

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING OF THE PUMPING & STORAGE COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Committee Members: P. Cranmer, *Chair*, City of Arcadia
C. Burt, Kinneloa Irrigation District
J. Corona, City of Arcadia
C. Feilen, San Gabriel County Water District
S. McGee, City of Sierra Madre
G. Takara, City of Pasadena (*via Zoom*)
S. Takeguchi, City of Pasadena
L. Yamashita-Lopez, Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association

Others Present: B. Boman, City of Pasadena (*via Zoom*)
O. Hamawi, City of Pasadena (*via Zoom*)
M. Hsu, Sunny Slope Water Company (*via Zoom*)
A. Jang, City of Pasadena (*via Zoom*)
N. Jazmadarian, Foothill Municipal Water District (*via Zoom*)
N. Ouwersloot, Foothill Municipal Water District
R. Voutchkova, City of Pasadena (*via Zoom*)

Staff Present: K. Gardner, Executive Officer
L. Augino, Water Resources Analyst II
S. Johnson, Consulting Engineer
J. Savron, Consulting Engineer (*via Zoom*)

The meeting was held in-person at the Raymond Basin offices and online access via Zoom conference was accommodated. Mr. Paul Cranmer, Chair, called the meeting to order and introduced Ms. Stacie Takeguchi, City of Pasadena, to discuss the first item on the agenda.

Presentation: Pump Back Project (Project) Update, City of Pasadena

Ms. Takeguchi shared that this Project is a collaborative effort involving a number of Los Angeles County (County) departments and the City of Pasadena before introducing Mr. Gary Takara, City of Pasadena, who provided a detailed presentation on the Project addressing the background, scope, challenges, and next steps. The goal of the Project is to recharge the Raymond Basin with stormwater held in the Devil's Gate Reservoir pool by pumping it to Arroyo Seco spreading basins upstream. Mr. Takara reviewed historical discharges, hydrology, and anticipated capture capacity. Design details, County support, and funding opportunities were also discussed. Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) staff will review the potential for the application of Foothill Water Coalition earmarked federal funding and review the Judgment. Next steps for the Project will involve collaboration between the City of Pasadena and the County and identification of potential funding sources. Benefits and impacts to the Raymond Basin will be reviewed and quarterly updates will be provided going forward.

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Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Cyclic Cost Offset Program (CCOP)

Mr. Cranmer introduced Ms. Kelly Gardner, Executive Officer, who provided a brief overview of the item. Ms. Gardner shared that MWD has not yet officially offered the CCOP to its member agencies but is likely to do so as early as February. The CCOP under discussion may have parameters similar to those of CCOP's offered in prior years but details have not been released. Ms. Gardner introduced Ms. Takeguchi who shared that the City of Pasadena is interested in participating when the program is offered by taking treated imported water at a discounted rate in-lieu of groundwater production. The City of Pasadena requests that an in-lieu program or a storage program be considered by the RBMB to support their participation which will provide a general benefit to the Basin. Challenges experienced in previous in-lieu programs and Basin conditions were discussed. RBMB staff will poll producers in the Monk Hill and Pasadena subareas for interest and financial flexibility, complete a financial analysis for potential cost, and review available reserves.

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Other

Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, provided a brief update regarding modeling Task 6, Long-Term Sustainability Evaluation, and shared that the modeling work has been completed and a technical memorandum is in progress. The study will project Basin sustainability with and without pumping reductions from 2023 through 2061.

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