

AGENDA
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
Hargitt Room
13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Norwalk, CA 90650

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a. SEWC ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**
Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.
- 4. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON SEWC LETTER TO THE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD) BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(BAC)**
Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk
Recommendation: Discuss the status of the letter to the Water Replenishment
District Budget Advisory Committee and determine if further action is needed.
- 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
PROGRAM OVERVIEW PRESENTATION BY THE METROPOLITAN WATER
DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk
Recommendation: Conduct in-person meeting with the Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California (MET) and solicit questions/comments from AE members in
preparation for the February Board Meeting presentation.
- 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING A FORMAT CHANGE TO THE AGENDA
REPORTS**
Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk
Recommendation: Consider changing the format of the Agenda Reports to follow
a format similar to the City of Norwalk, or similar to other cities.



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7. FEBRUARY 6, 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk

Recommendation: Discuss the SEWC Board of Directors Agenda for February 6, 2025.

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBER COMMENTS

On January 10, 2025, the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours and Special meeting agendas may be amended up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity will be on Thursday, March 20, 2025, 12:00 p.m., at Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Hargitt Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.



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**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024
12:00 NOON**

The Regular Meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Administrative Entity was held in-person at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Hargitt Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by AE Chair Glen Kau. At the time the meeting was called to order, a quorum of members was present.

Ms. Traci Gleason took attendance, and the following Administrative Entity members were present:

ITEM 1 - ROLL CALL

Jose Arroyo-Gutierrez	City of Cerritos
Andrew Caraveo	City of Commerce
Derek Nguyen	City of Lakewood
Glen Kau, AE Chair	City of Norwalk
Michelle Müller	City of Paramount
Adrian Rodriguez	City of Pico Rivera
Joanna Moreno	City of Vernon
Ray Cordero	City of Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Traci Gleason	SEWC Staff
Nicholas Ghirelli	RWG
Brian Tripoline	DTSC (virtual)
Cheryl Prowell	DTSC (virtual)
Ajit Vaidya	DTSC (virtual)
Kyle Cason	City of Whittier (virtual)
Esther Rojas	WRD

Angie Mancillas
Stephan Tucker

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ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 3 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Moreno moved to approve the consent calendar.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kau and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Arroyo-Gutierrez, Caraveo, Nguyen, Kau, Müller, Moreno, Rodriguez, Cordero**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 4 - FY 2023-24 AUDIT UPDATE

Mr. Kau began the conversation by recalling that earlier this year, the previous lead agency (Vernon) received a proposal from the Pun Group LLC which had conducted the preceding year's annual audit for SEWC. In an effort to retain the most cost-effective and independent auditing firm for SEWC, the AE previously requested that the AE Chair, Glen Kau seek quotations from multiple firms.

Mr. Kau noted that following the September AE Meeting, he prepared and posted a Request for Quotation "RFQ" for the FY 2023-24 Audit of SEWC through PlanetBids. The AE Chair also reached out to various auditors, requesting them to submit a quotation.

Mr. Kau noted that SEWC received one quotation via the solicitation process, Price Paige & Company, and opened a discussion regarding whether or not to bring this one option to the Board. It was ultimately decided that this option should be brought to the Board for approval.

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve the following:

- Review audit services solicitation process and make recommendation to the Governing Board.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Moreno and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Arroyo-Gutierrez, Caraveo, Nguyen, Kau, Müller, Moreno, Rodriguez, Cordero

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 5 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WHITTIER NARROWS OPERABLE UNIT (WNOU)

Ajit Vaidya, Dept. of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), began the discussion by virtually presenting an overview of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, highlighting it as one of California's largest groundwater cleanup efforts. The Main San Gabriel Basin (Main Basin) serves as a critical drinking water source for over 1 million residents but has been contaminated by activities such as chemical storage, metal cleaning, rocket fuel manufacturing, and chemical recycling. The primary contaminants of concern are volatile organic compounds (VOCs), along with emerging contaminants like 1,4-Dioxane and PFAS that are not currently part of the Superfund/CERCLA remedy. The Whittier Narrows Operable Unit (WNOU), encompassing two square miles of contaminated groundwater, focuses on treating chemicals like PCE and TCE. Cleanup efforts, initially funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (2003-2013), are now managed by DTSC at an annual operational cost of \$1-\$2 million. The interim remedy aims to treat VOC contamination, contain the groundwater plume, prevent its migration from the Main Basin to the Central Basin, and protect downgradient drinking water wells.

Mr. Vaidya noted that DTSC has received \$7.1 million through Proposition 1 funding to enhance the cleanup efforts, including increasing groundwater pumping rates, improving plume capture, and providing treated drinking water to local communities. Construction for this project is expected to begin in early 2025, with a drinking water permit anticipated by early 2026. Mr. Vaidya noted that the WNOU remedy has contained contamination, preventing its spread into the Central Basin and safeguarding drinking water wells. He also noted that DTSC will continue optimizing the remedy to prevent downgradient migration of contamination, degrade the VOC plume in groundwater, and ensure treated water is used beneficially.

At the end of the presentation, Mr. Vaidya noted that any comments on the DTSC's plans for WNOU should be sent to him via email.

ITEM 6 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SEWC FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO THE

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER (DDW) – HOLLYWOOD DISTRICT

Mr. Kau provided a recap, noting that following the issuance of the original letter to DDW, the DDW Southern California Branch Deputy Director, Sean McCarthy and Section Chief, Ashley Dummer met with four (4) AE staff members from the Cities of Norwalk, Whittier, Pico Rivera and Lakewood to review the content of the letter. The AE members expressed collective concerns regarding permit delays and unnecessary requirements. Both the DDW Deputy Director and Section Chief agreed in concept with the AE that DDW needed to provide better assistance in streamlining permit issuance and in assisting to find ways to improve the process.

Since then, members of SEWC have seen more involvement from the new Section Chief in the permitting process and an improvement in DDW's willingness to work with SEWC member cities; however, it is noted that there are continuous attempts from the local District Engineer to impose unwarranted permit conditions on member cities.

To address these concerns, legal counsel from the City of Lakewood prepared a draft letter to send to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Mr. Cordero noted that they have seen more cooperation from SWRCB after the April letter was issued. Mr. Nguyen noted the new letter states that SEWC members have seen progress and is aimed to have continued conversations between SWRCB management and Staff. It was also noted that the Board previously decided they did not want the letter to come from a single agency.

Adrian Rodriguez left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve the following:

Recommend to the SEWC Governing Board that the attached follow-up letter be sent to the State Water Resources Control Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arroyo-Gutierrez and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Arroyo-Gutierrez, Caraveo, Nguyen, Müller, Moreno
NOES: Cordero
ABSTAIN: Kau

ITEM 7 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON BILLS RELEVANT TO SEWC

Mr. Kau updated the AE on AB 1827, which has been approved by the Governor. He noted that AB 1827 outlines requirements for how local agencies can levy assessments and property-related fees, including public notice and approval by property owners or voters.

ITEM 8 – WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ITEM 9 - ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Nguyen brought up a potential issue regarding the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). He noted that since 2018, the BAC reviewed the budget, and three new members were elected this year. Mr. Nguyen continued by stating that immediately after the election, WRD decided to change the committee structure and process for appointments/elections, even though they promised publicly not to do so. He also noted that the Board approved an ad-hoc committee structure of 7 members. Mr. Nguyen asked that SEWC consider sending a letter opposing the new structure formed by WRD. Mr. Ghirelli clarified that the decision to send the final letter would have to occur at a future meeting because this action item was not on the posted agenda.

Mr. Cordero moved to approve the following:

- Due to the need for action before the next AE Meeting, place a discussion/action item on the next Policy Board Agenda regarding the WRD Budget Advisory Committee issues as described by Mr. Nguyen. As part of the staff preparation of this item, staff should include a proposed draft letter developed by the Cities of Whittier and Lakewood for inclusion in the next Policy Board Agenda packet.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nguyen and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Arroyo-Gutierrez, Caraveo, Nguyen, Kau, Müller, Moreno, Cordero**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 10 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The next regular Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity Meeting will be held on March 20, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts

& Sports Complex, Hargitt Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Chair

Date



**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
AGENDA REPORT**

Date: January 16, 2025
To: Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity
From: Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk
Subject: **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON SEWC LETTER TO THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD) BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

Recommendation: Discuss the status of the letter to the Water Replenishment District Budget Advisory Committee and determine if further action is needed.

Background:

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), which has been reviewing the budget since 2018, recently elected three new members. The BAC plays an important role in shaping the WRD's priorities that impact SEWC cities. Post election, and despite a public promise to maintain it, WRD expressed intentions to restructure the BAC. With approval by the WRD Board on November 19, 2024, the BAC was transitioned to a new structure. WRD acknowledged the results of the current BAC election and modified the composition of the BAC to include six additional members from the west coast basin for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The new formation and structure of the BAC has caused concern with SEWC AE Members.

During the December Board Meeting, this issue was discussed, and two draft letters were presented as potential options to send to WRD. The outcome of the discussion and vote was to have legal counsel combine elements of both letters which would then be sent to WRD by the City of Norwalk as the Lead Agency

The purpose of this agenda item is to get an update on the status of the letter.

Attachments:

1. Final SEWC Letter to WRD
2. WRD Staff Report
3. WRD Resolution No. 24-1237

December 19, 2024

Joy Langford – Board President
Water Replenishment District
4040 Paramount Blvd.
Lakewood, CA 91201

Subject: Water Replenishment District (WRD) – Budget Advisory Committee (“BAC”)

Dear President Langford:

This letter is being submitted on behalf of the Southeast Water Coalition (“SEWC”), a joint powers authority consisting of eleven cities situated in southeast Los Angeles County.¹ Since the creation of SEWC in July 1991, our member cities have worked collaboratively to improve and protect the quality and quantity of our regional water supply. Our joint efforts aim to ensure the sustainability of the water resources that serve a population of approximately 670,000 across 93+ square miles. We greatly appreciate the continued partnership with the Water Replenishment District (WRD) and the updates the WRD has provided to our Board of Directors.

To continue our tradition of working as partners together, we would like the opportunity to revisit and discuss with the WRD Board and its staff, WRD Board Resolution No. 24-1237 to modify the composition of the BAC. The modification included six additional members specifically from West Coast Basin (“WCB”) to “balance the basin representation of the BAC.” We have since learned that four members have already been named to the BAC without proper election by their peers, when the existing seven members were elected per the District Administrative Code procedures.

We are disappointed that the Board decided to make such modifications to the BAC composition without further discussion with the Central Basin pumpers and without a proper election. We believe that the Board needs to recognize WCB owns only 23% of the pumping rights, whereas Central Basin owns 77% of pumping rights within your service area. Additionally, according to WRD’s 2023-2024 draft Annual Watermaster Reports, WCB pumped approximately 36,897 AF and paid only 19% of the Replenishment Assessment (“RA”) while Central Basin pumped significantly more at approximately 155,591 AF and paid 81% of the RA. Despite this fact, the Board sought to grant WCB pumpers 50% of the votes on the BAC.

As elected officials, we must uphold our commitment to fairness and equity to all those we represent. As such, we request the opportunity to review the analysis presented to the Board in order to determine whether the decision to change the composition of the BAC is fair and equitable for the basins. The BAC Committee, as was intended, allows pumpers to be engaged and involved in WRD’s budgetary process. The pumpers’ involvement helps to ensure confidence and credibility in the RA process, as it directly impacts every pumper. This process must be

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independent of the Board's involvement to maintain the highest level of integrity. Furthermore, BAC members should be voted onto the BAC Committee by their peers as this has been the practice since 2018 and is consistent with the District Administrative Code.

Given that pumpers in the WCB own only 23% of the pumping rights and pay only 19% of the assessment to WRD, we, as members of the SEWC Board representing 11 cities, are unable to explain to our constituents how giving WCB 50% representation on the BAC is fair and equitable. It also appears unfair to our constituents when the WRD Board names four (4) new members without following the election process set forth in the District Administrative Code and applied to the current seven BAC members. .

We respectfully urge you to re-consider your decision to change the BAC composition, as we feel it would be more appropriate for the composition of the BAC to reflect ratios similar to the ratios of percentage of RA paid. We also ask that you share with us the WRD Board's legal and procedural rationale for its decision. Lastly, we would appreciate an explanation to Central Basin pumpers, who pay 81% of the assessment and own 77% of the pumping rights, as to why it is fair and equitable for Central Basin to have only 50% representation on the BAC when you consider how much RA the Central Basin pays in comparison to the WCB.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you and the Board our concerns. We look forward to working closely with WRD to ensure that our communities are well-represented in these important discussions and decisions that impact our members directly. We thank you in advance for your understanding and consideration of our concerns, and we look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ana Valencia".

Ana Valencia – SEWC Chair
Council Member – City of Norwalk

Cc: Southeast Water Coalition Board Members:
Chuong Vo – SEWC Vice Chair - Mayor Pro Tem – City of Cerritos
Kevin Lainez – Council Member – City of Commerce
Mario Trujillo – Mayor – City of Downey
Todd Rogers – Mayor – City of Lakewood
Isabel Aguayo – Council Member – City of Paramount
Andrew C. Lara – Mayor – City of Pico Rivera
Joe Angel Zamora – Council Member – City of Santa Fe Springs
Maria del Pilar Avalos – Council Member – City of South Gate
Melissa Ybarra – Mayor Pro Tem – City of Vernon
Octavio Cesar Martinez – Council Member – City of Whittier

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MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 7

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2024

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: STEPHAN TUCKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 24-1237: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESULTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP ELECTION OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

SUMMARY

At the Special Board of Directors meeting of October 2, 2024, the Board directed District Counsel and staff to review the Budget Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee selection process and propose revisions to the policy to ensure representation from the Central and West Coast Basins.

At the November 5, 2024, Regular Board of Directors meeting, the Board of Directors created an Ad Hoc to solicit feedback from pumpers. The Ad Hoc met with pumpers of both the Central and West Coast Basins on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, and proposed an interim solution for the next budgetary cycle that will commence in January 2025. Resolution 24-1237 provides a summary of the Ad Hoc recommendations for the Board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

The Ad Hoc Committee created by the Administrative Committee recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 24-1237 subject to approval by District Counsel.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1237

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESULTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP ELECTION OF THE
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (“District”) boundaries include two separate groundwater basins, the central and west coast basins; and

WHEREAS, the District has maintained the Budget Advisory Committee (“BAC”) a separate non-board adjunct committee with the goal of obtaining input and recommendations from pumpers of both the central and west coast basins in matters relating to the District’s annual replenishment assessment, budgeting, and reserves; and

WHEREAS, the District conducted its normal election for the BAC, which resulted in unequal representation between the basins; and

WHEREAS, the District in its goal of equal representation by its pumpers from each basin, hereby acknowledges the results of the prior BAC election and modifies the composition of the BAC to include six additional members from the west coast basin for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in an effort to balance the basin representation of the BAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The District finds that the above recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts the above recitals as findings of fact.

2. The results of the prior 2024 BAC election listed below are hereby acknowledged as members of the BAC:

Category A: Orchard Dale Water/Ed Castaneda

Category B: Vernon/Joanna Moreno

Category C: South Gate/Chris Castillo

3. The District hereby makes the following modifications to the current composition of the Budget Advisory Committee. Supplementing the existing provisions of the District Administrative Code for fiscal year 2024-2025 with the following:

The Existing membership established in Section 4.3.2 of the District’s

Administrative Code, shall be supplemented with six additional members from the west coast basin for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as hereinafter provided.

The composition of the BAC shall be supplemented in the following categories:

Category A: Two members from the west coast basin; consisting of a member from the City of Manhattan Beach and one to be elected.

Category B: Two members from the west coast basin; consisting of a member from the City of Torrance and one to be elected.

Category C: Two members, consisting of members from LADWP and Long Beach Utilities.

The election for Categories A & B above shall be conducted in the same manner as provided for in the District Administrative Code.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California on November __, 2024 by the following votes:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Joy Langford
President, Board of Directors

Vera Robles DeWitt
Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leal Trejo APC
WRD General Counsel



**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
AGENDA REPORT**

Date: January 16, 2025
To: Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity
From: Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk

Subject: DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM OVERVIEW PRESENTATION BY THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Recommendation: Conduct in-person meeting with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and solicit questions/comments from AE members in preparation for the February Board Meeting presentation.

Background:

In October of 2024, the Lead Agency of SEWC reached out to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC) to request a presentation and update on the Pure Water Southern California Program. MWDSC confirmed that members would be available for both the January AE Meeting and the February Board Meeting.

The Pure Water Southern California program is a partnership between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. The program would create a new water supply to help meet the region's needs by providing up to 150 million gallons of water daily, enough for 1.5 million people. The purified water would replenish groundwater basins, be used by industries and provide additional supplies for the region's drinking water treatment and delivery systems.

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive a live presentation regarding the Pure Water Southern California program, especially regarding the costs of the program and impact on any SEWC cities.

Attachments:

1. Presentation provided by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Pure Water Southern California

Southeast Water Coalition Board Meeting

January 16, 2025



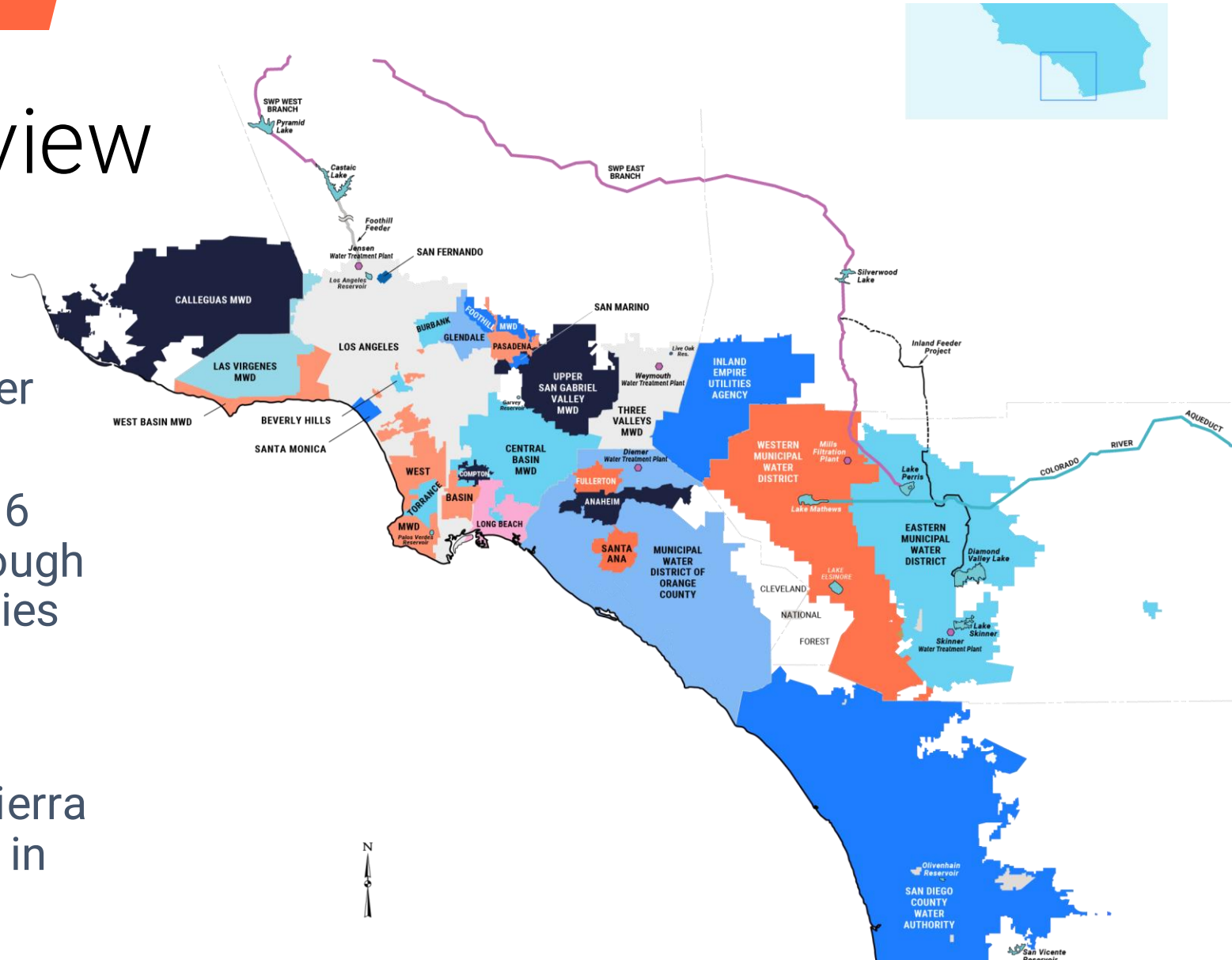
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SANITATION DISTRICTS**
Converting Waste Into Resources

Agenda

- Metropolitan Overview
- Program Overview
- Collaboration with SEWC Cities
 - Pipeline Alignment Coordination
- Schedule
- Funding
- Current & Upcoming Activities
- Outreach Activities

Metropolitan Overview

- Nation's largest wholesale water provider
- 5,200 square miles throughout 6 counties, 19 million people through 26 public member water agencies
- Supports \$1.6 trillion regional economy
- Imports water from Northern Sierra and the Colorado River, invests in local projects & conservation



Sources of Water in Southern California



Impacts of Climate Change



CAMP4W Objectives

WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY



Increasing
Water Efficiency



Expanding Water
Supply Portfolio



Regional Water
Banking & Storage



Improving Access to
Water Delivery Systems



Increasing
System Resilience

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY



Maintaining Affordable
Water Rates



Sound
Investments



Project
Cost-Sharing



Regional
Partnerships

Pure Water Southern California Program

How it works



①

Used water (wastewater) from homes, businesses, and industries in LA County

②

Cleaned at Sanitation Districts' A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility

③

Purified at Metropolitan's advanced water purification facility

④

Conveyed through over 60 miles of pipeline to groundwater basins, industries, or Metropolitan's drinking water plants

⑤

A new climate-resilient source of water for Southern California

Pure Water Southern California

In numbers



Up to 150 million
gallons per day



Enough water for over
1.5 million people



One of the largest
programs of its kind in
world

Program Benefits

Water Supply Benefits

-  Provides a Sustainable Supply of Water
-  Increases Water Resiliency
-  Replenishes Groundwater Basins
-  Creates a Local Supply of Water

Environmental Benefits

-  Enhances Water Quality
-  Reuses the Largest Untapped Source of Wastewater in the Region
-  Reduces Reliance on Imported Supplies

Economic Benefits

-  Fuels Economic Growth
-  Generates Jobs



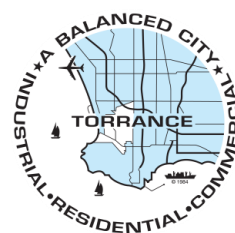
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Program Partners



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Metropolitan Member Agencies



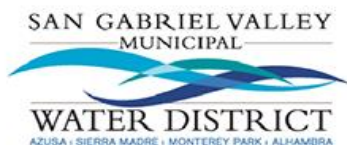
Groundwater Basin Managers



Colorado River Partners



Other Key Partners



A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility

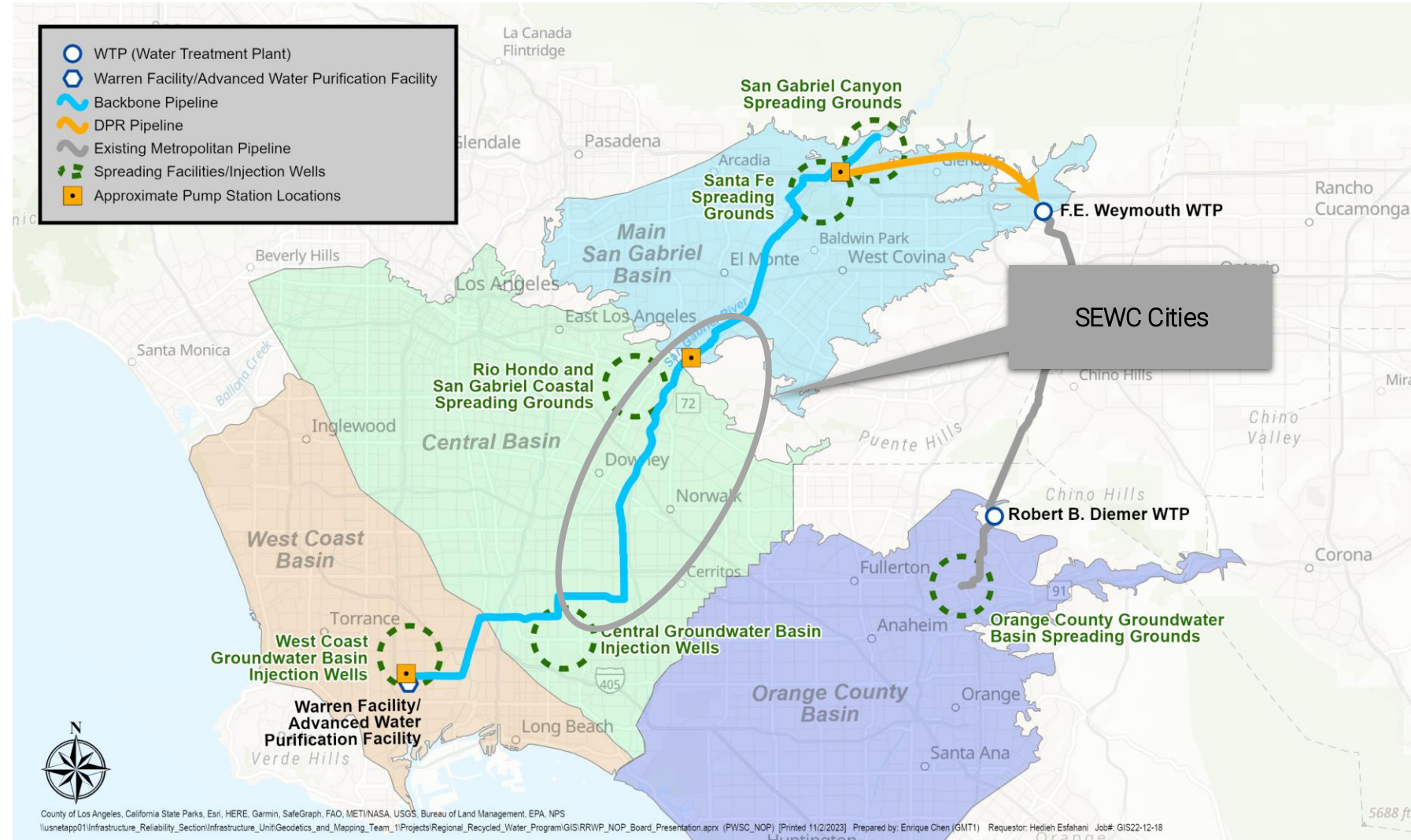


- Average flow of ~240 million gallons daily
- Agency serves ~5.6 million people in L.A. County
- Cleaned water flows to the ocean
- Largest untapped source of treated wastewater



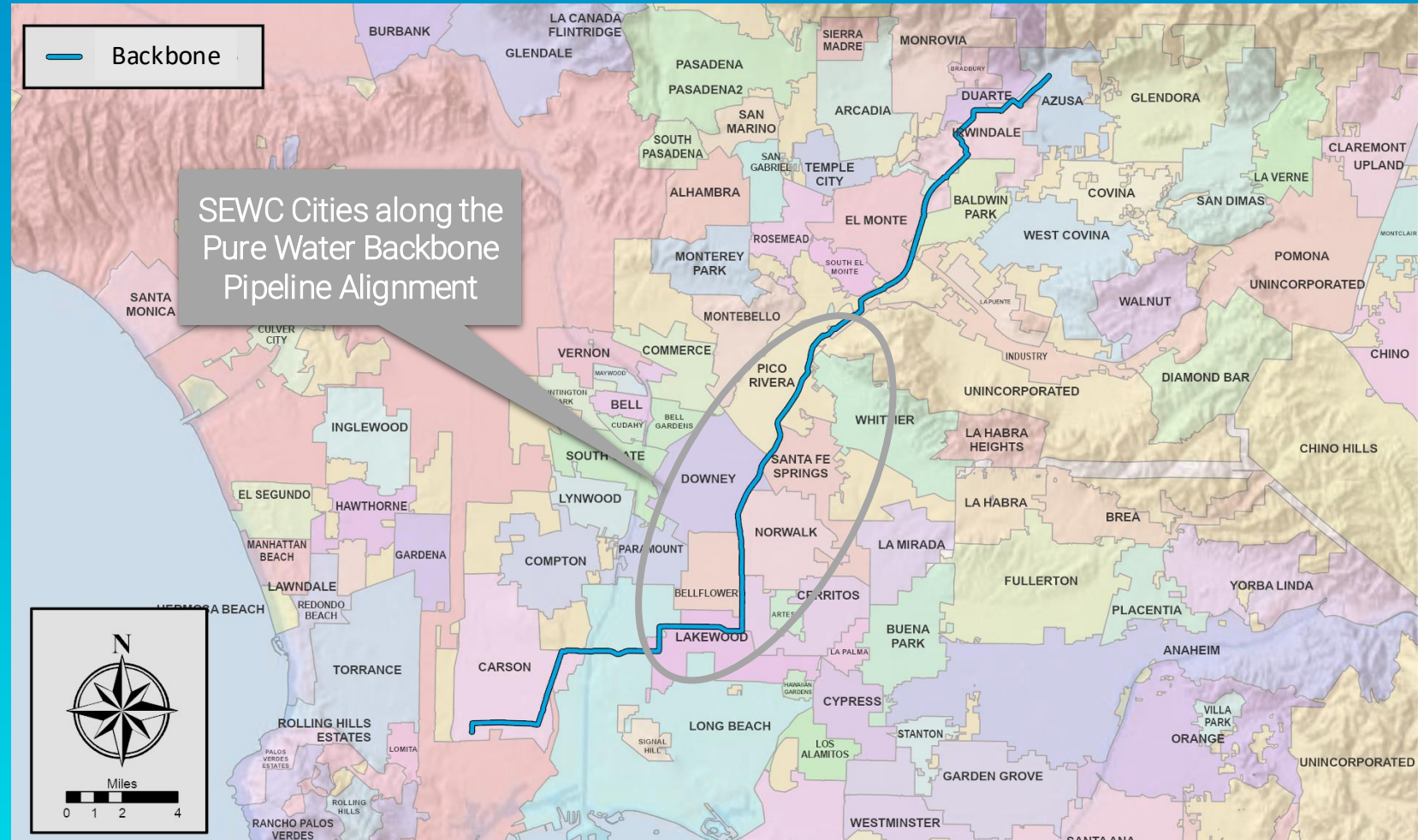
Program Facilities

- Advanced Water Purification Facility
- Conveyance pipelines
- Pump stations
- Spreading facilities
- Injection wells
- A regional water reuse system



Collaboration with SEWC Cities along the Pipeline Alignment

- Lakewood
- Cerritos
- Norwalk
- Santa Fe Springs
- Downey
- Pico Rivera
- Whittier



Potential Pure Water Deliveries



Average Day Demand Phase 1 (115 MGD)

- 25 MGD RWA @ Weymouth via Azusa Pipeline
- 55 MGD in Main SG Basin
- 35 MGD in Central/West Coast Basins

Program Schedule

2021-2026

Environmental
Planning

2023-2035

Design And
Construction

2033-2035

Phase 1 Startup
and
Operations

Considering Affordability:

Securing Outside Funding & Agency Contributions



Commissioner Touton at Grant Award Ceremony,
May 2024

- \$80 M State Funding
- \$7 M Federal Grants
- \$16.5 M Partner contributions received to date
- \$125 M USBR Large-Scale Water Recycled Grant Program
- Upcoming opportunities
 - State climate bond
 - Additional partnership contributions

Current & Upcoming Program Activities

- Prepare draft EIR for public review
- Finalize the Conveyance & Treatment Conceptual Facilities Plans
- Evaluate program phasing
- Continue demonstration testing & planning for DPR pilot testing
- Develop agreements with member agencies & partners
- Finalize USBR grant agreement

Sharing Information with Communities



Tours



Presentations



Events



Partnerships with
Community-Based
Organizations



Web



Social Media



News



Multilingual Materials

Workforce Development Opportunities

Preparing for 50,000 new jobs

- Project Labor Agreement
- Workforce Development Center
- Career Pathways MOU w/ Carson
 - K-12 education & outreach
 - Job readiness programs
 - Internship program



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Napolitano Innovation Center





**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
AGENDA REPORT**

Date: January 16, 2025
To: Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity
From: Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk

**Subject: DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING A FORMAT CHANGE TO THE
AGENDA REPORTS**

Recommendation: Consider changing the format of the Agenda Reports to follow Norwalk's format.

Background:

The SEWC agenda reports have traditionally been presented in a format with the recommendation displayed at the top of the agenda report. This approach has been aimed at ensuring that key recommendations are immediately visible to members.

The City of Norwalk (Norwalk) shared that its agenda reports, utilized for city council meetings, follow a different structure. The City's format places the recommendation at the end of the agenda report. This alternative format emphasizes background information and analysis, and potential fiscal impacts, prior to presenting the recommendation and attachments. It follows a sequential order structure as presented orally at city council meetings. A few other SEWC member cities use a similar format.

The purpose of this discussion is to determine whether or not SEWC members prefer continuing with the current agenda report or consider adopting a format structure like the City of Norwalk's or other SEWC cities. The decision will help ensure that agenda reports are structured in a way that best supports clarity and efficiency for all SEWC members.

Attachments:

1. Sample Agenda Report from the City of Norwalk.



City Council Agenda Report
2023

TO:

FROM:

BY:

Background:



Fiscal Impact:



Citizens Advised:

N/A

Strategic Plan 2023 Implementation:

N/A

Recommended Action:

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