
Sierra Club comments on revised MMWD UWMP

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Dear President Smith and Members of the Board,

Please find attached the Sierra Club's comments on the revised 2025 Draft UWMP.

Thank you,

Mark Shahinian



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MMWD Board of Directors

Re: Revised 2025 UWMP

Dear President Smith and Members of the Board of Directors:

The Sierra Club comments on the revised 2025 UWMP are as follows:

- 1) We agree with and appreciate the inclusion of AMI savings in the 2030-2050 projections.
- 2) We can find no explanation for the 2030 GPCD number being higher than the 2025 GPCD – calculating the two from UWMP population and demand numbers works out to 106.7 and 104.5 GPCD, respectively. The projected increase in per-capita demand is especially puzzling in light of the just-published numbers showing demand actually dropped between FY 2025 and FY 2026. The point of our suggestion to re-baseline the demand numbers is not just to change the 2025 demand numbers, but to change all subsequent projections to properly reflect the lower starting point. There is little other information presented that would help us understand how the projections were derived. But we are concerned with the lack of analytical depth in the demand projections that this issue of increasing GPCD hints at.
- 3) You state in the accompanying slide presentation for the July 21 Board meeting that the UWMP is not used for infrastructure or water supply planning. We will take your comment at face value. If future water supply or infrastructure plans use this UWMP demand number, we will treat that as a breach of public trust.

Sincerely,

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SF Bay Water Committee