



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, September 1, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING PUBLIC ACCESS

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- 1. RECONSIDERATION OF VIRTUAL MEETING DECLARATION PURSUANT TO VCOG RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01 DATED JANUARY 13, 2022 p. 4**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, public comments received in advance by VCOG Staff will be read aloud into the meeting record or the individual may be given time to speak at the Chair's Discretion. Individual Board Members may briefly respond to Public Comments or ask questions for clarification.

MEMBERS

City of Camarillo
Kevin Kildee, Chair
Charlotte Craven, Alternate

City of Fillmore
Simone Alex
Diane McCall, Alternate

City of Moorpark
Janice Parvin, Member
Chris Enegren, Alternate

City of Ojai
Randy Haney, Chair-Elect
Betsy Stix, Alternate

City of Oxnard
Bert Perello, Member
Oscar Madrigal, Alternate

City of Port Hueneme
Steven Gama, Member
Misty Perez, Alternate

City of San Buenaventura
Mike Johnson, Member
Doug Halter, Alternate

City of Santa Paula
Jenny Crosswhite, IP Chair
Andy Sobel, Alternate

City of Simi Valley
Elaine Litster, Member
Mike Judge, Alternate

City of Thousand Oaks
Kevin McNamee, Member
Bob Engler, Alternate

County of Ventura
Bob Huber, Member
Carmen Ramirez-Alternate

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT INCLUDING REAP UPDATE – (Sent Separately)

6. AGENCY REPORTS – Oral Reports If Representatives Attend

- A. Southern California Association of Governments
- B. Ventura County Transportation Commission
- C. League of California Cities
- D. Other

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Summary of July 14, 2022 Meeting p. 8** - Approve Meeting Summary for the July 14, 2022, VCOG Meeting. **Action:** Approve Meeting Summary as published.
- B. **Financial Report p. 13** Approve Ventura Council of Governments Financial Report for the Budget Period from July 11, 2022 to August 26, 2022. **Action:** Approve Financial Report.
- C. **Register of Warrants & Debit Card Transactions p. 17** - Approve the Register of Warrants for Expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from July 11, 2022 to August 26, 2022. **Action:** Approve Register of Warrants and Debit Card Transactions.

8. PRESENTATION ITEMS

- A. **Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update- p. 20** Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager-Transportation Planning for the Ventura County Transportation Commission will provide an update of progress on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Ventura County. **Action: Receive Report and Discuss.**
- B. **Update on developments for the Westside State Water Project dependent Agencies p. 23** Jacquelyn McMillan, Governmental Affairs and Regional Representative for Eastern Ventura County and the San Fernando Valley, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, will present an Update on water restriction changes, infrastructure needs and actions to modernize the Delta Conveyance Project. **Action: Receive Report and Discuss.**
- C. **The Coast at Port Hueneme to Point Magu by Steven Gama, City Council Member, City of Port Hueneme. (TIME PERMITTING) p. 31** - Council Member Steven Gama will revisit his previous report entitled "Hueneme Beach Sand Matters." **Action: Receive Report** - Introduction Summary Attached

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Council Member present may propose items for placement on a future agenda. Members should limit their proposed topics to issues that conform to VCOG's adopted Program of Priorities. Members may discuss whether the item should be placed on a future agenda and the description of the agenda item.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

This Meeting Will Be Adjourned With Our Fondest Memories Of Carmen Ramirez.

Next Meeting- ANNUAL DINNER- October 27, 2022 at Camarillo Ranch.

Next Business Meeting- November 10, 2022 at Camarillo City Hall


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Item 1

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Reconsideration of Virtual Meeting Declaration –VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01

DATE: September 1, 2022

Background:

On January 13, 2022, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (2021-2022) incorporated into California state law some aspects of the teleconferencing rules that have applied by Executive Order to local public agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic, VCOG adopted a Virtual Meeting Declaration via VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01.

Staff is recommending the reconsideration of VCOG's Virtual Meeting Declaration for the VCOG Council Meeting of September 1, 2022 for Health and Safety Reasons.

Recommendation:

Invoke Virtual Meeting Declaration for VCOG Council Meeting of September 1, 2022

Attachment: VCOG Resolution No. 2022-1

ATTACHMENT 1

VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS INVOKING AB 361 FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments as follows:

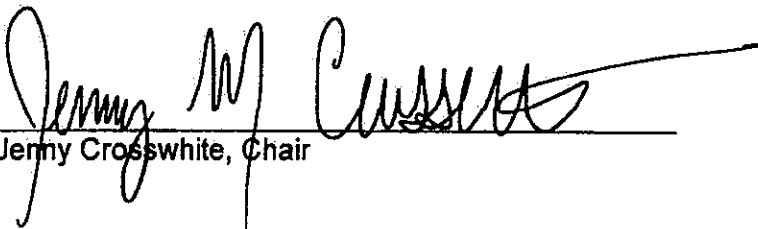
SECTION 1: The Governing Body has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 Emergency, and finds that the following circumstances exist:

- A. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
- B. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

SECTION 2: This Declaration shall be reconsidered at each subsequent meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments Hereby Invokes the Provisions of AB 361 and thereby agrees to Continue to Hold Virtual Council and/or Committee Meetings, including but not limited to the meeting events listed on Exhibit A, and to comply with the Notice and Participation Requirements Imposed by AB 361

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2022.


Jenny Crosswhite, Chair

Attest:


Hugh Riley, Executive Director



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Schedule of VCOG Meetings for 2022
EXHIBIT A - REVISED**

Board Meeting- Camarillo City Council Chambers, 601 Carmen Dr., Camarillo, CA on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Meetings May be virtual depending on the Council Direction.

~~January 13, 2022~~

~~March 10, 2022~~

~~May 12, 2022~~

~~July 14, 2022,~~

~~September 1, 2022~~

~~October 27, 2022 (Annual Dinner- Camarillo)~~

~~November 10, 2022~~

Administrative Committee – Admin or Central Conference Room- Camarillo City Hall (Committee Meetings May be virtual depending on the Committee's preference.) on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

~~January 27, 2022~~

~~March 24, 2022~~

~~May 26, 2022~~

~~June 23, 2022~~

~~July 21, 2022~~

~~October 20, 2022~~

~~November 17, 2022~~

EXHIBIT A

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Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Council Meetings May be virtual depending on COVID-19 Restrictions in place at the time.)

January 13, 2022

March 10, 2022 (Moorpark)

May 12, 2022

July 14, 2022,

Sept. 8, 2022 (Annual Dinner- Camarillo)*

Oct. 13, 2022

November 10, 2022

**To Be rescheduled- Conflicts with CalCities Annual Conference*

Administrative Committee – Admin or Central Conference

Room- Camarillo City Hall (Committee Meetings May be virtual depending on COVID-19 Restrictions in place at the time.)

Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

January 27, 2022

March 24, 2022

May 26, 2022

June 23, 2022

July 21, 2022

October 20, 2022

November 17, 2022



ITEM 7A.

MEETING SUMMARY

**601 Carmen Dr.
Camarillo, CA 93012
July 14, 2022
4:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE – The meeting was called to Order at 4:05 PM by Chair Kildee.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Kevin Kildee, Chair, City of Camarillo
Jenny Crosswhite, Immediate Past Chair, City of Santa Paula
Randy Haney, City of Ojai
Doug Halter, City of San Buenaventura- Alternate for Mr. Johnson
Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County –Alternate for Supervisor Huber
Elaine Litster, City of Simi Valley
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
Steven Gama, City of Port Hueneme

Alternates Present: None

Absent:

Janice Parvin, Mayor, City of Moorpark
Bob Huber, Supervisor, County of Ventura
Simone Alex, City of Fillmore

Staff Present:

Hugh Riley, Executive Director, VCOG

Partner Agency Representatives:

Darrin Peschka, Program Manager of Community and Government Relations for VCTC
Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer, SCAG

Guests:

Dr. Mark Schneipps, Director California Economic Forecast
Mina Layba, Legislative Affairs Manager, City of Thousand Oaks

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

4. Executive Directors Report

- **2022 Legislative Update** – Riley reported that the Legislature is currently in recess for the summer break until August 1 and that most of the bills VCOG is following are presently in either the Senate or Assembly Appropriations Committee. He referred to the Legislative materials and Bill Status Summary included in his written report that had been sent to the Council.

- **VCOG-REAP Project Update-** Riley reported on the status of the active REAP Projects:

PROJECT 4: Regional ADU Program for Pre-Fabricated and Garage Conversion ADU's – Pursuant to the Council approved January 13, 2022 MOU between VCOG, OCCOG and GCCOG, the joint staff team completed revisions to the consultant scope of work submitted by Bairde + Driskell, Community Planning. A contract has now been executed, a Notice to Proceed issued, and work is ongoing. Per the 2022-2023 Proposed VCOG Operating Budget, VCOG will be contributing \$72,100 in REAP Grant Funds toward a total project budget of \$289,000.

REAP 1.0 PROJECT 5: Regional CEQA Streamlining VMT Adaptive Management and Mitigation Program – Work is continuing with VCTC and our consultants led by Iteris, Inc. A Draft Ventura County Adaptive Mitigation Program Framework and Summary of VMT Mitigation Program "Choices" has been prepared and is now under team review. VCOG Consultants presented the Draft Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Adaptive Mitigation Program to the Ventura County Transportation Commission at their June meeting. VCTC and VCOG Staff and consultants are working to develop the form and level of detail of resources to be provided to lead agencies and applicants, and stakeholder outreach format and attendees

- **REAP 2021 (2.0) Program Development Framework-** Riley reported that On July 7, SCAG's Regional Council approved the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Program Development Framework. REAP 2.0 will provide \$246 million to the SCAG region to support transformative and innovative projects that implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy and help achieve goals of more housing and transportation options that reduce reliance on cars. The framework reflects robust outreach and engagement with regional partners to help guide the development of the specific funding programs and projects to be included in the full program application.

The framework proposes SCAG's REAP 2.0 funds be administered across three areas:

1. **Early Program Initiatives:** SCAG will expand certain existing programs in the Connect SoCal Implementation Strategy to offer additional support to cities in implementing Connect SoCal.
2. **Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program:** This SCAG program builds on the concepts put forward in the Key Connections in Connect SoCal 2020, as well as current work funded through the REAP 1.0 program, Local Action Planning Grants and Senate Bill 2.
3. **County Transportation Commission Partnership Program:** SCAG will develop a new partnership program with the region's county transportation commissions to fund the development of plans, programs, pilot projects and specific signature greenhouse gas and vehicle miles traveled-reducing capital projects consistent with the goals and objectives of REAP 2.0.

Outreach and engagement will continue through the rest of the program, informing the development of the full application for funding, which will be submitted to the state in December 2022. More information on SCAG's REAP 2021 program can be found at scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

REAP 2.0- Sub regional Partnership Guidelines: Riley continued his report advising that, the SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD) adopted Draft REAP 2.0 Sub-regional Partnership Program Guidelines that allocate approximately \$436,000 to VCOG, the same amount as REAP 1.0.

REAP 2.0 projects and activities are to primarily focus on implementation of projects, programs and policies identified in 6th cycle Housing Elements and additional funds will be available directly to jurisdictions. The REAP 2.0 application period will be on a rolling basis between September 16 and December 1, 2022 and the program will extend through 2026.

The challenge to VCOG is to identify county-wide projects that assist most, if not all, VCOG members in implementing their 2021-2029 Housing Element programs. An obvious project would be reviewing the 11 Housing Elements and coordinating similar programs, especially HCD-directed programs that are likely the same in the 11 jurisdictions. VCOG staff will submit the "Intent to Apply" by September 30, 2022 and will begin networking with member cities to develop a full application in the Fall. The Council is invited to suggest projects and will be reviewing and adopting VCOG's REAP 2.0 application.

- **VCOG Administrative Committee-** Riley advised that the Administrative Committee will meet on July 21, 2022 via ZOOM Conference Call. The Committee will be planning for the VCOG Council Meeting on September 1, 2022 which will be held live in Camarillo. Riley advised that the Council Meetings would continue to be held live unless COVID-19-driven Restrictions dictate otherwise.

- **VCOG Annual Dinner** – Riley reminded the Council of the Annual VCOG Dinner scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Camarillo Ranch House. He reported that, since VCOG had received an additional event sponsor, that it would not be necessary to charge staff or spouses for tickets but that attendance would be limited to the capacity of the venue and the overall event budget.

5. **AGENCY REPORTS** – Oral Reports were presented by the following agency representatives:

- **Ventura County Transportation Commission-** Darrin Peschka, Program Manager of Community and Government Relations for VCTC provided the following report:

VCTC and Caltrans District 7 convened the second meeting of the Arroyo Simi Bridge Suicide Prevention Task Force on June 9th. The Task Force discussed the process to identify and evaluate physical barrier alternatives (such as fencing or netting) and community-based suicide prevention measures. The Task Force also discussed and has since begun follow up on interim measures that leverage existing programs and resources, including VCTC's Motorist Aid programs.

VCTC convened the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update on June 29th to discuss the projects lists and performance measures.

VCTC will provide extra Freeway Service Patrol service to reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic safety conditions during the Ventura County Fair.

VCTC recently published an updated Bikeways Map, which shows various bike routes across Ventura County. VCTC has maps available for anyone who would like one.

- **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)** - Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer referenced the SCAG Update for July included in the meeting Agenda Materials and provided the following report:

SCAG is conducting an extensive public input process on RHNA reform recommendations. RHNA reform will be presented at upcoming Housing Working Groups on July 19 and July 21 and staff will develop recommendations for action by the Community, Economic & Human Development Committee and Regional Council.

Through Senate Bill (SB) 197, the deadline for HCD to submit their RHNA reform report to the State Legislature to Dec. 31, 2023. The working group meetings will also feature SCAG's Other-to-Residential Toolkit, a unique tool that guides planners and policymakers step-by-step in facilitating more residential development by converting underutilized non-residential land uses as opportunity sites for housing.

SCAG will be holding a call for applications for jurisdictions and Tribal Governments to receive housing-supportive grant application technical assistance. A number of notices of funding availability for grants are made available by HCD and other agencies on a rolling basis and SCAG is offering expert assistance to help selected recipients prepare and submit applications for funding.

Meetings for the Local Data Exchange (LDX) are now available! LDX is an extensive data exchange process with local jurisdictions to develop the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern for Southern California. SCAG's Local Information Services Team (LIST) will meet one-on-one (for 90 minutes) with all 197 local jurisdictions to discuss the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern, provide background on Connect SoCal 2024

- **CalCities (League of California Cities-** Dave Mullinax, Regional Public Affairs Manager was unable to attend the meeting.

6. **2022-2023 VCOG Budget Amendment No. 1-** Riley summarized the proposed Amendment to VCOG's Operating Budget for F.Y. 2022-2023. The amendment consists primarily of adjustments to REAP Project Expense Line Items have been modified to reflect the Second Amendment to the Program Scope of Work approved by SCAG on April 24, 2022. Other changes include adjustments to Conference and Meeting Line Items to cover costs for staff to attend the annual League of Cities Conference in Long Beach and the SCAG Annual Conference and General Assembly Palm Desert in April 2023.

A **MOTION** was made by Member Crosswhite to adopt VCOG Resolution No. 2022-04 amending the 2022-2023 VCOG Operating Budget. The motion was **SECONDED** by Member Haney. The motion carried with a Roll Call Vote: Ayes- 9 Nays- 0. The motion passed.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. **Summary of May 12, 2022 Meeting p. 9** Approve Meeting Summary for the May 12, 2022, VCOG Meeting. **Action:** Approve Meeting Summary as published.
- B. **Financial Report p. 14-** Approve Ventura Council of Governments Financial Report for the Budget Period from May 6, 2022 to July 11, 2022. **Action:** Approve Financial Report.
- C. **Register of Warrants & Debit Card Transactions p. 18-** Approve the Register of Warrants for Expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from May 6, 2022 to July 11, 2022. **Action:** Approve Register of Warrants and Debit Card Transactions.

- D. Audited Financial Statements- 2020-2021 p. 21** Receive and file Ventura Council of Governments, Audited Financial Statements for Period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
Action: Approve Staff Recommendation.

A **MOTION** was made by Member Litster to approve Items A-D of the Consent Calendar. The motion was **SECONDED** by Member Haney. The motion carried with a Roll Call Vote: Ayes- 9 Nays- 0. The motion passed.

8. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Overview of the County, State and US Economic Forecast from Dr. Mark Schiepps, California Economic Forecast. Dr. Mark Schiepps, Director of the California Economic Forecast in Santa Barbara, presented his review of the state of the U.S. and World Economy and then discussed Ventura County's economic condition and forecast. Dr. Schiepps discussed the pressing current issues and the question, "are we in a recession?" The presentation was followed by discussion and questions.

B. The Coast at Port Hueneme to Point Magu by Steven Gama, City Council Member, City of Port Hueneme. - Council Member Steven Gama presented a report entitled "Hueneme Beach Sand Matters." He discussed the history of Hueneme Beach and the role of Thomas Bard in the area's development. The natural flow of sand to the beach was severely disrupted by the construction of the port. He described the issues relating to local beach erosion and the fact that Hueneme Beach's sustainability is 100% dependent on the Federal Government. Point Mugu is experiencing severe erosion due to the sand deficit which has been generated over past 30 years. The presentation was followed by discussion and questions.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. Next Meeting- September 1, 2022 in Camarillo



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

ITEM 7B

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Financial Report

DATE: September 1, 2022

Recommendation:

Receive and file Financial Report for Period July 10 to August 27, 2022.

Discussion:

This report transmits the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Financial reports for the Budget Period to August 26, 2022

Investments:

The objectives of VCOG's adopted Investment Policy are safety, liquidity, and yield, with the foremost objective being safety. Prudence, ethics, and delegation of authority are the Policy's applied standards of care. Below is a summary of VCOG's investments that comply with the VCOG Investment Policy:

Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest-FY to Date-7/01/21	Rate	Balance
Bank of A	Maximizer 2635	N/A	\$ 13.57	0.03%*	\$62,674.36

* Variable

Payment for REAP Reimbursement Invoice No. 16 for June 2022 for \$15,441.64 has been received... Invoice No. 17 for July 2022 for \$ 2,792 has been submitted and is pending approval from SCAG.

VCOG has received the Annual Dinner Sponsor Fee from SCE for \$3,000 and Athens Services for \$2,500. Member Annual Assessments have been received from all members with the exception of Oxnard and Ventura. Assessments received to date total \$43,903.

ATTACHMENTS: Balance Sheet – As of August 27, 2022
Budget vs. Actual Report - July 19, 2022 to August 27, 2022

Ventura Council of Governments

Balance Sheet

As of August 27, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BofA - 5797	-1,000.00
BofA - 9045	97,465.77
BofA MM - 2635	62,674.36
Total Bank Accounts	\$159,140.13
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	26,881.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$26,881.00
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$186,021.13
Other Assets	
Fraud	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$186,021.13
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Unearned Income	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	111,291.04
Unrestricted Net Assets	-7,217.46
Net Income	81,947.55
Total Equity	\$186,021.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$186,021.13

Ventura Council of Governments

Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2022-2023 Budget (7/1/22 to 6/30/23) - FY23 P&L

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
Annual Dinner Sponsorship	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00	100.00 %
Dues Assessments	64,992.00	64,992.00	0.00	100.00 %
Investments				
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.13		2.13	
Total Investments	2.13		2.13	
Other Types of Income				
Bank Interest		10.00	-10.00	
Total Other Types of Income		10.00	-10.00	
REAP Income	18,233.64	165,654.00	-147,420.36	11.01 %
Total Income	\$91,727.77	\$239,156.00	\$ -147,428.23	38.35 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$91,727.77	\$239,156.00	\$ -147,428.23	38.35 %
Expenses				
Contract Services				
Accounting Fees		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Audit		5,500.00	-5,500.00	
Executive Administration	5,031.25	45,000.00	-39,968.75	11.18 %
Legal Fees		300.00	-300.00	
Total Contract Services	5,031.25	52,300.00	-47,268.75	9.62 %
Operations				
Printing and Copying	190.64	1,150.00	-959.36	16.58 %
Supplies		250.00	-250.00	
Website	915.00	1,000.00	-85.00	91.50 %
Total Operations	1,105.64	2,400.00	-1,294.36	46.07 %
Other Types of Expenses				
Insurance - Liability, D and O		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
Total Other Types of Expenses		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
REAP Project Costs				
Project 1 - TASK B	1,230.50	18,454.00	-17,223.50	6.67 %
Project 4 - NEW TASK A	588.50	11,915.00	-11,326.50	4.94 %
Project 4 - TASK A		72,100.00	-72,100.00	
Project 5 - TASK A	160.50	29,379.00	-29,218.50	0.55 %
Project 5 - TASK B		27,932.00	-27,932.00	
Project 5 - TASK C		5,874.00	-5,874.00	
Total REAP Project Costs	1,979.50	165,654.00	-163,674.50	1.19 %
Travel and Meetings				
Annual Dinner	1,000.00	9,000.00	-8,000.00	11.11 %
Conference and Meetings	600.00	4,900.00	-4,300.00	12.24 %
Meals	63.83		63.83	
Travel		2,402.00	-2,402.00	
Total Travel and Meetings	1,663.83	16,302.00	-14,638.17	10.21 %

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2022-2023 Budget (7/1/22 to 6/30/23) - FY23 P&L

July 2022 - June 2023


	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Total Expenses	\$9,780.22	\$239,156.00	\$ -229,375.78	4.09 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$81,947.55	\$0.00	\$81,947.55	0.00%
NET INCOME	\$81,947.55	\$0.00	\$81,947.55	0.00%



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ITEM 7C.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates
FROM: Hugh Riley, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Register of Warrants and Debt Card Transactions
DATE: September 1, 2022

Recommendation:

Approve the Register of Warrants for expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from July 12, 2022 to August 27, 2022

Discussion:

This report presents expenditures including bank debit card transactions incurred by the Ventura Council of Governments for the period July 11, 2022 to August 26, 2022. It is prepared in addition to the Financial Report so that the Council may be fully informed as to the expenditure of funds for services and other costs to the organization.

Some payments were made after June 30, 2022 for F.Y. 2021-2022 but recorded on June 30, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS: Warrant and Debit Card Registers

Register of Warrants
Ventura Council of Governments
September 1, 2022
Transactions from July 11, 2022 August 27, 2022

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Inv. Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
536	06/30/22	Dr. Chris Williamson	06/30/22	Consulting Services (REAP)	\$ 1,043.25
537	06/03/22	Caroline Carter	07/05/22	Accounting Services – June. 22	\$ 81.25
538	06/30/22	Iteris, Inc.	06/30/22	REAP Project No. 5	\$ 10,141.49
539	06/30/22	VC Digital	06/30/22	Printing & Copying	\$ 99.50
540	6/30/22	V.C. Transportation Commission	07/18/22	REAP Project No. 5	\$ 3,718.08
541	08/01/22	Dr. Chris Williamson	07/29/22	Consulting Services (REAP)	\$ 1,979.50
542	08/05/22	Hugh Riley, Pro. Management, LLC	07/31/22	Executive Administration-July.	\$ 4,128.75
543	08/05/22	Hugh Riley, Pro. Management, LLC	07/31/22	REAP Application & Oversight	\$ 812.50
544	06/30/22	VC Digital	07/31/22	Printing & Copying	\$ 190.64
545	08/05/22	Hugh Riley, Pro. Management, LLC	07/31/22	Executive Administration-July (Balance due for Invoice #186)	\$ 36.00
546	08/17/22	Command Performance Catering	08/17/22	Deposit for Annual Dinner	\$ 1,000.00

NOTE: Some payments were made after June 30 for but were dated on June 30, 2022 for recording in F.Y. 2021-2022

Register of Debit Card Transactions Ventura Council of Governments

Sept. 1, 2022

Transactions from July 12, 2022 to August 26, 2022

<u>Card #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Inv. Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
2950	08/09/22	Way Point Café	08/09/22	Chair/Director meeting (meal) Re: Performance Evaluation	\$ 63.88
2950	08/10/22	Intuit	08/10/22	Annual Quickbooks Subscription	\$ 915.00



ITEM 8A.

September 1, 2022

MEMO TO: VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

FROM: CAITLIN BROOKS, PROGRAM MANAGER-TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

REVIEWED: HUGH RILEY, VCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 

SUBJECT: VENTURA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN-
PROJECT UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation on the Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is a long-range planning document originally adopted by VCTC in 2013 to plan for the future of transportation in the County over the next 30 years. The 2023 CTP Update will incorporate socioeconomic data, community priorities, and local transportation solutions while also placing a special emphasis on inclusion of disadvantaged and underserved communities to create a more equitable transportation future for all.

The CTP Update will be developed as a long-range policy document, built from community-based, local priorities and community-expressed need to enhance regional connections. It is aimed at ensuring mobility and enhancing the quality of life for all Ventura County residents. The CTP will examine key regional issues such as greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing climate-resilient transportation networks, improving mobility across all modes of transportation, and exploring various funding strategies and options from the federal, state, regional, and local levels. It is intended to provide a framework for future community-based planning and collaboration and inform Ventura County's long-range transportation decisions.

Since March 2021, the following project items are underway or have been finalized:

- Created a project website for the GoVentura website [www.goventura.org/ctp] and Digital Foyer [<https://tinyurl.com/ventura-ctp-info-hub>].

- Prepared an Outreach Framework and conducted community engagement, including four virtual Regional Advisory Committee meetings, two rounds of six virtual Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings, numerous in-person pop-up outreach events and distribution of surveys online and through the County's library network. VCTC received over 1,480 online surveys and 100 contributions to interactive boards during in person pop-up events.
 - To reach a wider audience of community members who may not have computer access, hard copies of the community survey were distributed at the following library locations:
 - Ventura County Library System (10 locations, including the bookmobile in Santa Paula)
 - Simi Valley Library
 - Thousand Oaks Library
 - Moorpark Library
 - Oxnard Library
 - The returns on the hard copy survey were modest (5 completed surveys received), however, a sign with QR code was also included with the hard copies, which may have increased online participation.
- Created and deployed two rounds of a youth and family engagement program called the Community Walk Audit to identify pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements needed around the County.
 - The walk audit received a total of 120 submissions in English and 45 in Spanish during the month of February. An additional 14 audit surveys were submitted in English and one additional in Spanish during April and May, for a total of 180 completed walk audits.
- Conducted a bilingual, map-based, online survey to identify areas for transportation improvements.
- Developed draft Vision and Goals.
- Developed three draft scenarios for evaluation.
- Prepared an Existing Conditions Report with a thorough review of Ventura County's existing demographics, as they relate to population density, employment density, socioeconomics, vulnerable populations, and health and environmental indicators, as well as transportation conditions. The findings of the report will be used to inform the Needs Assessment and ongoing public outreach activities to gather comprehensive feedback from the community.
- Prepared a draft project list using existing projects planned by local agencies and/or included in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).
 - The Existing Conditions Report and project list were submitted for administrative review by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM), and Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee/Social Services

Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC/SSTAC) which include staff and appointed community members from VCTC partner agencies.

The CTP Update is currently in the Analysis and Scenario Development phase, which will inform the draft Plan. The key activities in the next three months include: travel demand modeling, project performance evaluation, continuing work on the draft Plan, and coordination for additional public engagement activities.

Questions or comments can be directed to Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Sustainability at afagan@goventura.org or Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager-Transportation Planning at cbrooks@goventura.org.




**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

ITEM 8B.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Update on developments for the Westside State Water Project
Dependent Agencies

DATE: September 1, 2022

Recommendation:

Receive Report from Metropolitan Water District Representative.

Discussion:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is making a major investment in a potential water recycling project that will reuse water currently sent to the ocean. The Regional Recycled Water Program, a partnership with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, will purify wastewater to produce high quality water that can be used again. The program starts with a demonstration facility and could eventually become one of the largest advanced water treatment plants in the world

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Metro Water District Press Release
2. Release of Environmental Impact Report for Delta Conveyance Project
3. Water Recycling Project Brochure



News for Immediate Release__

Metropolitan Commits to Greater Water Reliability, Supply Equity for All Member Agencies

Aug. 17, 2022

Board action recognizes disparities in regional water infrastructure, impacts on some communities

With extreme drought placing unprecedented stress on Southern California's water delivery system and supply availability that prompted shortages for 6 million Southern Californians this year, Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors is committing to providing its entire six-county service area with reliable and equitable access to available water and storage across the region.

The board on Tuesday (Aug. 16) adopted an important resolution recognizing the impacts the historic drought and water system limitations have had on the region. The resolution outlines remedies to address the situation by building infrastructure, increasing local supplies, expanding partnerships, advancing water-use efficiency and planning for the escalating impacts of climate change.

"It is unacceptable that some of our agencies are experiencing a more dire situation today because of constraints in our water system that have been exposed by the current record dry conditions," said Metropolitan board Chairwoman Gloria D. Gray.

"Through this action, our board has made it clear that this problem cannot be ignored. We will be unyielding in our pursuit of solutions and improvements to fix this problem, which will ultimately make all of Southern California stronger and more resilient," she said.

After three of the driest years in California history, the State Water Project – which typically provides about 30 percent of the water used in Southern California annually – experienced its lowest-ever deliveries this year. Six Metropolitan member agencies serving portions of Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties that rely on state project supplies from Northern California for some or all of their water supplies have been particularly impacted because Metropolitan's water system lacked the flexibility to deliver from the Colorado River or access water stored in Diamond Valley Lake.

To stretch limited supplies and ensure these SWP-dependent areas have enough water to get through the year, for the first time in its history, Metropolitan in June required affected agencies to impose and enforce emergency conservation restrictions amounting to supply cutbacks of about 35 percent on average. Affected agencies include Calleguas Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

"Climate change is here, but the system we created in the past is not sufficient for the future," Metropolitan General Manager Adel Hagekhalil said. "I am grateful for the extraordinary conservation actions our SWP-dependent agencies and their communities have made in the short-term to get us through the immediate challenge. And I appreciate the work and partnerships with all our member



agencies to find new ways to bring Metropolitan and the entire region into a new era of reliability.

"That means increasing long-term water savings through water use efficiency, transforming non-functional turf into more appropriate landscaping and advancing the development of recycled water, groundwater recovery, stormwater capture and desalination," he said.

In response to the record drought, Metropolitan has collaborated with its member agencies to develop and apply extraordinary actions aimed at preserving state project water for the communities that need it most. Investments include emergency drought projects that deliver Colorado River supplies and stored Diamond Valley Lake water further into the district's service area, along with pursuing water transfers and partnerships to access additional supplies. Metropolitan also accelerated its Pure Water Southern California recycled water project to develop a new supply source for the region.

The adopted resolution calls for specific projects and programs that will offer greater supply reliability for SWP-dependent areas to be brought back to the board by February 2023, along with quarterly reports to the board on the status of emergency drought projects. It also prioritizes capital construction projects, spending plans and board approvals to expedite work on critical and time-sensitive elements that address supply and infrastructure reliability.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative that, along with its 26 cities and retail suppliers, provides water for 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.

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DWR RELEASES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT

BY DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES JUL 27, 2022 WATER NEWS

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) today released the Draft Environment Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Delta Conveyance Project, marking an important step in evaluating a key strategy to adapt to a changing climate and provide clean, reliable water for future generations.

The release of the Draft EIR gives the public an opportunity to formally weigh in on a proposed infrastructure modernization project that has been significantly changed in response to public comment. The proposal follows Governor Newsom's direction in 2019 to downsize previous concepts for improving Delta conveyance.

"Two out of three Californians rely on the State Water Project for all or part of their water supply," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "Modernizing this infrastructure is essential to adapting to a future that includes more frequent extremes of drought and flood, and greater water instability."

If the project had been operational during the big storms in October and December of 2021, DWR could have captured and moved about 236,000 acre-feet of water. That is enough for about 2.5 million people for a year. If approved after completion of the environmental review process, the project will also help California manage through periods of severe drought like the one the state is experiencing now.

Nemeth noted that the proposed project has been refined, redesigned and rerouted as a result of public input and the Governor's 2019 direction.

"We took a fresh look at everything. Changing from two tunnels to one opened the door to many creative design and engineering innovations," she said.

California faces a hotter and drier future with more frequent and extreme droughts and floods. Water captured from the Sierra Nevada snowpack will need to be managed and used more efficiently, requiring investments in water recycling, water storage and clean and sustainable groundwater basins.

The Delta Conveyance Project is intended to help ensure the State Water Project can capture, move, and store water by making the most of extreme storm events that are becoming more frequent with California's changing climate.

The preliminary design of the proposed project and alternatives outlined in the Draft EIR reflect the work of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA), a joint powers authority of local public water agencies participating in the project.

"We brought world class engineering and design creativity to the effort," said DCA's Executive Director Graham Bradner. "We sought input from the community to understand local effects and focused on ways to avoid or minimize issues related to noise, traffic, power, aesthetics, boating and waterways, land disturbance and the overall project footprint."

The Draft EIR was prepared by DWR as the lead agency to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act by evaluating a range of alternatives to the proposed project and disclosing potential environmental effects of the proposed project and alternatives, and associated mitigation measures for potentially significant impacts. No decisions will be made on whether to approve the project until the conclusion of the environmental review process, after consideration of public comments submitted on the Draft EIR and issuances of a Final EIR. At that time, DWR will determine whether to approve the proposed project an alternative or no project.

Everyone is invited to visit the Draft EIR website to access the document and accompanying informational materials and learn more about the proposed project and the public review process, including public hearing details and commenting opportunities.

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A NEW SOURCE OF WATER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



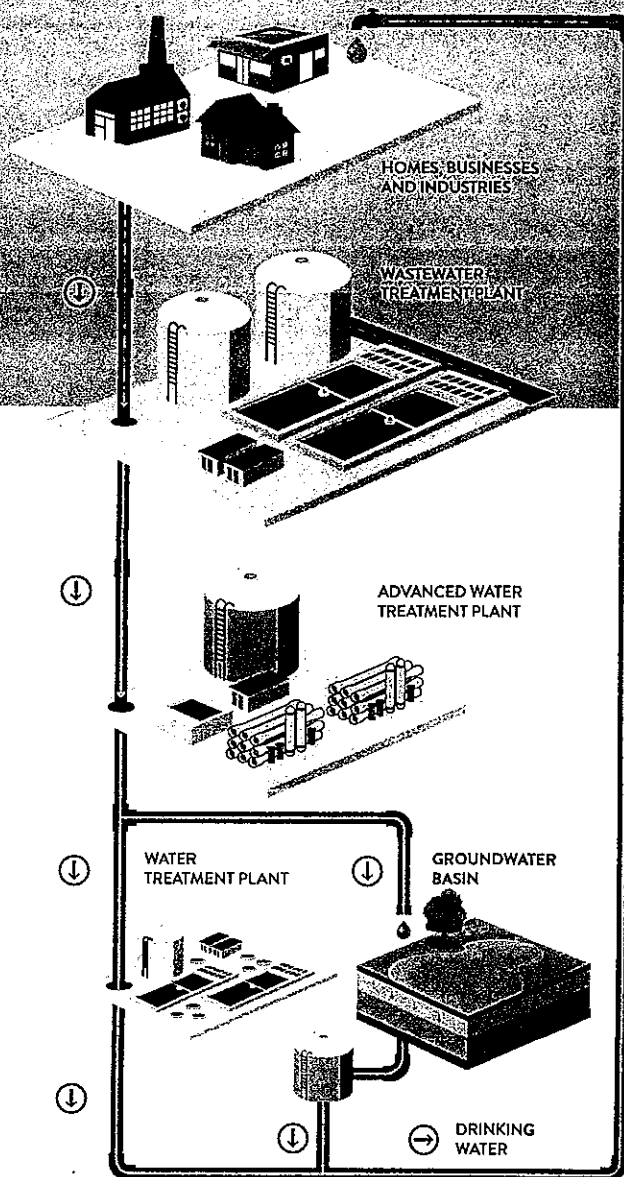
Water is too precious to use just once. So the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is making a major investment in a potential water recycling project that will reuse water currently sent to the ocean. The Regional Recycled Water Program, a partnership with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, will purify wastewater to produce high quality water that can be used again. The program starts with a demonstration facility and could eventually become one of the largest advanced water treatment plants in the world.

How it works

The process begins with wastewater discharged from homes, businesses and industries. After the wastewater has been cleaned, it flows to an advanced water treatment plant where it is further purified. The water then replenishes groundwater basins, where it may be pumped up and used again. It could also be delivered to industrial facilities and potentially to Metropolitan's water treatment plants and delivery system.

Why it works

- Uses the region's largest untapped source of cleaned wastewater, currently sent to the ocean.
- Produces a drought-proof source of water, readily available rain or shine.
- Prepares the Southland in the event of a catastrophic earthquake by increasing local water supplies.
- Replenishes groundwater basins, which provide 30% of Southern California's water supply and have seen levels drop to historic lows in recent years.
- Considers and accommodates future regulations that could allow the water to flow to Metropolitan's water treatment plants and distribution system.
- Helps meet the needs of the region's growing economy and population at a cost comparable to other local water resources.
- Helps ensure regional water reliability through diversifying sources, in addition to conservation, local supply development and imported water.



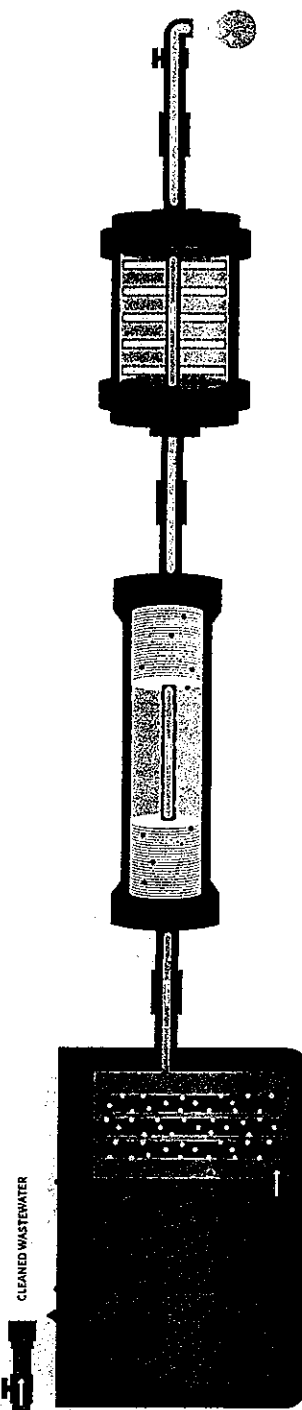
INTRODUCING THE REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER ADVANCED PURIFICATION CENTER

The new Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center is a demonstration facility that takes cleaned wastewater from the Sanitation Districts' Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson and applies a rigorous purification process to ensure the water is safe to reuse. The facility uses both tried and tested water treatment technologies employed across the world for decades and innovative processes to remove contaminants such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, viruses, bacteria and potentially harmful chemicals down to the microscopic level, leaving only clean water.

THE PURIFICATION PROCESS

After wastewater is cleaned through multiple processes, it flows to the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center where it goes through a three-step purification process.

The end result is high quality, purified water that is safe to use again.



1 Membrane Bioreactors: Microorganisms remove ammonia and other nitrogen compounds, while membranes filter tiny particles, including microorganisms smaller than 1/100 of a grain of sand.

2 Reverse Osmosis: Pressurized membranes further remove microscopic materials, such as bacteria, pharmaceuticals and salts, eliminating more than 99% of all impurities.

3 Ultraviolet/Advanced Oxidation Process: Ultraviolet light and a powerful oxidant inactivate any remaining viruses and remove trace chemical compounds.

CONTINUING A RECYCLED WATER LEGACY

The past five decades have seen recycled water use in Southern California grow rapidly, for both irrigation and groundwater replenishment.

As Southern California's population grows, recycled water lines are constructed alongside new development to irrigate schoolyards, parks and golf courses.

The Sanitation Districts' Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant becomes the first plant in the U.S. intentionally designed to recycle water, using it to recharge groundwater basins.

Water Factory 21 begins purifying wastewater in Orange County and using it to replenish and protect groundwater from seawater intrusion. Becomes first plant in the world to use reverse osmosis.

Wastewater treatment plants add processes to produce more recycled water. Purple pipes are adopted as industry standard to distinguish recycled water for irrigation, firefighting and industrial use.

Orange County embarks on the largest water reuse project of its kind in the world, eventually purifying 130 million gallons of water daily to replenish groundwater supplies used for drinking. Becomes the gold standard for water recycling.

Several new water recycling facilities are built that use reverse osmosis. The resulting water is used for groundwater recharge and industrial use.

San Diego advances a water recycling program that for the first time in California would use purified recycled water to fill a drinking water reservoir.

Water agencies from Ventura to San Diego continue to take steps towards implementing large recycling projects. The Regional Recycled Water Program will take the rapid growth of recycled water use in Southern California even further.

2020 recycled water usage
455,000 acre-feet

2020 recycled water usage
315,000 acre-feet

2000 recycled water usage
275,000 acre-feet

1990 recycled water usage
100,000 acre-feet

1980 recycled water usage
47,000 acre-feet

1 acre-foot = 325,851 gallons

STARTING SMALL AND SCALING UP

The Advanced Purification Center is a demonstration facility that will generate information needed for the potential future construction of a full-scale advanced water treatment plant. It uses a unique application of membrane bioreactors designed to increase efficiency in the water recycling process. Scientists and engineers will test the process to ensure the resulting purified water meets the highest water quality standards. Once approved by regulators, the innovative process could be used in California and applied around the globe.

ADVANCED PURIFICATION CENTER:

A 500,000 gallon/day demonstration facility. Tours of the site are now available.

Cost: \$17 million for construction

Timeline: Operation began in fall 2019

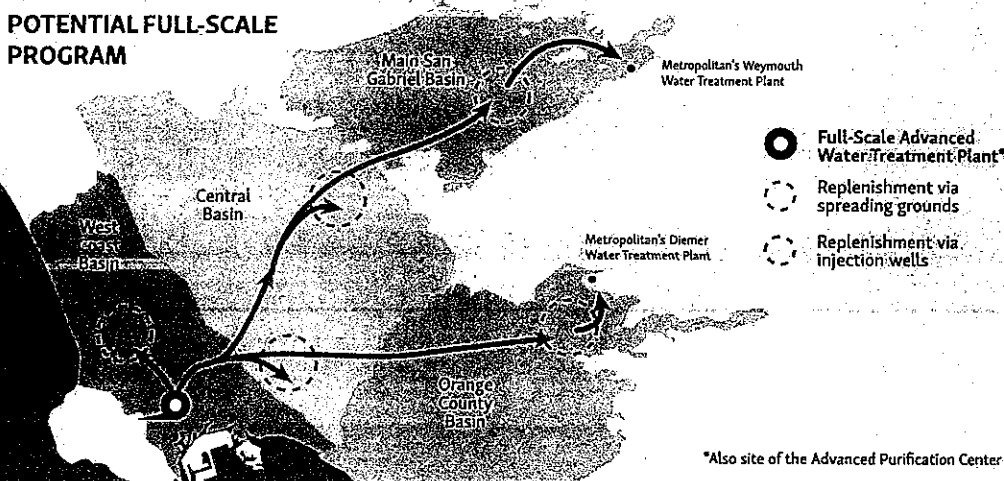
FULL-SCALE ADVANCED WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

A full-scale facility would produce up to 150 million gallons daily or 168,000 acre-feet annually, enough to serve more than 500,000 homes. Purified water could be delivered through over 60 miles of new pipelines to the region's groundwater basins, industrial facilities and potentially two of Metropolitan's water treatment plants.

Cost: \$3.4 billion to build, \$129 million annually to operate, resulting in a water cost of \$1,826/acre-foot

Timeline: Environmental planning in progress from 2021-24. Once approved, design and construction will follow for an estimated eight years.

POTENTIAL FULL-SCALE PROGRAM



THE PARTNERS

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving nearly 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.

The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County is a regional public agency consisting of 24 independent special districts serving over 5.6 million people in 78 cities and the unincorporated territory within Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts protect public health and the environment through innovative and cost-effective wastewater and solid waste management and, in doing so, convert waste into resources such as recycled water, energy and recycled materials.

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City of Port Hueneme

CITY COUNCIL

ITEM 8C.

July 10, 2022

Ventura Council of Governments
33 East High Street, Suite 200
Moorpark, CA 93021

Re: Hueneme Beach Sand Matters Presentation, July 14, 2022

Dear Honorable Members of VCOG,

For hundreds of years and maybe even longer, up until the construction of the Port of Hueneme, one could walk uninhibited from the Santa Clara River all the way to Point Mugu without crossing water. The Chumash had long camped and rested on the very spot where the South facing Hueneme Beach and the West facing Silver Strand Beach were joined together. This spot was called Wynema. This Chumash word means resting place or launching spot. The Chumash understood what the Bard family later learned; the spot was the safest place to launch sea faring vessels.

Thomas Bard was a political leader, in fact, the only Ventura County resident to ever serve as a U.S. Senator. Senator Bard was very instrumental in the formation of Ventura County. His son Richard fulfilled his dream. On July 4, 1940, the Port of Hueneme's construction was completed. The future looked bright as the Bard Estate was uniquely positioned to become a very large productive commercial natural deep water port. The Bard Family Estate was from Channel Islands Boulevard where it intersects with Ventura Road all the way South and West to the ocean.

In April 1943, the Navy took over the harbor, the Bard homes and all their land to create the first navy construction battalion base in the country. Richard Bard is remembered as the father of the Port of Hueneme. Without the foresight of his father Thomas Bard and his unbending determination, we would not today have Naval Base Ventura County or the Port of Hueneme.

It became extremely clear the construction of the Port of Hueneme disrupted the natural flow of sand south. It was also very clear the sand was being **FOREVER** lost into the Hueneme Submarine Canyon (HSC). The HSC is the very reason for the construction of the Port of Hueneme as the deep water right off the shore dampers all wave action.

Constructing was completed in 1960. It is unclear as to when the very first dredging of the sand trap to renourish Hueneme Beach occurred. However, the ACOE determined, in order to mimic the natural flow of sand, they would have to dredge 1.2 million cubic yards of sand each year. From the early 60's to 2000, the dredge process was very effective. Hueneme Beach maintained a healthy amount of sand. Sometime there after or maybe even during that period of time, the amount of sand being moved was falling below the 1.2 million cubic yards. This means Hueneme Beach all the way down to Mugu was losing sand each year. This also means Hueneme Beach and Point Mugu's sustainability is in jeopardy if the bi-annual dredge process doesn't deliver the proper amount of sand.

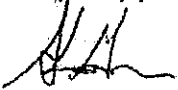
Prior to the construction of the Port of Hueneme, think of all the beaches from the Santa Clara River to Point Mugu as a river of sand. After the construction of the Port of Hueneme that river was broken into two pieces. The first being from the Santa Clara River to the Channel Islands Harbor Sand Trap. The second being where the dredge pipe dumps sand on Hueneme Beach all the way down to Point Mugu.

In 2012-13, the process called "sequestration" which was a mandatory 8% reduction in federal spending had a severe negative impact on the dredge process. It is unclear as to why, it is suspected that in the complicated budgeting process for "navigable water ways" the Army Core of Engineers reduced the budget for dredging Channel Islands Harbor by 92%. This resulted in 600,000 cubic yards being delivered instead of the 2.4 million. It was obvious to anyone who had been around for some time that Hueneme Beach was going sustain severe damage.

Three years ago the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) committed to a strong advocacy role for Hueneme Beach so the a fore mentioned catastrophe would never be again. We determined the first priority was to get everybody who is a part of the process or is interested to understand the uniqueness of Hueneme Beach, the Port of Hueneme, The Channel Islands Harbor and the Naval Air Station at Point Mugu. We recently completed our third regional Sand Summit. We have brought together the brightest minds in order to identify a path way for beach sustainability from the Port of Hueneme Lighthouse to Hueneme Beach, Ormond Beach and all the way to Point Mugu.

Today's presentation is a part of the bigger process to get as many elected officials in Ventura County to understand the uniqueness of our region. The Port of Hueneme is extremely important to Ventura County as is our military installations. In understanding the sand issues of Hueneme Beach, we are strengthening our ability for coastal sustainability.

Very truly yours,



Steven Gama

Current City Council Member/2021 Mayor
City of Port Hueneme