• OCWD, formed in 1933, 10 member publicly elected board of directors
• OCWD encompasses 229,000 acres in the lower watershed of the Santa Ana River (SAR)
• Orange County groundwater basin provides water for over 2.4 million people
OCWD governed by a 10 person Board of Directors
  ► 7 members directly elected by the public
  ► 3 members appointed (Santa Ana, Anaheim & Fullerton)
Non-adjudicated groundwater basin
Each year the Board sets the percentage of groundwater that can be pumped (BPP)
Each year the Board Replenishment Assessment (RA) and Basin Equity Assessment (BEA) for the cost of pumping groundwater
OCWD BASIN MANAGEMENT TOOLS

 Typical Retail Water Utility with 20,000 afy of Total Water Demands

- Basin Production Percentage (BPP) Set Annually - Currently 70%
- Replenishment Assessment (RA) Paid for groundwater pumping below BPP - $276/af
- Basin Equity Assessment (BEA) Paid for groundwater pumping above the BPP in addition to the RA - $600/af
RA & ADDITIONAL RA

- Additional Replenishment Assessment - Paid by non-Ag production (8 votes)
- Replenishment Assessment - Paid by all production (6 votes)
GROUNDWATER BASIN LEVELS

Manage the basin like a reservoir

Target Overdraft
OCWD MANAGEMENT POLICIES

- Invest in local projects
- Avoid basin adjudication
  - Maintain uniformity of cost and access to the groundwater basin
  - Treat all parties equally
- No power to restrict pumping – only set the rates paid to pump
- Conjunctively operate with the MWD imported water system
PROPOSITION 218

- Passed in 1996
  - Property related fees
  - Fees proportional to cost
  - Procedural requirements
  - Annual vote & 45 days noticing
- OCWD has claimed Prop 218 does not apply to our operations – but follows many of the procedural requirements
- Subsequent court rulings have expanded who must comply with proposition
For more information, Visit [www.gwrsystem.com](http://www.gwrsystem.com) Or [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com)

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