



San Diego County
Water Authority



Decreasing Demands & Fiscal Sustainability

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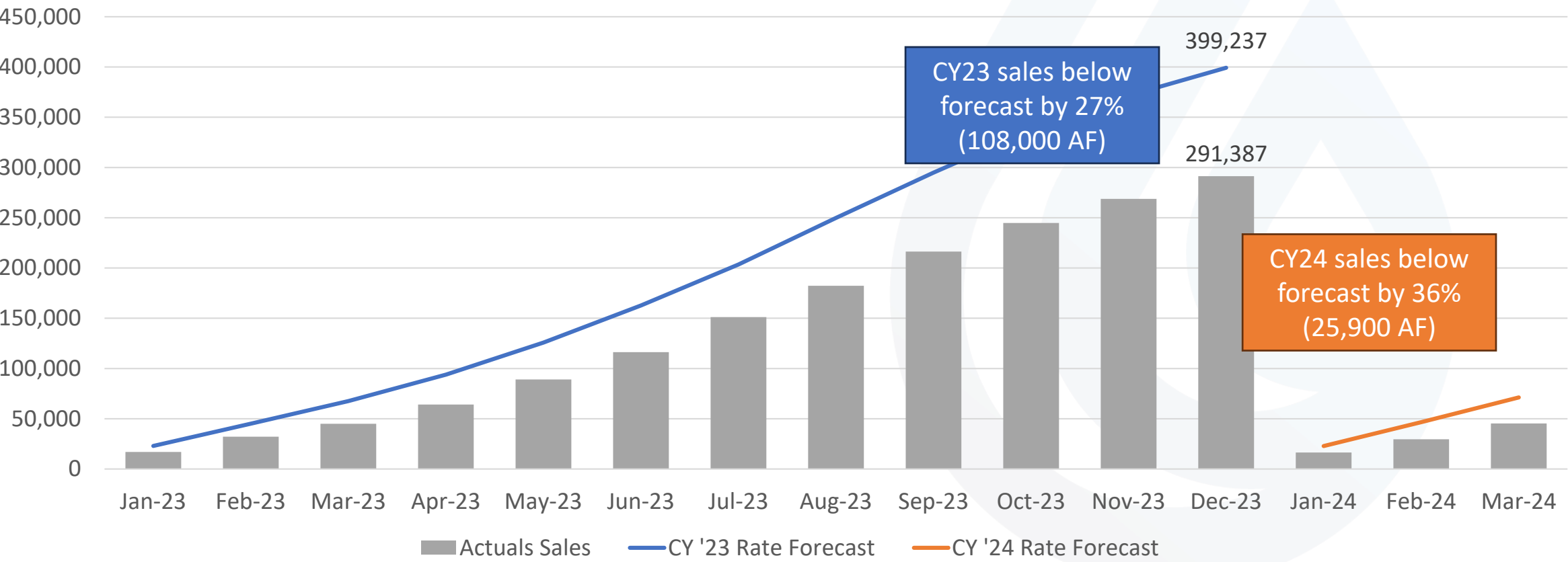


**A Region
Shaped by Water**

Decreasing Water Sales Continue to Underfund Agency

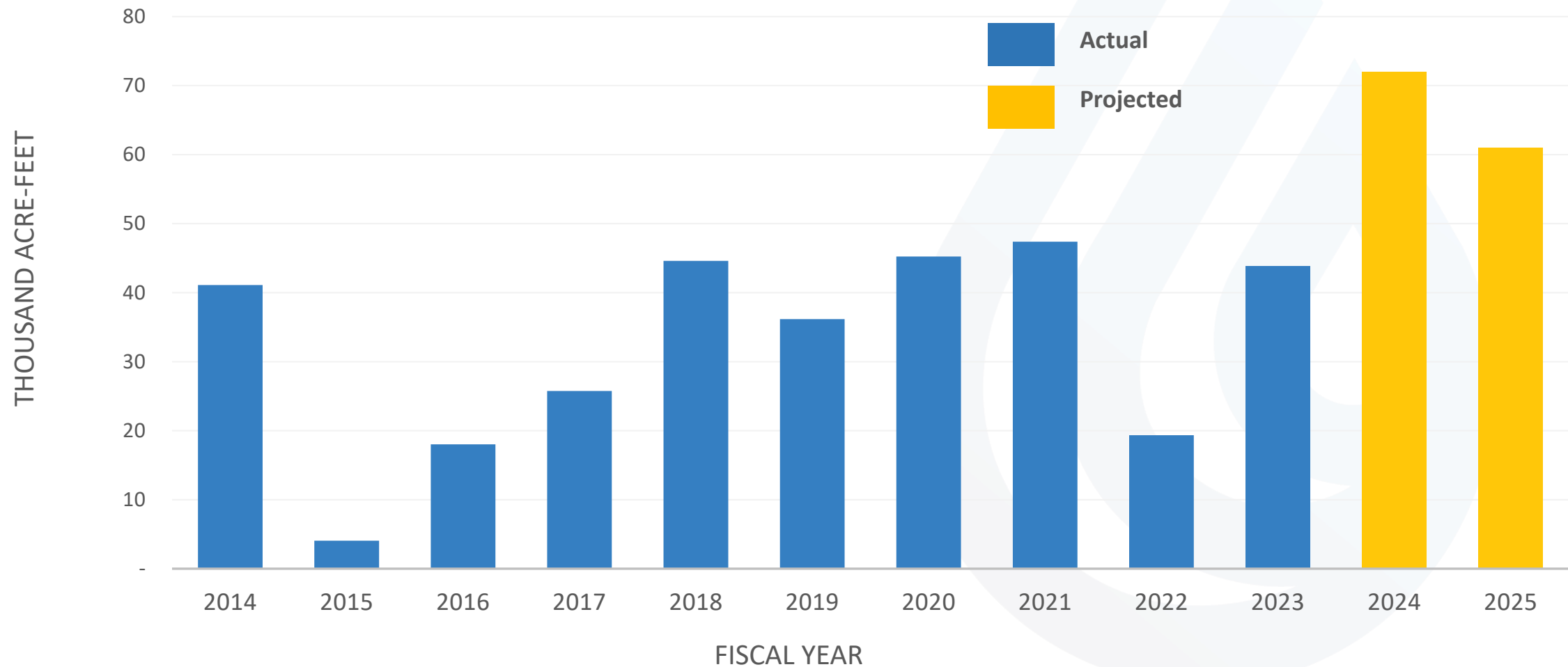
Recent demands suppressed due to above-normal rainfall

Rate-Setting Forecast vs Actual Sales (AF)



Member Agency Local Surface Water Use

FY24 estimate roughly 220% of 10-year average



Water Use Efficiency

Conservation is a San Diego Way of Life

Cost-effective regional programs have resulted in regional water efficiency and reduced per capita water use by 50% since 1990.

Pending WUE regulations will require additional financial investments without defined benefits, including:

- Collecting data for reporting, categorizing customers, calculating targets, etc.
- Implementing commercial, industrial and institutional best practices

Putting Affordability Front & Center

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A New Direction

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Michael Smolens: Let's make a (water) deal!

San Diego County Water Authority opens negotiations to sell some of its surplus to a small district in southern Orange County. It's another step in a new direction for the agency.

THE ORANGE COUNTY
REGISTER

Ocean water from San Diego could stabilize south OC supply, boost desal

Moulton Niguel Water District will consider buying rights to water desalinated in Carlsbad. Deal could also help bail San Diego out of what some call a 'boondoggle.'

TIMES
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New Water-Sharing Agreement Expected to Boost Lake Mead, Mitigate Rising Prices

