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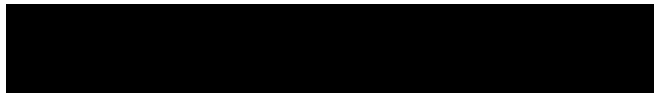
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The resident listed below gave a verbal presentation of the enclosed materials, which is also included as Written Comments:

- Alena Callimanis

State Regulation Changes to Water allocations will affect CVWD Supply

Alena Callimanis



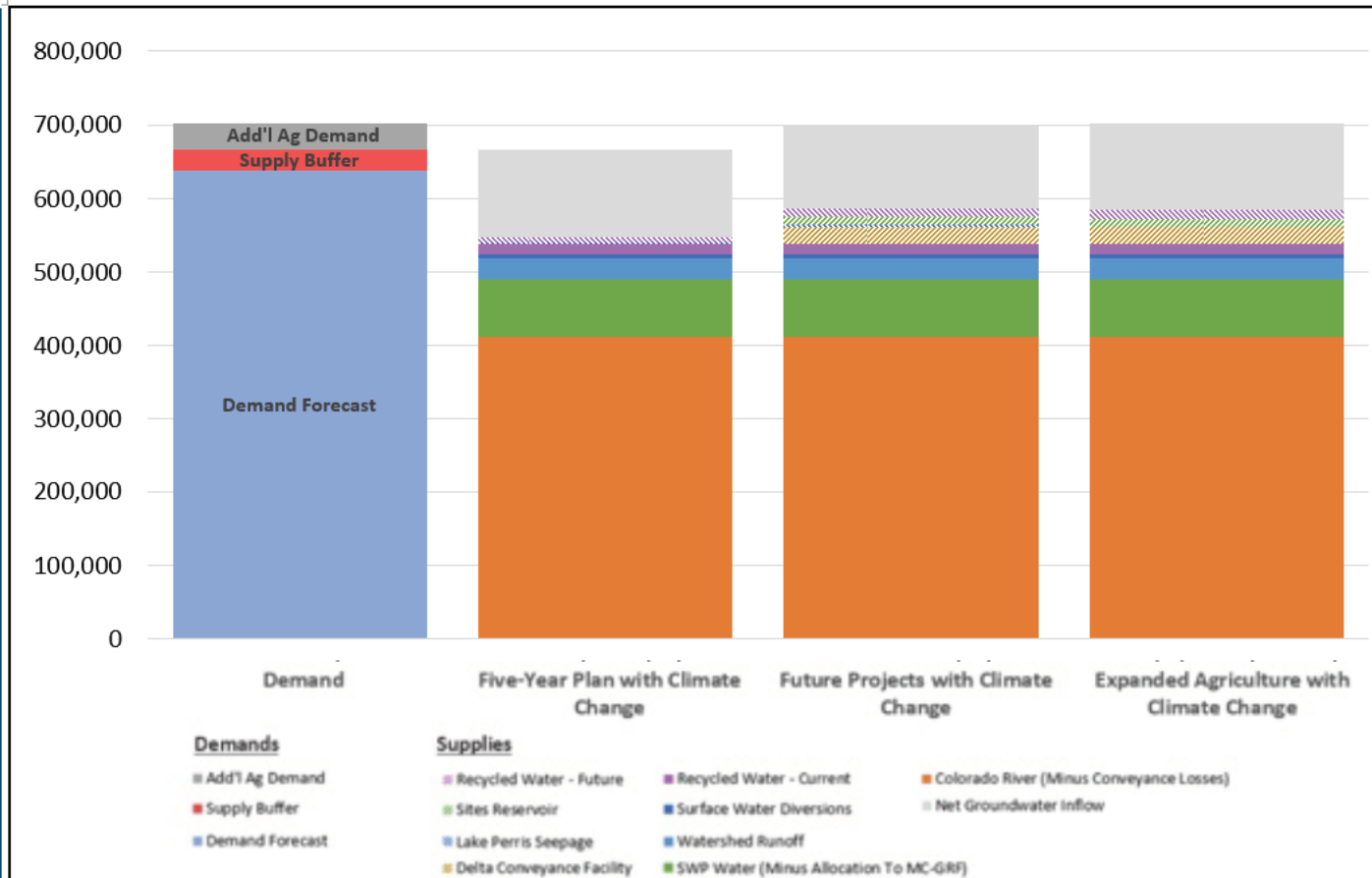
New State Regulations will cause CVWD Water Demand to be higher than Supply

- The primary purpose of the California State Water Project (SWP), under the California Department of Water Resources, is water delivery to Water Supply Contractors like CVWD
- CVWD allocation on paper is 138,350 acre feet yearly
- However, over the last two years, SWP allocated just 5% or 6,921 acre feet to CVWD due to the ongoing drought
- In December, when new allocations are assigned by the Department of Water Resources, due to the historic drought in Southern California, Director Karla Nemeth is expected to announce a zero-percent allocation for 2022

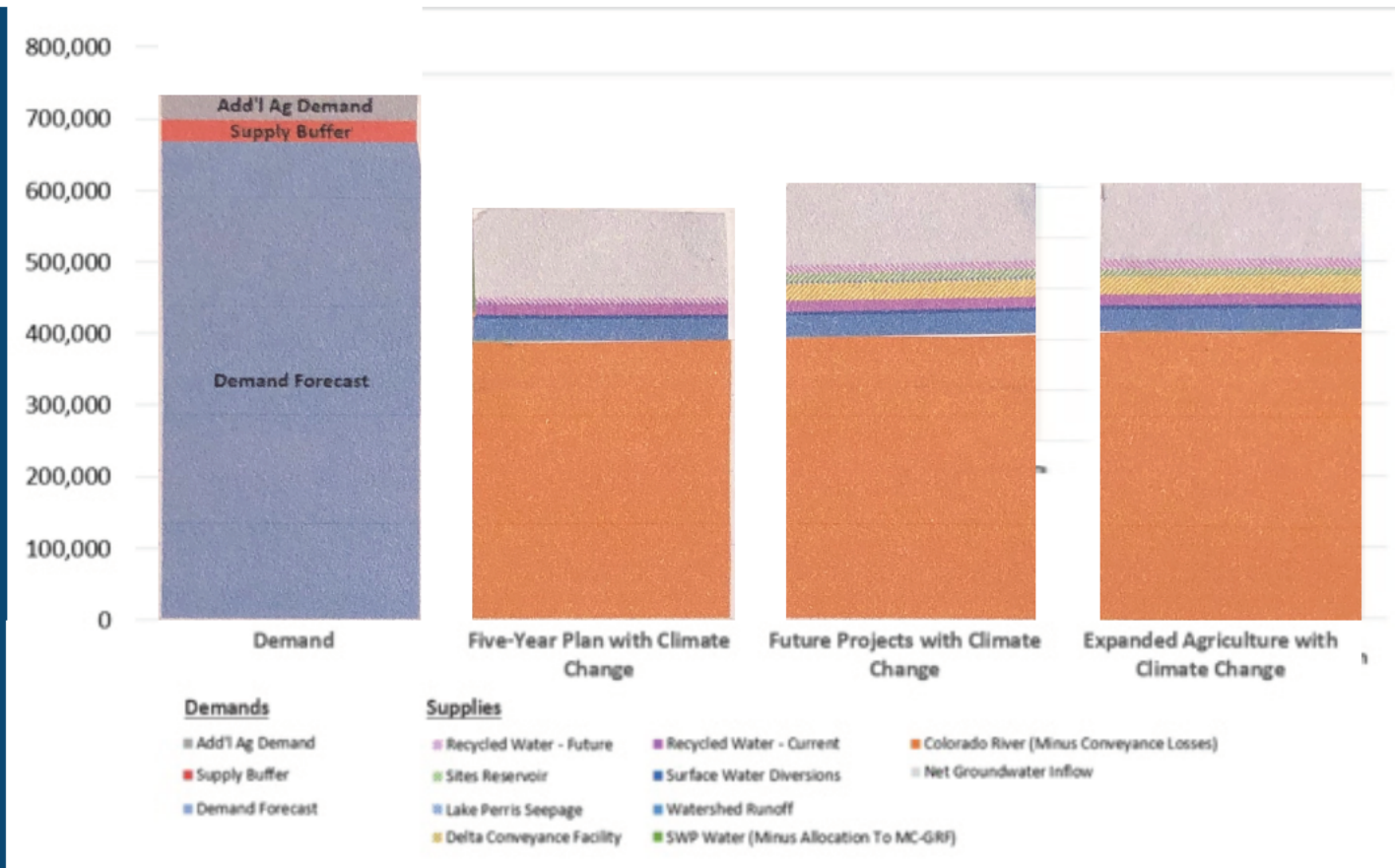
These New Factors will Show CVWD Water Demand is higher than Supply

- In the Indio Subbasin Ground Water Management Act Alternative Plan for 2022, that was presented to you by CVWD in October, CVWD used for their water supply allocation a 45% figure, 62,000 acre feet, which was the average allocation over the past 14 years, and not the 5% allocation they had been receiving
- Now that allocation is expected to drop to 0%
- When Lake Mead drops more, also expected in 2022, another 24,500 acre feet of Colorado River Water will be immediately cut
- Those cuts together will result in almost 30 billion gallons reduction of Colorado water supply to CVWD per year

CVWD is currently saying: All Scenarios below have Adequate Supply to Meet Projected Demands



This is new chart shows the removal of the SWP allocations and the decreased Colorado River allocations - Demand outstrips supply



The Coral Mountain Surf Project Must Be Stopped

- The West is no longer considered to be in a “drought “- the current situation is is now being referred to as the ARIDIFICATION, the long-term impact of climate warming in the arid West. It’s different than drought, which is temporary. Aridification is here to stay
- <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/megadrought-persists-in-western-us-as-another-extremely-dry-year-develops> - previous megadroughts have lasted decades, according to scientists.
- With the current and expected ongoing drought, extreme heat, climate change and increasing wind events, the responsible action for officials would be to acknowledge that it is critical to preserve our precious aquifer water supply for current and future generations and act accordingly
- In the Constitution of the State of California, Article X, Section 2 states “that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented...and that the conservation of such waters is to be exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use thereof in the interest of the people and for the public welfare.”