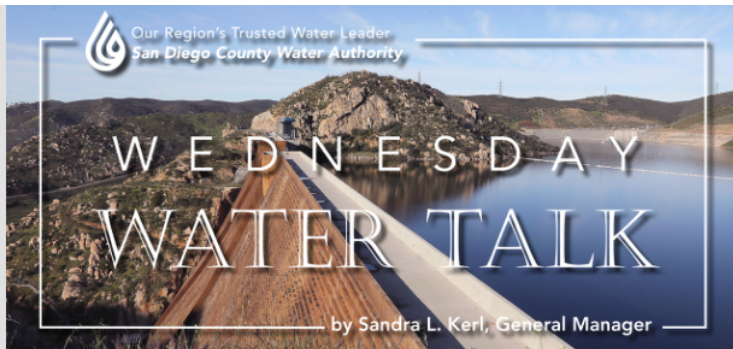




Our Region's Trusted Water Leader
San Diego County Water Authority



Good afternoon,
San Diego County leaders.

A big part of the Water Authority's job as the region's long-term water planning agency is to look decades ahead to ensure a continued safe and reliable water supply that sustains our economy and quality of life. Today, our region's \$245 billion economy is supported by water supply decisions we made decades ago. Likewise, the San Diego County that our children inherit will result from the decisions we make today.

The planning process involves looking at a variety of options for where our water comes from and how it gets here. That's why we are hosting an online public information session from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 27 to discuss a proposed system for delivering the San Diego region's water supplies from the Imperial Valley. The focal point is a presentation by two economists about the economic considerations related to the Regional Conveyance System.

You may not have heard about the Regional Conveyance System, so let me explain briefly. In June 2019, the Water Authority's Board of Directors approved a study of the viability of a new system that would deliver the region's independent, high-priority water from the Colorado River to San Diego County and potentially provide multiple benefits across the Southwest. The Phase A final report, released in August 2020, found that a Regional Conveyance System appears to be cost-competitive with alternatives for meeting the region's water needs.

Our Board has decided to extend the regional discussion about the study until November 19, at which time the Board is expected to decide whether to move ahead with Phase B of the study. Phase B would refine some Phase A work, including a detailed economic analysis and outreach with stakeholders, including potential partners. Phase B would take about 15 to 18 months to complete. At the end of Phase B, the Board would again determine whether to move ahead with a subsequent phase of study.

This approach allows the Water Authority to take strategic, incremental steps as we seek to understand and address the many complexities and uncertainties of the future that apply to all the various water supply options we face. Per the Board's direction to enhance regional dialogue on this issue, participants at the Oct. 27 meeting can:

- Learn about alternatives the Board is studying to secure San Diego County's future water supplies
- Understand the feasibility and costs of building a conveyance system to deliver San Diego County's Colorado River supplies
- Address differences between consultant reports
- Discuss potential next steps

[Click here for more information](#) about the Regional Conveyance System Study or to read the executive summary and the full Phase A report. If you have time to join us for the virtual study session, please email wateracademy@sdewa.org.

Thanks for your support.

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