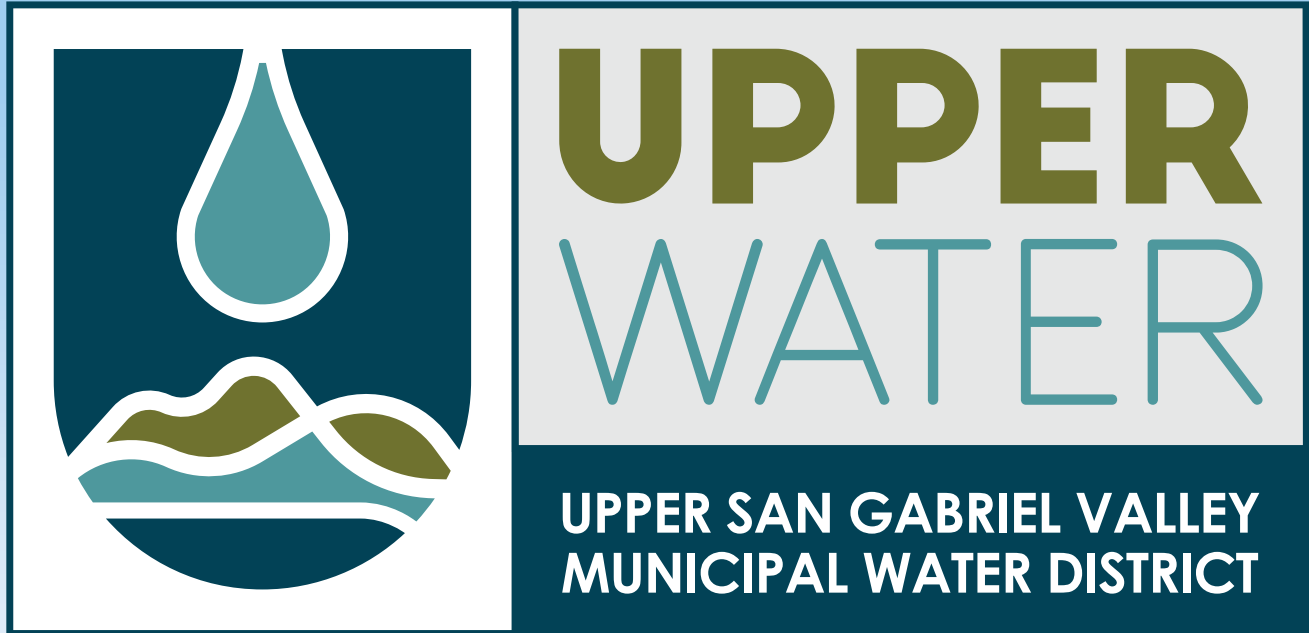




BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 2025 4:30 p.m.



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Securing Water Resilience for the San Gabriel Valley



**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
4:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA [1]
5. PUBLIC COMMENT

As provided under Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public may address the Board on items considered on this agenda. Please complete the appropriate speaker's card and submit it to the Board Secretary. A three-minute time limit on remarks is requested.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS [2]
 - (a) Water Resources and Facility Management Committee (Treviño, Chair – Garcia, Vice-Chair) Minutes of meeting held on November 3, 2025 enclosed.
 - (b) Administration and Finance Committee (Santana, Chair - Treviño, Vice-Chair) Minutes of meeting held on November 4, 2025 enclosed.
 - (c) Government Affairs and Community Outreach Committee (Fellow, Chair-Chavez, Vice-Chair) Cancelled due to lack of quorum.
7. CONSENT CALENDAR [1]
 - (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 22, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
 - (b) List of Demands
 - (c) Financial Reports – September 2025
 1. Financial Statements
 2. Quarterly Report on District Investments
 3. Director's Public Outreach

8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS [1]

- (a) Adopt Resolution No. 11-25-672 Honoring and Commemorating the Outstanding Service and Accomplishments of Ruben Gallegos, Community Outreach Specialist, upon his retirement. *(Resolution No. 11-25-672 enclosed)*

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Directors consider the adoption of Resolution No. 11-25-672, as presented.

- (b) State Legislative Wrap-up *(Steve Baker from Aaron Read & Associates, LLC will provide a presentation)*

Recommendation

This item is for information only. No action is anticipated.

- (c) Additional Discretionary Payment for Upper Water's Unfunded Accrued Liability with CalPERS and Contribution to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Fund. *(Staff memorandum enclosed)*

Recommendation

The Administration and Finance Committee recommends the Board of Directors:

1. Authorize an additional discretionary payment of \$500,000 to CalPERS to reduce Upper Water's unfunded accrued liability related to pension.
2. Authorize additional contribution to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program (CEPPT) of \$500,000.

- (d) Purchase of Untreated Water for Cyclic Storage *(Staff memorandum enclosed)*

Recommendation

The Administration and Finance committee recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to purchase up to 7,500 acre feet of untreated water for Upper Water's cyclic storage account.

- (e) ADHOC Committee Report – Puente Hills Regional Park Sponsorship *(Staff memorandum enclosed)*

Recommendation

Staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding the ADHOC Sponsorship Committee's review and recommendation of the Puente Hills Regional Park Sponsorship.

- (f) Federal Bill Summaries and Positions: H.R. 4733, H.R. 5414, H.R. 5513, H.R. 5566, and H.R. 5661 *(Staff memorandum enclosed)*

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve federal bills H.R. 4733, H.R. 5414, H.R. 5513, H.R. 5566, and H.R. 5661, which align with Upper Water's 2025-26 Legislative Policy Principles adopted by the Board in January 2025.

- (g) Soto Resources Contract *(Staff memorandum enclosed)*

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services contract with Soto Resources for as-needed services for grant assistance in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 through June of 2027.

- (h) FY 25-26 Water Education Grant Program *(Staff memorandum enclosed)*

Recommendation

Staff recommends that funding of 24 grant applications for the Water Education Grant Program in FY 25-26, totaling \$19,221.09.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS [2]

- (a) Press Releases and News Articles

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT [2]

11. ENGINEER'S REPORT [2]

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT [2]

13. METROPOLITAN REPORT [2]

14. WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY REPORT [2]

15. WATERMASTER REPORT [2]

16. AB 1234 COMPLIANCE REPORT [2]

17. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS [2]

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS [1]

19. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – None.

20. ADJOURNMENT – To a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on December 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at 248 E. Foothill Blvd. Room #103, Monrovia, CA 91016.

LEGEND: [1] INDICATES ACTION ANTICIPATED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THIS ITEM
[2] INDICATES INFORMATION ITEM - NO BOARD ACTION NECESSARY

PRESIDENT JENNIFER SANTANA, PRESIDING



American Disabilities Act Compliance *(Government Code Section 54954.2(a))*



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MEMORANDUM

6. (a) COMMITTEE REPORT

November 3, 2025

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: WATER RESOURCES AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – NOVEMBER 3, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Charles Treviño (Chair)	Evelyn Rodriguez
Katarina Garcia (Vice-Chair)	Venessa Navarrette
Jennifer Santana	Steve O'Neill
Ed Chavez	Lenet Pacheco
Tom Love	Anteneh Tesfaye

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comment. None.

3. Golden Mussel Status Report.

General Manager, Tom Love, provided an update on the Golden Mussel. He explained that several local agencies, including Upper Water, have been involved in discussions regarding the golden mussel due to its potential impact on water delivery to the San Gabriel Valley.

He shared that Upper Water and other San Gabriel Valley Water Agencies (SGV Water Agencies) have held several meetings with the County of Los Angeles to obtain feedback as the SGV Water Agencies develops a Golden Mussel Control Plan for all system connections. Mr. Love also noted that the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster has been in discussions with the County to consider modifications to the existing spreading agreement. These modifications would include provisions ensuring collaboration with the County to address any potential impacts if the golden mussel enters the system.

Mr. Love stated that Upper Water is evaluating pre-treatment methods to prevent the spread of the golden mussel however it is unlikely that practical and economical pre-treatment methods that will be 100 percent. He added that by December, Upper Water expects to respond to the County's comments and finalize the Control Plan, allowing the County to determine whether it agrees to the revised spreading agreement.

Director Santana asked whether Upper Water would be responsible for the cost of any cleanup.

Director Chavez asked if the golden mussel is currently traveling through the State Water Project and whether Upper Water will be prepared once it reaches the area.

Director Treviño requested a written summary of the golden mussel issue.

4. MWD Updates.

- **Climate Adaptation Masterplan for Water.**

Tom Love provided a brief overview of MWD's Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W). He explained that MWD is evaluating a portfolio of projects—such as the Delta Conveyance, Pure Water Southern California, and Sites Reservoir—to determine how they can help reduce the frequency or likelihood of future water shortages.

He noted that MWD's goal remains to achieve 100 percent reliability, but that the agency must also consider the costs of achieving that goal and make decisions based on affordability and other key factors. Mr. Love then discussed MWD's evaluation of surplus storage and presented data on water use, surplus supplies, and conveyance capacity.

He also mentioned that establishing a storage agreement with Watermaster to store a large volume of water—ensuring MWD has access to it during dry years—could be beneficial for both parties.

Director Santana asked how Watermaster and California Domestic Water Company feel about Upper Water's efforts to move forward with these discussions.

5. Water Supply Update.

Tom Love reported that MWD's current water supply estimate for this year is 1.94 million acre-feet, with an estimated demand of 1.74 million acre-feet. He noted that MWD has indicated actual demands are trending slightly lower, allowing approximately 200,000 acre-feet of water to be moved into storage—some of which has been directed to the San Gabriel Valley.

He added that reservoir storage remains at a record 3.8 million acre-feet, putting Upper Water in a strong position as the year comes to a close.

Director Treviño asked how much water Upper Water currently has in storage.

6. Other Matters.

Tom Love mentioned that during the upcoming Administrative/Finance Committee meeting, there will be an item to approve the purchase of 7,500 acre-feet of water from MWD's cyclic account. He also noted that board previously approved a water purchase agreement with Watermaster, under which Watermaster will cover the gross MWD Readiness-to-Serve (RTS) charge for all Watermaster purchases.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 1, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.
cc: General Manager

MEMORANDUM

6. (b) COMMITTEE REPORTS

November 4, 2025

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – November 4, 2025

ATTENDANCE:	Jennifer Santana, Chair	Patty Cortez	Jeffrey McKennan (Zoom)
	Charles Treviño, Vice-Chair	Venessa Navarrette	Scott Manno (Zoom)
	Katarina Garcia	Alexis Silva	Steven O'Neill (Zoom)
	Thomas Love	Jessica Hernandez	
	Evelyn Rodriguez	Lenet Pacheco	

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment. None

3. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Mr. Jeffrey McKennan, Audit Supervisor, and Mr. Scott Manno, Engagement Partner, from Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott (RAMS) to present the results of the fiscal year 2024/2025 audit. Mr. McKennan reported that the District received an unmodified (clean) opinion, indicating the financial statements were fairly presented in all material respects. He also confirmed that no audit findings were reported and internal controls were deemed appropriate for a small agency.

Ms. Rodriguez presented key financial highlights including significant changes in current assets, capital assets, current liabilities and non-current liabilities. She reported the District ended the fiscal year with a positive change in net position of approximately \$607,000. She also noted that a new disclosure was added to the report noting the District's dependence on Metropolitan Water District as its primary water supplier.

This item was presented for information purposes only. No action was taken by the Committee. The final ACFR will be included in the December agenda for Board acceptance.

4. Additional Discretionary Payment for Upper District's Accrued Liability with CalPERS and Contribution to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Fund.

Ms. Rodriguez presented staff's recommendation for the board to authorize an additional \$500,000 discretionary payment to CalPERS to reduce the District's unfunded accrued pension liability and an additional \$500,000 contribution to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program. She reported that between FY 2022 and 2024, the District made \$2 million in extra payments, improving its CalPERS funded ratio from 72% to 88%. She added that as of June 30, 2024, the remaining unfunded liability is \$1.83 million and that the proposed payment would yield an estimated \$281,000 in interest savings over 10 years. She also reported that the District's pension trust fund, which can only be used for pension-related costs, currently has a balance of \$1.78 million as of September 30, 2025, earning an annual return of approximately 9.74%.

Staff and committee members discussed maintaining appropriate funding levels to avoid overfunding.

Following discussion, the Administration and Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize an additional discretionary payment of \$500,000 to CalPERS to reduce Upper Water's unfunded accrued liability related to pension and an additional contribution to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program (CEPPT) Program of \$500,000.

5. Purchase of Untreated Water for Cyclic Storage.

Tom Love, General Manager, presented staff's recommendation for the Board of Directors to authorize the purchase of up to 7,500 acre feet of untreated water to replenish the District's cyclic account, ahead of Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) anticipated water rate increases. He stated that staff has reviewed reserve balances and projected cash flow to ensure that the District has sufficient funds to support the purchase without affecting operations.

Following discussion, the Administration and Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to purchase up to 7,500 acre-feet of untreated water for Upper District's cyclic storage account.

6. Quality Investment Report – September 30, 2025.

Ms. Rodriguez provided an update on water sales, revenues, expenses, and district investments for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2025/2026. She reported that as of September 30, 2025, Upper District has sold 5,100 acre-feet of untreated water, with year-end Watermaster purchases expected to raise total sales to about 30,000 acre-feet. She stated most program expenses are tracking on budget. She then presented the District's cash and investments with LAIF earning 4.34% for the quarter and funds managed by Chandler Asset Management having a 3.84% yield as of September 30th. She reported District investments comply with the investment policy. Lastly, she stated that the District has sufficient funds to meet operational cash flow needs for the next six months.

7. **Policy Manual Update.**

Patty Cortez provided an update on the comprehensive policy manual revision project, which aims to be completed within the next six months. She stated the manual is being reorganized for clarity, with sections covering board policies, as well as administrative, finance, public outreach, and a new section on water resources policies. She also reviewed the proposed schedule for bringing updated policies to the committee and board for approval, beginning December 10th.

Ms. Cortez and the committee recognized Alexis Silva for her key role in reorganizing the manual, creating the new table of contents and drafting initial revisions.

8. **Other Matters.**

None.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 02, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

cc: General Manager



UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 4:30pm

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7. (a)
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30pm at the District office located at 248 E. Foothill Blvd, Rm. 103, Monrovia, California. The presiding officer was Vice President Anthony Fellow.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chavez, Garcia, Fellow, and Santana

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Treviño

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Love, General Manager; Steve O'Neill, District Counsel; Stan Chen, District Engineer; Patty Cortez, Assistant General Manager; Evelyn Rodriguez, Chief Financial Officer; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary I; Katherine Vazquez, Water Resources Analyst I; Yesenia Bugarin, Intern

OTHERS PRESENT

Jose Martinez, Nabil Saba, Chris Lancaster, Kelly Gardner, Randall Neudeck, Jacquelyn Mercado

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion by Vice President Fellow, second by Treasurer Garcia, the agenda was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CHAVEZ, FELLOW AND SANTANA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: TREVIÑO

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by Vice President Fellow, seconded by Treasurer Garcia, the consent calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES: GARCIA, CHAVEZ, FELLOW AND SANTANA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: TREVIÑO

- (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 24, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
- (b) List of Demands
- (c) Financial Reports – August 2025
 - 1. Financial Statements
 - 2. Director's Public Outreach

**DELTA CONVEYANCE EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS**

Mr. Randall Neudeck, Manager of Bay-Delta Programs, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) provided an overview of Metropolitan's efforts to strengthen the Delta's freshwater pathway from an emergency measure to a key reliability strategy focusing on near-term improvements, asset protection, and stronger partnerships alongside the Delta Conveyance Project. He reported that the Delta links California's major water systems—the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers which carry flows to the San Francisco Bay and supports deliveries to the Central Valley, Southern California, and the Bay Area. He stated that Metropolitan receives an average of about one-million-acre feet of water from the Sacramento watershed which provides about 18 million acre-feet annually, the San Joaquin about 3 million, and together they feed the state and federal pumps that move water south from the Delta.

He then reported that Metropolitan owns four islands in the Delta along the freshwater pathway and has upgraded 15 miles of levees to strengthen reliability. With no single owner of the Delta's levee system, this helps protect key assets. Even with the proposed Delta tunnel, most water deliveries depend on this route.

After a 2008 Department of Water Resources study, Metropolitan and seismic experts analyzed Delta levee risks from earthquakes and floods. A recent levee slip on Victoria Island showed ongoing vulnerability along the freshwater pathway. The emergency pathway was designed as a temporary, low-cost backup to move about 30% of supplies if levees failed, supported by diversion structures, barriers, and rock stockpiles. Major impacts from such an event would mainly affect the State and federal projects and Contra Costa Water District.

With the Delta Conveyance Project now a single tunnel, about 80% of water will continue to flow through the Delta, making local reliability critical. Metropolitan is pursuing near-term improvements, levee work, and habitat projects on its four Delta islands, including raising Delta smelt and exploring potential carbon storage, while planning for long-term water supply security.

Vice President Fellow and Mr. Neudeck briefly discussed the debate within Metropolitan over whether to keep or sell the four Delta islands.

Vice President Fellow and Mr. Neudeck discussed that levee improvements for key Delta water conveyance pathways could cost between \$400 million and \$700 million, while full Delta fortification could cost approximately \$3–5 billion. These investments could substantially improve water supply security in the event of seismic or flooding disruptions. Mr. Neudeck also reported that the Sites Reservoir project remains under development and can function with or without the Delta Conveyance Project. A board decision on whether to proceed is expected by summer 2026, with the project relying heavily on federal funding due to current Metropolitan budget constraints.

President Santana, Mr. Neudeck, and the General Manager briefly discussed emergency preparedness and water reliability in the event

of a major Delta failure. Imported water deliveries could be disrupted for up to six months. Diamond Valley Lake's 800,000 acre-feet of storage remains a critical emergency resource, and with new levee designs, the outage period could potentially be reduced to zero.

The General Manager provided an update on the MWD Integrated Resource Plan, indicating no improvement in water shortage projections since 2020. He reported that Metropolitan would need an additional 300,000 acre-feet of new core supply under the optimistic Scenario C.

Secretary Chavez and Mr. Neudeck briefly discussed the potential impact if the single-tunnel design reverted to the earlier two-tunnel proposal. Mr. Neudeck stated that returning to a two-tunnel configuration would require restarting the entire environmental and permitting process, including CEQA and related federal reviews, resulting in an estimated six-to-eight-year delay and substantial additional cost.

This item was for information only. No action was taken by the Board.

NOMINATION OF TWO UPPER WATER REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Vice President Fellow nominated himself and President Santana. No other nominations were received.

On motion by Vice President Fellow, second by Treasurer Garcia, the Board of Directors appointed President Santana and Vice President Fellow as Upper Water's representatives to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster for Calendar Year 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:	GARCIA, CHAVEZ, FELLOW AND SANTANA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	TREVIÑO

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items listed on the agenda were presented as informational items and ordered received and filed:

- Press Releases and News Articles

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The District Counsel provided a brief update on the new state legislation expanding Assembly Bill (AB) 1234 ethics and financial training requirements for public agencies effective January 1, 2026. The new Senate bill will expand the requirements to: Department heads and administrative officers and they must complete both ethics training and new fiscal and financial management training. He reported that the training requirements apply to officials and staff involved in finance, bonding, budgeting, or auditing functions. A two-hour training session every two years will be required.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The District Engineer reported there are no updates at this time for San Gabriel County Water District and Sunnyslope Water Company water connections. He reported a complete Emergency Response Plan is being complied and will be brought to the Board to receive and file. He reported that there are no new updates at this time for the reactivation of MWD Interconnection USG-07 for City of Monrovia. He then reported that the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) is being updated with information received from MWD reliability workshop focusing on local water supply reliability scenarios without Delta Conveyance and Pure Water projects. Local planning efforts will focus on maximizing groundwater basin storage and coordination with Watermaster and local producers to sustain supplies during potential MWD reliability reductions. Lastly, he provided an update on the boundary changes stating that Three Valleys Municipal Water District plans to submit its Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) application for boundary updates by the end of the year.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that Upper Water, Watermaster, Three Valleys MWD, San Gabriel Valley MWD, and Stetson Engineers are collaborating to draft Golden Mussel Control Plans for discussion with Los Angeles County Public Works. The County requested suspension of water deliveries due to the potential spread of golden mussels. Priority is being given to maintaining deliveries to canyon spreading grounds to protect local groundwater levels and production for Azusa, Covina Valley Water Company, and City of Glendora. He reported control plans include pre-treatment measures to prevent infestation before delivery; containment and post-treatment/drying to prevent spread downstream; monitoring and testing for effectiveness. He reported that USG-3 connection presents challenges as it released directly to the riverbed, making full containment difficult, especially during flood events. He stated Watermaster has begun discussions with LA County Public Works to potentially amend the longstanding spreading agreement to address golden mussel-related contingencies. Coordination continues with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which will review and approve control plans. He reported the progress is positive and regulations for Golden Mussels are still being developed.

He then provide an updated on MWD Climate Adaptation Master Plan (CAMP) stating that MWD and member agencies will begin identifying project and portfolios for evaluation through the CAMP evaluation process.

The General Manager reported that recent storm activity brought the region to approximately 500% of average rainfall for this point in the water year. State Water Project storage remains strong. He also reported that Upper Water is preparing a year-end purchase of approximately \$10 million in water to replenish its cyclic storage account, particularly before the 8% MWD rate increase effective January 1.

Lastly, he reported that two long-term employees — Evelyn Rodriguez (CFO) and Ruben Gallegos — have submitted retirement notices. He plans to hire an interim accounting director to work alongside Evelyn during the transition and to assist in evaluating potential organizational restructuring to improve efficiency. The CFO position will not be immediately advertised until the transition and assessment are

complete. He expressed appreciation for both employees' long service and dedication.

METROPOLITAN REPORT

Vice President Fellow provided an update on the selection of the new General Manager at MWD. Sivaji Deshmukh, current GM of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, was unanimously selected as MWD's next General Manager. He will serve as GM Designate starting November 1 and officially take over January 1. He is recognized as a highly capable and direct leader with over 25 years of engineering experience. He then reported that MWD held a ceremony on October 9 naming the Inland Outlet Tower at Diamond Valley Lake after former General Counsel Gregory Taylor. The event honored Taylor's key role in developing Diamond Valley, which added over 800,000 acre-feet of regional water storage. He also reported that he presented to the Economic Partnership's Legislative Committee on the Delta Conveyance Project urging continued advocacy for the Delta Conveyance Project in Sacramento. He mentioned there is a new travel policy in the state of California allowing directors to bring spouses or partners on official water-related trips (e.g., Colorado River, Delta) if they personally cover their expenses; counsel will confirm details. Lastly, he reported that MWD's Executive Committee and Special Water Committee will meet next Tuesday.

WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY REPORT

Secretary Chavez reported that the Water Quality Authority Board participated in ACWA and ACWA Region 8 elections. Dr. Fellow was elected as Region 8 Chair.

WATERMASTER REPORT

Ms. Kelly Gardner provided a report on the Key Well Elevation was 249.7 feet on October 17, below the previous month but above the target range for the first time since 2005. She reported that the Canyon storage was about 18,150 acre-feet which is 22% of average, with continued inflows at the San Gabriel and Morris Reservoirs. She reported that water quality remains good, 46 wells were sampled in September with no shutdowns reported. Lastly, Board members were encouraged to attend the San Gabriel Valley Water Association Quarterly Breakfast on November 13. Confirmed speakers include Deven Upadhyay and Robert Ferrante, who will lead a joint discussion on the value of Pure Water projects to the region.

Vice President Fellow thanked Kelly and Linda for attending MWD meetings and promoting Pure Water, emphasizing the need for LA support.

AB 1234 COMPLIANCE REPORT

A summary report was provided in the agenda packet.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Treasurer Garcia thanked Director Chavez for helping with the Covina Valley Optimist golf tournament, which raises funds for youth sports scholarships in the Covina, West Covina, Glendora, and La Puente area. She emphasized the importance of community service, supporting kids who might not otherwise afford sports, and expressed gratitude that the event was successful in its fifth year.

President Santana congratulated Evelyn Rodriguez for 18 years of service and Jessica Hernandez for two years, expressing appreciation for their contributions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJORN TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Santana asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned to a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on November 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

SECRETARY

SEAL

List of Demands

Submitted herewith for action by the Board of Directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District are the following demands on the District's General Fund Account

23139	California American Water Company	Inv. 20134077REI, CII MAP Reimbursement, Check Reprint (Previously paid 10/22/25)		\$ 12,075.00
23140	789, Inc.	Inv. UW-526201, Branding and Creative Services, November 2025 (Board approved 7/09/25)		5,750.00
23141	Aaron Read & Associates, LLC	Inv. 214280, State Legislative Advocacy Service, September 2025 Inv. 214335, State Legislative Advocacy Service, October 2025 (Board approved 1/22/25)	10,000.00 10,000.00	20,000.00
23142	ACWA	Inv. INV014371, ACWA Spring Conference Hotel Fees		336.23
23143	ACWA	Inv. 2026, 2026 Annual Agency Dues		24,685.00
23144	ACWA/JPIA	Inv. 1734, Auto and General Liability, 10/01/25 - 10/01/26		67,789.07
23145	ACWA/JPIA	Inv. 0707246, Health Insurance Premium - November 2025		32,969.74
23146	Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	Legal Services, September 2025 Inv. 99833, Transactional Fees Inv. 99834, Transactional Fees Inv. 99835, Retainer (Board approved 04/13/22)	1,495.50 57.70 4,713.00	6,266.20
23147	Amazon Capital Services	Inv. 1LHV-HWFN-393H, Meeting and Office Supplies, Sept. - Oct. 2025		353.34
23148	Best Best & Krieger, LLP	Inv. 1042940, Federal Legislative Advocacy Services through 9/30/25 (Board approved 01/22/25)		7,500.00
23149	Los Angeles County Business Federation	Inv. 6515, 2026 Membership Dues		7,000.00
23150	CSDA	Inv. 2026, Annual Membership Dues, 2026		10,323.00
23151	Center for Financial Empowerment	Inv. 11/23/25UD, Operation Gobble Turkey Giveaway Sponsorship		3,000.00
23152	Department of Water & Power	Inv. GA440909, Recycled Water Program Permit Fees, November 2025		83.33
23153	Ecotech Services, Inc.	Inv. 3523, Leak Repair Kits for WaterSmart Home Program Inv. 3527, Leak Repair Kits for WaterSmart Home Program (Board approved 06/08/22)	7,576.10 7,500.00	15,076.10
23154	Foothill Municipal Water District	Inv. 770, Strategic Consulting Services, October 2025 Cost-Share		2,500.00
23155	G3, Green Gardens Group, LLC	Inv. 1451, Firescaping Workshop, October 2025 (Board approved 06/12/24)		1,950.00
23156	Garden View, Inc.	Inv. INV-093025, Plant Voucher Program		24,993.43
23157	Image Property Services, LLC	Inv. 18695, Janitorial Services, September 2025 Inv. 19388, Consumables, September 2025	1,907.59 422.02	2,329.61
23158	Infosend, Inc.	Inv. 297181, Water Smart Home Kit Inserts		862.00
23159	Joey C. Soto	Inv. 2025-UD-GA-SEP-132, Grant Writing Services, September 2025 (Board approved 06/08/22)		1,128.75
23160	John Robinson Consulting, Inc.	Inv. UW202301-21, As-needed Engineering Support Services, September 2025		2,640.00
23161	Just Us 4 Youth	Inv. 12/03/25UD, Annual Open House & Toy Drive Sponsorship		1,000.00
23162	Kelly Services, Inc.	Inv. 5611270678, Temporary Services, Week Ending 09/28/25 Inv. 5611470059, Temporary Services, Week Ending 10/05/25 Inv. 5611545923, Temporary Services, Week Ending 10/12/25 Inv. 5611685330, Temporary Services, Week Ending 10/19/25 (Board approved 10/11/23)	819.00 1,106.00 896.00 1,106.00	3,927.00
23163	Promo Direct	Inv. N189118, District Logo Items		4,159.00
23164	Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott	Inv. 78762, Progress Billing for June 30, 2025 Audit Services (Board approved 06/19/19)		13,530.00
23165	Spectrum Reach	Inv. 400049185, Water Campaign Ads, Feb. - Mar. 2025 Inv. 440040123, Water Campaign Ads, Mar.- Apr. 2025 Inv. 440040124, Water Campaign Ads, Mar. - Apr. 2025 Inv. 440044434, Water Campaign Ads, May - Jun. 2025 Inv. 440044435, Water Campaign Ads, May - Jun. 2025 Inv. 560048306, Water Campaign Ads, Jul. - Aug. 2025 Inv. 560048307, Water Campaign Ads, Jul. - Aug. 2025 Inv. 800068867, Water Campaign Ads, Apr. - May 2025 Inv. 800068868, Water Campaign Ads, Apr. - May 2025 Inv. 800078567, Water Campaign Ads, September 2025 Inv. 800078568, Water Campaign Ads, September 2025 Inv. 900074374, Water Campaign Ads, Jun. - Jul. 2025 Inv. 900074375, Water Campaign Ads, Jun. - Jul. 2025	2,500.04 2,500.04 1,500.00 1,490.00 2,500.04 1,491.20 2,500.04 2,500.04 1,236.80 2,500.03 1,487.80 2,500.04 1,482.00	26,188.07

23166	Stetson Engineers, Inc.	Inv. 2533-233, General Engineering Support Services, August 2025 Inv. 2728-041, Integrated Resources Plan Update, August 2025 Inv. 2533-234, General Engineering Support Services, September 2025 Inv. 2728-042, Integrated Resources Plan Update, September 2025	21,946.87 1,120.39 29,583.51 3,247.89	55,898.66
23167	Upper District Payroll Fund	Inv. Sep 25, Reimbursement of Payroll and Payroll Taxes for Employees Inv. Sep 25D, Reimbursement of Payroll Taxes for Directors	160,228.50 10,447.40	170,675.90
23168	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment System	CalCard Charges Through 10/22/25 Membership/Other Meetings, Travel, Conferences Computer Systems/Office Equipment/Supplies/Maintenance & Service/Utilities Conservation Program Expenses, Education and Outreach	147.91 2,323.29 407.54 1,940.05	4,818.79
23169	VC3, Inc.	Inv. VC3-221040, IT Management Service, September 2025 Inv. VC3-213022, IT Management Service, July 2025 Inv. VC3-217671, IT Management Service, August 2025 Inv. VC3-224803, IT Management Service, October 2025 Inv. VC3-224807, Credit Memo, July 2025 (Board approved 10/11/23)	3,284.05 4,543.20 4,713.65 3,276.05 <u>(1,234.52)</u>	14,582.43
23170	Via Promotions, Inc.	Inv. 23340, District Logo Items		91.94
23171	WaterReuse Association	Inv. D61589, 2026 Annual Membership Dues		18,657.59
23172	Upper District Revolving Fund	Inv. Oct 25, Revolving Fund Account Replenishment - October 2025 Office Supplies Computer Systems/Equipment/Maintenance/Insurance/Outside Service Directors Outreach Telephone/Utilities/Building Maintenance Meeting/Travel/Conferences/Dues/Assessments/Membership District Vehicle Expense Workers Compensation Water Conservation Program Expenses WRP Operation & Maintenance/Permits/Water Purchases/Public Info Medical/ODA Reimbursement/Processing Fee/Others	503.90 7,939.09 5,017.03 10.98 2,726.40 1,871.26 73,152.57 4,130.17	95,351.40
23173	Jennifer Santana	Director's Compensation, September 2025 9 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,916.00 266.87 (500.00) <u>(703.07)</u>	1,979.80
23174	Anthony Fellow	Director's Compensation, October 2025 10 Days District Business 7 Days MWD Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	3,240.00 2,268.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(1,630.95)</u>	3,893.92
23175	Ed Chavez	Director's Compensation, October 2025 10 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	3,240.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(1,398.98)</u>	1,857.89
23176	Charles Treviño	Director's Compensation, October 2025 9 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,916.00 (704.49) (500.00) <u>(1,089.93)</u>	621.58
23177	Jennifer Santana	Director's Compensation, October 2025 6 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	1,944.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(472.05)</u>	1,488.82
23178	Katarina Garcia	Director's Compensation, October 2025 10 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	3,240.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(575.22)</u>	2,681.65
TOTAL			\$ 658,940.24	

Board of Directors
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Submitted herewith for action by the Board of Directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District are the following demands on the District's Water Fund Account at Citizens Business Bank:

1342	Central Basin MWD	Invoice No. USGV-SEP25, Purchase of 5.9 AF of Recycled Water in August 2025 <i>(Previously Paid 11/3/25)</i>	\$ 4,302.40
1343	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. R08312025-D, Purchase of 101.1AF of Recycled Water in August 2025	42,462.00
1344	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. R08312025-E, CIP Charge for August 2025	14,176.70
1345	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. R09302025-D, Purchase of 76.1AF of Recycled Water in September 2025	31,962.00
1346	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. R09302025-E, CIP Charge for September 2025	11,251.70
1347	Metropolitan Water District	Invoice No. 11995, Purchase of 337.3 AF of Treated Water in September 2025	446,282.79
1348	San Gabriel Valley MWD	Invoice No. 581, 99.30 AF of Water Delivered through the Alhambra/MWD Exchange Agreement in September 2025 @ \$260 per AF	25,818.00
1349	Suburban Water System	Invoice No. 6805, Phase IIB Normal Operating Charge, October 2025	<u>1,889.81</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$ 578,145.40</u>



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Expenses	FY ACTUAL MONTH	FY ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE	FY 2025-26 BUDGET	AMOUNT OF BUDGET REMAINING	PERCENT OF BUDGET REMAINING	Comments
Administrative Expenses	\$ 158,194	\$ 659,304	\$ 2,892,000	\$ 2,232,696	77.2%	YTD expenses include payment of annual contribution to CalPERS related to Upper District's unfunded accrued liability.
Water Conservation Program	189,935	491,152	1,901,600	1,410,448	74.2%	YTD expenses are consistent with budgeted amounts.
Stormwater Program	3,442	10,326	41,300	30,974	75.0%	YTD expenses are consistent with budgeted amounts.
Water Recycling Program	207,023	500,169	2,227,000	1,726,831	77.5%	YTD expenses are consistent with budgeted amounts.
Water Quality and Supply Program	51,598	156,602	623,200	466,598	74.9%	YTD expenses are consistent with budgeted amounts.
Water Purchases	5,971,258	6,721,933	57,511,300	50,789,367	88.3%	As of September 30th, Upper Water has delivered 1,207 AF of treated water and 5,100 AF of untreated water.
Operating Expenses	6,581,450	8,539,486	65,196,400	56,656,914	86.9%	
Operating Revenues	7,096,158	8,897,572	65,399,200	56,501,628	86.4%	As of September 30th, Upper Water has delivered 1,207 AF of treated water and 5,100 AF of untreated water.
Net Reserve Activity from Operations (-/+)	514,708	358,086	202,800	n/a	n/a	
Capital Expenditures	-	-	197,000	197,000	100.0%	
Capital Program Revenues	-	-	-	-	0.0%	
Net Change in Cash Due to Capital Outlays	-	-	(197,000)	n/a	n/a	
Total Change in Fund Balances	\$ 514,708	\$ 358,086	\$ 5,800	n/a	n/a	

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	FY ACTUAL MONTH	FY ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE	FY 2025-26 BUDGET	AMOUNT OF BUDGET REMAINING	PERCENT OF BUDGET REMAINING
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING REVENUES					
75% @ 09-30-25					
Water Rate Revenues					
Tier 1 Treated	991,127	1,632,153	4,369,300	2,737,147	63%
Tier 1 Untreated	3,726,704	3,836,354	47,424,000	43,587,646	92%
Upper Surcharge Tier 1 Treated	36,811	82,493	309,000	226,507	73%
Upper Surcharge Tier 1 Untreated	1,348,296	1,390,896	5,356,000	3,965,104	74%
MWD Capacity Charge Revenue	-	90,675	394,000	303,325	77%
Gross MWD Standby Charge-Revenue Reconciliation	496,593	496,593	1,950,000	1,453,407	75%
MSGB Watermaster-Ready-to-Serve	6,300	18,900	75,600	56,700	75%
Sub Total	6,605,831	7,548,064	59,877,900	52,329,836	87%
Revolving Revenue					
MSGB Watermaster-SG River Watermaster	123,500	123,500	106,500	(17,000)	-16%
Sub Total	123,500	123,500	106,500	(17,000)	-16%
Other Administrative Revenues					
Interest/Investment Earnings	15,340	117,358	150,000	32,642	22%
Taxes	-	212,187	822,000	609,813	74%
Other Income (Loss)	3,065	7,973	31,800	23,827	75%
Sub Total	18,405	337,518	1,003,800	666,282	66%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUES	6,747,736	8,009,082	60,988,200	52,979,118	87%
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND REVENUES					
Recycled Water Revenues					
Recycled Water Sales	74,339	151,979	573,000	421,021	73%
Upper Recycled Water Surcharge Revenue	223,980	486,571	1,276,000	789,429	62%
Metropolitan Water District LRP Funds	13,126	30,831	120,000	89,169	74%
Parcel/Standby Charge	-	33,135	2,050,000	2,016,865	98%
Interest/Investment Earnings	1,169	8,726	13,000	4,274	33%
Sub Total	312,614	711,242	4,032,000	3,320,758	82%
Water Conservation Revenues					
Conservation Program Contributions	34,809	168,151	322,500	154,349	48%
Sub Total	34,809	168,151	322,500	154,349	48%
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND REVENUES	347,423	879,393	4,354,500	3,475,107	80%
OTHER FUND REVENUES					
Water Quality and Supply Program Revenues					
Interest/Investment Earnings	-	1,735	50,000	48,265	97%
Sub Total	-	1,735	50,000	48,265	97%
Rate Stabilization Fund Revenues					
Interest/Investment Earnings	999	7,362	6,500	(862)	-13%
Sub Total	999	7,362	6,500	(862)	-13%
TOTAL OTHER FUND REVENUES	999	9,097	56,500	47,403	84%
TOTAL REVENUES	7,096,158	8,897,572	65,399,200	56,501,628	86%

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES					75% @ 09-30-25
<u>Personnel Expenses</u>					
Employee Salaries	131,977	414,615	1,637,000	1,222,385	75%
Employee Benefits	29,288	85,338	389,500	304,162	78%
Retired Employee Benefits	9,345	23,831	122,100	98,269	80%
Employee Travel/Conference	2,848	8,160	60,000	51,840	86%
Sub Total	173,458	531,944	2,208,600	1,676,656	76%
<u>Director Expenses</u>					
Director Compensation	18,019	59,039	216,000	156,961	73%
Director Benefits	18,309	46,494	181,000	134,506	74%
Retired Director Benefits	6,271	9,345	28,400	19,055	67%
Director Public Outreach	2,632	9,061	25,000	15,939	64%
Director Travel/Conference	2,756	10,906	60,000	49,094	82%
Sub Total	47,987	134,845	510,400	375,555	74%
<u>Pension/OPEB Expense</u>					
CalPERS-Employees, Directors, Retirees	14,454	103,136	359,000	255,864	71%
Sub Total	14,454	103,136 (014,000)	359,000	255,864	71%
<u>Office Expenses</u>					
Office Supplies/Equipment	2,801	13,280	45,000	31,720	70%
Equipment Operations & Maintenance	509	1,789	22,000	20,211	92%
Computer Systems	222	13,473	63,000	49,527	79%
Dues and Assessments	-	84,354	86,600	2,246	3%
Meeting Expense	1,318	4,356	37,000	32,644	88%
Sub Total	4,850	117,252	253,600	136,348	54%
<u>Facility Expenses</u>					
Building Maintenance	3,607	10,917	64,000	53,083	83%
Liability/Property Insurance	2,381	16,611	82,200	65,589	80%
Telephone/Utilities	4,337	12,727	56,000	43,273	77%
Sub Total	10,325	40,255	202,200	161,945	80%
<u>Professional Services</u>					
Legal/Financial	5,038	15,048	110,000	94,952	86%
Engineering	8,850	27,932	145,000	117,068	81%
Auditor	-	-	32,300	32,300	100%
Outside Services	2,215	15,409	55,000	39,591	72%
Public Information/Outreach	-	432	1,700	1,268	75%
Sub Total	16,103	58,821	344,000	285,179	83%
<u>Other Expenses</u>					
Election Costs	-	-	322,000	322,000	100%
Sub Total	-	-	322,000	322,000	100%
<u>Allocation to Projects and Programs</u>					
Salaries/Overhead Allocated to Projects	(108,983)	(326,949)	(1,307,800)	(980,851)	75%
Sub Total	(108,983)	(326,949)	(1,307,800)	(980,851)	75%
TOTAL	158,194	659,304	2,892,000	2,232,696	77%
<u>Water Purchases</u>					
Tier 1 Treated	737,106	1,378,131	4,369,300	2,991,169	68%
Tier 1 Untreated	3,726,704	3,836,354	47,424,000	43,587,646	92%
MWD Capacity Charge	105,300	105,300	394,000	288,700	73%
MWD Ready-to-Serve Charge	1,278,648	1,278,648	5,217,500	3,938,852	75%
Sub Total	5,847,758	6,598,433	57,404,800	50,806,367	89%
<u>Revolving Expenses</u>					
San Gabriel River Watermaster	123,500	123,500	106,500	(17,000)	-16%
Sub Total	123,500	123,500	106,500	(17,000)	-16%
TOTAL	5,971,258	6,721,933	57,511,300	50,789,367	88%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	6,129,452	7,381,237	60,403,300	53,022,063	88%

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	FY ACTUAL MONTH	FY ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE	FY 2025-26 BUDGET	AMOUNT OF BUDGET REMAINING	PERCENT OF BUDGET REMAINING
RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM EXPENSES					
					75% @ 09-30-25
Water Purchases-Recycled Water	103,510	133,063	573,000	439,937	77%
SWRCB Loan Repayment	-	101,499	791,000	689,501	87%
Salaries and Overhead Allocation	6,642	19,926	79,700	59,774	75%
Standby Charge Development/Implementation	3,633	3,633	18,700	15,067	81%
Engineering - General	3,300	9,240	40,000	30,760	77%
Lobbyist	7,500	22,500	95,000	72,500	76%
Legal and Financial	-	-	3,000	3,000	100%
Public Information	-	2,406	5,000	2,594	52%
Operation and Maintenance Phase I/IIA	33,745	125,581	421,300	295,719	70%
Operation and Maintenance Phase IIB	48,693	82,321	200,300	117,979	59%
Sub Total	207,023	500,169	2,227,000	1,726,831	78%
TOTAL RECYCLED WATER EXPENSES	207,023	500,169	2,227,000	1,726,831	78%
CAPITAL PROGRAM EXPENSES					
<u>San Gabriel Valley Water Recycling Project</u>					
Direct Reuse Program	-	-	100,000	100,000	100%
Legal and Financial	-	-	2,000	2,000	100%
Sub Total	-	-	102,000	102,000	100%
<u>Other Capital Program Expenses</u>					
USG Connections	-	-	95,000	95,000	100%
Sub Total	-	-	95,000	95,000	100%
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	-	-	197,000	197,000	100%
STORMWATER PROGRAM EXPENSES					
<u>Stormwater Program</u>					
Salaries and Overhead Allocation	3,442	10,326	41,300	30,974	75%
Sub Total	3,442	10,326	41,300	30,974	75%
TOTAL STORMWATER EXPENSES	3,442	10,326	41,300	30,974	75%

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WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM EXPENSES					
WATER USE EFFICIENCY					
<u>Residential Programs</u>					
Member Agency Administered Programs	56,336	97,148	167,500	70,352	42%
Regional Rebate Program	6,540	14,558	50,000	35,442	71%
Sub Total	62,876	111,706	217,500	105,794	49%
<u>Commercial/Industrial/Institution Programs</u>					
Member Agency Administered Programs	-	35,338	105,000	69,662	66%
Regional Rebate Program	-	5,000	-	(5,000)	0%
Sub Total	-	40,338	105,000	64,662	62%
<u>Allocation to Conservation Programs</u>					
Salaries & Overhead	19,625	58,875	235,500	176,625	75%
Sub Total	19,625	58,875	235,500	176,625	75%
TOTAL WATER USE EFFICIENCY EXPENSES	82,501	210,919	558,000	347,081	62%
EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH					
<u>Watershed Programs</u>					
Natural Vegetation Restoration Program	-	8,500	20,000	11,500	58%
Sub Total	-	8,500	20,000	11,500	58%
<u>Educational Programs</u>					
Educational Activities	341	7,782	60,000	52,218	87%
Memberships	11,500	11,836	145,000	133,164	92%
Educational Materials/Grant Program	-	(1,126)	60,000	61,126	102%
Educational Outreach Programs/Events	185	5,019	160,000	154,981	97%
Sub Total	12,026	23,511	425,000	401,489	94%
<u>Outreach and Information Programs</u>					
Public Workshops/Seminars	1,950	6,053	40,000	33,947	85%
Conservation Devices/Items	24,167	27,193	45,000	17,807	40%
Bottled Water Program	3,339	3,339	15,500	12,161	78%
Community/Industry Sponsorships	5,500	10,300	35,000	24,700	71%
Displays/Fairs/Presentations	447	1,724	5,000	3,276	66%
Conferences/Meetings	69	497	12,000	11,503	96%
Public Information	604	20,907	100,000	79,093	79%
Technical Assistance	12,009	36,336	70,000	33,664	48%
Legal/Financial	148	348	10,000	9,652	97%
Sub Total	48,233	106,697	332,500	225,803	68%
<u>Allocation to Conservation Programs</u>					
Salaries & Overhead	47,175	141,525	566,100	424,575	75%
Sub Total	47,175	141,525	566,100	424,575	75%
TOTAL EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH EXPENSES	107,434	280,233	1,343,600	1,063,367	79%
TOTAL WATER CONSERVATION EXPENSES	189,935	491,152	1,901,600	1,410,448	74%
WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY PROGRAM EXPENSES					
<u>Policy 9-00-8 Groundwater Remediation Projects</u>					
Engineering for Water Supply Projects	8,581	16,501	73,000	56,499	77%
Legislative Consultant	-	20,000	125,000	105,000	84%
Outside Services	2,500	7,500	-	(7,500)	0%
Sub Total	11,081	44,001	198,000	153,999	78%
<u>Other Expenses</u>					
Urban Water Management Plan/Related Studies	-	278	20,000	19,722	99%
Integrated Resources Plan	8,344	15,268	10,000	(5,268)	-53%
Water Supply Reliability Plan/Emergency Preparedness	-	-	5,000	5,000	100%
Legal and Financial	73	755	5,000	4,245	85%
Salaries and Overhead Allocation	32,100	96,300	385,200	288,900	75%
Sub Total	40,517	112,601	425,200	312,599	74%
TOTAL WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY EXPENSES	51,598	156,602	623,200	466,598	75%
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,581,450	8,539,486	65,393,400	56,853,914	87%

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CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

Cash Account Balances

	Amount (\$)
General Fund-Checking	\$ 521,615.57
Water Fund-Checking	472,258.45
Revolving Fund	96,315.82
Revolving Payroll Fund	169,168.63
Total Cash Account Balances	<u>\$ 1,259,358.47</u>

Investment Account Balances

	Market Value	Cost/Book Value
Local Agency Investment Fund	\$ 9,732,017.26	\$ 9,732,017.26
Other Investments	5,713,834.91	5,627,795.79
Total Investment Account Balances	<u>\$ 15,445,852.17</u>	<u>\$ 15,359,813.05</u>

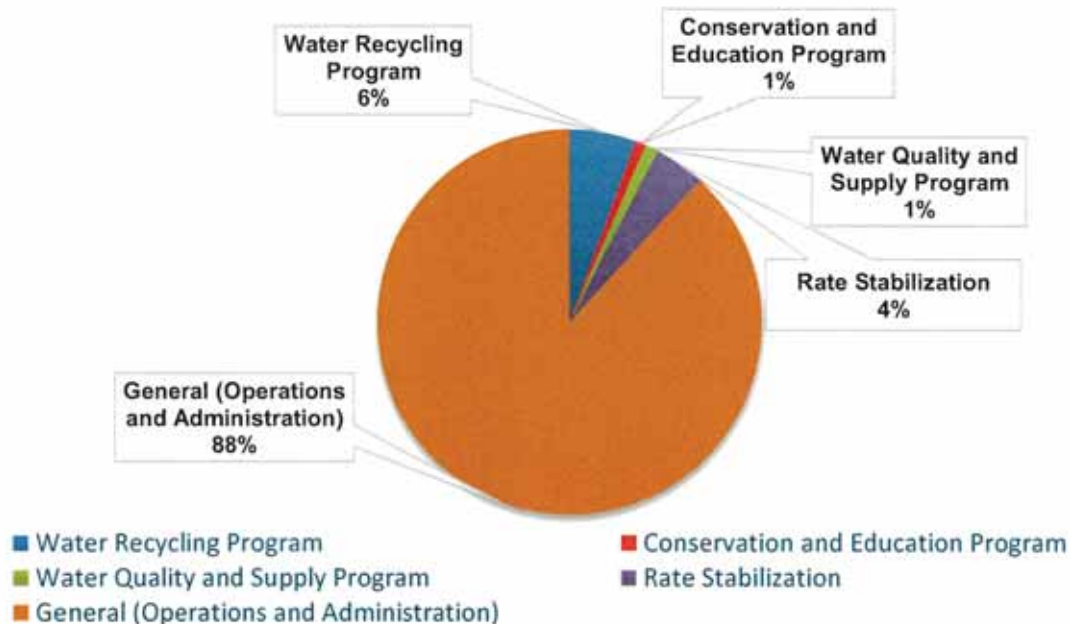
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DISTRICT FUND BALANCES

Capital Program Fund:	
Water Recycling Program	\$ 937,895.00
Conservation and Education Program	147,228.00
Water Quality and Supply Program	185,642.00
Sub Total	<u>1,270,765.00</u>
Rate Stabilization Fund	712,182.00
General Fund (Operations and Administration)	14,722,263.64
Total Fund Balances	<u><u>\$ 16,705,210.64</u></u>

MANAGEMENT STATEMENT: It is the opinion of management that all fund balances are in compliance with all applicable statutes and the current investment policy of the District. It is also the opinion of management that projected cash flow liquidity is adequate to meet the next six months of expected obligations of the District.

DISTRICT RESERVE FUND BALANCES



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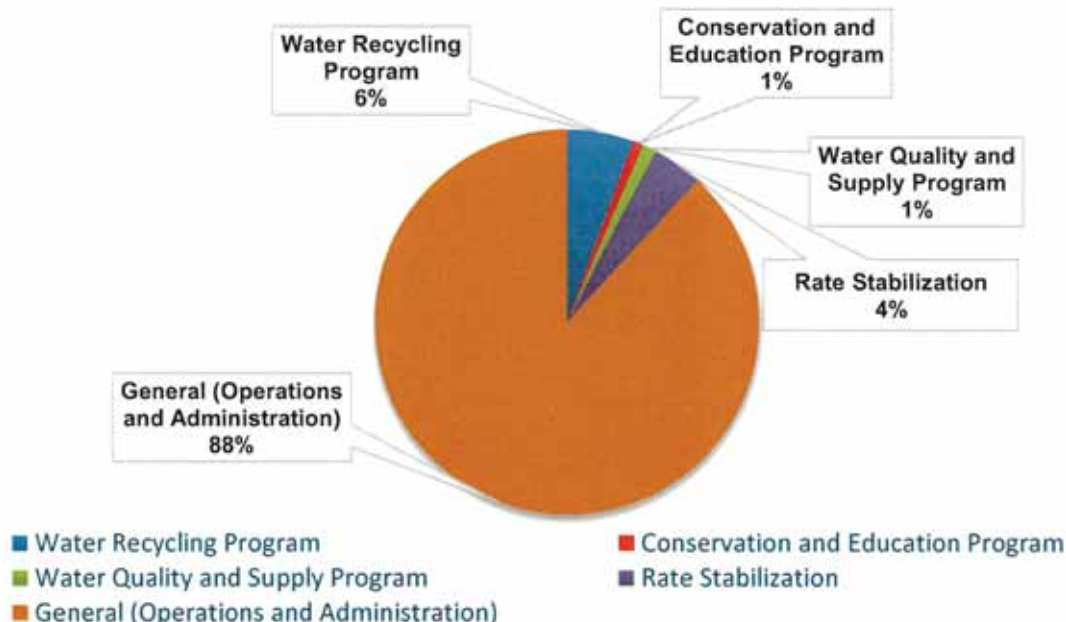
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General Fund (Operations and Administration)	14,722,263.64
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 16,705,210.64</u>

MANAGEMENT STATEMENT: It is the opinion of management that all fund balances are in compliance with all applicable statutes and the current investment policy of the District. It is also the opinion of management that projected cash flow liquidity is adequate to meet the next six months of expected obligations of the District.

DISTRICT RESERVE FUND BALANCES





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DATE: October 31, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: District Treasurer Katarina Garcia
SUBJECT: Quarterly Report Regarding District Investments

The Board of Directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper Water) has adopted a policy regarding the investment of district funds. The policy established specific guidelines for district investment activity, delegated investment responsibility and authority to the General Manager and set forth requirements for the Treasurer of the Board to oversee all Upper Water investment transactions and make regular reports to the Board regarding district investments. This letter is the Treasurer's Report of Upper Water investment activity for the quarter ended September 30, 2025.

As of September 30, 2025, Upper Water had \$9,732,017.26 invested in the State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), which earned 4.34% during the quarter.

Upper Water investments managed by Chandler Asset Management has a total market value of \$5,713,834.90 and an average market yield of 3.84% as of September 30, 2025. Details are as follows:

<u>Security Type</u>	<u>Cost/Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
ABS	\$ 303,722.66	\$ 304,222.24
Agency	1,531,643.11	1,559,725.35
Agency CMBS	300,019.53	300,730.63
Money Market Fund	16,370.48	16,370.48
U.S. Corporate	907,696.50	915,455.92
U.S. Treasury	2,409,500.40	2,455,294.19
Supranational	154,743.70	157,936.68
Cash	4,099.41	4,099.41
Totals	\$ 5,627,795.79	\$ 5,713,834.90

To the best of my knowledge, as Treasurer of the Upper Water, this report is an accurate representation of district investments and these investments comply with Upper Water's investment policy and applicable statutes. Detailed information regarding all Upper Water investments is attached with this memorandum for your review.

//Attachments

California State Treasurer

Fiona Ma, CPA



Local Agency Investment Fund
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October 31, 2025

[LAIF Home](#)
[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

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[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Account Number: 90-19-021

September 2025 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Web Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
9/8/2025	9/5/2025	RD	1782170	N/A	EVELYN RODRIGUEZ	5,300,000.00
9/9/2025	9/9/2025	RD	1782249	N/A	EVELYN RODRIGUEZ	700,000.00
9/29/2025	9/24/2025	RW	1782854	N/A	EVELYN RODRIGUEZ	-1,800,000.00

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	6,000,000.00	Beginning Balance:	5,532,017.26
Total Withdrawal:	-1,800,000.00	Ending Balance:	9,732,017.26



PMIA/LAIF Performance Report as of 10/22/25



Quarterly Performance Quarter Ended 9/30/25

LAIF Apportionment Rate ⁽²⁾ :	4.34
LAIF Earnings Ratio ⁽²⁾ :	0.00011893333163814
LAIF Administrative Cost ^{(1)*} :	0.26
LAIF Fair Value Factor ⁽¹⁾ :	1.001929581
PMIA Daily ⁽¹⁾ :	4.19
PMIA Quarter to Date ⁽¹⁾ :	4.24
PMIA Average Life ⁽¹⁾ :	254

PMIA Average Monthly Effective Yields⁽¹⁾

September	4.212
August	4.251
July	4.258
June	4.269
May	4.272
April	4.281

Pooled Money Investment Account Monthly Portfolio Composition ⁽¹⁾ 9/30/25 \$161.7 billion

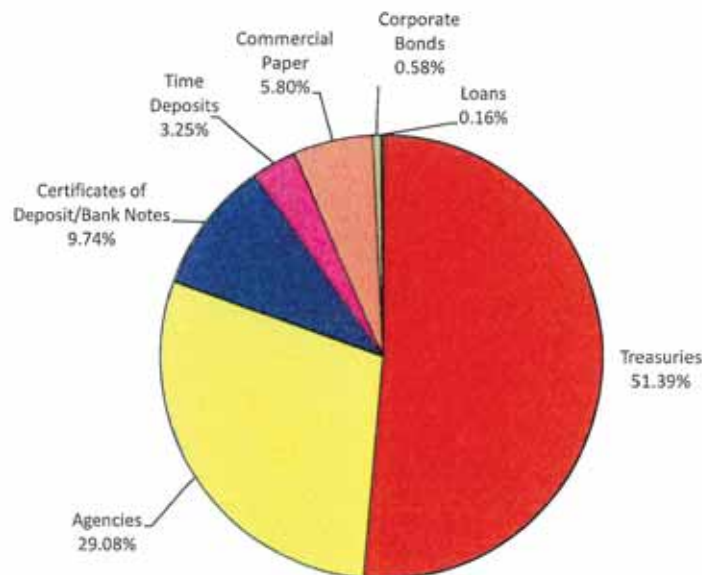


Chart does not include \$987,000.00 in mortgages, which equates to 0.001%. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Daily rates are now available here. [View PMIA Daily Rates](#)

Notes: The apportionment rate includes interest earned on the CalPERS Supplemental Pension Payment pursuant to Government Code 20825 (c)(1).

*The percentage of administrative cost equals the total administrative cost divided by the quarterly interest earnings. The law provides that administrative costs are not to exceed 5% of quarterly EARNINGS of the fund. However, if the 13-week Daily Treasury Bill Rate on the last day of the fiscal year is below 1%, then administrative costs shall not exceed 8% of quarterly EARNINGS of the fund for the subsequent fiscal year.

Source:

⁽¹⁾ State of California, Office of the Treasurer

⁽²⁾ State of California, Office of the Controller



State of California

Pooled Money Investment Account

Market Valuation

9/30/2025

Description	Carrying Cost Plus Accrued Interest Purch.	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Accrued Int
United States Treasury:				
Bills	\$ 39,599,745,147.02	\$ 39,973,471,901.90	\$ 39,985,802,450.00	NA
Notes	\$ 43,494,437,239.54	\$ 43,477,478,895.29	\$ 43,720,178,000.00	\$ 396,089,
Federal Agency:				
SBA	\$ 262,881,870.42	\$ 262,768,178.80	\$ 260,243,125.97	\$ 1,048,
MBS-REMICs	\$ 986,577.07	\$ 986,577.07	\$ 996,338.26	\$ 4,
Debentures	\$ 5,820,766,716.29	\$ 5,820,766,716.29	\$ 5,837,507,030.00	\$ 42,941,
Debentures FR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Debentures CL	\$ 3,150,000,000.00	\$ 3,150,000,000.00	\$ 3,162,895,050.00	\$ 39,916,
Discount Notes	\$ 34,045,057,208.42	\$ 34,430,751,569.55	\$ 34,435,696,650.00	NA
Supranational Debentures	\$ 3,735,297,997.63	\$ 3,734,838,622.61	\$ 3,752,739,630.00	\$ 27,482,
Supranational Debentures FR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$
CDs and YCDs FR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Bank Notes	\$ 200,000,000.00	\$ 200,000,000.00	\$ 199,956,589.25	\$ 1,148,
CDs and YCDs	\$ 15,550,000,000.00	\$ 15,550,000,000.00	\$ 15,553,645,102.15	\$ 198,281,
Commercial Paper	\$ 9,375,972,041.62	\$ 9,473,396,736.20	\$ 9,476,638,541.63	NA
Corporate:				
Bonds FR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Bonds	\$ 943,615,108.85	\$ 943,498,546.35	\$ 945,273,378.00	\$ 9,127,
Repurchase Agreements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Reverse Repurchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Time Deposits	\$ 5,249,000,000.00	\$ 5,249,000,000.00	\$ 5,249,000,000.00	NA
PMIA & GF Loans	\$ 262,742,740.00	\$ 262,742,740.00	\$ 262,742,740.00	NA
TOTAL	\$ 161,690,502,646.86	\$ 162,529,700,484.06	\$ 162,843,314,625.26	\$ 716,041,

Fair Value Including Accrued Interest

\$ 163,559,355,755.38

Repurchase Agreements, Time Deposits, PMIA & General Fund loans, and Reverse Repurchase agreements are carried at portfolio book value (carrying cost).

The value of each participating dollar equals the fair value divided by the amortized cost (1.001929581)
As an example: if an agency has an account balance of \$20,000,000.00, then the agency would report its



PAR VALUES MATURING BY DATE AND TYPE

Maturities in Millions of Dollars¹

ITEM	1 day to 30 days	31 days to 60 days	61 days to 90 days	91 days to 120 days	121 days to 150 days	151 days to 180 days	181 days to 210 days	211 days to 270 days	271 days to 1 year	1 year to 2 years	2 years to 3 years	3 years to 4 years	4 years to 5 year/out	Total	Weight (%) of Total)
TREASURY	\$ 10,500	\$ 7,400	\$ 11,900	\$ 7,400	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,250	\$ -	\$ 2,900	\$ 5,700	\$ 15,600	\$ 7,400	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,050	\$ 83,850	51.31%
AGENCY ²	\$ 8,713	\$ 7,883	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,350	\$ 8,850	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,200	\$ 250	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,450	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,570	\$ 2,500	\$ 48,056	29.41%
CDs + BNs	\$ 4,850	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,100	\$ 950	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,200	\$ 200	\$ 800	\$ 100				\$ 15,750	9.64%
CP	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,500	\$ 900	\$ 1,350	\$ 400	\$ 450	\$ 100						\$ 9,550	5.84%
TDs	\$ 1,203	\$ 626	\$ 1,203	\$ 1,205	\$ 365	\$ 647								\$ 5,249	3.21%
CORP BND	\$ 32		\$ 25		\$ 15		\$ 105	\$ 25	\$ 139	\$ 159	\$ 223	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 948	0.58%
REPO														\$ -	0.00%
BAs														\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 28,598	\$ 19,859	\$ 21,078	\$ 14,805	\$ 20,580	\$ 9,097	\$ 3,955	\$ 3,475	\$ 7,789	\$ 17,309	\$ 9,763	\$ 3,470	\$ 3,625	\$ 163,403	100.00%
Percent	17.50%	12.15%	12.90%	9.06%	12.59%	5.57%	2.42%	2.13%	4.77%	10.59%	5.97%	2.12%	2.22%		
Cumulative %	17.50%	29.65%	42.55%	51.61%	64.21%	69.78%	72.20%	74.32%	79.09%	89.68%	95.66%	97.78%	100.00%		

¹ Figures are rounded to the nearest million. Percentages may be off due to rounding. Totals do not include PMIA and General Fund loans.

² SBA Floating Rate Securities are represented at coupon change date. Mortgages are represented at current book value.



MONTHLY ACCOUNT STATEMENT

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District | Account #10214 | As of September 30, 2025

CHANDLER ASSET MANAGEMENT | chandlerasset.com

Chandler Team:

For questions about your account, please call (800) 317-4747,
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Custodian:

US Bank

Information contained herein is confidential. We urge you to compare this statement to the one you receive from your qualified custodian. Please see Important Disclosures at the end of the statement.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY



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Portfolio Characteristics

Average Modified Duration	1.47
Average Coupon	4.22%
Average Purchase YTM	4.22%
Average Market YTM	3.84%
Average Credit Quality*	AA+
Average Final Maturity	1.68
Average Life	1.51

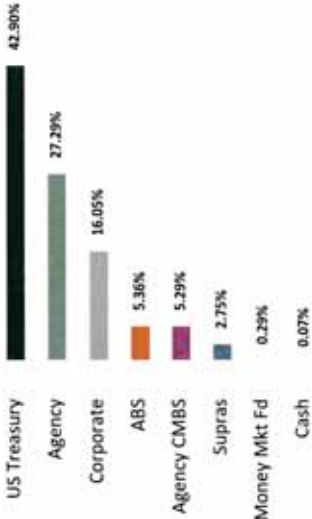
Account Summary

	End Values as of 08/31/2025	End Values as of 09/30/2025
Market Value	5,649,150.65	5,662,837.83
Accrued Interest	47,179.80	50,997.08
Total Market Value	5,696,330.45	5,713,834.91
Income Earned	16,648.44	23,261.18
Cont./WD	0.00	0.00
Par	5,624,278.90	5,629,469.89
Book Value	5,619,339.59	5,634,426.86
Cost Value	5,613,037.71	5,627,795.79

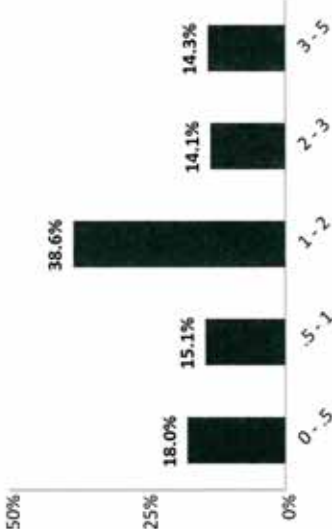
Top Issuers

United States	42.90%
Farm Credit System	21.11%
Federal Home Loan Banks	6.18%
FHLMC	5.29%
American Express Credit Master Trust	1.79%
Mercedes-Benz Auto Receivables Trust	1.79%
WF Card Issuance Trust	1.78%
Inter-American Development Bank	1.77%

Sector Allocation



Maturity Distribution



Credit Quality*



Performance Review

Total Rate of Return**	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	2YRS	3YRS	5YRS	10YRS	Since Inception (06/01/14)
Upper San Gabriel VMWD	0.32%	1.07%	3.67%	3.97%	5.21%	4.55%	2.07%	1.93%	1.78%
Benchmark Return	0.33%	1.13%	3.73%	4.04%	5.20%	4.50%	1.98%	1.82%	1.70%

*The average credit quality is a weighted average calculation of the highest of S&P, Moody's and Fitch.
**Periods over 1 year are annualized.
Benchmark: ICE BofA 0-3 Year US Treasury Index

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE



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Rules Name	Limit	Actual	Compliance Status	Notes
COLLATERALIZED BANK DEPOSITS				
Max Maturity (Years)	1.0	0.0	Compliant	
Min Rating (F1 by Fitch if > FDIC Limit)	0.0	0.0	Compliant	
COLLATERALIZED TIME DEPOSITS (NON-NEGOTIABLE CD/TD)				
Max Maturity (Years)	1.0	0.0	Compliant	
Min Rating (F1 by Fitch if > FDIC Limit)	0.0	0.0	Compliant	
CORPORATE MEDIUM TERM NOTES				
Max % (MV)	30.0	16.0	Compliant	
Max % Issuer (MV)	5.0	1.1	Compliant	
Max Maturity (Years)	5	3	Compliant	
Min Rating (A- by 1 if < 2 Years; AA- if > 2 Years)	0.0	0.0	Compliant	
FDIC INSURED TIME DEPOSITS (NON-NEGOTIABLE CD/TD)				
Max Maturity (Years)	1	0.0	Compliant	
FEDERAL AGENCIES				
Max % (MV)	60.0	27.3	Compliant	
Max Maturity (Years)	5	2	Compliant	
LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF)				
Max Concentration (MV)	75.0	0.0	Compliant	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (LGIP)				
Max % (MV)	100.0	0.0	Compliant	
MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUNDS				
Max % (MV)	20.0	0.3	Compliant	
Max % Issuer (MV)	20.0	0.3	Compliant	
Min Rating (AAA by 2)	0.0	0.0	Compliant	
NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (NCD)				
Max % (MV)	30.0	0.0	Compliant	
Max Maturity (Years)	1	0.0	Compliant	
Min Rating (F1 by Fitch if > FDIC Limit)	0.0	0.0	Compliant	
SUPRANATIONAL OBLIGATIONS				
Max % (MV)	30.0	2.8	Compliant	
Max % Issuer (MV)	10.0	1.8	Compliant	
Max Maturity (Years)	5	1	Compliant	

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE



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Rules Name	Limit	Actual	Compliance Status	Notes
Min Rating (AA- by 1)	0.0	0.0	Compliant	
U.S. TREASURIES				
Max % (MV)	100.0	42.9	Compliant	
Max Maturity (Years)	5	4	Compliant	

RECONCILIATION SUMMARY

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District | Account #10214 | As of September 30, 2025



Maturities / Calls		
Month to Date	(65,000.00)	
Fiscal Year to Date	(290,000.00)	
Principal Paydowns		
Month to Date	0.00	
Fiscal Year to Date	0.00	
Purchases		
Month to Date	1,691,893.87	
Fiscal Year to Date	1,950,315.24	
Sales		
Month to Date	(1,608,347.80)	
Fiscal Year to Date	(1,609,686.32)	
Change in Cash, Payables, Receivables		
Month to Date	(3,684.49)	
Fiscal Year to Date	496.67	
Amortization/Accretion		
Month to Date	225.69	
Fiscal Year to Date	1,006.56	
Realized Gain (Loss)		
Month to Date	0.00	
Fiscal Year to Date	0.00	
Ending Book Value		
Month to Date	5,634,426.86	
Fiscal Year to Date	5,634,426.86	

Accrual Activity Summary

	Month to Date	Fiscal Year to Date (07/01/2025)
Beginning Book Value	5,619,339.59	5,582,294.71
Maturities/Calls	(65,000.00)	(290,000.00)
Principal Paydowns	0.00	0.00
Purchases	1,691,893.87	1,950,315.24
Sales	(1,608,347.80)	(1,609,686.32)
Change in Cash, Payables, Receivables	(3,684.49)	496.67
Amortization/Accretion	225.69	1,006.56
Realized Gain (Loss)	0.00	0.00
Ending Book Value	5,634,426.86	5,634,426.86

Fair Market Activity Summary

	Month to Date	Fiscal Year to Date (07/01/2025)
Beginning Market Value	5,649,150.65	5,609,752.19
Maturities/Calls	(65,000.00)	(290,000.00)
Principal Paydowns	0.00	0.00
Purchases	1,691,893.87	1,950,315.24
Sales	(1,608,347.80)	(1,609,686.32)
Change in Cash, Payables, Receivables	(3,684.49)	496.67
Amortization/Accretion	225.69	1,006.56
Change in Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(1,400.10)	953.48
Realized Gain (Loss)	0.00	0.00
Ending Market Value	5,662,837.83	5,662,837.83

Interest Received		
Month to Date	27,223.28	
Fiscal Year to Date	60,644.65	
Purchased / Sold Interest		
Month to Date	(8,005.07)	
Fiscal Year to Date	(8,005.07)	

HOLDINGS REPORT



Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District | Account #10214 | As of September 30, 2025

Cusip	Security Description	Par Value/ Units	Purchase Date Purchase Yield	Cost Value Book Value	Mkt Price Mkt YTM	Market Value Accrued Int.	% of Port. Gain/Loss	Moody's/ S&P/ Fitch	Maturity Duration
ABS									
58768VAD7	MBALT 2025-A A3 4.61 04/16/2029	100,000.00	09/24/2025 3.87%	101,410.16 101,400.47	101.39 3.98%	101,394.38 204.89	1.79% (6.09)	NA/AAA AAA	3.54 2.05
02589BAE0	AMXCA 2024-3 A 4.65 07/15/2027	100,000.00	09/24/2025 3.85%	101,449.22 101,436.01	101.40 3.87%	101,399.52 206.67	1.79% (36.49)	NA/AAA AAA	1.79 1.68
92970QAE5	WFCIT 2024-2 A 4.29 10/15/2029	100,000.00	09/24/2025 3.88%	100,863.28 100,856.37	100.83 3.90%	100,826.12 190.67	1.78% (30.25)	Aaa/AAA NA	4.04 1.92
Total ABS		300,000.00	3.87%	303,722.66 303,692.85	101.21 3.92%	303,620.02 602.22	5.36% (72.83)		3.12 1.88
AGENCY									
3133EPC37	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.875 11/13/2025	100,000.00	11/27/2023 4.93%	99,891.00 99,993.45	100.07 4.22%	100,067.33 1,868.75	1.77% 73.88	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.12 0.12
3133EPL37	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.625 12/08/2025	100,000.00	12/18/2023 4.50%	100,230.00 100,021.72	100.07 4.16%	100,074.73 1,451.74	1.77% 53.01	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.19 0.18
3133EPW68	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.125 01/22/2026	100,000.00	01/24/2024 4.40%	99,490.00 99,920.84	100.04 3.97%	100,037.50 790.63	1.77% 116.67	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.31 0.30
3133EN7J3	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 3.875 02/02/2026	69,000.00	02/15/2023 4.51%	67,798.71 68,862.33	99.95 3.99%	68,966.86 438.20	1.22% 104.53	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.34 0.33
3133EPCF0	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.5 03/02/2026	100,000.00	03/23/2023 3.97%	101,445.00 100,204.51	100.22 3.96%	100,216.81 362.50	1.77% 12.30	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.42 0.41
3133EPT77	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 3.75 04/13/2026	100,000.00	04/10/2023 3.99%	99,332.00 99,881.76	99.94 3.86%	99,941.09 1,750.00	1.76% 59.33	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.53 0.51
3130AWLZ1	FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS 4.75 06/12/2026	90,000.00	07/19/2023 4.45%	90,720.00 90,172.85	100.69 3.73%	90,623.56 1,294.38	1.60% 450.70	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.70 0.67
3133EPZY4	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 5.0 07/30/2026	100,000.00	10/30/2023 5.01%	99,970.00 99,990.97	101.04 3.72%	101,035.50 847.22	1.78% 1,044.53	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.83 0.80
3133EPUW3	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.75 09/01/2026	95,000.00	10/23/2023 4.99%	94,392.00 94,804.72	100.94 3.69%	95,893.95 376.04	1.69% 1,089.23	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.92 0.89
3130AXU63	FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS 4.625 11/17/2026	105,000.00	11/16/2023 4.69%	104,814.15 104,930.14	101.01 3.70%	106,061.35 1,807.60	1.87% 1,131.21	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.13 1.07

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Cusip	Security Description	Par Value/ Units	Purchase Date Purchase Yield	Cost Value Book Value	Mkt Price Mkt YTM	Market Value Accrued Int.	% of Port. Gain/Loss	Moody's/ S&P/ Fitch	Maturity Duration
3133EP6K6	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.5 03/26/2027	125,000.00	03/25/2024 4.45%	125,181.25 125,089.55	101.18 3.68%	126,469.02 78.13	2.23% 1,379.47	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.48 1.43
3133ERFJ5	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.5 05/20/2027	100,000.00	05/23/2024 4.80%	99,184.50 99,554.50	101.28 3.69%	101,278.39 1,637.50	1.79% 1,723.89	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.64 1.54
3133ERMB4	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.25 07/23/2027	100,000.00	07/22/2024 4.34%	99,752.00 99,850.52	100.97 3.69%	100,965.45 802.78	1.78% 1,114.93	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.81 1.72
3133ERNP2	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORP 4.0 08/06/2027	100,000.00	08/22/2024 3.86%	100,383.00 100,239.46	100.54 3.69%	100,539.53 611.11	1.78% 300.06	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.85 1.76
3130AWTR1	FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS 4.375 09/08/2028	150,000.00	09/15/2023 4.51%	149,059.50 149,444.60	102.01 3.65%	153,018.46 419.27	2.70% 3,573.86	Aa1/AA+ AA+	2.94 2.73
Total Agency		1,534,000.00	4.49%	1,531,643.11 1,532,961.92	100.73 3.81%	1,545,189.51 14,535.84	27.29% 12,227.59		1.11 1.05
AGENCY CMBS									
3137FEZU7	FHMS K-076 A2 3.9 04/25/2028	100,000.00	09/24/2025 3.81%	100,011.72 100,011.69	99.99 3.83%	99,986.19 325.00	1.77% (25.50)	Aa1/AA+ AAA	2.57 2.32
3137FG6X8	FHMS K-077 A2 3.85 05/25/2028	100,000.00	09/24/2025 3.81%	99,902.34 99,902.55	99.80 3.86%	99,802.81 320.83	1.76% (99.74)	Aa1/AA+ AAA	2.65 2.40
3137FGZT5	FHMS K-079 A2 3.926 06/25/2028	100,000.00	09/24/2025 3.81%	100,105.47 100,105.25	99.97 3.87%	99,968.63 327.17	1.77% (136.62)	Aa1/AAA AA+	2.74 2.53
Total Agency CMBS		300,000.00	3.81%	300,019.53 300,019.50	99.92 3.85%	299,757.63 973.00	5.29% (261.87)		2.65 2.42
CASH									
CCYUSD	Receivable	4,099.41	--	4,099.41 4,099.41	1.00 0.00%	4,099.41 0.00	0.07% 0.00	Aaa/AAA AAA	0.00 0.00
Total Cash		4,099.41		4,099.41 4,099.41	1.00 0.00%	4,099.41 0.00	0.07% 0.00		0.00 0.00
CORPORATE									
594918BJ2	MICROSOFT CORP 3.125 11/03/2025	65,000.00	01/24/2023 4.28%	63,051.30 64,936.46	99.90 4.25%	64,931.99 835.07	1.15% (4.47)	Aaa/AAA NA	0.09 0.09
00287YDR7	ABBVIE INC 4.8 03/15/2027	60,000.00	09/23/2025 3.89%	60,733.20 60,723.12	101.14 3.99%	60,681.29 128.00	1.07% (41.82)	A3/A- NA	1.45 1.32
025816CP2	AMERICAN EXPRESS CO 3.3 05/03/2027	60,000.00	09/23/2025 3.90%	59,444.40 59,451.04	98.97 3.98%	59,380.65 814.00	1.05% (70.38)	A2/A- A	1.59 1.51

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Cusip	Security Description	Par Value/ Units	Purchase Date Purchase Yield	Cost Value Book Value	Mkt Price Mkt YTM	Market Value Accrued Int.	% of Port. Gain/Loss	Moody's/ S&P/ Fitch	Maturity Duration
665859AW4	NORTHERN TRUST CORP 4.0 05/10/2027	60,000.00	09/24/2025 3.87%	60,114.00 60,112.78	100.16 3.90%	60,093.48 940.00	1.06% (19.31)	A2/A+ A+	1.61 1.44
009158AY2	AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS INC 1.85 05/15/2027	60,000.00	09/23/2025 3.83%	58,123.20 58,145.17	96.81 3.90%	58,086.49 419.33	1.03% (58.68)	A2/A NA	1.62 1.56
756109BG8	REALTY INCOME CORP 3.95 08/15/2027	60,000.00	09/24/2025 3.97%	59,978.40 59,978.59	99.90 4.00%	59,939.94 302.83	1.06% (38.65)	A3/A- NA	1.87 1.78
63743HFT4	NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORP 4.12 09/16/2027	60,000.00	09/24/2025 3.90%	60,240.60 60,238.51	100.36 3.93%	60,214.04 103.00	1.06% (24.47)	A2/A- A	1.96 1.79
89236TKJ3	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP 4.55 09/20/2027	60,000.00	09/23/2025 3.90%	60,740.40 60,733.26	101.15 3.93%	60,692.08 83.42	1.07% (41.18)	A1/A+ A+	1.97 1.87
532457CU0	ELI LILLY AND CO 4.55 02/12/2028	60,000.00	09/24/2025 3.81%	60,964.20 60,957.30	101.49 3.88%	60,894.38 371.58	1.08% (62.93)	Aa3/A+ NA	2.37 2.14
341081GN1	FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO 4.4 05/15/2028	60,000.00	09/24/2025 3.87%	60,742.80 60,737.86	101.13 3.94%	60,676.24 997.33	1.07% (61.62)	Aa2/A+ AA-	2.62 2.27
06406RBN6	BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON CORP 4.543 02/01/2029	60,000.00	09/23/2025 3.94%	60,799.80 60,793.29	101.12 4.40%	60,674.08 454.30	1.07% (119.21)	Aa3/A AA-	3.34 2.18
857477CN1	STATE STREET CORP 4.53 02/20/2029	60,000.00	09/23/2025 4.00%	60,717.60 60,711.89	101.07 4.37%	60,642.40 309.55	1.07% (69.48)	Aa3/A AA-	3.39 2.23
09290DAA9	BLACKROCK INC 4.7 03/14/2029	60,000.00	09/23/2025 3.87%	61,574.40 61,565.51	102.29 3.98%	61,373.21 133.17	1.08% (192.30)	Aa3/AA- NA	3.45 3.09
46647PAV8	JPMORGAN CHASE & CO 4.203 07/23/2029	60,000.00	09/23/2025 4.09%	60,178.20 60,176.99	100.19 4.47%	60,116.04 476.34	1.06% (60.95)	A1/A AA-	3.81 2.61
06051GHM4	BANK OF AMERICA CORP 4.271 07/23/2029	60,000.00	09/23/2025 4.08%	60,294.00 60,292.01	100.35 4.49%	60,207.63 484.05	1.06% (84.37)	A1/A- AA-	3.81 2.61
Total Corporate		905,000.00	3.95%	907,696.50 909,553.76	100.41 4.10%	908,603.95 6,851.97	16.05% (949.81)		2.32 1.89

MONEY MARKET FUND

31846V203	FIRST AMER:GVT OBLG Y	16,370.48	-- 3.73%	16,370.48 16,370.48	1.00 3.73%	16,370.48 0.00	0.29% 0.00	Aaa/ AAA AAA	0.00 0.00
Total Money Market Fund		16,370.48	3.73%	16,370.48 16,370.48	1.00 3.73%	16,370.48 0.00	0.29% 0.00		0.00 0.00

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SUPRANATIONAL									
4581X0EK0	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK 4.5 05/15/2026	100,000.00	06/27/2023 4.53%	99,923.00 99,983.33	100.34 3.94%	100,339.23 1,700.00	1.77% 355.90	Aaa/AAA NA	0.62 0.60
45950KDF4	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORP 4.375 01/15/2027	55,000.00	11/29/2023 4.49%	54,820.70 54,925.66	100.71 3.80%	55,389.35 508.10	0.98% 463.69	Aaa/AAA NA	1.29 1.23
Total				154,743.70	100.47	155,728.58	2.75%		0.86
Supranational		155,000.00	4.52%	154,908.99	3.89%	2,208.10	819.59		0.83
US TREASURY									
91282CFP1	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.25 10/15/2025	120,000.00	12/12/2022 4.15%	120,318.75 120,004.30	100.00 4.17%	120,000.04 2,354.92	2.12% (4.26)	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.04 0.04
91282CGA3	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.0 12/15/2025	120,000.00	12/15/2022 3.95%	120,150.00 120,010.27	100.00 3.94%	120,003.52 1,416.39	2.12% (6.76)	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.21 0.20
91282CGE5	UNITED STATES TREASURY 3.875 01/15/2026	100,000.00	-- 4.33%	99,214.45 99,875.41	99.97 3.95%	99,969.73 821.33	1.77% 94.32	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.29 0.28
91282CKB6	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.625 02/28/2026	125,000.00	03/25/2024 4.63%	124,980.47 124,995.84	100.28 3.93%	125,345.70 495.08	2.21% 349.86	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.41 0.41
91282CHB0	UNITED STATES TREASURY 3.625 05/15/2026	140,000.00	05/23/2023 3.98%	138,610.94 139,711.20	99.86 3.84%	139,808.05 1,916.92	2.47% 96.85	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.62 0.60
91282CHU8	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.375 08/15/2026	100,000.00	08/24/2023 4.69%	99,144.53 99,749.50	100.52 3.76%	100,519.53 558.76	1.78% 770.03	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.87 0.85
91282CHY0	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.625 09/15/2026	125,000.00	09/15/2023 4.72%	124,682.62 124,898.66	100.84 3.73%	126,043.95 255.52	2.23% 1,145.29	Aa1/AA+ AA+	0.96 0.93
91282CLS8	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.125 10/31/2026	100,000.00	11/26/2024 4.29%	99,691.41 99,826.61	100.43 3.71%	100,429.69 1,726.22	1.77% 603.08	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.08 1.03
91282CIP7	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.375 12/15/2026	120,000.00	09/25/2024 3.53%	122,151.56 121,168.75	100.78 3.70%	120,937.50 1,549.18	2.14% (231.25)	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.21 1.15
91282CIT9	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.0 01/15/2027	125,000.00	01/31/2024 4.00%	124,985.35 124,993.61	100.38 3.70%	125,468.75 1,059.78	2.22% 475.14	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.29 1.24
91282CKE0	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.25 03/15/2027	125,000.00	04/25/2024 4.86%	122,954.10 123,970.25	100.81 3.67%	126,015.63 234.81	2.23% 2,045.38	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.45 1.40
91282CKJ9	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.5 04/15/2027	125,000.00	04/25/2024 4.85%	123,793.95 124,375.84	101.23 3.67%	126,542.97 2,597.34	2.23% 2,167.13	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.54 1.45
91282CKV2	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.625 06/15/2027	150,000.00	06/26/2024 4.51%	150,462.89 150,265.85	101.59 3.65%	152,384.77 2,047.13	2.69% 2,118.91	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.71 1.61

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91282CKZ3	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.375 07/15/2027	100,000.00	07/22/2024 4.30%	100,218.75 100,131.21	101.25 3.64%	101,253.91 927.31	1.79% 1,122.70	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.79 1.69
91282CLG4	UNITED STATES TREASURY 3.75 08/15/2027	100,000.00	08/22/2024 3.82%	99,812.50 99,882.19	100.21 3.63%	100,207.03 478.94	1.77% 324.84	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.87 1.79
91282CLL3	UNITED STATES TREASURY 3.375 09/15/2027	120,000.00	09/25/2024 3.48%	119,653.13 119,771.53	99.54 3.62%	119,446.87 179.01	2.11% (324.65)	Aa1/AA+ AA+	1.96 1.87
91282CLQ2	UNITED STATES TREASURY 3.875 10/15/2027	100,000.00	10/23/2024 4.02%	99,593.75 99,721.69	100.49 3.62%	100,492.19 1,789.28	1.77% 770.50	Aa1/AA+ AA+	2.04 1.91
91282CLX7	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.125 11/15/2027	120,000.00	11/26/2024 4.23%	119,643.75 119,745.07	101.02 3.62%	121,223.44 1,869.70	2.14% 1,478.37	Aa1/AA+ AA+	2.13 1.99
91282CMA6	UNITED STATES TREASURY 4.125 11/30/2029	150,000.00	12/19/2024 4.40%	148,154.30 148,445.57	101.61 3.70%	152,414.06 2,079.41	2.69% 3,968.50	Aa1/AA+ AA+	4.17 3.75
91282CG81	UNITED STATES TREASURY 3.875 12/31/2029	150,000.00	09/22/2025 3.66%	151,283.20 151,276.62	100.64 3.71%	150,960.94 1,468.92	2.67% (315.68)	Aa1/AA+ AA+	4.25 3.85
Total US Treasury		2,415,000.00	4.22%	2,409,500.40 2,412,819.95	100.60 3.75%	2,429,468.25 25,825.94	42.90% 16,648.29		1.57 1.46
Total Portfolio				5,627,795.79	100.24	5,662,837.83	100.00%		1.68
Total Market Value + Accrued		5,629,469.89	4.22%	5,634,426.86	3.84%	50,997.08	28,410.97		1.47
						5,713,834.91			



**Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Summary of Director Outreach Expenses
For the period ended September 30, 2025**

Director	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	YTD Actual	Balance Remaining
Director Chavez	\$ -	2,500.00	-	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Director Fellow	400.00	419.00	-	819.00	4,181.00
Director Treviño	-	750.00	-	750.00	4,250.00
Director Santana	500.00	360.00	1,750.00	2,610.00	2,390.00
Director Garcia	500.00	1,000.00	50.00	1,550.00	3,450.00
Total	\$ 1,400.00	5,029.00	1,800.00	\$ 8,229.00	\$ 16,771.00

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Director Public Outreach Program Expenses
Summary of Director Outreach Expenses

Director Chavez

<u>Paid Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
08/05/25	2025 Covina Valley Golf Tournament	1,000.00	24165	Optimist International
08/25/25	2025 LPCF Golf Tournament	1,500.00	24182	La Puente Community Foundation
		Total	<u>2,500.00</u>	
Outreach Fund Balance			<u>2,500.00</u>	

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Director Public Outreach Program Expenses
Summary of Director Outreach Expenses

Director Fellow

Paid Date	Description	Amount	Check #	Recipient
07/06/25	Summer Concert 2025	400.00	24141	City of Monrovia
08/13/25	Super Box Listing 2025/26	419.00	24175	Chamber Directory Services
Total		819.00		
Outreach Fund Balance		4,181.00		

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Director Public Outreach Program Expenses
Summary of Director Outreach Expenses

Director Treviño

Paid Date	Description	Amount	Check #	Recipient
08/05/25	Rose Parade Sponsorship	750.00	24166	South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association
		Total	<u>750.00</u>	
Outreach Fund Balance			<u>4,250.00</u>	

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Director Public Outreach Program Expenses
Summary of Director Outreach Expenses

Director Santana

Paid Date	Description	Amount	Check #	Recipient
07/15/25	Pride of the Valley 5K Run/Fun Walk	500.00	24145	City of Baldwin Park
08/05/25	2025 Membership Fee	310.00	24164	Irwindale Chamber of Commerce
08/13/25	2025-2026 Annual Membership	50.00	24174	Baldwin Park Business Association
09/09/25	Dia De Los Muertos	750.00	24191	Downtown El Monte Business Association
09/08/25	3rd Annual Golf Tournament	500.00	24192	San Gabriel Valley Conservation and Service Corps
09/16/25	Toy Drive and Golf Tournament	500.00	24207	Baldwin Park Business Association
Total		<u>2,610.00</u>		
Outreach Fund Balance		<u>2,390.00</u>		

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Director Public Outreach Program Expenses
Summary of Director Outreach Expenses

Director Garcia

Paid Date	Description	Amount	Check #	Recipient
07/08/25	2025 Film Festival	500.00	24142	Film It West Covina
08/05/25	2025 Covina Valley Golf Tournament	1,000.00	24165	Optimist International
09/09/25	Festival of Frights 2025	50.00	24190	West Covina Community Services Foundation
Total		1,550.00		
Outreach Fund Balance		3,450.00		

RESOLUTION NO. 11-25-672

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF RUBEN GALLEGOS**

WHEREAS, *Ruben Gallegos*, following 19 years of dedicated and remarkable service at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper Water), will retire on November 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, *Ruben Gallegos*, Community Outreach Specialist, has supported a wide range of special events and conservation distribution programs for residents to enjoy and learn about water use efficiency, including WaterFest, the Watershed Restoration Program, and the Community Outreach Booth Program; and

WHEREAS, *Ruben Gallegos*, has assisted Upper Water's in fostering positive community relationships in the San Gabriel Valley by establishing connections with sponsors and community leaders that helped further the District's mission and values; and

WHEREAS, *Ruben Gallegos*, has demonstrated extensive knowledge and involvement in Upper Water's operations, serving in multiple roles throughout his career, including Secretary/Receptionist and Project Assistant, where he supported the District's internal administration and external programs, demonstrating his commitment to maintaining efficient operations and providing dependable administrative support to staff and the public;

WHEREAS, *Ruben Gallegos*, has utilized his previous experience in public-facing roles to serve the water community, ensuring excellent customer service to the 22 water retailers, surrounding water agencies and community groups that he has worked with; and

WHEREAS, *Ruben Gallegos*, has earned the respect and trust of his colleagues and external stakeholders for his professionalism and positive, collaborative nature demonstrated throughout his career; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors hereby honors ***Ruben Gallegos*** for the positive impact he has made throughout the San Gabriel Valley region.

Section 2: The Upper Water Board of Directors hereby recognizes the many contributions made by ***Ruben Gallegos*** throughout his 19-year tenure.

Section 3: The Upper Water Board of Directors hereby congratulates ***Ruben Gallegos*** on his significant career and wishes him the best as he embarks on a most deserving and fulfilling retirement.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Jennifer Santana, President

ATTEST:

Ed Chavez, Secretary

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven P. O'Neill, District Counsel

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 8. (c) ACTION

DATE: November 12, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: Additional Discretionary Payment for Upper Water's Unfunded Accrued Liability with CalPERS and Contribution to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Fund

Recommendation

Administration and Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors:

1. Authorize an additional discretionary payment of \$500 thousand to CalPERS to reduce Upper Water's unfunded accrued liability related to pension.
2. Authorize additional contribution to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program (CEPPT) Program of \$500 thousand.

Background

Additional Discretionary Payment for CalPERS UAL

From 2022 to 2024, the Board of Directors authorized additional discretionary payments (ADP) to CalPERS totaling \$2 million. These additional payments increased Upper Water's funded ratio from 72% to 88% as of the most recent valuation report with measurement date June 30, 2024. Upper Water's unfunded accrued liability (UAL) for pension amount to \$1.83 million as of the last valuation.

Working with a CalPERS actuary, staff ran scenarios assuming an additional payment of \$500 thousand. Results showed that that this additional payment could potentially save the District about \$281 thousand in interest payments over 10 years using CalPERS' current discount rate of 6.8.

Additional Deposit to the CEPPT, a Section 115 Irrevocable Trust

In 2022, the Board authorized the establishment of a CEPPT trust fund, a self-funded, not-for-profit, Section 115 trust administered by CalPERS for pension contributions. From 2022 to 2024, the District deposited a total of \$1.50 million into the trust fund. The market value of Upper Water's CEPPT fund as of the quarter ended September 30, 2025 is \$1.78 million which translates to an annual yield of 9.74%. CEPPT funds can be accessed to stabilize rates and offset future contribution increases and act as a rainy-day fund during adverse budgetary or economic conditions.

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 8. (d) ACTION

DATE: November 12, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: Purchase of Untreated Water for Cyclic Storage

Recommendation

Administration and Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to purchase up to 7,500 acre feet of untreated water for Upper District's cyclic storage account.

Background

Between 2014 and 2023, Upper Water purchased more than 16,000 acre feet of untreated water for cyclic storage. As of October 31st, Upper Water has sold about 13,000 acre feet of water at prices reflecting the cumulative annual increases in Metropolitan's untreated water rates, generating a favorable financial return. Since 2014, Metropolitan's untreated water rate has increased by approximately 54% or an average of 4.50% per year. Metropolitan's rate for untreated water will increase by 7.89% effective January 2026, providing good investment return on water pre-purchases.

As of October 31, 2025, Upper Water has sufficient reserve funds to purchase up to 7,500 acre feet of untreated water for cyclic storage. As of the same date, Metropolitan's cyclic storage account has 147,300 acre feet of water available for purchase.

Beyond the financial advantages, maintaining an active storage account provides operational benefits. Adequate storage participation supports Metropolitan's system flexibility and enhances the likelihood of future delivery opportunities during periods when State Water Project deliveries are favorable. This helps ensure Upper Water continues to have reliable access to imported water, while also maximizing the cost-effectiveness of its long-term supply planning.

MEMORANDUM

Item 8. (e) ACTION

DATE: November 12, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: ADHOC Report – Puente Hills Regional Park Sponsorship

Recommend Action

Staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding the ADHOC Sponsorship Committee's review and recommendation of the Puente Hills Regional Park Sponsorship.

Background

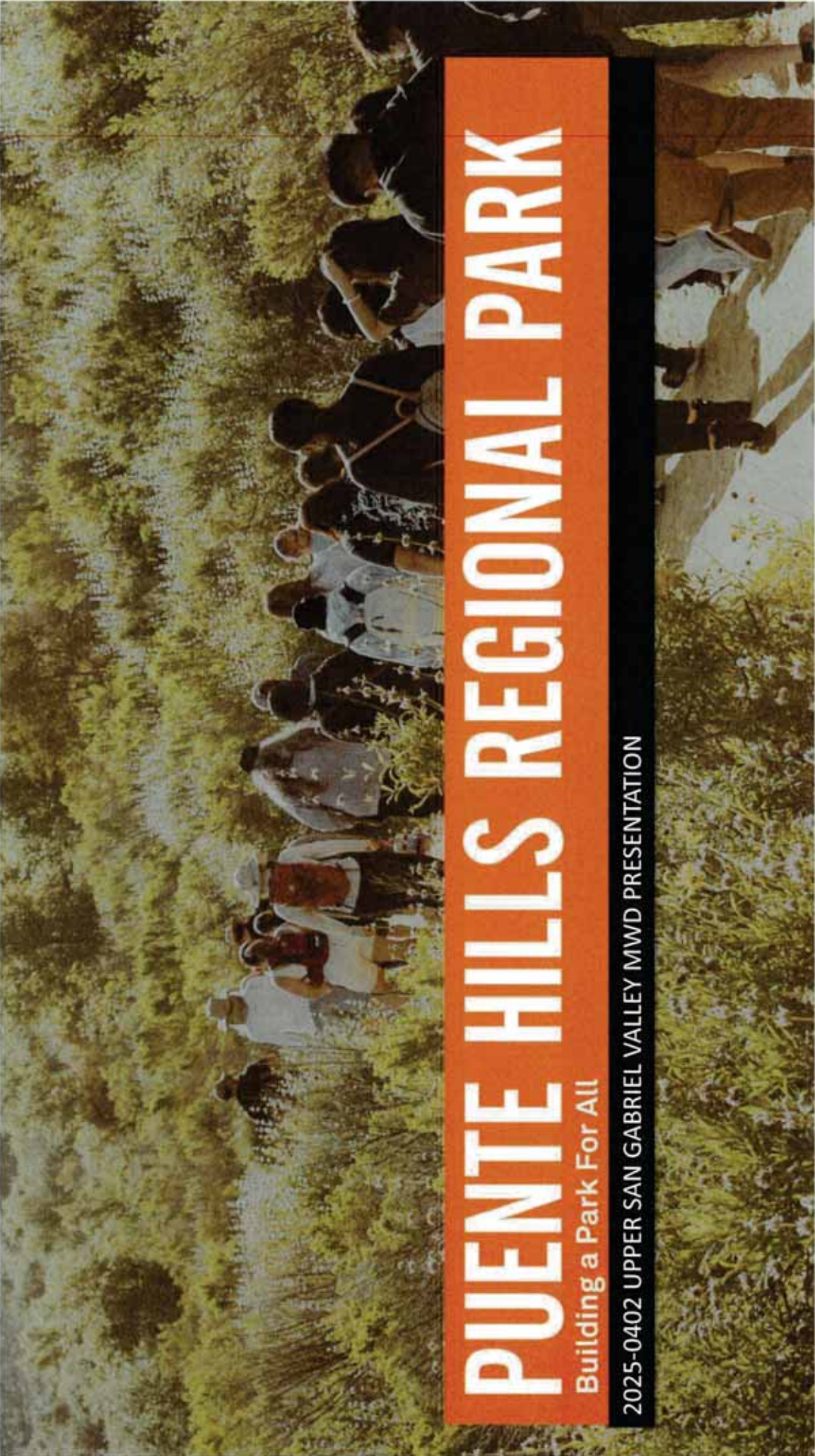
On May 28th, the Board of Directors formed an AdHoc committee consisting of Directors Katarina Garcia and Ed Chavez, to review two sponsorship requests. The goal of this committee was to review the Puente Hills Regional Park project and Valley County's Outdoor Education Center and Demonstration Garden. The committee met with staff on June 19th and again on September 4th to review both projects and assess the community value and need for the project, project alignment with Upper Water's strategic goals, and potential financial sponsorship opportunities.

The Puente Hills Regional Park project presented several sponsorship levels for the committee to consider, which can be found in the attachment. The sponsorship commitment would be for the Environmental Justice Center of the Puente Hills Regional Park, that recently broke ground in the Summer of 2025. Additional questions from the committee centered on potential for educational displays and water filling stations throughout the facility. The committee focused on one level – Named Learning Corner – which would provide for 500 SF of learning space at an outdoor area of the Environmental Justice Center. The corner will have a display opportunity for Upper Water to work with the designers to create a learning display. Some potential ideas would be an educational display on our local water supply, the water cycle and branding opportunities for Upper Water. The financial commitment for the Named Learning Corner is \$150,000. This funding would be allocated by the Board from existing reserves.

In regard to Valley County's Outdoor Education Center and Demonstration Garden, the committee recommended that staff continue to work with Valley County staff to find other grant funding sources to help with the project. The committee remains interested in the project and would like to bring this project back to the Board with a recommendation at a later date.

Staff is seeking direction from the Board on approving the AdHoc committee's recommendation to approve a sponsorship level of \$150,000 for the Named Learning Corner at the Puente Hills Regional Park, Environmental Justice Center.

ATTACHMENT



PUENTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Building a Park For All

2025-0402 UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MWD PRESENTATION

EJC SITE PLAN

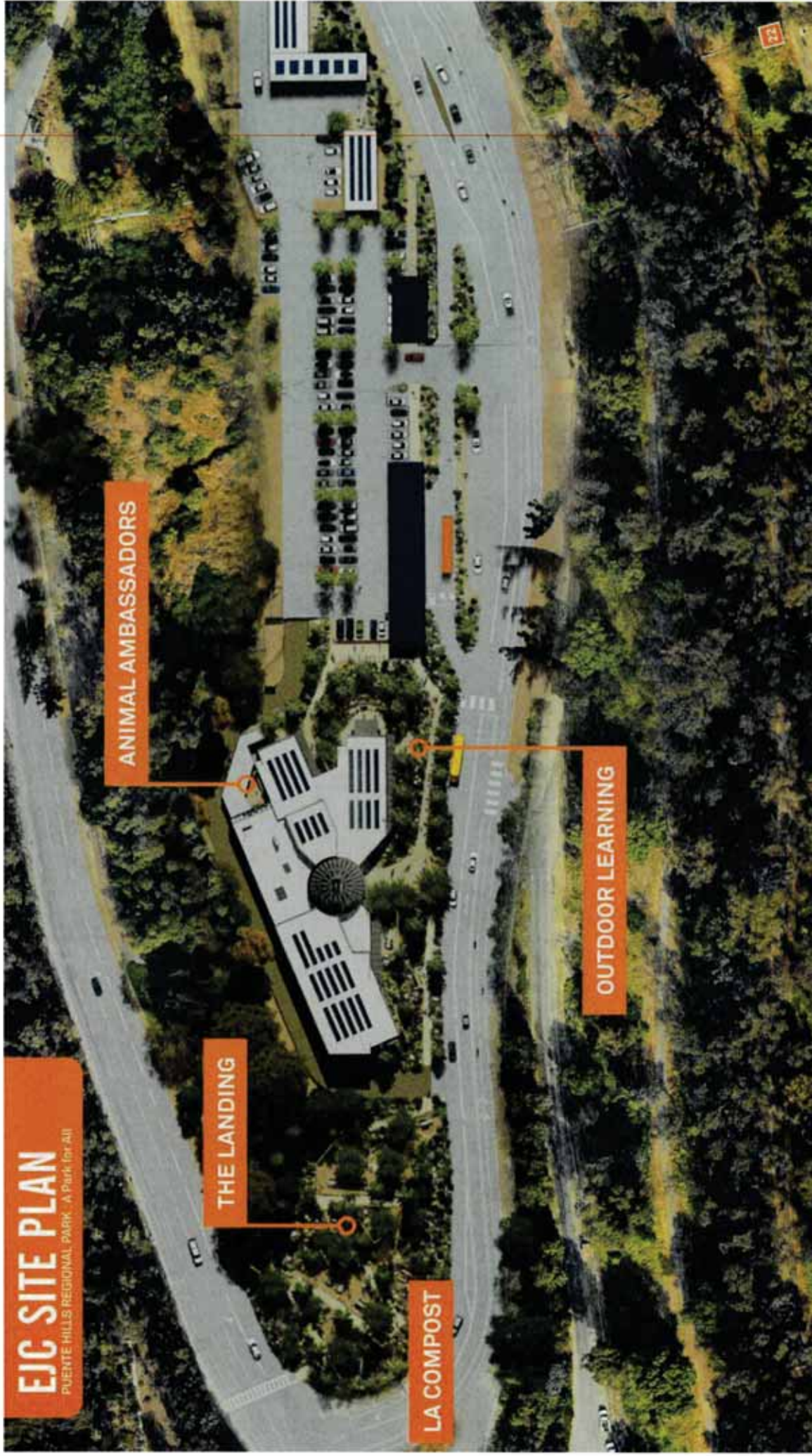
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APPROACHING ARRIVAL PLAZA



PRE-FUNCTION COURTYARD



AMPHITHEATER



PROVIDING ACCESS TO NATURE WITH PICNICING AND LEARNING SPACES FALL 2026

ENTIRE BUILDING IS A LEARNING TOOL FOR
BEST SUSTAINABLE, CARBON NEUTRAL
DESIGN EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION
OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTIVISTS



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUB TO PROVIDE
COOLING CENTER IN TIMES OF EXTREME HEAT
+ TOOLS TO LEARN HOW TO ENHANCE
RESILIENCE



NET ZERO OPERATIONAL CARBON
= ON TARGET TO PROVIDE 105% ENERGY
WITH ON-SITE PHOTOVOLTAICS

BEST PRACTICES PASSIVE STRATEGIES
INCLUDING SHADING, NATURAL
VENTILATION TO REDUCE ELECTRIC LOAD +
100% ELECTRIC BUILDING



50% REDUCTION IN EMBODIED CARBON
WITH MASS TIMBER, CARBONKIND BLOCK,
GREEN CONCRETE



RETHINKING WASTE W/ 95%
DIVERSION OF CONSTRUCTION WASTE,
HIGH RECYCLED CONTENT MATERIALS,
CIRCULAR ECONOMY SALVAGE



HEALTHY BUILDING MATERIALS
= NO RED LIST MATERIALS



QUALITY DAYLIGHT + VIEWS & ACCESS
TO NATURE FOR OCCUPANT WELLNESS
AND ENHANCED LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES



RESTORING LANDSCAPE TO
SUPPORT NATIVE
SPECIES INCLUDING
POLINATORS, BIRDS AND
OTHERS

LOW IMPACT DESIGN
FOR BIOSWALLS

INNOVATIVE SELF-SHADING,
HIGH PERFORMANCE
GLAZING

APPROPRIATE SOLAR
ORIENTATION / PASSIVE
EXTERIOR SHADING TO
MINIMIZE HEAT GAIN

HONORING THE TONGVA, TATAVIYAMA,
SERIPANO, KIZHI, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES
WITH A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &
HERITAGE DETAILS

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION TO THE
ENTIRE PARK, ROAD & OFF-BIKE BIKES,
HORSES, PEDESTRIANS AND PUBLIC BUSES IN
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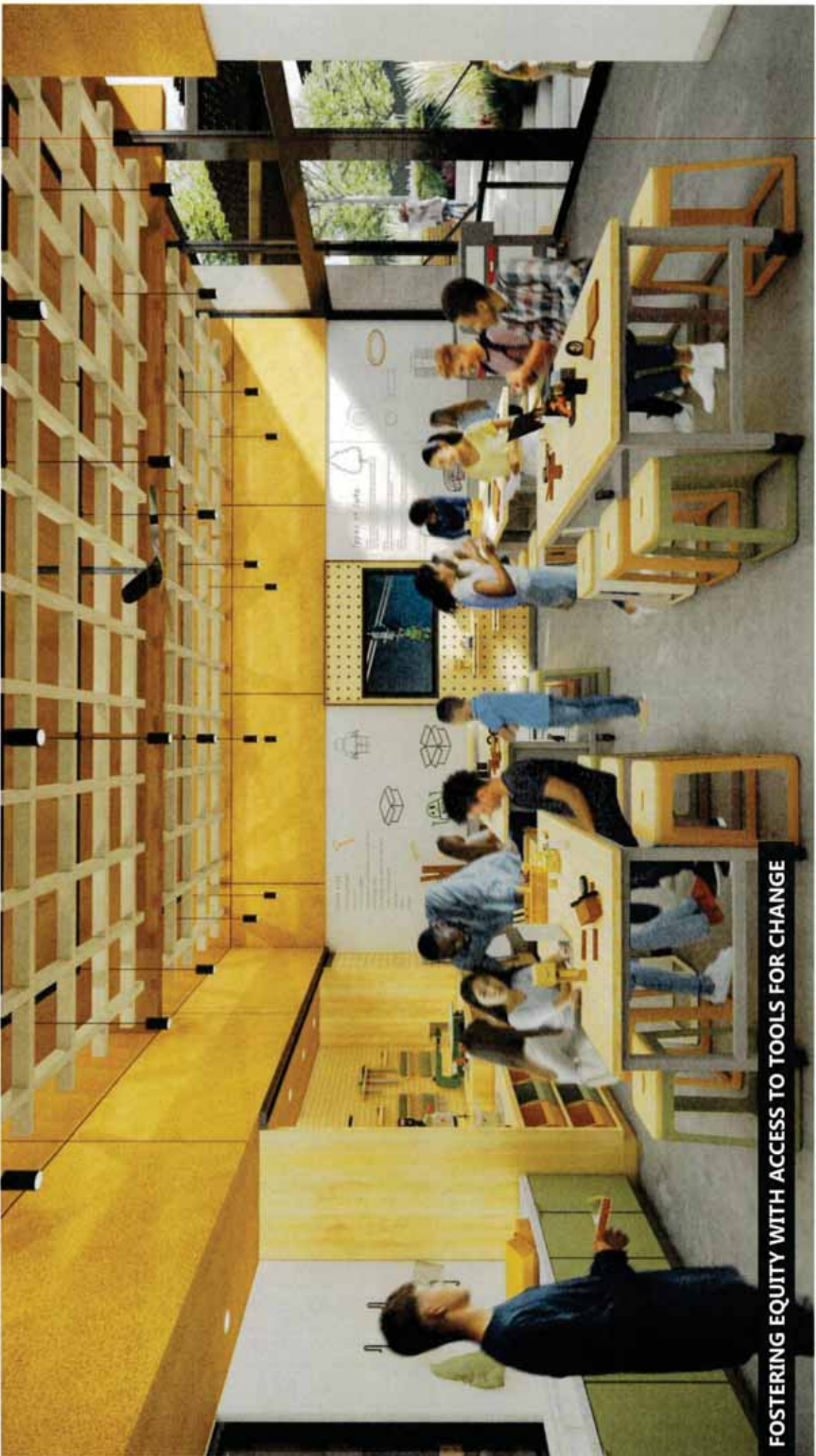
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RECLAIMED WATER FOR FLUSHING & IRRIGATION

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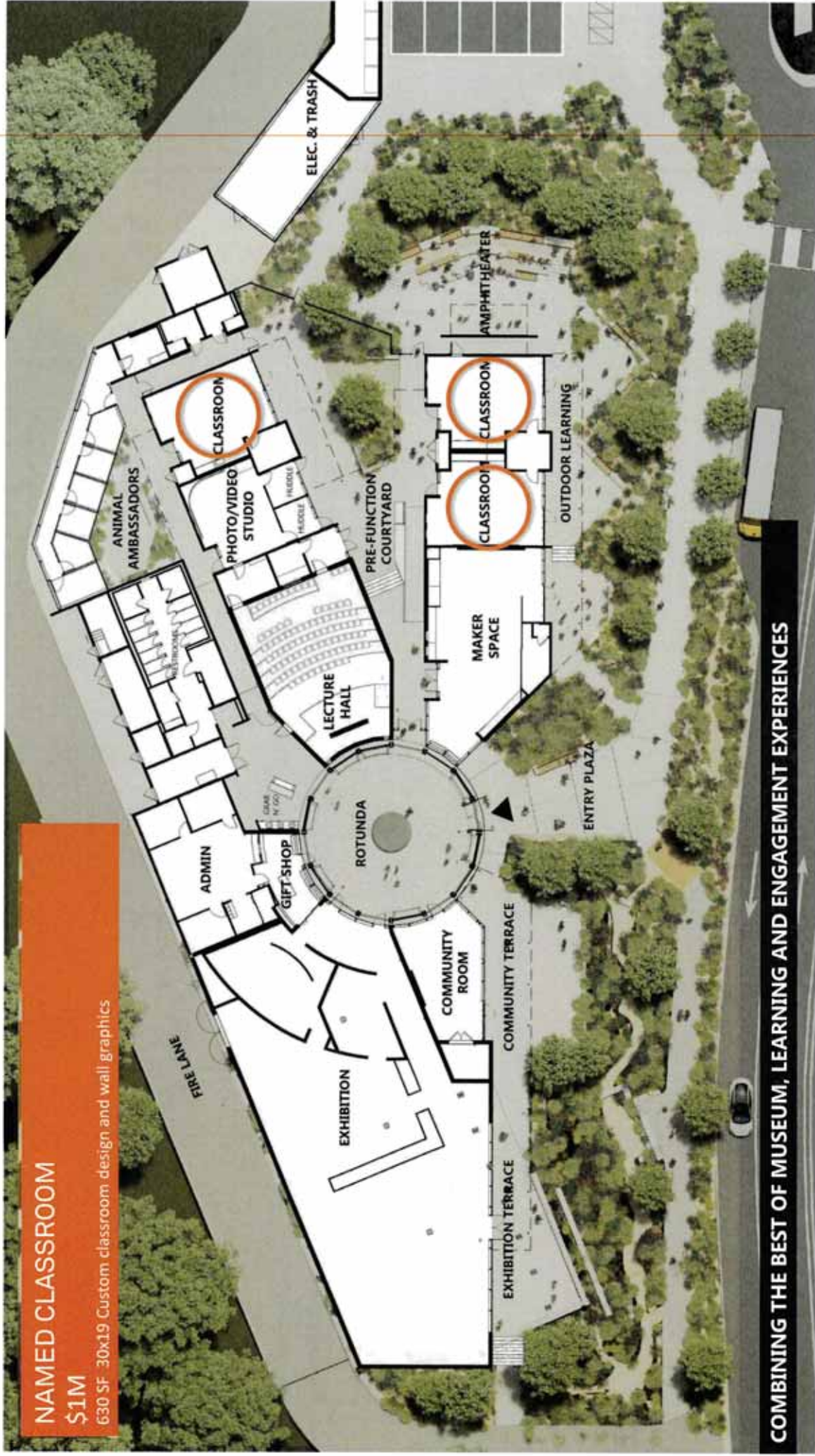


FOSTERING EQUITY WITH ACCESS TO TOOLS FOR CHANGE

NAMED CLASSROOM

\$1M

630 SF 30x19 Custom classroom design and wall graphics



COMBINING THE BEST OF MUSEUM, LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES

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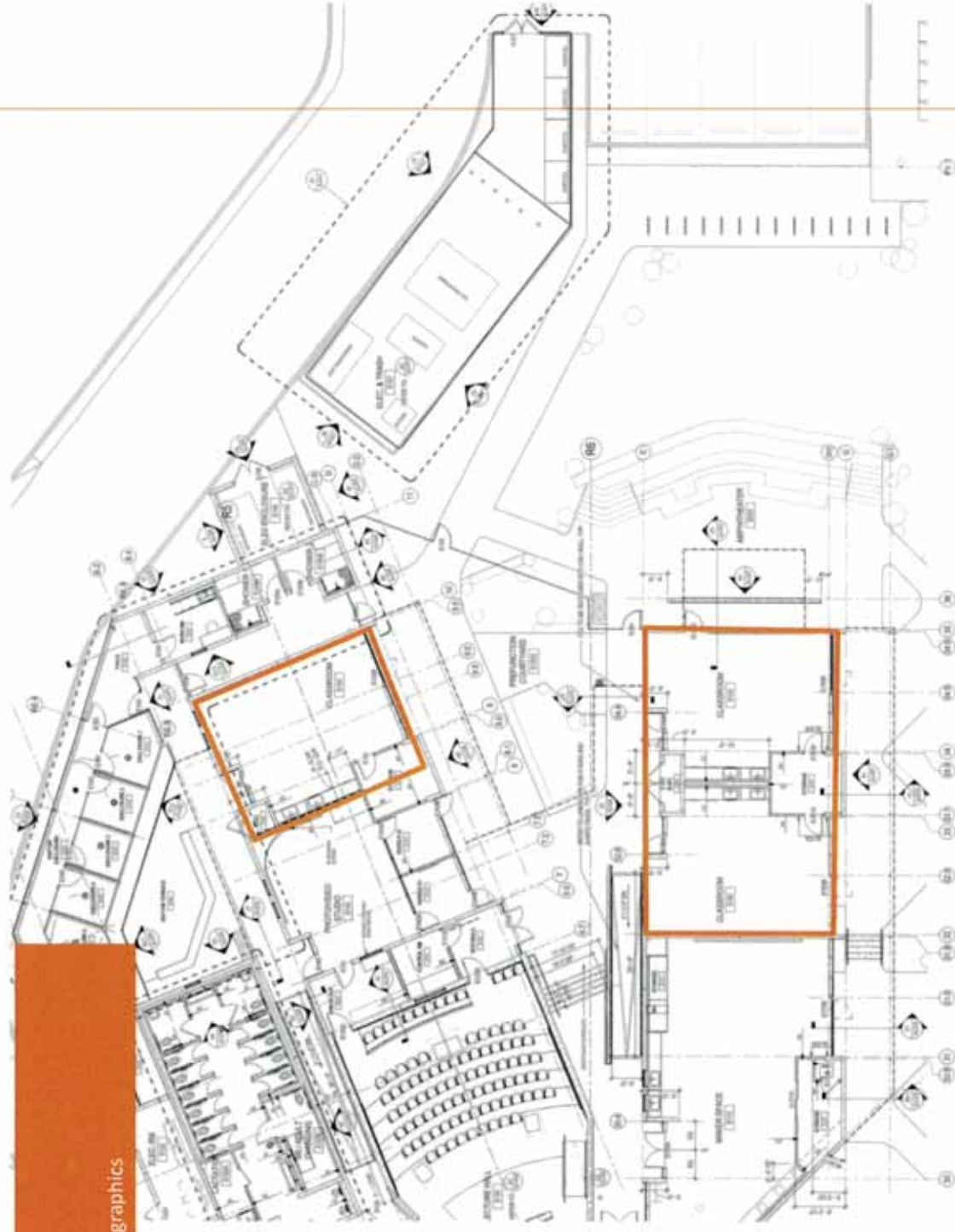
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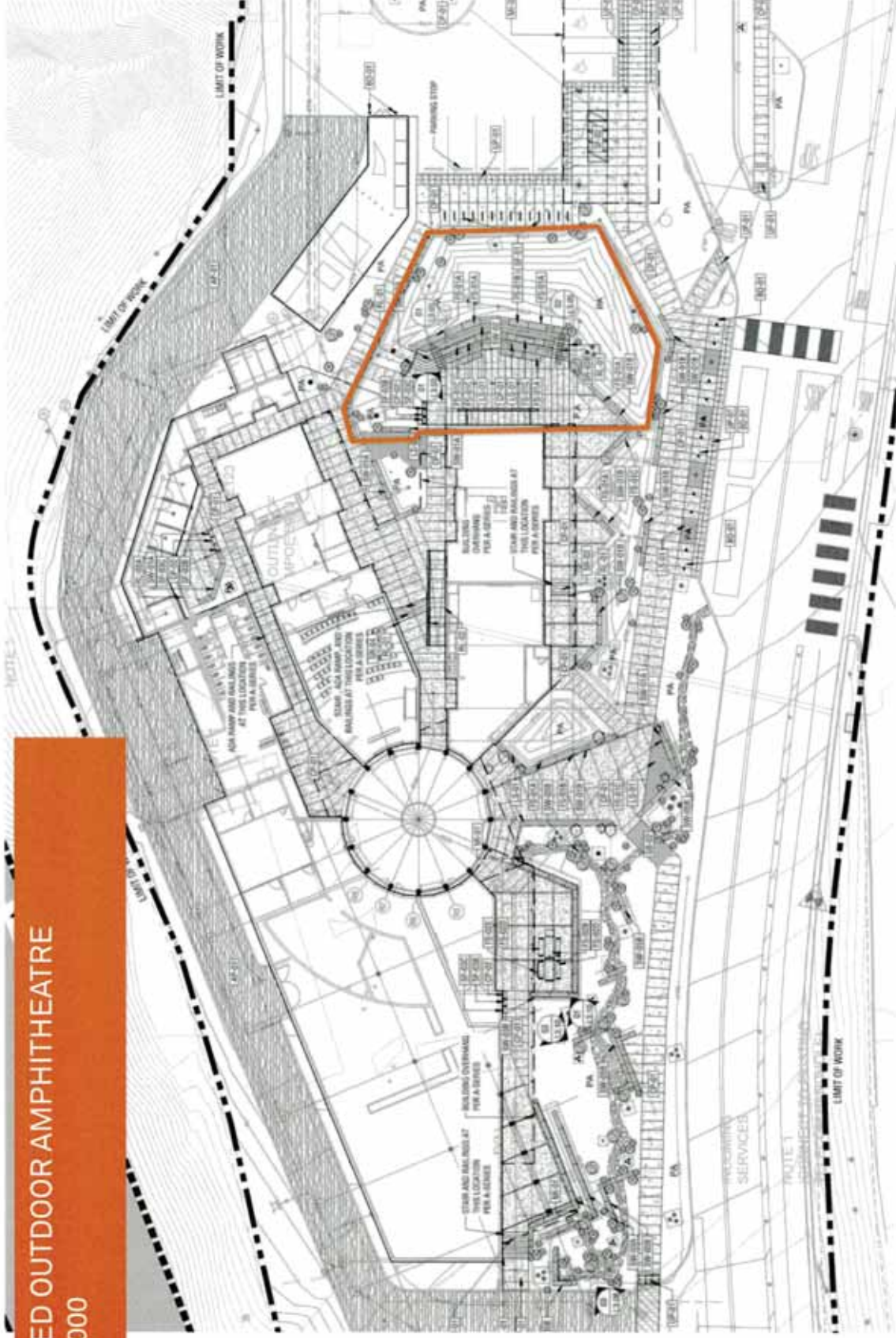
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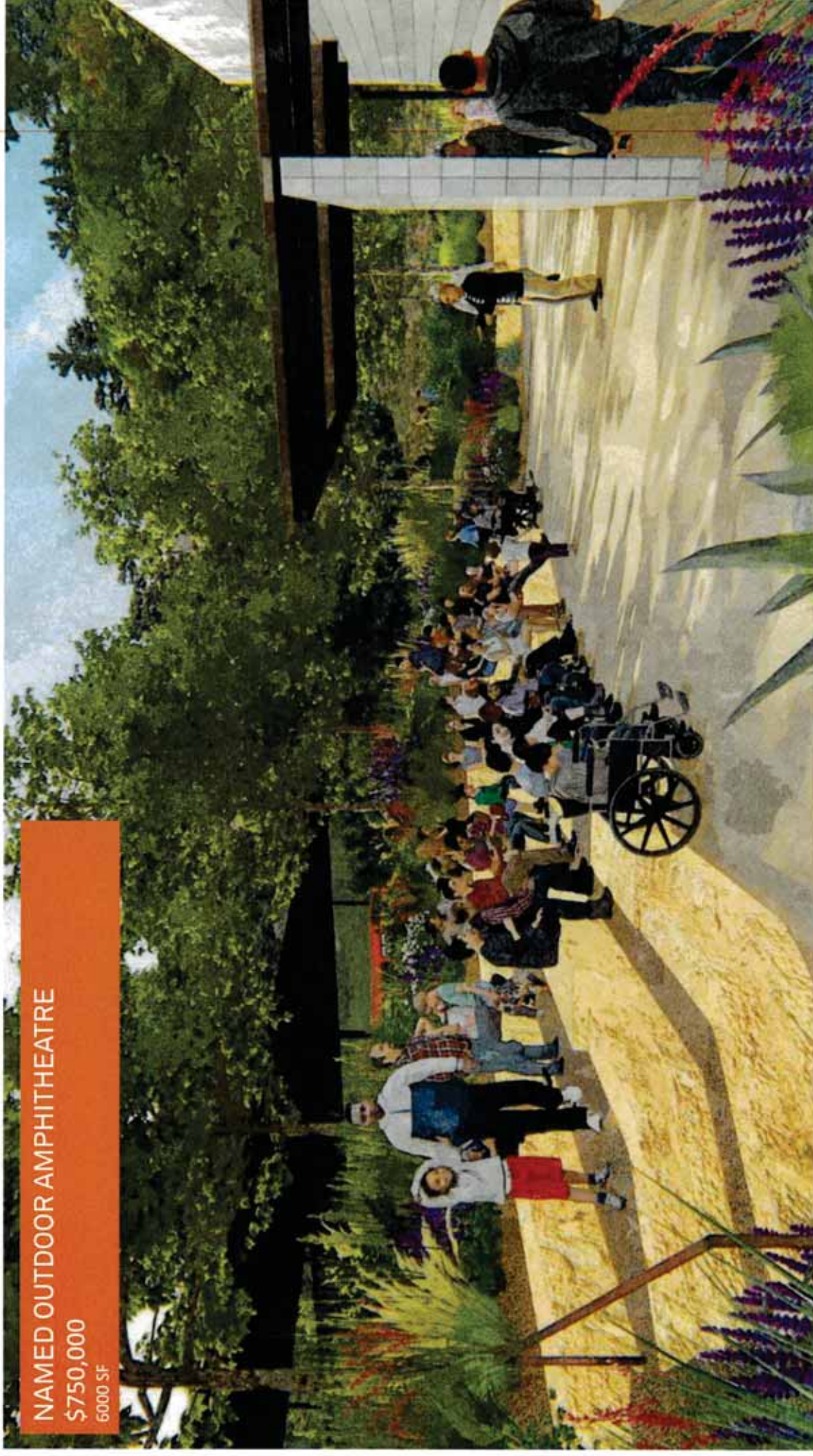
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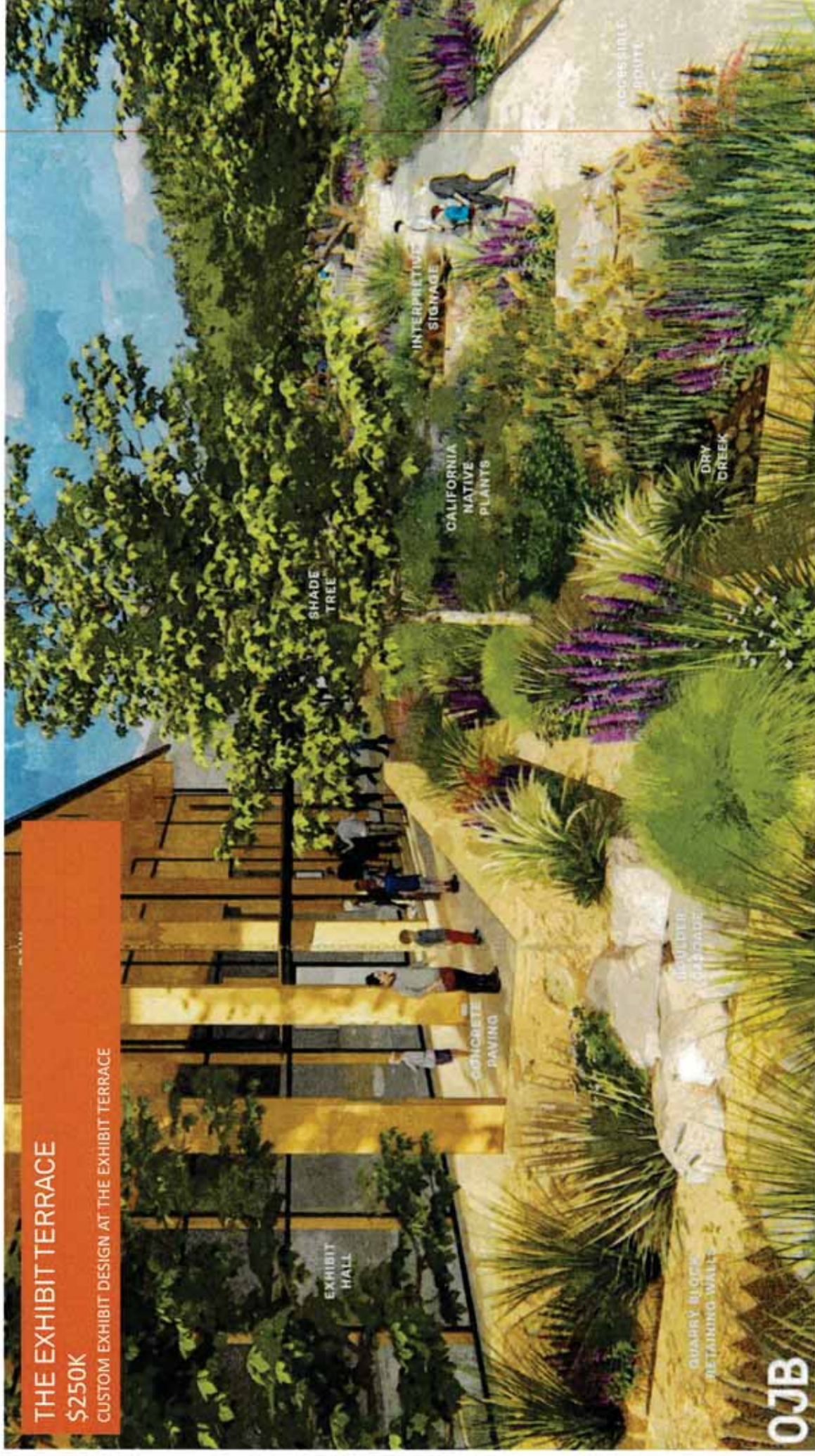
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THE EXHIBIT TERRACE

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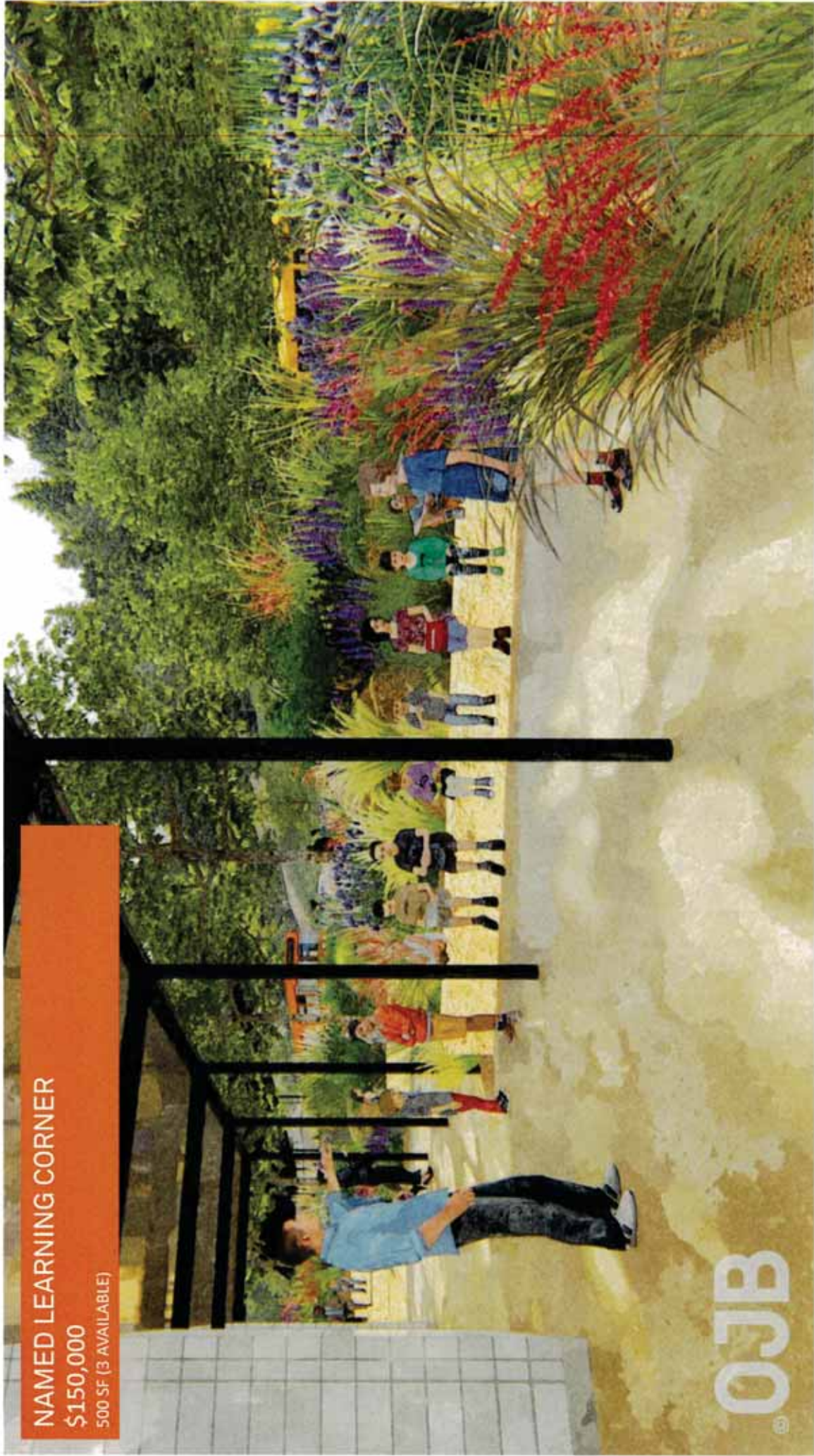
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NAMED LEARNING CORNER

\$150,000

500 SF (3 AVAILABLE)

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Architectural site plan of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) campus. The plan shows the layout of buildings, parking lots, and the proposed 'Exhibit Terrace and Learning Corner' highlighted in orange. The plan includes various annotations such as 'LIMIT OF WORK', 'MATCH LINE RE 11.04', and 'MATCH LINE RE 11.02'. A large orange banner on the left side of the plan reads 'EXHIBIT TERRACE AND LEARNING CORNER'.

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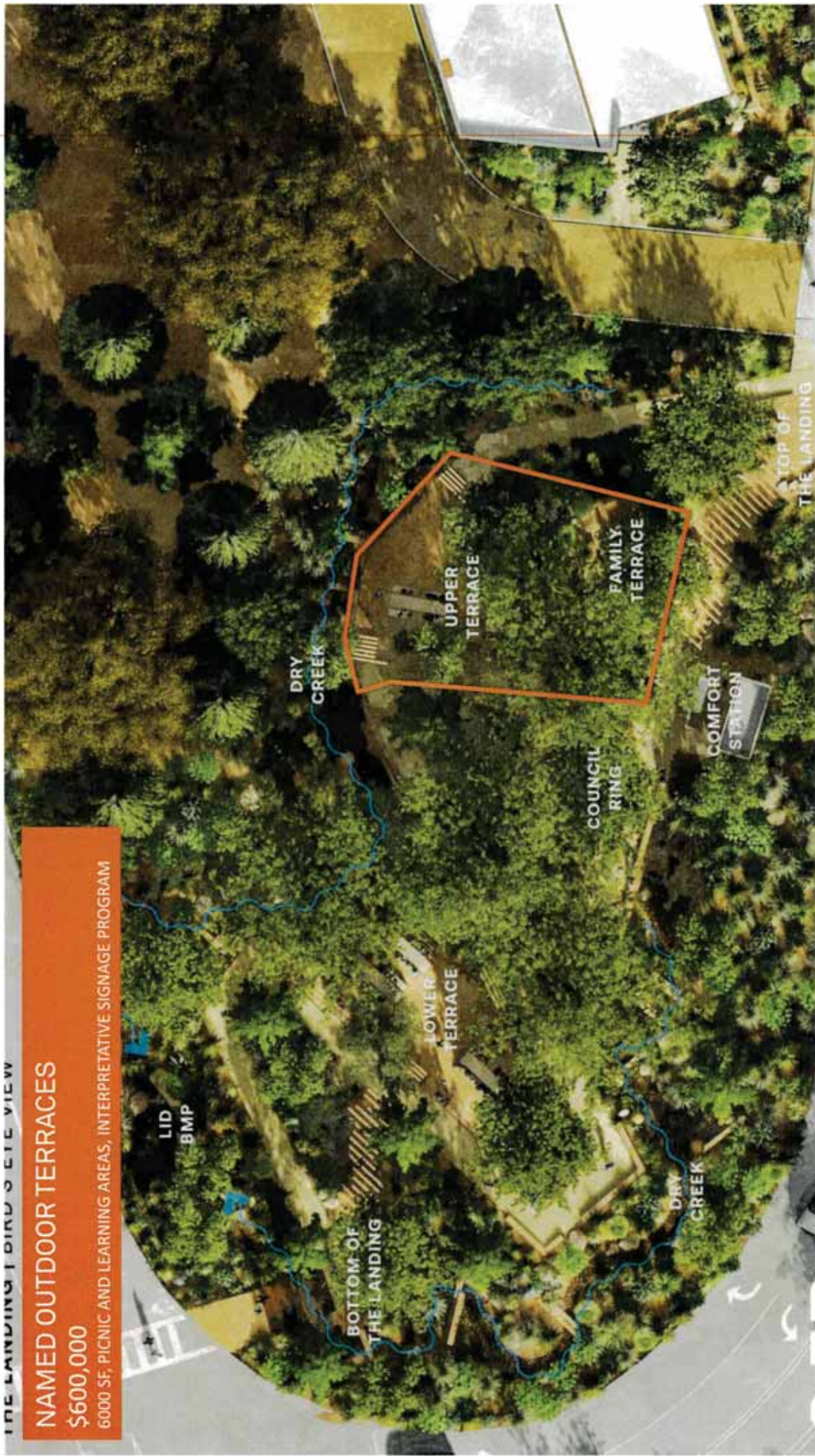
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THE LANDING | BIRD'S EYE VIEW

NAMED OUTDOOR TERRACES

\$600,000

6000 SF, PICNIC AND LEARNING AREAS, INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE PROGRAM



TOP OF
THE LANDING

FAMILY
TERRACE

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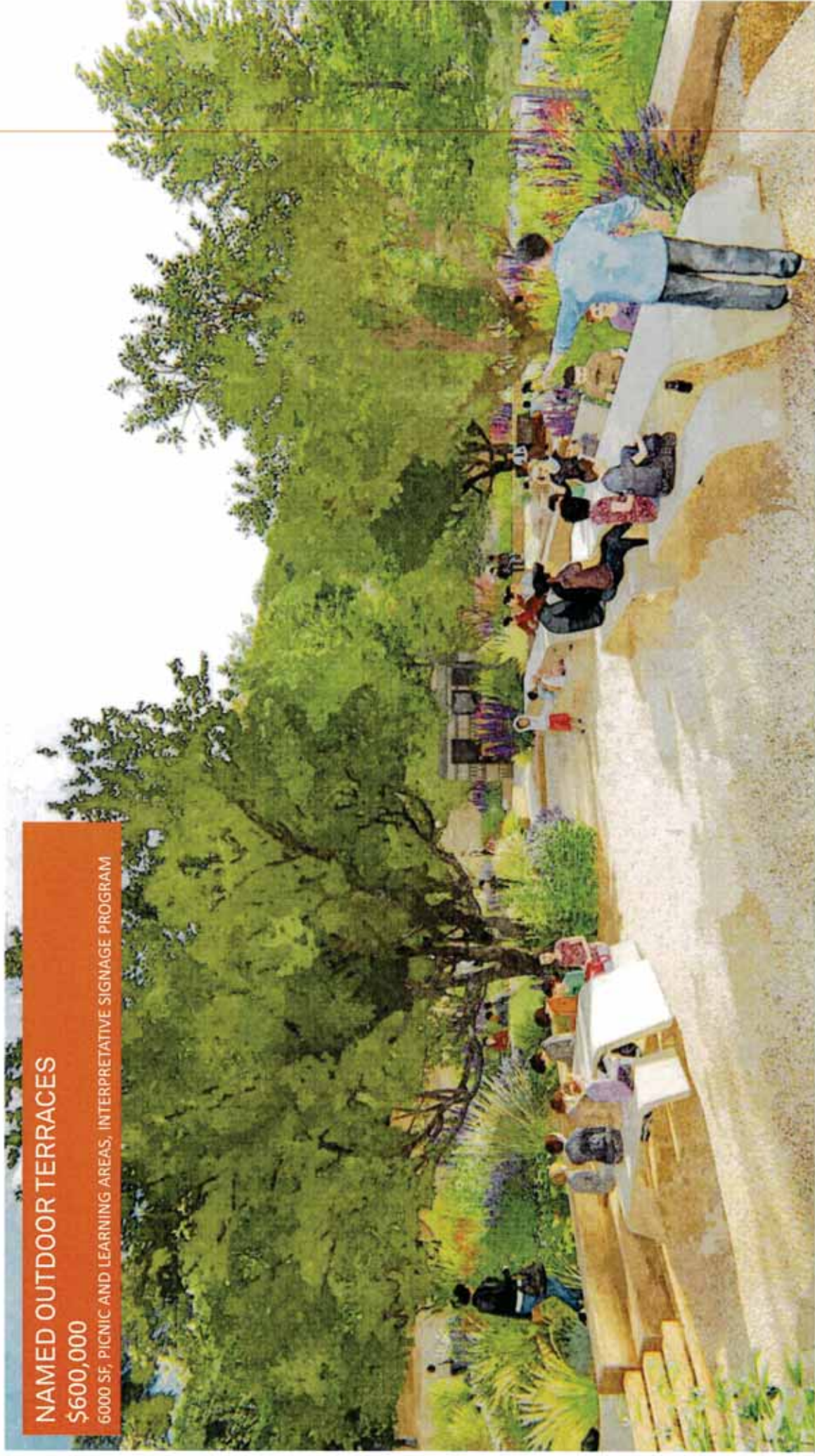
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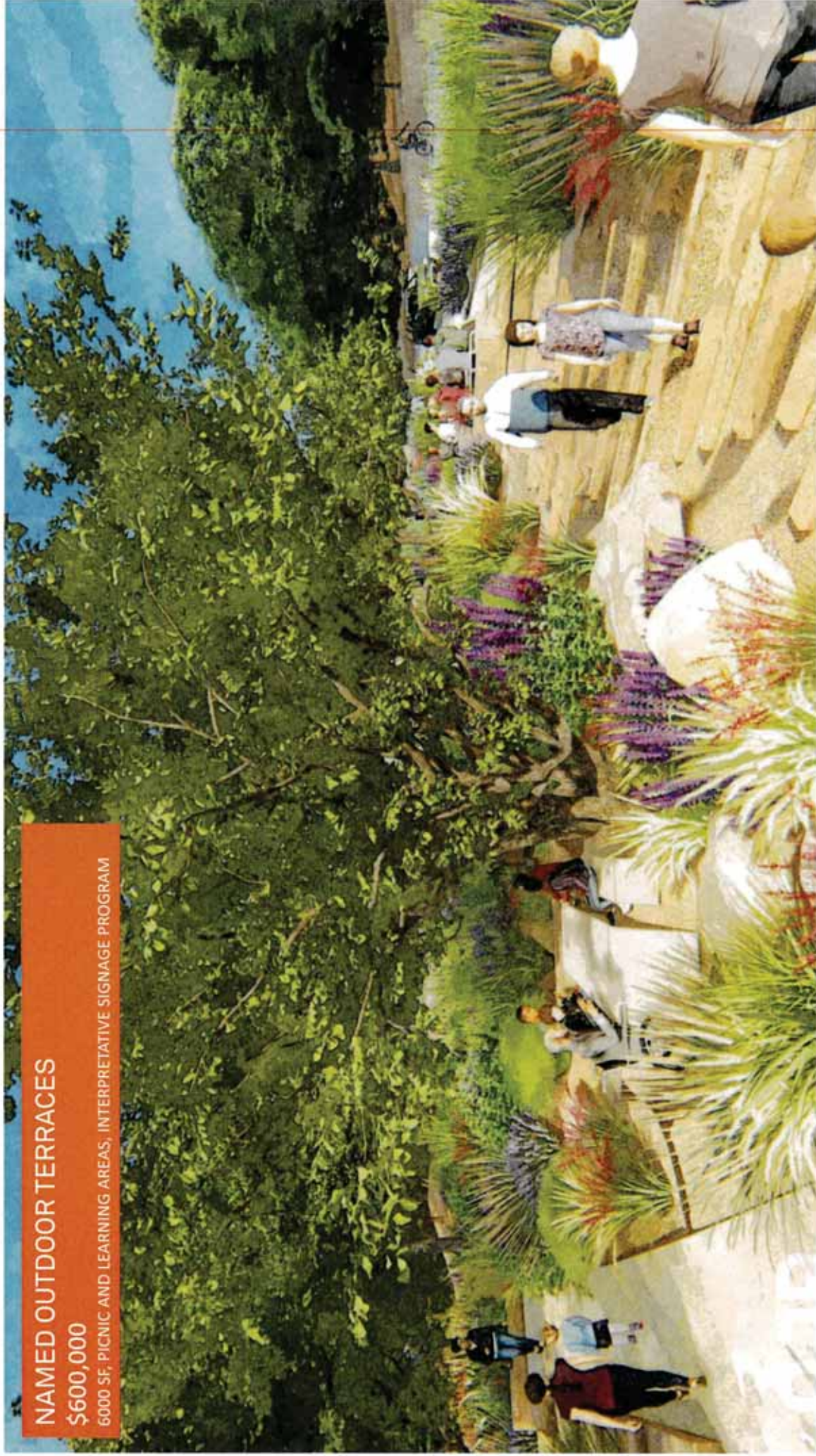
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NAMED OUTDOOR TERRACES

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SITE FURNISHINGS | LANDING KEY PLAN

NAMED OUTDOOR TERRACES

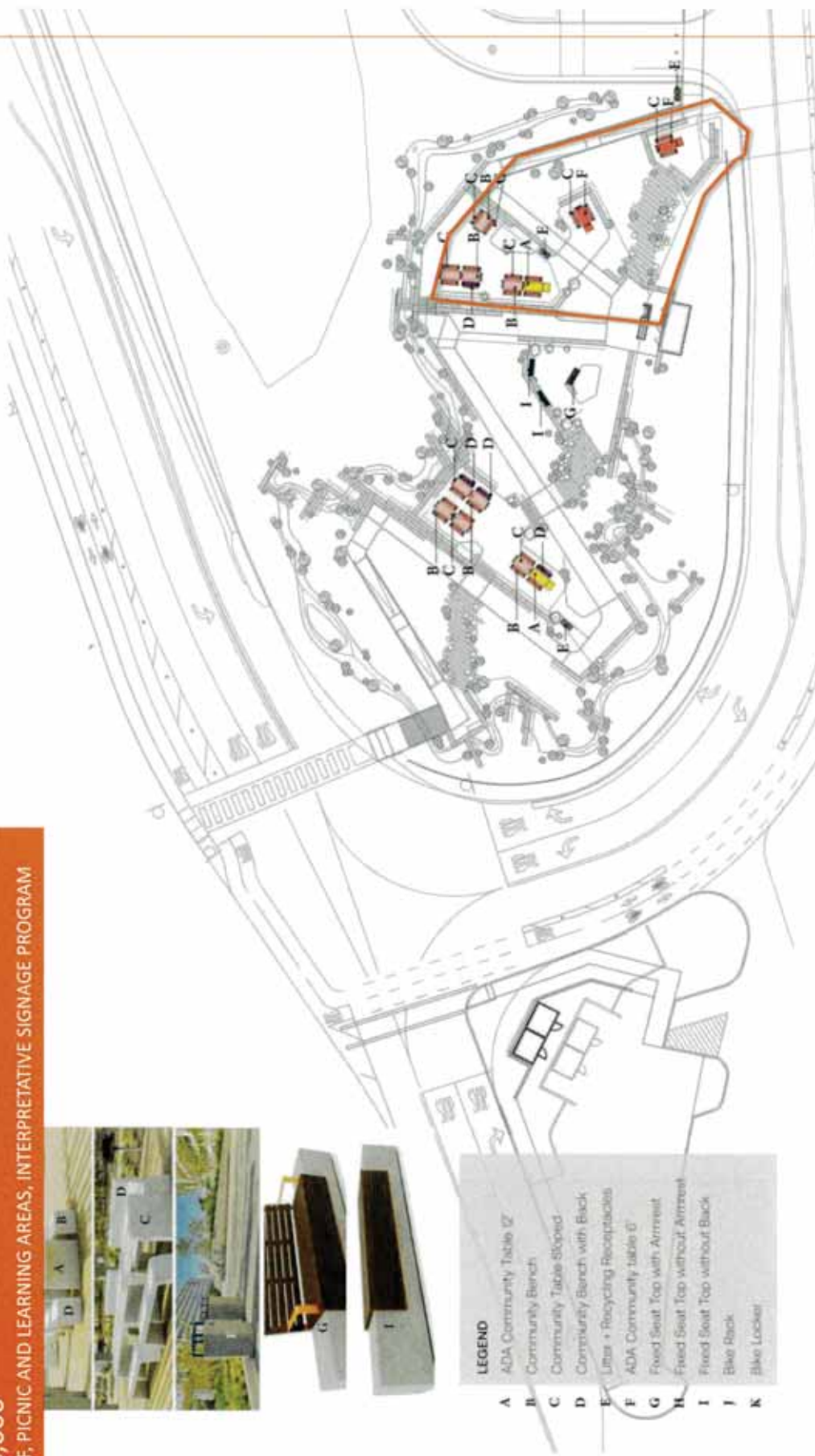
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6000 SF, PICNIC AND LEARNING AREAS, INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE PROGRAM



LEGEND

- A ADA Community Table 12'
- B Community Bench
- C Community Table 55'x60"
- D Community Bench with Back
- E Litter + Recycling Reciprocables
- F ADA Community table 6'
- G Fixed Seat Top with Armrest
- H Fixed Seat Top without Armrest
- I Fixed Seat Top without Back
- J Blue Back
- K Blue Locker



NAMED OUTDOOR TERRACES

\$600,000

6000 SF, PICNIC AND LEARNING AREAS, INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE PROGRAM



COMFORT
STATION

SCREEN
SHRUBS

WOOD
STEPS

DECOMPOSED
GRANITE

STONE BLOCK
SEAT WALL

PRECAST
CONCRETE
ADA PICNIC
TABLE

CONCRETE
PAVING

DRY
CREEK

MEMORANDUM

Item 8. (f) ACTION

Date: November 12, 2025
To: Board of Directors
From: General Manager
Subject: Federal Bill Summaries and Positions

Recommendation

Approve staff recommendations for federal bills H.R. 4733, H.R. 5414, H.R. 5513, H.R. 5566, and H.R. 5661, which align with Upper Water's 2025–26 Legislative Policy Principles adopted by the Board in January 2025.

Federal Bill Analysis

H.R. 4733 – Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act

Introduced in the House on July 23, 2025, by Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-IL-17).

Summary: The bill would make permanent a national water assistance program by directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services and EPA Administrator to provide grants to states, territories, and tribes to help low-income households pay drinking water and wastewater bills. The program would align eligibility with existing federal assistance programs like LIHEAP, TANF, and SNAP, ensuring consistent income requirements. It would also provide technical support to small, rural, and Tribal water systems to improve service delivery.

Action: On July 23, 2025, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Support

H.R. 5414 – DAMS Act

Introduced in the House on September 16, 2025, by Rep. Jefferson Van Drew (R-NJ-2).

Summary: The bill would reauthorize the National Dam Safety Program, extending the authorization of appropriations for the rehabilitation of high hazard potential dams through 2031. The program, managed by FEMA, is a partnership between states, territories, federal agencies, and other stakeholders. It works to:

- Educate the public and dam owners about dam safety;
- Implement States to use a risk-based priority system for identifying such dams;
- Support decision-makers with access to data, tools, and resources; and
- Improve overall dam safety through collaboration and information sharing.

Action: On September 16, 2025, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and on September 17, 2025, referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Support

H.R. 5513 – To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain technology investments eligible for additional subsidization, and for other purposes.

Introduced in the House on September 19, 2025, by Rep. Vince Fong (R-CA-20).

Summary: The bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify eligible uses under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for advanced software and monitoring tools, ultimately empowering communities to modernize their water management systems. It authorizes the implementation or use of processes, materials, techniques, or technologies—including software for asset management, operational analysis, and advanced digital construction management systems—to support water- and energy-efficiency goals, mitigate stormwater runoff, and carry out projects that are cost-effective and sustainably planned, designed, and constructed.

Action: On September 19, 2025, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and on September 20, 2025, referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Support

H.R. 5566 – Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act

Introduced in the House on September 26, 2025, by Reps. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24) and David Valadao (R-CA-22)

Summary: The bill would reauthorize three critical federal programs to help address the cost of water system resilience by offering competitive grants to help communities:

- Enhance water supply reliability;
- Increase resilience to natural disasters, extreme weather, and cybersecurity threats; and
- Invest in innovative technological solutions.

The Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program, originally established in the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, serves small and disadvantaged communities. Complementary programs, including the Clean Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program and the Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program, support wastewater systems and larger drinking water systems. All three programs are set to expire next year, and the bill would reauthorize funding through 2031 to ensure that the nation's drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure remains resilient to a wide range of threats.

Action: On September 26, 2025, the bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Support

H.R. 5661 – Water Preservation and Affordability Act

Introduced in the House on September 30, 2025, by Reps. Emilia Strong Sykes (D-OH-13)

Summary: The Water Preservation and Affordability Act would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to promote the use of "resource preservation techniques," including water and energy efficiency, stormwater mitigation, and sustainable project planning. The bill would require the incorporation of these techniques in federally funded water projects and authorize increased funding for the Wastewater Efficiency Grant Pilot Program and the Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program through FY2031.

Action: On September 30, 2025, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Support

MEMORANDUM

Item 8. (g) ACTION

DATE: November 12, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: Authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services contract with Soto Resources for as-needed services for grant assistance in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 through June of 2027.

Recommendation

Authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services contract with Soto Resources for as-needed services for grant assistance in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 through June of 2027.

Background

Upper Water has been very successful in securing grant funding to help support many of the agency's conservation and recycled water projects. Since 2007, over \$28 million in federal and state grant funds have been awarded to Upper Water.

Grant writing efforts have been a joint effort by staff and grant writing consultants. Continuing the effort to successfully pursue grant funding, staff recommends retaining Soto Resources to track and identify grant opportunities for Upper Water's priorities and assist with grant writing and reporting.

Since 2015, Upper Water has utilized Soto Resources for grant assistance and was successful in acquiring \$10 million in grants for various water efficiency and watershed restoration projects. Most recently, Soto Resources assisted staff in securing two U.S. Bureau of Reclamation grants for the Water Smart Home Kit program and the Plant Voucher program. Currently, Upper Water has a pending federal grant application to assist with drafting of a golden mussel control plan.

Staff is recommending that the Board authorize a new agreement for grant assistance with Soto Resources for the next two years. Soto Resources has submitted a fee schedule which is attached. Additionally, retaining Soto Resources will allow Upper Water to continually seek alternative funding opportunities that will assist in meeting Upper Water's strategic goals.

ATTACHMENT



October 30, 2025

Patty Cortez
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Subject: Proposal for General Grant Assistance Services for Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Projects

Dear Patty:

It has been a pleasure working with you to provide grant assistance services for Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper Water, District). Upper Water is an important client of Soto Resources, and together we have secured \$2,811,500 in grant funding for important District projects. We are excited about this opportunity to continue our success with you and your team. Per your request, this proposal is to continue to provide general grant assistance services for Upper Water, including grant funding research & tracking, application preparation and submittal, and funding agreement management and reporting, and the positive results that you've come to expect from Soto Resources. We take great pride in the level of expertise we offer, based on over 20 years of experience.

Below is the scope of work and fee schedule for providing general grant assistance services for Upper Water.

Scope of Work

Soto Resources' general grant assistance services may include, but are not limited to the following:

Task 1. Meetings and Priority Project List

Participate in meetings to discuss priority projects and the funding needed. Soto Resources will develop and maintain a priority project list. The Soto Resources team will attend meetings with District staff, as appropriate, to review and discuss the status of and updates to the District's priority projects in need of funding. Based on our discussions, Soto Resources' efforts will focus on identifying funding for the following priority projects:



1. San Gabriel River Golden Mussel Control Project
2. Baldwin Park Learning Center Project
3. Conservation Incentives (rebates)
4. Drought tolerant landscaping for streets
5. Stormwater capture (already capture most water)
6. Water loss reduction (i.e., leak detection, smart meters)
7. Watershed Restoration Program
8. Water quality and water use efficiency (DAC focus)
9. Lead pipe replacement (DAC focus)
10. Water Smart Home Program (DAC focus)
11. Whittier Narrows Recycled Water Reliability Project
12. Angeles National Forest Post-Fire Infrastructure Improvements
13. Indirect Reuse Replenishment Project
14. Residential Plant Voucher Program

Task 2. Funding Research

Soto Resources will research eligible funding opportunities (grants and loans) for the District's priority projects. Research efforts may also include the following:

- Contact funding agencies to discuss project eligibility and to achieve updated program information.
- Review grant funding guidelines, proposal solicitation packages (state grants), or funding opportunity announcements (federal grants) to determine project eligibility, maximum funding award amount, timeframe for completing the project, cost/level of effort to prepare the grant proposal, proposal due date, and competitiveness.
- Participate in funding agency meetings and attend workshops for selected opportunities.

The federal, state, and local funding opportunities that may be researched include, but are not limited to, the following:

Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA)

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Reduction in Lead Exposure Via Drinking Water
- Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Loans Program

United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)

- WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program
- WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects
- WaterSMART: Drought Response Program - Drought Resiliency Projects
- WaterSMART: Drought Response Program - Planning and Project Design



- WaterSMART: Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects
- WaterSMART: Environmental Water Resources Projects
- Water Conservation Field Services Program, Lower Colorado River Region
- Bay-Delta Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants

California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

- Proposition 4 Projects related to Integrated Regional Water Management to improve climate resilience on a watershed basis
- Proposition 4 Groundwater Banking, Groundwater Recharge, or Instream Flow Projects that Support Conjunctive Use of Groundwater and Surface Water Supplies
- Proposition 4 Capital Investments in Brackish Desalination, Contaminant and Salt Removal, and Salinity Management Projects to Improve Water and Drought Resilience
- Proposition 4 Improve Water Data Management and Reactivate Existing Stream Gages and Deploy New Gages
- Proposition 4 Regional Conveyance Projects or Repairs to Existing Conveyances
- Proposition 4 Projects that Increase Water Conservation in Agricultural and Urban Areas
- Proposition 4 Flood Management Projects
- Proposition 4 Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program
- Proposition 4 Riverine Stewardship Program
- Proposition 4 Urban Streams Restoration Program

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

- Watershed Restoration and Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs
- Environmental Enhancement Fund

California Department of Parks and Recreation

- Recreational Trails Program
- Land and Water Conservation Fund

California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank)

- Proposition 4 Public financing of clean energy transmission projects

California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)

- Proposition 4 Projects that improve conditions on wildlife refuges and wetland habitat areas



- Proposition 4 Nature and Climate Education and Research Facilities, Nonprofit Organizations and Public Institutions, Natural History Museums, California Zoos and Aquariums, and Geologic Heritage Sites
- Proposition 4 Improve Local Fire Prevention Capacity, Improve Forest Health and Resilience, and Reduce the Risk of Wildfire Spreading into Populated Areas from Wildlands
- Proposition 4 Forest health and watershed improvement projects in forests and other habitats
- Proposition 4 Urban Greening Program
- Proposition 4 Reduction of climate impacts on disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations and the creation, protection, and expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities

California Office of Emergency Service/Cal FIRE

- Proposition 4 Wildfire Mitigation Grant Program
- Proposition 4 Forest Health Program for long-term forest health projects.
- Proposition 4 Grants to conduct fuel reduction, structure hardening, create defensible space, reforestation, or targeted acquisitions to improve forest health and fire resilience
- Proposition 4 Urban Forests
- Proposition 4 Community Resilience Centers

California Water Commission

- Proposition 4 Water Storage Investment Program

California Wildlife Conservation Board

- Proposition 4 Stream Flow Enhancement Program
- Proposition 4 Grant programs to protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources and habitat and achieve the state's biodiversity, public access, and conservation goals
- Proposition 4 Projects that improve habitat connectivity and establish wildlife crossings and corridors

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

- Wildfire Prevention Grant Program
- Proposition 4 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for watershed improvement, wildfire resilience, chaparral and forest restoration, and workforce development
- Proposition 4 Reduce risks of climate change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources, and increase public access

State Water Resources Control Board

- Drinking Water Grants & Loans (Clean, Safe and Reliable Drinking Water)



- Nonpoint Source Grant Program: U.S. EPA Clean Water Act Section 319
- Proposition 4 Grants and Loans that Improve Water Quality or Help to Provide Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water
- Proposition 4 Grants and Projects Related to Water Reuse and Recycling
- Proposition 4 Multiple-benefit Urban Stormwater Management
- Other Proposition 4 Funded Programs

Task 3. Funding Matrix and Monthly Reporting for Priority Projects

Soto Resources will maintain a funding matrix (spreadsheet) summarizing the District's priority projects and identifying the potential funding opportunities for each. The funding matrix will provide important funding program information, including program name and agency, funding purpose, funding amounts, key dates/deadlines. The funding matrix will be provided via email as a monthly report on current funding opportunities for the District's Projects. As needed, a funding alert email may be submitted to District staff when funding information is timely and needs to be distributed prior to regularly scheduled meetings.

Task 4. Grant Management and Reporting

Upon award of funding, grant management and reporting services will be provided to manage the grant/funding award. Grant management may include assisting the District with negotiation and execution of the Funding Agreement with the funding agency; understanding project implementation reporting and invoicing requirements; establishing grant close-out procedures; and setting up appropriate reporting documents for progress reports and invoicing. District staff will be responsible for the invoicing portion of the required grant/funding agreement reporting. The following projects have funding awards that require ongoing grant management and reporting for the term of the agreement:

- Water Smart Home Program - Awarded \$150,000 from the USBR Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program (federal)
- Residential Plant Voucher Program - Awarded \$100,000 from the USBR Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Program (federal)

Task 5. Additional services (As Needed)

Soto Resources will perform other required tasks for funding related efforts on an as-needed basis, as requested by the District. Soto Resources and subcontracted staff, as assigned, will work closely with Upper Water to communicate with funding agencies regarding District projects to identify funding opportunities and to determine whether or not to proceed with a grant or loan application (also known as Go/No-Go Process). Upper Water will be responsible for providing project information required to complete funding related tasks. When the District decides to pursue a funding opportunity, a separate proposal or task order for completing the grant or loan application will be provided by Soto Resources to the District, upon request. This is because the level of effort for application preparation depends significantly on both the application requirements and the amount of existing project information available.



Fee Schedule

The table below shows the anticipated Soto Resources team member and bill rate required to perform the proposed services. The services will be performed on an hourly basis, for a total cost not to exceed **\$75,000 through June 30, 2027**. Invoices will be submitted on a monthly basis.

Name	Title/Position	Hourly Bill Rate
Joey Soto, M.S.	Principal/Project Manager/ Senior Grant Researcher/Writer	\$205
Jennifer Nevius, P.E.	Senior Engineer/Grant Researcher/Writer*	\$185
Jane Soule, P.E.	Engineer/Grant Researcher/Writer*	\$175

*Notes: *Subconsultant rate shown includes markup. Other direct costs such as copying, reproduction, delivery, postage, mileage (rates allowed by current IRS guidelines), are not included in the fee estimate and will be billed separately if incurred. Soto Resources reserves the right to adjust its hourly rates at the beginning of the calendar year for all ongoing contracts.*

Please contact me with any questions. I look forward to working together to acquire more grant funding for Upper Water Projects!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joey Soto".

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MEMORANDUM

Item. 8 (h) ACTION

Date: November 12, 2025
To: Board of Directors
From: General Manager
Subject: FY 25-26 Water Education Grant Program

Recommendation

Staff recommends the funding of 24 grant applications for the Water Education Grant Program in FY 25-26, totaling \$19,221.09.

Background

The open application period for Upper Water's Water Education Grant Program (WEGP) was announced during public comment at various school districts across the service area in August and September 2025. School districts were subsequently notified via email and mail. In addition, staff made the application available on Upper Water's website, social media accounts, e-Newsletter, and shared it with conservation coordinators during the most recent Conservation Action Roundtable meeting. The deadline for the first round of completed applications was October 31, 2025.

Discussion

For the fiscal year 2025-26, the Board of Directors approved a budget allocation of \$55,000 for educational materials and grant programs, with \$20,000 dedicated to the Water Education Grant Program (WEGP) and the remaining \$25,000 allocated to educational videos and other materials.

Staff has reviewed all grant applications in accordance with the program's criteria, conditions, and educational goals, receiving a total of 28 applications. Of these, 24 meet the program guidelines and fall within the approved budget allocation. Four applications were received after the submission deadline. These applications are included in the attached project summary for reference. Of the four, staff does not recommend one, as it does not meet program requirements. Staff requests direction from the committee regarding whether to fund the remaining three, which would increase the total funding amount to \$22,171.09.

The review criteria included the following:

- Does the project offer a better understanding of water and the important role it plays?
- Does the project actively engage students in the learning process and enhance the classroom experience?
- Are components of the project inter-disciplinary?
- Does the budget cover the activities proposed?
- Are the student activities, goals, and objectives clearly defined?

The attached table lists each of the 28 applications with a project summary.

//Attachment

Upper Water - Water Education Grant Applications Received for FY 2025-26

ID	Received	Project Title	Applicant Name	School	School Address	City	Zip	Div.	Grade Levels	Total Students	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Summary
1	9/16/25	The Chemistry of Water Through the Art of Tea	Merck Chang	Los Altos High School	15325 Los Robles Ave.	Hacienda Heights		3	10th	180	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	"The Chemistry of a Perfect Cup" engages high school students in hands-on experiments that connect water chemistry to everyday life through the process of making tea. Students will learn about municipal water purification and investigate how water quality parameters—such as pH and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)—affect flavor and appearance. Using butterfly pea flower tea as a natural indicator, they will explore acidity, alkalinity, and mineral content through both quantitative data collection and sensory observation. By linking chemistry principles to water quality and local water resources, the project fosters scientific literacy and a deeper understanding of the role water plays in daily life and the environment.
2	9/24/25	Pollinator Garden for Water Wise Stewardship	Jessica Schoenfeld	Twin Lakes School	3900 Gilman Rd.	El Monte	91732	5	7th-8th	26	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Students will design and build native, drought-resistant pollinator gardens to improve air quality, conserve water, and support local ecosystems. Using raised beds and compost, they will transform an unused, sun-exposed lot into a green space that provides habitat for pollinators and a relaxing area for students and staff. The project teaches water conservation, native plant use, and environmental responsibility while actively engaging students in hands-on learning that benefits both their campus and community.
3	9/25/25	Power and Protection: Exploring Water's Energy & Care	Nicholas Olea	McKinley Elementary	1425 Manley Dr.	San Gabriel	91776	2	1st-5th	180	\$969.13	\$969.13	Students will investigate the power and importance of water through hands-on STEM activities focused on renewable energy, pollution, and water quality. Fifth graders will build hydropower turbines to learn how moving water generates energy and design cleanup ships from recycled materials to remove simulated pollution. First graders will explore buoyancy and density through sink-or-float experiments to understand how pollutants behave in water. These activities engage students in problem-solving, collaboration, and scientific inquiry while building environmental responsibility. By connecting engineering and science concepts to real-world water issues, the project helps students appreciate water as both a renewable resource and an essential part of a healthy planet.
4	9/25/25	The Water Guardians Project: Growing a Water Wise Future	Dr. Stacy Acuna	St. Joseph School	15650 E. Temple Ave.	La Puente	91744	3	TK-8th	217	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Students from TK-8, guided by the Ecology Club, will design and build a Water-Wise Garden to learn about water conservation and the value of native, drought-tolerant plants. The project includes researching appropriate species, planting a sustainable garden, and installing a simple drip irrigation system to model efficient watering practices. Educational signs will share information on native plants and water protection with the broader school community. Through hands-on participation, students will connect science and ecology lessons to real-world conservation, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and foster long-term stewardship of California's precious water resources.
5	10/8/25	Exploring the Flow of Water with the Lakeshore Watch It Flow Water Table	Michelle Cordich	Cypress Elementary	351 W. Cypress Ave.	Covina	91723	4	TK	24	\$878.99	\$878.99	Students will use a Watch It Flow Water Table to explore how water moves, collects, and changes direction through hands-on experimentation. Working in small groups, they will build dams and channels to observe the effects of barriers and terrain on water flow, connecting these activities to real-world systems and environmental themes. Through guided play, students will learn about gravity, motion, and cause and effect while developing observation, prediction, and problem-solving skills. The project introduces concepts of pollution, conservation, and responsible water use, fostering curiosity and early scientific understanding of how human actions influence water resources.
6	10/14/25	Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration	Eloise Gomez	Bassett High School	755 N. Ardilla Ave.	La Puente	91746	3	9th-12th	25	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Students will participate in a field trip to the Bolsa Chica Wetlands to study the importance of habitat restoration and biodiversity in California's shrinking wetland ecosystems. Through guided lessons and hands-on restoration activities, students will examine human impacts on natural habitats, explore ecosystem dynamics, and connect classroom concepts of carbon cycling, stability, and change to real-world environmental issues. The experience supports NGSS standards while fostering environmental stewardship and a deeper understanding of how protecting and restoring wetlands sustains both plant and animal life.
7	10/20/25	Where is the Water?	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	TK & K	11	\$997.00	\$997.00	TK & K students will become "Junior Forecasters," using a weather station to explore concepts of weather, water, and conservation. Through hands-on experiments and stories like Hey, Water!, students will learn about clouds, rain, humidity, and the water cycle while discovering where water comes from and why it must be conserved. By predicting and tracking weather patterns, students will build observation, communication, and early science skills, sharing what they learn with classmates and fostering awareness of water as a vital natural resource.
8	10/20/25	Climate Change	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	1st	14	\$998.00	\$998.00	Students will explore the connections between climate change, natural resources, and water through a series of interactive readings and experiments. Using books like Why Does Climate Change? and The Ultimate Book of Water, along with the Climate Change Renewable Resources activity book and the H2O(hh) Water Science Kit, students will investigate the causes and impacts of climate change while discovering the properties of water through hands-on experiments. The project builds awareness of environmental issues, encourages critical thinking about human impacts, and introduces students to science-related careers focused on conservation and sustainability.
9	10/20/25	Water Cycle and Climate Change	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	2nd	14	\$796.00	\$796.00	Students will explore the water cycle and climate change through books, activities, and hands-on experiments. Using resources like The Great Big Water Cycle Adventure and the Climate Change Activity Book for Kids, students will learn how human actions influence the environment and what can be done to protect it. With the Weather and Climate Lab 5-in-1 Weather Station, they will investigate real-world phenomena such as air pressure, temperature, wind, and the water cycle. The project deepens understanding of Earth's systems, climate impacts, and the importance of conserving natural resources for a sustainable future.

Upper Water - Water Education Grant Applications Received for FY 2025-26

ID	Received	Project Title	Applicant Name	School	School Address	City	Zip	Div.	Grade Levels	Total Students	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Summary
10	10/20/25	8 1/4 x 6 3/4 STEAM Clean Water Science Kit for Kids - 12 pc.	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	3rd	15	\$982.83	\$982.83	Students will use the STEAM Clean Water Science Kit to learn about water purification and sustainability through interactive, hands-on experiments. By exploring filtration methods and understanding the principles of clean water, students will connect scientific concepts to real-world applications. The project promotes curiosity, critical thinking, and environmental awareness, helping students appreciate the importance of clean, sustainable water resources.
11	10/20/25	Original Stationery Weather Science Lab	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	4th	12	\$961.65	\$961.65	Students will use a Weather Science Kit to build their own weather station and conduct hands-on experiments that explore meteorology, the water cycle, and temperature measurement. Through 25 interactive activities, including sundial and wind turbine projects, students will observe how weather and water systems interact. The project strengthens scientific understanding, observation, and analytical skills while fostering curiosity about how weather patterns influence the environment.
12	10/20/25	STEM Success Kit	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	5th	13	\$845.00	\$845.00	Students will explore the properties of air, air pressure, and surface tension through a series of hands-on experiments. By studying cohesion, adhesion, and molecular behavior, they will learn how molecules interact and sustain different states of matter. The project encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of fundamental scientific concepts through engaging, interactive activities.
13	10/20/25	National Geographic Mega Science Lab	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	6th	13	\$987.00	\$987.00	Students will use the National Geographic Mega Science Lab kit to conduct over 130 hands-on experiments exploring earth science, chemistry, and water-based reactions. Activities like changing the color of water, catching bubbles, and making coins float will help students observe water's unique properties and everyday applications. The project promotes curiosity, experimentation, and a deeper appreciation of how water functions in science and daily life.
14	10/20/25	Hand 2 Mind Splash Water Kit	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	7th	15	\$959.25	\$959.25	Students will use a Hands-on water kit to explore weather, liquids, and environmental concepts through interactive activities. With experiments such as creating tornadoes, bubbles, and other water-based phenomena, students will learn how water affects weather and its movement in the environment. The project promotes curiosity, observation, and a fun, engaging understanding of water and weather systems.
15	10/20/25	Hand 2 Mind Splash Water Kit	Carol Desy	St. Luke Catholic School	5521 Cloverly Ave.	Temple City	91780	2	8th	15	\$940.00	\$940.00	Students will use a Tiny Observatory Kit to explore the water cycle and its connection to environmental issues like the greenhouse effect and acid rain. Through hands-on lessons and experiments, students will observe how weather and human actions impact plants, animals, and humans. The project builds understanding of water systems, environmental stewardship, and the broader effects of climate change.
16	10/20/25	School Garden with Vermicompost	Jessica Trinh Ropelli	Hollencrest Middle School	2101 E. Merced Ave	West Covina	91791	4	6-8th	800	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Students will design, construct, and operate a permanent composting unit using organic waste from the school to create nutrient-rich soil that improves water retention and reduces irrigation needs. The garden will transform unused space into an outdoor classroom for studying ecology, nutrient cycling, and soil science while demonstrating effective water conservation practices. Through hands-on experiments, students will collect and analyze data on soil moisture and composting, building critical thinking, collaboration, and leadership skills.
17	10/31/25	Microscopes Lab	Annie Tam	West Covina High School	1609 E. Cameron Ave.	West Covina	91791	4	9-12th	170	\$1,180.22	\$1,000.00	Students will collect and examine water samples from different sources under a microscope to explore the hidden world of microscopic life. By observing, sketching, and analyzing their findings, they will identify the diversity of organisms present and strengthen their skills in observation, data interpretation, and scientific analysis. This hands-on activity fosters curiosity and appreciation for biodiversity while promoting awareness of the importance of clean water and environmental responsibility.
18	10/31/25	Hollencrest Middle School Garden Project - Irrigation	Matthew Pisos	Hollencrest Middle School	2101 E. Merced Ave	West Covina	91791	4	6-8th	800	\$1,002.00	\$1,000.00	Students will create an outdoor learning space to study soil science and water-wise practices using reclaimed water and a drip irrigation system. The project includes a composting system that improves the soil's ability to retain water, demonstrating effective water conservation methods. Through hands-on applications of biology, chemistry, and environmental science, students will collect and analyze data on soil moisture, develop evidence-based conclusions, and build project management and leadership skills.
19	10/31/25	Water Filtration Effectiveness Testing	Michael Naka	Richard Garvey Intermediate Middle School	2720 N Jackson Ave.	Rosemead	91770	2	7-8th	5	\$530.02	\$530.02	Students will conduct an experiment comparing the effectiveness of commercial and homemade water filters. By adding impurities such as dirt and sand to water samples, they will test changes in pH, bacterial presence, and total dissolved solids (TDS) before and after filtration. The project combines hands-on experimentation with data analysis to evaluate how well each filter improves water quality. Through this study, students will deepen their understanding of water purification, the science behind filtration, and how cost relates to performance—promoting awareness of clean water access and treatment methods.
20	10/31/25	Cooking Water	Michael Naka	Richard Garvey Intermediate Middle School	2720 N Jackson Ave.	Rosemead	91770	2	7th	4	\$267.99	\$267.99	Students will design and build a device that captures and reuses water from steam produced by boiling pots. The system will collect condensation on a surface, allowing the re-liquefied water to flow into a container for reuse. This project teaches students about the water cycle, condensation, and methods of water recovery, while demonstrating practical ways to reduce water waste and conserve clean water resources through simple, efficient design.

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21	10/31/25	Solar-filtered Water: The Power of Evaporation	Michael Naka	Richard Garvey Intermediate Middle School	2720 N Jackson Ave.	Rosemead	91770	2	7th	4	\$114.24	\$114.24	Students will design and test a solar still to purify contaminated water through solar distillation. Using sunlight to evaporate and condense water in a covered basin, they will collect and test the resulting clean water to assess its quality. The purified water will be used for the school's drought-tolerant garden, demonstrating a sustainable, electricity-free purification method. Through this experiment, students will learn about evaporation, condensation, water reuse, and how solar energy can support water conservation and environmental sustainability.
22	10/31/25	Save-a-Drop Geoff	Michael Naka	Richard Garvey Intermediate Middle School	2720 N Jackson Ave.	Rosemead	91770	2	8th	5	\$53.99	\$53.99	Students will improve the "Save-a-Drop-Geoff" water-saving device by enhancing its filtration system, repairing leaks, and redesigning pipes for better water flow. The project demonstrates how water can be conserved during everyday activities like showering, encouraging users to reduce water waste. By creating and refining this device, students gain hands-on experience in engineering, design, and water efficiency, while the broader community benefits from using the shower heads to save water and support local environmental sustainability.
23	10/31/25	Human Activity and Sea Level Rise	Jason Gutierrez	Charles Burch Elementary	N. 4245 Merced Ave.	Baldwin Park	91706	5	5th	72	\$940.00	\$940.00	Students will investigate how rising temperatures and human activities, such as pollution, emissions, and food waste, contribute to sea level rise along the California coast. Working in groups, they will research, create posters and models, and propose preventative actions to reduce their carbon footprint. This hands-on project aligns with NGSS standards, helping students understand the connections between climate change, human behavior, and water resources, while developing research, collaboration, and communication skills.
24	10/31/25	Microscopes Lab	Maria Flores	West Covina High School	1609 E. Cameron Ave.	West Covina	91791	4	9-12th	170	\$1,180.22	\$1,000.00	Students will collect and examine water samples from different sources under a microscope to explore the hidden world of microscopic life. By observing, sketching, and analyzing their findings, they will identify the diversity of organisms present and strengthen their skills in observation, data interpretation, and scientific analysis. This hands-on activity fosters curiosity and appreciation for biodiversity while promoting awareness of the importance of clean water and environmental responsibility.
25	10/31/25	Hollencrest Watershed Garden Project (Edible and Native Water Wine Garden) (#1 UNDER CONSIDERATION)	Manuel Barron	Hollencrest Middle School	2101 E. Merced Ave.	West Covina	91791	4	6-8th	800	\$950.00	\$950.00	Students will expand the Hollencrest Water-wise Garden by planting drought-tolerant California native species and edible crops, using compost, mulch, and drip irrigation to promote water efficiency. They will research, plant, and monitor soil moisture and plant growth, learning how strategic plant selection supports biodiversity and sustainable food production. This hands-on project integrates biology, environmental science, and data analysis, providing an outdoor classroom that models water-wise practices, enhances campus biodiversity, and teaches students how to conserve limited water resources.
26	10/31/25	Gidley's Water Conservationists (#2 UNDER CONSIDERATION)	Maria Terrazas	Gidley School	10226 Lower Azusa Rd.	El Monte	91731	1	Tk-8th	150	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Students will learn about water conservation and sustainable gardening by planting native SoCal seeds, using drip irrigation, layering mulch, and practicing water harvesting techniques. The project teaches students how to efficiently manage water for plant growth, prevent soil erosion, and support crop production, while also fostering exposure to nature and social-emotional skills. Students gain agency in growing fresh produce, which can help address food insecurity in their community and promote self-sufficiency.
27	10/31/25	The SoCal Aqua-STEM Classroom Garden (#3 UNDER CONSIDERATION)	Maria Avellano	Walnut Grove Intermediate School	614 E. Vine Ave.	West Covina	91790	4	7-8th	120	\$1,060.00	\$1,000.00	Students will create a living laboratory using the Aqua-Sprout aquaponic system, combining an aquarium and garden bed to demonstrate sustainable food production with minimal water. They will monitor water quality, track usage, and analyze plant growth to calculate the system's efficiency compared to traditional farming. This hands-on project teaches students about the nitrogen cycle, the role of microbes, and how plants act as natural filters, providing a tangible example of water reuse and conservation. The aquaponic system will remain a permanent classroom resource, giving future students the opportunity to explore water efficiency and sustainable practices in a real-world context.
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28	9/23/25	Topographical Maps and Watersheds (NOT RECOMMENDED)	Manny Co	Edgewood Schools	1625 W. Durness St.	West Covina	91790	4	6-8th	150	\$1,096.00	\$1,000.00	This project engages students in hands-on watershed science by using 3D printing technology to create a physical model of their local watershed based on real topographical data. Through this process, students will actively explore how elevation and land use influence water flow and quality, tracing how rainwater travels from higher elevations to rivers, lakes, and communities downstream. The project's clearly defined objectives center on helping students visualize hydrological processes, analyze human impacts on water systems, and understand the importance of watershed protection. By transforming abstract data into a tangible model, students gain a deeper appreciation of how water connects their environment and community.

REDISTRICTING

California Republicans sue to block Prop. 50

Attorneys allege ballot measure violates 14th, 15th amendments



Workers sort mail-in ballots at the Los Angeles County Ballot Processing Center in the City of Industry on Tuesday. California GOP on Wednesday filed suit to block newly approved congressional maps. Keith Birmingham — staff photographer

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California Republicans aren't taking Tuesday's landslide victory for redistricting sitting down, instead announcing the morning after the statewide special election that they have filed a federal lawsuit to challenge Proposition 50.

They are seeking a court injunction to block the voter-approved gerrymandered maps from being used for the 2026 congressional midterm elections while the case is heard since, attorneys for the plaintiff said, candidates for U.S. House seats must know in a matter of weeks which maps they'll be running under.

In announcing their lawsuit on Wednesday, attorneys alleged the ballot measure violates the 14th and 15th amendments by unconstitutionally gerrymandering congressional districts to favor one race.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court has in the past permitted gerrymandered maps in limited instances to protect minority voters under the Voting Rights Act, the attorneys said there was no proof that gerrymandering to favor Hispanics, in the case of Proposition 50, was necessary.

Aside from the California Republican Party, Central Valley Assemblymember David Tangipa and 18 California voters are parties to the lawsuit. It named as defendants Gov. Gavin Newsom, who pushed for Proposition 50, as well as California Secretary of State Shirley Weber.

"The fight for California has just begun," Tangipa, the lead plaintiff, said during a news conference.

As the first Polynesian elected to the California Legislature, Tangipa said he appreciates the diversity in the state.

"What we have seen with Prop. 50, these maps, they are completely diminishing the voices of other groups" to benefit certain groups, he said.

"This lawsuit's about fair and equal representation for every Californian, no matter the color of your skin," said Corrin Rankin, chair of the California Republican Party.

The governor's office, in a brief statement after the lawsuit was announced, said it hadn't reviewed the complaint.

"But if it's from the California Republican Party and (U.S. Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General) Harmeet Dhillon's law firm, it's going to fail," said Brandon Richards, a spokesperson for Newsom's office. He added: "Good luck, losers."

Almost immediately after polls closed Tuesday, the special election was called in favor of Proposition 50, a resounding victory for Newsom and the effort to increase safe Democratic House seats in California.

The measure had a solid lead statewide, according to unofficial election results posted early Wednesday by the secretary of state's office. There are still ballots left to count, though the

final results likely won't change significantly. The secretary of state has until Dec. 12 to certify the election results.

Local elections offices were also reporting majority voter support for the ballot measure in their counties, based on unofficial vote counts posted on their websites Wednesday morning.

That includes Los Angeles County and Orange County, as well as in the Inland Empire, where, although the majority of voters chose President Donald Trump in last year's election, Proposition 50 was passing in both Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

Proposition 50 was largely viewed as a referendum on Trump, and supporters of the measure have said it is meant to counter similar gerrymandering plans in other states that would benefit Republicans in the 2026 midterm elections.

The problem, said Mike Columbo, an attorney with the Dhillon Law Group, which filed the lawsuit, is that Democrats who drew the Proposition 50 maps, as well as members of the California Legislature, have acknowledged the new maps would increase the power of Latino voters.

"When states racially gerrymander their voting districts, the Supreme Court has permitted a limited exception to the Constitution," Columbo said. "That exception requires, among other things, that the favored voters are a minority whose preferred candidates cannot get elected because of the votes of another majority race.

"Hispanics make up the most voters in the state. ... Hispanics have had fantastic success in electing candidates of their choice. Accordingly, California cannot meet this exception," Columbo said.

Of note, the Dhillon Law Group was founded by Harmeet Dhillon, who is now an assistant attorney general in the civil rights division at the U.S Department of Justice. Dhillon stepped down from her role at the law firm in April to work for the Justice Department.

Wednesday's lawsuit — funded by the National Republican Congressional Committee, according to speakers at the news conference — may not be the only legal challenge to California's election results.

On Election Day, Trump, who had largely stayed away from campaigning against the measure, claimed without evidence that the election was rigged and hinted at a legal challenge.

"The Unconstitutional Redistricting Vote in California is a GIANT SCAM in that the entire process, in particular the Voting itself, is RIGGED. All 'Mail-In' Ballots, where the Republicans in that State are 'Shut Out,' is under very serious legal and criminal review. STAY TUNED!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social account.

The California secretary of state responded by calling the president's post "another baseless claim."

Meanwhile, House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-Louisiana, decried Proposition 50 on Wednesday, calling it "a sign of desperation" by the Democratic Party.

"They had to trample over their own independent redistricting commission. ... It was a game to try to rig the election — as if you could gerrymander California anymore," he said, noting that 43 of California's 52 congressional districts are already held by Democrats.

"It's just a blatant example of Gavin Newsom's immoral leadership," Johnson said.

This week was not the first time California Republicans have fought Democrats' redistricting effort in court.

In August, Republican legislators filed a petition seeking a court order to halt Democrats' attempt to enact new, partisan congressional maps in California for the next three elections.

A week after the California Supreme Court denied that petition, the GOP legislators filed another petition in hopes of blocking Proposition 50 from appearing on the Nov. 4 ballot. The same court rejected the second petition as well.

‘Emerging threat’: An invasive species is upending life in the Delta, with no help on the way



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An underwater view of golden mussels growing on a dock at a Delta boatyard in Stockton on Oct. 23, 2025. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

IN SUMMARY

One year after the discovery that golden mussels had invaded the Delta, thick colonies coat boats and piers and threaten water supplies for cities and farms. Yet the state has no specific funding or plans to tackle harms in the heart of the invasion.

Spurts of goo oozed between Jeff Wingfield’s fingers as he methodically crushed a handful of golden mussels, popping the shells of the tiny invaders like bubblewrap.

“You can just push your way right through them,” said Wingfield from the dock where he stood at the Port of Stockton, looking down at the thimble-sized debris in his palm.

Last October, a couple of miles down the Stockton Deepwater Shipping Channel, state water managers first discovered that golden mussels had invaded North America.

Seeing how fast they’ve multiplied in the last year “was like a gut punch,” said Wingfield, a deputy director at the port.

The mussels are infamous for voracious appetites that fuel their rapid growth. Now, state and local water managers are [battling to keep golden mussels](#) from reaching uninfested lakes and reservoirs. They're racing to keep them from damaging the pumping facilities that send Delta water to farms and cities in Central and Southern California.

But here, in the web of waterways where the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers meet, a new reality is setting in. Thick colonies of the mussels already coat boats and piers and threaten water supplies for cities and farms.

In the urgency to stop the spread, state agencies have prioritized protecting the rest of the state from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, over protecting the Delta itself. Residents and local leaders feel overlooked. And they fear that the stigma of a golden mussel infestation will drive visitors and boaters away from one of the country's largest estuaries.

"That's almost like bringing bedbugs or something back from a trip overseas," Wingfield said. "If you've been in the Delta now, it's like you've been exposed."



Sampling plates hauled from the water at the Port of Stockton were completely encrusted with mussels on Oct. 23, 2025. The plates are used to track the golden mussel invasion, Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

The economic consequences are looming large. Invasive mussel and clam species cost an estimated [\\$1.6 billion](#) every year, largely in North America — costs overwhelmingly counted in damage to business and infrastructure, rather than management or prevention.

“We’re just getting started,” said Ted Grosholz, a professor emeritus with the UC Davis Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute. “As the populations grow, the problems will grow.”

A Delta scourge, one year in

The Delta is home to [nearly three quarters of a million people](#), half a million acres of farmland, threatened and endangered fish species — and now, the golden mussel.

Native to China and Southeast Asia, the mussel is suspected to have slipped in on a commercial ship, [past long-delayed shipping rules](#) aimed at keeping out invaders.

Now, the abundant mollusk is invading critical infrastructure.

The Contra Costa Water District reports golden mussels in multiple parts of its system. And in Stockton, the heart of the invasion, the municipal utilities department found golden mussels on an oil containment boom near their intakes.

Travis Small, deputy director of water resources at the department, said he’s concerned about the raw water pipeline that transports Delta water to their treatment plant, and plans to hire a diver to inspect the utility’s fish screens and pump well. He calls the rapid spread “worrisome.”

The mussels have even started appearing on irrigation siphons that pipe Delta water onto farmland. Though the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau and Delta irrigation districts haven’t reported clogged pipes, yet, Keith Lyons, a diver who inspects underwater equipment, said that he’s already seeing the mussels on them.

One siphon, he said, was [so thickly encrusted](#) that the mussels piled two inches deep, both inside and out.

“There’s a lot. A heck of a lot,” Lyons said. “I’m worried for the farmers. There’s no quick answer. There’s no Roundup.”



An aerial view of the San Joaquin River and the adjacent farmland in Stockton, Oct. 23, 2025. The invasive golden mussel threatens boats, marinas and water supplies for cities and farms. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

Dennis Pelucca, a pest control advisor, also spotted mussels on the siphons for Rindge Tract, an island west of Stockton, to irrigate crops.

So many mussels were hanging off the outside of the pipe, it looked like a beard, he said. On the inside, “if it gets to the point like arteries getting clogged up with cholesterol, then that’s what you’re going to be dealing with. It will plug them up.”

The consequences could be devastating for farming, said [Christopher Neudeck](#), president of the civil engineering firm Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck and a district engineer for many of the Delta islands. The region [produces dozens of different crops](#), and [drives more than \\$4.6 billion](#) in agricultural output.

“If (the siphons) plug up, we’re going to lose billions of dollars worth of agricultural production,” Neudeck said. “We know it’s become extremely problematic. But nothing has really been done. We’re just in a holding pattern, waiting to let the second shoe drop.”

Wingfield, too, has been grappling with the invasive mussels at the Port of Stockton for the past year. He's worried they could clog intakes for vital water systems, including an aerator that maintains legally required oxygen levels in the shipping channel.

Standing on the dock, Wingfield's colleague Steven Bender hauled sampling plates from the water, deployed to help staff track the invasion.

The bottom had been stripped clean of mussels at the end of the summer, but by October was again completely encrusted. Mussels grew on top of mussels.

Bender ripped a handful away from the plates, with a sound like velcro tearing.

No help arriving

For all the emerging and anticipated consequences of the invasion, the state has no specific funding or plans to tackle harms in the Delta.

California lawmakers allocated [\\$20 million in Proposition 4 funds](#) this year to fight off golden and other invasive mussels statewide. But according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, none of it is set aside to protect the Delta or help it adapt.

Other pots of money, like the department's [Boating Access Grant Program](#), could in theory help fund eligible projects to combat the golden mussel in the Delta, but they aren't specifically designated for that purpose.

[Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom](#), a Democrat from Stockton, called the \$20 million an initial investment and said the legislature's Delta Caucus is looking at what more its members can do. She called for federal help.

"These things came clearly from another region, another country — and that means all of our waterways are at risk," Ransom said, calling the mussels a "serious emerging threat" to farms, water supplies, and recreation.



Port of Stockton employee Steven Bender inspects equipment used to aerate water at the Port of Stockton on Oct. 23, 2025. Golden mussels spread rapidly and can damage pipes and pumping equipment, leading to costly repairs. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

But Rep. Josh Harder's [federal legislation](#) aimed at combating the invasion in the Delta has stalled.

"It's tough to get bills from California passed in this Congress," said Harder, the Democrat representing San Joaquin and parts of Stanislaus and Contra Costa counties who introduced the bill. "This shouldn't be a partisan issue."

As Gov. Gavin Newsom pushes for a [\\$20 billion tunnel](#) to send [more Delta water](#) to farms and cities in Central and Southern California, the mussel adds to [residents' growing sense](#) that the Delta is under siege — seen more as a conduit for water than as a place with its own vibrant ecosystems, cultures and farms to protect.

"We do feel abandoned," said Brett Baker, a water lawyer and sixth-generation farmer in the region. "If you were expecting help from the state, you'd be foolish — because at the same time this is happening, they're proceeding through with the (tunnel) proceedings to basically eviscerate the Delta."

A silver bullet?

In the absence of state or federal help, some still hold out hope that something, someday might eradicate the mussels from the Delta.

A few miles away from the Port, at the Delta Marine Yacht Center boatyard, Bob Parsons peered at the dripping undercarriage of the work barge he'd hauled from the water.

Back in March, he'd covered each pontoon with a different type of paint — an experiment to see which was better at preventing the buildup of aquatic hangers-on, like algae. Tiny shells jutted from both pontoons seven months later.

“This is such a small amount in comparison to what I’ve been seeing,” Parsons said.



An underwater view of a rope attached to sampling plates covered with golden mussels at the Port of Stockton on Oct. 23, 2025. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

Parsons is hoping for a silver bullet, but scientists agree that one isn't coming. The invasion is already too established, and the Delta too complex.

Still, he like many others, has pinned at least some of his hopes on a compound being developed by the Invasive Species Corporation, a Davis-based start-up founded by scientist and entrepreneur Pamela Marrone.

The product, Zequanox, is already used to combat other invasive mussels, like the species that have taken hold in the Great Lakes and parts of Southern California. Marrone's team is optimizing it for the golden mussel, as well.

Marrone cautions that controlling mussels in pipes, the inner workings of boats and other water infrastructure is doable. But eliminating mussels from the Delta "is not likely feasible or cost effective."

Without a Delta-wide fix, boaters are grasping for anything they can get their hands on — like special paints, or using ultrasonic sound waves to make their vessels inhospitable to the invaders.

In the meantime, Parson's team is ripping hundreds of pounds off their hulls. And a sense of futility is creeping across waterfronts and docks.

A community at stake

On a warm evening in October, 85-year-old Gene Beley walked down J dock at the Village West Marina and Resort in Stockton. A great egret followed, picking its way down the walkway in the slanting light, looking for dinner.

J dock has become Beley's community in the year since his wife passed away. "These are all my neighbors," Beley said, passing the other boats belonging to a bartender, a contractor, a tech executive. "A lot of times, like Friday or Saturday nights, you'll see a group right here, solving the world's problems."



First: Fred Vijsma, owner of Fred's Yacht Service, pulls golden mussels from the underside of his dinghy. **Last:** Fred Vijsma holds a coffee can full of golden mussel shells scraped from his dinghy at the Village West Marina and Resort in Stockton on Oct. 23, 2025. Photos by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

His friend of 20 years, 75-year-old boat mechanic Fred Vijsma, keeps his yacht just a couple of slips down. Golden mussels clog the thruster and decorate the underside of his dinghies.

Vijsma has been waging a private war against the tiny invaders. He keeps the mussels he's scraped off his dinghy in a coffee can, and kills them with salt — an act part science, part vengeance. The smell of the dead mussels, even in the open air, was overpowering. And his worry about how the mussels will harm this region, and his friends, was palpable.

“In just the short period of time that we’ve had these mussels, it’s totally devastating,” Vijsma said. “What do we do? How do we fix this? We don’t want to leave our boats.”

COURTHOUSE NEWS: Appeals court paves way for divisive California water tunnel

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Delta Conveyance Project Courthouse News Service October 21, 2025

October 21, 2025



Geotechnical work can now begin on a proposed \$20 billion tunnel that would help send water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta southward to drier parts of the Golden State.

By Hillel Aron, Courthouse News Service

A controversial proposal to build a 14-mile underground tunnel to transport water from Northern California southward got a boost from the state Court of Appeals, which ruled that preliminary work can begin on the project.

Last year, a judge in Sacramento County agreed with a collection of counties, water districts, environmental groups and native tribes seeking to stop the Delta Conveyance Project. The judge found that preconstruction geotechnical work had to be certified by a state agency before it could begin, and issued a preliminary injunction preventing that work from moving forward.

But on Friday, a three-judge panel from the state appellate court reversed that ruling.

The \$20 billion Delta Conveyance Project is only the latest iteration of a proposal, sought by California governors and assorted water officials since the 1960s, to move water from the Sacramento River down to the more arid parts of the state. Currently, the state water project has roughly 700 miles of canals, which

use an array of pumps to distribute the water further south for agriculture and drinking. Supporters of the Delta Conveyance Project say it would modernize the water network, save electricity and capture much more water than the current system is capable of.

Most of the local politicians in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region oppose the project, saying it would effectively steal their water and damage the local environment. They also say it's costly and unnecessary. Last month, the Legislature stalled a proposal by Governor Gavin Newsom to fast-track the conveyance project.

Still, the Department of Water Resources had hoped to prepare for the project, including testing the soil and groundwater. But plaintiffs in 10 related lawsuits challenging the project under the state's Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, asked a judge to issue a preliminary injunction blocking the work, arguing that it needed its own separate certification under a 2009 law, the Delta Reform Act.

Superior Court Judge Stephen Acquisto agreed. "Boring holes 250-feet deep and digging trenches 1,000-feet long, 20-feet deep and 3-feet wide, for example, certainly appear to be the type of activity that would cause 'physical change in the environment.'"

In reversing that ruling, Justice Louis Mauro wrote: "The Delta Reform Act does not require DWR to submit a certification of consistency before engaging in preconstruction geotechnical work."

The case is now remanded back to the lower court. Although the water tunnel faces stiff challenges, including a lack of funding and an arduous gauntlet of environmental review, the preliminary geotechnical work can recommence.

PRESS RELEASE: Governor advances Delta Conveyance Project through two key milestones

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Delta Conveyance Project Office of Governor Gavin Newsom October 24, 2025

October 24, 2025



Press release from Governor Gavin Newsom:

Governor Gavin Newsom announced two recent key victories to advance the Delta Conveyance Project — a critical infrastructure project to safeguard California's water supplies amid a hotter, drier future. The administration secured a court decision reversing a preliminary injunction that was previously blocking pre-construction geotechnical work. Additionally, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has submitted a certification of consistency for the broader project to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC). These victories help the Delta Conveyance Project move forward in compliance with the Delta Reform Act — the state law that creates a regulatory framework to protect both the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta ecosystem and a reliable statewide water supply.

"California must quickly complete the Delta Conveyance Project to protect our state's water supplies," said Governor Newsom. "No piece of infrastructure is more fundamental to our water supply and economic success. This is the most effective strategy to ensure that the state can continue to deliver water for Californians in future hotter, drier, and more extreme conditions. Enough delays, we must quickly move forward to protect Californians' water supplies, and we look forward to completing this project sooner rather than later."

Fighting for California's water infrastructure

California is expected to lose 10% of its water supply due to hotter and drier conditions, threatening the water supply for millions of Californians — and the reliability of the State Water Project could be reduced as much as 23% percent. Extreme weather whiplash will result in more intense swings between droughts and floods. And California's 60-year-old water infrastructure is not built to respond to these climate impacts. The Delta Conveyance Project will help offset and recover these future climate-driven water losses, and yet, it has been plagued by delays and red tape.

The Delta Conveyance Project would expand the state's ability to improve water supply reliability, while also maintaining fishery and water quality protections. During atmospheric rivers last year, the Delta Conveyance Project could have captured enough water for 9.8 million people's yearly usage.

The Governor has advanced efforts to move the Delta Conveyance Project forward, including DWR's certification of a final environmental impact report in December 2023 and securing financial support from water agencies throughout the state serving a majority of Californians. And while the project has received some necessary permits, its path forward is burdened by complicated regulatory frameworks and bureaucratic delays.

The importance of protecting the reliability of the State Water Project is too great to allow the Delta Conveyance Project to be mired by unnecessary delays — making last week's wins even more important.

Protecting Californians' water— in the Delta and from the tap

Last week DWR submitted a certification of consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project. The certification — submitted to the Delta Stewardship Council — documents that the Delta Conveyance Project is consistent with the Delta Plan, as required by the Delta Reform Act.

The Delta Reform Act protects two important goals: it protects both the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta ecosystem and a reliable statewide water supply. By filing a certification of consistency, DWR confirms that the Delta Conveyance Project can protect both Californians' water supply and their environment. Next, the Delta Stewardship Council will review the submission and make their determination.

Advancing planning and design

Also last week, the California Court of Appeal for the Third District paved the way for the DWR to resume key work related to the planning and design of the Delta Conveyance Project.

Specifically, the court of Appeal ruled that DWR can proceed with key "geotechnical" work — for example, soil boring and related testing — to help refine the Delta Conveyance Project's planning and design.

The court's ruling rejects a tactic that opponents of the Delta Conveyance Project have used to delay key planning and design work for the last year and a half. While that work has been delayed, the Governor and DWR have been working to do everything within their power to protect Californians' water supplies — which is why DWR continues to push forward with the certification of consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project.

The ruling last week rejected a previous decision from a lower court in June 2024 granting a preliminary injunction that had blocked DWR from conducting this preliminary geotechnical work, concluding that DWR was first required to complete the certification-of-consistency process.

In its ruling last week, the Court of Appeal completely vindicated the administration's legal position. The court rejected the argument that the preliminary geotechnical work required a certification of consistency under the Delta Reform Act — a requirement that protected bureaucratic red tape more than the Delta. This decision paves the way for the geotechnical work to proceed after further proceedings in the trial court, with or without the certification of consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project. And the Court of Appeal confirmed that courts should give “great weight” to the judgment of the Delta Stewardship Council — the state agency responsible for protecting the Delta and administering the Delta Reform Act, which had previously rejected opponents’ challenges to the geotechnical work.

[Learn more about the Delta Conveyance Project](#)

Boiling Point

Who runs your water company?



Water flows from a kitchen faucet in Los Angeles County. (Mel Melcon/Los Angeles Times)



By Ian James

Staff Writer

How democratic is your water utility?

Does everyone who is registered to vote get to choose their leaders in elections? Or do only property owners get to vote for the managers? Maybe the public has no say at all in selecting the people who make decisions that determine safe and affordable drinking water?

"We see significant differences based on democracy," said Kristin Dobbin, a researcher at UC Berkeley. "It really does influence the outcomes of a water system."

In a new study she led, it turns out that water utilities where all voters

have a say in choosing leaders tend to perform better.

I contacted Dobbin to learn more about what she and her colleagues discovered about what they call “water democracy” in California.

The researchers analyzed nearly all of the state’s residential water suppliers, more than 2,400 of them. They looked at three categories: those where all registered voters can elect board members; those where only property owners can; and those where people have no vote in choosing decision-makers. Fully 25% of the systems fall into this last category.

In 2012, California became the first state in the nation to declare access to clean, accessible and affordable drinking water a [human right](#). The researchers wanted to see how these different types of utilities have fared in achieving that.

They already knew more than 700,000 Californians rely on water systems that are failing to meet drinking water standards, according to the [State Water Resources Control Board](#), and an additional 1.8 million have systems considered “at risk” of failing.

The study, published this month in the journal [Nature Water](#), found that 13% of water utilities with limited voting rights are identified as “failing,” similar to those where customers can’t vote on leaders. For fully democratic water systems, only 9% fall into that category.

Fully democratic water purveyors, which tend to be larger, also have significantly fewer cases of E. coli contamination from sewage leaks or agricultural runoff.

Those with the most cases of bacterial contamination are water utilities with no elected boards that are run by companies or mobile home parks. These serve many low-income communities and tend to serve more African Americans.

“We find very clearly that low-income communities of color are less likely to have water democracy than others,” Dobbin said.

The group of for-profit utilities led by unelected managers is also more likely to rely on a single source of water rather than diversifying, which Dobbin said puts them more at risk of an emergency if a [well goes dry](#) or tests reveal contamination.

Growing numbers of Californians are also struggling to afford the [rising costs of their water bills](#). And on affordability, the group that performs the worst is utilities that allow only property owners, not all registered voters, to vote. The researchers found the utilities with the most democracy perform much better in delivering affordable water.

One caveat: Another recent [study](#), led by UC Davis professor Samuel Sandoval Solis, examined who is leading nearly 700 public water agencies in California, and found that Latinos, as well as Black and Indigenous people, remain significantly underrepresented on their boards, as do women.

Here's a look at other news about water, the environment and climate change this week:

Water news this week

I wrote about how tribes are urging Los Angeles to [pump less groundwater](#) in the Owens Valley. In addition to siphoning water from streams into its aqueduct, the Department of Water and Power says the city has 96 wells it can use to pump groundwater. Indigenous leaders told me the pumping has dried up springs and meadows. DWP says the water is used locally for purposes including controlling dust on the dry bed of Owens Lake, and that the city is taking steps to ensure protection of the environment.

Meanwhile, in a unanimous vote, the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which delivers water for 19 million people, [chose the agency's new general manager](#): Shivaji Deshmukh, who leads the Inland Empire Utilities Agency. His appointment comes nearly nine months after the board fired general manager Adel Hagekhalil after an investigation into allegations of discrimination that [exposed divisions within the agency](#).

Up north along the California-Oregon border, one year after the last of four dams was dismantled on the Klamath River, tribes and environmentalists say the river and its salmon are starting to rebound. Damon Goodman, regional director of the group California Trout, says shortly after the dams were removed, “the fish returned in greater numbers than I expected and maybe anyone expected,” Debra Utacia Krol [reports](#) in the Arizona Republic. Oregon Public Broadcasting also [reports](#) that Chinook salmon have returned to southern Oregon for the first time in more than a century.

In a new [report](#), researchers say President Trump’s proposed budget would slash funding for federal programs aimed at bringing clean drinking water to Native communities by about \$500 million, a nearly 70% decrease. The researchers, part of an initiative called [Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities](#), said the proposal would reverse “hard-won progress toward clean, reliable water supplies for Native communities,” and they’re urging Congress to reject the cuts.

More climate and environment news

California hasn’t issued an emergency plea for the public to conserve energy, known as a Flex Alert, since 2022. As my L.A. Times colleague Hayley Smith [reports](#), much of the credit for that goes to new battery energy storage, which has grown more than 3,000% since 2020.

The Trump administration plans to further cut staff at the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department. Inside Climate News’ Katie Surma [reports](#) that the Interior Department plans [to slash about 2,000 positions](#) affecting national parks, endangered species and research. The plan surfaced in a court case after a judge temporarily [blocked the administration](#) from cutting staff during the government shutdown.—

Earlier this year, my colleague Grace Toohey [wrote about](#) problems in Ventura County during the Thomas fire of 2017 and the Mountain fire of

2024, when firefighters saw hydrants run dry and found themselves short of water. Assemblymember Steve Bennett (D-Ventura) introduced

[legislation](#) requiring Ventura County water suppliers to take various steps to try to prevent that, including having 24 hours of backup power to pump water for firefighting. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the bill, which Bennett says is “implementing the lessons learned” from the fires.

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PRESS RELEASE: Restore the Delta Responds to New “Affordable California” Ballot Initiative and Governor’s Push to Fast-Track Delta Conveyance Project

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Delta Conveyance Project Restore the Delta October 24, 2025

October 24, 2025



Press release from Restore the Delta:

On Tuesday, October 21, the California Chamber of Commerce filed a request for a ballot initiative misleadingly titled the “Building an Affordable California” initiative. The proposal seeks to streamline environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for so-called “essential” infrastructure projects, including major water, transportation, housing, and energy developments.

Under the initiative, “essential projects” are defined so broadly that virtually any public, private, or utility infrastructure project could qualify—paving the way for large-scale construction without the environmental review and community protections CEQA provides.

“This is a direct attack on environmental justice communities, Tribal sovereignty, and the ecosystems that sustain our state,” said **Morgen Snyder, Director of Policy and Programs at Restore the Delta**. “At a time when California residents are on the verge of losing their SNAP benefits and healthcare, framing this initiative as ‘affordable’ is frankly disrespectful. While housing affordability is a real crisis, removing community voices and environmental safeguards for the sake of industry profits is a massive step in the wrong direction.”

The proposal follows a growing wave of legislative efforts to weaken CEQA in the name of speeding up large infrastructure and housing projects—despite the fact that many of these recent streamlining measures have not yet been implemented or evaluated. If passed, the new initiative would:

- Eliminate key community and environmental protections, including shortening the timeframe for public comment, which places an undue burden on impacted communities — often with fewer resources — effectively eliminating or severely limiting their ability to provide input and advocate for mitigation of harms.
- Undermine AB 52 Tribal consultation requirements, replacing them with vague, limited language that weakens tribal sovereignty and confidentiality.
- Leave mitigation decisions entirely to the lead agency, giving developers and state departments unchecked authority to define their own environmental accountability.

Notably, the proposed ballot language defines an “essential water project” as one that repairs, replaces, improves, or augments public water systems — or falls under the state’s Water Resilience Portfolio. Under this definition, the controversial Delta Conveyance Project would almost certainly qualify as an “essential project.”

That designation would effectively shield the Delta Tunnel from meaningful CEQA review — silencing Delta communities and ignoring the project’s massive environmental and economic consequences. The Delta region supports a \$780 million recreation and tourism economy, a \$1.5 billion commercial fishing economy, and \$5 billion in agricultural production — all of which could be undermined by the project’s disruption of Delta flows and ecosystems.

The Chamber’s proposal coincides with Governor Gavin Newsom’s announcement this week celebrating new “wins” for the Delta Conveyance Project, including a court decision allowing preliminary geotechnical work to resume and the Department of Water Resources’ submission of a Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan.

Restore the Delta cautioned that these developments are not victories for Californians, but rather signals of a deeper pattern of state leadership prioritizing politically connected water agencies over the Delta’s ecological and economic health.

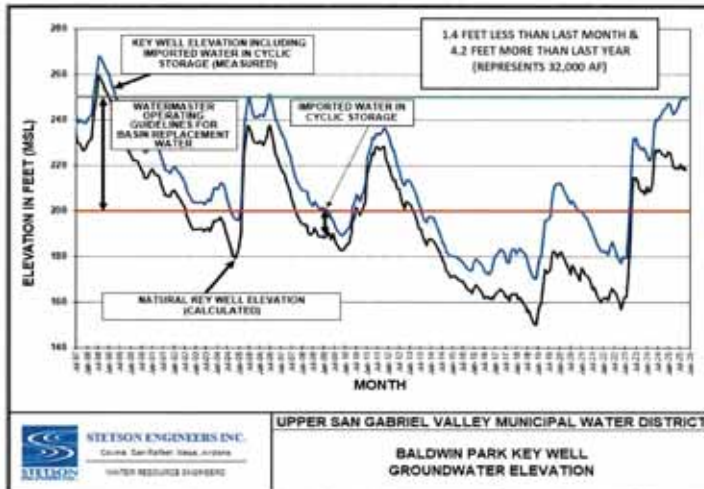
“The Governor’s framing of the Delta Tunnel as a climate solution is profoundly misleading,” **Snyder added.** “It will not create new water, it will only reroute it — deepening harm to Delta communities, Tribal resources, and ecosystems that are already at a breaking point. There will be appeals and debate around whether this project is even consistent with the Delta Reform Act’s coequal goals: protecting the Delta and ensuring reliable statewide water supplies.”

Restore the Delta calls on California’s elected leaders to reject backroom attempts to gut environmental review and instead focus on truly sustainable, community-driven solutions for water resilience such as investments in regional self-sufficiency, ecosystem restoration, and equitable access to clean water for all Californians.



REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER ON HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS NOVEMBER 12, 2025

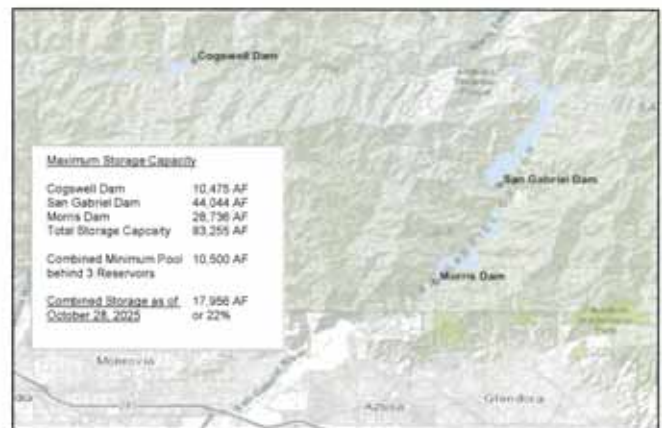
Baldwin Park Key Well



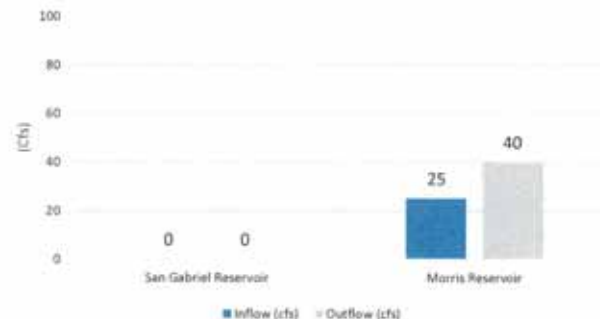
Groundwater Elevation September / October 2025

	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Difference from prior month (ft)	Difference from prior year (ft)
October 25, 2024	244.7		
September 26, 2025	250.3		
October 24, 2025	248.9	-1.4	4.2

Reservoir Storage and Releases



Reservoir Flow As of: October 28, 2025



Untreated Imported Water in Cyclic Storage Accounts

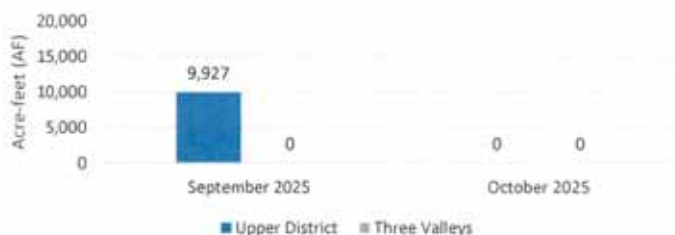
Producer Cyclic Storage	50,000 AF
MWD Cyclic Storage (For UD RDA Delivery)	157,000 AF
Other Cyclic Storage	23,000 AF
Total	230,000 AF*

*Represents about 29 feet of groundwater elevation at the Key Well

USG-3

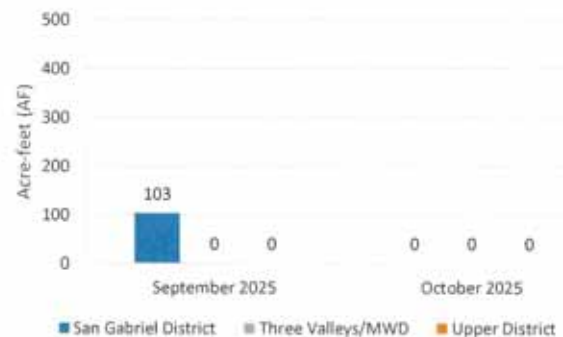
- Located in San Gabriel Canyon, just below Morris Dam, it represents Upper District's primary point of delivery of untreated imported water for groundwater replenishment to the San Gabriel Valley
- Typical delivery rate is about 190 cfs (or about 375 AF per day)

Imported Deliveries through USG-3



San Gabriel Canyon Spreading Grounds

Imported Deliveries to San Gabriel Canyon



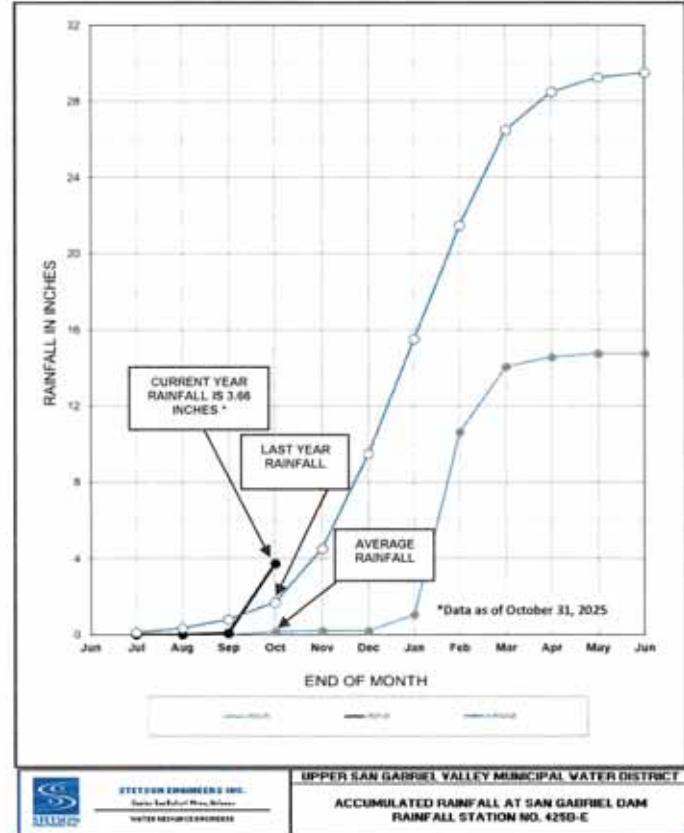
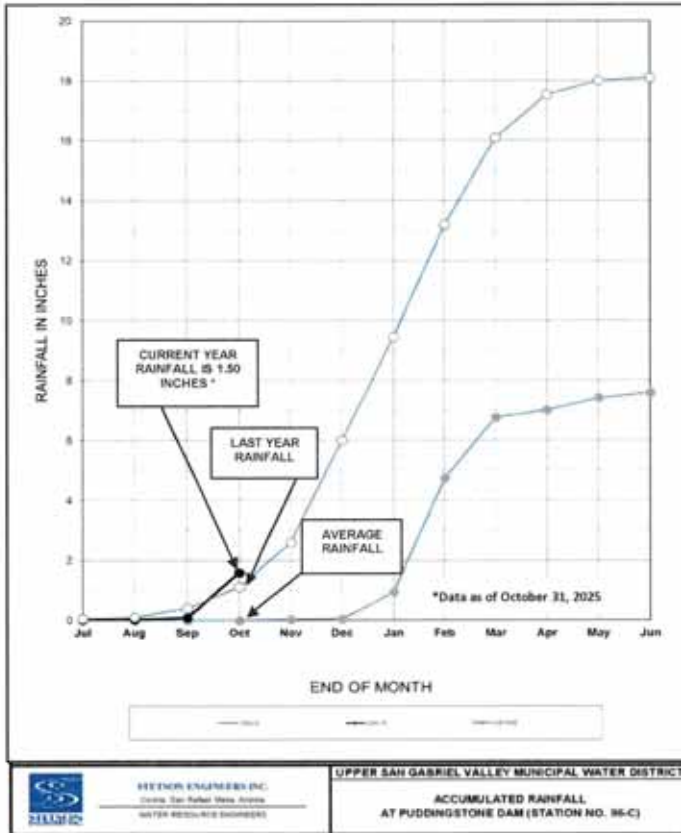
* On September 24, 2025, all deliveries ceased due to the reported detection of Golden Mussels at Silverwood Lake by County Staff



REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER ON HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Rainfall

- Data are readily available on a daily basis and are indicative of comparative amount of rainfall in the San Gabriel Valley (percent of average)



Water Quality

- Water Systems are required by the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) to collect water quality data from source wells and provide the results to DDW Pursuant to Title 22 (Water quality data collected through Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster's Basinwide Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program)

- During October 2025, 47 wells were sampled under Title 22
- During September 2025, 56 wells were sampled under Title 22
- During September 2025, Stetson Engineers Inc. received no public notice of wells shut down due to contamination

MEMORANDUM

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager's Monthly Report November 12, 2025

Water Supply Update



Baldwin Park Key Well: 248.9 feet on 10/24/25
San Gabriel Canyon: 17,956 AF combined storage as of 10/28/25
San Gabriel Reservoir: inflow 0 cfs; release 0 cfs
Morris Reservoir: inflow 25 cfs; release 40 cfs



USG-3 deliveries during September 2025: None
MWD Cyclic Account Balance (9/30/25): 157,200 AF
Rainfall as of 10/31/25:
 • 1.50" - Puddingstone Dam
 • 3.66" - San Gabriel Dam

MWD Water Supply Conditions as of October 27, 2025, are summarized as follows:

Reservoir	Capacity	Current Storage
San Luis (SWP share)	1.06 MAF	78%, 824 TAF
Lake Oroville	3.42 MAF	54%, 1.84 MAF
Lake Powell	24.3 MAF	28%, 6.81 MAF
Lake Mead	26.1 MAF	32%, 8.25 MAF

*Storage volumes are in units of Million Acre-Feet (MAF), or Thousand Acre-Feet (TAF)



Drought Actions

WSCP status: Level 2, 20% conservation target, 3 day/week outdoor watering summer, 2 day/week outdoor watering in winter

Water Use Efficiency



Residential Water\$mart Rebates
 Since July 2025 - \$76,273



Commercial Water\$mart Rebates
 Since July 2025 - \$34,100



Water Smart Home Kits

Homes Served This Month: 96

Education and Outreach



Watershed Restoration Program

- On Saturday, October 18th, Upper Water, along with U.S. Forest Service staff, was joined by 80 volunteers to plant 257 tree saplings in the San Gabriel Mountains near Crystal Lake Campground. Volunteers included Girl and Boy Scout troops, local college students, and members of community and nonprofit organizations.

Education Programs

- The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California offers the Community Partnering Program (CPP), which provides up to \$3,000 in sponsorship funding to community-based organizations, public agencies, and educational institutions. Eligible CPP projects must include water-related educational outreach activities such as workshops, water festivals, after-school programs, exhibits, promotional materials, and native plant or California Friendly Garden signage.

Two applicants were selected for CPP funding:

- City of Rosemead – “Collaborative Water Wise Rain Garden Events”: Supports the purchase of materials and supplies for rain garden workshops promoting water conservation.
- Food Exploration and Discovery (Food Ed) – “Water Wise Garden Discovery”: Supports the purchase of materials and supplies for developing, installing, and maintaining multiple water education gardens that will serve the community as outdoor learning spaces.

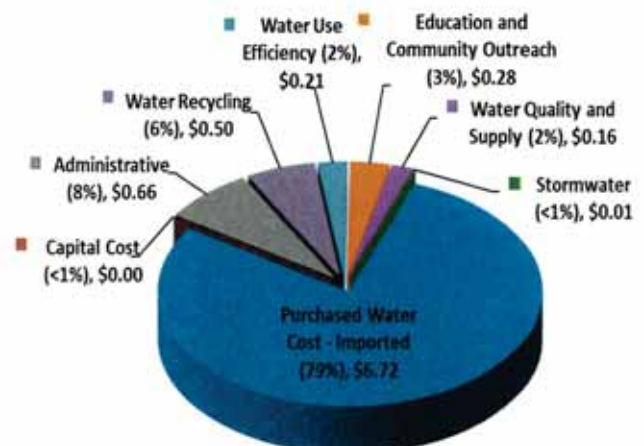
Finance and Administration

Financial Highlights through 9/30/25



- Treated water sales: 1,207 AF
- Untreated water sales: 5,100 AF
- Recycled water sales: 880 AF
- YTD net operating revenues: \$358K

YTD Use of Funds as of 9/30/25 - \$8.54M



**Summary Report for
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meeting
August 19, 2025**

CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

Approved new Ad Hoc Committee on Colorado River Negotiations and appointed as Chair, Adán Ortega, Vice Chair, Nancy Sutley, and members David De Jesus, Cynthia Kurtz, Gloria Cordero, and Mark Gold. **(Agenda Item 6B)**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

Authorized an agreement with Kaygen Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$473,640 for MyWarehouse Shopping Cart Replacement project with the understanding that staff evaluate whether the project can be made beneficial to other utilities. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Authorized an on-call agreement with Allied Reliability, Inc. for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.75 million for a maximum period of three years, to provide asset reliability services. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Awarded a \$1,454,000 construction contract to MMC Inc. to replace the San Jacinto Diversion Structure slide gates. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Awarded a \$370,900 construction contract to American Wrecking Inc. for the removal of three existing gate frames in support of the San Gabriel Tower Improvements. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Reviewed and considered the California Public Utilities Commission Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, adopted the Commission's findings, and authorized the General Manager to grant a permanent easement to Southern California Edison for overhead electrical transmission purposes on Metropolitan fee-owned property in the County of Riverside and identified as Assessor Parcel Number 189-110-011 and 189-120-005. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Authorized the General Manager to convert seventeen Operations and Maintenance Assistant positions at the Gene Pumping Plant from recurrent to regular part-time status with corresponding Position Control Numbers and Human Resources to take all necessary actions to implement the conversion, including negotiating any required language with the unions. **(Agenda Item 7-6)**

OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

Adopted the resolution establishing the Ad Valorem property tax rate for fiscal year 2025/26. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

Authorized an increase of \$300,000 to an existing agreement with HydroFocus, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$455,000 for environmental monitoring services. **(Agenda Item 8-2)**

Authorized the Local Supply Exchange Framework; delegated authority to the General Manager to enter into agreements to facilitate the exchange; and amended the Metropolitan Administrative Code to facilitate exchanges. The General Manager shall provide a written assessment of exchange agreements involving supplies receiving Local Resources Program funding and provide a written status report following the first 100,000 acre-feet of exchange activity facilitated by Metropolitan in addition to periodic updates. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Authorized the General Manager to enter into a new three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed \$4,500,000; by the end of the third year, the General Manager was directed to conduct a competitive process for the services provided by this agreement. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

Adopted the resolution declaring approximately 5,497 acres of Metropolitan-owned real property in the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta, commonly known as Webb Tract, as exempt surplus land under the Surplus Land Act. **(Agenda Item 8-5)**

Authorized a new agricultural lease agreement with Bouldin Farming Company for rice farming and related uses on portions of Metropolitan-owned real property in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta known as Webb Tract according to the price and terms given in closed session. **(Agenda Item 8-6)**

Authorized a new agricultural lease agreement with Lundberg Family Farms for rice farming and related uses on portions of Metropolitan-owned real property in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta known as Bacon Island according to the price and terms given in closed session. **(Agenda Item 8-7)**

Authorized a four percent cost of living salary adjustments for the General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer. **(Agenda Item 10-1)**

Authorized a \$15,000 one-time performance-based bonus to General Counsel. Authorized a \$30,000 one-time performance-based bonus to General Manager to be paid out at the end of year upon General Manager departure. Authorized a 3.25% merit-based salary increase to General Auditor. **(Agenda Item 10-2)**

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Summary Report for the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority October 22, 2025

The Board of Directors discussed the following items:

- Report on Cash and Investments – 3rd Quarter 2025

A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 Section(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel re: Initiation of Litigation (settlement opportunities with potential defendants) – two (2) matters.

Summary Report for the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster Regular Board Meeting October 01, 2025

- The Board of Directors received and filed the Three-year Purchased Water Plan for fiscal years 2025-26 to 2027-28 as presented.
- The Board of Directors received and filed the Audit Report for fiscal year 2024-25 as presented.
- The Board of Directors reaffirmed the Cash Investment Policy as presented.
- The Board of Directors approved the revised Water Quality Monitoring Program Policy as presented.
- The Board of Directors approved the expenditures associated with PFAS monitoring withing the approved Watermaster budget.
- The Board of Directors authorized the Executive Officer to sign a Cost-Sharing Agreement between Watermaster, SGVMWD, TVMWD and USGVMWD for the Golden Mussel Control Plan.
- The Board of Directors authorized the purchase of 2,351.92 of cyclic storage water from USGVMWD for the City of Arcadia's individual producer cyclic storage account.
- A closed session was held regarding the Executive Officer's 6-month performance evaluation. No action was taken.
- The Board of Directors approved the Executive Officer's 6-month performance evaluation.

MEMORANDUM

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AB 1234 Compliance Report

Directors' Activity Report – (AB 1234)

In accordance with CA Government Code Section 53232.3 (d)

October 2025

Anthony R. Fellow, Division 1

Date	Event	Description/Topics
October 2025	No reportable activity	

Charles M. Treviño, Division 2

Date	Event	Description/Topics
October 2025	No reportable activity	

Edward Chavez, Division 3

Date	Event	Description/Topics
October 2025	No reportable activity	

Katarina Garcia, Division 4

Date	Event	Description/Topics
October 2025	No reportable activity	

Jennifer Santana, Division 5

Date	Event	Description/Topics
October 2025	No reportable activity	