

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
November 17, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members FROM: Scott Stiles, City Manager

I. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

A. Memorandum from Mr. Larry Dick and Mr. Bob McVicker of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) outlining monthly water usage data figures, an estimate of Tier 2 volume for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



Scott Stiles
City Manager



Memorandum

DATE: November 16, 2022
TO: Member Agencies – MWDOC Divisions Two & Three
FROM: Larry Dick, Director – Division Two
Bob McVicker, Director – Division Three
SUBJECT: Monthly Water Usage Data, Tier 2 Projection & Water Supply Information

The attached figures show the recent trend of water consumption in Orange County (OC), an estimate of Imported Water Sales for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.

- OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply ***OCWD Groundwater was the main supply in September.***
- Estimated OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in September ***2022 was well below average compared to the last 5 years.*** We are projecting a decrease in overall water usage compared to FY 2021-22. On July 8th 2021, state officials have ask California residents to voluntary reduce their water usage by 15% compared to 2020 levels.
- Historical OC Water Consumption Orange County M & I water consumption is ***projected to be 531,000 AF in FY 2022-23 (this includes ~11 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage).*** This is about ***15,000 AF less than FY 2021-22*** and is about ***29,000 AF less than FY 2020-21.*** Water usage per person is projected to be slightly lower in ***FY 2021-22 for Orange County at 150 gallons per day*** (This includes recycled water usage). Although OC population has increased 20% over the past two decades, water usage has not increased, on average. A long-term decrease in per-capita water usage is attributed mostly to Water Use Efficiency (water conservation) efforts. ***O.C. Water Usage has declined significantly since the FY 2013-14. Since FY 2013-14 average O.C. Annual Water usage is 535,000 AF, a decline of 86,500 AF since FY 2013-14.***

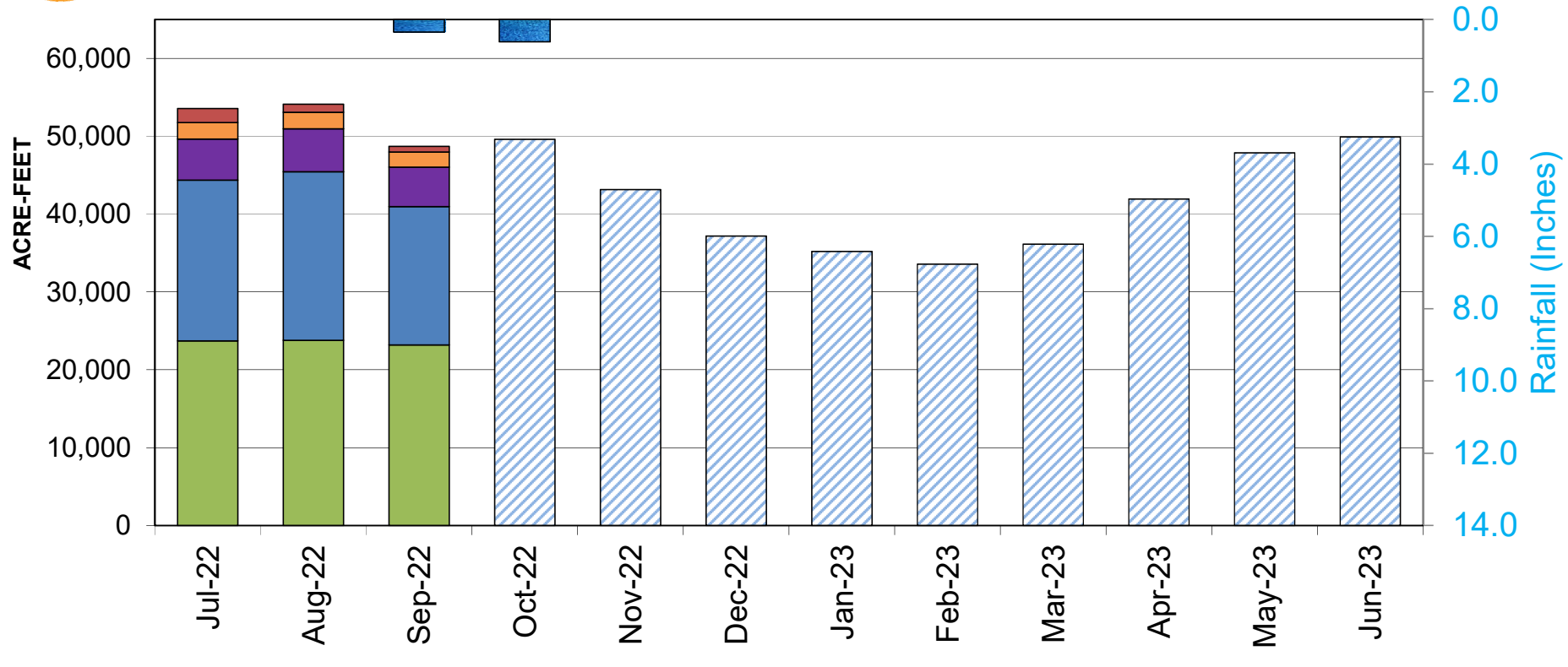
Water Supply Information Includes data on Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation, and regional storage volumes. The data have implications for the magnitude of supplies from the three watersheds that are the principal sources of water for OC. Note that a hydrologic year is Oct. 1st through Sept. 30th.

- Orange County's accumulated precipitation through **late October was above average** for this period. Water year to date rainfall in Orange County is **0.97 inches**, which is **176% of normal**.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation through **late October was 0.33% of normal for this period**. Water Year 2021 was 48% of normal while water year 2020 was 63% of normal. The **Northern California snowpack was 27% as April 1st, 2022. As of late October, 99.77%** of California is experiencing **moderate to severe drought conditions**. **43.06%** of California is experiencing **extreme to exceptional drought conditions**. The State Water Project Contractors Table A Allocation was decreased in March to 5% for WY 2022.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation through **late October was 83% of normal** for this period. The **Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 86% of normal** as of April 15th 2022. **Lake Mead and Lake Powell** combined have about **38.0% of their average storage volume** for this time of year and are at **26.4% of their total capacity**. For the first time on the Colorado River, Lake Mead's **levels have fallen below the "trigger" limit of 1,075 ft. at the end of a calendar year**. The US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has declared a shortage at Lake Mead, impacting Colorado River water deliveries to the Lower Basin states. Lake Mead as of early September was **28.72' BELOW the "trigger" limit**. The USBR has declared a **shortage on the Colorado River starting January 1st 2022. There is a 100% chance of shortage continuing in 2023, 93% in 2024, 100% in 2025 and 93% in 2026**. Lake Mead as of late September was **0.21' ABOVE the State of California "trigger" limit. There is a 0% chance of shortage for California in 2023, 77% in 2024 (-282 TAF), 71% in 2025 (-302 TAF) and 67% in 2026 (-293 TAF)**.



Fig. 1 OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply with projection to end of fiscal year

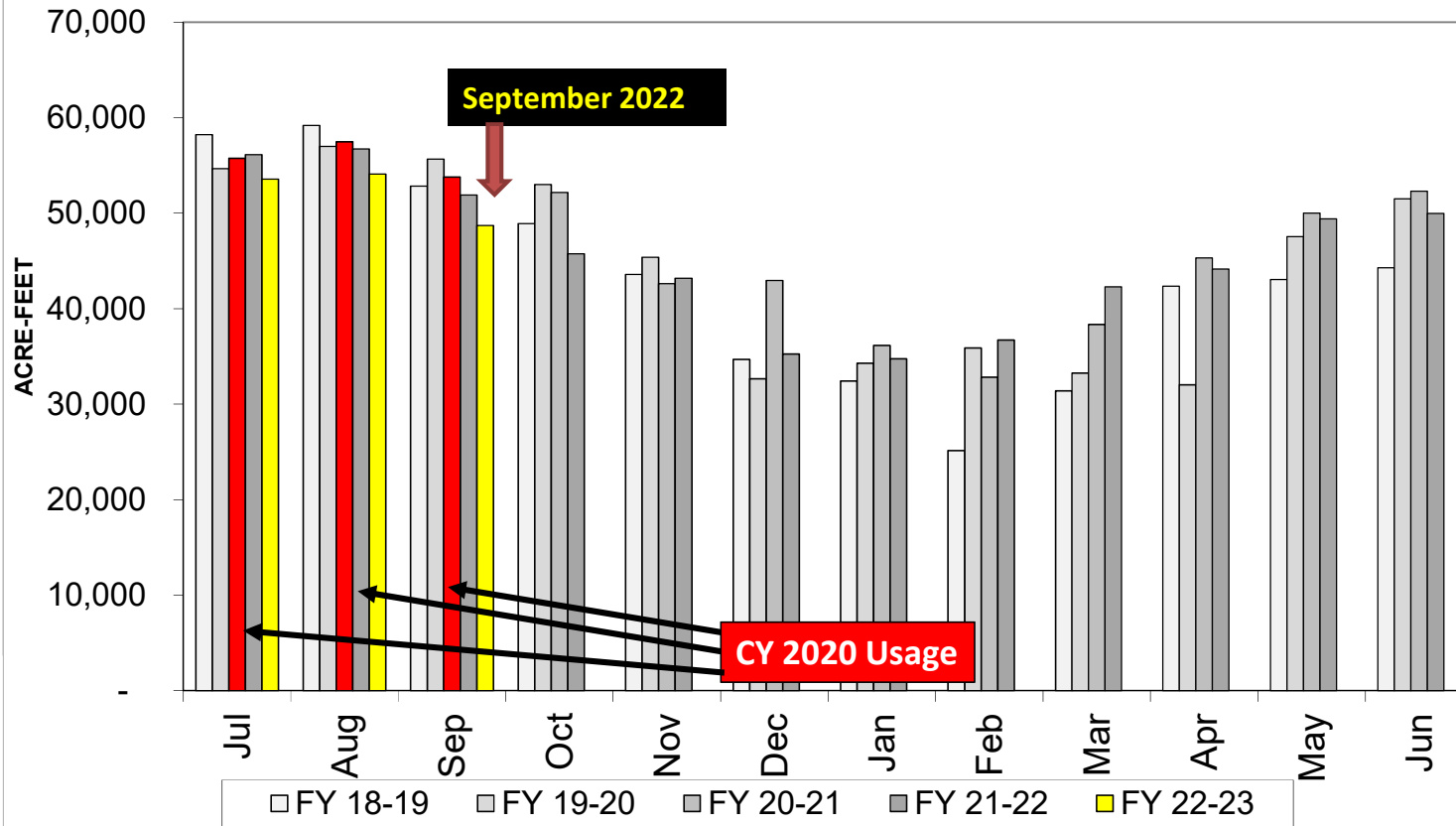
- Surface Water
- Recycled (Non Potable)
- Non-OCWD Groundwater
- Import [1]
- projected [3]
- OCWD Basin [2]
- Rainfall



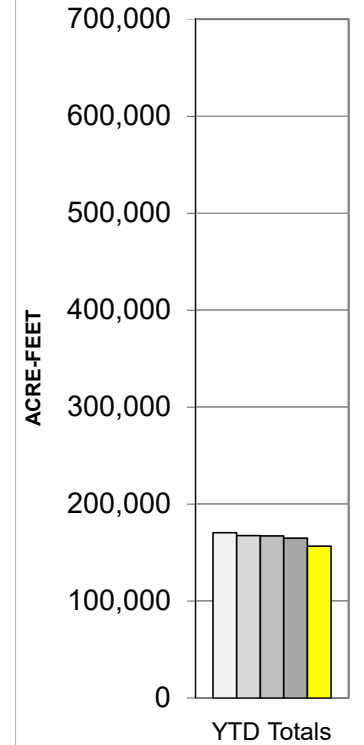
- [1] Imported water for consumptive use. Includes "In-Lieu" deliveries and CUP water extraction. Excludes "Direct Replenishment" deliveries of spreading water and deliveries into Irvine Lake.
- [2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '22-23 is 77%.
- [3] MWDOC's estimate of monthly demand is based on the projected 5 Year historical retail water demand and historical monthly demand patterns.
- [4] Total water usage includes IRWD groundwater agricultural use and usage by non-retail water agencies.



Fig. 2 OC Monthly Water Usage [1]: Comparison to Last 4 Fiscal Years

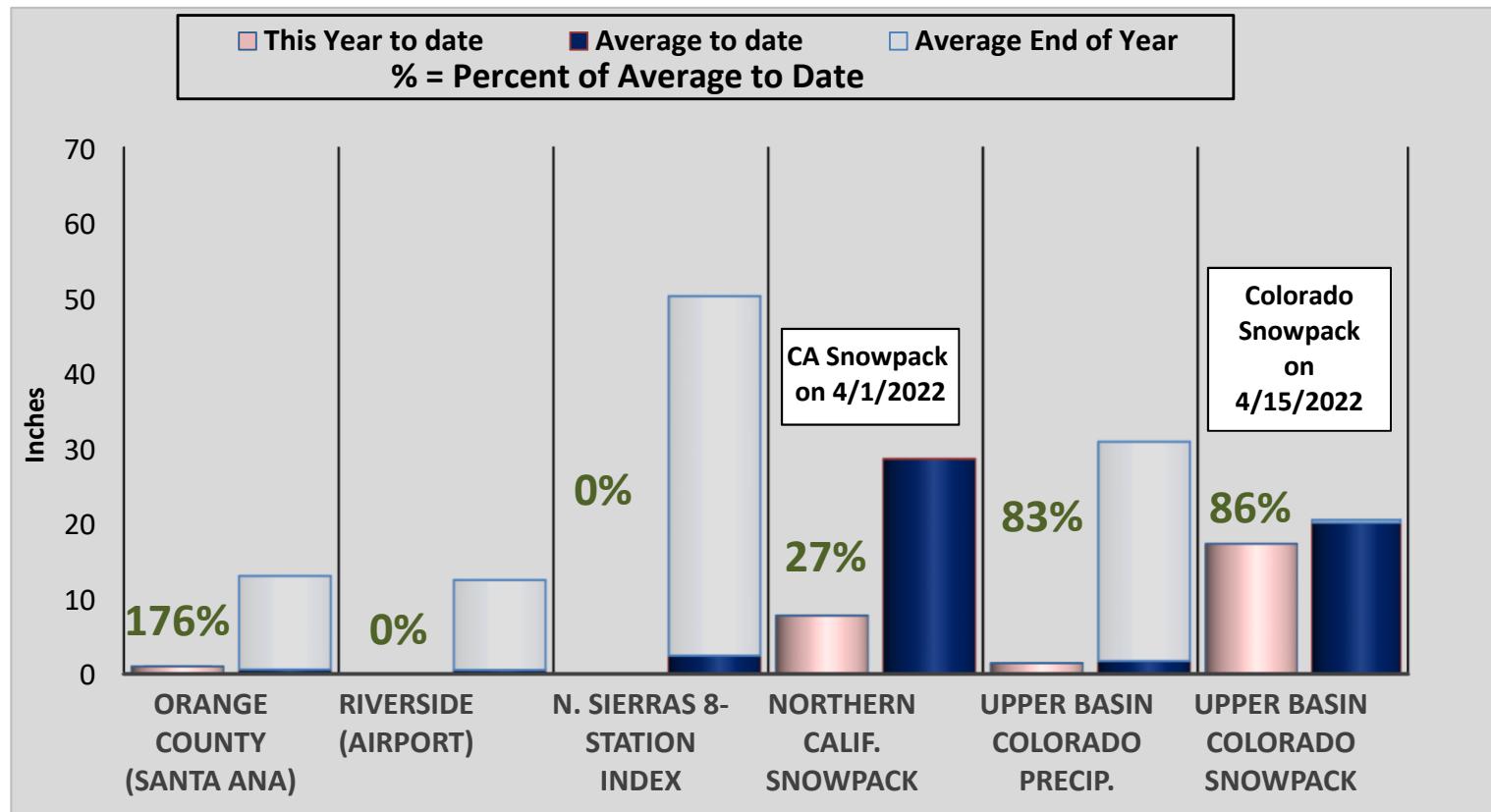


Partial Year Subtotals



[1] Sum of Imported water for consumptive use (includes "In-Lieu" deliveries; excludes "Direct Replenishment" and "Barrier Replenishment") and Local water for consumptive use (includes recycled and non-potable water and excludes GWRS production) Recent months numbers include some estimation.

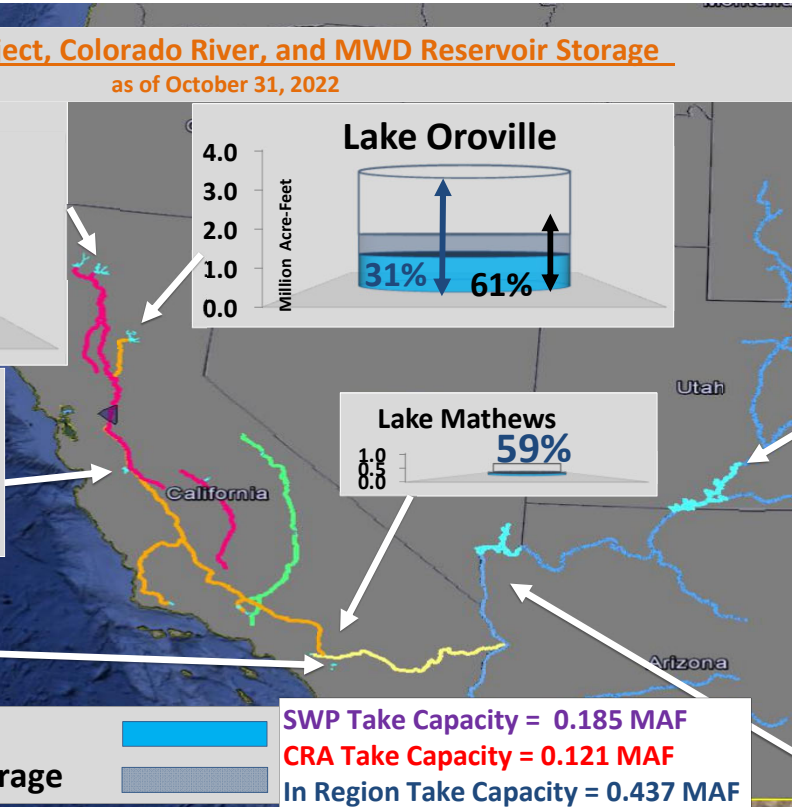
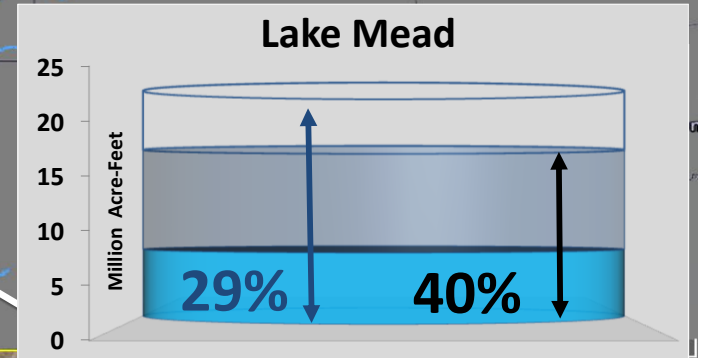
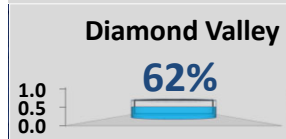
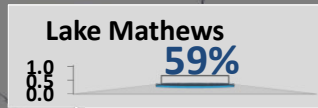
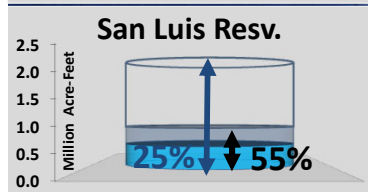
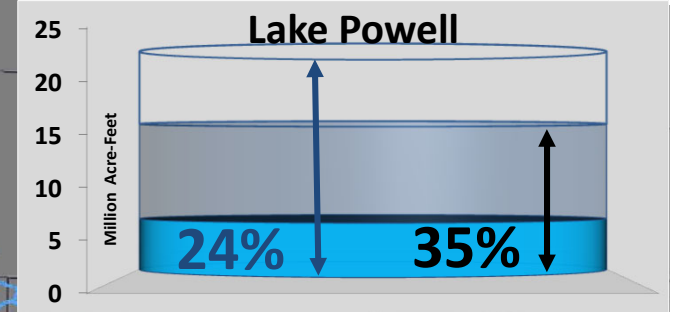
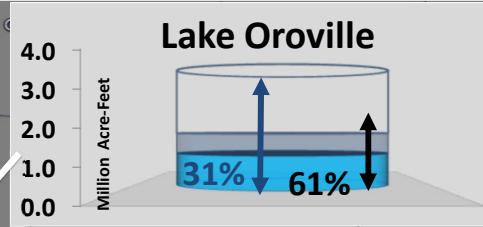
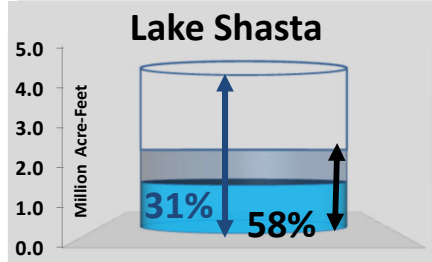
Accumulated Precipitation for the Oct.-Sep. water year, late of October 2022



* The date of maximum snowpack accumulation (April 1st in Northern Calif. , April 15th in the Upper Colorado Basin) is used for year to year comparison.

State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage

as of October 31, 2022



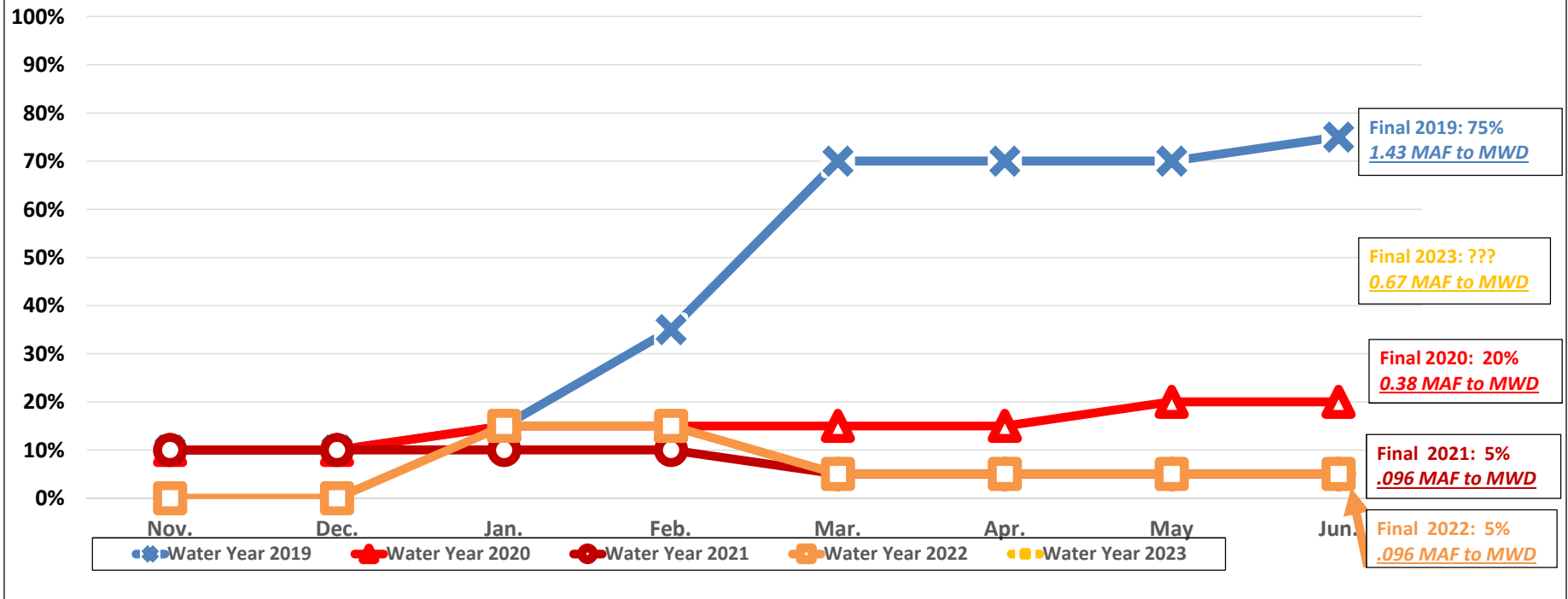
Reservoir Storage (Blue)
Historical Reservoir Storage (Grey)

SWP Take Capacity = 0.185 MAF
CRA Take Capacity = 0.121 MAF
In Region Take Capacity = 0.437 MAF

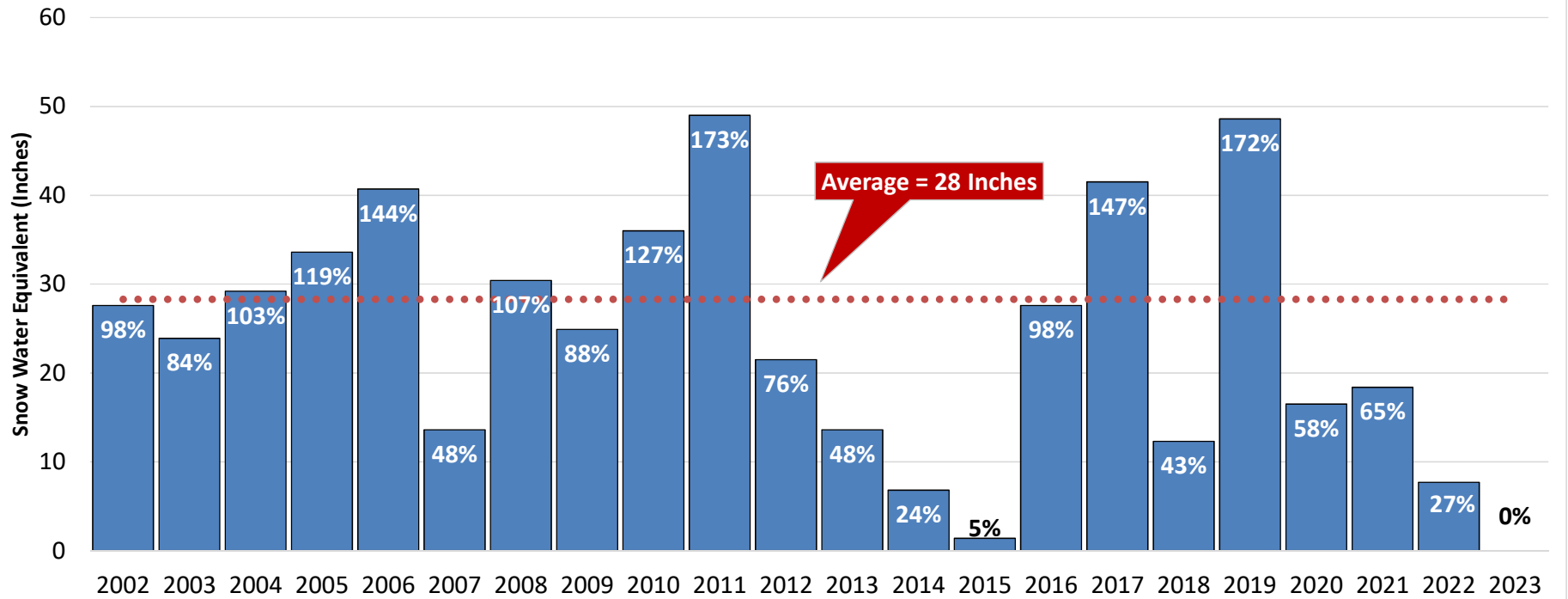


SWP TABLE A ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE

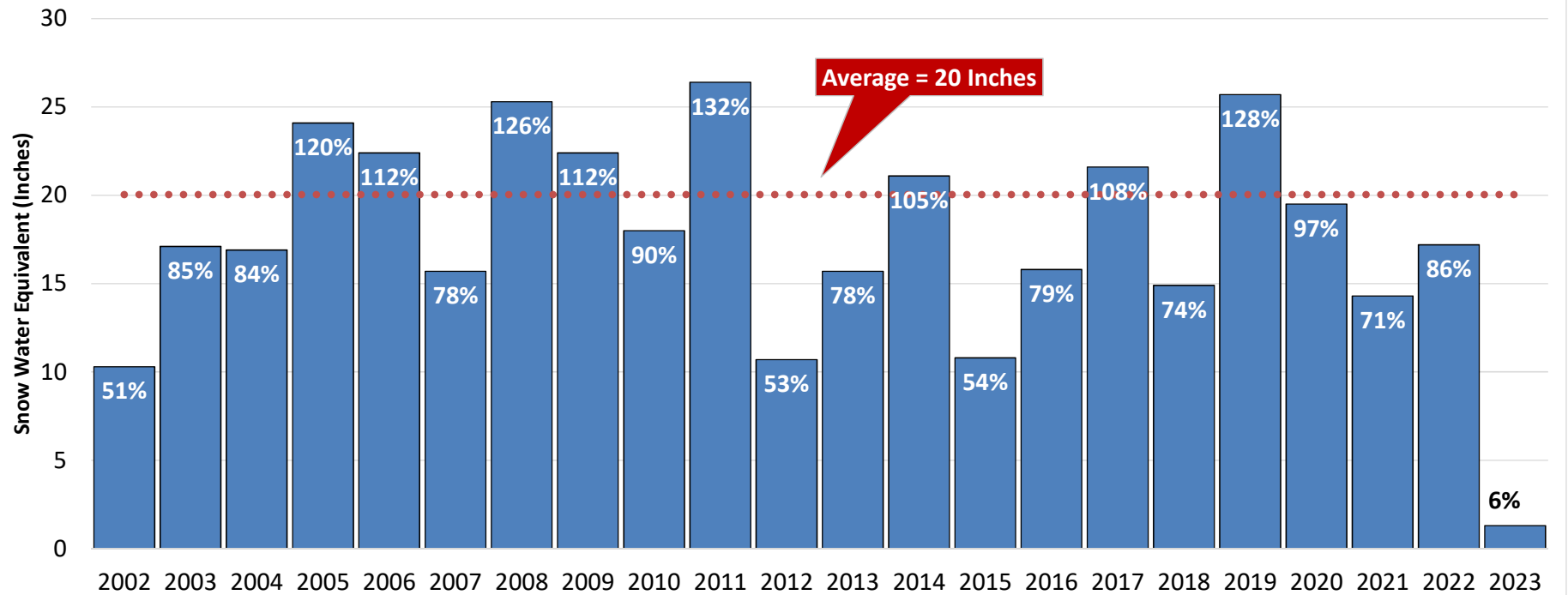
FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS



Historical Northern California April 1st Peak Snow Water Equivalent



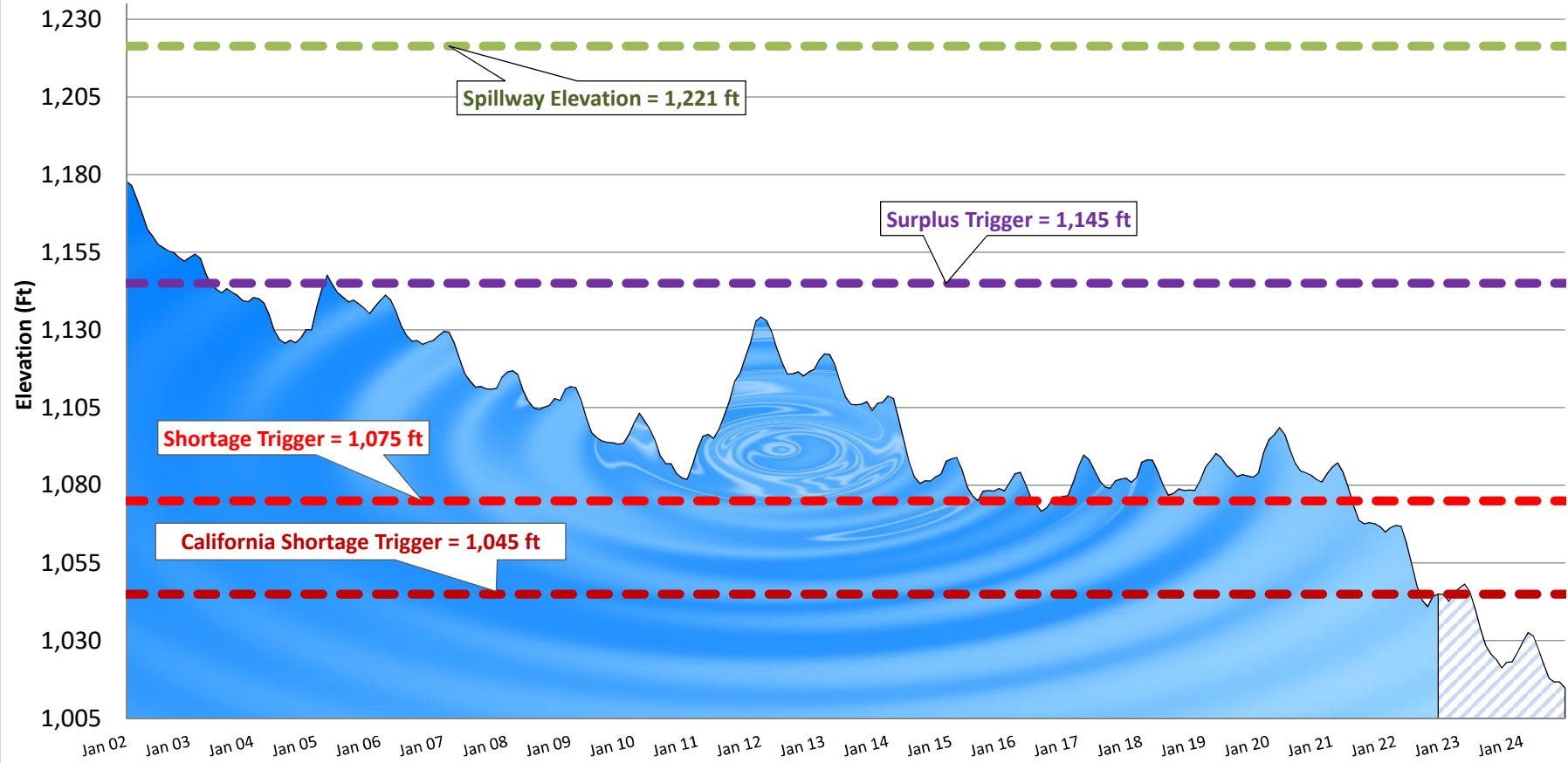
Historical Colorado Basin April 15th Peak Snow Water Equivalent



Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

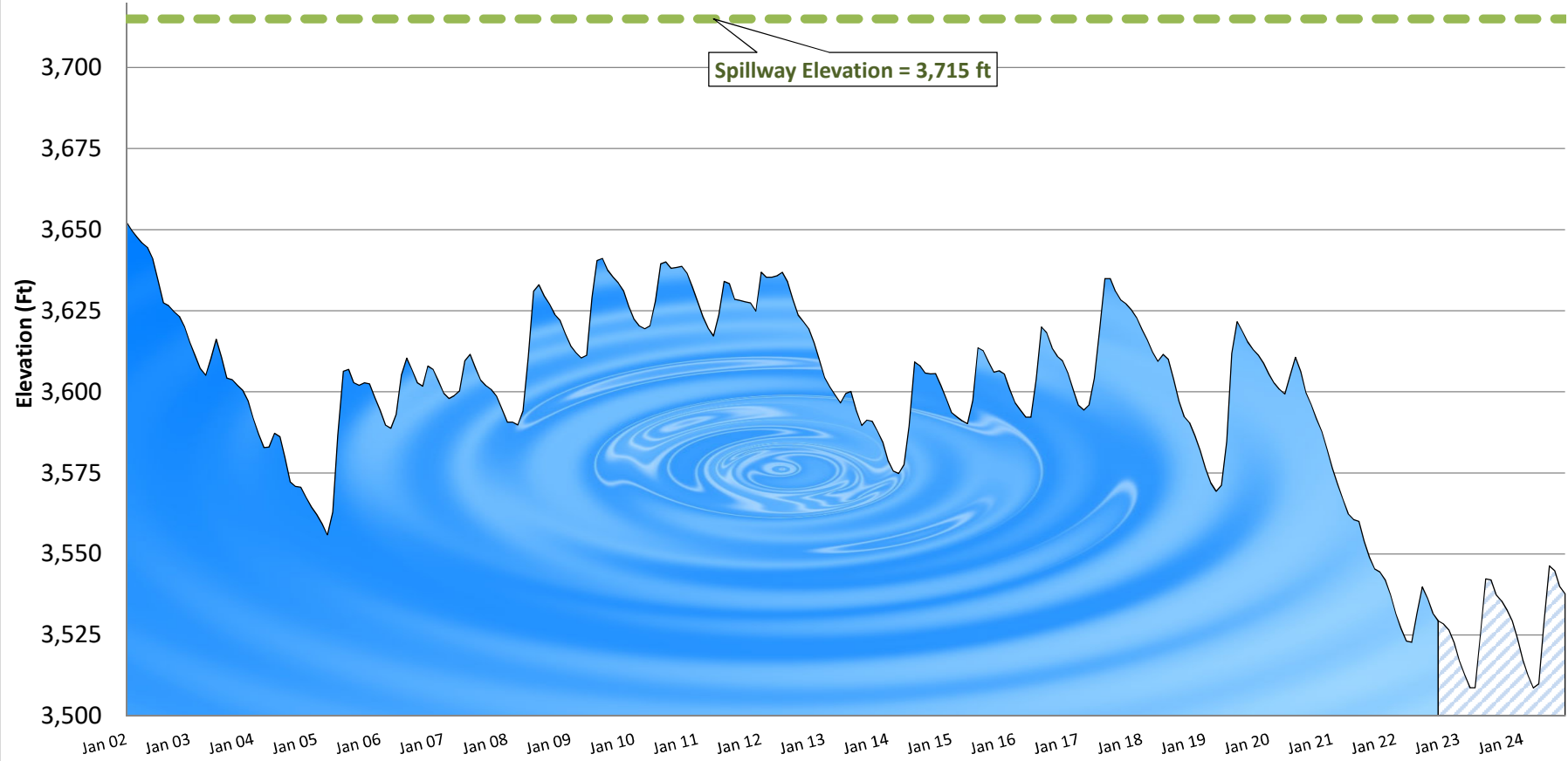


Projected
Historical

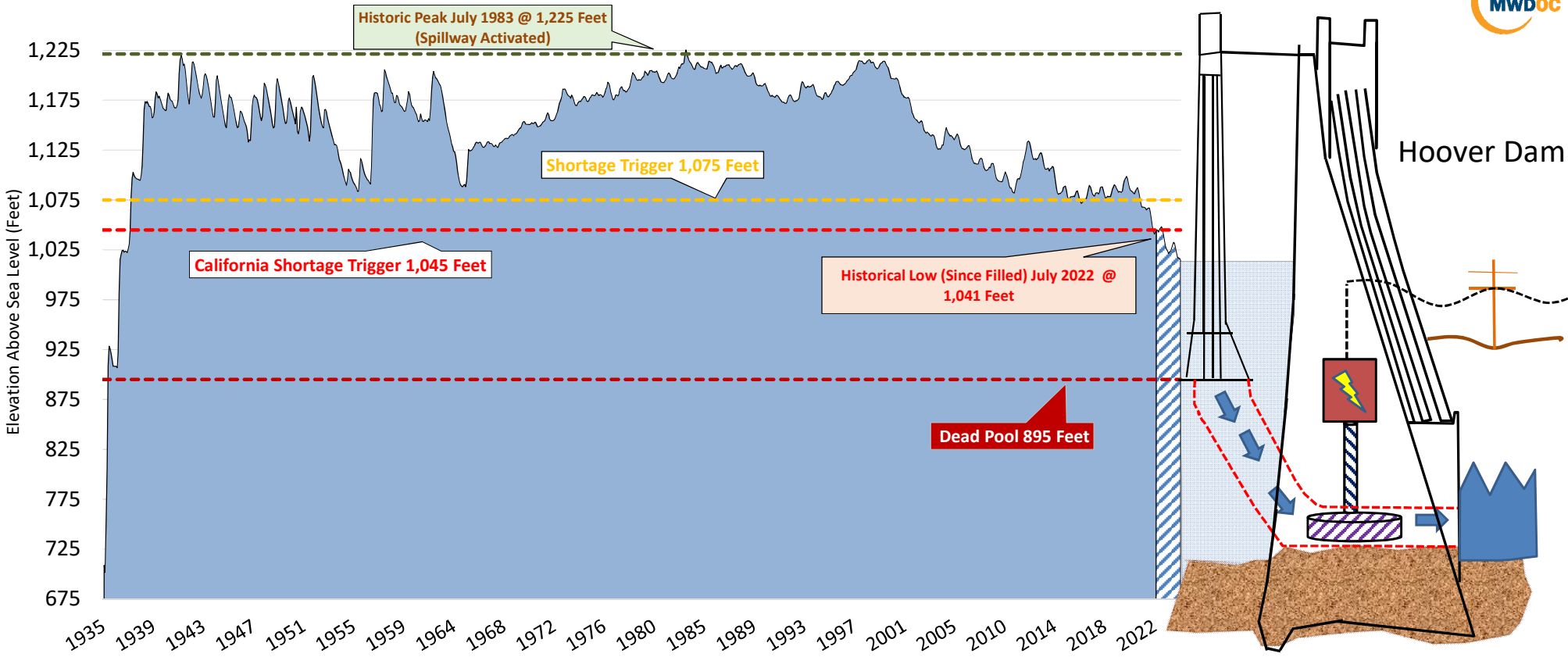


Lake Powell Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

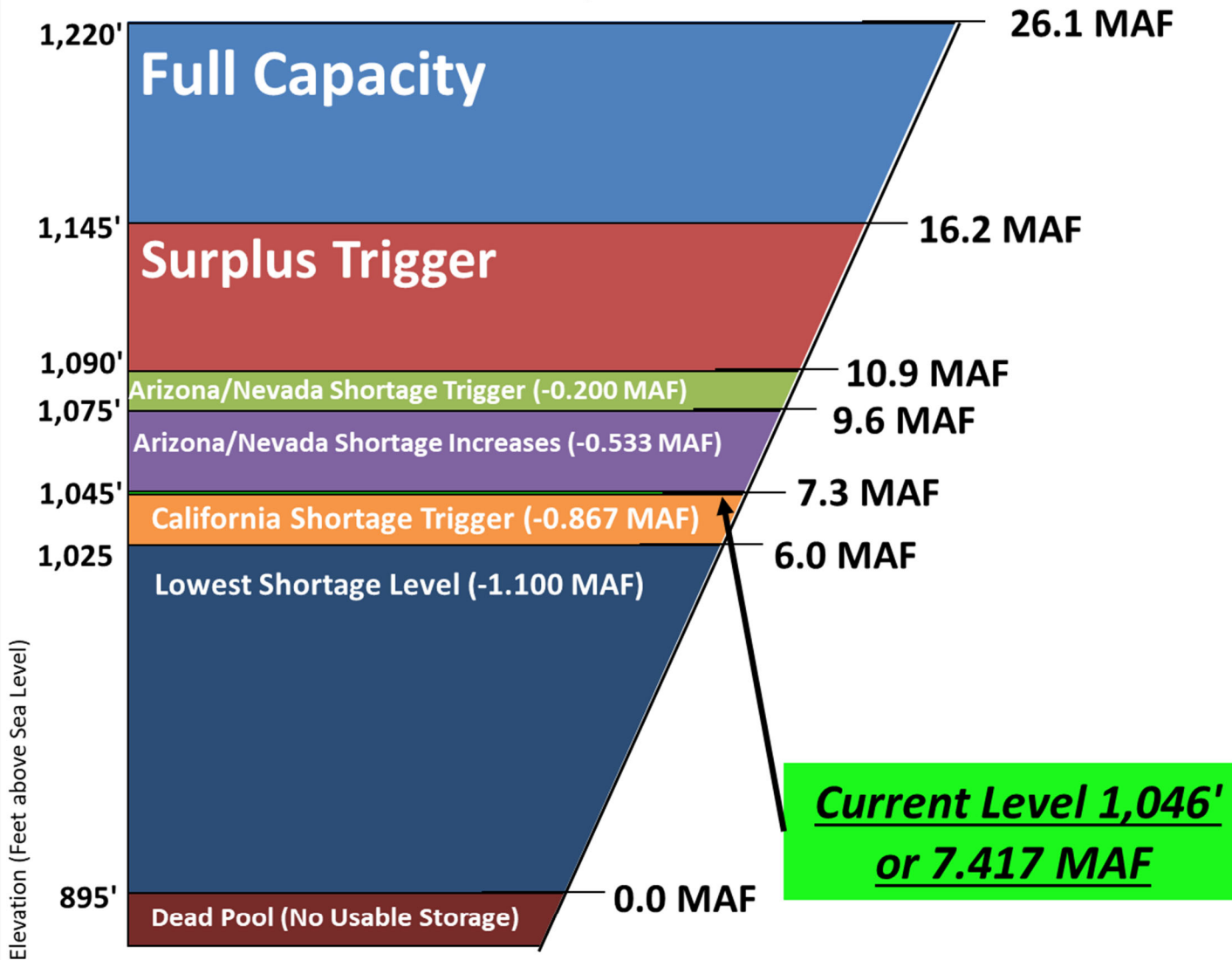
■ Historical □ Projected



Lake Mead Historical Water Elevation Level



Lake Mead Storage Level



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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

November 10, 2022 - November 16, 2022

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@CityGardenGrove
Wed 11/16/2022 12:19 pm PST

#GardenGrove Police Chief Tom DaRé is set to retire on December 31, 2022. **@GardenGrovePD** Learn more at...



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,605
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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Wed 11/16/2022 12:16 pm PST

#GardenGrove Police Chief Tom DaRé is set to retire on December 31, 2022. "It has been an honor and privilege like no othe..."



Impressions	1,621
Reach	1,512
Engagements	125
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.7%



Garden Grove City Hall
Wed 11/16/2022 12:13 pm PST

#GardenGrove Police Chief Tom DaRé is set to retire on December 31, 2022. "It has been an honor and privilege like no othe..."



Impressions	2,754
Reach	2,734
Engagements	324
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.8%



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Wed 11/16/2022 9:36 am PST

🐾 Yesterday, #GardenGrove Mayor and #GGUSD alum Steve Jones visited excited third grade scholars at Post Elementary...



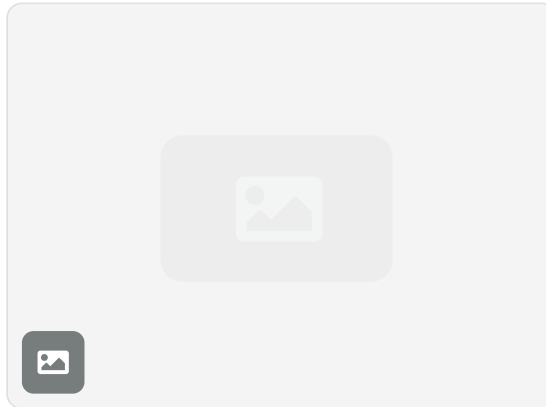
Impressions	1,462
Reach	1,180
Engagements	68
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 11/16/2022 9:35 am PST

🐾 Yesterday, #GardenGrove Mayor and #GGUSD alum Steve Jones visited excited third grade scholars at Post Elementary...



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 11/16/2022 9:24 am PST

🐾 Yesterday, #GardenGrove Mayor and #GGUSD alum Steve Jones visited excited third grade scholars at Post Elementary...



Impressions	835
Reach	810
Engagements	42
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 11/15/2022 5:10 pm PST

'Tis the season to take part in the annual Garden Grove Holiday Drive! 🎁 From now until 12/9, the City's family resource...

Impressions	128
Potential Reach	4,606
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%



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Tue 11/15/2022 5:10 pm PST

🎁 The #GardenGrove Holiday Drive is underway and the City's youth and family centers are seeking donations to bring j...



Impressions	1,103
Reach	1,024
Engagements	53
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 11/15/2022 5:10 pm PST

'Tis the season to take part in the annual Garden Grove Holiday Drive! 🎁 From now until Friday, December 9, the City's fami...

Impressions	461
Reach	448
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



@CityGardenGrove
Tue 11/15/2022 12:07 pm PST

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Garden Grove City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022, and Frid...



Impressions	112
Potential Reach	4,606
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.6%



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Tue 11/15/2022 12:05 pm PST

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Garden Grove City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022, and Frid...



Impressions	690
Reach	639
Engagements	23
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 11/15/2022 12:05 pm PST

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Garden Grove City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022, and Frid...



Impressions	772
Reach	751
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%



@CityGardenGrove
Mon 11/14/2022 9:47 am PST

✈ Residents are invited to attend the FAA's "OC Communities Virtual Public Info Workshop" tmrw & Thrs. Discussion topi...



Impressions	130
Potential Reach	4,608
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%



Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 11/14/2022 9:41 am PST

✈ Residents are invited to attend the Federal Aviation Administration's "Orange County Communities Virtual Public...



Impressions	755
Reach	746
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%



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Sat 11/12/2022 8:00 am PST

🎁 Final call to share your craft with thousands at Winter in the Grove! This is the last weekend to sign up to be a...



Impressions	2,650
Reach	1,925
Engagements	151
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 11/12/2022 8:00 am PST

📺 Final call to share your craft with thousands at Winter in the Grove! This is the last weekend to sign up to be a...



Impressions	11,200
Reach	10,781
Engagements	583
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 11/11/2022 4:00 pm PST

In honor of our Veterans, the Pacific Coast Exchange Club is hosting a Veterans Day Celebration tomorrow, November 12, fro...



Impressions	485
Reach	468
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%




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Fri 11/11/2022 12:00 pm PST


▶ youtube.com/watch?v=ALbFIK... "Freedom is Never Free," produced by @GardenGroveTV3, honors U.S. Veterans and their families. These brief accounts of their service remind us that freedom is never free. #gg1956 #gardengrove #VeteransDay SaluteOurHeroes

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	149
Potential Reach	4,609
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%


 **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Fri 11/11/2022 12:00 pm PST


[▶ youtube.com/watch?v=ALbFIK-NU_A](https://youtube.com/watch?v=ALbFIK-NU_A)
 "Freedom is Never Free," produced by Garden Grove TV 3, honors U.S. Veteran...


Freedom is Never Free




Post Link Clicks	3
Impressions	406
Reach	391
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%


 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Fri 11/11/2022 8:00 am PST


 We would like to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served, and thank them for the freedoms we enj...



Impressions	258
Potential Reach	4,720
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.5%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Fri 11/11/2022 8:00 am PST

 **HONORING OUR VETERANS** We honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served, and thank them for...




Impressions	681
Reach	631
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.3%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Fri 11/11/2022 8:00 am PST

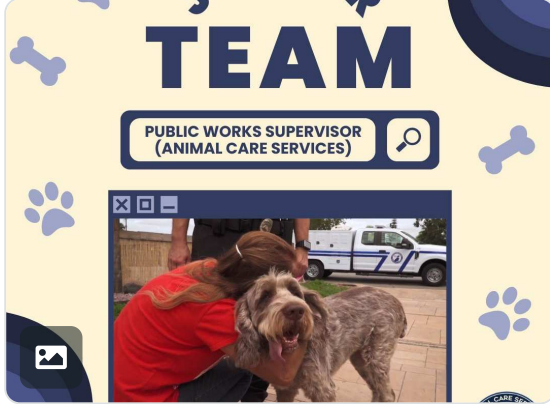
🇺🇸 HONORING OUR VETERANS We honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served, and thank them for...




Impressions	936
Reach	923
Engagements	39
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Thu 11/10/2022 6:00 pm PST

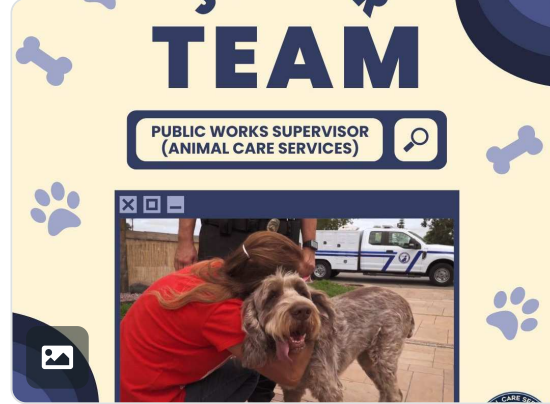
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR STARTING AT \$6,610/MONTH-Public Works is seeking a qualified individual who will be responsi...



Impressions	241
Potential Reach	4,608
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Thu 11/10/2022 6:00 pm PST

APPLY NOW PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR (ANIMAL CARE SERVICES PROGRAM) STARTING AT \$6,610/MONTH The Garden...



Impressions	1,459
Reach	1,357
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 11/10/2022 6:00 pm PST

APPLY NOW PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR
(ANIMAL CARE SERVICES PROGRAM)
STARTING AT \$6,610/MONTH The Garden...



Impressions	922
Reach	906
Engagements	35
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



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Thu 11/10/2022 4:00 pm PST

All aboard the Winter in the Grove Express
for stops at Snowtopia and the Fun Zone!
🎅 Take part in the holiday fun at the 5th...



Impressions	272
Potential Reach	5,913
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



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Thu 11/10/2022 3:48 pm PST

All aboard the Winter in the Grove Express
for stops at Snowtopia and the Fun Zone!
🎅 Take part in the holiday fun at the 5th...



Impressions	4,170
Reach	3,045
Engagements	303
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 11/10/2022 3:45 pm PST

All aboard the Winter in the Grove Express for stops at Snowtopia and the Fun Zone!
 🇺🇸 Take part in the holiday fun at the 5th...



Impressions	67,500
Reach	47,755
Engagements	10,398
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.4%



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Thu 11/10/2022 9:43 am PST

🇺🇸 In observance of **#VeteransDay**, City Hall & H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed 11/11. No street sweeping servic...



Impressions	155
Potential Reach	4,607
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



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Thu 11/10/2022 9:40 am PST

🇺🇸 In observance of the Veterans Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed...



Impressions	1,084
Reach	1,076
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	18



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 11/10/2022 9:36 am PST

🇺🇸 In observance of the #VeteransDay holiday, #GardenGrove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be close...



Impressions	646
Reach	623
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%




Post Performance

November 10, 2022 - November 16, 2022


Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

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 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Wed 11/16/2022 12:00 pm PST


The #holidays are just around the corner, and that means travel season is here. Did you know #GardenGrovePD offers FREE...




Impressions	1,631
Reach	1,599
Engagements	87
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.3%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Tue 11/15/2022 3:00 pm PST


Over the weekend, #GardenGrovePD Officers conducted high-visibility enforcement of reckless driving and stre...



Impressions	2,148
Reach	2,104
Engagements	240
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.2%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Mon 11/14/2022 5:30 pm PST

#GGPD32



Impressions	1,192
Reach	1,192
Engagements	137
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 11/11/2022 6:00 pm PST

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, actions, the spirit of men..." ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower Today, as we recognize and...



Video Views	604
Impressions	1,126
Reach	1,048
Engagements	212
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	18.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 11/11/2022 8:00 am PST

"May we never forget freedom, isn't free." On this #VeteransDay, we would like to say #ThankYouForYourService, to all tho...

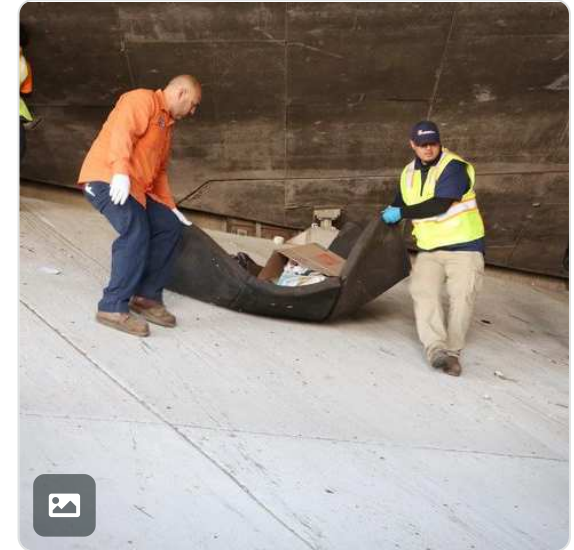


Impressions	2,005
Reach	1,943
Engagements	267
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 11/10/2022 6:01 pm PST



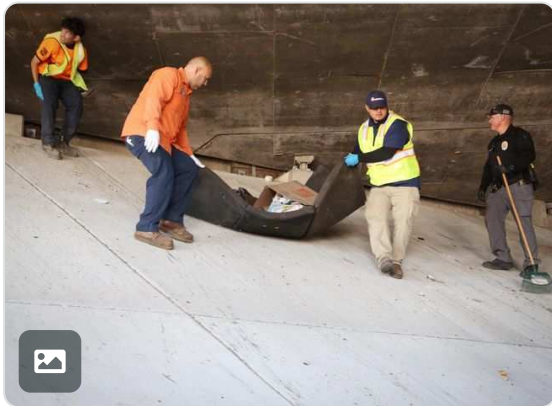
Impressions	3,412
Reach	3,319
Engagements	1,105
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	32.4%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 11/10/2022 6:01 pm PST

This morning, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) collaborated with Be Well OC, Garden Grove Public Works...



Impressions	3,559
Reach	3,423
Engagements	1,160
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	32.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 11/10/2022 9:00 am PST

It's the time of the year to reflect and count our blessings...we are #thankful for our #Records Division. They are one ...



Video Views	503
Impressions	1,110
Reach	1,053
Engagements	131
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.8%

WEEKLY MEMO 11-17-2022

NEWS ARTICLES

Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster plan to open a new homeless shelter

The future of an emergency cold-weather shelter in Santa Ana, meanwhile, is unclear.



Michael Wright of Wound Walk OC offers his services to a homeless man living adjacent to the 22 Freeway in Garden Grove on Friday, July 30, 2021. (Photo by Drew A. Kelley, Contributing Photographer)

By [ROXANA KOPETMAN](#) | rkopetman@scng.com | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: November 16, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. | UPDATED: November 16, 2022 at 8:01 a.m.

The cities of [Garden Grove](#), [Westminster](#) and [Fountain Valley](#) are working together to open a new shelter that offers emergency housing and services to those experiencing homelessness.

The planned Central Cities Navigation Center in Garden Grove is part of a tri-city agreement to create a new shelter with 85 beds in separate dorms for men, women and couples. The center will take in residents by referral from the three cities.

The facility is designed to include a full kitchen and laundry room, dining and outdoor lounge areas and lockers for personal items. It is expected to open by the end of 2023.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the [Garden Grove City Council](#) was scheduled to approve a memorandum of understanding with Orange County that will have the county

committing \$11.55 million for the center: \$5.3 million toward its construction and another \$625,000 annually in the first decade to operate it. In recent weeks, Westminster and Fountain Valley officials approved other agreements for the purchase and operation of the center.

“We want to be able to provide a reliable set of beds to our homeless population and provide them with pathways toward permanent housing, income and health care,” said Omar Dadabhoy, Fountain Valley’s deputy city manager.

Meanwhile, Orange County spokeswoman Molly Nichelson said Tuesday that county officials are “diligently exploring options” to operate a cold weather shelter at the National Guard Armory in Santa Ana “in compliance with Judge Carter’s ruling.”

Federal Judge David O. Carter recently ruled that Orange County can open a temporary shelter at the [Santa Ana](#) Armory location when the temperatures drop. But county officials said during that Oct. 21 court hearing that it had not been able to find a provider for such a shelter, according to Santa Ana officials who were at the hearing.

Carter’s latest ruling was disappointing to Santa Ana’s leaders, who only a few days earlier were [hailing an earlier directive from Carter that had stopped the county](#) from opening a temporary shelter at a Salvation Army site in the city.

“Although I have tremendous respect for the Court, the drastic reversal by Judge Carter to allow the County of Orange to force yet another homeless shelter on the people of Santa Ana is a slap in the face of our community,” Mayor Vicente Sarmiento said in a statement at the time.

“The City and people of Santa Ana shouldn’t have to take on this responsibility and the impacts to our streets, neighborhoods and businesses time and again, while more affluent cities do nothing,” Sarmiento said.

Santa Ana officials have repeatedly argued that their city is disproportionately caring for the county’s homeless, and they want to see other cities do their fair share to help the unhoused.

“As we stated in court, we don’t believe the Armory is a good location for a cold weather location nor is it necessary because we have beds for homeless in Santa Ana,” city spokesman Paul Eakins said Tuesday.

“We would like to see other parts of the county provide shelter beds, especially in South County,” Eakins said.

While that plays out in Santa Ana, the cities of Garden Grove, Westminster and Fountain Valley are planning a new shelter.

Garden Grove's purchase of the land is now complete and requests for proposals from service providers who want to run the future center is due Thursday, Nov. 17, Garden Grove spokeswoman Ana Pulido said in an email.

In January, the bidding process will open to companies looking to build the facility at 13871 West St.

The new navigation center not only will offer housing but also help those experiencing homelessness with one-on-one case management, mental health services, substance use counseling and outpatient health and education services, as well as help in finding jobs and developing other life skills.

Residents who have questions or concerns can learn more at an [informational meeting](#) scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Fountain Valley's Recreation Center at 16400 Brookhurst St.

Chief Tom DaRé to retire

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON NOVEMBER 16, 2022 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



GARDEN GROVE Police Chief Tom DaRé (GGPD photo).

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Scott Stiles' western journey

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



SCOTT STILES, Garden Grove's city manager (Tribune photo).

By **Jim Tortolano**/Orange County Tribune

His dream was to become a sports writer for The Minneapolis Tribune. But he took another path that led him out of the snowy upper Midwest to the sunny Pacific Coast, from watching football games to watching over a city of 175,000 people.

Scott Stiles, 64, has for the last seven years been the city manager of Garden Grove, through a pandemic that sparked a severe economic slump, a surge in political protest and a return to relative normality.

“Can you imagine loading up your covered wagon and heading out west to relocate your family,” said Mayor Steve Jones, tongue in cheek. “Well, that’s exactly what Scott Stiles did about seven years ago and within a very short period of time, he built relationships and gained the trust of the entire community.”



SCOTT STILES addresses the audience at a Garden Grove Neighborhood Association meeting in 2018 (Tribune photo).

Once Stiles set aside his ambition to be an ink-stained wretch, he began studying city planning and embarked on a career that led him to become the assistant city manager of Cincinnati and – for a time – the interim city manager of that metropolis of over 300,000 people.

His 2,168.8-mile sojourn to the City of Youth and Ambition started as a surprise. “A guy called me out of the blue about the job in Garden Grove,” he recalled. “I wanted to be a city manager. Our two daughters were 11 and 9 at the time, and my wife Kelly said, ‘If this is what you want to do, let’s go on an adventure.’”

The city council here, he found, was looking for someone “from the outside,” and Stiles was chosen, covered wagon and all.

Upon arriving he said, “I knew we needed to stabilize things first. There was a lot of nervousness about me. Was I going to come in and fire a bunch of people?”

There was much about Garden Grove that impressed him, but some eyesores stuck out, such as the hated “rusty skeleton” on Garden Grove Boulevard.

“I told people that if I didn’t get anything else done, I would get that done,” he said. Now the eight-story Garden Brook Senior Village is welcoming its first occupants and looks to be an attractive anchor for the booming Brookhurst Triangle area.

Without taking credit for all the improvements – he always gives kudos to staff and the city council – he is able to point to some significant progress over the last seven years including a one-cent sales tax that stabilized the city treasury and funded a major expansion of the police department, the SteelCraft urban eatery, progress in the hotel corridor with three new major hotels soon to break ground, the prospect of the unique Cottage Industries project near the Civic Center and the planned Navigation Center to address homelessness.

The pandemic was a trial for everyone, and especially for city workers. “We have just a fantastic group of employees. They will run through a brick wall for this community,” Stiles said.

There are still challenges to meet and he has no plans to retire any time soon. “I’ve got to work for a while,” he said. “I’ve got a lot of bills to pay.” Spoken like a dad with two daughters to put through college.

Like all wise city managers, he likes to call the city council members his “boss.” But Jones – whose tenure as mayor mostly matches Stiles term – has a different outlook.

“It has been a blessing and an honor serving together under Scott’s leadership as our city manager.”

And how many sports writers get called a blessing?

\$11.55 mill more for Nav Ctr.

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



THE NAVIGATION CENTER in Huntington Beach (City of HB).

An agreement with the County of Orange that will bring \$11.55 million in funding for the Central Cities Navigation Center for the unsheltered was approved by the Garden Grove City Council Tuesday night.

The council voted 7-0 for the pact to help fund the establishment and operation of the facility, to be located in Garden Grove and jointly operated with Fountain Valley and Westminster.

In addition to providing shelter for homeless persons, the center will also provide drug counseling, mental health and employment services.

Also Tuesday night, the council approved a final tract map for the second phase of a residential development at the northwest corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street.

City Manager Scott Stiles told the council that Police Chief Tom DaRe would be retiring from that post effective Dec. 31. He started in the most in 2019.

2 public hearings at planners

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON NOVEMBER 10, 2022 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



GARDEN GROVE Planning Commission will meet on Nov 17 to conduct two public hearings (Shutterstock).

Two public hearings are scheduled for next week's meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission.

One is a request for a site plan to construct six three-story multi-family residential units on the south side of Stanford Avenue at 12771 Lorna St.

The second is a request for a site plan and tentative tract map to build a 20-unit three-story townhome project on the south side of Garden Grove Boulevard, between Newland Street and Yockey Street.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.



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Wednesday, November 16, 2022



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Monday, November 14, 2022

CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING ON THANKSGIVING

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022, and on Friday, November 25, 2022. No street sweeping services will be provided on Thursday, November 24, 2022. Street sweeping services will resume on Friday, November 25, 2022. Thursday trash pick-ups will be delayed by one day on Thursday, November 24, 2022.

The regular Garden Grove City Council, Successor Agency, Sanitary District, and Housing Authority meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2022, are canceled. The next scheduled Garden Grove City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in the City Council Chamber, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue. For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at (714) 741-5040.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375. For more information on trash pickup, please visit republicservices.com/municipality/garden-grove-ca.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

November 17, 2022

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the November 24, 2022 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Agenda for the November 17, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from November 11, 2022 to November 17, 2022.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 17, 2022 – December 22, 2022

Thursday	November 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	November 18		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday	November 24		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Day
		9:00 a.m.	Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	November 25		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday	December 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	December 2		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	December 3	3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	5 th Annual Winter in the Grove Event, Village Green Park, 12732 Main St.
Monday	December 5	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, CMC
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, November 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: November 17, 2022

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

November 17, 2022 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

COVID-19 Information: Masks are not required, however, the public is encouraged to wear face masks in City facilities. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or have other flu-like symptoms.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

Documents/Writings: Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Public Comments: Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: CHAIR RAMIREZ, VICE CHAIR LINDSAY
COMMISSIONERS ARESTEGUI, CUNNINGHAM, LEHMAN, PEREZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 1, 2022
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. SITE PLAN NO. SP-117-2022

APPLICANT: ZBT GROUP

LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE OF STANFORD AVENUE, WEST OF LORNA STREET, AT 12771 LORNA STREET

REQUEST: Site Plan approval to construct six (6) three-story, multi-family residential units with two-car garages on a 16,329 square foot lot currently improved with a two-story, single-family dwelling, a detached second unit, and a detached garage. Also, minor land deviation to exceed the required number of bathrooms and allow an additional half-bath on units 1, 3, 4, and 6. The site is in the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone. The project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-117-2022, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

C.2. SITE PLAN NO. SP-119-2022
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-19129

APPLICANT: NRI PORTFOLIOS, LLC

LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN NEWLAND STREET AND YOCKEY STREET, AT 8722 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

REQUEST: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a three-story, townhome residential project consisting of twenty (20) units, which includes one (1) affordable housing unit for “very low-income” households on a 36,945 square-foot (0.85 acres) site currently improved with a vacant auto dealership. Pursuant to the State Density Bonus law, the applicant is requesting one (1) concession and one (1) waiver from the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 2) zone development standards: (1) a concession to allow the building to be constructed within the 45-degree encroachment plane required for mixed use zoned properties abutting residentially zoned lots along the side yard setback; and

(2) a waiver to deviate from the requirement of a boulevard garden plaza for properties in the GGMU zones for properties abutting the Garden Grove Boulevard right-of-way. In accordance with the State Subdivision Map Act, the applicant is also requesting approval of a Tentative Tract Map to subdivide the existing property into two (2) lots for the purpose of selling each townhome unit as a condominium. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-119-2022 and Tentative Tract Map No. TT-19129, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT



Revised retired annuitant regulations address cities' key concerns, but more flexibility is needed

Nov 16, 2022

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) is considering revised regulations that would limit the type of work certain retirees can do for public agencies. The previously proposed versions generated significant concern about the ability of public agencies to fill highly technical or seasonal roles.

The changes came after the League of California Cities requested several clarifying amendments and greater flexibility [via a comment letter](#) and [encouraged cities](#) to submit their own comments.

The proposed regulations specifically seek to define the term “limited duration” for “extra help” positions. Extra help positions are a type of “[retired annuitant](#)” appointment, which allow CalPERS retirees to perform part-time, specialized work at public agencies without losing their pensions. The revised regulations were approved for consideration by the CalPERS Pension and Health Benefits Committee on Nov. 15. The 15-day comment period is expected to open shortly, most likely in early December. A detailed explanation of the changes, along with links to additional resources, is below. To provide feedback on the newest version of the regulations, please contact [Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Johnnie Pina](#).

[What specific amendments did Cal Cities secure?](#)

The revised regulations address many of Cal Cities' key concerns. Cal Cities specifically recommended that the regulations be amended to clarify that retirees may be appointed to extra help positions by their former

employer for work that is substantially similar to work they performed for that employer before retirement.

This amendment — which was adopted by CalPERS — is critical, as many cities rely on extra help positions to provide seasonal or specialized help. The original regulations were unclear and overly restrictive, which would have created serious staffing problems for cities.

Cal Cities also recommended that the regulations be amended to clarify the process for appointment extensions, allow extensions to be non-consecutive, and remove the requirement that extensions be placed on the consent calendar portion of a public meeting agenda. All three recommendations were accepted.

[What else is Cal Cities seeking and what can cities do?](#)

The updated regulations would still restrict employers from granting retirees an extension beyond 48 months if the request is not submitted within 12 months of that original 48 months. Cal Cities' [proposed amendments](#) would retain the existing extension structure but allow for reasonable flexibility that is consistent with the staffing demands of cities.

If a retiree is needed for even a very short time after their original appointment has elapsed, they would not be granted an extension, even if the initial appointment was for a short amount of time. Additional amendments would give public agencies — particularly those in rural areas or working on highly technical projects — the flexibility needed to best serve their communities.

While these additional amendments would be ideal, the updated regulations are still much better than the previous version. Cal Cities will submit a comment letter requesting maximum flexibility when the comment period opens in early December and will also notify cities that the comment period is open.

CalPERS provided a detailed explanation of the proposed regulations in a recent [Cal Cities webinar](#). For additional information, please refer to [CalPERS Pension and Health Benefits Committee report](#), [revised regulatory text](#), [original regulatory text](#), [public comments \(part one\)](#), [public comments \(part two\)](#), and [public comments \(part three\)](#).

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Guide to Local Recovery Update: Nov. 16

Nov 16, 2022

Policy experts and federal administrators are celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act with a slew of new recovery resources. The Local Infrastructure Hub is holding a webinar on workforce development opportunities and the Federal Communications Commission has launched a complimentary outreach program for its popular Affordable Connectivity Program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and National League of Cities have also released new recovery resources and guidance.

Historic federal infrastructure package delivers \$16.3 billion to California to-date

To date, the federal government has announced \$185 billion in Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act funding, including \$16.3 billion for California. Notably, the spending package has already connected 1.75 million California households with affordable, high-speed internet — a longstanding Cal Cities priority.

According to Gov. Gavin Newsom, the federal infrastructure package, together with a \$47 billion infrastructure commitment from the state, has created [over 17,000 new jobs](#). More information about the [impact of the federal infrastructure package](#) on California, including notable projects, is available online.

[Local Infrastructure Hub highlights workforce development grant opportunities for cities](#)

The [Local Infrastructure Hub](#) — a national partnership between the National League of Cities (NLC) and other organizations — will hold a Nov. 29 webinar on how cities can tap into the federal infrastructure law for [workforce development](#) programs. During this session, experts and mayors from across the country will share critical insights on successful workforce programs, best practices, and partnerships that can drive effective workforce strategies at the local level.

A [2022 NLC report](#) found that American cities will face a shortage of qualified workers for good jobs and that many of today's economic practices are unsustainable. That same report found that the future of work will be defined by city leaders.

[FCC unveils new grant to boost participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program](#)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has launched a complimentary outreach program for its [Affordable Connectivity Program](#). The popular program provides low-income households with ongoing discounts on home internet and a one-time discount for connected devices. Although many cities have used the program to increase access to broadband internet, only [27% of the state's qualified households](#) are enrolled. In response, the FCC's [Outreach Grant Program](#) provides a range of organizations, including local governments, with the funding and resources needed to increase awareness of, and participation in, the Affordable Connectivity Program. The deadline to apply is Jan. 9, 2023. Funds will be awarded on or before March 10.

[NLC to hold webinars on procurement resources and ARPA housing funding](#)

The National League of Cities (NLC) will hold two recovery webinars in early December. The Dec. 5 webinar will review [procurement](#) regulations and ethical standards, different types of procurement methods, and how city leaders can support procurement efforts. Speakers will also review available tools and resources, including free courses, research publications, cooperative contracts, and more.

The Dec. 8 webinar will focus on how cities can use their State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act for investments in [affordable housing production, preservation, and housing stability](#). The webinar will cover recent updates to the program's guidance and will be followed by a brief Q&A.

[Hazard mitigation sub-applications due Dec. 2](#)

Sub-applications for the annual [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC) program are due Dec. 2. The program — which helps local governments address future risks to natural disasters — received \$1 billion in extra funding through the federal infrastructure package.

The increased funding allowed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to increase [its direct technical assistance program](#).

Additionally, FEMA no longer requires economically disadvantaged and/or rural communities to submit a cost-benefit analysis when they apply for BRIC funding. This was one of the most common barriers to a successful application.

The sub-application is open to cities that submitted an approved notice of interest to [Cal OES](#).

[EPA releases guidance for FY22 Water Infrastructure Community Grants](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released [implementation guidance](#) for communities that received Congressionally directed funding for water infrastructure projects through fiscal year 2022 appropriations.

The guidance outlines the requirements recipients must meet to receive Water Infrastructure Community Grants funding and how to apply online through [grants.gov](#). These projects provide a valuable source of federal funding for water infrastructure that can complement the resources provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

City officials looking for additional information about the American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, or additional recovery tools can visit the [Cal Cities Guide to Local Recovery portal](#).



Cal Cities Legislative Report highlights major legislative wins

Nov 16, 2022

The League of California Cities released its [2022 Legislative Report](#) this week. The annual publication includes information about Cal Cities' major accomplishments and setbacks, as well as the most significant new laws for cities to review. In total, Cal Cities tracked 1,430 bills introduced this year — two-thirds (61%) of all bills introduced.

Lawmakers returned to Sacramento this year with a historic economic tailwind. Pandemic restrictions were easing, unemployment was down, and the state budget was set to be the largest ever. However, the state's rosy revenue forecast has more recently been balanced by record inflation rates, ongoing global supply chain disruptions, labor force challenges, and the war in Ukraine.

This past year in the Legislature, lawmakers competed to ensure that their priorities were reflected in the legislative agenda and the state budget before the 2022 midterms and an unexpected wave of early retirements.

Through it all, Cal Cities was vigilant in fighting for the best interests of cities.

Cal Cities secured many key wins, including significant funding that will spur affordable housing, reduce homelessness, and implement organic waste regulations. Cal Cities also protected local transportation projects, safeguarded current funding streams that cities use for critical services, and fought back against regulations that add an extra layer of unnecessary bureaucracy.

The full report is [available online](#) at no cost to members. For additional information, please view the [Special Briefing on the 2022 Legislative Report and New Laws Impacting Cities](#) or related [webinar slides](#).