



MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 7

DATE: APRIL 28, 2026

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: STEPHAN TUCKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-1271 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEVYING A REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT ON THE PRODUCTION OF GROUNDWATER DURING FISCAL YEAR 2027.

SUMMARY

This Staff Report is requesting consideration of resolution No. 26-1271 by the Board of Directors (Board) of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California levying a Replenishment Assessment (RA) of the production of groundwater from the groundwater supplies within the District's service area during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2027) as provided in Section 60317 of California Water Code and make necessary findings and determinations regarding said RA in accordance with Sections 60315 and 60316 of the Water Code of the State of California. The necessary findings and determinations described in Sections 60315 and 60316 of the California Water Code are presented in Resolution No. 26-1271, a copy of which follows this staff report.

These proposed uses of the funds raised by the RA are discussed in further detail in the Engineering Survey Report (dated March 3, 2026), the Cost of Service Report (dated April 7, 2026), any updates to these two documents, the proposed FY 2027 budget, the staff's written reports and PowerPoint presentations to the Board, and other documents in the record of the RA proceedings. The funds raised by the RA will not be used to expand the area or territory in which the District provides services or to fund capital projects that would expand the District's service area or system. Accordingly, the District's adoption of Resolution 26-1271 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to, among other bases, CEQA Section 20180(b)(8) and CEQA Guideline 15273, and staff recommends that the Board instruct staff to file an appropriate Notice of Exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact will depend on the RA established by the Board. The Finance/Audit Committee is recommending an RA of \$480 per acre foot of groundwater produced in the District's service area. The recommendation excludes budgeting \$12 per acre foot of the RA to the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 26-1271 to establish the FY 2027 Replenishment Assessment at \$480 per acre foot subject to approval as to form by District Council and instruct staff to file an appropriate Notice of Exemption for the action.