

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 16, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. Notice of opposition to SB 423 (Wiener) Streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments: SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) Expansion.
- B. A copy of the Mayor's letter: The City of Garden Grove calls on the Legislature to make a permanent funding stream of \$3 billion annually for cities to help Californians find homes.
- C. A copy of the letter of commendation from the Council to Giovanni Roman is attached.

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

- A. Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC): Monthly Water Usage Data and Water Supply Report for March 2023

• 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



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing
1021 O Street, Suite 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: **SB 423 (Wiener) Streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments: SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) Expansion.**
Notice of Opposition

Dear Senator Wiener:

The City of Garden Grove writes to express our opposition to your measure, SB 423, which would greatly expand SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) provisions and eliminate the Jan. 1, 2026 sunset date.

On any given day, newspaper headlines in California and across the nation are highlighting the state's growing housing supply and affordability crisis. Seven in ten Californians view housing affordability as one of the top problems in their community, and there is growing concern from residents that housing prices are so expensive, younger generations will be priced out of ever being able to buy a home.

The City of Garden Grove intimately understands this crisis as it plays out in our community every day. Local leaders are working to find creative solutions so homes of all income levels can be built. They're taking on these difficult and complex tasks, and in many cases successfully planning for more than 2.5 million new homes statewide, all while navigating the state's annual barrage of overreaching housing bills that have thus far demonstrated limited success.

SB 423 is the latest overreaching bill. This measure would double-down on the recent trend of the state overriding its own mandated local housing plans by forcing cities to approve certain housing projects without regard to the needs of the community, opportunities for environmental review, or public input. While it may be frustrating for some developers to address neighborhood concerns about traffic, parking, and other development impacts, those directly affected by such projects have a right to be heard. Public engagement also often leads to better projects. Not having such outlets will increase public distrust in government and result in additional ballot measures limiting housing development.

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Instead of continuing to pursue top-down, one-size-fits-all legislation, lawmakers should partner with local officials. That's why the League of California Cities is calling on the Governor and lawmakers to include a \$3 billion annual investment in the state budget to help cities prevent and reduce homelessness and spur housing development. Targeted, ongoing funding is the only way cities can find community-based solutions that get our residents off the streets and keep them in their homes. California will never produce the number of homes needed with an increasingly state driven, by-right housing approval process. What is really needed is a sustainable state investment that matches the scale of this long-term crisis.

For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove respectfully opposes your measure,

Sincerely,



Steve Jones
Mayor

c: Senator Tom Umberg, 34th District, (Marlena.Truong@sen.ca.gov)

Senator Janet Nguyen, 36th District, (Jenny.Tran@sen.ca.gov)

Assembly Member Tri Ta, 70th District, (Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov)

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities, (ESasse@calcities.org)

Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, (cityletters@calcities.org)

Lauren Kline, ACCOC, (lkline@accoc.org)



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 16, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8630
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Roger Niello
Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 7110
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Vince Fong
Vice Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 4630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Skinner, Senator Niello, Assembly Member Ting, and
Assembly Member Fong:

In the spirit of a strong state and local government partnership that benefits all Californians, the City of Garden Grove respectfully calls on the state and lawmakers to take action to bolster local government efforts to support our most vulnerable residents and ensure California's economic strength.

City officials are on the front lines delivering essential services to more than 80% of the state's residents. They rely on collaborative partnerships with the state and other organizations to meet the challenges facing our communities. Every day, local leaders connecting individuals experiencing homelessness with wraparound services, delivering permanent supportive housing, and jumpstarting the construction of affordable housing in their communities. Clearly there's more work to do and that requires additional resources.

The City of Garden Grove calls on the Legislature to make **a permanent funding stream of \$3 billion annually for cities to help more Californians find homes** and prevent more Californians from having to live on the streets, under bridges, or in their cars.

Tougher fiscal times can exacerbate the challenges our communities face by contributing to a downturn in the production of affordable housing, an increase in the struggle for resources for unhoused residents, and ever-increasing economic inequity. In the face of another potential recession, we cannot afford for these gaps to widen.

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An ongoing \$3 billion investment from the state can spur much-needed housing production, ensure that thousands more Californians experiencing homelessness get the support they need, and more importantly, prevent thousands more from losing their homes. This funding will further our state-local partnership to advance practical, data-driven, and effective strategies to two of the state's biggest challenges.

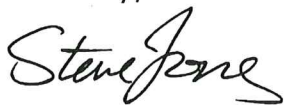
The City of Garden Grove is currently working to develop a year-round navigation center in partnership with the Cities of Fountain Valley and Westminster. The navigation center will provide emergency housing and wrap-around services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Located at 13871 West Street, the navigation center will provide 85 beds, a full kitchen, laundry room, dining and outdoor lounge areas, check-in and staging areas, lockers, and lavatories. Anticipated services include 1-on-1 case management, mental health and stabilization resources, substance use counseling, outpatient health services, education services, employment assistance and job training, life skills development and transportation. Additional ongoing fiscal support would equip the City with resources to operate, improve and expand emergency housing and wrap-around services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

It is also time for the state to finally pay down its growing backlog of unreimbursed claims — nearly \$1 billion — owed to local governments for state-mandated programs. The vitality of local governments is dependent upon fiscal stability, and local governments rely on the state to reimburse them in a timely manner for costs related to delivering a wide range of state-mandated programs.

Equally important, the City of Garden Grove strongly opposes any action that would reduce or eliminate funding for local governments as a short-term solution to balance the 2023-24 state budget. Diverting funding would only compound cities' financial challenges and jeopardize the delivery of critical resources to our most vulnerable residents.

We look forward to engaging with you to realize an even stronger partnership for the benefit of all Californians.

Sincerely,



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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 14, 2023

Giovanni Roman
10422 Orrey Pl
Garden Grove, CA 92843

Dear Mr. Roman:

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On behalf of the Garden Grove City Council, we would like to express our deepest admiration for your service and sacrifice as a volunteer combat medic in Ukraine.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the injuries you sustained when an enemy rocket struck the Humvee you were in. Despite the challenges you faced, you demonstrated remarkable bravery and resilience, surviving the impact and undergoing surgery to treat your injuries.

Your dedication to serving your country and helping others is truly inspiring. You have already served in the Marines, worked as an emergency room technician at local hospitals, and joined the U.S. Navy on contract. When Russia's war on Ukraine began, you chose to leave the Navy and serve as a volunteer combat medic in Ukraine.

Your commitment to helping others and your selflessness are a testament to your character and the values that you hold dear. You are a true hero, and your service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

We know that your journey to recovery will be challenging, and we want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones. We also want to express our support for your future aspirations.

Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation for your service and sacrifice. You have our utmost respect and admiration.

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Item No.

INFORMATION ITEM
March 8, 2023

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

FROM: Harvey De La Torre, Interim 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 January.**
- Estimated OC Water Usage, Monthly, Comparison to Previous Years Water usage in January **2023 was 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 515,000 AF in FY 2022-23** (this includes ~11 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage). This is about **31,500 AF less than FY 2021-22** and is about **45,000 AF less than FY 2020-21**. Water usage per person is projected to be slightly lower in **FY 2022-23 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 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.***

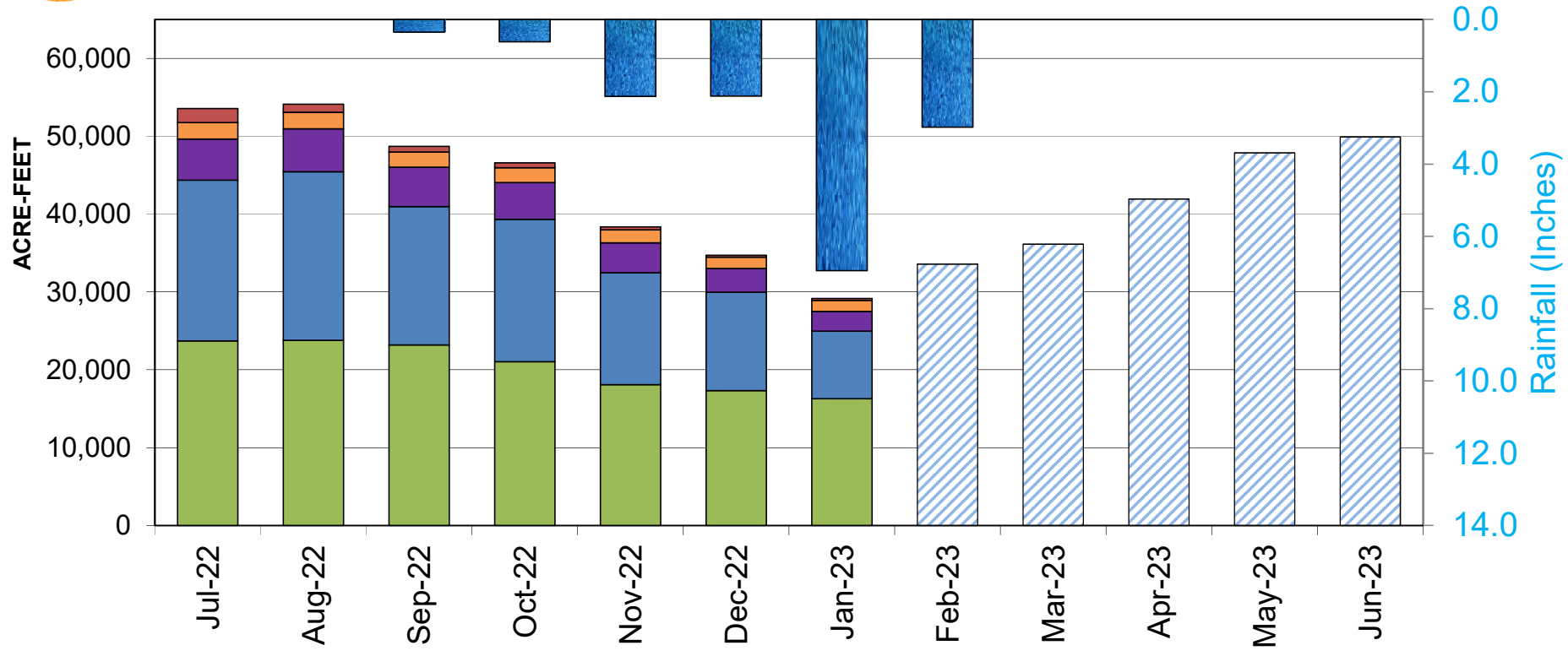
Water Supply Information Includes data on Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation, and regional storage volumes. The data have implications for the magnitude of supplies from the three watersheds 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 ***early March was above average*** for this period. Water year to date rainfall in Orange County is ***15.39 inches***, which is ***162% of normal***.
- Northern California accumulated precipitation through ***early March was 124% of normal for this period***. Water Year 2022 was 48% of normal while water year 2021 was 86% of normal. The ***Northern California snowpack was 157% as of March 1st, 2023. As of late February, 84.63%*** of California is experiencing ***moderate to severe drought conditions***. ***0.0%*** of California is experiencing ***extreme to exceptional drought conditions***. The State Water Project Contractors Table A Allocation was increased to 35% as of February for WY 2023.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation through ***early March was 120% of normal*** for this period. The ***Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 122% of normal*** as of March 1st 2023. ***Lake Mead and Lake Powell*** combined have about ***38.0% of their average storage volume*** for this time of year and are at ***25.5% 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 February was ***27.98' BELOW the "trigger" limit***. The USBR has declared a ***shortage on the Colorado River that started on January 1st 2022. There is a 93% chance of shortage continuing in 2024, 93% in 2025 and 93% in 2026***. Lake Mead as of early March was ***2.98' ABOVE the State of California "trigger" limit. There is a 60% chance of mandatory cutbacks for California in 2023 (-250 TAF), 67% in 2025 (-263 TAF) and 60% in 2026 (-278 TAF)***.



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

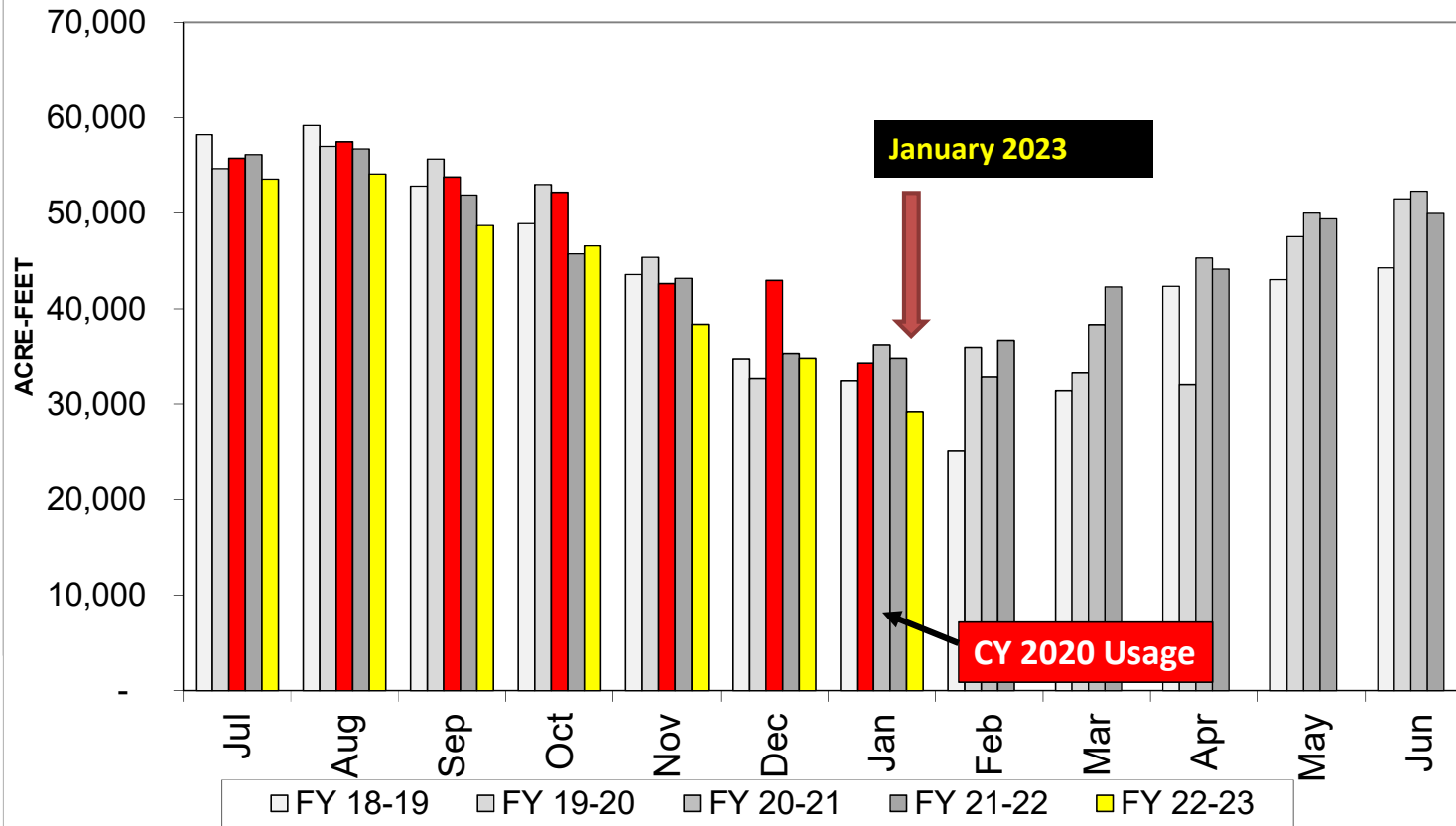
- Surface Water
- Recycled (Non Potable)
- Non-OCWD Groundwater
- Import [1]
- OCWD Basin [2]
- projected [3]
- Rainfall



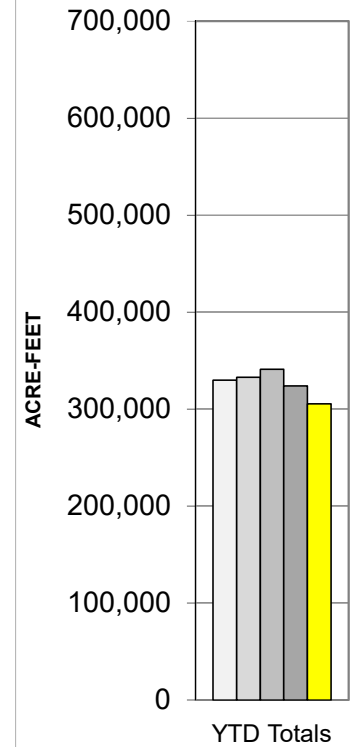
- [1] Imported water for consumptive use. Includes "In-Lieu" deliveries and CUP water extraction. Excludes "Direct Replenishment" deliveries of spreading water and deliveries into Irvine Lake.
- [2] GW for consumptive use only. Excludes In-Lieu water deliveries and CUP water extraction that are counted with Import. BPP in FY '22-23 is 85%.
- [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



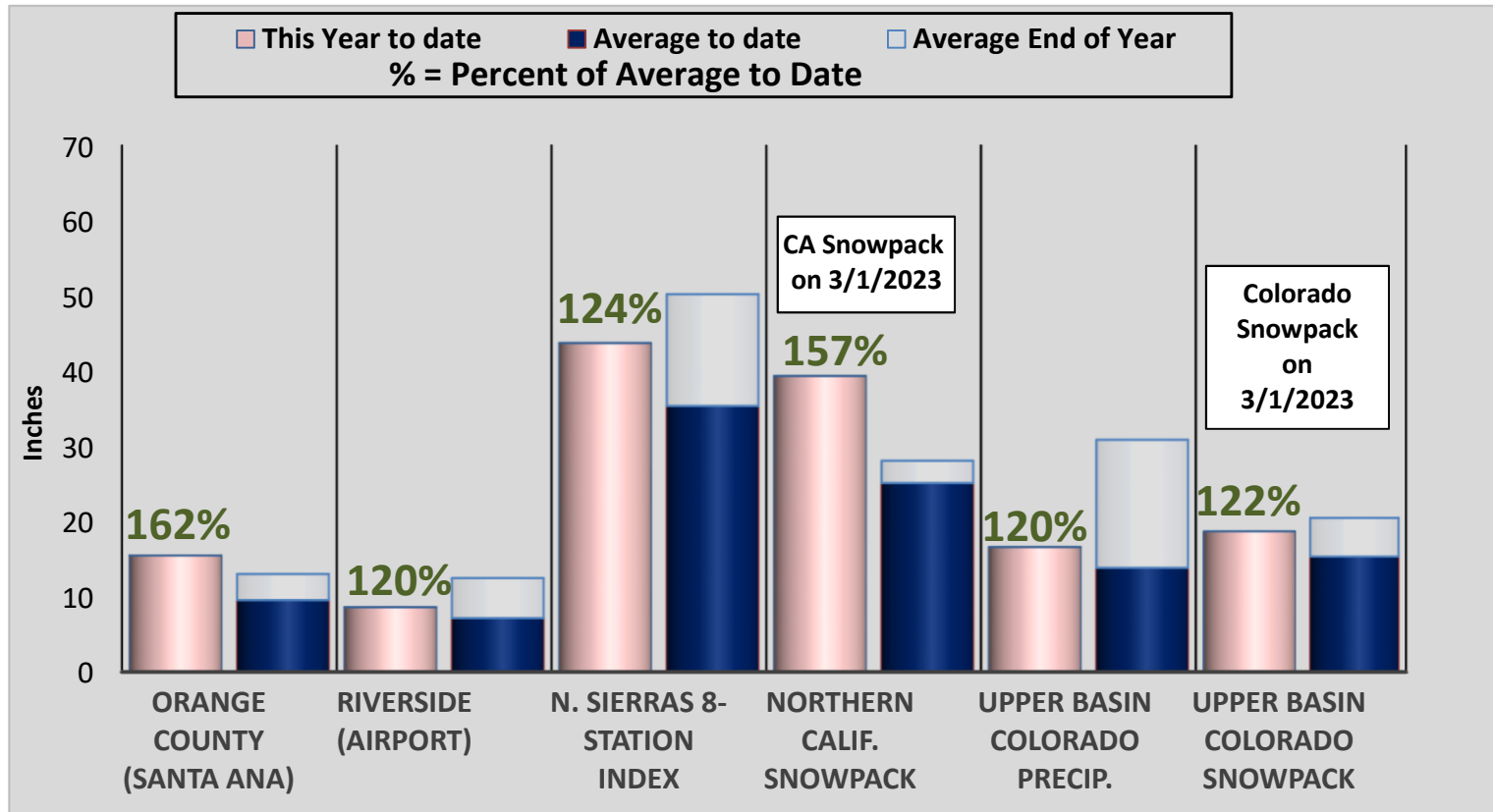
Partial Year Subtotals



[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.

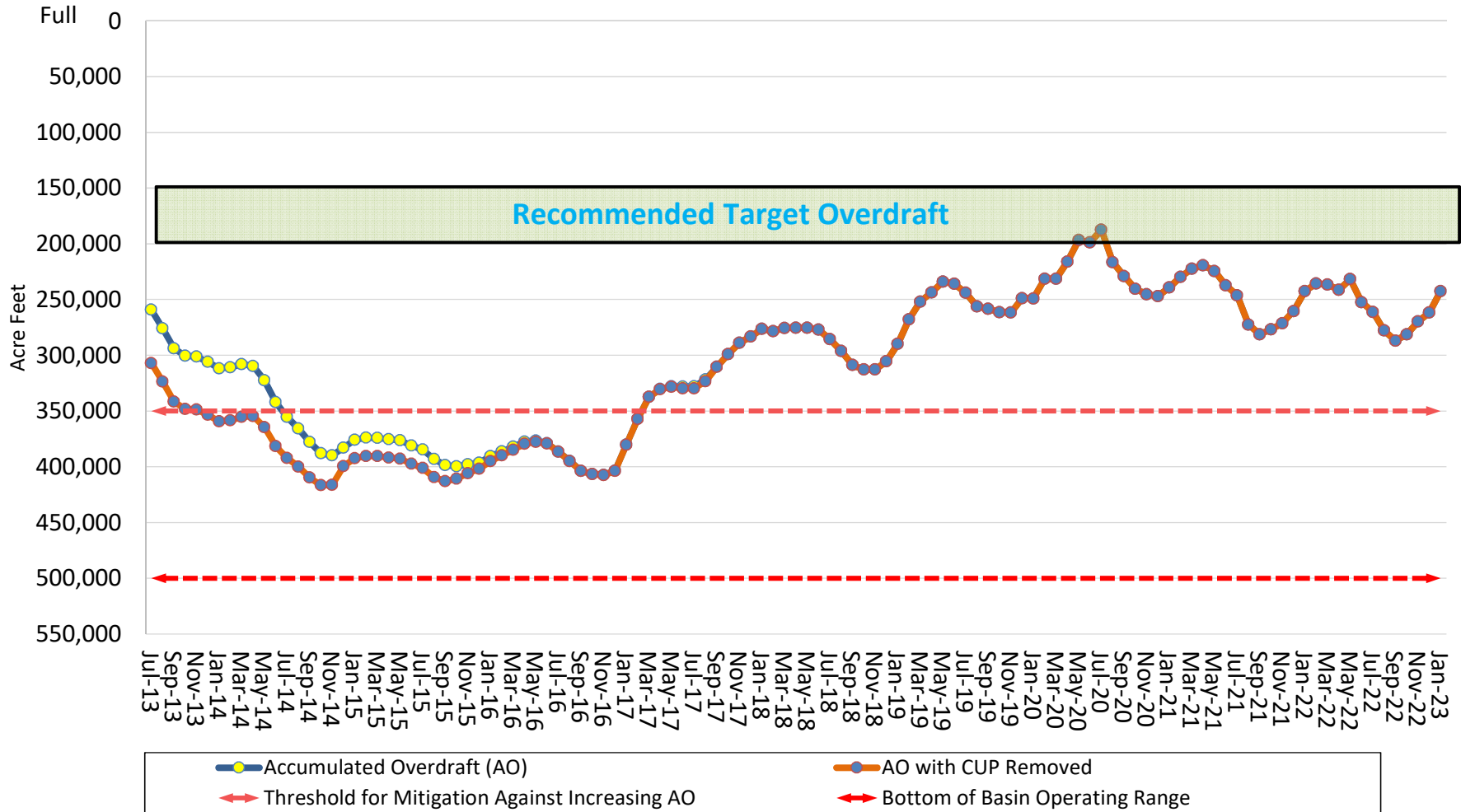
Accumulated Precipitation

for the Oct.-Sep. water year, early of March 2023



* 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 January 2023



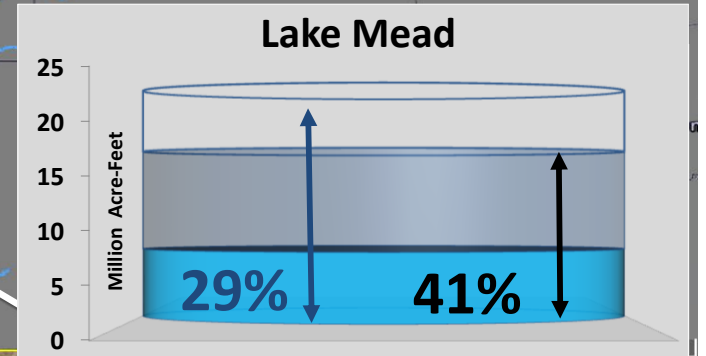
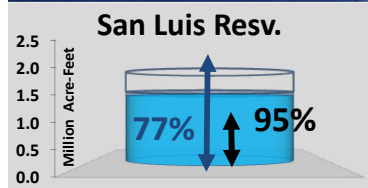
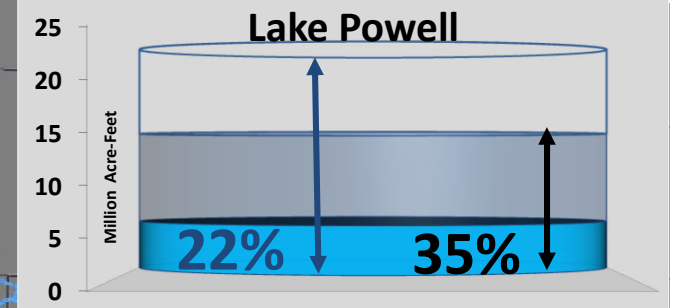
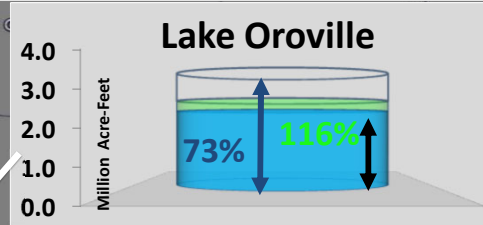
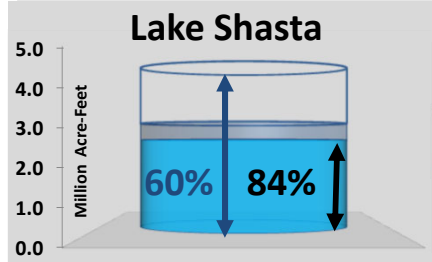
	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22
AO (AF)	246,350	272,443	281,354	276,909	271,455	260,387	242,511	235,744	236,708	241,450	231,699	252,348
AO w/CUP removed (AF)	246,350	272,442	281,354	276,909	271,455	260,387	242,510	235,744	236,708	241,450	231,699	252,348
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AO (AF)	261,145	277,756	286,988	281,407	269,746	261,614	242,610					
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* Source ~ OCWD Monthly Board of Directors Packet, Water Resources Summary

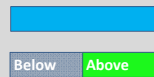


State Water Project, Colorado River, and MWD Reservoir Storage

as of March 1, 2023



Reservoir Storage
 Historical Reservoir Storage

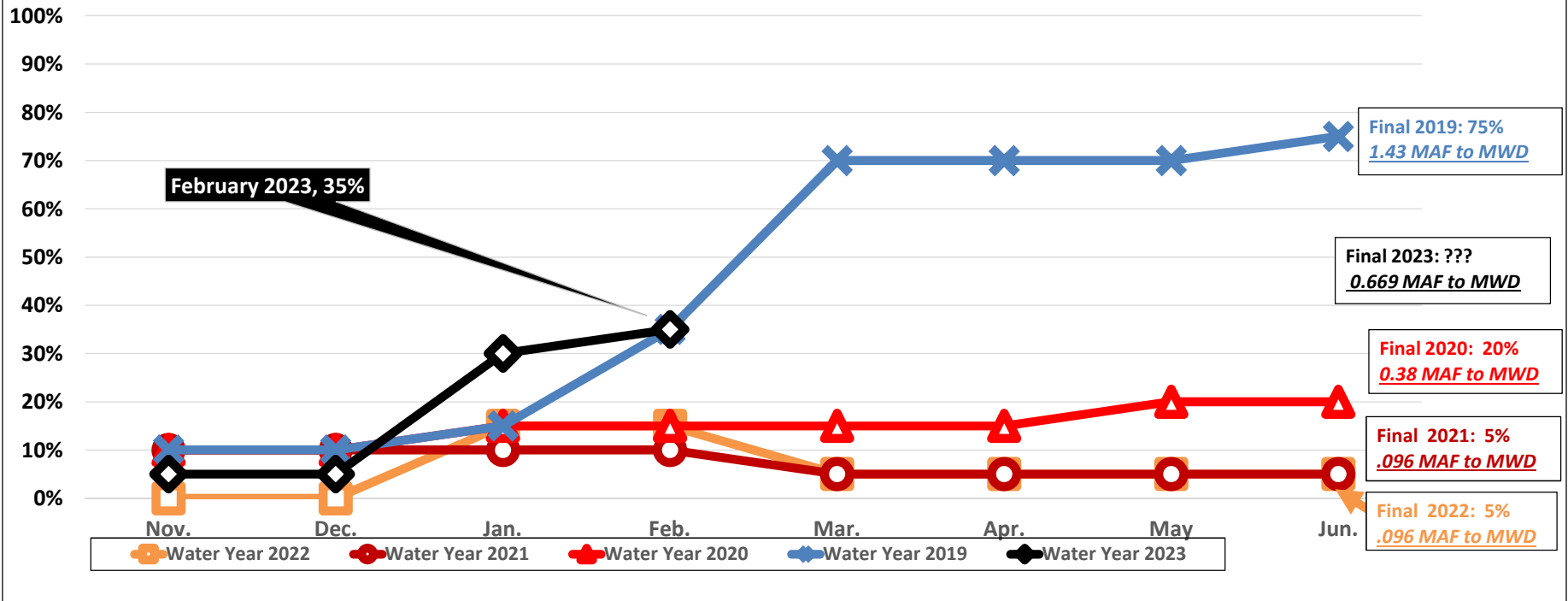


SWP Take Capacity = 0.096 MAF
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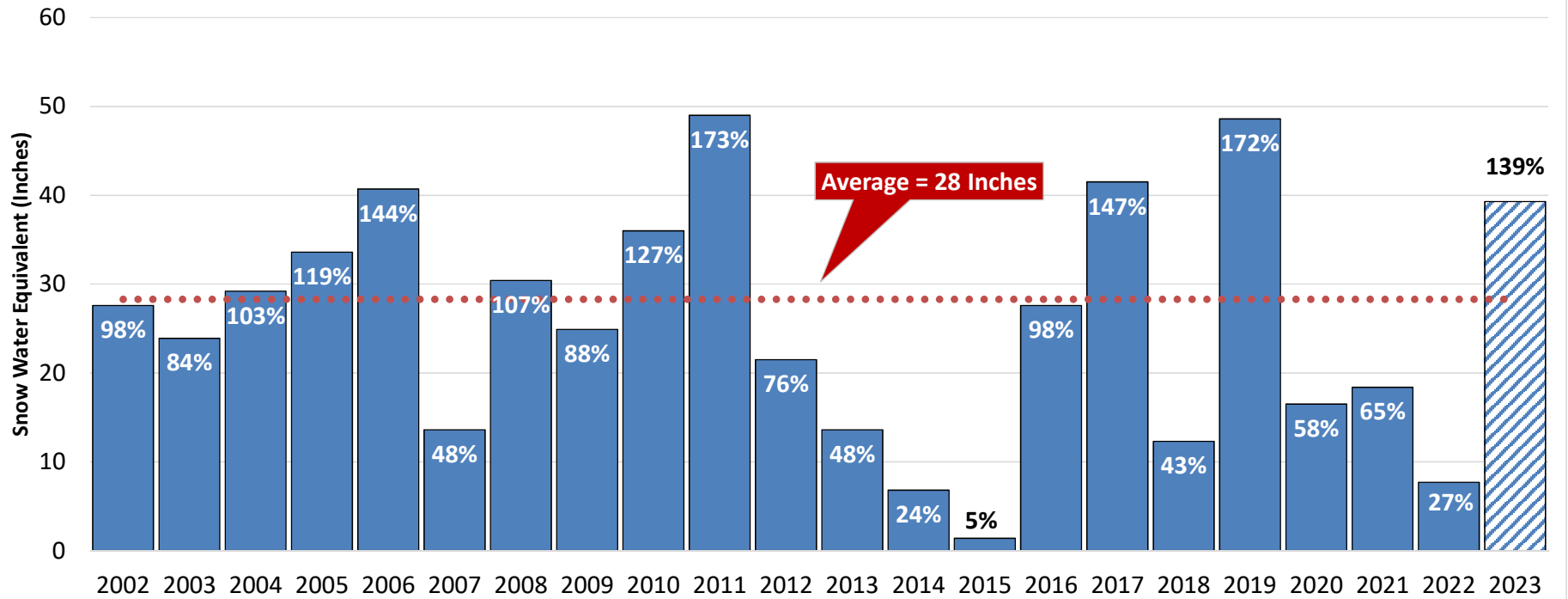


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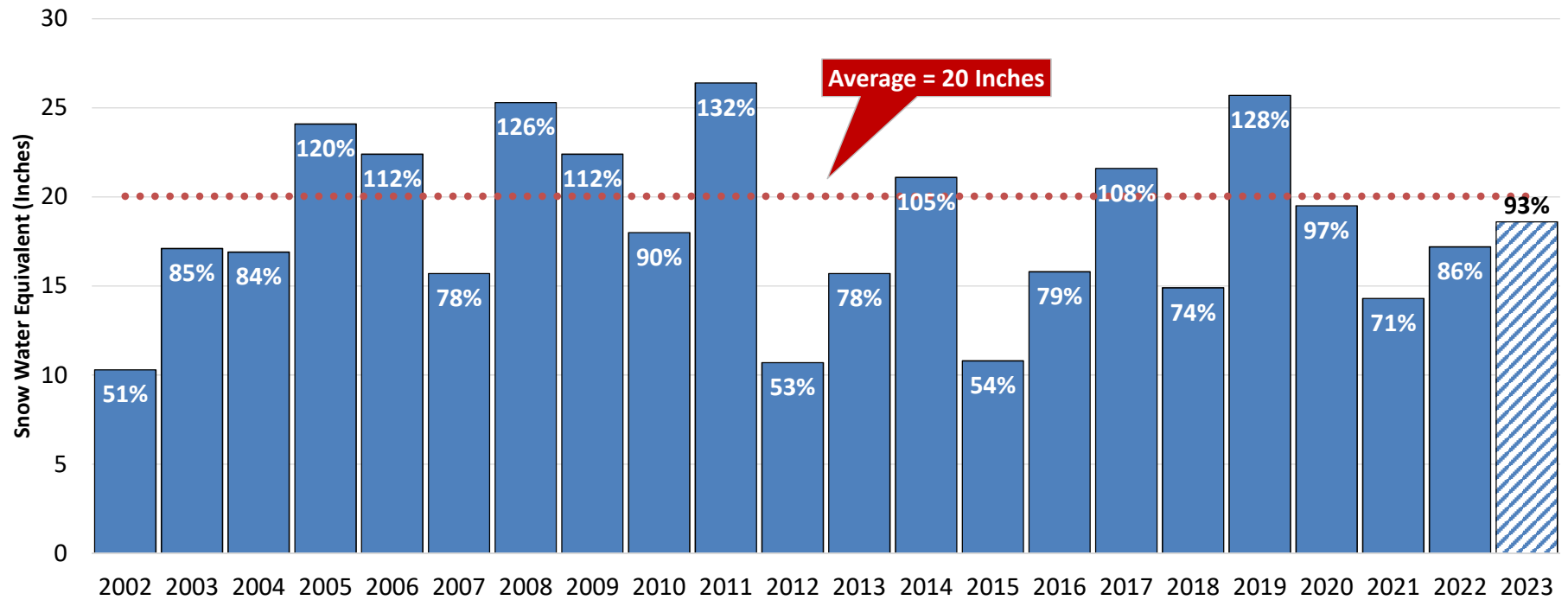
FOR STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS



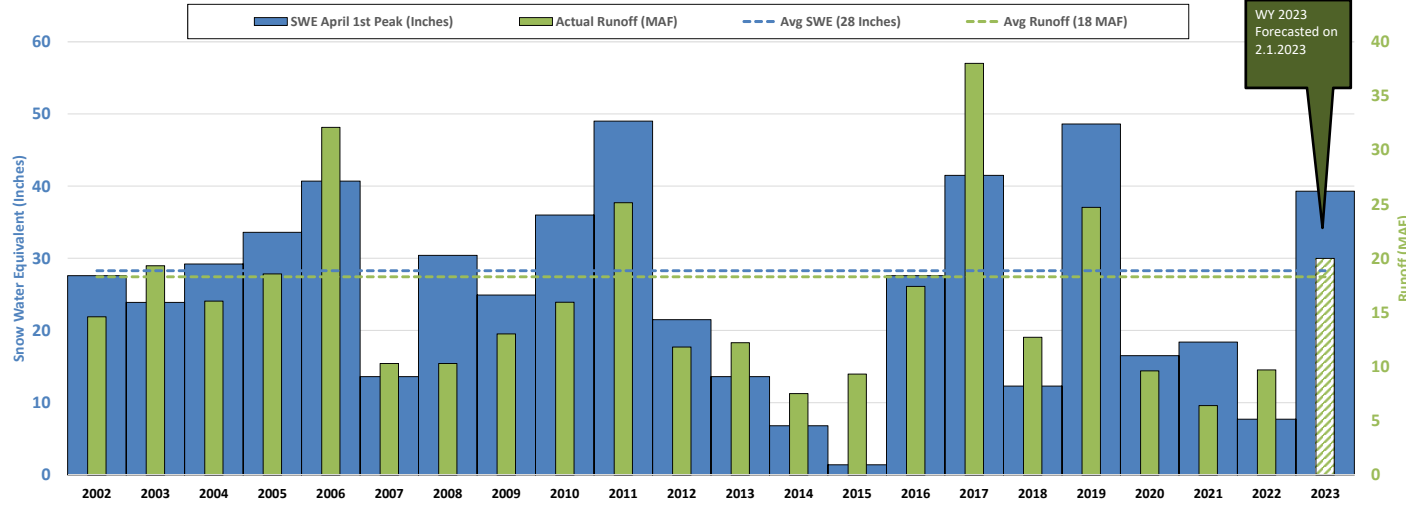
Historical Northern California April 1st Peak Snow Water Equivalent



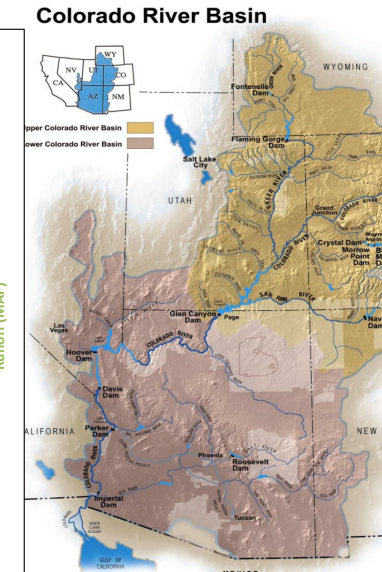
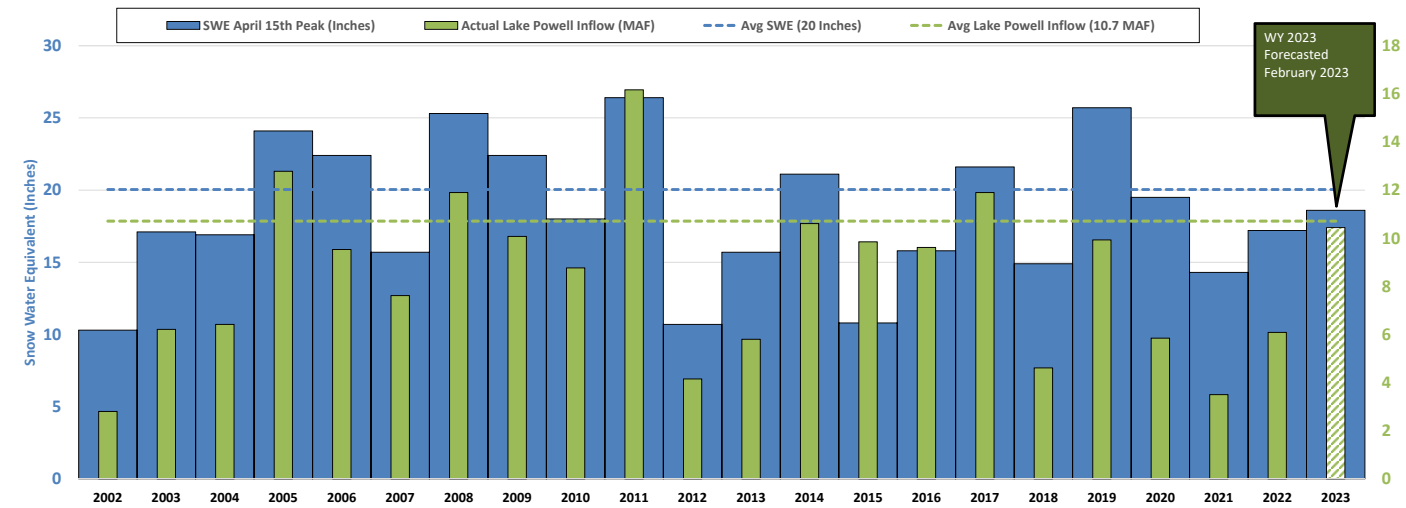
Historical Colorado Basin April 15th Peak Snow Water Equivalent



Northern California Historical Snow Water Equivalent (Inches) Vs Runoff (Million AF)



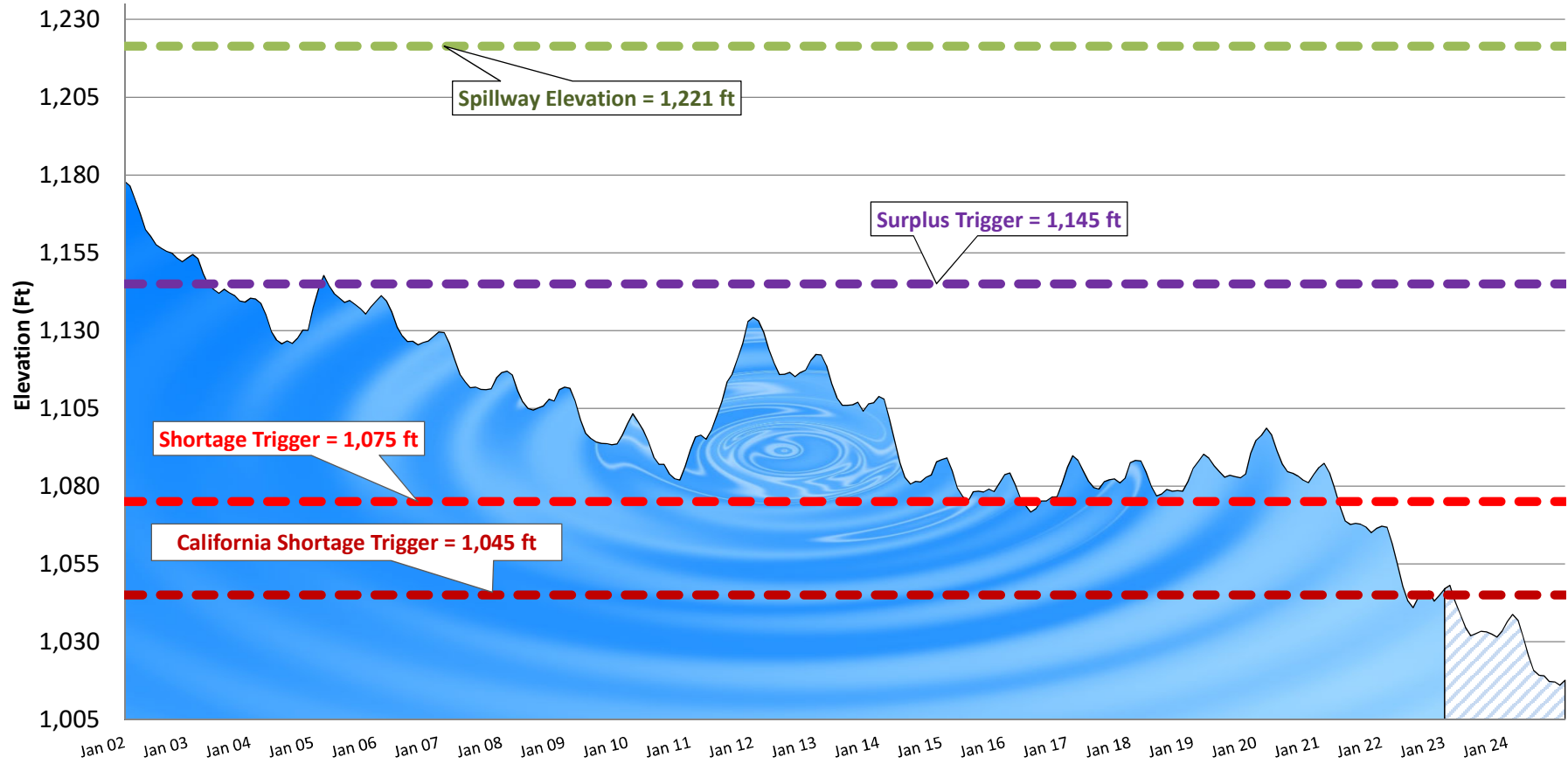
Upper Colorado Historical Snow Water Equivalent (Inches) Vs Runoff (Million AF)



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

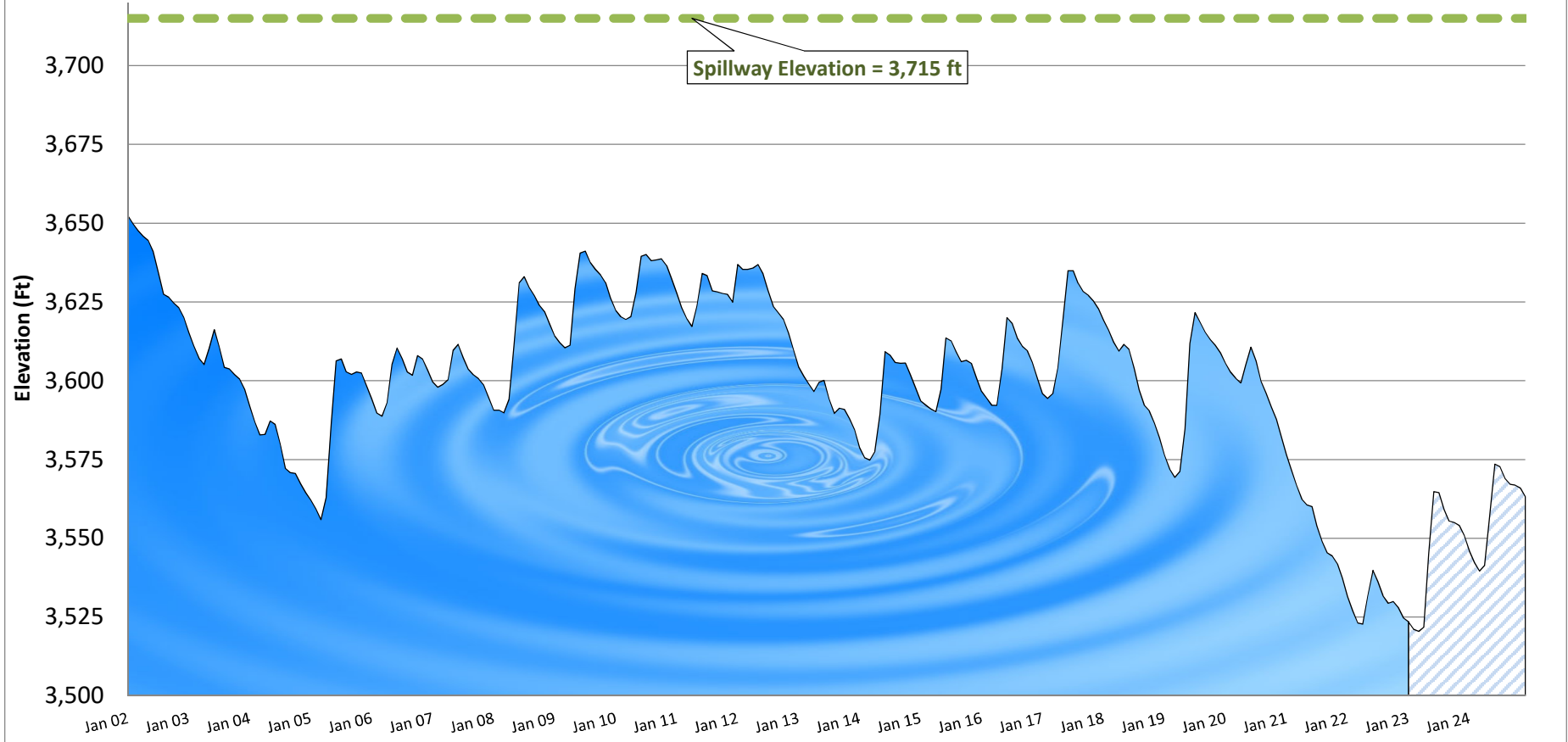


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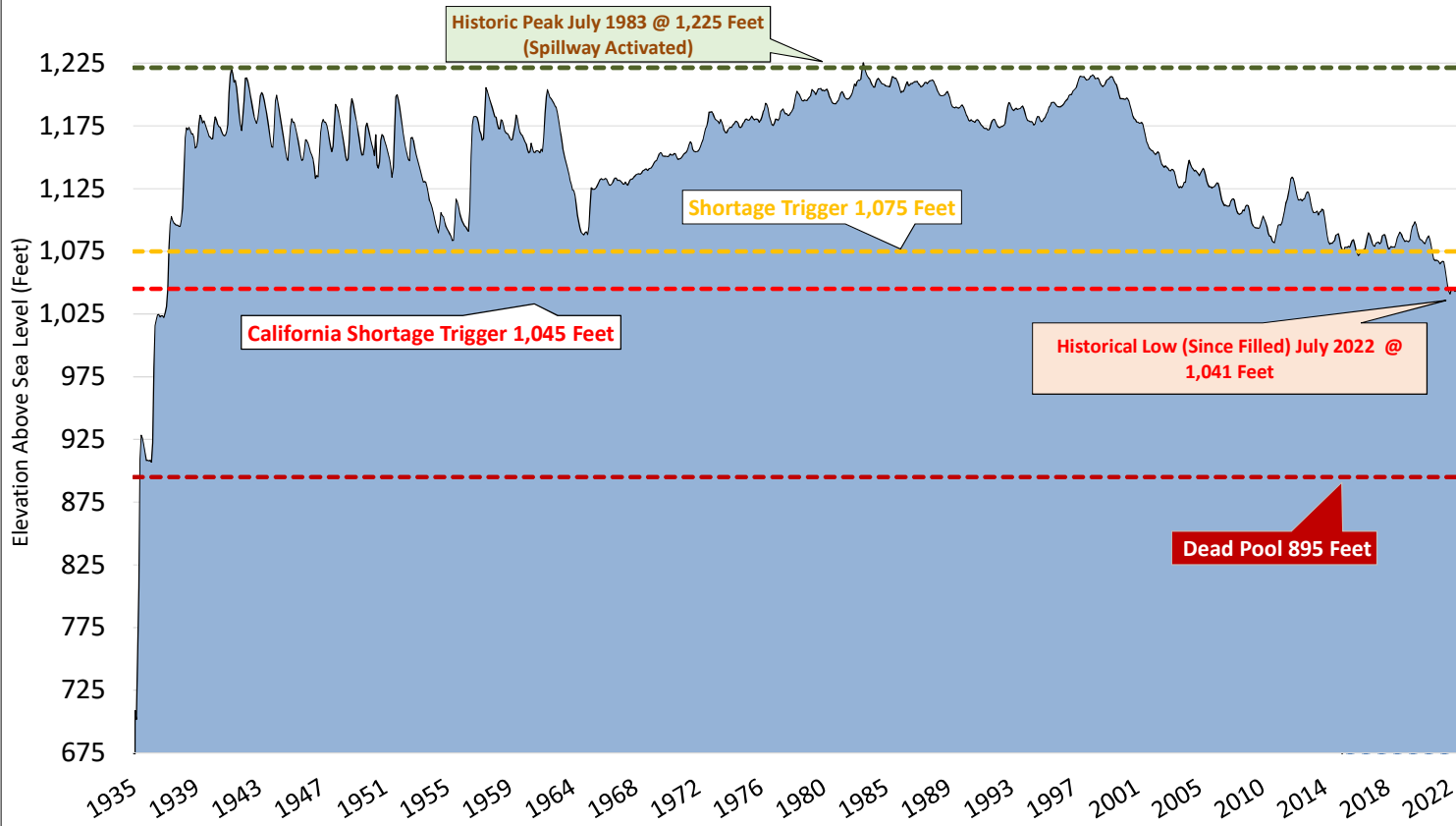


Lake Powell Levels: Historical and Projected projection per USBR 24-Month Study

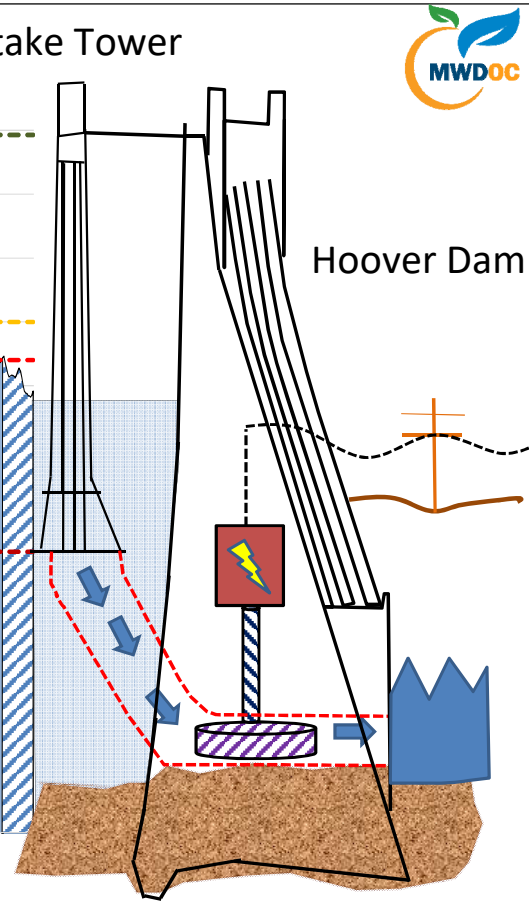
■ Historical □ Projected



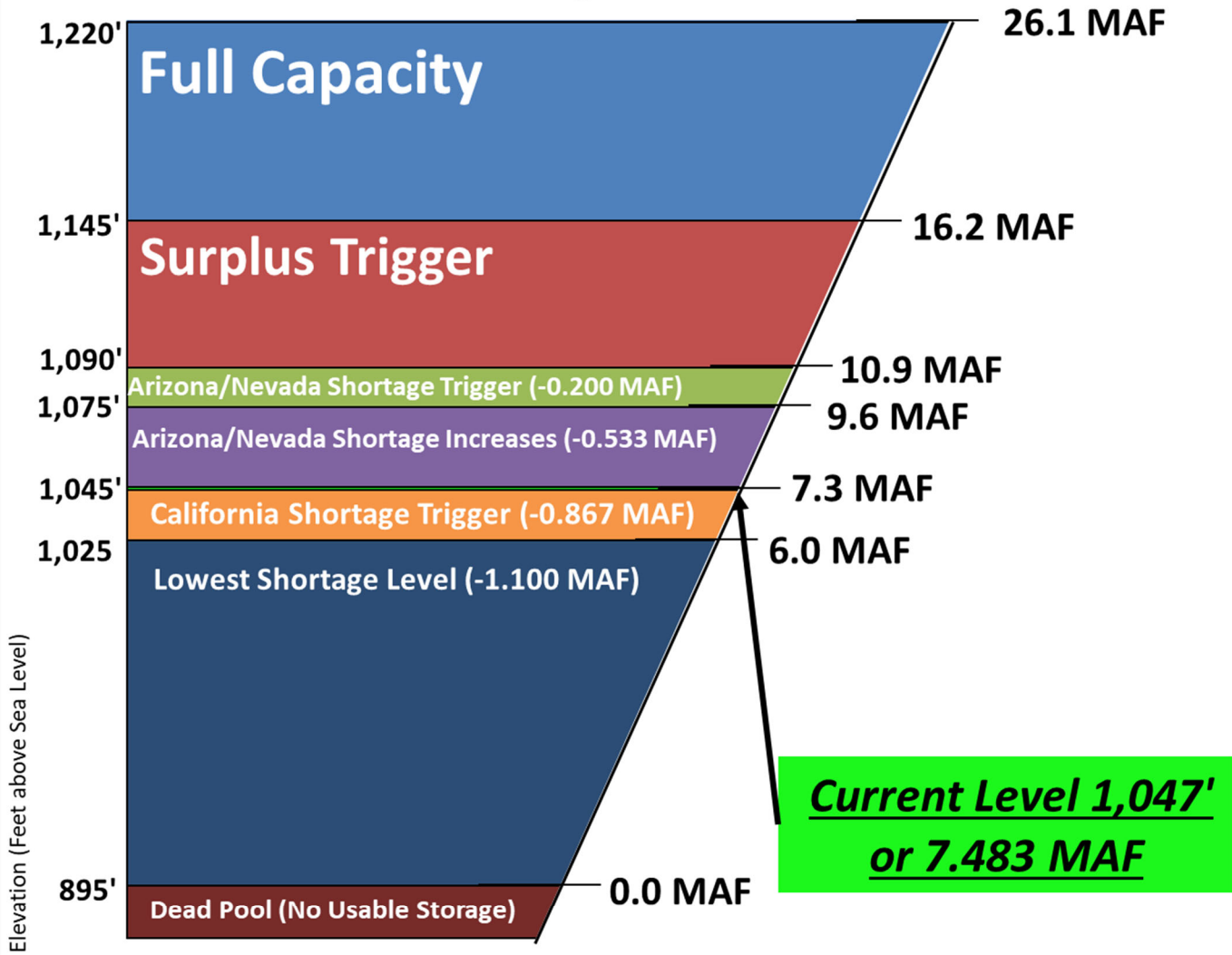
Lake Mead Historical Water Elevation Level



Intake Tower



Lake Mead Storage Level



WEEKLY MEMO 3-16-2023

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

March 9, 2023 - March 15, 2023

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

Included in this Report

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

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Wed 3/15/2023 4:28 pm PDT

!#DYI a project is underway to erect a new sculpture in front of Orange County Fire Authority Station 84 on Valley View...



Impressions	2,298
Reach	1,758
Engagements	91
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 3/15/2023 4:25 pm PDT

!#DYI a project is underway to erect a new sculpture in front of Orange County Fire Authority Station 84 on Valley View...



Impressions	3,928
Reach	3,873
Engagements	565
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.4%



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Wed 3/15/2023 10:20 am PDT

✨ Last night, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized @saintcolumban's LEGO robotics team for their LEGO robot...



Impressions	683
Reach	658
Engagements	28
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 3/15/2023 10:20 am PDT

🌟 Last night, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized St. Columban School's LEGO robotics team for their LEGO robot...



Impressions	1,449
Reach	1,449
Engagements	107
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.4%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 3/15/2023 9:13 am PDT

⚠️ **EMERGENCY WATER OUTAGE**
 - Impacted streets are Trask, Newhope & Havenwood. Crews are expecting the water to be off for one to two hours. Due to the emergency nature, residents and business owners were not notified. **#gg1956**



Impressions	98
Potential Reach	4,651
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%



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Tue 3/14/2023 3:26 pm PDT

It's not too late to sign up for Art in the Park's Paint and Sip, an outdoor painting experience led by local artist Melissa...



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GGCITY.ORG

It's not too late to sign up for Art in the Park's Paint and Sip, an outdoor painting experience led by local artist Melissa Murphy.

Impressions	484
Reach	475
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	17



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Tue 3/14/2023 3:21 pm PDT

Get inspired by your surroundings and paint outdoors! It's not too late to sign up for Art in the Park's Paint and Sip, an...



Impressions	663
Reach	565
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%



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Tue 3/14/2023 3:17 pm PDT

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Art in the Park | City of Garden G...



Post Link Clicks	54
Impressions	7,824
Reach	2,880
Engagements	198
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%



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Tue 3/14/2023 11:07 am PDT

ART IN THE PARK ✨FREE Event 📅
Saturday, March 18 | 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 📍 Village Green Park | 12732 Main...



Impressions	524
Reach	517
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	9



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Tue 3/14/2023 11:04 am PDT

👤 Become an artist for a day! Join us for an inspirational and interactive outdoor event at the 5th Annual Art in the Park!...



Impressions	1,487
Reach	1,408
Engagements	63
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 3/14/2023 11:02 am PDT

👤 Become an artist for a day! Join us for an inspirational and interactive outdoor event at the 5th Annual Art in the Park!...

Art in the Park | City of Garden G...



Post Link Clicks	62
Impressions	5,140
Reach	2,641
Engagements	318
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.2%



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Mon 3/13/2023 5:12 pm PDT

🌟 **SAVE THE DATE - 2023 STATE OF THE CITY** 📅 Tuesday, April 25 | 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 📍 Hyatt Regency Orange...



Impressions	2,180
Reach	1,518
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 3/13/2023 5:09 pm PDT

🌟 **SAVE THE DATE - 2023 STATE OF THE CITY** 📅 Tuesday, April 25 | 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 📍 Hyatt Regency Orange...



Impressions	943
Reach	900
Engagements	74
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 3/13/2023 1:07 pm PDT



Impressions	1,989
Reach	1,953
Engagements	73
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



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Sat 3/11/2023 7:00 pm PST

Don't forget to spring forward, #GardenGrove! 🕒🌸 We want to remind the community that daylight saving time...



Impressions	773
Reach	678
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



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Sat 3/11/2023 7:00 pm PST

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#GardenGrove! 🕒🌱 We want to remind
the community that daylight saving time...



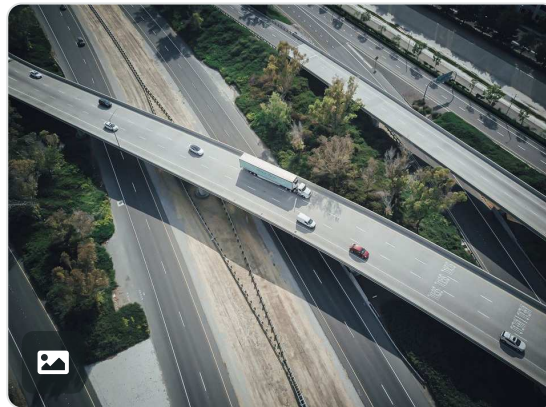
Impressions	1,151
Reach	1,143
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 3/10/2023 8:00 am PST

⚠️ **UPCOMING FREEWAY CLOSURES**
Attention #GardenGrove commuters! Due
to scheduled maintenance, the following...



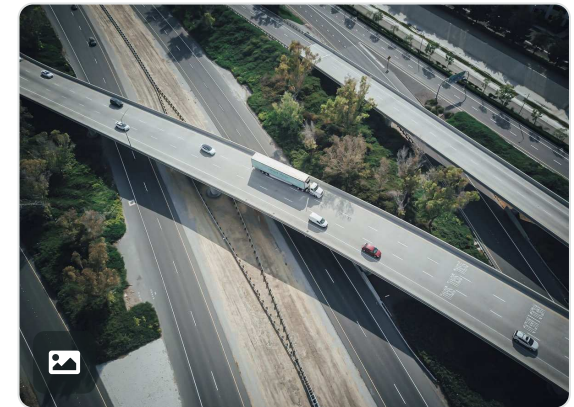
Impressions	1,364
Reach	1,322
Engagements	53
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 3/10/2023 8:00 am PST

⚠️ **UPCOMING FREEWAY CLOSURES**
Attention #GardenGrove commuters!
Due to scheduled maintenance, the...



Impressions	254
Potential Reach	4,680
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%



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Thu 3/9/2023 4:17 pm PST

Get a jump on spring cleaning! Declutter your home and bring those unwanted and unused items to this Saturday's...



Impressions	2,669
Reach	2,385
Engagements	79
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/9/2023 4:14 pm PST

Get a jump on spring cleaning! Declutter your home and bring those unwanted and unused items to this Saturday's...



Impressions	1,232
Reach	1,211
Engagements	58
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/9/2023 9:33 am PST

#GardenGrove business owners and residents are encouraged to take advantage of the county's current traini...



Impressions	1,093
Reach	1,071
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



Post Performance

March 9, 2023 - March 15, 2023

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

Included in this Report

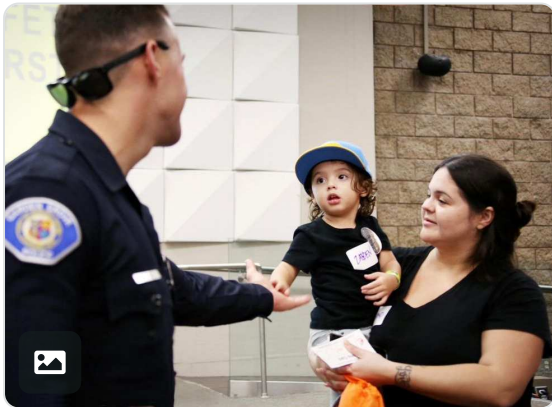
 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 3/15/2023 3:00 pm PDT

In service to our #GardenGrove community, we're collaborating with local organizations to host another resource d...



Impressions	310
Reach	310
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 3/13/2023 12:34 pm PDT

Are you a multi-tasker with exceptional customer service skills, and want to play an integral role in officer and citizen...



Impressions	3,593
Reach	3,471
Engagements	244
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%




Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sun 3/12/2023 8:01 pm PDT

This weekend, as #GardenGrovePD Motor Officers were conducting reckless driving / street racing enforcement in the area of...




Impressions	6,183
Reach	6,147
Engagements	661
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.7%

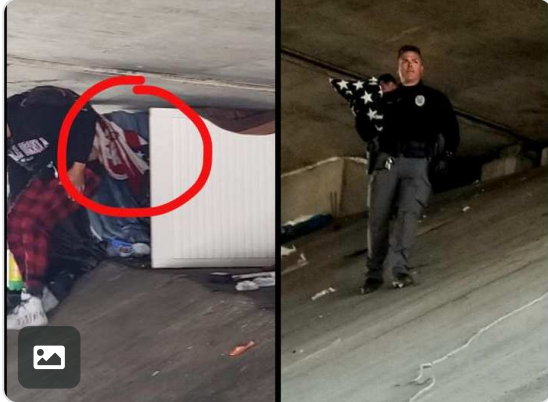
 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Sat 3/11/2023 6:01 pm PST

A reminder to set your #clocks forward one hour tonight, before bed. With the #TimeChange, you might feel like you're...


Impressions	2,484
Reach	2,480
Engagements	107
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Sat 3/11/2023 12:00 pm PST


Outreach & Cleanup Recap: this week, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) collaborated with Garden Grove...



Impressions	9,460
Reach	8,951
Engagements	2,766
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	29.2%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Thu 3/9/2023 10:16 am PST

In Memory of Master Officer Howard E. Dallies #EOW March 9, 1993. Master Officer Howard Dallies, Jr. began his law...



Impressions	4,965
Reach	4,837
Engagements	483
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.7%

WEEKLY MEMO 3-16-2023

NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Assistant City Manager /
Community & Economic Development Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, February 9, 2023



COMMUNITY INVITED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT WORKSHOP

The City of Garden Grove is hosting a free in-person Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Workshop to provide information on the City's upcoming ADU program. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

ADUs are independent living units attached or detached to a single-family home. The workshop will be an introduction to ADUs. Topics to be discussed are: different types of ADUs, the benefits of building ADUs, the development process, and the City's pre-approved ADU plans.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/planning/adu or contact Shawn Park, Senior Administrative Analyst at (714) 741-5371 or shawnp@ggcity.org.



We invite you to an in-person workshop to learn about the City of Garden Grove's upcoming Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023
6 - 8 pm**

Location

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92840

For more information visit
ggcity.org/planning/adu



Garden Grove Planning Services Division
(714) 741-5312





CONTACT: Dana Saucedo
Community Services Department
(714) 741-5242/danam@ggcity.org

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Thursday, February 9, 2023

**WIN FREE CLASS SESSION DURING CITY'S
PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE INSTAGRAM GIVEAWAY**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting an Instagram giveaway for a free contract class session offered through the City's Winter/Spring 2023 Parks and Recreation Guide. The giveaway takes place from Monday, February 13 through Friday, February 17, from followers of the City's Instagram page, [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall). Contract classes include soccer and basketball skills and drills; line dancing; martial arts; and volleyball.

The Parks and Recreation Guide offers a multitude of programs, classes, and activities for residents and visitors. The guide provides a listing of youth sports and creative arts; adult activities and fitness; special events and more. Explore the guide at ggparksandrec.com, and sign up for the winter/spring session by April 2023.

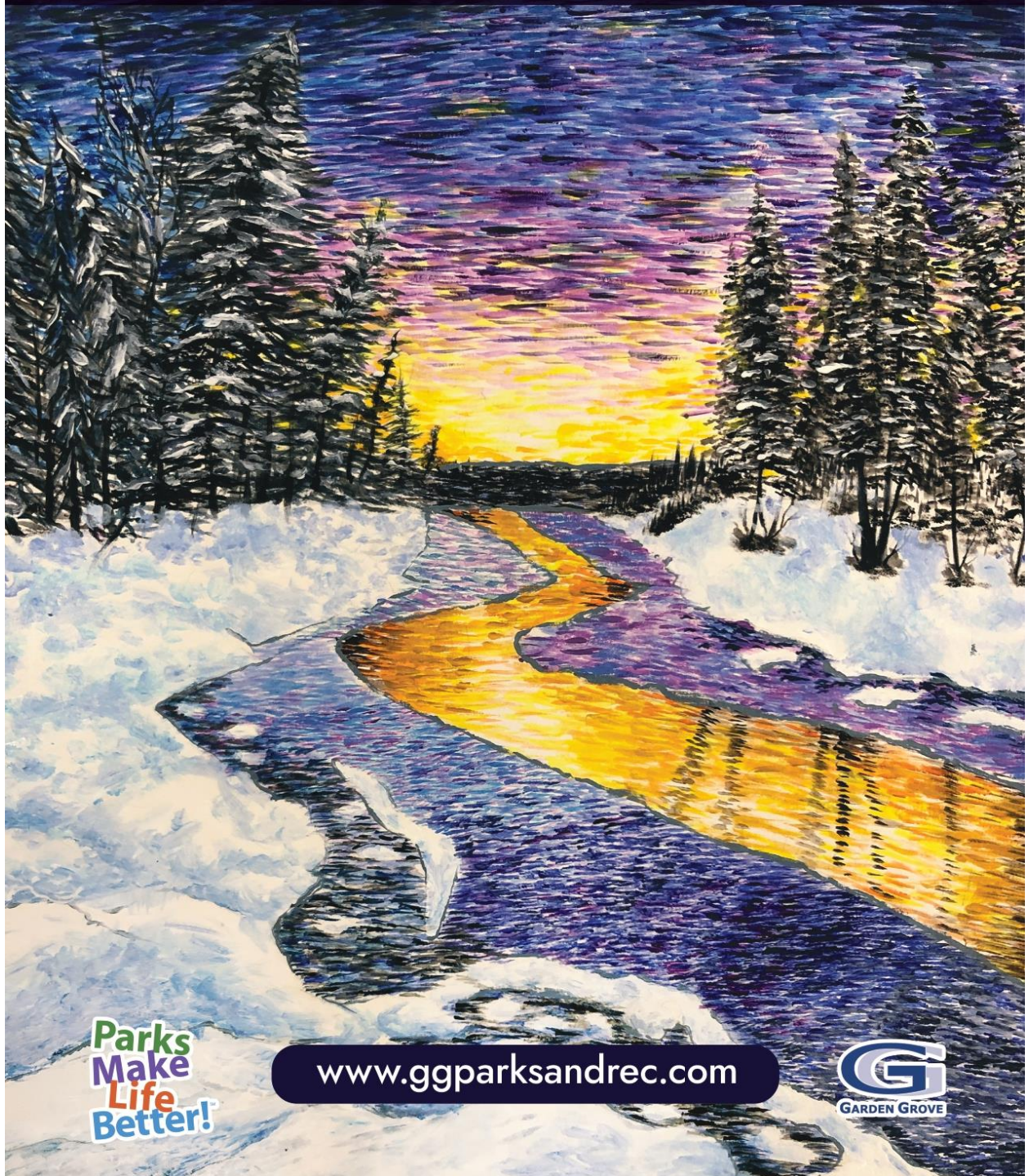
Users are invited to follow [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall) to participate in the giveaway. One participant will be chosen from the City's Instagram page. Instagram followers will have opportunities to win more prizes through other upcoming social media giveaways and more.

For more information, visit ggparksandrec.com or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

Garden Grove

PARKS & RECREATION GUIDE

Winter/Spring 2023



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Public Information Officer
anap@ggcity.org

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Monday, February 13, 2023



CITY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2023 GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES' RECEPTION

Local businesses and organizations that are interested in supporting higher education in the community are encouraged to become a sponsor for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception in May 2023. Sponsorships begin at \$300.

Last year, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, the City of Garden Grove recognized nearly 40 local graduates during the reception and awarded over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. This year's event invites sponsoring businesses and organizations to honor Garden Grove residents for their accomplishments in higher education and encourage them to build their professional careers here in Garden Grove.

Sponsorship benefits include an invitation to attend the 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, mentions in various marketing outlets, including City publications, website, and social media.

Sponsorship levels include a Master's Sponsorship of \$1,000+; Bachelor's Sponsorship of \$500+; and an Associates' Sponsorship of \$300+. In-kind donations are also welcomed. Visit ggcity.org/grads to fill out a sponsorship form.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at communityrelations@ggcity.org or (714) 741-5280.



Recognize the Value

— OF AN —

EDUCATED WORKFORCE

Join local businesses as a corporate sponsor of the

2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception



Sponsorships begin at \$300.
ggcity.org/grads

College Graduates' Reception Sponsorship

MAY 2023

The City of Garden Grove is offering a unique opportunity for businesses and organizations to honor local college graduates while gaining valuable exposure. All sponsors are invited to the event.

Master's Sponsorship \$1,000+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases and social media
- Recognition at event
- Logo on promotional flyer
- Logo on invitation

Bachelor's Sponsorship \$500+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases
- Logo on promotional flyer

Associates Sponsorship \$300+

- Logo on City website
- Logo on promotional flyer

Company or Organization:

Representative:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

Social Media Handle(s):

Please complete and email form to communityrelations@ggcity.org or call (714) 741-5280. Sponsors must provide logo of at least 300 dpi quality. Electronic form is available at ggcity.org/grads.

Payment:

Make checks payable to the Garden Grove Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Mail or deliver payment by Monday, March 20, 2023 to:

City of Garden Grove
Attn: Office of Community Relations
11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840





CONTACT:
Lisa Kim, Assistant City Manager
Community & Economic Development
(714) 741-5121/lisak@ggcity.org

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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL CHALLENGE**

The City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Unified School District invite local high school students, 10th-12th grades, to participate in the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, aimed at supporting local small businesses. Students are invited to create a 30- to 60-second "foodie" video at a Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café of their choice, and submit their original work online, at ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove, by Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Submissions will be showcased on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok, @foodsofgardengrove. All participants will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win a \$100 gift card. Three winners will be chosen at random.

Videos must be the original work of the student and feature one of the Foods of Garden Grove businesses. Videos must be uploaded without music or voice over. Choice of music and voice over can be indicated in the submission form.

The social challenge is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove program showcasing the city's vibrant food culture through a prominent list of 150 select eateries. Through the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, students can create a unique "foodie" experience featuring their favorite meals and beverages.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove or email foodies@ggcity.org.



FOODS OF
GARDEN GROVE

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

ARE YOU A FOODIE?

Create a 30- to 60-second foodie video at your favorite Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Participants must be Garden Grove Unified School District high school students, 10th -12th grades.

Videos submitted may be used on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok platforms.

Learn more at ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2023

 @foodsofgardengrove

 @foodsofgardengrove



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Monday, March 13, 2023



MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS TO FOCUS ON CITY ORGANIZATION MEETING CHANGING NEEDS WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES, IDEAS, INNOVATION

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones will deliver his official address at the 2023 State of the City luncheon, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove. The event takes place on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, at 11999 Harbor Boulevard. Tickets are \$75 per person before March 17; \$85 after. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Mayor Jones will focus on how the City organization rises to the occasion to meet the changing needs of the community through new opportunities, creative ideas, and innovation. Mayor Jones will also discuss the City's current and future financial health and upcoming projects and developments.

Following the event, a complete transcript of the mayor's speech and supporting videos will be available on the City's website at ggcity.org.

Event sponsorships range from \$350 to \$6,500 and assist the Garden Grove Chamber in their goal of "Supporting Business Growth in Garden Grove."

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit gardengrovechamber.com, email staff@gardengrovechamber.com or call (714) 638-7950.

— GARDEN GROVE —

State
OF THE City
2023

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

11 AM: Registration & VIP Reception

12 PM: Lunch & Program

\$85 per person

(early bird \$75 if paid by March 17)

Hyatt Regency Orange County

11999 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove

Please RSVP by Friday, April 14, 2023

For questions, reservations, and sponsorship opportunities,
call (714) 638-7950 or email staff@gardengrovechamber.com



Garden Grove
— Chamber of Commerce —
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GARDEN GROVE

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

State OF THE City 2023



Presenting
\$6,500

20 Guests; 2 Tables
20 Guests in Mayor's VIP Reception
Table Signage & Priority Seating
Logo on Chamber Website and Program
Logo and Company link on State of the City website
Emcee Recognition
Logo Inclusion on Poster at Event
Free Website Banner Ad for 6 Months
Exclusive Presenting Sponsor

Premiere
\$4,000
\$3,500
Early Bird

10 Guests; 1 Table
10 Guests in Mayor's VIP Reception
Table Signage & Priority Seating
Logo on Chamber Website and Program
Logo and Company link on State of the City website
Emcee Recognition
Logo Inclusion on Poster at Event
Free Website Banner Ad for 6 Months

Partner
\$2,500
\$2,000
Early Bird

10 Guests; 1 Table
5 Guests in Mayor's VIP Reception
Table Signage & Priority Seating
Logo on Chamber Website and Program
Logo and Company link on State of the City website
Emcee Recognition

Supporter
\$1,250
\$1,000
Early Bird

10 Guests; 1 Table
2 Guests in Mayor's VIP Reception
Table Signage
Logo on Chamber Website and Program
Logo on State of the City website

Friend
\$350

2 Guest Tickets
Logo on Chamber Website
Logo on State of the City website
Company name list in program

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

***Early Bird: Payment must be received by March 17, 2023**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 16, 2023

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the March 23, 2023 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from March 10, 2023 to March 16, 2023.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16, 2023 – May 4, 2023

Thursday	March 16	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Saturday	March 18	11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	5 th Annual Art in the Park Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street
Thursday	March 23		\$2 Casual Dress Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	March 24		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 28	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
Thursday	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 7		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	April 13	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 25	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
Thursday	April 27		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Thursday	May 4		Planning Commission Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: March 16, 2023

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Which of the 2,600 new bills (and counting) will impact cities?

Mar 15, 2023

Despite high-profile housing fights, painful state budget cuts, and extreme weather conditions, cities have a lot to be positive about in the Legislature this year. Lawmakers introduced over 2,600 bills, the most in over a decade. Many of the bills with the biggest impact to cities — with the caveat that many are still placeholder measures without any specific language — would have beneficial outcomes.

Lawmakers have proposed several helpful bills aimed at behavioral health care, housing funding, the fentanyl crisis, grant applications, remote meetings, infrastructure projects, and disaster preparedness. In many cases, most notably infrastructure and revenue, the League of California Cities is already proactively working with legislators to mitigate any negative fiscal impacts to cities.

Of course, there are areas where local leaders will vehemently disagree with the Legislature. Cal Cities lobbyists are busy pushing back on top-down housing measures, a slew of bills that would limit policing technologies, a .gov domain mandate, and pension divestment.

Housing, Community, and Economic Development

Addressing the housing supply and affordability crisis gripping nearly all regions of the state is a top priority for legislators, local officials, and residents. [Seven in ten Californians](#) view housing affordability as one of the top problems in their community. There is also [growing concern](#) that housing prices are so expensive that younger generations will be priced out of being able to buy a home.

Yet once again, lawmakers are trying to solve this crisis by introducing bills that limit local decision-making, require by-right housing approvals without public input or environmental review, and force cities to allow the conversion of non-residential buildings into housing units.

Three significant bills epitomize this top-down, one-size-fits-all legislative approach: [SB 423 \(Wiener\)](#), [AB 1532 \(Haney\)](#), and [AB 1490 \(Lee\)](#). Cal Cities strongly opposes all three of these measures. SB 423 — the subject of a recent [action alert](#) — would greatly expand [SB 35 \(Wiener, 2017\)](#) and eliminate its 2026 sunset date. Under SB 423, nearly all cities, including those in the coastal zone, would be required to ministerially approve SB 35 projects; allow the state to approve housing developments on property owned or leased by the state; and prohibit a city from enforcing its inclusionary housing ordinance if the income limits are higher than those in SB 35.

AB 1532 and AB 1490 would force the conversion of non-residential buildings into new housing units regardless of the underlining zoning. AB 1532 is primarily focused on the conversion of office buildings.

AB 1490 goes several steps further; it would allow retrofitting and repurposing of any existing building into new residential units.

There is some glimmer of productive cooperation in the Legislature in the form of two bond measures. [AB 1657 \(Wicks\)](#) would dedicate a yet-to-be-determined amount of funding to affordable rental housing and homeownership programs. [SB 834 \(Portantino\)](#) would authorize \$25 billion in bonds to fund homeownership programs, predevelopment infrastructure improvements, and other affordable housing programs.

Cal Cities supports both measures in concept and is working with the authors on the details. If signed into law, the bills will go before the voters for approval.

Lawmakers have introduced dozens of other housing bills aimed at local government, including those related to housing projects on school property, student housing, streamlined grant applications, local government housing, and a right to housing. These bills include:

- [SB 4 \(Wiener\)](#) Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1630 \(Garcia\)](#) Planning and zoning: housing development approvals: student housing projects
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 519 \(Schiavo\)](#) Affordable housing: consolidated funding application process
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [ACA 1 \(Aguilar-Curry\)](#) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [ACA 10 \(Haney\)](#) Fundamental human right to housing
Cal Cities Position: Pending

Community Services

This year, the Legislature is hyper-focused on [local "accountability"](#) for state homelessness funding. Although the state's limited-term funding has helped people transition into permanent housing, it has not created a meaningful reduction in the number of people entering homelessness. Securing an annual ongoing appropriation would move the needle on this critical issue and support cities' efforts to reduce homelessness and increase housing.

Building on the success of last year's historic behavioral health legislation is also a major Cal Cities priority. Cal Cities is a strong supporter of Sen. Susan Eggman's [SB 43](#) and [SB 363](#). SB 43 would make it easier to provide treatment to those unable to care for themselves; SB 363 would establish a real-time dashboard of available beds in psychiatric and substance abuse facilities.

Both bills are supported by behavioral health advocates and the Big City Mayors Coalition, which is sponsoring the measures. Eggman, a clinical social worker, introduced [similar measures](#) in 2022, which Cal Cities also supported.

Other bills of note include:

- [AB 24 \(Haney\)](#) Emergency Response. Opioid Antagonist Kits
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 33 \(Bains\)](#) Fentanyl Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 19 \(Seyarto\)](#) Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 550 \(Schiavo\)](#) Homelessness. Public Hearings
Cal Cities Position: Pending

- [AB 799 \(L. Rivas\)](#) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program. Homelessness Accountability Act
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 67 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) Homeless Courts Pilot Program
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1215 \(Carrillo\)](#) Pets Assistance with Support Grant Program. Homeless Shelters. Domestic Violence Shelters. Pets
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 37 \(Caballero\)](#) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 262 \(Holden\)](#) Children's Camps. Regulation
Cal Cities Position: Pending

Public Safety

Concerns about repeated retail theft are top of mind for Cal Cities, which is working with Asm. Al Muratsuchi on [AB 1708](#). The bill would [reform Proposition 47](#). If signed into law, the proposed changes would be placed on the 2024 statewide ballot for voter approval. Cal Cities will be issuing an action alert on this legislation next week on this critical reform measure.

The fentanyl crisis has also exploded to the top of the legislative priority list and for good reason. An analysis of state data found that fentanyl was responsible for [1 in 5 deaths](#) among 15- to 24-year-old Californians, a sevenfold increase from 2018. The report was conducted late last year.

Thus far, lawmakers have introduced over 20 bills that would increase accountability and penalties for anyone who illegally furnishes the drug. The measures with the biggest potential benefits to cities are [AB 367 \(Maienschein\)](#) and [SB 44 \(Umberg\)](#). Both bills are sponsored by the city of San Diego and are supported by Cal Cities.

AB 367 would create stronger penalties for individuals who cause significant or substantial physical injury through the distribution of controlled substances, including fentanyl. SB 44 takes a different approach to deterrence: The bill would require a court to advise anyone convicted of distributing a controlled substance that they may be charged with homicide if someone dies from their drugs.

Other measures would increase access to naloxone, which can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. The Cal Cities-supported [AB 1166 \(Bains\)](#) would protect anyone who is not trained in emergency medical services or as a health care provider from civil damages if the treatment is administered in good faith. Lawmakers are also laser-focused on limiting the use of certain policing technologies, including radio communications, biometric facial recognition, and police canines. Cal Cities opposes these measures for one simple reason: arbitrary, overly broad restrictions on these tools may not increase public safety, but they will limit a peace officer's ability to enforce the law in highly dynamic — sometimes atypical and dangerous — situations.

Other notable bills include:

- [AB 642 \(Ting\)](#) Law Enforcement Agencies. Facial Recognition Technology
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 1034 \(Wilson\)](#) Law Enforcement. Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Surveillance
Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- [AB 742 \(Jackson\)](#) Law Enforcement. Police Canines
Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- [SB 719 \(Becker\)](#) Law Enforcement Agencies. Radio Communication
Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- [SB 796 \(Alvarado-Gil\)](#) Threats
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 40 \(Rodriguez\)](#) Emergency Medical Services
Cal Cities Position: Support

- [SB 402 \(Wahab\)](#) Emergency Services Limiting Police Response
Cal Cities Position: Oppose

Revenue and Taxation

In response to the state's stagnating revenues and stubbornly high inflation, lawmakers introduced a suite of bills intended to provide financial relief for consumers through a variety of new tax exemptions, often at the expense of local governments. Several proposals have direct impacts on local revenue streams, such as sales and use tax exemptions that include the local 1% Bradley Burns sales tax.

Some bills would indirectly incentivize land development, most notably [SB 721 \(Becker\)](#). The bill would amend cities' existing taxation authority to specify that taxes levied on vacant sites by a city, county, or special district are a special tax (to be used for specific purposes), for parcels identified in a city's housing element inventory. Cal Cities is working with the author's office to determine the necessity of this clarification and its impact before submitting a formal response.

Cal Cities is also sponsoring [AB 972 \(Maienschein\)](#). Once [amended](#), the bill would coordinate, align, and streamline local government assistance resources by convening a statewide, cross-agency workgroup, no later than April 2024.

A uniform and streamlined application process would allow cities to effectively and equitably access funding opportunities. Likewise, centralizing local government assistance resources and developing a coordinated system to manage available funding would deliver the maximum number of projects as efficiently and equitably as possible.

Other bills include:

- [AB 1203 \(Bains\)](#) Sales and Use Taxes. Exemptions. Breast Pumps and Related Supplies
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1249 \(Ta\)](#) Sales and Use Taxes. Exemption. Tax Holiday. School Supplies
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 84 \(Ward\)](#) Property Tax. Welfare Exemption. Affordable Housing
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1492 \(Alvarez\)](#) Taxation. Welfare Exemption
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 653 \(Archuleta\)](#) Property Taxation. Exemptions
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 362 \(Lee\)](#) Real Property Taxation. Land Value Taxation Study
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 532 \(Wiener\)](#) Ballot Measures. Local Taxes
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 721 \(Becker\)](#) Special Taxes. Vacant Land
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 769 \(Gonzalez\)](#) Local Government. Fiscal and Financial Training
Cal Cities Position: Pending

Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Building on the effective, remote meetings conducted by local governments at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, lawmakers proposed several remote meeting bills, including two bills sponsored by Cal Cities. Those two measures, combined with a council member pay reform bill, would reduce barriers to various local legislative bodies.

[AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#) — pending amendments — would allow non-decision-making legislative bodies currently governed by the Ralph M. Brown Act, such as advisory bodies and commissions, to participate in two-way virtual teleconferencing without posting their physical location.

Pandemic-era remote meetings noticeably reduced barriers to participation. People who were usually unable to participate due to time, distance, or physical participation requirements were able to attend public meetings. By maintaining that access for certain legislative bodies, AB 817 would create greater access to leadership opportunities and provide more diverse input on critical community proposals. AB 557 (Hart) would eliminate the sunset provisions in AB 361 (R. Rivas, 2021). The Rivas measure allows cities to meet remotely during proclaimed states of emergency under modified Brown Act requirements. AB 557 would also provide greater flexibility for agencies that meet on a fixed date every month by extending the SB 361 renewal period to 45 days.

Cal Cities is also sponsoring SB 329 (Dodd), which would allow general law cities to adjust city council pay caps for inflation based on the California Consumer Price Index. Currently, in general law cities, city councils may vote to receive a salary, not to exceed limits based on population size provided in state law. This limit has not been increased since 1984, despite inflation rising over 300% during that time.

Other notable bills this year include:

- [SB 252 \(Gonzalez\)](#) Public retirement systems: fossil fuels: divestment
Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- [SB 251 \(Newman\)](#) Political Reform Act of 1974: elected officers: conflicts of interest
Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- [AB 37 \(Bonta\)](#) Political Reform Act of 1974: campaign funds: security expenses
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 597 \(Rodriguez\)](#) Workers' Compensation. First Responders. Post-traumatic Stress
Cal Cities Position: Oppose

Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

The most notable transportation bills should sound familiar. Asm. Laura Friedman, the Assembly Transportation Committee Chair, introduced two placeholder bills that appear to pick up where she left off last year with [AB 2237](#) and [AB 2438](#). Both measures stripped away local flexibility to meet the greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Ultimately, AB 2237 was [held in committee](#) and AB 2438 was vetoed. This year's iterations of those bills, [AB 6](#) and [AB 7](#), are part of a broader conversation about transportation funding and planning. Cal Cities is participating in weekly meetings with the author's office and stakeholders to preserve local control and decision-making when examining the state's climate and transportation goals.

Cal Cities is also engaged in productive conversations that would make it easier to plan, fund, and finish infrastructure projects. The Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 400 \(Rubio\)](#) and [SB 706 \(Caballero\)](#) would expand the use of [design-build and progressive design-build](#) delivery methods for public works projects.

Also pertinent: Cal Cities is supporting [AB 334 \(Rubio\)](#), which would protect design professionals from distorted conflict of interest laws. The law's current lack of clarity inadvertently precludes design professionals from bidding on successive phases of a local public works project. AB 334 would expand the bidding pool, reduce costs, and increase the quality of projects.

Legislators are also considering over two dozen electric vehicle (EV) charging measures, including [SB 30 \(Umberg\)](#) and [AB 1504 \(McCarty\)](#). SB 30 would identify charging stations on highway corridors near cities through new signage, which would also spur economic development. The Cal Cities-opposed AB 1504 would expand administrative review requirements to charging stations installed in the public right-of-way and charging stations installed with a battery storage system.

Cal Cities is opposing [AB 1637 \(Irwin\)](#), which would force local governments to acquire and transition all domain websites and email addresses to .gov by 2025. This mandate would not provide any immunity against hacking or malware attacks and would result in enormous technical and rebranding costs.

Other bills include:

- [AB 744 \(Carrillo\)](#) California Transportation Commission: data, modeling, and analytic software tools procurement
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 241 \(Reyes\)](#) and [SB 84 \(Gonzalez\)](#) Clean Transportation Program
Cal Cities Position: Watch
- [AB 316 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#) Transportation. Autonomous Vehicles
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 415 \(Rodriguez\)](#) Emergency Fairgrounds Communications
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 735 \(Berman\)](#) Workforce Development. Utility Careers
Cal Cities Position: Support

Environmental Quality

With extreme weather events, dramatically swinging California between droughts, floods, and record-breaking temperatures, the Legislature remains focused on meeting its ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

One of Cal Cities' top priorities is securing more flexibility for cities' [SB 1383 \(Lara, 2016\)](#) organic waste diversion requirements — a key greenhouse gas reduction program — through [AB 573 \(E. Garcia\)](#). The bill would help cities in rural and border areas meet compost procurement targets when in-state facilities are unavailable or cost prohibitive. when in-state facilitates are unavailable or cost prohibitive. To ensure cities can muster better disaster responses, Cal Cities is engaging on the three proposed climate bonds aimed at the 2024 ballot: [AB 1567 \(E. Garcia\)](#), [SB 638 \(Eggman\)](#), and [SB 867 \(Allen\)](#). These three measures collectively propose \$20 billion in bonds for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, and extreme heat mitigation.

Cal Cities is also focused on ensuring local governments are reimbursed for the costs of implementing a new single-use plastic mandate through [AB 1526 \(Asm. Natural Resources\)](#). Passed last year, the [landmark law](#) requires all packaging in the state to be recyclable or compostable by 2032 and 65% of all single-use plastic packaging to be recycled in the same timeframe.

Other bills include:

- [AB 2 \(Ward\)](#) Recycling. Solar Photovoltaic Modules
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 573 \(E. Garcia\)](#) Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Targets
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 863 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#) Carpet Recycling. Carpet Stewardship Organizations. Fines. Succession. Procedure
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [SB 560 \(Laird\)](#) Solid waste. Extended producer responsibility
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 615 \(Allen\)](#) Solid Waste. Lithium Vehicle Batteries
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 707 \(Newman\)](#) Textile Recovery
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 50 \(Wood\)](#) Energy Utility Communication
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 698 \(Essayli\)](#) Gas Stoves
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1132 \(Freidman\)](#) Solar Permit Fees
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 272 \(Laird\)](#) Sea Level Rise Planning
Cal Cities Position: Pending

- [SB 69 \(Cortese\)](#) CEQA Document Requests
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended
- [AB 1000 \(Reyes\)](#) Land use. Housing
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 460 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#) State Water Board Authority
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1572 \(Friedman\)](#) Non-functional Turf
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended

[How to make your city's voice heard](#)

Policy committee meetings started in the Capitol this week, which means the legislative season is in full swing. These small, focused meetings are great opportunities for city officials to voice their support and opposition to specific legislation.

Some sample letters of support and opposition are already available, along with [action alerts](#) on the biggest legislative issues. Starting next week, Cal Cities Advocate will provide information about the top bills facing cities, any notable legislative changes, and how to make your city's voice heard, in a new, digestible format each week.



Guide to Local Recovery Update: March 15

Mar 15, 2023

More cities could be eligible for a new greenhouse gas reduction grant and federal agencies are accepting applications for a technical assistance program and environmental justice grant program. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research is also hosting a series of webinars to help local governments navigate the complex landscape of federal funding opportunities.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant eligibility could be expanded

More cities could be eligible for a new greenhouse gas reduction grant according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program](#) currently goes to the largest [67 metropolitan statistical areas](#) (MSA). However, the EPA is encouraging areas slightly above 67 to complete a [notice of intent to participate](#) if funding becomes available.

Local governments within an MSA will need to develop an implementation plan for their region and designate an entity to serve as the lead. The lead organization must submit a notice of intent to participate by April 28, 2023.

Three local government associations, including the National League of Cities, are holding a [March 16 webinar](#) on the program and related best practices. The EPA also held several [webinars](#) about the program.

New technical assistance opportunity for federal transportation and housing grants

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) opened the portal for its [Thriving Communities technical assistance program](#). This funding will help local governments who have received federal transportation funding ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.

Cities that applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Thriving Communities program and have a strong interest in addressing housing issues are encouraged to apply to HUD's Thriving Communities program. Those who applied or were selected for Transportation Department grants — including the [Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#) and [RAISE](#) — are also encouraged to apply.

Requests will be reviewed in the order they are received on a rolling basis.

American Rescue Plan Act compliance webinars

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research is hosting a series of webinars to help local governments navigate the complex landscape of federal funding opportunities.

A March 21 webinar will provide a high-level overview of [permitted administrative costs in the American Rescue Plan Act](#) (ARPA) and the designation of direct and indirect costs, including de minimis total modified direct costs. A March 28 webinar will focus on [ARPA's Compliance Supplement Addendum](#) and related best practices.

A pre-webinar survey is available for [March 21](#) and [March 28](#). The Office of Planning and Research also provides weekly updates on key grant opportunities and trainings through its [Federal Grant Updates Listserv](#).

[EPA accepting applications for environmental justice grant program](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is accepting applications for an [environmental justice grant program](#). The program funds cross-organizational partnerships that help overburdened and underserved communities address environmental and public health challenges — past, present, and future. The program seeks to fund projects that are measurable, community-based, and can be easily replicated.

Approximately \$20 million in funding for partnerships between local governments and community-based organizations is anticipated. Local government projects must address one of five broad categories to be eligible for funding, such as urban heat island mitigation or indoor air pollution reduction. The money was appropriated through the Inflation Reduction Act and will fund approximately 20 projects.

Applications are [due April 10](#). Additional resources, including [previously funded projects](#), are available online.

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



Interested in serving on the 2023-24 Cal Cities Board of Directors?

Mar 15, 2023

Do you have a keen understanding of the complex issues facing California's cities and how they are responding? Consider serving on the 2023-24 League of California Cities Board of Directors. Board members play a key role in shaping both state policy and the actions of Cal Cities.

Cal Cities is accepting [applications](#) from city officials interested in serving in one of six at-large board positions or as second vice president. Due to changing circumstances, Cal Cities is also accepting applications from city officials interested in serving as first vice president.

Applications are due before the close of business on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Below are answers to common questions about board member duties and the application process. For questions or assistance, please contact Zach Seals at zseals@calcities.org or (916) 658-8204.

What are the positions on the Cal Cities Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors is composed of the officers (president, first vice president, second vice president, and immediate past president); one director elected by each of the 16 divisions; one director elected by each of the 10 functional departments; one director elected from each of the five caucuses; 12 directors-at-large, one of which shall be a small city representative (under 10,000 population); and one director designated by each of the 10 largest cities in California. Cal Cities is currently seeking candidates for six at-large positions, first vice president, and second vice president. *Applications for first vice president from southern California and second vice president from northern California are encouraged.*

Who is eligible to serve on the Cal Cities Board?

To be eligible to serve on the Cal Cities Board you must be officially in city service in a [member city](#). First and second vice president candidates must have served previously on the Board of Directors.

How long are the terms of office?

At-large board members serve a two-year term and may run for reelection. The two-year term for all newly elected 2023-24 board members begins immediately upon the adjournment of the [Annual Conference and Expo in September 2023](#).

Cal Cities officers serve a term of one year, which begins immediately on the adjournment of the annual conference. Customarily, officers rotate through each of the officer positions, which requires a four-year commitment. Applicants for the first vice president position can expect a three-year commitment.

When are board meetings?

The Board of Directors typically meets on a quarterly basis at locations throughout the state. Officers and directors are expected to attend *all* meetings. A preliminary list of 2023-24 Board meeting dates is below. Cal Cities will communicate the meeting dates, times, and locations when finalized.

December 2023 Board Meeting: This meeting is generally held in conjunction with an event with the League Leaders — leadership from departments, policy committees, divisions, caucuses, and Board of Directors — to discuss the Cal Cities Action Agenda for the coming year.

February 2024 Board Meeting: This meeting is generally held during February at a location selected by the Cal Cities president.

April 2024 Board Meeting: This meeting is held in conjunction with the [City Leaders Summit](#). This will be a special opportunity for local officials to promote the importance of local priority issues to the Legislature and the Administration.

June/July 2024 Board Meeting: This meeting is generally held in late June or July.

September 2024 Board Meeting: This meeting is held in conjunction with the [Annual Conference and Expo](#).

How are travel expenses handled?

In general, Cal Cities pays actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by directors attending the regular two-day board meetings. However, Cal Cities does not pay the expenses or the registration for directors attending Cal Cities conferences or institutes, nor the expense of directors attending board meetings held in connection with the Annual Conference and Expo, on the theory that as a city official, each director would already be attending the conference or institute at the expense of the director's city.

Expenses incurred by Cal Cities on behalf of the director, along with direct reimbursements, are reportable to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on the director's Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700). Cal Cities will supply directors with the information necessary to submit the required information to the FPPC.

If I apply, how are the at-large board members and the first and second vice presidents selected?

After the application period closes on April 26, 2023, the Cal Cities' nominating committee* will review all applications and select up to twelve finalists to interview for the six open at-large positions. All candidates for first and second vice president will be interviewed by the committee. *At-large finalists, as well as all candidates for first and second vice president, will be invited to interview with the nominating committee prior to the Cal Cities summer board meeting in July 2023.* The at-large finalists and first and second vice president applicants will be contacted by email with their interview time and interview location. Applicants not selected to become finalists will be contacted by email and mail.

At the Board meeting directly following the nominating committee meeting, the Board will vote to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee in full or part or reject the recommendations. If the recommendations are accepted, the Board shall consider final action (approval) on the recommended candidates at the Annual Conference and Expo (Sept. 20-22, 2023, in Sacramento).

If the recommendations are accepted in part or rejected, the nominating committee shall make additional recommendations, which the Board shall consider either at the same meeting or in a subsequent special meeting called by the president, no less than 30 days before the annual conference. The final recommendations of the nominating committee will be announced at the opening general session of the annual conference (Sept. 20, 2023).

What are the roles and responsibilities of the Cal Cities Board of Directors?

In accordance with the bylaws of the League of California Cities and the policies of the Board, directors have the following collective and individual responsibilities:

General governance responsibilities

- Determine and support the organization's vision, mission, and core beliefs.
- Select and support the chief executive.
- Ensure adequate revenues and approve a budget for effective management of the revenues.

- Assist the Board in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities, such as reviewing the annual financial statements and the budget.
- Participate in grassroots activities in support of Cal Cities' strategic priorities.
- Support Cal Cities ballot measure fundraising activities for CITIPAC.
- Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services.
- Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board meetings.
- Attend all Board and general membership meetings, including periodic meetings by conference call, and notify the executive director of any planned or emergency absence and the reason for it. (*Board members are only allowed three consecutive absences.*)
- Serve on the nominating or other committees and offer to take on special assignments.

Ethical responsibilities

- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability.
- Use your Cal Cities position responsibly.
- Perform Board duties in good faith and with such care as necessary to promote the best interests of Cal Cities.
- Become familiar with and follow conflict of interest legal requirements and policies to promote confidence in the Cal Cities' decision-making.
- Disclose potential conflicts of interest prior to voting on any matter before the Board.

Communication responsibilities

- Facilitate two-way communication between Cal Cities and city officials within your sphere of influence (your own city, neighboring cities, division, department, caucus, policy committee, etc.).
- Assume responsibility for interpreting Board policy to the membership. Ensure Cal Cities speaks with "one voice" once the Board has made a decision. Division and department representatives should report back directly on a regular basis.
- Ensure that board members are aware of the views of city officials throughout the state.
- Attend all appropriate division, department, or general membership meetings.
- Seek out city officials who have the potential to strengthen Cal Cities and encourage their participation in their division, on the Cal Cities Board, etc.

Roles and responsibilities of Cal Cities first vice president

- Carries out the duties of the president when they are unavailable.
- Serves as a member of the Cal Cities Executive Committee.
- Participates in weekly Executive Committee calls.
- Helps to achieve the organization's annual strategic priorities.
- Represents the Cal Cities leadership team at various events.
- Participates in Cal Cities meetings and conferences in Sacramento, and around the state.
- As a member of the Cal Cities Executive Committee, attend and represent Cal Cities at the National League of Cities' (NLC) national conferences:
 - The *City Summit* is NLC's annual conference and is held in a different city and state each year. The 2023 City Summit conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from Nov. 16-18.
 - The *Congressional City Conference* is NLC's legislative conference held in March each year in Washington, D.C. It is an opportunity for city officials to promote the importance of local priority issues to Congress and the Administration. The 2024 Congressional City Conference will be held March 9-10.
- Serve as the Chair for the Cal Cities Finance Committee:
 - The Board Finance Committee is charged with the responsibility to:
 - Collaborate with Cal Cities staff on the preparation of the Cal Cities budget for Board consideration.
 - Assist with financial matters such as reviewing the mid-year financial report and other internal financial issues as they arise.

Roles and responsibilities of Cal Cities second vice president

- Carries out the duties of the president and first vice president when they are unavailable.
- Serves as a member of the Cal Cities Executive Committee.
- Participates in weekly Executive Committee calls.
- Helps to achieve the organization's annual strategic priorities.
- Represents the Cal Cities leadership team at various events.
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- Presides over the Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference and Expo and presents the report of the Resolutions Committee to the General Assembly at the annual conference.
- Serves as Chair for the Cal Cities Audit Committee and as a member of the Board Finance Committee:
 - The Cal Cities Audit Committee is charged with the responsibility to:
 - Select Cal Cities' independent auditor.
 - Oversee the audit contract and interact directly with the audit team.
 - Identify any audit issues and, along with the independent auditor, report these to the board.
 - Coordinate with staff to ensure adequacy of accounting and internal control systems.
 - The Board Finance Committee is charged with the responsibility to:
 - Collaborate with Cal Cities staff on the preparation of the Cal Cities budget for Board consideration.
 - Assist with financial matters such as reviewing the mid-year financial report and other internal financial issues as they arise.

How do I apply?

The application form is available [here](#). If you are submitting applications for multiple positions, you will need to fill out each application separately. Please note that the application text boxes expand to accommodate responses and that a bio or resume attachment is required at the time of submission. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Zach Seals at zseals@calcities.org or (916) 658-8204.

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