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Untreated Surface Water Program

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Outline

Excerpts from Agenda Memo and Attachments

- Overview of the Untreated Surface Water Program
- Board-Approved Eight Principles at April 12, 2016, meeting for Revising the Rules and Regulations of the Program
- Board Policy and Planning Committee Recommendations at November 26, 2018, meeting
- Staff's Proposed Six-Step Strategy
- Staff's Recommendation



Overview of the Untreated Surface Water Program

- Rules and Regulations were adopted by a July 1974 Board Resolution (Res. 74-28)
- FY 2018 Program usage: 1,800 acre-feet (approx. 2% of County's use); revenue: \$890,000
- Program operation impacts ability to efficiently manage system: modify pumping operation or reduce recharge
- During outages, staff must isolate turnouts manually
- Creek diversions by users can impact environmental flows



Board-Approved Eight Principles

Adopted at April 12, 2016, meeting for Revising the Rules and Regulations of the Untreated Surface Water Program

- 1. Align with current Board Policies, CEO strategies, and CEO direction;
- 2. Support water conservation;
- 3. Improve administration and cost management;
- 4. Better reflect the interruptible nature of service;
- 5. When possible, facilitate conversion or convert service to recycled water service;



Board-Approved Eight Principles

Adopted at April 12, 2016, meeting for Revising the Rules and Regulations of the Untreated Surface Water Program (Cont'd)

- 6. Avoid duplicative water service when there is water retailer service available;
- 7. Avoid committing supplies for fire suppression; and
- 8. Avoid impacts to Valley Water's environmental obligations.



Board Policy and Planning Committee Recommendations

Proposed at November 26, 2018, meeting

- A. The Board sunset the existing untreated surface water program for all private water users. Existing private users be removed from the surface water program as soon as possible and all private accounts be terminated by December 31, 2030.
- B. Provide adequate time to existing surface water users to transition to an alternative water supply.



Board Policy and Planning Committee Recommendations

Proposed at November 26, 2018, meeting (Cont'd)

C. In recognition that surface water deliveries to a public agency may provide public benefits, requests by public agencies for surface water delivery will be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

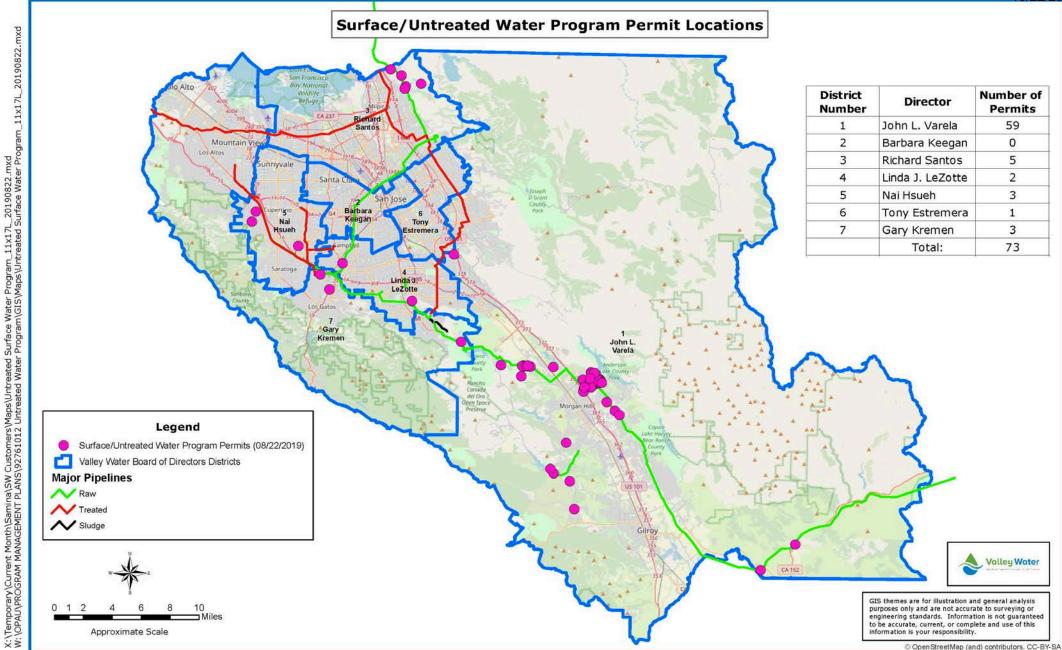


Staff's Six-Step Strategy

- 1. No new permits will be issued
- 2. Staff will meet with Board members individually to brief them on upcoming public meetings (see map)
- 3. Conduct three public meetings in FY 20

- 4. Prepare a Board agenda
- Discuss draft agenda recommendations with the Committee
- 6. Return to the Board in FY 20 with recommendations for the future of the Program







Staff's Recommendation

Review Board Policy and Planning Committee's recommendation to seek stakeholder input on the future of the Untreated Surface Water Program including the recommendation to sunset the Program



QUESTIONS









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