#### MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

#### March 16, 2022

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Miller, who was in attendance by teleconference from 13 Pumphouse Road, Garden Valley, Idaho 83622, requested that Director Sanchez conduct the meeting on his behalf; Director Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Vásquez, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Miller (via teleconference).

Directors absent: Dorey.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; Ross Miles, GIS Systems Associate; Marlene Kelleher, Director of Administration; and Ramae Ogilvie, Administrative Assistant. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present.

Other attendees: Barbara Kus of the United States Geological Survey (USGS); and Adam Eidson of the Cleveland National Forest (CNF).

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Sanchez led the pledge of allegiance.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22-03-28 Upon motion by Director Vásquez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Sanchez, MacKenzie and Miller; 1 absent: Dorey), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.

#### 5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

#### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

22-03-29 Upon motion by Director Vásquez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Sanchez, MacKenzie and Miller; 1 absent: Dorey), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 22-14 approving disbursements.

#### A. Encroachment Permit and Acceptance of Water System

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board approved Encroachment Permit (132) and accepted the water system for a 56-unit detached condominium development, known as Arroyo Vista, consisting of approximately 8.39 gross acres owned by Meritage Homes of California, Inc., located at Sycamore Avenue and Watson Way, Vista (P17-0361; LN 2018-006; I-3087; APNs 217-024-01, -02, -03, -04, -05 and -06; DIV NO 5).

#### B. Waterline Project Approval

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board approved the waterline project for a 19-lot single-family residential development known as Stonemark Estates, consisting of approximately 25.77 gross acres owned by Stonemark Place Partners, LLC, located along Buena Vista Drive, Vista (LN 2015-029; APNs 169-200-24 to 43; County of San Diego TM 5479; DIV NO 4).

C. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on March 2, 2022

The minutes of March 2, 2022 were approved as presented.

D. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-14**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 68852 through 68960 drawn on Union Bank totaling \$281,112.65.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the execution of the checks by the appropriate officers of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by a roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

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#### 7. PROPOSAL TO ADJUST DIVISION BOUNDARIES

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Sanchez opened the public hearing at 9:04 a.m. Director of Administration Marlene Kelleher presented an overview of the item stating that this is the second of two public hearing on the proposal to adjust division boundaries of the District. She stated that the redistricting process is required after each federal decennial census; using the census as a basis, the boundaries of divisions must be adjusted so that divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population. It was noted that there were no members of the public present in person or telephonically and that no comments were received from members of the public in writing, by telephone or by email prior to the public hearing. Mr. Hodgkiss stated that the District issued a news release prior to each public hearing on the proposal to adjust division boundaries. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell added that both public hearings were advertised as legal notices in the local newspaper.

22-03-30 Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Vásquez and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Sanchez, MacKenzie and Miller; 1 absent: Dorey), the Board of Directors closed the public hearing at 9:10 a.m.

22-03-31	Upon motion	by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Vásquez, the Board of						
	Directors add	Directors adopted Resolution 22-15 adjusting the boundaries of Divisions within Vista						
	Irrigation Dis	Irrigation District as proposed on the map and directed the Secretary of the Board to file						
	the map show	the map showing adjusted division boundaries with the County of San Diego Registrar						
	of Voters, by	the following roll call vote:						
	AYES:	Directors Miller, Vásquez, MacKenzie, and Sanchez						
	NOES:	None						
	ABSTAIN:	None						
	ABSENT:	Director Dorey						
	A copy of Resolution 22-15 is on file in the official Resolution Book of the District.							

Director Sanchez and the Board thanked Ms. Kelleher and GIS Systems Associate Ross Miles for their hard work and diligence on this matter. Ms. Kelleher thanked Mr. Miles for his efforts.

#### 8. SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCH

See staff report attached hereto.

United States Geological Survey (USGS) Research Ecologist Barbara Kus presented via a PowerPoint presentation (attached hereto as Exhibit A) the results of field surveys conducted by the USGS for the endangered southwestern willow flycatchers (SWFL) on District land. She provided clarification regarding the 33 survey locations in San Diego County, stating that 99 percent of the SWFL were found along the San Luis Rey River, and 90 percent were on District land. Ms. Kus noted that nest success declined from 2016 to 2019 with predation and increased brood parasitism by brown-headed cowbirds (BHCO) contributing factors.

Cleveland National Forest (CNF) Wildlife Biologist Adam Eidson provided information via a PowerPoint presentation (attached hereto as Exhibit B) regarding proposed BHCO control activities to be performed on District land. Director Sanchez requested that CNF staff keep the District apprised of the progress of control activities.

22-03-32 Upon motion by Director Vásquez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Sanchez, MacKenzie and Miller; 1 absent: Dorey), the Board of Directors authorized the issuance of a permit to allow access by CNF personnel onto District land for the purpose of conducting brown-headed cowbird control activities.

#### 9. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

See staff report attached hereto.

President Miller reported that there had not be a meeting of the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) Board of Directors since his last report. He reported on a recent opinion piece in a local publication authored by the Board Presidents of the Rainbow Municipal Water District and Fallbrook Public Utility District regarding future Water Authority rate increases; information contained in the opinion piece was rebutted in an opposing opinion written by the Assistant General Manager of the Water Authority.

General Manager Brett Hodgkiss reported on the Member Agencies Managers meeting he attended virtually the previous day in which the Water Authority's rate redesign process and preliminary schedule were discussed. He indicated that it is anticipated that the new rate design would be used in 2023 to set rates for calendar year 2024. Director Sanchez commented on the importance of the District being involved in this important process.

#### 10. MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Director MacKenzie reported on her virtual attendance of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Legislative Symposium in which a panel of legislators discussed drought and resilience.

Director Vásquez reported on his attendance at the recent virtual meeting of the Council of Water Utilities in which Alex Tardy of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration talked about extreme weather events and their impacts on droughts.

#### 11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Hodgkiss stated that Director David Drake of Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District and ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Board member would be in attendance at the April 6, 2022 Board meeting to present the District with a refund check from ACWA JPIA.

#### **12.** COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Vásquez commented that the Urban Water Institute has announced its Annual Water Conference, which will take place in San Diego, August 24-26, 2022.

Director MacKenzie mentioned an ACWA Outreach Alert she received regarding the coalition supporting ACWA-sponsored Assembly Bill 2142 to reinstate the California personal income tax exemption for turf replacement rebates.

#### 13. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell informed the Board about drinking water regulations being drafted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for 2022 and beyond as well as the SWRCB's development of criteria for direct potable water reuse and the impending release of new recycled water regulations in late 2022.

#### 14. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Hodgkiss informed the Board that the water level at Lake Henshaw was currently just under 4,200 acre-feet.

#### 15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 10:39 a.m., Director Sanchez adjourned the meeting.

Marty Miller, President

**ATTEST:** m 1

Lisa R. Soto, Secretary **Board of Directors** VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



**STAFF REPORT** 

Board Meeting Date: Prepared By: Reviewed By: Approved By: Agenda Item: 6.A

March 16, 2022 Robert Scholl Randy Whitmann Brett Hodgkiss

#### SUBJECT: ENCROACHMENT PERMIT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WATER SYSTEM

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Approve Encroachment Permit (132) and accept this water system for a 56-unit detached condominium development, known as Arroyo Vista, consisting of approximately 8.39 gross acres owned by Meritage Homes of California, Inc., located at Sycamore Avenue and Watson Way, Vista (P17-0361; LN 2018-006; I-3087; APNs 217-024-01, -02, -03, -04, -05 and -06; DIV NO 5).

<u>PRIOR BOARD ACTION</u>: On February 18, 2020, the Board approved this waterline project. On March 18, 2020, the Board accepted Grant of Right of Way (M131) via City of Vista Tract Map P17-0361.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

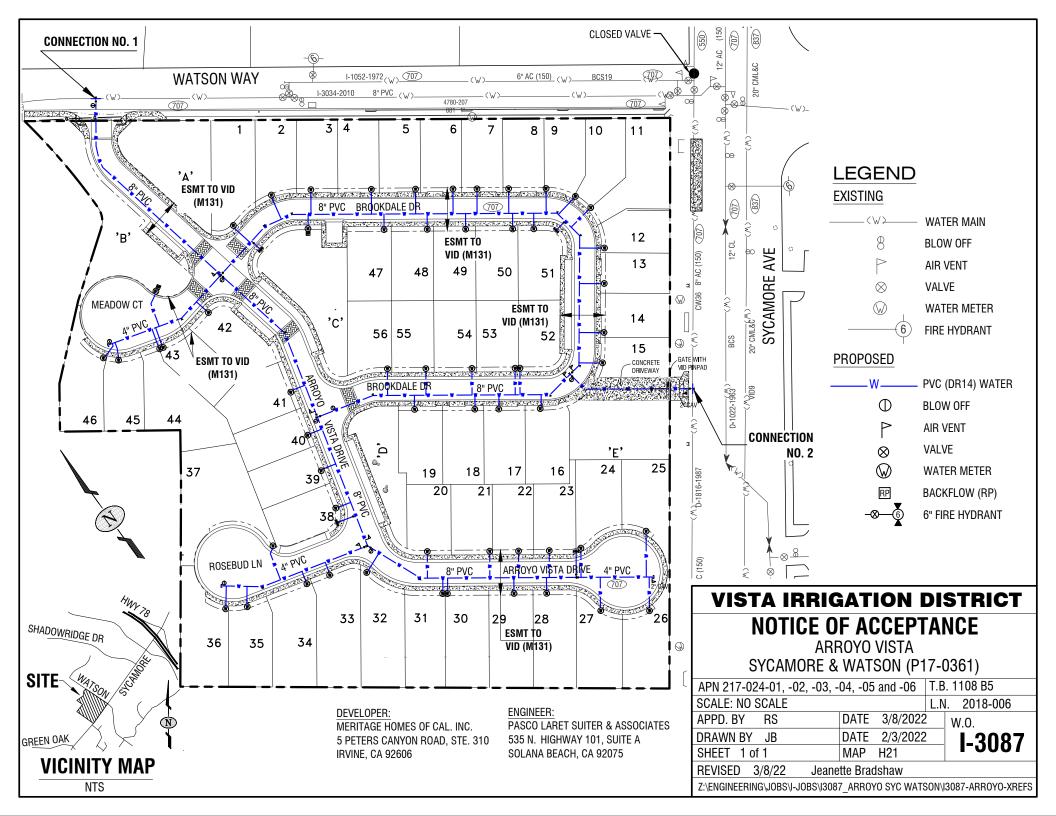
<u>SUMMARY</u>: With approval of Encroachment Permit (132), the water system will be ready for acceptance by the Board and allow the Notice of Acceptance to be filed with the County Recorder.

<u>DETAILED REPORT</u>: All work required by the construction agreement (I-3087) has been completed. Under District inspection, the owner's contractor installed approximately 1,771 feet of 8-inch waterline, 385 feet of 4-inch waterline, four 6-inch fire hydrants, miscellaneous appurtenances, and made the necessary connections. The owner has paid for 57 3/4-inch water meters, one 1 1/2-inch irrigation meter, and installed all necessary backflow devices.

The owner, Meritage Homes of California, Inc., installed decorative pavers and concrete sidewalks and driveways within portions of Specific Easement (M131). Approval of Encroachment Permit (132) will allow the District to accept the water system; in accordance with said permit, any costs to replace the new decorative pavers or concrete sidewalks and driveways as the result of a District water main repair will be borne by the permittee.

This project will be completed with the recording of Encroachment Permit (132) and filing of the Notice of Acceptance with the County Recorder.

ATTACHMENT: Map





Board Meeting Date: Prepared By: Reviewed By: Approved By: Agenda Item: 6.B

March 16, 2022 Robert Scholl Randy Whitmann Brett Hodgkiss

### STAFF REPORT

<u>SUBJECT</u>: WATERLINE PROJECT APPROVAL

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Approve this waterline project for a 19-lot single-family residential development known as Stonemark Estates, consisting of approximately 25.77 gross acres owned by Stonemark Place Partners, LLC, located along Buena Vista Drive, Vista (LN 2015-029; APNs 169-200-24 to 43; County of San Diego TM 5479; DIV NO 4).

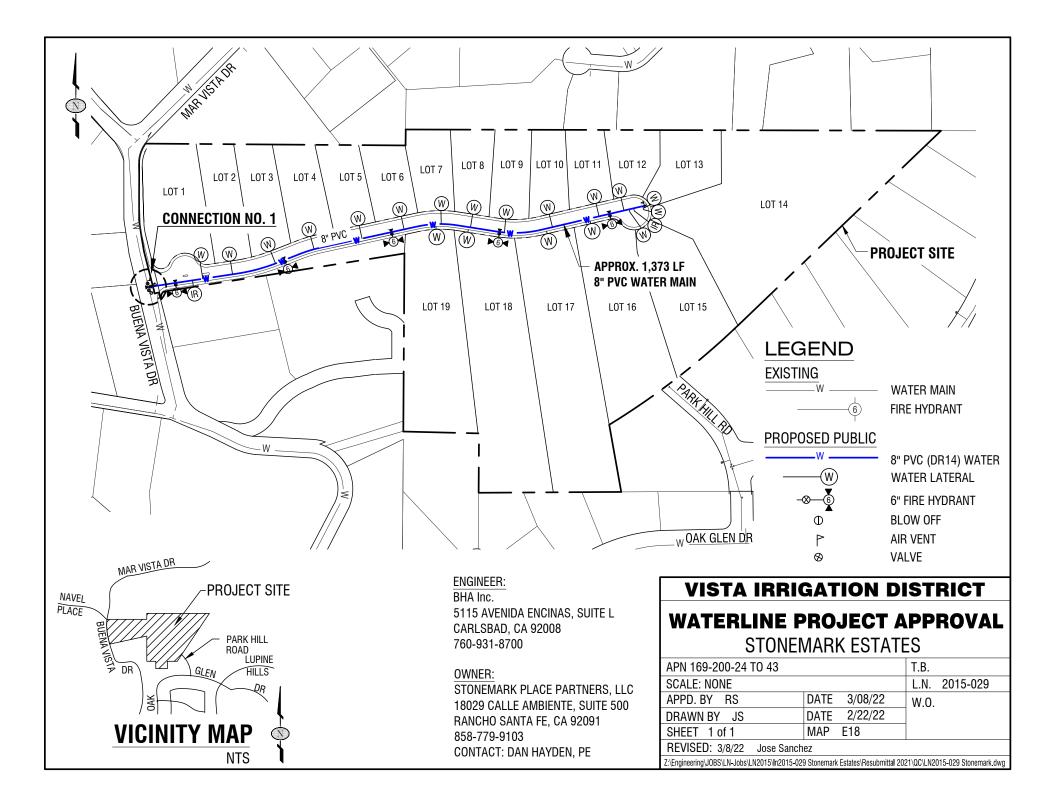
<u>PRIOR BOARD ACTION</u>: On June 21, 2017, the District approved this waterline project, accepted Grant of Right of Way (P81) and approved Joint Use Agreement via County of San Diego Tract No. 5479-1.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

<u>SUMMARY</u>: Since project approval in 2017, the development has switched ownership and annexed into the City of Vista. The new owner, Stonemark Place Partners, LLC, is in the process of continuing with this 19-lot subdivision (APNs 169-200-24 to 43), and the District signed the waterline improvement plans on March 8, 2022. Under District inspection, the owner's contractor will install approximately 1,373 feet of 8-inch waterline, 19 3/4-inch domestic meters, two 1 1/2-inch irrigation meters, five 6-inch fire services, miscellaneous appurtenances, and make connections as approved on the plans. The owner will also submit applications and pay the necessary fees to the District for the water meters.

Approval of this waterline project will allow the General Manager to execute a construction agreement with the owner to proceed with the development of the project.

ATTACHMENT: Map



#### Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 2/17/2022 - 3/2/2022

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Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
68852 - 68854	02/23/2022	Refund Checks 68852 - 68854	Customer Refunds	1,656.85
68855	02/23/2022	Refund Check 68855	Customer Refund	200.96
68856	02/23/2022	Amazon Capital Services	Storage Cabinet	448.79
	02/23/2022		Tree Felling Wedges	37.70
68857	02/23/2022	23/2022 Asbury Environmental Services Used Non-Metal Filters Disposal		85.00
	02/23/2022		Used Metal Oil Filters Disposal	55.00
68858	02/23/2022	BHA Inc	Annual Survey of Henshaw Dam	4,237.50
68859	02/23/2022	CDW Government Inc	Fortigate Access Point	387.74
	02/23/2022		Displayport Cables	77.06
68860	02/23/2022	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Mira Sol Dr	1,615.00
	02/23/2022		Traffic Control - Monique Court/Oak Dr	8,360.00
	02/23/2022		Traffic Control - Phillips St	1,710.00
68861	02/23/2022	City of Oceanside	Weese Treatment 01/2022	40,731.24
68862	02/23/2022	CleanCapital HC4 Borrower LLC	Solar Energy Use 01/2022	4,070.72
68863	02/23/2022	Coastal Chlorination & Backflow	Chlorination of Main - Oak Drive	400.00
	02/23/2022		Chlorination of Main - Mira Sol Dr	436.00
68864	02/23/2022	Core & Main	Gate Valve 10" FL R/W (2)	3,156.57
	02/23/2022		Valve Box Lid (1)	31.91
68865	02/23/2022	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	Real Quest Online Services 01/2022	448.71
68866	02/23/2022	County of San Diego	Haz Mat Fee/Permit 03/31/22 - 03/31/23	1,556.00
68867	02/23/2022	County of San Diego	Permit Fees 01/2022	3,278.00
68868	02/23/2022	Craneworks Southwest Inc	Crane Inspection Log Books (5)	72.30
68869	02/23/2022	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	126.03
	02/23/2022		Portable Restroom Service	85.69
68870	02/23/2022	Streamline	Website Support, Maintenance & Hosting	300.00
68871	02/23/2022	Direct Energy	Electric 01/2022	1,836.92
68872	02/23/2022	EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc	40 yd Trash Dumpster	1,073.19
68873	02/23/2022	ESRI Inc	ESRI Annual Maintenance and Renewal	13,800.00
68874	02/23/2022	Evoqua Water Technologies LLC	DI Bottle Rental	341.90
68875	02/23/2022	Ferguson Waterworks	14" Flange x P.O. Gate Valve (RWGV) (2)	15,221.27
	02/23/2022		Bushing 1.25" x 1' PVC Sch 40 (10)	9.74
	02/23/2022		Coupling 1" CTSxCTS (5)	103.43
	02/23/2022		Wire 10 Copper (1500)	519.60
	02/23/2022		Pipe 6" CMLC #10 Steel (20)	880.07

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	02/23/2022		Angle Ball Meter Valve 2" FLG X FIP DD Lockwing (4)	1,126.23	
	02/23/2022		Ell 12" DI PO 45 Degree (1)	443.77	
	02/23/2022		Flange 6" SOW 6-hole (6)	284.16	
	02/23/2022		Angle Ball Mtr Valve 1"Flare Swl Mtr Nut Lockwing (20)	2,310.92	
	02/23/2022		Clamp 1x3 Repair Full Circle Copper Romac (4)	145.06	
	02/23/2022		Service Saddle 12x2 PVC (2)	484.72	
	02/23/2022		Wire 10 Copper (2000)	692.80	
	02/23/2022		Clamp 6x12 Repair Full Circle SS Romac (1)	258.72	
	02/23/2022		Tee 10" DI Flange (1)	663.01	
	02/23/2022		Wire 10 Copper (1000)	346.40	
	02/23/2022		Corp Stop 1" MIP X Flare (1)	61.14	
	02/23/2022		Coupling 1.25 x 1 Female Flare X Super Grip (10)	202.10	
	02/23/2022		Ball Valve .75" FIP x FIP with handle PSI 150 (3)	161.95	
	02/23/2022		Fire Hydrant Spool 6x6 DI (2)	259.80	
	02/23/2022		Angle Ball Mtr Valve 1.5"FLG X FIP DD & Lockwing (3)	715.88	
	02/23/2022		3/4" x 1" Meter Bushing (20)	304.18	
68876	02/23/2022	Fountain Car Wash	Wash Tokens (600)	540.00	
68877	02/23/2022	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Fuel Primer Pump - Truck 22	136.77	
	02/23/2022		Cutting Edge, Hardware - B16	246.84	
	02/23/2022		Battery - B18	208.73	
68878	02/23/2022	Hello Deli	Lunch 02/14/22 (2) - New Hire Orientation	28.30	
68879	02/23/2022	Hi-Line Inc	Hardware	67.56	
68880	02/23/2022	Jan-Pro of San Diego	Janitorial Service 02/2022	4,497.00	
	02/23/2022		Janitorial Service - COVID 19	1,280.00	
68881	02/23/2022	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	Coolant Reservoir, Cap - Truck 65	117.08	
	02/23/2022		Windshield Washer Pump - Truck 45	27.92	
68882	02/23/2022	Lawnmowers Plus Inc	Recoil Starter for Leaf Blower	80.80	
68883	02/23/2022	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Legal 01/2022	390.00	
	02/23/2022		Webinar	75.00	
68884	02/23/2022	Lightning Messenger Express	Messenger Service 01/28/22	61.50	
68885	02/23/2022	Major League Pest	Monthly Pest Control	225.00	
68886	02/23/2022	Moodys	Dump Fees (3)	900.00	
68887	02/23/2022	MRC, Smart Technology Solutions	Manage Print Services	529.34	
68888	02/23/2022	NAPA Auto Parts	Belts for Concrete Saw	46.53	
	02/23/2022		Filters (3)	68.91	
68889	02/23/2022	North County Auto Parts	Wiper Blades	106.65	
68890	02/23/2022	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Starter - Truck 67	(257.62)	
	02/23/2022		Fuel Pump - Truck 79	171.11	
	02/23/2022		Battery - Truck 41	202.05	

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	02/23/2022		Battery Core - Truck 41	(22.00)
	02/23/2022		Battery - T6	148.50
	02/23/2022		7-Pole Trailer Cord Connector	42.30
	02/23/2022		Battery Core - T6	(22.00)
	02/23/2022		Air Fresheners	37.83
68891	02/23/2022	Pacific Pipeline Supply	End Cap (1)	175.02
68892	02/23/2022	Plateau Pest Solutions Inc	Bee & Hive Removal	75.00
68893	02/23/2022	Ramco Petroleum	Fuel 01/2022	1,674.60
68894	02/23/2022	Raymond Handling Solutions Inc	Scheduled Maintenance - F3	98.00
68895	02/23/2022	RouseSign and Graphics Inc	Name Plates (2)	103.92
68896	02/23/2022	Volvo Construction Equipment & Services	Window Glass - E2	325.02
68897	02/23/2022	San Diego Friction Products	Air Seat - Truck 22	628.01
	02/23/2022		U-Joints - Truck 22	243.69
	02/23/2022		Mud Flaps (4)	65.04
68898	02/23/2022	San Diego Gas & Electric	Electric 01/2022 - Cathodic Protection & T&D	268.86
	02/23/2022		Electric 01/2022 - Reservoirs	272.16
	02/23/2022		Electric 01/2022 - Pump Stations	10,335.82
	02/23/2022		Electric 01/2022 - Plants	110.28
68899	02/23/2022	Santa Fe Car Wash	Car Washes (25)	275.00
68900	02/23/2022	Shucri Yaghi	Temporary Property Usage 9/21/21 - 2/21/22	1,250.00
68901	02/23/2022	Siemens Industry Inc	Siemens HydroRanger 200 HMI (1)	1,985.31
68902	02/23/2022	SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC	Herbicides	130.90
68903	02/23/2022	Shred-it	Shredding Service	147.83
68904	02/23/2022	Sunbelt Rentals	Tree Trimming Equipment Rental	1,661.32
	02/23/2022		Concrete	358.80
	02/23/2022		Concrete	354.05
68905	02/23/2022	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	2,620.00
68906	02/23/2022	Tyler Technologies Inc	Maintenance 03/2022 - 02/2023	668.54
68907	02/23/2022	Underground Service Alert of Southern California	New DigAlert Tickets (280)	472.00
	02/23/2022		Safe Excavation Board Fees	131.88
68908	02/23/2022	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	386.98
68909	02/23/2022	Vinje & Middleton Engineering Inc	Soil Testing - Mira Sol	460.00
68910	02/23/2022	Vista Brake & Smog	Tire (1) - VE2	220.36
	02/23/2022		Tires (3) - T11	556.85
68911	02/23/2022	Vista Paint Corporation	Paint - Lupine Hills Reservoir	425.27
	02/23/2022		Paint - Lupine Hills Reservoir	212.64
	02/23/2022		Paint - Lupine Hills Reservoir	392.99
68912	02/23/2022	Vista Printing	No Parking Signs 12"Wx18" - No Bleed (250)	116.70
68913	02/23/2022	Water District Jobs	Recruitment Advertising	290.00

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03/02/2022 Kitchen & Restroom Supplies	91.88
03/02/2022 Microsoft Basic Online 365 Licenses	18.00
03/02/2022 GFI FaxMaker Online Service	12.75
03/02/2022 One Drive Online Service	15.00
03/02/2022 Microsoft Multi-factor Authentication Service	6.00
03/02/2022 Redistricting Maps Printing	96.98
03/02/2022 Redistricting Maps Printing	58.19
03/02/2022 Redistricting Maps Printing	84.05
03/02/2022 Employment Advertising - Engineering Specialist	200.00
03/02/2022 Employment Advertising - Construction Worker	200.00
03/02/2022 Refreshment for Boardroom/Training	206.85

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	03/02/2022		Vista State of the Community Luncheon - M Miller	75.00
	03/02/2022		Vista State of the Community Luncheon - J MacKenzie	75.00
	03/02/2022		Urban Water Conference (Virtual) - R Vasquez	250.00
	03/02/2022		Urban Water Conference (Virtual) - P Sanchez	250.00
	03/02/2022		Vista State of the Community Luncheon - B Hodgkiss	75.00
	03/02/2022		Cloud Base Phone System - COVID 19	24.16
68929	03/02/2022	Core & Main	Adapter 2" Copper x MIP (20)	411.35
	03/02/2022		Tubing 1" Copper Soft 60' (300)	2,630.48
	03/02/2022		Fire Hydrant 6" Break Off Spool LB400 (6)	1,493.85
	03/02/2022		Fire Hydrant Rod 15"x.5" Break Off Stainless Steel (4)	285.78
	03/02/2022		Gate Valve 3" R/S DI Flange (1)	540.76
	03/02/2022		Coupling 6" Deflection C900 (6)	271.82
	03/02/2022		Angle Ball Valve 2" FNPT X MNPT (CurbStop) (4)	1,359.62
	03/02/2022		Service Saddle 6x1 Brass AC (1)	129.36
	03/02/2022		Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 6"-8" (6" gasket) 3/4 x 3 1/4 (20)	216.49
	03/02/2022		18" Nut & Bolt Kit (1), Gaskets (2)	96.54
	03/02/2022		8" X1' Flg Spool (1)	285.88
68930	03/02/2022	Electrical Sales Inc	Electrical Conduit Parts	38.29
68931	03/02/2022	FedEx	Express Shipping	56.12
68932	03/02/2022	Ferguson Waterworks	Zinc Anode Bar 15lb (5)	490.21
68933	03/02/2022	Grainger	Water Filter for Hydration Station	105.66
68934	03/02/2022	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Control Handle - B16	100.62
	03/02/2022		Bucket Teeth - B21	175.22
	03/02/2022		Gear Housing Plate, O-Rings - B20	110.64
	03/02/2022		Hydraulic Fluid	215.78
68935	03/02/2022	Hello Deli	Lunch 02/28/22 (6) - New Hire Orientation	75.56
68936	03/02/2022	InfoSend Inc	Data Processing/Mailing Service 01/2022	5,114.74
	03/02/2022		Backflow Notices	134.51
	03/02/2022		Storage & Support Fee 01/2022	1,593.99
68937	03/02/2022	J & R Concrete Products, Inc	Precast Concrete Top Slab - Rees Road	11,583.13
68938	03/02/2022	J&S Asphalt Paving, Sealing & Striping Co., Inc	Asphalt Pavement Markings - VID Headquarters	2,985.00
68939	03/02/2022	Joe's Paving	Patch Paving	3,923.00
68940	03/02/2022	Lawnmowers Plus Inc	Weed Whip String	180.33
68941	03/02/2022	Leon Perrault Trucking & Materials	Trucking & Material 01/2022	27,983.25
68942	03/02/2022	Lightning Messenger Express	Messenger Service 02/11/22	61.50
68943	03/02/2022	Mutual of Omaha	LTD/STD/Life Insurance 03/2022	6,311.98
68944	03/02/2022	NAPA Auto Parts	Fan Clutch - Truck 73	(66.56)
	03/02/2022		Filters (2) - Truck 22	25.27
	03/02/2022		Filter - Truck 20	6.00

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	03/02/2022		Filters	30.87
	03/02/2022		Sanding Wheels	16.76
	03/02/2022		Filters	49.57
	03/02/2022		Filters, Mirrors	118.05
68945	03/02/2022	North County Auto Parts	Running Lamp, Oil	68.34
	03/02/2022		Blower Resistor	(21.51)
68946	03/02/2022	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Drill 1-2" SCA102 Motor Arbor (1)	50.87
	03/02/2022		Drill 3/8" PD Pilot for PVC (3)	84.44
	03/02/2022		Cutter 1" PWL-100 PVC Carb Shell (1)	193.77
	03/02/2022		Cutter 2" PWL-200 PVC Carb Shell Romac (2)	495.79
	03/02/2022		Angle Stops (2)	430.23
	03/02/2022		Construction Meter Hose Swivel (1)	111.07
68947	03/02/2022	Pacific Safety Center	Hazmat Recertification Training	795.00
68948	03/02/2022	Powerland Equipment, Inc	Chainsaw Bar Oil Plugs	10.41
68949	03/02/2022	Ramona Disposal Service	Disposal of A/C Pipe	1,939.74
68950	03/02/2022	Volvo Construction Equipment & Services	HVAC Filters (2)	126.77
68951	03/02/2022	San Diego Door Controls, Inc	Roll-up Doors & Gates Maintenance	1,552.00
68952	03/02/2022	Sunshine Supply Co Inc	Stir Paddle	22.48
68953	03/02/2022	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	2,160.00
68954	03/02/2022	Tyler Business Forms	Check Stock	1,249.00
68955	03/02/2022	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	355.82
68956	03/02/2022	Valley CM, Inc	E Reservoir Replacement/Pump Station 11/2021 - 01/2022	4,200.00
68957	03/02/2022	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phones 01/16/22 - 02/15/22	1,436.20
68958	03/02/2022	Vulcan Materials Company and Affiliates	Cold Mix	2,240.98
68959	03/02/2022	VWR International LLC	Glass Flask	398.77
	03/02/2022		Glass Flask	(189.00)
	03/02/2022		Sample Bottles - HABs Samples	294.83
	03/02/2022		Glass Flask	(209.77)
68960	03/02/2022	WorkPartners OHS	New Hire Physical & Drug Test	200.00

Grand Total: 281,112.65



#### **Board Meeting Date: Prepared By:**

March 16, 2022 Dirs. Sanchez & Vásquez

#### <u>SUBJECT</u>: PROPOSAL TO ADJUST DIVISION BOUNDARIES

#### **<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>**:

- 1. Conduct a public hearing and accept testimony, orally or in writing, regarding a proposal to adjust the boundaries of divisions within Vista Irrigation District.
- 2. Adopt Resolution No. 22-XX adjusting the boundaries of divisions within Vista Irrigation District as proposed on the attached map and direct the Secretary of the Board to file the map showing adjusted division boundaries with the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters.

<u>PRIOR BOARD ACTION</u>: On December 8, 2021, the Board appointed Directors Sanchez and Vásquez to serve on the ad hoc committee to review the division boundaries of the District and recommend any changes (based on the 2020 census data) to the Board. The Board conducted a public hearing to accept testimony, orally and in writing, regarding a proposal to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District on March 2, 2022.

#### FISCAL IMPACT: None.

<u>SUMMARY</u>: The governing body in which directors are elected by divisions must redistrict after each federal decennial census. Using the census as a basis, the boundaries of divisions must be adjusted so that divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population. The ad hoc committee met on February 14, 2022 to discuss the methods and goals of redistricting, receive an update on the population and other demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau and review redistricting proposals prepared by staff; the ad hoc committee selected a proposal to adjust division boundaries within the District to present to the full Board.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 22001, the Board was required to hold at least one public hearing on the proposal to adjust the boundaries of the divisions prior to the public hearing at which the Board votes to approve or defeat the proposal. On March 2, 2022, the Board conducted the first of two public hearings to accept testimony, orally and in writing, regarding the proposal to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District.

<u>DETAILED REPORT</u>: As an Irrigation District, the District is required by Water Code Section 21605 to adjust its division boundaries in accordance with Elections Code Section 22000; Section 22000(a) requires the District to adjust boundaries by resolution after each federal decennial census. Subdivision (h) of that statute allows for boundary adjustments more often, when the governing body of the district determines that a sufficient change in population has occurred that makes it desirable, in its opinion, to adjust the boundaries of any divisions, or whenever any territory is added or excluded from the district.

In September 2021, California's official redistricting database, the Statewide Database, released data for the 2020 United States Census, which District Geographical Information Systems (GIS) staff utilizes to compile proposed redistricting maps for consideration. Based on best practices suggested by the San Diego Association of Governments Service Bureau and the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters, redistricting was performed using the original census block-level data; using census block-level data over precinct level data is the preferred method because it avoids manipulation of the original data, thus minimizing the possibility of data errors. Proposed adjustments to division boundaries take into consideration topography and geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, and communities of interest in accordance with Elections Code Section 22000(a).

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At its March 2, 2022 meeting, the Board conducted a public hearing to accept testimony, orally and in writing, regarding the proposal to adjust the boundaries of divisions within the District. There were no members of the public present in person or telephonically, and there were no comments received from members of the public in writing, by telephone or by email prior to the public hearing. The Board reviewed the proposed map and offered suggestions for improving the readability; those changes have been incorporated in the attached map.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 22001, the Board should conduct a second public hearing to receive public comment and consider approving or defeating the proposal to adjust division boundaries.

The deadline to submit the District's adopted redistricting map to the San Diego County Registrar of Voters is April 17, 2022.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- Proof of Publication Public Hearing Notice
- Resolution No. 22-XX
- ➢ Maps
- Demographic data

#### PROOF OF PUBLICATION (2010 & 2011 C.C.P.)

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#### March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District in the Boardroom, located at 1391 Engineer Street in Vista, California 92081, on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 9 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider the following item:

Adjust Division Boundaries – Pursuant to Election Code §22000, the District Board will hold a second public hearing on the proposal to adjust the boundaries of the divisions and consider a resolution adopting such proposal and adjusting the boundaries of the divisions. The draft map is available at the District's website at: https://www.vidwater.org/notice-of-public-hearing

At said hearing, any interested person may present testimony orally or in writing. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written correspondence delivered to the District at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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/s/ Lisa R. Soto, Secretary Board of Directors, Vista Irrigation District

Dated at TEMECULA, California this 7<sup>th</sup>, day March, 2022

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-XX**

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT APPROVING ADJUSTMENTS TO DIRECTOR DIVISIONS FOLLOWING THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21605 of the California Water Code, and Section 22000 of the California Elections Code, the Vista Irrigation District is required to adjust the boundaries of its divisions after each Federal Decennial Census with resulting divisions that are, as far as practicable, equal in population; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District appointed an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee composed of two members of the Board of Directors, to review the District's divisions and recommend any adjustments to reflect the 2020 Federal Decennial Census data; and

WHEREAS, District staff obtained the 2020 United States Decennial Census data for the territory within the Vista Irrigation District boundaries from the Statewide Database, and the Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the census data and determined from that data that the division boundaries should be adjusted to obtain more equal populations within each of the divisions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2022 District Division Boundary Map results in each of the proposed divisions having populations within 0.3% of each other, and takes into consideration topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, and community interests in the District in accordance with Elections Code Section 22000(a); and

WHEREAS, based upon review of detailed population data from the 2020 United States Census, the District's Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee has recommended that the Vista Irrigation District boundaries be adjusted in accordance with its proposed 2022 District Division Boundary Map that is on file with the District and presented to the Board of Directors, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 22001, the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District conducted public hearings on March 2, 2022 and March 16, 2022 to accept testimony, orally and in writing, regarding a proposal to adjust the boundaries of divisions within Vista Irrigation District.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals above are true and incorporated fully herein as findings.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors hereby approves the 2022 District Division Boundary Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and fully incorporated herein by this references, as the official map setting forth the boundaries of the divisions within the Vista Irrigation District.

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors finds that the 2022 District Division Boundary Map uses the 2020 Census as a basis for the division boundary adjustments, and results in divisions with populations that are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with applicable state and federal law.

SECTION 4: The District Secretary is authorized and directed to provide a copy of the 2022 District Division Boundary Map and a copy of this Resolution to the San Diego County Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 5: The Board of Directors finds that this action is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act.

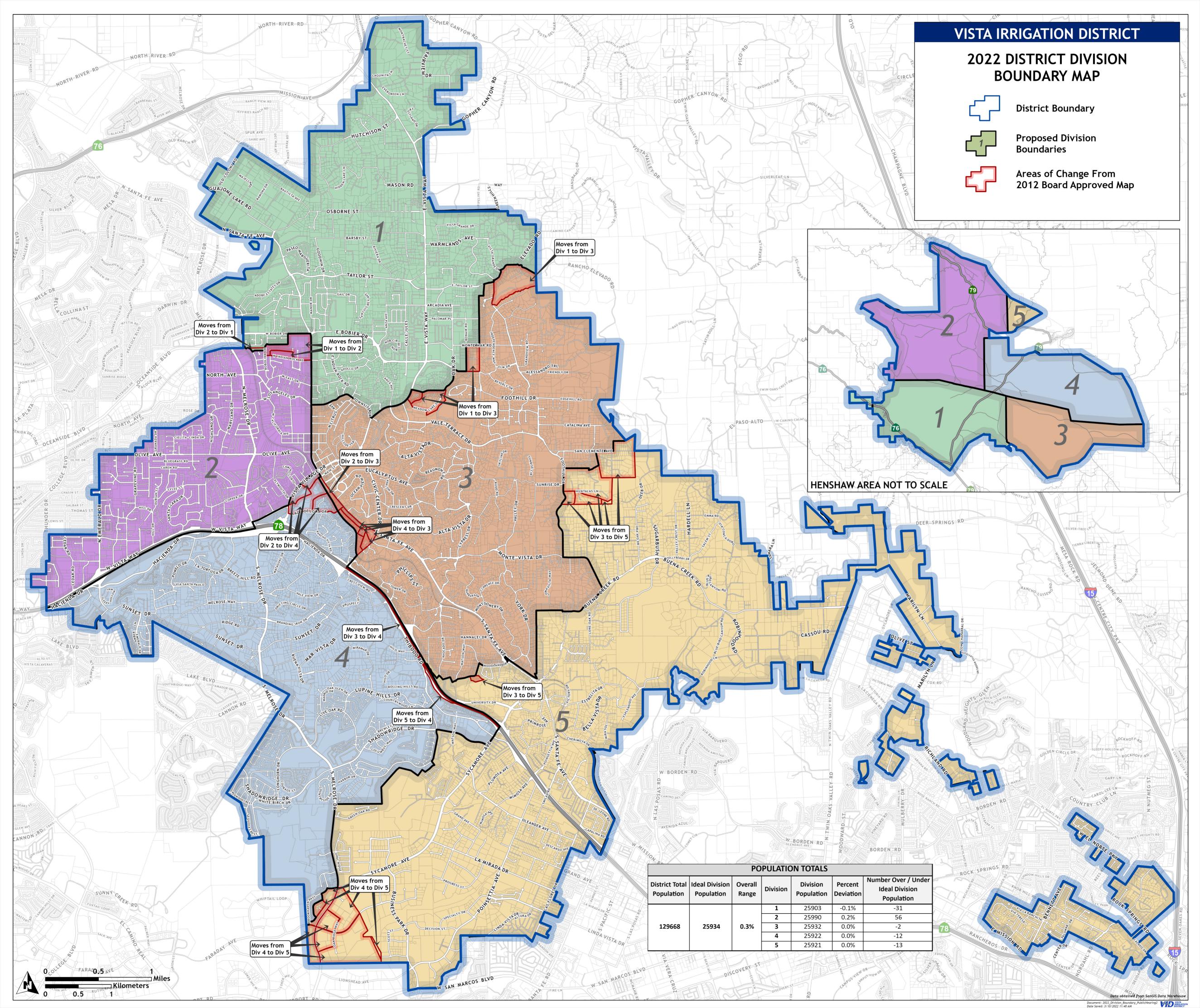
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 16th day of March 2022.

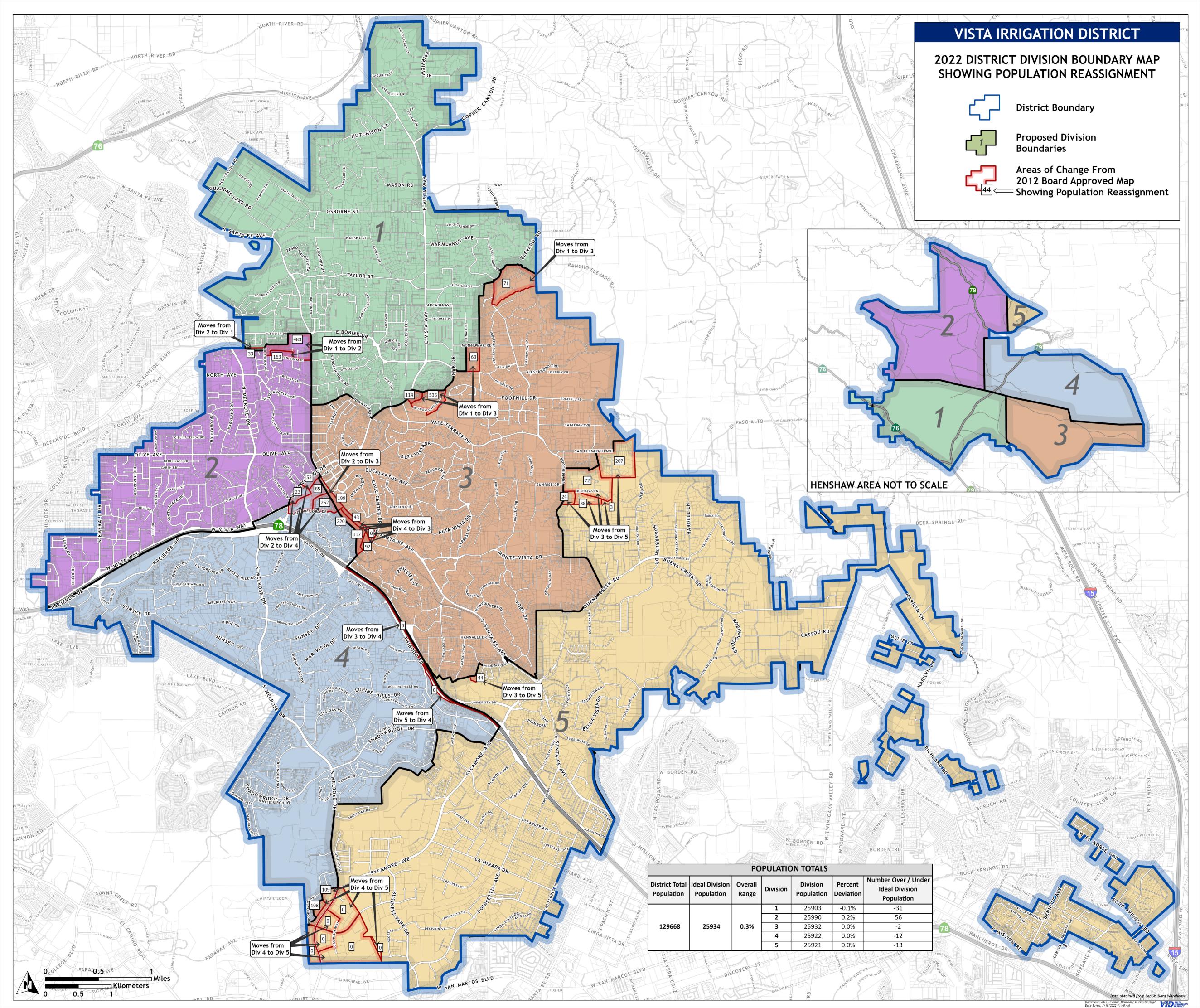
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Patrick Sanchez, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lisa Soto, Secretary Board of Directors VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT





#### DEMOGRAPHICS

	CURRENT DIVISIONS								
	Division %HispOrig %NH_Wht %NH_Asn %NH_Blk %NH_Hwn %NH_Ind %NH_Oth %Two Plus R						%Two Plus Races		
	1	56.9%	30.8%	4.9%	2.2%	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%	3.6%
	2	63.5%	24.2%	4.3%	2.5%	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%	3.9%
	3	48.2%	41.7%	2.8%	1.9%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	4.2%
	4	28.6%	54.5%	6.8%	2.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	6.0%
	5	45.9%	41.2%	5.7%	2.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	3.8%
C	Districtwide	48.7%	38.4%	4.9%	2.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	4.3%

	PROPOSED DIVISIONS								
Division	%HispOrig	%NH_Wht	%NH_Asn	%NH_Blk	%NH_Hwn	%NH_Ind	%NH_Oth	%Two Plus Races	
1	56.6%	30.9%	4.9%	2.3%	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%	3.6%	
2	63.8%	24.0%	4.4%	2.4%	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%	3.8%	
3	49.3%	40.5%	2.8%	2.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	4.2%	
4	28.2%	54.9%	6.9%	2.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	5.9%	
5	45.4%	41.8%	5.7%	2.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	3.8%	
Districtwide	48.7%	38.4%	4.9%	2.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	4.3%	

#### **PROPOSAL POPULATION COMPARISONS**

CURRENT								
District Total Population	Ideal Division Population	Overall Range	Division	Division Population	Percent Deviation	Number Over / Under Ideal Division Population		
			1	27299	5.3%	1365		
			2	25979	0.2%	45		
129668	25934	9.4%	3	24876	-4.1%	-1058		
			4	26198	1.0%	264		
			5	25316	-2.4%	-618		

PROPOSED								
District Total Population	Ideal Division Population	Overall Range	Division	Division Population	Percent Deviation	Number Over / Under Ideal Division Population		
			1	25903	-0.1%	-31		
			2	25990	0.2%	56		
129668	25934	0.3%	3	25932	0.0%	-2		
			4	25922	0.0%	-12		
			5	25921	0.0%	-13		



**STAFF REPORT** 

#### Board Meeting Date: Prepared By: Approved By:

March 16, 2022 Don Smith Brett Hodgkiss

#### SUBJECT: SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER ON DISTRICT LAND

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Receive results of field surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher on District land performed by the United States Geological Survey and information regarding proposed brown-headed cowbird control activities to be performed by Cleveland National Forrest on District land.

<u>PRIOR BOARD ACTION</u>: On June 3, 2015, the Board authorized the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct field surveys, nest monitoring and color banding on District lands between mid-May and August annually from 2015 through 2019. On January 22, 2020, the Board received the results of that survey.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

<u>SUMMARY</u>: The USGS has continued to perform field surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (SWFL) on selected areas of land owned by the District. Recent data suggest that the riparian areas along the shore of Lake Henshaw represent a habitat of growing importance to this small songbird. While the number of nesting territories along the shore of Lake Henshaw has grown significantly between 2020 and 2021, the high rate of brood parasitism by brown-headed cowbird (BHCO) (between 30 and 40%) is felt to be a significant hurdle for the continued success of SWFL in the region. Cleveland National Forrest (CNF) staff have requested permission to engage in activities to reduce BHCO populations on District Land to benefit SWFL, and District staff propose to cooperate.

On District Land^							
	Year						
Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Below Dam	7	8	3	3	2	0	0
Lake	n/s	n/s	n/s	15	24	28	43
Henshaw							
West Fork	n/s	n/s	n/s	0	n/s	n/s	n/s
				(6 transients)			

#### Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Territories On District Land\*

\* Data is taken from provisional, unpublished findings. n/s - not surveyed

Barbara Kus, Research Ecologist for the USGS, will present an update to the Board on the status of SWFL in the region and on District lands in particular. Adam Eidson, Wildlife Biologist with the CNF, will be present to describe BHCO control activities proposed for District lands.

<u>DETAILED REPORT</u>: SWFL is small migratory songbird dependent on riparian habitat for breeding (shown on the following page). It has been listed as endangered since 1995 under the Endangered Species Act. In 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated much of the San Luis Rey River corridor as critical habitat for SWFL. Lake Henshaw is believed to support the single largest population of SWFL in California. The District also owns land below Henshaw Dam, including about one linear mile of riparian habitat.

BHCO is small obligate brood parasitic blackbird (shown below) native to North America and common throughout its range, which expanded westward during the last century from the eastern U.S. in association with livestock grazing. The species lives in open or semi-open country, often following grazing animals such as horses and cattle to catch insects stirred up by the larger animals; they mainly eat seeds and insects. Female BHCO can lay up to 36 eggs in a season, parasitizing the nests of a broad range of birds including SWFL.

Proposed BHCO control activities include the deployment of mist nets in areas below Henshaw Dam, and the lethal take of BHCO using air rifles in the riparian areas around Lake Henshaw. All control activities would be performed by CNF personnel under the risk transfer provisions of a District issued license. It is estimated that CNF personnel would be active on District lands one day per week between April and June 2022. Activities would be coordinated to avoid conflict with hunting, grazing, or other licensed activities.



Southwestern willow flycatcher (SWFL)



Brown-headed cowbird (BHCO)



## EXHIBIT A

## Status of Southwestern Willow Flycatchers on Vista Irrigation District Lands

Barbara Kus Scarlett Howell Shannon Mendia

Western Ecological Research Center San Diego Field Station

Presented to: Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors

March 16, 2022



U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey

## Southwestern Willow Flycatcher



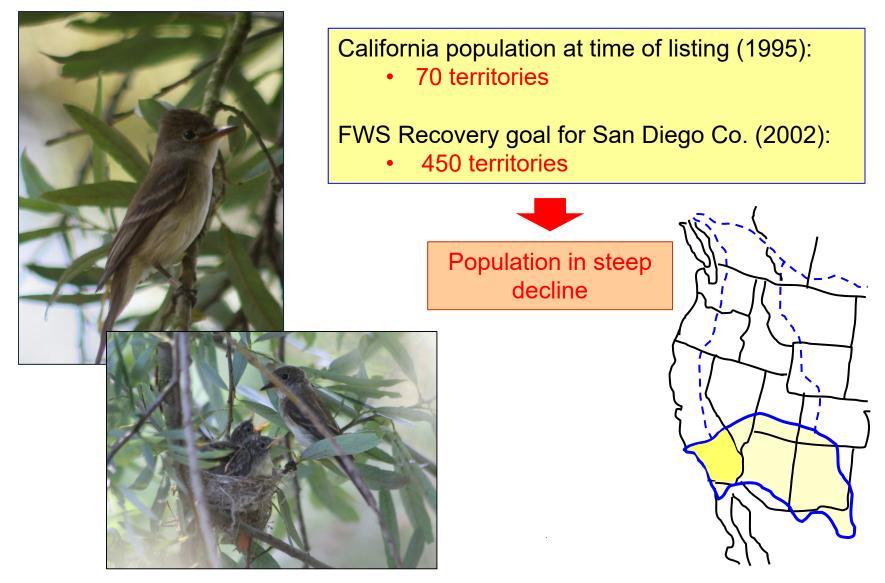
- Neotropical migratory species
  - winters in central and south America
  - breeds in southwestern U.S.
  - breeding season mid-May August
- Riparian obligate breeder
- Federally endangered, listed in 1995
  - habitat loss
  - cowbird parasitism







## Southwestern Willow Flycatcher





## **USGS Research Goals**

5-year study (2015-2019), funded by Sandag

### Study Components:

Surveys	County-wide surveys of historically occupied and other suitable habitat to determine SWFL abundance and distribution
Monitoring	At Upper San Luis Rey River, to determine nest success, productivity, survivorship

Identify reasons for declines, and prioritize sites and actions for SWFL conservation



Distribution and Abundance of Southwestern Willow Flycatchers



# **Survey Locations**

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton River Margarita Rev 79 Rive Luis San Lake Henshaw Sánta Agua Hedionda Creek, River Dieguito Escondido Creek Rive San Los Penasquitos Creek Diego San River -Sweetwater San Diego Cottonwood Creek Otay River Tijuana <u>River</u> Survey area 2016 Survey area 2017 Survey area 2018 Survey area 2019 ~~~~ River or Creek Survey area 2015 San Diego County

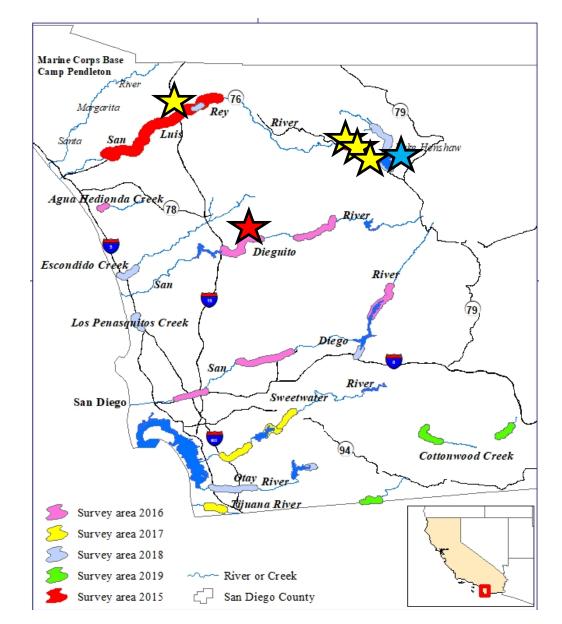
- 2015-2019
- 10 drainages
- 33 locations
  - Historic breeding sites
  - Other suitable habitat (Hatten model)



# **Survey Results**

- 18% of locations occupied
- Minimum of 80
   resident SWFL
- 99% of SWFL at San Luis Rey
- San Dieguito only other drainage with SWFL
- Lake Henshaw the only new location with SWFL





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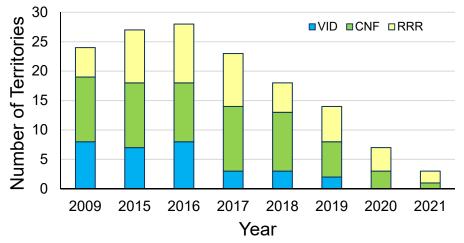
- Downstream surveyed annually 2015-2021
- Upstream surveyed
   annually 2018-2021



Base from U.S. Geological Survey and other Federal and State digital data, various scales; Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 11; North American Datum of 1983 0 0.6 1.2 MILES



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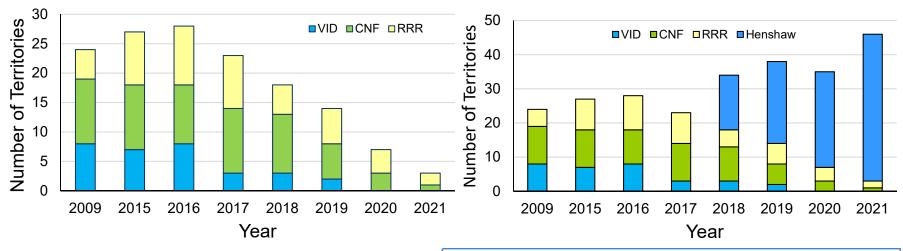




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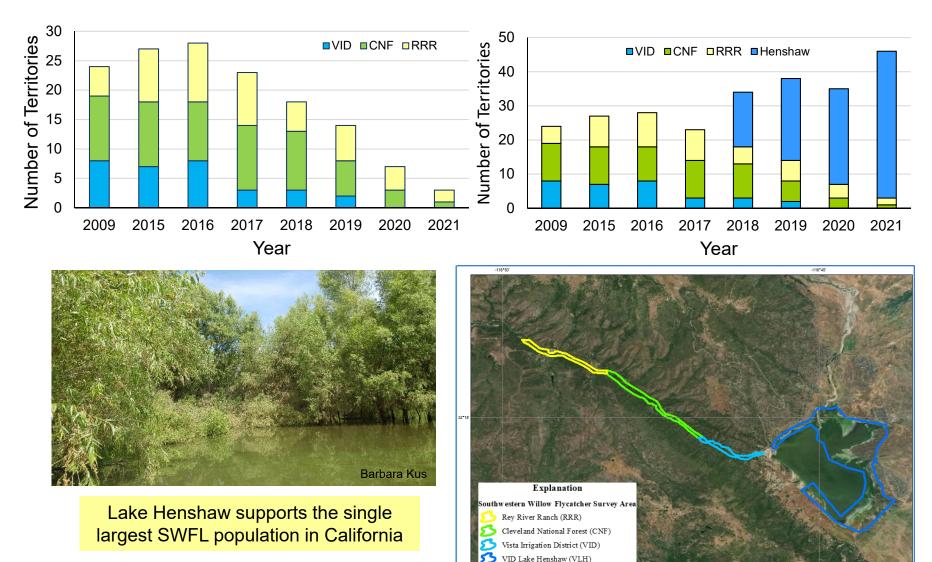




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## **Nest Monitoring**





#### Annual Monitoring 2016-2019:

- Study area encompassed:
  - Vista Irrigation District
  - Cleveland National Forest
  - Rey River Ranch
- > 14-27 territories per year (mid-May August)
- > 18-41 nests per year
  - Nest success (Prop. nests that fledge)
  - Clutch size
  - Parasitism rate (Prop. nests parasitized)
  - Hatch rate (% eggs that hatch)
  - Fledge rate (% nestlings that fledge)
  - Fledglings per pair

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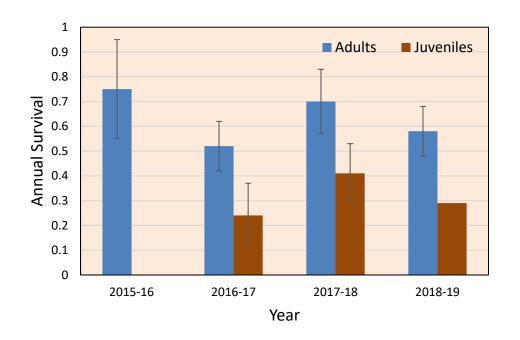
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- Color banded nestlings and adults
  - Adult survival
  - Juvenile survival



# Survival



# **Annual Survival**

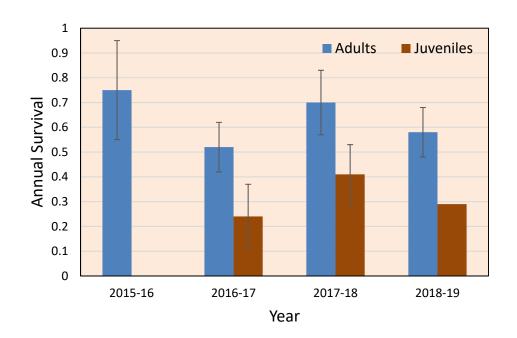


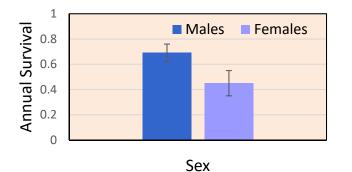
Adults > Juveniles





# **Annual Survival**





- Adults > Juveniles
- Males > Females (Adults)

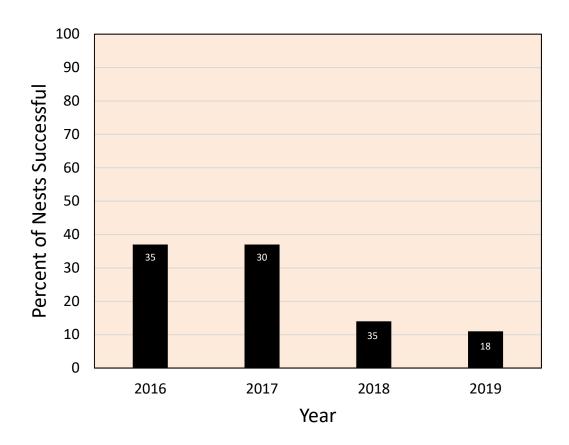


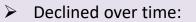


# Productivity



## **Nest Success**

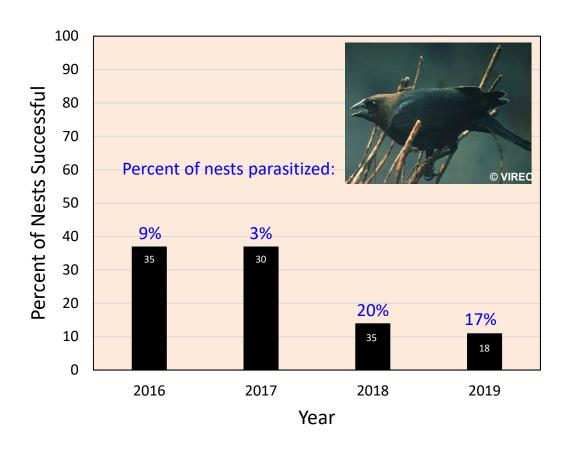




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## **Nest Success**



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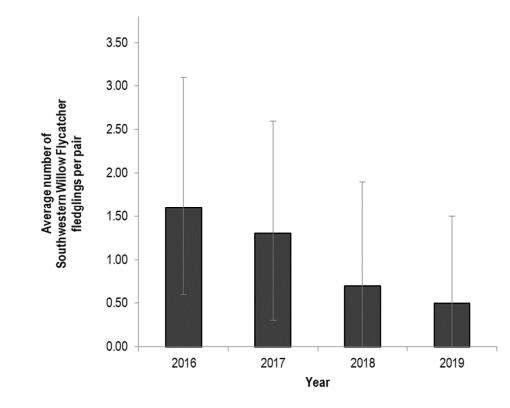
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Cowbird parasitism increased



## Productivity

Number Fledglings per Pair



- Productivity declined across years
- Productivity low in all years



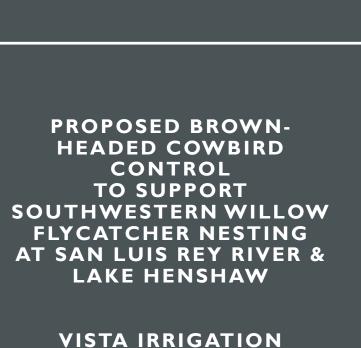


## Summary

- SWFL populations have declined regionally: drought?
- Largest population of SWFL in southern California occurs on upper San Luis Rey River
- ✤ VID lands support >90% of this population
- VID population appears to be buffered against steep declines in SWFL populations regionally
- Low productivity and increasing cowbird parasitism warrants management





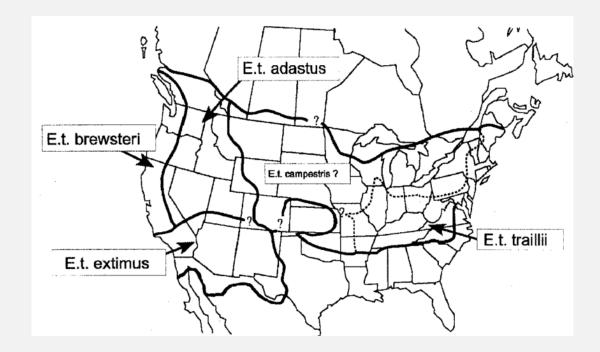


CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST



#### BACKGROUND ON SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

- Southwestern willow flycatcher (SWFL) was listed as Federally endangered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on March 29, 1995.
- Systematic monitoring of the SWFL has been conducted by the Forest Service, USGS and other private parties at ten different sites throughout San Diego County dating back to 1990's.
- As of 2022, the San Luis Rey River just below Henshaw Dam, and the perimeter of Henshaw Lake contained all recently documented resident SWFL observations in San Diego County.



#### **Reasons for SWFL Population Decline**

- Habitat loss of southwestern riparian areas has been the primary factor contributing to the population decline of SWFL according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Recovery Plan.
- Brood parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbird (BHCO) is also a contributing factor to SWFL decline.



#### BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD BROOD PARASITISM

BHCO UTILIZE A NESTING STRATEGY KNOWN AS <u>BROOD PARASITISM</u>, IN WHICH THE FEMALE BHCO LAYS HER EGGS IN THE NEST OF ANOTHER SPECIES FOR IT TO INCUBATE AND REAR.

BHCO FEMALES CAN LAY UP TO 36 EGGS PER NESTING SEASON.



#### BHCO EGGS OFTEN HATCH EARLIER THAN THE REMAINING EGGS AND OUTCOMPETE THE YOUNG OF THEIR HOST FOR FOOD RESOURCES.



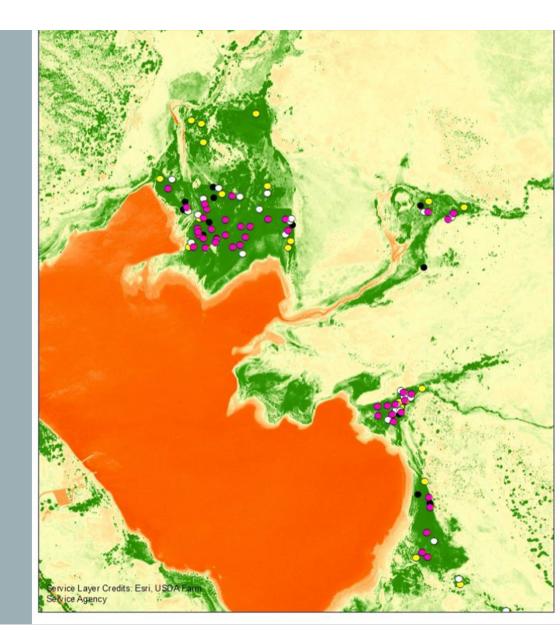
#### RECENT SWFL TRENDS AT SAN LUIS REY AND LAKE HENSHAW

SWFL monitoring conducted at San Luis Rey and Lake Henshaw by USGS 2016-2021 documented:

A reduction in SWFL numbers in the portion of the San Luis Rey River downstream of Henshaw Dam.

An increase in SWFL numbers around Lake Henshaw.

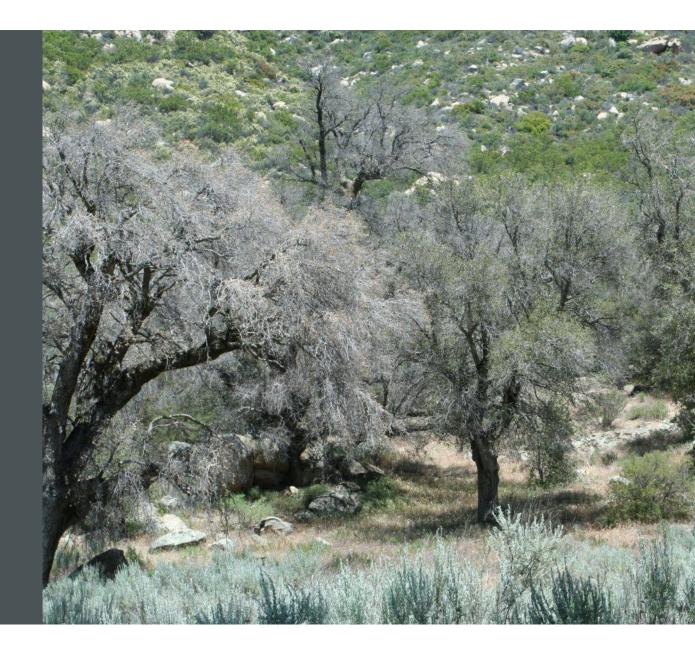
This change represented a shift in the population not an increase in the total number of birds



## REASONS FOR MOVE FROM SLR

 Coast live oaks in San Luis Rey River below the dam have historically been used extensively by SWFL for foraging and nesting

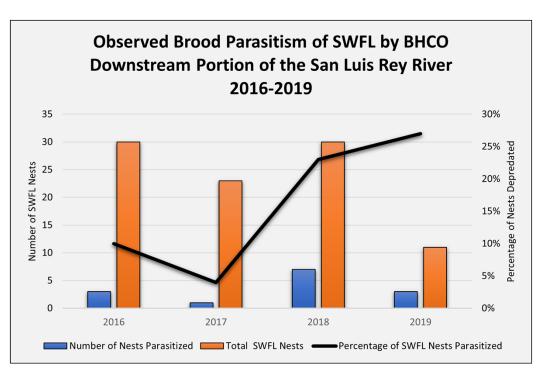
 Oak mortality in the downstream area of the San Luis Rey River due to drought and GSOB infestation, has eliminated trees at former nest sites.

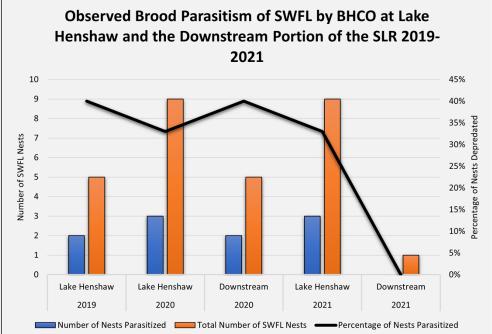


## CHANGES AT LAKE HENSHAW

## A DECREASE IN LAKE LEVEL DUE TO LONG TERM DROUGHT HAS PRODUCED NEW AREAS OF NESTING HABITAT ALONG THE SHORELINE OF LAKE HENSHAW.







#### BROOD PARASITISM OF SWFL BY BHCO AT SAN LUIS REY AND LAKE HENSHAW



CNF PROPOSES LETHAL CONTROL OF BHCO IN THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER AND LAKE HENSHAW TO REDUCE BROOD PARASITISM OF SWFL.

- Proposed methods include:
  - Playing recorded BHCO vocalizations combined with mist-netting to lure, capture, and euthanize BHCO. – SL Rey Picnic Area
  - Playing recorded BHCO vocalizations and utilizing a pellet rifle with non-lead pellets to selectively remove BHCO at Lake Henshaw where the larger area makes mist-netting less feasible.
  - All captured BHCO would be humanely dispatched through cervical dislocation and buried off-site per CA state requirements.

### ADVANTAGES OF MIST-NETTING AND SHOOTING

#### Less Labor Intensive

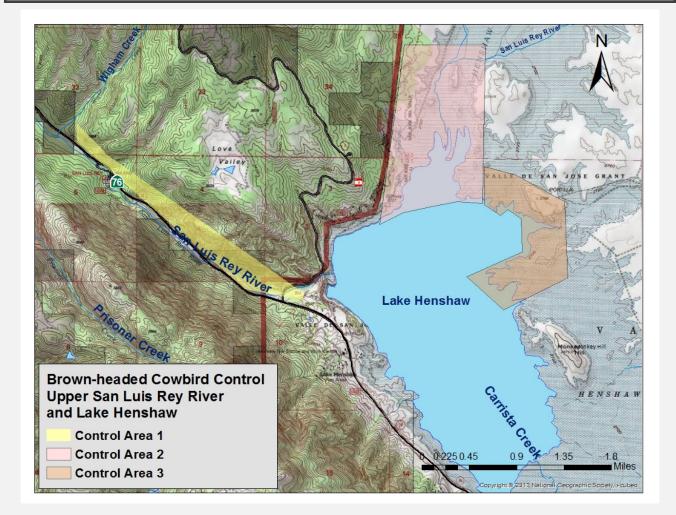
Control work would be conducted once weekly from late April to end of June to target the SWFL nesting season and the cowbird egg-laying season.

More Selective Technique

Reduce by-catch of nontarget species Reduce public tampering with equipment Eliminate care of lure birds



#### PROPOSED BHCO LETHAL REMOVAL LOCATIONS



### PERMITTING INVOLVED

• 50 CFR § 21.43 - Depredation order for blackbirds, cowbirds, crows, grackles, and magpies.

• Stipulates that no permit is required to lethally control brown-headed cowbirds "to protect a species recognized by the Federal Government, a State, or a Tribe as an endangered, threatened, or candidate, species, or a species of special concern, including critical habitat for any listed species".

• Also stipulates that harassment requirement prior to lethal control "does not apply to Federal, State, or Tribal employees conducting brown-headed cowbird trapping to protect a species recognized by the Federal Government, a State, or a Tribe as endangered, threatened, candidate, or of special concern". Reasons for Not Using Firearms Along Downstream Portion of San Luis Rey River SECTION 3004A OF CA FISH AND GAME CODE STATES THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO HUNT OR DISCHARGE A DEADLY WEAPON WITHIN 150 YARDS OF AN OCCUPIED RESIDENCE OR BUILDING. THE SAN LUIS REY PICNIC AREA IS WITHIN 150 YARDS FOR A PORTION OF THE CONTROL AREA.

SECTION 3004B OF CA FISH AND GAME CODE STATES THAT "IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO INTENTIONALLY DISCHARGE A FIREARM OR RELEASE AN ARROW OR CROSSBOW BOLT OVER OR ACROSS A PUBLIC ROAD OR OTHER ESTABLISHED WAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN AN UNSAFE AND RECKLESS MANNER". WHILE NO FIREARMS DISCHARGE WOULD OCCUR OVER HIGHWAY 76, THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF FIREARMS BEING USED ADJACENT TO A PUBLIC ROADWAY WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC.

## CLOSING REMARKS

- Lake Henshaw is now the most important SWFL nesting area in SD County
- BHCO brood parasitism in SLR/Lake Henshaw area has been documented in up to 40% of SWFL nests
- BHCO removal would benefit nesting SWFL at SLR/Lake Henshaw
- This plan would allow a targeted, less intensive approach than previous BHCO removals in the area
- Majority of property where control work could be conducted is owned by VID and would require coordination and access by VID







**Board Meeting Date: Prepared By:** 

March 16, 2022 Brett Hodgkiss

<u>SUBJECT</u>: MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

<u>SUMMARY</u>: Informational report by staff and directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority. No action will be required.



Agenda Item: 10.A

### **STAFF REPORT**

Board Meeting Date: Prepared By: Approved By: March 16, 2022 Lisa Soto Brett Hodgkiss

#### <u>SUBJECT</u>: REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: Directors will present brief reports on meetings and events attended since the last Board meeting.





March 16, 2022 Lisa Soto Brett Hodgkiss

#### SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<u>SUMMARY</u>: The following is a listing of upcoming meetings and events. Requests to attend any of the following events should be made during this agenda item.

	SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS	ATTENDEES
1	The Colorado River Compact: Navigating the Future	MacKenzie (R)
	Mar. 17-18, 2022; Virtual	
	Registration deadline: 3/16/22	
2	California Water Law Symposium	
	Apr. 9, 2022; University of California, Davis	
	Registration deadline: 3/27/22	
3	ACWA Spring Conference	MacKenzie (R)
	May 3-5, 2022; Sacramento	Vásquez (R, H, A)
	Registration deadline: 4/22/22	
4	Council of Water Utilities Meeting	Vásquez
	May 17, 2022, 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; Location TBD	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
5	Special Districts Legislative Days	MacKenzie (R)
	May 17-18, 2022; Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Sacramento	
	Registration deadline: 4/15/22	
6	CSDA Quarterly Meeting	
	May 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.; Location TBD	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
7	Council of Water Utilities Meeting	Vásquez
	Jul. 19, 2022, 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; Location TBD	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
8	CSDA Quarterly Meeting	
	August 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.; Location TBD	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
9	CSDA Annual Conference	
	Aug. 22-25, 2022; JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort, Palm Desert	
	Registration deadline: 7/22/22	
10	Council of Water Utilities Meeting	Vásquez
	Sep. 20, 2022, 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; Location TBD	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
11	CALAFCO Annual Conference	
	Oct. 19-21, 2022; Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
12	Council of Water Utilities Meeting	Vásquez
	Nov. 15, 2022, 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; Location TBD	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
13	CSDA Quarterly Meeting	
	Nov. 17, 2022, 6:00 p.m.; Location TBD	
	Registration deadline: TBD	

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14	ACWA Fall Conference	
	Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2022; Indian Wells	
	Registration deadline: TBD	
15	Colorado River Water Users Association Conference (CRWUA)	
	Dec. 14-16, 2022; Las Vegas	
	Registration deadline: TBD	

\* Non-per diem meeting except when serving as an officer of the organization The following abbreviations indicate arrangements that have been made by staff: **R**=Registration; **H**=Hotel; **A**=Airline; **S**=Shuttle; **C**=Car; **T**=Tentative; ◊=Virtual (Attendee to self-register)



**Board Meeting Date: Prepared By:**  March 16, 2022 Lisa Soto

#### SUBJECT: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

<u>SUMMARY</u>: This item is placed on the agenda to enable the Board to identify and schedule future items for discussion at upcoming Board meetings and/or identify press release opportunities.

Staff-generated list of tentative items for future agendas:

- Harmful Algal Blooms treatment options (April)
- Cybersecurity (April)
- Ethics Training (April 19, 2022 at 9 AM)
- Fallbrook Public Utility District/Rainbow Municipal Water District detachment



**Board Meeting Date: Prepared By:**  March 16, 2022 Lisa Soto

**<u>SUBJECT</u>**: COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

<u>SUMMARY</u>: This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public not requiring discussion or action.



**Board Meeting Date: Prepared By:**  March 16, 2022 Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

<u>SUMMARY</u>: Informational report by the General Counsel on items not requiring discussion or action.



**Board Meeting Date: Prepared By:**  March 16, 2022 Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

<u>SUMMARY</u>: Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.