors	0	1
Recycled Water	0	0
Construction Meter calls (Hydrant)	0	0
Security System Calls (Alarms at ETWD facilities)	0	0
Cellular Site Calls (Access to Tower Sites)	0	0
Pager Calls Specifically for Pump Stations - SCADA	0	0
Email Correspondence:	66	27
Billing Calls		
Billing / Payments & Graph Inquires	214	262
Assistance with online payments and ETWD's portal (cc, e-checks, other.)	6	9
Payment Extensions	26	50
Delinquent Payment Calls to Customer 's Prior to Shutoff (Automatic Dialer)	49	0
Return Calls from customers left on our voice mail system. Ext 500	5	9
Variance / Adjustment Inquiries	9	9
Variance / Adjustment Requests Processed	7	9
Total Billing Calls	**316**	**348**
Complaints		
Payment Processing Fee Complaints	0	0
Customers Complaints non bill related.	1	0
Billing Disputes	0	0
Total Complaints	**1**	**0**
Total Telephone Calls	**561**	**647**

Service Disconnection & Billing Delinquencies		
10-Day Shut-off Notices Mailed	233	232
7-Day Shut-off Door Hangers Hung	107	133
24-Hour Shut-off Door Hangers Hung	2	2
Shut-offs / Disconnect for Non-Payment (DNP)	10	34
Outstanding Balances > 60 Days (Accounts)	415	370
Outstanding Balances > 60 Days ($)	$109,107.35	$100,351.43
Uncollectible Accounts:		
Budget YTD	$6,500.00	$6,666.67
Actual YTD	$0.00	$644.68
Credit Card Payments		
Number of Payments	2,204	1,429
Total Amount of Payments	$495,736.38	$394,561.97

Field Customer Service Activity Report

Regular Service Calls	OCT 2026	OCT 2025
Serviceman Dispatched to Read, Connect / Disconnect Service	59	96
Field Investigations:		
Check for leaks - calls to CS Office: (Irrigation, Meter, Street leaks)		
Customer Responsible:	3	10
District Responsible:	2	3
None found/other:	9	15
Total - Check for Leaks	**14**	**28**
High Reads Checked - High Consumption (Billing Dept.)		
Customer Leaks	14	17
No Leaks	17	12
Total High Reads Checked	**31**	**29**
Check Stopped Slowed Meters-Low Consumption (Billing)	15	8
Re-Check Read	6	10
Water Quality: Taste / Odor / Color		
Phone response:	2	1
Field response:	0	1
Total Water Quality	**2**	**2**
Meter Boxes		
Meter Box Replaced	2	0
Meter Box Lids Replaced	3	14
Meter Box Covers Replaced	6	13
Meter Box Clean, Digout	0	2
Raised Meter Box	0	0
Total Meter Boxes	**11**	**29**
OMCOP: Old Meter Change - Out Program	1	0
Fogged Registers	19	25
Trim Bushes / Meter Obstruction	10	11
CSSOV (Angle Meter/Ball Valve/Gate Valve/Globe Valve)		
Check/Repaired/Replaced	8	6
Removed Meter	0	0
New Meter	0	6
Unread Meters	2	17
Construction (Hydrant) Meters issued	0	1
Sewer - Odor / Stoppage / Manhole Covers	1	2
Ordinance Infraction	0	0
Recycled Water	0	0
General Maintenance Response	0	1
Fire Hydrants: Hit / Leaks / Caps	1	0
Pressure (psi) Checks / Reads	2	1
Bees Removed	0	0
Backflow / Cross Connection	0	2
Other: (Uncommon Non-Maintenance Calls)	2	1
On-Call After Hrs. CS Response	12	9
Total Field Investigations	**196**	**284**

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Water Supply Conditions Report - https://www.mwdh2o.com/WSCR

Questions? Reach out via the form: https://forms.office.com/g/Gj3aReAuCm

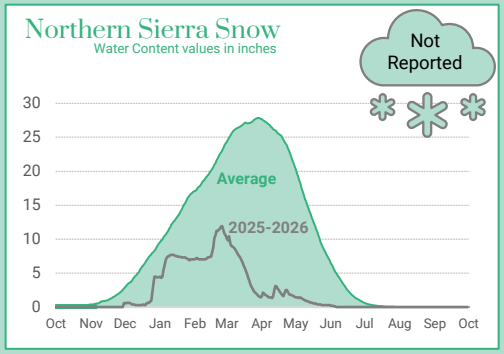
Water Year 2026-2027

As of: 11/04/2026

State Water Project

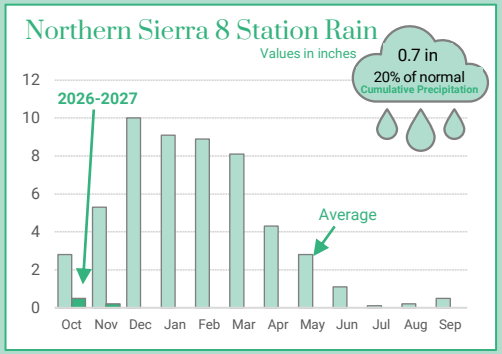
Northern Sierra Snow

Water Content values in inches



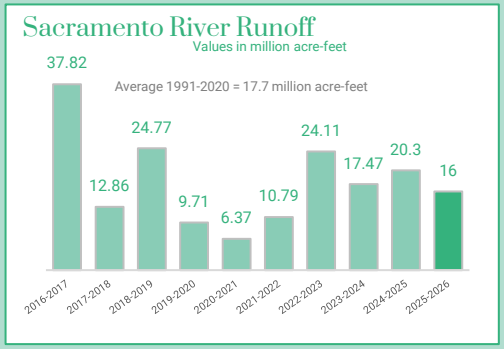
Northern Sierra 8 Station Rain

Values in inches



Sacramento River Runoff

Values in million acre-feet



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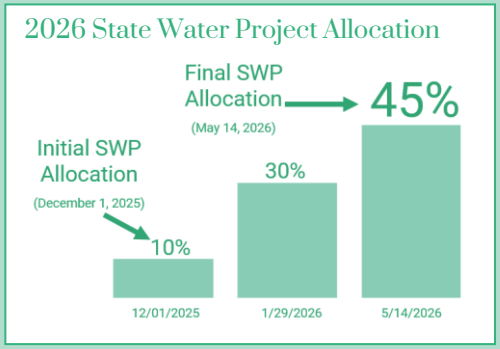
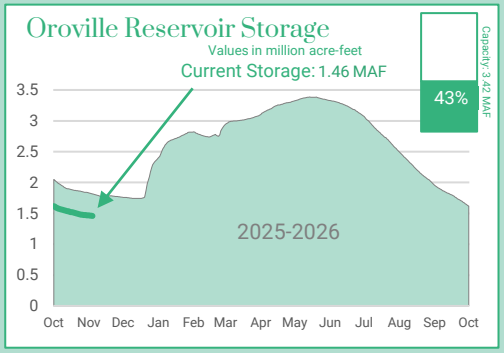


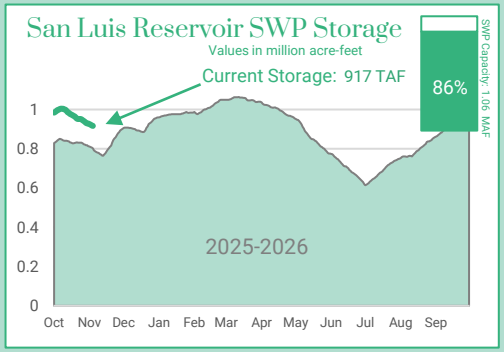
Oroville Reservoir Storage

Values in million acre-feet



San Luis Reservoir SWP Storage

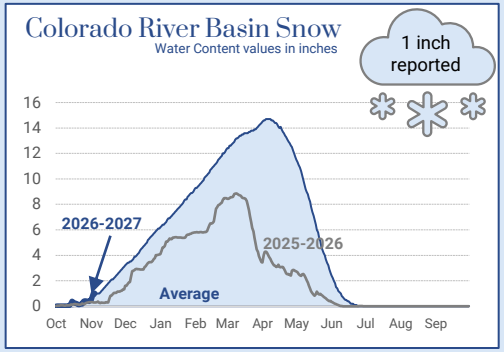
Values in million acre-feet



Colorado River

Colorado River Basin Snow

Water Content values in inches



Colorado River Basin Rain

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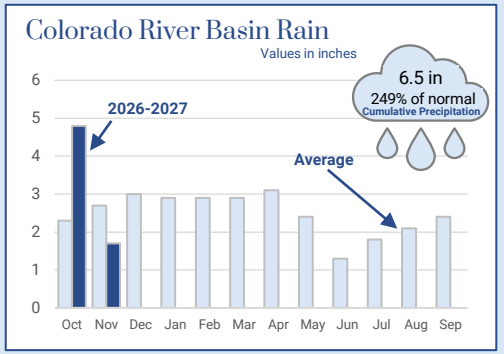
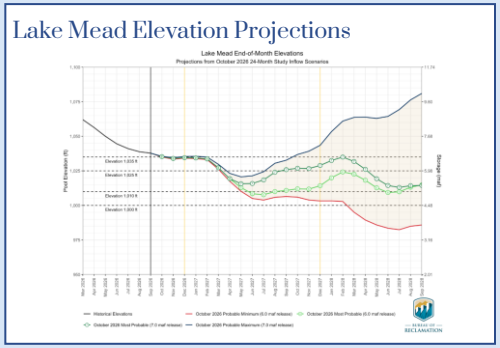
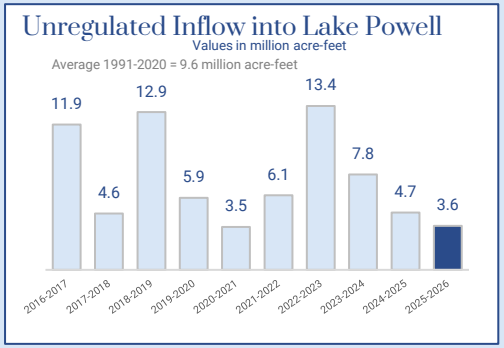


Lake Mead Elevation Projections



Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell

Values in million acre-feet



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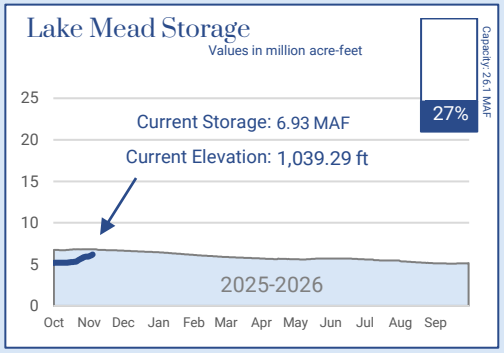

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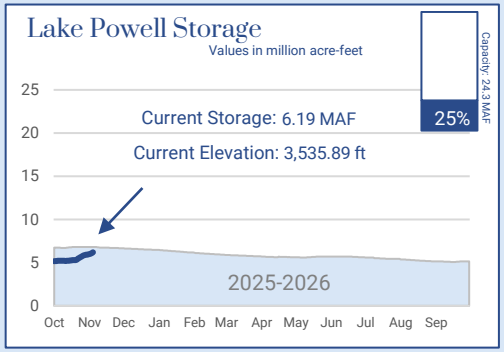


Metropolitan's 2026 Drinking Water Quality Report: https://tinyurl.com/MWDWaterQuality2026

WILL SERVE SUMMARY REPORT
November 2026

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Will Serve Letter Date	PHASE	CFF
Heritage Market	Converting retail to market with kitchen	6/1/2026	Construction	Not Yet Calculated
Asia Spa	Coverting retail to beauty parlor	1/14/2026	Construction	$ 1,912
Muirlands and Los Alisos Intersection Improvements	Relocation of water appurtenances and at-grade adjustments	3/19/2026	Plan Check	$ -
The Village at Laguna Hills (Firestone Tire Demolition)	Removal of existing water, fire, and sewer services at former Firestone Tire site.	N/A	Construction	$ -
The Village at Laguna Hills (Sears Auto Demolition)	Removal of existing water, fire and sewer services at former Sears Auto site.	N/A	Plan Check	$ -
The Village at Laguna Hills (Phase 1A - Retail)	Installation of water, fire, and sewer services to support new retail development in Q4 2026 - Q4 2028.	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Phase 1A - Affordable Housing)	Installation of water, fire, and sewer services to support 200 new dwelling units in Q4 2026 - Q4 2028.	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Phase 1A - Hotel East)	Installation of water, fire, and sewer services to support new hotel in Q4 2026 - Q4 2028.	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (Phase 1B - Village Park, Hotel West, Multifamily North)	Installation of water, fire, and sewer services to support new park, retail, hotel, and multifamily homes in Q2 2028 - Q2 2030.	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (North Residential)	Installation of water, fire, and sewer services to support new townhomes and multifamily homes North of Health Center Drive starting in 2027.	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
The Village at Laguna Hills (South Residential)	Installation of water, fire, and sewer services to support new townhomes and multifamily homes South of Health Center Drive starting in 2028/2029.	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Parentis Health Sewermain Relocation	Relocating an existing sewermain.	6/26/2025	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Central Utilities Plant 24451 Health Center Drive	Additional domestic and fire services for a medical central utility plant.	12/20/2024	Construction	$ 21,856
23272 & 23282 Mill Creek Terravita - Phase 1	Residential development for 43 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
23161 Mill Creek Koshbin	Residential development for 36 attached condo units	6/30/2026	Construction	$ 217,722
23172 Plaza Pointe Dr and 23441 S Pointe Laguna Hills	Residential development of 100 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Texas Roadhouse BBQ	Conversion of El Torito into Texas Roadhouse BBQ	4/23/2026	Construction	$ -
23370 Moulton Pkwy Sewer Improvements	Modifications to the sewer lateral	5/8/2025	Construction	$ -
23501 Avenida De La Carlota Bollmart	Converting retail to market with grocery store	11/26/2025	Construction	$ 12,706
Laguna Woods City Center Project	Improvement of an existing city park	Forthcoming	Plan Check	$ -
Laguna Woods Fire Station	Addition of a fire station adjacent to the Pump Station 1 Site	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated

WILL SERVE SUMMARY REPORT
November 2026

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Will Serve Letter Date	PHASE	CFF
Quick Quack Carwash	Conversion of a restaurant into a carwash	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
24301 Paseo De Valencia	Conversion of a bank to medical offices	2/18/2026	Plan Check	$ 9,690
IVX Health	Conversion of retail to a medical office	6/23/2026	Plan Check	$ 3,790
The Artist Tree	Conversion of a pharmacy to a multi tenant unit with cannabis retail	N/A	Close-Out	$ -
23022 La Cadena	Conversion of commercial to 29 townhomes	Forthcoming	Planning	Not Yet Calculated
Mill Creek Terravita - Phase 2	Residential development for 415 dwelling units	Forthcoming	Plan Check	Not Yet Calculated
Meeso Tofu House	Conversion of retail to a restaurant	Forthcoming	Plan Check	$ 39,182
VI Pro - Neurology Office	Conversion of office space to medical office	Forthcoming	Plan Check	$ 1,234

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT – LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

California State Legislative & Water Policy Priorities - Updated November 20, 2026

Bill / Item	Author	Title	Brief Summary	ETWD Position	Status
CA SB 1153	Sen. Caballero (D–Merced)	**Disaster preparedness: urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: wildfire**	Beginning January 1, 2028, requires urban retail water suppliers serving 3,300 or more persons in high or very high fire hazard severity zones to add wildfire-specific response procedures and mitigation actions to disaster preparedness plans. The bill also states that public water systems have no duty to design, construct, or maintain systems for wildfire defense or suppression and provides liability-related protections tied to wildfire water supply/pressure.	**Signed ACWA Sponsored Coalition Letter**	Signed / Chaptered. Approved September 29, 2026; Chapter 776, Statutes of 2026. Wildfire-specific disaster preparedness requirements begin January 1, 2028.
CA AB 2180	Asm. Ward (D–San Diego)	**Local government: Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act: proportional cost of service**	Clarifies how local agencies may demonstrate proportionality for property-related water and sewer fees. Allows reasonable cost-allocation methods, including uniform or tiered customer classes, without requiring exact parcel-by-parcel measurement; tier costs may be supported by any reasonable allocation basis.	**Signed ACWA Sponsored Coalition Letter**	Signed / Chaptered. Approved September 27, 2026; Chapter 587, Statutes of 2026.
CA AB 2739	Asm. Soria (D–Fresno)	**Water: affordability and system stabilization**	Creates the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust/Fund. Under the current bill, annual trust income is generally allocated 45% to water rate assistance, 45% to a DWR community water affordability/infrastructure grant program, and 10% reinvested to build a perpetual funding source.	**Signed IRWD Sponsored Coalition Letter**	Vetoed. Governor vetoed AB 2739 on September 30, 2026; did not become law.
Sites Reservoir Coalition	Sites Project Authority / MWDSC coalition partners	**Sites Reservoir Project – statewide off-stream water storage**	Coalition advocacy supporting the proposed off-stream Sites Reservoir in the Sacramento Valley to improve dry-year water supply reliability, operational flexibility and climate resilience. On November 4, 2026, the State Water Board approved the project's Sacramento River water right, a major permitting milestone; the project is not yet constructed.	**Signed MWDSC Coalition Letter**	Water right approved November 4, 2026. State Water Resources Control Board approved a Sacramento River water-right permit authorizing up to 986,000 acre-feet/year of diversions, subject to conditions. Separate local-creek water-right proceedings remain pending; other permitting and project development continue.

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT – LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

California State Legislative & Water Policy Priorities - Updated November 20, 2026

Bill / Item	Author	Title	Brief Summary	ETWD Position	Status
Delta Conveyance Project Streamlining Trailer Bill	Governor Gavin Newsom / Department of Finance	**Delta Conveyance Project: Streamling Proposal**	Governor Newsom's May 2025 budget revision proposed statutory changes to accelerate the Delta Conveyance Project by simplifying certain permitting and protest procedures, confirming DWR authority to finance the project with State Water Project revenue bonds repaid by participating water agencies, streamlining judicial review, and facilitating property acquisition and utility work. ETWD supported the streamlining proposal.	**Signed Governor Newsom Coalition Letter**	2025 streamlining trailer-bill proposal did not advance to a legislative vote; no enacted successor identified. Separately, Delta Conveyance Project water-right change petition hearings remain ongoing, with State Water Board procedural action dated November 5, 2026. This is project permitting, not enactment of the proposed trailer bill.
CA AB 259	Asm. Rubio (D–Baldwin Park)	**Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences**	Would continue the modified Brown Act alternative teleconference procedures originally created by AB 2449, allowing qualifying remote participation under specified public-access, notice, quorum, and procedural requirements instead of allowing the provisions to sunset.	**Support**	Inactive / Did not advance in 2026. Last confirmed committee action: Senate hearing postponed June 27, 2025; no enacted law identified.
CA SB 496	Sen. Hurtado (D–Bakersfield)	**Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions**	Would have required the California Air Resources Board to establish an Advanced Clean Fleets Appeals Advisory Committee to review denied exemption requests and provide recommendations, with specified stakeholder representation.	**Support**	Dead / Inactive. Held in Senate Appropriations on 05/23/2025 and returned to the Secretary of the Senate on 02/02/2026 pursuant to Joint Rule 56. No further action as of 09/17/2026.
CA SB 350	Sen. Durazo (D–Los Angeles)	**Water Rate Assistance Program**	Would have established a statewide Water Rate Assistance Program and fund for low-income residential water and wastewater customers, administered by the State Water Resources Control Board and contingent on legislative appropriation. The concept was reintroduced in 2026 as SB 1125.	**Support**	Dead / Inactive. Returned to the Secretary of the Senate on 02/02/2026 pursuant to Joint Rule 56. No further action as of 09/17/2026.
CA SB 454	Sen. McNerney (D–Pleasanton)	**State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program**	Would have established a PFAS Mitigation Program and fund at the State Water Resources Control Board to provide financial and technical assistance for PFAS remediation and treatment, subject to appropriation, and to accept eligible state, federal, private, and other nonstate funding.	**Support**	Vetoed / Inactive. Governor vetoed the bill on 10/01/2025; veto was sustained and the bill was stricken from file on 03/02/2026.

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT – LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

California State Legislative & Water Policy Priorities - Updated November 20, 2026

Bill / Item	Author	Title	Brief Summary	ETWD Position	Status
CA AB 514	Asm. Cottie Petrie-Norris (D–Irvine)	**Water: emergency water supplies**	Declares state policy to encourage, but not mandate, local and regional water suppliers to develop emergency water supplies for use during droughts or unplanned service or supply disruptions. Emergency supplies must be water to which the supplier has an established legal right and that are identified in a water shortage contingency plan or drought plan. The bill does not require suppliers to modify operations, demand-management programs, water rights, contracts, or shortage plans.	**Support**	Dead / Inactive. Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee in 2025 and did not advance before the legislative deadline; no further action as of 09/17/2026.

To: Board of Directors, *Municipal Water District of Orange County*
From: Natural Resource Results
RE: Monthly Board Report – November 2026

Colorado River Update

On October 16, the Arizona Department of Water Resources moved to intervene in the lawsuit Nevada filed in August challenging the Department of the Interior's Post-2026 Record of Decision and 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines. Nevada's core argument is that Interior failed to adequately consider alternatives that would have placed a larger share of the reductions on the Upper Basin rather than on the Lower Basin, which must collectively reduce use by 1.25 million acre-feet annually through 2028. Interior and Reclamation have until the end of October to file a formal response to Nevada's complaint, and no court schedule has been set.

Shortly after, Secretary Burgum stated that he expects the suit to be dismissed for lack of a demonstrated injury, describing Arizona's initial reductions as manageable, and cautioning that Arizona, as the most junior Lower Basin priority, has little to gain from asking a court to allocate the river. He also pointed to the 10-year framework, with allocations reconsidered after the first two years, and suggested that Southern California desalination could become part of a longer-term solution.

On October 27, the Central Arizona Project (CAP) also filed a Motion to Intervene in the Nevada lawsuit. CAP filed separately from the State of Arizona because CAP holds a fourth-priority water right. Their junior status means their supply would be targeted for elimination before other state users.

Sites Reservoir – State Water Board Vote November 4

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) remains scheduled to consider the revised draft water right decision and permit for Sites Reservoir at its November 4 meeting. Should the SWRCB fail act on the Bay-Delta plan on October 28th and 29th, we expect that there will be a push to delay the November 4th vote on Sites, but we still don't know exactly how the SWRCB would handle that.

Permitting Reform

On September 30, Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Mike Lee (R-UT), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) introduced S. 5653, a 417-page permitting reform package negotiated with the White House. The bill would set deadlines for environmental review: generally, one year for environmental assessments and two years for environmental impact statements. It would also set a 150-day statute of limitations for NEPA challenges and for

challenges to Endangered Species Act biological opinions and certain Clean Water Act Section 404 actions. Courts would generally remand deficient permits rather than vacate them, so existing permits would stay in force unless the activity poses an imminent and substantial danger to health or the environment. It would also allow state level environmental reviews, like CEQA, to satisfy NEPA requirements.

The bill's future remains uncertain, despite the Senate being scheduled to hold a procedural vote shortly after returning from recess. That uncertainty stems largely from Democratic concerns about opposition from certain environmental and tribal groups, compounded by the Administration's ongoing efforts to block wind and solar projects.

FY2027 Appropriations

The continuing resolution signed in early September funds the government through December 11, and full-year Energy and Water and Interior-Environment bills—including Reclamation's Water and Related Resources account, WaterSMART, Title XVI, and the WIIN Act storage account—remain unresolved. Final action is expected in a lame-duck omnibus or a further continuing resolution.

West Coast Advisors
Strategic Public Affairs

October 28, 2026

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County

From: Michael Boccadoro
Beth Olhasso

RE: October Report

California entered the new water year on Oct. 1 with statewide reservoir storage at approximately 21.3 million acre-feet, or 105 percent of the historical average. Major reservoirs showed mixed conditions: Lake Oroville is at 43 percent of capacity and 84 percent of historical average, Shasta Lake is at 51 percent of capacity and 94 percent of its historical average, and San Luis Reservoir was at 69 percent of capacity and 155 percent of its historical average. Although statewide storage remains above average, the lower-than-average levels at Oroville and near-average storage at Shasta highlight the importance of winter precipitation to replenishing supplies.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is preparing to consider its updated Bay-Delta Plan, but disagreements over the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes voluntary agreements threaten participation by key water users. The State Water Contractors, Bureau of Reclamation and Westlands Water District have raised concerns that the latest proposal departs from the 2022 agreement framework, while environmental groups argue it may not provide enough river flows to recover fish populations.

A state audit found that nearly one-third of 102 local agencies responsible for Central Valley levees received unacceptable maintenance ratings in 2025, citing issues such as vegetation management and animal burrows. The report also found that 14 of 48 critical levee repair sites identified by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) since 2012 remained unfinished as of August 2026, highlighting funding and oversight challenges.

The SWRCB is scheduled to consider a revised water-right permit for the proposed Sites Reservoir on Nov. 4. The permit would authorize diversions of up to 986,000 acre-feet annually, subject to protections for existing water rights, water quality and fisheries.

DWR has completed a $235 million rehabilitation of Oroville Dam's River Valve Outlet System, improving the reliability of infrastructure used to release cold water from Lake Oroville into the Feather River. These releases help maintain suitable temperatures for Chinook salmon and steelhead, particularly during hot weather and drought. The project, which began in 2022, strengthens the long-term operation of the facility.

The Delta Stewardship Council held an Oct. 15 hearing on appeals challenging DWR's revised certification that the Delta Conveyance Project is consistent with the Delta Plan. The review addresses objections from local governments, agencies and residents and is separate from the SWRCB's consideration of the project's water-right change petitions.

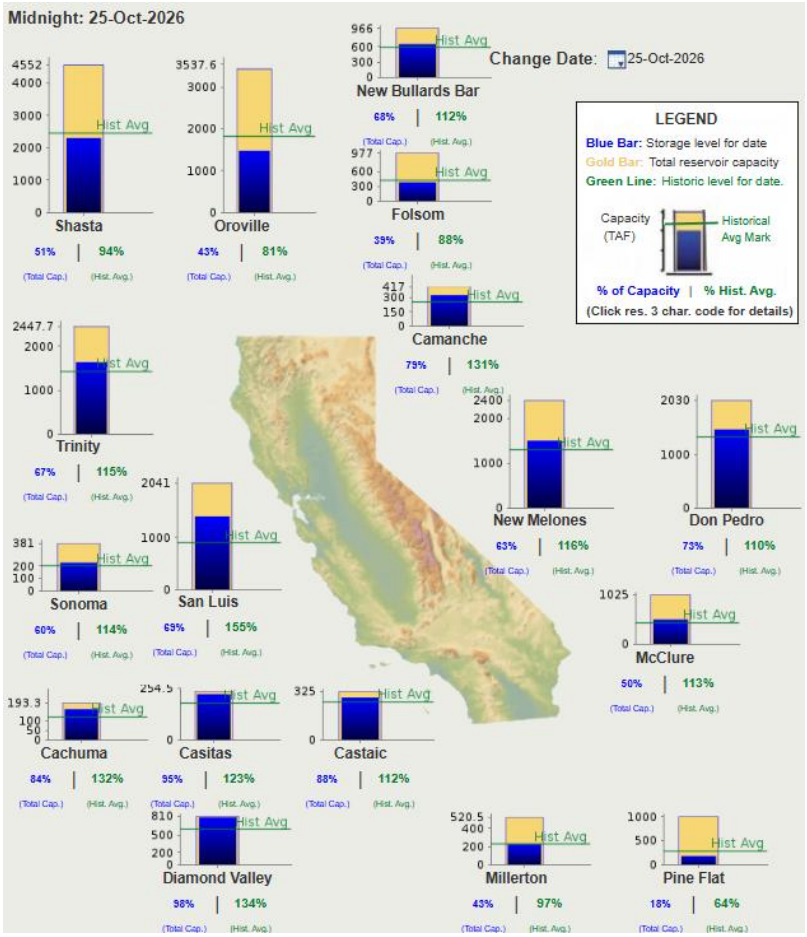
California's legislative activity ended Sept. 30, shifting attention to informational hearings, preparation for the 2027–28 session and campaigning throughout CA. The Assembly Utilities and

Energy Committee has been very active with hearings on utility wildfire safety, utility investment and subrogation. Statewide organizations are developing legislative proposals for next year. A fuller review of association-sponsored legislation is expected as those proposals take shape.

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Status Report – October 2026

Water Supply Conditions

California's water supply is holding steady through the fall with statewide reservoir storage estimated at approximately 21.3 million acre-feet, or 105 percent of historical average. Lake Oroville is about 43 percent of capacity and 81 percent of its historical average for this time of year, while Shasta Lake is at approximately 51 percent of capacity and 94 percent of its historical average. San Luis Reservoir was considerably fuller at approximately 69 percent of capacity and 155 percent of its historical average. Groundwater recharge and the ability to capture and store runoff will also be important for maintaining water supply reliability through the coming dry season. The State Water Project is scheduled to announce its initial water allocation forecast on Dec. 1, providing the first indication of anticipated deliveries for 2027.



Bay-Delta Plan Faces Adoption Vote as Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Agreements Teeter
The State Water Resources Control Board is scheduled to consider adopting its updated Bay-Delta Plan on Oct. 28–29, with Oct. 30 available if needed. As discussed previously, the update, the first major revision of the plan since 2006, would establish new requirements governing water flows through the Sacramento River watershed and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to protect fish, wildlife and other beneficial uses. At the center of the proposal is the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) program, a voluntary agreement framework intended to combine additional river flows with habitat restoration as an alternative to more prescriptive minimum-flow requirements.

Under the 2022 memorandum of understanding, water agencies and state and federal officials agreed to pursue a collaborative approach in which participating water users would commit water and fund habitat improvements in exchange for flexibility in meeting environmental requirements. However, the State Water Board's latest proposal has prompted objections from several key participants, who argue that the state has changed the substance of the original agreement by placing HRL within a more extensive regulatory framework. The draft establishes a default requirement of 55 percent of unimpaired flow from Sacramento River tributaries to the Delta in most water years, subject to specified adjustments and other provisions. Water users that do not participate in HRL would remain subject to the plan's regulatory requirements.

The State Water Contractors say several important issues remain unresolved. General Manager Jennifer Pierre notes that the original concept envisioned two distinct pathways: a standard regulatory pathway and a voluntary agreement pathway through which water users could negotiate settlements to meet the plan's requirements. The contractors are concerned that the current draft makes HRL a regulatory program as well, with additional state oversight and approval requirements that could undermine the collaborative governance structure envisioned in 2022. In an Oct. 20 statement, the organization said the final framework must follow the 2022 memorandum of understanding to deliver environmental improvements while maintaining water supply reliability.

The dispute has escalated as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Westlands Water District have threatened to abandon HRL if the plan is adopted as drafted. Reclamation has said it will not participate under the current proposal and indicated it would take additional steps to maximize deliveries to Central Valley Project contractors. Westlands argues that the final draft retains the HRL name but changes the substance of the original program. These positions raise questions about whether the state can implement the voluntary agreements without the participation of major federal and agricultural water users.

State officials reject the claim that the proposal abandons the original agreement. Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot has argued that HRL must operate within the Water Board's statutory responsibility to protect beneficial uses and that a regulatory backstop is necessary to ensure commitments are fulfilled.

Environmental organizations, tribal groups and Delta community representatives have raised a different set of concerns, arguing that the voluntary agreements place too much emphasis on

habitat restoration and too little on the additional river flows needed to recover declining fish populations. Many of these groups were not included in the negotiations that produced the 2022 memorandum.

The board's decision could determine whether HRL remains a viable collaborative alternative to more prescriptive regulation or whether disagreements lead to withdrawals and prolonged litigation. For agricultural and urban water agencies, the outcome could affect future water supply reliability, project operations and the cost and flexibility of meeting environmental requirements. For environmental interests, the central question is whether the plan will deliver sufficient flows and habitat improvements to restore the watershed's ecosystems. With key participants questioning whether they can accept the proposal as written, the upcoming vote could reshape the future of California's Bay-Delta water policy and the voluntary agreement process.

State Audit Warns of Central Valley Levee Maintenance and Funding Gaps

A California State Auditor report released Oct. 13 found that nearly one-third of 102 local agencies responsible for maintaining Central Valley flood-control levees received unacceptable maintenance ratings in 2025. The deficiencies largely involved vegetation management and burrowing animals, which can weaken levees or make it harder for engineers to identify structural problems. The audit also criticized the Department of Water Resources for not fully using its authority to take over maintenance in cases of persistent local agency failures.

The report highlighted funding constraints affecting both routine maintenance and major repairs. Since 2012, DWR had identified 48 critical levee sites requiring repair, but 14 remained unfinished as of August 2026. The department has said limited funding and local cost-sharing requirements have delayed projects, and the audit warned that the state's existing repair programs may not have sufficient funding to address newly identified critical sites. The auditor recommended stronger state intervention and oversight to reduce risks to communities, farmland and infrastructure.

DWR disputed aspects of the report, arguing that maintenance ratings alone do not provide a complete assessment of flood risk and that the department already uses a range of measures, including targeted repairs and emergency response programs. The findings nevertheless highlight longstanding questions about responsibility for maintaining aging levees and how the state and local agencies will pay for the work. With California entering the winter flood season, the report adds urgency to discussions about long-term flood protection funding and the state's role when local maintenance efforts fall short.

Sites Reservoir Advances Toward November Water-Rights Decision

The proposed Sites Reservoir is approaching a major regulatory milestone, with the State Water Resources Control Board scheduled to consider a revised draft water-right decision and permit on Nov. 4.

The revised draft permit would authorize diversions of up to 986,000 acre-feet annually, subject to conditions intended to protect senior water-right holders, water quality and fisheries. The revised proposal also addresses coordination with the state's Bay-Delta Plan and its Healthy

Rivers and Landscapes pathway. The permit itself would not complete the project's remaining financing, construction and other regulatory requirements, but it is an important step toward establishing the legal basis for diverting and storing water.

Oroville Dam Completes $235 Million River Valve Rehabilitation
The Department of Water Resources recently announced that it had completed a $235 million rehabilitation of Oroville Dam's River Valve Outlet System, a critical facility for releasing cold water from deep within Lake Oroville into the Feather River. Construction began in October 2022, and the upgraded system was commissioned in June. The work is intended to improve the long-term reliability of the infrastructure at the State Water Project's largest reservoir and water supply facility.

The outlet system plays an important environmental role for cold water to be released from the reservoir to help maintain suitable river temperatures for Chinook salmon and steelhead, particularly during hot weather and drought. Managing those releases is important when reservoir levels decline and warmer conditions threaten fish habitat downstream. The system also supports the dam's broader water management operations.

The project involved installing replacement valves and completing complex work deep within the dam while coordinating with other facility operations. DWR said the rehabilitation will support reliable operation for decades to come as California faces increasing challenges from extreme heat, drought and aging infrastructure.

Delta Conveyance Project Continues Through Regulatory Review
The Delta Conveyance Project faced another regulatory milestone Oct. 15, when the Delta Stewardship Council held a hearing on appeals concerning the Department of Water Resources' revised certification that the project is consistent with the Delta Plan. The appeals were filed by the Sacramento Area Sewer District, a group of local residents and the counties of San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo, along with regional water agencies. The hearing addressed issues raised after the council remanded portions of the project's earlier certification for further consideration.

The council's review is limited to whether the project's certification complies with the Delta Plan and the issues raised in the appeals; it does not approve or reject the project itself. The Oct. 15 hearing is part of an ongoing review process, with the council expected to issue findings based on the administrative record and evidence presented. Separately, DWR's water-right change petitions are being considered through a State Water Board proceeding. These reviews are among the regulatory steps that must be addressed as the project moves forward.

Legislative Update
Even through the Legislature is not in session committees do have the ability to hold informational hearings. The Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee, under the leadership of Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris as Chair, is the busiest committee during this time holding a series of hearings on various wildfire-related issues.

October 20- CA's Utility Wildfire Safety Regime

October 28- The Tipping Point: Historic Growth, Generational Investment, and Utility Investability.
October 29- Joint Oversight hearing with Assembly Insurance Committee on Suborgation

Materials for the hearings can be found here.

Most other members are busy campaigning during the final week of the election and will turn attention to legislative matters after the election. Legislators will return to Sacramento briefly in December for an "organizational session," but will return in earnest in January to start the business of the 2027-28 legislative session.

Statewide organizations and individual agencies are busy preparing legislative packages for next year. Fall legislative planning meetings at MWD, ACWA, CEEB, CMUA and others are taking place over the course of the fall. A full breakdown of association-sponsored legislation will be presented in next month's report.

Legal and Regulatory

November 4, 2026

1. **PFAS Cleanup:** UC Riverside engineers are looking at chemical reactions to fix the PFAS problem. They are using degradation processes by ultraviolet light to breakdown the PFAS structure. The degradation process has up until now been based on chemical assumptions. UCR has provided experimental proof that it works. The reactions are very complex but basically use light and sulfite to produce electrons that breakdown the carbon-fluoride bonds which hold PFAS together. Through a combination of these degradation processes the remains of the nanoplastics can be removed from the system. As with all of these ideas, scaling up and making it affordable is the next challenge.

2. **More Atmospheric Rivers:** UC Riverside has been busy lately. They are also trying to predict the future of ARs in California. We have discussed AMOC (Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation) before. This ocean/weather pattern occurs in the Atlantic Ocean. However, it has a direct impact on the Pacific Ocean and the weather generated from it. AMOC is driven by the current in the Atlantic. Looking at decades of data on AMOC shows its strength has slowed down and climate models show further decline as the earth warms up. The net result if this continues is wetter ARs and more flood risks. Keep in mind that AMOC actions are thousands of miles away from these predictions and also that Mother Nature does now always follow the models>.

3. **Wetland Management:** Suisun Marsh, in northern California, is getting a lot of good press lately. The Department of Water Resources has modified its plan for handling wetlands and is experiencing positive results. The key has been the production and placement of zooplankton (small shrimp-like critters) in targeted areas during the normally dry times. Their presence is the building block of the food chain in these environments. Historically, wetlands have been flooded in winter and kept dry in summer. By returning to nature and allowing more water in summers, the food chain goes into overdrive. This project is being done in cooperation with private duck clubs and local landowners and is benefitting the environment and agriculture.

4. **The Mercury Challenge:** Methylmercury (which is formed from regular mercury) is a serious health hazard for humans and wildlife. It causes brain damage, nervous and immune system damage. It occurs in nature and a result of manmade activities. Under most conditions, the natural mercury when exposed to the environment, produces the dangerous toxin. The main manmade causes are: combustion, mining, industrial production and wastewater. The biggest cause in California was the Gold Rush in the 1850s. Mercury was used to extract gold from the ground and then washed down the various rivers where the mining took place. It is estimated that over 47,000 abandoned mines were inadequately closed and/or cleaned. Storms, floods and erosion still wash contaminated sediment downstream. The Central Valley Water Board (Delta) is redoing its plan for clean up as it current effort is not meeting deadlines and addressing the problem. Mercury bonds strongly to sediment and can travel long distances. It can then settle in all manner of locations making its identification and removal difficult.

The tributaries seem to be a vital point in attempting to fix the problem. Costs are also an issue. Many levels of participation are involved including the Federal Government.

5. **Kelvin Wave:** The Kelvin Wave has discovered by Lord Kelvin in 1879. His real name is William Thomson who was a British mathematician, physicist and engineer. He was truly a man ahead of this time. To discover this concept without all the modern equipment we have now is truly remarkable. His discovery applies to oceans around the world. The Kelvin wave is not actually a wave. It is an underwater pulse which travels at around 5-6 miles per hour. It occurs when warm water sets on the ocean's surface causing the water to thicken. The effect of the pulse can travel thousands of miles and from ocean to ocean. It is a regularly occurring event. It only gets noticed when is occurs with swells and/or high tides. That is what is occurring now in southern California. After the Kelvin wave occurs, it can takes a long time for the ocean to return to normal.

6. **Estuary Update:** Estuaries are proving to have much more significance that we originally imagined. Between Humboldt Bay in northern California and San Diego Bay, California has over 1.3 million acres of bay and estuaries. Some of them have statewide and national significance like Morro Bay, San Francisco-Sacramento-San Joaquin-Delta and Santa Monica Bay. Estuaries are the connection between freshwater runoff from rivers and the Pacific Ocean. They are nutrient rich areas for plants and animals, are natural filters for pollutants, help counter saltwater intrusion, protect from sea level rise and flooding during storms. Their water is generally brackish or slightly salty and can be used to divert water seasonally to maintain environmental balance. The West Coast has lost almost 85% of its original estuarine wetlands.

7. **Doomsday Glacier:** The Doomsday Glacier is located in Antarctica and is formally known as Thwaites Glacier. It is about the size of Florida. This research done by UCI and NASA has indicated that the melt rate is much greater than originally estimated. Prior conventional wisdom was that glaciers that rested on bedrock melted at a much slower rate than those that had water underneath them. Current research now shows that during most tidal cycles, warmer seawater is able to flush under the glaciers, even those on bedrock, meaning the melt rate will be higher. It is now estimated that Thwaites will contribute over 1" toward sea level rise by 2100. This is almost **double the original estimate.**

8. **Algae Blood Detection:** UC Riverside has developed a new way of forecasting destructive algae blooms. This method uses copepods and zooplankton which feed on toxic algae. Scientists use a method called absorption toxic tracking, which is essentially a small tea bag. This bad continually measures chemical content allowing us to recognize the threat in real time. This allows early detection, as much as seven weeks, in advance of crises mode. This allows time to prepare and defend against the bloom. While humans rarely die any more from algae blooms, they can still get sick. For sea life, the story is much different. Recent rashes of pelican falling from the sky and sea lions scratching themselves to near death, all show the negative impact on the environment.

9. **Steam Treatment:** A strawberry farmer in Watsonville has discovered, or rediscovered a method to protect crops and expand production. A machine is used to inject steam into the soil before planting the berries. UC Santa Cruz researchers have shown the helps cut down on disease and weeds in the field and also extend the growing season and expand production. Steam has been used in greenhouses for many years, but only recently has been applied to open fields. Strawberries are in the top 10 ag products in California. Nine out of ten strawberries in the USA

come from California. Test show that this method can also be used for lettuce, carrots and other high yield products. Returning to the good old days is becoming more popular and useful.

10. **PFAS and Water:** Nano -plastics history is they are inert and very difficult if not impossible to degrade. (We have learned from prior reports that degradation theories are breaking down!) Columbia University has found another way. When microplastics come into contact with water, a chemical reaction does take place. These newly formed molecules are called ROS or reactive species. These molecules are very unstable and may cause damage human cells and cause inflammation. Tests done with mice have show to be very detrimental. This does not necessarily establish a direct correlation. Stanford University is also involved but the jury is still out. This study is also looking at the issue of water being distributed in plastic containers.

11. **Glacier Blankets:** Swiss scientists are studying the use of blankets to reduce the melting of glaciers. They are mainly looking at areas near ski resorts and tourist spots in Switzerland. Synthetic blankets have been used in the past and are 50-70% effective. They do leave behind fibers and other particles that can get into the water system. Recently, they have started using sheeps wool blankets and they have proven to be just as effective and more environmentally safe. The Swiss have been using this concept for over 20 years and the current glacier coverage is over 44 acres. This is .02% of the countries glacier area.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS ADVISORS

TO: MWDOC Board of Directors

FROM: Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors

DATE: November 4, 2026

SUBJECT: November 2026 Local Legislative Report

Following are a few of the more notable developments and issues that have transpired in Orange County over the last several weeks:

- GKN Aerospace held a Town Hall meeting on October 27 to announce the rollout of a compensation program related to the May hazardous materials incident that prompted the evacuation of more than 50,000 residents near its Garden Grove facility. The Orange County District Attorney's Office reached a $125 million settlement with GKN which was recently approved by an Orange County Superior Court judge. The agreement includes a claims program of up to $100 million for the more than 50,000 Orange County residents and businesses who were forced to evacuate the area surrounding GKN. The claims program will be administered by an independent third party not affiliated with GKN and will allow residents and businesses who were forced to evacuate to be reimbursed for expenses including hotel stays, loss of use, and per diem compensation for meals, transportation, and loss of wages. In addition, the agreement requires GKN to reimburse various agencies $8.47 million for emergency response and cleanup costs. It also establishes a seven-year safety and monitoring program, overseen by an independent expert to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. GKN will cover the program's $1.4 million cost. GKN will also pay $15 million in penalties to the Orange County District Attorney's Office to support consumer protection enforcement, as required by Proposition 64.

- Following the GKN incident and a recent chemical release scare in La Habra, several Orange County cities are reviewing their zoning and emergency response procedures. Irvine has approved new requirements for businesses handling toxic chemicals, including notifying residents within a quarter mile and restricting where future businesses can operate. Of the more than 1,100 businesses handling chemicals in Irvine, only seven require risk management plans due to the types and quantities of hazardous chemicals they use.

- More than 400 county employees who maintain the county's roads, parks, and animal shelter, and of critical importance the three County landfills, went out on strike the week of October 13. While the work stoppage was paused to allow negotiations to

continue, Teamsters Local 952 rejected the County's latest offer and will very likely go back on strike, impacting waste disposal countywide. Teamsters were one of three unions, along with the county sheriff deputies union, to decline the County Board of Supervisor's earlier offer of a one-year, 3% salary increase.

- Beach communities countywide braced for record high tides the last week of October. City crews up and down the coast had monitored flooding areas to plug holes in their defenses against seawater while residents stacked sandbags for protection, but flooding still occurred at several points. Pacific Coast Highway was closed between Warner Avenue and Seal Beach Boulevard, and the City of Newport Beach closed the waterway beneath the Newport Boulevard Bridge as a precautionary measure to protect nearby properties from potential flooding caused by boat wakes during the morning high tide. to the Newport Beach Police Department. On October 27, a yellow tidal gauge set in the Newport Harbor hit the 8-foot mark at 9 a.m. Under normal circumstances, the peak high tide should be 6.6 feet, and tidal levels ended up hitting a record 8.4 feet for Newport Beach, a level last seen in the 1920s.

- The California Coastal Commission recently approved several changes related to the proposed Doheny Desalination project, including moving the slant wells away from the State campground area to the north day use area of the state beach. Details regarding the financials and proposed timeline were also shared with the Commission. The new guaranteed maximum price for the project is estimated at $296 million, which covers finalizing the design and building the project. South Coast Water District has pushed the proposed decision date back to spring of next year in anticipation of receiving an additional $63 million federal grant from the Bureau of Reclamation early next year, which would help cover a significant portion of the overall project cost. Should the project move forward in Q2 of 2027, it is estimated to come online in 2030.

- Orange County Water District (OCWD) has come under fire from community activists, including Creek Team OC, for the use of heavy equipment to remove sediment and vegetation from the Santa Ana River in advance of the winter rains and anticipated El Niño. Creek Team, which has advocated for eliminating herbicide use by the County, OCWD, and other agencies, claims OCWD lacks authorization from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to remove sediment and vegetation. The group also argues that these activities destroy bird habitat. Without herbicides, agencies must rely on manual labor and heavy equipment to manage vegetation.

- Santa Margarita Water District worked closely with Orange County Fire Authority leadership, the Sheriff's Department, and other mutual aid agencies to ensure full water availability during the Norte Fire in San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano. Many SMWD team members worked around the clock for four days to manage resources and coordinate messaging to the public. Congressman Mike Levin was included among those who were forced to evacuate their homes during the fire.

- Lisa Kim, who has served as Garden Grove City Manager since March, 2023, officially retired earlier this week, with Assistant City Manager Matt West taking the helm. In addition to Garden Grove, the cities of Anaheim, Irvine, and Placentia are in the midst of considering potential candidates for their respective leadership positions. Since

February, Assistant City Manager Greg Garcia has served as Interim City Manager in Anaheim, former longtime Irvine City Manager Sean Joyce came back to the City as interim in mid-August, and Rosanna Ramirez is currently serving as Acting City Administrator in Placentia. The San Juan City Council voted to elevate Assistant City Manager Matisse Reischl to the City Manager position on January 1, following the retirement of Ben Seigel, who had served in that capacity since 2016. Midway City Sanitary District General Manager Robert Housley has announced his intention to retire at the end of the year or shortly thereafter.

- The Costa Mesa City Council voted 5-2 to revise the city's housing element, which outlines the development of nearly 12,000 residential units by 2029 and is awaiting certification from state HDC, to upzone commercial and industrial corridors for high-density, mixed-use housing, establishing a mixed-use overlay district. Measure K, a ballot measure passed in 2022, allows the city to make such changes without requiring a public vote. The amended plan creates development capacity for more than 22,000 new homes over the next 30 years. The zoning revisions are part of the city's "Neighborhoods Where We All Belong" initiative, which implements more than two dozen Housing Element programs to increase and diversify housing options for residents. The initiative does not require developers to build mixed-use projects but rather provides the opportunity to do so. The most recent council action follows the unanimous approval of a plan for the former Fairview Developmental Center with 2,300 new homes, 920 of which would be affordable.

- Numerous residents near the Prima Deschecha Landfill say they're battling dust and debris caking the exteriors of their homes and clogging up air filters in the wake of construction work to prepare the landfill to take twice the current amount of daily trash going to the site. OC Waste and Recycling currently utilizes three water trucks to spray 200,000 gallons of water per day to control dirt and dust. Formal authorization of the increased level was put on pause by the Board of Supervisors after residents and several agencies, including the City of San Juan Capistrano, South Coast AQMD, and Caltrans, asked questions regarding the expansion.

Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors continues to monitor the agendas of the 26 city and water district MWDOC members to identify items of relevance to MWDOC, as well as activities at the SCAQMD and Orange County Water District. It is a pleasure to work with you and to represent the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

Sincerely,



Peter Whittingham

Agenda Item No.9

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors **Meeting Date: November 24, 2026**

From: Sherri Seitz, Public Affairs Manager

Subject: Public Education and Outreach Report`

Laguna Woods Village Television (LWVT)

ETWD has resumed its monthly appearances on Laguna Woods Village Television's *"This Day"* program, scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month. These interviews provide an ongoing opportunity to share District news, programs, and timely water-related information with Laguna Woods Village residents. Director Mark Monin is scheduled to appear on November 24 to discuss emergency preparedness, including steps residents can take to prepare for winter storms. Director Kay Havens is scheduled to participate in the December interview.

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

ETWD held its quarterly Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on November 12, 2026. General Manager Dennis Cafferty provided an overview of ETWD's water supply sources, followed by presentation from Jared Dawson, Water Resource Analyst, and Harvey De La Torre, General Manager of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). The presentations focused on current Colorado River water supply challenges and their potential impacts on Southern California's water supply.

ETWD Winter Newsletter

Staff is developing the upcoming Winter edition of ETWD's *Waterviews* newsletter. Planned topics include Careers in Water, Toilet Leak Detection, Outdoor Water Conservation, ETWD in the Community, Community Advisory Group updates, proper disposal of wipes, and an Employee Behind the Scenes feature.

Videos

Staff is coordinating with the District's video production consultant to initiate the development of videos highlighting ETWD's operations, services, and programs. The videos will support the District's public education and outreach efforts and provide additional communication resources for the website and other outreach platforms.

ETWD Water Recycling Plant Brochure

Staff is developing a new educational brochure highlighting ETWD's Water Recycling Plant and the treatment process. The brochure will provide an overview of the plant's operations and help educate customers and the community about the District's recycled water services.

Community/Speaking Engagement Events

H20 for HOA's Event

ETWD hosted a booth at the H2O for HOAs event held on October 15, 2026, in Rancho Santa Margarita. Hundreds of HOA board members, community managers, landscapers and residents learned about new outdoor water requirements or commercial properties and how to create water-efficient landscapes. The 2027 H2O for HOAs event is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2027, at Laguna Woods Village Clubhouse 5.



City of Disaster Preparedness Expo

ETWD participated in the City of Mission Viejo's Disaster Preparedness Expo on October 17, 2026, at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center. The District provided its water trailer to offer complimentary drinking water to attendees while engaging with community members about emergency preparedness and the importance of maintaining a reliable water supply during emergencies.





Agenda Item No. 10

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Directors **Meeting Date:** November 24, 2026

From: Vu Chu, Water Resources Supervisor

Subject: Water Use Efficiency Report

Rebate Programs:

The SoCal WaterSmart regional rebate program is available to ETWD customers through the collaboration of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, and ETWD.

Eligible device purchases may qualify for rebates, contingent on meeting eligibility criteria and subject to fund availability. Detailed residential and commercial rebate information is accessible at:

www.etwd.com/conservation/rebates
www.etwd.com/commercial-rebates

Actual Customer Rebates Analysis:

The following ETWD residential customer and commercial customer device rebates were approved by the Metropolitan Water District and the Municipal Water District of Orange County in October 2026.

The table below also shows the ETWD residential and commercial rebates approved for October 2026 and FY 2026-2027.

Rebate Program	October 2026	FY 2026/27
Spray to Drip – Residential		1,670 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Residential		1,491 sq. ft.
Turf Replacement – Commercial	30,449 sq. ft.	32,887 sq. ft.

Low Flow Showerheads		2
Irrigation Controller - Residential		1

Water Use Efficiency Plan Update:

The District Water Budget-Based Tiered Conservation Rate Structure (WBBTCRS) pricing structure is the primary plan that gives customers the incentive needed to be efficient. The Plan efforts initially will concentrate on those customers continually in the Inefficient and Excessive Tiers (Tiers 3 and 4). During October 2026, residential customers accounted for 58.7% of Tier 3 usage and dedicated irrigation accounted for 41.3%. For Tier 4, residential customers accounted for 43.4% and dedicated irrigation accounted for 56.6% during the same period.

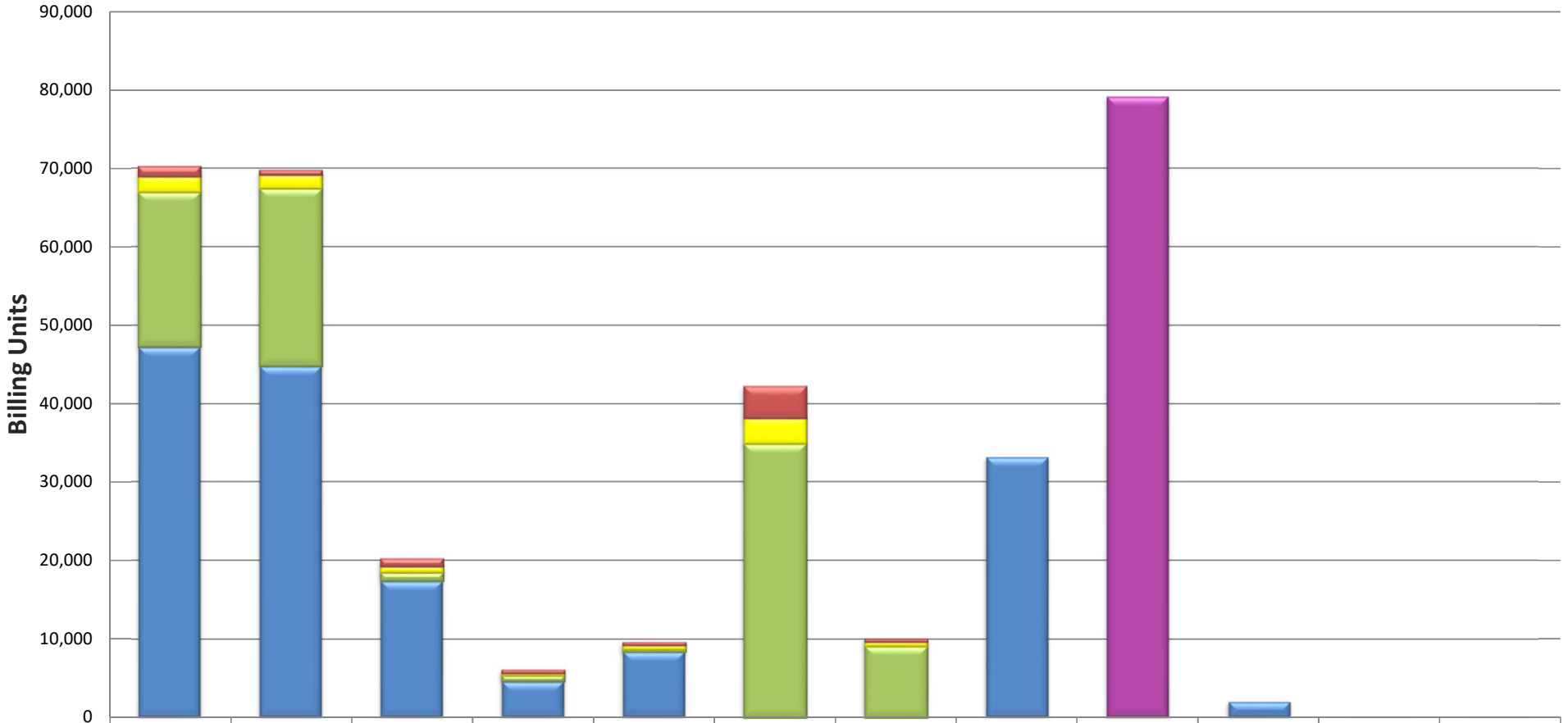
Total Consumption Comparison to Evapotranspiration (ET) Factor:

Included in this month's Water Use Efficiency Report is a chart comparing the current fiscal year consumption and ET factor to the fiscal 2025/26 consumption and ET factor. Total potable water consumption increased by 7.96% in October 2026 compared to October 2025. On a year-to-date basis, potable water consumption through October is 4.25% higher compared to FY 2025–2026. During the same period, reference evapotranspiration (ETo) increased from 3.69 inches to 4.23 inches.

ETWD Tier Consumption Information and Usage Information Compared to Previous Years:

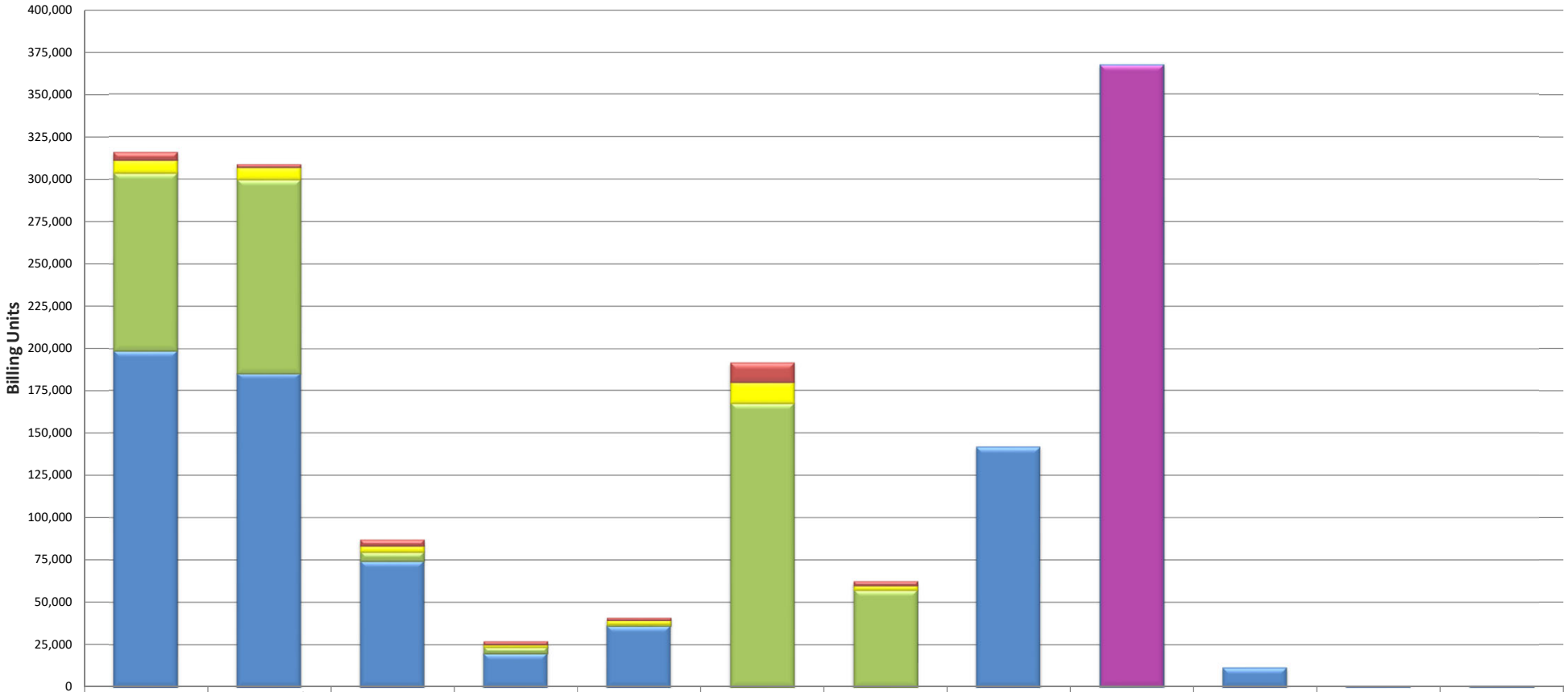
The following graphs highlight ETWD year-to-date consumption and consumption by tier for the current fiscal year compared to the 2025-2026 fiscal year. ETWD water consumption compared to 2013 and 2020 are also included.

October 2026 Water Sales



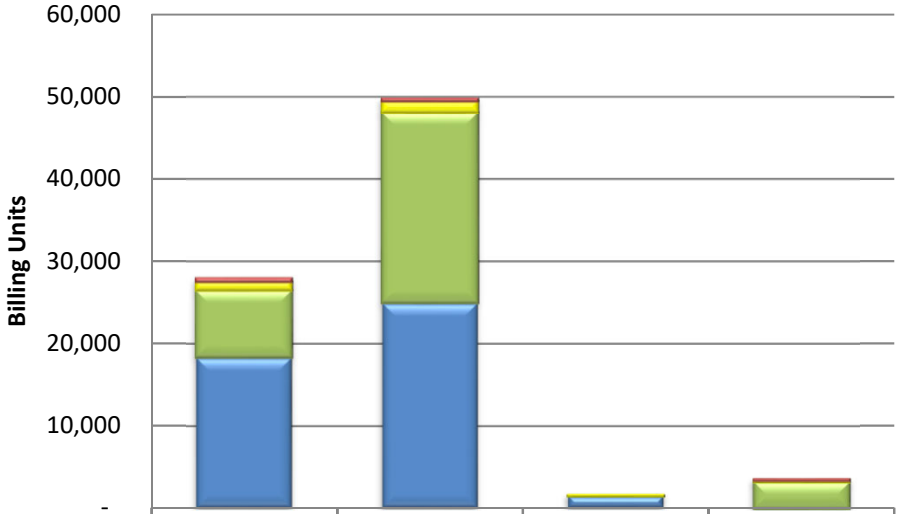
	Residential	Laguna Woods Village	Multi Family	Trailer Parks	Condo	Irrigation - Non-Functional	Irrigation - Functional	Commercial	Recycled Water	Public Authority	Private Fire	Flooding
Tier IV	1,250	522	921	353	306	4,093	276	0	0	0	0	0
Tier III	2,030	1,761	859	325	638	3,322	621	0	0	0	0	0
Tier II	19,676	22,576	1,024	704	198	34,749	9,041	0	0	0	0	0
Tier I	47,197	44,761	17,364	4,617	8,385	0	0	33,090	79,122	2,024	23	43

Year-to-Date Water Sales as of October 2026



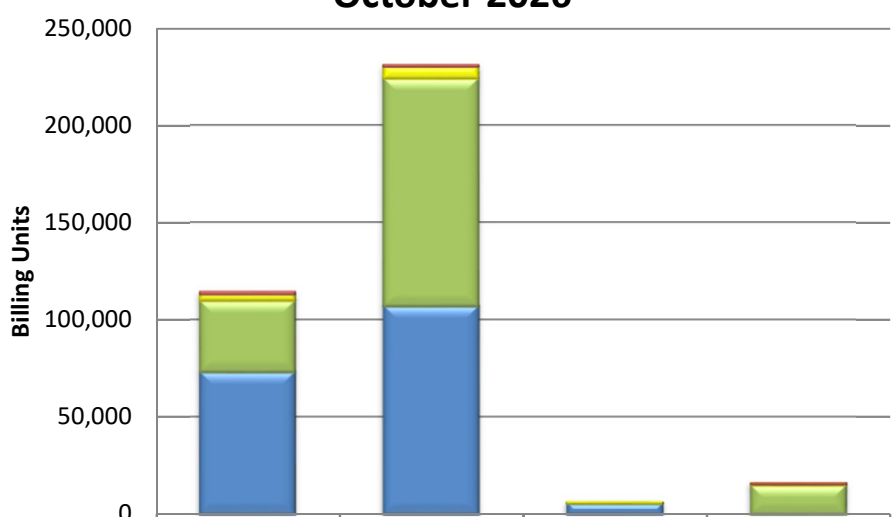
	Residential	Laguna Woods Village	Multi Family	Trailer Parks	Condo	Irrigation - Non-Functional	Irrigation - Functional	Commercial	Recycled Water	Public Authority	Private Fire	Flooding
Tier IV	4,531	1,416	3,423	1,660	1,166	11,707	2,212	0	0	0	0	0
Tier III	7,584	7,309	3,689	1,236	2,388	12,608	2,637	0	0	0	0	0
Tier II	104,700	114,192	5,363	3,813	865	167,297	57,136	0	0	0	0	0
Tier I	198,644	185,277	74,170	19,746	35,951	0	0	141,427	367,109	11,236	76	360

Laguna Woods Village
October 2026 Water Sales



	Third	United	Mutual 50	GRF
Total	27,903	49,727	1,578	3,522
Tier 4	377	287	-	98
Tier 3	1,075	1,417	74	225
Tier 2	8,132	23,063	22	3,199
Tier 1	18,319	24,960	1,482	-

Laguna Woods Village
Year-to-Date Water Sales
October 2026



	Third	United	Mutual 50	GRF
Total	113,967	230,527	5,803	15,895
Tier 4	996	689	0	292
Tier 3	3,421	6,181	172	842
Tier 2	36,545	116,928	88	14,761
Tier 1	73,005	106,729	5,543	0

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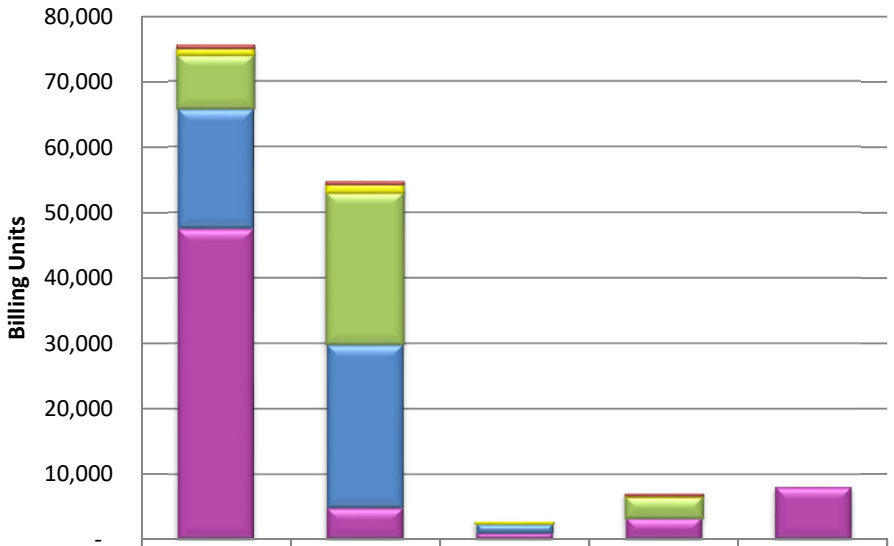
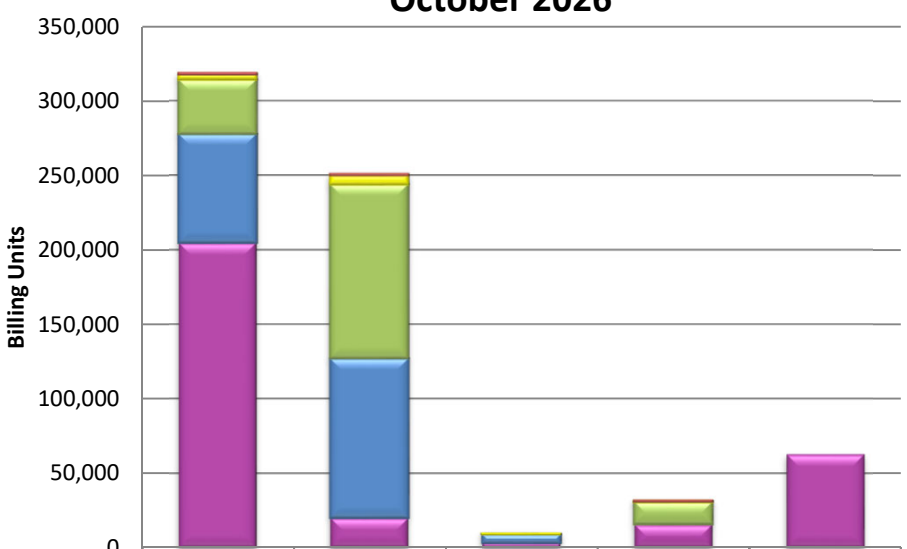
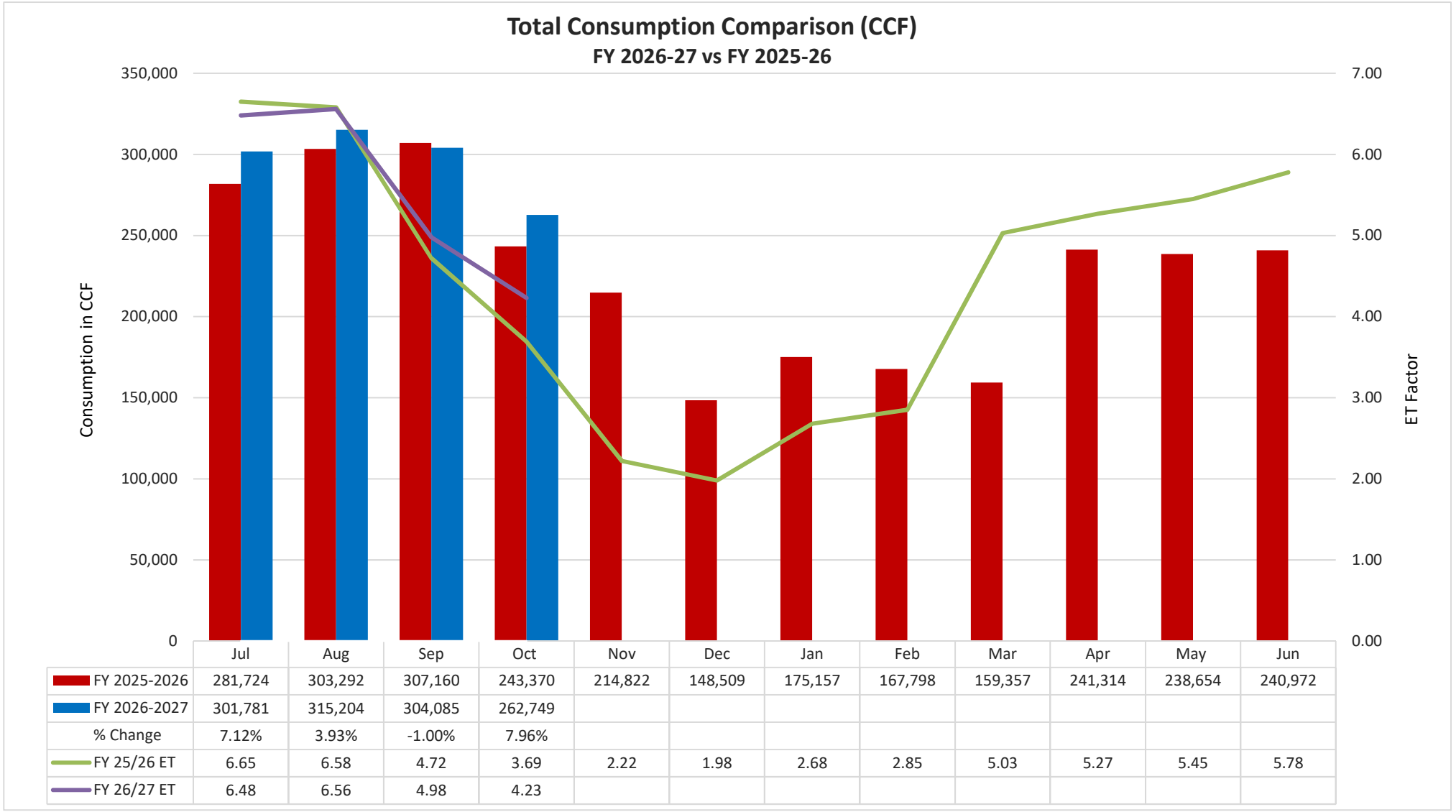


	Total	Third	United	Mutual 50	GRF	LWV Golf Course
	75,399	54,599	2,583	6,843	8,053	
Tier 4	377	287	-	98		
Tier 3	1,075	1,417	74	225		
Tier 2	8,132	23,063	22	3,199		
Tier 1	18,319	24,960	1,482	-		
RW	47,496	4,872	1,005	3,321	8,053	

Laguna Woods Village
Year-to-Date Water & RW Sales
October 2026

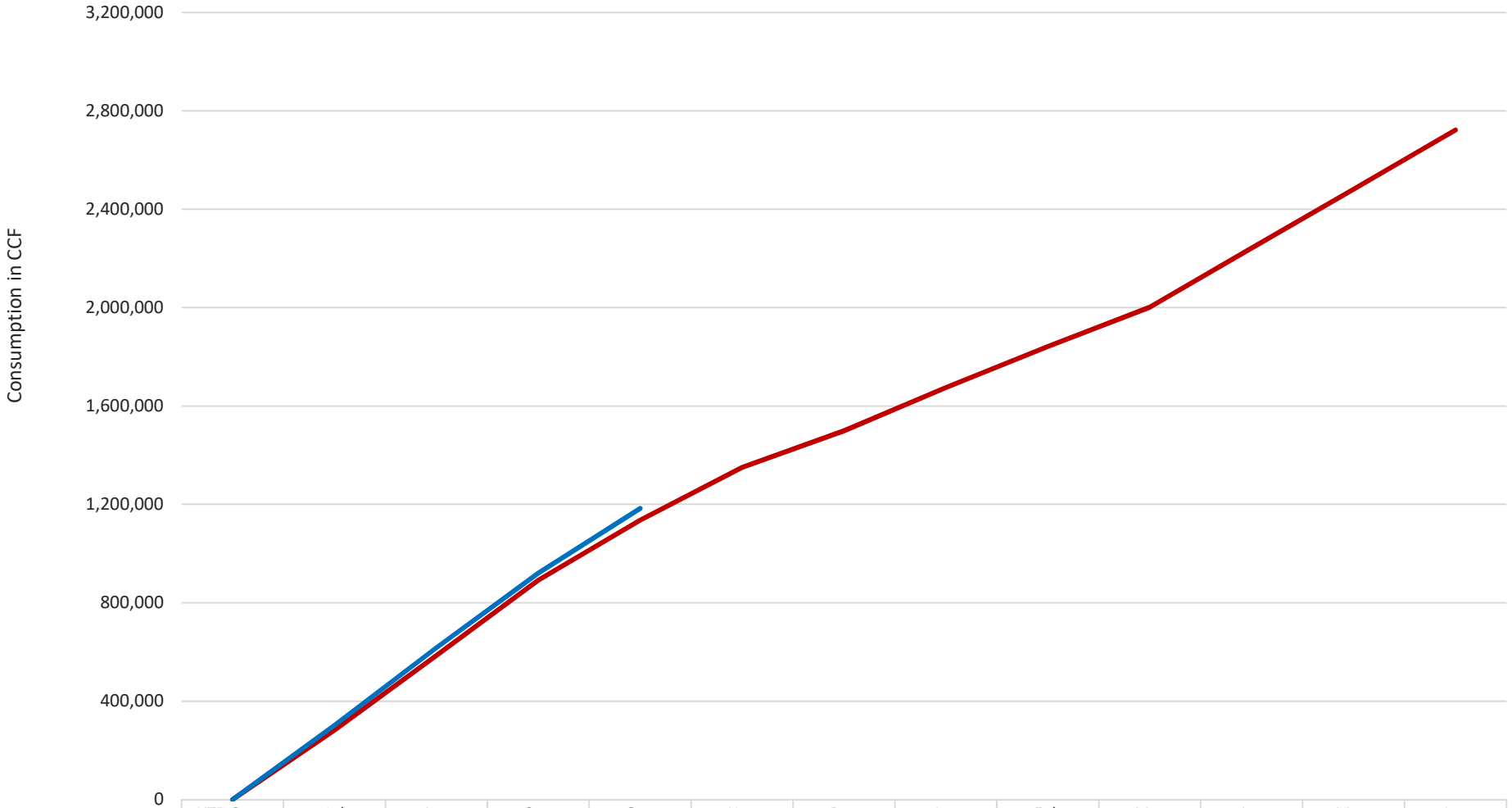


	Total	Third	United	Mutual 50	GRF	LWV Golf Course
	318,556	250,727	9,320	31,629	62,850	
Tier 4	996	689	0	292		
Tier 3	3,421	6,181	172	842		
Tier 2	36,545	116,928	88	14,761		
Tier 1	73,005	106,729	5,543	0		
RW	204,589	20,200	3,517	15,734	62,850	



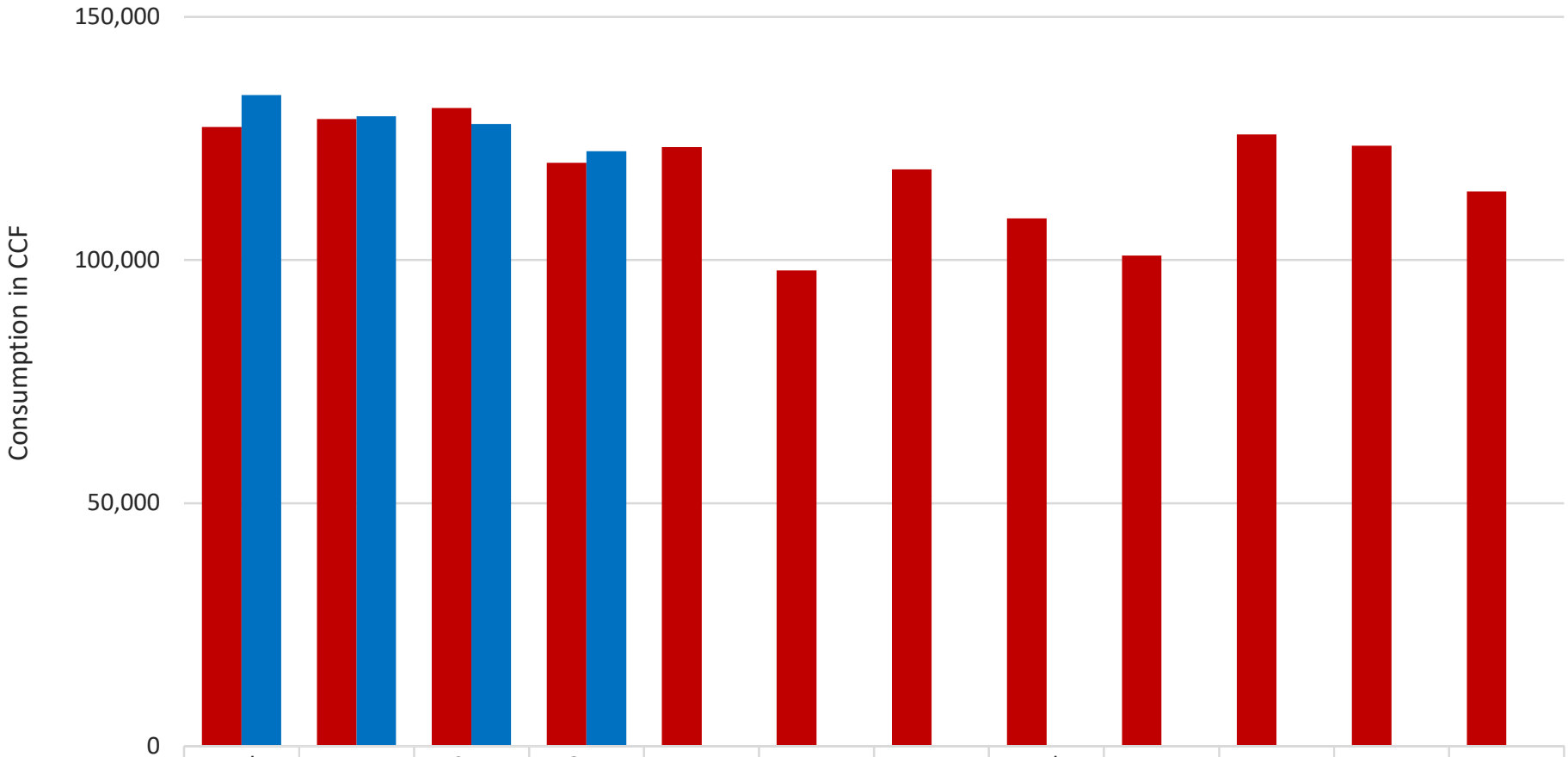
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FY 2025-2026	281,724	303,292	307,160	243,370	214,822	148,509	175,157	167,798	159,357	241,314	238,654	240,972
FY 2026-2027	301,781	315,204	304,085	262,749								
% Change	7.12%	3.93%	-1.00%	7.96%								
FY 25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03	5.27	5.45	5.78
FY 26/27 ET	6.48	6.56	4.98	4.23								

ETWD Fiscal YTD Consumption
FY 2026-27 vs FY 2025-26



	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	281,724	585,016	892,176	1,135,546	1,350,368	1,498,877	1,674,034	1,841,832	2,001,189	2,242,503	2,481,157	2,722,129
2026-2027	0	301,781	616,985	921,070	1,183,819								
% Change		7.12%	5.46%	3.24%	4.25%								

Tier I Consumption



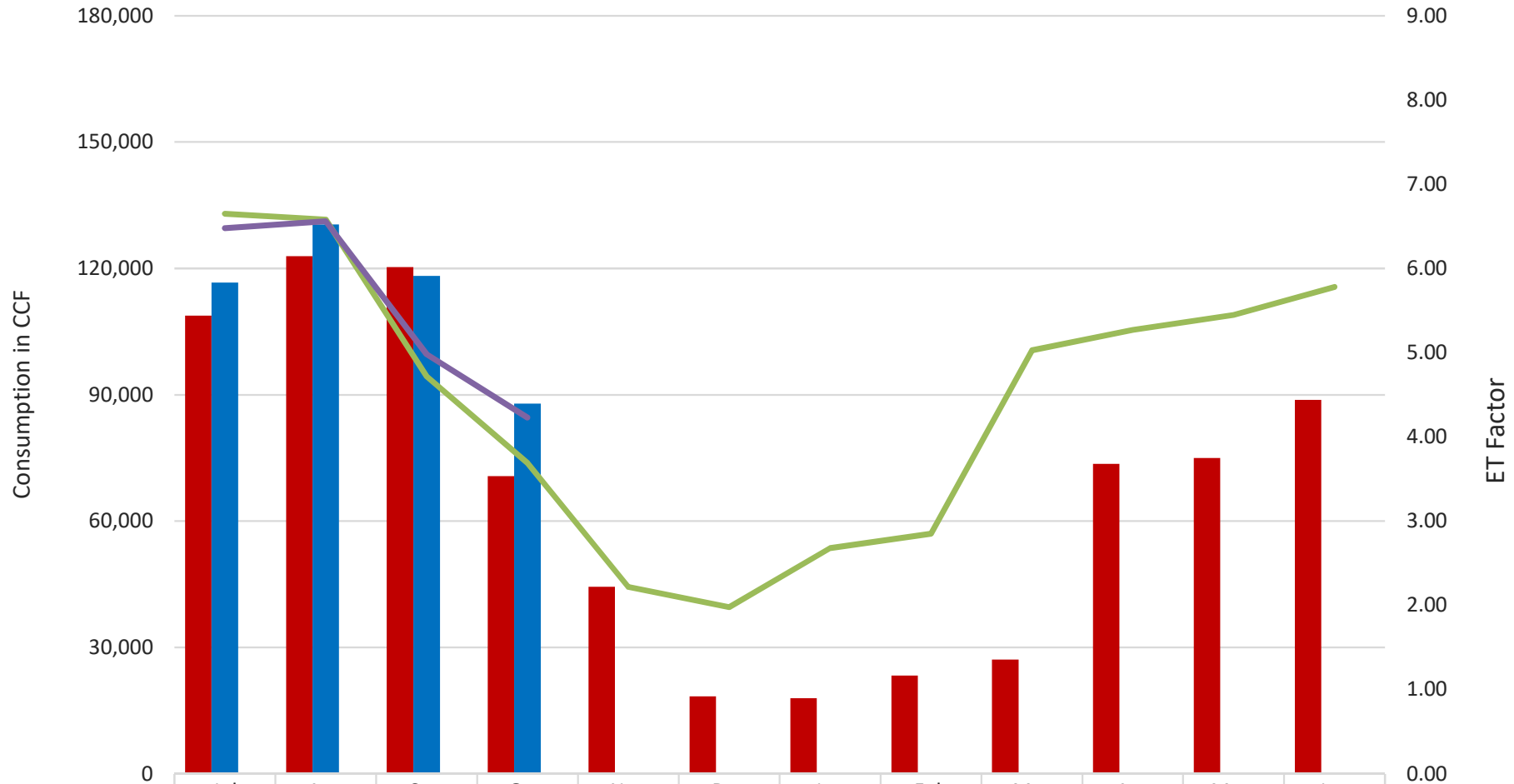
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	127,358	128,996	131,302	119,965	123,195	97,859	118,616	108,523	100,899	125,873	123,511	114,116
2026-2027	133,939	129,537	127,988	122,324								
% Change	5.17%	0.42%	-2.52%	1.97%								

Tier I Fiscal YTD Consumption



	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	127,358	256,354	387,656	507,621	630,816	728,675	847,291	955,814	1,056,713	1,182,586	1,306,097	1,420,213
2026-2027	0	133,939	263,476	391,464	513,788								
% Change		5.17%	2.78%	0.98%	1.21%								

Tier II Consumption



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	108,802	122,934	120,334	70,731	44,415	18,409	17,923	23,389	27,144	73,604	75,011	88,806
2026-2027	116,653	130,480	118,265	87,968								
% Change	7.22%	6.14%	-1.72%	24.37%								
25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03	5.27	5.45	5.78
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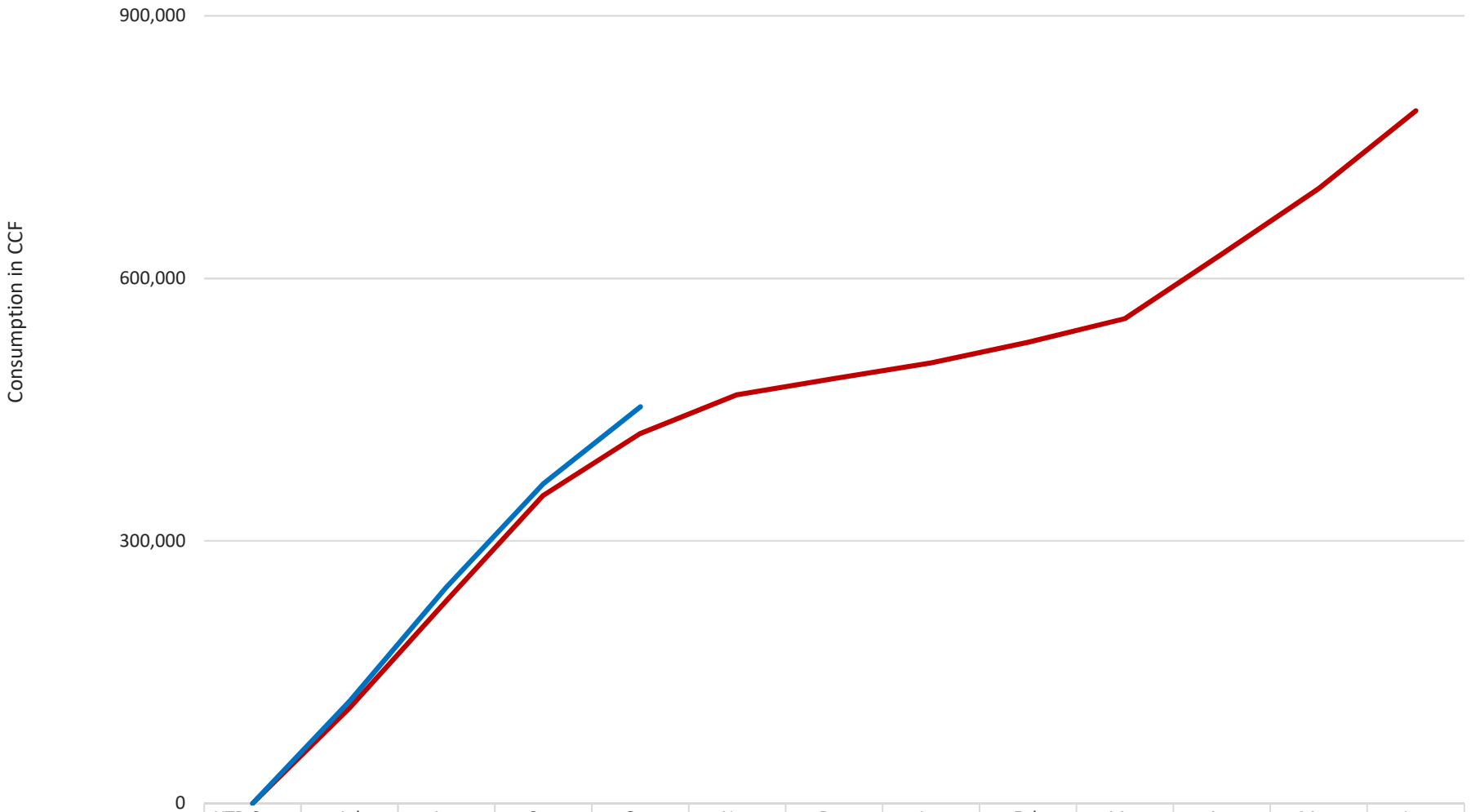
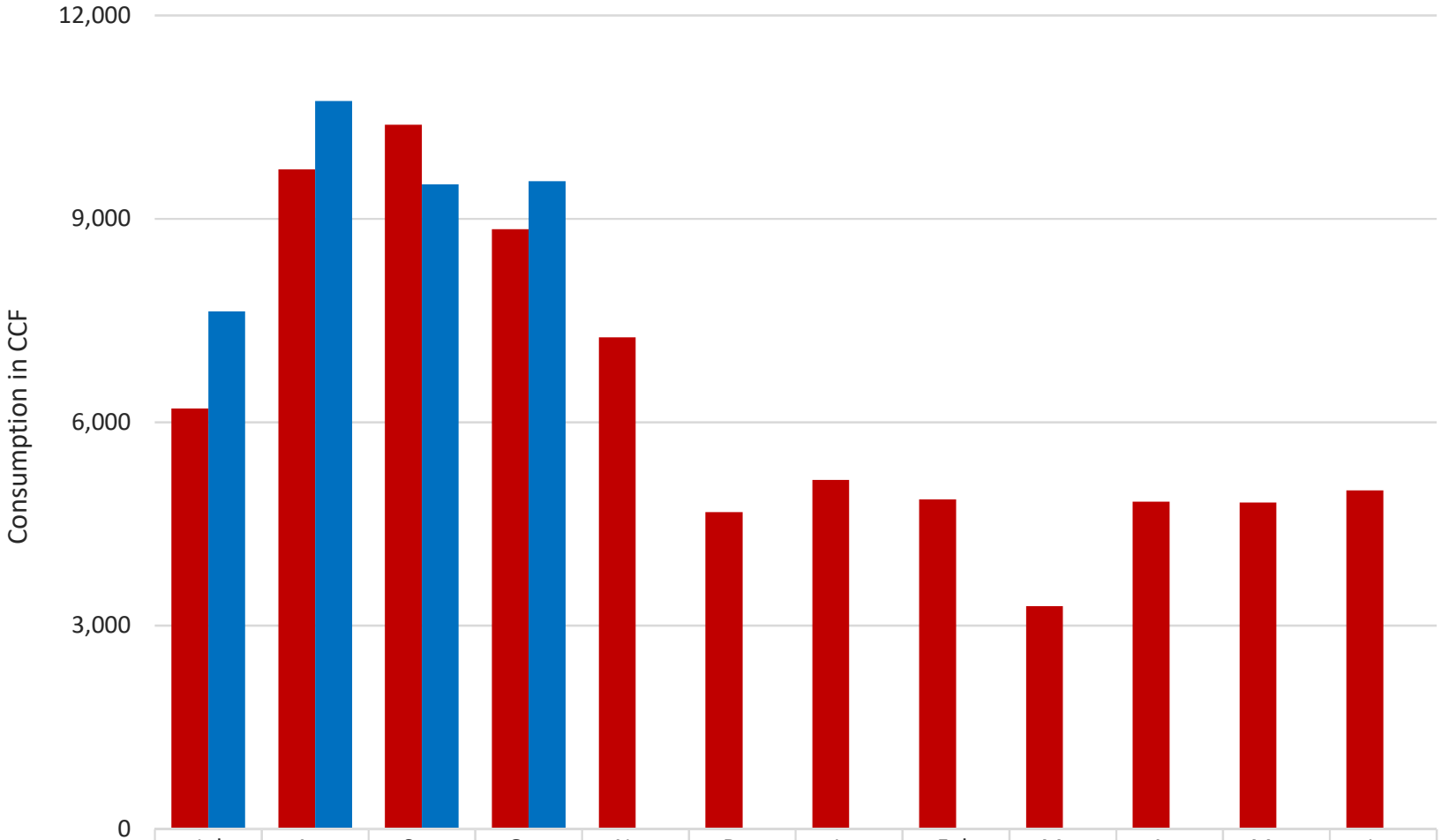
Tier II Fiscal YTD Consumption



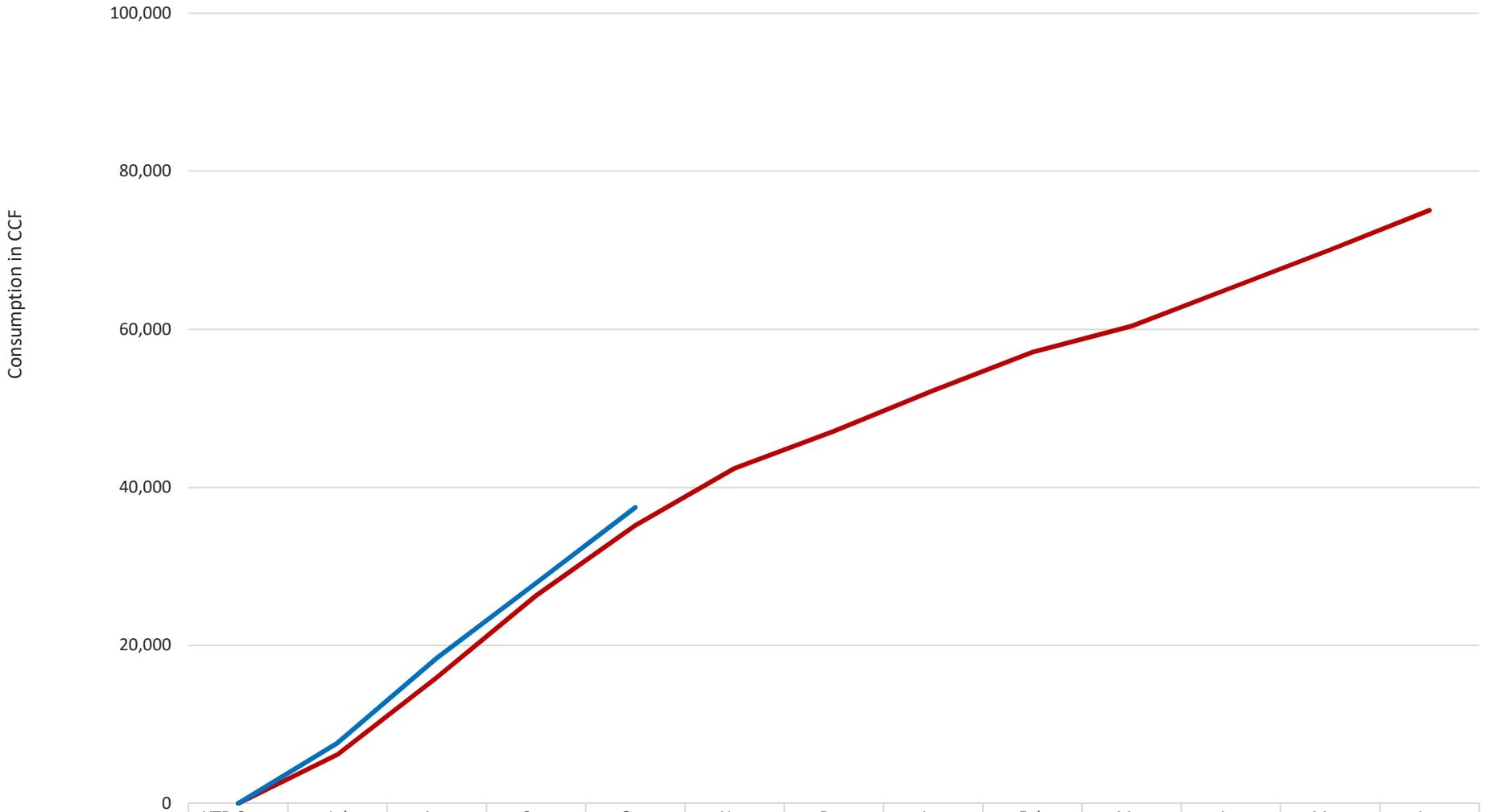
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	108,802	231,736	352,070	422,801	467,216	485,625	503,548	526,937	554,081	627,685	702,696	791,502
2026-2027	0	116,653	247,133	365,398	453,366								
% Change		7.22%	6.64%	3.79%	7.23%								

Tier III Consumption



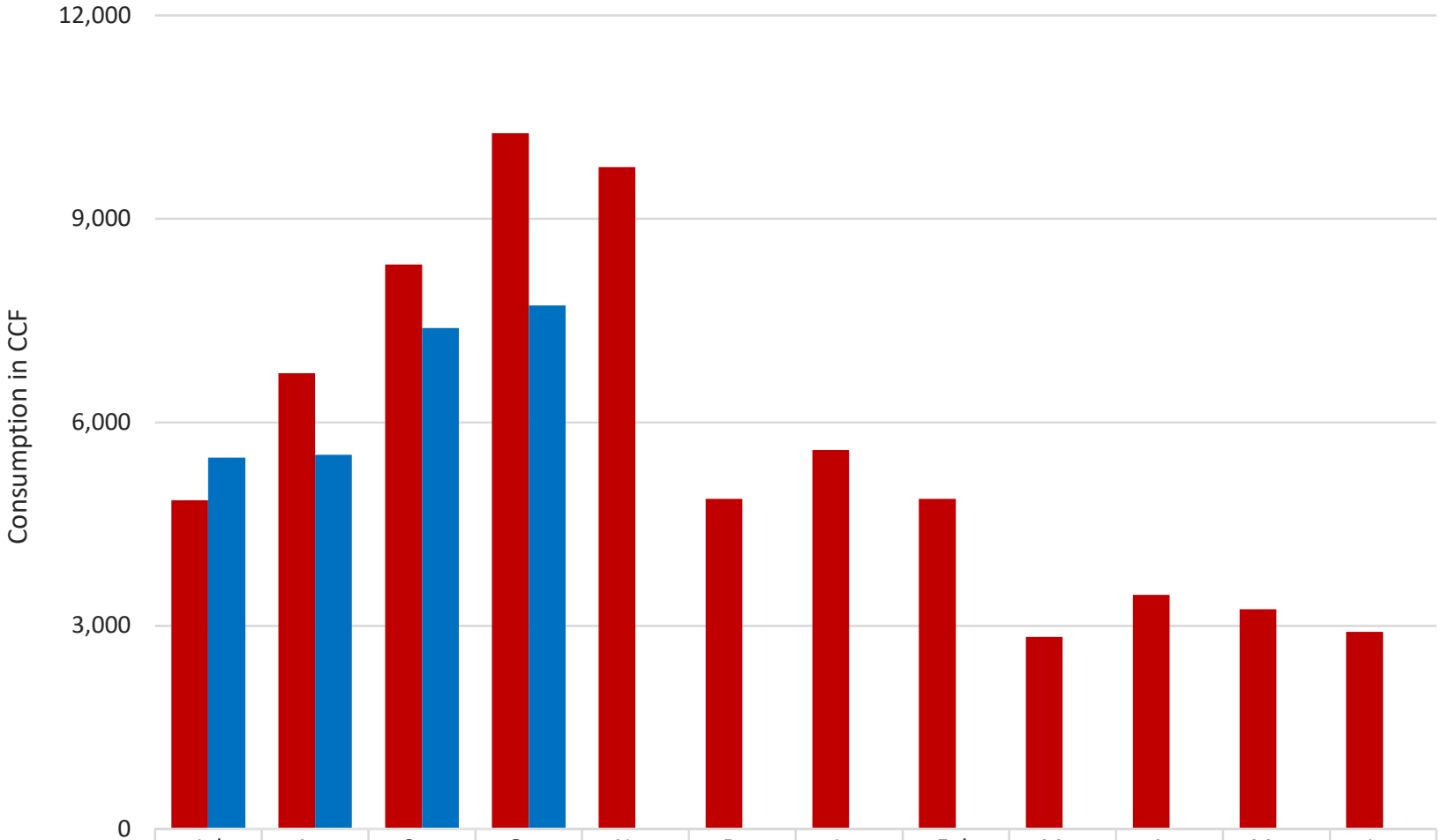
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	6,207	9,731	10,387	8,848	7,255	4,673	5,149	4,866	3,285	4,829	4,818	4,999
2026-2027	7,639	10,742	9,514	9,556								
% Change	23.07%	10.39%	-8.40%	8.00%								

Tier III Fiscal YTD Consumption



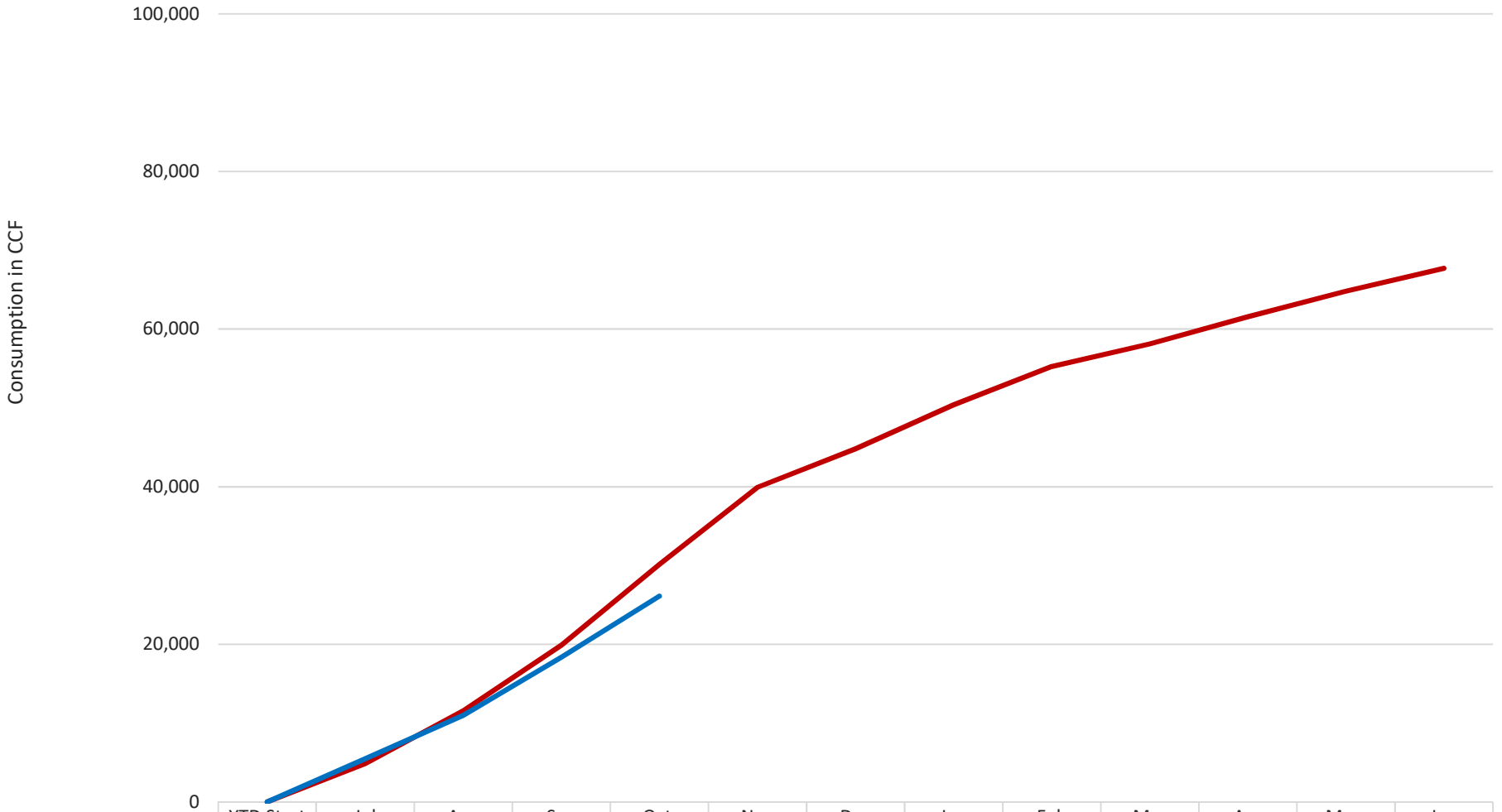
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	6,207	15,938	26,325	35,173	42,428	47,101	52,250	57,116	60,401	65,230	70,048	75,047
2026-2027	0	7,639	18,381	27,895	37,451								
% Change		23.07%	15.33%	5.96%	6.48%								

Tier IV Consumption



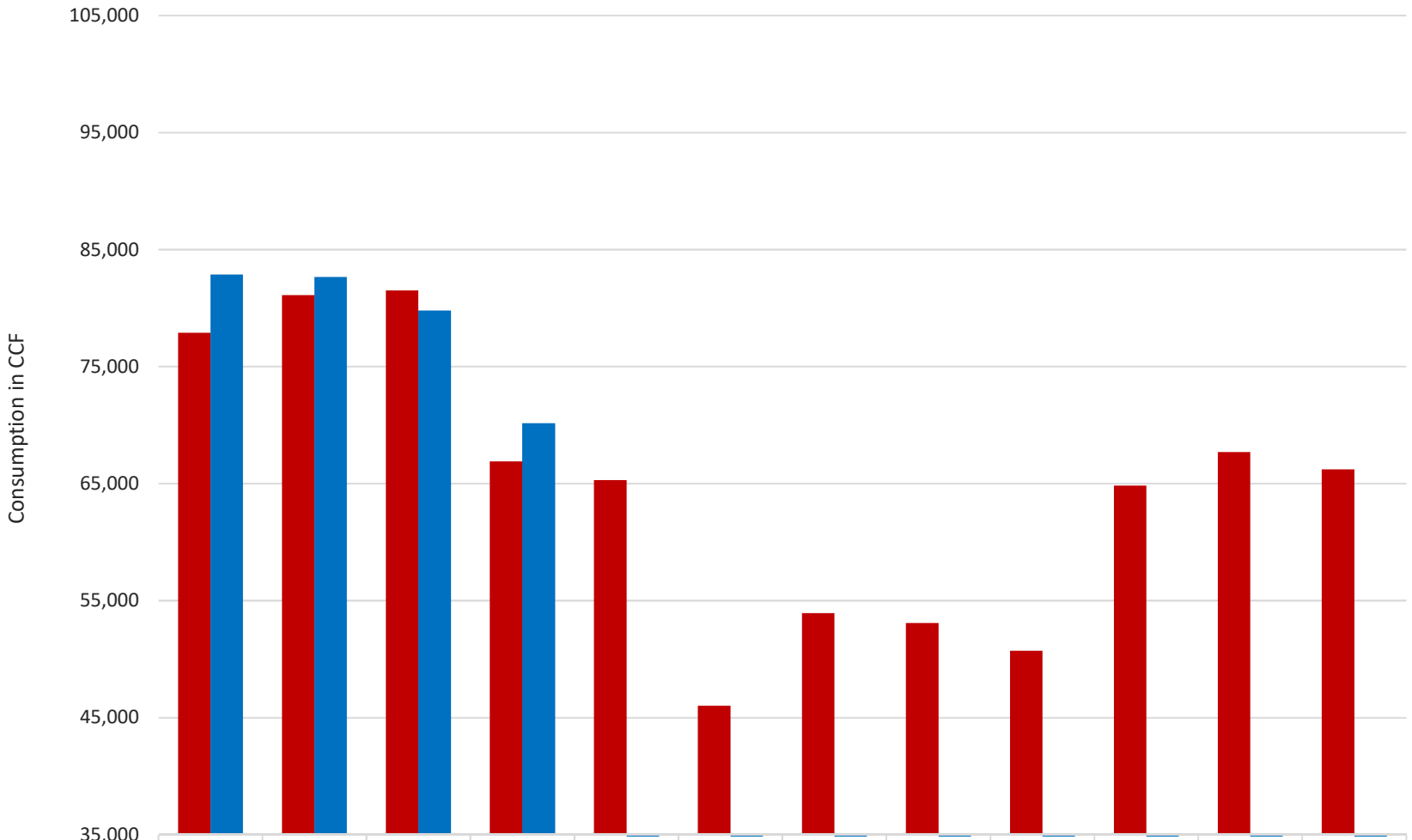
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	4,851	6,723	8,328	10,265	9,766	4,871	5,594	4,872	2,836	3,452	3,245	2,911
2026-2027	5,482	5,521	7,391	7,721								
% Change	13.01%	-17.88%	-11.25%	-24.78%								

Tier IV Fiscal YTD Consumption



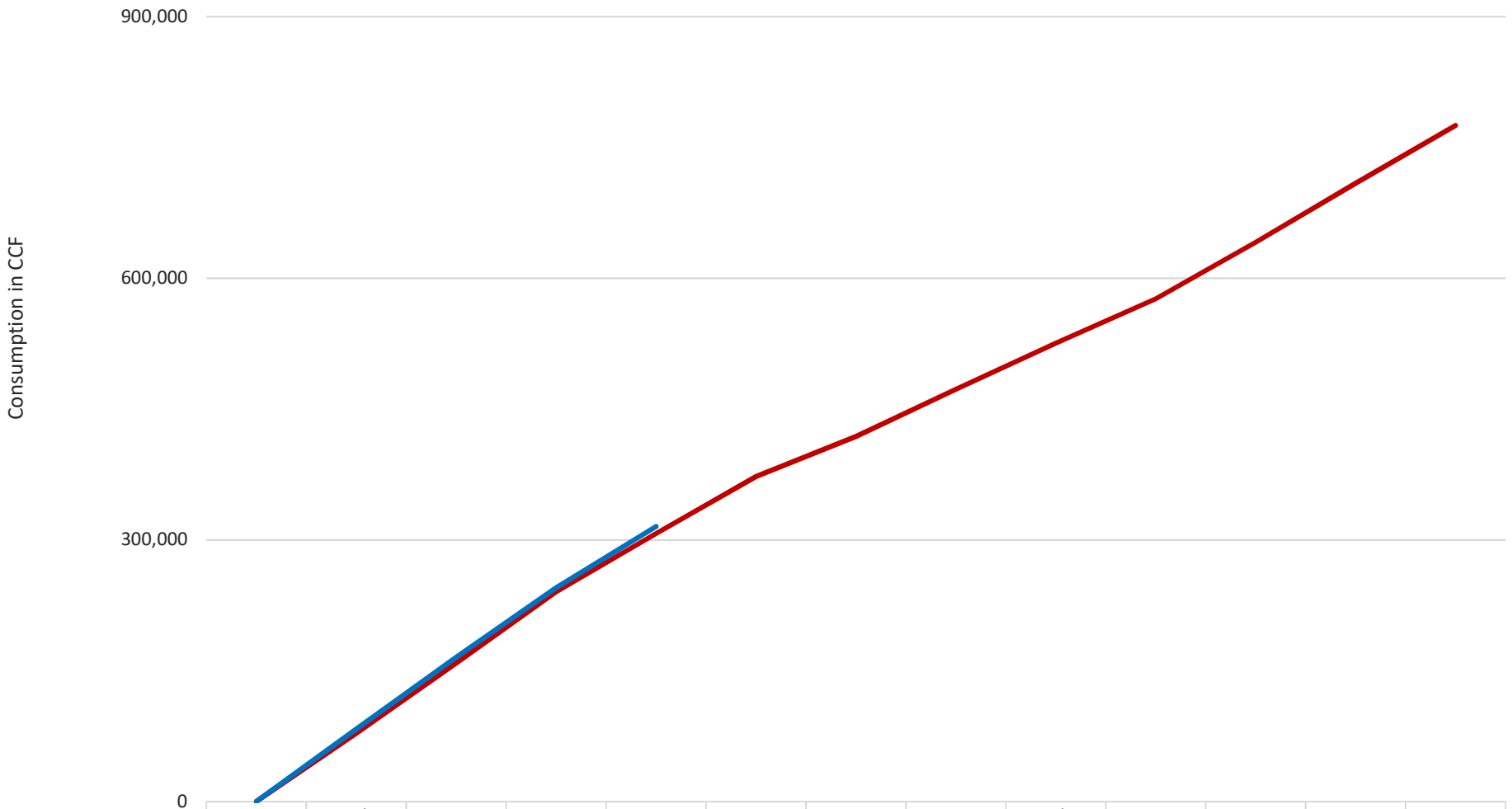
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	4,851	11,574	19,902	30,167	39,933	44,804	50,398	55,270	58,106	61,558	64,803	67,714
2026-2027	0	5,482	11,003	18,394	26,115								
% Change		13.01%	-4.93%	-7.58%	-13.43%								

Single Family Residents Consumption



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	77,907	81,112	81,491	66,913	65,316	46,039	53,951	53,104	50,719	64,824	67,703	66,220
2026-2027	82,877	82,651	79,778	70,153								
% Change	6.38%	1.90%	-2.10%	4.84%								

Single Family Residents YTD Consumption



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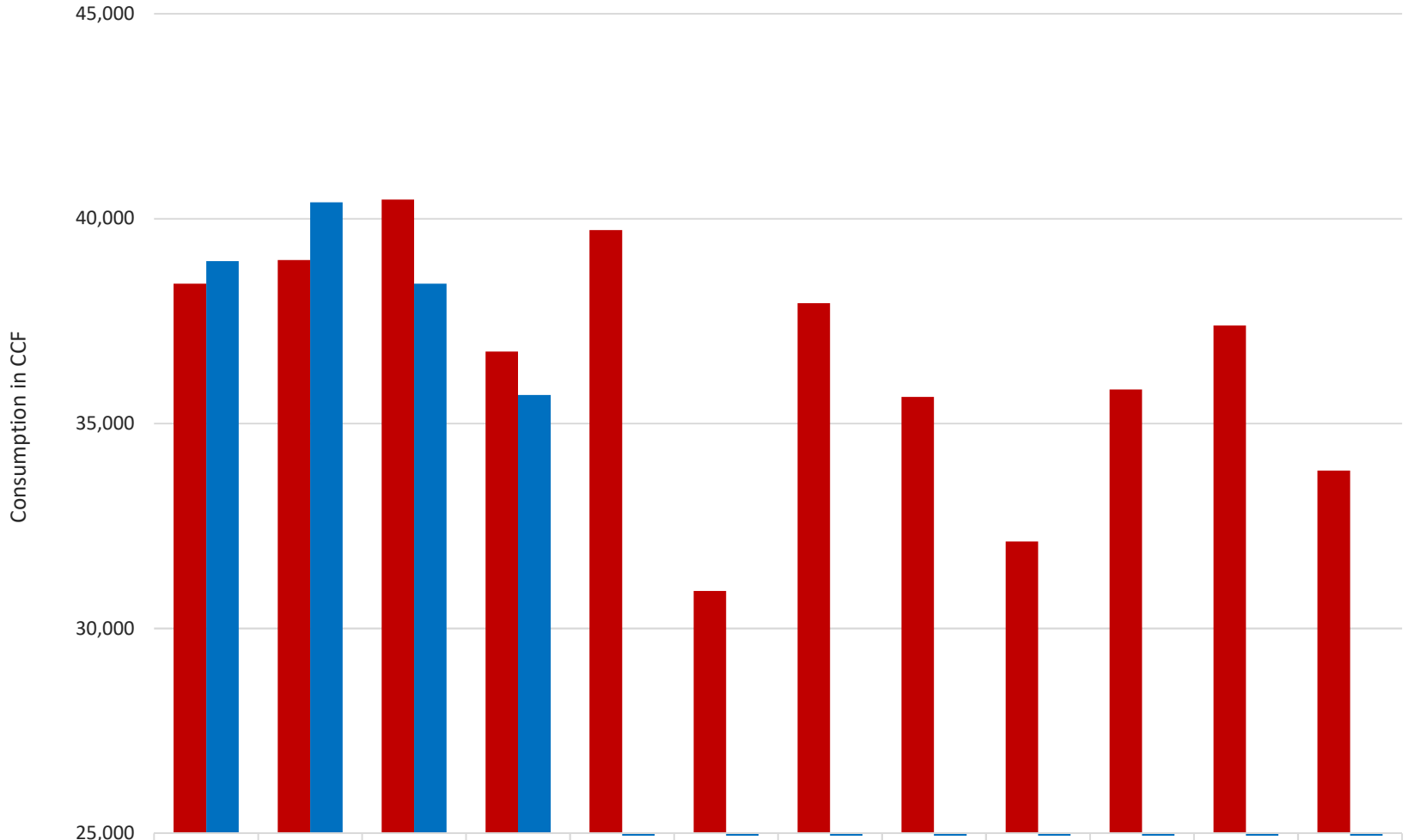
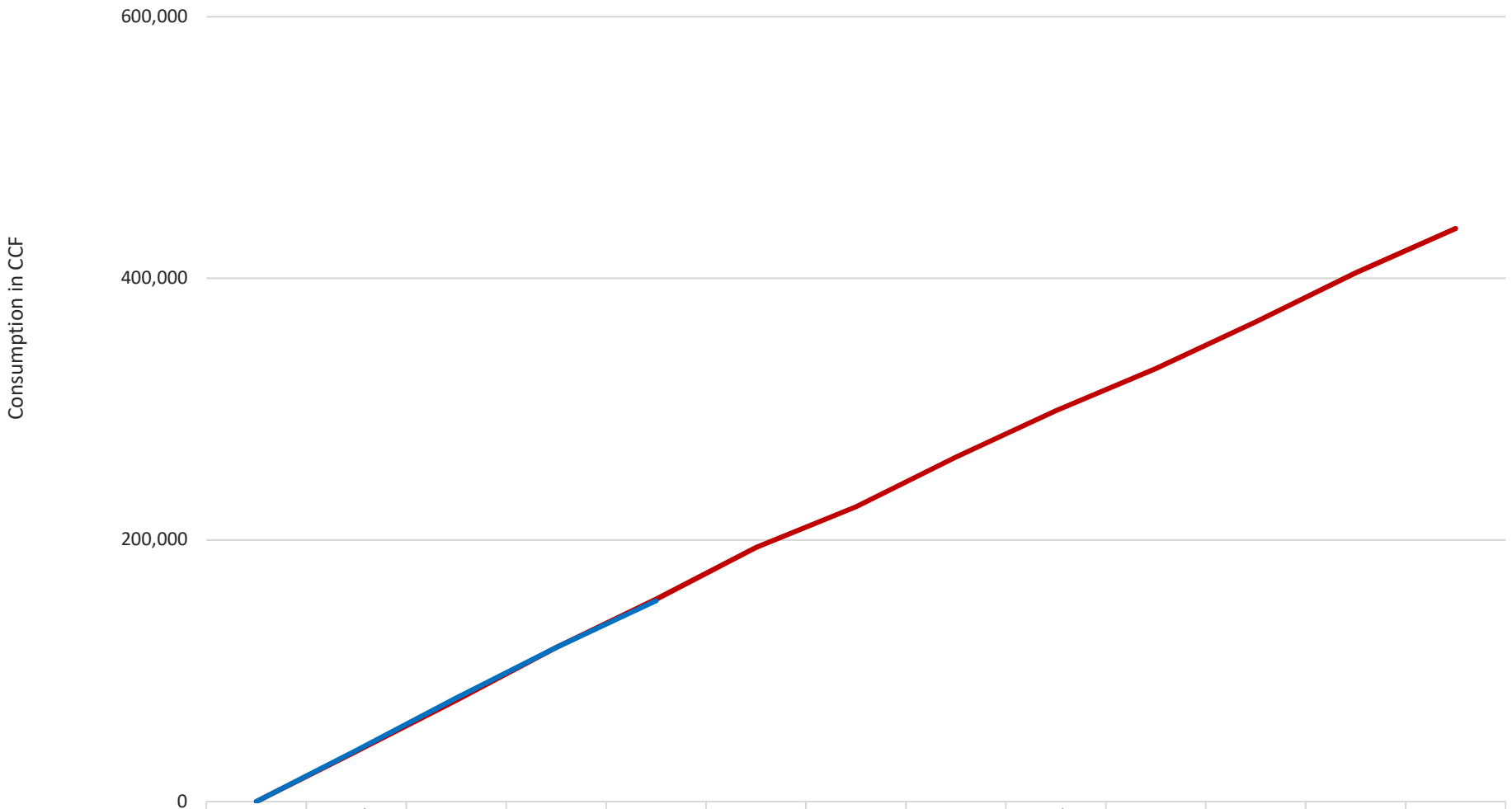
2025-2026	0	77,907	159,019	240,510	307,423	372,739	418,778	472,729	525,833	576,552	641,376	709,079	775,299
2026-2027	0	82,877	165,528	245,306	315,459								
% Change		6.38%	4.09%	1.99%	2.61%								

Multi Family Residents Consumption



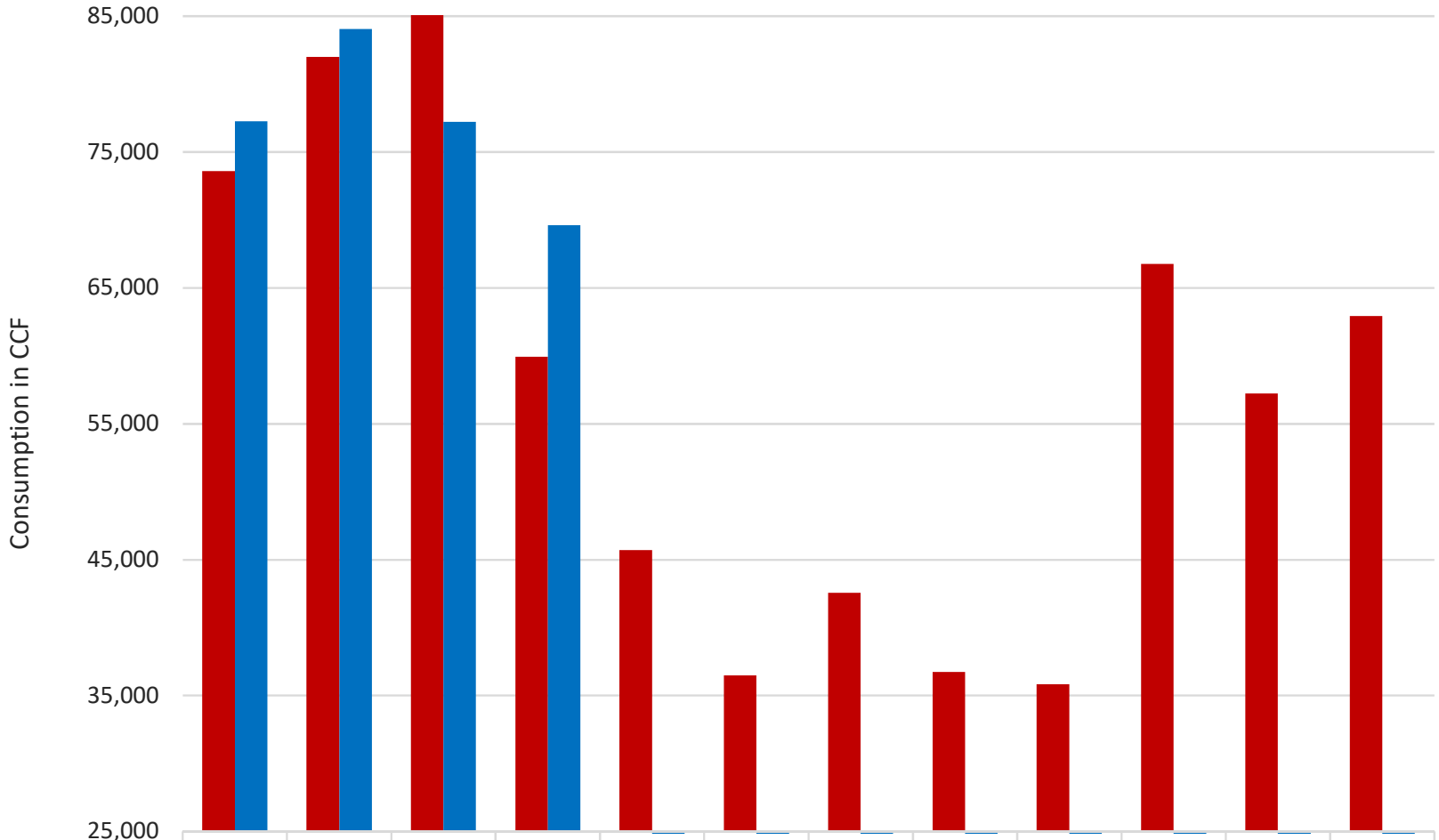
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	38,413	38,991	40,467	36,756	39,720	30,918	37,934	35,646	32,126	35,837	37,394	33,858
2026-2027	38,961	40,400	38,415	35,694								
% Change	1.43%	3.61%	-5.07%	-2.89%								

Multi Family Residents YTD Consumption



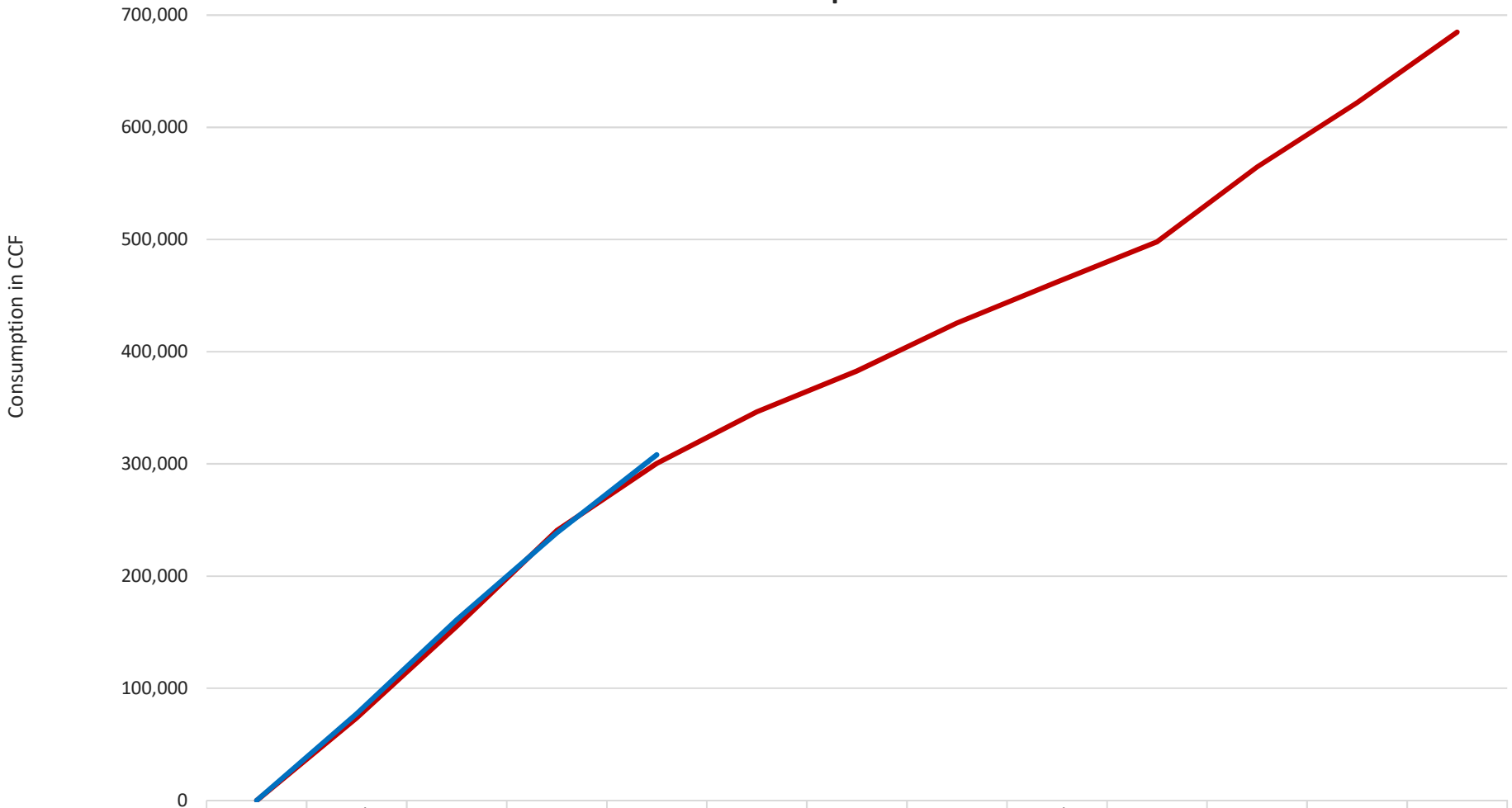
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	38,413	77,404	117,871	154,627	194,347	225,265	263,199	298,845	330,971	366,808	404,202	438,060
2026-2027	0	38,961	79,361	117,776	153,470								
% Change		1.43%	2.53%	-0.08%	-0.75%								

Laguna Woods Village Consumption (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation)



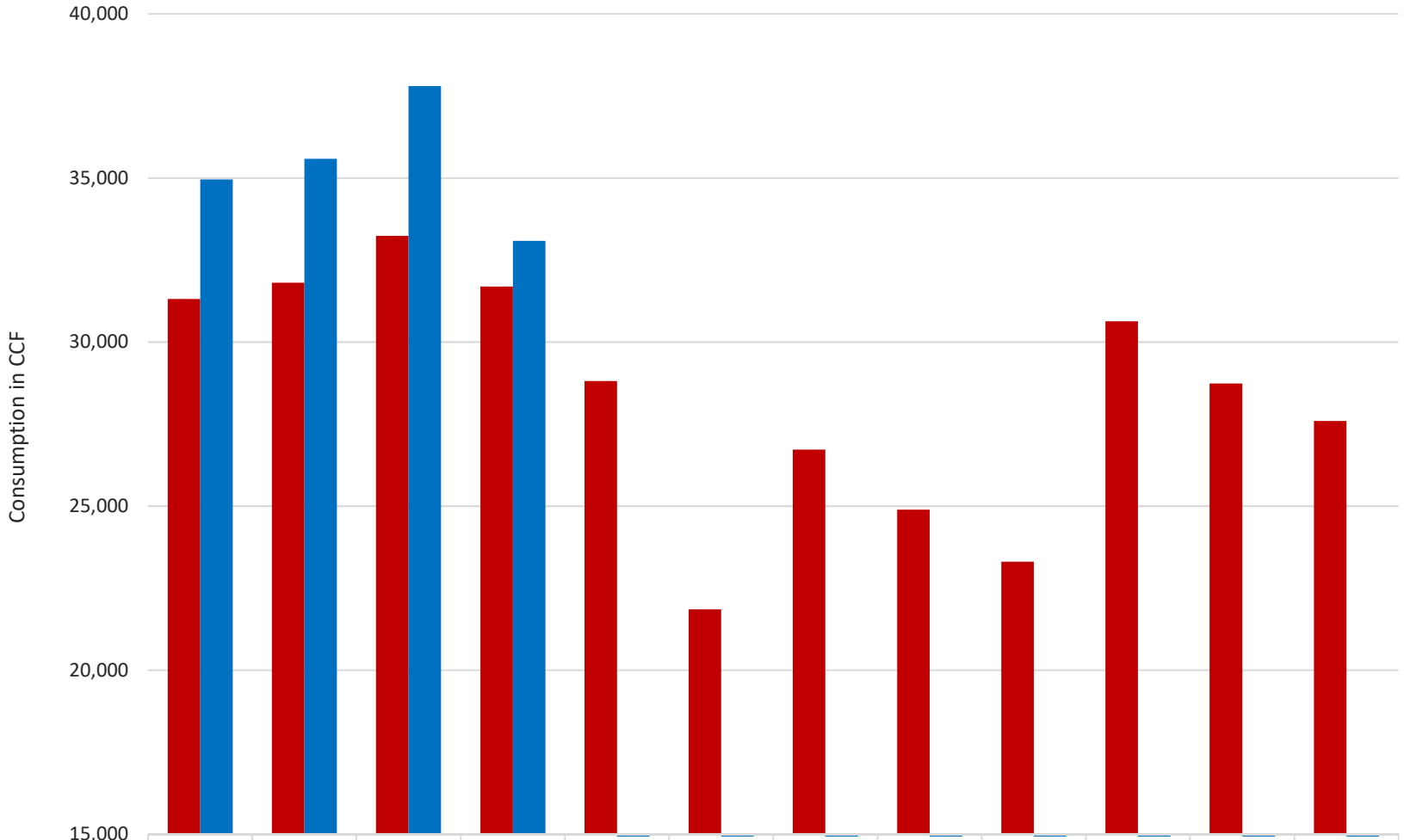
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	73,586	82,006	85,095	59,933	45,731	36,485	42,560	36,744	35,843	66,776	57,229	62,945
2026-2027	77,286	84,054	77,234	69,620								
% Change	5.03%	2.50%	-9.24%	16.16%								

Laguna Woods Village (Excluding Dedicated Irrigation)
YTD Consumption



	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	73,586	155,592	240,687	300,620	346,351	382,836	425,396	462,140	497,983	564,759	621,988	684,933
2026-2027	0	77,286	161,340	238,574	308,194								
% Change		5.03%	3.69%	-0.88%	2.52%								

Commercial Consumption



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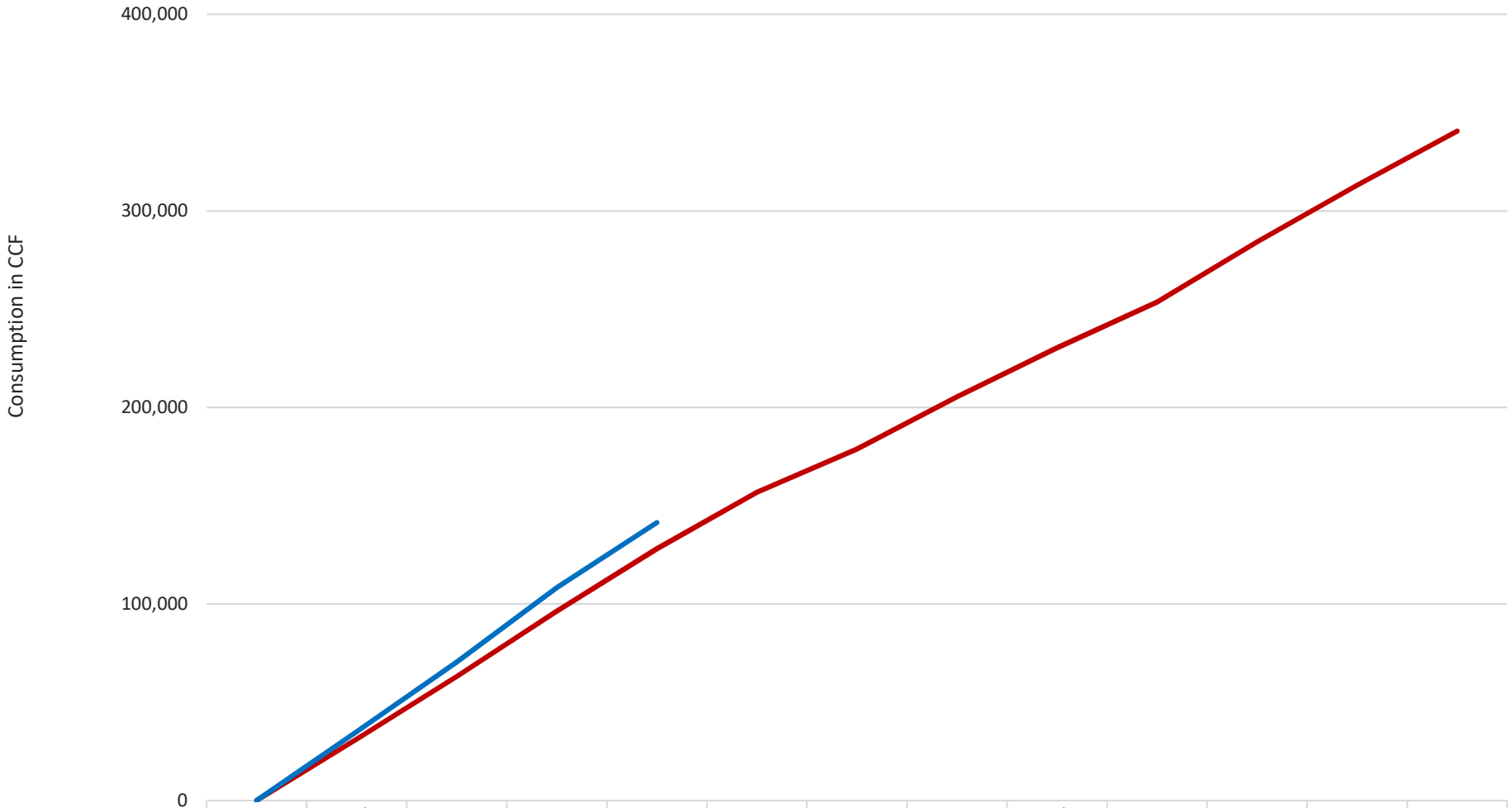
2025-2026	31,308	31,814	33,231	31,690	28,815	21,852	26,728	24,895	23,314	30,637	28,746	27,592
2026-2027	34,955	35,583	37,799	33,090								
% Change	11.65%	11.85%	13.75%	4.42%								

Commercial YTD Consumption



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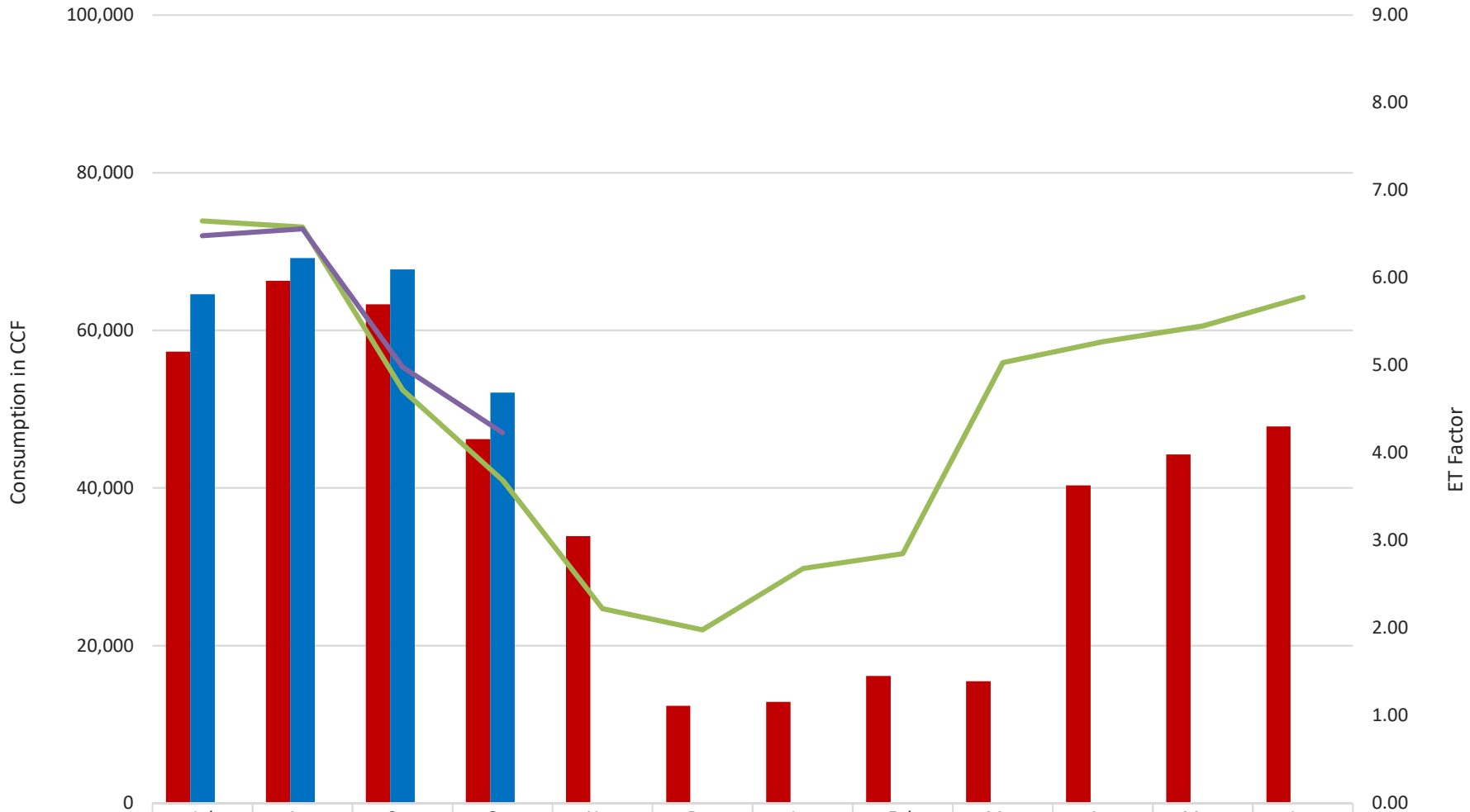
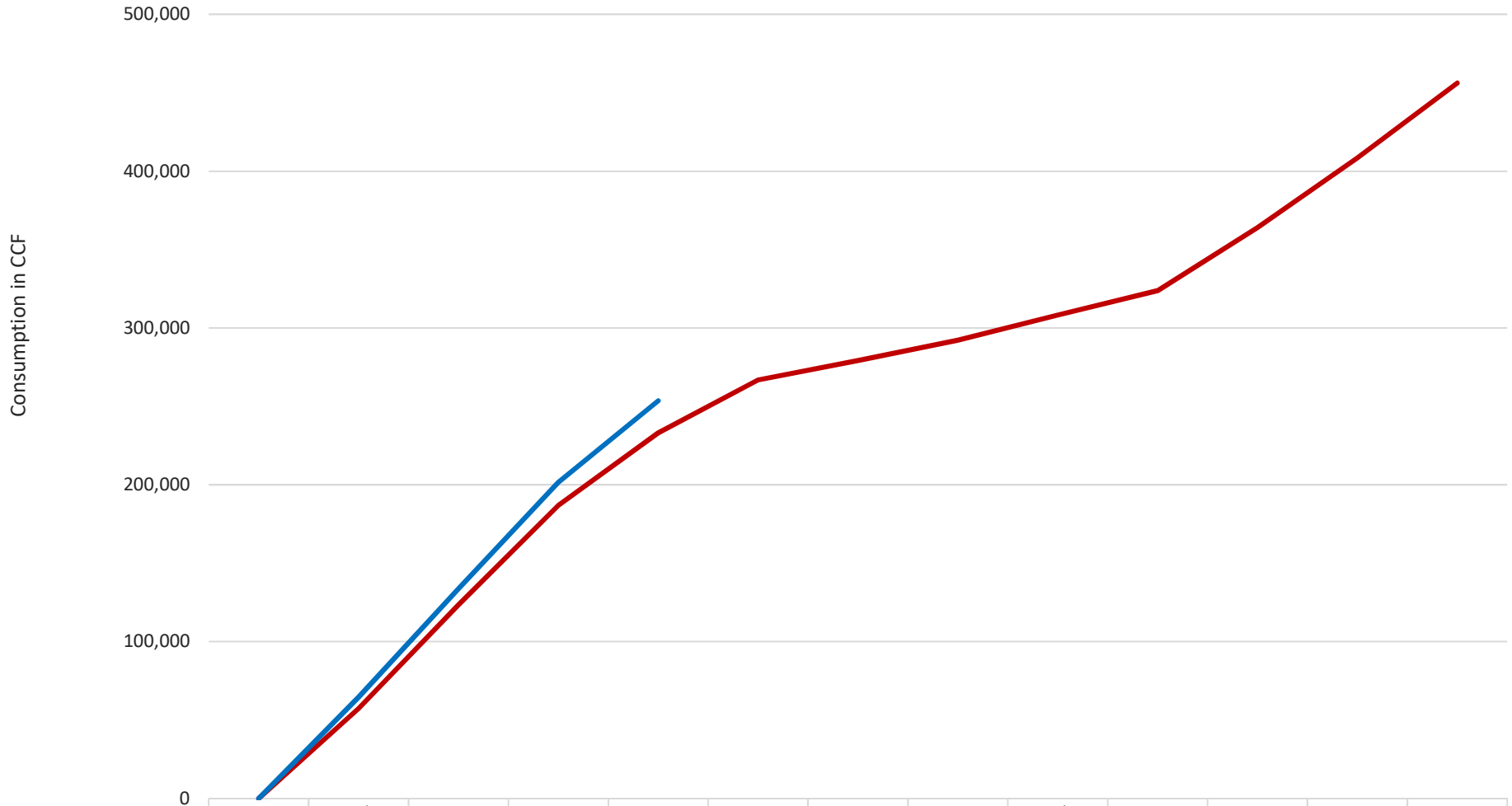
2025-2026	0	31,308	63,122	96,353	128,043	156,858	178,710	205,438	230,333	253,647	284,284	313,030	340,622
2026-2027	0	34,955	70,538	108,337	141,427								
% Change		11.65%	11.75%	12.44%	10.45%								

Dedicated Irrigation Consumption (including LWV)



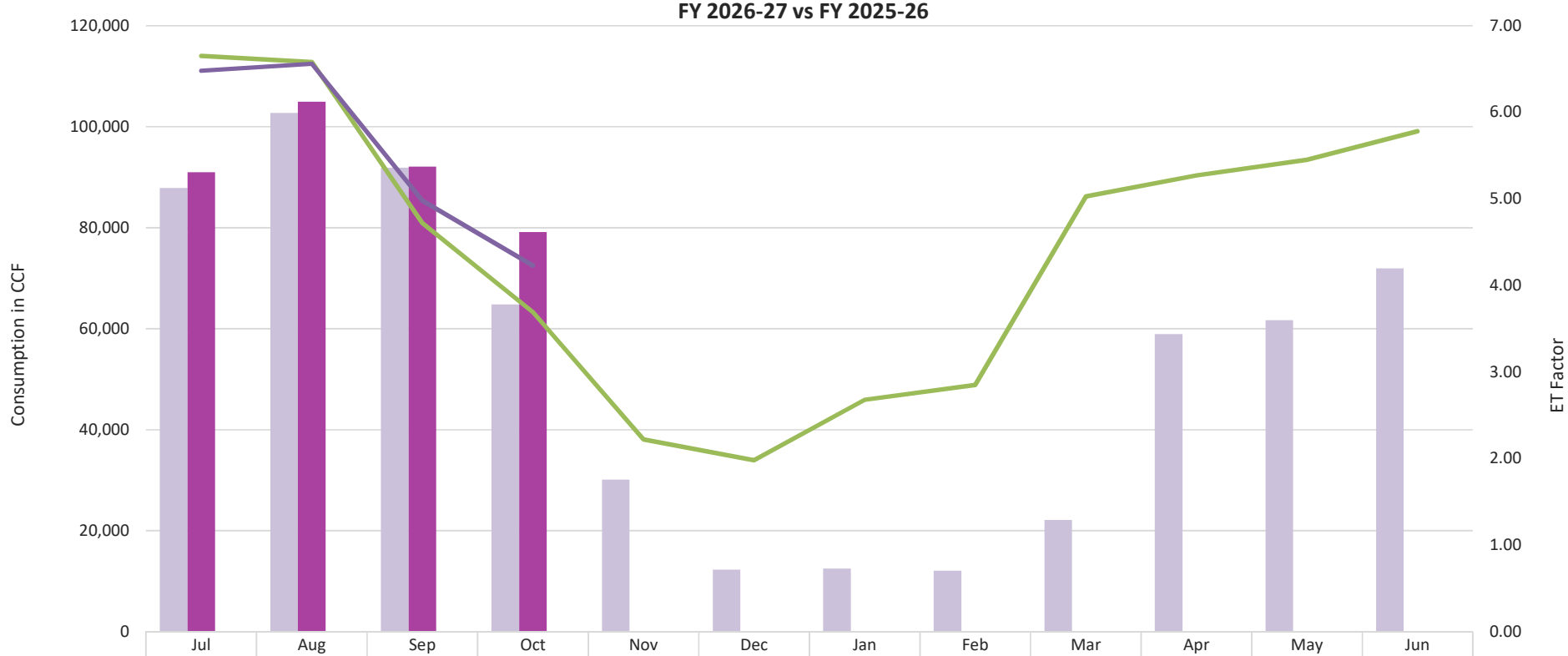
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	57,312	66,275	63,298	46,207	33,864	12,370	12,837	16,156	15,476	40,321	44,259	47,809
2026-2027	64,589	69,175	67,731	52,102								
% Change	12.70%	4.38%	7.00%	12.76%								
25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03	5.27	5.45	5.78
26/27 ET	6.48	6.56	4.98	4.23								

Dedicated Irrigation Consumption (including LWV)
YTD Consumption



	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	57,312	123,587	186,885	233,092	266,956	279,326	292,163	308,319	323,795	364,116	408,375	456,184
2026-2027	0	64,589	133,764	201,495	253,597								
% Change		12.70%	8.23%	7.82%	8.80%								

Recycled Water Consumption
FY 2026-27 vs FY 2025-26



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FY 2025-2026	87,896	102,736	91,867	64,788	30,130	12,319	12,501	12,078	22,156	58,935	61,692	71,957
FY 2026-2027	90,967	104,926	92,094	79,122								
% Change	3.49%	2.13%	0.25%	22.12%								
FY 25/26 ET	6.65	6.58	4.72	3.69	2.22	1.98	2.68	2.85	5.03	5.27	5.45	5.78
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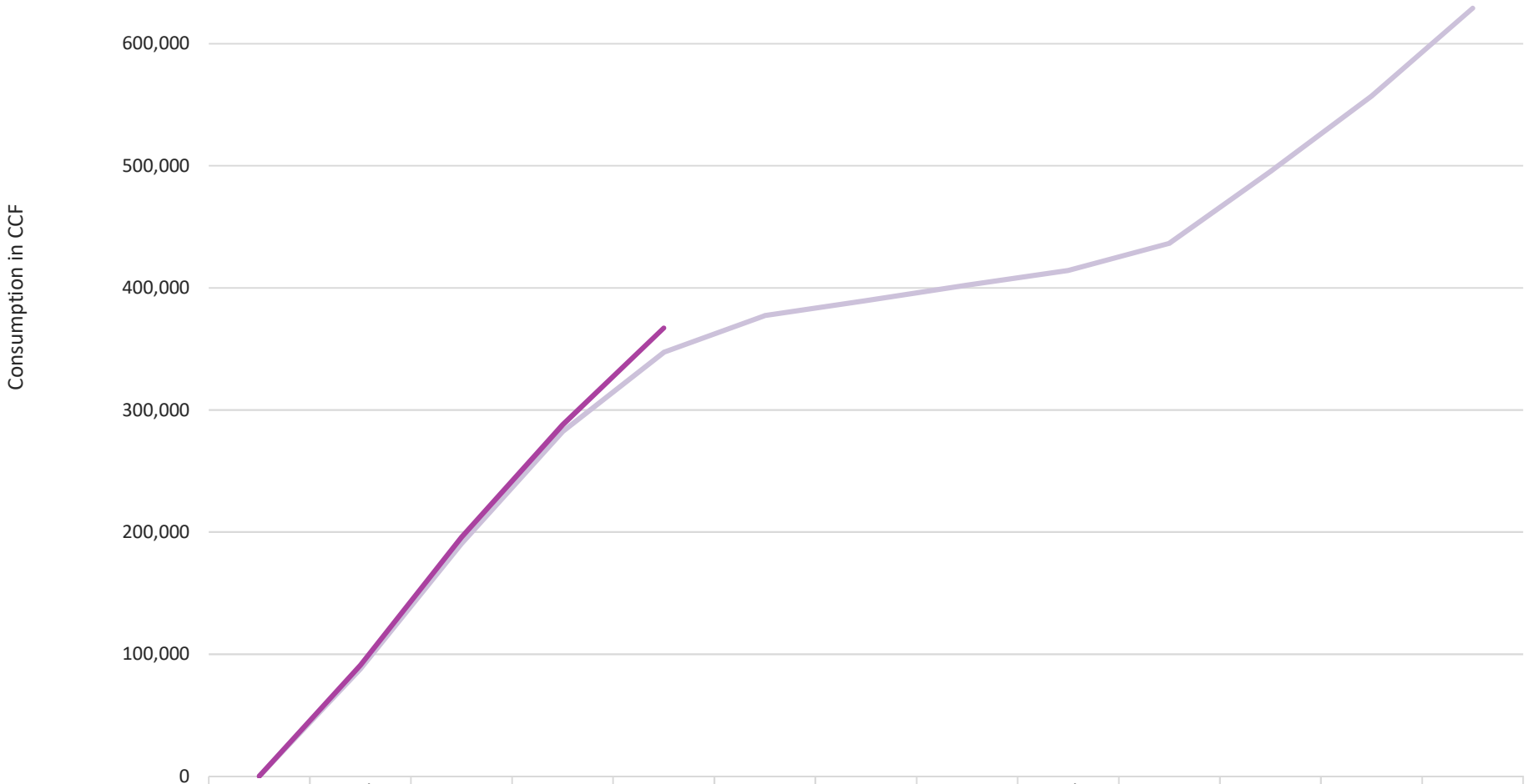
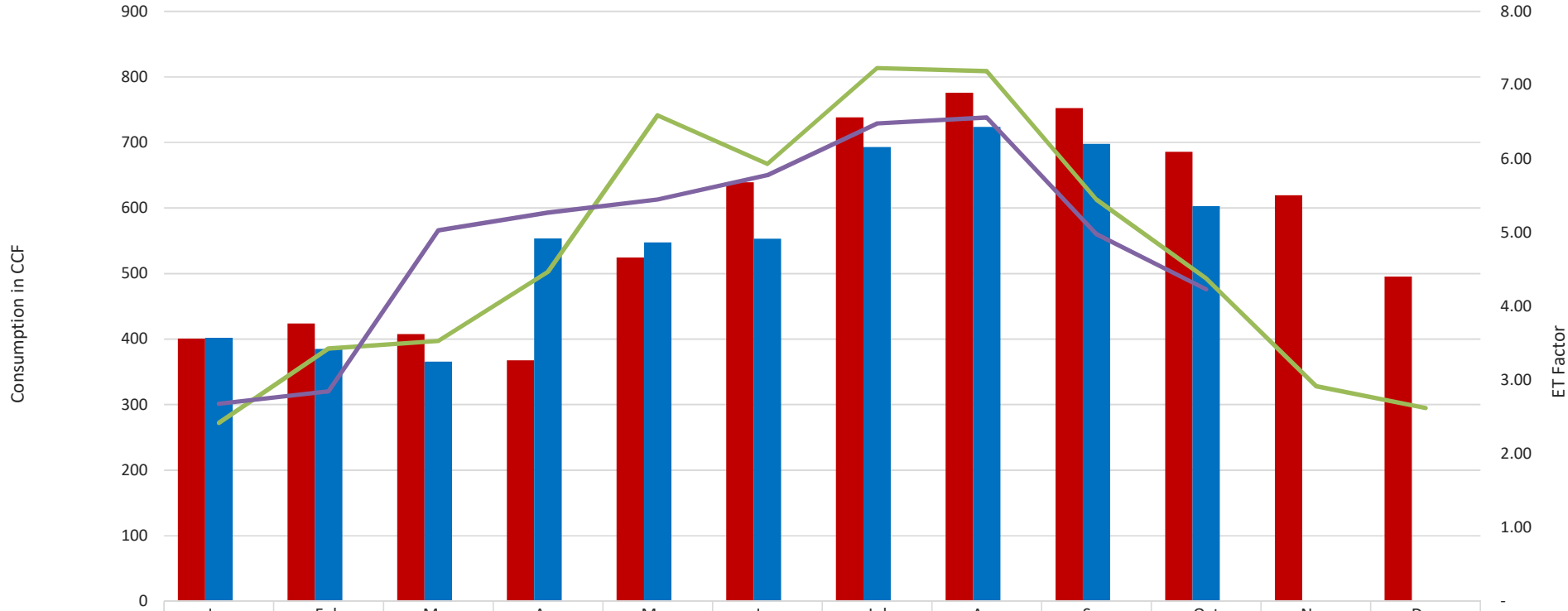


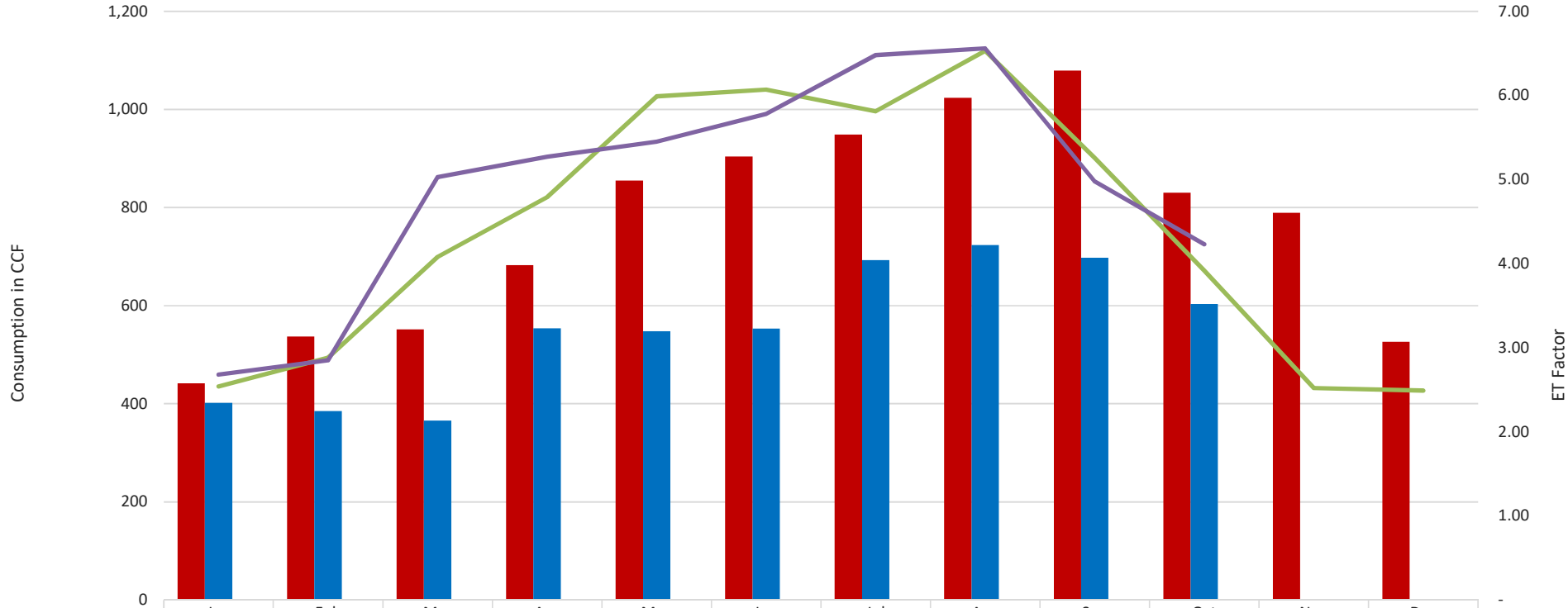
	YTD Start	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2025-2026	0	87,896	190,632	282,499	347,287	377,417	389,736	402,237	414,315	436,471	495,406	557,098	629,055
2026-2027	0	90,967	195,893	287,987	367,109								
% Change		3.49%	2.76%	1.94%	5.71%								

ETWD Customer Consumption vs 2020 (Potable AF)



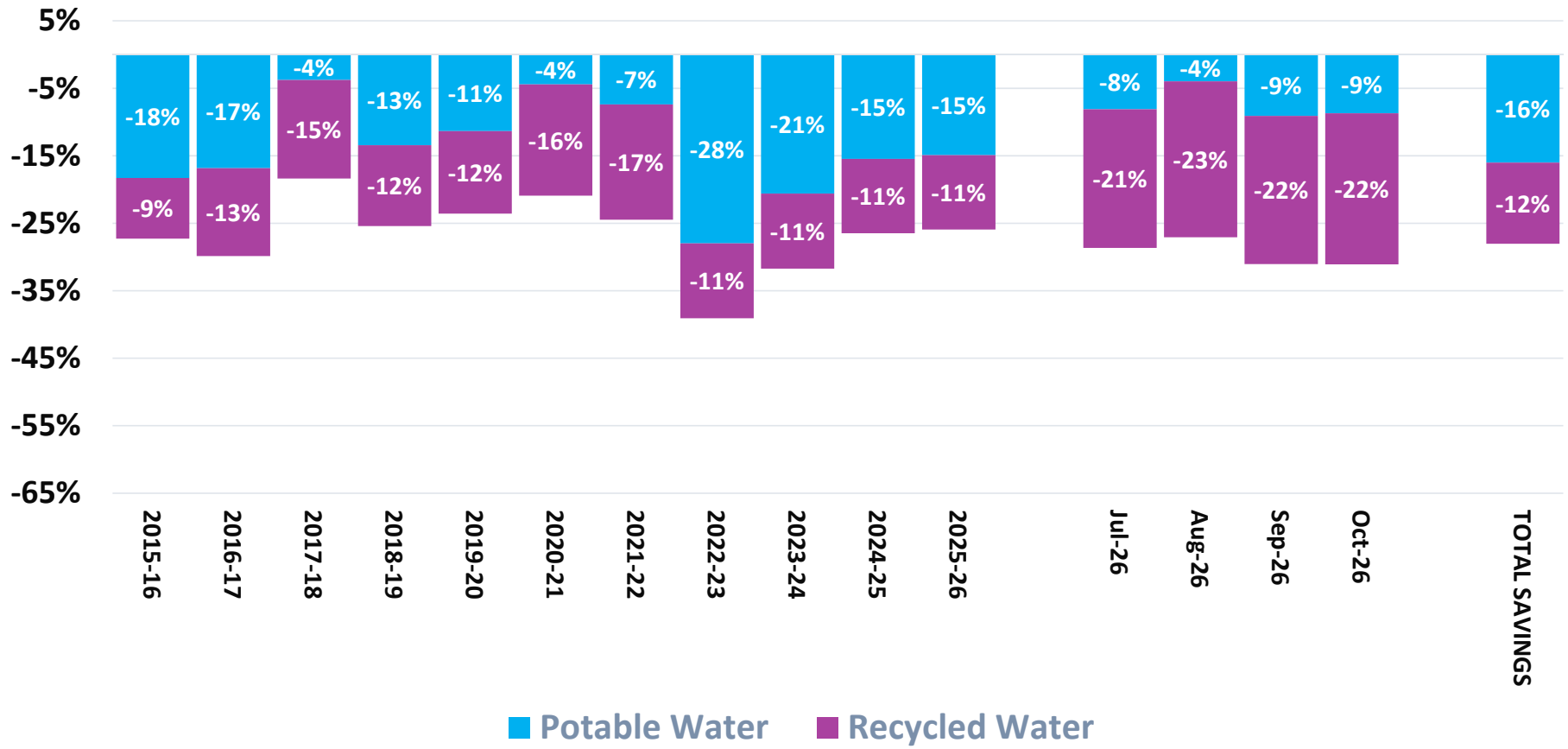
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020 Potable	400.80	423.80	407.54	367.77	524.43	639.41	738.29	775.67	752.37	685.68	619.43	495.20
2026 Potable	402.11	385.21	365.83	553.98	547.87	553.20	692.79	723.61	698.08	603.19		
Potable % Change	0.33%	-9.11%	-10.23%	50.63%	4.47%	-13.48%	-6.16%	-6.71%	-7.22%	-12.03%		
2020 ET	2.42	3.43	3.53	4.47	6.59	5.93	7.23	7.19	5.45	4.38	2.92	2.62
2026 ET	2.68	2.85	5.03	5.27	5.45	5.78	6.48	6.56	4.98	4.23		

ETWD Customer Consumption vs 2013 (Potable AF)



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013 Potable	441.82	537.37	551.75	682.75	855.14	903.87	948.61	1023.72	1079.11	830.36	789.23	526.37
2026 Potable	402.11	385.21	365.83	553.98	547.87	553.20	692.79	723.61	698.08	603.19		
Potable % Change	-8.99%	-28.32%	-33.70%	-18.86%	-35.93%	-38.80%	-26.97%	-29.32%	-35.31%	-27.36%		
2013 ET	2.54	2.88	4.08	4.79	5.99	6.07	5.81	6.53	5.26	3.92	2.52	2.49
2026 ET	2.68	2.85	5.03	5.27	5.45	5.78	6.48	6.56	4.98	4.23		

ETWD WATER USAGE COMPARED TO 2013



Agenda Item No. 11

STAFF REPORT

To:	**Board of Directors**	**Meeting Date:**	**November 24, 2026**
From:	**Dennis Cafferty, General Manager**		
Subject:	**Water Loss Annual Report**		

Staff recently submitted the required annual report describing water loss in the El Toro Water District water distribution system and the comparison to the required performance standard.

Vu Chu will provide a presentation to the Board regarding the compliance requirement, process and results of the 2025 water loss audit.

ANNUAL WATER LOSS AUDIT REPORT



ETWD Board of Directors Meeting
Vu Chu, Water Resources Supervisor
November 24, 2026

Water Loss Regulations

2014

SB 1420

Water loss audit in the Urban Water Management Plan (five-year cycle).

2015

SB 555

Annual water loss audits required.

2018

SB 606 / AB 1668

Losses incorporated in the broader conservation framework.

2023

Water Loss Rule

Separate, system-specific real loss performance requirements took effect.

CURRENT REPORTING

Validated water loss audits are due to DWR each January 1; California's initial real-loss standard date is January 1, 2028.

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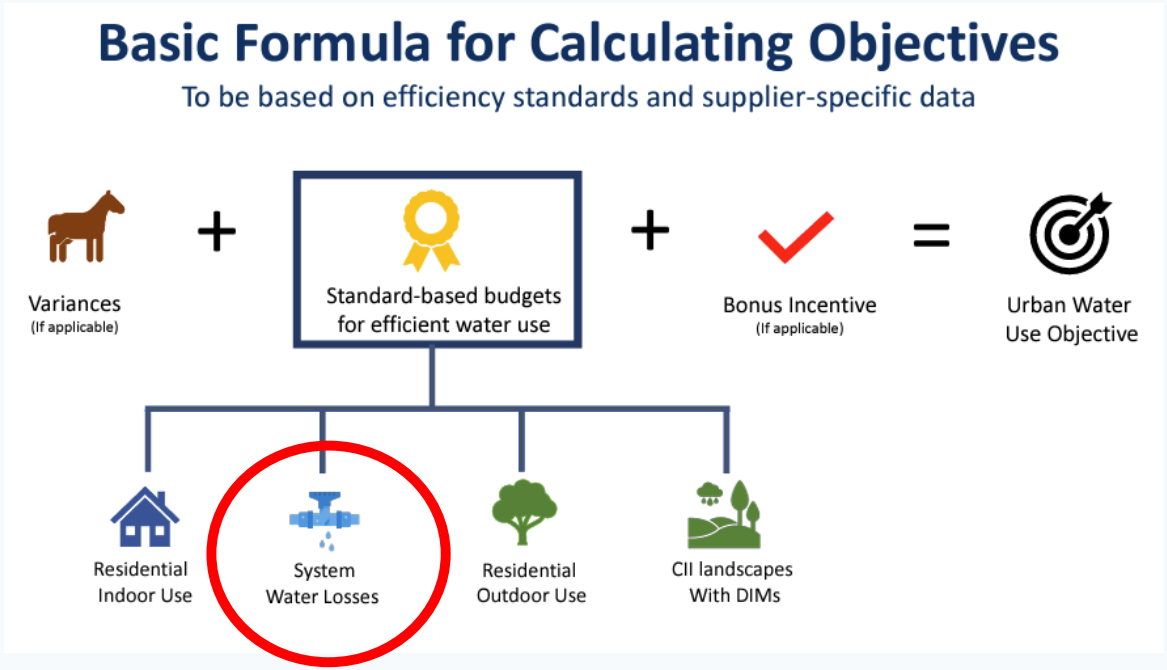

Real Loss Standard

URBAN WATER USE OBJECTIVE

An aggregate supplier-level budget

- Includes indoor, outdoor, CII landscape, and system water loss components.
- Budgets apply to water suppliers, not individual customer accounts.

IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

The real-loss standard also carries its own 2028 performance requirement.

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Water Loss Audit Components

REAL LOSSES

Physical leakage from mains, service lines, tanks, and other distribution assets.

APPARENT LOSSES

Meter inaccuracies, data-handling errors, and unauthorized consumption.

NON-REVENUE WATER

Real + apparent losses + unbilled authorized consumption.

THREE TYPES OF PHYSICAL LEAKAGE

Background Leakage



Undetectable using traditional acoustic equipment

Unreported Leakage



Detectable using traditional acoustic equipment.

Reported Leakage



Surfaced and is reported by public or utility staff.

Background leakage • Unreported leakage • Reported leakage

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2025 Validated Water Audit Results

6,428.830 AF

Water supplied

Imported water (audit input)

6,173.925 AF

Authorized consumption

Billed + unbilled uses

254.905 AF

Total water losses

Real + apparent losses

17.3

Real loss rate

gal/connection/day

2025 WATER BALANCE

Real loss	Apparent loss	Unbilled authorized
193.200 AF	61.705 AF	32.045 AF

Non-revenue water: 286.950 AF • Service connections: 9,989 • Mains: 180.0 miles • Average pressure: 85.6 psi

22.8%

Decrease in real loss rate

22.4 in 2024 → 17.3 in 2025

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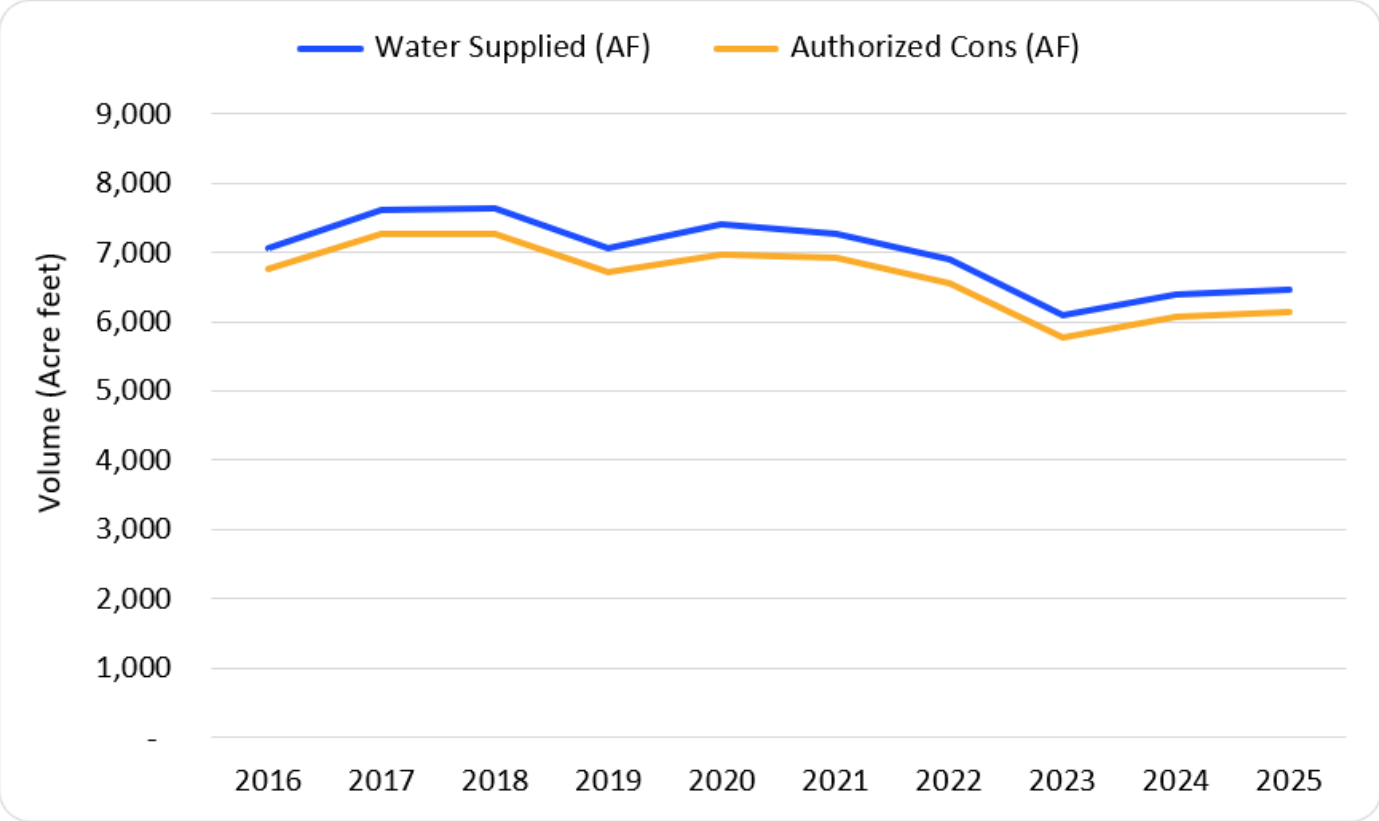
ETWD Water Loss Historical Trend

Water Supplied vs. Authorized Consumption



2025 SNAPSHOT

6,428.8 AF

Water supplied

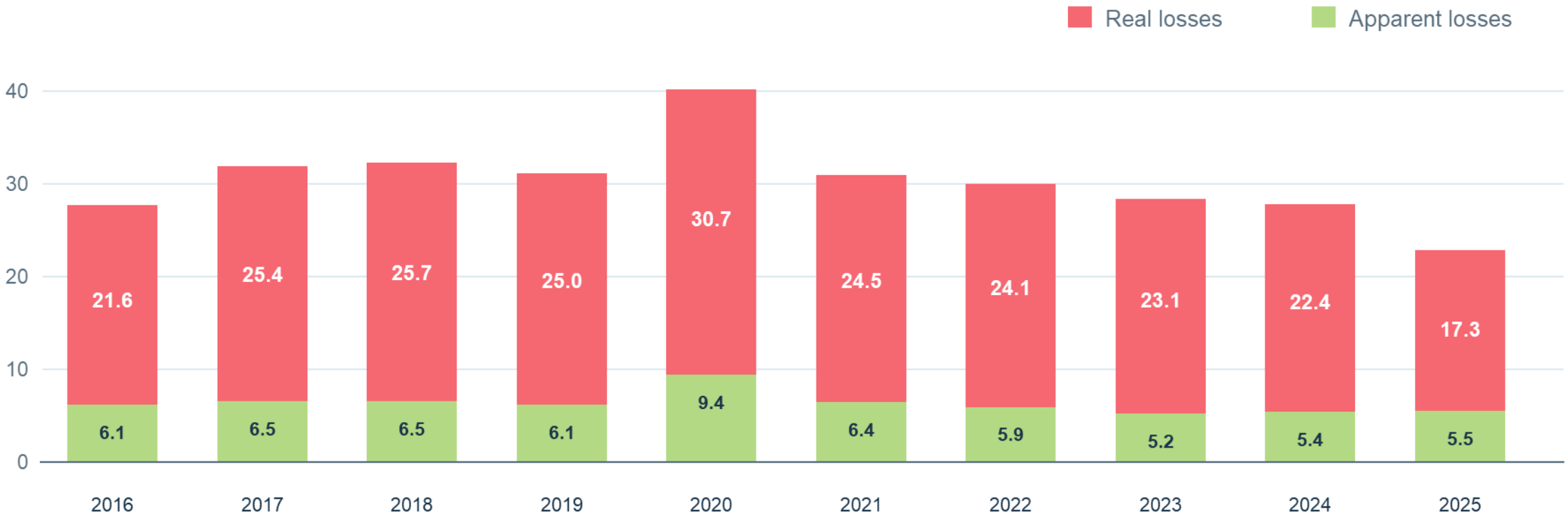
6,173.9 AF

Authorized consumption

Difference: 254.9 AF

ETWD Water Loss Historical Trend

Real losses declined in 2025; apparent losses remain comparatively stable.

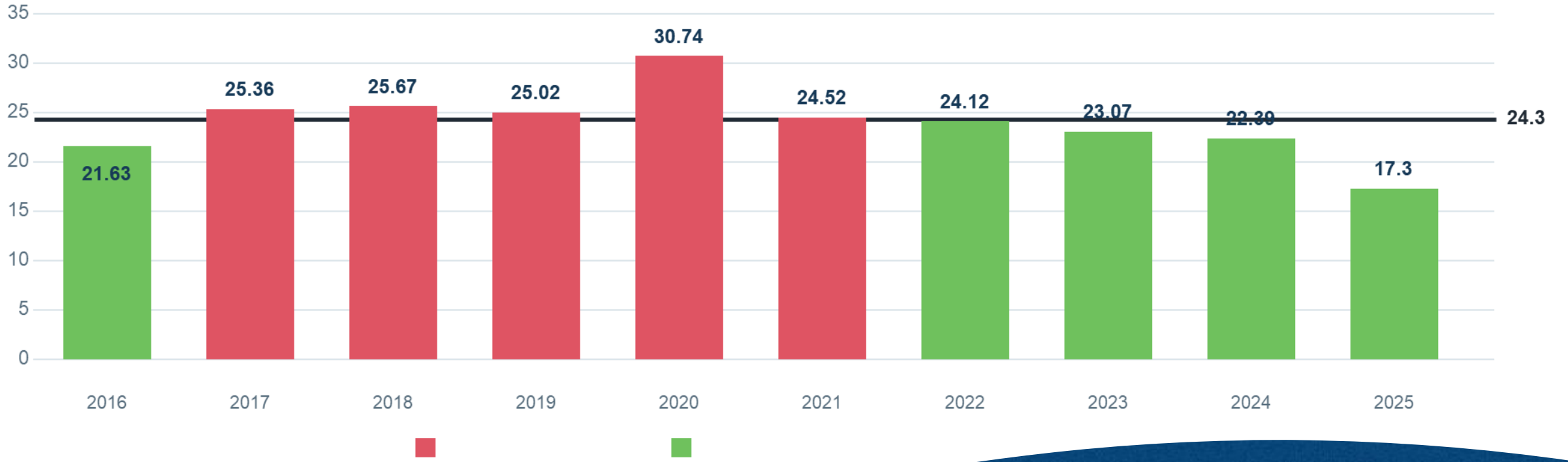


ETWD Water Loss Historical Trend

2025: 17.3 g/connection/day

Standard: 24.3 g/connection/day

7.0 below standard (28.8%)



Water Loss Compliance Timeline

The first performance compliance period uses 2025–2027 audited results.

2025–27

INITIAL WINDOW

Three annual audits count toward first review

Jul 2026

QUESTIONNAIRE

Updated pressure management response

Jul 2027

QUESTIONNAIRE

Updated asset management response

Jan 2028

FIRST STANDARD

Initial real-loss performance requirement

Jan 2029

BREAK REGISTRY

Submit registry covering calendar years 2025–27

After 2028: performance assessments occur every three years using the three most recent annual audits.

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2025 Results Mean for Compliance

FIRST COMPLIANCE PERIOD: 2025–2027

2025 result is below the standard

17.3 vs. 24.3

Under 23 CCR § 981(b), a 2025 or 2026 audit at or below the standard can meet the initial requirement if 2027 is above the standard.

ONGOING COMPLIANCE

After 2028

- Assessed every third year based on a three-year audit average.
- The regulations allow an average up to 5 g/connection/day above the standard for recurring reviews.

Staff will continue monitoring results, maintaining documentation, and completing required State filings.

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ETWD’s Ongoing Water Loss Actions

01

Leak detection & repair

Continue internal acoustic surveys; target approximately 2,000 meter connections annually.

02

Data quality & validation

Monitor source, billing, and audit inputs; maintain validated annual audits and documentation.

03

Pressure & asset management

Review operating pressures, pipe condition, replacement priorities, and leak risk.

04

Meters & technology

Maintain meter calibration and replacement; evaluate AMI-capable meters and pilots.

05

Leak registry readiness

Document break/repair locations, time-to-repair, and estimated volume lost.

06

Regional collaboration

Leverage MWDOC water loss control programs, training, and technical assistance.

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Thank You



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Lynda May, Assistant Secretary
SOCWA and the Board of Directors thereof

Regular Meeting of The
South Orange County Wastewater Authority
Board of Directors

November 5, 2026
8:30 a.m.

PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION:
South Orange County Wastewater Authority
34156 Del Obispo Street
Dana Point, CA 92629

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South Orange County Wastewater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
November 5, 2026

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public may address the Board regarding an item on the agenda or may reserve this opportunity during the meeting at the time the item is discussed by the Board. There will be a three-minute limit for public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

ACTION Board Discussion/Direction and Action.

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5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of Board of Directors 1

- Board of Directors Regular Meeting of October 1, 2026

ACTION The Board will be requested to approve the subject Minutes.

B. Minutes of Project Committee 2 6

- Project Committee 2 Special Meeting of October 26, 2026

ACTION The Board will be requested to approve the subject Minutes.

C. Minutes of Finance Committee 8

- Finance Committee Meeting of September 15, 2026

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file the subject Minutes.

D. Minutes of Engineering Committee 11

- Engineering Committee Meeting of June 18, 2026

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file the subject Minutes.

E. September 2026 Operations Report 14

1. Monthly Operational Report
2. SOCWA Ocean Outfall Discharges by Agency
3. Quarterly Report on Key Operational Expenses
4. Beach Ocean Monitoring Report
5. Recycled Water Report
6. Pretreatment Report (October)

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file subject reports as submitted.

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F. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (October) [Project Committees 2 and 15] 64

ACTION Information Item.

G. Capital Improvement Program Workplan FY 26-27 (October) 69

ACTION Information Item.

6. ENGINEERING MATTERS

A. Template Report for Large CIP Projects 71

ACTION The Engineering Committee recommends that the SOCWA Board of Directors utilize the Template for Large CIP Projects reports to the Board and Engineering Committee.

B. Proposed Capital Project Chartering Process to Support Capital Improvement Planning 77

ACTION The Engineering Committee recommends that the SOCWA Board of Directors approve the immediate implementation of the Project Charter process for the Capital Improvement Program, including the use of a simplified Project Charter for smaller projects.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Resolution No. 2026-09: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Approving the Cost Allocation Policy 95

ACTION Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution No. 2026-09: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Approving the Cost Allocation Policy; and to include the policy in the SOCWA Policy Handbook.

B. Resolution No. 2026-10: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Approving the Capital Lifecycle Policy 116

ACTION Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution No. 2026-10: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Approving the Capital Lifecycle Policy; and to include the Policy in the SOCWA Policy Handbook

C. Capital Project Closeouts 127

ACTION Information Item.

D. VoiceSOP Phase 2 Authorization 131

ACTION Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize commencement of Stage 2 of the VoiceSOP project in the amount of $123,053 plus Stage 1 cloud costs, approve the proposed Stage 2 scope and priority order, and direct staff to proceed with a Stage 2 Kickoff in November 2026.

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E. General Manager's Report..... 134

ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.

F. General Counsel's Report.....143

ACTION The Board will be requested to receive and file the memorandum titled: SOCWA – Remote Participation Rules for Project Committee, Board, and Standing Committee Meetings, dated October 29, 2026.

G. Government Affairs Report..... 148

ACTION Board Discussion, Direction, or Action.

H. Upcoming Meetings Schedule:

- November 17, 2026 – Finance Committee Meeting
- November 19, 2026 – Engineering Committee Meeting
- December 10, 2026 – Board of Directors Meeting

ACTION Information Item.

8. OTHER MATTERS

Determine the need to take action on the following item(s) introduced by the General Manager, which arose after the posted agenda. [Adoption of this action requires a two-thirds vote of the Board, or if less than two-thirds are present, a unanimous vote.]

9. ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS DECEMBER 10, 2026

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

OF THE

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 17, 2026

10:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Finance Committee scheduled to be held on November 17, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California, has been canceled. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for ***December 1, 2026***, at 10:30 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was personally emailed, faxed, or mailed to each member of the Finance Committee.

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Dated this 10th day of November 2026.

Lynda May

Lynda May, Assistant Secretary
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
November 19, 2026
8:30 a.m.

Physical Address
34156 Del Obispo Street Dana Point, CA 92629

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Engineering Committee was called to be held on **November 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.** SOCWA staff will be present and conducting the meeting at the SOCWA Administrative Office located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California.

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Public Comments

THOSE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA WILL BE REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING AND PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING. THE AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT YOU STATE YOUR NAME WHEN MAKING THE REQUEST IN ORDER THAT YOUR NAME MAY BE CALLED TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM OF INTEREST. THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING WILL RECOGNIZE SPEAKERS FOR COMMENT AND GENERAL MEETING DECORUM SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN ORDER THAT SPEAKERS ARE NOT TALKING OVER EACH OTHER DURING THE CALL.

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3. Approval of Minutes.....1

   - Engineering Committee Minutes of October 15, 2026

   Recommended Action: Staff requests that the Engineering Committee approve the subject Minutes as submitted.

4. General Manager's Report 5

   Recommended Action: Committee Discussion, Direction, and Action.

5. Capital Lifecycle Policy.....7

   Recommended Action: Staff requests that the Engineering Committee recommend the Board approve Resolution No. 2026-10: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Approving the Capital Lifecycle Policy; and to include the Policy in the SOCWA Policy Handbook.

6. Operations Report.....17

   Recommended Action: Information Item.

7. Capital Improvement Workplan FY 26-27 (November) 18

   Recommended Action: Committee Discussion, Direction, and Action.

8. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (November) [Project Committees 2 and 15] 20

   Recommended Action: Committee Discussion, Direction, and Action.

9. J.B. Latham Treatment Plant Contract Award for MCC M and Plant 1 Generator Replacement - 3252 [Project Committee 2] (Under Separate Cover)

   Recommended Action: Committee Discussion, Direction, and Action.

10. Draft CTP Regional Flow Study Update [Project Committee 15] 24

    Recommended Action: Committee Discussion, Direction, and Action.

11. Adjournment

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice was personally emailed or mailed to each member of the SOCWA Engineering Committee at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the Regular Meeting referred to above.

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Dated this 13th day of November 2026.

Lynda May

Lynda May, Assistant Secretary
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
November 2, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites:
17025 Brooklyn Avenue, Yorba Linda, CA 92886
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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Public comments on agenda items and items under the jurisdiction of the Committee should be made at this time.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED
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PRESENTATION ITEM

1. ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY TOUR RECAP

ACTION ITEMS

2. LEAD AND COPPER RULE COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM PHASE 2

3. AMENDMENT TO THE CYCLIC STORAGE PROGRAM AGREEMENT AMONG METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, AND ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. 2027 WATER POLICY FORUMS UPDATE

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

6. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
   a. Engineering & Planning
   b. WEROC
   c. Water Use Efficiency
   d. Water Loss Control
   e. Public and Government Affairs

7. REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WEROC, WATER USE EFFICIENCY, FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WATER STORAGE, WATER QUALITY, CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, DISTRICT FACILITIES, AND MEMBER AGENCY RELATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

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MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH METROPOLITAN DIRECTORS
18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, California
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ROLL CALL

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2182

PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. METROPOLITAN END OF FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE RECAP

Recommendation: Receive and file the presentation.

2. METROPOLITAN WATER SURPLUS AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

Recommendation: Receive and file the presentation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

a. Federal Legislative Report (Natural Resource Results)
b. State Legislative Report (West Coast Advisors)
c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)

Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.

4. QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON METROPOLITAN ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/METROPOLITAN DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Recommendation: Receive input and discuss the information presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. METROPOLITAN ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

a. Metropolitan's Finances
b. Metropolitan's Water Supply Condition Update
c. Metropolitan's Water Quality Update
d. Colorado River Issues
e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

6. METROPOLITAN BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Summary regarding October Metropolitan Board Meeting
b. Review items of significance for the Metropolitan Board Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
18700 Ward Street, Conference Room 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
November 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites:
17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
1100 14th Street, Denver, CO 80202

This meeting will be held in person at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California, 92708 (Conference Room 101). As a convenience for the public, the meeting may also be accessed by Zoom Webinar and will be available by either computer or telephone audio as indicated below. Because this is an in-person meeting and the Zoom component is not required, but rather is being offered as a convenience, if there are any technical issues during the meeting, this meeting will continue and will not be suspended.

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Telephone Audio: **(669) 900 9128**
Webinar ID: **882 866 5300#**

A&F Committee:
Director Thomas, Chair
Director Nederhood
Director Crane

Staff: H. De La Torre, M. Baum-Haley, A. Crespi, C. Harris, H. Chumpitazi, K. Pham

Ex Officio Member: President Dick

MWDOC Committee meetings are noticed and held as joint meetings of the Committee and the entire Board of Directors and all members of the Board of Directors may attend and participate in the discussion. Each Committee has designated Committee members, and other members of the Board are designated alternate committee members. If less than a quorum of the full Board is in attendance, the Board meeting will be adjourned for lack of a quorum and the meeting will proceed as a meeting of the Committee with those Committee members and alternate members in attendance acting as the Committee.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Public comments on agenda items and items under the jurisdiction of the Committee should be made at this time.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED
Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee).

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PROPOSED BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. TREASURER'S REPORT
   a. Revenue/Cash Receipt Report – October 2026
   b. Disbursement Ratification Report for the month of October 2026
   c. GM Approved Disbursement Report for the month of October 2026
   d. Consolidated Summary of Cash and Investment – September 2026
   e. OPEB and Pension Trust Fund statement

2. FINANCIAL REPORT
   a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending September 30, 2026

PRESENTATION ITEM

3. 75TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

ACTION ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR CHOICE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

5. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
   a. Administration
   b. Finance and Information Technology

OTHER ITEMS

7. REVIEW ISSUES REGARDING DISTRICT ORGANIZATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FINANCE, AND INSURANCE

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: At the discretion of the Committee, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated, and may be subject to action by the Committee. On those items designated for Board action, the Committee reviews the items and makes a recommendation for final action to the full Board of Directors; final action will be taken by the Board of Directors. Agendas for Committee and Board meetings may be obtained from the District Secretary. Members of the public are advised that the Board consideration process includes consideration of each agenda item by one or more Committees indicated on the Board Action Sheet. Attendance at Committee meetings and the Board meeting considering an item consequently is advised.

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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
18700 Ward Street, Boardroom, Fountain Valley, California
November 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference Sites:
25652 Paseo De La Paz, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
17420 Walnut Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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AGENDA

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS
At this time, members of the public will be given an opportunity to address the Board concerning items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Members of the public may also address the Board about a particular Agenda item at the time it is considered by the Board and before action is taken. If the item is on the Consent Calendar, please inform the Board Secretary before action is taken on the Consent Calendar and the item will be removed for separate consideration.

The Board requests, but does not require, that members of the public who want to address the Board complete a voluntary "Request to be Heard" form available from the Board Secretary prior to the meeting.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED
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EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2182

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 6)
All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item.

1. MINUTES

a. October 5, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
b. October 7, 2026 Joint Workshop Board Meeting
c. October 14, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
d. October 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
e. October 22, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting
f. October 28, 2026 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of October 30, 2026
b. Disbursement Register (October)

Recommendation: Ratify and approve as presented.

c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of September 30, 2026
d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending September 30, 2026

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

4. LEAD AND COPPER RULE COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM PHASE 2

Recommendation: Approve the Lead and Copper Rule Compliance Assistance Shared Services Program Phase 2 to provide Lead and Copper Rule Improvements compliance support to participating Orange County retail water agencies and authorize staff to work with Hazen and Sawyer to develop a Scope of Work for Phase 2.

5. AMENDMENT TO THE CYCLIC STORAGE PROGRAM AGREEMENT AMONG METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, AND ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the Cyclic Storage Program Agreement among Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Municipal Water District of Orange

County, and Orange County Water District to extend the term by 10 years to July 31, 2037.

6. APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISIONS FOR CHOICE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

Recommendation: Approve the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 & 2027-28 with the final Choice Programs Budget revisions.

End of Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

7. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract between California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

INFORMATION CALENDAR (All matters under the Information Calendar will be Received/Filed as presented following any discussion that may occur)

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

Recommendation: Receive and file report(s) as presented.

9. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings
b. Requests for Future Agenda Topic

Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY AGENCIES GROUP MEETING

SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT
26111 ANTONIO PARKWAY, RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CA 92688
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2026
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **Driving Innovation in Today's Water Utility:** Ed Means, Means Consulting LLC
3. **SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY UPDATES**
4. **LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATES**
5. **FUTURE MEETINGS**
   a. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 28th at 12:00 pm
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY AGENCIES' GROUP CONSISTS OF MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM
City of San Clemente • El Toro Water District • Emerald Bay Service District
Irvine Ranch Water District • Laguna Beach County Water District • Moulton Niguel Water District
Santa Margarita Water District • South Coast Water District • Trabuco Canyon Water District

ORANGE COUNTY LAFCO

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Santa Ana, CA 92705
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
8:15 a.m.

County Administrative North (CAN)
First Floor Multipurpose Room 101
400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Members of the public may access the audio/video live-streamed meeting at
https://youtube.com/live/jXfaiv9Lygc?feature=share

Any member of the public may request to speak on any agenda item at the time the Commission is considering the item.

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION**
   (Communications received after agenda distribution for agendized items.)

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items not on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission and that no action may be taken by the Commission on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

   a.) **October 14 – Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**
   The Commission will consider approval of the October 14, 2026 meeting minutes.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   No public hearing items scheduled.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a.) Legislative Report (November 2026)

The Commission will receive an update on recent activity of the Alliance Legislative Committee and the amicus brief regarding the court case Monterey Peninsula Water Management District v. Monterey LAFCO.

b.) Fiscal Year 2025-26 OC LAFCO Audited Financial Statements

The Commission will receive a presentation from the independent auditor, Davis Farr LLP, on the agency's audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

c.) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Position of Executive Officer with Luis Tapia

The Commission will consider adopting a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Position of Executive Officer.

d.) 2027 Meeting and Events Calendar

The Commission will consider adoption of the meeting and events calendar for 2027.

9. PRESENTATION

a.) Recognition of Commissioner Wendy Bucknum for her Distinguished Service as a LAFCO Commissioner

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for Commissioners to comment on issues not listed on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No discussion or action may occur or be taken except to place the item on a future agenda if approved by the Commission majority.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Executive Officer's announcement of upcoming events and a brief report on activities of the Executive Officer since the last meeting.

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No informational items or announcements.

13. CLOSED SESSION

a.) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: Executive Officer

b.) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Commission Chair Wendy Bucknum and William Kelly of Kelly Associates Management Group
Unrepresented employee: Executive Officer

14. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2027, at 8:15 a.m. at the County Administrative North (CAN), First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County welcomes your participation. The public may share general comments or comments on agenda items through the following options:

1) **In-person** comments may be provided during the general comment period on off-agenda items and during the hearing of a specific agenda item. In accordance with the OC LAFCO guidelines, each speaker's comments may not exceed three (3) minutes for the respective item. If you have documents for the Commission, please bring 15 copies and submit to the Commission Clerk for distribution.

2) **Audio/Video Live Streaming:** The public may view and listen to the meeting live on YouTube using the link provided on the website homepage (www.oclafco.org). However, LAFCO cannot guarantee that the public's access will be uninterrupted, and technical difficulties may occur from time to time. The meeting will continue despite technical difficulties for participants using audio/video live streaming unless otherwise prohibited by State open meeting laws.

3) **Written** general comments or comments on specific agenda items may be submitted by email to the Commission Clerk at ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org. Comments received no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the regular meeting will be distributed to the Commission and included in the record.

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

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2026
MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Approved November 12, 2025

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OC LAFCO Regular Meeting (***begins at 8:15 a.m.***)
Location: County Administrative North, First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Office closure due to legal holidays and flexible work schedule.

No scheduled regular meeting due to legal holiday.

2026 CALAFCO Annual Conference - October 21-23, Sacramento, CA.

April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Cancelled.
July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Cancelled.

Agenda materials available at http://oclafco.org.

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Executive Committee

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Hon. Bob McVicker
Municipal Water District of Orange County

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Vacant

2nd Vice President
Hon. Marilyn Thoms
East Orange County Water District

3rd Vice President
Hon. Al Nederhood
Municipal Water District of Orange County

Secretary
Vacant

Treasurer
Hon. Saundra Jacobs
Santa Margarita Water District

Immediate Past President
Hon. Greg Mills
Serrano Water District

Staff Administration

Heather Baez
Municipal Water District of Orange County

Katie Vincent
Municipal Water District of Orange County

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
7:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting
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877 853 5247 US Toll-free
888 788 0099 US Toll-free

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Approval of Minutes: October 6, 2026
- **Public Comments on items not on the agenda**
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**
- **Treasurer's Report – Director Saundra Jacobs**
  - Report on accounts
- **CSDA Report – Chris Palmer**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the CSDA Report
- **LAFCO Report – Director Jim Fisler**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the LAFCO report

- **ACWA Report – Director Saundra Jacobs**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the ACWA report

- **OCCOG Report – Director Mike Scheafer**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the OCCOG report

- **California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Report – SOCWA Representative**
  - Receive, discuss, and file the CASA report

- **Subcommittee Reports**
  - Programs – Heather Baez
  - Membership – Director Thoms
  - Legislative – Director Nederhood

- **Adjourn**

Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Virtual Meeting

Friday, November 6, 2026
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:
https://ocwd.zoom.us/j/81058020833
(Registration not required)

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AGENDA

Welcome

- Greg Mills, Serrano Water District

Reports

- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET)
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Program

A Historical Perspective of the Santa Ana River as a Water Supply to Orange County

Speaker:
Roy Herndon, P.G., C.HG
Chief Hydrogeologist
Orange County Water District

Agency Announcements

Adjourn

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Next WACO Meeting
Friday, December 11, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Next WACO Planning Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom

Officers

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Hon. Greg Mills
Serrano Water District

Vice Chair
Hon. Karl Seckel
Municipal Water District of Orange County

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DATES TO REMEMBER
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026

1. Nov 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY - DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
2. Nov 27 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
3. Dec 1-3 – ACWA Fall Conference; Anaheim
4. Dec 2 – 9:00 a.m. – South OC WMA Aliso Creek Watershed Collab. Group mtg.
5. Dec 4 – 7:30 a.m. – WACO meeting
6. Dec 4 – 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
7. Dec 7 – 10:00 a.m. – Agenda Review Meeting
8. Dec 8 – 7:30 a.m. – ISDOC Executive meeting
9. Dec 8 – 10:00 a.m. – SOCWA Planning Committee meeting
10. Dec 9 – 8:15 a.m. – LAFCO meeting
11. Dec 10 – 8:30 a.m. – Santiago Aqueduct Commission meeting
12. Dec 10 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Board meeting
13. Dec 11 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
14. Dec 14 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Finance and Engineering meeting
15. Dec 14 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC P&O **and** Admin/Finance committee meetings
16. Dec 15 – 10:30 a.m. – SOCWA Finance meeting
17. Dec 16 – 8:30 a.m. – MWDOC Board meeting
18. Dec 17 – 7:30 a.m. – Regular Board meeting
19. Dec 17 – 8:30 a.m. – SOCWA Engineering meeting
20. Dec 17 – 11:30 a.m. – OC Reuse meeting (virtual)
21. Dec 18– 12:00 p.m. – Pres/VP/GM meeting
22. Dec 24 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
23. Dec 25 – DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED