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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject: Receive and File Update on Ventura County's Water Supply and Demand; All Supervisorial Districts.**

**Recommendation:**

Receive and file a presentation on the water supply and demand in Ventura County.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

None.

**Discussion:**

The Public Works Agency will bring to your Board a series of presentations to highlight the state of water resources in Ventura County; this presentation is the first in the series. The goal is to provide your Board and the public an assessment of the water resources inventory, provide background on the governance and policy covering water resources management, and highlight the major water resources issues that Ventura County faces.

In Ventura County, the sources of water include imported water, recycled water, surface water, and groundwater. The drought has severely impacted rainfall and snowpack which supply these sources, and climate change may further impact them. To meet the local demand, these sources of water are tapped through a variety of public and private entities.

The management of water resources in Ventura County has evolved to meet the demand of agricultural, municipal, industrial, and domestic activities. This evolution resulted in the patchwork of water purveyors serving the County: currently, there are over 150 water purveyors in the County, including cities, special districts, public water purveyors, regulated private water utilities, mutual water districts and companies, and privately owned water companies.

Groundwater provides over 60 percent of the total agricultural, municipal, and industrial water supply in Ventura County, with agriculture depending on groundwater for about 85 percent of its supply. Groundwater is a part of the water portfolio for all cities except

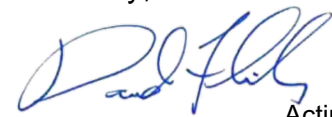


Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. The cities of Santa Paula and Fillmore rely solely on extracted groundwater. The City of Ojai and the Ventura River watershed communities rely entirely on local supply through a combination of surface water and groundwater. Approximately 75 percent of the population in the County receives a portion of their drinking water imported by Calleguas Municipal Water District

A presentation (attached) will be provided on the sources of water in Ventura County including water location and usage.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call the undersigned at (805) 654-2073.

Sincerely,

  
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Director

