

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (“Agency”) Board of Directors (“Board”) will hold a **Regular Board Meeting at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the Ventura River Water District Meeting Room, 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA 93023.**

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**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

June 11, 2026

- 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Board will receive public comments on items not appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not enter into a detailed discussion or take any action on any items presented during public comments. Such items may only be referred to the Executive Director or other staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on specific agenda items should do so at the time specified for those items. In accordance with Government Code §54954.3(b)(1), public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

REGULAR SESSION AGENGA

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on

separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments.

- a. **Approve Minutes of May 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**
- b. **Approve Financial Report for May 2026**

7. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directors may provide oral reports on items not appearing on the agenda.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board will receive an update from the Executive Director concerning Agency matters and correspondence. The Board may provide feedback to staff.

9. AGENCY COUNSEL'S REPORT

The Board will receive a verbal update from Agency Counsel concerning Agency matters. The Board may provide feedback to Agency Counsel.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Fees Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities Within the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

The Board will open a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss potential groundwater extraction fees based on the adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and Multi-Year Budget Projection posted on the Agency's website and document AB 2561 compliance.

The Board welcomes public comment and testimony regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fees.

After receiving public comment and testimony, the Board will close the PUBLIC HEARING and consider adopting Resolution 2026-01 establishing the proposed groundwater extraction fees within the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

11. GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

No items this meeting.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for the Directors to request items for future agendas.

CLOSED SESSION AGENGA

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9) Name of Case: SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER v. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, et al.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Board meeting is Thursday, July 9, 2026.

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**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MAY 14, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency was held at the Ventura River Water District, 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA.

Chair Tribo called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Tribo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Executive Director Bondy called roll.

Directors Present:

Jenny Tribo, Chair
Bruce Kuebler, Vice Chair
James Kentosh, Secretary
Emily Ayala, Director
Mike Flood, Alternate Director
Jeff Palmer, Director
Vivon Sedgwick, Director

Non-Voting Directors / Alternate Directors Present:

Alma Quezada, Alternate Director
Justin Martinez, Alternate Director

Directors Absent: Pete Kaiser

Staff Present:

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Keith Lemieux, Agency Counsel
Maureen Tucker, Administrative Assistant

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Tribo asked for any proposed changes to the agenda. No changes were requested.

Director Kuebler moved agenda approval. Seconded by Director Kentosh.

Voice Vote: J. Tribo - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E. Ayala -Y
M. Flood - Y J. Palmer-Y V. Sedgwick - Y

Directors Absent: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Tribo asked for public comments on items not appearing on the agenda. No comments were offered.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Approve Minutes of April 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- b) Approve Financial Report for April 2026
- c) Fiscal Year Report 2025-2026 3rd Quarter Budget Report

Chair Tribo asked if any Director wanted to pull any items off the consent calendar for discussion. No requests were made.

Director Palmer moved approval of the consent calendar items. Seconded by Director Ayala.

Voice Vote: J. Tribo - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E. Ayala -Y
M. Flood - Y J. Palmer-Y V. Sedgwick - Y

7. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Tribo called for Director announcements. No announcements were made.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the written staff report with the Board concerning updates on Agency activities since the last meeting.

Director Ayala said it is good news that extraction fees are being paid timely.

Director Kuebler asked what the Small GSA Coalition is working on now that it has successfully secured an earmark in the upcoming grant program. Executive Director Bondy explained that the coalition is developing recommendations for the grant guidelines and streamlining the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act reporting and compliance requirements.

Director Kentosh inquired about reviewing adjudication matters. Executive Director Bondy said he can provide a summary during closed session.

No Public Comments.

Burt Handy asked about the availability of drone imagery. Executive Director Bondy said the imagery can be found in the annual data reports.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Agency Counsel reviewed the criteria for closed session attendance. Director Kentosh stated that he would be leaving early and asked if Alternate Director Martinez could remain. Agency Counsel Lemieux concurred. Director Ayala, Director Sedgwick, and alternate Director Quezada left the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board entered closed session at 2:22 p.m. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)).

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

The Board returned to open session at 3:14 p.m.

Agency Counsel Lemieux reported that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting is Thursday June 11, 2026.

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo _ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh_ E. Ayala_ P. Kaiser _ J. Palmer_ V. Sedgwick_

The cover slide features a blue background with white text. At the top left is the logo for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency, which includes a stylized green and blue wave graphic above the text 'Upper Ventura River GROUNDWATER AGENCY SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT'. The main title 'INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER DEPLETION MODELING UPDATE' is centered in large, bold, white, italicized font. Below the title, the date 'MAY 14, 2026' is displayed in a similar font. On the right side, there is a vertical strip of images and logos: a photograph of a rocky river, the logos for Casitas Municipal Water District and We Serve Water, the logo for Mendocino Oaks Water District, the logo for Ventura County Water, and a photograph of a valley.

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The overview slide has a dark blue header with the word 'OVERVIEW' in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the header, on a light beige background, is a bulleted list of four items: 'Background', 'Uncertainty Analysis Results', 'Depletion Modeling Approach Review', and 'Depletion Modeling Results Summary'. In the bottom left corner, the word 'DRAFT' is written in red, and in the bottom right corner, the number '2' is written in blue.

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BACKGROUND

- GSP calls for development of actions to address indirect depletion of ISW
 - Address groundwater level data gaps ✓
 - Model update, including uncertainty eval. ✓
 - Update depletion estimates ✓
 - Develop projects or management action(s)
 - Current work provides preliminary information to facilitate planning

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UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS

- 55 models with “acceptable” calibration used to quantify uncertainty
 - Depletion uncertainty = +/-0.8 cfs for flows of interest (i.e., <10 cfs)
- Uncertainty sources:
 - ~50% Foster Park gauge error
 - Variable measurement locations, obstructions, multiple channels, etc.
 - ~50% model uncertainty

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DEPLETION MODELING APPROACH

- Approved by board in March
- Two minimum threshold exceedances over 50 year projection period analyzed
 - Six well groups
 - Pumping for each well group curtailed going backwards in time to determine streamflow increase at Foster Park
 - Cumulative curtailment
 - Non-cumulative curtailment

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WELL GROUPS

Depletion Analysis Pumping Groups

The map displays the basin outline and the locations of wells categorized into five groups:

- Group 1: MOWD** (blue circles)
- Group 2: VRWD** (orange squares)
- Group 3: MOWD & VRWD** (black squares)
- Group 4: All other wells located within river alluvium** (green triangles)
- Group 5: All other wells located outside of river alluvium** (purple triangles)

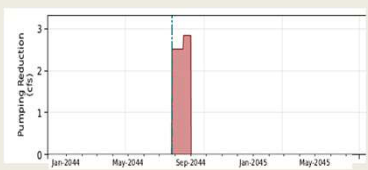
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MODELING METHODS

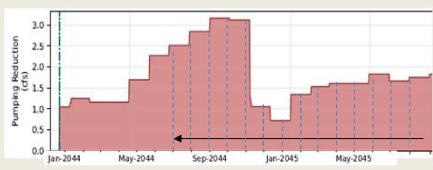
Non-Cumulative Scenarios

- Simulate pumping curtailment in individual, discrete increments (30 or 90 days at a time)
- Helps inform lag time and duration of effects



Cumulative Scenarios

- Simulate effect of ongoing pumping curtailment over time
- Helps inform maximum increase in streamflow

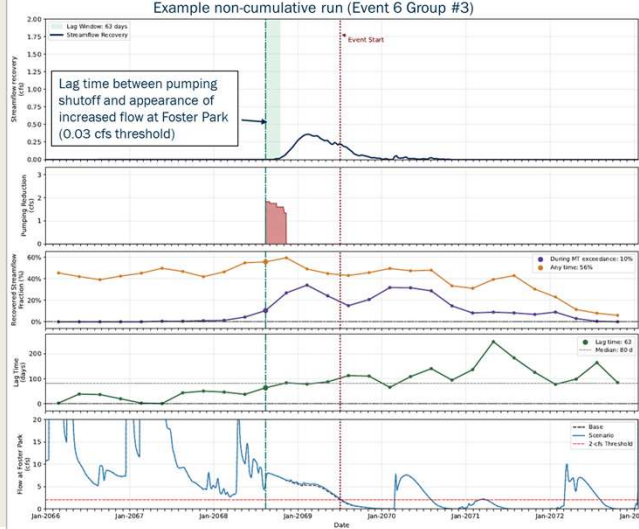


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EXAMPLE NON-CUMULATIVE RESULT

Example non-cumulative run (Event 6 Group #3)



Recovered Streamflow at Foster Park and duration of increased flow in response to pumping shutoff

Pumping reduction for current scenario (G3)

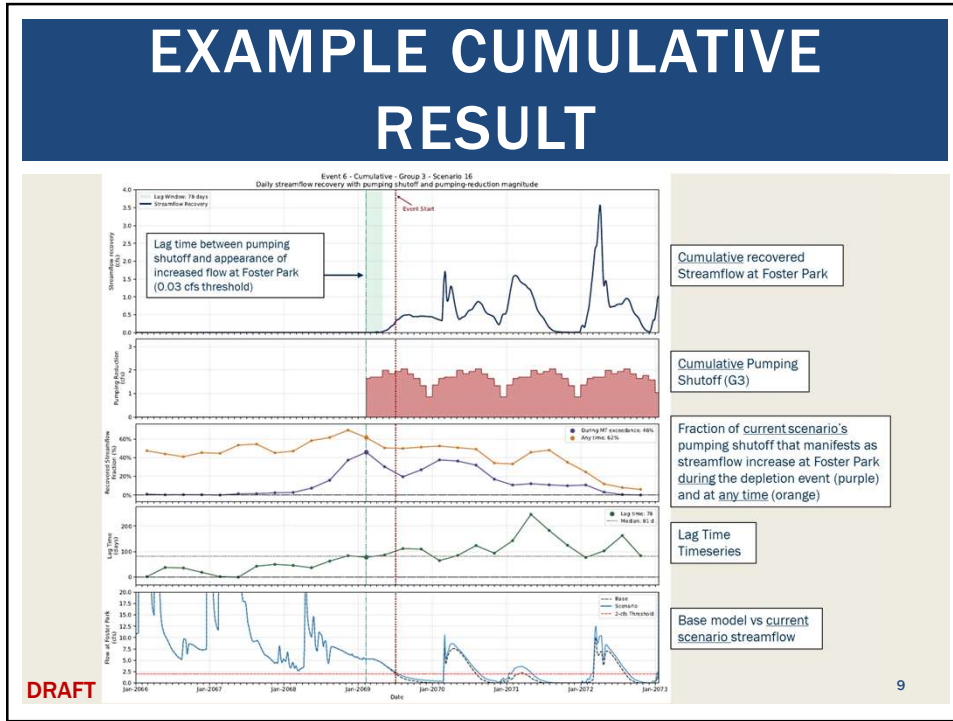
Fraction of current scenario's pumping shutoff that manifests as streamflow increase at Foster Park during the depletion event (purple) and at any time (orange)

Lag Time for current scenario relative to all other scenarios

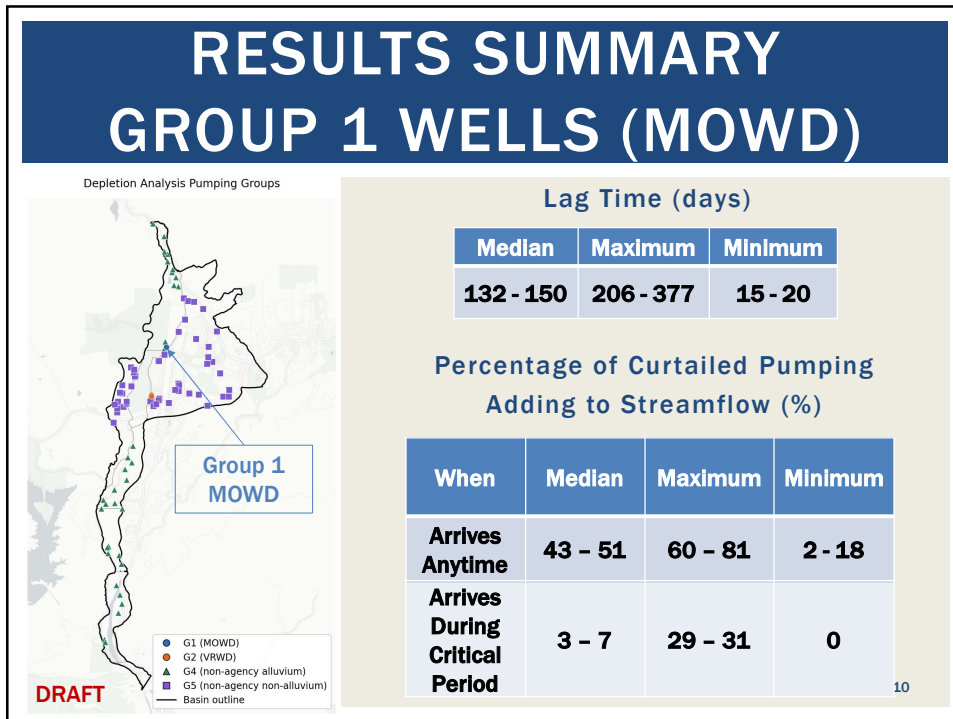
Base model vs current scenario simulated streamflow

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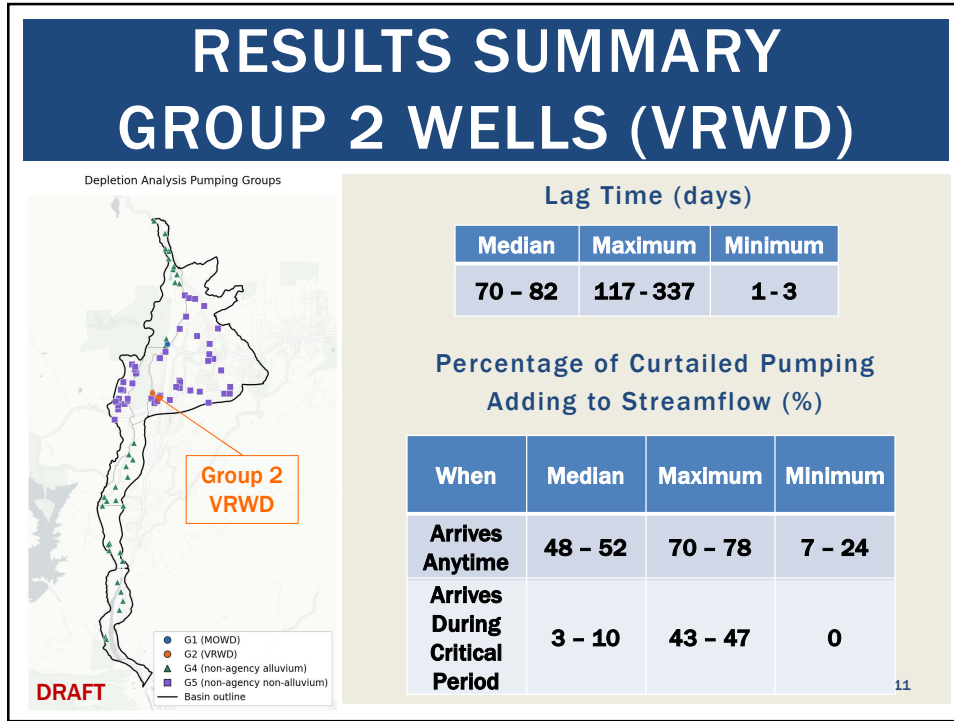
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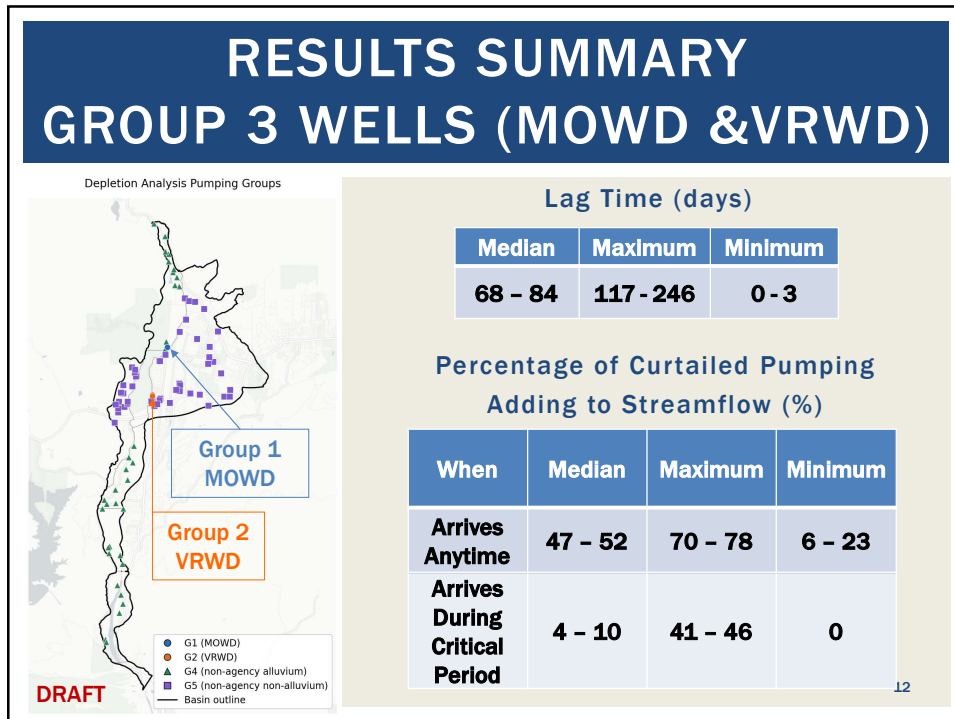
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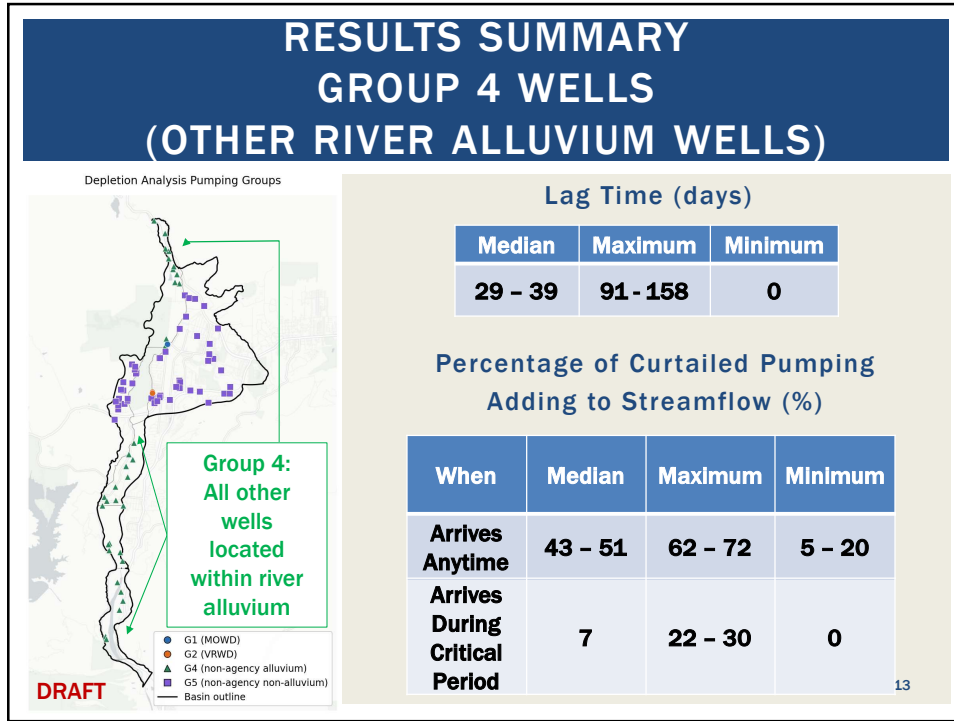
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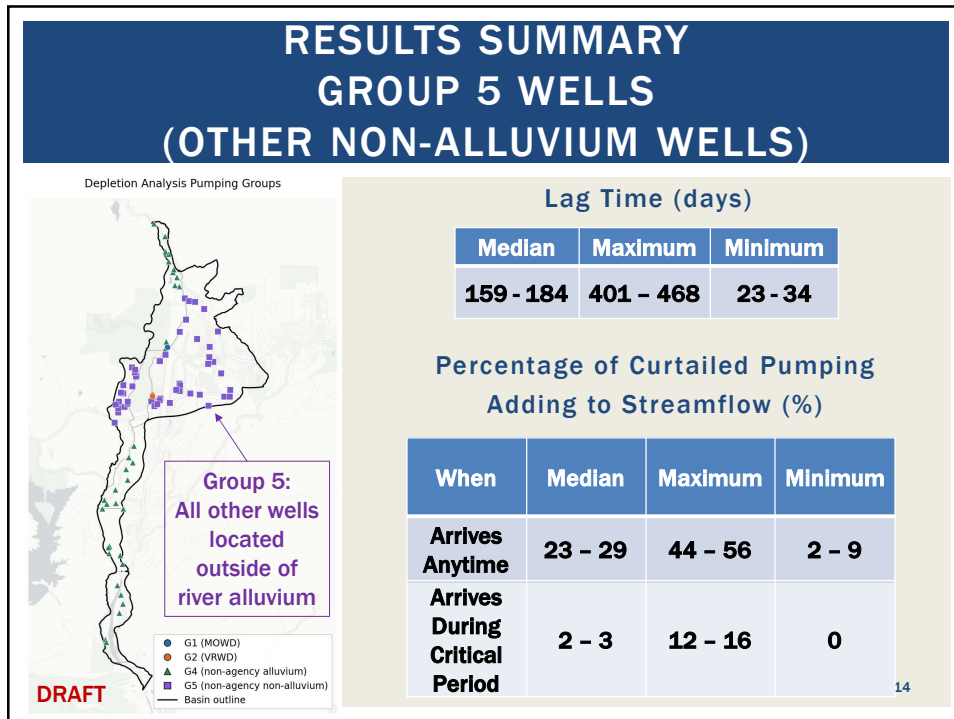
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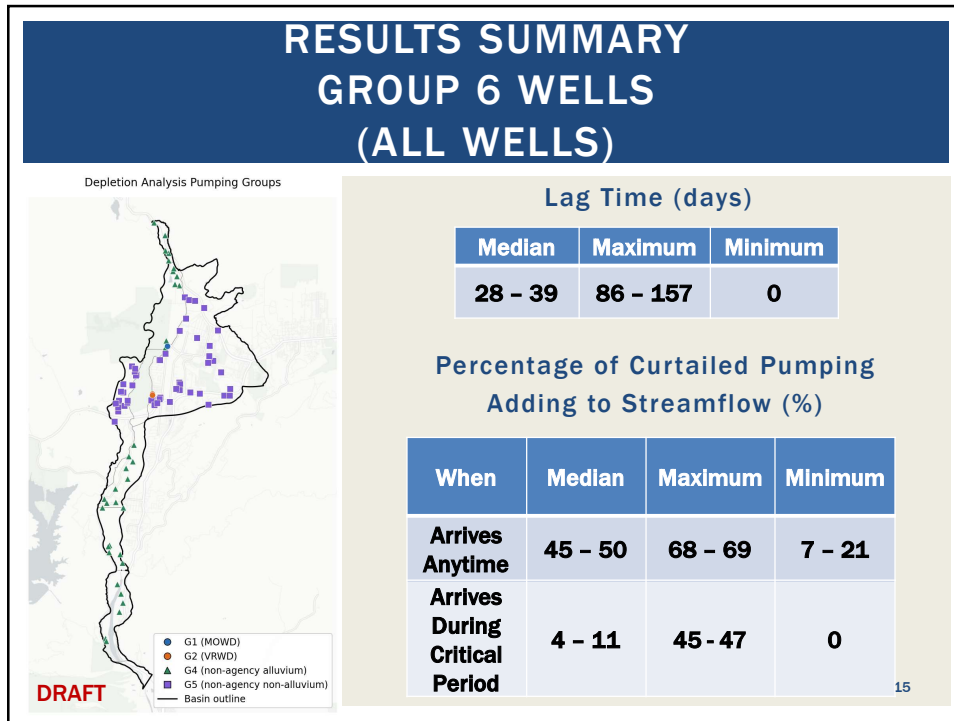
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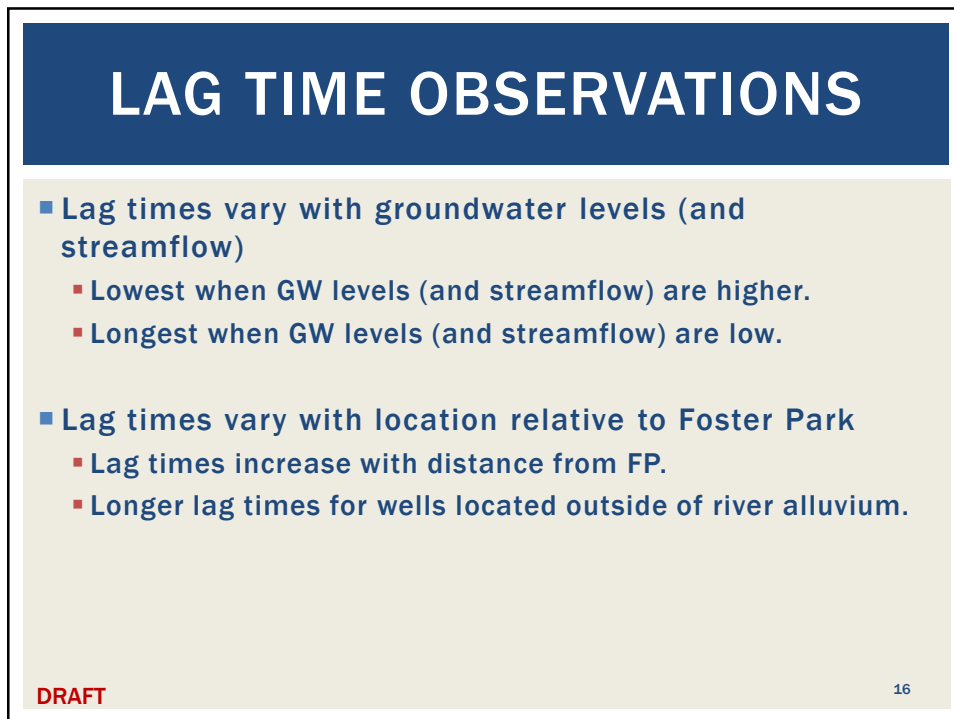
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STREAMFLOW AUGMENTATION OBSERVATIONS

- Augmentation also varies with groundwater levels (and streamflow)
 - Highest when GW levels (and streamflow) are higher.
 - 60 to 81% of curtailed pumping for alluvial wells
 - Lowest when GW levels (and streamflow) are low.
 - 3 to 10% of curtailed pumping for alluvial wells
 - Overall, median values are 43 to 52%

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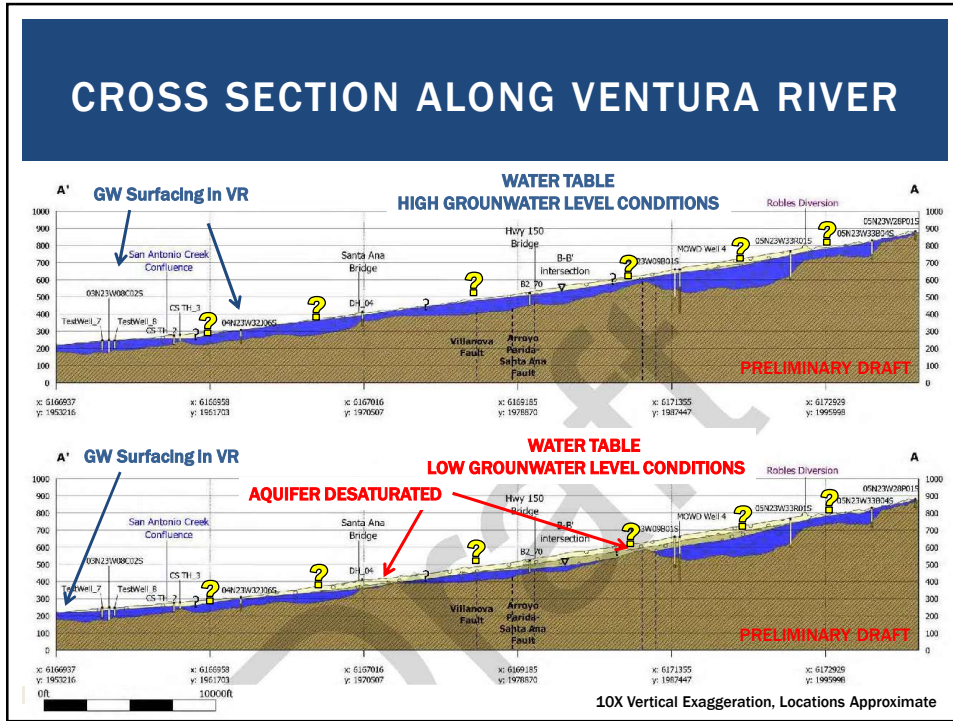
HYDROGEOLOGIC FACTORS CONTROL THE RESPONSES

- The geometry of the basin aquifer and water table conditions control lag times and percentage of curtailment that arrives at FP
 - Saturated thickness of basin aquifer controls the rate of down valley groundwater to areas where it emerges in river channel and becomes streamflow
 - Saturated thickness is controlled by aquifer thickness and water table depth
 - Slope of the water table that drives down valley groundwater flow also decreases as basin drains

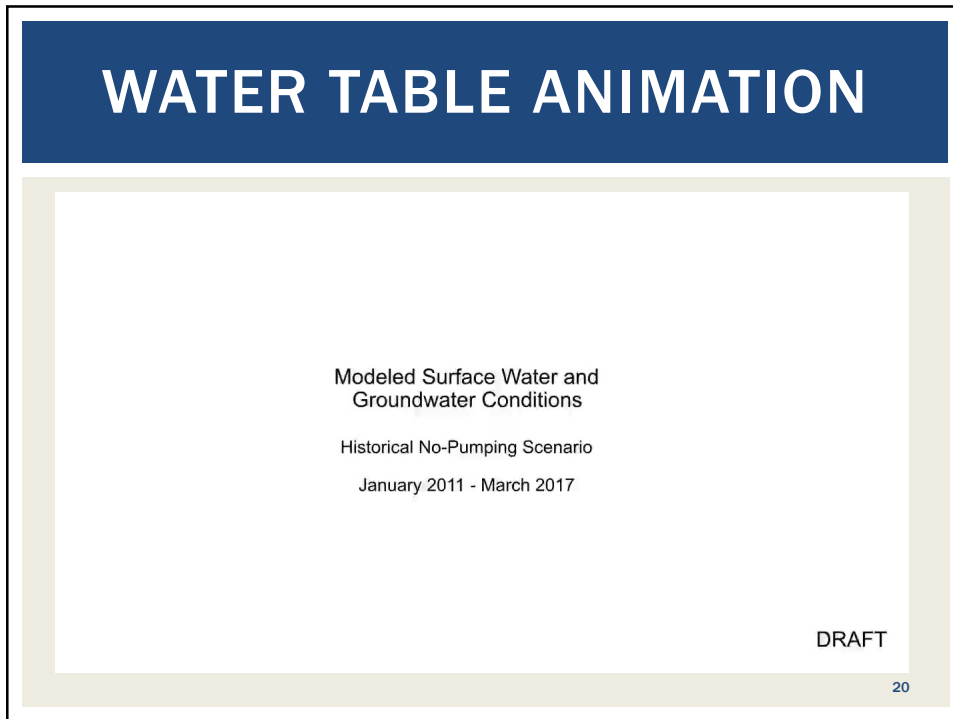
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KEY OBSERVATIONS

- Pumping curtailment is not particularly effective at increasing flow at Foster Park.
 - Curtailment benefits are modest when flows are moderate (<~50% of curtailed pumping arrives at FP)
 - Curtailment benefits are very low during critical periods (<~10% of curtailed pumping at FP).
- Curtailment does not prevent flow from dropping to critically low levels during very dry periods; it only shortens the *duration* of critically low flows.
- Significant lag times ,which can be more than a year, create obvious implementation challenges.

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QUESTIONS?









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UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 6(b)

DATE: June 4, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Carrie Troup C.P.A., Treasurer
SUBJECT: Approve Financial Report for May 2026

April 2026 UVRGA Balance \$ 235,155.21

May 2026 Activity

Checks, Electronic payments, Transfers:

2728	Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc.	April Services	\$	9,284.16
2729	Intera Incorporated	April Services	\$	14,848.00
2730	Intera Incorporated	April Services	\$	123.00
2731	Rincon Consultants, Inc.	April Services	\$	985.17
2732	Carrie Troup, CPA	April Services	\$	1,633.17
2733	Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	March Services	\$	89.10
2734	Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	March Services	\$	1,786.74
2735	Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	April Services	\$	2,673.00
2736	Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	April Services	\$	1,303.79
EFT	FedEx	Shipping	\$	36.23

Total Expenditures Paid & To Be Paid \$ 32,762.36

May 2026 UVRGA Total Funds Ending Balance¹

Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool (VCTIP)	\$	684,288.14
Bank of Sierra	\$	202,392.85
Total Cash Balance	\$	<u>886,680.99</u>

Notes:

The financial report omits substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; no assurance is provided on them.

VCTIP balance reflects most recent Fair Market Value adjustment released by the County of Ventura

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B. Kuebler___ J. Palmer___ J. Kentosh___ P. Kaiser___ J. Tribo___ V. Sedgwick___ E. Ayala___

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 8

DATE: June 11, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

SUMMARY

The following are updates on Agency matters since the last Board meeting:

1. Administrative: No reportable activity.
2. Financial: No reportable activity.
3. GSP Implementation:
 - a. GSP Periodic Evaluation: Work on the periodic evaluation is ongoing.
 - b. Well Registration and Flowmeter Compliance:
 - i. Two wells remain unregistered and continue to accrue civil penalties at \$100/day. As of May 31 2026, each well owner has accrued \$49,500 in civil penalties.
 - c. Monitoring Networks:
 - i. The semi-annual groundwater level monitoring activities, including data downloads and equipment maintenance, was completed in May. No other field activities were performed due to elevated streamflow conditions.
4. Outreach and Coordination:
 - a. Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWAVC): The Executive Director gave a presentation on Upper Ventura River Basin issues at AWAVC's May Water Issues Committee meeting.
 - b. Ventura River Watershed Council (VRWC): The Executive Director gave a presentation on Upper Ventura River Basin issues at VRWC's June meeting.
 - c. Small GSA Coalition: The coalition continues to meet monthly to coordinate lobbying efforts.
 - d. Adjudication: The Executive Director spent approximately sixteen hours on adjudication-related items during May.

5. Correspondence: None.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Receive an update from the Executive Director concerning Agency matters and correspondence.
Provide feedback to staff.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo _ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh_ E. Ayala_ P. Kaiser _ J. Palmer_ V. Sedgwick_

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY Item No. 10(a)

DATE: June 11, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Fees Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities Within the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026– June 30, 2027).

SUMMARY

Resolution 2026-01 (Attachment A), if adopted, would establish a \$168 per acre-foot groundwater extraction fee against all persons operating groundwater extraction facilities within the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 based on the adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and Multi-Year Financial Projection (Attachment B). Resolution 2026-01 follows the same approach as last year’s fee resolution. The public hearing was noticed in accordance with Government Code 6066 requirements (Attachment C).

On an unrelated note, Assembly Bill (AB) 2561 requires that the status of vacancies and recruitment and retention efforts be noted annually during a public hearing. Because a public hearing is being held for fee adoption, it is recommended that it be noted that UVRGA does not have any vacancies or open recruitments at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Conduct a public hearing to discuss potential groundwater extraction fees based on the adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and Multi-Year Budget Projection posted on the Agency’s website and to document AB 2561 compliance.
2. Adopt Resolution 2026-01 establishing the proposed groundwater extraction fees within the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

BACKGROUND

The fiscal year 2026/2027 Budget and Multi-Year Financial Projection upon which the proposed extraction fee is based was adopted by the Board on May 14, 2026 and is available for viewing on-line at <https://uvrgroundwater.org/>. Budgeted and projected extraction fees are shown in the green shaded box. The proposed extraction fee for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 is consistent with the adopted budget and is based on the estimated costs to implement the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The proposed extraction fee is based on the adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget and Multi-Year Financial Projection.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Resolution 2026-01
- B. Adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and Multi-Year Financial Projection
- C. Public Hearing Notice

Action: _____

Motion: _____

J. Tribo _ B. Kuebler_ J. Kentosh_ E. Ayala_ P. Kaiser _ J. Palmer_ V. Sedgwick_

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER
AGENCY DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FEES AGAINST ALL PERSONS OPERATING
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FACILITIES WITHIN THE UPPER VENTURA
RIVER VALLEY BASIN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027)**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("Act"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of the Act is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local agencies with the authority to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the formation and/or designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSA") for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the development, adoption, and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plans ("GSP") for all groundwater basins designated by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") as medium- or high-priority; and

WHEREAS, DWR has designated the Upper Ventura River Valley Sub-basin of the Ventura River Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Sub-Basin# 4-003.01) ("Basin") as a medium-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2017, the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency ("Agency") adopted Resolution No. 2017-2 electing to become the GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA gives a GSA the authority to impose fees to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including, but not limited to, preparation, adoption, and amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan, and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, including a prudent reserve; and

WHEREAS, the type of fees that can be imposed include permit fees, fees on groundwater extraction, and fees on other regulated activity; and

WHEREAS, any action to impose such fees must be taken by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the GSA adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and updated its multi-year financial projection; and

WHEREAS, the GSA complied with all applicable notice requirements by noticing a public meeting concerning these fees as follows:

1. By publication pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 in the Ventura County Star on May 24, 2026 and May 31, 2026;
2. By posting on the website of the GSA at <https://uvrgroundwater.org/>;
3. By mailing to any interested party who filed a written request with the GSA for mailed notice of the public fee meeting.
4. The Notice included:
 - The time and place of the meeting,
 - A general explanation of the fee under consideration; and
 - A statement that the data required under SGMA is publicly available.
5. At least 20 days prior to the public meeting, the GSA made the data upon which the fee is based, the GSA's 2026-2027 fiscal year budget and multi-year financial projection, available to the public.

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Extraction Fee complies with the requirements of the California Constitution and state law, including the Act; and

WHEREAS, the GSA has held numerous public meetings concerning development and establishment of the Groundwater Extraction Fee and undertaken extensive efforts to individually contact Basin stakeholders subject to the fee, including sending notices advising each stakeholder subject to the Fee; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the GSA held a public hearing to consider establishment of a Groundwater Extraction Fee to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** All recitals in this resolution are true and correct and supported by substantial evidence in the record.
2. **Findings.** Based upon substantial evidence in the record, the GSA's Board of Directors makes the following findings: The revenues derived from the Groundwater Extraction Fee (a) will not exceed the funds required to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, as authorized by Water Code section 10730, and will not be used for any other purpose; and (2) bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's benefits received from development and adoption of a groundwater sustainability program.

3. **Establishment of Groundwater Extraction Fee.** In accordance with the adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and multi-year budget projection, the GSA hereby adopts and establishes an annual Groundwater Extraction Fee for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 of \$168.00 per acre-foot on all persons who extract groundwater from the Basin, except for those persons who extract, for domestic purposes, two (2) acre-feet or less per year (i.e., de minimis extractors as defined by section 10721(e) of the Water Code) or those persons who extract, for any non-domestic purpose, two (2) acre-feet or less per year. This Groundwater Extraction Fee will become effective July 1, 2026 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2027 unless superseded or rescinded by action of the GSA Board of Directors.
4. **Billing and Collection of Groundwater Extraction Fee.** The Groundwater Extraction Fee will be billed as follows:
 - a. **Member Agencies:** Fees shall be assessed on the average of the 2023-2025 calendar year extractions:
 - Casitas Municipal Water District: 123 acre-feet
 - City of Ventura: 2,856 acre-feet
 - Meiners Oaks Water District: 435 acre-feet
 - Ventura River Water District 764 acre-feet

The total for annual amount due for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 shall be billed in July 2026.

- b. **Private Wells Owners:** Fees shall be assessed semi-annually on metered groundwater extractions reported to the GSA and billed as soon as reasonably possible following each semi-annual period (i.e., July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 and January 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027). In the absence of reported metered extractions, the fees shall be assessed on the estimated groundwater extraction volumes set forth in Attachment 4 of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency 2019 GSA Fee Study ("Report") (<https://uvrgroundwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/UVRGA-GSA-Pre-GSP-Fee-Study-Final-Report-5.21.19.pdf>), as modified by any Board-approved protest of the estimated extraction volume (Attachment A), or as determined by the Executive Director.

The Agency directs the Executive Director to prepare and send out invoices in accordance with this schedule.

5. **Penalties and Interest for Nonpayment.** Consistent with section 10730.6 of the Water Code, persons who fail to pay his or her Groundwater Extraction Fee within thirty (30) days of it becoming due will be charged interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the delinquent amount of the Groundwater Extraction Fee and a ten percent (10%) penalty. Any interest payments, penalties or overdue fees may be waived upon a finding of good cause by an affirmative vote of the GSA Board of Directors.

6. **Protest.** In compliance with section 10731 of the Water Code, any person subject to the Groundwater Extraction Fee may file a protest of the GSA's determination of his or her estimated amount of groundwater production, the Groundwater Extraction Fee, interest, and/or penalties no later than twenty (20) days after the GSA has mailed a written notice of such determination. If a protest is filed pursuant to this authority, the GSA will hold a hearing to determine the total amount of the groundwater production and the Groundwater Extraction Fee, interest, and penalties. Notice of the hearing will be mailed to each protestant at least twenty (20) days before the date fixed for the hearing. Following the hearing, notice of the GSA's determination will be mailed to each protestant who will have twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of the determination to pay the Groundwater Extraction Fee, interest, and penalties determined by the GSA.
7. **Additional Authorization.** The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.
8. **Effective Date of Resolution.** This resolution will take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 2026-01 was duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency as a public hearing held on the 11th day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jennifer Tribo, Board Chair

ATTEST:

James Kentosh, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Keith Lemieux, General Counsel
Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency

Resolution 2026-01, Attachment A

ATTACHMENT 4 – UVRGA ESTIMATED GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS

Operator	Estimated Acre-Feet per Year	Source Data Period	Documentation/Comment
Public Agency Operators			
Casitas Municipal Water District	188.2	2012, 2013, and 2017	Per Angelo Spandrio, Casitas MWD - average of 2012, 2013, and 2017 is proposed in lieu of 2013-2017 average because low production in 2014-2016 is not representative. Reference: Email from A. Spandrio to b. Bondy dated 3/26/19
City of San Buenaventura	2,384.0	2013-2017 Average	City Letter dated 3/8/19 states 2,384 AFY cited in the 1/10/19 presentation as the correct 5-yr average
Meiners Oaks Water District	542.0	2013-2017 Average	Email from D. Engle to B. Bondy dated 4/17/19
Ventura River Water District	858.4	2013-2017 Average	Email from B. Rapp to B. Bondy dated 3/19 /19
MWC Operators			
MWC-1	9.0	2017 Actual	Reported to State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water
MWC-2	22.0	2017 Actual	Reported to State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water
Other Private Operators			
Other Private -1	23.0	2017 Estimated	To determine how much each private pumper within the Basin pumped during 2017, the Agency has followed a multi-step process. For private landowners, the Agency estimated extraction volumes primarily using aerial photography from 2017. Next, letters were sent advising each pumper of the initial estimate and requesting any data or information that should be considered in changing the estimate be provided to the Agency. The Agency also physically inspected a number of properties, as necessary and appropriate, to verify type of crop and condition of wells and called or met individually with as many landowners as possible to discuss estimated extraction amounts. Initial estimates were revised, as appropriate, based on the results on the Agency's inquiries.
Other Private -2	47.0	2017 Estimated	
Other Private -3	90.0	2017 Estimated	
Other Private -4	54.0	2017 Estimated	
Other Private -5	70.0	2017 Estimated	
Other Private -6	14.0	2017 Estimated	
Other Private -7	12.0	2017 Estimated	
Other Private -8	2.2	2017 Estimated	
Other Private -9	40.0	2017 Estimated	
Total Estimated Extractions	4355.8	AF	10/10/2019 Board-approved protest reduced Other Private-3 extraction estimate to 75 acre-feet per year.



Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget and Multi-year Projection (Approved 5/14/2026)

-----FOR ADOPTION MAY 14, 2026----- --PROJECTED (WILL BE RE-EVALUATED ANNUALLY)--

	FY 25-26 Budget	FY 25-26 Actuals Through February	March-June Projection	FY 25-26 YE Projection	FY 26/27 DRAFT Budget	FY 27/28 Projected	FY 28/29 Projected	FY 29/30 Projected	FY 30/31 Projected	Comments
Estimated Groundwater Extractions (AF)	4,035	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,396	4,396	4,396	4,396	4,396	See Attachment B for more information. FY 27/28 - 30/31 are assumed to be the same as FY 26/27.
Estimated Extraction Fee (\$/AF)	\$ 168	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 168	\$ 128	\$ 162	\$ 204	\$ 172	Extraction fee rates selected to achieve \$300K operating reserve target.

Ordinary Income/Expense										
Income										
Interest/Penalties	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43000 · Groundwater Extraction Fee	677,928	664,087	0	664,087	736,654	561,624	714,144	897,234	755,896	
Total Income	677,928	664,140	0	664,140	736,654	561,624	714,144	897,234	755,896	
Expense										
55000 · Administrative Exp										
55011 · Computer Maintenance	0	1,367	0	1,367	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,900	
55015 · Postage & Shipping	750	411	339	750	750	800	800	800	800	
55020 · Office Supplies & Software	1,000	609	512	1,121	1,250	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,600	
55025 · Minor Equipment	500	0	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	
55030 · Bank Service Charges	100	28	73	100	100	100	100	100	100	
55035 · Advertising and Promotion	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,900	
55055 · Insurance Expense-SDRMA	4,922	4,975	0	4,975	5,500	5,800	6,100	6,400	6,700	
55060 · Memberships-CSDA	2,163	2,773	0	2,773	3,000	3,200	3,400	3,600	3,800	
55070 · Memberships- Small GSA	5,156	2,500	0	2,500	6,000	6,300	6,600	6,900	7,200	FY 25-26 cost was for 6 months only
Total 55000 · Administrative Exp	16,091	12,663	2,924	15,586	20,100	21,200	22,300	23,400	24,500	
58000 · Professional Fees										
58005 · Executive Director /GSP Manager	50,000	22,571	27,400	49,971	55,000	57,800	60,700	63,700	66,900	
58010 · Legal Fees	50,000	29,982	29,100	59,082	65,000	68,300	71,700	75,300	79,100	
58015 · Website	3,000	540	2,460	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,700	3,900	4,100	
58020 · Accounting	25,000	14,985	11,900	26,885	29,600	31,100	32,700	34,300	36,000	
58040 · Audit Expense	16,500	633	0	633	21,500	0	24,000	0	26,000	
58050 · Other Professional Services	588,450	237,013	299,142	536,155	488,830	342,400	447,720	628,310	636,170	Please see Attachment C for details.
Total 58000 · Professional Fees	732,950	305,724	370,002	675,726	663,230	503,100	640,520	805,510	848,270	
Total Expense	749,041	318,387	372,926	691,312	683,330	524,300	662,820	828,910	872,770	
Net Ordinary Income	-71,113	345,753	-372,926	-27,173	53,324	37,324	51,324	68,324	-116,874	
Other Income/Expense										
Other Income										
Unrealized Gain/Loss Invstmnt	0	6,136	14,100	20,236	14,676	14,676	14,676	14,676	14,676	
Total Other Income	0	6,136	14,100	20,236	14,676	14,676	14,676	14,676	14,676	
Other Expense										
Contingency - Non Capital Exp	74,904	0	0	0	68,000	52,000	66,000	83,000	87,000	
Total Other Expense	74,904	0	0	0	68,000	52,000	66,000	83,000	87,000	
Net Other Income	-74,904	6,136	14,100	20,236	-53,324	-37,324	-51,324	-68,324	-72,324	
Net Income	-146,017	351,889	-358,826	-6,936	0	0	0	0	-189,198	

Cashflow Projections							Comments
Beginning Cash	838,043	489,198	489,198	489,198	489,198	489,198	Beginning cash for FY 25-26 YE Projection does not included Jan-Feb interest and unpaid extraction fees
Income	24,081	751,330	576,300	728,820	911,910	770,572	
Expenses	372,926	751,330	576,300	728,820	911,910	959,770	
Ending Cash	489,198	489,198	489,198	489,198	489,198	300,000	
Reserve	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	
Unreserved	189,198	189,198	189,198	189,198	189,198	0	



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (UVRGA) will hold a public hearing to consider adopting a resolution establishing a groundwater extraction charge to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including, but not limited to, preparation, adoption, and amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan, and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, including a prudent reserve for the Upper Ventura River Valley Sub-basin of the Ventura River Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Sub-Basin# 4-003.01). The proposed groundwater extraction charge will be imposed on groundwater extraction, in the amount of \$168.00 per acre-foot. If adopted, the charge will become effective July 1, 2026.

Any interested person shall be permitted to present written testimony, oral testimony, or both at this public hearing. Written comments may be filed at any time prior to the conclusion of this public hearing. These comments should be addressed to the attention of the UVRGA Board of Directors (c/o Meiners Oaks Water District) at 202 W. El Roblar Dr., Ojai, CA 93023.

The data upon which the proposed fee is based is available for review at <https://uvrgroundwater.org/>

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Ventura River Water District Meeting Room, 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA 93023

Please visit <https://uvrgroundwater.org/> for the latest updates concerning the public hearing.

For additional information or if you require assistance in participating in this hearing, please contact Bryan Bondy, Executive Director, at bbondy@uvrgroundwater.org.

Publication Dates:

Ventura County Star: May 24, 2026 and May 31, 2026