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TABLE 3-1
SUMMARY OF CURRENT AND PLANNED WATER SUPPLIES AND BANKING PROGRAMS[a]

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Existing Supplies									
Existing Groundwater[b]									
Alluvial Aquifer	24,385	24,000	24,000	24,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Saugus Formation[c]	6,725	9,225	10,225	10,225	10,225	10,225	10,225	10,225	10,225
Total Groundwater	**31,110**	**33,225**	**34,225**	**34,225**	**35,225**	**35,225**	**35,225**	**35,225**	**35,225**
Recycled Water[d] **Total Recycled**	**325**	**325**	**325**	**325**	**325**	**325**	**325**	**325**	**325**
Imported Water									
State Water Project[e]	58,300	58,100	57,900	57,600	57,400	57,400	57,400	57,400	57,400
Flexible Storage Accounts[f]	6,060	6,060	4,680	4,680	4,680	4,680	4,680	4,680	4,680
Buena Vista-Rosedale	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Nickel Water - Newhall Land	1,607	1,607	1,607	1,607	1,607	1,607	1,607	1,607	1,607
Total Imported	**76,967**	**76,767**	**75,187**	**74,887**	**74,687**	**74,687**	**74,687**	**74,687**	**74,687**
Existing Banking Programs[g]									
Rosedale Rio-Bravo	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Semitropic	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Semitropic - Newhall Land	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950
Total Banking	**39,950**	**39,950**	**39,950**	**24,950**	**24,950**	**24,950**	**24,950**	**24,950**	**24,950**
Planned Supplies									
Future Groundwater[h]									
Alluvial Aquifer	-	-	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	7,000
Saugus Formation	-	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375
Total Groundwater	**-**	**1,375**	**2,375**	**3,375**	**4,375**	**5,375**	**6,375**	**7,375**	**8,375**
Recycled Water[i] Total Recycled	**-**	**975**	**2,725**	**5,225**	**7,775**	**10,275**	**13,775**	**17,275**	**20,975**
Banking Programs Total Banking Programs	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10,000**	**10,000**	**20,000**	**20,000**	**20,000**	**20,000**

Notes:

(a) The values shown under "Existing Supplies" and "Planned Supplies" are projected to be available in average/normal years. The values shown under "Existing Banking Programs" and "Planned Banking Programs" are the maximum capacity of program withdrawals.

(b) Existing groundwater supplies represent the quantity of groundwater anticipated to be pumped with existing wells. As indicated in Tables 3-8 and 3-9 and Tables 3-4 and 3-5 of the 2009 Groundwater Basin Yield Analysis, individual purveyors may have well capacity in excess of quantities shown in this table. As indicated in Table 3-10, existing and planned groundwater pumping remain within the groundwater operating plan shown on Table 3-5.

(c) SCWD's existing Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 wells resumed production in 2011 with the completion of the perchlorate treatment facility.

(d) Represents recycled water being delivered in 2010 with existing facilities. CLWA currently has 1,700 AFY under contract.

(e) SWP supplies are based on the Department of Water Resources "*2009 State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report*."

(f) Includes both CLWA and Ventura County entities flexible storage accounts. Initial term of agreement with Ventura County entities expires after 2015.

(g) Supplies shown are annual amounts that can be withdrawn and would typically be used only during dry years.

(h) Planned groundwater supplies represent new groundwater well capacity that may be required by an individual purveyor's production objectives in the Alluvial Aquifer and the Saugus Formation. When combined with existing purveyor and non-purveyor groundwater supplies, total groundwater production remains within the sustainable ranges identified in Table 3-8 of 2009 Groundwater Basin Yield Analysis. As indicated in Table 3-10, existing and planned groundwater pumping remain within the basin operating plan shown on Table 3- 5.

(i) See Table 4-3. Total Purveyor Recycled Water less Existing Recycled Supply.

as the banking partner, or used by the farmers in exchange for their surface water allocations, which would be delivered to CLWA as the banking partner through the California Aqueduct.

CLWA is a partner in two existing groundwater banking programs, the Semitropic Banking Program and RRBWSD Banking Program, discussed below in Sections 3.5.1 and 3.5.2, respectively. Newhall Land is also a partner in the Semitropic Banking Program, as discussed in Section 3.5.3, with its supplies assumed to be available to VWC. In addition, CLWA has updated its plan to enhance its overall supply reliability, including the need for additional banking programs, as discussed in Section 3.5.4.

3.5.1 Semitropic Banking Program

Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic) provides SWP water to farmers for irrigation. Semitropic is located in the San Joaquin Valley in the northern part of Kern County immediately east of the California Aqueduct. Using its available groundwater storage capacity (approximately one MAF), Semitropic has developed a groundwater banking program, that takes available SWP supplies in wet years and returns the water in dry years. As part of this dry-year return, Semitropic can leave its SWP water in the Aqueduct for delivery to a banking partner and increase its groundwater production for its farmers. Semitropic constructed facilities so that groundwater can be pumped into a Semitropic canal and, through reverse pumping plants, be delivered to the California Aqueduct. Semitropic currently has six long-term first priority banking partners: the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), Santa Clara Valley Water District, Alameda County Water District, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7, Vidler Water Company and Newhall Land and Farming. The total amount of storage under contract is approximately one MAF.

In 2002, CLWA entered into a temporary storage agreement with Semitropic, and stored an available portion of its Table A supply (24,000 AF) in an account in Semitropic's program. In 2004, 32,522 AF of available 2003 Table A supply was stored in a second temporary Semitropic account. In accordance with the terms of CLWA's storage agreements with Semitropic, 90 percent of the banked amount, or a total of 50,870 AF, was recoverable through 2013 to meet CLWA water demands when needed. Each account had a term of ten years for the water to be withdrawn and delivered to CLWA.[19] Of this recoverable storage, 4,950 AF has been withdrawn, with 1,650 AF delivered in 2009 and 3,300 AF delivered in 2010, leaving a balance of 45,920 AF in storage available to meet future CLWA needs. CLWA executed an amendment for a ten-year extension of each banking agreement with Semitropic in April 2010. A negative declaration for the program extension was approved by CLWA's Board of Directors on January 19, 2011 and by the Semitropic Board of Directors on April 6, 2011.

Current operational planning includes use of the water stored in Semitropic for dry-year supply. Accordingly, it is reflected in the available supplies delineated in this section, and it is also reflected as contributing only to dry-year supply reliability in Chapter 6, through 2023.

3.5.2 Rosedale-Rio Bravo Banking Program

Also located in Kern County, immediately adjacent to the Kern Water Bank, RRBWSD has developed a Water Banking and Exchange Program. CLWA has entered into a long-term agreement with RRBWSD that provides it with storage and pumpback capacity of 20,000 AFY,

[19] Thereafter, the remaining amount of project water would be forfeited from the account.

with up to 100,000 AF of storage capacity. CLWA began storing water in this program in 2005 and has since reached the program's maximum storage capacity, with 100,000 AF currently available for withdrawal.

This project is a water management program to improve the reliability of CLWA's existing dry-year supplies; it is not an annual supply that could support growth. Accordingly, it is reflected in the available supplies delineated in this section and it is also reflected as contributing only to dry-year supply reliability in Chapter 6.

3.5.3 Semitropic Banking Program – Newhall Land

As mentioned above, one of Semtropic's long-term groundwater banking partners is Newhall Land. In its agreement with Semitropic, Newhall Land has available to it a pumpback capacity of 4,950 AFY and a storage capacity of 55,000 AF. Newhall Land has a current storage balance of 18,828 AF. This supply is assumed to be available to VWC and is planned to be used only in dry years. Accordingly, it is reflected in the available supplies delineated in this section, and it is also reflected as contributing only to dry-year supply reliability in Chapter 6.

3.5.4 Other Opportunities

In 2003, CLWA produced a Water Supply Reliability Plan (Reliability Plan), and updated it in 2009. The Reliability Plan outlines primary elements that CLWA should include in its water supply mix to obtain maximum overall supply reliability enhancement. These elements include both conjunctive use and groundwater banking programs, which enhance the reliability of both the existing and future supplies, as well as water acquisitions. The Reliability Plan recommends water banking storage and pumpback capacity north and south of Tehachapi Mountains, the latter of which would provide an emergency supply in case of catastrophic outage along the California Aqueduct. The Reliability Plan also contains a recommended implementation plan and schedule. CLWA has made significant progress on its water supply reliability program, obtaining storage capacity in two banking programs north of the Tehachapi Mountains, with approximately 146,000 AF of water currently banked in those programs and available for withdrawal. Negotiations with one program south of the Tehachapis were initiated, but identification of a program for emergency outage storage remains ongoing.

The 2009 update of the Reliability Plan presents the implementation schedule recommended for both storage and pumpback capacity beginning in 2010 and incrementally increasing through 2050. CLWA's plans call for development of additional groundwater banking programs, with pumpback capacity of at least an additional 10,000 AF by 2025, and a second additional 10,000 AF by 2035. Table 3-13 summarizes CLWA's future reliability enhancement programs.

TABLE 3-13
FUTURE RELIABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

		Proposed Quantities (AF)		
Project Name	**Year Available**	**Average/ Normal Year**	**Single Dry Year[(a)]**	**Multiple Dry Years[(b)]**
Additional Planned Banking Programs	2025	0	10,000	7,500
	2035	0	20,000	15,000

Notes:
(a) Supplies shown are maximum annual withdrawal capacity.
(b) Supplies shown are average withdrawals during four consecutive dry years.

model studies of SWP operations. In general, DWR model studies show the anticipated amount of SWP supply that would be available for a given SWP water demand, given an assumed set of physical facilities and operating constraints, based on 82 years of historic hydrology. The results are interpreted as the capability of the SWP to meet the assumed SWP demand, over a range of hydrologic conditions, for that assumed set of physical facilities and operating constraints.

DWR's 2009 update of the *Reliability Report* presents the results of model studies for years 2009 and 2029. In these model studies, DWR assumed existing SWP facilities and operating constraints for both the 2009 and 2029 studies. The primary differences between the two studies are an increase in projected SWP contractor demands, an increase in projected upstream demands (which affects SWP supplies by reducing the amount of inflows available for the SWP), and the inclusion in the 2029 study of potential impacts on historic hydrology of the effects of climate change and accompanying sea level rise. In the report, DWR presents the SWP delivery capability resulting from these studies as a percent of maximum contractor Table A Amounts. To estimate supply capability in intermediate years between 2009 and 2029, DWR interpolates between the results of those studies.

6.3 Normal, Single-Dry, and Multiple-Dry Year Planning

The water suppliers have various water supplies available to meet demands during normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry years. The following sections elaborate on the different supplies available to the water suppliers including groundwater, recycled water and imported supplies.

6.3.1 Groundwater

In accordance with the groundwater operating plan for the basin, groundwater supplies for all uses from the Alluvial Aquifer are planned to be in the range 30,000 to 40,000 AFY in average years and 30,000 to 35,000 AFY in dry years; supplies from the Saugus Formation are projected to be 7,500 to 15,000 AFY in average years and 15,000 to 35,000 AFY in dry years. The updated Basin Yield analysis (LSCE and GSI, 2009) concluded pumping in those ranges to be sustainable. While there is sufficient Alluvial pumping capacity to achieve the Alluvial groundwater supply (Table 3-8), it is planned that VWC will develop some future capacity as it constructs municipal supply wells to replace existing agricultural wells when planned development converts existing agricultural land use to municipal land use. Existing Saugus pumping capacity is sufficient to achieve about 27,000 AFY (Table 3-9), or about 77 percent of the upper end of the Saugus operating plan. Hence, it is planned that restored capacity (VWC Well 201) and future Saugus pumping capacity (new wells) will be added to achieve the full range of the Saugus operating plan.

The existing and planned groundwater supplies used in this Plan are generally the pumping rates, within the operating plan ranges, that were analyzed in the Basin Yield update. As such, they tend toward the upper ends of the respective ranges except for normal year Saugus pumping, which is closer to mid-range of the Saugus operating plan. For the multiple-dry year period, it was assumed that pumping from the Saugus Formation would be governed by the groundwater operating plan summarized in Table 3-5, with average pumping over the 4-year dry period of about 21,500 AFY. Total projected Alluvial and Saugus pumping, including pumping by the purveyors and by agricultural and other users, is shown by year type in Tables 3-7 to

withdrawal. CLWA executed an amendment for a ten-year extension of each banking agreement with Semitropic in April 2010.

In addition to this short-term storage for CLWA, Semitropic has a long-term groundwater banking program with several other partners. The facilities that Semitropic may use in the return of CLWA's banked water supply are the same facilities that Semitropic may use to return banked water to its long-term banking program partners. As a result, there may be competition for use of those facilities in a particularly dry year, which could limit CLWA's ability to access the water in that year.

CLWA plans to use this supply only in dry years. For the single dry year, it was assumed that competition among Semitropic's banking partners for use of return facilities would limit CLWA's supply to about one third of the storage available, or about 15,000 AF. For the multiple-dry year period, it was assumed that the entire amount would be accessible and used sometime during the four-year period, so the average annual supply during that period would be one fourth of the total available, or about 11,500 AF. Under the agreements for this program, including the agreement for the ten-year time extension, the stored water must be withdrawn within twenty years of when it was stored. Therefore, it was assumed that this supply is available only through 2023.

6.3.7 Semitropic Banking Program - Newhall Land

As was the case for the Nickel water, the banking program was entered into by the developer of the Newhall Ranch project to firm up the reliability of the water supply for the project, which is in the CLWA service area. The storage capacity of this program is 55,000 AF. Newhall Land currently has 18,892 AF stored in this program. It is anticipated that this supply will be available to VWC.

VWC plans to use this supply only in dry years. For the single-dry year, supplies were assumed at the program's maximum withdrawal capacity of 4,950 AFY. For the multiple-dry year period, supplies in each year of the dry period were assumed at the program's maximum withdrawal capacity of 4,950 AFY and that additional supplies would be banked during wetter years to allow withdrawal of this amount.

6.3.8 Rosedale-Rio Bravo Banking Program

RRBWSD has also developed a water banking and exchange program. CLWA has entered into a long-term agreement with RRBWSD which provides it with storage and withdrawal capacity of 20,000 AFY and up to 100,000 AF of storage capacity. Withdrawals from the program can be made by exchange of Rosedale's SWP Table A supply, or by pumpback into the California Aqueduct. CLWA began storing water in this program in 2005 and has since reached the program's maximum storage capacity, with 100,000 AF currently available for withdrawal.

CLWA plans to use this supply only in dry years. For the single-dry year, supplies were assumed at the program's maximum withdrawal capacity of 20,000 AF. For the multiple-dry year period, it was assumed that supplies would average at least 15,000 AFY over the dry period and that additional supplies would be banked during wetter years to allow withdrawal of at least this amount.