



West Basin Water Association

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
11:30 AM

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AGENDA

- Call to Order - Introductions
- Quorum
- Approval of March 2021 Minutes
- West Basin Watermaster Report
 - ❖ WRP Update – Katherine Nutting
 - ❖ Administrative Body Update – Ted Johnson/Esther Rojas
- WRD Report – Ted Johnson/Esther Rojas
- WBMWD/MWD Report and Extended Legislative Update – E.J. Caldwell
- LADWP Report – Chris Repp
- BAC/TAC Report – Katherine Nutting
- Treasurer's Report – Chuck Schaich
 - ❖ Presentation of Proposed Budget
- Discussions/Announcements
- Adjourn

Vice-President Katherine Nutting

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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Shawn Igoe called the meeting to order at 11:37 A.M. on March 2, 2021 via Zoom teleconference. Nina Tarnay recorded the minutes.

Mr. Igoe determined there was a quorum of the WBWA Board of Directors. Mr. Igoe welcomed the WBWA members and asked for self-introductions.

The following WBWA directors were in attendance:

Shawn Igoe	Chris Repp
Katherine Nutting	Denis Kurt
Thomas Lee	Chuck Schaich

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Vera DeWitt	Jim Dear
Harold Williams	Carla Dillon
Katherine Fugate	Rudy Terriquez
Ted Johnson	Manuel Aguilar
Rob Beste	Brian Partington
Esther Rojas	Chuck Campbell
EJ Caldwell	Scott Houston
Russ Lefevre	Rob Katherman
Andy Darlak	Don Dear

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Following review, Katherine Nutting moved to approve the February 2021 Meeting Minutes. Chuck Schaich seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update

Shawn Igoe reported:

- The Water Rights Panel met in February to review meter-testing issues. The Panel prepared and shared a list of back up meter testers in the event there is a need for back up or alternate testing.

The Panel will also review its meter-testing contract with the Department of Water Services and consider extending that contract for another 2-year period.

Administrative Body

Esther Rojas reported:

- The Pumper Portal is launched and the transition went smoothly. In preparation for the launch, training opportunities to help users with the transition. The Pumper Portal will make reporting much easier and pumpers can obtain their monthly production reports at any time. Because the portal is just launching, it will take awhile to streamline production reports. January production numbers are not currently available yet.
- Ms. Rojas reviewed the West Basin groundwater pumping data. Pumping in the West Coast Basin for AY 2020-21 July through December was 16,960.38 AF, which was an increase of 2,483.21 AF, or roughly 13.2% higher, over the same period last year. This increase was attributable to an increase in pumping by Golden State Water, Tesoro Refining, Brewer Desalter and the City of Torrance.
- As of March 1st, four leases have been processed, all with flex. The leases transferred 3,203.5 AF thus far. No sales or storage requests have been processed.

WRD REPORT

Rob Katherman spoke: Mr. Katherman shared that UCLA just released a study called Human Rights to Water. It is a very interesting report that he urges everyone to check out. The BAC meeting is tomorrow at 2:00 to discuss the RA for the next fiscal year.

Rob Bested reported:

- WRD's Brackish Groundwater Reclamation Feasibility Study: The study is moving forward and is going well. The Transit Center is looking like a viable location for the study. Working with the City of Torrance to see how to make the project happen. The project will go back to the TAC for consideration.
- The WRD and the Los Angeles DWP continue to work on the Master Plan to identify potential new replenishment projects using recycled water. The two main recycled water sources identified are the City's Hyperion treatment plant and the Sanitation District's Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant. The WRD and LADWP teams have negotiated scope for the second phase of work to further develop implementable projects.
- PFAS Remediation Program: Discussions are on going. The BAC meeting is tomorrow. One of the discussions in establishing the RA is to include a PFAS charge to help pumpers in the region deal with the PFAS issue. PFAS working groups have been held to get everyone's input. The pumpers are experiencing higher costs to deal with the issue so they are asking for more subsidies to assist with this process. The treatment cost is higher than expected for some of the pumpers.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, March 4th at 11:00 am via conference call.

Ted Johnson reported:

- Groundwater Basin Update: Rainfall is only at 4.6" so far this year, which is 60% below normal.

- Depth to groundwater levels at the Carson Key Well is 62' about the same as last month or ½ foot less than last year. The level here is pretty stable. As for the Lawndale Key Well, the depth to groundwater level there is 51'—it's also stable and close to last month and last year's number.
- Injections at barrier walls: At the West Coast Barrier, about 7,700 AF were injected, 94% of which was recycled water from the Little Plant and 6% was imported water. At the Dominguez Gap Barrier, around 5,400 AF were injected, of which 40% was recycled water and 60% was imported. The aim is to increase the use of recycled water so we'll continue to see a trend in that direction.
- Replenishment at the spreading ground: Over 26,000 AF of captured storm water has been replenished at spreading ground. An additional 30,000 AF of recycled water was purchased to replenish the spreading ground. The groundwater operating range at 48%, down about 7% from the start of the year.

WBMWD REPORT

EJ Caldwell reported:

- AB 316, by Assembly Member Rivas, Open Meetings Act—deals with teleconferences since the pandemic hit. This produces statutes on when teleconferences are authorized.
- AB 818, by Assembly Member Blume is a reiteration of a bill that has already passed that deals with solid waste—non-disposable wipes and the problems they cause in the waste system. This was heavily opposed in the past but it looks like there is a building consensus on some amendments.
- AB 1195 would create a Southern Los Angeles Water Agency. A recently released UCLA study identified problems with at-risk community water agencies and the difficulty of consolidating them if needed. This bill is intended to assist 29 at-risk agencies in South LA County. None of the 29 agencies is in the WB service area.
- SB 403 by Senator Gonzalez allows the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation for at-risk disadvantaged community water systems. As pointed out by the UCLA study though, a forced or mandated consolidation is extremely difficult to do.
- AB 1520 by Assembly Member Calderon related to sewage and water corporations. This bill deals with consolidation of services under mutual understanding and agreement.
- AB 1434 by Assembly Member Friedman deals with water use objectives for increasing residential water use. This bill will alter indoor GPCDs. This will change the standards of GPCDs previously adopted by further reducing the GPCDs before there are even implemented.
- There are two bond bills, AB 1500 (for \$6.7 billion) by Assembly Member Garcia and SB 45 (for \$5.5 billion) by Senator Portantino. A bond bill can pass at the back end of a two-year legislative session so this will mean next year but the hearings and negotiations are starting now.
- Retailer bills: SB 222 by Senator Dodd deals with water affordability assistance programs. It would create a fund within the California treasury to provide assistance. WB has been active with to ensure that if there is a rate-payer issue for retailers and they can't pay their wholesale water bills, Met does allow for a deferment right now. This will allow West Basin to pass on to retailers. SB 223 by Senator Dodd deals with discontinuation of water services. There is a moratorium for discontinuation of services due to Covid. This bill would extend the moratorium period. If any retailer has an issue with being able to pay their wholesale water bills, WB is here to discuss and assist where possible.

- SB 323 by Senator Caballero is sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies. The bill originated with Irvine Ranch Water District. It would impact municipal water agencies and would allow them to go through a legal process to set water service rates. It would limit the numbers of days a party could challenge a set rate.
- MWD is having its 3rd workshop dealing with its rate refinement process. MWD has been involved in a decades long litigation with the San Diego Water Authority related to its wholesale rates. MWD was successful in about 70-75% of the allegations against it but there were some issues with the water stewardship rates which pays for all the demand management paid through MWD. Because of the litigation and results, MWD has suspended those rates. This could pose a threat to the water stewardship programs. WBMWD's Caucus meeting is tomorrow—it will be a good opportunity to ask questions and get more information about this issue.
- Next Monday and Tuesday are the MWD Committee and Board meeting days. WBMWD meetings in March: March 10 is the Engineering/Operations meeting; March 11 is the Public Information and Education committee meeting; March 16 is the Water Policy and Legislation committee meeting; and March 22 is the WBMWD Board meeting

LADWP REPORT

- Chris Repp reviewed the LADWP Report included in the meeting packet.

BAC/TAC REPORT

- Shawn Igoe reported: The BAC is meeting tomorrow. Updates will be given at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Chuck Schaich presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report was received and filed.

Next WBWA Meeting:

- The next WBWA meeting will be on April 6 at 11:30 A.M. via Zoom.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Igoe adjourned at 12:11 PM to a Closed Session.

Shawn Igoe, President

Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator

West Basin Water Association Update

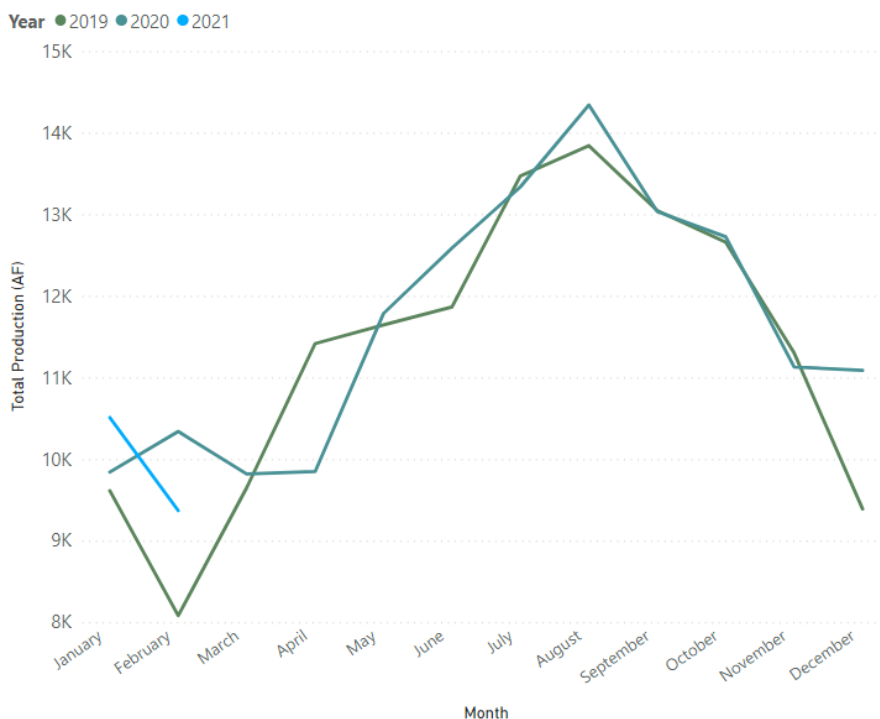


WEST BASIN SERVICE AREA PRODUCTION

Reporting Month	November 2020		December 2020		January 2021		February 2021	
Supplier Name	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved
Cal Am Water	1546.0	8.6%	1552.0	-0.8%	1386.0	-4.8%	1144.0	9.4%
CWS Dominguez	2191.4	24.7%	2148.1	37.2%	2392.5	-8.1%	2360.7	-11.6%
CWS Hermosa	878.1	13.1%	876.1	10.3%	830.8	9.4%	752.6	10.8%
CWS PV	1472.9	7.7%	1422.1	0.9%	1189.1	-1.2%	1103.8	8.3%
El Segundo	407.7	47.3%	438.5	58.7%	372.6	55.2%	376.5	38.1%
GSW Culver City	379.6	23.4%	377.5	15.9%	344.8	18.8%	315.8	22.5%
GSW Southwest	2077.0	12.9%	2103.7	5.8%	2009.4	10.2%	1834.0	11.0%
Hawthorne	312.3	16.3%	309.9	11.6%	297.9	14.1%	265.6	11.7%
Inglewood	704.9	11.5%	715.2	9.2%	679.0	11.6%	615.7	12.7%
LACWWD 29	596.6	10.4%	581.9	5.7%	484.0	2.1%	455.6	4.4%
Lomita	171.6	11.6%	169.9	2.9%	157.5	5.7%	142.6	9.8%
Manhattan Beach	392.3	10.7%	393.1	4.1%	364.5	9.3%		
Total	11,130.4		11,087.9		10,508.1		9,367.0	

% Saved Compared to 2013 | State Reporting by agencies is not currently required; agencies with no data did not report for the period.

West Basin Service Area Total Production By Month



DRY CONDITIONS WORSEN STATEWIDE

On March 23, CA DWR announced it would decrease the SWP allocation from 10% to 5% of requested supplies, marking it as one of the lowest historical SWP allocations for this time of year. The state also conducted its fourth snowpack assessment on April 1, which showed statewide snow levels at 59% of average for the date. The state's major reservoirs also currently stand at 50% of capacity, with hot and dry conditions expected to further affect statewide water conditions in summer 2021.

METROPOLITAN ANNOUNCES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS PREPARED FOR DROUGHT

Despite worsening drought conditions and a recent adjustment in the SWP water supply allocation from 10% to 5%, Metropolitan is assuring the region that southern Californians can continue to expect a reliable water supply. Due to continued conservation efforts and investments in storage and diverse supplies, the region is well prepared to withstand ongoing critically dry conditions. The decrease in SWP allocation means that MWD is only expected to receive less than one month of normal water supply from the SWP. Over the years, MWD has managed

water supply volatility by taking advantage of surplus supplies in wet years (such as 2017 and 2019), placing into storage as much surplus water as possible. MWD stated that it has increased its total storage capacity by 13 times since 1990, investing in surface and groundwater storage across the southwest. All told, the agency currently has more than 3 million acre-feet of water in storage, representing the highest ever level of stored water. According to MWD, sustained conservation efforts throughout its service area have allowed the agency to store additional water.

WEST BASIN 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

West Basin is currently developing its 2020 UWMP to provide an updated and detailed summary of the current and future water supplies and demands in its service area. The 2020 UWMP will evaluate West Basin's water resource needs, provide detailed water supply planning projections over a 25-year planning horizon, and identify water supplies that are needed to meet existing and future demands. In addition, the District is developing a 2021 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which will be utilized to prepare for and respond to a variety of different water shortage scenarios. As part of the planning process, the District is required to assess water supply reliability during several different hydrological scenarios, including a normal year, single dry year, and consecutive dry years.

By May 26, West Basin's 2020 UWMP and related planning documents will be posted to:

westbasin.org/uwmp

A draft UWMP will be made available to retail agencies and the public in late May, with additional opportunities for review and input based on the following schedule.

- Draft UWMP Available Online – May 26, 2021
- Public Hearing – June 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM
- Adoption Hearing – June 28, 2021 at 1:00 PM

West Basin Municipal Water District Upcoming Meetings

West Basin Metropolitan Caucus: May 5, 2021 @ 12:30 PM

Metropolitan Board & Committee Meetings: May 10-11, 2021

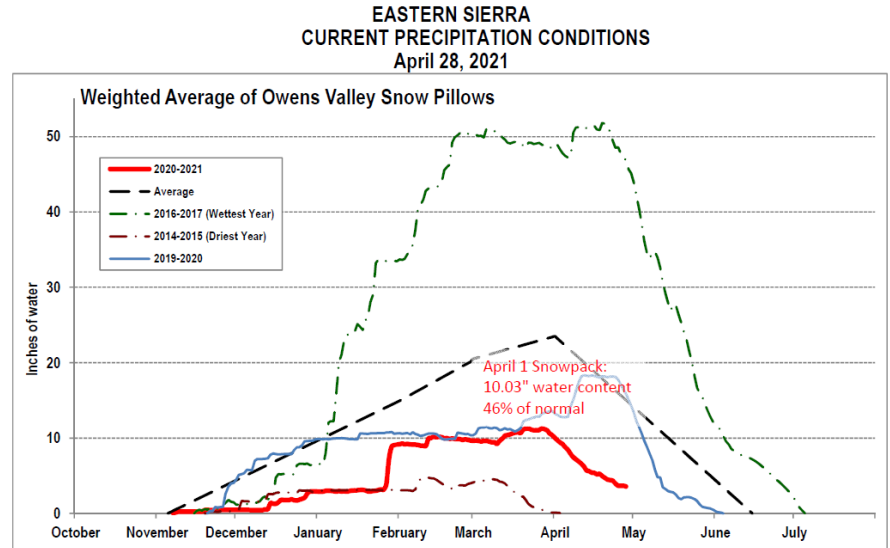
West Basin Board Meeting: May 24, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

West Basin Water Association LADWP Update – May 4, 2021

Update Provided by Chris Repp

1. Metered Demand (Approximate Values)

Acre-Feet	2019	2020	2021
January	32,204	30,469	35,614
February	29,967	33,947	33,281
March	33,787	31,779	37,994
April	39,647	33,077	
May	39,982	41,561	
June	42,360	43,759	
July	47,610	47,328	
August	48,851	48,091	
September	46,548	46,252	
October	46,449	45,946	
November	40,302	40,259	
December	33,044	39,408	



2. Recent Precipitation

- Ended snowpack year at 46% of normal.

3. COVID-19 – All staff reporting back to work full-time mid-June.

4. Operation NEXT

- Ongoing Outreach within the City, delivering Op. NEXT presentations.
- Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) – Notice of Preparation (NOP) released on March 15 and extended to May 15.
- Continuing ongoing work with WRD/Jacobs on Particle tracking analysis to determine Title 22 and Material Physical Harm (MPH) limitations.