



# **Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

**Public Workshop**  
**January 28, 2021**

**SUMMARY**

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## 1. Background

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is preparing a Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which is a requirement of the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. The Water Shortage Contingency Plan directs water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available for today and tomorrow. In improving water conservation and water shortage planning, the Water Shortage Contingency Plan will enable SCV Water to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions occur, such as during drought, earthquakes, fires, or other catastrophic events.

To provide information and receive input from stakeholders and the public during the planning and development of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, SCV Water held a public workshop on January 28, 2021 and offered an online input opportunity. The public workshop focused on describing the purpose and outcomes of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, water shortage metrics and consequences, and proposed response actions.

This summary documents the objectives of the public workshop, outreach methods and attendance, time and location, and the major topics presented and discussed. The last section summarizes the input collected from an online input form. The presentation slides may be viewed in Appendix A and all workshop outreach methods are provided in Appendix B.

## 2. Objectives

The objectives for the public workshop were to:

- Inform stakeholders and the public about the process to prepare the Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Gather input from participants on general questions and issues along with input on water shortage events and water shortage response actions to consider in the Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Solicit community input on water conservation opportunities
- Provide stakeholders and the public opportunities to ask questions and receive answers

## 3. When and Where

Due to covid-19 social distancing protocols, the public workshop was held virtually on the Zoom platform on January 28, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and an online input form was open from January 28 to February 11, 2021. A recording of the workshop can be viewed at this link: <https://youtu.be/cZEDk0RmU3Y>



## 4. Notifications and Outreach

SCV Water used a variety of methods to inform stakeholders and community members about the public workshop and encourage participation, as shown in Table 1 and documented in Appendix B.

Table 1: Workshop Outreach Methods

Method	Description
Website	Information about the public workshop and a project fact sheet were posted on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan project webpage ( <a href="https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/">https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/</a> ), hosted by SCV Water.
Social Media Posts	SCV Water posted information about the workshop on its Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts (including a Facebook Event).
Emails	Invitation emails were sent to an interested parties list.
Newsletter	Information about the workshop was included in the January Water Currents Newsletter and information about the online input form was included in the February Water Currents Newsletter.
Press Release	A media advisory about the workshop was distributed and picked up by news sources including The Santa Clarita Valley Signal, SCVNEWS.com, KHTS Radio, and California News Times.
Advertisements	Advertisements included digital banners and print ads in The Santa Clarita Valley Signal.

## 5. Public Workshop

The following sections outline the format of the public workshop and present input received from community members. Approximately 45 people attended the Zoom virtual meeting, including 24 members of the public.

### Workshop Format

The 90-minute virtual public workshop format included three presentation modules intermixed with input opportunities using live polling and the chat box. The workshop opened with the facilitator welcoming participants, introducing the project team, and describing the multiple planning efforts and projects that SCV Water has underway. The facilitator then played a short introduction video about the Urban Water Management Plan Update, a related project of which Water Shortage Contingency Plan is a component (see pages 1 through 6 in Appendix A).

The first presentation module described the purpose, components, and outcomes of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and the available public involvement opportunities throughout the Water Shortage Contingency Plan process (see pages 6 through 13 in Appendix A). The remaining two presentation modules focused on water shortage metrics and consequences and then



proposed response actions (see pages 14 through 30 in Appendix A). The water shortage metrics and consequences module described how SCV Water determines there is a water shortage and the different variables that are regularly monitored. The proposed response actions module detailed the steps SCV Water would take and tools SCV Water would use if a water shortage occurred. Lastly, the facilitator thanked participants, encouraged people to stay involved, and reminded of the upcoming public review and comment period for the Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan in March 2021 and public hearing and ordinance adoption in April 2021.

## Community Input

Participants were invited to provide input on the following question: *What is your biggest concern about a water shortage?* Responses included:

- Limits on water usage
- Emerging contaminants
- Not having water for health and hygiene
- Costly water bills
- Not having enough water for humans and animal companions

Participants were also invited to answer the following multiple-choice questions throughout the workshop:

*How did you hear about this public workshop?* Responses included:

- Email Invitation (65% of total responses)
- Social Media (5% of total responses)
- SCV Signal Advertisement (5% of total responses)
- Other (25% of total responses)

*How did the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole respond to the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?* Options included:

- Everyone did their part (10% of total responses)
- Most did their part with few exceptions (70% of total responses)
- Uneven response (20% of total responses)

*How would you score your own response during the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?* Options included:

- Did everything I could do (79% of total responses)
- Did not pay attention (10.5% of total responses)
- Uneven response (10.5% of total responses)

*How did the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency impact you?* Please answer on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 = Not at all and 5 = A lot. Responses included:



- 1 (6% of total responses)
- 2 (23.5% of total responses)
- 3 (35% of total responses)
- 4 (23.5% of total responses)
- 5 (12% of total responses)

*How can SCV Water be helpful in a water shortage event?* Most participants selected all of the answer options which included:

- Communicate shortage status (17% of total answers selected)
- Provide information on what customers can do to take action (19% of total answers selected)
- Offer rebates for water-saving devices (10% of total answers selected)
- Offer direct customer assistance to improve water efficiency (check-ups, irrigation inspections) (16% of total answers selected)
- Provide special assistance to seniors and other community members who might need help in accessing information about the water shortage and actions (14% of total answers selected)
- Enforce water waste regulations (14% of total answers selected)
- All of the above (10% of total answers selected)

*What is the best way for SCV Water to communicate with you about drought conditions, drought stages, and water use restrictions if there ever was a drought situation and steps need to be activated?* Options included:

- Email (36% of total answers selected)
- U.S. Mail (13% of total answers selected)
- Social Media (18% of total answers selected)
- Newspaper (10% of total answers selected)
- Radio/TV Ads (10% of total answers selected)
- Street Banners (8% of total answers selected)
- Door Hangers (5% of total answers selected)
- Notifications through Schools (0% of total answers selected)

Community members offered the following **questions and comments** throughout the workshop:

- How will the surrounding native watersheds be influenced or altered by the increased use of water within the city limits?
- People collecting water at their homes during storms is important and can be done using rain barrels.
- Can you briefly explain what "banking" water is?
- Would SCV Water staff members or someone else staff the task force?



- Much of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan is focused on responses by end users to disaster conditions, but what else can be done to conserve water locally in the long term? What about postponement of local development in the city which would reduce the number of water users?
- Does the Water Shortage Contingency Plan taking into consideration water use inside of multi-family housing (townhomes, condos, apartments, mobile homes, etc.), businesses, companies, and restaurants, in addition to single-family homes?
- Can you expand on how plans will be created to address potential sudden drastic decreases in water supply such as decreases resulting from a large earthquake or other natural disaster?
- What percentage of a water reduction are you anticipating in the near future due to climate change?
- Ways to reduce water use include installation of a grass-alternative, adjustment/ replacement of an irrigation system, and replanting a garden with drought-tolerant plants.
- Several participants said that the workshop was informative and thanked the project team.

## 6. Online Input Form

An online form was made available from January 28 – February 11, 2021 to provide an additional public input opportunity. Participants were invited to respond to the same question that was asked during the public workshop: **What is your biggest concern about a water shortage?** No responses were received from the online input form after the public workshop.





Appendix A

# Presentation Slides





# Water Shortage Contingency Plan

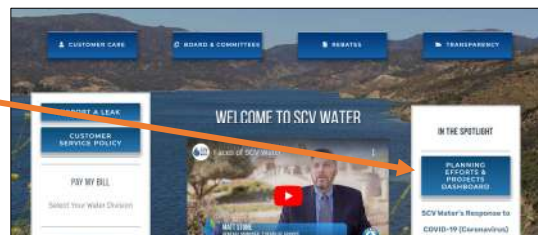
Public Workshop  
January 28, 2021



This public workshop is being recorded and will be posted on the website:

[www.yourSCVwater.com](http://www.yourSCVwater.com)

Go to:  
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Projects Dashboard



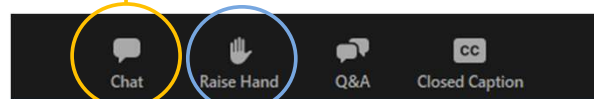
# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Presentations and Discussion
  - Purpose of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Outcomes ★
  - Water Shortage Metrics and Consequences ★
  - Proposed Response Actions ★
3. Wrap Up
  - ★ Q&A/Discussion and Poll Questions



# For Q&A/Discussion

If you have a question, put it in the chat by clicking the chat button.



Use the Raise Hand function if you would like to speak directly.  
If on phone, push \*9 to raise hand.



# Introductions



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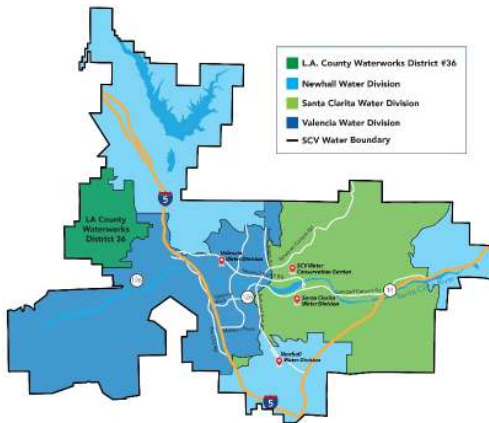
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# SCV Water | Who We Are



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A full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley

- 195 square miles
- 74,000 retail customers
- 274,000 population served



Formed on January 1, 2018 by an act of the State Legislature (SB 634)

## SCV WATER PLANNING EFFORTS & PROJECTS

Water for Today & Tomorrow



Groundwater Sustainability Plan



Urban Water Management Plan



Water Shortage Contingency Plan



Recycled Water Planning



Rate Case Planning



PFAS

To learn more visit: [www.yourSCVwater.com/planning](http://www.yourSCVwater.com/planning)



The screenshot displays the SCV Water website interface. On the left, a box titled "SCV WATER PLANNING EFFORTS & PROJECTS" lists six items: Groundwater Sustainability Plan, Urban Water Management Plan, Water Shortage Contingency Plan, Recycled Water Planning, Rate Case Planning, and PFAS. An orange arrow points from this box to a "PLANNING EFFORTS & PROJECTS DASHBOARD" link on the website's "IN THE SPOTLIGHT" section. The website header includes links for Customer Care, Board & Committees, Rebates, and Transparency. Other visible links include Report a Leak, Customer Service Policy, Pay My Bill, and a video player for "Faces of SCV Water".

[www.yourSCVwater.com](http://www.yourSCVwater.com)

## Video: Intro to the Urban Water Management Plan Update

Will include the Water Shortage Contingency Plan!

URBAN  
WATER  
MANAGEMENT  
PLAN

The checklist includes the following items, each with a checked box:

- Water Supply Reliability
- Conservation
- Water Quality
- Future Demand
- Climate Change

**Please type your answer into the  
Chat Box!**

What is your  
biggest concern  
about a water  
shortage?

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## **Purpose of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Outcomes**





## Poll Question #1

**How did the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole respond to the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?**

- Everyone did their part
- Most did their part with few exceptions
- Uneven response



## Poll Question #2

**How would you score your own response during the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency?**

- Did everything I could do
- Did not pay attention
- Uneven response



## SCV Water's Mission, Vision, and Values

- **Mission** - *“Providing responsible water stewardship to ensure the Santa Clarita Valley has reliable supplies of high-quality water at a reasonable cost.”*
- **Vision** - *“Exemplary water management for a high quality of life in the Santa Clarita Valley.”*
- **Values** - *Integrity, Excellence, Safety, Innovation, Professionalism, Trust*



## What is a Water Shortage Contingency Plan?

SCV's Water Shortage Contingency Plan will identify the actions that we will take during a water shortage to ensure clean and safe water for our customers.





## About Water Shortage Contingency Planning

- Prepares water suppliers for actual water shortage events
- Recognizes risks including drought, climate change, population growth, and catastrophic events
- Informs water supply mitigation projects, policies and programs
- Incorporates local conditions, constraints, and opportunities

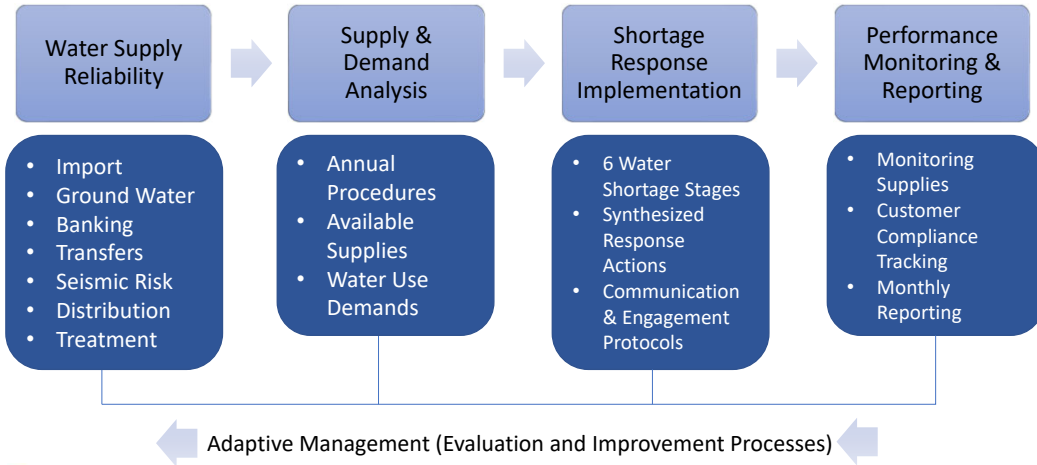


## About the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (cont.)

- Mandated in State of California legislation “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life” (2018)
- Required as a separate planning document approved by the SCV Water Board of Directors
- Submitted as an attachment to the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan
- Integrated for regional effectiveness and efficiency



# Water Shortage Contingency Plan Components



# Technical Support & Consulting



A&N Technical Services Inc.

KEARNS WEST



Kennedy Jenks



Maddaus Water Management Inc.



BEST BEST & KRIEGER  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



# Technical Resources & Research



## Outcomes

- Water Shortage Contingency Plan
  - Evaluation, analysis, and response activities
- Demand Reduction Implementation Plan
  - Internal and external outputs
- Water Shortage Ordinance
  - Compliance, enforcement, and legal authorities
- Seismic Analysis



# Water Shortage Ordinance

## What is a Water Shortage Ordinance?

Following approval by the SCV Water Board of Directors, the Water Shortage Ordinance provides the legal authorities that empower the agency to implement and enforce its shortage response actions.

## How does the Water Shortage Ordinance Benefit the Community?

- Prioritizes domestic uses, sanitation, and fire protection.
- Identifies, communicates, and limits wasteful water use practices.
- Enables water agency to enforce provisions of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and prioritizes inefficient uses of water.



# Proposed Water Shortage Ordinance Components

- General Water Use Efficiency Recommendations
- Water Shortage Stages
  - Specific measures to achieve demand reduction
- Penalties & Enforcement
- Appeals Process & Waivers



# Schedule



## Questions? Ideas? Feedback?





# Water Shortage Metrics and Consequences



## Water Shortage Contingency Plan Evaluation, Impacts, and Response Actions

- What is a water shortage?
  - Not enough water for the community
  - When customer demand is greater than supply
- How do we monitor for water shortages?
- What can we do? (Response Actions)



## Poll Question #3

How did the recent 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency impact you?

Please answer on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 = Not at all and 5 = A lot



## Did You Know?

The Santa Clarita Valley as a whole **saved 30%** during the 2015-2016 Statewide Drought Emergency, showing some serious conservation skills.



# Water Shortage Metrics

- Shortage = Demand is greater than supply
- Types of Metrics
  - Hot and dry weather – affects demand and supply
  - Local Weather
  - Regional Drought
  - Emergency Shortages – Earthquakes
- Real-time Water Resource Modeling of supply and demand to inform monitoring



# Water Supply & Demand Indicators

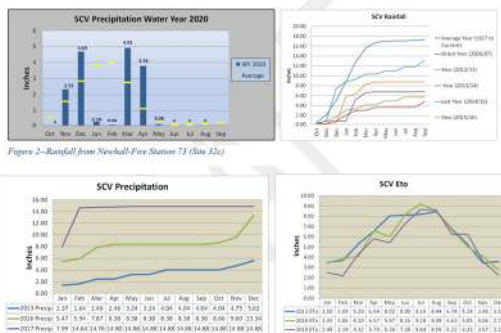
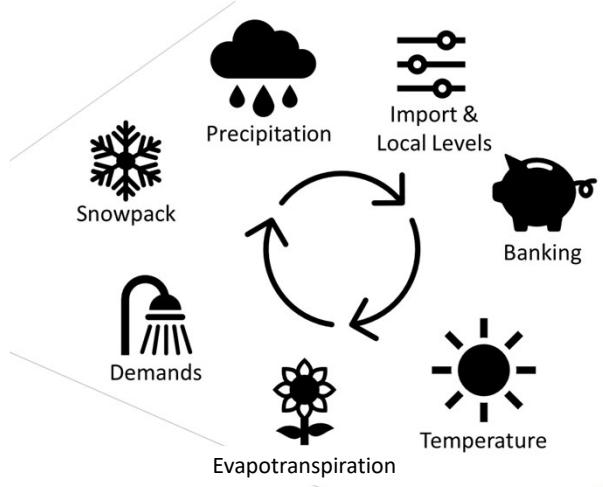


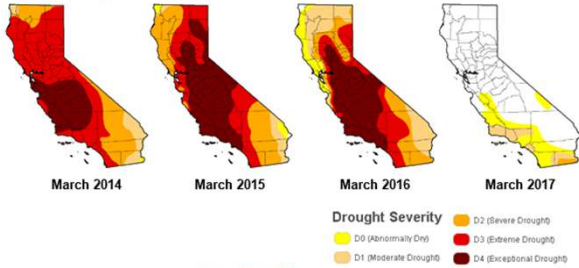
Figure 3—Precipitation and Eto from CIMS 4204





# Drought Early Warning Monitoring

California drought status



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture [Drought Monitor](#)

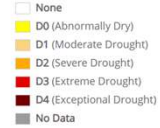
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Current Map > California

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Data valid: January 19, 2021 at 7 a.m. EST

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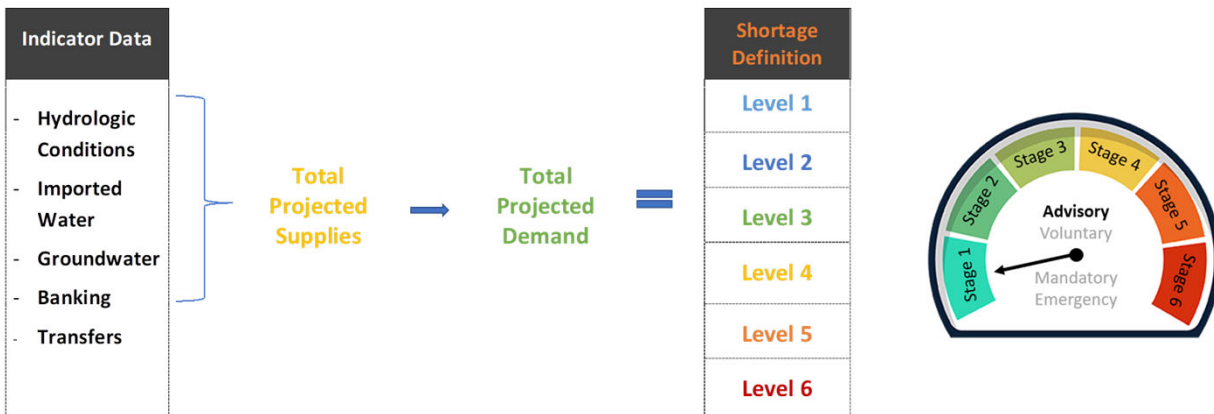
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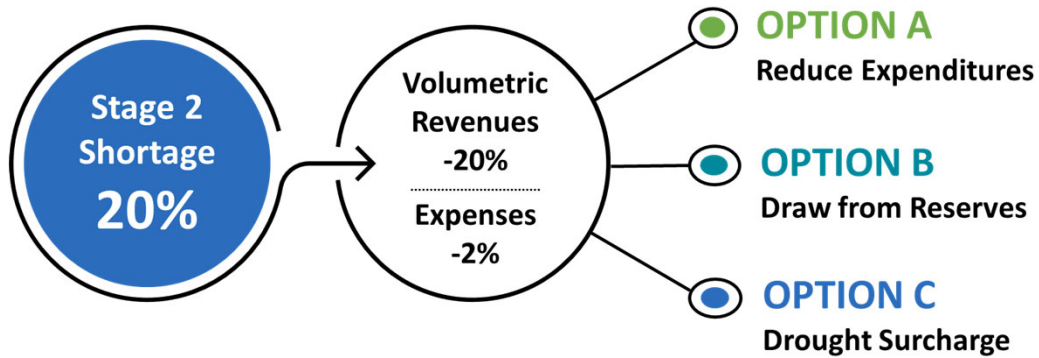
*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.*



# Monitoring Framework



## Financial Implications



## Poll Question #4

How can SCV Water be helpful in a water shortage event?

- Communicate shortage status
- Provide information on what customers can do to take action
- Offer rebates for water-saving devices
- Offer direct customer assistance to improve water efficiency (check-ups, irrigation inspections)
- Provide special assistance to seniors and other community members who might need help in accessing information about the water shortage and actions
- Enforce water waste regulations
- All of the above

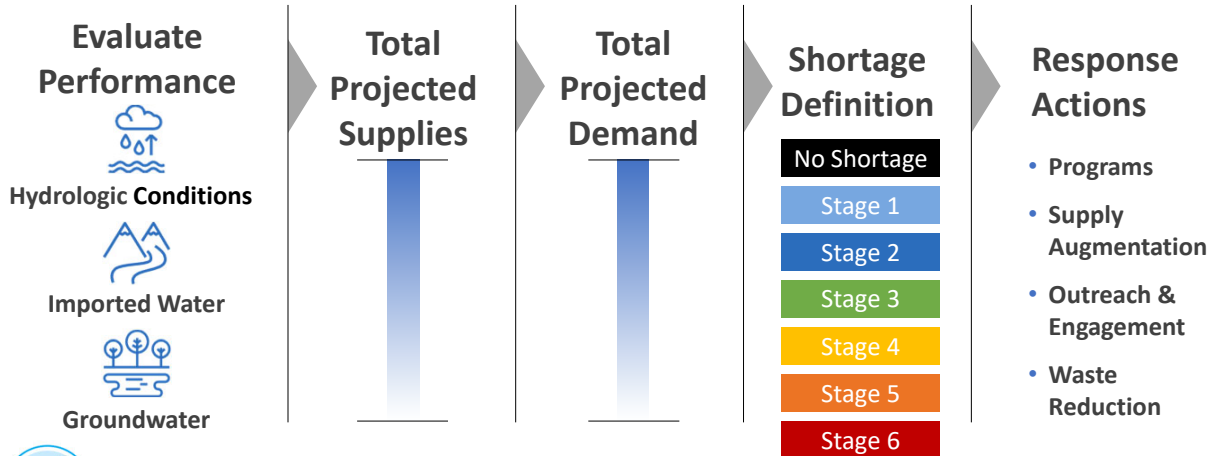
**Questions? Ideas? Feedback?**



**Proposed Response Actions**



# Water Shortage Monitoring Framework



## Response Action Goals

- 1 Develop blueprint for actions to water shortages and droughts.
- 2 Priority dispatch supply augmentation to reduce customer shortage costs.
- 3 Build balance program of carrots and sticks, managing the right incentive structures.
- 4 Prioritize inefficient use and long-term market transformation.

# Water Conservation Goals

Customers understand the value of water & the unique conditions of the Santa Clarita Valley

Customers have drought sustainable properties prior to emergency conditions



# Existing Programs

- Lawn Replacement Rebates
- Smart Irrigation Controller Rebates
- Soil Moisture Sensor Rebates
- Pool Cover Rebates
- Drip Irrigation Rebates
- HE Sprinkler Nozzle Rebates
- Pressure Regulation Rebates
- Home & Commercial Surveys
- School Grants
- Watersmart Workshops
- Gardening Classes



# Water Shortage Response Actions



Each stage has different requirements and certain tools will work better.

- Programs
- Supply Augmentation
- Outreach & Engagement
- Restrictions



# Customer Engagement Strategy



Focus on  
Inefficient &  
High-Water  
Uses



Expand  
Outreach to  
Target  
Customers



Achieve  
Higher  
Response  
Rates



Reach  
Higher  
Water  
Savings



Accomplish  
Agency Water  
Reduction Goals  
per Water  
Shortage Level

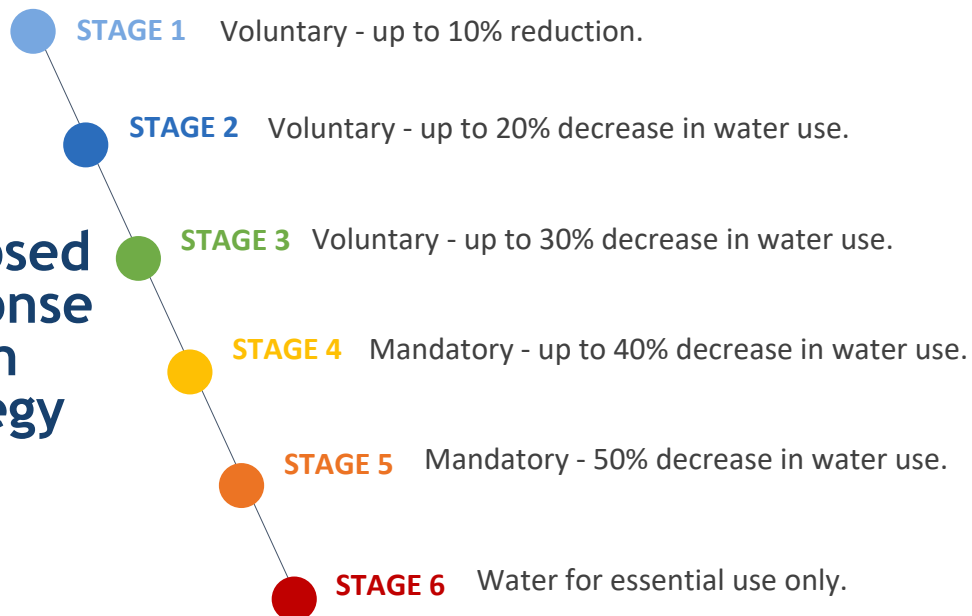
*Prioritize Water Savings Opportunities*



## Interconnectivity of Response Actions



## Proposed Response Action Strategy





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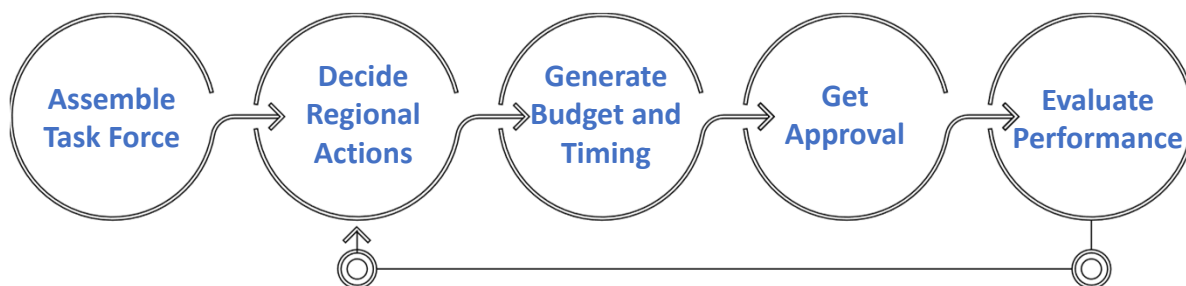
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<b>STAGE 5</b>	50% Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend Lawn Replacement Program</li> <li>• Continue Installation &amp; Support Programs</li> </ul>	<u>Educate</u> about <b>Emergency Shortage</b> <u>Strengthen</u> Urgency Message <u>Send</u> Emergency Alerts	<u>Increase</u> Penalties & Enforcement

	Goal	Potential Programs	Outreach	Restrictions
<b>No Shortage</b>	Create Resilient Properties Prior to Shortage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Programs</li> <li>Lawn Replacement</li> <li>Irrigation Rebates</li> <li>Support &amp; Education Services</li> </ul>	<u>Educate</u> Importance of Efficiency as Preparedness for Shortages	Voluntary
<b>STAGE 1</b>	10% Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programs Remain the Same</li> </ul>	<u>Increase</u> Outreach <u>Reinforce</u> Importance of Efficiency <u>Target</u> inefficient and high use	<u>Continue</u> with Voluntary
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<b>STAGE 6</b>	50+% Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspend All Programs Except Leak Detection &amp; Repairs</li> </ul>	<u>Educate</u> about <b>Catastrophic Shortage</b> <u>Announce</u> Water for Essential Use Only	<u>Conduct</u> Strict Enforcement

# Water Shortage Contingency Plan Response Action Process

Performance will be continually evaluated to achieve desired results.



**Questions? Ideas? Feedback?**



**Wrap Up**



## Poll Question #5

What is the best way for SCV Water to communicate with you about drought conditions, drought stages, and water use restrictions if there ever was a drought situation and steps need to be activated?

- Email
- Social Media
- Radio/TV Ads
- Newspaper
- Street Banners
- U.S. Mail
- Door Hangers
- Notifications through Schools
- Other (please specify in chat)



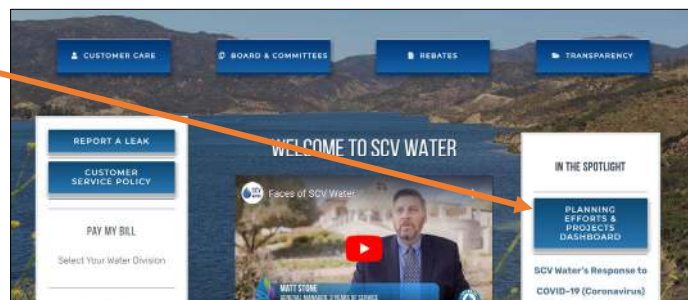
## Project Schedule



## A Few Notes

- Provide additional input using the online form - go to the dashboard
- Participate in other SCV Water planning projects
- Help get the word out to friends, neighbors, and colleagues

Thank you for Participating!  
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Appendix B

# Workshop Outreach

January 21, 2021



## Participate in our Water Shortage Contingency Plan Virtual Public Workshop on Thurs., January 28, 2021

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### **Call in to participate**

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For more information about the virtual public workshop and how you can participate, read our [WSCP Public Workshop Flyer](#).

Click here to view our [WSCP Fact Sheet](#).



To sign up for our mailing list to receive information about the WSCP and how you can participate please visit: <https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/>

We hope you will participate in the process.

Best Regards,

Matt Dickens  
Sustainability Manager  
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## SCV Water Seats 2021 Board Leadership

*Gary Martin Re-Elected as Board President*

*Jerry Gladbach and Dan Mortensen to Serve as Vice Presidents*

The SCV Water Board of Directors has selected Gary Martin to serve as SCV Water's president. Jerry Gladbach and Dan Mortensen were selected to serve as vice presidents. The trio will lead the agency in 2021 as it builds upon the foundation of success from its formation three years ago.

"I am very honored to be re-elected by my colleagues to serve as the board president for the next two years," said Martin. "My top priority is serving the board, our rate payers, and accomplishing the original SCV Water goal of being a best-in-class water service provider for our community.

To read more, click [here](#).

## Take Part in our Water Shortage Contingency Plan Development



### Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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[Click here for the workshop flyer.](#)

More details can be found here: <https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/>

## More Ways To Pay Your Water Bill

Want to pay your bill in cash?

We have partnered with PayNearMe to provide you the added convenience to pay at participating 7-Eleven Stores or CVS Pharmacy anytime the store is open - even weekends!

Payments are cash only and post next business day.

There is NO FEE to use this service.

Find participating locations by clicking this link, [PayNearMe.com/locations](https://PayNearMe.com/locations).

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to provide you with the added convenience to pay anytime the store is open – even weekends!  
*Please check store locations for operating hours.*

#### HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Locate the barcode on your monthly water bill.
- 2 Show your barcode at any participating store and ask the cashier to make a payment.
- 3 Keep your receipt. SCV Water is notified of your payment within 15 minutes.

**Payments are CASH ONLY and post the next business day. There is NO FEE to use this service.**

Find participating locations at:  
[PayNearMe.com/cashmap](https://PayNearMe.com/cashmap)

## Online Dashboard Provides One-Stop Shop for Information

To help customers participate in several important planning efforts underway, SCV Water launched an easy to navigate dashboard this fall. It is designed as a

one-stop-shop to keep the public informed and engaged as we develop and manage our water resources for today and tomorrow.

The dashboard features icons that take visitors directly to pages populated with information such as fact sheets, videos, and opportunities to get involved in the process through virtual public workshops and online input forms. You will also find a form to sign up for updates on projects and public engagement.

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Visit the [dashboard](#) today and help shape the future of water in the Santa Clarita Valley.

## Earn \$20 with our WaterSMART Workshop

Here's an opportunity to save water and money - all from the safety of your own home! There's no better time to take advantage of our innovative **WaterSMART Workshop**. You could invite your kids to learn alongside you. You'll receive a \$20 credit on your account when you complete it.

Meet Wendy Waters, your virtual workshop instructor (#SocialDistancing!). She will teach you how to:

- Read and analyze your water bill
- Identify and fix leaks
- Save water both indoors and outside
- Become more efficient with your overall water use

Visit [WaterSmartWorkshop.com](http://WaterSmartWorkshop.com) to get started!

**Customers will receive a \$20 credit for completing the workshop!** *(Processing time may be delayed while stay-at-home orders are in place.)*



## What We're Talking About on Social Media

As we continue to stay "Safer at Home," we want to remind you of another way to conserve water around the house! On average, a washing machine uses about 20 gallons of water per load.

Follow these helpful tips the next time you do laundry:

- Use the settings on the washer machine to ensure that the right

amount of water is used.

- Matching the load size will reduce the overall amount of water needed by the machine.

For more helpful tips, visit:

<http://ow.ly/z86650CTtG>

**To join our conversation on social media, click on an icon below. Be sure to "like" or "follow us" so we can keep the conversation going!**



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## Resources & Useful Links

- [SCV's Hottest Plant Guide](#)
- [Steps to Lawn Replacement](#)
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## Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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### PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS

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Within WSCPs, SCV Water must:

- Assess the reliability of water supplies
- Develop annual assessment procedures and monitoring and reporting systems
- Create shortage response actions

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Workshop 1 – January 28, 2021

- **Recording of Meeting**
- **Presentation**

## PUBLIC INPUT FORM

We'd like to hear from you as we develop the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. We held our public workshop on Thursday, January 28. Even if you could not attend, we invite you to review the materials, then share your thoughts through this brief online form.



- Establish communications protocols
  - Build a compliance and enforcement program
  - Evaluate financial, material, and resource impacts
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## COMMENT & QUESTION FORM

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. If you have input specific to a recent workshop, be sure to use the appropriate link on this page. For other general comments, contact us through the form below:

### **My comments or questions on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

If you would like a direct response, please provide your name and email.

**Name**



# WSCP FACT SHEETS

## FACT SHEET – January 2021

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**DEVELOP** annual assessment procedures and monitoring and reporting systems.



**CREATE** shortage response actions.



**ESTABLISH** communications protocols.

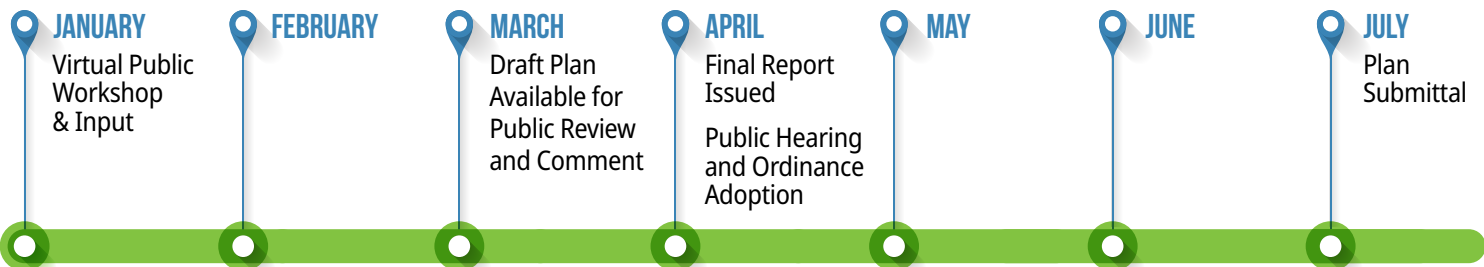


**BUILD** a compliance and enforcement program.



**EVALUATE** financial, material, and resource impacts.

## TIMELINE & MILESTONES:



**2021** PLANNING, ANALYSIS & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (August 2020–July 2021)

**Participate in the Process**

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You can participate by:



Attending a virtual public workshop



Providing comments and feedback



Completing online surveys



Signing up to learn more via the website

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**DATE: January 21, 2021**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SCV Water Invites Public Input on Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

*Virtual Workshop to be Held January 28*

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- Establishing communications protocols;
- Building a compliance and enforcement program; and
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To improve water-saving and water-scarcity plans, WSCP enables SCV Water to prioritize mitigation measures in the event of a water-scarcity situation such as a drought, earthquake, fire, or other catastrophic event.

The online public workshop addresses key WSCP requirements, including:

- Evaluate the reliability of water supply.
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- Create shortage action.



- Establishment of communication protocol.
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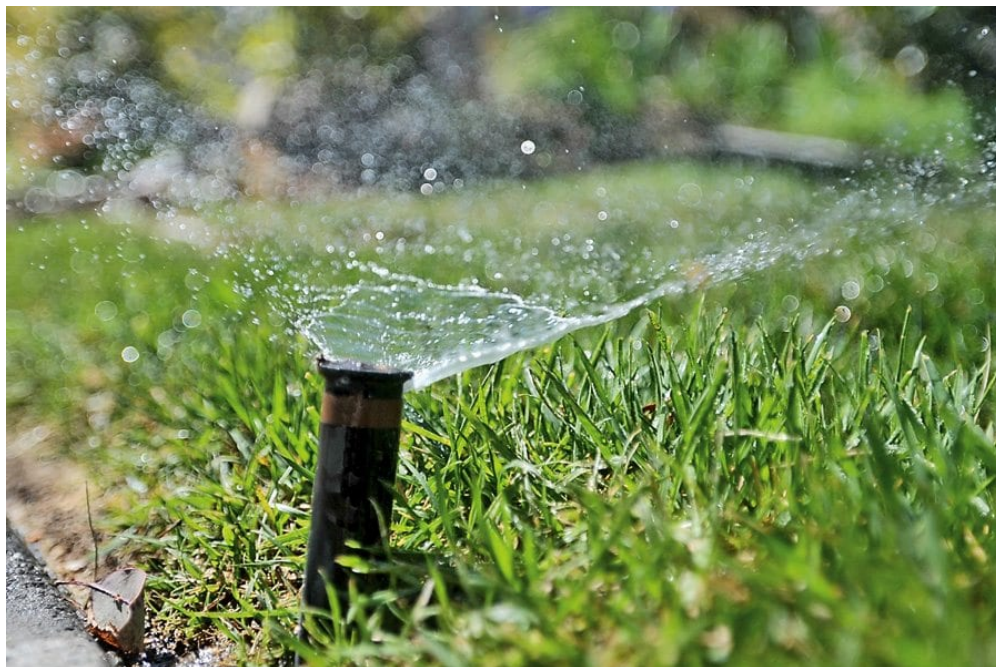
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## SCV Water to hold public meeting on water shortage plan

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The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency will hold a public meeting via Zoom to inform residents of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and gather community input on Jan. 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The contingency plan is discussed with the public and updated every five years, according to Gary Martin, SCV Water board president. He added the plan is part of the overall water-management plan.

“The goal of the meeting is to gather input from the public in case action is needed to be taken if there is a water shortage,” Martin said. “If there’s a drought or an emergency which leads to a water shortage, we might have to take action to reserve water and that action could impact the community.”



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After public input is gathered, a secondary public hearing is scheduled which outlines the plan to community members and is then put up for adoption by the board.

“The draft plan will be available for review and comment in March,” Matt Dickens, sustainability manager for SCV Water, wrote in an email. “When those comments are incorporated, a final report will be issued in April and a public hearing held for adoption. Public input is welcome at any step in the process. Additionally, the plan may be updated in the future and the agency would seek public input throughout that process, as well.”

The workshop will address requirements from the contingency plan, which include assessing the reliability of water supplies, developing annual assessment procedures and monitoring reporting systems, creating shortage response actions, establishing communications protocols, building a compliance and enforcement program and evaluating financial, material and resource impacts.

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“We’re here to serve the community,” Martin said. “Whatever actions are taken will directly impact the community so not only is it important for them to know how they could be impacted, it’s important to hear how the community would feel if they’re impacted.”

The contingency plan fulfills a requirement set by the California Department of Water Resources. The state requires local agencies to have a plan set, and updated every five years, to ensure adequate water supplies are available.

“We can’t wait until we are in a critical water shortage situation to decide what to do,” Dickens said. “This plan will thoroughly evaluate all options and allow us to act quickly when the time comes.”

The Zoom meeting will be held Jan. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Community members are welcome to join at <https://bit.ly/3o9qRJc> (<https://bit.ly/3o9qRJc>) with the Zoom Meeting ID 948 5064 6389 and passcode 901257.

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The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is expected to hold a virtual workshop on Thursday to invite the public to learn about and provide input on their Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP).

SCV Water invites the public to take part in the virtual workshop on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to discuss the WSCP that, along with the Urban Water Management Plan, directs long term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available.

In an effort to improve water conservation and water shortage planning, the WSCP is expected to enable SCV Water to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions occur, such as drought, earthquakes, fires, or other events.

Thursday's workshop is set to address the key points of WSCP, including assessing the reliability of water supplies, developing annual assessment procedures and monitoring and reporting creating shortage response actions, establishing communications protocols, building a compliance and enforcement program and evaluating financial, material, and resource impacts.

Attendees are also set to have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input, according to SCV Water.

To learn more about the WSCP and SCV Water, click here.

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# Council OKs dedications in Tesoro, Newhall Pass

By Tammy Murga  
Signal Staff Writer

A future open space trailhead in the Tesoro area will be named after a founding Santa Clarita city councilman, and a portion of land in Newhall after a family who has donated several acres of land to the city for open-space preservation. The move comes after City Council members unanimously approved the naming of both properties Tuesday during their regular meeting.

In the Tesoro area, the city has been working to have annexed more than 1,700 acres from Los Angeles County, located north of Copper Hill Drive and west of San Francisco Canyon Road. Within 800 acres of open space in that area are several miles of existing native soil multi-use trails and a trailhead, located at Copper Hill Drive and Avenida Rancho Tesoro will be named after former Councilman Dennis Koontz.

Koontz is a longtime

community leader, who was elected to the first City Council in 1987 and credited with being a part of the annexation efforts. In learning about the council's approval, Koontz thanked the council. "I appreciate that you're willing to put me up front, and thank me for what I've done, but I had a lot of help, and that means all the staff that helped us do our job," he said. Located adjacent to the city-owned Newhall Pass Open Space area is 350 acres of real

property the City Council also approved naming as the "Gates Family Wildlife Preserve," following a request from Mark T. Gates Jr. on behalf of the Gates family. The property under consideration was transferred to the city from the Gates family through dedications and donations as part of the Gates-King Industrial Park project, now known as the Needham Ranch development in Newhall. A portion of Needham Ranch was not developed to allow for the

preservation of open space and trail connectivity to the Newhall Pass Open Space, according to city officials. "The Gates family's been here forever, and they have donated land that could have been developed," said Mayor Pro Tem Laurene Weste. "That property is extremely rare, it's beautiful, it's going to add a lot to our open space and I think the family should be honored and it is most appropriate. This is a legacy for all of our children."

# Crash sends 1 to hospital

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

One person was sent to the hospital following a two-vehicle crash less than a block from Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital. The call was first reported to the Los Angeles County Fire Department at 9:35 a.m., near the corner of Alegro Drive and McBean Parkway. "There were two vehicles involved,"

said Marvin Lim, a spokesman for the Fire Department. "Only one patient was transported to the hospital." On the scene firefighters worked clearly to clear the wreckage of a dark-colored Porsche and silver four-door vehicle. No information as to the status of the patient that was transported was available as of the publication of this article.



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SCV Sheriff's Station deputies and Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel respond to a two-vehicle crash on McBean Parkway and Alegro Drive in Santa Clarita on Friday morning.

# SCV deputies find gift cards during narcotics arrest

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station deputies reportedly found more than 200 gift cards, counterfeit currency and narcotics during a traffic stop Wednesday night in Newhall.

The traffic stop occurred at 7:42 p.m. on the 25000 block of Newhall Avenue after deputies spotted a vehicle with several vehicle code violations, according to Deputy Natalie Arriaga, a spokeswoman for the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station.

After speaking with the man at the wheel, deputies discovered that not only he and his other male passenger had outstanding warrants, but that they were also in possession of narcotics and narcotic paraphernalia, Arriaga said.

The third passenger in the vehicle, a woman, was allegedly in possession of narcotics, as well as counterfeit currency, she said. Upon searching the vehicle, deputies also reportedly found 221 gift cards from a number of retail locations, including Lowe's,

Best Buy, Target, Nordstrom Rack, and more, Arriaga added. All three suspects were then transported and booked at the SCV Sheriff's Station. One man was booked for an alleged attempt of bringing drugs onto a jail property, the other man was booked on possession of drug paraphernalia, and the woman was booked on charges of alleged possession of a controlled substance and possession of counterfeit currency.

According to Arriaga, detectives are now working to discover where the gift cards came from, and if further charges will be levied against the suspects in connection to those.

Data from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reports that property crimes in 2020, when comparing with Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 2019, were down 4.59%. However, 2,350 total property crimes were reported in the first 11 months of 2020 and deputies as recently as Thursday were reminding residents to ensure their property was safe and secure at night.

# Biweekly yard waste pickup to continue

By Tammy Murga  
Signal Staff Writer

Waste Management has extended its temporary residential green waste pickup biweekly schedule for Santa Clarita customers through late January due to COVID-19 challenges, city officials announced Friday. Only residential green waste carts, or yard waste, will be serviced once every two weeks on their regular service day, while trash and recycling pickup schedules will remain the same. Regular service is anticipated to resume the week of Jan. 25. The schedule change is due to staffing issues related to COVID-19, the city announced in a news release.

"However, additional drivers have been hired and are currently in training to allow for a return to normal levels of service," read the news release. City officials said Waste Management will notify customers the day before service changes using a combination of automated phone calls, emails and text messages based on customers' notification preferences. Customers are encouraged to provide the company with updated contact information via home.wm.com/santa-clarita. Some customers have previously expressed concern over no price breaks despite schedule changes. Waste Management officials have said biweekly pickups were not a

reduction in services, because the company is "collecting the same amount of green waste material on a deferred schedule," according to Josh Mann, a Waste Management representative, in a previous interview. Customers are currently sorted into "Week A" and "Week B" areas. Residents are encouraged to visit SantaClaritaEmergency.com to view their service area and schedule based on the location of their residence. For questions regarding the temporary schedule change, contact Waste Management at (661) 259-2398 or email environment@santa-clarita.com. Additional service updates can be found on the city's social media @GreenSantaClarita.

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# Public Health: Hospitalizations decline but remain a concern

By Raychel Stewart  
Signal Staff Writer

While Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials announced a steady decline in daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations Friday, the virus remains widespread in the county.

The county has seen a 30% decrease in the seven-day average of daily cases and an 8% decrease in hospitalizations compared to last week, but Chief Science Officer Paul Simon said community members should continue to wear masks outdoors and refrain from leaving home unnecessarily.

“We are seeing a decline but that doesn’t mean people shouldn’t keep doing what we’ve been asking since the beginning of this surge,” Simon said.

The test-positivity rate has also declined in the county by 39% in the last three weeks. As of Friday, the test-positivity rate dropped to 12.7% but remains significantly high compared to the 3.8% positivity rate announced in November, before the surge began.

Simon added the death rate in the county remains high, and reported 256 new deaths Friday, while Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital reported three additional deaths in the last 24 hours.

Hilda Solis, chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, announced Friday she’s advocating for President Joe Biden to prioritize more vaccine doses for L.A. County, as Public Health reported vaccine doses are in an extreme limited supply after broadening the vaccine eligibility to include people ages 65 and older.

As of Thursday, the county administered 441,000 vaccine doses, which include 88,000 second doses for health care workers. Public Health officials said more than 4 million doses would be needed to complete both doses for health care workers and seniors 65 years and older.

Los Angeles County Public Health officials released the following updated COVID-19 statistics Friday:

■ Southern California region ICU available capacity: 0%

■ Countywide COVID-19 cases reported in the past 24 hours: 9,277  
■ Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 1,054,802

■ New deaths related to COVID-19 reported in the past 24 hours: 256  
■ Total COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County: 14,894

■ Hospitalizations countywide: 7,073, 24% of whom are in the ICU

■ Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of Jan. 22: 84, with 937 discharged since the onset of the pandemic

■ COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 195  
■ Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 22,490  
■ Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV as of Jan. 22: 164, with three additional deaths reported Friday by Henry Mayo.

The number of SCV cases, including all area health care providers’ daily figures and those at Pitchess Detention Center, broken down into region, are as follows:

■ City of Santa Clarita: 16,359  
■ Unincorporated — Acton: 373  
■ Unincorporated — Agua Dulce: 195  
■ Unincorporated — Bouquet Canyon: 38  
■ Unincorporated — Canyon Country: 660  
■ Unincorporated — Castaic: 3,321 (majority of Castaic cases come from Pitchess Detention Center; exact number unavailable)  
■ Unincorporated — Lake Hughes: 35  
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# Biweekly green waste pickup schedule extended

By Signal Staff

Waste Management has extended its temporary residential green waste pickup schedule for its Santa Clarita customers for another week, city officials announced Friday.

The service, which typically occurs every week, is expected to continue on its biweekly schedule for yard waste through Jan. 29 and resume “to normal levels of service” starting Feb. 1, according to a city news release.

The extension comes after city officials announced on Jan. 15 that Waste Management had extended the biweekly schedule and anticipated to resume weekly services the week of Jan. 25.

“This temporary change in collection service is due to COVID-19 staffing impacts. The biweekly schedule was put into place to ensure that our teams

prioritize necessary waste and recycling collection. We expect to resume weekly green waste service beginning Monday, Feb. 1,” said Waste Management spokeswoman Mary Hartley.

Drivers have been hired and are being trained for the return to the weekly schedule, according to city officials.

Customers are sorted into “Week A” and “Week B” areas. Residents are encouraged to visit [SantaClaritaEmergency.com](http://SantaClaritaEmergency.com) to view their service area and schedule based on the location of their residence. For questions regarding the temporary schedule change, contact Waste Management at 661-259-2398 or email [environment@santaclarita.com](mailto:environment@santaclarita.com). Additional service updates can be found on the city’s social media @GreenSantaClarita.

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leaves some kids behind.

“A lot of the math they do in fourth grade would normally be hands-on, object-based math,” said Garel, speaking about her fourth-grade daughter’s curriculum. “We’re trying to explain fractions to her online over a computer; it’s just not landing.”

“We’re interviewing private schools right now,” she added. “She’s taken assessments at a private school, and her scores were beyond failing, beyond where she should be. We’re super concerned and we’re thinking about changing things up.”

## Administrators

A number of the SCV’s superintendents discussed this week how their staff and students had to adapt to the power shutoffs, from becoming more flexible with due dates to sending messaging to parents about how to complete assignments without power to even using backup generators at school sites to ensure power for their in-person cohorts.

Saugus Union School District Superintendent Colleen Hawkins said Thursday that three of her school sites went without power for a time: Rio Vista, Cedar Creek and Highlands. She said, as an example of how the outages affected her staff, that the Highlands special day classes were in the dark before a generator was turned on, showing how teachers also had to go the extra mile in the classroom.

“(The special day class teachers) taught on campus on Tuesday, and they had to use their generator effectively,”

said Hawkins. “Of course, it doesn’t meet all the needs you have for electronics, but they did that because they lost power at a time where the kids were already coming to school and it was too late to reverse course.”

Hawkins said during normal times, without a global pandemic, the school could function without power. But because the surrounding neighborhoods were without electricity, it made working with a digital platform more difficult.

Catherine Kawaguchi, superintendent for the Sulphur Springs Union School District, which is no stranger to the PSPS process nor having school interrupted due to fire danger, said the district was prepared in the event of a shutoff.

“What we’ve done is that we already have a lot of the materials at home,” said Kawaguchi. “So we make sure in advance that the units, and the materials, are actually sent home. So they didn’t have to download, they have the actual hard materials at home.”

Superintendent Steve Doyle for the Castaic Union School District said that while district families were affected by the outages, there was an overall “minimal impact to our community.”

“We have had a handful of parents contact their school about power outages or spotty internet,” said Doyle. “We did have students affected on Tuesday due to the winds on Templin Highway.”

National Weather Service officials called the weather event that occurred this week a “rare phenomena,” saying that winds upwards of 80 mph occur every five-10 years in the area. However, moving forward, in the event of future wind events and power shutoffs, educators and families have asked for improvements.

# CHP arrests two following I-5 pursuit, containment

By Caleb Lunetta  
Signal Staff Writer

Officers with the California Highway Patrol Newhall office participated in a high-speed pursuit that ended with the suspects’ vehicle losing control, crashing and its occupants being apprehended.

The call came in shortly after 2:30 p.m. Friday, when CHP attempted to stop an allegedly stolen 1999 Silver Honda Civic.

“The Honda failed to yield, which caused the pursuit,” said Officer Josh Greengard, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol Newhall office. “The

pursuit came over the Grapevine on (the) southbound side of Interstate 5.”

Officials involved in the pursuit reported that the suspects’ vehicle was traveling at triple-digit speeds, reaching 110 mph at times, Greengard said.

“The pursuit transitioned to the eastbound side of State Route 138 from the I-5,” said Greengard. “The driver of the stolen vehicle lost control and crashed. Both occupants in the vehicle took to foot.”

Shortly after a containment area was established around the crash site, both suspects were apprehended, Greengard said.



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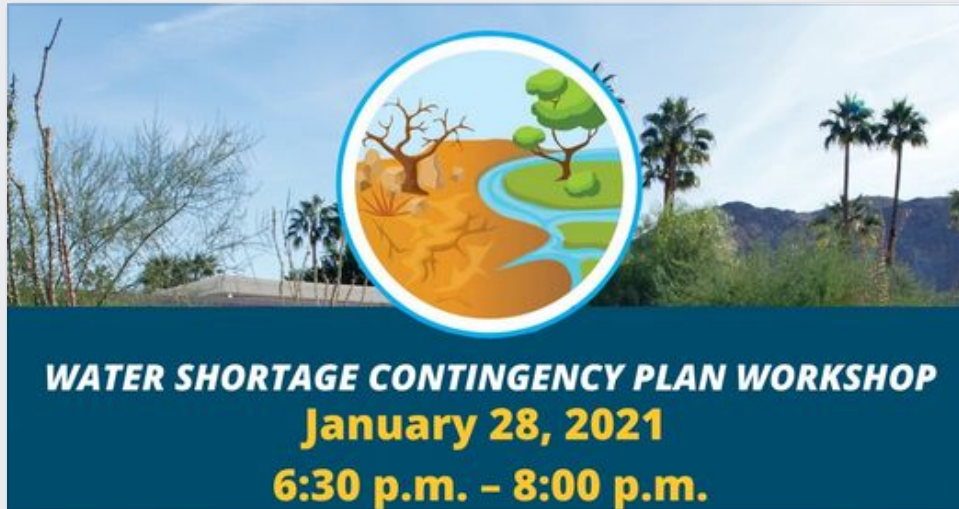


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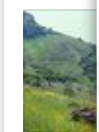
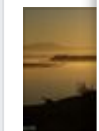
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## 2020 State of the Agency

In 2020, SCV Water rose to the challenge to navigate uncharted waters. We adapted, assessed, and adjusted our operations to ensure a reliable water supply in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued to address and remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from our groundwater supplies. And we focused on watershed-wide efforts which include more than a half-dozen



long-term planning and outreach efforts to preserve and protect the Upper Santa Clara Valley watershed.

### [Check out our 2020 State of the Agency Infographic](#)

## Looking Ahead, Opportunities to Make Your Voice Heard

### *Update on Regional Water Supply Planning Efforts*

SCV Water is in the midst of several planning efforts and have created multiple ways for our customers to stay informed and participate in the process. If you haven't already checked out the user-friendly dashboard, visit [yourscvwater.com/planning](https://yourscvwater.com/planning). It's a one-stop-shop where you'll find information about upcoming events, fact sheets and links to each project. Each project page also features videos of previous public workshops including our first Water Shortage Contingency Plan workshop on **January 28**. You can watch the video [here](#) and give us your input via this [online form](#).

The second public workshop on our [Urban Water Management Update](#) is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 17 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.** and join the virtual meeting [here](#). If you missed the previous meeting, you can watch a recording, review the presentation and a summary [here](#).

We also invite you to attend our next [Groundwater Sustainability Workshop](#) on **Wednesday, March 10, from 4–6 p.m.**

Check out our [online dashboard](#) for the latest information on our planning efforts!

## Public Comment Period Open to Address the Removal of Hazardous Materials from the Saugus Aquifer

SCV Water's top priority is keeping our water safe by addressing public health and environmental effects of hazardous substances that have been identified in the Saugus Aquifer. Treatment to remove perchlorate and volatile organic compounds will allow us to return several wells to service. Join us on **February 11 from 4 - 6 p.m.** for a public meeting on Planning for Removal of Hazardous Substances from the Saugus Aquifer. [Visit.](#)



As part of this effort, SCV Water is seeking input on the removal of these substances during a 30-day public comment period from Jan. 26 to Feb. 24, 2021.

The public is invited to review and comment on:

- Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
- Community Involvement Plan

A virtual meeting will be held on **February 11, at 4:00 p.m.**

[Learn more about this project, and how you can participate in the process.](#)

## Water Talks Survey Deadline Extended through 3/31/21



WaterTalks is public program designed to involve and engage communities to help shape and inform California's future water-planning funding decisions.

**Share your needs. Share your thoughts. Take the WaterTalks Survey!**

Survey participants have a chance to win \$100! By taking this survey you will help inform the future water-related funding decisions in our community! Time is running out! The survey will close on March 31, 2021!

[Learn more about the program and the survey](#)

[Water Talks Survey](#)

## Earn \$20 with our WaterSmart Workshop

Here's an opportunity to save water and money - all from the safety of your own home! There's no better time to take advantage of our innovative **WaterSMART Workshop**. You could invite your kids to learn alongside you.

You'll receive a \$20 credit on your account when you complete it.

Meet Wendy Waters, your virtual workshop instructor (#SocialDistancing!). She will teach you how to:

- Read and analyze your water bill

- Identify and fix leaks
- Save water both indoors and outside
- Become more efficient with your overall water use

Visit [WaterSmartWorkshop.com](https://www.yourSCVwater.com/WaterSmartWorkshop) to get started!

**Customers will receive a \$20 credit for completing the workshop!** (Processing time may be delayed while stay-at-home orders are in place.)



## What We're Talking About on Social Media



Water conservation can be done inside and outside the home. Using a broom to clean sidewalks, patios, and driveways can save gallons of water!

### [More water conservation tips.](#)

**To join our conversation on social media, click on an icon below. Be sure to "like" or "follow us" so we can keep the conversation going!**



## Resources & Useful Links

- [SCV's Hottest Plant Guide](#)
- [Steps to Lawn Replacement](#)
- [Landscape Inspiration and Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Update](#)
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- [Garden Class Schedule and Sign Ups](#)
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