

“A multicounty agency authorized to plan for and acquire supplemental water supplies, encourage water conservation and use of recycled water on a regional basis.”

*[BAWSCA Act, AB2058 (Papan-2002)]*

## Board Policy Committee Meeting

February 12, 2025



# Call to Order/Roll Call



Jensen, 2011





# Comments by Chair



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# Consent Calendar

- Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2024 Meeting



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# Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda



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# Action Calendar



Sandkulla, 2023



# Results of Bi-Annual Staff-Level Salary Total Compensation Study

- BAWSCA's Bi-Annual Staff-Level Compensation Study was conducted in December 2024
- Goal: Align compensation ranges that are competitive with comparable positions in the Bay Area Market
- Comparator agencies:
  - Alameda County WD, City of Hayward, City of Palo Alto, Contra Costa WD, East Bay Municipal Utility District, SFPUC, Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Survey by Koff & Associates indicates that the current top-step compensation for BAWSCA staff positions, except for one, are in line with the market median



# Comparison of FY 2024-25 Top-Step Compensation for Staff Positions to Survey Results

Position Title	Current Top-Step Compensation (FY 2024-25, \$/yr.)	Market Median (FY 2024-25, \$/yr.)	Difference (%)	Recommended Change (%)
Sr. Water Resources Specialist	192,450	195,840	-1.8	+1.8



# Recommendation

That the Board Policy Committee recommend that the Board approve adjustments to top-step compensation for one position.



# Reports and Discussion



SFPUC





# Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plan and Results to be Achieved



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# Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan Will Achieve BAWSCA's Goal

- Preliminary Work Plan aligns with BAWSCA's legislated authority and three goal elements
  - Table 1 presents draft preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan
  - Table 2 presents activities not included
- Addresses critical issues identified between now and 2065
- Includes continuation of previously approved multi-year projects:
  - Continued development of BAWSCA's Strategy 2050
  - Completion of Updated Regional Water Demand Projections
- Other new or changed items include
  - Scoping evaluation of the Regional Financing Authority's (RFA's) authority and constraints to facilitate future financing efforts.
  - Ensure implementation of WSA amendments on Minimum Purchase Quantities and an updated Tier 2 Plan





# Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan Reflects Board Input Provided During January 16<sup>th</sup> Budget Planning Session

- Table 4 provides responses to the comments provided by the Board in January
- We continue to provide information about staff loading and as part of staff analysis performed in preparing the preliminary work plan:
  - Chart 1 “Staff Resource Analysis for Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan”
  - Table 3 “Estimated Staff Hours and FTE by Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan Item”



# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

## – *Reliable Water Supply*

- I. Facility Reliability: Monitor SFPUC’s WSIP, 10-Year Capital Plan, Asset Mgmt. Program, and Emergency Response
  - a. Monitor WSIP scope, cost, and schedule including extending State oversight as necessary through to completion
  - b. Review and monitor SFPUC’s Regional 10-Year Capital Plan to ensure that identified projects and programs meet the needs of the members in a cost-effective and appropriate manner
  - c. Review and monitor SFPUC's Asset Management Program to ensure ongoing long-term maintenance and protection of RWS assets
  - d. Provide assistance to members and help facilitate engagement with the SFPUC regarding emergency response matters
  - e. Engage with and track the SFPUC Capital Planning Improvements Initiative
  - f. ***Engage with the SFPUC on their preparation of the 2026 State of the Regional Water System Report***





# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

## – *Reliable Water Supply*

2. Long-Term Supply Solutions: Implement Strategy
  - a. Continue the development of BAWSCA's Strategy 2050
  - b. Continue development of updated regional water demand projections
  - c. Participate in Bay Area Regional Reliability (BARR) Partnership
  - d. Participate in the continued planning of the PureWater Peninsula potable reuse project.
  - e. Facilitate development of other local water supply options
  - f. Use BAWSCA Reliability Model to evaluate Bay Delta Plan/VA impacts
  - g. Facilitate use of the BAWSCA Reliability Model by members via subscription program
  - h. *Conduct initial scoping evaluation of the Regional Financing Authority's (RFA's) available financing options***



# Continued Development of Strategy 2050 Included in FY 2025-26 Work Plan but Separately Budgeted

- Strategy 2050 development is primarily staffed using consultant (EKI leading) under contract
  - Consulting and legal expense related to the project is funded from the Water Management Charge and therefore separately budgeted
- Staff resources to develop Strategy 2050 are included in the proposed work plan and metrics shown on staff loading percentages





# Continue Development of Updated Regional Water Demand Projections (2025 Demand Study)

- BAWSCA has coordinated regional water demand projections since 2002
  - Projections done generally every 5 years
  - Most recent 2022 Demand Study provided projections thru 2045
- Updated demand projections necessary to support
  - Strategy 2050
  - 2025 Urban Water Management Plans
  - Other regional planning efforts
- Project is ongoing with work being performed in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026
- Estimated FY 2025-26 Cost: \$255K



# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

## – *Reliable Water Supply*

3. Near-Term Supply Solutions: Water Conservation and Drought Response
  - a. Represent member agency interests in discussions related to “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life” requirements as appropriate
  - b. Provide regional coordination to support AMI implementation and data management
  - c. Implement BAWSCA’s core conservation programs that benefit all customers
  - d. Implement BAWSCA’s subscription conservation rebate programs
  - e. Engage with CalWEP and others to promote 3rd party development and administration of a lead repair and training certification program
  - f. Participate in San Mateo County C/CAG one watershed pilot program
  - g. Represent members in regional and State-level discussions relative to water conservation



# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

## – *Reliable Water Supply*

4. Take Actions to Protect Members' Water Supply and Financial Interests in WSA Administration
  - a. Monitor SFPUC's implementation of its Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Program
  - b. Protect members' interests to ensure SFPUC meets its legal and contractual water supply obligations
  - c. *Implement the updated Tier 2 Plan***
  - d. Protect members' water supply and financial interests in the SFPUC's required 2028 decisions
  - e. Ensure correct implementation of asset classification adjustments associated with 2018 WSA amendment
  - f. Ensure correct implementation of 2023 WSA amendments allowing for minimum purchase transfers
  - g. *Engage with the SFPUC and BAWSCA Member Agencies on the Implementation of the WSA Amendment that alters the calculation and assessment of Minimum Purchase Obligations***





# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

## – *Reliable Water Supply*

5. Protect Members' Interest in Reliable Water Supply
  - a. Participate in SWRCB Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan proceedings
  - b. Participate in La Grange and Don Pedro FERC Relicensing proceedings
6. Pursue Grant Opportunities
  - a. Pursue and use grant funds, including Prop I Integrated Regional Water Management conservation grant
  - b. Pursue grant funding with regional partners
  - c. Implement BAWSCA grant tracking tool to support members' access to grant funds
  - d. Investigate potential grant funds to support implementation of BAWSCA's Strategy
7. Reporting and Tracking of Water Supply and Conservation Activities
  - a. Annual Survey
  - b. Annual Water Conservation Report
  - c. In partnership with members, operate and maintain updated Water Conservation Database



# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

## – *High Water Quality*

8. Support Member Agencies in Receiving Reliable Communication on Water Quality Issues
  - a. Coordinate members participation in Joint Water Quality Committee to ensure it addresses Wholesale Customer needs
  - b. Relay important water quality information to member agencies
  - c. Review and act on, if necessary, State legislation affecting water quality regulations



# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan – Fair Price

9. Perform Matters that Member Agencies have Delegated to BAWSCA in WSA
- a. Administer WSA to protect financial interests of member agencies
  - b. Administer BAWSCA's revenue bonds issued to retire capital debt owed by the Wholesale Customers to SF

**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**  
between  
**THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
and  
**WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS**  
in  
**ALAMEDA COUNTY, SAN MATEO COUNTY AND  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY**  
  
**NOVEMBER 2018**

\$135,115,000<sup>\*</sup>  
**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY  
REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS  
(CAPITAL COST RECOVERY PREPAYMENT PROGRAM), SERIES 2023A  
(THE "BONDS")**

**CERTIFICATE OF FINALITY OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

October 8, 2021

The undersigned hereby states and certifies:

1. That she is a duly authorized officer of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and such is duly

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED OCTOBER 8, 2021**

**NEW ISSUE - BOOK-ENTRY ONLY**

**RATINGS:** Moody's: "Aa3"  
S&P: "AA-"  
See "RATINGS" herein.

*In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel to the Agency, based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, ratings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Series 2023A Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from State of California personal income taxes. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Series 2023A Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum taxes. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Series 2023A Bonds. See "TAX MATTERS" herein. Delivery of the Series 2023A Bonds and delivery of Bond Counsel's opinion with respect to the Series 2023A Bonds are subject to the satisfaction of certain terms and conditions provided in the Bond Purchase Contract as described under the heading "FORWARD DELIVERY OF THE SERIES 2023A BONDS."*



\$135,115,000<sup>\*</sup>

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY  
Refunding Revenue Bonds  
(Capital Cost Recovery Prepayment Program), Series 2023A**

**Dated:** Date of Delivery **Due:** October 1, as shown on inside cover page

The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Refunding Revenue Bonds (Capital Cost Recovery Prepayment Program), Series 2023A (the "Series 2023A Bonds"), will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository of the Series 2023A Bonds. Individual purchasers of Series 2023A Bonds will be made in book-entry form only, in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of Series 2023A Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Series 2023A Bonds purchased but will receive a credit balance in the records of DTC. Principal and interest are payable directly to DTC by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"). The Series 2023A Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Revenue Bond Indenture, dated as of January 1, 2018, by and between the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (the "Agency") and the Trustee, and a Second Supplemental Revenue Bond Indenture, dated as of October 1, 2021 (the "Second Supplement"), by and between the Agency and the Trustee (said indenture as amended and supplemented, including as supplemented by the Second Supplement collectively, the "Indenture").

Principal is payable on the dates set forth on the inside cover page. Interest on the Series 2023A Bonds is payable semiannually on each April 1 and October 1, commencing April 1, 2023. Upon receipt of payments of principal and interest, DTC is obligated in turn to remit such principal and interest to the DTC Participants (as defined herein) for subsequent disbursement to purchasers of the Series 2023A Bonds, as described herein. As used herein, the term "Bonds" means the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Revenue Bonds authorized by, and at any time Outstanding pursuant to, the Indenture.

The Series 2023A Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. See "THE SERIES 2023A BONDS-Redemption" herein.

The Series 2023A Bonds are being issued to (i) refund a portion of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Revenue Bonds (Capital Cost Recovery Prepayment Program), Series 2023A and (ii) pay costs of issuance incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series 2023A Bonds. The Series 2023A Bonds will be secured by a pledge of and payable from surcharges imposed by the Agency and collected by the Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco on water sold to certain retail water service providers in Alameda County, Santa Clara County and San Mateo County (the "Members") and interest and investment earnings on amounts held by the Trustee under the Indenture ("Revenues").

The Bonds are special, limited obligations of the Agency. The Bonds shall not be deemed to constitute a debt or liability of the Agency, the State of California or of any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision, or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Agency, the State of California or of any political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable, except to the extent of certain amounts held under the Indenture pledged thereto, solely from Revenues. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of California or of any political subdivision thereof is pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or the interest on the Bonds. The issuance of the Bonds shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the State of California or any political subdivision thereof to levy or to pledge any form of taxation or to make any appropriation for their payment. The Agency has no taxing power.

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The Series 2023A Bonds are offered when, as, and if delivered to and received by the Underwriters, subject to the approval of legality by Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Agency by Hanson Bridgett LLP and for the Underwriters by Stridling, Yocum, Carlson & Benth, a Professional Corporation. The Series 2023A Bonds are expected to be available for delivery through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about January 5, 2023. See "FORWARD DELIVERY OF THE SERIES 2023A BONDS" for a discussion regarding the delayed delivery of the Series 2023A Bonds, certain conditions to the obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Series 2023A Bonds and certain risks to purchasers of the Series 2023A Bonds resulting from the delayed delivery thereof.

**Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC**

**J.P. Morgan**

Dated: October \_\_, 2021

\* Preliminary, subject to change

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# Major Tasks in Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

## – Agency Effectiveness

10. Maintain Community Allies and Contacts with Environmental Interests
  - a. Maintain close relationships with BAWSCA's local legislators and allies, and activate them if necessary, to safeguard the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents and communities
  - b. Maintain a dialogue with responsible environmental and other groups, who will participate in the permitting and approval process for efforts to maintain system reliability
  - c. Maintain effective communications with members, customers, and others to achieve results and support goals
  - d. In conjunction with SFPUC, conduct tours of the water system for selected participants
11. Manage the Activities of the Agency Professionally and Efficiently
  - a. Implement BAWSCA's Student Internship Program
  - b. Implement Board policy directives for management of BAWSCA's unfunded OPEB and pension liability obligations
  - c. Maintain a motivated, trained, and effective workforce
  - d. **Manage and interact with the consultant selected to provide additional Human Resources services**
  - e. Continue development of a staff-led plan to address BAWSCA's long-term policy and operational resilience to inform future policy making

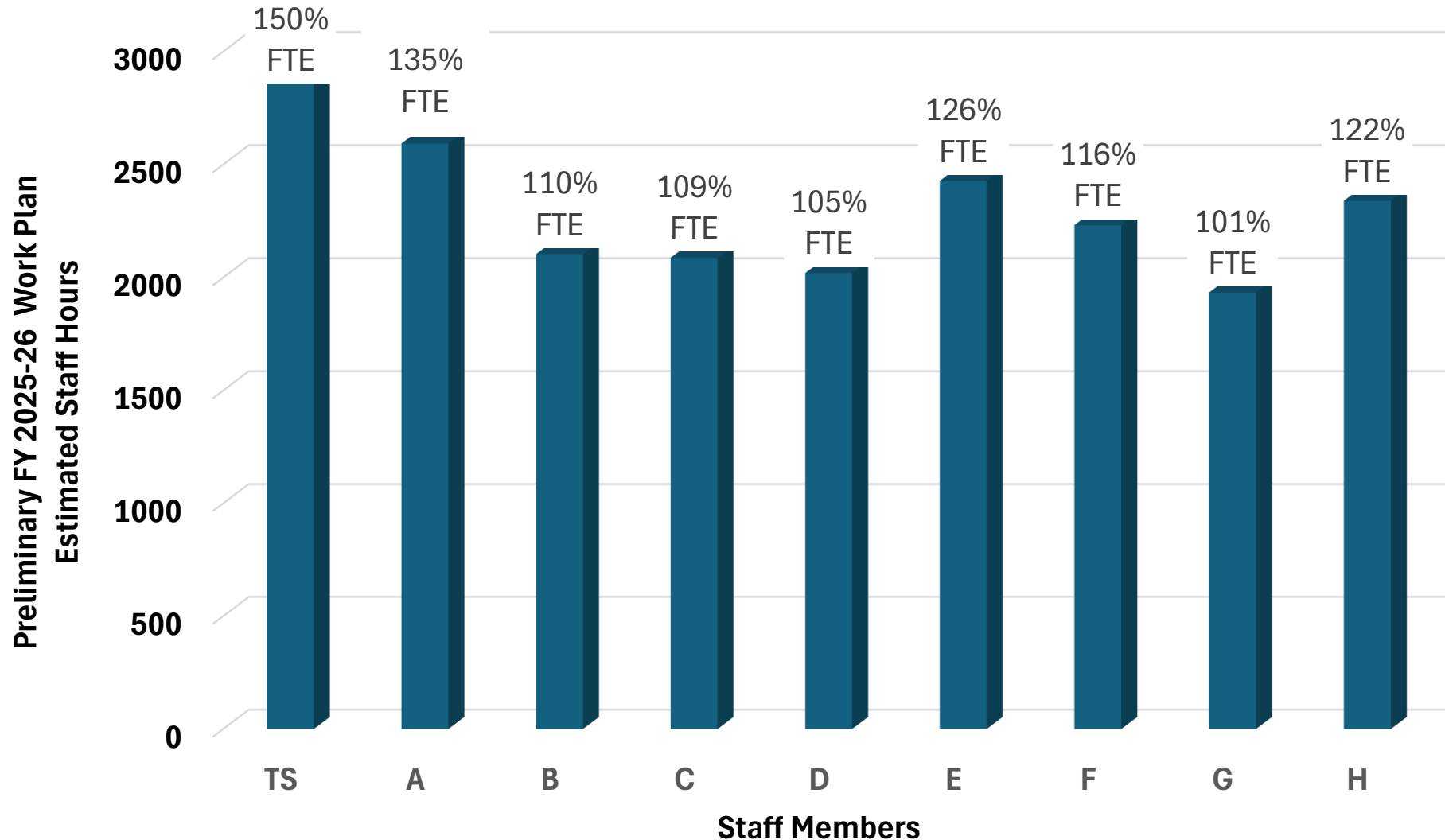


# Staffing Constraints Identified in the Development of Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

- Work plan development includes estimating staff hours by task
- Most staff are estimated between 100% and 120% of available hours
  - Exceptions are CEO and Water Resources Manager who will have to manage larger workloads carefully



# Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan Will Require Close Management to Ensure Sufficient Staff Resources to Implement



## Staff Analysis Results

- CEO allocated hours at 150% FTE
- All staff allocated hours above 100% FTE
- BAWSCA approved staff level is 9 FTE
- Estimated 20,628 staff hours, or 10.7 FTE, to implement Work Plan



# Estimated Staff Hours and FTE by Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan Item

Staff Hrs.	# of FTE	% of Total	Results to be Achieved in FY 2025-26
			<b>RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY</b>
<b>820</b>	0.4	4%	1. Facility Reliability: Monitor SFPUC WSIP, 10-Year CIP, Asset Mgmt. and Emergency Response
<b>3,322</b>	1.7	16%	2. Long-Term Supply Solutions: Implement Strategy
<b>4,231</b>	2.2	21%	3. Near-term Supply Solutions: Water Conservation and Drought Response
<b>1,202</b>	0.6	6%	4. Take Actions to Protect Members' Water Supply and Financial Interests in WSA Administration
<b>540</b>	0.3	3%	5. Protect Members' Interests in a Reliable Water Supply
<b>36</b>	0.0	0%	6. Pursue Grant Opportunities Independently and in Coordination with Regional Efforts
<b>304</b>	0.2	1%	7. Reporting and Tracking of Water Supply and Conservation Activities
			<b>HIGH QUALITY WATER</b>
<b>170</b>	0.1	1%	1. Support Member Agencies in Receiving Reliable Communication of Water Quality Issues
			<b>FAIR PRICE</b>
<b>2,560</b>	1.3	12%	1. Perform Matters that Member Agencies Delegated to BAWSCA in the WSA
			<b>AGENCY EFFECTIVENESS</b>
<b>954</b>	0.5	5%	1. Maintain Community Allies and Contacts with Environmental Interests
<b>6,489</b>	3.4	31%	2. Manage the Activities of the Agency Professionally and Efficiently
<b>20,628</b>	10.7	100%	TOTAL Estimated Staff Hours and FTE to Implement Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan

# FY 2025-26: Initial Budget Considerations

- Operating budget continues to reflect implementation of water resources activities in support of Strategy
  - Implementation of BAWSCA's Core and Subscription conservation programs
  - Continued funding for ongoing approved projects
- Regional Water System reliability remains a critical Work Plan task
  - WSIP, CIP, and Asset Management oversight
  - Ensuring SF meets its legal and contractual water supply obligations
- Sustained level of effort for Phase I Bay Delta Plan and FERC
- CEO to examine forecast for end of year spending to understand impact on year-end General Reserve balance



# Preliminary Operating Budget and Considerations for Funding will be Presented to the Board in March

- Preliminary FY 2025-26 Operating Budget will be presented to the Board in March
- Considerations for funding the Operating Budget will also be presented at that time
- BAWSCA's primary source of funding is its assessments on member agencies as provided for in its enabling legislation (AB 2058)
- 9% assessment increase was adopted to fund the approved FY 2024-25 Operating Budget
  - BAWSCA FY 2024-25 Operating Budget \$5,614,518
  - BAWSCA FY 2024-25 Assessments \$5,274,398





# Next Steps

- Feedback from today will be incorporated into the Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan & Operating Budget
- March Board Meeting: Memo and presentation to Board
- April BPC Meeting: Proposed FY 2025-26 Work Plan and Operating Budget presented for further discussion
- May Board Meeting: Recommended Action



# BAWSCA's Unfunded Pension Liability Is Estimated To Be Paid Off By 2045 Based on Current CalPERS Amortization Schedule

- BAWSCA Board asked staff to analyze options available to pay off unfunded pension liability faster than the current schedule
- Projected Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) as of 6/30/2025: \$1,264,815
  - UAL represents the liability for service that has been earned but not funded
  - CalPERS minimum required UAL contribution for FY 2025-26: \$106,946
- BAWSCA's UAL is estimated to be paid off by 2045
  - Assumes a discount rate: 6.8%
  - CalPERS can change the UAL based on actuarial and market changes



# BAWSCA's Pension Liability Alternative Funding Options

- **Option 1: Make Additional Discretionary Payments (ADPs) to CalPERS**
  - ADPs are allowed at any time and in any amount to reduce the UAL
  - Making an ADP does not require an ADP to be made in any future year
- **Option 2: Re-amortize Annual UAL Contributions to CalPERS**
  - A shorter amortization term requires a higher minimum annual required UAL contribution
  - Post re-amortization min. required UAL contribution is expected to change from year to year
- **Option 3: Establish An Irrevocable Prefunding Trust to Offset Future Liability**
  - Funds accumulated in a trust do not directly reduce the UAL or affect UAL payoff schedule
  - Only appropriate if a significantly higher investment return is expected in the trust
- **Option 4: Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs)**
  - POBs are long-term debt issued to prepay all or a portion of UAL
  - Are sold at taxable rates when significantly lower than the interest rate used amortizing UAL





# Alternative UAL Amortization Payment and Estimated Savings

Funding Approach (Amortization Years)	Est'd UAL Payoff Year	Est'd Normal Cost	Minimum UAL Payment (FY25-26)	Total Annual Contribution to CalPERS (Minimum Only)	ADP Method (Option 1)				Re-amortization Method (Option 2)		
					Annual ADP Payment	Annual UAL Payment	Total Annual Contribution to CalPERS	Est'd PV Savings	Annual UAL Payment	Total Annual Contribution to CalPERS	Est'd PV Savings
Minimum Only (Current Method)	2045	\$179,522	\$106,946	\$286,468							
15	2040				\$25,738	\$132,684	\$312,206	\$13,000	\$132,684	\$312,206	\$13,000
10	2035				\$65,700	\$172,646	\$352,168	\$72,000	\$172,581	\$352,103	\$72,000
5	2030				\$189,952	\$296,898	\$476,420	\$134,000	\$296,898	\$476,420	\$134,000

# Next Steps

- Feedback from the BPC on the alternative funding approaches is requested
- Guidance for any consideration of additional funding to be included in the FY 2025-26 Operating Budget would also be useful at this time



# CEO Reports



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# Water Supply Update - SF RWS Storage Conditions as of Feb. 9, 2025

Reservoir	Current Storage <sup>1,2,3</sup> (AF)	Maximum Storage <sup>4</sup> (AF)	Available Capacity (AF)	Percent of Maximum Storage	Normal Percent of Maximum Storage <sup>5</sup>
<u>Tuolumne System</u>					
Hetch Hetchy	260,100	360,360	100,260	72.2%	<b>67.8%</b>
Cherry	248,600	273,345	24,745	90.9%	-
Eleanor	23,750	27,100	3,350	87.6%	-
Water Bank	561,410	570,000	8,590	98.5%	<b>98.4%</b>
<b>Total Tuolumne Storage</b>	<b>1,093,860</b>	<b>1,230,805</b>	<b>136,945</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	-
<u>Local System</u>					
Calaveras	68,697	96,670	27,973	71.1%	-
San Antonio	45,404	53,266	7,862	85.2%	-
Crystal Springs	45,261	68,953	23,692	65.6%	-
San Andreas	16,455	18,675	2,220	88.1%	-
Pilarcitos	2,390	3,125	735	76.5%	-
<b>Total Local Storage</b>	<b>178,207</b>	<b>240,689</b>	<b>62,482</b>	<b>74.0%</b>	-
<b>Total System Storage</b>	<b>1,272,067</b>	<b>1,471,494</b>	<b>199,427</b>	<b>86.4%</b>	<b>80.1%</b>
<b>Total without water bank</b>	<b>710,657</b>	<b>901,494</b>	<b>190,837</b>	<b>78.8%</b>	-

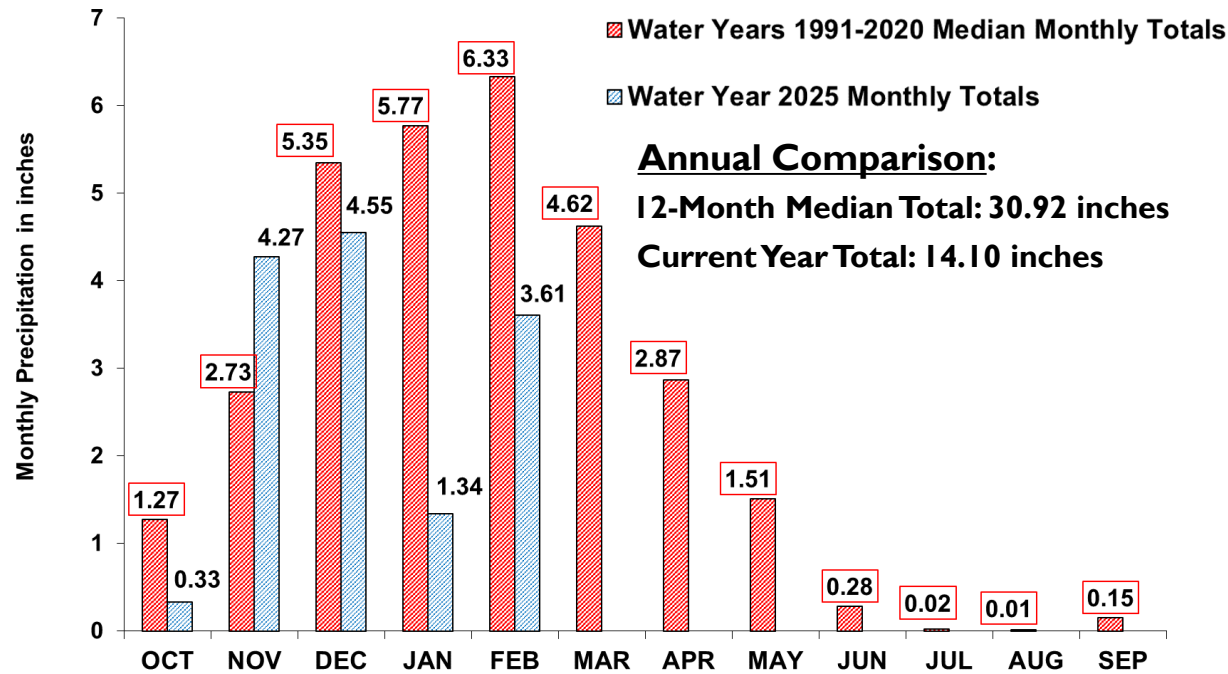
SF RWS Storage conditions are excellent



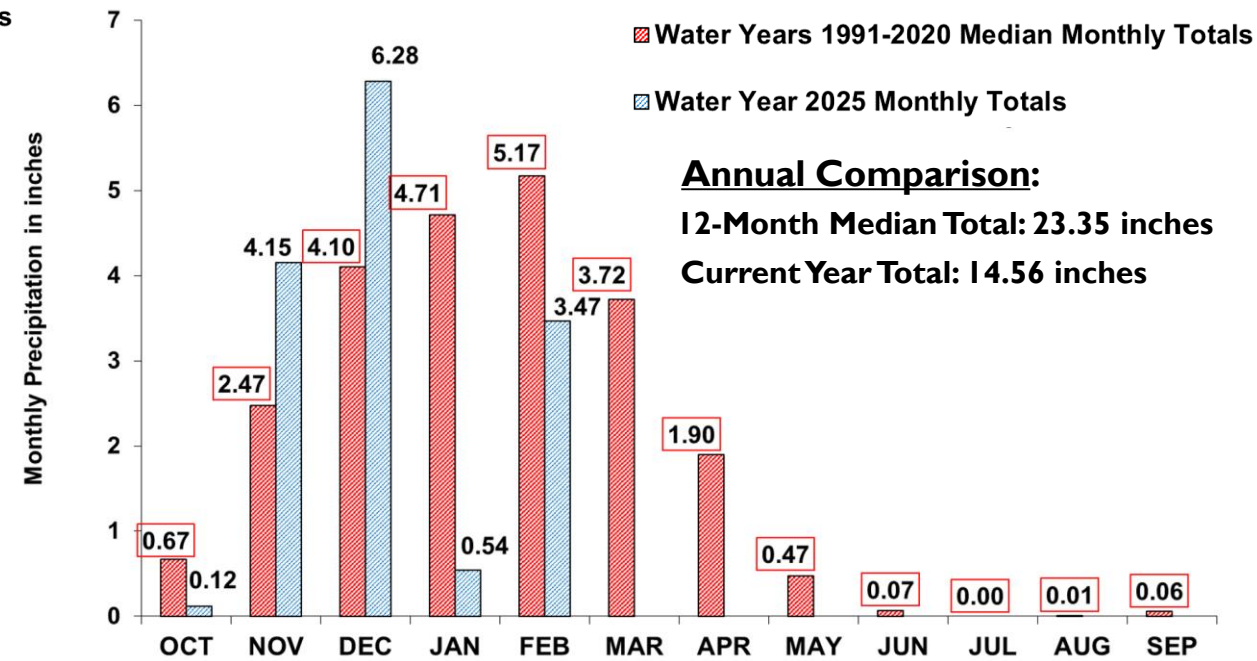


# Water Supply Update – Precipitation to Date (Through Feb. 9, 2025)

## Upcountry (Hetch Hetchy) Precipitation

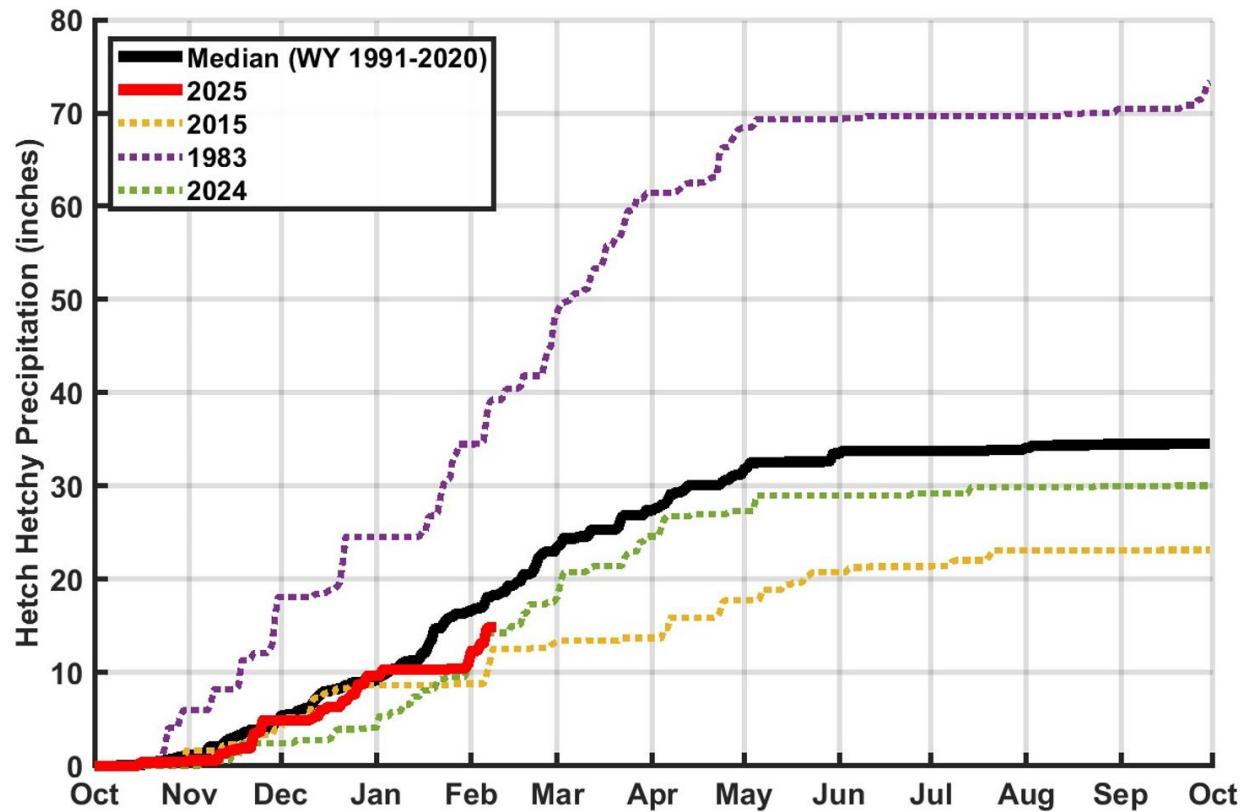


## Bay Area Precipitation

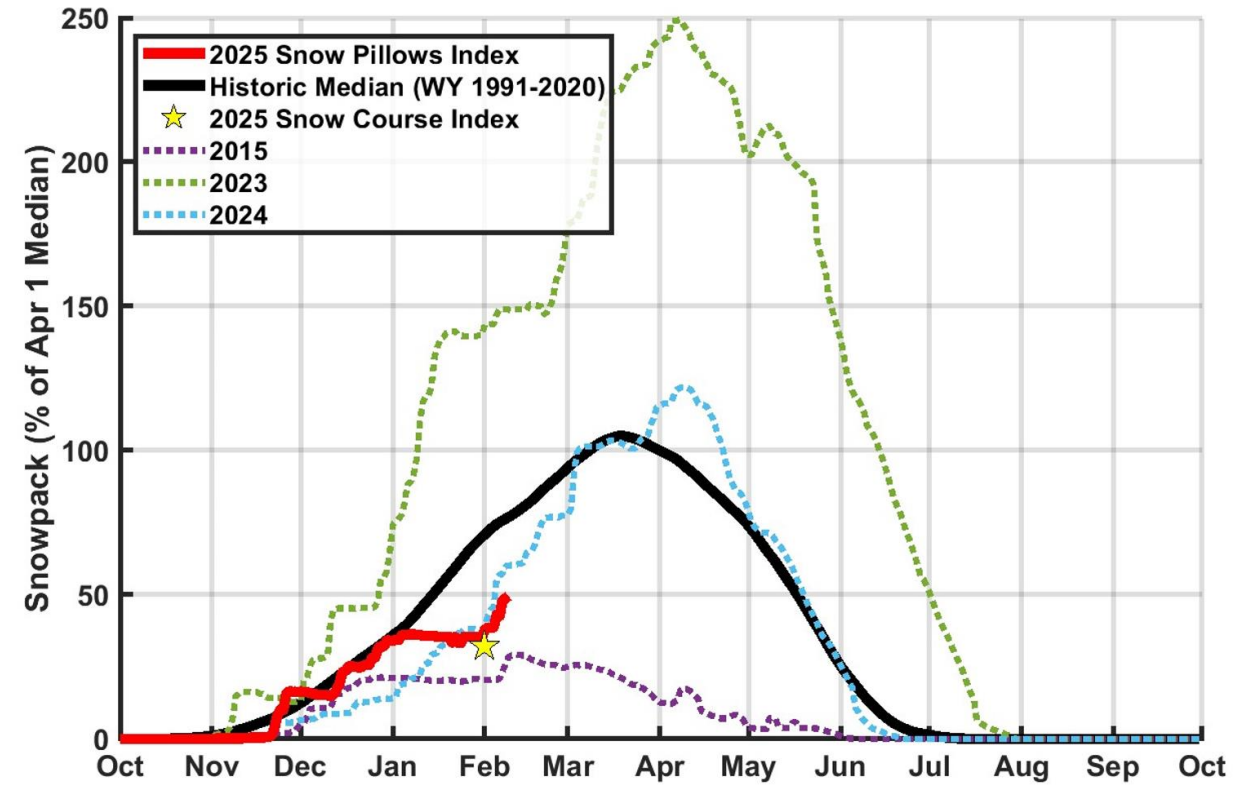


# Precipitation and Snowpack as Compared to Median and Recent Water Years

Hetch Hetchy Precipitation: Tracking Near Median



Upcountry Snowpack: Improved Due to Feb. Storms



# State Water Resources Control Board Releases Draft Phase 2 Bay Delta Plan Updates Including Program of Implementation (POI)

- SWRCB held 5 workshops in late 2024 / early 2025 to discuss the POI with the public
  - Workshops included panel presentations by State Board Staff followed by panels made up of representatives from various interested parties (e.g., DWR, Water Agencies, NGOs, Tribes)
  - Significant discussion has taken place, such that the overall SWRCB schedule is going to be delayed to address concerns verbally relayed during the workshops
  - The SWRCB will produce a revised schedule following the review and consideration of written and oral comments
- The SWRCB extended the POI's written comment period through January 10, 2025
  - The SFPUC as part of the Tuolumne River Partners and SJTA submitted written comments
  - BAWSCA submitted written comments which were shared with the BAWSCA Board and the WMRs



# Efforts Underway by the SFPUC and BAWSCA as it relates to SWRCB's Phase 2 – Working Group Meetings

- In response to the SWRCB's Board Member comments during the workshops, SWRCB staff are holding a series of technical working meetings to receive further input from the water community on the Bay-Delta Plan Phase 2
  - Each meeting has a particular topic, such as VA flow provisions
  - Meetings take place several times each month, through early March of 2025
  - These are remote meetings, and the SFPUC attends
  - BAWSCA is attending select meetings, depending on topic
  - Since the Tuolumne River Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program (HRLP) has components, such as flow releases, that are incorporated into Phase 2's HRLP, it is important that BAWSCA monitor pertinent meeting discussions
  - Meeting goals = to address interested parties' concerns associated with SWRCB's approach to Bay-Delta Plan Phase 2 prior to Adoption





# Update on WSA Amendment and Tier 2 Plan Adoption Packet Preparation

- Updated Tier 2 Plan is complete
- BAWSCA provided SFPUC and WMR with WSA redlines for review
  - Waiting on comments/edits from SFPUC
- Resolutions (one for WSA amendment, one for Tier 2) and sample staff report drafted and ready to share with WMR when WSA redlines are finalized
- SFPUC staff currently anticipates bringing WSA amendment to Commission in April
- Wholesale Customers will begin adopting after SFPUC



# Closed Session



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# Report from Closed Session



Ragsdale, 2023





# Comments by Committee Members



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# Next Meeting and Adjournment

## Next Meeting

April 9, 2025  
1:30 pm

