



RESOLUTION NO. 05-26-344

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-25-339 AND
ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR PRODUCERS OF THE BASIN
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND
SETTING REPLACEMENT WATER ASSESSMENTS FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 and 2026-27**

WHEREAS, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster “Watermaster” is the Court-appointed agency with the responsibility to manage and maintain the quality and quantity of water in the Main San Gabriel Basin “Basin”.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the most recent amendments to the Judgment, dated June 21, 2012, and Rules and Regulations adopted by Resolution No. 03-13-251, Watermaster has established assessments to be levied on water production for specific purposes detailed in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Watermaster has adopted assessments effective July 1, 2026; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER, as follows:

Section 1. Resolution No. 05-25-339 is hereby rescinded.

Section 2. There is hereby fixed, established, and levied an In-Lieu Assessment in the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per acre-foot on all Production from the Basin during Fiscal Year 2025-26, except that such In-Lieu Assessment shall not be applicable to the non-consumptive use portion of an Overlying Right.

Section 3. There is hereby fixed, established, and levied an Administration Assessment in the amount of Twenty-one Dollars (\$21.00) per acre-foot on all Production from the Basin during Fiscal Year 2025-26, to meet the said expenses of said adopted Administration Budget.

Section 4. There is hereby adopted, an Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, in the amount of Five Million, Eight Hundred Four Thousand, Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$5,804,028.00), attached hereto as Attachment “A”.

Section 5. There is hereby fixed, established, and levied, a Water Resource Development Assessment "RDA" of One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per acre-foot on all Production from the Basin during Fiscal Year 2025-26 and One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per acre-foot on all Production from the Basin during Fiscal Year 2026-27, in accordance with Resolution No. 05-26-344 as described in Attachment "B" of this Resolution, except that such RDA Assessment shall not be applicable to the non-consumptive use portion of an Overlying Right. Watermaster shall annually determine the RDA applicable to the current production year and estimate the same for the succeeding years of obligations under pre-delivery agreements, as appropriate. Said determination shall be made in April of each year, and in accordance with Section 18(e) of Watermaster's Rules and Regulations and adopted in May of each year.

Section 6. There is hereby fixed, established, and levied a Make-Up Water Assessment in the amount of Zero Dollars (\$0.00) per acre-foot on all Production from the Basin during Fiscal Year 2025-26, to meet the said expenses associated with the lower area obligation under the Long Beach Judgment.

Section 7. There is hereby fixed, established, and levied the Replacement Water Assessments on Excess Production from the Basin during Fiscal Year 2025-26, and 2026-27, from within each of the three Responsible Agencies within the Basin as referenced, below.

Production Based Assessments		
Assessment Description	2025-26 Amount per Acre-Foot	2026-27 Amount per Acre-Foot
In Lieu Assessment	\$5.00	Not determined at this time.
Administration Assessment	\$21.00	Not determined at this time.
Water Resource Development Assessment	\$175.00	\$175.00
Make-Up Water Assessment	\$0.00	Not determined at this time.
Other Assessment as may be determined by Watermaster Board pursuant to the Amended Judgment.	Not determined at this time.	Not determined at this time.

Replacement Water Assessments		
Assessment Description	2025-26 Amount per Acre-Foot	2026-27 Est. Amount per Acre-Foot
SGVMWD	\$280.00	\$300.00
TVMWD	\$1,116.00	\$1,170.00
USGVMWD	\$1,187.00	\$1,233.00

Section 7. Description of Assessments:

In-Lieu Assessment

Watermaster entered into the Alhambra Exchange Agreement on March 24, 1975 establishing the Basin-wide In-Lieu Assessment. The City of Alhambra agreed to forgo pumping its wells and take direct treated water through an MWD connection for the benefit of the Basin as a whole. The In-Lieu Assessment applies to all Pumping except for the non-consumptive use portion of an Overlying Right. Also included in the In-Lieu Assessment is any Production related to Watermaster's Direct-Delivery Imported Water Program implemented on January 1, 2015 by Resolution No. 12-14-270.

Administration Assessment

Within thirty (30) days after completion of the hearing on the Preliminary Determination of the Operating Safe Yield of the Basin and Watermaster's determination thereof, Watermaster shall adopt a proposed budget for the succeeding fiscal year. The Administrative Assessment shall be uniformly applicable to each acre-foot of Production.

Water Resource Development Assessment

Watermaster adopted Resolution No. 05-14-263 providing for the development of a long-term storage program to purchase and store imported water in the Basin, or to augment natural recharge for general benefit of the Basin, when available, as defined by Section 45(b)(7) of the Amended Judgment. Long-range purchase obligations can encumber against this

1 assessment through cyclic storage pre-delivery agreements with the Metropolitan Water District
2 of Southern California and Responsible Agencies, as described in Attachment B.

3 Make-up Water Assessment

4 Watermaster is obligated to deliver an amount of water, calculated by the San
5 Gabriel River Watermaster to the Lower Area as a result of the Long Beach Judgment. At times
6 when natural delivery isn't possible, Watermaster must purchase Replacement Water to deliver
7 resulting in a Make-Up Water Assessment.

8 Replacement Water Assessment

9 Replacement Water Assessments shall be collected from each party on account of
10 such party's Production in excess of its Diversion Rights, Pumper's Share or Integrated
11 Production Right, and on account of the consumptive use portion of Overlying Rights, computed
12 at the applicable rate established by Watermaster consistent with the Watermaster Operating
13 Criteria, and other relevant factors, including the projected cost and availability of Supplemental
14 Water supplies. Subject to Rules and Regulations adopted by Watermaster, Replacement Water
15 Assessment rates may be in an amount calculated to allow Watermaster to purchase more than
16 one acre-foot of Supplemental Water for each acre-foot of excess Production to which such
17 Replacement Water Assessment applies, when such purchases are necessary to secure
18 Supplemental Water supplies for the benefit of the Basin and parties.

19 The Watermaster Board recognizes the challenges associated in securing
20 Supplemental Water and varied pricing and has determined that pricing should better anticipate
21 varying short-term costs and conditions while at the same time, provide economic incentive for
22 Producers to pre-purchase Replacement Water to every extent practicable. In a case where
23 Watermaster receives a discounted available rate, Water Resource Development Assessment
24 funds will specifically apply to additional water purchases.

The Judgment enables each Producer to establish an Individual Producer Cyclic Storage Account which allows Replacement Water to be pre-purchased and stored to meet the Producer's current and ongoing pumping needs. Supplemental Water pre-purchased for Individual Producer Cyclic Storage, when available, may be made at the prevailing rate (Tier 1-Untreated for MWD Member Agencies) applicable from within each of the three Responsible Agencies and not the Replacement Water Rate adopted by this Resolution.

Section 8. Upon receipt of the final Production Reports for the appropriate Fiscal Year, the Secretary of Watermaster is, hereby, instructed to calculate the required Assessments due from each Producer from the Basin by multiplying its total production from the Basin by the appropriate Assessment Rate, per acre-foot. The Secretary shall then furnish each Producer with a statement of the amount due to Watermaster on account of such required Assessments, on or before August 15, 2026.

Section 9. Said required Assessments shall be payable by all Producing Parties, on production within the Basin during Fiscal Year 2025-26, on or before September 20, 2026, and the same shall be delinquent thereafter.

Dated: May 13, 2026


Chair

Attest:

Secretary



Main San Gabriel Basin WATERMASTER

2026-27 Adopted Administration Budget

Attachment "A"

	2025-26 Adopted Budget	2025-26 Estimated Actual	2026-27 Adopted Budget
REVENUE			
Administrative Assessment ¹	\$ 3,780,000	\$ 3,975,200	\$ 3,465,000
BPOU Reimbursements	140,000	150,000	150,000
Interest Income	100,000	142,000	130,000
Admin/Other Income	347,200	347,200	347,200
Forward from Previous Fiscal Year	1,592,896	2,067,328	1,711,828
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 5,960,096	\$ 6,681,728	\$ 5,804,028
EXPENSES			
Watermaster Board Compensation	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	20,000
Salaries, Benefits & Employee Development	2,189,000	2,004,000	2,340,000
Meeting and Travel	57,000	52,000	55,000
Vehicle Expense	12,000	12,500	12,500
Insurance	50,000	50,000	53,000
Office Supplies, Services, Rent and O&M	310,000	302,200	374,000
Legal Services	575,000	450,000	575,000
Audit	30,000	27,200	37,000
Public Education	82,500	100,000	100,000
Engineering	735,200	660,000	618,000
Production Reporting	5,000	3,000	5,000
Inspection/Meter Checks	40,000	42,000	42,000
Water Quality Monitoring	1,215,500	1,030,000	1,038,500
Water Quality Management	222,000	222,000	267,000
Contingency (Balance Figure) ²	416,896	-	267,028
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,960,096	\$ 4,969,900	\$ 5,804,028

¹ Figure based on Administrative Assessment of \$21.00/AF (\$21.00/AF X 165,000 AF = \$3,465,000)

² Contingency 5-year Average is 4.80%. FY 26-27 Contingency at 4.60%

Attachment "A"

**Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
2026-27 Administration Budget
Detail of Revenues**

Assessments Received (2025-26 Production)		\$ 3,465,000
Estimate of Production (AF)	165,000	
Proposed Admin. Assessment (\$/AF)	\$21.00	
BPOU Reimbursement		\$ 150,000
BPOU Labor & OH	150,000	
Interest		\$ 130,000
Interest on Operating Cash	130,000	
Admin/Other Income		\$ 347,200
Administrative Reimbursement	346,200	
Other Income (Carrier/Sale of Annl Rpts etc.)	1,000	
Forward from Previous Fiscal Year		<u>\$ 1,711,828</u>
<i>TOTAL REVENUE</i>		<i>\$ 5,804,028</i>

**Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
2026-27 Administration Budget
Detail of Expenditures**

Watermaster Board Compensation	\$	20,000
Salaries/Benefits/Employee Development	\$	2,340,000
Salaries & Overtime	1,396,300	
Benefits & Taxes	834,800	
Contribution to Medical Retiree Fund	93,900	
Employee Educational Reimbursement	10,000	
Employee Training	5,000	
Meeting/Travel	\$	55,000
ACWA/ Urban Water/ Basin conferences	33,000	
In-house meeting expense	14,000	
Outside meeting expense	6,000	
Strategic Planning	-	
Employee Recognition and Christmas Luncheon	2,000	
Vehicle Expense	\$	12,500
1 car allowance @ \$900/mo	10,800	
Staff mileage reimbursement	1,700	
Insurance	\$	53,000
Staff, Treasurer's Bonds & Notary	350	
Travel/Accident Insurance	750	
Liability Coverage (inc D&O and Pollution Protection)	48,000	
Property & Cyber Liability Coverage	3,900	
Supplies/O&M	\$	374,000
Building lease @ \$5,578/mo	67,000	
Management Fee and O&M	13,000	
Office Improvements	6,000	
Postage & meter lease	4,000	
Copier lease usage \$855/month	11,000	
Telephone	8,500	
Printing Expense	11,500	
Office supplies & services (incl. E.O. Head Hunter)	100,000	
Dues (associations, professional)	42,000	
Equipment Maintenance/Agreements	54,000	
Computer/Office Equipment	57,000	
Legal Services	\$	575,000
Nossaman LLP	575,000	
Auditing Fees	\$	37,000
Financial Audit (incl. OPEB Actuarial Biennially)	37,000	
Public Education	\$	100,000
Events (Water Forum)	8,000	
WM public education/relations material	72,000	
WM Outreach messaging	20,000	

Engineering		\$	447,000
General (meetings, OSY, annual report, etc.)	437,000		
Landfill inspections	10,000		
Federal, State, County - Technical Review		\$	171,000
General Review (meetings, report prep, studies, etc.)	144,000		
Database Management	12,000		
CASGEM	2,000		
Modeling	13,000		
Production Reporting		\$	5,000
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Inspection/Meter Checks		\$	42,000
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Water Quality Monitoring		\$	1,038,500
Sampling/Administration & Lab (Title 22)	563,500		
Sampling/Administration & Lab (UCMR5)	15,000		
Sampling/Administration & Lab (PFAS)	460,000		
SOC Waivers (every 3 years)	-		
Water Quality Management		\$	267,000
Section 28 Staff Reports	50,000		
Five-Year Plan	57,000		
Groundwater monitoring /well testing program	110,000		
Quagga/Golden Mussel Plan	50,000		
Contingency (balance figure)		\$	267,028
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>		\$	<i>5,804,028</i>

Attachment “B”

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Estimated Imported Purchase</u>
FY 2025-26	\$175/AF	13,521AF
FY 2026-27	\$175/AF	13,521 AF
FY 2027-28	TBD	13,521 AF
FY 2028-29	TBD	13,521 AF
FY 2029-30	TBD	13,521 AF
FY 2030-31	TBD	13,521 AF
FY 2031-32	TBD	14,307 AF
FY 2032-33	TBD	14,307 AF
FY 2033-34	TBD	14,307 AF

Note: Schedule based on current purchase agreements – subject to change should additional water be pre-delivered.