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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 Resources Management; All Supervisorial Districts.**

Recommendation:

Receive and file a presentation on water resources management in Ventura County.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

None.

Discussion:

This second presentation is in a series to your Board from the Public Works Agency to highlight the state of water resources in Ventura County. The focus of this presentation is the governance and policy of water resources management and to provide your Board and the public of an understanding of the many regulatory agencies' differing roles in water resources.

In Ventura County, water sources include imported water, recycled water, surface water, and groundwater. Each of these sources have multiple layers of regulatory oversight. Different regulators, agencies, and stakeholder groups implement and influence water policy in Ventura County; they have separate and sometimes uncoordinated roles and authorities. Each of these groups have input on, and may be impacted by, major water resources issues in the County.

The presentation will provide an overview of the governance from the California Constitution down to local policies affecting water resources, including water rights and water quality. The roles of the various regulating agencies will be described with different regulations that affect different types of water: drinking water, surface water, and groundwater. As the land use authority and well permitting agency, the County's role will be highlighted along with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Fox Canyon



Groundwater Management Agency, and the other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies importance to local water resources.

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,



Jeff Pratt, P.E.
Director

