



Association of REALTORS® *Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS®*

# HOT ISSUES

## **Water Supply California State Water Project – Support Position – Updated 2.17.2022**

The Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of Realtors® Board of Directors supports and urge ALL local cities, counties, state Governments and Water Agencies to proceed in the completion of the California State Water Project. Having a stable water supply is critical in maintaining the standard of living and property values within our service area. We have communicated our water positions and received presentations on status made to us by local water districts who service our areas. Most of our water for our communities is imported using the California Aqueduct and Colorado River water. The large projects to complete the California State Water Project were in essence suspended in 1963 and we are now living with infrastructure built prior to that suspension. Water companies have resorted to using limited supply of recycled water, groundwater resources, and making use of costly process and equipment to purify substandard groundwater to drinking water specifications. Without completion of the California water project, we will be in constant uncertainty and in jeopardy of inadequate water supply. We support and urge ALL local water authorities to increase supply and implement recapturing 70% of the storm water to store in aquifers before the water returns to the ocean.

### **Why CSMAR is in favor**

Quality of life and property values will be affected in our service area if we do not complete the California State Water Project. Local wildlife, trees and fauna are all affected and stressed. Increased fire danger because of water shortages is a constant threat.

The original California water project was envisioned as a statewide plan to supply Southern California with additional water resources and minimize flooding in Northern California during very wet periods. We also face a potential that an earthquake could damage existing canals and cut off our water supply to Southern California. Finishing the California State Water Project should be engineered with that in mind.

Our Association and local water providers would like to see the California State water project completed. More than 70% of the storm water falling on California returns to the ocean. A few years ago, voters approved \$7.5 billion to solve our water shortage. That would be enough to make a huge difference in water supply to Southern California. Government bodies and Water Agencies must exclusive use of the \$7.5 Billion for implementation of permanent water solutions.

### **Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS®**

The Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS® (CSMAR) boundaries contain five cities, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, and two counties, Ventura County, and Los Angeles County. We also have three (3) MAC areas; Oak Park, Santa Rosa Valley, and Casa Conejo. With this many elected officials representing those cities, counties, and MAC areas we recognize the effort it takes to know which of these elected bodies are considering in rules, regulations or ordinances which may affect the real estate industry. The Association has adopted a position on local issues which affect us the most. We believe it is important to articulate our positions on local Real Estate issues within our boundaries to all membership, along with those in leadership positions, elected officials, and staff.

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