



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
COMBINED SERVICES TO ACHIEVE RATE RELIEF

Issue Date: May 12, 2025

Trabuco Canyon Water District
32003 Dove Canyon Drive
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMBINED SERVICES TO ACHIEVE RATE RELIEF

The Trabuco Canyon Water District (“TCWD” or “District”) is evaluating options to achieve rate relief for its customers, while ensuring the long-term reliability of its water and sewer services. Among the various options for rate relief is the potential to combine some or all of the District’s water, sewer, and recycled water services with services provided by adjoining public agencies.

TCWD owns and operates a potable water system, a recycled water system, and a wastewater system. The District serves the communities of Trabuco Canyon, Robinson Ranch, Trabuco Highlands, Walden, Rancho Cielo, Dove Canyon, Santiago Canyon Estates, and portions of Portola Hills (see attached Service Area map). The District operates the Dimension Water Treatment Plant (DWTP) located in the City of Lake Forest, the Robinson Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant located in the upper Robinson Ranch development, the Trabuco Creek Groundwater Treatment facility located in Trabuco Canyon, and maintains its Administration Facility in Dove Canyon Plaza in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita.

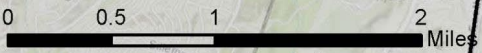
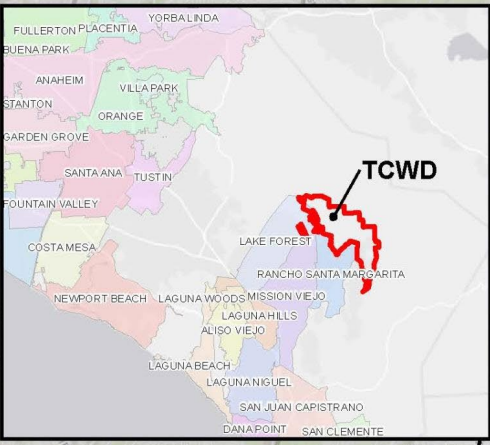
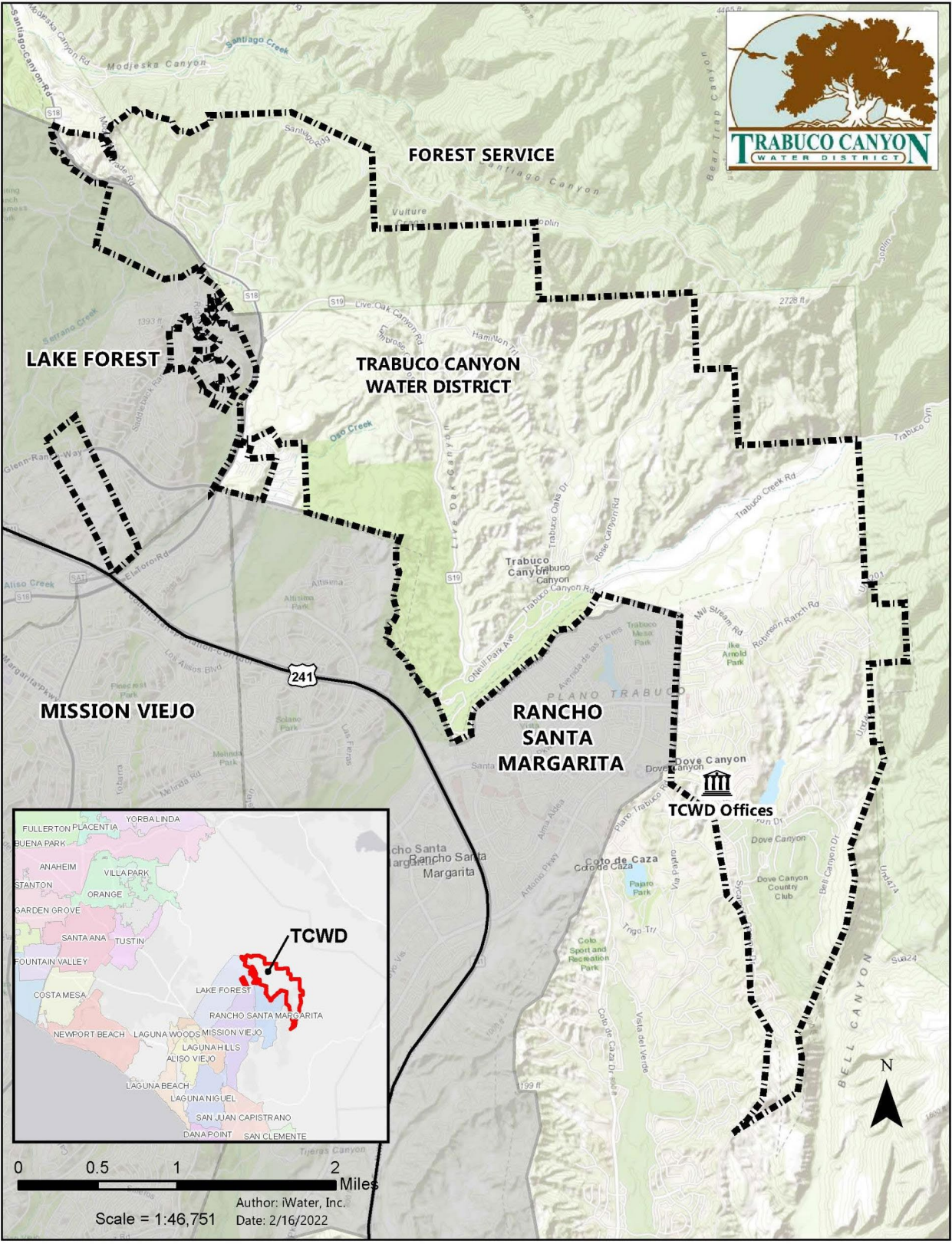
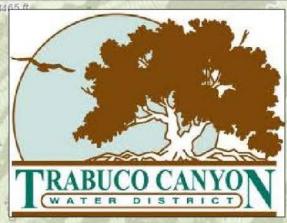
TCWD is currently planning/implementing approximately \$40 million in capital improvements across all services by 2030, including a potential \$14 million rehabilitation of the water transmission pipeline connecting DWTP to the District’s distribution system.

1. Factors. Per TCWD’s Resolution No. 2025-1347 (attached), the District’s Board of Directors established certain parameters for considering potential options for rate relief through combining services with adjoining utility providers, subject to further discussion and potential negotiation of key terms. Specifically, the District will consider combined services and other options that will:

- (i) result in significant long-term rate relief for District customers;
- (ii) ensure the same or better quality of service to customers in the District’s jurisdiction;
- (iii) ensure local representation;
- (iv) maximize TCWD employee retention; and
- (v) such other terms as the Board may require.

2. Scope. The District will consider proposals including total annexation, partial annexation, combined or shared services, contract operation, or other options that will meet the above goals. TCWD requests that proposers include a discussion of how the DWTP transmission main would be approached under their proposal (e.g., rehabilitated or abandoned in event of annexation).

3. Response. **TCWD requests that interested proposers respond to Fernando Paludi, General Manager, at fpaludi@tcwd.ca.gov by June 15, 2025** to indicate whether they have an interest in submitting a proposal. TCWD will then meet with any prospective proposer to determine what information is necessary to complete the proposer’s analysis and develop a timeline for completing the proposal. The release of this RFP and any responses received will not create any binding responsibilities on the part of the parties. TCWD reserves the right to cease negotiations at any time and may independently verify the content of proposals.



Scale = 1:46,751 Author: iWater, Inc. Date: 2/16/2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1347

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ISSUE
A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMBINED SERVICES TO ACHIEVE RATE RELIEF**

The Trabuco Canyon Water District ("TCWD" or "District") owns and operates a potable water system, a recycled water system, and a wastewater system.

As part of its fiscal duty to District ratepayers, the Board is interested in evaluating options to achieve rate relief for its customers while ensuring long-term reliability of water supply and delivery and sewage collection and treatment. Among the various options for rate relief is the potential to combine some or all of the District's services with services provided by neighboring public agencies.

The intent of this resolution is for the Board to authorize the General Manager to issue a Request for Proposals to neighboring public agencies for options to achieve rate relief through combining services.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT THEREFORE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and determines as follows:

- (a) This resolution does not create any binding responsibilities on the part of the District.
- (b) The District seeks to issue a Request for Proposals to solicit potential options for rate relief through combining services with neighboring utility providers, subject to further negotiation of key terms.
- (c) The District will consider combined services options that will:
 - (i) result in significant rate relief for District customers;
 - (ii) ensure the same or better quality of service to customers in the District's jurisdiction;
 - (iii) ensure local representation;
 - (iv) maximize TCWD employee retention; and
 - (v) such other terms as the Board may require.
- (d) The District will consider proposals including total annexation, partial annexation, combined or shared services, contract operation, or other options that will meet the goals of Section 1(c).

Section 2. The General Manager is hereby directed to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals from public agencies for potential combined services options.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED on April 28, 2025.

TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT



President/Vice President

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Crine H. Collins
District Counsel

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Michael Perea, Secretary of the Board of the Trabuco Canyon Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of said District at a meeting of said Board held on April 28, 2025, of which meeting all of the members of the Board had due notice and at which a quorum thereof were present and acting throughout and for which notice and an agenda was prepared and posted as required by law and that at such meeting such resolution was adopted by the following vote:

- AYES: Acosta, Anderson, Horst, & Safranski
- NOES: Mandich
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None



Secretary of the Board,
Trabuco Canyon Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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I, Michael Perea, Secretary of the Board of the Trabuco Canyon Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-1347 of such Board and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2025.



Secretary of the Board,
Trabuco Canyon Water District