

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
December 19, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

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

A. MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)

Memorandum from Harvey De La Torre of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) outlining monthly water usage data and 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.



Lisa Kim
City Manager



Item No.

INFORMATION ITEM
December 11, 2024

TO: Administration & Finance Committee
(Directors Crane, Dick, Thomas)

FROM: Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Staff Contact: Kevin Hostert

SUBJECT: Monthly Water Usage Data and Water Supply Info.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Administration & Finance Committee receive and file this information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

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

- OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply **OCWD Groundwater was the main supply in October.**
- Estimated OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in October **2024 was slightly Below average compared to the last 5 years.** We are projecting an increase in overall water usage compared to FY 2023-24. On March 24th 2023, state officials eased back drought emergency provisions that were in place since July 2021.
- Historical OC Water Consumption Orange County M & I projected water consumption is **514,000 AF for FY 2024-25** (this includes ~7 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage). This is about **40,500 AF more than FY 2023-24** and is about **34,000 AF more than FY 2022-23**. Water usage per person is projected to be slightly lower in **FY 2024-25 for Orange County at 145 gallons per day** (This includes recycled water usage). Although OC population has increased

Budgeted (Y/N): N	Budgeted amount: N/A	Core <u>X</u>	Choice <u>__</u>
Action item amount: N/A		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

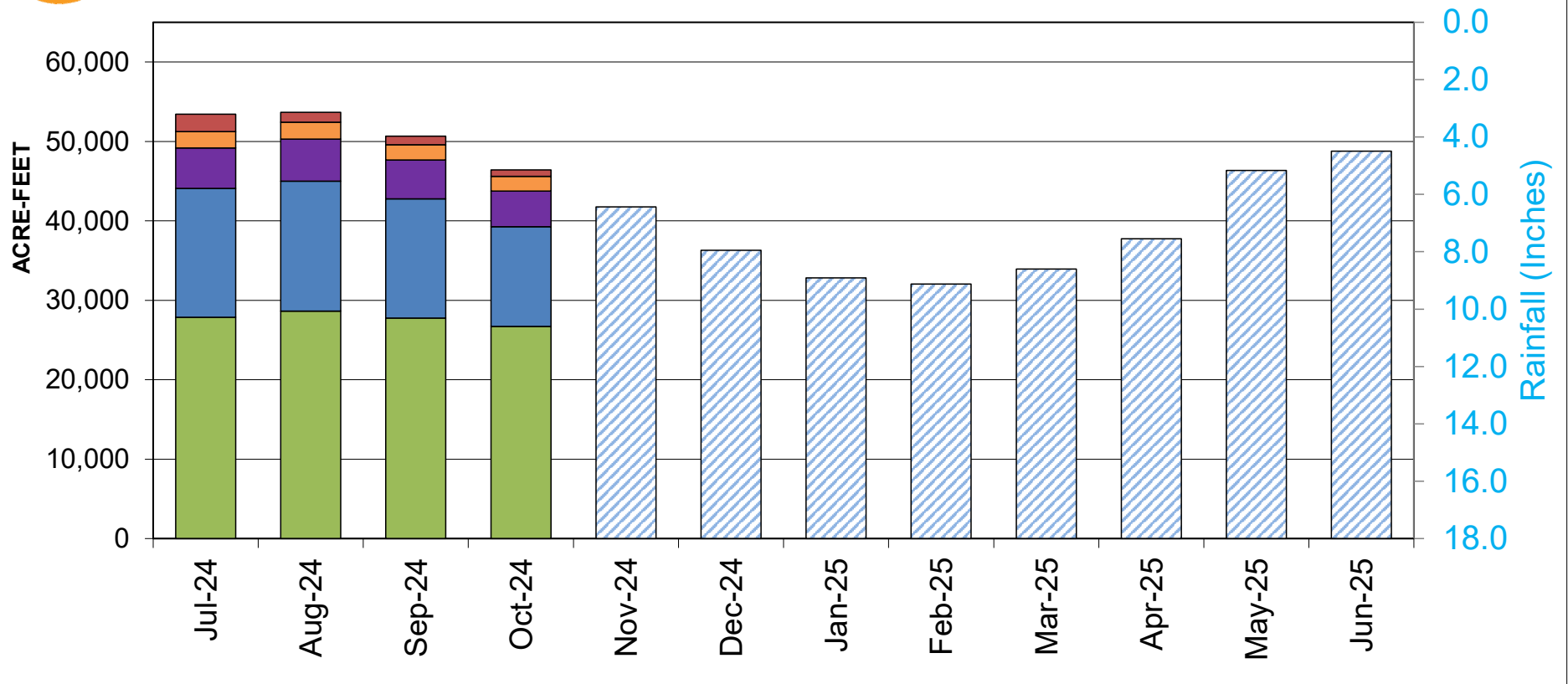
20% over the past two decades, water usage has not increased, on average. A long-term decrease in per-capita water usage is attributed mostly to Water Use Efficiency (water conservation) efforts. ***O.C. Water Usage has declined significantly since the end of FY 2013-14. Since FY 2013-14 average O.C. Annual Water usage is 523,000 AF, a decline of 98,500 AF since FY 2013-14. FY 2023-24 Orange County M & I water consumption was the lowest since FY 1978-79 (45 Years).***

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 ***early December was below average*** for this period. Water year to date rainfall in Orange County is ***0.13 inches***, which is ***7% of normal***.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation through early ***December was 134% of normal for this period***. Water Year 2023 was 133% of normal while water year 2022 was 48% of normal. The ***Northern California snowpack was 120% of normal as of December 4th, 2024. As of late November, 16.72% of California is experiencing moderate drought conditions. 5.7% of California is experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions.*** The State Water Project Contractors Initial Table A Allocation was set to 5% as of December for WY 2024.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation through ***early December was 109% of normal*** for this period. The ***Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 116% of normal*** as of December 4th 2024. ***Lake Mead and Lake Powell*** combined have about ***51% of their average storage volume*** for this time of year and are at ***34.6% of their total capacity***. Lake Mead's ***levels have been below the "trigger" limit of 1,075 ft. since the start of CY 2022.*** 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 December ***was 14.07' BELOW the "trigger" limit.*** The USBR has declared a **shortage on the Colorado River that started on January 1st 2022. There is a 100% chance of shortage continuing in 2025, 93% in 2026 and 57% in 2027.** Lake Mead as of early December was ***15.93' ABOVE the State of California "trigger" limit. There is a 0% chance of mandatory cutbacks for California in 2025, 0% in 2026 and 7% in 2027.***



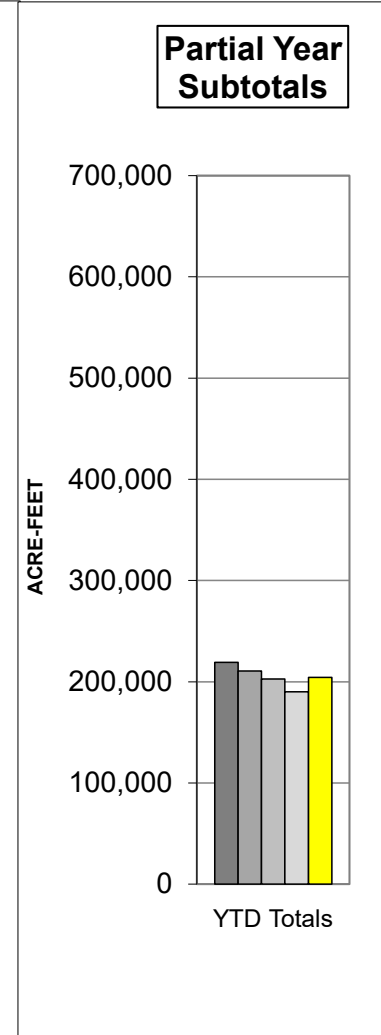
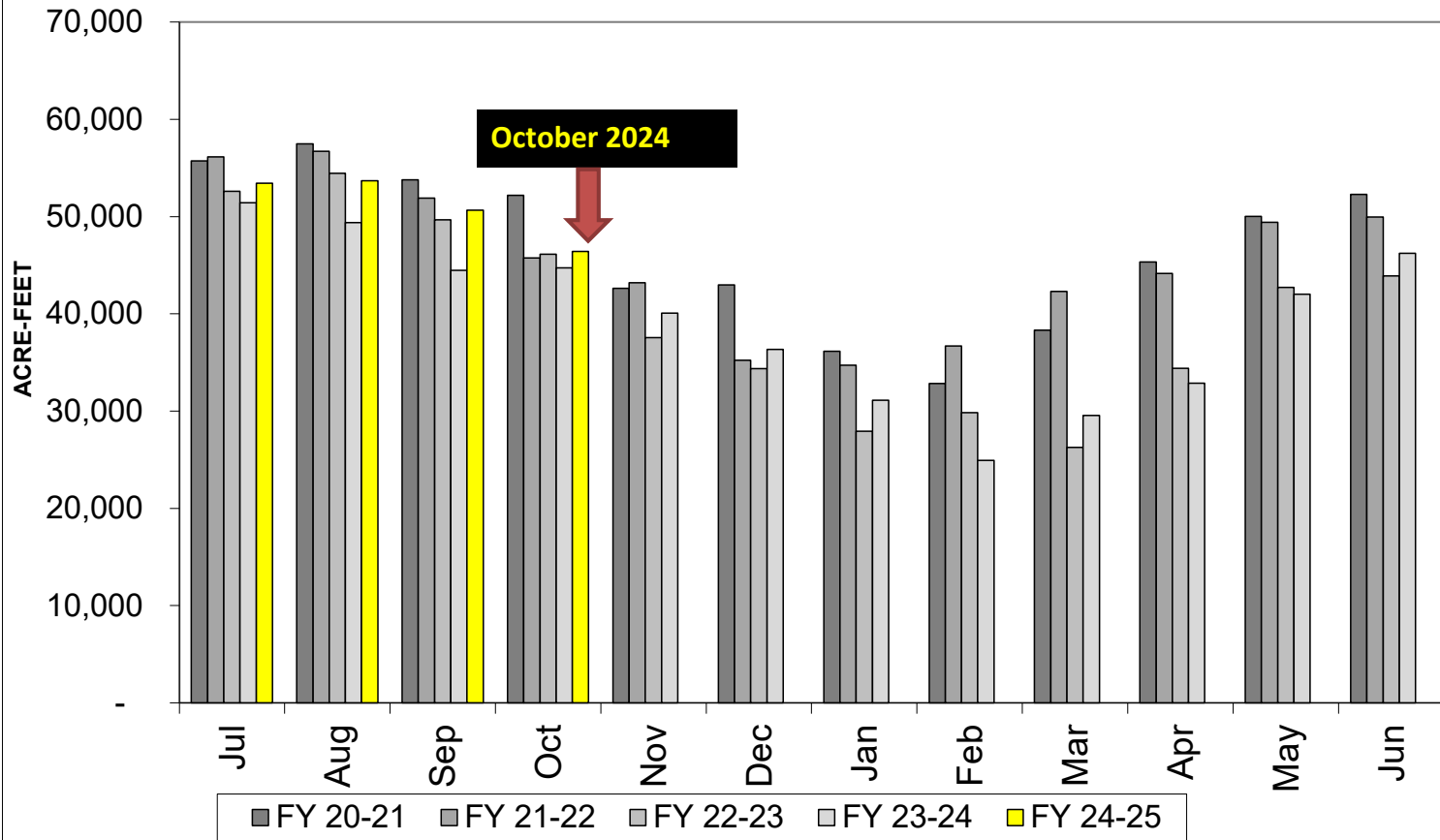
Fig. 1 OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply with projection to end of fiscal year



- [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 '24-25 is 85%.
- [3] MWD OC'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.



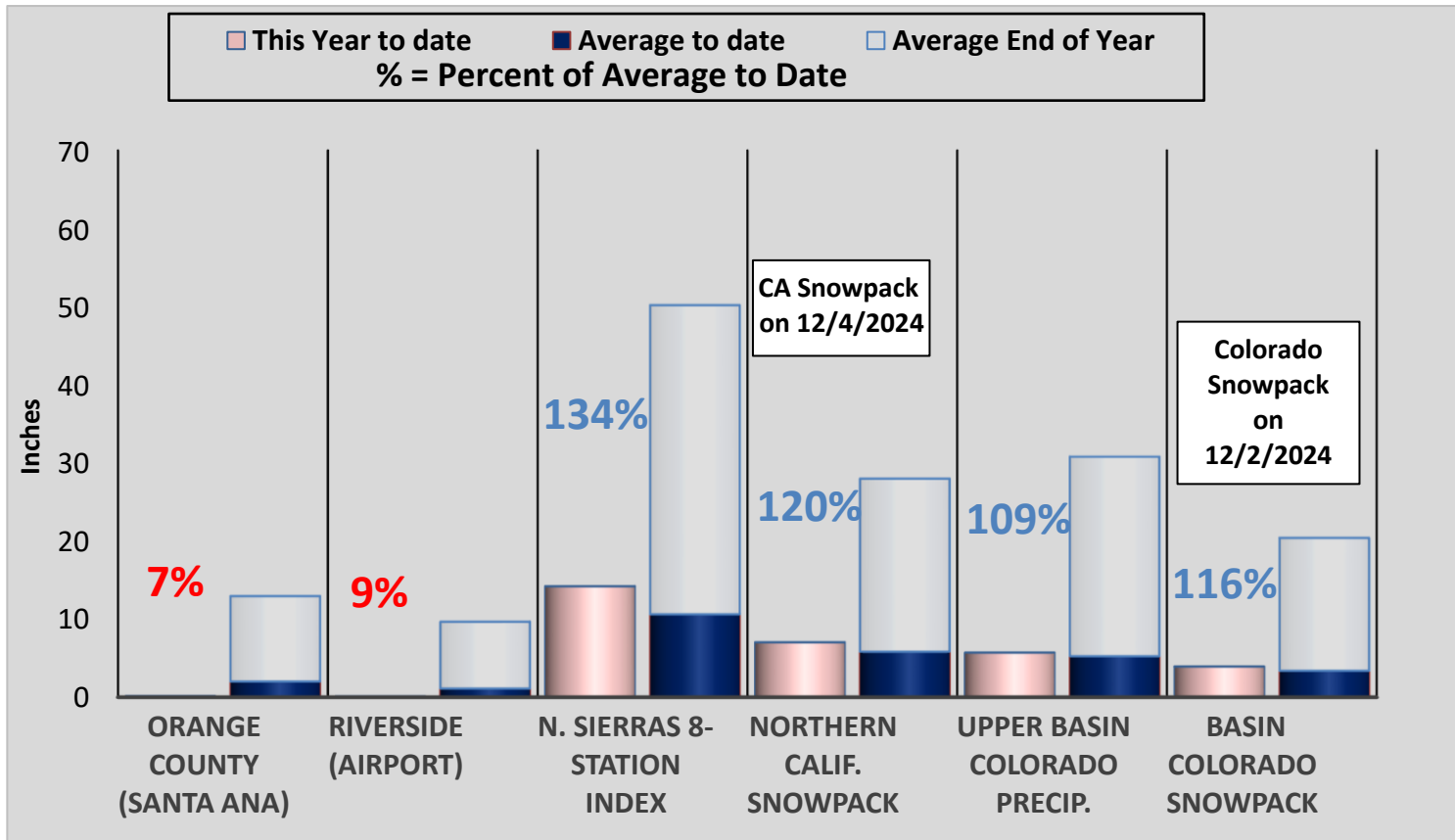
Fig. 2 OC Monthly Water Usage [1]: Comparison to Last 4 Fiscal Years



[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.

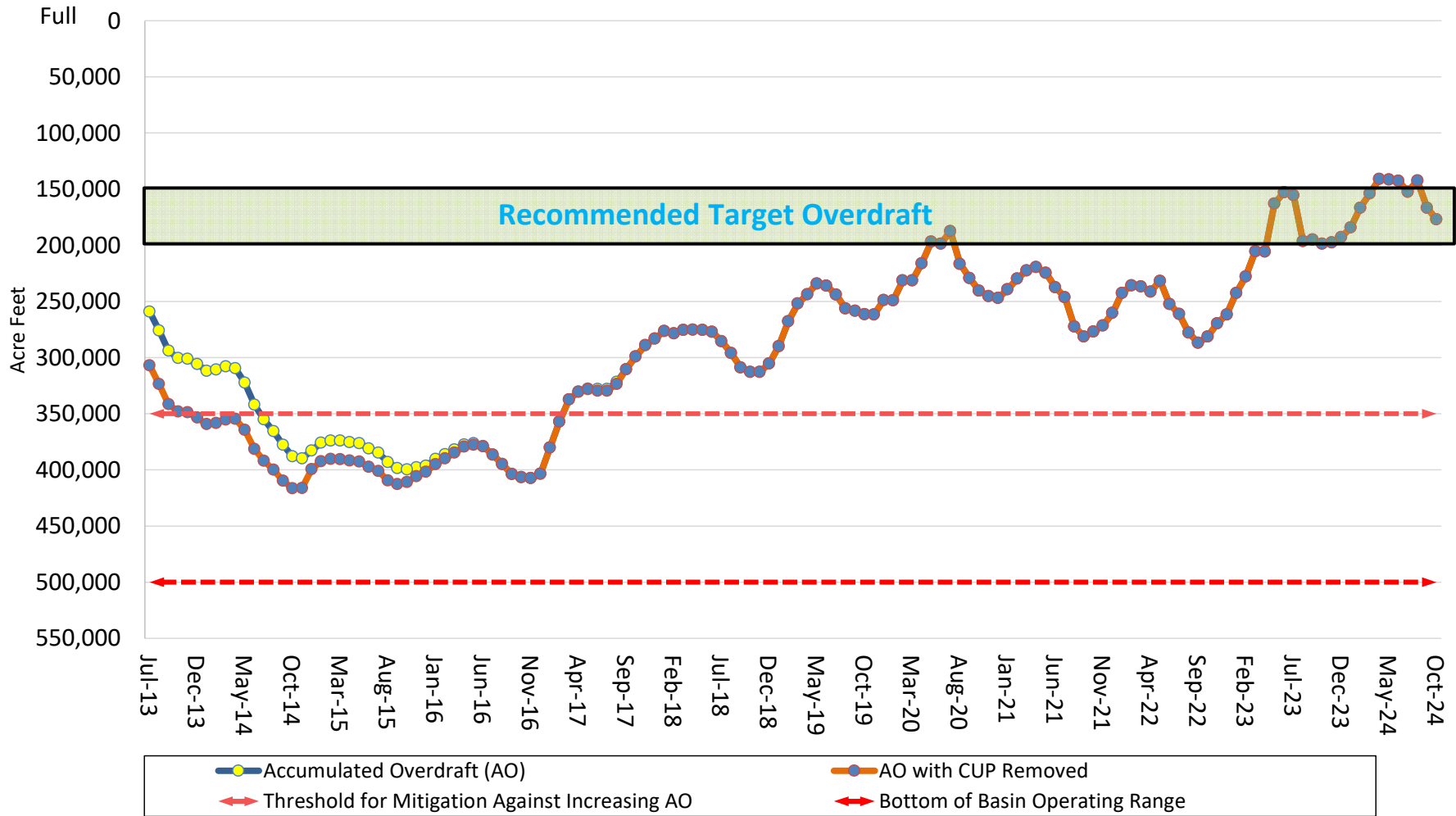
Accumulated Precipitation

for the Oct.-Sep. water year, as of Early December 2024



* 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.

Accumulated Overdraft of the OCWD Groundwater Basin as of October 2024



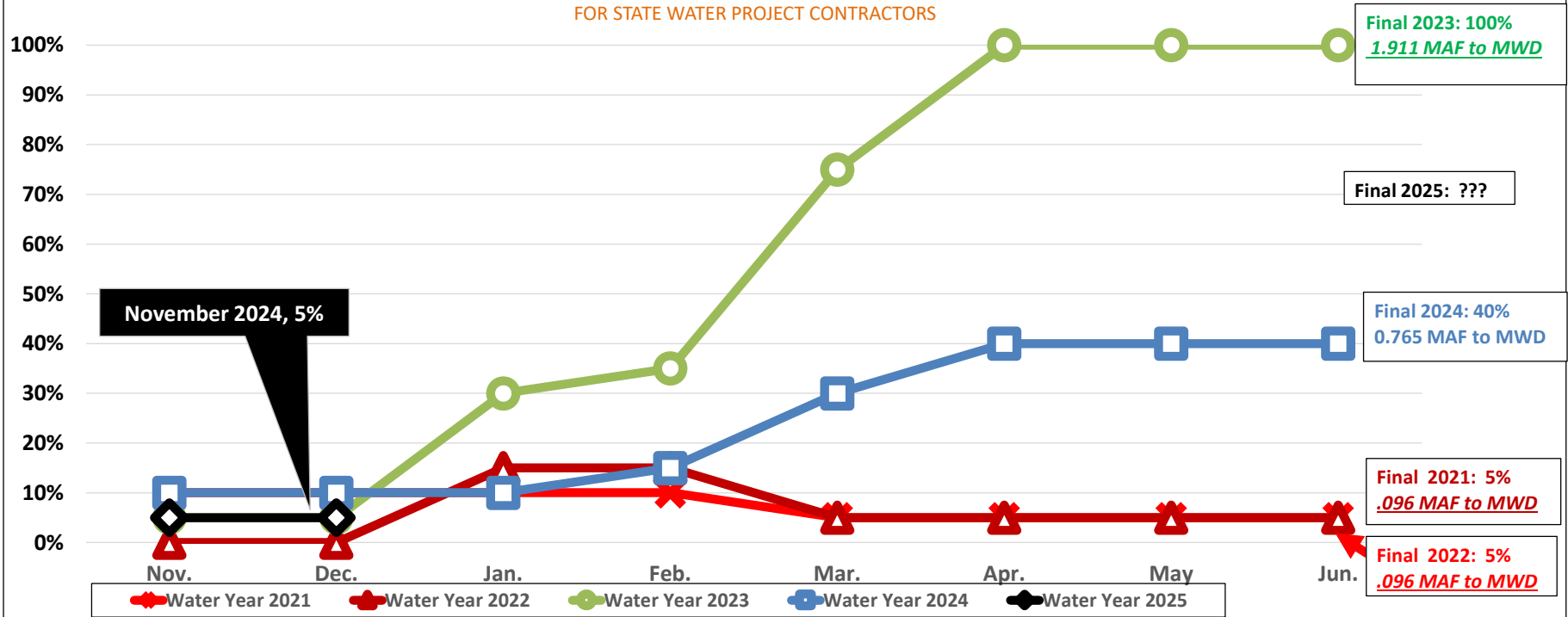
	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
AO (AF)	155,360	196,275	194,961	198,554	197,412	192,806	184,258	166,730	153,904	141,024	141,462	142,581
AO w/CUP removed (AF)	155,360	196,275	194,961	198,554	197,412	192,806	184,258	166,730	153,904	141,024	141,462	142,581
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
AO (AF)	152,428	142,325	166,580	176,943								
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* Source ~ OCWD Monthly Board of Directors Packet, Water Resources Summary

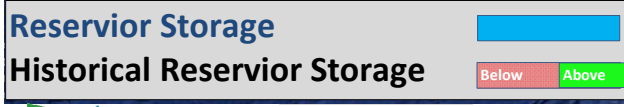
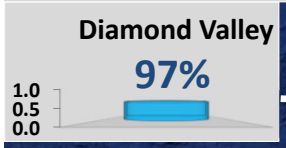
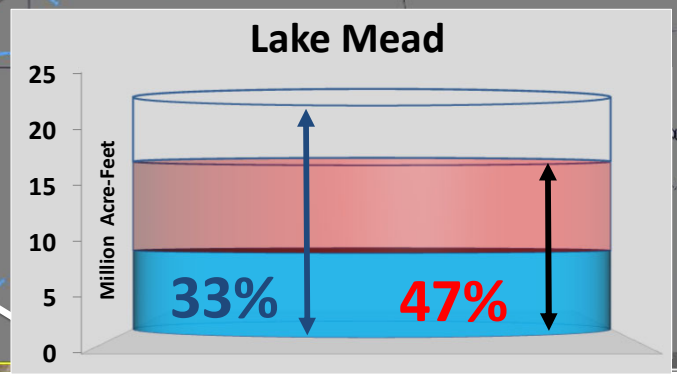
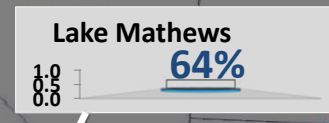
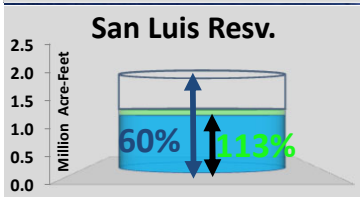
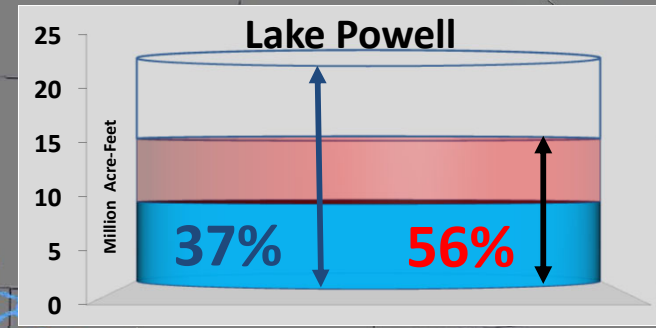
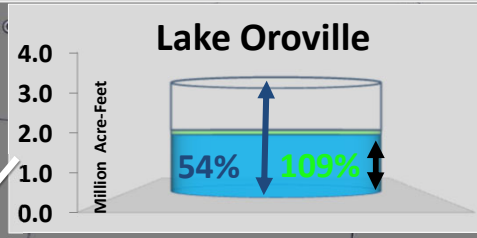
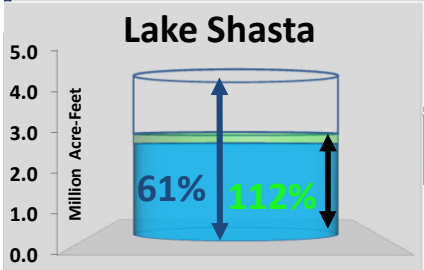


SWP TABLE A ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE

FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS



State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage
as of December 4, 2024

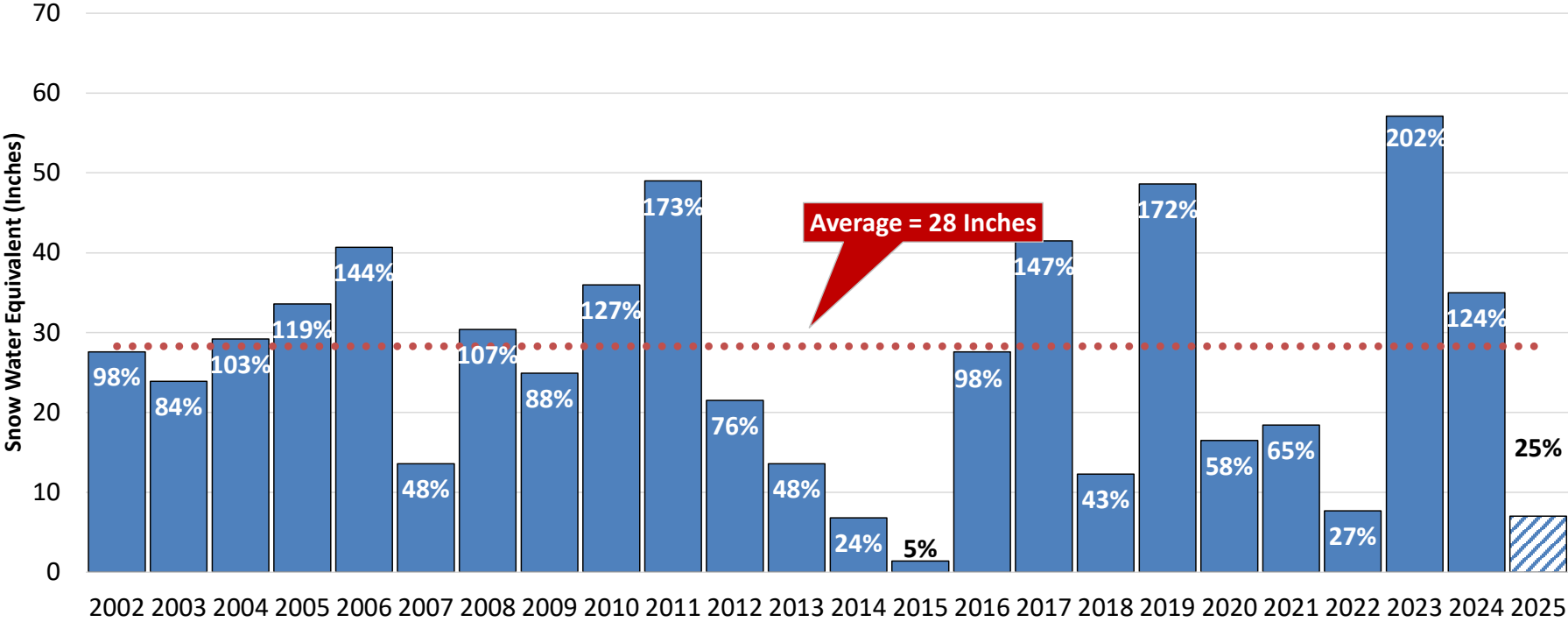


SWP Put Capacity = 0.295 MAF
CRA Put Capacity = 0.078 MAF
In Region Put Capacity = 0.375 MAF

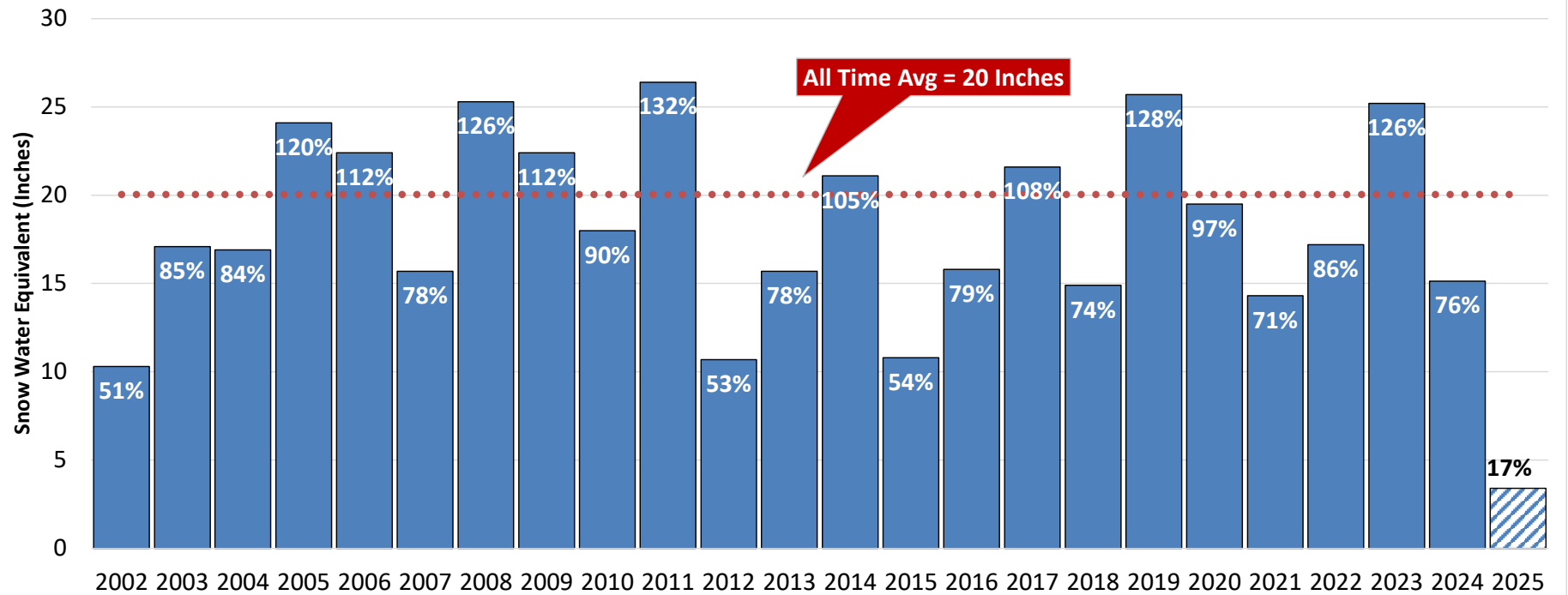


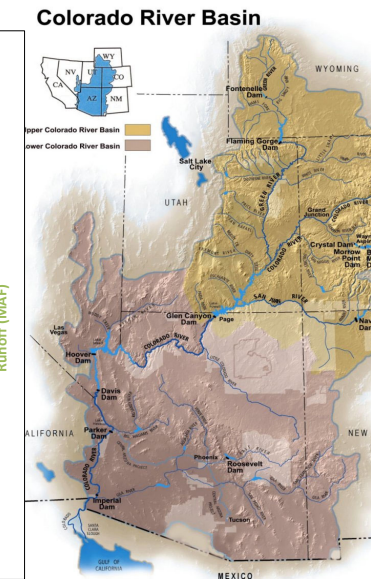
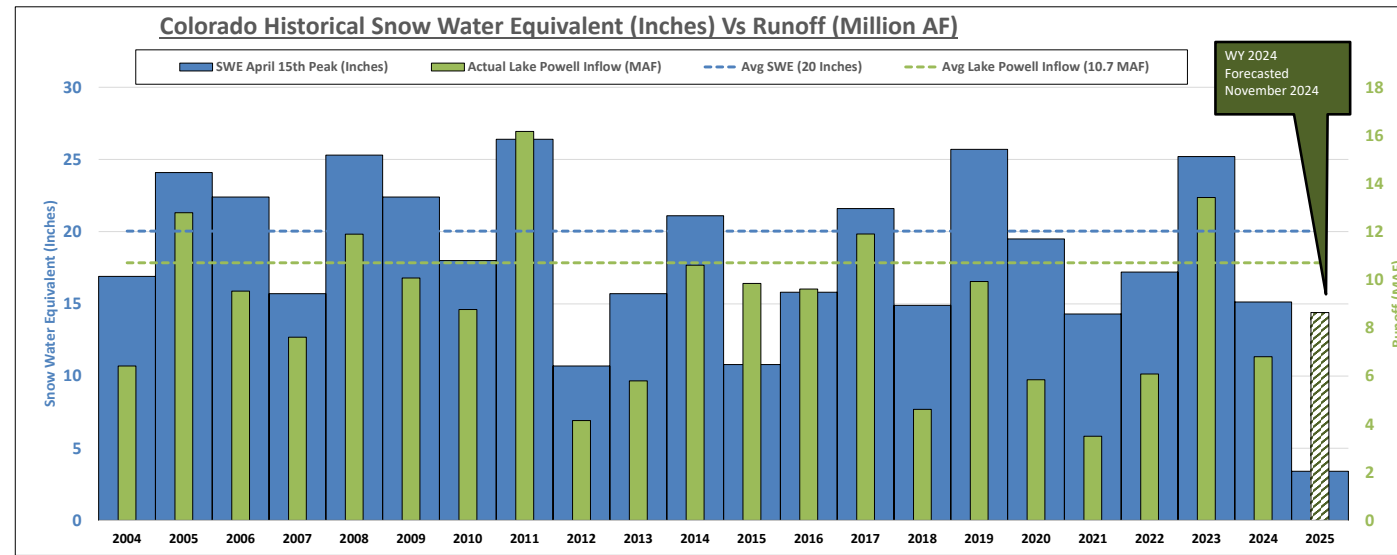
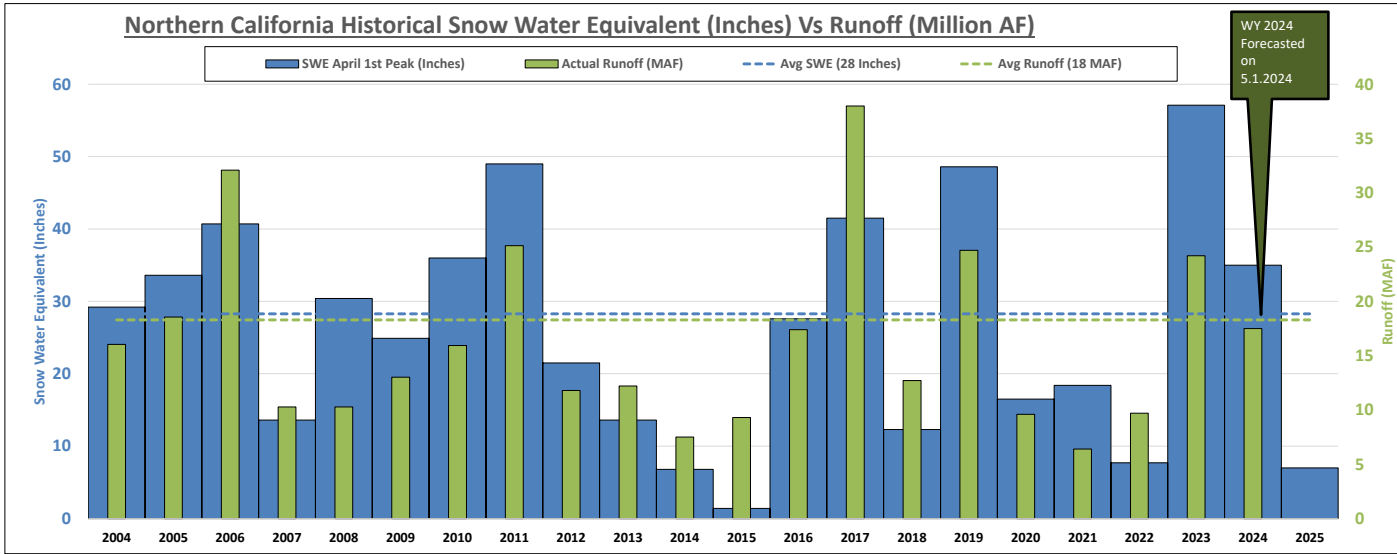
prepared by the Municipal Water District of Orange County
*Number are Subject to Change

Historical Northern California April 1st Peak Snow Water Equivalent



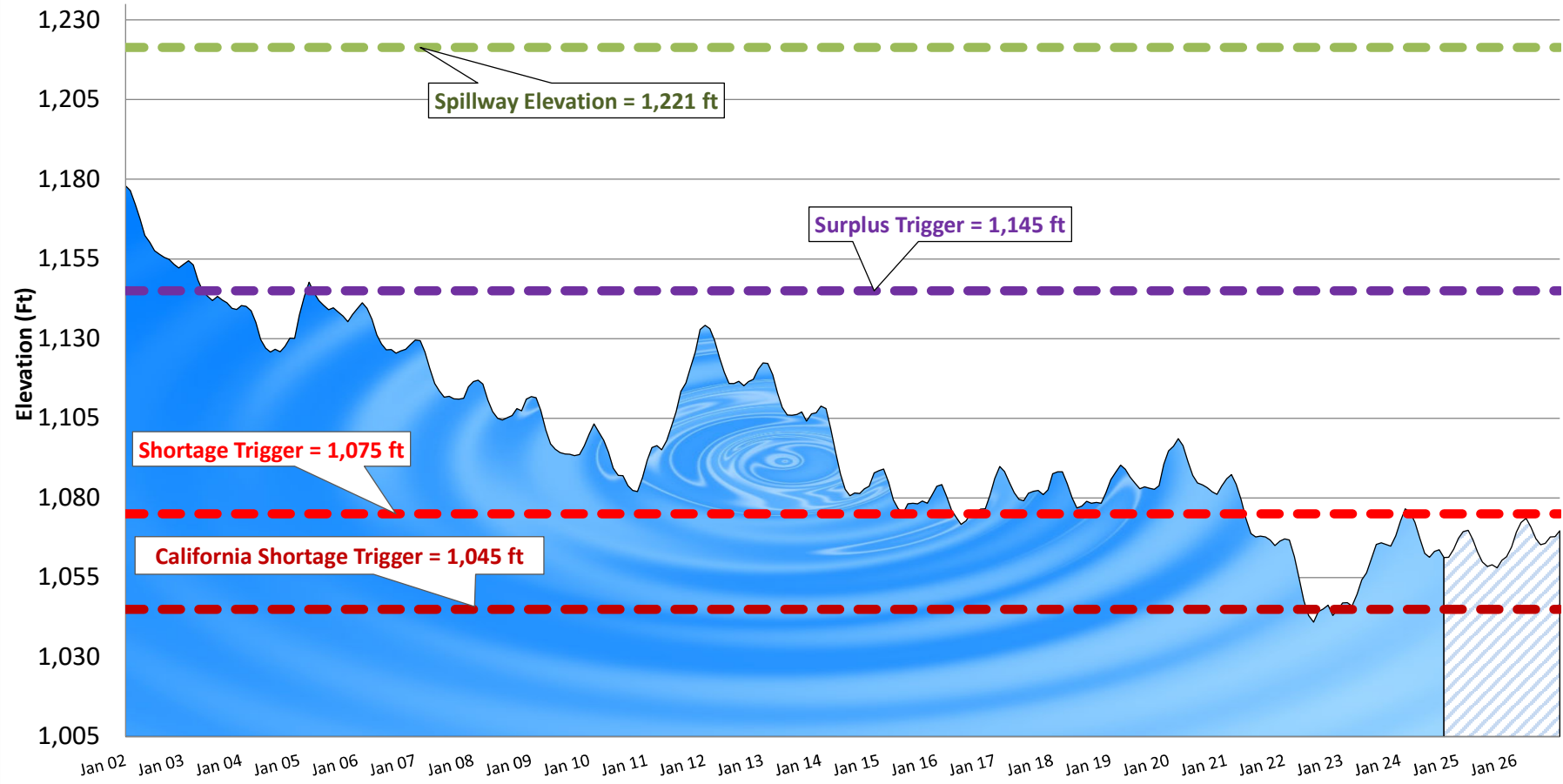
Historical Colorado Basin April 15th Peak Snow Water Equivalent





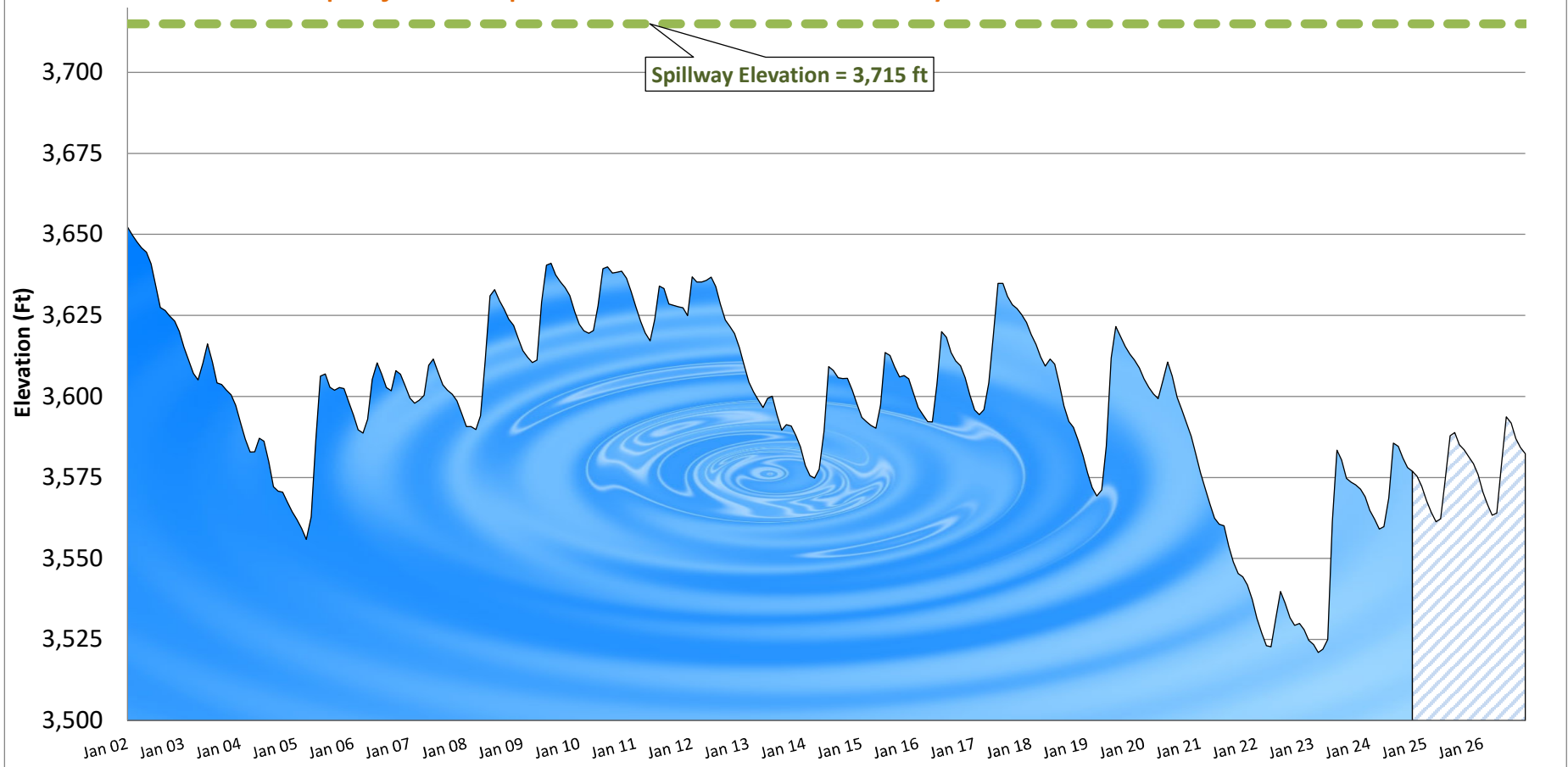
Lake Mead Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

Historical
Projected

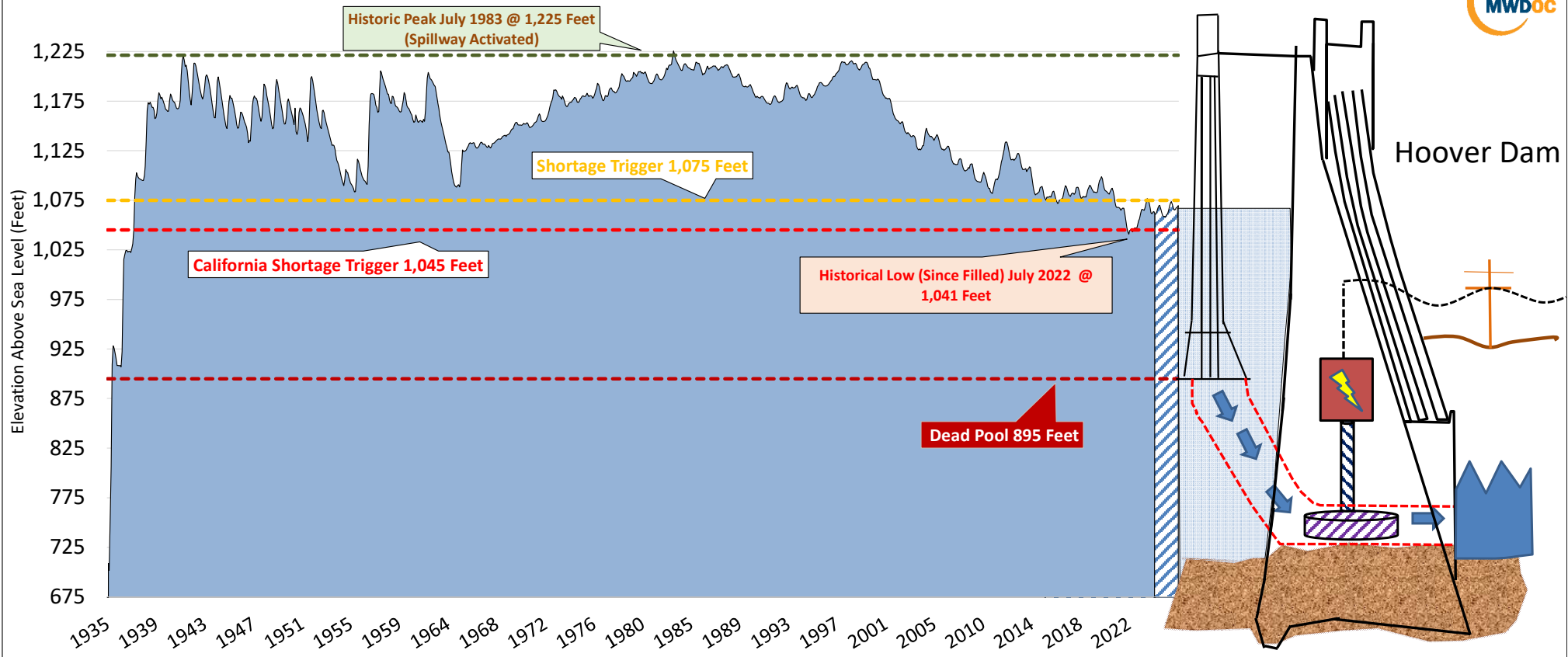


Lake Powell Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

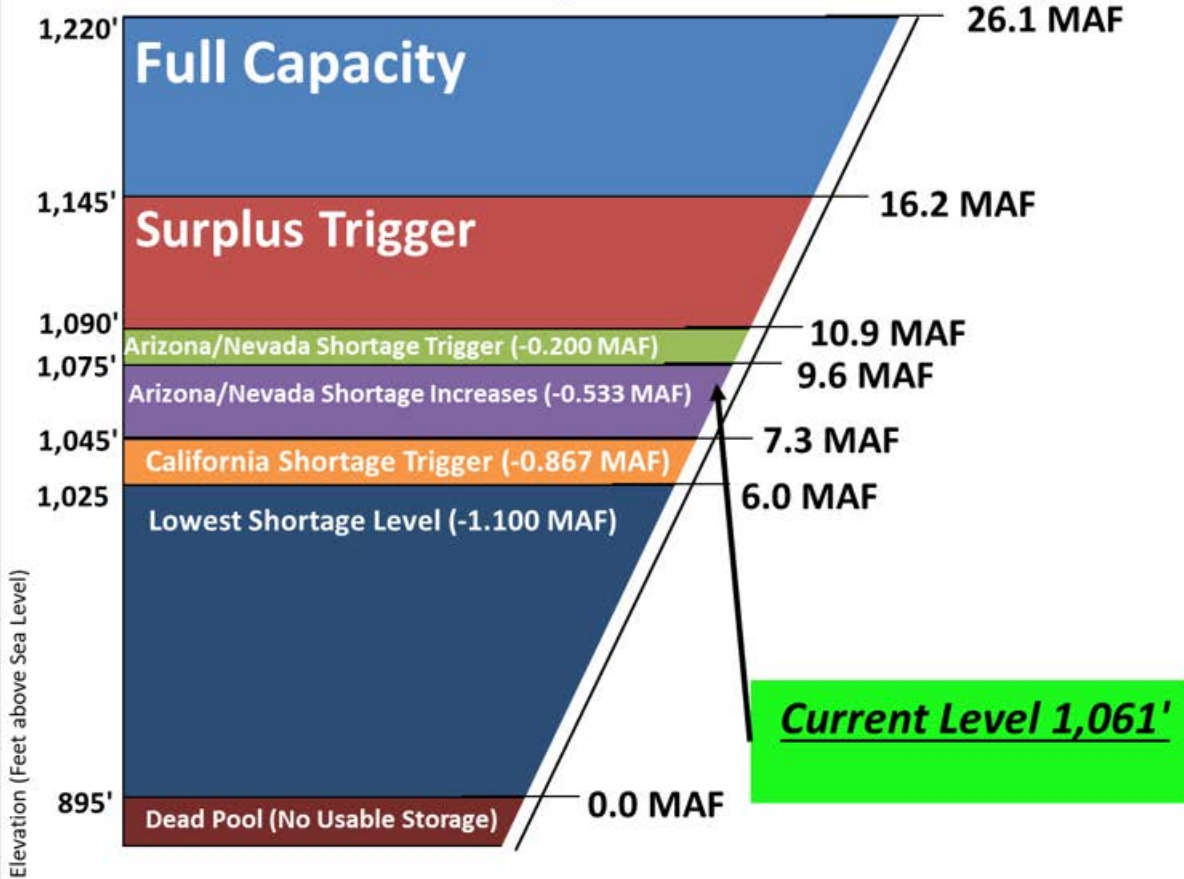
■ Historical □ Projected



Lake Mead Historical Water Elevation Level



Lake Mead Storage Level



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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

December 12, 2024 - December 18, 2024


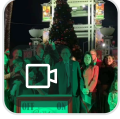






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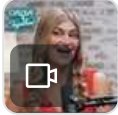


 gardengrovecityhall




Post	Published Date	Impressions	Average Reach per Post ▼	Average Potential Reach per Post	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares
 gardengrovecityhall  Reel It's...TIME!!! The tree is officially lit! 🎄🌲 Experience the sparkle of the season! Vi...	<u>Fri, Dec 13, 2024 4:00 pm PST</u>	6,896	3,444	N/A	4.2%	292	268	4	15
 gardengrovecityhall  Post Recently, the Garden Grove City Council adopted an ordinance to further regulate...	<u>Tue, Dec 17, 2024 10:01 am PST</u>	2,579	2,418	N/A	4.2%	109	82	2	20
 gardengrovecityhall  Post ***DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification*** The @gardengrovepd will be...	<u>Wed, Dec 18, 2024 12:00 pm PST</u>	1,451	1,436	N/A	6.6%	96	33	1	58
 Garden Grove City Hall  Post Recently, the Garden Grove City Council adopted an ordinance to further regulate...	<u>Tue, Dec 17, 2024 10:01 am PST</u>	906	890	N/A	12.7%	115	22	14	3









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 gardengrovecityhall  <p>#FlashbackFriday to a meaningful day of remembrance and unity as t...</p> <p>Reel</p>	Fri, Dec 13, 2024 9:01 am PST	1,483	866	N/A	3.1%	46	40	2	3
 gardengrovecityhall  <p>🎁 Holiday shopping can be overwhelming, but we're here to help you find the perfect g...</p> <p>Reel</p>	Thu, Dec 12, 2024 5:01 pm PST	1,009	672	N/A	2.4%	24	21	1	2
 gardengrovecityhall  <p>Story</p>	Fri, Dec 13, 2024 5:47 pm PST	667	643	N/A	0.1%	1	N/A	1	0
 gardengrovecityhall  <p>In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, Garden Grove City Hall will b...</p> <p>Post</p>	Wed, Dec 18, 2024 5:30 pm PST	666	631	N/A	3.9%	26	20	1	4





Post	Published Date	Impressions	Average Reach per Post	Potential Reach per Post	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares
 Garden Grove City Hall  The Winter/Spring 2025 Parks & Recreation Guide is now available online. It features... Post	<u>Thu, Dec 12, 2024 1:20 pm PST</u>	630	611	N/A	4.3%	27	7	0	3
 gardengrovecityhall  DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 !! We encourage low-income... Post	<u>Fri, Dec 13, 2024 2:00 pm PST</u>	704	503	N/A	2.3%	16	12	1	N/A
 Garden Grove City Hall  DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 !! We encourage low-income... Post	<u>Fri, Dec 13, 2024 2:00 pm PST</u>	506	486	N/A	7.1%	36	2	0	0
 gardengrovecityhall  Hey #GardenGrove, remember to keep your holidays merry, bright, and ♻️ by recyclin... Post	<u>Tue, Dec 17, 2024 4:29 pm PST</u>	471	459	N/A	1.7%	8	7	1	0

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 gardengrovecityhall  <p>The deadline for [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] is this [redacted], [redacted] [redacted], [redacted]...</p> <p>Post</p>	<u>Mon, Dec 16, 2024</u> 5:28 pm PST	491	455	N/A	1.4%	7	5	1	1
 Garden Grove City Hall  <p>The deadline for [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] is this [redacted], [redacted] [redacted], [redacted]...</p> <p>Post</p>	<u>Mon, Dec 16, 2024</u> 5:28 pm PST	455	448	N/A	1.8%	8	2	1	0
 Garden Grove City Hall  <p>Hey #GardenGrove, remember to keep your holidays merry, bright, and [redacted] by recyclin...</p> <p>Post</p>	<u>Tue, Dec 17, 2024</u> 4:29 pm PST	443	443	N/A	2.3%	10	4	0	0
 gardengrovecityhall  <p>The Winter/Spring 2025 Parks & Recreation Guide is now available online. It features...</p> <p>Post</p>	<u>Thu, Dec 12, 2024</u> 5:03 pm PST	448	429	N/A	1.6%	7	5	0	2

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 Garden Grove City Hall  In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, Garden Grove City Hall will b...	<u>Wed, Dec 18, 2024</u> <u>5:30 pm PST</u>	409	393	N/A	1%	4	2	0	0
Post									
 Garden Grove City Hall  ***DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification*** The Garden Grove Police...	<u>Wed, Dec 18, 2024</u> <u>12:00 pm PST</u>	386	380	N/A	6%	23	4	0	4
Post									
 Garden Grove City Hall  🎁 Holiday shopping can be overwhelming, but we're here to help you find the perfect g...	<u>Thu, Dec 12, 2024</u> <u>5:01 pm PST</u>	366	353	N/A	2.5%	9	4	0	0
Post									
 Garden Grove City Hall  #FlashbackFriday to a meaningful day of remembrance and unity as t...	<u>Fri, Dec 13, 2024</u> <u>9:00 am PST</u>	267	253	N/A	5.2%	14	11	0	0
Post									

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<p>X @CityGardenGrove</p>  <p>In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, Garden Grove City Hall will b...</p> <p>Post</p>	<u>Wed, Dec 18, 2024</u> <u>5:30 pm PST</u>	105	N/A	4,746	5.7%	6	1	0	1
<p>X @CityGardenGrove</p>  <p>***DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification*** The @GardenGrovePD will be...</p> <p>Post</p>	<u>Wed, Dec 18, 2024</u> <u>12:00 pm PST</u>	132	N/A	4,745	13.6%	18	0	0	1
<p>X @CityGardenGrove</p> <p>The updated regulations, now in effect, require oversized vehicles parked on public and private streets to have a valid, City...</p> <p>@Reply</p>	<u>Tue, Dec 17, 2024</u> <u>10:01 am PST</u>	90	N/A	4,746	7.8%	7	2	0	0
<p>X @CityGardenGrove</p>  <p>Recently, the Garden Grove City Council adopted an ordinance to further regulate...</p> <p>Post</p>	<u>Tue, Dec 17, 2024</u> <u>10:01 am PST</u>	210	N/A	5,113	6.7%	14	4	1	1

Post	Published Date	Impressions	Average Reach per Post	Potential Reach per Post	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares
<p> @CityGardenGrove</p>  <p>Submit your receipts to the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 12866 Main St ...</p> <p>@Reply</p>	<p><u>Mon, Dec 16, 2024</u> 5:31 pm PST</p>	71	N/A	4,745	1.4%	1	1	0	0
<p> @CityGardenGrove</p>  <p>The deadline for Black Friday Goes BiGG is this Thurs, 12/19, at 1 PM. Don't miss th...</p> <p>Post</p>	<p><u>Mon, Dec 16, 2024</u> 5:31 pm PST</p>	126	N/A	4,745	4.8%	6	2	1	1
<p> @CityGardenGrove</p>  <p>Celebrate the new year with home repairs, like interior and exterior painting, pest contro...</p> <p>@Reply</p>	<p><u>Fri, Dec 13, 2024</u> 2:00 pm PST</p>	94	N/A	4,745	9.6%	9	0	0	0
<p> @CityGardenGrove</p>  <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 !! We encourage low-income...</p> <p>Post</p>	<p><u>Fri, Dec 13, 2024</u> 2:00 pm PST</p>	178	N/A	4,745	5.6%	10	1	1	1

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<p> @CityGardenGrove</p> <p>#FlashbackFriday to a meaningful day of remembrance and unity as the GG City Council and @GardenGrovePD dedicated...</p> <p>Post</p>	<p><u>Fri, Dec 13, 2024</u></p> <p><u>9:00 am PST</u></p>	97	N/A	4,744	4.1%	4	1	0	0
<p> @CityGardenGrove</p> <p> The Winter/Spring 2025 Parks & Recreation Guide is now available online, with activiti...</p> <p>Post</p>	<p><u>Thu, Dec 12, 2024</u></p> <p><u>5:13 pm PST</u></p>	130	N/A	4,744	7.7%	10	2	0	0
<p> @CityGardenGrove</p> <p>The Winter/Spring 2025 Parks & Recreation Guide is now available online, with activities & fitness for kids, adults, and seniors....</p> <p>Post</p>	<p><u>Thu, Dec 12, 2024</u></p> <p><u>5:11 pm PST</u></p>	—	N/A	4,744	—	—	—	—	—




Post Performance

December 12, 2024 - December 18, 2024

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 12/18/2024 3:07 pm PST

DATE: December 18th, 2024 SUBJECT:
 Attempted Homicide Arrest LOCATION OF
 OCCURRENCE: 12200 block of Brookhurs...




Impressions	7,344
Reach	7,340
Engagements	1,718
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	23.4%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Wed 12/18/2024 10:25 am PST

 DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint
 Notification  #GardenGrovePD will be
 conducting a #DUICheckpoint this Friday...




Impressions	1,919
Reach	1,887
Engagements	113
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.9%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Tue 12/17/2024 3:45 pm PST

Recently, the Garden Grove City Council
 adopted an ordinance to further regulate
 the parking of oversized vehicles to...




Impressions	2,828
Reach	2,807
Engagements	408
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.4%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Sat 12/14/2024 5:39 pm PST

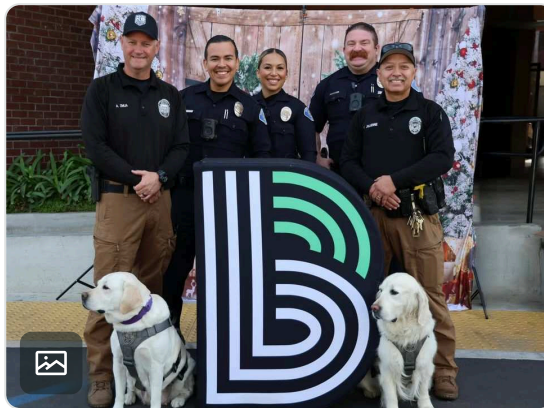
UPDATE (12/14/24, 7:03 PM): Missing person has been LOCATED and will be reunited with his family. Thank you for...




Impressions	5,170
Reach	5,170
Engagements	441
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Sat 12/14/2024 2:43 pm PST

This morning, #GGPD officers had the privilege of handing out gifts and spending time with members of Big Brothers Big...



Impressions	2,626
Reach	2,525
Engagements	439
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.7%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Thu 12/12/2024 3:29 pm PST

#GardenGrovePD gained four new officers this morning when Officers I. Robinson, H. Kim, J. Arellano and J. Chacon graduated...



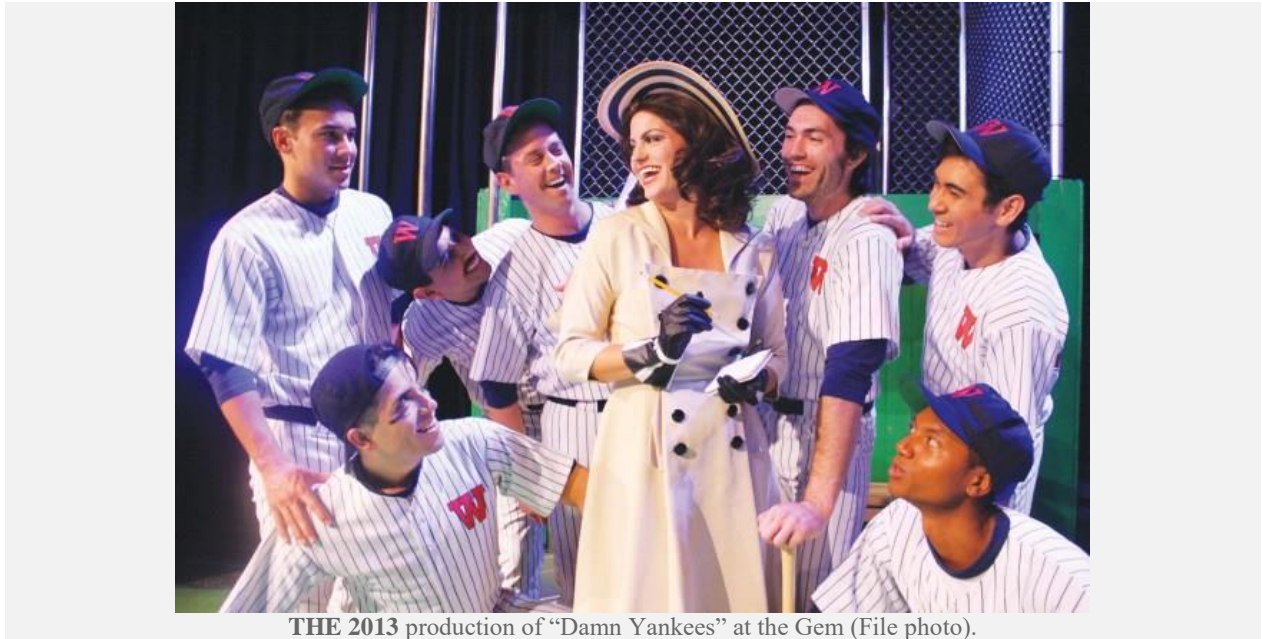
Impressions	3,551
Reach	3,434
Engagements	825
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	23.2%

WEEKLY MEMO 12-19-2024

NEWS ARTICLES

'Damn Yankees,' 'Grease' on the Gem Theatre stage in 2025

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON DECEMBER 18, 2024 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



THE 2013 production of "Damn Yankees" at the Gem (File photo).

One More Productions at Garden Grove's Gem Theatre has announced its 2025 Main Stage series with four musicals and two "Black Box Series" performances.

"Damn Yankees," the story of a man who sells his soul to the Devil in order to be a baseball star for his favorite team, will be staged from March 6 to April 13.

"Grease," a sentimental look at the Fifties, will be staged from June 12 to July 20.

"Avenue Q," a not-for-children event, is scheduled for Sept. 4-Oct. 12, followed by "The Holiday Gem," featuring the singing, dancing and other talents of Gem performers with the "season's greetings" from Nov. 20 to Dec. 21.

The "Black Box" shows, "which provide a more simplified production and allows for more intimate performances that connect the audience to the performers and the material," are "End of the Rainbow" (Feb. 7-23) and "Ordinary Days" (May 2-18).

The Gem is located at 12852 Main St. in downtown Garden Grove.

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Tuesday, December 17, 2024



NEW REGULATIONS IN EFFECT FOR OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING

The Garden Grove City Council has adopted an ordinance to further regulate the parking of oversized vehicles to enhance public safety and maintain neighborhood aesthetics. The updated regulations, now in effect, require oversized vehicles parked on public and private streets to have a valid, City-issued permit, available at no cost.

Ordinance No. 2957 revises the sections of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to wide vehicles and trailers, and recreational vehicles. The following oversized vehicle restrictions are now in effect:

- Parking of oversized vehicles (exceeding 22 feet long, or 80 inches wide) is prohibited on city streets without a valid permit.
- Oversized vehicles also include trailers of any size (attached or unattached) and recreational vehicles (RVs) of any size.
- Garden Grove residents may obtain free oversized vehicle parking permits for themselves and their visitors online at www.ggcity.org/oversized-vehicles or in-person at Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway. Proof of residency, driver's license, email address, and license plate number are required at the time of registration.

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NEW REGULATIONS IN EFFECT FOR OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING
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- Residents and their visitors may park oversized vehicles adjacent to their residence for a maximum of 72 consecutive hours with a valid permit.
- An annual maximum of 12 permits may be issued to each resident per calendar year.
- Oversized vehicles in violation to the new ordinance are subject to a citation or tow.

The revised regulations will continue to allow Garden Grove residents to obtain permits to load and unload trailers and recreational vehicles at no cost. Additionally, the regulations do not impact the existing requirements for storing recreational vehicles on private property.

For more information on oversized vehicle parking or to read the full ordinance, visit www.ggcity.org/oversized-vehicles.

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Thursday, December 12, 2024

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**NEW WINTER/SPRING PARKS & RECREATION GUIDE
NOW AVAILABLE**

A new Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide for Winter/Spring 2025 is now available at ggparksandrec.com. The guide provides a wide variety of programs, classes, and activities for all ages through April 2025. Residents and visitors are encouraged to register for classes in advance to avoid class cancellations. To view the guide and to register, visit ggparksandrec.com.

Serving as the City's main source for recreational classes, the digital publication features listings of youth sports and creative arts, adult activities and fitness, special events, and much more.

Follow the City's social platforms on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Nextdoor](#), and [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter), to see announcements and updates on recreational programs, services, events, and job opportunities.

For more information, visit ggparksandrec.com or call (714) 741-5200.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
December 19, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the December 19, 2024 and January 2, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Meeting Minutes for the December 12, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
4. Notice of Cancellation of the December 26, 2024 and January 9, 2025 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
5. Agenda for the December 12, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
6. League of California Cities articles from December 11, 2024 to December 19, 2024.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 19, 2024 – January 28, 2025

Thursday	December 19		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Thursday	December 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Tuesday	December 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Wednesday	December 25- January 1		City Hall Closure – Holiday Closure
Thursday	January 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	January 7	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 9	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	January 10		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	January 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	January 20		City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thursday	January 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	January 24		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	January 28	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 19, 2024
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: December 12, 2024

JOSH LINDSAY
CHAIR



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 2, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: December 19, 2024

JOSH LINDSAY
CHAIR

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-034-2024

Applicant: ALICE RANGEL & JUAN RANGEL
Location: 9271 Catherine Avenue
Date: December 12, 2024

Request: A request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to eliminate two small parcels (Parcel A & Parcel B), for the purpose of reconfiguring the property line boundary between two developed, single-family residential properties, located at 9271 Catherine Avenue (Parcel 1) and 12261 Loreleen Street (Parcel 2). No additional parcels will be created and no additional development is proposed. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Thanh Nguyen

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1857-24.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-271-2024

Applicant: CATHERINE NGUYEN
Location: 8516 Garden Grove Boulevard
Date: December 12, 2024

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing restaurant with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Eating Place) License. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-201-2021, would be revoked and replaced by Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-271-2024. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial and (T) Transition Overlay Zone zones. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Mai Tram Tong

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1858-24.

Zoning Administrator Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-272-2024

Applicant: SAMUEL DAVID HALE
Location: 8610 Garden Grove Boulevard
Date: December 12, 2024

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new, 2,300 square foot gym. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Samuel David Hale, Anthony Garcia.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1859-24.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Sugeiry Reynoso
Recording Secretary



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 26, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, December 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: December 19, 2024

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: December 19, 2024

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



New sea level rise planning guidance available for cities

Dec 11, 2024

By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, *legislative affairs lobbyist (environmental quality)*

The California Coastal Commission (CCC) and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) this month released final guidance that reflects a 2023 law requiring cities and counties along the coast and bay to develop new sea level rise plans.

Cal Cities advocated with both the CCC and BCDC this fall that the guidance must follow state law, which provides coastal and bay local governments have until Jan. 1, 2034, to develop sea level rise plans. While there has been some funding in recent years, cities will need significant resources to develop and implement sea level rise plans. Cal Cities noted that SB 272 (Laird, 2023) itself called for greater funding to support local planning.

The guidance includes:

1. The use of the best available science.
2. A vulnerability assessment that includes efforts to ensure equity for at-risk communities.
3. Sea level rise adaptation strategies and recommended projects.
4. Identification of lead planning and implementation agencies.
5. A timeline for plan updates, as needed, in agreement with the CCC or BCDC.
6. An economic impact analysis of, at a minimum, costs to critical public infrastructure and recommended approaches for implementing the sea level rise adaptation strategies and recommended projects, as part of the plan update.

The science documenting changes in sea level rise has advanced in the last decade and is included in the planning guidance documents. However, the state's science still includes deep uncertainty about what the climate could look like 100 years from now. Earlier this year, the Ocean Protection Council [updated its science guidance](#) — with [input](#) from the Cal Cities [Coastal Cities Group](#) — to include sea level rise projections through 2150.

Both the science and planning guidance will help cities better understand sea level rise scenarios and their possible impacts, as well as design adaptation strategies that address sea level rise and the potential for future infrastructure and housing impacts along the coastline. Cal Cities elevated climate change resiliency and disaster preparedness as part of its 2024 advocacy priorities and it will continue to be among its [top priorities in 2025](#).



9th Circuit rejects challenge to Costa Mesa's sober living home ordinance

Dec 11, 2024

The ruling affirms a previous trial court decision and jury verdict

By Sheri Chapman, *general counsel*

A panel of judges last week ruled in favor of Costa Mesa's distancing requirement between sober living homes in residential neighborhoods. The court rejected claims that the city's zoning regulations unlawfully discriminated against disabled individuals in violation of the Fair Housing Act, California's Fair Employment and Housing Act, and California Planning and Zoning law.

Cal Cities filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of the city, advocating for cities' fundamental and essential role in land use regulation.

Case background

Ohio House operates a sober living facility in Costa Mesa — five 2,400-square-foot, two-story detached units, each with four bedrooms, housing approximately 45 residents. The city's ordinance required a conditional use permit for the property and separation of at least 650 feet from similar facilities. With several other group homes within 650 feet, the property did not meet the separation requirement. The city denied Ohio House's application for a permit and denied the request to waive the separation requirement as a reasonable accommodation.

Ohio House filed a lawsuit, *Ohio House LLC v City of Costa Mesa*, alleging the city violated federal and state housing laws that prohibit zoning and land use practices that discriminate on the basis of disability.

A district court granted several of the claims in favor of the city, and a jury decided the remaining claims in the city's favor. The court then denied Ohio House's post-trial motions. Ohio House appealed the case to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The 9th Circuit has previously opined on group home regulations. The court has recognized that the law protects people recovering from addiction from housing discrimination based on their disability and prohibits discriminatory actions adversely affecting the availability of group homes for people recovering from addiction. In the 9th Circuit, sober living home operators are allowed to sue to invalidate state or local laws

that purport to require or permit an action that would be a discriminatory housing practice.

Case outcome

The 9th Circuit panel affirmed the district court's denial of Ohio House's claims: The city's ordinance does not create disparate treatment, impact, interference, or discriminatory statements in violation of federal or state law.

The court determined the discriminatory treatment and impact claims failed, finding that although the city's zoning code treats sober living homes differently than other dwellings, the regulations ultimately benefit disabled persons. The city's zoning code provides group homes serving disabled people multiple pathways to operate lawfully, which are generally not available to those serving the non-disabled.

Ohio House claimed the city's regulations were unlawful because they were not the least restrictive means of achieving the city's purpose. The court rejected that claim.

"Nuisance laws simply are not an alternative means for ensuring that individuals recovering from substance abuse have an equal opportunity to live in residential rather than institutionalized neighborhoods," the court opined.

The panel also rejected Ohio House's claim that the city interfered with its aiding or encouraging another's exercise of their rights under the Fair Housing Act (FHA), finding no proof of intentional discrimination or discriminatory animus. The court found Ohio House failed to prove a causal link between its protected activity of providing sober living housing and the city's actions it alleged impeded that activity.

The court also rejected Ohio House's claim the city violated the FHA and California's Fair Employment and Housing Act's prohibitions against discriminatory statements by enacting a "discriminatory" zoning code. [Under the FHA](#), it is unlawful to make a statement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that a reader would believe suggests a preference, limitation, or discrimination based upon protected status, such as disability. Similarly, [per the FEHA](#), a housing policy that's discriminatory on its face or an express discriminatory statement is unlawful.

The court declined to decide whether a city regulation could trigger liability for a discriminatory statement. Instead, it found a discriminatory statement claim "rises and falls" with a disparate treatment claim, which had been decided against Ohio House. The court further determined comments by city employees suggesting a discriminatory purpose were insufficient to overturn the jury's verdict, noting the scope of liability is defined by the statement's impact on the reader, viewer, or listener — not the subjective motivations of the speaker.

Lastly, the court rejected Ohio House's claim alleging the city denied a reasonable accommodation under the FHA. Under the FHA, unlawful discrimination includes a refusal to make a reasonable accommodation when such accommodations may be necessary to give disabled people equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. The

court affirmed the jury's finding that the accommodation requested was unreasonable because it would cause a fundamental alteration of the city's zoning scheme.

City officials with questions about the impact of this ruling should consult their city attorney.