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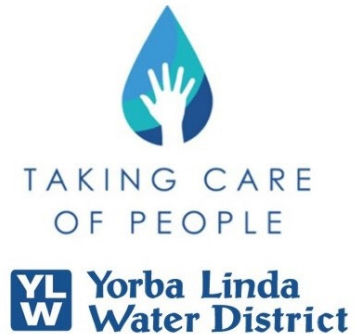


TAKING CARE
OF PEOPLE



**Yorba Linda
Water District**

RETIRED FROM ACTIVE DUTY on July 1st, 2022 & STARTED AS YLWD GM on August 29th, 2022



USACE in EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Clockwise from lower left

1. Border Wall Construction
2. Key Bridge Collapse
3. Hurricane Harvey Response
4. COVID Alternate Care Facilities



USACE CIVIL WORKS



Secretary of the Army
The Honorable Dan Driscoll



Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)
Mr. Adam R. Telle



Principal Deputy Assistant
Secretary of the Army (Civil
Works)
Mr. D. Lee Forsgren



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Budget
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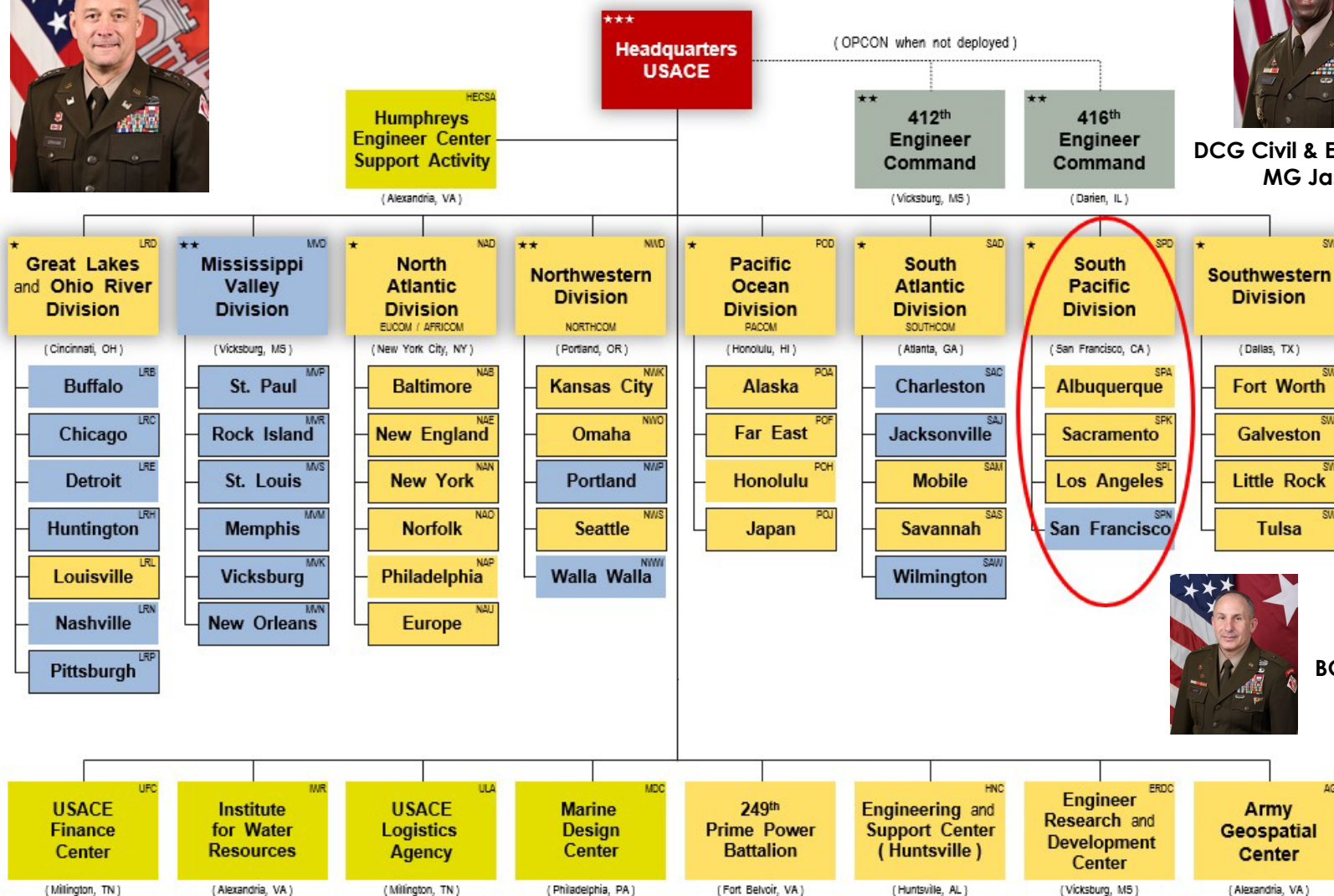


Chief of Engineers
LTG Butch Graham

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



DCG Civil & Emergency Ops
MG Jason Kelly



Field Operating Activity



Organization with ONLY a CIVIL WORKS Mission



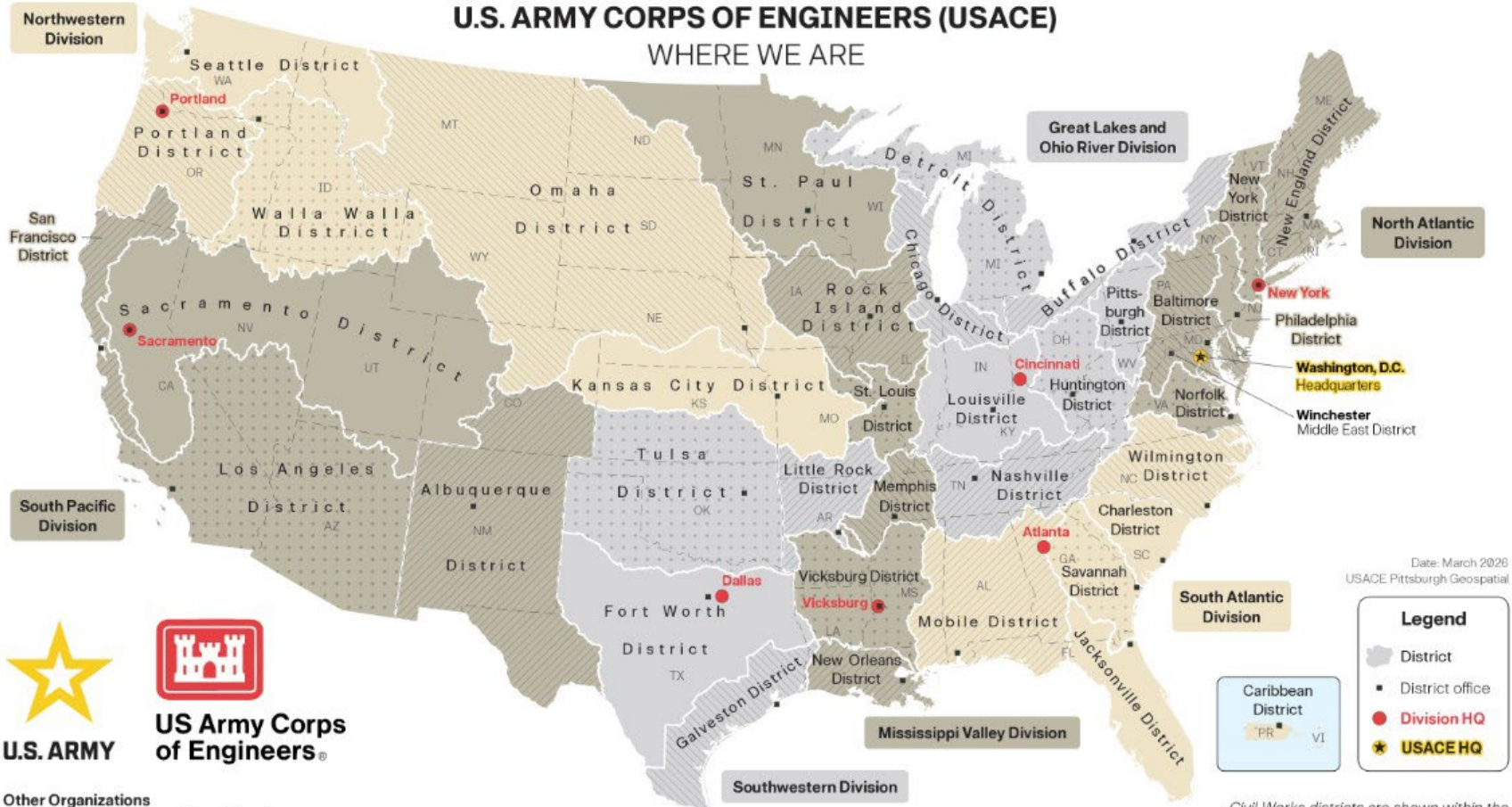
O-6 District Commands (34 of 43)



SPD CDR
BG John Lloyd



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) WHERE WE ARE



U.S. ARMY



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Other Organizations

249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power)
Army Geospatial Center (AGC)
Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville (HNC)
Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), 7 labs:
- Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL)
- Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL)
- Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL)
- Environmental Laboratory (EL)
- Geospatial Research Laboratory (GRL)
- Geotechnical and Structures Laboratory (GSL)
- Information Technology Laboratory (ITL)
Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity (HECSA)
Institute for Water Resources (IWR)
Marine Design Center (MDC)
USACE Finance Center (UFC)
USACE Learning Center (ULC)
USACE Logistics Activity (ULA)



SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION CALIFORNIA FOOTPRINT



MAJOR MISSION SETS

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION



Army



Navy



Air Force



Marine



Coast Guard



Space Force



Water Treatment Plant

National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
VA Long Beach Healthcare System

INTERNATIONAL & INTERAGENCY SERVICES



SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION CIVIL WORKS

The US Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works mission is varied and wide-ranging. Its multi-purpose projects provide benefits for:

- Flood Risk Management
- Environmental Restoration
- Environmental Stewardship
- Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Protection
- Regulatory Actions
- Navigation
- Recreation



Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach



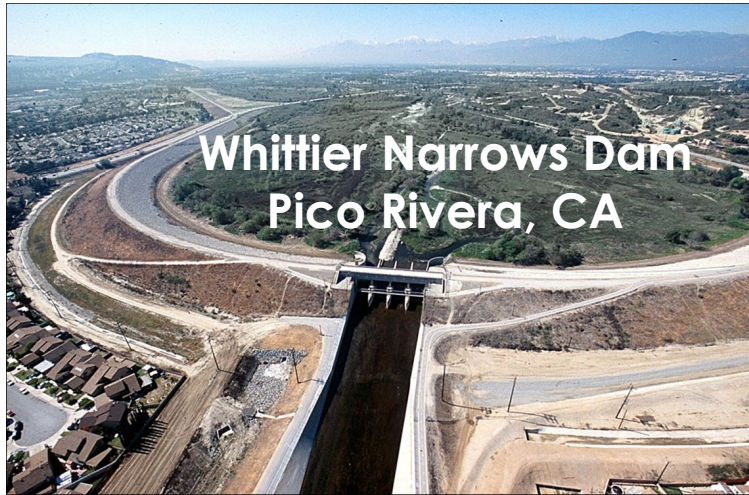
Folsom Dam near Sacramento



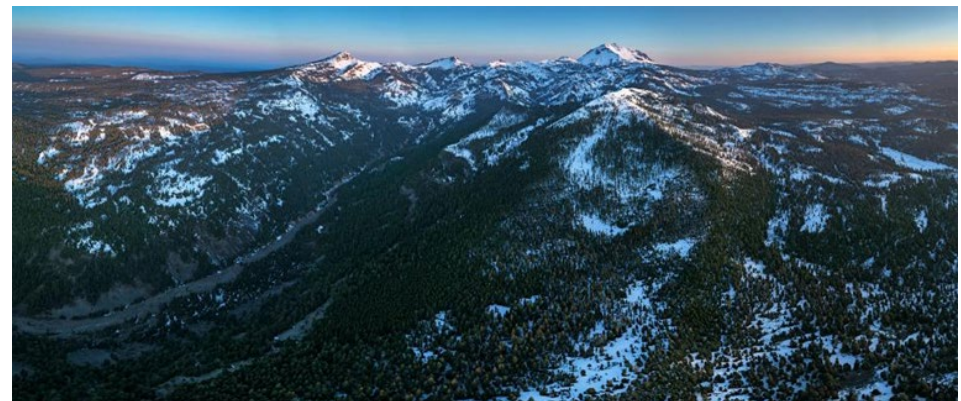
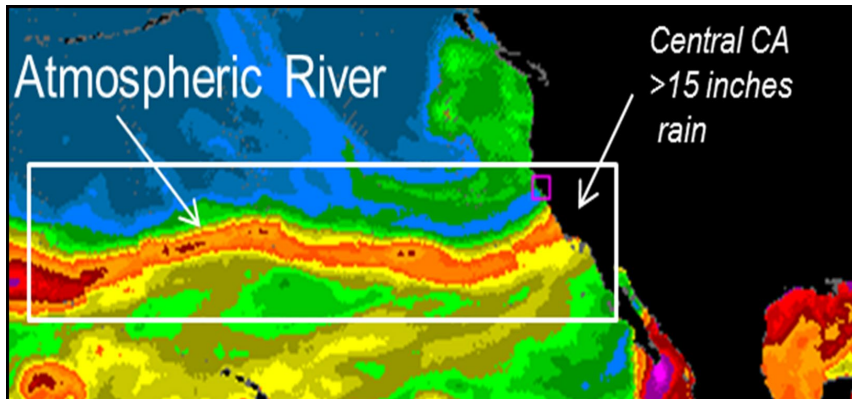
Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

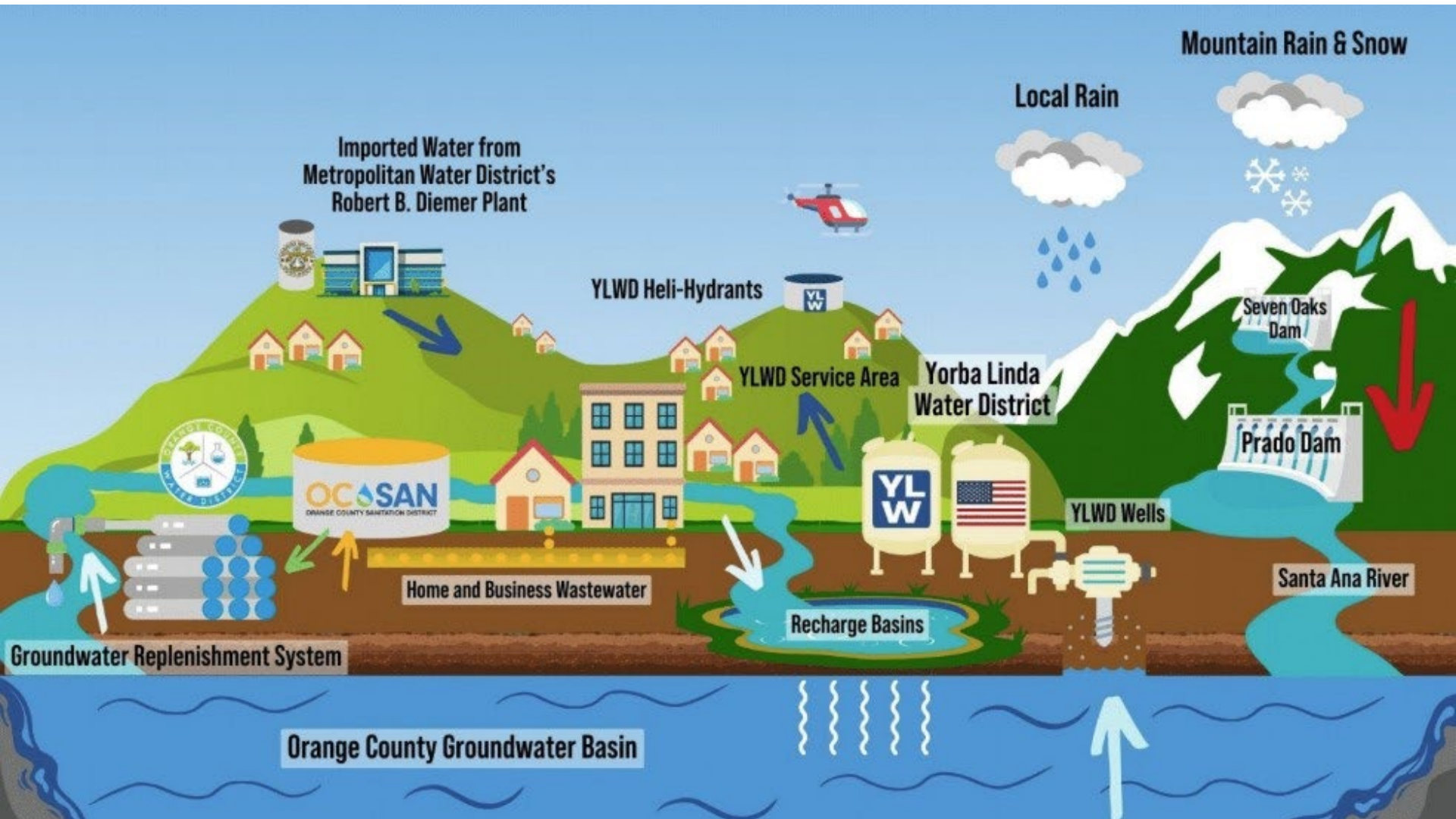
Civil Works Program – Water Management



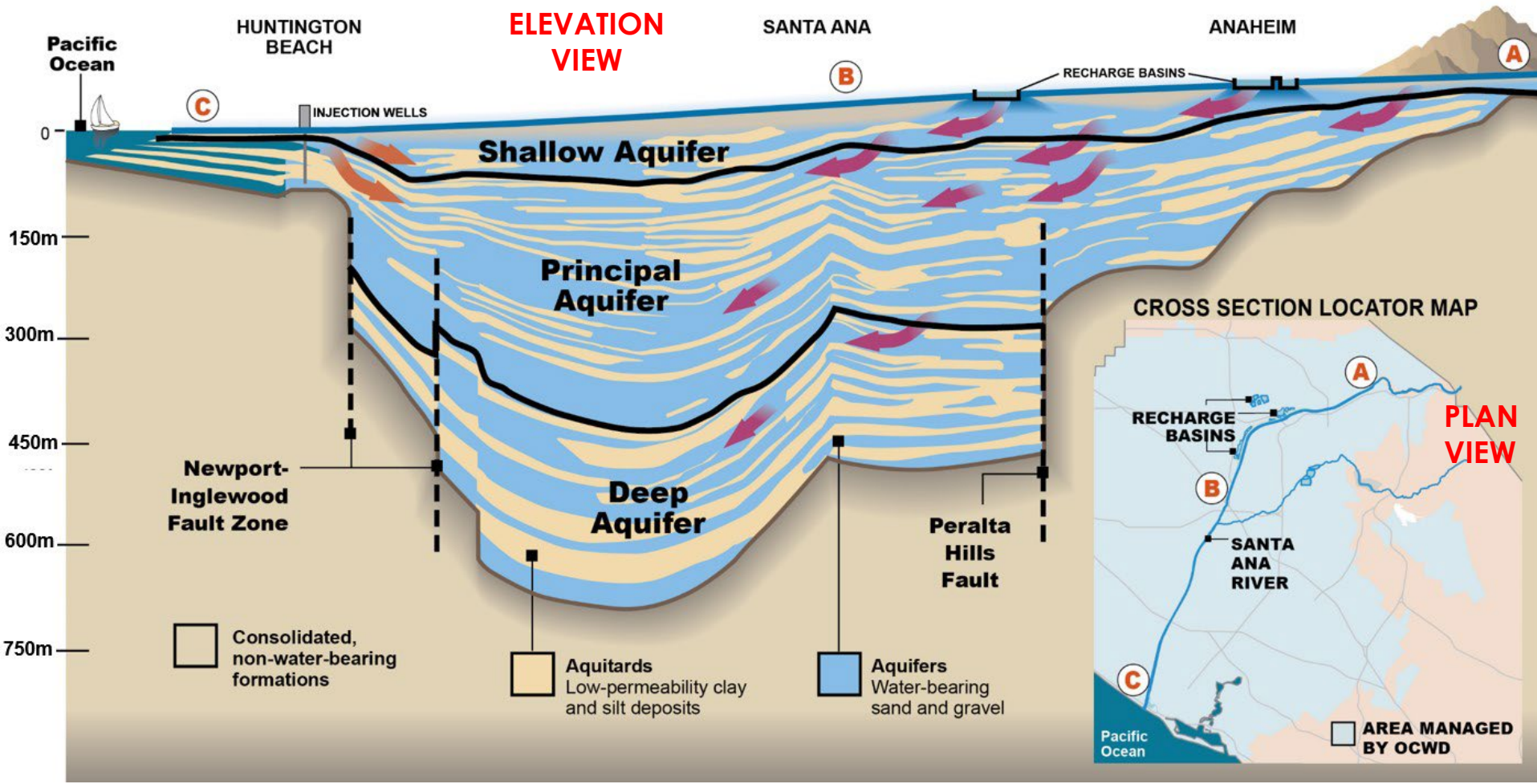
**Millions of people and
property downstream...**



Where does Yorba Linda get its water?



The Orange County Water District (OCWD) Aquifer



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Los Angeles District, USACE



USACE – OCWD - YLWD PARTNERSHIP



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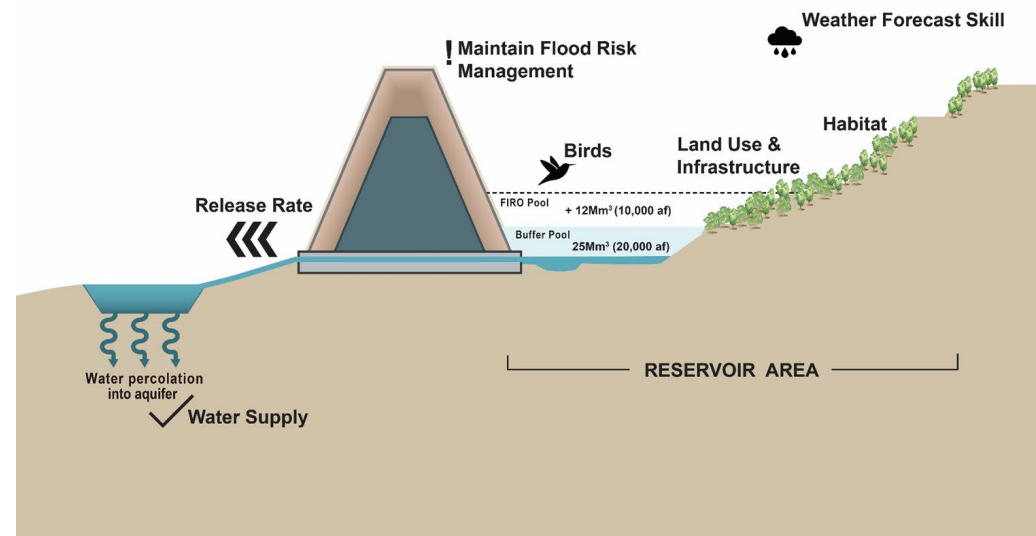
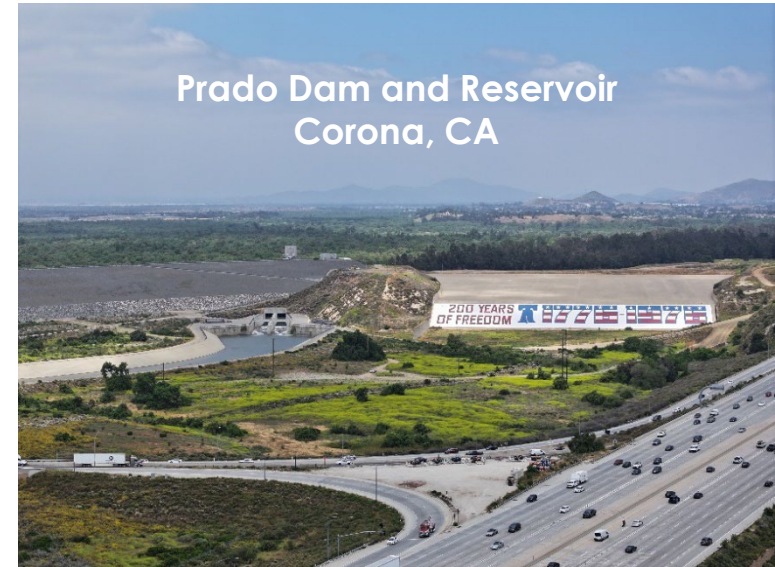


**Yorba Linda
Water District**



FORECAST INFORMED RESERVOIR OPERATIONS (FIRO)

- The pilot program began in August 2021
- Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes at UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- 7,000 acre-feet per year of storm water could potentially be added to groundwater recharge in Orange County.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Orange County Water District, and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).



TYPICAL USACE ISSUES

■ Regulatory permitting



- **Section 404 Permits:** Required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. These permits ensure that activities do not significantly degrade aquatic resources. [↔ 2](#)
 - **Section 408 Permits:** Issued for modifying Corps water resource projects. These permits allow for certain modifications to public works that may affect water resources. [↔ 2](#)
 - **Types of Permits:**
 - **Individual Permits (IPs):** Required for activities with significant environmental impacts or those that do not meet General Permit conditions. [↔ 2](#)
 - **General Permits:** Standardized authorizations for similar activities that have minimal environmental impacts. [↔ 1](#)
- For more detailed information, you can refer to the USACE Regulatory Program website. [↔ 1](#)

■ Real Estate coordination

■ Partnering on a future Corps project

■ Contacting USACE personnel

■ Congressional Engagement



PROCESS FOR USACE ENGAGEMENT

- **What is your specific business line within USACE?**
 - Military Construction
 - Interagency and International Support
 - Civil Works
- **Contact local stakeholders who are partnering with the Corps**
 - Cities, Counties, and other local entities
 - Cost-share partners
- **Who do you contact @ USACE?**
 - Project Manager
 - Program Manager
- **Attend Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) events**
 - District (Los Angeles, Sacramento, or San Francisco)
 - Division (Sacramento)
 - Headquarters (SAME National Small Business Conference) – **Charlotte, North Carolina(4-6 NOV 2026)**
- **Attend an LA, Sacramento, or San Francisco District Business Opportunities Open House (BOOH) event**
 - Commander (Active Duty) & Deputy District Engineer (Deputy Programs & Project Management – Senior Civilian)
 - Division Chiefs
 - **Program and Project Managers**



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WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) 2026

WRDA 2026 is the upcoming biennial legislation authorizing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water resources projects and policy reforms to improve flood control, navigation, and infrastructure resilience.

Overview

The **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)** is a legislative package that authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to conduct studies, construct projects, and implement programs related to rivers, harbors, dams, levees, and inland waterways, but it does **not provide funding**, which is allocated separately through appropriations processes. WRDA 2026 continues the bipartisan tradition of passing WRDA legislation every two years, following WRDA 2024, which was signed into law on January 4, 2025.



Congress.gov

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/8812>

H.R.8812 - Water Resources Development Act of 2024

WEB Jun 25, 2024 · A bill that authorizes various water resources projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, such as navigation, flood control, ecosystem restoration, and water supply. The bill was passed by the House and the Senate and became law in 2024.





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Questions

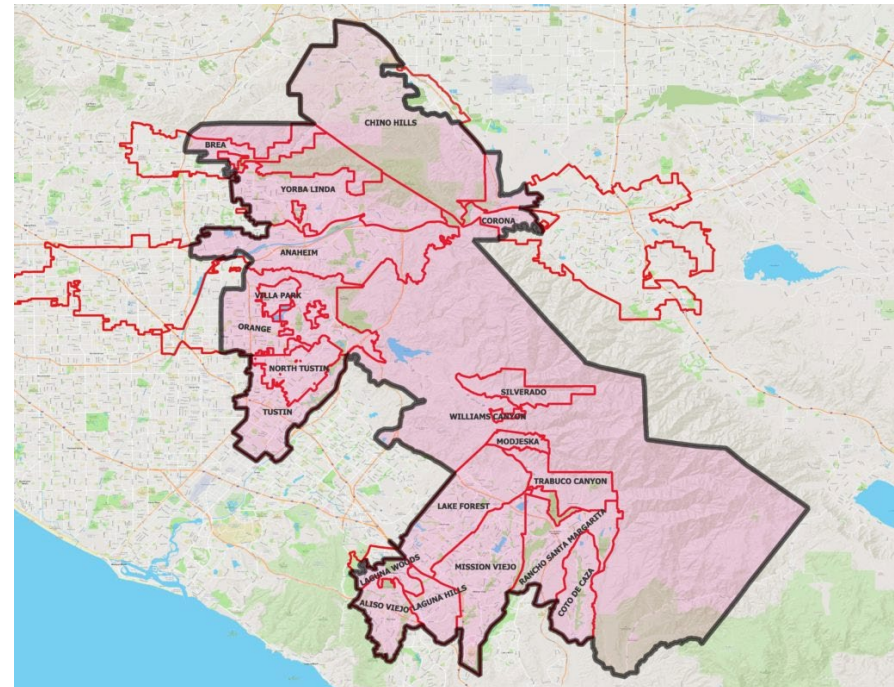
BACK-UP SLIDES

Representative Young Kim



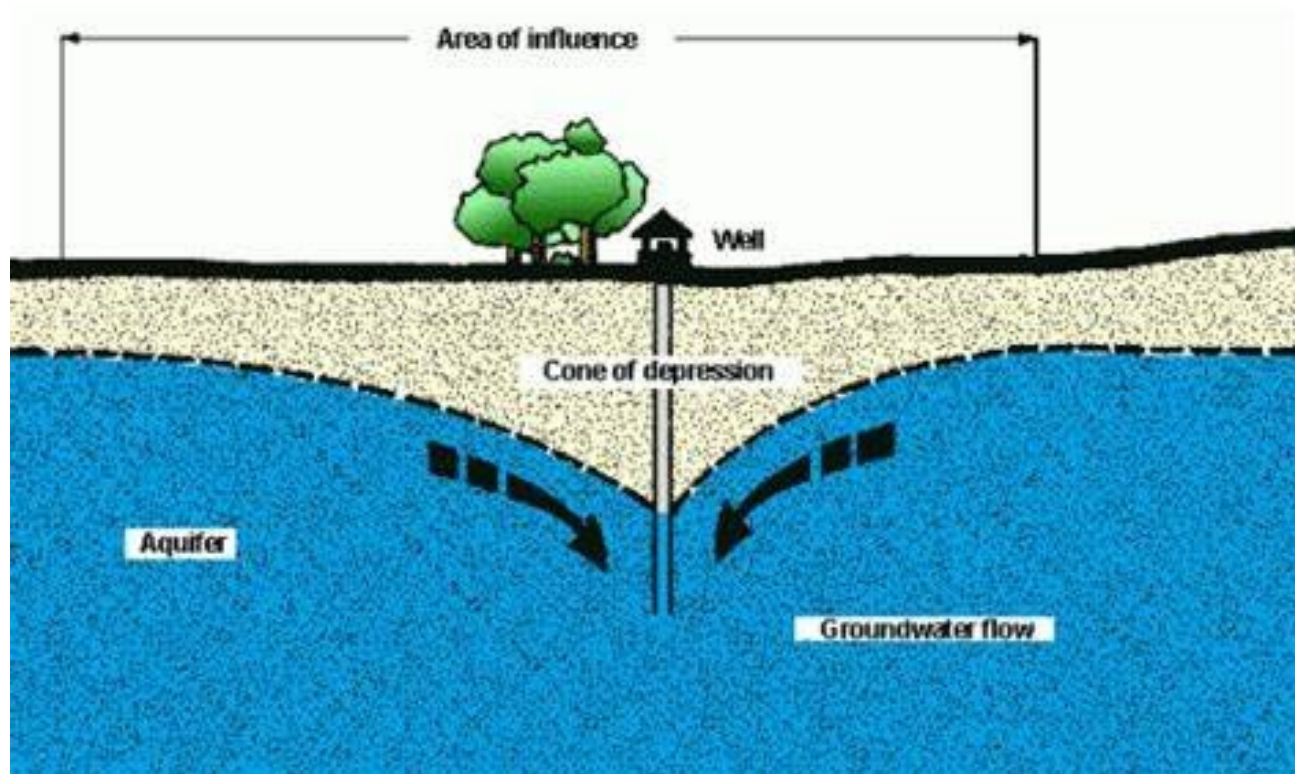
CA District 40 – Orange County

- Yorba Linda
- Anaheim Hills
- Orange
- Chino Hills
- Tustin
- Mission Viejo
- Aliso Viejo
- Santa Margarita
- Laguna Hills
- Laguna Woods
- Villa Park
- Lake Forest



YLWD REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FUNDING

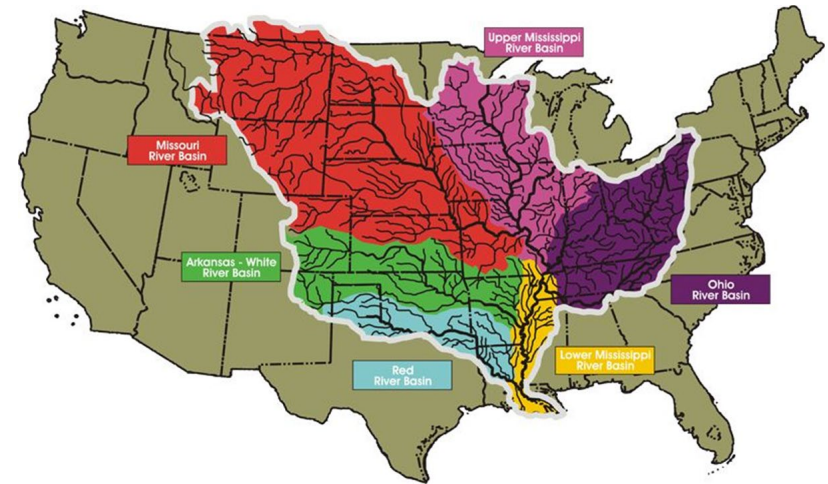
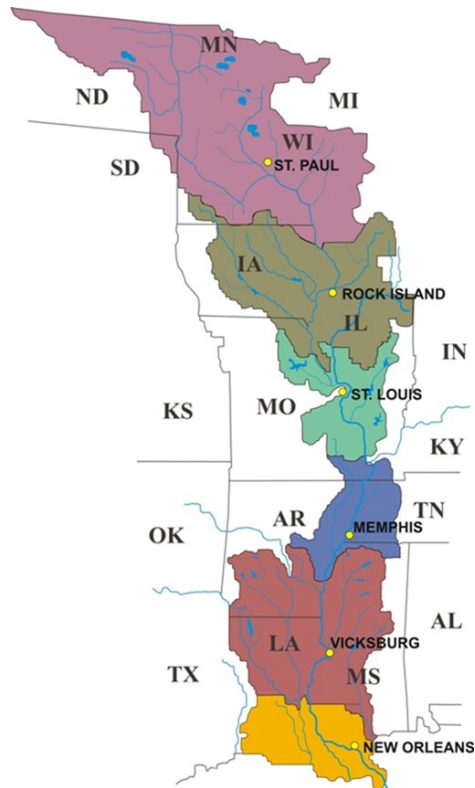
Water Infrastructure



- Project Cost-Share
- Authorization
- Appropriation
- Local Coordination
- Regional Coordination
- National Coordination
- Congressional Support
- Committee Staffing
- Bill Passage

USACE Civil Works Program

Mississippi Valley Division



- **6 Operating Districts**
 - St. Paul, MN
 - Rock Island, IL
 - St. Louis, MO
 - Memphis, TN
 - Vicksburg, MS
 - New Orleans, LA
- **Major Business Line**
 - Flood Risk Management
 - Navigation



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS EXPERIENCE



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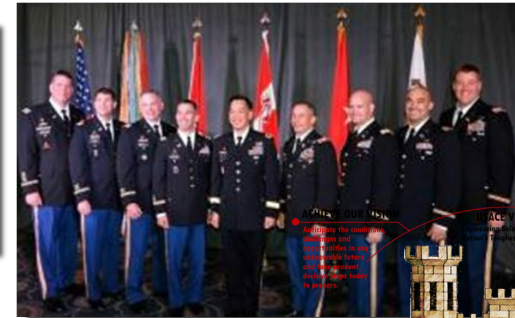
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#1 MISSION:
PROJECT AND PROGRAM
EXECUTION



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DELIVER THE PROGRAM

We earn our credibility, our reputation, and our value by delivering desired results on time and on budget.

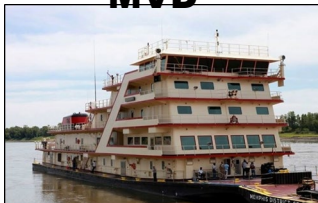
MISSION AREAS
• Military Programs
• Civil Works
• Geospatial Support
• Contingency Operations
• Research & Development

Through Drive

- D - Develop future talent
- R - Refine internal management
- I - Improve regional processes
- V - Value open communication
- E - Empower multidisciplinary teams

STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATION
The bedrock upon which we prevent risks and our future is built. Having the discipline to do routine things to a high standard enables everything else.

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South Pacific Division, USACE

