



8:00 A.M. OPERATIONS CENTER - 1200 SOUTH GENE AUTRY TRAIL – PALM SPRINGS – CALIFORNIA

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1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BLOOMER
2. ROLL CALL BACA
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may comment on any item not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Agency. In addition, members of the public may speak on any item listed on the agenda as that item comes up for consideration. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. As provided in the Brown Act, the Board is prohibited from acting on items not listed on the agenda
4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS: Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion of the Board without discussion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Board Member requests a specific item to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.
  - A. Approve minutes of the December 21, 2021 Board Meeting
  - B. Receive and File - Minutes of the December 30, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting
  - C. Receive and File – Memo on December 16, 2021 State Water Contractors' Meeting
  - D. Request Authorization to Continue Virtual Board and Committee Meetings for Another 30 Days Based Upon a Determination That In-Person Meetings Would Pose a Risk to Public Health (Per AB 361)
5. PUBLIC HEARING:
  - A. Request to Adopt Resolution No. 1269 for Adoption of the San Geronio Pass Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan KRAUSE
6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT KRAUSE
7. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS
8. CLOSED SESSION
  - A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)  
Name of Case: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians vs. Coachella Valley Water District, et al  
(Two Cases)

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Name of Case: Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency

**C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Bonnie Kessner, et al vs. Desert Water Agency, et al

**D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Name of Case: AT&T vs. County of Riverside

**9. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**10. ADJOURN**

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Sylvia Baca, MMC  
Assistant Secretary of the Board

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
DESERT WATER AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**4-A**

**December 21, 2021**

DWA Board via Kristin Bloomer, President )  
Teleconference: James Cioffi, Vice President )  
Joseph K. Stuart, Secretary-Treasurer )  
Patricia G. Oygar, Director )  
Paul Ortega, Director )

DWA Staff via Mark S. Krause, General Manager )  
Teleconference: Steve Johnson, Assistant General Manager )  
Esther Saenz, Finance Director )  
Sylvia Baca, Asst. Secretary of the Board )  
Ashley Metzger, Dir. Public Affairs & Water Planning )  
Kris Hopping, Human Resources Director )  
Samantha Lopez, Controller )

Consultants via Michael T. Riddell, Best Best & Krieger )  
Teleconference: Marlene Frazier, SingerLewak )  
Karen Miessner, SingerLewak )

Public via Marion Champion, Mission Springs Water District )  
Teleconference: Scott Connelly, Palm Springs Resident )  
Trae Daniel, Palm Springs Resident )  
Michael Diaz, Palm Springs Resident )  
David Freedman, Palm Springs Sustainability Comm. )  
Steve Grasha, Mission Springs Water District )  
Erin Rode, Desert Sun )

19319. President Bloomer opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and asked everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Pledge of Allegiance**

19320. President Bloomer called upon Assistant Secretary of the Board Baca to conduct the roll call: **Roll Call**

Present: Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer

19321. President Bloomer opened the meeting for public comment. **Public Comment**

Mr. Diaz asked the Board to review the appearance of the Agency's Well site #25, on the corner of Marguerite St. and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and look for ways to improve the landscaping. Mr. Diaz

Mr. Freedman gave an update on the Palm Springs Airport Demonstration Garden. Mr. Freedman

Mr. Grasha congratulated staff and Mr. Riddell on the recent decision of the court case. Mr. Grasha

There was no one else from the public wishing to address the Board at this time.

19322. President Bloomer called for approval of the Consent Calendar. She noted that the Consent Calendar items 4-A through 4-E are expected to be routine and to be acted upon by the Board of Directors at one time without discussion. If any Board member requests that an item be removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed so that it may be presented separately.

**Approval of the  
Consent Calendar**

A. December 7, 2021  
Regular Board Mtg.  
Meeting Minutes  
B. December 13, 2021  
Human Resources  
Comm. Mtg. Minutes  
C. December 16, 2021  
Executive Comm. Mtg.  
Minutes  
D. November Water  
Use Reduction Figures  
E. November Activities  
& Events

- A. Approve minutes of the December 7, 2021 Board Meeting
- B. Receive and File – Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Human Resources Committee Meeting
- C. Receive and File - Minutes of the December 16, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting
- D. Receive and file – November Water Use Reduction Figures
- E. Receive and file – November Activities & Events for the Public Affairs & Water Planning Department.

Director Ortega requested Item 4-E be pulled for discussion.

Vice President Cioffi moved for approval of Items 4-A thru 4-D. After a second by Director Ortega, Items 4-A thru 4-D of the Consent Calendar were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ortega, Oygur, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Regarding Item 4-E, Mrs. Metzger reported, 1) a mapping tool should be available by the next Board meeting, two virtual public workshops dates have tentatively been scheduled and Public Hearing division maps will be available in mid-March, 2) The Canyon Estates HOA decided not to

reseed their golf course and, 3) DWA is slated to receive approximately \$215,000 for grass removal projects. The funding is expected to be received in late Spring.

**Approval of the  
Consent Calendar  
(Cont.)**

Director Ortega moved for approval of Item 4-E. After a second by Vice President Cioffi, Item 4-E of the Consent Calendar was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

19323. President Bloomer called upon Finance Director Saenz to present staff's Request for Acceptance of SingerLewak, LLP Annual Audit for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

**Items for Action:**  
Request Board  
Acceptance of  
SingerLewak LLP  
Annual Audit for 2020-  
2021

Mrs. Saenz noted Karen Miessner of SingerLewak LLP is in attendance at today's meeting, at which time she will present their report on the Audit of Desert Water Agency's financial activities for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. She noted Staff has reviewed the Audited Report and recommends its acceptance.

Ms. Miessner provided a report on the following; 1) Financial Position, 2) Audit Opinion, 3) Required Auditor Communications, 4) Audit Adjustments, and 5) Significant Estimates.

Vice President Cioffi moved for approval for Acceptance of SingerLewak, LLP Annual Audit for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. After a second by Director Ortega, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

19324. President Bloomer called upon Human Resources Director Hopping to present Staff's Request for Acceptance of the 2021 Desert Water Agency Salary Survey.

Request Board  
Acceptance of 2021  
DWA Salary Survey

Mrs. Hopping reported that in accordance with the DWAEA Memorandum of Understanding dated July 1, 2021, Desert Water Agency conducted a comprehensive salary survey in the fall of 2021. Any recommended changes based on the survey results would be enacted January 1, 2022.

The comprehensive salary survey was completed in November 2021. She noted that five agencies were used for comparison purposes: Coachella Valley Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Cucamonga Valley Water District, and Rancho California Water District. She reported as a result of the Salary Survey, staff is recommending seven classifications be adjusted. As noted in the minutes from the December 13, 2021 Human Resources Committee meeting, the results of the Survey were reviewed by the Committee and the Committee recommended the Salary Survey be presented to the full Board for acceptance as presented.

**Items for Action:**  
(Cont.)  
Request Board  
Acceptance of 2021  
DWA Salary Survey

In response to Director Ortega, Mrs. Hopping noted that the DWA Salary Survey is conducted every three years and the next comprehensive salary survey will be conducted in 2024.

In response to Secretary-Treasurer Stuart, Mrs. Hopping explained the selection of the Agencies used in the Salary Survey.

Director Ortega moved for approval for Acceptance of 2021 DWA Salary Survey. After a second by Director Oygur, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ortega, Oygur, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

19325. President Bloomer called upon Human Resources Director Hopping to present Staff's Request for Approval of Position Classification and Salary Schedule as a Result of 2021 Desert Water Agency Salary Survey.

Request Board  
Approval of Position  
Classification & Salary  
Schedule

Mrs. Hopping noted that the salary classification listing and salary chart has been revised to reflect the results of the completed 2021 Employee Salary Survey. If accepted by the Board, funding for increases to current salaries is available within the current 2021-2022 payroll budget. As noted in the minutes from the December 13, 2021 Human Resources Committee meeting, the Position Classification Schedule were reviewed with the Committee, and the Committee recommended the Position Classification Schedule be presented to the full Board for acceptance, effective the pay period which includes January 1, 2022. She explained that the Position Classification Listing also updates the name of the Information Services department to Information Technologies and associated position titles to align with the duties performed by the department and positions within. Staff recommends the Board accept the revised salary classification listing and

salary chart as presented, effective the pay period which includes January 1, 2022.

**Items for Action:**  
(Cont.)  
Approval of Position  
Classification & Salary  
Schedule

Vice President Cioffi moved for approval of Position Classification & Salary Schedule. After a second by Director Ortega, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ortega, Oygur, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

19326. President Bloomer called upon Secretary-Treasurer Stuart to present an overview of financial activities for the month of November 2021.

**Secretary-Treasurer's  
Report (November)**

Operating Fund

Secretary-Treasurer Stuart reported that the Operating Fund received \$3,079,968 in Water Sales Receipts, \$124,873 in Reclamation Sales Receipts, \$7,001 in Snow Creek Hydro Revenue from SCE for the month of October 2021, \$43,889 in Construction Deposits, \$54,621 in miscellaneous receipts was received from the City of Palm Springs, and \$107,747 from DWR for Prop 1 turf rebate funding. \$1,373,689 was paid out in Accounts Payable. Year-to-date Water Sales are 4% over budget, Year-to-date Total Revenues are 7% over budget; and Year-to-date Total Expenses are 21% under budget. There were a total of 23,304 active services as of November 30, compared to 23,264 active services as of October 31.

General Fund

Reporting on the General Fund, Mr. Stuart stated that \$771,727 was received in Property Taxes, \$522,851 in Groundwater Assessments, \$322,698 in Water Management Agreement costs from CVWD, and \$464,643 in State Water Project refunds. \$851,961 was paid in State Water Project charges (YTD \$7,941,836).

Wastewater Fund

Reporting on the Wastewater Fund, Mr. Stuart reported \$64,545 was received in Wastewater Revenue Receipts. \$71,943 was paid out in Accounts Payable.

19327. President Bloomer called upon General Manager Krause to provide an update on Agency operations.

**General Manager's  
Report**

Mr. Krause provided an update on Agency operations for the past several weeks.

In response to Director Ortega, Mrs. Saenz explained that an eligible customer to receive relief funds would be an account that has an arrearage from the "Covid Relief Period" (3/15/2020 to 6/30/21).

19328. President Bloomer invited Mr. Connelly to be heard for public comment. **Public Comment**  
Mr. Connelly

Mr. Connelly stated that he lives in the Lawrence Crossley neighborhood where Well site #25 is located. He is requesting landscape improvements at this location that would be compatible with other well sites.

Mr. Daniel noted that he also lives in the Lawrence Crossley neighborhood and is requesting the chain link and barbed wire fence located at Well site #25 be replaced with a block wall and the landscape upgraded. Mr. Daniel

The Board thanked Mr. Diaz, Mr. Connelly and Mr. Daniel for their comments regarding the Lawrence Crossley neighborhood and will discuss this item with staff.

19329. At 9:10 a.m., President Bloomer convened into a Teleconference Closed Session for the purpose of Conference with Legal Counsel, (A) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1), Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians vs. Coachella Valley Water District, et al (Two Cases); (B) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1), Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency; (C) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) Bonnie Kessner, et al vs. Desert Water Agency, et al; and (D) Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1), AT&T vs. County of Riverside.

**Closed Session:**  
A. Existing Litigation – ACBCI vs. CVWD, et al. (2 Cases)  
B. Existing Litigation – MSWD vs. DWA  
C. Existing Litigation- Bonnie Kessner, et al vs. Desert Water Agency et al  
D. Existing Litigation - Possible Intervention in Case: AT&T vs. County of Riverside

19330. At 11:18 a.m., General Manager Krause reconvened the meeting into open session and announced there was no reportable action taken. **Reconvene – No Reportable Action**

19331. In the absence of any further business, General Manager Krause adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m. **Adjournment**

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Sylvia Baca  
Assistant Secretary of the Board



**Minutes**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
December 30, 2021

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**Directors Present:** Kristin Bloomer, James Cioffi

**Staff Present:** Mark Krause, Steve Johnson, Ashley Metzger, Sylvia Baca

Call to Order

1. Public Comments - None

2. Discussion Item

A. Review Agenda for January 4, 2022 Board Meeting

The proposed agenda for the January 4, 2022 meeting was reviewed.

Adjourn



**BEST BEST & KRIEGER**  
**ATTORNEYS AT LAW**

STATE WATER CONTRACTORS MEETING  
December 16, 2021

**I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

- (a) Legislature in recess, reconvenes on January 3, 2022
- (b) New legislative consultants introduced, upon Cathy Cole's retirement
- (c) Emerging issues next year
  - Funding
  - Conveyance and subsidence
  - Water/energy nexus
  - Drought resilience
  - Water affordability

**II. SWP WATER OPERATIONS**

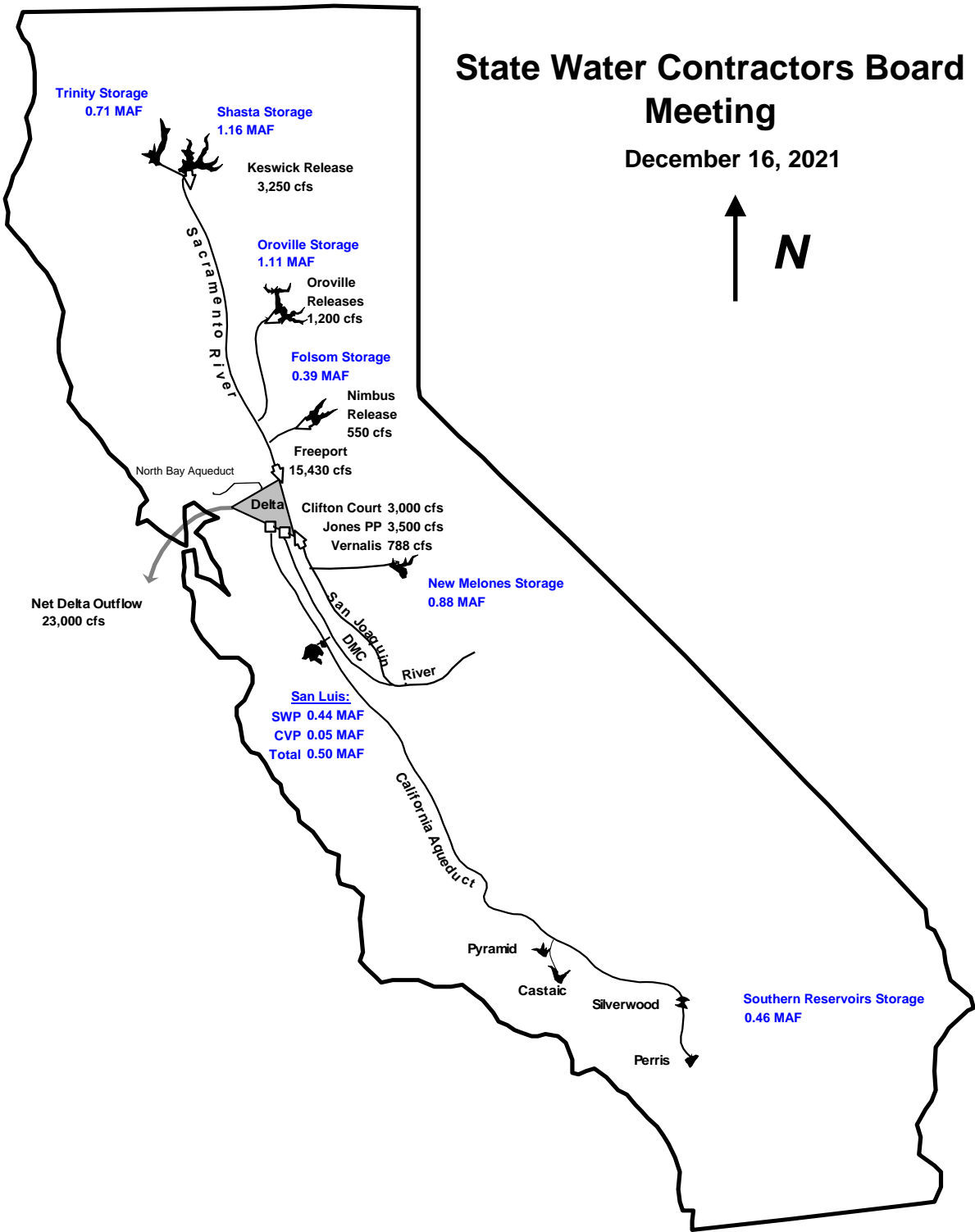
- (a) Precipitation (as of 12/16/21)
  - One inch away from surpassing all of previous year
  - 163% of average in Northern Sierra
  - 135% of average in San Joaquin region
  - Average in Southern Sierra
  - Five more inches expected the following week in Feather River Watershed
- (b) Snowpack near average in all regions
- (c) Reservoir conditions
  - Below average but gaining with recent precipitation
  - 440,000 AF in San Luis Reservoir
  - 12/28/21 update: Oroville at 71% of average, San Luis at 48% of average, Shasta at 49% of average

**III. BOARD ACTIONS**

- (a) Forego second dues collection due to funds currently exceeding budget
  - Expenditures at 42% of budget
- (b) \$25,000 expenditure authorized for Delta Coordination Group facilitation
  - Cost share with San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority
- (c) \$35,000 authorized to convert salmon habitat restoration data to interactive map
- (d) \$375,000 authorized for agreement with USGS to study Delta smelt impoundment potential on islands in the Delta

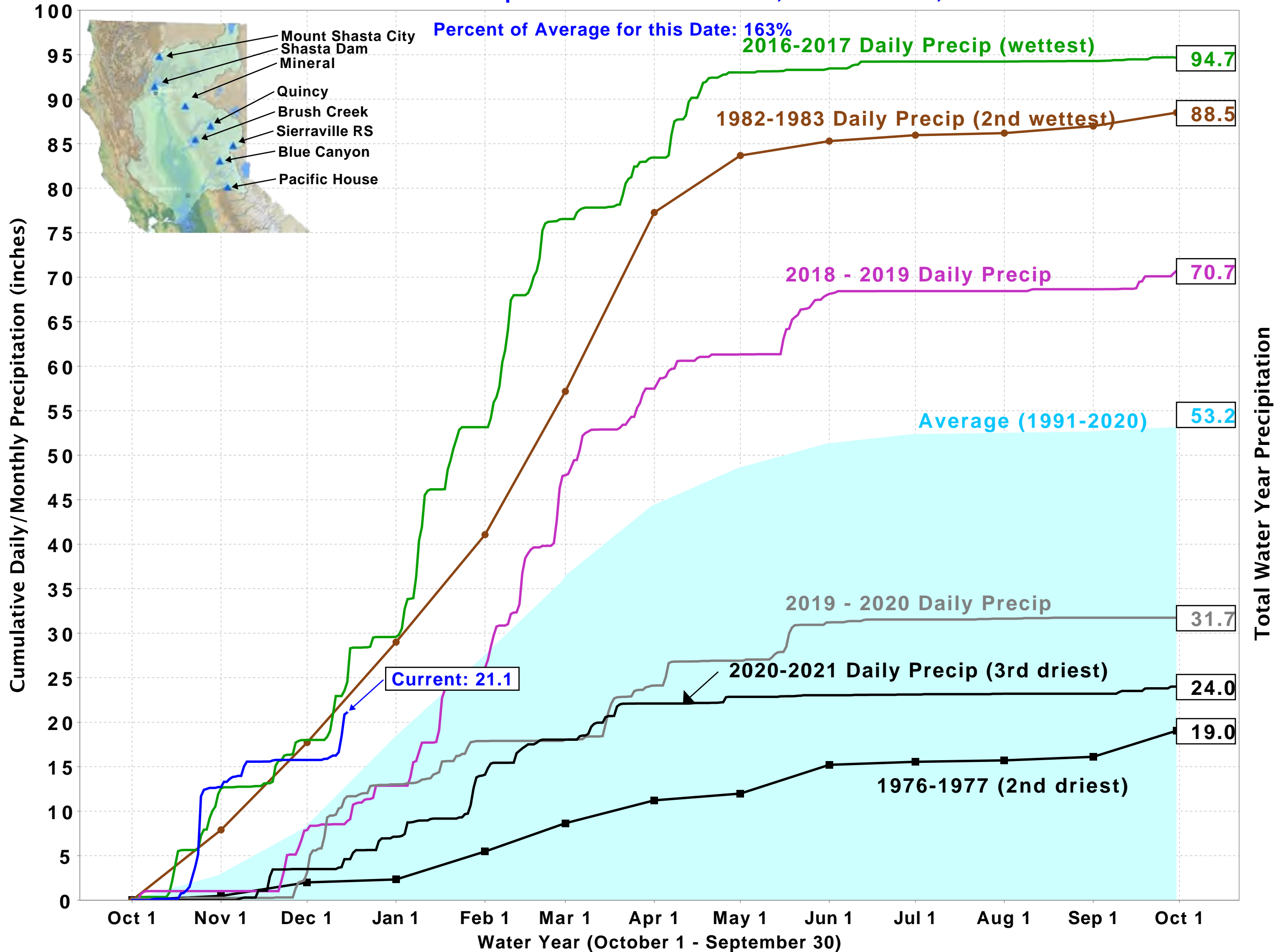
# State Water Contractors Board Meeting

December 16, 2021

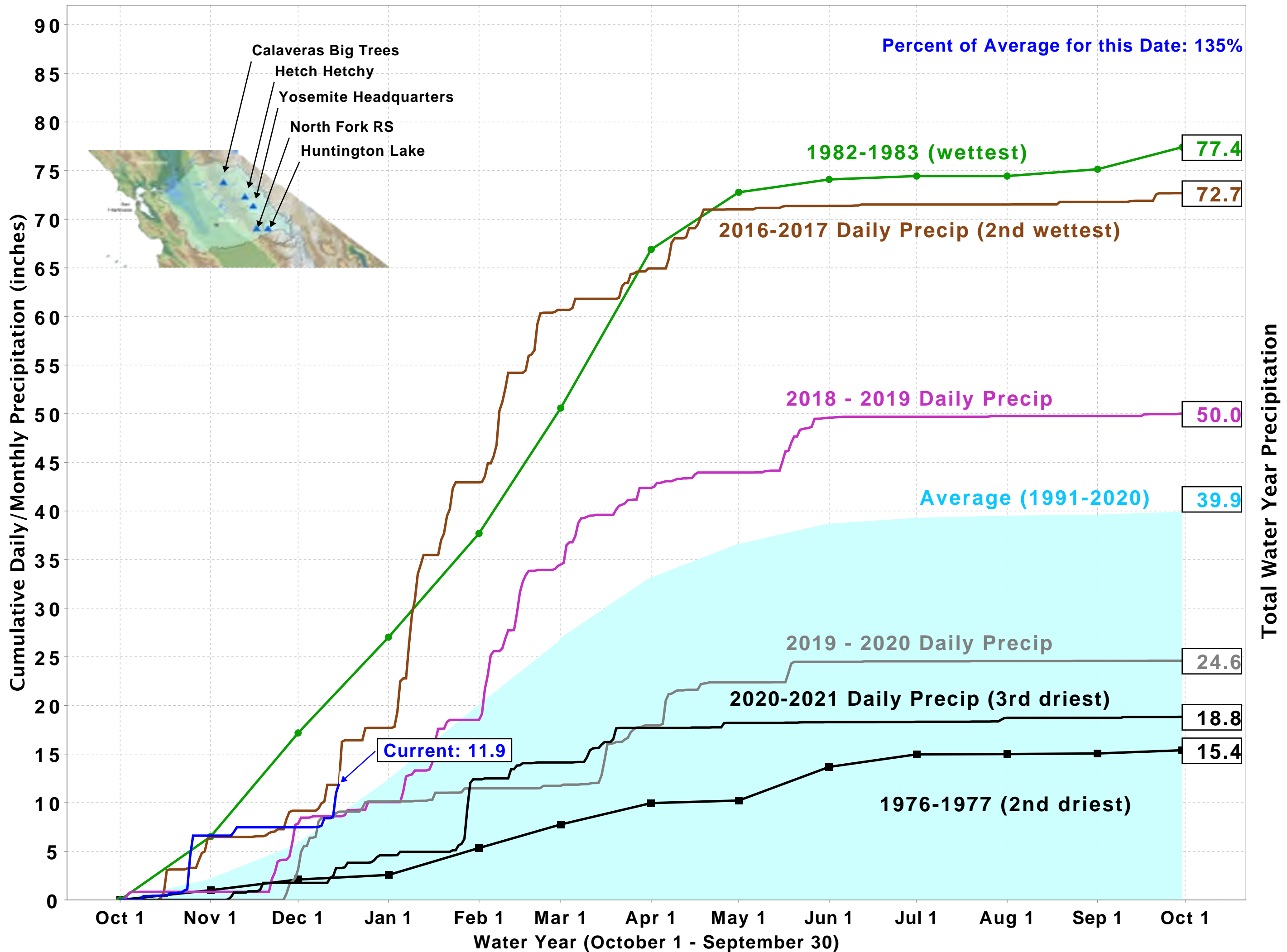


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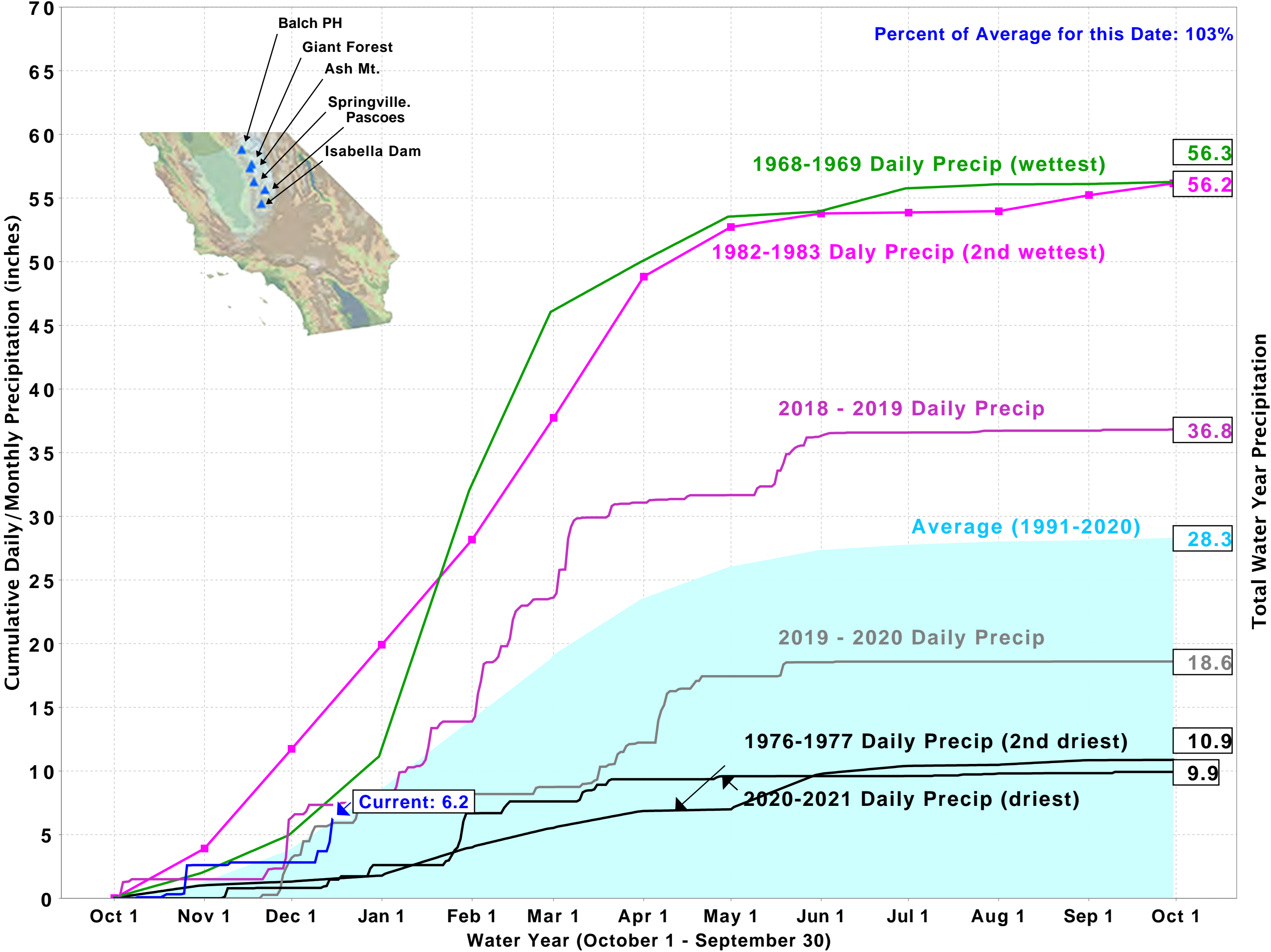
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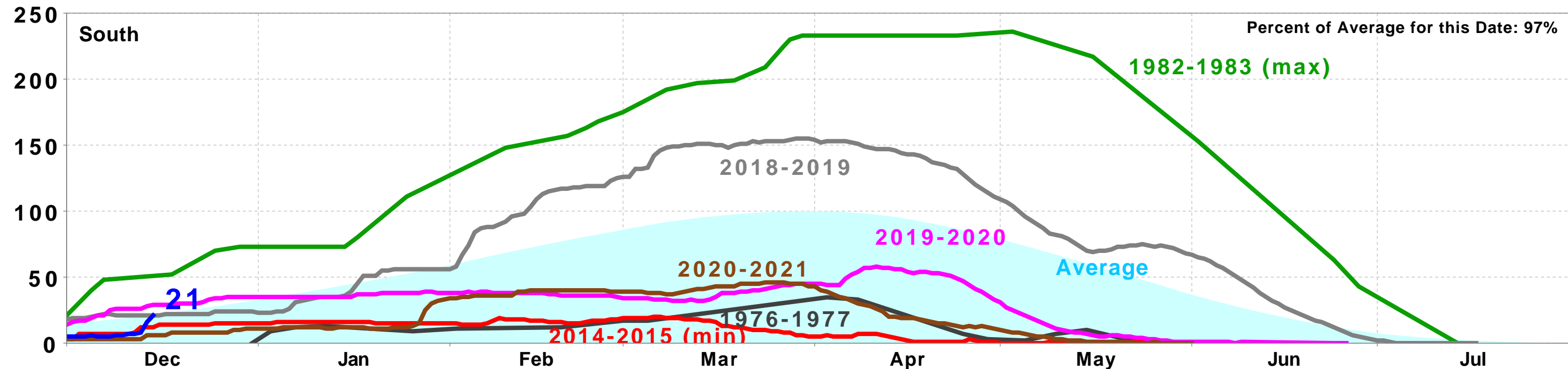
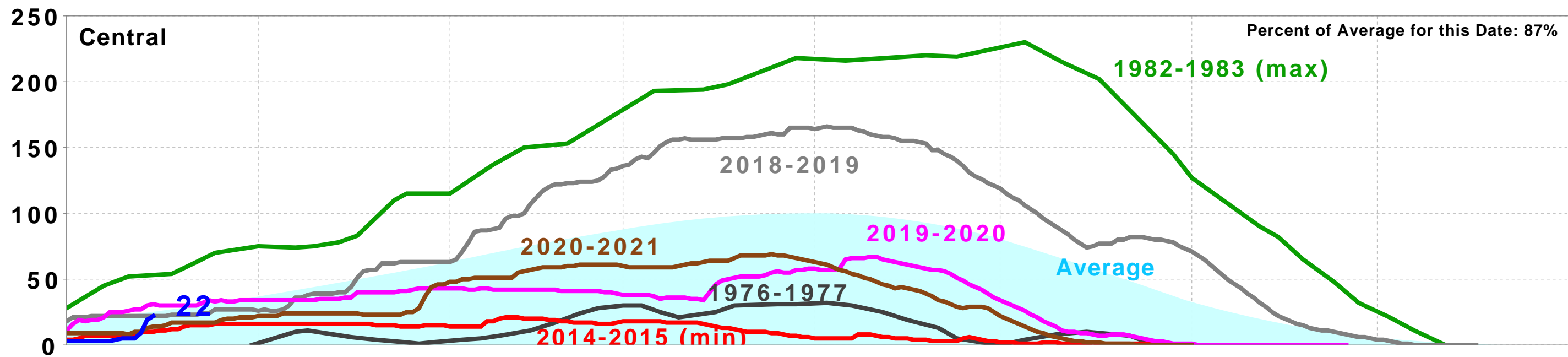
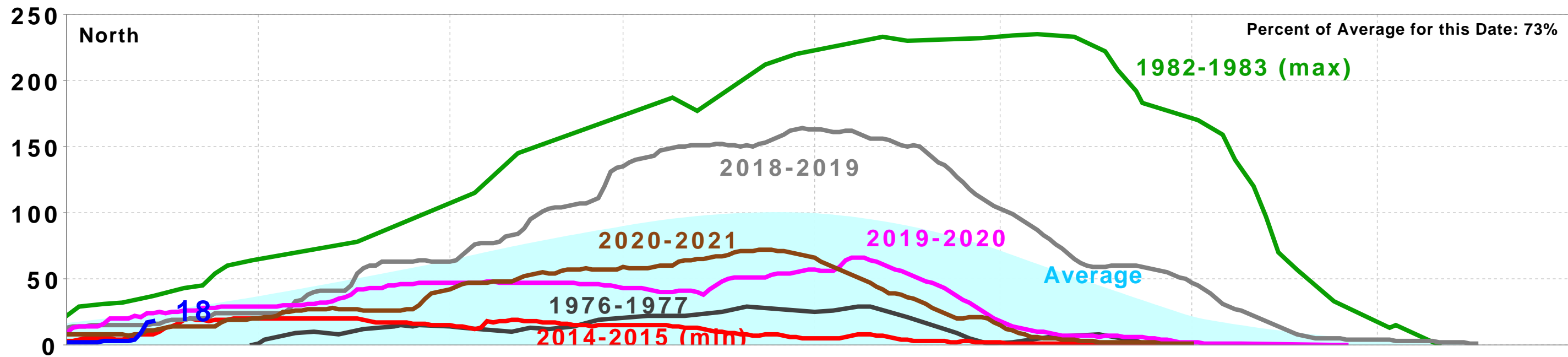
# San Joaquin Precipitation: 5-Station Index, December 15, 2021



Tulare Basin Precipitation: 6-Station Index, December 15, 2021



# California Snow Water Content, December 15, 2021, Percent of April 1 Average



Statewide Percent of April 1: 20%

Statewide Percent of Average for Date: 83%

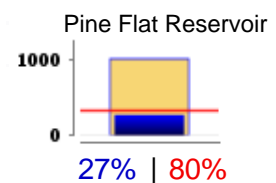
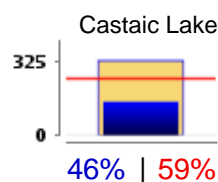
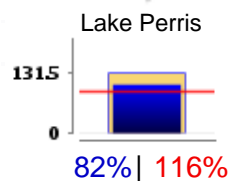
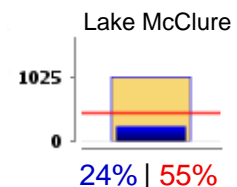
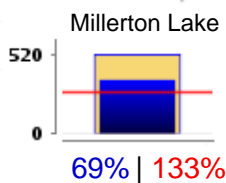
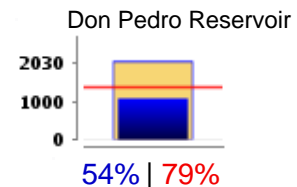
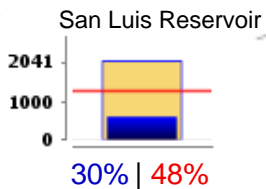
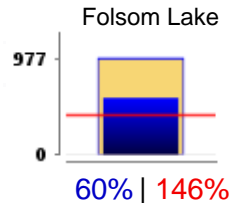
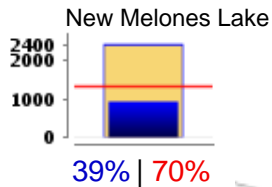
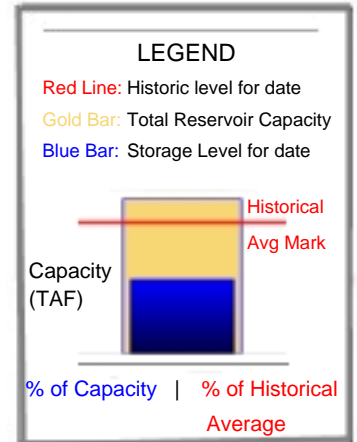
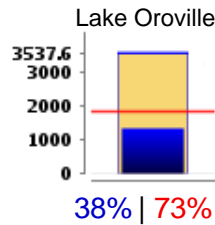
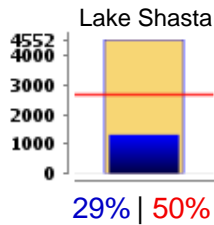
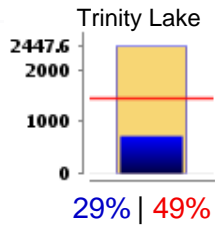




# CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS

## SELECTED WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS

Midnight: December 29, 2021





**STAFF REPORT  
TO  
DESERT WATER AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JANUARY 4, 2022**

**RE: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE VIRTUAL BOARD  
AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS BASED  
UPON A DETERMINATION THAT IN-PERSON MEETINGS WOULD  
POSE A RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH (PER AB 361)**

At its December 7, 2021 meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the continuation of virtual Board and Committee meetings for a 30-day period in accordance with the provisions of AB 361.

The Board of Directors may elect to continue conducting virtual meetings if it makes its own specific findings that meetings in person would pose a health threat to those in attendance, or when other regulatory bodies having jurisdiction within the Agency's service area recommend social distancing for the protection of people who otherwise might attend those meetings in person. The Board must make that determination every thirty days in order for meetings to be conducted virtually.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Desert Water Agency Board of Directors authorize Board and Committee meetings to be conducted virtually for the next ensuing 30-day period based upon the following facts and determinations:

- The CDC currently classifies Riverside County Covid-19 community transmission rates as high.
- The CDC recommends social distancing and masking indoors in high transmission areas, including Riverside County.
- The City of Palm Springs also requires that, regardless of vaccination status, masks be worn indoors in businesses.
- The Delta variant is a more highly contagious strain and even some fully vaccinated individuals are contracting it.
- Due to the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the continuation of virtual Board and Committee meetings for another 30 days based upon a determination that in-person meetings would pose a risk to public health (Per AB 361).

**STAFF REPORT  
TO  
DESERT WATER AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JANUARY 4, 2022**

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1269 FOR ADOPTION OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS SUBBASIN (SGPSB) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)**

In 2014, the California Legislature enacted a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code section 10720 et seq.). The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015.

SGMA requires all medium- and high-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs. DWR designated the SGPSB of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin as a medium-priority basin. In 2015, Desert Water Agency (DWA) elected to become a GSA for the SGPSB. Other GSAs in the basin include San Gorgonio Pass GSA, consisting of San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA), City of Banning, Cabazon Water District, and Banning Heights Mutual Water Agency, and Verbenia GSA, consisting of Mission Springs Water District and SGPWA.

The SGPSB GSAs have jointly developed the SGPSB GSP. Stakeholder engagement during development of the GSP was conducted in accordance with the Communication & Outreach Plan included in section 2.5 of the GSP. Provost and Pritchard led 8 Stakeholder Advisory Meetings to solicit input from stakeholders. The meeting announcements and materials were posted to the SGP SGMA website ([www. https://www.sgpgsas.org](https://www.sgpgsas.org)). A complete copy of the plan is available on the SGP GSAs' website at [https://www.sgpgsas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/PublicReviewDraftSGPGSP\\_10\\_01\\_2021-web2.pdf](https://www.sgpgsas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/PublicReviewDraftSGPGSP_10_01_2021-web2.pdf).

The GSP was released for comment on October 1, 2021. Comments received and responses prepared by the GSAs will be included in Appendix C.

The GSP provides an assessment of groundwater conditions in the SGPSB, documents the progress towards sustainable management, and incorporates updates to water demand projections. The GSP also includes projects and management actions that may be considered as needed for continued sustainability.

The GSP includes planning scenarios with climate change assumptions to assess whether projected water demands over the 20-year planning horizon can be met while continuing to sustainably manage the SGPSB.

Results of analysis and groundwater modeling show that current management of the SGPSB is sustainable and is projected to remain sustainable through the planning horizon (2042). The GSAs have established sustainability criteria for groundwater storage, and levels that will be evaluated annually.

Following adoption by the three GSAs' governing bodies, SGPWA will submit to DWR the approved GSP on behalf of the GSA's and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption with the Riverside County Clerk.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Staff recommends: 1). Open the Public Hearing for staff to present the report and to receive testimony and comments. 2). Following the Public Hearing, that the Board adopt Resolution No. 1269 for adoption of the San Geronio Pass Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Attachment:

1. Resolution No. 1269

## RESOLUTION NO. 1269

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY ADOPTING THE SAN GORGONIO PASS SUBBASIN SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature enacted a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code section 10720 et seq.), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires all medium- and high-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin (DWR Bulletin 118 No. 7-021.01); and

**WHEREAS**, Desert Water Agency elected on November 17, 2015 to become a GSA for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated March 7, 2017 was entered into among the following entities (Parties): Cabazon Water District, City of Banning, Banning Heights Mutual Water Company, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, Mission Springs Water District, and Desert Water Agency. The purpose of the MOA is to develop a common understanding among the Partners regarding the governance structures applicable to implementation of SGMA, and to cooperate and coordinate preparing a GSP for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Parties has become a member of a GSA pursuant to Water Code section 10723

**WHEREAS**, the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin GSAs have jointly developed a *San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan* for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin and on October 1, 2021, released the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, Desert Water Agency conducted a public hearing on January 4, 2022 for the purpose of receiving public comments and considering adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin; and

**WHEREAS**, Water Code Section 10727 requires that Groundwater Sustainability Plans be submitted to DWR for review; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution and approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations

(CCR) 15262 and SGMA 10728.6 because CEQA does not apply to planning studies for possible future actions not yet approved, adopted, or funded by this Agency (CCR 15262) or to the preparation and adoption of plans pursuant to SGMA (SGMA 10728.6), and because projects to implement actions taken pursuant to the Alternative Plan will be analyzed in accordance CEQA based on the nature of the project, environmental setting and potential environmental impacts before those projects are approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Desert Water Agency as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made an operative part of this Resolution.
2. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin is hereby approved and adopted, subject to minor, non-substantive modifications to the text agreed upon by the three San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin GSAs prior to submittal to DWR on or before January 31, 2022. A copy of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
3. The Board of Directors hereby designates SGP GSA to provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and any additional information/documentation required by law.

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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Kristin Bloomer, President

ATTEST:

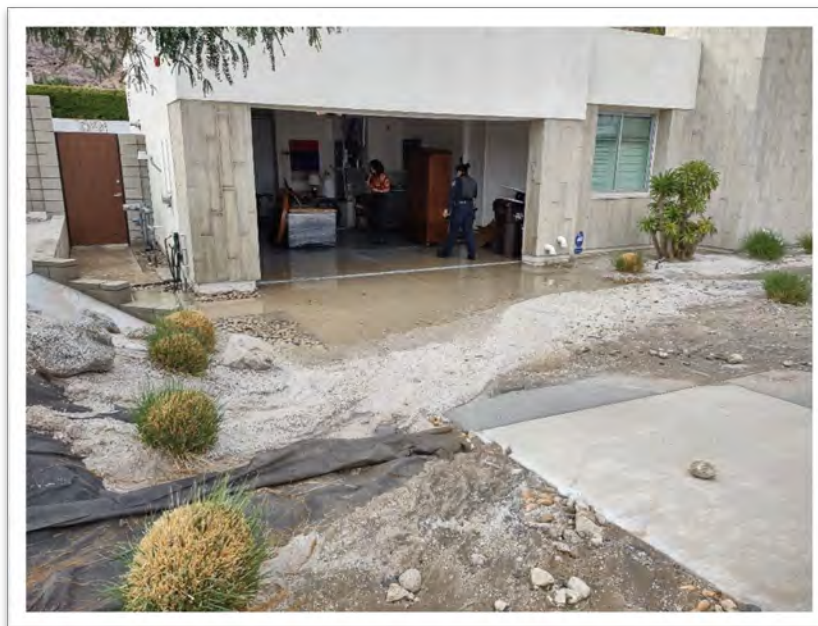
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Joseph K. Stuart, Secretary-Treasurer

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT JANUARY 4, 2022

### Damaged Hydrant (551 Polaris Ct.)

On December 21 at approximately 1:00 p.m., Construction staff responded to a hit fire hydrant at 551 Polaris Ct. which is north of West Ramon Rd. Staff re-installed the fire hydrant and put it back into service. The water flowed approximately 20 minutes. A police report was filed.





### **Damaged Hydrant (Gateway Drive)**

On December 22 at approximately 2:00 a.m., Construction stand-by responded to a hit fire hydrant located on the north side of Gateway Drive, east of Mountain Gate Drive (hit and run). Staff reinstalled the hydrant and placed it back into service. The water flowed for approximately 40 minutes from a fully open 6-inch hydrant bury. A police report was filed.



### **Damaged Hydrant (Date Palm Drive)**

On December 28 at approximately 11:00 a.m., Construction staff responded to a hit fire hydrant, located at the south side of the intersection of Date Palm Drive and East Palm Canyon Drive in Cathedral City. The hydrant location sits about 40 feet south of the curb in a vacant lot. Staff replaced the hydrant and placed it back into service. This was a hit and run. The water flowed for approximately 30 minutes from a fully open 6-inch hydrant bury.





### **SWP Delivery and Whitewater Hydro Generation Update**

For the year 2021, it is estimated that approximately 15,000 AF of water was delivered to the Whitewater basins. All of this water was for CVWD as part of their 1989 Approval Agreement. This water is not SWP Table A water.

The following is a breakdown of the months the water was delivered:

January:	2,174 AF
April:	2,358 AF
November:	245 AF
December:	10,223 AF

For the year 2021, no water was delivered to the Mission Creek Basins.

At this time, we do not anticipate water deliveries to resume until the end of February 2022.

For the month of December 2021, Whitewater Hydro Plant generated about 148,315 kWh, which will result in an anticipated SCE settlement amount of approximately \$13,000. For the year 2021, the plant produced approximately 309,465 kWh of energy which resulted in SCE payments totaling just over \$27,000.

### **2020 Census Division Updates – Public Workshops**

In Fall of 2021, the Census Bureau released the results of the 2020 Census. Between 2010 and 2020, there was very minimal population shift in the Palm Springs area and a fair amount of growth in the Desert Hot Springs area. The Board of Directors will need to update DWA's current division boundaries, which were adopted in 2019 based on 2010 Census data. The new division boundaries must be adopted by April for the November 2022 election.

Staff is working with BB&K Election Services on mapping and plans to hold two virtual public workshops to solicit public feedback on draft maps and to share an online mapping tool. The draft maps and tool will be available and shared publicly at least one week prior to the public workshop.

Tentative workshop dates and times are:

- Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Staff plans to publicize the workshops via social media and targeted digital ads. Staff will also reach out to stakeholders and transmit comments received in person, by phone and via email.

DWA Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SYSTEM LEAK DATA					
(PERIOD BEGINNING DEC 14, 2021 THRU DEC 27, 2021)					
STREET NAME	NUMBER OF LEAKS	PIPE DIAMETER (INCHES)	YEAR INSTALLED	PIPE MATERIAL	PIPE CONSTRUCTION
ANDREAS RD	6	6	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
ALEJO RD	3	8	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
CERRITOS RD	3	6	1957	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
CYPRESS RD	3	4	1957	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
INDIAN CANYON DR	2	10	1938	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
SUNNY DUNES RD	2	6	1946	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
RAMON RD (4423NW)	2	6	1955	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
VISTA CHINO	1	20	1949	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
RAMON RD	1	12	1956	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
E PALM CANYON DR	1	12	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
RAMON RD (4423NE)	1	6	1955	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
INDIAN CANYON DR	1	6	1962	STEEL	CML
BARISTO RD	1	4	1936	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
BARISTO RD	1	4	1937	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
CALLE DE RICARDO	1	4	1946	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
PICO RD	1	4	1947	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
S RIVERSIDE DR	1	4	1948	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
SAN LUCAS RD	1	4	1948	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
VIA ALTAMIRA	1	4	1954	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
CHUPEROSA RD	1	4	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
TOTAL LEAKS IN SYSTEM:		34			

Streets highlighted in yellow experienced leaks during street pulverizing for

**2021 City of Palm Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project**

Streets highlighted in green are included as part of the

**2020/2021 Replacement Pipeline Project**

Streets highlighted in blue are being proposed as part of the

**2021/2022 Replacement Pipeline Project**

Vista Chino 20" mainline replacement design is being developed

**F.Y. 2021/2022 budget for design**

SYSTEM INFORMATION:	
OLDEST PIPE IN THE SYSTEM (YEAR OF INSTALLATION):	1935
AVERAGE YEAR OF INSTALLATION OF UNLINED STEEL PIPE (SYSTEMWIDE):	1952
AVERAGE AGE OF UNLINED STEEL PIPE (SYSTEMWIDE):	66 YEARS
AVERAGE AGE OF PIPELINE AT THE TIME OF REPLACEMENT:	68 YEARS
<b>TOTAL LENGTH OF PIPE IN SYSTEM OLDER THAN 70 YEARS (LINEAR FEET):</b>	<b>128,186</b>
TOTAL LENGTH OF UNLINED PIPE SYSTEMWIDE (LINEAR FEET):	297,672
*AVERAGE LENGTH OF PIPE REPLACED ANNUALLY (LINEAR FEET):	14,500
PROJECTED TIME FRAME FOR 100% REPLACEMENT OF UNLINED STEEL PIPE:	21 YEARS
<b>PROJECTED TIME FRAME FOR 100% REPLACEMENT OF PIPE OLDER THAN 70 YEARS:</b>	<b>9 YEARS</b>
YEAR AGENCY TRANSITIONED TO CEMENT LINED STEEL PIPE:	1960
<p><b>*PLEASE NOTE THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS THE AVERAGE LINEAR FOOTAGE OF PIPELINE REPLACED ANNUALLY GIVEN AN AVERAGE ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$3 MILLION.</b></p>	



**SYSTEM LEAKS**  
(Period beginning Dec. 14,  
2021 thru Dec. 27, 2021)

2021/2022 DESIGN PHASE - VISTA CHINO

2021/2022 REPLACEMENT PIPELINES - VIA ALTAMIRA

2021/2022 REPLACEMENT PIPELINES - SUNNY DUNES RD

2021/2022 REPLACEMENT PIPELINES - CALLE DE RICARDO



## General Manager's Meetings and Activities

### Meetings:

12/21/21	DWA Bi-Monthly Board Mtg	Conf Call
12/21/21	EBE Reallocation Workshop #2 Continued	Conf Call
12/21/21	SGP GSP Presentation Review	Conf Call
12/28/21	SGMA SGP GSP Final Plan Edits	Conf Call
12/30/21	DWA Executive Committee Mtg	Conf Call
01/03/22	DWA Wkly Staff Mtgs	Conf Call
01/03/22	DWA/CVWD Tribal Mediation Prep Mtg	Conf Call
01/04/22	Tribal Mediation Mtg Small Group	Conf Call
01/04/22	DWA Bi-Monthly Board Mtg	Conf Call

### Activities:

- 1) Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Water Supply 2021
- 2) SWP Contract Extension Amendment
- 3) DWA Remote Meter Reading Fixed Network
- 4) Whitewater Hydro – Automatic Re-start
- 5) State and Federal Contractors Water Authority and Delta Specific Project Committee (Standing)
- 6) Whitewater River Surface Water Recharge
- 7) Lake Oroville Spillway FEMA funding
- 8) Replacement Pipelines 2020-2021
- 9) DC Project – Finance JPA Committee (Standing)
- 10) DWA/CVWD/MWD Operations Coordination/Article 21/Pool A/Pool B/Yuba Water (Standing)
- 11) DWA/CVWD/MWD Exchange Agreement Coordination Committee (Standing)
- 12) SWP 2020 Water Supply
- 13) ACBCI Water Rights Lawsuit
- 14) Whitewater Hydro Operations Coordination with Recharge Basin O&M
- 15) SGMA Tribal Stakeholder Meetings
- 16) Whitewater Spreading Basins – BLM Permits
- 17) Delta Conveyance Project Cost Allocation
- 18) DWA Surface Water Filtration Feasibility Snow Creek Village/Palm Oasis
- 19) MCSB Delivery Updates
- 20) Well 6 Meaders Cleaners RWQB Meetings
- 21) SWP East Branch Enlargement Cost Allocation
- 22) UWMP Population Calculation Update/Valley-Wide UWMP
- 23) RWQCB Update to the SNMP
- 24) SGMA – San Geronio Pass Subbasin