

One Water & Adaptation Committee



Agreements with the City of Buena Ventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water

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Authorize Wheeling and Emergency Water Exchange Agreements



Subject

Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the City of Buenaventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject CEQA

Purpose

Proposed wheeling of up to 2,000 acre-feet per year of City of Buenaventura (Ventura) State Water Project (SWP) water through Metropolitan's system and the proposed delivery of water supplies during emergencies between Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) and Ventura

Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Staff recommends authorizing the General Manager to enter into agreements with the City of Buenaventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water.

Metropolitan will receive financial compensation to cover its costs provided for in the wheeling agreement. There is no fiscal impact in allowing the water deliveries during emergencies

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Parties to the two Proposed Agreements



City of San Buenaventura (Ventura)

- State Water Project (SWP) supplies via the Ventura County Watershed Protection District
- No physical connection to the SWP facilities

Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas)

- Metropolitan's member agency
- Partner with Ventura on the interconnection pipeline connecting Calleguas and Ventura

Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan)

- SWP contractor with connections at Castaic Lake

Wheeling SWP Water for Ventura

Ventura has rights to SWP water via the Ventura County Watershed Protection District



Metropolitan

- Takes delivery of Ventura SWP water at Castaic
- Wheels water via Foothill Feeder
- Treats water at Jensen
- Delivers treated Ventura SWP water to Calleguas

Calleguas

- Takes delivery of treated Ventura SWP from Metropolitan
- Wheels water via its distribution system
- Delivers treated Ventura SWP water to Ventura

Proposed Wheeling Agreement Terms



Summary of the wheeling agreement

- Ventura proposes to receive up to 2,000 acre-feet per year of their SWP water via wheeling

Financial Compensation

- Wheeling price is a fixed dollar amount
 - For calendar year 2026 the price is \$1,215 per acre-foot
 - Annual increases based on a Consumer Price Index related to Water and Sewerage Infrastructure costs
- Ventura continues to pay its SWP charges

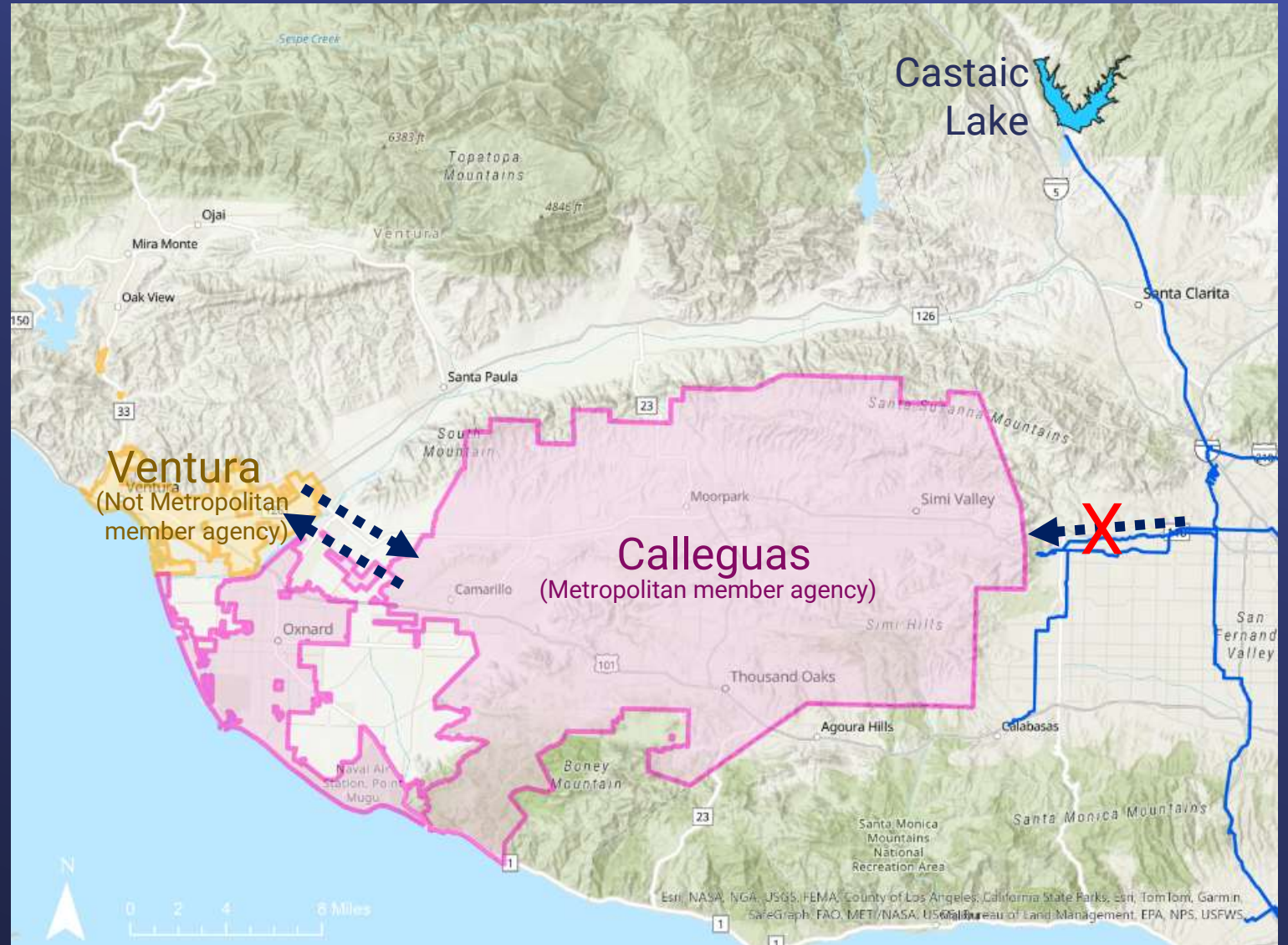
Operational Considerations

- Metropolitan staff will determine available capacity prior to wheeling
- System losses will be applied for the wheeled water
- Metropolitan will deliver treated water to Calleguas via existing service connections

Emergency Water Deliveries

Calleguas receives imported supplies from Metropolitan via a single tunnel

- Would be allowed during emergencies that prevent Metropolitan from delivering to Calleguas
- Ventura and Calleguas could borrow from each other during emergencies
- Since Ventura's supply might contain SWP water, authorization and consent from Metropolitan is needed



Proposed Emergency Water Deliveries Agreement Terms



Summary of the emergency use of SWP water agreement

- Calleguas and Ventura propose borrowing water from each other during emergency circumstances
- The agency borrowing the water will return an equal amount

Definition of Emergencies

- Planned and unplanned water service interruptions
- Emergencies do not include drought conditions

Scope of Metropolitan's obligations

- Limited to consent for water to be delivered in each other's (Ventura or Calleguas) service area
- No obligation for Metropolitan to make water available to Calleguas for emergency deliveries to Ventura or for return of water by Calleguas to Ventura

Clarifications on the Emergency Deliveries

No Sale of SWP Water

- Metropolitan is not granting authorization to Ventura to sell SWP water within Metropolitan service area
- Metropolitan is not selling SWP Water to Ventura

Water borrowed will be returned

- Metropolitan is authorizing Ventura to loan water (some may be SWP water) during an emergency
- Calleguas may purchase Metropolitan water at the full service rate to return to Ventura

Limited Consent

- Consent is limited to the scenarios described in the agreements

Board Options

Option #1

Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the City of San Buenaventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Option #2

Direct the General Manager not to enter into agreements under the proposed terms.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1

