



Daggett CSD Community Meeting

ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM

MAY 6, 2026

PROVOST & PRITCHARD

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Administrator Program Overview
3. Water System Performance
4. Administrator Work Updates
5. Rate Study and Prop 218 Process
6. Consolidation with Golden State Water Company - Barstow
7. Upcoming Activities and Looking Ahead

Introductions – *Provost & Pritchard*



Matt Kemp
Principal Engineer



Hamish Kellam
Program Manager



Kristen Bitsberger
*Environmental
Specialist*



Clarissa Johnson
Grant Manager



Amanda De Anda
Public Affairs

Introductions – *Subconsultants*



Dan Raytis, *Legal Counsel*

- Provides legal assistance to P&P and the water system, specializes in water law



Alison Lechowicz

- Provides rate study and rate adjustment assistance to P&P and the water system

What is the Administrator Program?



State Water Board program that supports water systems with operations, compliance, funding, and long-term planning.



Focused on small communities in need of assistance, experiencing long-term challenges.



P&P is assigned as Daggett CSD's **limited-scope Administrator**.

Our role is to assist Daggett CSD while the long-term consolidation project with Golden State Water Company – Barstow moves forward.



Administrator Roles and Responsibilities

Provost & Pritchard was assigned as the limited-scope Administrator on November 6, 2025.

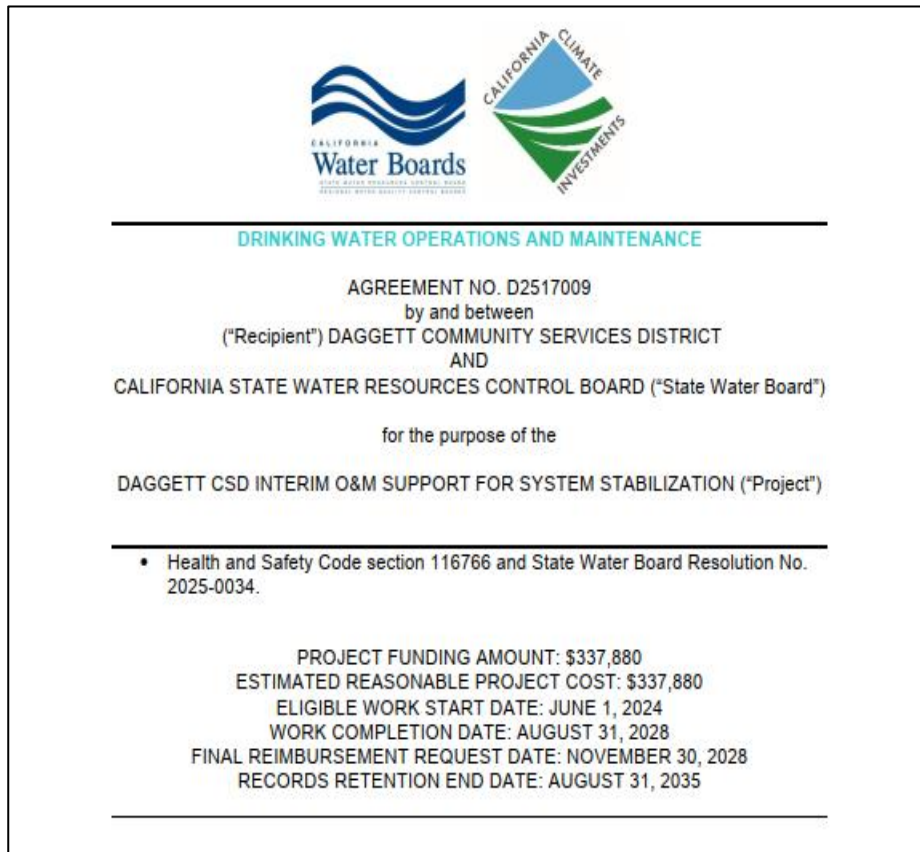
Daggett Responsibilities:

- Customer billing and accounting
- Customer service and emergency response coordination
- Day-to-day system management through the General Manager and Board
- Water systems operations

Administrator Responsibilities:

- Develop required water system plans
- Assist with O&M grant reimbursement and management
- Support the rate study and Prop 218 process
- Conduct community engagement
- Provide legal and regulatory assistance
- Support operations, compliance, and emergency response

Operations and Maintenance Grant



- Daggett CSD was awarded a Drinking Water O&M Grant from the State Water Board, on April 1, 2026.
- Funds may reimburse eligible O&M needs, repairs, and improvements from **June 1, 2024, through August 31, 2028**.
- Funding is intended for larger eligible repairs and improvements, not routine day-to-day operating costs covered by existing budget.
- Key eligible items include:
 - Reimbursement for prior 2024 and 2025 repairs
 - Well 06 repair work
 - Hydrant repairs
- P&P will assist with reimbursement claims and grant management, as directed by the Board.

Administrator Work Updates

- **Well 06 Repair**

- Board approved quote for well video inspection.
- Pump removal quotes are being obtained.
- Pump and well house must be removed before video inspection can occur.
- Video results will help determine recommended repair approach; well specialists at P&P will review and assist in deciding the best solution.

- **Rate Study**

- Rate study has been prepared to evaluate water system costs and needed rate adjustments.
- If the Board authorizes proposed rates for public notice, the Prop 218 process will begin.

- **Administrator Plans**

- Various plans were drafted by P&P to explain the Administrator's role in assisting the water system.
- These plans consist of a Community Accountability and Engagement Plan, a Governance Plan, a Financial Management Plan, an Emergency Response Plan, and an Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Administrator Work Updates

- **Policy Handbook**

- Drafting a policy handbook for Daggett's water system.
- Dan Raytis, P&P's Administrator Program legal assistance, is assisting in the development in these policies.
- Policies include:
 - Shutoff for nonpayment
 - Unauthorized use of water
 - Water rates and connection fees
 - Cross-Connection Control Plan and Backflow Prevention
 - Water conservation

Administrator Plans

- The following plans have been developed for the Daggett CSD water system and will be added to the District's water system policies and plans. Additional policies and plans will continue to be developed.
- **Community Accountability and Engagement Plan**
 - Approved by the State Water Board on March 13, 2026.
 - Outlines community meetings, notices, email updates, public notices, and the Administrator webpage.
- **Emergency Response Plan**
 - Submitted to the State Water Board and San Bernardino County on May 1, 2026.
 - Outlines procedures for responding to water system emergencies, including emergency contacts.
- **Governance Plan**
 - Submitted to the State Water Board and San Bernardino County on May 1, 2026.
 - Outlines the current management structure and planned water system policy updates.

Administrator Plans

- **Financial Management Plan**

- Submitted to the State Water Board and San Bernardino County on May 1, 2026.
- Describes current financial management structure and the Administrator's support role.

- **Operations and Maintenance Plan**

- Submitted to the State Water Board and San Bernardino County on May 1, 2026.
- Outlines sampling, reporting, maintenance, and emergency response procedures.

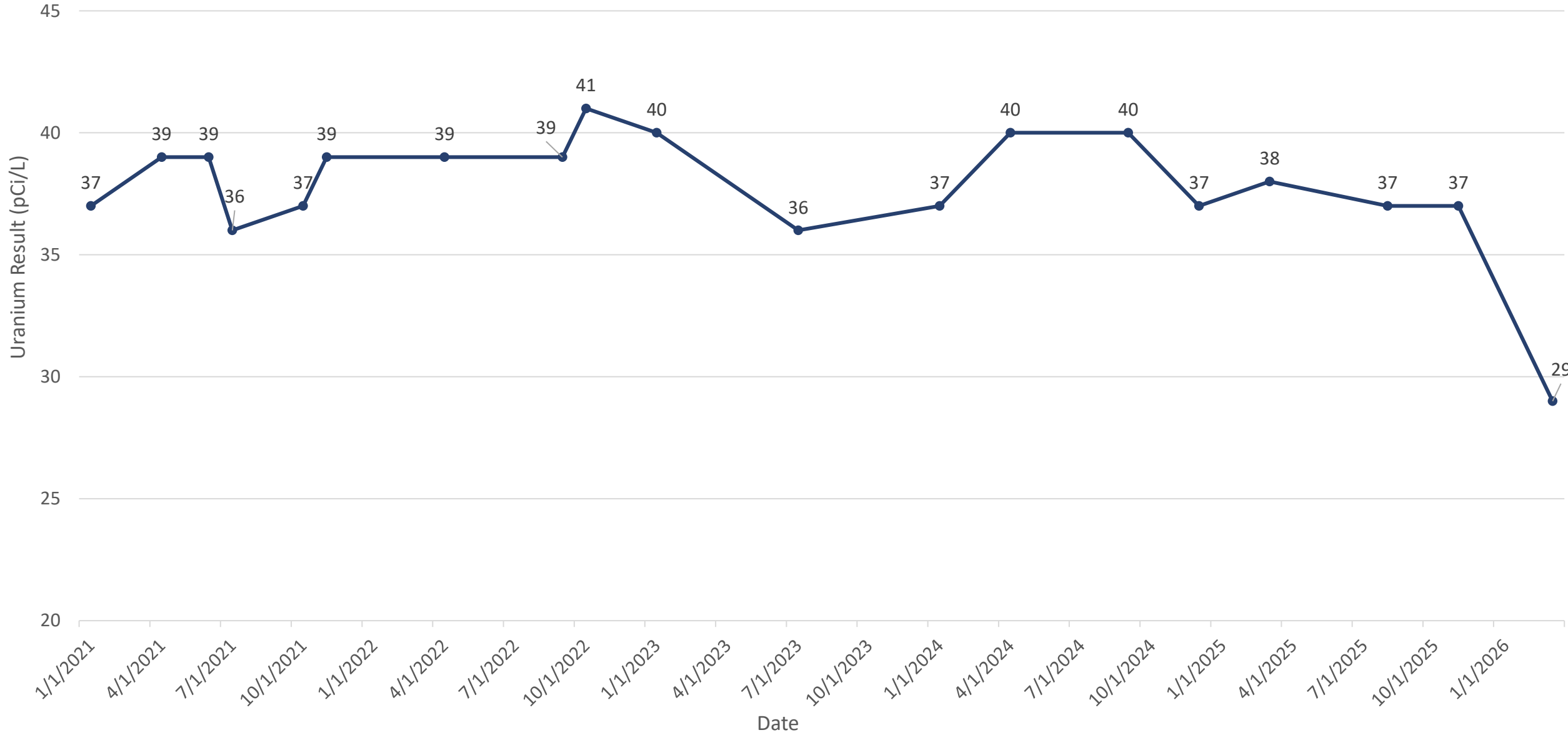
- **Post Administrator Plan**

- In progress; due November 2, 2026.
- Will identify steps needed for long-term operations, compliance, and consolidation with GSWC – Barstow, after Administrator support ends.

Water System Performance

Latest Water Quality Results

Daggett CSD Uranium Results



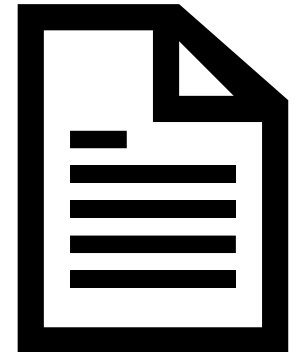
Rate Study and the Prop 218 Process

The Rate Study

- The District had a rate study prepared by a consultant to evaluate the cost of providing water service.
- The study considers system operations, maintenance, repairs, and future needs.
- If new rates are proposed, California law (Prop 218) requires a formal public process before they can be adopted.

What is Prop 218?

- Prop 218 is a California public notice and protest process for certain property-related fees, including water rates.
- It requires the District to notify customers, hold a public hearing, and allow for formal written protests.



Rate Study and the Prop 218 Process

What to Expect

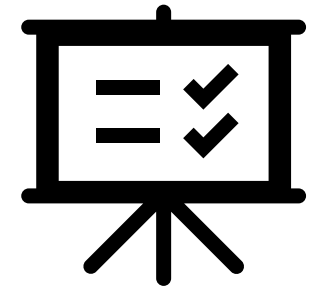
- A notice will be mailed to all property owners and customers.
- The notice will include proposed rates, reasons for the changes, and public hearing details.

Public Hearing & Input

- The Board will hold a public hearing before confirming whether to adopt the proposed rates.
- Community members may provide comments at the hearing.

Your Right to Protest

- Written protests may be submitted before or at the public hearing.
- If a majority protest is received, the proposed rates cannot be adopted.
- One protest per APN is accepted.



Consolidation with Golden State – Barstow

- **Proposed Long-Term Solution**

- The proposed project would physically connect Daggett CSD to GSWC Barstow.
- Consolidation is intended to provide long-term source of water supply that meets water quality standards and improves system reliability.

- **Proposed Improvements**

- New water main connecting Daggett to GSWC Barstow system.
- New steel storage tank, booster pump station, and needed infrastructure.
- Distribution system improvements, where required.

- **Next Steps**

- 30% plans completed September 2025.
- 60% plans in progress; June completion.
- CEQA underway; Lead Agency selected (SWRCB Environmental Review Unit)
- Agency and Daggett CSD review, permitting, environmental funding, and purchase agreements will be needed before construction.



Upcoming Activities

- **Lead and copper sampling** will occur in summer 2026.
 - P&P will work with Daggett CSD, the operator, and participating residents.
 - Five samples must be collected from indoor taps at selected customer residences.
- **Rate Study / Prop 218 Process**
 - If the board authorizes proposed rates for public notice, notices will be mailed and a public hearing will be scheduled 45 days later.
- **Well 06 Repairs**
 - Pump removal and video inspection are being coordinated.
 - Repair recommendations will be based on inspection results.
- **Bottled Water:**
 - Funding currently on hold as eligibility is being evaluated by the State Water Board; Daggett and P&P are looking into other water solutions.



Upcoming Engagement

Stay Involved

- Quarterly public meetings
- Complete and submit a survey
- Visit the Admin Daggett webpage:
- www.daggettcsd.org/administrator-program



- Join our email list
- Write your email on the sign-in sheet
- Submit survey

Public Comment

- Write on the comment card provided to you and turn it in before you go
- Call **559-449-2700**
- Email daggettwater@ppeng.com
- Mail us your comment card to Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, 455 W Fir Ave., Clovis, CA 93611

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