## **Ventura County Water Fix**

This proposed 30 to 45 mile pipeline would go a long way in reducing the aquifer overdraft situation, provide a higher quality water supply, , allow for the ability to use supplemental water available in "Wet Years" to recharge aquifer storage, providing a back-up supply for the current state water pipeline coming through Metropolitan Water in Los Angeles, and provide for more water for most of the cities in the west end of Ventura County.

The state of California has passed legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Sustainability Act (SGMA) to regulate the groundwater in California.

Ventura County has limited access to the State Water, through Metropolitan Water (Los Angeles).

The State water project sends the water through Pyramid and Castaic Lake to Los Angeles.

If a direct raw water line was built through the Santa Clara River Valley to the Freeman Diversion in the Oxnard area, this line could provide a back-up route to furnish water to Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Camarillo, and Oxnard. Additionally, the line would provide water to Ventura, Fillmore, Santa Paula, Piru, and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County.

This line could also be used to transport supplemental water (extra water in "wet years" which is just dumped into the ocean) to recharge the aquifers in the Santa Clara River basin, and the Oxnard Plains, which are in a critical overdraft situation.

This raw water pipeline could come from Lake Plru or Lake Castaic, which is between 30 and 45 miles from the Oxnard basin (Fox Canyon Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

This water could also be used to provide extra water, which is of high quality to all the basins, which would save energy, and make the water for your constituents a much higher quality, and a more dependable water supply.

This project would be also able to provide table A water (from the state water project) at a lower cost to Ventura County, and a more direct route along with the proposed California Water Fix project.

This 30 to 45-mile pipeline would go a long way to assisting in reducing the overdraft situation, increased water supply, along with a higher quality water supply.

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