



## West Basin Water Association

Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
11:30 AM

**Via Zoom:**

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**AGENDA**

- Call to Order
- Quorum
- Self-Introductions
- Approval of December 2021 Minutes
- Treasurer's Report – Chuck Schaich
- West Basin Watermaster Report
  - ❖ WRP Update – Lourdes Vargas
  - ❖ Administrative Body Update – Esther Rojas
- WRD Report – Rob Beste/Esther Rojas
- WBMWD/MWD Report – Matthew Veeh
- BAC/TAC Report – Lourdes Vargas/Katherine Nutting
- Discussions

President, Lourdes Vargas



**ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

Lourdes Vargas, President of the WBWA, called the meeting to order at 11:34 A.M. on November 2, 2021 via Zoom teleconference. Nina Tarnay recorded the minutes.

Ms. Vargas determined there was a quorum of the WBWA Board of Directors. Ms. Vargas asked for self-introductions.

The following WBWA directors were in attendance:

Lourdes Vargas	Manuel Aguilar
Katherine Nutting	Chuck Schaich
Ron Sorensen	Thomas Lee
Mark Andersen	

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Andy Darlak	Russ Lefevre
Don Dear	Stephan Tucker
Harold Williams	Toby Moore
EJ Caldwell	Rudy Terriquez
Rob Beste	Andrew Chlebek
Chuck Campbell	Scott Houston
Brian Partington	Andrew Thomas
Esther Rojas	Carla Dillon
Matthew Veeh	Bob Vaughay

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Following review, Katherine Nutting moved to approve the October 2021 Meeting Minutes. Ron Sorensen seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

## **WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT**

### **Water Rights Panel Update**

Lourdes Vargas reported:

- The Water Rights Panel will meet immediately after the WBA meeting.

### **Administrative Body**

Esther Rojas reported:

- Pumping in the West Coast Basin: For the new Administrative Year (AY) 2021-22 through the end of September, pumping in the WCB was at 9,173.37 AF which is 606.38 AF or 7.1% more than the previous period last year.
- Leases: As of November 1, three leases, transferring 3,183.50 AF have been processed (all with flex).
- Watermaster Report: Staff finalized the annual Watermaster Report for AY 2020-21. The Watermaster Report summarizes transactions and activities in the basin. A draft of the report was shared with the Panel and all pumpers, water rights holders and stakeholders on October 13<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the Judgment. The public comment period is open until the Panel votes on its approval of the Report, either at the WBWRP immediately following this meeting, or at a meeting in December.

## **WRD REPORT**

Brian Partington reported:

- Master Plan: 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 team continues to work on groundwater modeling effort/material physical harm assessment and once completed, the results will be summarized in a master planning document set to be completed in 2022.
- Brackish Groundwater Reclamation: WRD's brackish groundwater reclamation feasibility study is finalized and has moved to the next phase of planning. WRD released its RFP on October 21st for design, piloting, and environmental for the construction of the new plant and associated wells and held a pre-bid meeting with contractors this morning. WRD expects to complete the contracting work shortly to move onto pilot testing and water quality characterization.
- PFAS Remediation Program: WRD approved its first funding agreement with Pico Water District on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. WRD is also reviewing the applications of several other pumpers. Currently, a total of seven pumpers have contacted WRD to initiate the funding application process.
- Strategic Planning Retreat: The Board recently had its strategic planning retreat. The plan is updated every few years. Staff will be presenting the updated plan by the end of the year.
- The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4th at 11:00 AM. All Board and Committee meetings continue to be by teleconference only during the Covid-19 restrictions.

Brian Partington reported:

- Precipitation: For the current Water Year, we've received 0.66 inches of precipitation to date versus a normal of 0.45 inches, or 147% of normal. The last rain event hit mostly the northern areas, helping reservoirs to fill up but the precipitation tapered off as the storm moved south. We anticipate La Niña conditions through January.
- Groundwater Levels: Depth to water in the Carson Key Well was 63.24 feet on November 1st, which is 2.1 feet higher than what was reported at the last meeting and 1.5 feet higher than this time last year. Depth to water in the Lawndale Key Well was 50.6 feet on October 29th, which is 0.10 foot lower than reported last meeting and one-tenth foot higher than this time last year.
- Injections at Barriers: Preliminary numbers for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July-September) show that the West Coast Barrier had injected approximately 2,584 AF of replenishment water, of which most was imported water due to the issues at the Los Angeles Sanitation Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Facility. Hopefully, these issues will be resolved by the end of the year or early next year. The Dominguez Gap Barrier injected approximately 2,5134 AF of replenishment water, of which 54% was recycled water and 46% was imported water.
- Storm Water Capture: For the current fiscal year 2021-22 approximately 572 AF of storm water was captured by the County for spreading in the Montebello Forebay as a result of precipitation and urban runoff. In addition, WRD purchased approximately 15,573 AF of recycled water for spreading. This has helped maintain the groundwater basin operating range at 29.

## **WBMWD REPORT**

- Matt Veeh reviewed the WBMWD Report included in the meeting packet.
- Russ Lefevre spoke: Mr. Lefevre raised two areas of interest for members to keep aware of: (1) There has been a flurry of emails exchanged between congressional delegation members in the Central Valley and the Governor's office referencing an Interim Agreement. The emails indicate there is a quarrel between the CVP and SWP. There is a letter from Ernest Conant, who runs the Regional Operations for the Bureau of Reclamation that alludes to a new biological opinion addressing various issues with no reference to agriculture interests. The letter included this comment: "CVP will continue to operate pursuant to the existing consultation and record of decisions as modified by interim measures." This may be a reference to an Interim Agreement, but at this point, it is unclear. (2) Wake Crockwood and Jared Blumenfeld are currently dealing with the water flows and "voluntary agreements." They've agreed to have the Tuolumne, Stanislaus and Merced Rivers return to flows established by State Water Resources Control Board in 2018. It isn't clear what all this means, but it is something to keep an eye on. These two issues are important and could affect how water is delivered to our region in 2022.

## **BAC/TAC REPORT**

- Katherine Nutting reported: The TAC met on October 13<sup>th</sup> and once before that meeting to review the 5-year CIP and make recommendations. The TAC recommended that the Board approved the 5-year CIP, as written.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

## **DISCUSSIONS**

Andy Darlak and Chuck Schaich discussed:

- Distribution and Treatment License Certification: The City of Torrance has been having issues with the State regarding getting operators licensed due to backlogs at the State level. The State is a year behind in processing. This has affected the city's ability to hire and promote operators. If other entities are facing the same issues, perhaps parties can meet to discuss these issues and pursue a mutual resolution with the State—please reach out to Mr. Darlak or Mr. Schaich if you are interested.

**Next WBSA Meeting:**

- The next quarterly WBSA meeting will be on December 7 at 11:30 A.M via Zoom.

**Adjournment:**

- Ms. Vargas adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM.

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Lourdes Vargas, President

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Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator



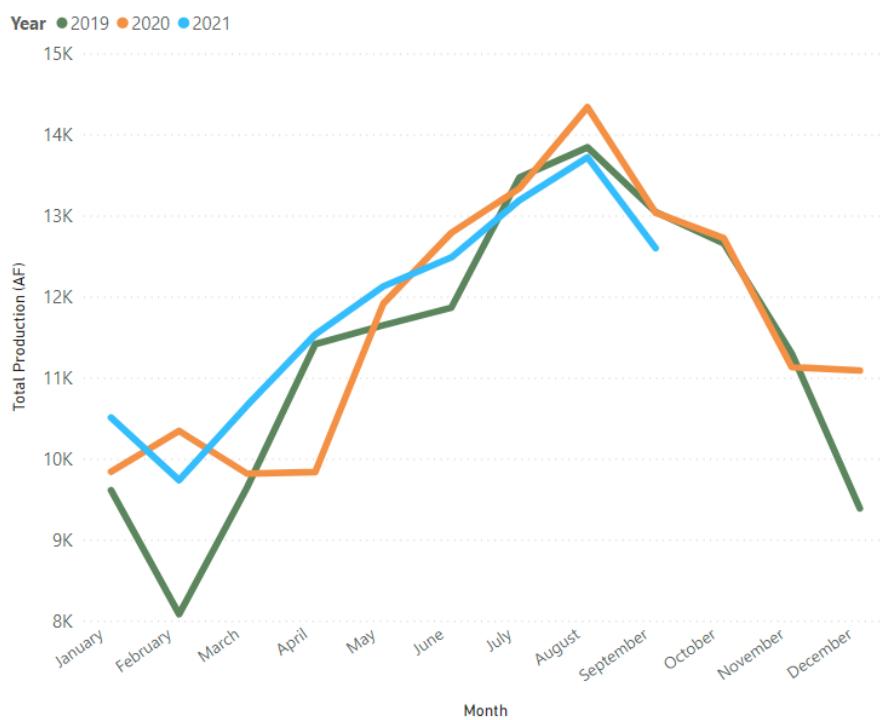
# West Basin Water Association Update

## WEST BASIN SERVICE AREA PRODUCTION

Reporting Month	July 2021		August 2021		Sept. 2021		July-Sept. 2021	
Supplier Name	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved
Cal Am	1981.0	0.6%	1971.0	-5.9%	1845.0	-5.1%	5797.0	-3.5%
CWS Dominguez	2415.0	-2.3%	2450.2	-20.3%	2326.6	-6.1%	7191.8	-10.4%
CWS Hermosa Redondo	1021.8	-5.9%	1036.8	-0.6%	1005.3	1.6%	3063.9	-1.7%
CWS Palos Verdes	1880.0	-2.7%	1852.2	-4.5%	1702.3	-7.7%	5434.5	-4.9%
El Segundo	534.5	31.3%	1001.1	72.0%	845.6	60.3%	2381.2	57.0%
GSW Culver City	451.7	2.8%	451.5	0.1%	422.0	-1.9%	1325.2	0.3%
GSW Southwest	2413.5	-1.8%	2409.2	-5.9%	2255.6	-5.0%	7078.3	-4.2%
Hawthorne	338.0	-0.6%	334.4	-5.2%	318.3	-3.9%	990.7	-3.3%
Inglewood	771.9	-11.0%	817.3	-2.1%	748.4	-5.5%	2337.6	-6.3%
LACWWWD29	742.8	5.0%	752.1	0.8%	705.4	0.5%	2200.3	2.1%
Lomita	185.8	-4.5%	188.0	-5.9%	-	-	373.8	-5.2%
Manhattan Beach	454.0	-2.3%	454.8	-1.7%	424.6	-2.4%	1333.4	-2.1%
Total	13,190.0	-1.1%	13,718.5	-4.3%	12,599.1	-1.9%	39,507.7	-2.5%

**% Saved Compared to 2020**

### West Basin Service Area Total Production By Month



### DWR ANNOUNCES 0% INITIAL SWP ALLOCATION

Due to unprecedented drought conditions, the SWP's initial allocation on December 1 was focused on meeting the health and safety needs of the 29 water agencies that contract to receive SWP supplies.

Metropolitan, which receives about one third of its supplies from the SWP, is one of the state water contractors that will receive some water for health and safety purposes to begin the year. Beyond that minimal allocation, no additional supplies have been approved at this time.

# West Basin Declares Shortage Level 3

On November 22, West Basin's Board of Directors voted to escalate its Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) from shortage level one to level three for the entire West Basin service area. A Level 3 declaration correlates with shortage conditions that range from 21 to 30%.

Earlier this year, the Board activated the district's WSCP, entering into shortage level one. Given recent emergency drought declarations by the Governor and water wholesaler Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, along with the need to proactively ensure water reliability in the midst of worsening conditions, the West Basin Board declared a shortage level three to reflect its resolution to seek immediate increased water savings.

Based on the Level 3 shortage, West Basin will continue to build upon its ongoing regional drought response actions to include more water use efficiency measures and expanded outreach and public information to support water savings in the West Basin communities.

Additional information available at:

[\*\*Shortage Level 3\*\*](#)

West Basin's WSCP includes six standard water shortage levels, corresponding to increasingly severe shortage conditions as compared to normal reliability conditions. Each level aligns with specific response actions that West Basin can implement to address and resolve any current or expected supply-demand gaps created by the associated water shortage. At present, West Basin is not implementing mandatory water use reductions or rationing. The 2021 WSCP and a summary of drought actions is available online at [www.westbasin.org/drought](http://www.westbasin.org/drought).

## Metropolitan Declares Regional Drought Emergency

On November 9, Metropolitan's Board of Directors declared a Regional Drought Emergency and called for increased efforts to maximize conservation, especially in communities facing challenges.

As part of the emergency declaration, Metropolitan's board called on those member agencies dependent on State Water Project supplies to use increased conservation measures or other means to reduce their use of these limited supplies.

The board also approved a series of measures to expand various rebate and water-efficiency programs.

### Upcoming Meetings

***West Basin Metropolitan Caucus: December 8, 2021 @ 12:30 PM***

***Metropolitan Board & Committee Meetings: December 13-14, 2021***

***West Basin Board Meeting: December 22, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.***