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San Lucas County Water District (San Lucas CWD)

Public Meeting



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Meeting Agreements



Please hold off on questions or comments until we reach the public comment section.



You may fill out a comment card during the presentation or raise your hand after.



Everyone will have a chance to speak during the public comment period.

Meeting Agenda

- Background of San Lucas CWD
- The Consolidation Process
- Next Steps
- Public Comments / Q&A



Background of San Lucas CWD

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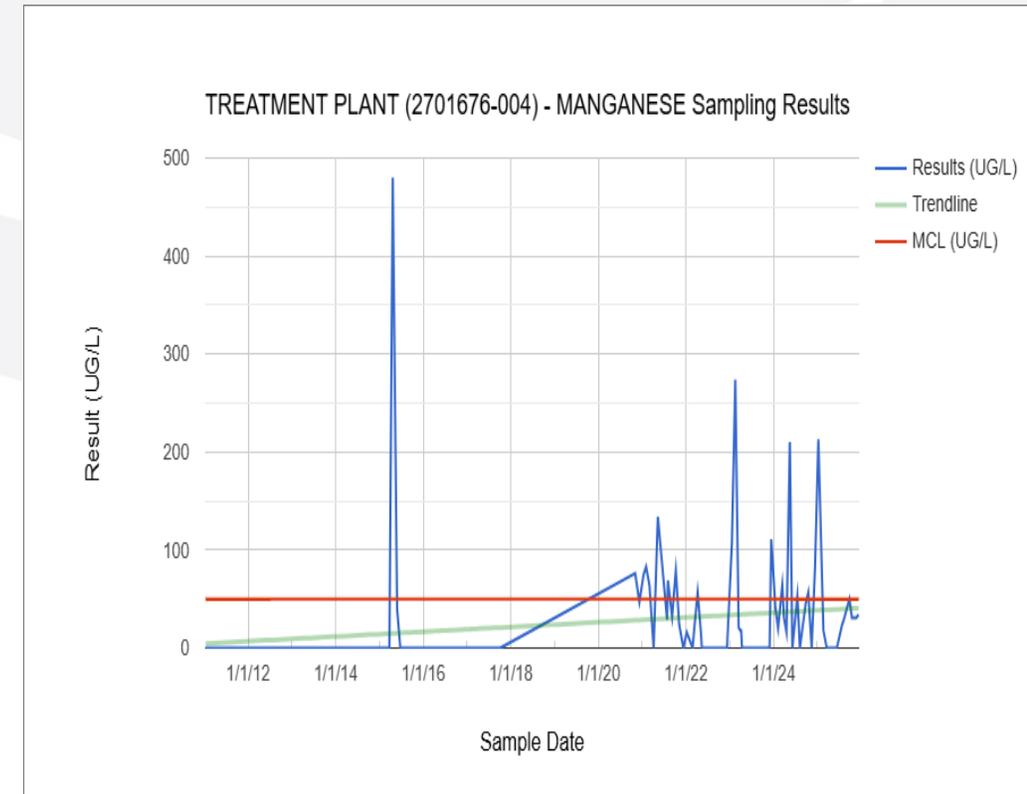
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Water Quality: Manganese

- Manganese fluctuates above the allowable limit (MCL)
- Treatment plant needs rehabilitation and proper routine operation and maintenance



Water Quality: Nitrate

- Prior to 2022, nitrate exceeded the allowable limit (MCL)
- Weekly sampling is required; these results show nitrate below the MCL since December 2021
- The required monthly public notice includes the most recent results
- Nitrate is a known issue in San Lucas and in the Salinas Valley

Committed Resources and Partners

- Technical Assistance - **\$734,884** total committed; **\$379,271** spent to date; providers are UEI, RCAC, UC Davis, and P&P
- Urgent Drinking Water Needs (UDWN) - **\$131,770** committed; funding agreement not yet finalized and executed
- State Earmarked Funding - **\$4 million** for project construction
- US EPA Funding - **\$960,000** for infrastructure planning and construction
- *Grand total of committed funding exceeds **\$5.8 million***

Managerial Consolidation with Cal Water

- In **June 2025**, the San Lucas CWD Board voted in favor of seeking a managerial consolidation with Cal Water King City.
- In letters dated **January 18, 2023**, and **September 16, 2024**, Cal Water expressed willingness to consider San Lucas consolidation, openness to helping find a viable solution, and desire to *"support efforts to provide the people in San Lucas a reliable source of safe, clean, affordable drinking water."*

The Consolidation Process

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Consolidation Goals



Why is Consolidation Needed?

- Water Quality Issues
- Resilience to future drinking water challenges
- Technical, Managerial, and Financial Issues



Support for Consolidation

- The State Water Board welcomes San Lucas CWD's June 2025 decision and strongly recommends managerial consolidation.
- In letters dated January 18, 2023, and September 16, 2024, Cal Water expressed support for San Lucas and willingness to consolidate the community of San Lucas.
- The State Water Board is providing resources to assist Cal Water King City and San Lucas CWD in accomplishing consolidation.
- The State Water Board may take future steps to order managerial consolidation if it is not voluntarily negotiated in a timely manner.



Consolidation Efforts

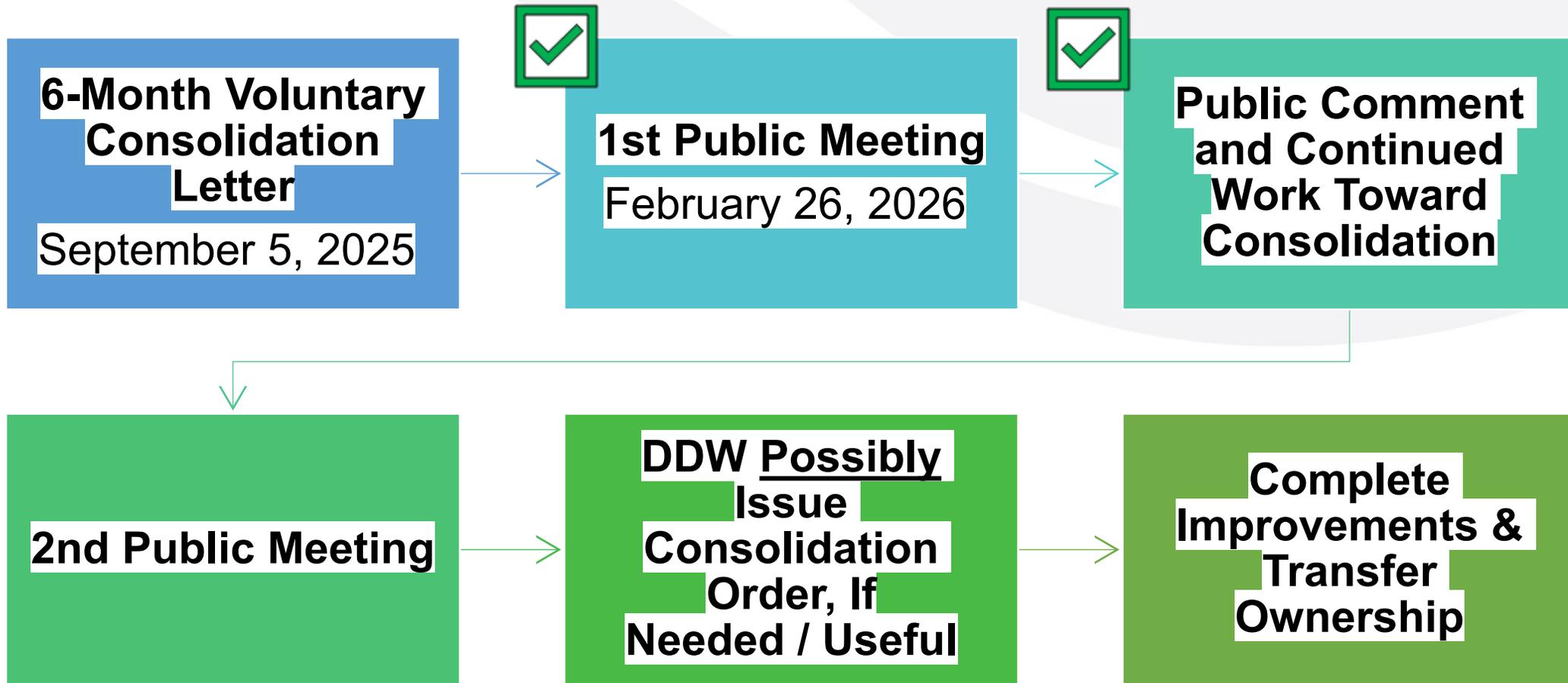
San Lucas
CWD Board
Vote in June
2025

Voluntary
Negotiations
Between San
Lucas CWD
and Cal Water

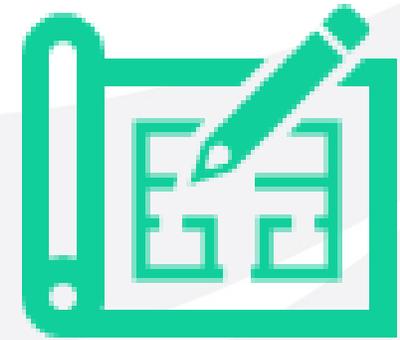
Six-Month
Voluntary
Consolidation
Letter Issued

First Public
Meeting

Mandatory Consolidation Process



Consolidation Funding



- Technical Assistance

- Planning
- Community Outreach
- Engineering
- Hydrogeology
- Legal Services

- Construction Funding

Public Comment / Q&A

Johannus Reijnders – OPEETA



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Ways To Participate

- Raise your hand and we'll come by with a microphone
- Fill out a comment sheet:
 - Raise your hand and one of us will read the comment for you
 - Or leave your comment sheet behind for us to collect
- Send us a public comment after this meeting
(*Deadline is March 12, 2026*)

How to send a Public Comment

Deadline is Thursday, March 12, 2026

- **By mail:** San Lucas Drinking Water Project
State Water Resources Control Board
OPEETA SAFER Program
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- **By email:** SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov
- **By online form:** bit.ly/sanlucaswater

Thank you!

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