

## Fillmore & Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors Meeting – August 28, 2017

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Director Announcements/Board Communications
6. Interim Executive Director Update
7. Article 21 Water & Santa Felicia Dam Release
8. Other Water Exchange Programs

### CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Approval of Minutes

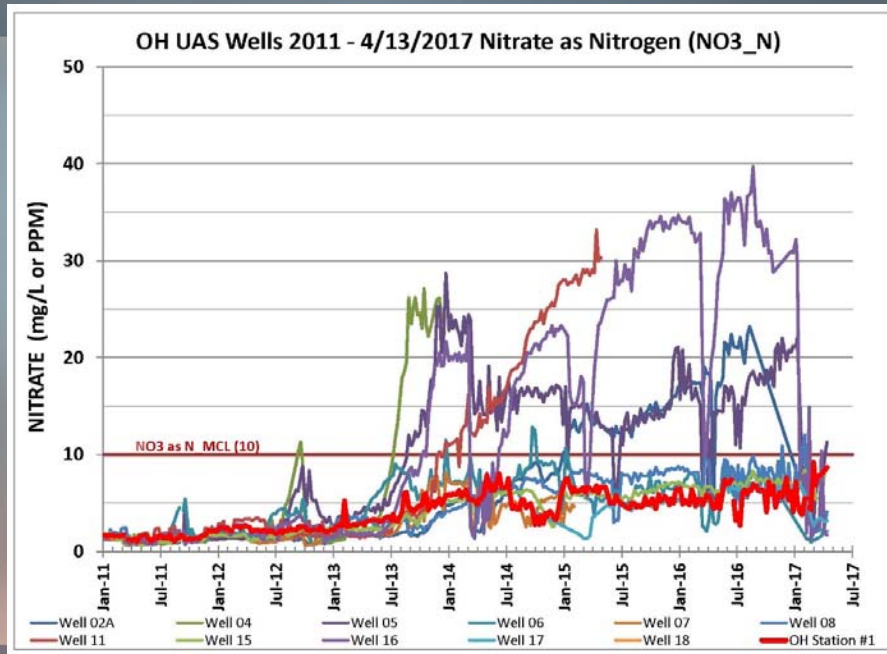
### ACTION ITEMS

10. Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code
11. Adoption of Operating Budget
12. Funding Sources
13. Submission of Grant Applications
14. Development of RFP for Legal Services
15. Formation of Standing Committees
16. Formation of Ad Hoc Committees
17. Basin Boundary Modifications

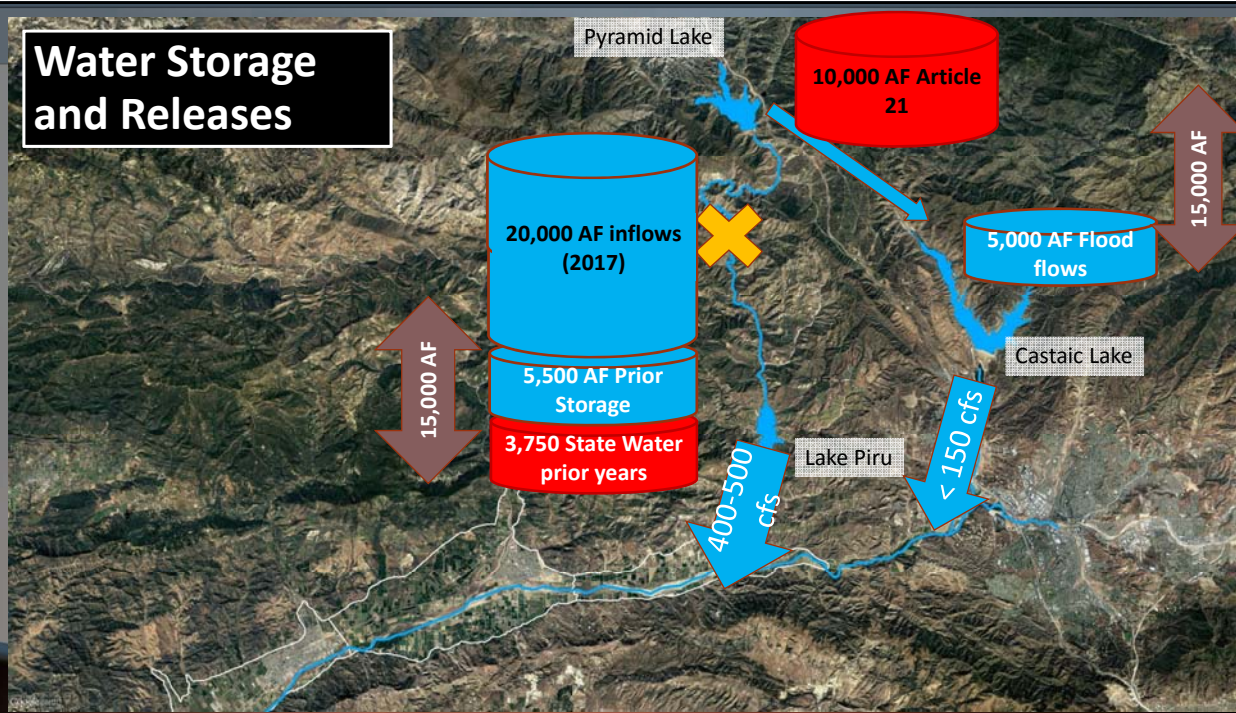
## 7. Article 21 Water & Santa Felicia Dam Release

- Article 21 Waters = excess waters after Table A allocations are satisfied
- Table A water available this spring
- Ventura County Table A allocation = 20,000 AF
  - City of Ventura - 10,000 AF
  - Casitas Municipal Water District – 5,000 AF
  - UWCD – 5,000 AF
- Dr. Bram Sercu – coordinated getting the Article 21 Water and SFD releases

# Water Quality El Rio Wellfield



# Water Storage and Releases



## Final hurdles cleared...



- Castaic cone valve repair
- Survey Arroyo Toad negative
- Release committee meeting
- Quagga control plans
- Improvements + monitoring plan Newhall crossings
- Improvements Camulos Ranch diversion
- 5/17 Start Castaic Release
- 5/28 Start SFD Release



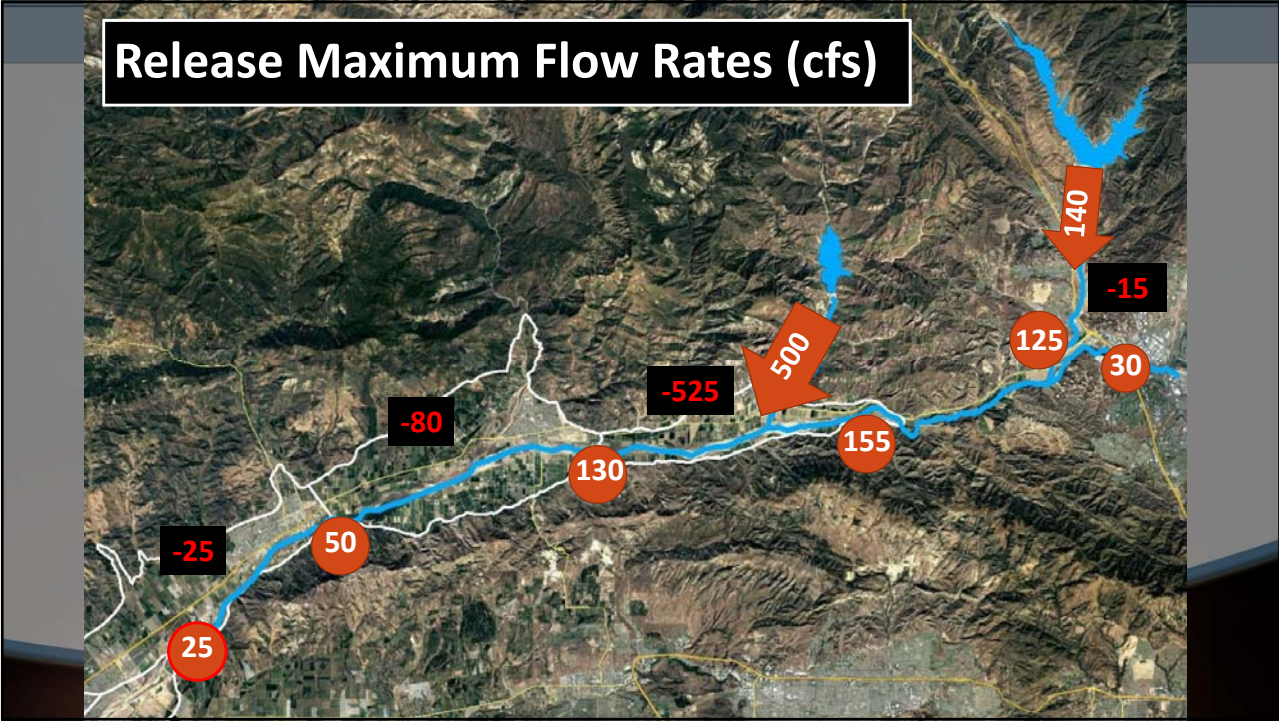
## Newhall Crossings

25 cfs



115 cfs

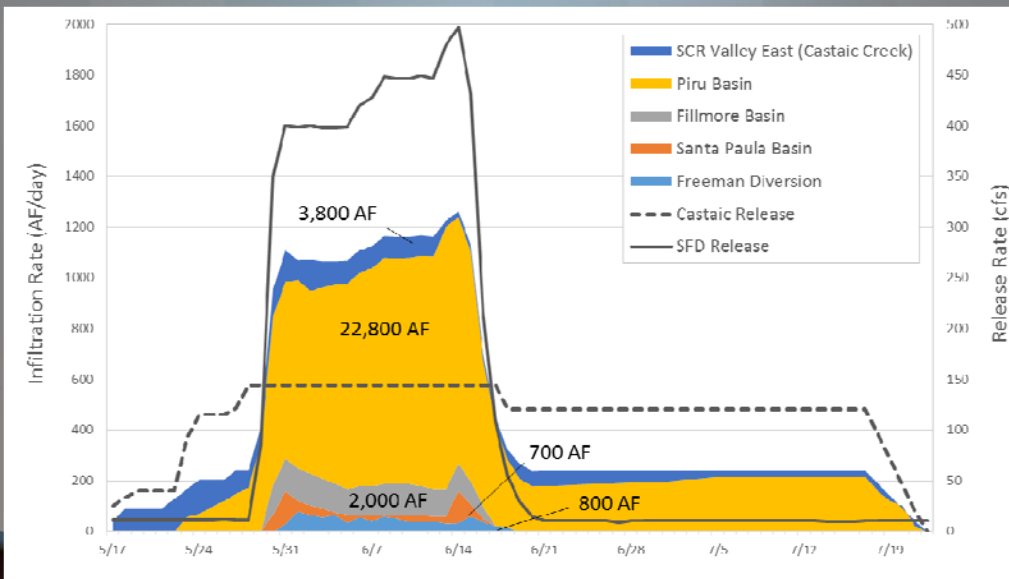


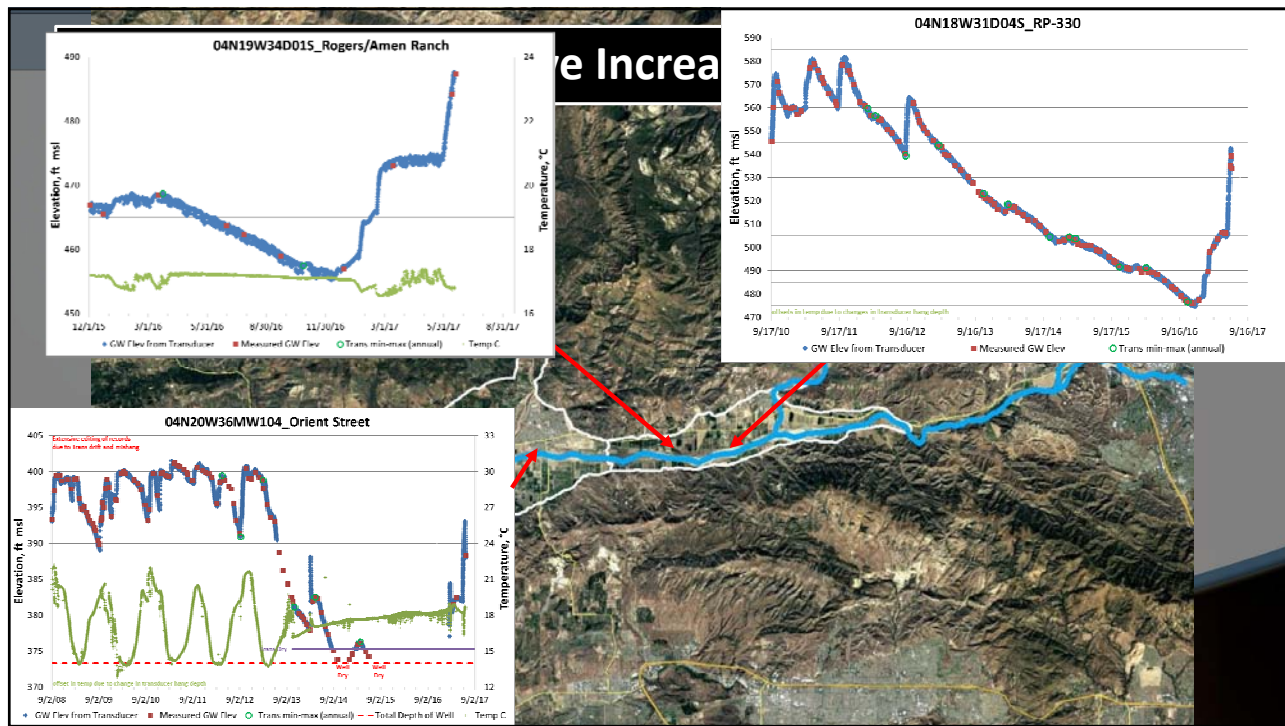


## Santa Clara River at Torrey



## Direct Benefits to Groundwater Basins

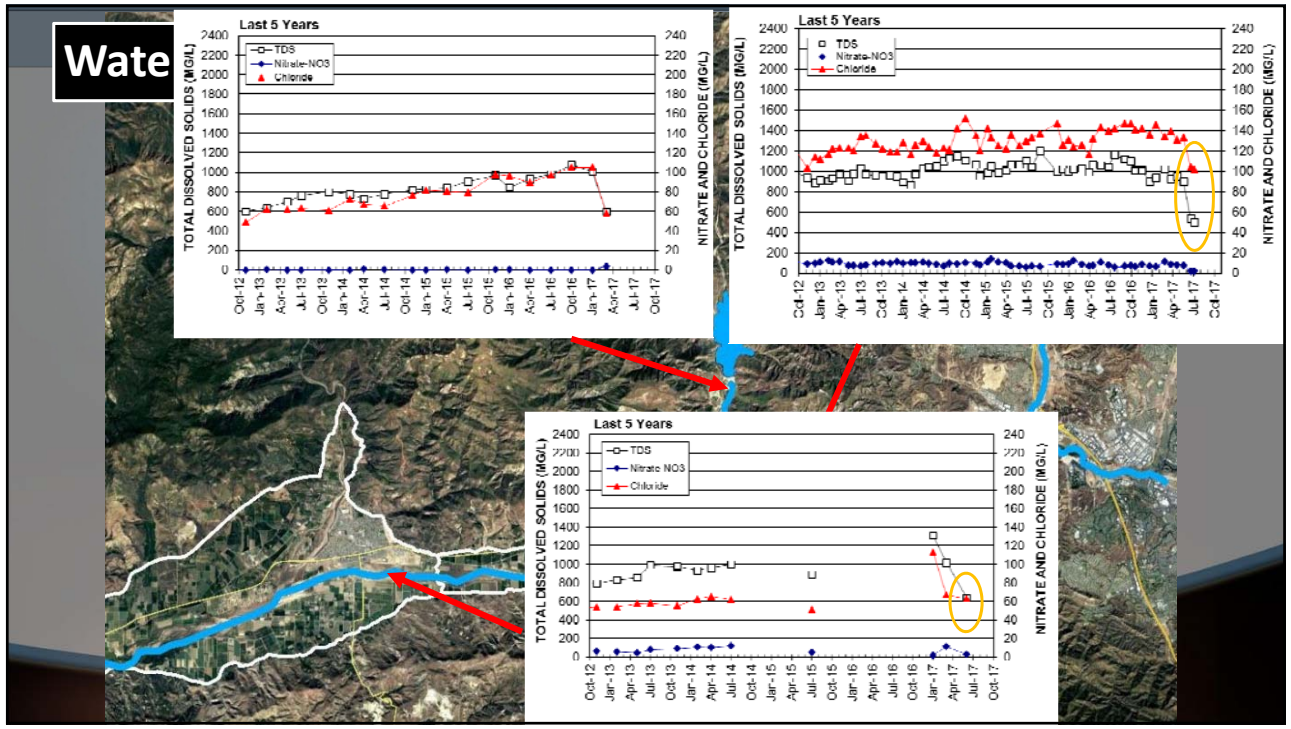




## Longer-Term Benefits to Downstream Basins

**SCR at Fish Hatchery before release**

**SCR at Fish Hatchery after release**



# Questions?



## 8. Other Water Exchange Programs

UWCD staff exploring *Water Exchange Programs* with other entities

- Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Metropolitan Water District

Repayment of water in the future / Variable exchange rates

Storage / Banking of water – held for the benefit of the depositing entity

“Hold Back” amount (e.g., 10%, 15%)

## 10. Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code

- Conflict of Interest Code required
- Example of COI Code in Board packet



# 11. Adoption of an Operating Budget

- Budget due per JPA by September 24, 2017
- DRAFT budget framework included with staff report
- DRAFT budget for July-December 2017
- Select a fiscal year (e.g., calendar year, July 1 – June 30, water year [Oct 1 – Sept 30])

# 11. Adoption of an Operating Budget

- Quantities and unit rates are examples guided by UVRGSA and staff experience
- Ad Hoc Committee?
- Review and discuss further at Sept 18 BOD meeting?

FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY						
DRAFT BUDGET (July-Dec 2017)						
						23-Aug-17
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Administrative Support Services</b>						
Item	Description	Qty	Units	Amount	SubTotal	Category Total
1	Interim Executive Director	6	months	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
2	Communications (Facebook/Website/Email)	6	months	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,500.00	
3	Photocopying/Printing	6	months	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00	
4	Office Expense / General	6	months	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00	
5	Office Expense / Telephone/FAX	6	months	\$ -	\$ -	
6	Office Expense / Postage	6	months	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00	
7	Publications/Legal Notices	6	months	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00	
8	Rent & Leases / Facility	6	months	\$ -	\$ -	
9	Office Expense / Utilities	6	months	\$ -	\$ -	
10	Bank Charges	6	months	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00	
11				\$ -	\$ -	
12				\$ -	\$ -	
13				\$ -	\$ -	
						\$ 10,050.00
<b>Professional Services</b>						
Item	Description	Qty	Units	Amount	SubTotal	Category Total
14	Accounting / Billing	6	months	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
15	Legal / BOD meetings & other meetings	39	man-hrs	\$ 250.00	\$ 9,750.00	
16	Legal / Conflict of Interest preparation	1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
17	Legal / Bylaws preparation	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
18	Legal / Routine Legal Counsel	60	man-hrs	\$ 250.00	\$ 15,000.00	
19	Public Outreach / Education	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
20	Board Participation / Travel (per diem, travel, registration)	1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
21	Grant Writer / Prop 1	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
22	Grant Writer / other	1	LS	\$ -	\$ -	
23	Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development (UMCD Labor)	500	man-hrs	\$ 97.47	\$ 48,735.00	
24	Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development (misc. expense)	1	LS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
25				\$ -	\$ -	
26				\$ -	\$ -	
27				\$ -	\$ -	
						\$ 126,985.00
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES - TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 137,035.00</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>						
<b>Revenue Sources - Options</b>						
Item	Description	Qty	Units	Amount	SubTotal	Category Total
1	Director Entity Assessment	6	ea	\$ 22,898.17	\$ 137,035.00	
2	Member Director Entity Assessment	3	ea	\$ 45,678.33	\$ 137,035.00	or
3	Groundwater Extraction Fee	30,000	AF (6 mths)	\$ 4.57	\$ 137,035.00	
4				\$ -	\$ -	
5				\$ -	\$ -	
6				\$ -	\$ -	
7				\$ -	\$ -	
8				\$ -	\$ -	
9				\$ -	\$ -	

## 12. Funding Sources

### POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES

- Director entity assessments (1<sup>st</sup> 6-month period)
- Member director entity assessments (1<sup>st</sup> 6-month period)
- Groundwater Extraction Fee (e.g., \$/AF)
- Similar to municipal Ad Valorem type tax (e.g., \$/Acre)
- Ad Hoc Committee (?) – discuss further at Sept 18 BOD meeting

### 10730.2. ADDITIONAL FEE AUTHORITY FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF A PLAN

(b) Until a groundwater sustainability plan is adopted pursuant to this part, a local agency may impose fees in accordance with the procedures provided in this section for the purposes of Part 2.75 (commencing with Section 10750) as long as a groundwater management plan adopted before January 1, 2015, is in effect for the basin.

## 13. Submission of Grant Applications – Prop 1

- Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects (Proposition 1)
- Up to \$1 million/basin
- If Agency applying for more than one basin, 2<sup>nd</sup> basin limit is \$500K
- Local matching funds – 50%
- Matching funds requirement may be able to be reduced based on Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) status
- Project/Plan expenses after May 16, 2016 can be counted towards matching fund requirement
- Applications due to CA DWR in August-October 2017
- Awards in December 2017
- If funds still available, 2<sup>nd</sup> open application period December 2017 – January 2018
- Grant consultant (?) – likely costs \$12,000 - \$15,000

### 13. Submission of Grant Applications – Prop 1

#### Decisions

- Entity preparing the GSP (e.g., UWCD, consultant, ??)
- GSP preparation schedule (e.g., 2 yrs, 3 yrs, 5 yrs)
- Other specialty consultants (e.g., public facilitator?)

### 14. Development of Request for Proposal for Legal Services

#### Agency has need for legal counsel

- Legal counsel from Member or Stakeholder Director Entity
  - ✓ Possible conflict of interest from using legal counsel from a Director's entity?
  - ✓ Many legal firms are actively being engaged by other GSAs and stakeholder groups. More difficult to find legal counsel without conflicts if we delay
- Prepare RFP for legal counsel on behalf of Agency ?

## 15. Formation of Standing Committees

- Many entities have Standing Committees to provide additional guidance to full BOD on specific topics (e.g., Executive, Finance)
- Functions as additional vetting opportunity on important issues
- A Director must serve as Chair for the Committee
- Does not have authority to act on behalf of the Agency

## 16. Formation of Ad Hoc Committees

- Many entities have Ad Hoc Committees to provide additional opportunities for stakeholder engagement on specific topics (e.g., allocations, bylaw preparation, policies)
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## 17. Basin Boundary Modifications

- Local agencies intending to submit a Basin Boundary modification request are required to submit an “Initial Notification” of their intent within 15 days of local agency's decision to explore basin modification.
- **January 1, 2018** – Submission Period opens
- **March 31, 2018** – Submission Period Closes and 30-day Public Comment Period opens
- **April 30, 2018** – Public Comment Period Closes  
DWR begins boundary modification requests and public comments
- **Approximately July 2018** – Draft Basin Boundary Modifications released
- **Approximately August 2018** – Final Basin Boundary Modifications released

