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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

12 UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
13 MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 CITY OF ALHAMBRA, ET AL.

17 Defendant.

Case No: C924 128

Assigned for All Purposes to:
Honorable Maureen Duffy-Lewis
Dept. 38

**NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE
AND PRESENTATION RE: MAIN SAN
GABRIEL BASIN CONDITIONS AND
OPERATIONS**

Hearing

**Date: April 8, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: Dept. 38**

1 TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon
3 thereafter as counsel may be heard, in Department 38 of the above-entitled Court,
4 located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, a status conference
5 regarding conditions and operations in the Main San Gabriel Groundwater Basin will
6 be conducted in the above-referenced matter before the Honorable Maureen Duffy-
7 Lewis, Judge Presiding and Specially Assigned. A copy of the power point for said
8 status conference, to be presented by representatives of the Main San Gabriel Basin
9 Watermaster, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

10 Remote appearances via audio or video through LACourtConnect are
11 available. Please visit the Court's website for more information.

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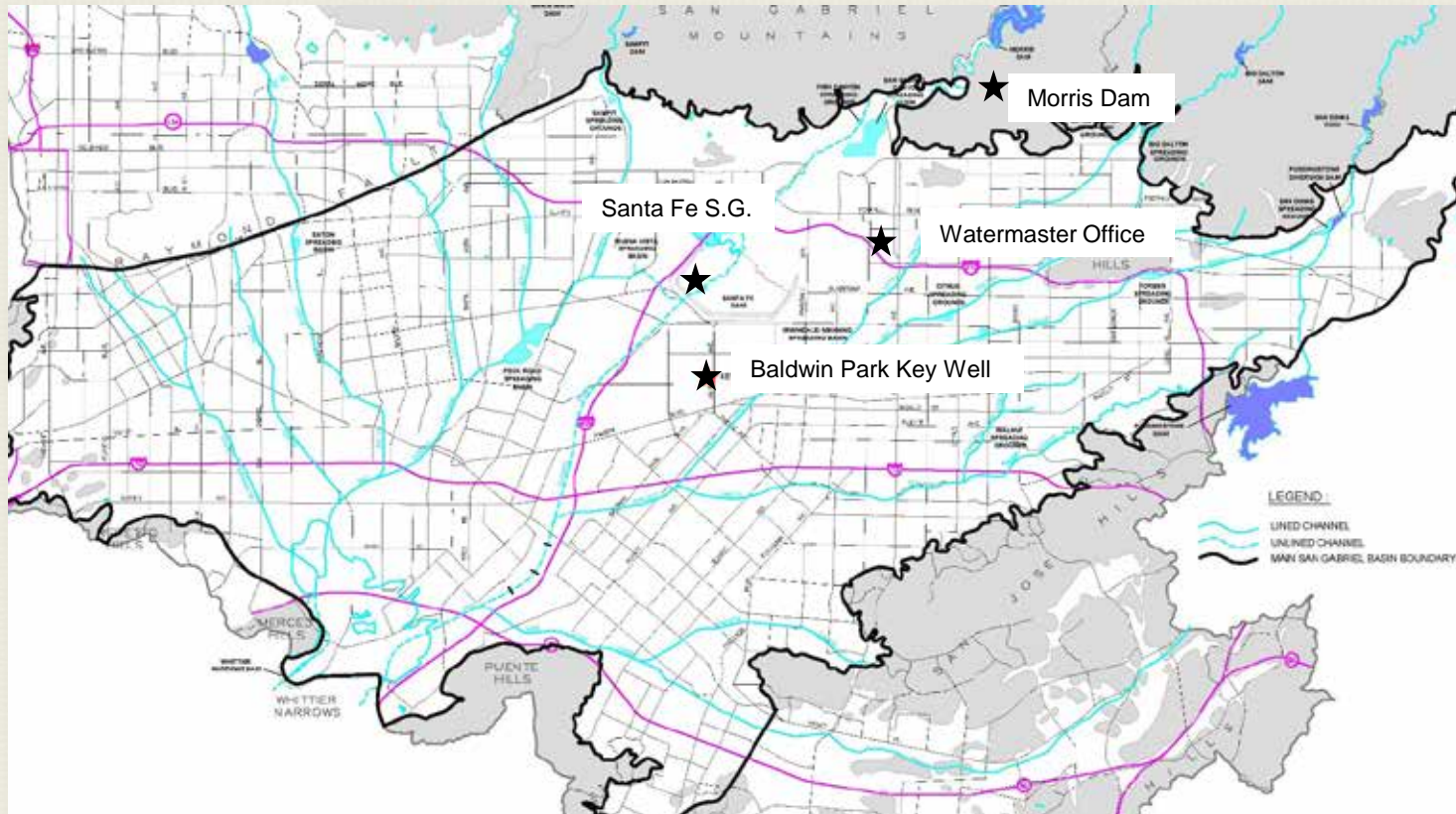
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EXHIBIT A

STATUS CONFERENCE WITH THE HONORABLE MAUREEN DUFFY-LEWIS

*UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT VS. CITY OF ALHAMBRA, ET AL,
CASE NO. 924128, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS AMENDED JUNE 21, 2012*



Presented: April 8, 2024

INTRODUCTION

- Russ Bryden, new Executive Officer as of April 2, 2024

Background

- 24 years experience with the Los Angeles County Public Works/Flood Control District
- Experience with Antelope Valley Watermaster Board as part of his role at LA County
- Extensive experience in engineering and water system management

Press Release (2-21-2024)

February 21, 2024

For Immediate Release

Contact: Kelly Gardner

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Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster Board Announces New Executive Officer

Azusa, CA — In a joint statement issued by Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) Chair, Mrs. Lynda Noriega, and its Executive Officer, Mr. Tony Zampietro, the Watermaster Board declared its intent at the February 14, 2024, Board Meeting, to begin negotiations with Mr. Russ Bryden on an employment contract as the new Executive Officer for Watermaster. This decision comes as a result of a years long discussion with Watermaster's Executive Team on succession planning and the need to maintain Watermaster as a strong and consistent leader in statewide and local water issues.

"We are thrilled to welcome Russ Bryden to the Watermaster team," said Lynda Noriega. "Mr. Bryden brings more than 20 years of experience as a collaborative leader with a strong engineering, water system management and policy related background. His technical expertise will continue Watermaster's goal of enforcing the provisions of the Judgment which established water rights and the responsibility for efficient management of the Basin's groundwater."

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we are excited for the future of Watermaster with Mr. Bryden at the helm and appreciate Mr. Zampietro's willingness to assist us and the Producers through this transition in anticipation of his retirement at some point in the future.

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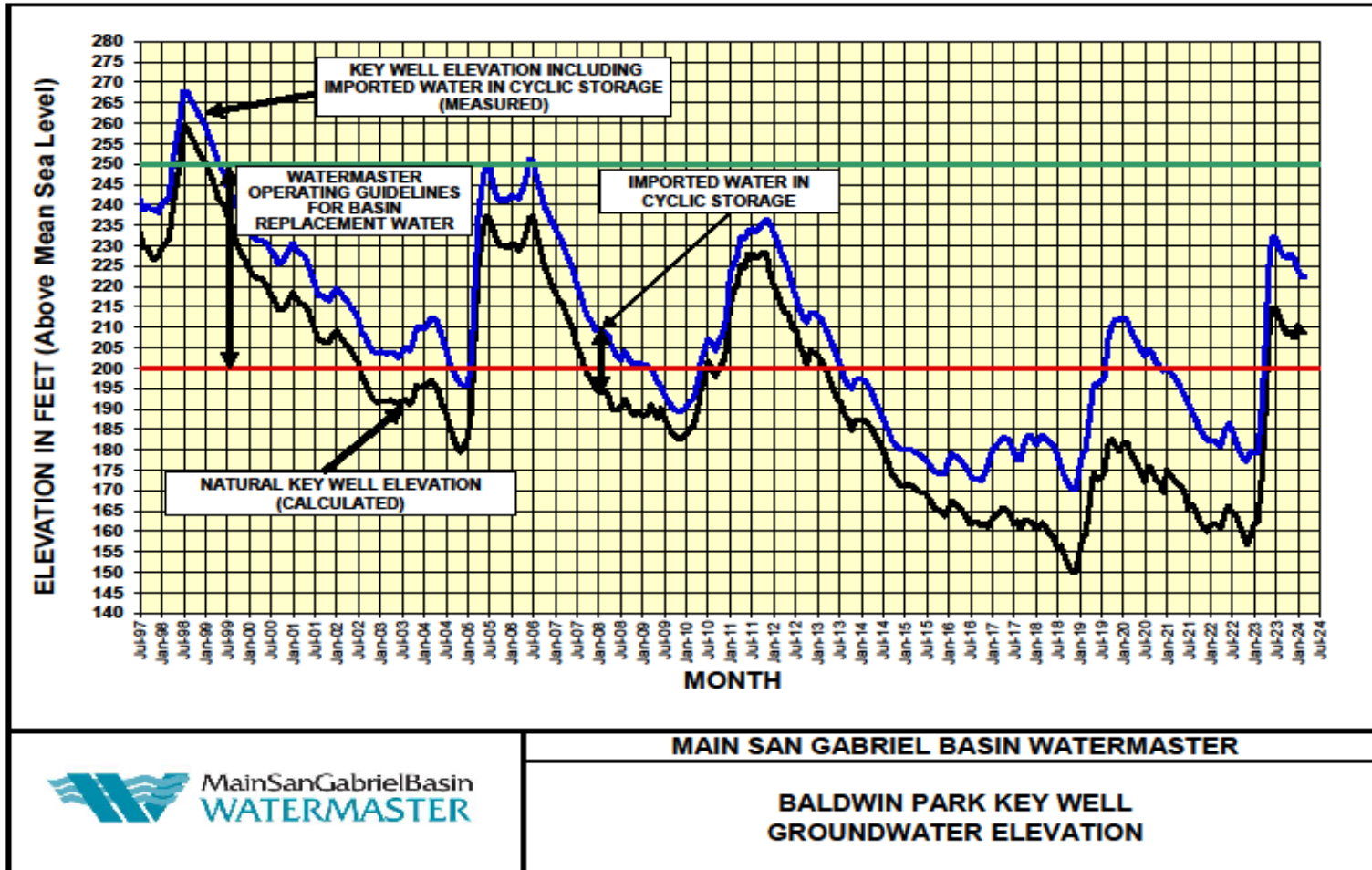
About the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Watermaster was created in 1973 by the California Superior Court of Los Angeles County to administer the Basin's adjudicated water rights and to provide a basin-wide governing body for management of water resources.

MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER YEAR IN REVIEW

- September 20, 2023 Status Conference:
Prolonged Drought Impact
 - 18 of prior 26 years below average rainfall
 - 2022-23 3rd wettest on record with 28" of rainfall in the valley
 - Stormwater Capture 286,000 AF during 2022-23
 - So far this year, 10,400 AF
 - Key Well Elevation as of September 15, 2023 = 227'
 - 48.8" higher than same time prior year
 - 58' higher than Historic Low, 169.4' on November 21, 2018
 - **Current Key Well Elevation as of February 26, 2024 = 222.4'**
 - 34.7' higher than same time prior year
 - 53' higher than Historic Low, 169.4' on November 21, 2018

KEY WELL CHART



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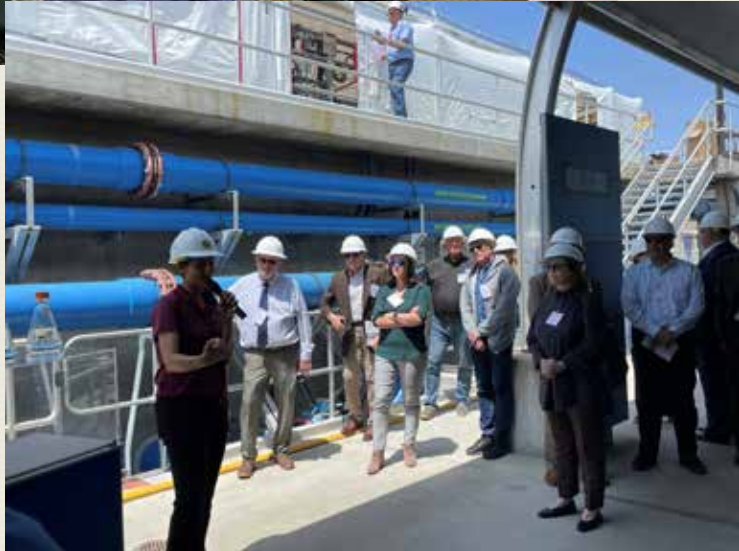
MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER YEAR IN REVIEW

- April 26, 2023 Status Conference/Hearing:
Overview of Pure Water Southern California
 - Recycled Water reuse for groundwater recharge
 - Joint project between MWD and Sanitation District
 - Potential to bring 60,000 AF to Main Basin
 - MWD in Environmental Review Process
 - MWD Board considering project costs and impacts on budgets and purchased water rates
 - Could deliver to Phase 1 in as soon as 8 years, Main Basin in 10 years
 - Long-term solution to climate related challenges

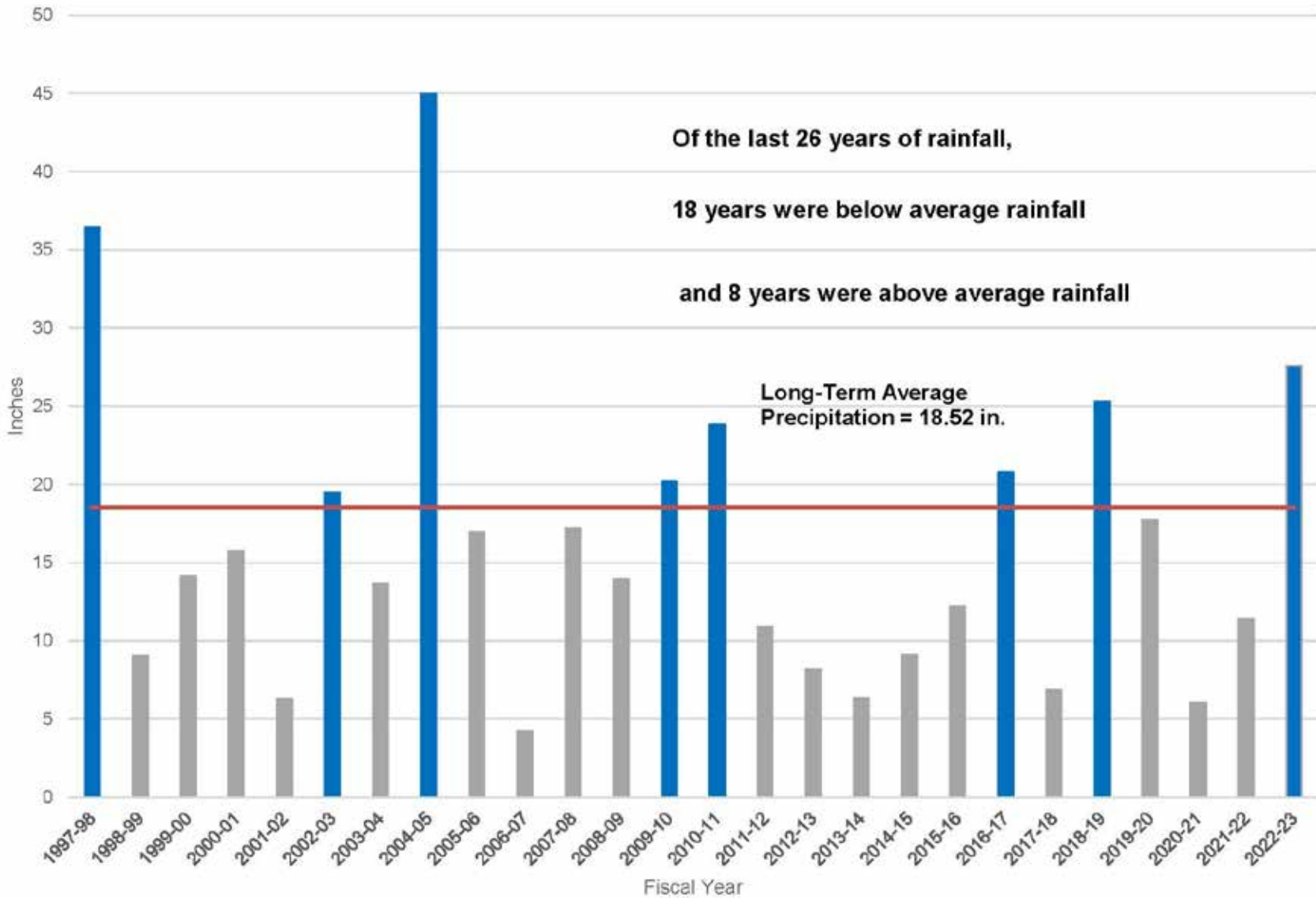
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STATUS CONFERENCE & SITE TOUR

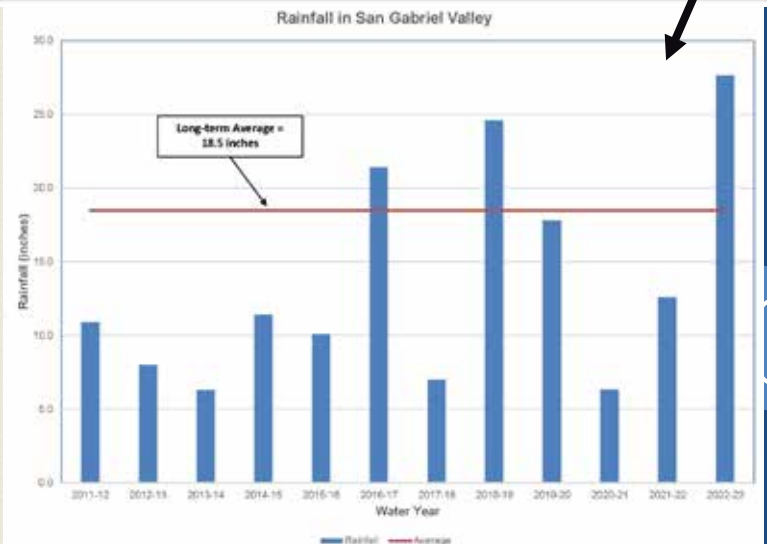
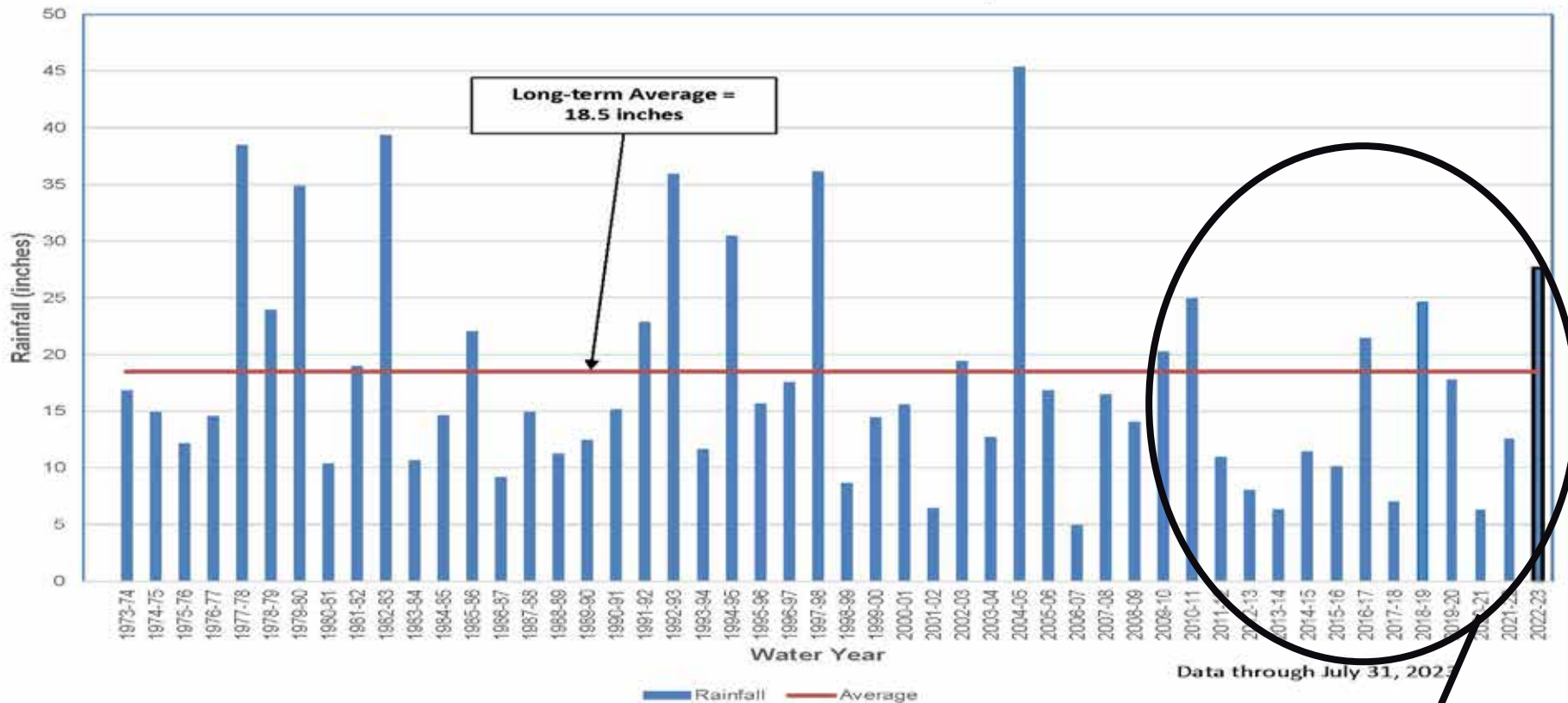
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Historical Rainfall Data

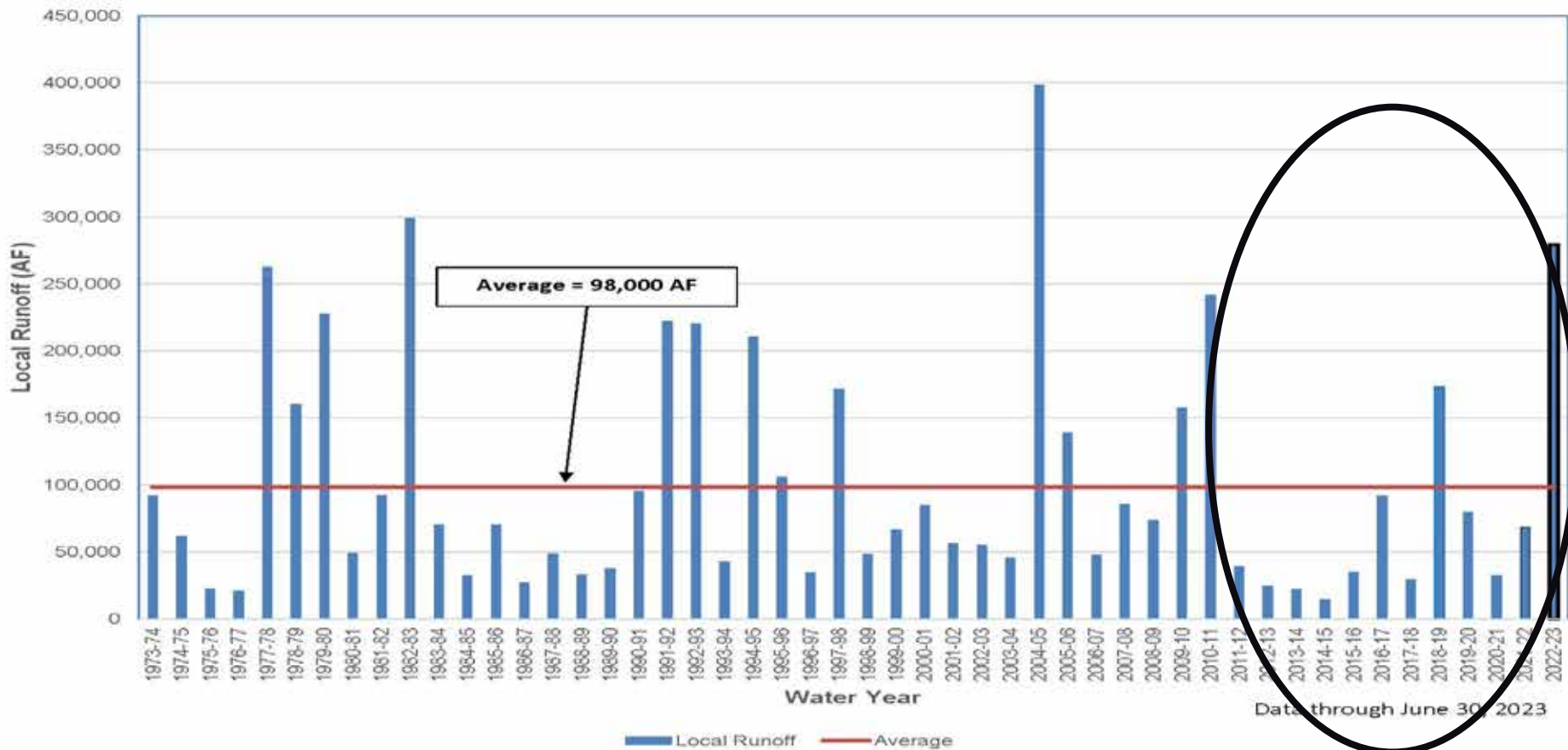


Rainfall in San Gabriel Valley

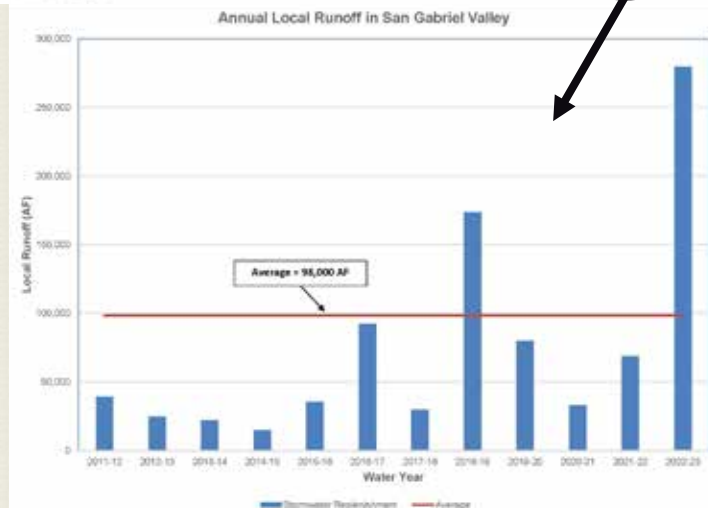


- Long-term Average Annual Rainfall = 18.5" /yr
- Multi-year Drought Average Rainfall = 12.4" (67% of average)
- Fiscal Year 2022-23: 28.06 in. (152% of average)

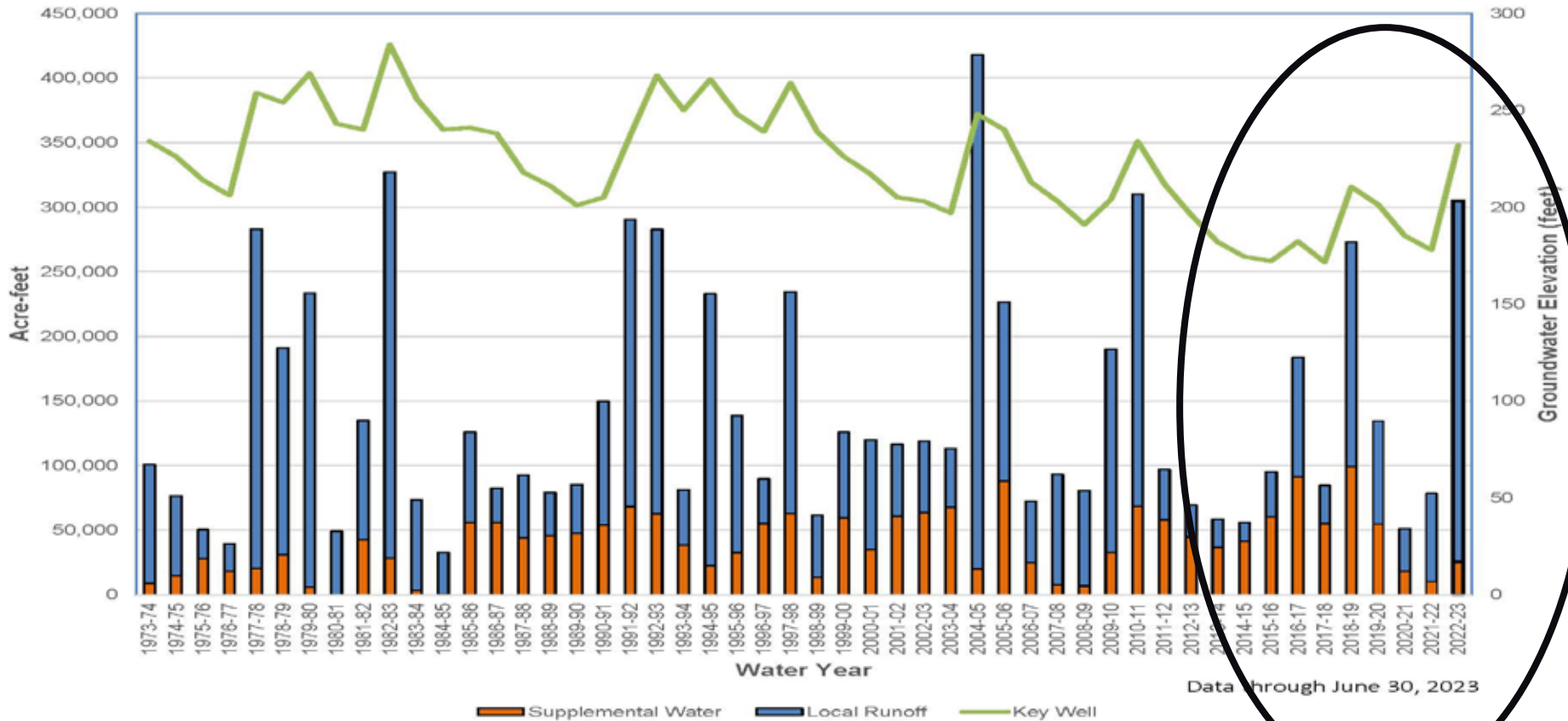
Annual Local Runoff in San Gabriel Valley



- Long-term Annual Average = 98,000 AFY
- Multi-Year Drought Average = 55,000 AF (56% of Average)
- Fiscal Year 2022-23: 279,400 AF through June 30, 2023 (285% of Average)



Key Well vs. Local Runoff vs. Supplemental Water in San Gabriel Valley



Supplemental Water Deliveries:

- Long-term Average = 51,800 AF
- Deliveries during FY 2022-23 = 54,500 AF through June 30, 2023
- Helped to stabilize Key Well elevation



LOOKING FORWARD

- Exercise agreements with MWD to deliver imported water when available, store in the Basin, and buy over time
 - 58,517.5 AF delivered during fiscal year 2017-18
 - 108,209.1 AF delivered during calendar year 2019
 - 29,525.1 AF delivered during calendar year 2023
 - RDA and Replacement Water assessments fund water purchases
- Develop contingency plans with MWD for imported supplies
 - Pure Water Southern California project
 - Quagga Mussel Control Plan to bring in Colorado River Water
 - Infrastructure improvements to maximize use of existing storage within MWD system
- Continue Outreach and Education Programs
 - Participating in Assemblymember Blanca Rubio's Young Legislators Program focused on engagement with high school students about water management and local, regional and statewide issues
 - How the Pure Water Southern California project benefits our region
 - Infrastructure improvements to maximize use of existing Basin storage
 - Maintain social media presence

OUTREACH and EDUCATION cont'd



- Quarterly social media posts on relevant information
- Information video clips to encourage engagement with stakeholders and surrounding area representatives



In Drought

Out of Drought

In Drought Recovery

The Waters That Connect Us

Our Water Explore It More In 2024



About Us

Water is the most precious resource we have, and it's essential for our survival. At The Waters That Connect Us, we're committed to ensuring that every drop of water we use is clean, safe, and sustainable. We work closely with local water providers and the community to protect our water resources and ensure that everyone has access to clean water. We're proud to be a part of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster 2024, and we're excited to continue our work in the future.



Status Conference on Main San Gabriel Basin Managemen...



Questions?

Contact Russ Bryden, Executive Officer – 626-815-1300