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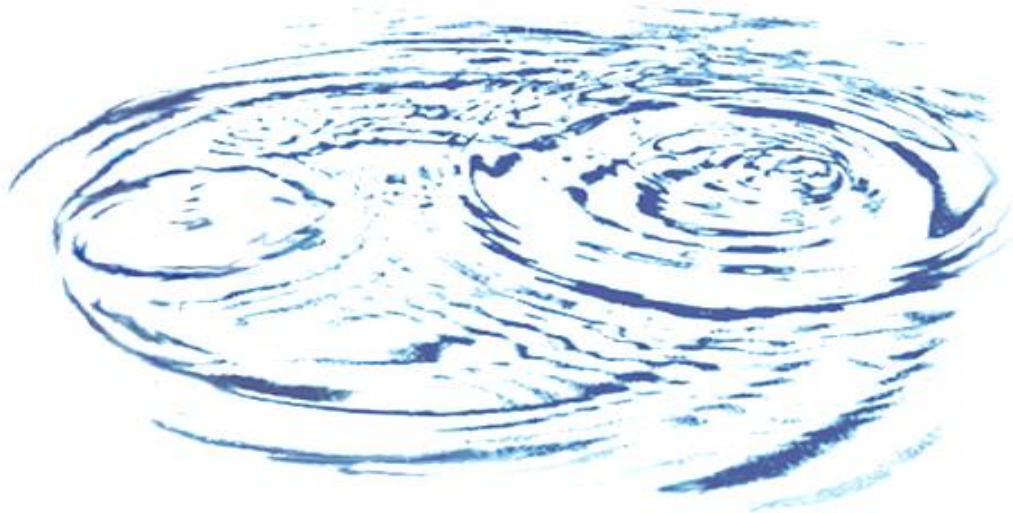
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AB	Assembly Bill
AF	Acre-feet
AFY	Acre-feet per year
AMI	Advanced Metering Infrastructure
Annual Assessment	Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment
AWWA	American Water Works Association
BPOU	Baldwin Park Operable Unit
CECs	Constituents of emerging concern
Central District	Central Basin Municipal Water District
City	City of Sierra Madre
CIMIS	California Irrigation Management Information System
CWC	California Water Code
CWEA	Cooperative Water Exchange Agreement
DACs	Disadvantaged Communities
DOF	Department of Finance
DPW	Department of Public Works
DRA	Drought Risk Assessment
DWR	Department of Water Resources
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
ETo	Evapotranspiration
FY	Fiscal Year
GCMs	General Circulation Models
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
GPCD	Gallons per capita per day
gpm	Gallons per minute
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Key Well	Baldwin Park Key Well
kWh	Kilowatt Hours
LACSD	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
LARWQCB	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
M&I	Municipal and Industrial
Main Basin	Main San Gabriel Basin
Main Basin Watermaster	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
MGD	Million gallons per day
mg/l	Milligrams per liter
MSL	Mean seal level
MWD	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCP	National Contingency Plan

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NDMA	N-nitrosodimethylamine
OSY	Operating Safe Yield
OWL	Opportunities for Water Leadership
PCE	Tetrachloroethylene
Plan	Urban Water Management Plan
RCP	Representative Concentration Pathway
	Water Resource Development Assessment or Supplemental Water
RDA	Reliability Storage Program
	Water Resource Development Assessment for Stormwater
RDA II	Augmentation Program
ROD	Records of Decision
RRA	Risk and Resilience Assessment
SGVMWD	San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
SB	Senate Bill
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCE	Southern California Edison
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SNMP	San Gabriel Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
SWRCB-DDW	State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Drinking Water
SWP	State Water Project
TCE	Trichloroethylene
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TVMWD	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Upper District	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
UWMP	Urban Water Management Plan
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds
WNWRP	Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant
WQA	Water Quality Authority
WRCC	Western Regional Climate Center
WRD	Water Replenishment District of Southern California
WSCP	Water Shortage Contingency Plan
WUE	Water Use Efficiency

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION - INTRODUCTION**

An urban water supplier is defined (pursuant to Section 10617 of the California Water Code<sup>1</sup>) as “a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually. An urban water supplier includes a supplier or contractor for water, regardless of the basis of right, which distributes or sells for ultimate resale to customers.”

The City of Sierra Madre (City) is classified as an urban water supplier because it serves more than 3,000 customers (i.e. individual metered accounts) for municipal purposes.

In accordance with the “Urban Water Management Planning Act”, which was enacted by the California Legislature in 1983, every urban water supplier (including the City) is required to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), periodically review its UWMP, and incorporate updated and new information into an updated UWMP at least once every five years.

The City’s most recent update was its 2015 UWMP (or 2015 Plan) which was submitted to, and approved by, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Urban water suppliers (including the City) are required to complete and submit their 2020 UWMPs to DWR by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> References to CWC Sections in this 2020 UWMP were obtained from <https://leginfo.ca.gov/>





The current requirements for preparing the UWMP are included in California Water Code (CWC) Sections 10608 through 10657. The City's 2020 UWMP (or 2020 Plan) was prepared consistent with the CWC and the recommended organization provided in DWR's Final "Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook 2020" (Final 2020 UWMP Guidebook), dated March 2021.

The UWMP provides urban water suppliers (including the City) with a reliable management action plan for long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water supply needs. In addition, the 2020 UWMP incorporates water supply reliability determinations resulting from potential prolonged drought, regulatory revisions, and/or changing climatic conditions.

The City's 2020 Plan consists of the following Chapters:

- Chapter 1 Urban Water Management Plan Introduction and Overview
- Chapter 2 Plan Preparation
- Chapter 3 System Description
- Chapter 4 Water Use Characterization
- Chapter 5 SB\_X7-7 Baselines, Targets, and 2020 Compliance
- Chapter 6 Water Supply Characterization
- Chapter 7 Water Service Reliability and Drought Risk Assessment
- Chapter 8 Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Chapter 9 Demand Management Measures
- Chapter 10 Plan Adoption, Submittal, and Implementation

A lay description is presented at the beginning of each of these Chapters.



### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 1**

#### **URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

Chapter 1 (Urban Water Management Plan Introduction and Overview) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- An overall lay description of the 2020 Plan, including California Water Code and Urban Water Management Plan Act requirements, is provided. The City is required to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan.
- The City's 2020 Plan was prepared consistent with the recommended organization provided in DWR's Final "Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook 2020", dated March 2021. A description regarding the organization of the 2020 Plan, including a summary of each Chapter, is provided. The City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (discussed in Chapter 8) is also included in the 2020 Plan.
- The 2020 Plan incorporates DWR's water use and supply tables (standardized tables) for the reporting and submittal of UWMP data. These tables are included within the respective sections of the 2020 Plan and in Appendix A.
- The City's coordination efforts with other planning agencies are discussed, including coordination efforts with San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the Southern California Association of Governments
- The City's eligibility to receive grants and loans administered by the State of California and/or DWR, as a result of preparing the 2020 Plan, is discussed.
- Information is provided which demonstrates the City's prior, continued, and projected reduction on imported water supplies obtained (either directly or indirectly) from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). The City has reduced its reliance on the imported water supplies for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and Fiscal Year 2019-2020. In addition, the City is projected to continue reducing its reliance on the imported water supplies through Fiscal Year 2044-45.



- The checklist developed by DWR and used by the City to incorporate the specific UWMP requirements is discussed. The completed checklist is provided in Appendix C.

### 1.1 RECOMMENDED UWMP ORGANIZATION

The City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (2020 Plan) was prepared consistent with the recommended organization provided in DWR's Final "Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook 2020" (Final 2020 UWMP Guidebook), dated March 2021. The City's 2020 Plan consists of the following Chapters:

Chapter 1	Urban Water Management Plan Introduction and Overview
Chapter 2	Plan Preparation
Chapter 3	System Description
Chapter 4	Water Use Characterization
Chapter 5	SB X7-7 Baselines, Targets, and 2020 Compliance
Chapter 6	Water Supply Characterization
Chapter 7	Water Service Reliability and Drought Risk Assessment
Chapter 8	Water Shortage Contingency Plan
Chapter 9	Demand Management Measures
Chapter 10	Plan Adoption, Submittal, and Implementation

Pursuant to CWC requirements, the City's 2020 Plan incorporates DWR's water use and supply tables (standardized tables) for the reporting and submittal of UWMP data. DWR's standardized tables are provided within the body of the 2020 Plan text as well as in Appendix A. The City also submitted the UWMP data (standardized tables) electronically through DWR's Online Submittal Tool.



The City's 2020 Plan also provides supporting documents (appendices) including notification letters of the Plan update, public notice of the Plan hearing, and adoption resolution from the City's governing body. Further discussions regarding these supporting documents are provided within the individual Chapters of the City's 2020 Plan.

### 1.2 UWMPs IN RELATION TO OTHER EFFORTS

The City's 2020 Plan was prepared using management documents including the City's "Local Hazard Mitigation Plan" and the Los Angeles County's "2019 County of Los Angeles All-Hazards Mitigation Plan".

The City is a sub-agency of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), a wholesale water agency. SGVMWD prepared a 2020 Plan which is incorporated in the City's 2020 UWMP by reference. In addition, the City provided its 2020 UWMP to SGVMWD which includes water use projections in five-year increments for a normal year, a single dry year, and a five consecutive year drought over the next 25 years.

### 1.3 UWMPs AND GRANT OR LOAN ELIGIBILITY

Pursuant to DWR's Final 2020 UWMP Guidebook:

*"In order for a Supplier to be eligible for any water grant or loan administered by DWR, the Supplier must have a current UWMP on file that has been determined by DWR to address the requirements of the Water Code. A current UWMP must also be maintained by the Supplier throughout the term of any grant or loan administered by DWR. A UWMP may also be required in order to be eligible for other state funding, depending on the conditions that are specified in the funding guidelines. Suppliers are encouraged to seek guidance on the specifics of any state funding source from the respective funding*



agencies. *The following sections of the Water Code are pertinent to Suppliers considering pursuit of grants or loans.*"

The City's 2020 UWMP has been prepared to meet eligibility requirements for grants and loans administered by the State and/or DWR.

### **1.4 DEMONSTRATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE DELTA PLAN FOR PARTICIPANTS IN COVERED ACTIONS**

Pursuant to DWR, an urban water supplier that anticipates participating in or receiving water from a proposed project (or "covered action") such as a multi-year water transfer, conveyance facility, or new diversion that involves transferring water through, exporting water from, or using water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) should provide information in their 2015 and 2020 UWMPs for use in demonstrating consistency with Delta Plan Policy WR P1, *"Reduce Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance"*. In addition, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, § 5003:

*(c)(1) Water suppliers that have done all of the following are contributing to reduced reliance on the Delta and improved regional self-reliance and are therefore consistent with this policy:*

*(A) Completed a current Urban or Agricultural Water Management Plan (Plan) which has been reviewed by the California Department of Water Resources for compliance with the applicable requirements of Water Code Division 6, Parts 2.55, 2.6, and 2.8;*

*(B) Identified, evaluated, and commenced implementation, consistent with the implementation schedule set forth in the Plan, of all programs and projects included in the Plan that are locally cost effective and technically feasible which reduce reliance on the Delta; and*

*(C) Included in the Plan, commencing in 2015, the expected outcome for measurable reduction in Delta reliance and improvement in regional self-*



*reliance. The expected outcome for measurable reduction in Delta reliance and improvement in regional self-reliance shall be reported in the Plan as the reduction in the amount of water used, or in the percentage of water used, from the Delta watershed. For the purposes of reporting, water efficiency is considered a new source of water supply, consistent with Water Code section 1011(a).*

The City has reduced its reliance on imported water supplies for fiscal year (FY) 2014-15 and FY 2019-20. In addition, the City is projected to continue reducing its reliance on imported water supplies through FY 2044-45. A further discussion which demonstrates the City's measurable reduction in imported water supplies and improvement in regional self-reliance is provided in Appendix B.

### 1.5 TIPS FOR UWMP PREPARERS

The City's 2020 UWMP (which includes the City's 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)) is considered an update to the City's 2015 UWMP. However, the 2020 UWMP and the WSCP are considered stand-alone documents. As discussed in Section 1.1, the City's 2020 UWMP was prepared consistent with the recommended organization provided in DWR's Final 2020 UWMP Guidebook.

A checklist of specific UWMP requirements is included in Appendix C. The checklist includes the page number where the required elements are addressed to assist in DWR's review of the submitted Plan.





## **CHAPTER 2**

### **PLAN PREPARATION**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 2**

#### **PLAN PREPARATION**

Chapter 2 (Plan Preparation) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- The basis for preparing an Urban Water Management Plan is provided. The City is required to prepare the 2020 Plan because it is an "urban water supplier" (the City serves more than 3,000 customers for municipal purposes)
- The City is a "Public Water System" and is regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Drinking Water. The City's Public Water System number is provided in Table 2-1.
- The City's Plan has been prepared as an "individual" plan rather than a "regional" plan in an effort to provide information specific to the City to best inform its employees, management and customers.
- Information presented in the City's 2020 Plan is provided on "fiscal year" basis which is from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.
- Water quantities presented in the City's 2020 Plan are provided on an "acre-foot" basis.
- The City's coordination and outreach efforts with wholesale water agencies, other retail water agencies, and the community are described. The City coordinated the preparation of its 2020 Plan with the Main Basin Watermaster, Raymond Basin Management Board, and SGVMWD, and the Cities of Arcadia, Pasadena, and Monrovia.
- The City's notification process to the cities and county within which the City provides water supplies to is discussed.



### 2.1 PLAN PREPARATION

As discussed in Section 1.1, the City's 2020 Plan was prepared consistent with the recommended organization provided in DWR's Final 2020 UWMP Guidebook. Pursuant to DWR's Final 2020 UWMP Guidebook:

*"The California Water Code (Water Code) specifies several requirements for preparing a UWMP, including who is required to prepare a UWMP; how to prepare a UWMP, depending on whether the Supplier chooses to participate in a regional or individual planning effort; selection of reporting year-type; and coordination, notification, and outreach."*

Pursuant to CWC requirements, the City's 2020 Plan incorporates DWR's water use and supply tables (standardized tables) for the reporting and submittal of UWMP data.

### 2.2 BASIS FOR PREPARING A PLAN

#### CWC 10617.

*"Urban water supplier" means a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually. An urban water supplier includes a supplier or contractor for water, regardless of the basis of right, which distributes or sells for ultimate resale to customers. This part applies only to water supplied from public water systems subject to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 116275) of Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code.*

#### CWC 10620.

*(b) Every person that becomes an urban water supplier shall adopt an urban water management plan within one year after it has become an urban water supplier.*

#### CWC 10621.

*(a) Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at least once every five years on or before July 1, in years ending in six and one, incorporating updated and new information from the five years preceding each update.*



The City's 2020 Plan was prepared in accordance with the UWMP Act which was established in 1983. The UWMP Act requires every "urban water supplier" to prepare and adopt a Plan, to periodically review its Plan at least once every five years and make any amendments or changes which are indicated by the review. An "Urban Water Supplier" is defined as a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet (AF) of water annually.

Section 10621(a) of the CWC states, *"Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at least once every five years on or before July 1, in years ending in six and one, incorporating updated and new information from the five years preceding each update"*. As a result, DWR requires the 2020 Plans be submitted by July 1, 2021.

The City is an "urban water supplier" pursuant to Section 10617 of the CWC and directly serves potable water to more than 3,000 customers for municipal purposes. The City's 2020 Plan is an update to the City's 2015 Plan.

### **2.2.1 PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS**

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#### **CWC 10644.**

*(a)(2) The plan, or amendments to the plan, submitted to the department ... shall include any standardized forms, tables, or displays specified by the department.*

#### **California Health and Safety Code 116275.**

*(h) "Public water system" means a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year.*

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Pursuant to CWC requirements, the City's 2020 Plan incorporates DWR's standardized tables for the reporting and submittal of UWMP data. The standardized tables are provided within the body of the 2020 Plan text as well as in Appendix A. The City also



submitted the UWMP data (from the standardized tables) electronically through DWR's Online Submittal Tool.

In addition, the City is a Public Water System and is regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB-DDW). The SWRCB-DDW requires water agencies to provide the number of connections, water usage, and other information annually. The information provided to SWRCB-DDW indicates the City serves potable water to more than 3,000 customers. Table 2-1 provides the City's Public Water System name and number.

## 2.2.2 SUPPLIERS SERVING MULTIPLE SERVICE AREAS / PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

The City serves only a single Public Water System. Table 2-1 provides the City's Public Water System name and number.

**Table 2-1 Public Water Systems**

Submittal Table 2-1 Retail Only: Public Water Systems			
Public Water System Number	Public Water System Name	Number of Municipal Connections 2020	Volume of Water Supplied 2020 *
Add additional rows as needed			
CA1910148	City of Sierra Madre	3,804	2,392
TOTAL		3,804	2,392
* Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.			
NOTES: Source for "Number of Municipal Connections 2020": <a href="https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWW/">https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWW/</a>			



## 2.3 REGIONAL PLANNING

The City has developed its 2020 Plan reporting solely on its service area to address all requirements of the California Water Code. The City's 2020 Plan was not developed as a Regional Plan.

## 2.4 INDIVIDUAL OR REGIONAL PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE

As shown in Table 2-2, the City's 2020 Plan is an "Individual UWMP". The City has developed its 2020 Plan reporting solely on its service area to address all requirements of the California Water Code, including water use targets and baselines pursuant to SB X7-7 Water Conservation Act of 2009 reporting (discussed further in Chapter 5). The City notified and coordinated with appropriate regional agencies and constituents (See Section 2.6).

Table 2-2 Plan Identification Type

Submittal Table 2-2: Plan Identification		
Select Only One	Type of Plan	Name of RUWMP or Regional Alliance <i>if applicable</i> (select from drop down list)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Individual UWMP	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supplier is also a member of a RUWMP	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supplier is also a member of a Regional Alliance	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP)	
NOTES:		



### 2.4.1 REGIONAL UWMP

#### CWC 10620.

*(d)(1) An urban water supplier may satisfy the requirements of this part by participation in area wide, regional, watershed, or basin wide urban water management planning where those plans will reduce preparation costs and contribute to the achievement of conservation and efficient water use.*

As indicated in Table 2-2, the City's 2020 Plan was developed as an "Individual UWMP" and not part of a Regional Plan.

### 2.4.2 REGIONAL ALLIANCE

#### CWC 10608.20.

*(a)(1) ...Urban retail water suppliers may elect to determine and report progress toward achieving these targets on an individual or regional basis, as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 10608.28...*

#### CWC 10608.28.

*(a) An urban retail water supplier may meet its urban water use target within its retail service area, or through mutual agreement, by any of the following:*

- (1) Through an urban wholesale water supplier.*
- (2) Through a regional agency authorized to plan and implement water conservation, including, but not limited to, an agency established under the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Act (Division 31 (commencing with Section 81300)).*
- (3) Through a regional water management group as defined in Section 10537.*
- (4) By an integrated regional water management funding area.*
- (5) By hydrologic region.*
- (6) Through other appropriate geographic scales for which computation methods have been developed by the department.*

*(b) A regional water management group, with the written consent of its member agencies, may undertake any or all planning, reporting, and implementation functions under this chapter for the member agencies that consent to those activities. Any data or reports shall provide information both for the regional water management group and separately for each consenting urban retail water supplier and urban wholesale water supplier.*

As indicated in Table 2-2, the City's 2020 Plan was developed as an "Individual UWMP" and not part of a Regional Alliance.





## 2.5 FISCAL OR CALENDAR YEAR AND UNITS OF MEASURE

### CWC 10608.20.

*(a)(1) Urban retail water suppliers...may determine the targets on a fiscal or calendar year basis.*

### 2.5.1 FISCAL OR CALENDAR YEAR

The data provided in the City's 2020 Plan is reported on a fiscal year basis, unless noted otherwise, as shown in Table 2-3. A fiscal year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year.

**Table 2-3 Supplier Identification**

Submittal Table 2-3: Supplier Identification	
Type of Supplier (select one or both)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplier is a wholesaler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplier is a retailer
Fiscal or Calendar Year (select one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	UWMP Tables are in calendar years
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UWMP Tables are in fiscal years
If using fiscal years provide month and date that the fiscal year begins (mm/dd)	
07/01	
Units of measure used in UWMP * (select from drop down)	
Unit	AF
<b>* Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.</b>	
NOTES:	



### 2.5.2 REPORTING COMPLETE 2020 DATA

The data provided in the City's 2020 Plan is provided on a fiscal year basis through June 30, 2020.

### 2.5.3 UNITS OF MEASURE

As shown in Table 2-3, the data provided in the City's 2020 Plan is reported in units of AF, unless noted otherwise.

## 2.6 COORDINATION AND OUTREACH

### CWC 10631.

*(h) An urban water supplier that relies upon a wholesale agency for a source of water shall provide the wholesale agency with water use projections from that agency for that source of water in five-year increments to 20 years or as far as data is available. The wholesale agency shall provide information to the urban water supplier for inclusion in the urban water supplier's plan that identifies and quantifies, to the extent practicable, the existing and planned sources of water as required by subdivision (b), available from the wholesale agency to the urban water supplier over the same five-year increments, and during various water-year types in accordance with subdivision (f). An urban water supplier may rely upon water supply information provided by the wholesale agency in fulfilling the plan informational requirements of subdivisions (b) and (f).*

### 2.6.1 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL COORDINATION

The City is a sub-agency of SGVMWD, a wholesale agency. As indicated in Table 2-4, the City has provided its 2020 Plan to SGVMWD which includes water use projections in five-year increments for normal, single dry, and five consecutive year drought conditions over the next 25 years.



Table 2-4 Water Supplier Information Exchange

Submittal Table 2-4 Retail: Water Supplier Information Exchange
The retail Supplier has informed the following wholesale supplier(s) of projected water use in accordance with Water Code Section 10631.
Wholesale Water Supplier Name
<i>Add additional rows as needed</i>
San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
NOTES:

## 2.6.2 COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND THE COMMUNITY

### CWC 10620.

*(d)(3) Each urban water supplier shall coordinate the preparation of its plan with other appropriate agencies in the area, including other water suppliers that share a common source, water management agencies, and relevant public agencies, to the extent practicable.*

### CWC 10642.

*Each urban water supplier shall encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the service area prior to and during the preparation of both the plan...*

The City of Sierra Madre is a retail water supplier that serves customers in the City of Sierra Madre. The City is required to coordinate the preparation of the Plan with appropriate agencies in the area, including appropriate water suppliers that share a common source. Therefore, the City coordinated the preparation of its 2020 UWMP with the Main Basin Watermaster, Raymond Basin Management Board, and SGVMWD, and



the Cities of Arcadia, Pasadena, and Monrovia. As discussed in Section 10.2, the City notified these agencies, as well as the cities and county within which the City provides water supplies, at least sixty (60) days prior to the public hearing of the preparation of the 2020 Plan and invited them to participate in the development of the 2020 Plan. A copy of the notification letters sent to these agencies is provided in Appendix D.

### **2.6.3 NOTICE TO CITIES AND COUNTIES**

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#### **CWC 10621.**

*(b) Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan pursuant to this part shall, at least 60 days before the public hearing on the plan required by Section 10642, notify any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering amendments or changes to the plan.*

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As discussed in Section 10.2, notification was provided to the cities and county within which the City provides water supplies that the City was reviewing and considering amendments (updates) to the previous 2015 Plan, and as a result prepare the 2020 Plan. Notification was provided at least 60 days prior to the public hearing (see Appendix D).



## **CHAPTER 3**

### **SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 3**

#### **SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

Chapter 3 (System Description) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- A description of the City's service area is provided. The City of Sierra Madre was officially incorporated on February 2, 1907. The City is located in the foothills of the San Gabriel Valley. The City is bounded by the City of Pasadena to the west, the City of Arcadia to the east and south, and the Angeles National Forest to the north.
- The City's water service area encompasses an area of approximately 2.9 square miles. The location of the City's water service area is provided in Figure 1.
- A description regarding the City's water service area climate is provided. The monthly historical average temperatures (including minimum and maximum), monthly historical average rainfall, and monthly evapotranspiration (ETo) in the vicinity of the City's service area is summarized. The sources of the climate information are also discussed.
- The population within the City's water service area is discussed and projected. The sources of the population information are also discussed. The City provides water service to an area with a current population of 10,731. The City is projected to have a population of 10,983 by Fiscal Year 2044-45.
- A discussion of land use information used by the City to develop the 2020 Plan is provided. The City reviewed the current and projected land uses within its service area. The City also reviewed data provided by the Southern California Association



of Governments, the Department of Finance, and the United States Census Bureau and prepared for counties, cities, and unincorporated areas within Southern California.

### 3.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

#### CWC 10631.

*(a) Describe the service area of the supplier, including current and projected population, climate, and other social, economic, and demographic factors affecting the supplier's water management planning. The projected population estimates shall be based upon data from the state, regional, or local service agency population projections within the service area of the urban water supplier and shall be in five-year increments to 20 years or as far as data is available. The description shall include the current and projected land uses within the existing or anticipated service area affecting the supplier's water management planning. Urban water suppliers shall coordinate with local or regional land use authorities to determine the most appropriate land use information, including, where appropriate, land use information obtained from local or regional land use authorities, as developed pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.*

The City of Sierra Madre was officially incorporated on February 2, 1907 and is located in the foothills of the San Gabriel Valley. The City is bounded by the City of Pasadena to the west, the City of Arcadia to the east and south, and the Angeles National Forest to the north. The City's water service area encompasses an area of approximately 2.9 square miles.

The City delivers its water supply through approximately 46 miles of water mains. The City produces groundwater from four production wells (Wells No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6) as well as from local treated groundwater water from the West Tunnel located in the Little Santa Anita Canyon. For most of its time, the City main source of supply was through its four wells. However, beginning October 2013, well production was reduced by 95 percent due to low groundwater levels of the Raymond Basin. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) entered into an agreement with the City and





SGVMWD to deliver treated, imported water. Pursuant to the agreement, SGVMWD provides a portion of its annual State Water Project (SWP) allocation which MWD then wheels to the City. A new imported water connection was constructed to provide treated imported water to the City's distribution system. In October 2015, after multiple years of insufficient groundwater replenishment, the Raymond Basin Management Board limited the amount of groundwater which the City is allowed to produce each year. The Raymond Management Board also authorized the use of imported water for spreading into the Raymond Basin on behalf of the City to allow additional groundwater production by the City in an amount equal to the imported water spread. Subsequently, the City began delivering treated imported replenishment water at the Sierra Madre Spreading Grounds for the purposes of spreading the imported water to allow additional groundwater production by the City. The City also uses tunnel water to supplement its water supply.

### 3.2 SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY MAPS

As discussed in Section 3.1, the City's service area covers approximately 2.9 square miles encompassing the majority of the City Sierra Madre. A service area boundary map is provided on Figure 1. The City's water service area boundary relative to the vicinity of municipal boundaries is provided in Figure 2.

The City's service area map was submitted online through DWR's Population Tool in a "KML" file format (i.e. Google Earth format). The KML file was originally created in a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) shape file format and converted into a KML format. To the extent information was available, metadata was included in the KML file (including map projection, contact information, start and end dates for which the map is valid, constraints, attribute table definitions, and digitizing base).



### 3.3 SERVICE AREA CLIMATE

#### CWC 10631.

*(a) Describe the service area of the supplier, including ... climate...*

#### CWC 10630.

*It is the intention of the Legislature, in enacting this part, to permit levels of water management planning commensurate with the numbers of customers served and the volume of water supplied, while accounting for impacts from climate change.*

The monthly historical average temperatures (including minimum and maximum), monthly historical average rainfall, and monthly evapotranspiration in the vicinity of the City's service area is summarized in the tabulation below. Historical climate information was obtained from the Western Regional Climate Center (WRCC), Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW), and from DWR's California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS).

**Service Area Climate Information**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Average Temperature (F)</b>	<b>Average Min. Temperature (F)</b>	<b>Average Max. Temperature (F)</b>	<b>Average Total Precipitation (Inches)</b>	<b>ETo (Inches)</b>
<b>January</b>	54.8	43.0	66.7	4.3	2.17
<b>February</b>	56.2	44.4	68.1	4.4	2.54
<b>March</b>	58.3	46.3	70.2	3.3	3.85
<b>April</b>	61.4	49.1	73.7	1.4	4.61
<b>May</b>	64.5	52.5	76.5	0.4	5.21
<b>June</b>	69.0	56.1	82.0	0.1	6.00
<b>July</b>	74.4	60.2	88.6	0.0	6.58
<b>August</b>	75.0	60.6	89.5	0.1	6.38
<b>September</b>	73.2	58.9	87.5	0.4	4.95
<b>October</b>	67.4	53.8	81.0	0.7	3.55
<b>November</b>	60.7	47.4	74.0	1.6	2.48
<b>December</b>	55.3	43.4	67.3	3.1	1.90
<b>Annual</b>	64.2	51.2	77.2	19.7	50.22

**Source:**

Historical average monthly precipitation and temperature information was obtained from the Western Regional Climate Center (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/>) and is based on data collected from Station 046719 (Pasadena, CA) from 1893 through 2015. Historical monthly average ETo information was obtained from the California Irrigation Management Information Systems (<http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov>) and is based on data collected from Station 159 (Monrovia).

The historical average rainfall in the vicinity of the City's service area is 19.7 inches. The City's service area in the San Gabriel Valley has a dry climate and summers can reach average maximum daily temperatures in the high 80s. Although changes in climatic conditions may have an impact (as discussed in Section 4.5), the projected water supply demands will be based on average year, single dry year and a five consecutive year drought, based on historical data and projected demands. Precipitation within the vicinity of the City's service area is discussed further in Section 7.2.



A discussion of the City's sources of supply, how those sources may be impacted by climate change, and the proactive actions the City and other local/regional water managers may take to address the potential climate change on water supplies is provided in Section 4.5.

### 3.4 SERVICE AREA POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

#### 3.4.1 SERVICE AREA POPULATION

##### CWC 10631.

*(a) Describe the service area of the supplier, including current and projected population... The projected population estimates shall be based upon data from the state, regional, or local service agency population projections within the service area of the urban water supplier and shall be in five-year increments to 20 years or as far as data is available.*

The City provides water service to an area with a current population of approximately 10,731. Table 3-1 presents the current and projected population of the area encompassed by the City's service area from FY 2019-20 to FY 2044-45. The City is projected to have a population of approximately 10,983 by FY 2044-45.

The City initially reviewed the available historical population within its service area for population growth trends. The City determined historical U.S. Census populations within its service area using DWR's Population Tool (<https://wuedata.water.ca.gov/>). The City's service area boundary was uploaded to DWR's Population Tool in a "KML" file format (i.e. Google Earth format). The KML file was originally created in a GIS shapefile format and converted into a KML format. The uploaded KML file represents the City's service area boundary from 1990 to present (2020). DWR's Population Tool utilized U.S. Census data from 1990, 2000, and 2010, along with the City's service area boundary, to estimate the population served by the City in the years 1990, 2000, and 2010. The calculated FY 2019-



20 population (discussed in Section 5.4) was used to determine compliance with the City's SBX7-7 water use target for 2020 (discussed in Section 5.5).

Projected populations in the City's service area were based on growth rate projections obtained from data provided by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The data provided by SCAG was based on their "*The 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy of the SCAG*", dated September 2020, and incorporates demographic trends, existing land use, general plan land use policies, and input and projections through the year 2045 from the Department of Finance (DOF) and the US Census Bureau for counties, cities and unincorporated areas within Southern California.

**Table 3-1      Population – Current and Projected**

Submittal Table 3-1 Retail: Population - Current and Projected						
Population Served	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045(opt)
	10,731	10,781	10,831	10,881	10,932	10,983
NOTES: The DWR Population Tool was used to estimate the 2020 population (See Section 5.4.1). Growth rates obtained from SCAG data were applied to the 2020 population and projected through 2045 (See Section 3.4.1).						

### 3.4.2      OTHER SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

#### CWC 10631.

*(a) Describe the service area of the supplier, including... other social, economic, and demographic factors affecting the supplier's water management planning.*

No other demographic factors affect the City's water management planning. However, increased population will have an impact on water demand.



### 3.5 LAND USES WITHIN SERVICE AREA

The City reviewed the current and projected land uses within its service area during the preparation of this 2020 Plan. Information regarding current and projected land uses is included in the City of Sierra Madre's General Plan. The existing land uses within the City's service area include residential (single-family and multi-family), commercial, institutional, landscape, and open space. The projected land uses within the City's service area are expected to remain similar to the existing land uses. In addition, although mostly built-out, the projected population within the City's service area is anticipated to increase (as discussed in Section 3.4). A discussion of the existing and projected water uses for the individual water use sectors within the City's service area, which includes the different land uses, is provided in Section 4.2. As discussed in Section 2.6, the City coordinated the preparation of the 2020 Plan with the City of Pasadena, the City of Monrovia, the City of Arcadia, the County of Los Angeles, the Main Basin Watermaster, Raymond Basin Management Board, and SGVMWD.

As discussed in Section 3.4, the City obtained data from the Southern California Association of Governments document entitled "*The 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy of the SCAG*", dated September 2020. Projected populations in the City's service area were based on growth rate projections developed by SCAG. The data provided by SCAG incorporates demographic trends, existing land use, general plan land use policies, and input and projections through the year 2045 from the Department of Finance and the US Census Bureau for counties, cities and unincorporated areas within Southern California.



## **CHAPTER 4**

### **WATER USE CHARACTERIZATION**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 4**

#### **WATER USE CHARACTERIZATION**

Chapter 4 (Water Use Characterization) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- The City provides water service to individual “water use sectors”. These water use sectors include single-family residential, multi-family, commercial, and institutional (and governmental), and landscape. Individual descriptions for these water use sectors are provided in Section 4.2.1.
- The City's total water demands (including potable and recycled water) over the past 10 years have ranged from 1,982 AFY to 2,841 AFY, with an average of 2,387 AFY. The City currently measures its water use through meter data and billing records.
- The City conducts an annual water loss audit to identify distribution system water losses. Water losses can result from pipeline leaks and inaccurate metering due to faulty meters. Water loss estimates are incorporated into the City's projected water demands.
- The City's current and projected water demands are provided in five-year increments over the next 25 years are provided (through Fiscal Year 2044-45) as shown on Table 4-3.
- The City's water demand projections incorporate water savings which are the result of implementation of new plumbing codes along with consumer awareness of the need to conserve water.



- The projected water demands for lower income households are identified and are included in the City's total projected water demands.
- The City's sources of water supply and how those sources may be impacted by climate change are discussed. The proactive actions the City and other local/regional water managers may take to address the potential climate change impacts on water supplies are also discussed.
- The City will be able to provide sufficient water supplies to meet the projected water demands of its customers, including during a five consecutive year drought period.

### 4.1 NON-POTABLE VERSUS POTABLE WATER USE

The Water Code requires a description and quantification of water uses within the City's service area, including both non-potable and potable water. Recycled water (non-potable) uses are addressed in Section 6.5; however, a summary is provided in Table 4-3. Furthermore, Chapter 4 addresses the City's potable water demands.

### 4.2 PAST, CURRENT, AND PROJECTED WATER USES BY SECTOR

#### CWC 10631.

*(a) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, an assessment of the reliability of its water service to its customers during normal, dry, and multiple dry water years. This water supply and demand assessment shall compare the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the long-term total projected water use over the next 20 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water year, a single dry water year, and a drought lasting five consecutive water years. The water service reliability assessment shall be based upon the information compiled pursuant to Section 10631, including available data from state, regional, or local agency population projections within the service area of the urban water supplier.*

#### CWC 10631.

*(d)(1) For an urban retail water supplier, quantify, to the extent records are available, past and current water use, over the same five-year increments described in subdivision (a),*





*and projected water use, based upon information developed pursuant to subdivision (a), identifying the uses among water use sectors, including, but not necessarily limited to, all of the following...*

*(2) The water use projections shall be in the same five-year increments described in subdivision (a).*

*(4)(A) Water use projections, where available, shall display and account for the water savings estimated to result from adopted codes, standards, ordinances, or transportation and land use plans identified by the urban water supplier, as applicable to the service area.*

*(B) To the extent that an urban water supplier reports the information described in subparagraph (A), an urban water supplier shall do both of the following:*

- (i) Provide citations of the various codes, standards, ordinances, or transportation and land use plans utilized in making the projections.*
  - (ii) Indicate the extent that the water use projections consider savings from codes, standards, ordinances, or transportation and land use plans. Water use projections that do not account for these water savings shall be noted of that fact.*
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The City's current and projected water demands are provided in five-year increments over the next 25 years (through FY 2044-45) in Tables 4-1, 4-2, and 4-3. The City's total water demands were projected based on a review of the SB X7-7 calculations which are discussed in Chapter 5 (including the SB X7-7 water use target for 2020), current water use factors based on recent water demands, and the total population projections based on land use trends within the City.

The City provides water service to individual "water use sectors" as identified by the California Water Code. The water use sectors supplied by the City are discussed in Section 4.2.1. The water use for each of these sectors during FY 2019-20 is provided in Table 4-1. The projected water use for each individual water use sector is provided in Table 4-2 and is based on the percentage breakdown of water use from each individual water use sector in FY 2019-20 (the percentages were then applied to the projected total water use).



**Table 4-1 Demands for Potable and Non-Potable Water - Actual**

Submittal Table 4-1 Retail: Demands for Potable and Non-Potable <sup>1</sup> Water - Actual			
Use Type	2020 Actual		
<b>Drop down list</b> May select each use multiple times These are the only Use Types that will be recognized by the WUEdata online submittal tool	Additional Description (as needed)	Level of Treatment When Delivered Drop down list	Volume <sup>2</sup>
Add additional rows as needed			
Single Family		Drinking Water	1,784
Multi-Family		Drinking Water	35
Commercial		Drinking Water	55
Institutional/Governmental		Drinking Water	131
Landscape		Drinking Water	6
Losses		Drinking Water	341
Other	City Meters	Drinking Water	40
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,392</b>
<sup>1</sup> Recycled water demands are NOT reported in this table. Recycled water demands are reported in Table 6-4.			
<sup>2</sup> Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.			
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**Table 4-2 Use for Potable and Non-Potable Water - Projected**

Submittal Table 4-2 Retail: Use for Potable and Non-Potable <sup>1</sup> Water - Projected						
Use Type	Additional Description (as needed)	Projected Water Use <sup>2</sup> <i>Report To the Extent that Records are Available</i>				
<u>Drop down list</u> May select each use multiple times These are the only Use Types that will be recognized by the WUEdata online submittal tool		2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (opt)
Add additional rows as needed						
Single Family		1,716	1,724	1,732	1,740	1,748
Multi-Family		36	37	37	37	37
Commercial		57	57	58	58	58
Institutional/Governmental		136	137	138	138	139
Landscape		6	6	6	6	6
Losses		494	496	499	501	503
Other		42	42	42	42	42
TOTAL		2,487	2,499	2,512	2,522	2,533
<sup>1</sup> Recycled water demands are NOT reported in this table. Recycled water demands are reported in Table 6-4. measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.						
<sup>2</sup> Units of						
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**Table 4-3 Total Gross Water Use (Potable and Non-Potable)**

Submittal Table 4-3 Retail: Total Water Use (Potable and Non-Potable)						
	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (opt)
Potable Water, Raw, Other Non-potable <i>From Tables 4-1R and 4-2 R</i>	2,392	2,487	2,499	2,512	2,522	2,533
Recycled Water Demand <sup>1</sup> <i>From Table 6-4</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Optional Deduction of Recycled Water Put Into Long- Term Storage <sup>2</sup>						
<b>TOTAL WATER USE</b>	2,392	2,487	2,499	2,512	2,522	2,533
<sup>1</sup> Recycled water demand fields will be blank until Table 6-4 is complete <sup>2</sup> Long term storage means water placed into groundwater or surface storage that is not removed from storage in the same year. Supplier <b>may</b> deduct recycled water placed in long-term storage from their reported demand. This value is manually entered into Table 4-3.						
NOTES:						



#### 4.2.1 WATER USE SECTORS LISTED IN WATER CODE

##### CWC 10635.

*(d)(1) For an urban retail water supplier, quantify, to the extent records are available, past and current water use, over the same five-year increments described in subdivision (a), and projected water use, based upon information developed pursuant to subdivision (a), identifying the uses among water use sectors, including, but not necessarily limited to, all of the following:*

- (A) Single-family residential.*
- (B) Multifamily.*
- (C) Commercial.*
- (D) Industrial.*
- (E) Institutional and governmental.*
- (F) Landscape.*
- (G) Sales to other agencies.*
- (H) Saline water intrusion barriers, groundwater recharge, or conjunctive use, or any combination thereof.*
- (I) Agricultural.*
- (J) Distribution system water loss.*

As shown in Table 4-1, the City's service area includes the following water use sectors listed in the California Water Code:

- Single-family residential  
(A single-family dwelling unit is a lot with a free-standing building containing one dwelling unit that may include a detached secondary dwelling. Single-family residential water demands are included in retail demands.)
- Multi-family  
(Multiple dwelling units are contained within one building or several buildings within one complex. Multi-family residential water demands are included in retail demands.)



- Commercial  
(Commercial users are defined as water users that provide or distribute a product or service)
- Institutional (and governmental)  
(Institutional users are defined as water user dedicated to public service. Institutional users include, among other users, higher education institutions, schools, courts, churches, hospitals, government facilities, and nonprofit research institutions.)
- Landscape  
(Landscape connections supply water solely for landscape irrigation. Landscapes users may be associated with multi-family, commercial, industrial, or institutional/governmental sites, but are considered a separate water use sector if the connection is solely for landscape irrigation. Landscape water demands are included in retail demands.)
- Distribution system losses  
(Distribution system losses represent the potable water losses from the pressurized water distribution system and water storage facilities, up to the point of delivery to the customers. Additional information is discussed in Section 4.2.4).

### **4.2.2 WATER USE SECTORS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED IN WATER CODE**

The City's service area does not include other water demand sectors which are not listed in the California Water Code (including exchanges, surface water augmentation, transfers, and wetlands or wildlife habitat).



### 4.2.3 PAST WATER USE

Chapter 6 provides a discussion of the sources of water supply the City uses to meet its water demands. Section 6.1 provides a tabulation of the City's historical annual water demands for each water supply source. Over the past ten years, the City's total water demands have ranged from 1,982 AFY to 2,841 AFY, with an average of 2,387 AFY. In addition, the City recently experienced a five consecutive year drought within its service area from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16. The City also reviewed its historical water demands to determine the projected water demands and water supply reliability (discussed in Chapter 7). The City is able to provide sufficient water supplies to meet the projected water demands of its customers, including during a five consecutive year drought period.

### 4.2.4 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER LOSS

#### CWC 10631.

*(d)(1) For an urban retail water supplier, quantify, to the extent records are available, past and current water use, over the same five-year increments described in subdivision (a), and projected water use, based upon information developed pursuant to subdivision (a), identifying the uses among water use sectors, including, but not necessarily limited to, all of the following...*

*(J) Distribution system water loss.*

#### CWC 10631.

*(3)(A) The distribution system water loss shall be quantified for each of the five years preceding the plan update, in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to Section 10608.34.*

*(B) The distribution system water loss quantification shall be reported in accordance with a worksheet approved or developed by the department through a public process. The water loss quantification worksheet shall be based on the water system balance methodology developed by the American Water Works Association.*

*(C) In the plan due July 1, 2021, and in each update thereafter, data shall be included to show whether the urban retail water supplier met the distribution loss standards enacted by the board pursuant to Section 10608.34.*



Distribution system water losses represent the potable water losses from the pressurized water distribution system and water storage facilities, up to the point of delivery to the customers. Sources of distribution system water loss can include: inaccurate metering due to faulty meters; water use not metered such as firefighting, flushing of the water system; and pipeline leaks.

The California Water Code Section 10608.34 requires “On or before October 1, 2017, and on or before October 1 of each year thereafter, each urban retail water supplier shall submit a completed and validated water loss audit report for the previous calendar year or the previous fiscal year...” The water loss audits must follow American Water Works Association (AWWA) guidance and be validated by a certified water audit validator. The City has completed the annual water loss audit process through October 1, 2020, as required by the California Water Code (i.e. the City has completed water loss audits representing FY 2016-17 and FY 2019-20). The City’s water loss audits were prepared and validated pursuant to DWR requirements. The annual water loss audit reports submitted by retail water agencies in California, including the City (provided in Appendix E), are available on DWR’s website ([https://wuedata.water.ca.gov/awwa\\_plans](https://wuedata.water.ca.gov/awwa_plans)).

The City’s annual water loss audits identify real water losses (e.g. leaks and main failures) and apparent water losses (e.g. customer meter inaccuracies, systematic data handling errors in customer billing systems, and unauthorized consumption). The City’s distribution system water losses are based on the sum of the real and apparent water losses and are summarized in Table 4-4 for the past five years. Over the past five years, the City’s average distribution system water losses represent 19.9 percent of its total water demands. This average water loss factor was incorporated into the City’s total potable water demand projections (Tables 4-2 and 4-3).





**Table 4-4 12 Month Water Loss Audit Report**

Submittal Table 4-4 Retail: Last Five Years of Water Loss Audit Reporting	
Reporting Period Start Date (mm/yyyy)	Volume of Water Loss <sup>1,2</sup>
07/2015	350
07/2016	479
07/2017	543
07/2018	462
07/2019	341
<sup>1</sup> Taken from the field "Water Losses" (a combination of apparent losses and real losses) from the AWWA worksheet. <sup>2</sup> Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.	
NOTES: The "Volume of Water Loss" quantities for FY 2016-17 through FY 2019-20 were obtained from the annual AWWA Water Loss Audits (and based on the combination of apparent losses and real losses). The AWWA Water Loss Audits were reported on a fiscal year basis. The "Volume of Water Loss" quantity for FY 2015-16 was estimated based on metered water production less metered water deliveries to customers.	

The California Water Code Section 10608.34 directs the SWRCB to "adopt rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses." Pursuant to this law, and as discussed above, urban retail water suppliers (including the City) have been submitting water loss audits to DWR annually since October 2017. Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1668 and (SB) Senate Bill 606, urban retail water suppliers are required to calculate an "urban water use objective" that includes indoor, outdoor, commercial, industrial and institutional irrigation uses and allowed system water loss by the year 2024. In addition, by calendar year 2028, urban retail water suppliers are required to comply with individual volumetric standards (based on an economic model) for leak detection and repair actions. The goal of the proposed water loss standards is to reduce collective water losses throughout California by approximately 40 percent. The City will continue to develop its water loss standard and urban water use objective pursuant to SWRCB requirements.



### 4.2.5 CURRENT WATER USE

The City currently measures its water use through meter data and billing records. The water use for the City's individual water use sectors during FY 2019-20 are provided in Table 4-1. Recycled water uses are addressed separately in Section 6.5; however, a summary of projected recycled water uses is provided in Table 4-3. The City's total water uses during FY 2019-20 have been reviewed for compliance with the SB X7-7 water use target for 2020 adopted in the City's 2015 Plan (discussed in Section 5.5).

DWR has created an optional "Planning Tool Worksheet" for water suppliers to review and assess monthly water use trends. DWR has deemed the tool as optional and the City is not required by DWR to use the tool. Section 6.1 provides a tabulation of the City's historical annual water uses for each water supply source. During the past 10 years, the City experienced a five consecutive year drought within its service area from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16. Historical records indicate the City's annual water demands had been greater prior to FY 2011-12. The City has been able to provide sufficient water supplies to its customers, including during long-term droughts and years with historically high water demands. In addition, the City has been able to provide water service to meet maximum day water demands for these years, including during the summer months. A further discussion regarding the reliability of the City's water supply sources is provided in Chapter 7.



#### 4.2.6 PROJECTED WATER USE

##### CWC 10635.

*(a) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, an assessment of the reliability of its water service to its customers during normal, dry, and multiple dry water years. This water supply and demand assessment shall compare the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the long-term total projected water use over the next 20 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water year, a single dry water year, and a drought lasting five consecutive water years. The water service reliability assessment shall be based upon the information compiled pursuant to Section 10631, including available data from state, regional, or local agency population projections within the service area of the urban water supplier.*

##### CWC 10631.

*(h) An urban water supplier that relies upon a wholesale agency for a source of water shall provide the wholesale agency with water use projections from that agency for that source of water in five-year increments to 20 years or as far as data is available. The wholesale agency shall provide information to the urban water supplier for inclusion in the urban water supplier's plan that identifies and quantifies, to the extent practicable, the existing and planned sources of water as required by subdivision (b), available from the wholesale agency to the urban water supplier over the same five-year increments, and during various water-year types in accordance with subdivision (f). An urban water supplier may rely upon water supply information provided by the wholesale agency in fulfilling the plan informational requirements of subdivisions (b) and (f).*

##### CWC 10631.

*(d)(4)(A) Water use projections, where available, shall display and account for the water savings estimated to result from adopted codes, standards, ordinances, or transportation and land use plans identified by the urban water supplier, as applicable to the service area.*

*(d)(4)(B) To the extent that an urban water supplier reports the information described in subparagraph (A), an urban water supplier shall do both of the following:*

- (i) Provide citations of the various codes, standards, ordinances, or transportation and land use plans utilized in making the projections.*
- (ii) Indicate the extent that the water use projections consider savings from codes, standards, ordinances, or transportation and land use plans. Water use projections that do not account for these water savings shall be noted of that fact.*

The City's projected water demands are provided in five-year increments over the next 25 years (through FY 2044-45) in Table 4-3. The City's projected water demands and water supplies during a normal year, a single dry year, and a five consecutive year



drought are provided in Chapter 7. The projected water demands for each of the City's water use sectors are provided in Table 4-2.

The City's water demands were projected based on a review of the SB X7-7 calculations discussed in Chapter 5 (including the SB X7-7 water use target for 2020), existing water use factors based on recent water demands, and the total population projections based on land use trends within the City. The projected water demands for the water use sectors were based on the percentage breakdown of water demands from each individual water use sector in FY 2019-20 (the percentages were then applied to the projected total water demands). A discussion of the City's water supplies from SGVMWD (through MWD), a wholesaler, are discussed in Section 6.2. As discussed in Section 2.6, the City has coordinated its water demand projections with SGVMWD for each water use sector.

The City's water demand projections incorporate water savings, or "passive savings", which are the result of implementation of new plumbing codes along with consumer awareness of the need to conserve water. The City's Municipal Code 13.24 "Mandatory Water Conservation Plan", which was created through the adoption of Ordinance No. 1322 adopted in 2012 (discussed in Section 9.2.1), includes methods for current and ongoing reduction in water use and water waste. Prior to adoption of Ordinance No. 1322, the City's water use rate ranged from approximately 224 gallons per capita day to 308 gallons per capita day (from FY 1998-99 through FY 2007-08). As identified in Section 5.5, the City's actual water use rate during FY 2019-20 was 199 gallons per capita per day which is a decrease of up to 109 gallons per capita per day from the recent historical water use and includes passive savings. The City's projected water demands, incorporate water use targets less than its established SB X7-7 water use target for 2020 and incorporate ongoing water passive savings and reduced water use. As indicated in Table 4-5, estimated future water savings have been considered as part of the City's water use projections.



### 4.2.7 CHARACTERISTIC FIVE-YEAR WATER USE

#### CWC 10635.

*(b) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, a drought risk assessment for its water service to its customers as part of information considered in developing the demand management measures and water supply projects and programs to be included in the urban water management plan. The urban water supplier may conduct an interim update or updates to this drought risk assessment within the five-year cycle of its urban water management plan update. The drought risk assessment shall include each of the following:*

*(3) A comparison of the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the total projected water use for the drought period.*

*(4) Considerations of the historical drought hydrology, plausible changes on projected supplies and demands under climate change conditions, anticipated regulatory changes, and other locally applicable criteria.*

The City's projected water demands are provided in five-year increments over the next 25 years (and through FY 2044-45) in Table 4-3. The City's projected water demands and water supplies during a normal year, a single dry year, and a five consecutive year drought over the next 25 years (and through FY 2044-45) are provided in Chapter 7.

The City's "Drought Risk Assessment" (DRA) for the next five years (from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25) is discussed in Section 7.3. The DRA includes the City's projected annual water demands and supplies for each of the next five years and was prepared based on the five driest consecutive years on record. The DRA provides an assessment of the City's water service reliability during a drought lasting five years. The DRA reflects anticipated water demands and supplies prior to any expected benefits associated with water supply shortage responses included in the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (provided in Chapter 8). In addition to historical drought hydrology, the City considered impacts to water supplies and demands based on climate change conditions (discussed in Section 4.5) and anticipated regulatory changes, including the urban water use objectives (discussed in Section 4.2.4)



### 4.3 WORKSHEETS AND REPORTING TABLES

The City's current and projected water demands, including the water demands for each of the City's water use sectors, are provided in five-year increments over the next 25 years (and through FY 2044-45) in Tables 4-1, 4-2, and 4-3.

#### 4.3.1 OPTIONAL PLANNING TOOL USE ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

As discussed in Section 4.2.5, DWR has deemed the "Planning Tool Worksheet" as optional and the City is not required by DWR to use the tool. The City has provided sufficient water supplies to its customers, including during long-term droughts and years with historically high water demands. The City has also been able to provide water service to meet maximum day water demands for these years, including during the summer months. A further discussion regarding the reliability of the City's water supply sources is provided in Chapter 7.

#### 4.3.2 DWR 2020 UWMP SUBMITTAL TABLES

The City's current water demands for each of the water use sectors during FY 2019-20 are provided in Table 4-1. The City's projected water demands for each of the water use sectors, in five-year increments over the next 25 years (and through FY 2044-45), are provided in Table 4-2. The City's total projected water demands, including potable and recycled water, in five-year increments over the next 25 years (and through FY 2044-45), are summarized in Table 4-3. The City's distribution system water losses over the past five years, based on the sum of the real and apparent water losses, are summarized in Table 4-4. The City's annual AWWA water loss audits are provided in Appendix E.



#### 4.4 WATER USE FOR LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

##### CWC 10631.1.

*(a) The water use projections required by Section 10631 shall include projected water use for single-family and multifamily residential housing needed for lower income households, as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code, as identified in the housing element of any city, county, or city and county in the service area of the supplier.*

##### California Health and Safety Code 50079.5.

*(a) "Lower income households" means persons and families whose income does not exceed the qualifying limits for lower income families... In the event the federal standards are discontinued, the department shall, by regulation, establish income limits for lower income households for all geographic areas of the state at 80 percent of area median income, adjusted for family size and revised annually.*

The City's water demands projections provided in Table 4-3 include projected water demands for lower income single-family and multi-family households. A lower income household is defined as a household with an income less than 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size. For the purpose of this evaluation, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Housing and Urban Development Metro Fair Market Rent<sup>2</sup> area was used for the "area median income". The estimated area median income is \$80,000. The total number of lower income households within the City's service area was estimated based on billing records provided by the City, a review of the City of Sierra Madre's General Plan, and a review of median household income range statistics provided by the US Census Bureau (<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>). The estimated number of lower income households located within the City's service area, or households with a median income less than \$64,000 (or 80 percent of \$80,000) is 32 percent of the total number of households. As indicated in Table 4-2, the total projected residential (single family and multi-family) water demands within the City in 2045 is estimated at about 1,785 AFY. Based on a 32 percent use factor of total residential water demands, the projected water demand for lower income households will be about 570 AFY by the FY 2044-2045.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#2021\\_query](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#2021_query)





The projected water demands for lower income households were included in the City's total projected water demands, as indicated in Table 4-5.

**Table 4-5 Inclusion in Water Use Projections**

Submittal Table 4-5 Retail Only: Inclusion in Water Use Projections	
<b>Are Future Water Savings Included in Projections?</b> (Refer to Appendix K of UWMP Guidebook) <i>Drop down list (y/n)</i>	Yes
If "Yes" to above, state the section or page number, in the cell to the right, where citations of the codes, ordinances, or otherwise are utilized in demand projections are found.	Section 4.2.6 and Chapter 8
<b>Are Lower Income Residential Demands Included In Projections?</b> <i>Drop down list (y/n)</i>	Yes
NOTES:	

## 4.5 CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS

### CWC 10630.

*It is the intention of the Legislature, in enacting this part, to permit levels of water management planning commensurate with the numbers of customers served and the volume of water supplied, while accounting for impacts from climate change.*

### CWC 10635.

*(b) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, a drought risk assessment for its water service to its customers as part of information considered in developing the demand management measures and water supply projects and programs to be included in the urban water management plan. The urban water supplier may conduct an interim update or updates to this drought risk assessment within the five-year cycle of its urban water management plan update. The drought risk assessment shall include each of the following...*

*(4) Considerations of the historical drought hydrology, plausible changes on projected supplies and demands under climate change conditions, anticipated regulatory changes, and other locally applicable criteria.*





Climate is defined as “the average course or condition of the weather at a place usually over a period of years as exhibited by temperature, wind velocity and precipitation<sup>4</sup>”. A change in the climate which produces a greater amount of precipitation (i.e. more runoff and/or snowpack) and lower temperatures is generally a benefit to water supplies. However, drought conditions which may result in decreased precipitation, decreased runoff, and increased temperature may adversely affect an urban water supplier’s ability to meet demands by potentially impacting supplies. Consequently, the focus of impacts of climate change is on these adverse consequences.

Section 6.2 of this Plan describes the City’s sources of water supply, management practices associated with those sources, and the long-term reliability of those sources. Section 7.3 includes a Drought Risk Assessment which considers the potential impacts of climate change to the City’s water supply sources. Chapter 8 provides a detailed discussion of the City’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan, including but not limited to, the six standard water shortage levels in the event climate change results in a reduction to water supplies associated with a periodic drought condition. The following is a discussion of the City’s sources of supply, how those sources may be impacted by climate change, and the proactive actions the City and other local/regional water managers may take to address the potential climate change impacts on water supplies.

### Imported Water Supplies

The City is a member of SGVMWD, which delivers untreated State Water Project water to replenish the Main Basin based on the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster’s management of the groundwater supplies. In addition, the City receives treated imported replenishment water supplies from SGVMWD based on an agreement with MWD. SGVMWD has prepared a 2020 Urban Water Management Plan which includes a discussion of the reliability of its water supplies and the impacts of climate change, and

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<sup>4</sup> [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com)



is incorporated by reference in this Plan. The following is a brief summary of SGVMWD's efforts:

- SGVMWD has prepared an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) which identifies the individual and collective demands from its sub-agencies. Those demands are compared to average year and dry year water supplies from the SWP to develop the basis for identifying any potential gaps. SGVMWD will use the IRP with its resource management
- SGVMWD has identified potential recycled water projects within the service area of its sub-agencies. Subject to the availability of recycled water supplies, the sub-agencies may be able to develop local recycled water projects which reduce their demand for potable supplies and consequently the need to deliver SWP water.
- SGVMWD works with its sub-agencies to encourage and facilitate water conservation programs, as noted below:
  - SGVMWD has an annual budget to purchase water conservation materials such as low flow shower heads, water nozzles for garden hoses, residential water meters for use on showers and hoses, and educational materials for children. In addition, SGVMWD also provides rebate programs for high efficiency toilets and rain barrels.
  - SGVMWD started its public information program in 2003 and has expanded it in subsequent years. SGVMWD currently has an ongoing public information program regarding water conservation. SGVMWD has held public workshops to address its Public Information/ School Education programs and has sponsored the San Gabriel Valley Water Forums held biennially which address current water supply issues in the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, SGVMWD produces a newsletter called "The Pipeline" which includes water conservation information, has prepared a video presentation on water conservation, among other activities.



### Groundwater Supplies – Raymond Basin

The City relies on groundwater produced from the Raymond Basin as discussed in Section 6.2.2. The Raymond Basin (Basin Number 4-23 pursuant to DWR Bulletin 118) has been identified by DWR as a very low-priority groundwater basin partially due to the fact it is adjudicated. In that regard, the Raymond Basin is actively managed by the Raymond Basin Management Board and those management activities are described in detail in Section 6.2.2.

Recognizing the potential impacts of climate change on the Raymond Basin groundwater supplies (decreased local runoff and replenishment, along with increased groundwater production, may lead to decreased groundwater levels), the City has used climate tools available on the California' Energy Commission's Cal-Adapt website (<https://cal-adapt.org/>) to identify potential future climate change cycles for the Raymond Basin. The Cal-Adapt website has been developed by the Geospatial Innovation Facility at the University of California, Berkeley with funding and advisory oversight by the California Energy Commission and California Strategic Growth Council.

To address the uncertainty in future greenhouse gas emissions, Cal-Adapt has developed a Representative Concentration Pathway 4.5 (RCP 4.5) scenario and a Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 (RCP 8.5) scenario. RCP 4.5 represents a scenario in which greenhouse gas emissions peak around 2040, then decline and stabilize. RCP 8.5 represents a scenario in which emissions continue to strongly rise through 2050 and plateau around 2100. RCP 4.5 is a “medium” emissions scenario that models a future in which there is an effort made by societies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, whereas RCP 8.5 is a “business-as-usual” scenario. For the City's climate change analysis, the RCP 4.5 scenario was selected.

The Cal-Adapt climate tools also incorporate several General Circulation Models (GCMs), which represent physical processes in the atmosphere, ocean, and land surface. These GCMs projected future climates under conditions such as warm/dry, cooler/wetter, and



average simulations. For the City's climate change analysis, the average condition GCM (CanESM2) was selected.

The climate tools available on the Cal-Adapt website were to simulate projected annual precipitation and annual average maximum temperature in the Raymond Basin. An electronic boundary of the Raymond Basin was submitted online through the Cal-Adapt website in a "KML" file format (i.e. Google Earth format) and data using several of the available climate tools was generated.

Based on the data generated by the Cal-Adapt simulations (see Appendix F), the average annual rainfall in the Raymond Basin is projected to be 23.90 inches over the next 25 years (through 2045), compared to historical average of 22.42 inches (from 1950 through 2019). In addition, the average maximum temperature is projected to be 80.8 degrees Fahrenheit compared to a historical average of 77.2 degrees Fahrenheit. Although there may be more precipitation in the future, it may be more likely to fall as rainfall compared to snowfall. The simulation does not denote the duration or intensity of the storms contributing to the annual precipitation. Notwithstanding, the San Gabriel River watershed (including the Rio Hondo, which is a tributary of the San Gabriel River) includes a complex and interconnected series of dams, reservoirs and replenishment basins to capture stormwater runoff. In an average to below average year of precipitation, over 95 percent of the precipitation in the watershed is retained within the watershed and is not lost to the ocean. Consequently, most if not all precipitation (whether it is rain or snowfall) likely will be captured and not adversely impacted by a potentially higher average annual temperature.

Recognizing these potential impacts to local hydrology resulting from climate change and the resultant impacts to the groundwater supplies, the Raymond Basin Management Board has taken (and may reinstate as needed) the following proactive actions to anticipate and circumvent the potential impacts of climate change. These actions will enable the City to continue use rely on the Raymond Basin as a reliable source of supply.



### Temporary Reduction of Allowed Production

Historical prolonged droughts have caused groundwater levels to decrease resulting in the Raymond Basin Management Board to temporarily reduce the amount of groundwater which may be produced. The decreased production is designed to promote recovery of groundwater levels. At such time the groundwater levels have recovered the program may be suspended, but can be reinstated as needed in the event groundwater levels decrease in the future. Recognizing allowed pumping is limited, Raymond Basin producers have taken steps to reduce water demands to address the potential gap between supply and demand in the event demands cannot be entirely reduced. As discussed in Section 6.2.1, the City replenishes treated imported water in the Raymond Basin which it then pumps through its wells to augment its reduced water rights.



## **CHAPTER 5**

### **SB X7-7 BASELINES, TARGETS, AND 2020 COMPLIANCE**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 5**

#### **SB X7-7 BASELINES, TARGETS, AND 2020 COMPLIANCE**

Chapter 5 (SB X7-7 Baselines, Targets, and 2020 Compliance) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- The Water Conservation Act of 2009 (or SB X7-7) required the State of California achieve a 20 percent reduction in urban water use by the year 2020.
- SB X7-7 required urban water suppliers, including the City, to develop a "2020 Water Use Target" to assist the State of California to achieve the 20 percent reduction. The 2020 Water Use Target represents the amount of water each person should use per day (i.e. gallons per capita per day or GPCD) by the year 2020.
- The City previously determined its 2020 Water Use Target during the preparation of its 2015 Plan by completing standardized tables (or the SB X7-7 Verification Form) to demonstrate compliance with the Water Conservation Act of 2009. The City's SB X7-7 Verification Form has not been modified and is included as part of this 2020 Plan as Appendix G. The City's 2020 Water Use Target is 206 GPCD.
- The City's 2020 Plan incorporates the 2020 Water Use Target and determines compliance based on actual water use.
- The population within the City's service area during Fiscal Year 2019-20 is estimated at 10,731. The City's population was estimated using the California Department of Water Resources' online "Population Tool" which incorporates



United States Census data in a Geographic Information Systems (or GIS) format to estimate the population within the City's service area.

- The City's "gross water" use represents the total volume of water entering its distribution system from its water supply sources. The City's gross water use does not include recycled water deliveries or water conveyed to another supplier. The City's annual gross water during Fiscal Year 2019-20 was 2,392 AF.
- The City's per-capita water use is based on the gross water use divided by the population. The City's per-capita water use during Fiscal Year 2019-20 was 199 GPCD. The City's confirmed 2020 Water Use Target is 206 GPCD. The City's per-capita water use during Fiscal Year 2019-20 meets the 2020 Water Use Target.
- The City has also demonstrated compliance with the 2020 Water Use Target by completing the SB X7-7 2020 Compliance Form (provided in Appendix H).

### 5.1 GUIDANCE FOR WHOLESALE AGENCIES

#### CWC 10608.12.

*(l) "Urban wholesale water supplier," means a water supplier, either publicly or privately owned, that provides more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually at wholesale for potable municipal purposes.*

The City is not a wholesale agency and is not required by DWR to complete Section 5.1.

### 5.2 SB X7-7 FORMS AND SUMMARY TABLES

The City previously calculated its "Baseline" water periods and a "2020 Water Use Target" in its 2015 Plan. There were two different Baseline periods identified (consisting of a "10-year Baseline period" and a "5-year Baseline" period). The average water use for each of these two within these Baseline periods, expressed in gallons per capita per day (GPCD),



represents the Baseline water use for each period. A 10-year Baseline period was identified by the City and information regarding the starting year, ending year, and average water use rate during this period is provided in Table 5-1. The City determined its 2020 Water Use Target by calculating 80 percent of the 10-year Baseline water use.

According to Section 10608.22 of the California Water Code, if an urban retail water supplier's 5-year Baseline period water use is greater than 100 GPCD, the calculated 2020 Water Use Target may need to be reduced. A 5-year Baseline period was identified by the City and information regarding the starting year, ending year, and average water use rate during this period is provided in Table 5-1. The average water use rate during the identified 5-year Baseline period was greater than 100 GPCD. As a result, the 5-year Baseline period was used to determine if the 2020 Water Use Target required any adjustments.

The City's calculated 2020 Water Use Target was compared with the 95 percent of the average water use within the 5-year Baseline to determine if any adjustments were required. The Baseline water uses were used to confirm the City's 2020 Water Use Target (which represents the per capita water use target for 2020 pursuant to SB X7-7).

### **5.2.1 SB X7-7 VERIFICATION FORM (BASELINES AND TARGETS)**

The City's service area has not changed (i.e. expansion or contraction) since the 2015 Plan was prepared. The City's 2020 Plan incorporates the Baseline water uses and 2020 Water Use Target calculated in the 2015 Plan. The City previously prepared standardized tables (SB X7-7 Verification Form) to demonstrate compliance with the Water Conservation Act of 2009 in its 2015 Plan, including compliance with the City's 2015 Interim Water Use Target. The City's SB X7-7 Verification Form has not been modified and is included as part of this 2020 Plan as Appendix G.





## 5.2.2 SB X7-7 COMPLIANCE FORM

The City's compliance with its 2020 Water Use Target is summarized in the following sections. The City has also demonstrated compliance with the 2020 Water Use Target by completing the SB X7-7 2020 Compliance Form (provided in Appendix H).

## 5.2.3 SUBMITTAL TABLES 5-1 AND 5-2

Summary information from the SB X7-7 Verification Form and from the SB X7-7 2020 Compliance Form is provided in Tables 5-1 and 5-2 below.

**Table 5-1 Baselines and Targets Summary from SB X7-7 Verification Form**

Submittal Table 5-1 Baselines and Targets Summary From SB X7-7 Verification Form <i>Retail Supplier or Regional Alliance Only</i>				
Baseline Period	Start Year *	End Year *	Average Baseline GPCD*	Confirmed 2020 Target*
10-15 year	1998	2007	258	206
5 Year	2004	2008	272	
<i>*All cells in this table should be populated manually from the supplier's SBX7-7 Verification Form and reported in Gallons per Capita per Day (GPCD)</i>				
NOTES:				



Table 5-2 2020 Compliance from SB X7-7 2020 Compliance Form

Submittal Table 5-2: 2020 Compliance From SB X7-7 2020 Compliance Form <i>Retail Supplier or Regional Alliance Only</i>				
2020 GPCD			2020 Confirmed Target GPCD*	Did Supplier Achieve Targeted Reduction for 2020? Y/N
Actual 2020 GPCD*	2020 TOTAL Adjustments*	Adjusted 2020 GPCD* (Adjusted if applicable)		
199	0	199	206	Y
<i>*All cells in this table should be populated manually from the supplier's SBX7-7 2020 Compliance Form and reported in Gallons per Capita per Day (GPCD)</i>				
NOTES:				

## 5.2.4 REGIONAL UWMP/REGIONAL ALLIANCE

As discussed in Section 2.4, the City's 2020 Plan was not developed as part of a Regional Alliance. Information from the City's 2020 Plan is not required to be reported in a Regional Alliance report.

## 5.3 BASELINE AND TARGET CALCULATIONS FOR 2020 UWMPs

### 5.3.1 SUPPLIER SUBMITTED 2015 UWMP, NO CHANGE TO SERVICE AREA

The general requirements associated with determining the Baseline periods, Baseline water uses, and 2020 Water Use Target were previously provided by DWR. Based on the requirements, the City calculated the Baseline water uses and 2020 Water Use Target



in its 2015 Plan. The City's service area has not changed (i.e. expansion or contraction) since the 2015 Plan was prepared. The City's 2020 Plan incorporates the Baseline water uses and 2020 Water Use Target calculated in the 2015 Plan. The City's SB X7-7 Verification Form is included in Appendix G.

As discussed in Section 5.2.1, the City prepared standardized tables (SB X7-7 Verification Form) to demonstrate compliance with the Water Conservation Act of 2009. The City's SB X7-7 Verification Form is provided in Appendix G and includes Baseline water uses and the 2020 Water Use Target. A summary of the Baseline water uses and 2020 Water Use Target is provided below.

The California Water Code allows an urban water supplier to calculate up to a 15-year Baseline period if at least 10 percent of its 2008 retail water demands were met through recycled water deliveries within its service area, otherwise calculation of a 10-year Baseline period is required. The City did not receive any recycled water deliveries during FY 2007-08. Consequently, a 10-year Baseline period was identified by the City and information regarding the starting year, ending year, and average water use rate during this period is provided in Table 5-1. Water systems could potentially identify their 2020 Water Use Target by calculating 80 percent of the 10-year Baseline water use.

According to Section 10608.22 of the California Water Code, if an urban retail water supplier's 5-year Baseline period water use is greater than 100 GPCD, the calculated 2020 Water Use Target may need to be reduced. A 5-year Baseline period was identified by the City and information regarding the starting year, ending year, and average water use rate during this period is provided in Table 5-1. The average water use rate during the identified 5-year Baseline period was greater than 100 GPCD. As a result, the 5-year Baseline period was used to determine whether the 2020 Water Use Target required any adjustments.



The City's calculated 2020 Water Use Target was compared with the 95 percent of the average water use within the 5-year Baseline to determine whether any adjustments were required. The City's confirmed 2020 Water Use Target is 206 GPCD and is summarized in Table 5-1.

### 5.4 METHODS FOR CALCULATING POPULATION AND GROSS WATER USE

#### 5.4.1 SERVICE AREA POPULATION

##### CWC 10608.20.

*(e) An urban retail water supplier shall include in its urban water management plan due in 2010 pursuant to Part 2.6 (commencing with Section 10610) the baseline daily per capita water use, urban water use target, interim urban water use target, and compliance daily per capita water use, along with the bases for determining those estimates, including references to supporting data.*

*(f) When calculating per capita values for the purposes of this chapter, an urban retail water supplier shall determine population using federal, state, and local population reports and projections.*

##### CWC 10644.

*(a)(2) The plan... shall include any standardized forms, tables, or displays specified by the department.*

A discussion regarding the City's compliance with the 2020 Water Use Target is provided in Section 5.5. Compliance with the 2020 Water Use Target is based on the total estimated population within the City's water service during FY 2019-20. Because U.S. Census 2020 population data was not available during the preparation of the 2020 Plan, the City reviewed the methodologies recommended by DWR to estimate the FY 2019-20 population. The population methodology used by the City in the 2020 Plan is provided below.

The City initially reviewed the available historical populations within its service area for population growth trends. The City determined historical U.S. Census populations within



its service area using DWR's Population Tool (<https://wuedata.water.ca.gov/>). The City's service area boundary was uploaded to DWR's Population Tool in a "KML" file format (i.e. Google Earth format). The KML file was originally created in a GIS shapefile format and converted into a KML format. The uploaded KML file represents the City's service area boundary from 1990 to present (2020). DWR's Population Tool utilized U.S. Census data from 1990, 2000, and 2010, along with the City's service area boundary, to estimate the population served by the City in the years 1990, 2000, and 2010.

DWR's Population Tool was also used to estimate the 2020 population within the City's service area. The total number of service connections within the City's service area (including residential, commercial, and industrial connections) in the years 2010 and 2020 were entered into the Population Tool. Based on the historical U.S. Census populations (from 1990, 2000, and 2010) and available data regarding total service connections for those corresponding years, DWR's Population Tool estimated the population within the City's service area for FY 2019-20 (using the service connection data for FY 2019-20) to be 10,731. The FY 2019-20 population is consistent with the historical population growth trends. The City's FY 2019-20 population is presented in Table 3 of the SB X7-7 2020 Compliance Form.

### 5.4.2 GROSS WATER USE

#### CWC 10608.12.

*(h) "Gross water use" means the total volume of water, whether treated or untreated, entering the distribution system of an urban retail water supplier, excluding all of the following:*

- (1) Recycled water that is delivered within the service area of an urban retail water supplier or its urban wholesale water supplier.*
- (2) The net volume of water that the urban retail water supplier places into long-term storage.*
- (3) The volume of water the urban retail water supplier conveys for use by another urban water supplier.*
- (4) The volume of water delivered for agricultural use, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (f) of Section 10608.24.*



**California Code of Regulations Title 23 Division 2 Chapter 5.1 Article 1, Section 596.**

*(a) An urban retail water supplier that has a substantial percentage of industrial water use in its service area is eligible to exclude the process water use of existing industrial water customers from the calculation of its gross water use to avoid a disproportionate burden on another customer sector.*

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Gross water use represents the total volume of water entering a distribution system (but excludes recycled water deliveries, water placed into long term storage, water conveyed to another supplier, water delivered for agricultural use, and process water if there is a substantial percentage used for industrial purposes) over a 12-month period. The City's annual gross water use amounts are based on the total amount of water entering the City's distribution system from its water supply sources (including groundwater production wells, local surface water, and purchased treated imported water). The annual gross water use by the City during FY 2019-20 was 2,392 AF.

The annual gross water use amounts within the City for each year of the Baseline periods (discussed in Section 5.2) are provided in SB X7-7 Verification Form, Table 4 (Appendix G). A further discussion of the Baseline periods is provided in Section 5.2.

The City currently does not use indirect recycled water within its service area. The City is not required by DWR to complete SB X7-7 Verification Form, Table 4-B.

Industrial process water is not subtracted from the City's gross water use provided in SB X7-7 Verification Form, Table 4. The City is not required by DWR to complete SB X7-7 Verification Form, Table 4-C.1, Table 4-C.2, Table 4-C.3, Table 4-C.4, and Table 4-D.



### 5.5 2020 COMPLIANCE DAILY PER CAPITA WATER USE (GPCD)

#### CWC 10608.12.

*(f) "Compliance daily per capita water use" means the gross water use during the final year of the reporting period, reported in gallons per capita per day.*

#### CWC 10608.20.

*(e) An urban retail water supplier shall include in its urban water management plan due in 2010... compliance daily per capita water use, along with the bases for determining those estimates, including references to supporting data.*

As discussed in Section 5.4.2, the annual gross water use by the City during FY 2019-20 was 2,392 AF. As discussed in Section 5.4.1, the estimated population within the City's service area for FY 2019-20 is 10,731. As a result, the City's per-capita water use during FY 2019-20 was 199 GPCD. As discussed in Section 5.4.2, the City's confirmed 2020 Water Use Target is 206 GPCD. The City's per-capita water use during FY 2019-20 meets the 2020 Water Use Target and is in compliance. The City has also demonstrated compliance with the 2020 Water Use Target by completing the SB X7-7 2020 Compliance Form (provided in Appendix H).

#### 5.5.1 2020 ADJUSTMENTS FOR FACTORS OUTSIDE OF SUPPLIER'S CONTROL

#### CWC 10608.24.

*(d)(1) When determining compliance daily per capita water use, an urban retail water supplier may consider the following factors:*

*(A) Differences in evapotranspiration and rainfall in the baseline period compared to the compliance reporting period.*

*(B) Substantial changes to commercial or industrial water use resulting from increased business output and economic development that have occurred during the reporting period.*



*(C) Substantial changes to institutional water use resulting from fire suppression services or other extraordinary events, or from new or expanded operations, that have occurred during the reporting period.*

*(2) If the urban retail water supplier elects to adjust its estimate of compliance daily per capita water use due to one or more of the factors described in paragraph (1), it shall provide the basis for, and data supporting, the adjustment in the report required by Section 10608.40.*

### **Methodologies for Calculating Baseline and Compliance Urban Per Capita Water Use, Methodology 4.**

*This section discusses adjustments to compliance-year GPCD because of changes in distribution area caused by mergers, annexation, and other scenarios that occur between the baseline and compliance years.*

The City has determined its compliance with the 2020 Water Use Target without adjusting its annual gross water use during FY 2019-20.

## **5.5.2 SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

The City's 2020 Plan incorporates the Baseline water uses and 2020 Water Use Target calculated in the 2015 Plan. There were no special situations that required the City to recalculate the Baseline water uses and 2020 Water Use Target.

## **5.5.3 IF SUPPLIER DOES NOT MEET 2020 TARGET**

The City's per-capita water use during FY 2019-20 meets the 2020 Water Use Target and is in compliance.





### 5.6 REGIONAL ALLIANCE

As discussed in Section 2.4, the City's 2020 Plan was not developed as part of a Regional Alliance. Information from the City's 2020 Plan is not required to be reported in a Regional Alliance report.



## **CHAPTER 6**

### **WATER SUPPLY CHARACTERIZATION**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 6**

#### **WATER SUPPLY CHARACTERIZATION**

Chapter 6 (Water Supply Characterization) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- The City's water supply sources include groundwater pumped from the Raymond Basin, treated imported water purchased from SGVMWD through MWD (imported water is allowed to recharge the groundwater basin, then produced as groundwater supply), and local treated groundwater from the West Tunnel located in the Little Santa Anita Canyon.
- The City's main source of water supply is groundwater pumped from the Raymond Basin.
- A tabulation of the City's historical water supplies is provided in Section 6.1.
- A discussion regarding the City's imported water supplies from SGVMWD through MWD is provided. Information regarding imported water connections, capacities, reliability, and historical production is provided.
- A discussion regarding the City's groundwater supplies from the Raymond Basin is provided. Information regarding basin location, adjudication, management, water levels, water quality, water rights, and historical production is provided.
- A discussion regarding the City's West Tunnel groundwater supplies from the Little Santa Anita Canyon is provided. Information regarding diversion locations, water rights, and historical production is provided.



- The City's proposed future projects to maximize its water supply resources are discussed.
- The City's "energy intensity" is discussed and represents the quantity of energy consumed, measured in kilowatt hours, divided by the volume of water, measured in acre-feet over a one-year period. The total energy intensity associated with the City's water management processes was estimated during FY 2019-20.

In this Chapter, the City will identify and describe each of its sources of water supply. In addition, the City will describe the following:

- Management of each water supply source;
- Current provisions of a basin adjudication or Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), as applicable, pertaining to management of groundwater supplies;
- Measures the City is taking to develop potential new sources of water supply (as applicable); and
- Opportunities for exchanges and transfers on a long- or short-term basis.

The characterization of the City's water supply sources will account for the anticipated availability during a normal year, a single dry year, a five consecutive year drought, along with projections through FY 2044-45.



## 6.1 WATER SUPPLY ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

### CWC 10631.

*(b) Identify and quantify, to the extent practicable, the existing and planned sources of water available to the supplier over the same five-year increments described in subdivision (a), providing supporting and related information, including all of the following:*

*(1) A detailed discussion of anticipated supply availability under a normal water year, single dry year, and droughts lasting at least five years, as well as more frequent and severe periods of drought, as described in the drought risk assessment. For each source of water supply, consider any information pertinent to the reliability analysis conducted pursuant to Section 10635, including changes in supply due to climate change.*

*(2) When multiple sources of water supply are identified, a description of the management of each supply in correlation with the other identified supplies*

### CWC 10631.

*(h) An urban water supplier that relies upon a wholesale agency for a source of water shall provide the wholesale agency with water use projections from that agency for that source of water in five-year increments to 20 years or as far as data is available. The wholesale agency shall provide information to the urban water supplier for inclusion in the urban water supplier's plan that identifies and quantifies, to the extent practicable, the existing and planned sources of water as required by subdivision (b), available from the wholesale agency to the urban water supplier over the same five-year increments, and during various water-year types in accordance with subdivision (f). An urban water supplier may rely upon water supply information provided by the wholesale agency in fulfilling the plan informational requirements of subdivisions (b) and (f).*

The City's water supply sources include groundwater pumped from the Raymond Basin, treated imported replenishment water purchased from SGVMWD through MWD, and local groundwater from the West Tunnel of the Little Santa Anita Canyon. The City's main source of water supply is groundwater pumped from the Raymond Basin. A tabulation of the City's historical water supplies is provided below.



Fiscal Year	System Water Supply Sources (AF)			Total
	Potable Water			
	Groundwater		MWD Imported Water <sup>1</sup>	
	Raymond Basin Groundwater	West Tunnel		
2010-11	2,189	489	0	2,678
2011-12	2,408	278	0	2,686
2012-13	2,691	149	0	2,841
2013-14	866	22	1,611	2,499
2014-15	76	2	2,047	2,125
2015-16	1,023	5	1,183	2,211
2016-17	1,979	4	0	1,982
2017-18	2,235	7	0	2,241
2018-19	2,211	9	0	2,220
2019-20	2,387	5	0	2,392

Data provided by City staff

<sup>1</sup> Column reflects water delivered for direct use. Treated, imported replenishment MWD water deliveries for Raymond Basin spreading purposes during FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 totaled approximately 862 AF, 1,621 AF, 1,325 AF, 1,036 AF, and 1,724 AF, respectively.

### **6.1.1 SPECIFIC ANALYSIS APPLICABLE TO ALL WATER SUPPLY SOURCES**

The section below provides a discussion of the following information to the extent practical:

- The City's existing and planned sources of water supply are identified;
- Each source of supply is quantified in five-year increments through FY 2044-45;
- The anticipated supply availability under normal, single dry, and five consecutive dry years, and any other water year conditions included in the Drought Risk Assessment (see Chapter 7) are described;



- The management of each water supply in correlation with other identified supplies is described.
- Information pertinent to the reliability analysis, including climate change effects, is considered.

The City historically has relied on groundwater supplies from the Raymond Basin, treated imported replenishment water purchased from SGVMWD through MWD, and local groundwater supplies from the West Tunnel of the Little Santa Anita Canyon. The following descriptions summarize the City's sources of supply (detailed descriptions are provided in Section 6.2).

### Existing and Planned Sources of Supply

#### Purchased Treated Imported Water

The City has historically purchased treated imported replenishment water from SGVMWD, as described in Section 6.2.1. In addition, Section 6.2.1 provides a detailed discussion of the existing and planned supply of the treated imported replenishment water, including a description of the management and reliability of those treated imported water supplies. As discussed in Section 6.2.8, the City is developing a well in the Main Basin, which will eliminate the need to deliver treated imported water to replenish the Raymond Basin.

#### Groundwater

The City has historically pumped groundwater from the Raymond Basin as described in Section 6.2.2. In addition, Section 6.2.2 provides a detailed discussion of the existing and planned supply of the groundwater, including a description of the management and reliability of those groundwater supplies. Table 6-8 summarizes the actual groundwater



supplies for FY 2019-20. In addition, Table 6-9 summarizes the projected water supply, in five-year increments, through FY 2044-45 under varying water supply conditions.

In addition, the City is a Party to the Main Basin Judgment. As discussed in Section 6.7.8, in partnership with the City of Arcadia, the City is planning to develop a new joint well project with the proposed location at the Arcadia Public Works Services Department property. This project is expected to yield over 2,000 gpm (with 1,000 gpm going to the City of Sierra Madre) from the Main Basin. The estimated total cost of this project is \$3.6 million. Construction is anticipated to begin early 2022 and is estimated to span 12 months. The City has requested assistance from SGVMWD in constructing the well and its appurtenant pipeline to the City.

The City has historically diverted water from the West Tunnel of the Little Santa Anita Canyon as described in Section 6.2.2. In addition, Section 6.2.2 provides a discussion of the existing and planned use of the West Tunnel, including a description of the management and reliability of those groundwater supplies. Table 6-8 summarizes the actual surface water supplies for FY 2019-20. In addition, Table 6-9 summarizes the projected water supply, in five-year increments, through FY 2044-45 under varying water supply conditions.

### Storm Water

The City has historically received groundwater from the Raymond Basin and local groundwater from the West Tunnel of the Little Santa Anita Canyon. Management and use of the stormwater runoff from the Raymond Basin watershed is crucial to groundwater management and surface water supplies. The City has surface water diversion rights from Big Santa Anita Canyon (3,500 AF) and Little Santa Anita Canyon (1,500 AF) in which stormwater (including water stored behind Santa Anita Dam) can be diverted to the Sierra Madre Spreading Grounds for groundwater replenishment purposes. However, the City



currently does not have its own program to beneficially use stormwater runoff as a direct source of supply.

### **6.1.2 OTHER CHARACTERIZATION CONSIDERATIONS**

A description of the City's water system along with a map of its service area is included in Chapter 3. In addition, the agencies which manage the water supplies used by the City are identified in Section 6.2.1 (imported water), 6.2.2 (groundwater), 6.2.3 (surface water), 6.2.4 (stormwater), and 6.2.5 (recycled water).

### **6.1.3 OPTIONAL PLANNING TOOL**

As discussed in Section 4.2.5, DWR has created an optional "Planning Tool Worksheet" for water suppliers to review and assess monthly water use trends. However, DWR has deemed the tool as optional and the City is not required by DWR to use the tool. Section 6.1 provides a tabulation of the City's historical annual water uses for each water supply source. During the past 10 years, the City experienced a five consecutive year drought within its service area from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16. In addition, historical records indicate the City's annual water demands typically have been even greater prior to FY 2011-12. The City has been able to provide sufficient water supplies to its customers, including during long-term droughts and years with historically high water demands. In addition, the City has been able to provide water service to meet maximum day water demands for these years, including during the summer months. A further discussion regarding the reliability of the City's water supply sources is provided in Chapter 7.





## 6.2 NARRATIVE SECTIONS FOR SUPPLIER'S UWMP WATER SUPPLY CHARACTERIZATION

### 6.2.1 PURCHASED OR IMPORTED WATER

#### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

The City can purchase treated, imported water from San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. SGVMWD coordinated with MWD to construct an emergency connection in 2012 for the City to receive treated imported water which initially was delivered to the City's distribution system. The capacity of the connection is approximately 2,500 gpm. Beginning in 2015, the City began delivering the treated imported water to the Sierra Madre Spreading Grounds for the purposes of groundwater spreading. The imported water spread is used as a credit to supplement the City's water production rights in the Raymond Basin. A further discussion regarding the City's production from the Raymond Basin is provided in Section 6.2.2.

### 6.2.2 GROUNDWATER

#### CWC 10631.

*(b)(4) If groundwater is identified as an existing or planned source of water available to the supplier, all of the following information:*

*(A) The current version of any groundwater sustainability plan or alternative adopted pursuant to Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720), any groundwater management plan adopted by the urban water supplier, including plans adopted pursuant to Part 2.75 (commencing with Section 10750), or any other specific authorization for groundwater management for basins underlying the urban water supplier's service area.*

*(B) A description of any groundwater basin or basins from which the urban water supplier pumps groundwater. For basins that a court or the board has adjudicated the rights to pump groundwater, a copy of the order or decree adopted by the court or the board and a description of the amount of groundwater the urban water supplier has the legal right to pump under the order or decree. For a basin that has not been adjudicated, information*



*as to whether the department has identified the basin as a high- or medium-priority basin in the most current official departmental bulletin that characterizes the condition of the groundwater basin, and a detailed description of the efforts being undertaken by the urban water supplier to coordinate with groundwater sustainability agencies or groundwater management agencies listed in subdivision (c) of Section 10723 to maintain or achieve sustainable groundwater conditions in accordance with a groundwater sustainability plan or alternative adopted pursuant to Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720).*

*(C) A detailed description and analysis of the location, amount, and sufficiency of groundwater pumped by the urban water supplier for the past five years. The description and analysis shall be based on information that is reasonably available, including, but not limited to, historic use records.*

*(D) A detailed description and analysis of the amount and location of groundwater that is projected to be pumped by the urban water supplier. The description and analysis shall be based on information that is reasonably available, including, but not limited to, historic use records.*

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### **RAYMOND BASIN**

#### **Raymond Basin - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

The Raymond Basin is identified as Basin Number 4-013 pursuant to DWR Bulletin 118. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), identifies the Raymond Basin as an adjudicated groundwater basin, is exempt from the requirements of developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan and subsequently was designated a very-low-priority basin in DWR's 2019 SGMA Basin Prioritization report. In compliance with SGMA, the Raymond Basin Management Board, which serves as the Watermaster for the Raymond Basin, submits its Annual Report to DWR.

#### **Raymond Basin - Adjudication**

In 1937, the City of Pasadena filed suit to adjudicate water rights of the Raymond Basin. A copy of the Raymond Basin adjudication is located in Appendix I. DWR was retained to prepare a Report of Referee which described the geology and hydrogeology of the Raymond Basin and identified the Safe Yield of the Raymond Basin as 21,900 acre-feet. In 1950, the City of Pasadena requested the Safe Yield of the Raymond Basin to be re-



determined. Subsequently, the Court issued a Modification of Judgment on April 29, 1955 increasing the Safe Yield of the Raymond Basin to 30,622 acre-feet. This is referred to as the “Decreed Right of 1955” and water rights for all parties are provided. On January 17, 1974, the second modification of the Raymond Basin Judgment was signed allowing Parties credit for spreading of canyon diversions in spreading grounds in the vicinity of the Arroyo Seco, Eaton Wash and Santa Anita Creek Canyon. On March 26, 1984, the third modification of the Raymond Basin Judgment was signed establishing the Raymond Basin Management Board as the Watermaster for the Raymond Basin.

The Raymond Basin Judgment adjudicated groundwater rights based on a long-term average yield of the Raymond Basin. The Raymond Basin Judgment allows a party to exceed its Decreed Right by no more than 10 percent, which will be deducted from the following year’s total allowable extraction. Conversely, a party is not allowed to carryover more than 10 percent of its Decreed Right to a subsequent year.

### **Raymond Basin – Description**

The Raymond Basin is located in Los Angeles County about 10 miles north-easterly of downtown Los Angeles. Raymond Basin is a wedge in the northwesterly portion of the San Gabriel Valley and is bounded on the north by the San Gabriel Mountains, on the west by the San Rafael Hills and is separated from the Main San Gabriel Basin on the southeast by the Raymond Fault. The Raymond Basin is divided into an eastern unit, which is the Santa Anita sub-area, and the Western unit which is the Pasadena sub-area and the Monk Hill Basin. The location of the Raymond Basin and the subareas, as shown on Figure 3, the surface area of Raymond Basin is about 40.9 square miles. The principal streams in the Raymond Basin are the Arroyo Seco, Eaton Wash and Santa Anita Wash. The Arroyo Seco drains to the Los Angeles River, while Eaton Wash and Santa Anita Wash drain to the Rio Hondo, a tributary of the San Gabriel River.



The geology of the Raymond Basin is described in detail in the “Report of Referee” prepared in 1943 by the State of California Division of Water Resources. The Raymond Basin is roughly triangular in shape. Its northern boundary, about twelve miles in length, is formed by a portion of the southerly front of the San Gabriel Mountains. The western boundary of the Raymond Basin is about eight miles long and is also composed of the same Basement Complex rocks which form the mountains and are continuous at depth, together with a small area of marine Tertiary sediment at the southern end. The Raymond Fault, the southern boundary of the triangle, crosses the Valley floor for a distance of about nine miles, connecting a granitic spur from the mountains at the eastern end of the Raymond Basin with Tertiary sediments outcropping in its southwestern corner.

The Raymond Fault separates Raymond Basin from the Main San Gabriel Basin (Main Basin). The fault zone is not completely impervious and groundwater can flow across this boundary into the Main Basin, particularly in the northeasterly portion of the boundary. The source of natural groundwater supply to the Raymond Basin is direct rainfall, percolation from surface runoff from the northern and western sides, and presumably underground percolation of water from the mountain mass to the alluvium.

DWR describes the hydrogeology of the Raymond Basin in its Bulletin 118 report, Basin Number 4-023. According to the report, the water-bearing materials of the Raymond Basin are dominated by unconsolidated Quaternary alluvial gravel, sand, and silt deposited by streams flowing out of the San Gabriel Mountains. Younger alluvium typically follows active streambeds and reaches a maximum thickness of about 150 feet. Older alluvium generally thickens southward from the mountain front, reaching a maximum of about 1,140 feet near Pasadena, then thins to about 200 feet near the Raymond Fault. However, confined groundwater conditions have existed locally in the Raymond Basin, particularly along the Raymond Fault near Raymond Hill where layers of finer grained sediments become more abundant.



The Raymond Fault trends east-northeast and acts as a groundwater barrier along the southern boundary of the Raymond Basin. This fault acts as a complete barrier along its western end and becomes a less effective barrier at its eastward end. East of Santa Anita Wash, this fault ceases to be an effective barrier and the flow of groundwater southward into the Main Basin becomes essentially unrestricted. A north-trending divide paralleling the Eaton Wash separates both surface and subsurface water flow in the eastern portion of the Raymond Basin. The water level is higher on the eastern side of this divide, ranging from 300 feet higher in the north to about 50 feet higher in the south. Monk Hill, an emergent mound of consolidated bedrock within the Raymond Basin, causes groundwater to flow around it, but does not appreciably change the regional flow pattern. Groundwater elevation contour maps for the Raymond Basin are presented in the Raymond Basin Annual Reports<sup>5</sup>.

Natural recharge to the Raymond Basin is mainly from direct percolation of precipitation and percolation of ephemeral stream flow from the San Gabriel Mountains in the north. The principal streams bringing surface inflow are the Arroyo Seco, Eaton Creek and Santa Anita Creek. Some stream runoff is diverted into spreading grounds and some is impounded behind small dams allowing the water to infiltrate and contribute to groundwater recharge of the Raymond Basin. An unknown amount of underflow enters the Raymond Basin from the San Gabriel Mountains through fracture systems.

No recent estimates of available groundwater storage have been made for in the Raymond Basin. DWR (1971) study estimated the available stored water to be 1,000,000 acre-feet in 1970, leaving about 450,000 acre-feet of storage space available.

Groundwater quality within the Raymond Basin is generally good quality with regards to most constituents except for high fluoride concentrations in the foothills and high nitrate concentrations in the Monk Hill and Pasadena Subareas. Volatile Organic Compounds

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.raymondbasin.org/reports>



(VOCs) including Trichloroethylene (TCE) and Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) have been detected in the Raymond Basin (particularly near the Arroyo Seco). In 1997, Perchlorate was first detected in several monitoring wells at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Superfund Site.

### **Raymond Basin - Historical Production**

The Decreed Right of 1955 provided the City with water rights to 1,764.0 AFY from the Santa Anita Subarea. The City also has the right to obtain credit for "salvage water." Salvage water is surface water percolated into the Santa Anita sub-area minus losses for natural percolation and subsurface outflow. Salvage water credits allow the City to (annually) extract more than 1,764.0 acre-feet from the Santa Anita Sub-area. However, due to recent multiple dry year conditions, the Raymond Basin Management Board implemented a "500-foot" level limitation for all Decreed Rights to the Santa Anita Subarea in 2013. As a result, the City's adjusted right to the Santa Anita Subarea was limited to 940.0 AFY. In October 2015, after five years of unprecedented drought, the Raymond Basin Management Board authorized the use of imported water for spreading on behalf of the City. MWD entered into an agreement with the City and SGVMWD to deliver up to 2,500 AFY of treated, imported water for spreading within the Santa Anita sub-area. A new imported water connection was constructed at the Sierra Madre Spreading Grounds for the purposes of spreading to allow for additional groundwater by the City. Over the past five years, MWD has delivered 1,036 AFY to 2,044 AFY, with an average of 1,550 AFY, for spreading on behalf of the City.

Due to the "500-foot" level limitation is in effect, the City's water rights to the Raymond Basin are currently based on the adjusted rights to the Santa Anita Subarea of 940.0 AFY plus any imported water spread at the Sierra Madre Spreading Grounds. Over the past five years, the City has produced 1,023 AFY to 2,387 AFY, with an average of 1,967 AFY from the Raymond Basin. The City's projected production from the Raymond Basin, over the next 25 years in five-year increments, is provided in Table 6-9.



### **TUNNEL WATER**

The City owns two tunnels located in the Little Santa Anita Canyon in the mountains above the City of Sierra Madre, one on either side of the Sierra Madre Dam (see Plate 2). These tunnels act as horizontal wells and produce groundwater by gravity flow.

The City's wells and tunnels have traditionally supplied water to the City for the last 90 years. Currently, water is only taken directly into the City's distribution system from the West Tunnel, which has a maximum capacity of approximately 500 gallons per minute. The East Tunnel water is currently inactive due to the influence of surface water on its north branch. The tunnels were constructed (in the 1920s or earlier) and predate the adjudication of the Raymond Basin (discussed above). The Raymond Basin adjudication did not address this source of water and the City maintains the full right to the water produced from these tunnels.

Since the production of water from these tunnels is dependent on the hydrologic cycle, production rates decline after several consecutive years of dry conditions. Thus, in multiple dry years, these tunnels would not provide a significant source of supply. Over the past five years, the City has produced 4 AFY to 9 AFY, with an average of 6 AFY from the West Tunnel. The City's projected production from the West Tunnel, over the next 25 years in five-year increments, is provided in Table 6-9.



## **MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN**

### **Main Basin - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

The Main San Gabriel Basin (Main Basin) is a sub-basin of the San Gabriel Valley Basin pursuant to DWR Bulletin 118, Basin Number 4-013. Pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, the Main Basin was named as an adjudicated groundwater basin and is exempt from the requirements of developing a GSP and subsequently was designated a very-low-priority basin in DWR's 2019 SGMA Basin Prioritization report. In compliance with SGMA, the Main Basin Watermaster submits its Annual Report to DWR.

### **Main Basin - Adjudication**

#### **Main Basin – Long Beach Judgment**

On May 12, 1959, the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, the Central Basin Municipal Water District (Central District), and the City of Compton, as plaintiffs, filed an action against San Gabriel and 24 other producers of groundwater from the San Gabriel Valley as defendants. This action sought a determination of the rights of the defendants in and to the waters of the San Gabriel River system and to restrain the defendants from an alleged interference with the rights of plaintiffs and persons represented by the Central District in such waters. After six years of study and negotiation a Stipulation for Judgment was filed on February 10, 1965, and the Judgment (Long Beach Judgment) was entered on September 24, 1965. Under the terms of the Long Beach Judgment, the water supply of the San Gabriel River system was divided at Whittier Narrows between San Gabriel Valley upstream and the coastal plain of Los Angeles County downstream. A copy of the Long Beach Judgment can be found in Appendix J. During water year 2018-19, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) intervened in the Long Beach Judgment for the purpose of assuming





all of the requirements of the Plaintiffs and the City of Long Beach, Central District, and the City of Compton were dismissed from their collective responsibilities by the Court.

Under the terms of the Long Beach Judgment, the area downstream from Whittier Narrows (Lower Area), the plaintiffs and those they represent, are to receive a quantity of usable water annually from the San Gabriel River system comprised of usable surface flow, subsurface flow at Whittier Narrows and water exported to the Lower Area. This annual entitlement is guaranteed by the area upstream of Whittier Narrows (Upper Area), the defendants, and provision is made for the supply of Make-up Water by the Upper Area for years in which the guaranteed entitlement is not received by the Lower Area.

Make-up Water is imported water purchased by the Main Basin Watermaster and delivered to agencies in Central District to satisfy obligations under the Long Beach Judgment. The entitlement of the Lower Area varies annually, dependent upon the 10-year average annual rainfall in the San Gabriel Valley for the 10 years ending with the year for which entitlement is calculated.

The detailed operations described in the Long Beach Judgment are complex and requires continuous compilation of data so that annual determinations can be made to assure compliance with the Long Beach Judgment. In order to do this, a three-member Watermaster was appointed by the Court, one representing the Upper Area parties nominated by and through Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District), one representing the Lower Area parties nominated by and through WRD, and one jointly nominated by Upper District and WRD. This three-member board is known as the San Gabriel River Watermaster (River Watermaster).

The River Watermaster meets periodically during the year to adopt a budget, to review activities affecting water supply in the San Gabriel River system area, to compile and review data, to make determinations of usable water received by the Lower Area, and to prepare its annual report to the Court. The River Watermaster has rendered annual



reports for the water years 1963-64 through 2019-20 and operations of the river system under that Court Judgment and through the administration by the River Watermaster have been satisfactory since its inception.

One major result of the Long Beach Judgment was to leave the Main Basin free to manage its water resources so long as it meets its downstream obligation to the Lower Area under the terms of the Long Beach Judgment. Upper District intervened in the Long Beach case as a defendant to enforce the provisions of a Reimbursement Contract, which was incorporated into the Long Beach Judgment to assure that any Make-up Water obligations under the terms of the Long Beach Judgment would be satisfied.

### Main Basin – Main Basin Judgment

The Upper Area then turned to the task of developing a water resources management plan to optimize the conservation of the natural water supplies of the area. Studies were made of various methods of management of the Main Basin as an adjudicated area and a report thereon was prepared for the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water Association, an association of water producers in the Main Basin. After due consideration by the Association, Upper District was requested to file as plaintiff, and did file, an action on January 2, 1968, seeking an adjudication of the water rights of the Main Basin and its Relevant Watershed. After several years of study (including verification of annual water production) and negotiations, a stipulation for entry of Judgment was approved by a majority of the parties, by both the number of parties and the quantity of rights to be adjudicated. Trial was held in late 1972 and the Judgment (Main Basin Judgment) was entered on January 4, 1973. The Main Basin Judgment was most recently amended on June 21, 2012. A copy of the Main Basin Judgment can be found in Appendix K.

Under the terms of the Main Basin Judgment, all rights to the diversion of surface water and production of groundwater within the Main Basin and its Relevant Watershed were adjudicated. The Main Basin Judgment provides for the administration of the provisions



of the Main Basin Judgment by a nine member Main Basin Watermaster. Six of those members are nominated by water producers (producer members) and three members (public members) are nominated by the Upper District and the SGVMWD, which overlie most of the Basin. The nine member board employs a staff, an attorney and a consulting engineer. The Main Basin Watermaster holds public meetings on a regular monthly basis throughout the year.

The Main Basin Judgment does not restrict the quantity of water, which parties may extract from the Main Basin. Rather, it provides a means for replacing all annual extractions in excess of a Party's annual right to extract water with Supplemental Water. The Main Basin Watermaster annually establishes an Operating Safe Yield for the Main Basin which is then used to allocate to each Party its portion of the Operating Safe Yield which can be produced free of a Replacement Water Assessment. If a producer extracts water in excess of its right under the annual Operating Safe Yield, it must pay an assessment for Replacement Water, which is sufficient to purchase one acre-foot of Supplemental Water to be spread in the Main Basin for each acre-foot of excess production. All water production is metered and is reported quarterly to the Main Basin Watermaster.

In addition to Replacement Water Assessments, the Main Basin Watermaster levies an Administration Assessment to fund the administration of the Main Basin management program under the Court Judgment and a Makeup Obligation Assessment in order to fulfill the requirements for any makeup Obligation under the Long Beach Judgment and to supply fifty percent of the administration costs of the River Watermaster service. The Main Basin Watermaster levies an In-lieu Assessment and may levy special Administration Assessments.

Water rights under the Main Basin Judgment are transferable by lease or purchase so long as such transfers meet the requirements of the Judgment. There is also provision for Cyclic Storage Agreements by which Parties and non-parties may store imported



supplemental water in the Main Basin under such agreements with the Main Basin Watermaster pursuant to uniform rules and conditions and Court approval.

The Main Basin Judgment provides that the Main Basin Watermaster will, insofar as practicable, spread imported water in the Main Basin to maintain the groundwater elevation at the Key Well above 200 feet. Under the terms of the Long Beach Judgment, any excess surface flows that pass through the Main Basin at Whittier Narrows to the Lower Area (which is then conserved in the Lower Area through percolation to groundwater storage) is credited to the Upper Area as Usable Surface Flow.

### **Main Basin - Description**

The Main San Gabriel Basin is located within the San Gabriel Valley, which is located in southeastern Los Angeles County and is bounded on the north by the San Gabriel Mountains; on the west by the San Rafael and Merced Hills, on the south by the Puente Hills and the San Jose Hills, and on the east by a low divide between the San Gabriel River system and the Upper Santa Ana River system, as shown on Figure 4.

The San Gabriel River and its distributary, the Rio Hondo, drain an area of about 490 square miles upstream of Whittier Narrows. Whittier Narrows is a low gap between the Merced and Puente Hills, just northwest of the City of Whittier, through which the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo flow to the coastal plain of Los Angeles County. Whittier Narrows is a natural topographic divide and a subsurface restriction to the movement of groundwater between the Main Basin and the Coastal Plain. The approximately 490 square miles of drainage area upstream of Whittier Narrows consists of about 167 square miles of valley lands and about 323 square miles of mountains and foothills.

The Main Basin includes essentially the entire valley floor of the San Gabriel Valley with the exception of the Raymond Basin and Puente Basin. The boundaries of the Main Basin are the Raymond Basin on the northwest, the base of the San Gabriel Mountains



on the north, the groundwater divide between San Dimas and La Verne and the lower boundary of the Puente Basin on the east, and the common boundaries between Upper District and Central District through Whittier Narrows on the southwest. The common water supply of the Main Basin does not include the Raymond Basin, the area northerly of Raymond Hill Fault, which was adjudicated in the Pasadena v. Alhambra case (Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, 1944). The Puente Basin, although tributary to the Main Basin, is not included in the Main Basin administered by the Main Basin Watermaster.

The Main Basin (administered by the Main Basin Watermaster) is a large groundwater basin replenished by stream runoff from the adjacent mountains and hills, by rainfall directly on the surface of the valley floor, subsurface inflow from Raymond Basin and Puente Basin, and by return flow from water applied for overlying uses. Additionally, the Main Basin is replenished with imported water. The Main Basin serves as a natural storage reservoir, transmission system and filtering medium for wells constructed therein.

There are three municipal wholesale water districts overlying and/or partially overlying the Main Basin. The three districts are Upper District, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD).

Urbanization of the San Gabriel Valley began in the early part of the twentieth century, but until the 1940s, agricultural land use occupied more area than residential and commercial land use. After World War II, agricultural areas reduced rapidly and tend to be located in the easterly portion of the Main Basin and along power transmission rights of way adjacent to the San Gabriel River. Agricultural plots are discontinuous and relatively small. There are several major industrial areas adjacent to the San Gabriel River and within other portions of the valley. The greatest area of land use in the valley is for residential and commercial purposes. DWR Bulletin 118 does not identify the Main Basin as being in overdraft.



### Main Basin - Geology

The Main Basin consists of a roughly bowl-shaped depression of bedrock, filled over millions of years with alluvial deposits. This bowl-shaped depression is relatively deep; the elevation at the base of the groundwater reservoir declines from about 800 feet above mean sea level (MSL) in the vicinity of San Dimas, at the northeast corner of the Main Basin, to about 2,200 feet below MSL in the vicinity of South El Monte (DWR, 1966, Plate II).

Most of the alluvium deposited within this depression is debris from the San Gabriel Mountains, washed and blown down from the side of the mountains over time. This process has also resulted in the materials of the Main Basin varying in size from relatively coarse gravel nearer the mountains to fine and medium-grained sand containing silt and clay as the distance from the mountains increases. The principal water-bearing formations of the Main Basin are unconsolidated and semi-consolidated sediments, which vary in size from coarse gravel to fine-grained sands. The interstices between these alluvial particles throughout the Main Basin fill with water and transmit water readily to wells. The thickness of the water-bearing materials in the Main Basin ranges from 200 to 300 feet in the northeastern portion of the Main Basin near the mountains (DPW, 1934, page 141) to nearly 4,000 feet in the South El Monte area (DWR, 1966, page 31).

The soils overlying the Main Basin average about six feet in depth. Soil depths are generally greater at the perimeter of the valley and decrease toward the center along the San Gabriel River. These soils are residual, formed in place through chemical, mechanical and plant weathering processes. The infiltration rates of these soils are greater along the natural channels and their adjacent flood plains. Lower infiltration rates are found in the perimeter areas of the valley. Since the valley is mostly urbanized, a significant portion of the area has been paved and many miles of stream channel have been lined for flood control purposes, thus decreasing infiltration of water through streambeds. Detailed basin geology is discussed in the report entitled "Planned



Utilization of Ground Water Basins, San Gabriel Valley, Appendix A: Geo-hydrology” (DWR, 1966).

### Main Basin - Hydrology

The total fresh water storage capacity of the Main Basin is estimated to be about 9.5 million acre-feet. Of that, about 1,100,000 acre-feet have been used historically in Main Basin operations. The change in groundwater elevation at the Baldwin Park Key Well<sup>6</sup> Key Well (Key Well) is representative of changes in groundwater in the Main Basin. One foot of elevation change at the Key Well is roughly the equivalent of about 8,000 acre-feet of water storage. The historical high groundwater elevation was recorded at over 329.1 feet in April 1916, at which time Main Basin storage was estimated to be about 8,700,000 acre-feet. The historical low was recorded in November 2018 at 169.4 feet, at which time Main Basin storage was estimated to be about 7,400,000 acre-feet. The Key Well hydrograph illustrates the cyclic nature of basin recharge and depletion. The hydrograph also illustrates the dramatic recharge capability of the Main Basin during wet periods.

Generally, water movement in the Main Basin is from the San Gabriel Mountains on the north to Whittier Narrows to the southwest. Groundwater movement in the northern and northeastern regions of the Main Basin is affected by faulting. For example, the Raymond Fault located in the northwesterly portion of the Main Basin separates the Raymond Basin from the Main Basin.

The Main Basin is an unconfined aquifer. Although clay deposits appear mixed with the soils in several locations in the Main Basin and there are various clay lenses throughout the Main Basin, they do not coalesce to form a single impermeable barrier for the

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<sup>6</sup> The Baldwin Key Well is a water-level monitoring well located in the City of Baldwin Park used to determine when imported water may or may not be spread in the Basin.



movement of subsurface water. The Main Basin therefore operates as a single, unconfined aquifer. As previously mentioned, a thorough discussion of basin hydrogeology is contained in the report “Planned Utilization of Ground Water Basins, San Gabriel Valley, Appendix A: Geo-hydrology” (DWR, 1966).

Within the Main Basin there are a number of identified sub-basins. These include the Upper San Gabriel Canyon Basin, Lower San Gabriel Canyon Basin, Glendora Basin, Foothill Basin, Way Hill Basin and San Dimas Basin. In addition, the Puente Basin is tributary to the Main Basin from the southeast, between the San Jose and Puente Hills, but is not included in the Main Basin adjudication.

### Main Basin – Groundwater Replenishment

The major sources of recharge to the Main Basin are direct penetration of rainfall on the valley floor, percolation of runoff from the mountains, percolation of imported water and return flow from applied water. Rainfall occurs predominantly in the winter months and is more intense at higher elevations and closer to the San Gabriel Mountains.

The magnitude of annual recharge from direct penetration of local rainfall and return flow from applied water is not easily quantifiable. Percolation of runoff from the mountains and valley floor along with percolation of imported water has only been estimated. The DPW maintains records on the amount of local and imported water conserved in water spreading facilities and stream channels.

The San Gabriel River bisects the Main Basin. The San Gabriel River originates at the confluence of its west and east forks in the San Gabriel Mountains. It flows through the San Gabriel Canyon and enters the Main Basin at the mouth of the canyon north of the City of Azusa. The San Gabriel River flows southwesterly across the valley to Whittier Narrows, a distance of about 15 miles. It exits San Gabriel Valley at Whittier Narrows,





and transverses the Coastal Plain in a southerly direction to reach the Pacific Ocean at Alamitos Bay near the City of Long Beach.

The San Gabriel River is joined and fed by tributary creeks and washes. In the Main Basin these include: Big Dalton Wash, which originates in the San Gabriel Mountains; Walnut Creek, which originates at the northeast end of the San Jose Hills; and San Jose Creek, which originates in the San Gabriel Mountains, but which travels around the southerly side of the San Jose Hills through the Puente Narrows before joining the San Gabriel River just above Whittier Narrows.

The channel of the San Gabriel River bifurcates in the upper middle portion of the Main Basin, forming a channel to the west of and parallel to the San Gabriel River, known as the Rio Hondo. Tributaries draining the westerly portion of the Main Basin, including Sawpit Wash, Santa Anita Wash, Eaton Canyon Wash, Rubio Wash and Alhambra Wash, all of which originate in the San Gabriel Mountains or the foothills, feed the Rio Hondo. The Santa Anita Wash, Eaton Canyon Wash, Rubio Wash and Alhambra Wash all cross the Raymond Basin area before entering the Main Basin. The channel of the Rio Hondo passes through Whittier Narrows westerly of the San Gabriel River, and then flows southwesterly to join the Los Angeles River on the Coastal Plain.

To protect residents of the San Gabriel Valley from flooding that can result during periods of intensive rainfall, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps of Engineers) have constructed an extensive system of dams, debris basins, reservoirs and flood control channels. The dams and reservoirs also operate as water conservation facilities. The dams and reservoirs that control the flow of the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo include: Cogswell Reservoir on the west fork of the San Gabriel River, San Gabriel Reservoir at the confluence of the west and east forks of the San Gabriel River, Morris Reservoir near the mouth of the San Gabriel Canyon, Santa Fe Reservoir in the northerly portion of the Main Basin and Whittier Narrows Reservoir at the southwestern end of the San Gabriel Valley.



Many of the stream channels tributary to the San Gabriel River have been improved with concrete banks (walls) and concrete-lined bottoms. These stream channel improvements have significantly reduced the area of previous stream channels and reduce Main Basin recharge. A number of off-stream groundwater replenishment facilities have been established along these stream channels to offset such reductions in recharge. Some of these facilities are accessible to imported water supplies, while some facilities receive only local runoff.

The paths of the surface streams are mirrored in the soils and in the direction of groundwater movement in the Main Basin. The tributary creeks and washes, carrying smaller amounts of water, generally flow toward the center of the San Gabriel Valley, while the direction of flow of the major streams, the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo, is from the mountains in the north to Whittier Narrows in the southwest. In similar fashion, the primary direction of groundwater movement in the Main Basin is from the north to the southwest, with contributing movement generally from the east and west toward the center of the Main Basin. The greatest infiltration and transmissivity rates of soils in the Main Basin are from north to south, with the maximum rates found in the center of the valley along the stream channels. Generally, the Main Basin directs groundwater to the southwest through Whittier Narrows.

The Main San Gabriel Basin has a freshwater storage capacity of about 8.7 million acre-feet when the Key Well groundwater elevation is at 329.1 feet, of which about 125 feet of elevation change, or about 1,000,000 acre-feet, has been used for historical Basin operations. Local runoff is stored in a series of reservoirs operated by DPW and diverted into spreading grounds to replenish the groundwater supply. Groundwater recharge occurs every year and is exhibited as increasing water levels. High rainfall years can be identified as increases in the groundwater level of 30 feet or more in one year.



In addition to groundwater replenishment with local storm runoff, the Watermaster maintains records of each producer's water rights and annual production. Although there is no limit on the quantity of water that may be produced, production in excess of a water right is subject to a Replacement Water assessment. Watermaster uses funds collected from producers' overproduction to purchase imported water from municipal water districts. Upper District and TVMWD obtain their water from MWD. SGVMWD has its own contract for SWP water. Watermaster coordinates purchase and delivery of imported water to replenish the ground water basin, thus offsetting the producers' overproduction and making the Basin whole.

### Groundwater Management Plan

The Main Basin has been adjudicated and management of the local water resources within the Main Basin is based on that adjudication. Management of the water resources in the Main Basin is based upon Watermaster services under two Court Judgments: San Gabriel River Watermaster (River Watermaster)<sup>7</sup> and (Main Basin Watermaster)<sup>8</sup>. The City is a party to the Main Basin Judgment.

The following sections provide a description of the two Judgments and the Five Year Water Quality and Supply Plan that make up the groundwater management plan for the Main Basin. In addition, this section describes SGVMWD's and San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority's (WQA) policies to promote groundwater basin clean-up.

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<sup>7</sup> Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, et al., v. San Gabriel Valley Water Company, et al., Los Angeles County Case No. 722647, Judgment entered September 24, 1965.

<sup>8</sup> Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District v. City of Alhambra, et al., Los Angeles County Case No. 924128, Judgment entered January 4, 1973.



### Operations of the Groundwater Basin

Through the Long Beach Judgment and the Main Basin Judgment, operations of the Main Basin are optimized to conserve local water to meet the needs of the parties of the Main Basin Judgment.

Typically, water producers within San Gabriel District rely upon groundwater from Main Basin for their water supply. The City of Alhambra has agreed to receive treated, imported water as part of the Cooperative Water Exchange Agreement (CWEA) to reduce the groundwater extractions from the western portion of the Main Basin and the associated drawdown concerns.

Imported water for groundwater replenishment is delivered through the flood control channels and diverted and spread at spreading grounds through Main Basin Watermaster's agreement with DPW. Groundwater replenishment utilizes imported water and is considered Replacement Water under the terms of the Main Basin Judgment. In addition, it can be stored in the Main Basin through Cyclic Storage agreements, authorized by terms of the Main Basin Judgment, but such stored water may be used only to supply Supplemental Water to the Main Basin Watermaster.

The Main Basin Watermaster has entered into a Cyclic Storage Agreement with each of the three municipal water districts. One is with MWD and Upper District, which permits MWD to deliver and store imported water in the Main Basin in an amount not to exceed 200,000 acre-feet for future Replacement Water use. The second Cyclic Storage Agreement is with TVMWD and permits TVMWD to deliver and store up to 50,000 acre-feet for future Replacement Water use. The third is with SGVMWD and permits SGVMWD to deliver and store up to 50,000 acre-feet for future Replacement Water use.

Imported Makeup Water has been delivered to lined stream channels and conveyed to the Lower Area. Makeup Water is required to be delivered to the Lower Area by the



Upper Area when the Lower Area entitlement under the Long Beach Judgment exceeds the usable water received by the Lower Area. Imported water is used to fulfill the Makeup Water Obligation when the amount of Makeup Water cannot be fulfilled by reimbursing the Lower Area interests for their purchase of recycled water. The amount of recycled water for which reimbursement may be made as a delivery of Makeup Water is limited by the terms of the Long Beach Judgment to the annual deficiency in Lower Area Entitlement water or to 14,735 acre-feet, whichever is the lesser quantity.

### Salt and Nutrient Management Plan

On February 9, 2009, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2009-0011 that created the "Recycled Water Policy". The Recycled Water Policy recognized that "...collapse of the Bay Delta ecosystem, climate change, and continuing population growth have combined with a severe drought on the Colorado River, and failing levees in the Delta, to create a new reality that challenges California's ability to provide the clean water need for a healthy environment, a healthy population and a healthy economy, both now and in the future." The Recycled Water Policy encourages appropriate water recycling, water conservation and use of stormwater to increase water supplies within California.

The primary goal of the San Gabriel Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) is to assist the Main Basin Watermaster and participating/potential stakeholders to comply with the Recycled Water Policy regarding the use of the recycled water from municipal wastewater treatment facilities as a safe source of water supply, while maintaining the water quality objectives for salt and nutrients in the Basin Plan established by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The primary objective of the SNMP is to comply with the specific requirements described in the Recycled Water Policy. They include:

- 1) Characterization of the Main Basin,



- 2) Identification of sources of salt, nutrients, and constituents of emerging concern (CECs) (when deemed necessary by the Recycled Water Policy) and their fate and transport,
- 3) Estimation of salt, nutrients, and CECs (if necessary) loadings and assimilative capacities,
- 4) Identification of water recycling and stormwater recharge/use goals and objectives,
- 5) Verification of compliance with Resolution No. 68-16 through antidegradation analyses, and
- 6) Development of a monitoring plan to verify compliance with the Basin water quality objectives.

The SNMP reviewed the geology, hydrology and hydrogeology of the San Gabriel Basin, along with the institutional and management structure for the San Gabriel Basin. Total dissolved solids (TDS), Nitrate, Sulfate, and Chloride were identified as the primary constituents of concern. Sources of loading (precipitation, subsurface inflow, infiltration of applied water, storm runoff and untreated imported water replenishment) and unloading (groundwater pumping and subsurface outflow) were included in a spreadsheet computer model, along with average water quality data for TDS, Nitrate, Sulfate, and Chloride, on an annual basis.

The SNMP proposed to use the Main Basin Watermaster's existing Title 22 water quality monitoring program for groundwater and San Gabriel River water, with increased frequencies of monitoring for Total Dissolved Solids and nitrate, to satisfy the monitoring plan requirement of the SNMP. The following are recommendations for on-going salt and nutrient management in the San Gabriel Basin:

- Regularly update the SNMP spreadsheet data so that impacts of potential future projects on salt and nutrient loading may be evaluated.
- Continue to collect water quality data throughout the San Gabriel Basin.



- Continue to meet with stakeholders on a regular basis to coordinate San Gabriel Basin management activities with an emphasis on stormwater runoff replenishment and continued use of SWP water for groundwater replenishment

### In-Lieu Program

During calendar year 2014, the ability to deliver Supplemental Water (State Water Project (SWP) water and Colorado River water) to replenish the Basin was severely limited. Consequently, during fiscal year 2014-15, Main Basin Watermaster developed and implemented a program to have Producers purchase additional treated imported water for direct delivery in-lieu of pumping groundwater (In-Lieu Program), in an effort to reduce the amount of groundwater pumped from the Basin. The Main Basin Watermaster uses the In-Lieu Assessment on all production to fund the additional direct cost incurred by a producer participating in the In-Lieu Program. Main Basin Watermaster has implemented this program during fiscal year 2014-15 and 2015-16.

### Supplemental Water Reliability Storage Program (RDA)

The 2012 Main Basin Judgment Amendments provided the Main Basin Watermaster with increased management flexibility and adaptability; and provided more discretion in making Basin management decisions. A key component of the Judgment Amendments was the new Water Resource Development Assessment to be levied on all production. The Supplemental Water Reliability Storage Program (RDA) provides a process for the Main Basin Watermaster to generate funds to purchase and store Supplemental Water in the Basin to be used (applied) when there are limitations on the availability of Supplemental Water from the Responsible Agencies. As a result of the severe long-term drought conditions resulting in significant reductions on the quantity of local water replenishment to the Basin, the Main Basin Watermaster expanded RDA into the Supplemental Water Stormwater Augmentation Program (RDA II) described below.



### Supplemental Water Stormwater Augmentation Program

The Water Resource Development Assessment for Stormwater Augmentation Program was developed by the Main Basin Watermaster to help manage Basin water supplies under the perceived “worst case” hydrologic conditions, which was assumed to be two additional consecutive 5-year droughts, using the same hydrologic conditions as the recent FY 2011-12 through 2015-16 severe drought. Based upon ten (10) additional consecutive years of drought, the new RDA II Program is intended to purchase imported replenishment water (when available), for stormwater augmentation, to maintain the Baldwin Park Key Well elevation above 180 feet by the end of the tenth year. This Key Well elevation essentially ensures continued Basin water supply to the Basin Producers under a worst case, 15-year sustained drought. The RDA II Program has an assessment of \$140/AF on all FY 2019-20 production and is planned to increase to \$175/AF on all FY 2020-21 production. The Main Basin Watermaster will use the RDA II funds to purchase untreated imported water to replenish the Main Basin for the “general benefit” of all Producers within the Main Basin. Unlike the original RDA (Supplemental Water Replenishment Storage Program), which is a Watermaster pre-purchase of Replacement Water, the RDA II untreated imported water will supplement local stormwater replenishment, enhance overall Basin conditions, and have “no right of recovery” using a water right, by any Main Basin producer.

### Three Year Purchased Water Plan

On June 21, 2012, the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles (Court) approved certain proposed Judgment amendments. Some of these Judgment amendments help Main Basin Watermaster address Supplemental Water supply concerns. One of the amendments, Exhibit H(3)(d), requires that “...on or before November 1 of each year, Main Basin Watermaster shall prepare and distribute to the Responsible Agencies a three-year projection of its Supplemental Water purchases from





each agency. Main Basin Watermaster shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate the tentative schedule for delivery and payment of those purchases with each agency.”

Judgment Amendment, Section 45(b)(7), allows Main Basin Watermaster to “...levy an Assessment on all Pumping, as determined through Rules and Regulations ... to support the purchase, financing, and/or development of new or additional Supplemental Water sources, in cooperation with one or more Responsible Agencies as appropriate.” Section 45(b)(7) established the “Water Resource Development Assessment” for the purchase or development of additional Supplemental Water supplies. Based on these Judgment amendments, Main Basin Watermaster also amended its Rules and Regulations to include a policy/criteria to develop the “Three-Year Purchased Water Plan” (Three-Year Plan). Under Section 26(d)(5) of the Rules and Regulations, the first priority for spreading of Supplemental Water is “...Supplemental Water ordered by Watermaster from Responsible Agencies for direct delivery to the Basin as Replacement Water...”. Recognizing many Producers currently pre-purchase Supplemental Water for delivery into their Cyclic Storage accounts, those pre-purchases are considered to have the same priority as Replacement Water.

Exhibit M of Main Basin Watermaster’s amended Rules and Regulations<sup>9</sup> -provides the policy/criteria for the “Three-year Purchased Water Plan,” and requires Main Basin Watermaster to estimate Supplemental Water purchases from the Responsible Agencies for each of the three subsequent years. The policy/criteria indicate estimated Supplemental Water purchases may be based on the following:

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.watermaster.org/about-us> (Rules and Regulations)



- 1) *The first year shall be, at a minimum, the total Replacement Water requirement for the three Responsible Agencies (Upper District, San Gabriel District, and Three Valleys.*
- 2) *The second and third years may be estimated as follows:*
  - a) *Operating Safe Yield (OSY) established by Watermaster for the current fiscal year and next succeeding years;*
  - b) *Alternative projections of the OSY;*
  - c) *Evaluation of potential wet, average, and dry hydrologic conditions;*
  - d) *Future groundwater production provided by or estimated for each producer; and*
  - e) *Depending on Basin conditions, Watermaster may consider additional factors as necessary.*

### Five-Year Water Quality and Supply Plan

The Main Basin Watermaster was created in 1973 to resolve water issues that had arisen among water users in the San Gabriel Valley. Main Basin Watermaster's mission was to generally manage the water supply of the Main Basin. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, significant groundwater contamination was discovered in the Main Basin. The contamination was caused in part by past practices of local industries that had carelessly disposed of industrial solvents referred to as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) as well as by agricultural operations that infiltrated nitrates into the groundwater. Cleanup efforts were undertaken at the local, state, and federal level.

Local water agencies adopted a joint resolution in 1989 regarding water quality issues that stated Main Basin Watermaster should coordinate local activities aimed at preserving and restoring the quality of groundwater in the Main Basin. The joint resolution also called for a cleanup plan. In 1991, the Court granted Main Basin Watermaster the authority to control pumping for water quality purposes. Accordingly, Main Basin Watermaster added Section 28 to its Rules and Regulations regarding water quality management. The new



responsibilities included development of a Five-Year Water Quality and Supply Plan<sup>10</sup>, updating it annually, submitting it to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, and making it available for public review by November 1 of each year.

Main Basin Watermaster prepares and annually updates the Five-Year Water Quality and Supply Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Section 28 Rules and Regulations. The objective is to coordinate groundwater-related activities so that both water supply and water quality in the Main Basin are protected and improved. Many important issues are detailed in the Five-Year Plan, including how Main Basin Watermaster plans to:

1. Monitor groundwater supply and quality;
2. Develop projections of future groundwater supply and quality;
3. Ensure adequate supplemental water is available for groundwater replenishment;
4. Review and cooperate on cleanup projects, and provide technical assistance to other agencies;
5. Assure that pumping does not lead to further degradation of water quality in the Basin;
6. Address Perchlorate, N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), and other emerging contaminants in the Basin;
7. Develop a cleanup and water supply program consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) plans for its San Gabriel Basin Superfund sites; and
8. Coordinate and manage the design, permitting, construction, and performance evaluation of the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) cleanup and water supply plan.

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.watermaster.org/reports>



The Main Basin Watermaster has worked with state and federal regulators, along with local water companies to clean up water supplies. Section 28 of the Main Basin Watermaster's Rules and Regulations require all producers (including the City) to submit an application to 1) construct a new well, 2) modify an existing well, 3) destroy a well, or 4) construct a treatment facility. The Main Basin Watermaster prepares a report on the implications of the proposed activity. As a party to the Main Basin Judgment, the City reviews a copy of these reports and is provided the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed activity before the Main Basin Watermaster Board takes final action.

### Water Quality Authority 406 Plan

The WQA was established by the State Legislature on February 11, 1993 to develop, finance and implement groundwater treatment programs in the Main Basin. Section 406 of the WQA Act requires the WQA "to develop and adopt a basinwide groundwater quality management and remediation plan" that is required to be consistent with the EPA's National Contingency Plan ("NCP") and Records of Decision ("ROD") and all requirement of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ("LARWQCB"). According to the WQA Act, the Section 406 Plan, which is incorporated in this Plan by reference, must include:

- 1) Characterization of Basin contamination;
- 2) A comprehensive cleanup plan;
- 3) Strategies for financing the design, construction, operation and maintenance of groundwater cleanup facilities;
- 4) Provision for a public information program; and
- 5) Coordination of activities with federal, state, and local entities.

WQA reviews and adopts the Section 406 Plan on an annual basis and as necessary, makes revisions according to changing regulatory, political and/or funding environments.



In support of the Section 406 Plan, WQA also adopts an annual FY budget (July 1 through June 30) which includes all projects (actual or planned) WQA is facilitating through its participation during that time period. The budget identifies the various funding sources, and combinations thereof, to ensure full funding for each project (capital and/or O&M) can be achieved.

### **Main Basin – Historical and Projected Basin Production**

The City is a party to the Main Basin Judgment but historically did not have wells in the Main Basin. However, the City has proposed constructing a new well jointly with the City of Arcadia. Under the Main Basin Adjudication, the City does not have pumping rights but can pump from the Main Basin. Although there is no limit on the quantity of water that may be extracted by Parties to the Main Basin Adjudication, including the City, groundwater production in excess of a Party's water right, or its proportional share (pumper's share) of the Operating Safe Yield, requires purchase of untreated imported water to recharge the Main Basin. The City plans to obtain groundwater produced from the Main Basin, and delivered through an inter-connecting pipeline with the City of Arcadia. If the City obtains any water from the Main Basin, replacement water may be purchased from SGVMWD to recharge the Main Basin. Any water pumped from Main Basin wells on behalf of the City will be counted toward the City. Over the past five years, the City has not obtained any groundwater from the Main Basin (through the City of Arcadia). The City's projected production from the Main Basin, over the next 25 years in five-year increments, is provided in Table 6-9.

As discussed above, the Main Basin is managed by the Main Basin Watermaster. The most recent amendments to the Main Basin Judgment were made in June 2012. Historical fluctuation of the Key Well elevation illustrates that since the Main Basin was adjudicated in 1973, it generally operated between an elevation 250 feet and 200 feet above MSL. Furthermore, at an elevation of 169 feet above MSL at the Key Well, which represents the historical low, the Main Basin has about 7,400,000 acre-feet of available



storage. During the period of management under the Judgment, significant drought events have occurred from 1969 to 1977, 1983 to 1991, 1998 to 2004, 2006 to 2009, and 2011 to 2015. In each drought cycle the Main Basin has been managed to maintain water levels.

**Table 6-1 Groundwater Volume Pumped**

Submittal Table 6-1 Retail: Groundwater Volume Pumped						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplier does not pump groundwater. The supplier will not complete the table below.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	All or part of the groundwater described below is desalinated.					
Groundwater Type <i>Drop Down List</i> <i>May use each category multiple times</i>	Location or Basin Name	2016*	2017*	2018*	2019*	2020*
<i>Add additional rows as needed</i>						
Alluvial Basin	Raymond Basin	1,023	1,979	2,235	2,211	2,387
Fractured Rock	West Tunnel	5	4	7	9	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		1,028	1,983	2,242	2,220	2,392
* Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.						
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### 6.2.3 SURFACE WATER

The City does not use surface water supplies to meet its water demands.

### 6.2.4 STORMWATER

The City does not directly use stormwater to meet its water demands.



## 6.2.5 WASTEWATER AND RECYCLED WATER

### CWC 10633.

*The plan shall provide, to the extent available, information on recycled water and its potential for use as a water source in the service area of the urban water supplier. The preparation of the plan shall be coordinated with local water, wastewater, groundwater, and planning agencies that operate within the supplier's service area, and shall include all of the following:*

*(a) A description of the wastewater collection and treatment systems in the supplier's service area, including a quantification of the amount of wastewater collected and treated and the methods of wastewater disposal.*

*(b) A description of the quantity of treated wastewater that meets recycled water standards, is being discharged, and is otherwise available for use in a recycled water project.*

*(c) A description of the recycled water currently being used in the supplier's service area, including, but not limited to, the type, place, and quantity of use.*

*(d) A description and quantification of the potential uses of recycled water, including, but not limited to, agricultural irrigation, landscape irrigation, wildlife habitat enhancement, wetlands, industrial reuse, potable reuse, and other appropriate uses, and a determination with regard to the technical and economic feasibility of serving those uses.*

*(e) The projected use of recycled water within the supplier's service area at the end of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years, and a description of the actual use of recycled water in comparison to uses previously projected pursuant to this subdivision.*

*(f) A description of actions, including financial incentives, which may be taken to encourage the use of recycled water, and the projected results of these actions in terms of acre-feet of recycled water used per year.*

*(g) A plan for optimizing the use of recycled water in the supplier's service area, including actions to facilitate the installation of dual distribution systems, to promote recirculating uses, to facilitate the increased use of treated wastewater that meets recycled water standards, and to overcome any obstacles to achieving that increased use.*

Discussion of wastewater collection, treatment, and recycled water use is included in this chapter. Municipal recycled water is municipal wastewater that has been treated at a municipal wastewater facility in a manner specified by the SWRCB-DDW to a specified quality to enable it to be used again for a beneficial purpose. Municipal wastewater must meet two requirements; it must be reused beneficially pursuant to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations and it must be reused in accordance with a Regional Water Quality



Control Board permit. Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations defines beneficial reuse of recycled water as “...the use of recycled water that has been transported from the point of treatment or production to the point of use without an intervening discharge to water of the State....”

The City currently does not have access to recycled water supplies due to the lack of infrastructure to convey recycled water to the City. Subject to availability of recycled water, the City would have to construct transmission and distribution facilities to deliver recycled water to customers within its service area. Additional information regarding the potential use of recycled water is provided below.

### 6.2.5.1 RECYCLED WATER COORDINATION

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#### CWC 10633.

*The plan shall provide, to the extent available, information on recycled water and its potential for use as a water source in the service area of the urban water supplier. The preparation of the plan shall be coordinated with local water, wastewater, groundwater, and planning agencies that operate within the supplier's service area...*

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The City's 2020 UWMP was prepared in coordination with local water, wastewater, groundwater, and planning agencies within its service area to analyze the current and projected wastewater supply for collection, treatment, disposal, and distribution. The City does not have access to recycled water due to the lack of infrastructure to convey recycled water supplies to the City. However, the City has coordinated the potential for deliveries of recycled water to the City's service area with SGVMWD. In addition, SGVMWD prepared the “*San Gabriel Valley Regional Recycled Water Supply Program Feasibility Study*”, dated December 2017, which estimated the potential volumes of recycled water which could be supplied to the City, and the necessary infrastructure which would need to be developed. The Feasibility Study identified the potential for using recycled water within the City's service area for groundwater replenishment purposes.





However, the potential recycled water spreading project would require the construction of a membrane bioreactor scalping plant and conveyance pipelines which would be cost prohibitive.

### 6.2.5.2 WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL

#### CWC 10633.

*(a) A description of the wastewater collection and treatment systems in the supplier's service area, including a quantification of the amount of wastewater collected and treated and the methods of wastewater disposal.*

Wastewater generated by the City is treated by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD). Wastewater is collected within the City's local sewer collection system. The City's local sewers tie into one of LACSD's regional trunk sewers. The regional trunk sewer lines deliver wastewater to one or more water reclamation plants owned by LACSD for treatment. The water reclamation plants are not located within the City's service area. The water reclamation plants serving the City include the Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant (WNWRP) and the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP); however, the percentage breakdown between these two plants in treating the City's wastewater is unknown (although a majority of the wastewater from the City is treated at the WNWRP). LACSD estimates approximately 69 gallons per person per day of wastewater is generated within LACSD's service area. Based on a 2020 population of 10,731 within the City, the estimated amount of wastewater collected by the City is approximately 0.7 million gallons per day (about 830 AFY), as shown in Table 6-2. As indicated previously, and in Table 6-3, wastewater is not treated or disposed within the City's service area.

The Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant, which began operation in 1962, was the first reclamation plant built by the LACSD. It has a treatment capacity of about 15 MGD



and provides coagulated, filtered and disinfected tertiary effluent. The method of disposal when treated recycled water that is not used (non-recycled) is discharge to the San Gabriel River/Rio Hondo and eventually flows to the ocean.

LACSD's JWPCP, which began operation in 1928, currently has a treatment capacity of about 300 MGD. The treatment level is primary and secondary treatment with disinfection. The JWPCP plant serves a population of approximately 3.5 million people. Solids collected in primary and secondary treatment are processed in anaerobic digestion tanks where bacteria break down organic material and produce methane gas. Treated wastewater is ultimately disinfected prior to being discharged to the Pacific Ocean. All water discharged to the ocean is monitored to ensure compliance with applicable local, state, and federal standards for discharge water.



**Table 6-2 Wastewater Collected Within Area in 2020**

Submittal Table 6-2 Retail: Wastewater Collected Within Service Area in 2020						
<input type="checkbox"/>		There is no wastewater collection system. The supplier will not complete the table below.				
		Percentage of 2020 service area covered by wastewater collection system <i>(optional)</i>				
		Percentage of 2020 service area population covered by wastewater collection system <i>(optional)</i>				
Wastewater Collection			Recipient of Collected Wastewater			
Name of Wastewater Collection Agency	Wastewater Volume Metered or Estimated? <i>Drop Down List</i>	Volume of Wastewater Collected from UWMP Service Area 2020 *	Name of Wastewater Treatment Agency Receiving Collected Wastewater	Treatment Plant Name	Is WWTP Located Within UWMP Area? <i>Drop Down List</i>	Is WWTP Operation Contracted to a Third Party? <i>(optional)</i> <i>Drop Down List</i>
City of Sierra Madre	Estimated	830	Los Angeles County Sanitation District	SJCWRP and WNWRP	No	
<b>Total Wastewater Collected from Service Area in 2020:</b>		830				
<b>* Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3 .</b>						
NOTES: Years provided are on a fiscal year basis (e.g. "2020" is equivalent to fiscal year 2019-20)						



**Table 6-3 Wastewater Treatment and Discharge within Service Area in 2020**

Submittal Table 6-3 Retail: Wastewater Treatment and Discharge Within Service Area in 2020											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No wastewater is treated or disposed of within the UWMP service area. The supplier will not complete the table below.											
Wastewater Treatment Plant Name	Discharge Location Name or Identifier	Discharge Location Description	Wastewater Discharge ID Number (optional) <sup>2</sup>	Method of Disposal <i>Drop down list</i>	Does This Plant Treat Wastewater Generated Outside the Service Area? <i>Drop down list</i>	Treatment Level <i>Drop down list</i>	2020 volumes <sup>1</sup>				
							Wastewater Treated	Discharged Treated Wastewater	Recycled Within Service Area	Recycled Outside of Service Area	Instream Flow Permit Requirement
<b>Total</b>							0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.

<sup>2</sup> If the **Wastewater Discharge ID Number** is not available to the UWMP preparer, access the SWRCB CIWQS regulated facility website at <https://ciwqs.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/readOnly/CiwqsReportServlet?inCommand=reset&reportName=RegulatedFacility>

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### 6.2.5.3 RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

#### CWC 10633.

*(c) A description of the recycled water currently being used in the supplier's service area, including, but not limited to, the type, place, and quantity of use.*

The City does not have access to recycled water due to the lack of recycled water supplies and infrastructure to convey recycled water supplies to the City. Subject to the availability of recycled water, the City would consider transmission and distribution facilities to deliver recycled water to customers within its service area.



#### 6.2.5.4 POTENTIAL, CURRENT, AND PROJECTED RECYCLED WATER USES

##### CWC 10633.

*(b) A description of the recycled water currently being used in the supplier's service area, including, but not limited to, the type, place, and quantity of use. A description of the quantity of treated wastewater that meets recycled water standards, is being discharged, and is otherwise available for use in a recycled water project.*

*(d) A description and quantification of the potential uses of recycled water, including, but not limited to, agricultural irrigation, landscape irrigation, wildlife habitat enhancement, wetlands, industrial reuse, groundwater recharge, indirect potable reuse, and other appropriate uses, and a determination with regard to the technical and economic feasibility of serving those uses.*

*(e) The projected use of recycled water within the supplier's service area at the end of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years, and a description of the actual use of recycled water in comparison to uses previously projected pursuant to this subdivision.*

Although the City has identified potential uses for recycled water, the City does not anticipate it will have access to recycled water supplies over the next 25 years due to the lack of infrastructure to convey recycled water to the City. Therefore, Table 6-4 and Table 6-5 are intentionally blank. The largest potential use of recycled water in the City would be for groundwater recharge. As discussed above, SGVMWD prepared the “*San Gabriel Valley Regional Recycled Water Supply Program Feasibility Study*”, dated December 2017, which estimated the potential volumes of recycled water which could be supplied to the City, and the necessary infrastructure which would need to be developed. The Feasibility Study identified the potential for using recycled water within the City's service area for groundwater replenishment purposes. However, the potential recycled water spreading project would require the construction of a membrane bioreactor scalping plant and conveyance pipelines which would be cost prohibitive.



**Table 6-4 Current and Projected Recycled Water Direct Beneficial Uses Within Service Area**

Submittal Table 6-4 Retail: Recycled Water Direct Beneficial Uses Within Service Area											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recycled water is not used and is not planned for use within the service area of the supplier. The supplier will not complete the table below.										
Name of Supplier Producing (Treating) the Recycled Water:											
Name of Supplier Operating the Recycled Water Distribution System:											
Supplemental Water Added in 2020 (volume) <i>Include units</i>											
Source of 2020 Supplemental Water											
Beneficial Use Type <i>additional rows if needed.</i>	<i>Insert</i>	Potential Beneficial Uses of Recycled Water (Describe)	Amount of Potential Uses of Recycled Water (Quantity) <i>Include volume units <sup>1</sup></i>	General Description of 2020 Uses	Level of Treatment <i>Drop down list</i>	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2025 <sup>1</sup>	2030 <sup>1</sup>	2035 <sup>1</sup>	2040 <sup>1</sup>	2045 <sup>1</sup> (opt)
Agricultural irrigation											
Landscape irrigation (exc golf courses)											
Golf course irrigation											
Commercial use											
Industrial use											
Geothermal and other energy production											
Seawater intrusion barrier											
Recreational impoundment											
Wetlands or wildlife habitat											
Groundwater recharge (IPR)											
Reservoir water augmentation (IPR)											
Direct potable reuse											
Other (Description Required)											
Total:						0	0	0	0	0	0
2020 Internal Reuse											
<sup>1</sup> Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.											
NOTES:											



**Table 6-5 2015 Recycled Water Use Projection Compared to 2020 Actual**

Submittal Table 6-5 Retail: 2015 UWMP Recycled Water Use Projection Compared to 2020 Actual		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recycled water was not used in 2015 nor projected for use in 2020. The supplier will not complete the table below. If recycled water was not used in 2020, and was not predicted to be in 2015, then check the box and do not complete the table.	
Beneficial Use Type	2015 Projection for 2020 <sup>1</sup>	2020 Actual Use <sup>1</sup>
<i>Insert additional rows as needed.</i>		
Agricultural irrigation		
Landscape irrigation (exc golf courses)		
Golf course irrigation		
Commercial use		
Industrial use		
Geothermal and other energy production		
Seawater intrusion barrier		
Recreational impoundment		
Wetlands or wildlife habitat		
Groundwater recharge (IPR)		
Reservoir water augmentation (IPR)		
Direct potable reuse		
Other (Description Required)		
<b>Total</b>	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.		
NOTE:		



## 6.2.5.5 ACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE AND OPTIMIZE FUTURE RECYCLED WATER USE

### CWC 10633.

*The plan shall provide, to the extent available, information on recycled water and its potential for use as a water source in the service area of the urban water supplier. The preparation of the plan shall be coordinated with local water, wastewater, groundwater, and planning agencies that operate within the supplier's service area, and shall include all of the following:*

*(g) A plan for optimizing the use of recycled water in the supplier's service area, including actions to facilitate the installation of dual distribution systems, to promote recirculating uses, to facilitate the increased use of treated wastewater that meets recycled water standards, and to overcome any obstacles to achieving that increased use.*

Recycled water is not currently used within the City, and no future projects have been identified with recycled use estimates. There are currently no actions in place at the time by which the City is able to encourage the use of recycled water to their customers. Therefore, Table 6-6 is left intentionally blank.

**Table 6-6 Methods to Expand Future Recycled Water Use**

Submittal Table 6-6 Retail: Methods to Expand Future Recycled Water Use			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplier does not plan to expand recycled water use in the future. Supplier will not complete the table below but will provide narrative explanation.		
Section 6.2.5	Provide page location of narrative in UWMP		
Name of Action	Description	Planned Implementation Year	Expected Increase in Recycled Water Use *
<i>Add additional rows as needed</i>			
<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>
<i>*Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.</i>			
NOTES:			





## 6.2.6 DESALINATED WATER OPPORTUNITIES

### CWC 10631.

*(g) Describe the opportunities for development of desalinated water, including, but not limited to, ocean water, brackish water, and groundwater, as a long-term supply.*

### Raymond Basin

The City pumps groundwater from the Raymond Basin which is low in TDS and does not require desalination. The SWRCB-DDW recommended level is 500 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and water can be provided for long-term domestic use with TDS concentrations of up to 1,000 mg/L. Recent water quality data indicates the TDS values for the City's groundwater wells are less than 500 mg/L. Due to the low TDS concentration of the groundwater from the Raymond Basin, the City does not need to investigate the use of desalination as a long-term supply. However, there may be opportunities for use of desalinated ocean water as a potential water supply source in the future, through coordination with other agencies that have ocean desalination programs.

## 6.2.7 WATER EXCHANGES AND TRANSFERS

### CWC 10631.

*(c) Describe the opportunities for exchanges or transfers of water on a short-term or long-term basis.*

### 6.2.7.1 EXCHANGES

Pursuant to DWR's 2020 Final Guidebook, "Water exchanges are typically water delivered by one water user to another water user, with the receiving water user providing water in return at a specified time or when the conditions of the parties' agreement are



*met. Water exchanges can be strictly a return of water on a basis agreed upon by the participants or it can include payment and the return of water.”*

As the result of an exchange between SGVMWD and MWD, the City can purchase treated, imported water from SGVMWD through MWD. SGVMWD coordinated with MWD to construct an emergency connection in 2012 for the City to receive treated imported water which initially was delivered to the City’s distribution system. The capacity of the connection is approximately 2,500 gpm. Beginning in 2015, the City began delivering the treated imported water to the Sierra Madre Spreading Grounds for the purposes of groundwater replenishment. The imported water spread is used as a credit to supplement the City’s water production rights in the Raymond Basin. The City replenishes up to 1,500 of 2,500 AF of imported water per year.

### **6.2.7.2 TRANSFERS**

Pursuant to DWR’s 2020 Final Guidebook, *“The Water Code defines a water transfer as a temporary or long-term change in the point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use due to a transfer, sale, lease, or exchange of water or water rights.”*

As a Party to the Main Basin Judgment, the City can pump from the Main Basin. The Main Basin Judgment does not restrict the quantity of groundwater that can be produced, but provides for a Replacement Water assessment for production in excess of water rights. In addition, the City has entered into a Cyclic Storage agreement, described in Chapter 6.2.2, with the Main Basin Watermaster to store imported water in the Main Basin for a period of up to five years to be used to offset a future Replacement Water requirement.

### **6.2.7.3 EMERGENCY INTERTIES**



The City has emergency interties (or interconnections) with other water agencies that serve as short-term emergency water supplies. Emergency interconnections are distribution system interconnections between water agencies for use during critical situations where one system or the other is temporarily unable to provide sufficient potable water to meet its water demands and/or fire protection needs. An emergency interconnection will allow a water system to continue serving water during critical situations such as local water supply shortages as a result of earthquakes, fires, prolonged power outages, and droughts.

The City has the ability to receive water from interconnections with the following water agencies:

- City of Pasadena (two way)
- City of Arcadia

### 6.2.8 FUTURE WATER PROJECTS

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#### CWC 10631.

*(f) Include a description of all water supply projects and water supply programs that may be undertaken by the urban water supplier to meet the total projected water use, as established pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 10635. The urban water supplier shall include a detailed description of expected future projects and programs that the urban water supplier may implement to increase the amount of the water supply available to the urban water supplier in normal and single-dry water years and for a period of drought lasting five consecutive water years. The description shall identify specific projects and include a description of the increase in water supply that is expected to be available from each project. The description shall include an estimate with regard to the implementation timeline for each project or program.*

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The City's future water projects are primarily focused on local groundwater supplies. The following is a list of the City's future water supply projects:

#### Construction of a Main Basin Well and Transmission Pipeline



In partnership with the City of Arcadia, the City is planning to develop a new joint well project with the proposed location at the Arcadia Public Works Services Department property. This project is expected to yield over 2,000 gpm (with 1,000 gpm going to the City of Sierra Madre) from the Main Basin. The estimated total cost of this project is \$3.6 million. Construction is anticipated to begin early 2022 and is estimated to span 12 months. The City has requested assistance from SGVMWD in constructing the well and its appurtenant pipeline to the City.

### Rehabilitation of Groundwater Wells

The City rehabilitates its groundwater wells as necessary in an ongoing process to improve groundwater production. Rehabilitation will also extend the life of the wells, provide higher pumping efficiencies, and control sanding issues.



**Table 6-7 Expected Future Water Supply Projects or Programs**

Submittal Table 6-7 Retail: Expected Future Water Supply Projects or Programs						
<input type="checkbox"/>	No expected future water supply projects or programs that provide a quantifiable increase to the agency's water supply. Supplier will not complete the table below.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Some or all of the supplier's future water supply projects or programs are not compatible with this table and are described in a narrative format.					
Section 6.2.8	Provide page location of narrative in the UWMP					
Name of Future Projects or Programs	Joint Project with other suppliers?		Description (if needed)	Planned Implementation Year	Planned for Use in Year Type <i>Drop Down List</i>	Expected Increase in Water Supply to Supplier* <i>This may be a range</i>
	<i>Drop Down List (y/n)</i>	<i>If Yes, Supplier Name</i>				
<i>Add additional rows as needed</i>						
Construct Groundwater Production Well	Yes	City of Arcadia	Construction of a 2,000 gpm well in the Main Basin with up to 1,000 gpm to the City of Sierra Madre	2023	All Year Types	1,600
Rehabilitation of Water Supply Wells	No		Construction or replacement of groundwater wells	Ongoing	All Year Types	
<b>*Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.</b>						
NOTES:						



## 6.2.9 SUMMARY OF EXISTING AND PLANNED SOURCES OF WATER

### CWC 10631.

*(b) Identify and quantify, to the extent practicable, the existing and planned sources of water available to the supplier over the same five-year increments described in subdivision (a), providing supporting and related information, including all of the following...*

*(b)(2) When multiple sources of water supply are identified, a description of the management of each supply in correlation with the other identified supplies.*

*(h) An urban water supplier that relies upon a wholesale agency for a source of water shall provide the wholesale agency with water use projections from that agency for that source of water in five-year increments to 20 years or as far as data is available. The wholesale agency shall provide information to the urban water supplier for inclusion in the urban water supplier's plan that identifies and quantifies, to the extent practicable, the existing and planned sources of water as required by subdivision (b), available from the wholesale agency to the urban water supplier over the same five-year increments, and during various water-year types in accordance with subdivision (f). An urban water supplier may rely upon water supply information provided by the wholesale agency in fulfilling the plan informational requirements of subdivisions (b) and (f).*

### 6.2.9.1 DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES

As discussed in Section 6.2, the City's water supply sources consist of treated imported replenishment water purchased from SGVMWD through MWD (see Section 6.2.1), groundwater from the Raymond Basin and Main Basin (see Section 6.2.2), and local groundwater from West Tunnel (see Section 6.2.2). The actual quantities of the water supply sources available to the City during FY 2019-20 are summarized in Table 6-8. The reliable quantities of projected water supply sources available to the City in five-year increments through FY 2044-45 during normal or average years are summarized in Table 6-9. The reliability of these sources of supply are addressed in Section 7.2.3, including during normal years, single dry years, and five consecutive year droughts.

The order of use of the City's projected reliable water supplies from FY 2019-20 through FY 2044-45 in five-year increments is based on historical practices, water supply



availability, and the cost of water. It is anticipated the City will initially use groundwater produced from the Raymond Basin. The City will then use groundwater produced from the Main Basin.

### 6.2.9.2 QUANTIFICATION OF SUPPLIES

The actual quantities of the water supply sources available to the City during FY 2019-20 are summarized in Table 6-8. The reliable quantities of projected water supply sources available to the City in five-year increments through FY 2044-45 during average years are summarized in Table 6-9. The reliability of these sources of supply are addressed in Section 7.2.3, including during normal years, single dry years, and five consecutive year droughts.

The City's projected quantities of groundwater supplies from Raymond Basin are based on meeting a portion of the City's total water demands. In the near term, the City's projected quantities of treated imported water supplies and/or local surface water supplies are based on meeting the remainder of the City's demands based on historical long-term averages and available supplies during previous dry year conditions. In the future the City will produce groundwater from the Main Basin. Consequently, it is anticipated the City will have sufficient water supplies available to meet projected demands.



**Table 6-8 Water Supplies - Actual**

Submittal Table 6-8 Retail: Water Supplies — Actual				
Water Supply	Additional Detail on Water Supply	2020		
Drop down list May use each category multiple times. These are the only water supply categories that will be recognized by the WUEdata online submittal tool		Actual Volume*	Water Quality Drop Down List	Total Right or Safe Yield* (optional)
Add additional rows as needed				
Groundwater (not desalinated)	Raymond Basin	2,387	Drinking Water	
Groundwater (not desalinated)	West Tunnel	5	Drinking Water	
Total		2,392		0
*Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.				
NOTES:				

**Table 6-9 Water Supplies - Projected**

Submittal Table 6-9 Retail: Water Supplies — Projected											
Water Supply	Additional Detail on Water Supply	Projected Water Supply * Report To the Extent Practicable									
Drop down list May use each category multiple times. These are the only water supply categories that will be recognized by the WUedata online submittal tool		2025		2030		2035		2040		2045 (opt)	
		Reasonably Available Volume	Total Right or Safe Yield (optional)	Reasonably Available Volume	Total Right or Safe Yield (optional)	Reasonably Available Volume	Total Right or Safe Yield (optional)	Reasonably Available Volume	Total Right or Safe Yield (optional)	Reasonably Available Volume	Total Right or Safe Yield (optional)
		Add additional rows as needed									
Groundwater (not desalinated)	Raymond Basin	881		893		906		916		927	
Groundwater (not desalinated)	Main Basin	1,600		1,600		1,600		1,600		1,600	
Groundwater (not desalinated)	West Tunnel	6		6		6		6		6	
Total		2,487	0	2,499	0	2,512	0	2,522	0	2,533	0
*Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.											
NOTES											





## **6.2.10 SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

The City considered the issues described below when developing its planned sources of water supply.

### **6.2.10.1 CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS**

Climate change has the possibility of impacting the availability of planned water supplies, particularly during a drought period. Section 4.5 of this Plan provides a discussion regarding climate change effects on the City's various sources of supply.

### **6.2.10.2 REGULATORY CONDITIONS AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

The City has considered the implications of changing regulatory conditions and project development on the availability of planned water supplies. Section 1.4 provides a discussion the reduced reliance on imported water supplies.

### **6.2.10.3 OTHER LOCALLY APPLICABLE CRITERIA**

There are no locally applicable criteria which applies to the City.

## **6.3 SUBMITTAL TABLES COMPLETION USING THE OPTIONAL PLANNING TOOL**

As discussed in Section 4.2.5, DWR has created an optional "Planning Tool Worksheet" for water suppliers to review and assess monthly water use trends. However, DWR has deemed the tool as optional and the City is not required by DWR to use the tool. Section 6.1 provides a tabulation of the City's historical annual water uses for each water supply source. During the past 10 years, the City experienced a five consecutive year drought within its service area from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16. In addition, historical records



indicate the City's annual water demands typically have been even greater prior to FY 2011-12. The City has been able to provide sufficient water supplies to its customers, including during long-term droughts and years with historically high water demands. In addition, the City has been able to provide water service to meet maximum day water demands for these years, including during the summer months. A further discussion regarding the reliability of the City's water supply sources is provided in Chapter 7.

### 6.4 ENERGY USE

#### CWC 10631.2.

*(a) In addition to the requirements of Section 10631, an urban water management plan shall include any of the following information that the urban water supplier can readily obtain:*

- (1) An estimate of the amount of energy used to extract or divert water supplies.*
- (2) An estimate of the amount of energy used to convey water supplies to the water treatment plants or distribution systems.*
- (3) An estimate of the amount of energy used to treat water supplies.*
- (4) An estimate of the amount of energy used to distribute water supplies through its distribution systems.*
- (5) An estimate of the amount of energy used for treated water supplies in comparison to the amount used for nontreated water supplies.*
- (6) An estimate of the amount of energy used to place water into or withdraw from storage.*
- (7) Any other energy-related information the urban water supplier deems appropriate.*

"Energy intensity" is defined as the quantity of energy consumed, measured in kilowatt hours (kWh), divided by the volume of water, measured in AF for a water management process over a one-year period. The information used to calculate the estimated energy intensity associated with the City's water system is provided below. The energy intensity information is based on readily obtainable energy and water use data for the following



water management processes: 1) extraction or diversion of water supplies; 2) placement into storage; 3) conveyance to distribution; 4) treatment; and 5) water system distribution. The City has tabulated its energy intensity using readily obtainable energy consumption data obtained from monthly electricity bills from Southern California Edison (SCE) for the whole water system and the corresponding water use data obtained from available water meter readings. The City has reported the energy intensity associated with the water management processes which occur within its operational control. Because the City does not track individual energy usage for each water management process identified above, the City has estimated the energy intensity using the a “total utility approach” (i.e. sum of all water management processes). The total energy consumed was approximately 3,164,458 kWh during FY 2019-20. Although the total energy consumption reported includes electricity usage for general administration (e.g. at the City’s headquarters) which is not associated with any water management processes, the general administration energy usage is considered negligible compared to overall water system use and has not been netted out.

The total volume of water entering the potable water system was approximately 2,392 AF during FY 2019-20 and is consistent with the total volume of water provided in Table 4-1.

The total energy intensity associated with the City’s water management processes is estimated at 1,323 kWh/AF. The energy intensity data and calculations based on the “total utility approach” are provided in Table O-1B below.

The City’s water management processes do not include “consequential hydropower generation” where the energy generation is a direct consequence of water delivery (i.e. all water passing through the energy generation devices is delivered to users). The City’s water management processes do not include “non-consequential hydropower generation” where the energy generation is not a direct consequence of water delivery (i.e. energy could be generated even if no water was being delivered to water users). In addition, the City’s water management processes do not include any substantial “self-generated



energy sources” including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, co-generation, and diesel generator sources.



Table O-1B. Recommended Energy Reporting — Total Utility Approach

**Urban Water Supplier:**

City of Sierra Madre

**Water Delivery Product** (If delivering more than one type of product use Table O-1C)

Retail Potable Deliveries

Table O-1B: Recommended Energy Reporting - Total Utility Approach				
Enter Start Date for Reporting Period	7/1/2019	Urban Water Supplier Operational Control		
End Date	6/30/2020			
<input type="checkbox"/> Is upstream embedded in the values reported?		Sum of All Water Management Processes	Non-Consequential Hydropower	
Water Volume Units Used	AF	Total Utility	Hydropower	Net Utility
Volume of Water Entering Process (volume unit)		2392	0	2392
Energy Consumed (kWh)		3164458	0	3164458
Energy Intensity (kWh/volume)		1322.9	0.0	1322.9
<b>Quantity of Self-Generated Renewable Energy</b> <div>0 kWh</div>				
<b>Data Quality</b> (Estimate, Metered Data, Combination of Estimates and Metered Data) Combination of Estimates and Metered Data				
<b>Data Quality Narrative:</b> The total energy consumed was identified based on Southern California Edison (SCE) billing records. Although the total energy consumed includes electricity usage for general administration (which is not an identified water management process), general administration energy use is considered to be negligible compared to overall water system use and has not been netted out.				
<b>Narrative:</b> The total energy consumption includes energy associated with operating groundwater production wells and booster pumps to deliver water in the distribution system. Energy consumption is associated with operating groundwater water treatment. Energy consumption is also associated with plant lighting and air conditioning, and operating the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and chlorination injection pumps.				



## **CHAPTER 7**

### **WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY AND DROUGHT RISK ASSESSMENT**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 7**

#### **WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY AND DROUGHT RISK ASSESSMENT**

Chapter 7 (Water Service Reliability and Drought Risk Assessment) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- FY 2019-20 represents an “average” or “normal” water year for the City in which the total amount of rainfall was similar to the historical average rainfall.
- A “single dry” year for the City was represented in FY 2017-18, in which the total amount of rainfall was below the historical average rainfall.
- A “five consecutive year drought” period for the City is represented from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16, where the total amount of rainfall during each of these years was less than the historical average rainfall.
- The City's current and projected water supplies available during normal years in five-year increments over the next 25 years are provided (through Fiscal Year 2044-45) as shown on Table 7-2.
- The City's current and projected water supplies available during single dry years in five-year increments over the next 25 years are provided (through Fiscal Year 2044-45) as shown on Table 7-3.
- The City's current and projected water supplies available during each year of a five consecutive year drought in five-year increments over the next 25 years are provided (through Fiscal Year 2044-45) as shown on Table 7-4.
- The reliability of the City's water supply sources, including a review of water supply constraints, is provided. A single dry year or a five consecutive year drought period



will not compromise the City's ability to provide a reliable supply of water to its customers.

- A Drought Risk Assessment is provided which includes an assessment of the City's water supply reliability over a five consecutive year drought period. The City's DRA assumes a five consecutive year drought from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25 and includes a review of water supplies, water uses, and water supply reliability for each water supply source during this period. The City's water system has experienced a prior five consecutive year drought with no limitation to its collective water supplies. However, the cost of those water supplies may have increased based on the mix of water supplies which are used. Consequently, the City has the ability to enact varying water shortage levels (see Chapter 8) to help educate its customers and provide an economic incentive for the retail customers to reduce their water consumption.

### 7.1 INTRODUCTION

This section of the City's UWMP describes the City's ability to meet retail customer water demands by analyzing a variety of factors which affect the City's water supply. This section assesses the City's water service reliability during average years, single dry years, and during a five consecutive year drought period to meet the water needs of its customers. This section also includes the discussion of a Drought Risk Assessment which provides a mechanism for the City to evaluate the risk to its water supply under a drought lasting for the next five consecutive years.



## 7.2 WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT

### CWC 10635.

*(a) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, an assessment of the reliability of its water service to its customers during normal, dry, and multiple dry water years. This water supply and demand assessment shall compare the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the long-term total projected water use over the next 20 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water year, a single dry water year, and a drought lasting five consecutive water years. The water service reliability assessment shall be based upon the information compiled pursuant to Section 10631, including available data from state, regional, or local agency population projections within the service area of the urban water supplier.*

Information regarding the reliability of the City's water supplies is based on the historical precipitation data in the San Gabriel Valley. Historical annual precipitation in the San Gabriel Valley is discussed in Section 3.3 and is based on historical data collected from Station 046719 (Pasadena, CA). Furthermore, Section 4.5 of this Plan notes that potential future climate change impacts may result in an increase in the average annual precipitation within the City's service area, thus indicating use of historical data is a reasonable and conservative approach. As indicated in Section 3.3, the historical average rainfall in the vicinity of the City's service area is 19.7 inches. FY 2019-20 represents an average or normal water year for the City in which the total amount of rainfall was similar to the historical average rainfall. A single dry year for the City was represented in FY 2017-18, in which the total amount of rainfall was below the historical average rainfall. A five consecutive year drought period for the City is represented from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16, where the total amount of rainfall during each of these years was less than the historical average rainfall. Table 7-1 summarizes these "base years" for average, single dry, and five consecutive year drought and provides the total amount of water supplies available to the City during those base years. The following discussion assesses the water service reliability of the City's water supply sources.





### **Water Service Reliability - Imported Water**

The City's treated imported water supplies from SGVMWD (including through MWD) may potentially be impacted during a multi-year drought or other conditions which may limit SGVMWD from delivering sufficient water supplies to all of its sub-agencies. As discussed in Section 6.2.8, the City is developing a well in the Main Basin, which will eliminate the need to deliver treated imported water to replenish the Raymond Basin. The City has a cyclic storage account with the Main Basin Watermaster which allows imported water to be stored in anticipation of future use when imported water may not be available.

### **Water Service Reliability - Groundwater**

#### **Raymond Basin**

The Raymond Basin groundwater supplies are managed by the Raymond Basin Watermaster, as discussed in Section 6.2.2. During a normal year (FY 2019-20), the City met about 100 percent of its total demands with supplies from the Raymond Basin. During a single dry year (FY 2017-18), the City met about 100 percent of its total demands with supplies from the Raymond Basin. During a five consecutive year drought multiple dry year period (FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16), the City met between and 95 percent of its total demands with supplies from the Raymond Basin

#### **Main Basin**

The Main Basin groundwater supplies are managed by the Main Basin Watermaster, as discussed in Section 6.2.2. As discussed in Chapter 6, the City is developing a well in the Main Basin which will eliminate the need to deliver treated imported water to replenish the Raymond Basin.

#### **Tunnel Water**



The City obtains local groundwater supplies through the tunnel sources, as discussed in Section 6.2.2. During a normal year (FY 2019-20), the City met less than 1 percent of its total demands with supplies from tunnel sources. During a single dry year (FY 2017-18), the City met less than 1 percent of its total demands with supplies from tunnel sources. During a five consecutive year drought multiple dry year period (FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16), the City met between 0 and 10 percent of its total demands with supplies from tunnel sources.

### **Water Service Reliability Summary**

Table 7-1 shows the water supplies during the base years (for average year, single dry year and a five consecutive year drought). As a result of the City's diverse water supply portfolio, water supplies may be re-apportioned during a five consecutive year drought to meet the City's water demands.

#### **7.2.1 CONSTRAINTS ON WATER SOURCES**

##### **CWC 10631.**

*(b)(1) A detailed discussion of anticipated supply availability under a normal water year, single dry year, and droughts lasting at least five years, as well as more frequent and severe periods of drought, as described in the drought risk assessment. For each source of water supply, consider any information pertinent to the reliability analysis conducted pursuant to Section 10635, including changes in supply due to climate change.*

The City's sources of supplies consist of include groundwater pumped from the Raymond Basin, treated imported replenishment water purchased from SGVMWD through MWD, and local groundwater from the West Tunnel of the Little Santa Anita Canyon, and future supplies from the Main Basin, as described in Section 6.2. Although all of these supplies are managed, the following constraints may occur which the City has considered in this reliability analysis.



### Imported water

The City currently receives treated imported replenishment water from SGVMWD through MWD. Water quality from MWD relating to supply reliability is addressed separately in MWD's 2020 Regional Urban Water Management Plan. In the future, the City will receive imported water from SGVMWD delivered to the Main Basin. Water quality from SGVMWD relating to supply reliability is addressed separately in SGVMWD's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

### Groundwater

The City produces groundwater from the Raymond Basin. The groundwater in the vicinity of the City's wells have been impacted by contamination. However, the City has developed and implemented appropriate treatment (blending and/or treatment facilities) which have been approved by SWRCB-DDW. These groundwater supplies are considered reliable both from a water quality and quantity standpoint.

In the future, the City plans to produce groundwater from the Main Basin.

## **7.2.2 YEAR TYPE CHARACTERIZATION**

### **7.2.2.1 TYPES OF YEARS**

The City's base years for an average year, a single dry year, and a five consecutive year drought are discussed in Section 7.2 and are summarized in Table 7-1. As indicated in Chapter 6, the City's water supplies sources have been sufficient in meeting the City's historical water demands during an average year, a single dry year, and a five consecutive year drought. An average year was based on a historical year during the past 10 years with a total precipitation similar to the historical average precipitation in the vicinity of the



City's service area. Because a single dry year or a five consecutive year drought period will not compromise the City's ability to provide a reliable supply of water to its customers, a single dry year in this Plan was selected based one of the driest years during the past 10 years. The five consecutive year drought period was based on a period of five consecutive dry years during the past 10 years.

As indicated in Section 3.3, the historical average rainfall in the vicinity of the City's service area is 19.7 inches. FY 2019-20 represents an average or normal water year for the City in which the total amount of rainfall was similar to the historical average rainfall. A single dry year for the City was represented in FY 2017-18, in which the total amount of rainfall was less than the historical average rainfall. A five consecutive year drought period for the City is represented from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16, where the total amount of rainfall during each of these years was less than the historical average rainfall. Table 7-1 summarizes these "base years" for an average year, a single dry year and a five consecutive year drought period and provides the total amount of water supplies available to the City during those base years.



Table 7-1 Basis of Water Year Data (Reliability Assessment)

Submittal Table 7-1 Retail: Basis of Water Year Data (Reliability Assessment)			
Year Type	Base Year If not using a calendar year, type in the last year of the fiscal, water year, or range of years, for example, water year 2019-2020, use 2020	Available Supplies if Year Type Repeats	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Quantification of available supplies is not compatible with this table and is provided elsewhere in the UWMP. Location _____
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quantification of available supplies is provided in this table as either volume only, percent only, or both.
		Volume Available *	% of Average Supply
Average Year	2020	2,392	100%
Single-Dry Year	2018	2,241	93.7%
Consecutive Dry Years 1st Year	2012	2,686	112.3%
Consecutive Dry Years 2nd Year	2013	2,841	118.8%
Consecutive Dry Years 3rd Year	2014	2,499	104.5%
Consecutive Dry Years 4th Year	2015	2,125	88.8%
Consecutive Dry Years 5th Year	2016	2,211	92.4%
Supplier may use multiple versions of Table 7-1 if different water sources have different base years and the supplier chooses to report the base years for each water source separately. If a Supplier uses multiple versions of Table 7-1, in the "Note" section of each table, state that multiple versions of Table 7-1 are being used and identify the particular water source that is being reported in each table.			
<b>*Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG ) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.</b>			
NOTES:			

### 7.2.2.2 SOURCES FOR WATER DATA

The monthly historical average temperatures (including minimum and maximum), monthly historical average rainfall, and monthly evapotranspiration in the vicinity of the



City's service area are discussed in Section 3.3 Historical climate information was obtained from the WRCC, DPW, and from DWR's CIMIS.

### 7.2.3 WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY

#### CWC 10635.

*(a) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, an assessment of the reliability of its water service to its customers during normal, dry, and multiple dry water years. This water supply and demand assessment shall compare the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the long-term total projected water use over the next 20 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water year, a single dry water year, and a drought lasting five consecutive water years. The water service reliability assessment shall be based upon the information compiled pursuant to Section 10631, including available data from state, regional, or local agency population projections within the service area of the urban water supplier.*

The City obtains its water supply from groundwater wells located in the Raymond Basin and in the future from the Main Basin. As discussed in Section 7.3 and shown in Table 7-2, Table 7-3, and Table 7-4, each of the City's water supply sources share the same base years. As previously discussed in Section 7.2.1, a single dry year or a five consecutive year drought period will not compromise the City's ability to provide a reliable supply of water to its customers.

As previously discussed in Section 4.2.6, the City's projected normal year water demands over the next 25 years, in five-year increments, were based on the City's 2020 Water Use Target of 206 GPCD for potable water demands. The ratio of total water supplies (including potable water supplies) available to the City during a historical average year in FY 2019-20 (or 2,392 AF) and during a historical single dry year in FY 2017-18 (or 2,241 AF) was used to estimate the City's projected water demands during single dry years. The ratio of total water supplies available to the City during a historical average year in FY 2019-20 (or 2,392 AF) and a historical a five consecutive year drought period from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16 (or 2,686 AF, 2,841 AF, 2,499 AF, 2,125 AF, 2,211 AF,



respectively) was used to estimate the City's projected water demands during a five consecutive year drought period. The City's projected dry year water supplies over the next 25 years were based on the minimum supplies needed by the City to meet projected single-dry year demands. Table 7-2, Table 7-3, and Table 7-4 summarize the City's projected water demands and supplies over the next 25 years in five-year increments, including during normal years, single dry years, and a five consecutive year drought periods. These tables indicate the City can meet water demands during normal years, single dry years, and a five consecutive year drought periods over the next 25 years.

### 7.2.3.1 WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY – NORMAL YEAR

Table 7-2 summarizes the City's projected water demands and supplies over the next 25 years in five-year increments during normal years. Table 7-2 indicates the City can meet water demands during normal years over the next 25 years.

**Table 7-2 Normal Year Supply and Demand Comparison**

Submittal Table 7-2 Retail: Normal Year Supply and Demand Comparison					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Opt)
Supply totals (autofill from Table 6-9)	2,487	2,499	2,512	2,522	2,533
Demand totals (autofill from Table 4-3)	2,487	2,499	2,512	2,522	2,533
Difference	0	0	0	0	0
NOTES:					



### 7.2.3.2 WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY – SINGLE DRY YEAR

Table 7-3 summarizes the City's projected water demands and supplies over the next 25 years in five-year increments during single dry years. Table 7-3 indicates the City can meet water demands during single dry years over the next 25 years.

**Table 7-3 Single Dry Year Supply and Demand Comparison**

Submittal Table 7-3 Retail: Single Dry Year Supply and Demand Comparison					
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045 (Opt)
Supply totals*	2,331	2,342	2,353	2,364	2,375
Demand totals*	2,331	2,342	2,353	2,364	2,375
Difference	0	0	0	0	0
<i>*Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.</i>					
NOTES:					





### **7.2.3.3 WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY – FIVE CONSECUTIVE DRY YEARS**

Table 7-4 summarizes the City's projected water demands and supplies over the next 25 years in five-year increments during five consecutive year drought periods. Table 7-4 indicates the City can meet water demands during five consecutive year drought periods over the next 25 years.



Table 7-4 Multiple Dry Years Supply and Demand Comparison

Submittal Table 7-4 Retail: Multiple Dry Years Supply and Demand Comparison						
		2025*	2030*	2035*	2040*	2045* (Opt)
First year	Supply totals	2,793	2,806	2,819	2,833	2,846
	Demand totals	2,793	2,806	2,819	2,833	2,846
	Difference	0	0	0	0	0
Second year	Supply totals	2,954	2,968	2,982	2,996	3,010
	Demand totals	2,954	2,968	2,982	2,996	3,010
	Difference	0	0	0	0	0
Third year	Supply totals	2,599	2,611	2,623	2,635	2,647
	Demand totals	2,599	2,611	2,623	2,635	2,647
	Difference	0	0	0	0	0
Fourth year	Supply totals	2,210	2,220	2,230	2,241	2,251
	Demand totals	2,210	2,220	2,230	2,241	2,251
	Difference	0	0	0	0	0
Fifth year	Supply totals	2,299	2,310	2,320	2,331	2,342
	Demand totals	2,299	2,310	2,320	2,331	2,342
	Difference	0	0	0	0	0
Sixth year (optional)	Supply totals					
	Demand totals					
	Difference	0	0	0	0	0
*Units of measure (AF, CCF, MG) must remain consistent throughout the UWMP as reported in Table 2-3.						
NOTES:						



## 7.2.4 DESCRIPTION OF MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND OPTIONS

### CWC 10620.

*(f) An urban water supplier shall describe in the plan water management tools and options used by that entity that will maximize resources and minimize the need to import water from other regions.*

### Raymond Basin

As noted in Section 6.2.2, the Raymond Basin is managed by the Raymond Basin Management Board. During the period of management under the Judgment, significant drought events have occurred. In each drought cycle the Raymond Basin has been managed to maintain water levels. Therefore, based on historical and on-going management practices, the City will be able to rely on the Raymond Basin for adequate supply over the next 25 years under single dry years and a five consecutive year drought periods.

Section 6.2.2 provides a description of the management of groundwater resources in the Raymond Basin, as well as information on basin management. Chapter 6 also demonstrates the management structure of the Raymond Basin provides a reliable source of groundwater supply for the City during a normal year, a single-dry year and a five consecutive year drought. Historical data indicates the Raymond Basin has been well managed for the full period of the adjudication, resulting in a stable and reliable water supply. Basin management changes are discussed in Section 6.2.2 in order to reduce the need to import water from other regions. Therefore, the groundwater supplies in the Raymond Basin are deemed reliable.



### Main Basin

As noted in Section 6.2.2, the Main Basin is managed by the Main Basin Watermaster. During the period of management under the Judgment, significant drought events have occurred. In each drought cycle the Main Basin has been managed to maintain water levels. Therefore, based on historical and on-going management practices, the City will be able to rely on the Main Basin for adequate supply over the next 25 years under single dry years and a five consecutive year drought periods.

Section 6.2.2 provides a description of the management of groundwater resources in the Main Basin, as well as information on basin management. Chapter 6 also demonstrates the management structure of the Main Basin provides a reliable source of groundwater supply for the City during a normal year, a single-dry year and a five consecutive year drought. Historical data indicates the Main Basin has been well managed for the full period of the adjudication, resulting in a stable and reliable water supply. Basin management changes are discussed in Section 6.2.2 in order to reduce the need to import water from other regions. Therefore, the groundwater supplies in the Main Basin are deemed reliable.

## 7.3 DROUGHT RISK ASSESSMENT

### CWC 10635.

*(b) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, a drought risk assessment for its water service to its customers as part of information considered in developing the demand management measures and water supply projects and programs to be included in the urban water management plan. The urban water supplier may conduct an interim update or updates to this drought risk assessment within the five-year cycle of its urban water management plan update. The drought risk assessment shall include each of the following:*

*(1) A description of the data, methodology, and basis for one or more supply shortage conditions that are necessary to conduct a drought risk assessment for a drought period that lasts five consecutive water years, starting from the year following when the assessment is conducted.*



*(2) A determination of the reliability of each source of supply under a variety of water shortage conditions. This may include a determination that a particular source of water supply is fully reliable under most, if not all, conditions.*

*(3) A comparison of the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the total projected water use for the drought period.*

*(4) Considerations of the historical drought hydrology, plausible changes on projected supplies and demands under climate change conditions, anticipated regulatory changes, and other locally applicable criteria.*

The City's sources of supplies consist of groundwater from the Raymond Basin (which is managed by the Raymond Basin Management Board), treated import water purchased through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, local groundwater from the West Tunnel of the Little San Anita Canyon and in the future, groundwater from the Main Basin. The following discussion provides a Drought Risk Assessment which assesses the City's water supply reliability over a five consecutive year drought period. The City's DRA incorporates a five consecutive year drought from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25 and includes a review of water supplies, water uses, and water supply reliability.

### **7.3.1 DRA DATA, METHODS, AND BASIS FOR WATER SHORTAGE CONDITIONS**

The City's DRA was prepared using historical production data from the City's water supply sources. The following assumptions were considered during the preparation of the City's DRA for each year of the five consecutive year drought.

- The five consecutive year drought period associated with the 2020 UWMP is based on five consecutive dry years from FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25.
- The projected water supplies available during each year of this five consecutive year drought are assumed to be identical to the water supplies produced during each year between FY 2011-12 and FY 2015-16 (which represents the most recent and historical five consecutive year drought).



- The projected demands during this five consecutive year drought are based on water demands from FY 2019-20 (a normal year) which were adjusted based on projected population over the next five years along with the ratio of the normal year demands to actual demands over each year of the most recent and historical five consecutive year drought period (from FY 2011-12 and FY 2015-16).
- The projected demands were compared to the projected supplies to identify potential water supply deficits which may require implementation of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (discussed further in Chapter 8).

The following hypothetical methodologies were considered during the preparation of the City's DRA during for each year of the five consecutive year drought:

- Drought Year 1: The region had experienced an average to above average year of precipitation in the prior year. Water use in the prior year had been below average due to a reduce need for outdoor water use, the groundwater basin had been replenished from above average local stormwater runoff, and imported water supplies were not restricted.
- Drought Year 2: The region experienced a second year of below average precipitation and runoff. Retail customers increase water use for outdoor irrigation to compensate for lack of precipitation. Groundwater and imported water supplies have not been impacted.
- Drought Year 3: The region experienced a third year of below average precipitation and runoff. Retail customers increase water use for outdoor irrigation to compensate for lack of precipitation. Groundwater and imported water supplies have not been impacted. However, there is an increased demand on both groundwater and treated imported water.
- Drought Year 4: The region experienced a fourth year of below average precipitation and runoff. Groundwater supplies have not been impacted. However, there is an increased demand on groundwater.



- Drought Year 5: Fifth year of below average precipitation and runoff. Groundwater supplies have not been impacted. However, there is an increased demand on groundwater.

### 7.3.2 DRA INDIVIDUAL WATER SOURCE RELIABILITY

The City's DRA incorporates a five consecutive year drought based on five consecutive dry years commencing in FY 2021-22. The quantity of water supplies available for each year during this five consecutive year drought period included in the City's DRA is assumed to be the same as the quantity of water supplies produced by the City (i.e. demands) during the most recent and historical five consecutive year drought which occurred from FY 2011-12 through FY 2015-16. Production data for those years have been tabulated in Section 6.1. The following describes the anticipated reliability of each water source for each year of the five consecutive year drought based on recent experience.

#### Groundwater

The City receives water supplies is from the Raymond Basin which is actively managed by the Raymond Basin Management Board, as described in Section 6.2.2. The Raymond Basin is adjudicated; however, the City's water rights are fixed each year. Consequently, the City cannot produce in excess of its own water rights or rights it may have leased from others. The City has access to water supplies from Raymond Basin groundwater basin (as well as access to treated imported replenishment water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California through SGVMWD for groundwater spreading purposes). In addition, the City has local groundwater supplies available from the West Tunnel of the Little San Anita Canyon. The quantity of groundwater used (and reliably available) during the most recent and historical five consecutive year drought period have been tabulated in Section 6.1. The City manages its water supply portfolio to optimize the water supplies available each year and to avoid a water supply shortage.



The City will receive water supplies is from the Main Basin which is actively managed by the Main Basin Watermaster, as described in Section 6.2.2. The Main Basin is adjudicated. Although the City has no water rights, the City's may produce groundwater in excess of its water rights and pay the applicable assessments to have untreated imported water delivered to replenish the Main Basin.

The City manages its water supply portfolio to optimize the water supplies available each year and to avoid a water supply shortage. The City also had the ability to systematically implement aspects of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan (see Chapter 8). As a result of these collective actions (and experience during prior consecutive five-year droughts), the City does not anticipate a water supply shortage.

### Imported Water

The City currently obtains treated imported replenishment water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California through SGVMWD. Section 6.2.1 describes the treated imported replenishment water supplies available to the City from SGVMWD. The reliability of SGVMWD's supplies is also discussed in its 2020 Regional UWMP and is incorporated by reference. The City's purchases of imported water over the past ten years have been tabulated in Section 6.1. In the event of a drought which limits imported water supplies, the City will rely on its groundwater production from the Main Basin and will pay the applicable assessments to purchase untreated imported water to be delivered in the future when supplies are available.

The imported water purchases by the City during the most recent and historical five consecutive year drought period have been tabulated in Section 6.1. Because the City's DRA assumes the most recent and historical five consecutive year drought scenario will be repeated over the next five years, it is assumed the quantity of imported water supplies purchased during the most recent and historical five consecutive year drought scenario





will be available. Furthermore, this constitutes the minimum amount of imported water which may be available in a future five consecutive year drought.

### Summary

The City's water system has experienced a prior five consecutive year drought with no limitation to its collective water supplies. However, the cost of those water supplies may have increased based on the mix of supplies which are used. Consequently, the City has the ability to enact varying water shortage levels (see Chapter 8) to help educate its customers and provide an economic incentive for the retail customers to reduce their water consumption.

### **7.3.3 DRA TOTAL WATER SUPPLY AND USE COMPARISON**

Gross water use for a projected five consecutive year drought between FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25 is shown on Table 7-5. Section 7.3.2 describes the water source reliability for each source of supply the City will rely on during a five consecutive year drought. The annual quantities are the summed and are also provided on Table 7-5. The most important aspect of the City's water supplies is the groundwater which can be produced from a managed groundwater basin. For the purposes of the City's DRA, as a worst-case scenario, the City has considered no water supply augmentation (as indicated in Table 7-5) from its groundwater supplies. When necessary, the City can implement various water shortage levels of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan (as discussed in Chapter 8) in order to reduce its water demands. As shown in Table 7-5, assuming no additional water supply benefits will be available from groundwater supplies, the City will implement various stages of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan to balance water demands with available supplies during years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the projected five consecutive year drought between FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25.



**Table 7-5 Five-Year Drought Risk Assessment Tables to Address Water Code Section 10635(b)**

Submittal Table 7-5: Five-Year Drought Risk Assessment Tables to address Water Code Section 10635(b)	
2021	Total
Total Water Use	2,708
Total Supplies	2,686
Surplus/Shortfall w/o WSCP Action	(22)
<b>Planned WSCP Actions</b> (use reduction and supply augmentation)	
WSCP - supply augmentation benefit	0
WSCP - use reduction savings benefit	22
Revised Surplus/(shortfall)	0
Resulting % Use Reduction from WSCP action	1%
2022	Total
Total Water Use	2,886
Total Supplies	2,841
Surplus/Shortfall w/o WSCP Action	(45)
<b>Planned WSCP Actions</b> (use reduction and supply augmentation)	
WSCP - supply augmentation benefit	0
WSCP - use reduction savings benefit	45
Revised Surplus/(shortfall)	0
Resulting % Use Reduction from WSCP action	2%
2023	Total
Total Water Use	2,559
Total Supplies	2,499
Surplus/Shortfall w/o WSCP Action	(60)
<b>Planned WSCP Actions</b> (use reduction and supply augmentation)	
WSCP - supply augmentation benefit	0
WSCP - use reduction savings benefit	60
Revised Surplus/(shortfall)	0
Resulting % Use Reduction from WSCP action	2%
2024	Total
Total Water Use	2,193
Total Supplies	2,125
Surplus/Shortfall w/o WSCP Action	(68)
<b>Planned WSCP Actions</b> (use reduction and supply augmentation)	
WSCP - supply augmentation benefit	0
WSCP - use reduction savings benefit	68
Revised Surplus/(shortfall)	0
Resulting % Use Reduction from WSCP action	3%
2025	Total
Total Water Use	2,299
Total Supplies	2,211
Surplus/Shortfall w/o WSCP Action	(88)
<b>Planned WSCP Actions</b> (use reduction and supply augmentation)	
WSCP - supply augmentation benefit	0
WSCP - use reduction savings benefit	88
Revised Surplus/(shortfall)	0
Resulting % Use Reduction from WSCP action	4%



### 7.3.4 OPTIONAL PLANNING TOOL WORKBOOK

DWR has deemed the “Planning Tool Worksheet” as optional and the City is not required by DWR to use the tool. The City has provided sufficient water supplies to its customers, including during long-term droughts and years with historically high water demands. The City has also been able to provide water service to meet maximum day water demands for these years, including during the summer months. The City plans to obtain the majority of its water supplies from a managed groundwater basin (Main Basin) which is not subject to seasonal fluctuation. Consequently, an evaluation regarding water supplies on a monthly basis was not considered.



## **CHAPTER 8**

### **WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 8**

#### **WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Chapter 8 (Water Shortage Contingency Plan) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- The City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan is a detailed approach which presents how the City intends to act, or respond, in the case of an actual water shortage contingency.
- Preparation of the City's "Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment" (or Annual Assessment) is discussed. Commencing July 1, 2022, the City is required to submit the Annual Assessment. The Annual Assessment will include a review of the City's "unconstrained" water demands for the current year and for a potential upcoming single dry year. Unconstrained water demands represent the City's water demands prior to any "response actions" the City may invoke pursuant to the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
- The City will manage water supplies to minimize the adverse impacts of water shortages. The City's plan for water usage during periods of shortage is designed to incorporate six standard water shortage levels corresponding to progressive ranges from up to a 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 percent shortage, and greater than a 50 percent shortage.
- For each declared water supply shortage level, customers will be required to reduce their consumption by the percentage specified in the corresponding water supply shortage level.



- For each declared water supply shortage level, the City has established response actions to reduce demand on water supplies and to reduce any shortage gaps in water supplies. These demand reduction actions include irrigation and other outdoor use restrictions, rate structure changes, and other water use prohibitions.
- The operational changes the City will consider in addressing water shortages on a short-term basis are discussed and include improved monitoring, analysis, and tracking of customer water usage to enforce demand reduction measures.
- The City's Emergency Response Plan is summarized. The Emergency Response Plan provides the management, procedures, and designated actions the City and its employees will implement during emergency situations (including catastrophic water shortages) resulting from natural disasters, system failures, and other unforeseen circumstances.
- The preparation of the City's seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan is discussed. The locations of earthquake faults in the vicinity of the City's water service area are provided.
- The effectiveness of the shortage response actions for each of the City's standard water shortage levels is presented. The City has been able to provide sufficient water supplies to its customers, including during long-term droughts and years with historically high water demands.
- The communication protocols implemented by the City when it declares any water shortage level are presented.
- The compliance and enforcement procedures associated with City's standard water shortage levels are presented.
- The legal authorities associated with City's standard water shortage levels are presented.
- The financial consequences associated with City's standard water shortage levels are presented.
- The City will evaluate the need for revising the Water Shortage Contingency Plan in order to resolve any water shortage gaps, as necessary. The steps necessary



for the City to adopt and amend its Water Shortage Contingency Plan are presented.

The following Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes references to Chapters and Sections from the City of Sierra Madre's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

### 8.1 WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY ANALYSIS

#### CWC 10632.

*(a)(1) The analysis of water supply reliability conducted pursuant to Section 10635.*

The City's sources of supply were discussed in Section 6.2 of the 2020 UWMP and consist of groundwater from the Raymond Basin, future groundwater supplies from the Main Basin, imported water purchased from SGVMWD, and local groundwater supplies from the West Tunnel of the Little San Anita Canyon. The reliability of the various sources of supply are discussed in Chapter 7 of this UWMP.

### 8.2 ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

#### CWC 10632.

*(a)(2) The procedures used in conducting an annual water supply and demand assessment that include, at a minimum, both of the following:*

*(A) The written decision-making process that an urban water supplier will use each year to determine its water supply reliability.*

*(B) The key data inputs and assessment methodology used to evaluate the urban water supplier's water supply reliability for the current year and one dry year, including all of the following:*

*(i) Current year unconstrained demand, considering weather, growth, and other influencing factors, such as policies to manage current supplies to meet demand objectives in future years, as applicable.*



*(ii) Current year available supply, considering hydrological and regulatory conditions in the current year and one dry year. The annual supply and demand assessment may consider more than one dry year solely at the discretion of the urban water supplier.*

*(iii) Existing infrastructure capabilities and plausible constraints.*

*(iv) A defined set of locally applicable evaluation criteria that are consistently relied upon for each annual water supply and demand assessment.*

*(v) A description and quantification of each source of water supply.*

### **CWC 10632.1.**

*An urban water supplier shall conduct an annual water supply and demand assessment pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 10632 and, on or before July 1 of each year, submit an annual water shortage assessment report to the department with information for anticipated shortage, triggered shortage response actions, compliance and enforcement actions, and communication actions consistent with the supplier's water shortage contingency plan. An urban water supplier that relies on imported water from the State Water Project or the Bureau of Reclamation shall submit its annual water supply and demand assessment within 14 days of receiving its final allocations, or by July 1 of each year, whichever is later.*

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Commencing July 1, 2022, the City is required to submit an “Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment” (Annual Assessment) in accordance with DWR’s guidance and requirements. The Annual Assessment will include a review of the City’s unconstrained water demands (i.e. water demands prior to any projected response actions the City may trigger under this Water Shortage Contingency Plan) for the current year and the upcoming (potential single dry) year. The City will also include information regarding anticipated shortages, triggered shortage response actions, compliance and enforcement actions, and communication actions consistent with the City’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

For each Annual Assessment, the City plans to prepare a preliminary assessment which evaluates the adequacy of its water supplies for the current and upcoming years by April of each year. The preliminary assessment will include a review of water supplies for at least a single dry year.



The components of Annual Assessment consist of the following:

- A written decision-making process
- Key data inputs and assessment methodology

### **8.2.1 DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

The City currently produces groundwater from the Raymond Basin as its primary source of water supply and that basin is managed on a fiscal year basis. Consequently, during the third quarter of each fiscal year the City will review its water demands from the initial six months along with the current groundwater basin conditions and local hydrology. This information will be used to help develop the Annual Assessment. A draft of the Annual Assessment will be circulated internally within the City for peer review and comment. Based on comments received, a redraft will be prepared and provided to City managers during the Spring of each year. The draft will subsequently be provided to the General Manager for final review. Subsequently, a final draft of the Annual Assessment will be provided to the City Council for review and included in the agenda as part of a Council meeting such that it can be approved and any recommended specific shortage response actions may be enacted. The final Annual Assessment will be provided to DWR no later than July 1 of each year.

The Annual Assessments will be instrumental in providing guidance to the City for decisions regarding potential declarations of a water supply shortage and implementation of water reduction stages, instituting mandatory water restrictions, promoting water use efficiency and conservation programs, water rates and drought rate surcharges, and the necessity of pursuing alternative water supplies. This process will help ensure adequate water supplies resources are available to the City.





## 8.2.2 DATA AND METHODOLOGIES

The key data inputs and methodologies which will be evaluated by the City during the preparation of the preliminary assessment will include the following:

- 1) Evaluation Criteria: The locally applicable evaluation criteria used to prepare the Annual Assessment will be identified. The evaluation criteria will include, but is not limited to, an analysis of current local hydrology (including rainfall and groundwater levels), current water demands, a review of water system improvement plans which may impact infrastructure availability, and water quality regulations which may impact groundwater availability.
- 2) Water Supply: A description of each available water supply source will be provided. The descriptions will include a quantification of each available water supply source and will be based on review of current production capacities, historical production, Urban Water Management Plans, and prior water supply studies (including Water Supply Assessments and/or Master Plans).
- 3) Unconstrained Water Demand: The potential unconstrained water demands during the current year and the upcoming (potential single dry) year will be reviewed. The review will include factors such as weather, existing and projected land uses and populations, actual customer consumption and water use factors, monthly Urban Water Supplier Monthly Reports, existing water shortage levels (see Section 8.3), and existing water conservation ordinances (see Section 9.2.1).
- 4) Planned Water Use for Current Year Considering Dry Subsequent Year: The water supplies available to meet the demands during the current year and the upcoming (potential single dry) year will be considered and identified by each type of supply. The evaluation will include factors such as estimated water demands, weather,



groundwater basin operating safe yields, water quality results, existing available pumping capacities, imported water allocations, contractual obligations, regulatory issues, use of emergency interconnections, and the costs associated with producing each water supply source.

- 5) Infrastructure Considerations: The capabilities of the water distribution system infrastructure to meet the water demands during the current year and the upcoming (potential single dry) year will be considered. Available production capacities (e.g. groundwater well capacities) and distribution system water losses (see Section 4.2.4) will be reviewed. In addition, capital improvement and replacement projects, as well as potential projects which may increase water system and production capacities (see Section 6.2.8), will be considered.
- 6) Other Factors: Additional local considerations, if any, which can affect the availability of water supplies will be described.

### 8.3 SIX STANDARD WATER SHORTAGE LEVELS

#### CWC 10632.

*(a)(3)(A) Six standard water shortage levels corresponding to progressive ranges of up to 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 percent shortages and greater than 50 percent shortage. Urban water suppliers shall define these shortage levels based on the suppliers' water supply conditions, including percentage reductions in water supply, changes in groundwater levels, changes in surface elevation or level of subsidence, or other changes in hydrological or other local conditions indicative of the water supply available for use. Shortage levels shall also apply to catastrophic interruption of water supplies, including, but not limited to, a regional power outage, an earthquake, and other potential emergency events.*

*(a)(3)(B) An urban water supplier with an existing water shortage contingency plan that uses different water shortage levels may comply with the requirement in subparagraph (A) by developing and including a cross-reference relating its existing categories to the six standard water shortage levels.*



The City has a legal responsibility to provide water utility services, including water for residential, commercial, industrial, public authority, and for public fire hydrants and private fire services. The City will manage water supplies prudently to minimize the adverse impacts of water shortages. The City's plan for water usage during periods of shortage is designed to incorporate six standard water shortage levels corresponding to progressive ranges from up to a 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 percent shortage, and greater than a 50 percent shortage. Water shortage trigger mechanisms have been established to ensure that this policy is implemented.

### Corresponding Relationships Between Supplier's 2015 Shortage Levels and the 2020 WSCP Mandated Shortage Levels

Established Level	Supply Condition/Shortage	2020 Standard Level	Shortage Level
1	10%	1	≤ to 10%
2	20%	2	10 to 20%
3	30%	3	20 to 30%
4	45.5%	4	30 to 40 %
		5	40 to 50 %
		6	> 50 %

Table 8-1 provides a description of the stages of action which may be triggered by a shortage in one or more of the City's water supply sources, depending on the severity of the shortage and its anticipated duration.



**Table 8-1 Water Shortage Contingency Planning Levels**

Submittal Table 8-1 Water Shortage Contingency Plan Levels		
Shortage Level	Percent Shortage Range	Shortage Response Actions (Narrative description)
1	Up to 10%	<p>If a Water Shortage Level 1 is declared no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of ninety percent of the amount used during the base period. The following prohibitions are to be implemented during a Shortage Level 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Prohibit use of potable water for washing hard surfaces</li> <li>b) Restrict water use for decorative water features, such as fountains</li> <li>c) Restaurants may only serve water upon request</li> <li>d) Customers must repair leaks, breaks, and malfunctions in a timely manner</li> <li>e) No landscape irrigation between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.</li> <li>f) Restrict or prohibit runoff from landscape irrigation</li> <li>g) Require automatic shut of hoses</li> <li>h) Prohibit landscape irrigation within 48 hours after measurable precipitation</li> <li>i) Prohibit irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians</li> </ul>
2	Up to 20%	<p>The following water use restrictions shall be in effect and will be enforced on all customers: The restrictions in Water Shortage Level 1 shall be that of Water Shortage Level 2, with the exception that no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of eighty percent of the amount used during the base period.</p>
3	Up to 30%	<p>The following water use restrictions shall be in effect and will be enforced on all customers: During a Water Shortage Level 3, no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of seventy percent of the base period allocation.</p>
4	Up to 40%	<p>The following water use restrictions shall be in effect and will be enforced on all customers: If a Water Shortage Level 4 is declared, no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of sixty percent of the base period allocation. No use of water may be made contrary to the provisions of Shortage Level 3.</p>
5	Up to 50%	<p>The following water use restrictions shall be in effect and will be enforced on all customers: No use of water may be made contrary to the provisions of Shortage Level 4. Upon declaration of a Shortage Level 5, no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of fifty percent of the base period allocation.</p>
6	>50%	<p>The following water use restrictions shall be in effect and will be enforced on all customers: In addition to Shortage Level 5 measure, no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount less than fifty percent of the base period allocation.</p>
NOTES:		



## 8.4 SHORTAGE RESPONSE ACTIONS

### CWC 10632.

*(a)(4) Shortage response actions that align with the defined shortage levels and include, at a minimum, all of the following:*

*(A) Locally appropriate supply augmentation actions.*

*(B) Locally appropriate demand reduction actions to adequately respond to shortages.*

*(C) Locally appropriate operational changes.*

*(D) Additional, mandatory prohibitions against specific water use practices that are in addition to state-mandated prohibitions and appropriate to the local conditions.*

*(E) For each action, an estimate of the extent to which the gap between supplies and demand will be reduced by implementation of the action.*

### 8.4.1 DEMAND REDUCUTION

A full listing of the restrictions/prohibitions associated with each shortage level is provided below.

#### Prohibited uses applicable to all customers

The following uses of water are prohibited for all water department customers.

- A. There shall be no washing of sidewalks, walkways, patios, driveways, or parking areas by a water hose;
- B. No water shall be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains unless such water is part of a recycling system;
- C. No restaurant, cafe, deli, or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested by the customer;



- D. No customer of the water department shall permit water to leak from any facility on the premises;
- E. No lawn, landscaping, or other turf area shall be watered or irrigated between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.;
- F. No lawn, landscape, or turf area shall be watered in a wasteful manner. Nor shall any water be wasted if the existing conditions may be corrected or reasonably modified;
- G. The use of a hose to wash an automobile, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
- H. Watering lawns in a manner that causes runoff, or within forty-eight hours after measurable precipitation; and
- I. Irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians.

#### Water Shortage Level 1

If a Water Shortage Level 1 is declared no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of ninety percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.

#### Water Shortage Level 2

If a Water Shortage Level 2 is declared, no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of eighty percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.

#### Water Shortage Level 3



If a Water Shortage Level 3 is declared, no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of seventy percent of the base period allocation.

### Water Shortage Level 4

If a Water Shortage Level 4 is declared , no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of sixty percent of the base period allocation.

### Water Shortage Level 5

If a Water Shortage Level 5 is declared , no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of fifty percent of the base period allocation.

### Water Shortage Level 6

If a Water Shortage Level 6 is declared , no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount more than fifty percent of the base period allocation.

## **8.4.2 SUPPLY AUGMENTATION**

The City plans to add groundwater produced from the Main Basin as a new source of water supply to address customer demands. Table 8-3 reflects this approach and identifies the Main Basin supplies. In addition, the City will focus on demand reduction measures in the event existing and planned sources of supply are not sufficient to meet customer demands. As discussed in Chapter 6, the City's sources of water supply include groundwater produced from the Raymond Basin and Main Basin, imported water purchased from SGVMWD, and local groundwater from the West Tunnel of the Little San



Anita Canyon. As noted in Section 8.2, beginning July 1, 2022, the City will prepare and submit an Annual Assessment which will include a review of water supplies available to meet water demands for the current and upcoming years. If the City is currently in, or considers entering into, one of the standard water shortage levels identified in Section 8.3, the City will consider the water supply augmentation actions described below.





**Table 8-2 Demand Reduction Actions**

Submittal Table 8-2: Demand Reduction Actions				
Shortage Level	Demand Reduction Actions <b>Drop down list</b> <i>These are the only categories that will be accepted by the WUEdata online submittal tool. Select those that apply.</i>	How much is this going to reduce the shortage gap? <i>Include units used (volume type or percentage)</i>	Additional Explanation or Reference <i>(optional)</i>	Penalty, Charge, or Other Enforcement? <i>For Retail Suppliers Only Drop Down List</i>
Add additional rows as needed				
1	Other - Prohibit use of potable water for washing hard surfaces	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
1	Water Features - Restrict water use for decorative water features, such as fountains	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
1	CII - Restaurants may only serve water upon request	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
1	Other - Customers must repair leaks, breaks, and malfunctions in a timely manner	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
1	Landscape - Limit landscape irrigation to specific times	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
1	Landscape - Restrict or prohibit runoff from landscape irrigation	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
1	Other - Require automatic shut of hoses	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
1	Landscape - Other landscape restriction or prohibition	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY	Prohibit landscape irrigation within 48 hours after measurable precipitation	Yes
1	Landscape - Prohibit certain types of landscape irrigation	Collective reduction from all Shortage Level 1 actions is up to 115 AFY		Yes
2	Other	Collective reduction from Shortage Level 1 plus all Shortage Level 2 actions is up to 230 AFY	All actions under Shortage Level 1	Yes
3	Other	Collective reduction from Shortage Level 2 plus all Shortage Level 3 actions is up to 344 AFY	All actions under Shortage Level 2	Yes
4	Other	Collective reduction from Shortage Level 3 plus all Shortage Level 4 actions is up to 459 AFY	All actions under Shortage Level 3	Yes
5	Other	Collective reduction from Shortage Level 4 plus all Shortage Level 5 actions is up to 574 AFY	All actions under Shortage Level 4	Yes
6	Other	Collective reduction from Shortage Level 5 plus all Shortage Level 6 actions is greater than 574 AF	All actions under Shortage Level 5	Yes
NOTES:				



**Table 8-3 Supply Augmentation and Other Actions**

Submittal Table 8-3: Supply Augmentation and Other Actions			
Shortage Level	Supply Augmentation Methods and Other Actions by Water Supplier <i>Drop down list</i> <i>These are the only categories that will be accepted by the WUEdata online submittal tool</i>	How much is this going to reduce the shortage gap? <i>Include units used (volume type or percentage)</i>	Additional Explanation or Reference <i>(optional)</i>
<i>Add additional rows as needed</i>			
1	Transfers	Not applicable (see Notes)	
1	Other Actions (describe)	Not applicable (see Notes)	Main Basin groundwater (new source)
2	Transfers	Not applicable (see Notes)	
2	Other Actions (describe)	Not applicable (see Notes)	Main Basin groundwater (new source)
3	Transfers	Not applicable (see Notes)	
3	Other Actions (describe)	Not applicable (see Notes)	Main Basin groundwater (new source)
4	Transfers	Not applicable (see Notes)	
4	Other Actions (describe)	Not applicable (see Notes)	Main Basin groundwater (new source)
5	Transfers	Not applicable (see Notes)	
5	Other Actions (describe)	Not applicable (see Notes)	Main Basin groundwater (new source)
6	Transfers	Not applicable (see Notes)	
6	Other Actions (describe)	Not applicable (see Notes)	Main Basin groundwater (new source)

The City will consider increased production from the Main Basin using proposed facilities to address increased demands. As noted on Table 8-2, the City plans to implement demand reduction measures in the event water supplies from existing sources are not sufficient to meet anticipated demands.

### 8.4.3 OPERATIONAL CHANGES

During a water supply shortage situation, the City will manage its water supply resources to provide sufficient water supplies capable of meeting the demands of its customers. Section 8.4.1 describes the City's water supply sources and water supply augmentation actions available. Section 8.4.2 describes the City's standard water shortage levels and associated demand reduction measures. The supply augmentation actions and demand reduction measures, when implemented, may potentially result in short-term operational changes which are necessary to allow the City to utilize all available water supply sources in response to water shortage situations.



As noted in Section 8.2, beginning July 1, 2022, the City will prepare and submit an Annual Assessment which will include a review of the water supplies available to meet water demands for the current and upcoming years. Preparation of the Annual Assessment will assist the City in determining any potential operational changes. In addition, the City's standard water shortage levels and the associated demand reduction measures, in conjunction with the City's existing Demand Management Measures (discussed in Chapter 9), will be essential to the City in reducing water demands during any water shortage period. The operational changes the City will consider in addressing non-catastrophic water shortages on a short-term basis include the following:

- Improved monitoring, analysis, and tracking of customer water usage to enforce demand reduction measures
- Optimized production from existing available water supply sources
- Potential use of emergency supply sources, including emergency interconnections
- Potential blending of water supply resources
- Improved monitoring, maintenance, and repairs to reduce water distribution system losses

### **8.4.4 ADDITIONAL MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS**

The mandatory restrictions which are implemented by the City to reduce customer demands are discussed in Section 8.4.2. There are no additional mandatory restrictions planned at this time.

### **8.4.5 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

Catastrophic water shortages are incorporated in the City's standard water shortage levels (identified in Section 8.3) and the associated demand reduction measures (described in Section 8.4.2). In addition to the water supply augmentation actions



(Section 8.4.1) and potential operational changes (Section 8.4.3) which the City may consider in order to continue providing sufficient water supplies, the City will review and implement any necessary steps included in its “Emergency Response Plan”.

As part of the “America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018”, community water systems serving a population greater than 3,300 people, including the City, are required to review and update their “Risk and Resilience Assessment” (RRA) and the associated “Emergency Response Plan” (ERP) every five (5) years. However, due to security concerns regarding the submitting of these reports, water systems are required to submit certifications to the United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA), from March 31, 2020 and December 30, 2021, confirming the current RRA and ERP have been reviewed and updated.

The City’s RRA, prepared in 2021, evaluates the vulnerabilities, threats, and consequences from potential hazards to the City’s water system. The City prepared its RRA (which is incorporated by reference) by evaluating the following items:

- Natural hazards and malevolent acts (i.e., all hazards);
- Resilience of water facility infrastructure (including pipes, physical barriers, water sources and collection, treatment, storage and distribution facilities, and electronic, computer and other automated systems);
- Monitoring practices;
- Financial systems (e.g., billing systems);
- Chemical storage and handling; and
- Operation and maintenance.

The District’s RRA evaluated a series of potential malevolent acts, natural hazards, and other threats in order to estimate the potential “monetized risks” (i.e. associated economic consequences to both the water system and surrounding region, and the likelihood of



occurrence) associated with the City's water facility assets. The cost-effectiveness of implementing potential countermeasures to reduce risks was also reviewed.

The City's ERP is currently being prepared and will be completed later in 2021. The ERP will provide the management, procedures, and designated actions the City and its employees will implement during emergency situations (including catastrophic water shortages) resulting from natural disasters, system failures and other unforeseen circumstances. The City's ERP (which is incorporated by reference) will provide the guidelines for evaluating an emergency situation, procedures for activating an emergency response, and details of the different response phases in order to ensure that customers receive a reliable and adequate supply of potable water. The scope of the ERP includes emergencies which directly affect the water system and the ability to maintain safe operations (such as a chlorine release, and earthquake or a threat of contamination). The ERP will also incorporate the results of City's RRA and includes the following:

- Strategies and resources to improve resilience, including physical and cybersecurity
- Plans and procedures for responding to a natural hazard or malevolent act
- Actions and equipment to lessen the impact of a natural hazard or malevolent act
- Strategies to detect natural hazards or malevolent act

The City will review the ERP for procedures regarding the utilization of alternative water supply sources in response to water supply shortages, including during the standard water shortage levels. The City will also review applicable procedures described in the ERP regarding any necessary temporary shutdown of water supply facilities, including appropriate regulatory and public notifications.



#### 8.4.6 SEISMIC RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION PLAN

##### CWC 10632.5.

*(a) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10632, beginning January 1, 2020, the plan shall include a seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan to assess the vulnerability of each of the various facilities of a water system and mitigate those vulnerabilities.*

*(b) An urban water supplier shall update the seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan when updating its urban water management plan as required by Section 10621.*

*(c) An urban water supplier may comply with this section by submitting, pursuant to Section 10644, a copy of the most recent adopted local hazard mitigation plan or multihazard mitigation plan under the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) if the local hazard mitigation plan or multihazard mitigation plan addresses seismic risk.*

The City prepared a local “Hazard Mitigation Plan” which was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2020. The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies effective ways to assess the significant natural hazards (including earthquakes) that may affect the City and its residents. The Hazard Mitigation Plan provides resources, information, and strategies to reduce the City’s vulnerability to these hazards, while providing guidance for the coordination of mitigation activities throughout the City. The Hazard Mitigation Plan includes mitigation projects necessary to reduce seismic risk to the City’s water distribution system facilities (including its distribution system pipelines, groundwater wells, booster pumps, and storage reservoirs) and potential disruptions in providing water service. The City’s Hazard Mitigation Plan is provided in Appendix L. The County of Los Angeles prepared a “All-Hazards Mitigation Plan” in 2019 which identified methods to assess significant natural hazards (including earthquakes) affecting areas throughout Los Angeles County, and the mitigation strategies necessary to reduce risks, including seismic risk. The County’s All-Hazards Mitigation Plan is provided in Appendix M.

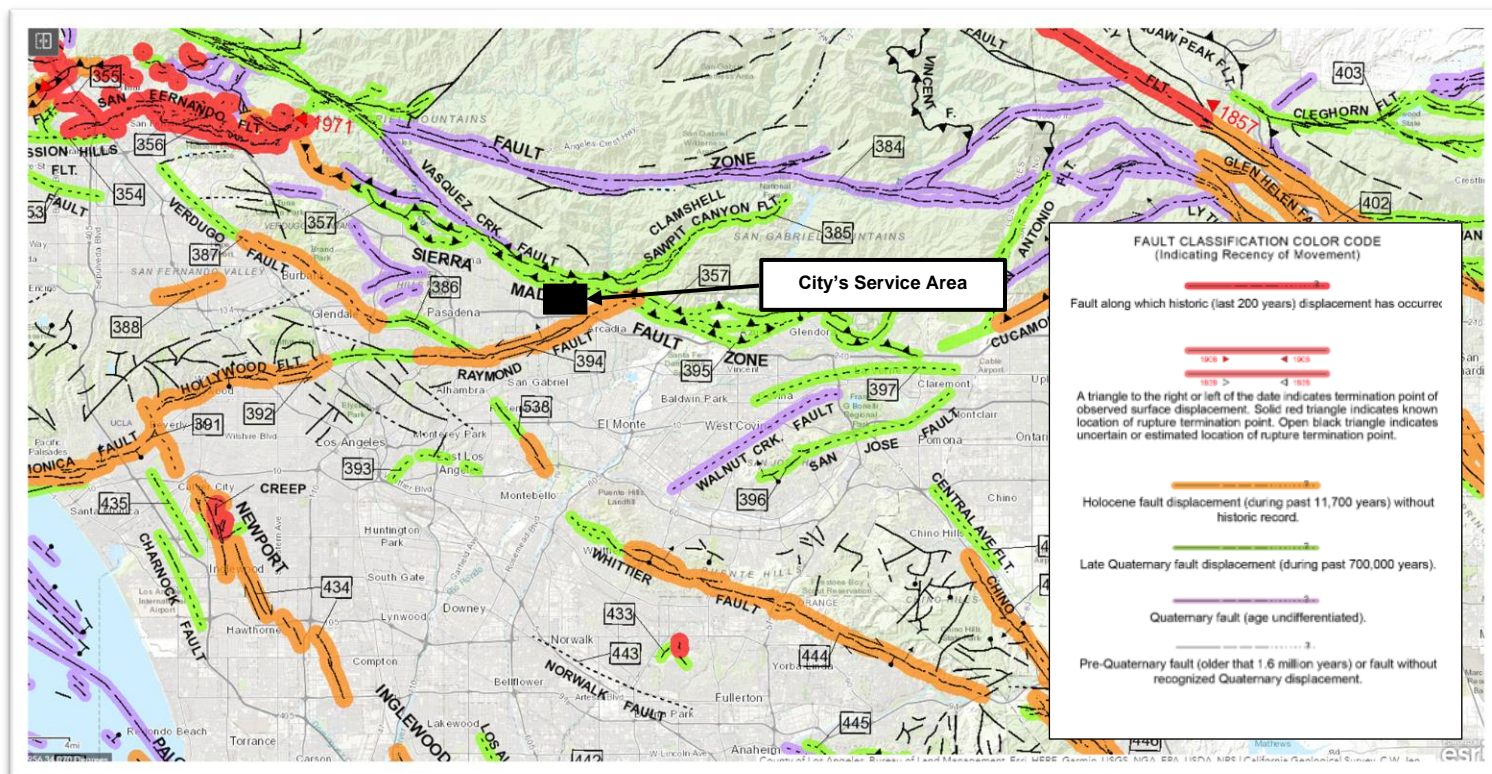
The California Geological Survey has published the locations of numerous faults which have been mapped in the Southern California region. Although the San Andreas fault is





the most recognized and is capable of producing an earthquake with a magnitude greater than 8 on the Richter scale, some of the lesser-known faults have the potential to cause significant damage. The locations of these earthquake faults in the vicinity of the City's water service area are provided in the figure below. The faults that are located in close proximity to and could potentially cause significant shaking in the City's water service area include the San Andreas fault, the Raymond fault, the San Gabriel fault, and the Sierra Madre fault.

### Location of Earthquake Faults



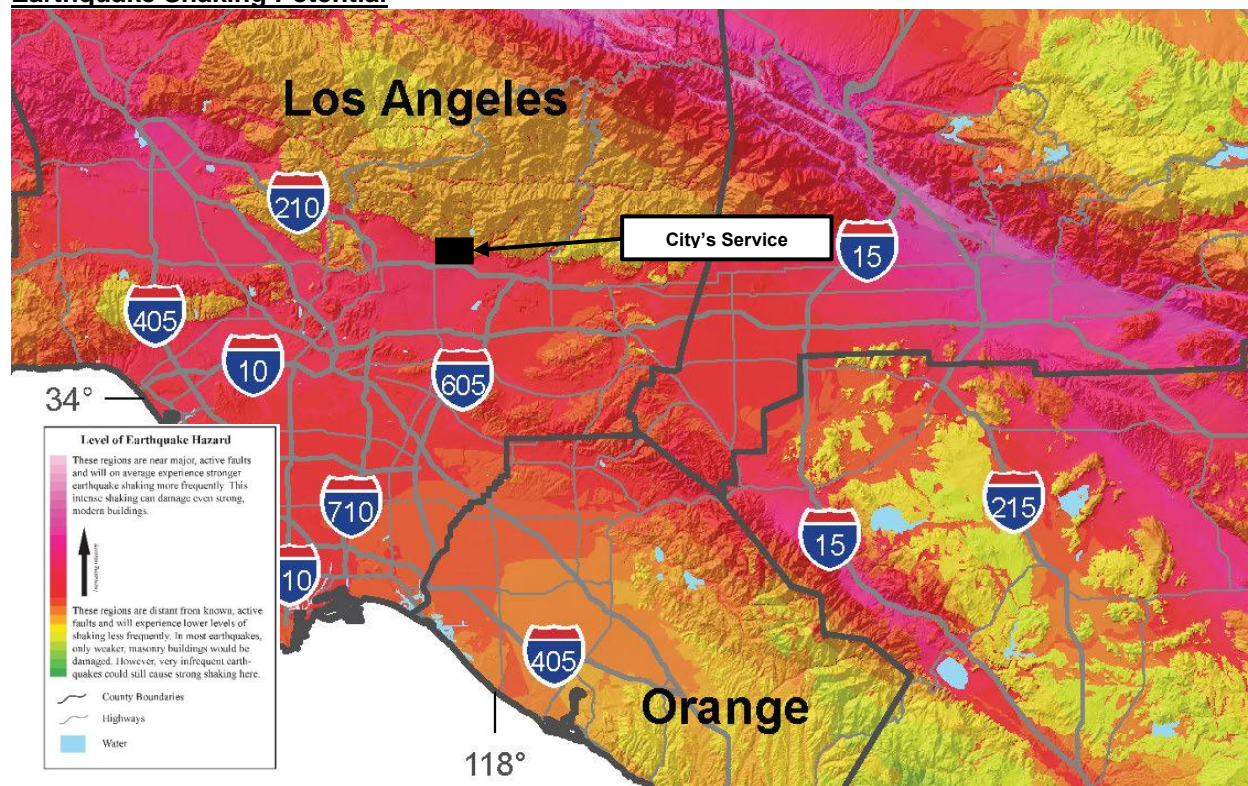
Source: <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/App/>

The following figure provides the relative intensity of ground shaking in the vicinity of the City's service area from anticipated future earthquakes. The locations of relatively long-period (1.0 second) earthquake shaking, including the City's service area, are provided. Long-period shaking affects tall, relatively flexible buildings, but also correlates with



earthquake damage. The shaking potential is calculated based on the level of ground motion that has a 2 percent chance of being exceeded in 50 years (or the level of ground-shaking with an approximate 2,500-year average repeat time). As discussed in Section 8.4.5, the City is currently preparing an Emergency Response Plan which will provide the management, procedures, and designated actions the City and its employees will implement during emergency situations resulting from natural disasters, including during earthquakes, to ensure that customers receive a reliable and adequate supply of potable water. The City's ERP is incorporated by reference.

#### Earthquake Shaking Potential



Source: "Earthquake Shaking Potential for California", 2016, California Geological Survey and United States Geological Survey

### **8.4.7 SHORTAGE RESPONSE ACTION EFFECTIVENESS**

The effectiveness of the shortage response actions for each of the standard water shortage levels identified in Section 8.3 is evident in the City's historical ability to meet its





customer's water demands in response to a water supply shortage. In addition, the City imposes water consumption regulations and restrictions, and supports local agencies in efforts to enforce regulations and prohibitions on water use. The effectiveness of each of the City's shortage response actions, in order to reduce any potential gaps between supply and demand, has been quantified in the expected demand reduction provided in Table 8-2 and Table 8-3.

Section 6.1 provides a tabulation of the City's historical annual water demands for each water supply source. During the past 10 years, the City experienced a five-year consecutive drought within its service area from FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16. Throughout this extended dry year period, the City's annual water production ranged from 2,125 AF to 2,841 AF, with an average of approximately 2,472 AF. In addition, historical records indicate the City previously produced a maximum of up to 2,841 AF during FY 2012-13. The City has been able to provide sufficient water supplies to its customers, including during long-term droughts and years with historically high water demands. In addition, the City has been able to provide water service to meet maximum day water demands for these years, including during the summer months.

The City's water demands during the most recent five years (from FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20) averaged approximately 2,209 AFY. Due to conservation efforts and demand management measures (discussed in Chapter 9), the City's recent water demands have been significantly less than its historical water demands, including during long-term droughts. The City's projected water demands (during normal, single dry, and five consecutive year droughts) are provided in Section 7.2.3 and are anticipated to incorporate similar reductions in water use rates as a result of the shortage response actions, ongoing conservation efforts, and demand management measures. Because the City's projected water demands are similar to its historical water demands, it is anticipated the City will be able to continue providing sufficient water supplies to its customers to meet projected water demands, including during long-term droughts. In addition, as discussed in Section 8.4.1, based on historical and on-going management practices, the



City will be able to continue relying on its water supply source from the Raymond Basin for adequate supply augmentation in response to each of the standard water shortage levels identified in Section 8.3.

Based on the City's ability in meeting water demands during past water supply shortages, adopted water shortage levels, adjusted operating safe yields, and long-term droughts, it is anticipated that the City will be able to continue providing sufficient water supplies to its customers during any of its standard water shortage levels. Although adequate supplies are anticipated, the cost of those water supplies may become incrementally more expensive. The City will enact varying levels of its water shortage contingency plan to encourage retail customers to reduce water consumption and at the same time reduce the need to use the more expensive water supplies. Notwithstanding, the effectiveness of each of the City's shortage response actions, in order to reduce any potential gaps between supply and demand, has been quantified in the expected demand reduction provided in Table 8-2 and Table 8-3. The effectiveness of the District's shortage response actions is based on the City's water demands prior to 2015 (unconstrained demands). The City reduced its water demands in 2015 in response to the Governor's April 1, 2015 Executive Order B-29-15 which mandated statewide reduction in water use of 25 percent. The City's actual water demand reduction during this period was used to estimate the extent of water use reductions for the City's Water Shortage Stages. The City's Water Shortage Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are expected to reduce water demands by up to 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, and greater than 50%, respectively.



## 8.5 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

### CWC 10632.

*(a)(5) Communication protocols and procedures to inform customers, the public, interested parties, and local, regional, and state governments, regarding, at a minimum, all of the following:*

*(A) Any current or predicted shortages as determined by the annual water supply and demand assessment described pursuant to Section 10632.1.*

*(B) Any shortage response actions triggered or anticipated to be triggered by the annual water supply and demand assessment described pursuant to Section 10632.1.*

*(C) Any other relevant communications.*

Pursuant to CWC 10632.1, The City's Annual Assessment will be submitted to DWR by July 1 of each year or within 14 days of receiving its final allocation, whichever is later. The Annual Assessment will provide information on the City's anticipated shortage, triggered response actions, compliance and enforcement actions, and communication actions, as discussed in Section 8.2. The City may use the Annual Assessment as a method of declaring the appropriate water shortage level.

All water supply shortage conditions will be effective on the tenth day after the date the shortage is declared. Within five days following the declaration of the shortage level, the City will publish a notice of the declaration of water supply shortage in a newspaper used for publication of official notices, post the notice in the same location and manner as other official notices of the city are posted, and use whatever means are reasonably available, including but not limited to the city's website, the emergency telephone notification system, and regular billing statements, to notify customers of the shortage declaration.

The information provided will include the declared shortage level, response action associated with each shortage level, and any other relevant information relating to the declaration.



## 8.6 COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

### CWC 10632.

*(a)(6) For an urban retail water supplier, customer compliance, enforcement, appeal, and exemption procedures for triggered shortage response actions as determined pursuant to Section 10632.2.*

Under Section 13.24.140 of the City Municipal Code, any customer violating the regulations and restrictions on water use set forth in the City Municipal Code may be punishable by an administrative citation as follows:

1. Surcharge penalty in the amount of \$125 for the first violation
2. Surcharge penalty in the amount of \$250 for the second violation
3. Surcharge penalty in the amount of \$500 for the third and any additional violation, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

## 8.7 LEGAL AUTHORITIES

### CWC 10632.

*(a)(7)(A) A description of the legal authorities that empower the urban water supplier to implement and enforce its shortage response actions specified in paragraph (4) that may include, but are not limited to, statutory authorities, ordinances, resolutions, and contract provisions.*

*(B) A statement that an urban water supplier shall declare a water shortage emergency in accordance with Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 350) of Division 1.*

*(C) A statement that an urban water supplier shall coordinate with any city or county within which it provides water supply services for the possible proclamation of a local emergency, as defined in Section 8558 of the Government Code.*



### CWC Division 1, Section 350

*The governing body of a distributor of a public water supply, whether publicly or privately owned and including a mutual water company, shall declare a water shortage emergency condition to prevail within the area served by such distributor whenever it finds and determines that the ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting the water supply of the distributor to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection.*

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In the event that the demand of water consumers cannot be satisfied without depleting a substantial amount of water supply needed for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection, the City shall declare a water shortage emergency. The City shall coordinate with any city or county within its service area for possible declaration of a local emergency including the City of Sierra Madre and Los Angeles County.

Chapter 13.24 of the City Municipal Code is the City's adopted water shortage contingency ordinance, as shown in Appendix N. The purpose and intent of Chapter 13.24 of the City Municipal Code is to establish a water conservation and supply shortage program that will reduce water consumption within the City's jurisdiction through conservation, enable effective water supply planning, assure reasonable and beneficial use of water, prevent waste of water, and maximize the efficient use of water within the City to avoid and minimize the effect and hardship of water shortage to the greatest extent possible.

## **8.8 FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF WSCP**

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### CWC 10632.

*(a)(8) A description of the financial consequences of, and responses for, drought conditions, including, but not limited to, all of the following:*



*(A) A description of potential revenue reductions and expense increases associated with activated shortage response actions described in paragraph (4).*

*(B) A description of mitigation actions needed to address revenue reductions and expense increases associated with activated shortage response actions described in paragraph (4).*

*(C) A description of the cost of compliance with Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section 365) of Division 1.*

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In December 2018, a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Cost of Service Study was conducted for the City, as shown in Appendix O. The analysis of the Study included predictions of the City's revenues and expenditures with 10 percent reduced sales, increased rates, and increased or reduced costs associated with shortages. The objective of the analysis was to show two conditions:

1. The impacts of a shortage on operating revenues and expenditures if the funding deficiency was not addressed by methods to increase revenue, and
2. The impacts of a shortage on operating revenues and expenditures if the deficiencies created by the shortage were reduced.

The analysis indicated an increase in meter charges and varying increases in commodity rate were necessary to maintain the pre-shortage level of service, depending upon the percent reduction in water sales. The analysis assumed capital programs would suffer and most likely be delayed in order to maintain sufficient operation and maintenance levels.

The City's proposed measures to overcome these impacts include monitoring the reserve funds and rate adjustments. The analysis discussed establishing an operating reserve target of 60 days of O&M expenses. This would ensure a working capital to support the operation, maintenance, and administration of the utility.



### 8.9 MONITORING AND REPORTING

#### CWC 10632.

*(a)(9) For an urban retail water supplier, monitoring and reporting requirements and procedures that ensure appropriate data is collected, tracked, and analyzed for purposes of monitoring customer compliance and to meet state reporting requirements.*

The City measures and determines reductions in water use by using SWRCB's Drought Response Tool pursuant to SWRCB's Executive Order B-29-15. The Drought Response Tool allows the City to calculate residential GPCD on a monthly basis for comparison with the City's baseline year which is set by the SWRCB.

When a Shortage Level has been declared, production figures are reported and used to compare the current monthly production to the monthly production prior to the declared level shortage to verify that the reduction goal is being met. Customer compliance of the provisions adopted by declaration of a WSCP are monitored and reported through water loss audits performed by the City. Staff prepares annual Distribution System Water Audits to monitor water losses. Staff reviews the audits to track real and apparent losses. The City regularly monitors its system and repairs leaks in a timely manner. This includes regular checks on valves and meters, and pipeline maintenance. If leaks are encountered or suspected during routine inspection of the system, further evaluation is conducted. If leaks are found, they are repaired.



## 8.10 WSCP REFINEMENT PROCEDURES

### CWC 10632.

*(a)(10) Reevaluation and improvement procedures for systematically monitoring and evaluating the functionality of the water shortage contingency plan in order to ensure shortage risk tolerance is adequate and appropriate water shortage mitigation strategies are implemented as needed.*

The City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan has been prepared as an adaptive management plan. As discussed in Section 8.9, the City will monitor and report on the implementation of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The City will review the implementation results for any current or potential shortage gaps between water supplies and demands. The City will evaluate the need for revising the Water Shortage Contingency Plan in order to resolve any shortage gaps, as necessary. The City will consider the following potential revisions in the event of a potential shortage gap:

- Implementation of additional public outreach, education, and communication programs (in addition to the programs discussed in Chapter 9).
- Implementation of more stringent water use restrictions under the standard water shortage levels (discussed in Section 8.4.1)
- Implementation of stricter enforcement actions and penalties (discussed in Section 8.6)
- Improvements to the water supply augmentation responses (discussed in Section 8.4.2), as well as any associated operational changes (discussed in Section 8.4.3) which may be required
- Incorporation of additional actions recommended by City staff or other interested parties





The City will use the monitoring and reporting data to evaluate the ability for these potential revisions to resolve any shortage gaps which may occur within the standard water shortage levels.

This Water Shortage Contingency Plan is adopted as part of the City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan adoption process discussed in Section 10.3. It is anticipated the City will review, revise, and adopt an updated Water Shortage Contingency Plan as part of preparing its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan as necessary. However, the City will continue to review the monitoring and reporting data, and if needed, update the Water Shortage Contingency Plan more frequently. Any updates to the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan will include a public hearing and adoption process by the City Council (see Section 8.12).

### 8.11 SPECIAL WATER FEATURE DISTINCTION

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#### [CWC 10632.](#)

*(b) For purposes of developing the water shortage contingency plan pursuant to subdivision (a), an urban water supplier shall analyze and define water features that are artificially supplied with water, including ponds, lakes, waterfalls, and fountains, separately from swimming pools and spas, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 115921 of the Health and Safety Code.*

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The City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan defines "decorative water features" as water features which are artificially supplied with water, including ponds, lakes, waterfalls, and fountains, but excluding pools and spas. In general, there are additional health and safety considerations in the water supplied to pools and spas compared to decorative water features. As a result, the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan has reviewed the response actions, enforcement actions, and monitoring and reporting programs separately for decorative water features and for pools and spas, as applicable. It is



prohibited at all times to use water to clean, fill, or maintain levels in decorative fountains that does not use recirculated water.

### 8.12 PLAN ADOPTION, SUBMITTAL, AND AVAILABILITY

#### CWC 10632.

*(c) The urban water supplier shall make available the water shortage contingency plan prepared pursuant to this article to its customers and any city or county within which it provides water supplies no later than 30 days after adoption of the water shortage contingency plan.*

The City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan is adopted as part of the City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan adoption process discussed in Chapter 10. The process for adopting the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes the following:

- The City will conduct a public hearing and make the Water Shortage Contingency Plan available for public inspection.
- The City will provide notification of the time and place of the public hearing to any city or county in which water is provided.
- The City will publish notice of public hearing in a newspaper once a week, for two successive weeks (with at least five days between publication dates).
- The City Council will adopt the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- As part of submitting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan to DWR, the City will also submit the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (electronically through DWR's online submittal tool) within 30 days of adoption and by July 1, 2021. The City will submit a copy of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan to the California State Library and to any city or county in which water is provided within 30 days of



adoption. In addition, the City will make the Water Shortage Contingency Plan available for public review within 30 days of adoption.

If there are any subsequent amendments required, the process for adopting an amended Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes the following:

- The City will conduct a public hearing and make the amended Water Shortage Contingency Plan available for public inspection.
- The City Council will adopt the amended Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- The City will submit the amended Water Shortage Contingency Plan to DWR (electronically through DWR's online submittal tool) within 30 days of adoption

Additional information regarding the adoption, submittal, and availability of the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (and 2020 Urban Water Management Plan) is provided in Chapter 10.



## **CHAPTER 9**

### **DEMAND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 9**

#### **DEMAND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

Chapter 9 (Demand Management Measures) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- The City has implemented “Demand Management Measures” to reduce its water demands and achieve its water use targets (discussed in Chapter 5)
- The City's Demand Management Measures include adoption of an ordinance to prevent water waste.
- The City's Demand Management Measures include metering of all customer connections, including separate metering for single-family residential, commercial, industrial, large landscape and institutional/governmental facilities.
- The City's Demand Management Measures include conservation pricing. The City's current water rate structure is tiered to promote water conservation by customers.
- The City's Demand Management Measures include public education and outreach programs regarding water conservation.
- The City's Demand Management Measures include various actions to assess and manage water distribution system losses.
- Additional Demand Management Measures including San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District funded rebates, conservation, and educational programs are discussed.



- A summary of the Demand Management Measures the City has implemented over the past five (5) years is provided. The City met the 2020 Water Use Target (discussed in Chapter 5) through the implementation of these Demand Management Measures.

### 9.1 DEMAND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR WHOLESALE SUPPLIERS

#### CWC 10631.

*(e) Provide a description of the supplier's water demand management measures. This description shall include all of the following:*

*(1)(B) The narrative pursuant to this paragraph shall include descriptions of the following water demand management measures:*

*(ii) Metering.*

*(iv) Public education and outreach.*

*(vi) Water conservation program coordination and staffing support.*

*(vii) Other demand management measures that have a significant impact on water use as measured in gallons per capita per day, including innovative measures, if implemented.*

*(2) For an urban wholesale water supplier, as defined in Section 10608.12, a narrative description of the items in clauses (ii), (iv), (vi), and (vii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), and a narrative description of its distribution system asset management and wholesale supplier assistance programs.*

The City is not a wholesale agency and is not required by DWR to complete Section 9.1.



## 9.2 EXISTING DEMAND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR RETAIL SUPPLIERS

### CWC 10631.

*(e) Provide a description of the supplier's water demand management measures. This description shall include all of the following:*

*(1)(A) For an urban retail water supplier, as defined in Section 10608.12, a narrative description that addresses the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented over the past five years. The narrative shall describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement to achieve its water use targets pursuant to Section 10608.20.*

*(B) The narrative pursuant to this paragraph shall include descriptions of the following water demand management measures:*

*(i) Water waste prevention ordinances.*

*(ii) Metering.*

*(iii) Conservation pricing.*

*(iv) Public education and outreach.*

*(v) Programs to assess and manage distribution system real loss.*

*(vi) Water conservation program coordination and staffing support.*

*(vii) Other demand management measures that have a significant impact on water use as measured in gallons per capita per day, including innovative measures, if implemented.*

### 9.2.1 WATER WASTE PREVENTION ORDINANCES

Chapter 13.24 of the City Municipal Code is the City's adopted water waste prevention ordinances, as shown in Appendix N. The purpose and intent of Chapter 13.24 of the City Municipal Code is to establish a water conservation and supply shortage program that will reduce water consumption within the City's jurisdiction through conservation, enable effective water supply planning, assure reasonable and beneficial use of water, prevent waste of water, and maximize the efficient use of water within the City to avoid and minimize the effect and hardship of water shortage to the greatest extent possible.



In October 2018, the City adopted Ordinance 1403 which amended the City Municipal Code to include State prohibitions on wasteful water use and increase prohibited outdoor irrigation hours. A copy of this ordinance is provided in Appendix P. In January 2016, the City repealed and replaces Chapter 15.60 (“Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance”) by adopting Ordinance 1374 to comply with State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

The following are mandatory Water Conservation Regulations:

- Even-numbered addresses are limited to landscape irrigation on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Odd-numbered addresses and addresses ending in fractions are limited to landscape irrigation on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.
- Lawn, landscaping, and other turf areas cannot be watered between the hours of 6am and 6pm and cannot run-off into the sidewalks or streets.
- Water leaks must be immediately fixed.
- Washing of sidewalks, walkways, patios, driveways, or parking areas cannot be done with a water hose.
- No water can be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains unless such water is part of a recycling system.
- The use of a hose to wash an automobile is prohibited, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.



### 9.2.2 METERING

#### CWC 526.

*(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an urban water supplier that, on or after January 1, 2004, receives water from the federal Central Valley Project under a water service contract or subcontract... shall do both of the following:*

*(1) On or before January 1, 2013, install water meters on all service connections to residential and nonagricultural commercial buildings... located within its service area.*

#### CWC 527.

*(a) An urban water supplier that is not subject to Section 526 shall do both of the following:*

*(1) Install water meters on all municipal and industrial service connections located within its service area on or before January 1, 2025.*

The City meters all customer connections, including separate metering for residential, commercial, industrial, large landscape and institutional/governmental facilities. Furthermore, if there is new development within the City, each facility is individually metered. Service charges for the city are based on the customers' connection size. Further information regarding the City's service fees and conservation pricing is provided in Section 9.2.3.

In July 2020, the City began monthly billing with the completion of its advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) program. The AMI program will allow the City to gain a more accurate reading its water meter, enhance communications, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and provide quick leak detection.

### 9.2.3 CONSERVATION PRICING

In 2018, the City changes its water rate structure to include a two-tier rate structure. Tier 1 rates are charged based on available groundwater supplies and Tier 2 rates are charged based on the cost of imported water supplies as discussed in Appendix O. Residential





customers are encouraged to conserve water to reduce the need for the City to purchase supplemental water imported water supplies.

### **9.2.4 PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

The City encourages water conservation through public information programs such as notices in customers' water bills, notices in newspapers/website, community programs, and local schools. The City participates in water conservation information campaigns to increase customers' awareness of habits or procedures which waste water. The City also participates in all city events during each year where water conservation materials are distributed at no direct cost to the customers. During community events, literature and water conserving devices are distributed to encourage water conservation. The materials are always available at City Hall.

As a member of SGVMWD, the City participates in SGVMWD's public information programs. SGVMWD's website feature video presentations on water related projects, information on the District, and general public education information and rebates. SGVMWD provide tours designed to educate the public on its pipeline and water delivery system and water related topics (these tours may currently be unavailable due to Covid and security issues).

SGVMWD began its Opportunities for Water Leadership (O.W.L) Community Grant Program in 2017. The program assists school and community/business organizations within its service area to create educational "water-wise" projects. SGVMWD offers grants ranging from \$200 to \$ 2,000 for community water conservation projects.

### **9.2.5 PROGRAMS TO ASSESS AND MANAGE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REAL LOSS**



The City's Water Department has an active leak locating program. Trained staff uses correlating equipment to actively locate leaks in the distribution system. The average response time for responding to a reported leak is about twenty minutes during work hours and about forty-five minutes maximum during after-hours.

As a part of normal operation and maintenance of the water system, City staff does preventive maintenance. This includes regular checks on valves and meters, and pipeline maintenance. If leaks are encountered or suspected during routine inspection of the system, further evaluation is conducted. If leaks are found, they are repaired. The City estimates water system losses at approximately 19.9 percent, as discussed in Section 4.2.

The City will continue these programs to assess and manage distribution system real losses.

### **9.2.6 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATION AND STAFFING SUPPORT**

The City's Utilities Director serves as the water conservation coordinator. The water conservation coordinator duties include conducting matters pertaining to the City's water conservation program. In addition, various City staff are involved in the City's water conservation program, including maintenance and operations personnel, and administrative staff who answer billing and usage questions and serve at the front counter at City Hall. The staff serve as part-time water conservation coordinators by nature of their duties and responsibilities in performing their job functions.

The Utilities Director oversees all water conservation activities. The Director is responsible for water system infrastructure, water quality, water planning, and water



conservation. The Director is responsible for recommending water conservation programs and water conservation ordinance stage provisions to the City Council. The Utilities Director, Water Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer, Management Analyst and an Administrative Assistant all participate in the enforcement of water conservation.

### **9.2.7 OTHER DEMAND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

#### Water Conservation Rebate Programs

The City participates in SGVMWD's regional rebate program which is available to the City's residential and commercial customers. There are rebates available for indoor plumbing including high efficiency clothes washers, commercial waterless urinal, and high efficiency toilets rebates are subject to change. Rebates are also available for outdoor plumbing include those for weather-based irrigation controllers, rotating sprinkler nozzles, and soil moisture sensor systems. In addition, rain barrel and cistern rebates are also available for its customers. The rebate application, along with a list of qualifying appliances, are listed on the City's website. SGVMWD's rebates are subject to change.

#### Large Landscape Conservation Programs

The City offers free mulch which reduces water use by helping the soil retain moisture. On August 2015, DWR announced two new rebate program to replace inefficient toilets and turf, further conserving water. The "Turf and Toilets" program, funded by Proposition 1, provided a total of \$30 million in rebates (\$24 million for turf and \$6 million for toilet replacements). The program targeted \$12 million towards assisting residents in disadvantaged communities.

During FY 2009-10 SGVMWD began a pilot program which provides grants to its sub-agencies to fund projects relating to water conservation. The objectives of the pilot program are to conserve water and to provide teaching examples of technology,



materials, and procedures which conserve water. The pilot program provides grants in excess of \$50,000 per project to its sub-agencies. After project implementation, the sub-agencies must report back to SGVMWD the actual water savings and provide information such as the number of budgets developed for large landscape customers, the number of surveys completed, and the number of follow-up visits. SGVMWD has provided approximately \$12 million in grants to fund more than 25 water conservation pilot projects within its service area since 2009.

When available, the City plans to continue implementation of the programs described above to promote water conservation.

### 9.3 REPORTING IMPLEMENTATION

#### 9.3.1 IMPLEMENTATION OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

##### CWC 10631.

*(e) Provide a description of the supplier's water demand management measures. This description shall include all of the following:*

*(1) (A) ...a narrative description that addresses the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented over the past five years.*

The City is committed to implementing water conservation programs and works collaboratively with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to provide water conservation programs for its residents.

As discussed in Section 9.2.1, in October 2018, the City adopted Ordinance 1403 which amended the City Municipal Code to include State prohibitions on wasteful water use and increase prohibited outdoor irrigation hours. In January 2016, the City repealed and



replaces Chapter 15.60 (“Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance”) by adopting Ordinance 1374 to comply with State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

As discussed in Section 9.2.2, the City metered all customer connections, including separate metering for single-family residential, commercial, industrial, large landscape and institutional/governmental facilities during the past five years. Furthermore, if there was new development within the City, each facility was individually metered. Service charges for the City are based on the customers’ meter size.

As discussed in Section 9.2.3, in 2018, the City changed its water rate structure from a four-tiered rate structure to a two-tier rate structure.

As discussed in Section 9.2.4, the City encourages water conservation through public information programs such as notices in customers’ water bills, notices in newspapers/website, community programs, and local schools. SGVMWD began its O.W.L Community Grant Program in 2017. The program assists school and community/business organizations within its service area to create educational “water-wise” projects.

As discussed in Section 9.2.5, the City has an active leak locating program where trained staff uses correlating equipment to actively locate leaks in the distribution system. As a part of normal operation and maintenance of the water system, City staff does preventive maintenance.

As described in Section 9.2.6, the City’s Utilities Director /Water serves as the water conservation coordinator. In addition, various City staff are involved in the City’s water conservation program, including maintenance and operations personnel, and administrative staff who answer billing and usage questions and serve at the front counter at City Hall. The City plans to continue to provide staffing support.



As discussed in Section 9.2.7, the City continues to participate in a Large Landscape Conservation Program and SGVMWD's regional rebate program which is available to the City's residential and commercial customers.

### 9.3.2 IMPLEMENTATION TO ACHIEVE WATER USE TARGETS

#### CWC 10631.

*(e)(1)(A) For an urban retail water supplier, as defined in Section 10608.12, a narrative description that addresses the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented over the past five years. The narrative shall describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement to achieve its water use targets pursuant to Section 10608.20.*

The Demand Management Measures implemented by the City are discussed in Section 9.2. Descriptions regarding the nature and extent of these Demand Management Measures implemented by the City over the past five years are discussed in Section 9.3. The City will continue to implement these Demand Management Measures and other water conservation programs and work collaboratively with San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to provide water conservation programs for its residents.

As discussed in Section 5.5, the City's per-capita water use during FY 2019-20 was 199 GPCD. The City's confirmed 2020 Water Use Target is 206 GPCD. The City's per-capita water use during FY 2019-20 meets the 2020 Water Use Target and is in compliance. The City met the 2020 Water Use Target through the implementation of the Demand Management Measures discussed in Section 9.2. Continued implementation of these Demand Management Measures will assist the City in meeting water use targets and objectives.



### 9.4 WATER USE OBJECTIVES (FUTURE REQUIREMENTS)

The City is currently working with DWR to develop Water Use Objectives pursuant to AB 1668 and SB 606. Beginning in 2024, water agencies, including the City, are required to begin reporting compliance of their Water Use Objectives consisting of indoor residential water use, outdoor residential water use, commercial, industrial and institutional, irrigation with dedicated meters, water loss, and other unique local uses. The City plans to meet its Water Use Objectives through continued implementation of the Demand Management Measures discussed in Section 9.2.



## **CHAPTER 10**

### **PLAN ADOPTION, SUBMITTAL, AND IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **LAY DESCRIPTION – CHAPTER 10**

#### **PLAN ADOPTION, SUBMITTAL, AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Chapter 10 (Plan Adoption, Submittal, and Implementation) of the City's 2020 Plan discusses and provides the following:

- The steps the City has performed to adopt and submit its 2020 Plan are detailed
- The steps the City has performed to adopt and submit its Water Shortage Contingency Plan are detailed
- The City coordinated the preparation of its 2020 Plan with the Cities of Arcadia, Pasadena, Monrovia, Main Basin Watermaster, Raymond Basin Management Board, and SGVMWD. The City notified these agencies at least sixty (60) days prior to the public hearing of the preparation of the 2020 Plan and invited these agencies to participate in the development of the 2020 Plan.
- The City provided a notice of the public hearing to the same agencies regarding the time, date, and place of the public hearing.
- The City published a newspaper notification of the public hearing, once a week for two successive weeks
- The City conducted a public hearing to discuss and adopt the City's 2020 Plan and City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
- Within 30 days of adoption, the City submitted the 2020 Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan to the California Department of Water Resources.
- Within 30 days of adoption, the City submitted all data tables associated with the 2020 Plan to the California Department of Water Resources.





- Within 30 days of adoption, the City submitted a copy of the 2020 Plan to the State of California Library.
- Within 30 days of adoption, the City submitted a copy of the 2020 Plan (and Water Shortage Contingency Plan) to the County of Los Angeles Registrar / Records office and the City Clerk's Office.
- Within 30 days after submittal of the 2020 Plan to the California Department of Water Resources, the City made the 2020 Plan (including the Water Shortage Contingency Plan) available at the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website.
- The steps the City will perform to amend the 2020 Plan and/or the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, if necessary, are provided.

### **10.1 INCLUSION OF ALL 2020 DATA**

The data provided in the City's 2020 Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is provided on a FY basis through June 30, 2020 (as discussed in Section 2.5).

### **10.2 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City's public hearing notification process for its 2020 Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is discussed below.



## 10.2.1 NOTICE TO CITIES AND COUNTIES

### CWC 10621.

*(b) Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan pursuant to this part shall, at least 60 days before the public hearing on the plan required by Section 10642, notify any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering amendments or changes to the plan.*

### CWC 10642.

*...The urban water supplier shall provide notice of the time and place of a hearing to any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies. Notices by a local public agency pursuant to this section shall be provided pursuant to Chapter 17.5 (commencing with Section 7290) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code. A privately owned water supplier shall provide an equivalent notice within its service area...*

### 10.2.1.1 60 DAY NOTIFICATION

As discussed in Section 2.6.2., the City coordinated the preparation of the 2020 Plan with the Main Basin Watermaster, Raymond Basin Management Board, and SGVMWD. The City notified these agencies, as well as to the cities and county within which the City provides water supplies, at least sixty (60) days prior to the public hearing of the preparation of the 2020 Plan and invited them to participate in the development of the Plan. A copy of the notification letters sent to these agencies is provided in Appendix D.

### 10.2.1.2 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City provided a notice of the public hearing to the Main Basin Watermaster, Raymond Basin Management Board, SGVMWD, and the County of Los Angeles, and the Cities of Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Pasadena, and Monrovia. The notice includes the time and place of the public hearing. To ensure that the Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan were available for review, the City placed a copy of the draft 2020 Plan and the draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan at the City Clerk's Office located at City Hall and made



a copy available for review on its website. Copies of the notice of the public hearing are provided in Appendix D.

### 10.2.1.3 SUBMITTAL TABLES

Table 10-1 summarizes the agencies which were provided notifications by the City.

**Table 10-1 Notification to Cities and Counties**

Submittal Table 10-1 Retail: Notification to Cities and Counties		
City Name	60 Day Notice	Notice of Public Hearing
<i>Add additional rows as needed</i>		
Pasadena	Yes	Yes
Monrovia	Yes	Yes
Arcadia	Yes	Yes
Sierra Madre	Yes	Yes
County Name <i>Drop Down List</i>	60 Day Notice	Notice of Public Hearing
<i>Add additional rows as needed</i>		
Los Angeles County	Yes	Yes
NOTES:		



### 10.2.2 NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

#### CWC 10642.

*...Prior to adopting either, the urban water supplier shall make both the plan and the water shortage contingency plan available for public inspection and shall hold a public hearing or hearings thereon. Prior to any of these hearings, notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published within the jurisdiction of the publicly owned water supplier pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code. The urban water supplier shall provide notice of the time and place of a hearing to any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies.*

#### Government Code 6066.

*Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or oftener, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the fourteenth day, including therein the first day.*

The City encouraged the active involvement of the population within its service area prior to and during the preparation of the Plan. Pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code, the City published a notice of public hearing in the newspaper during the weeks of June 29, 2021 and July 6, 2021. A notice of public hearing was also provided to the City Clerk's office and was posted throughout the City of Sierra Madre and on the City's website. A copy of the published notice is provided in Appendix D. To ensure that the draft 2020 Plan and the draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan were available for review, the City placed a copy at the City Clerk's Office located at City Hall and made a copy available for review on its website.



## 10.3 PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

### CWC 10642.

*...Prior to adopting either, the urban water supplier shall make both the plan and the water shortage contingency plan available for public inspection and shall hold a public hearing or hearings thereon.*

### CWC 10608.26.

*(a) In complying with this part, an urban retail water supplier shall conduct at least one public hearing to accomplish all of the following:*

*(1) Allow community input regarding the urban retail water supplier's implementation plan for complying with this part.*

*(2) Consider the economic impacts of the urban retail water supplier's implementation plan for complying with this part.*

*(3) Adopt a method, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 10608.20, for determining its urban water use target.*

### 10.3.1 PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to adopting the draft 2020 Plan and the draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan, the City held a public hearing on July 13, 2021 which included input from the community regarding the City's draft 2020 Plan and the draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan. As part of the public hearing, the City adopted a method to determine of its water use targets through selection of Target Method 1 (see Section 5.2.1 and Appendix G). In addition, the City considered the economic impacts of meeting these water use targets; including measures described in Section 8.8.

### 10.3.2 ADOPTION

### CWC 10642.

*... After the hearing or hearings, the plan or water shortage contingency plan shall be adopted as prepared or as modified after the hearing or hearings.*



Following the public hearing, the City adopted both the draft 2020 Plan and the draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan (included in Chapter 8). A copy of the resolution adopting the 2020 Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is provided in Appendix Q.

### 10.4 PLAN SUBMITTAL

#### CWC 10621.

*(e) Each urban water supplier shall update and submit its 2020 plan to the department by July 1, 2021.*

#### CWC 10644.

*(a) (1) An urban water supplier shall submit to the department, the California State Library, and any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies a copy of its plan no later than 30 days after adoption.*

#### CWC 10635.

*(c) The urban water supplier shall provide that portion of its urban water management plan prepared pursuant to this article to any city or county within which it provides water supplies no later than 60 days after the submission of its urban water management plan.*

The City's submittal process for its 2020 Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is discussed below.

#### **10.4.1 SUBMITTING A UWMP AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN TO DWR**

Within 30 days of adoption of the 2020 Plan by the City Council, the City submitted the adopted 2020 Plan (including the Water Shortage Contingency Plan) to DWR. The 2020 Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan were submitted through DWR's "Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Data Portal" website.

DWR developed a checklist which was used by the City to assist DWR with its determination that the City's 2020 Plan has addressed the requirements of the California



Water Code. The City has completed the DWR checklist by indicating where the required CWC elements can be found within the City's 2020 Plan (See Appendix C).

### 10.4.2 ELECTRONIC DATA SUBMITTAL

#### CWC 10644.

*(a)(2) The plan, or amendments to the plan, submitted to the department ...shall be submitted electronically and shall include any standardized forms, tables, or displays specified by the department.*

Within 30 days of adoption of the 2020 Plan, the City submitted all data tables associated with the 2020 Plan through DWR's "Water Use Efficiency Data Portal" website.

### 10.4.3 SUBMITTING A UWMP, INCLUDING WSCP, TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY

Within 30 days of adoption of the 2020 Plan by the City Council, a copy (CD or hardcopy) of the 2020 Plan was submitted to the State of California Library. A copy of the letter to the State Library will be maintained in the City's file. The 2020 Plan will be mailed to the following address if sent by regular mail:

California State Library  
Government Publications Section  
Attention: Coordinator, Urban Water Management Plans  
P.O. Box 942837  
Sacramento, CA 94237-0001



The 2020 Plan will be mailed to the following address if sent by courier or overnight carrier:

California State Library  
Government Publications Section  
Attention: Coordinator, Urban Water Management Plans  
900 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### 10.4.4 SUBMITTING A UWMP TO CITIES AND COUNTIES

Within 30 days of adoption of the 2020 Plan (including the Water Shortage Contingency Plan) by the City Council, a copy of the 2020 Plan was submitted to the County of Los Angeles Registrar / Records office and the City Clerk's Office. A copy of the letter to the County of Los Angeles will be maintained in the City's file.

## 10.5 PUBLIC AVAILABILITY

### CWC 10645.

*(a) Not later than 30 days after filing a copy of its plan with the department, the urban water supplier and the department shall make the plan available for public review during normal business hours.*

*(b) Not later than 30 days after filing a copy of its water shortage contingency plan with the department, the urban water supplier and the department shall make the plan available for public review during normal business hours.*

Within 30 days after submittal of the 2020 Plan to DWR, the City made the 2020 Plan (including the Water Shortage Contingency Plan) available at the City Clerk's Office located at City Hall during normal business hours and on the City's website.





## 10.6 NOTIFICATION TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### CWC 10621.

*(c) An urban water supplier regulated by the Public Utilities Commission shall include its most recent plan and water shortage contingency plan as part of the supplier's general rate case filings.*

The City is not regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission.

## 10.7 AMENDING AN ADOPTED UWMP OR WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

### CWC 10621.

*(d) The amendments to, or changes in, the plan shall be adopted and filed in the manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with Section 10640).*

### CWC 10644.

*(a)(1) An urban water supplier shall submit to the department, the California State Library, and any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies a copy of its plan no later than 30 days after adoption. Copies of amendments or changes to the plans shall be submitted to the department, the California State Library, and any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies within 30 days after adoption.*

The City's amendment process for its 2020 Plan is discussed below.

### 10.7.1 AMENDING A UWMP

If the City amends the adopted 2020 Plan, the amended Plan will undergo adoption by the City's governing board. Within 30 days of adoption, the amended Plan will then be submitted to DWR, the State of California Library, the County of Los Angeles Registrar / Recorders office, and the City Clerk's Office.



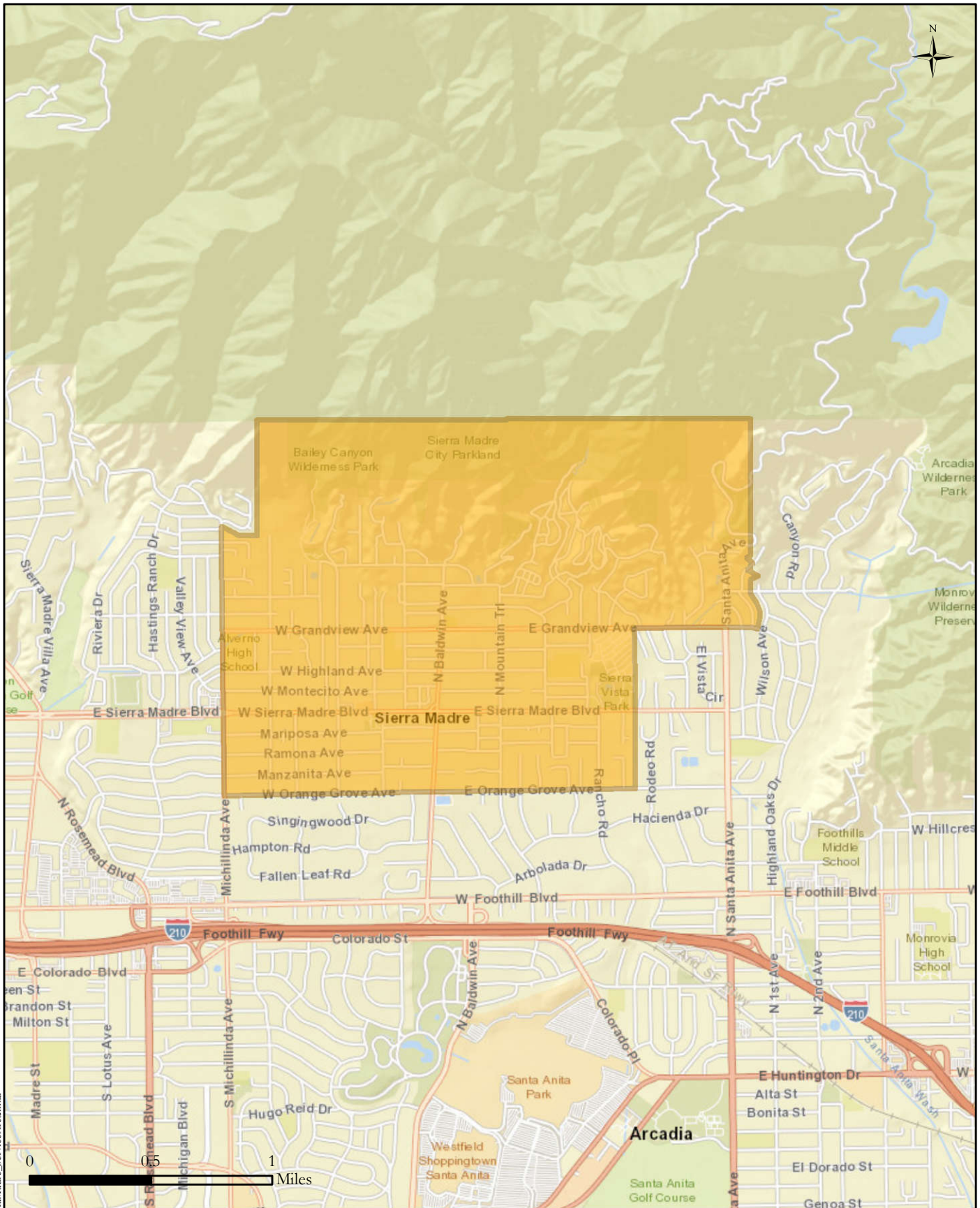
## 10.7.2 AMENDING A WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

### CWC 10644.

*(b) If an urban water supplier revises its water shortage contingency plan, the supplier shall submit to the department a copy of its water shortage contingency plan prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 10632 no later than 30 days after adoption, in accordance with protocols for submission and using electronic reporting tools developed by the department.*

If the City amends the adopted 2020 Plan (including the Water Shortage Contingency Plan), the amended Plan (and Water Shortage Contingency Plan) will undergo adoption by the City's governing board. Within 30 days of adoption, the amended Plan (and Water Shortage Contingency Plan) will then be submitted to DWR, the State of California Library, the County of Los Angeles Registrar / Records office, and the City Clerk's Office.

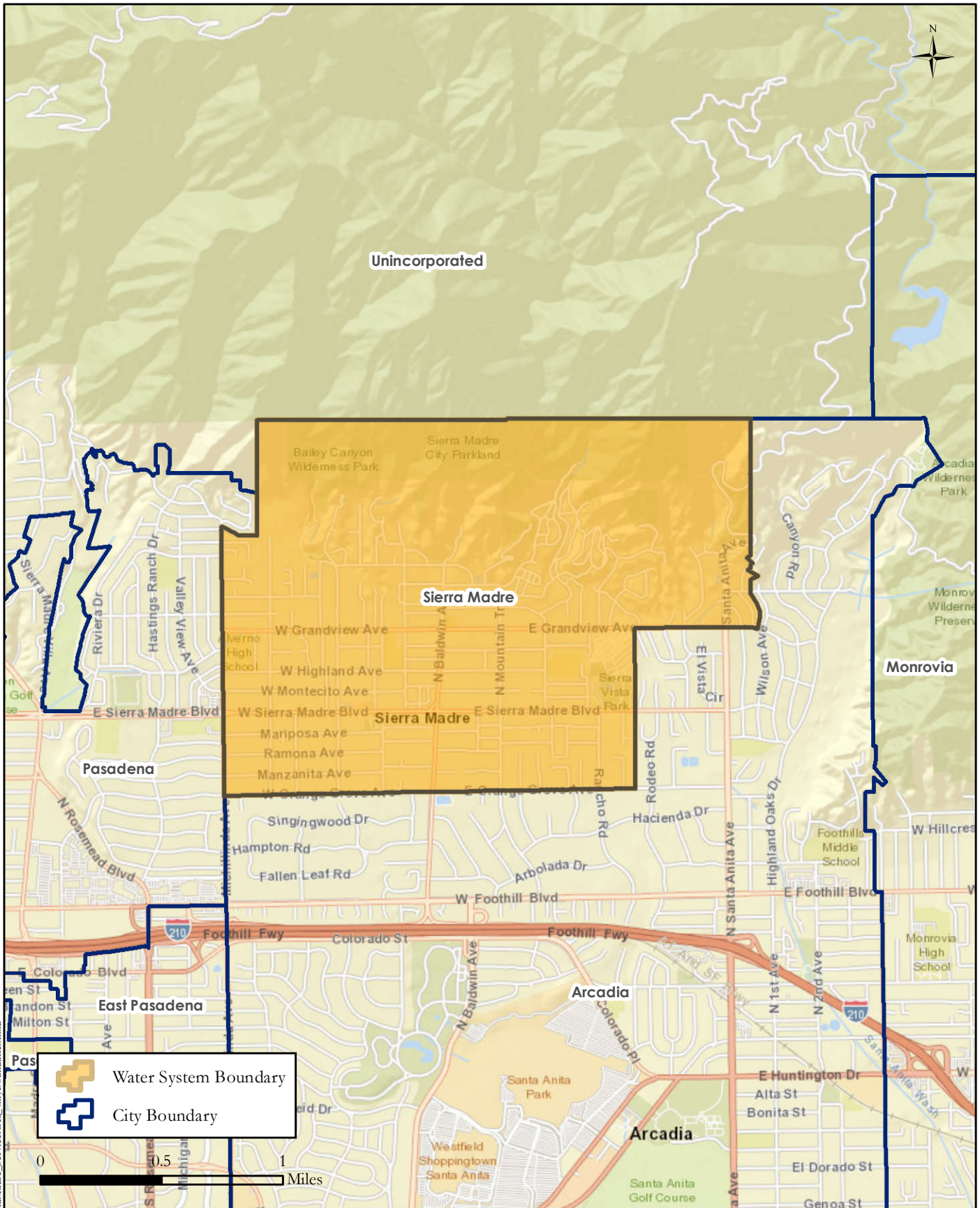
FIGURE 1



**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
WATER SERVICE AREA**



FIGURE 2



**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
WATER SERVICE AREA  
AND CITY BOUNDARIES**



FIGURE 3

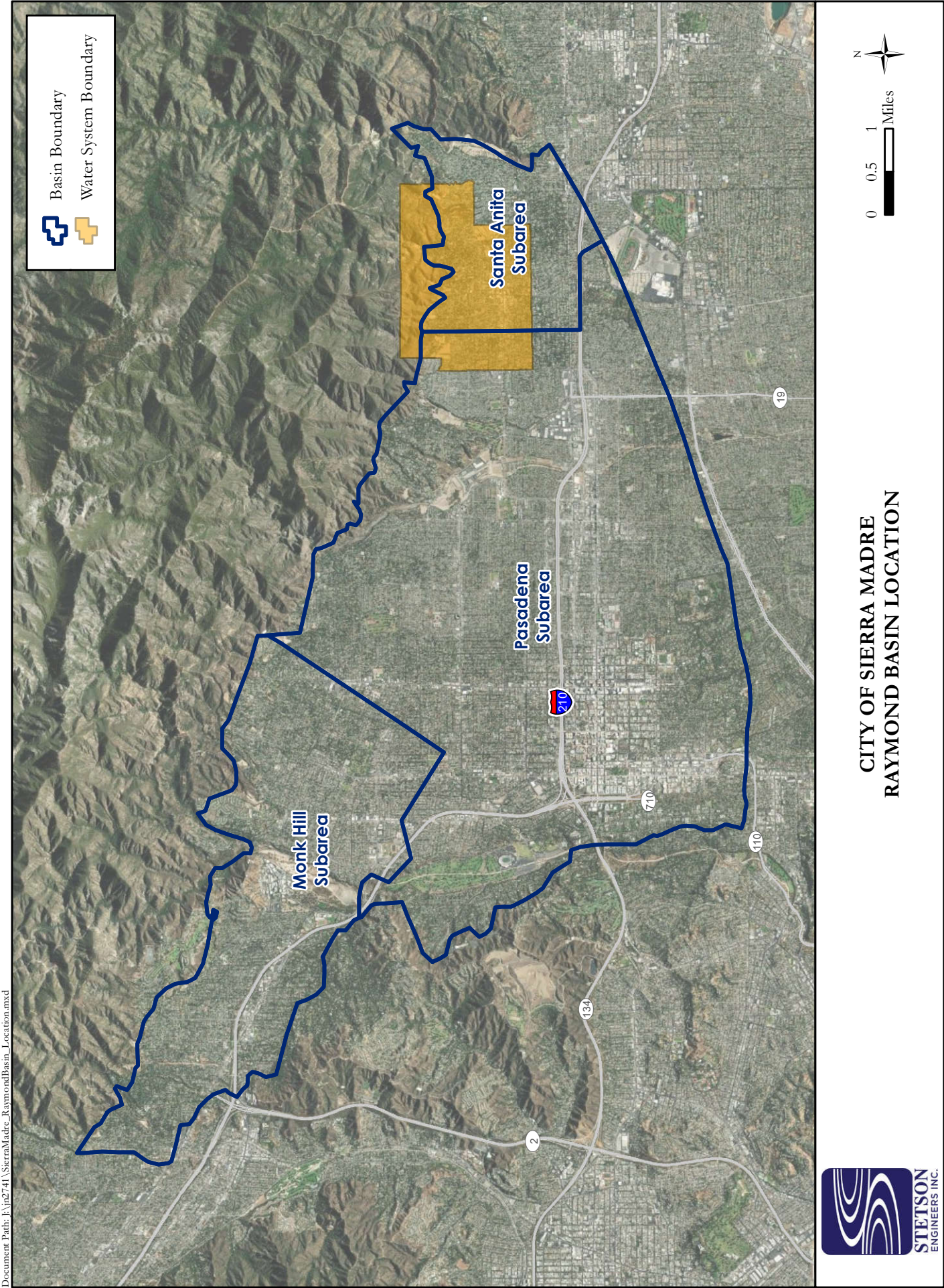




FIGURE 4

