

7/7/2026 Comments on Item 7B: Water Supply and ARC Project Update

Good evening. Today's presentation demonstrates that, historically, atmospheric rivers have occurred even during drought periods and that sufficient water may have been available to capture over the months needed to reach the 3,800 acre-foot threshold.

However, several important questions remain unanswered before the District commits to advancing this project.

Most importantly, today's presentation does not compare this proposal with other potential long-term strategies, including advanced recycled water, indirect potable reuse, expanded local stormwater capture, additional storage, water reuse, and continued demand management.

The Environmental Impact Report should evaluate whether this project represents the most effective, resilient, and cost-efficient solution when compared with these alternatives.

Before committing hundreds of millions of dollars over the coming years, I respectfully encourage the Board to request a comprehensive alternatives analysis so both the Board and the public can fully understand the relative costs, benefits, risks, and long-term value of each option.

Thank you,

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