

Calaveras County Water District AM UPDATE

October 23rd, 2024



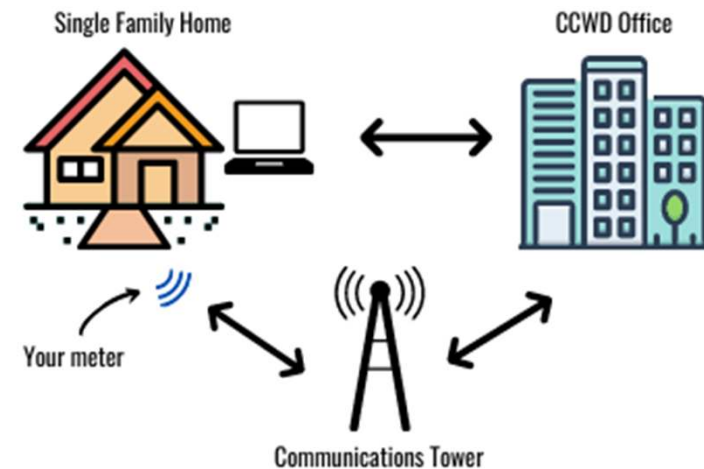
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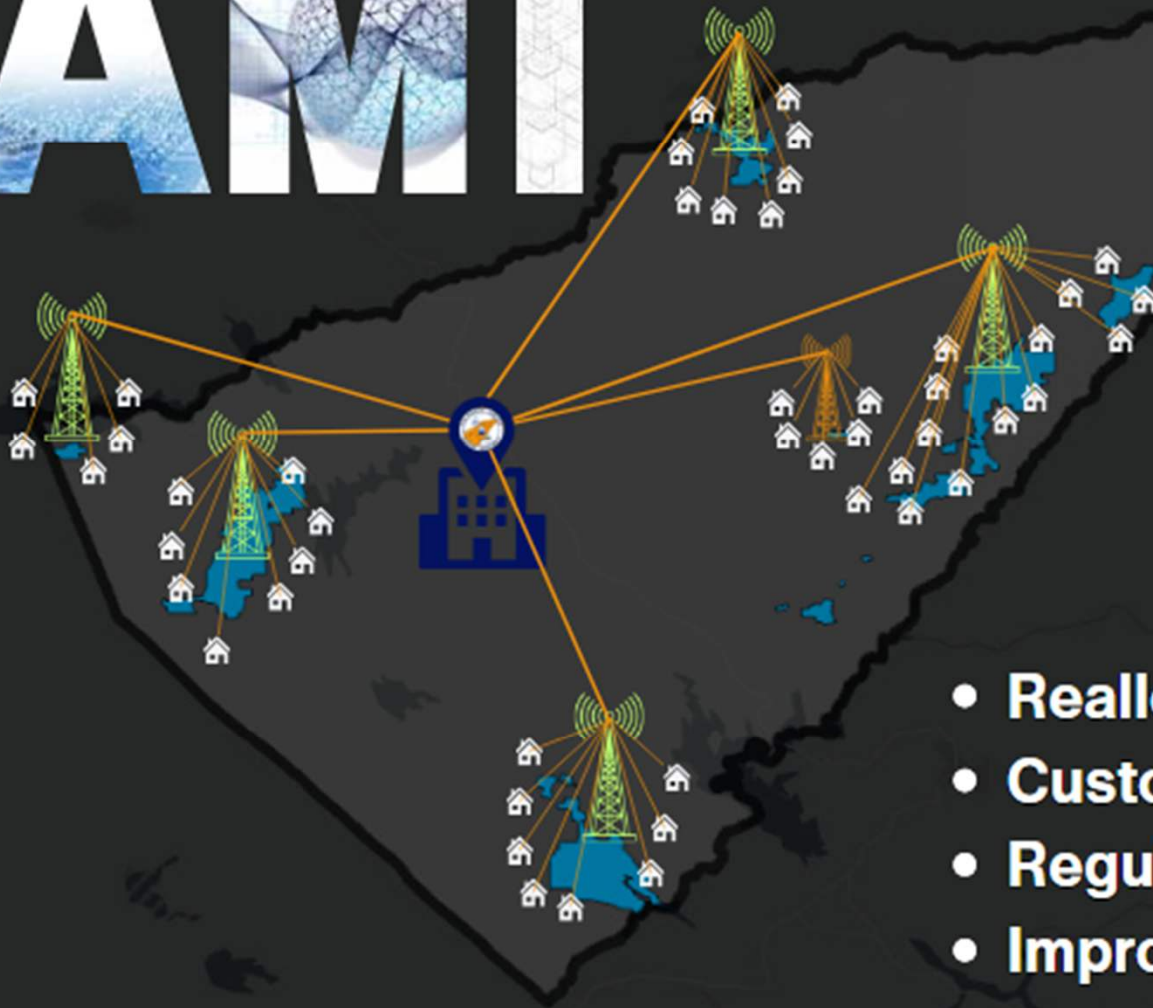
What is AMI?

- An advanced metering system using a radio network.
- Advanced water meters transmit real time water use data.
- CCWD staff can access data and more detailed reports about water use throughout the District.
- Customers can access data from a web portal.



AMI

ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE



BENEFITS:

- Reallocate Meter Reading Staff
- Customer Portal
- Regulatory Compliance
- Improve Data Efficiencies



WHY AMI?

AMI & Updated Customer Service Software Benefits

- Improved metrics associated with water use will be uniform District-wide, enhancing customer service and ensuring regulatory compliance.
- Improved information gathering, enhanced customer service and increased water conservation efforts.
- Meter readers will transition to field staff and will enhance CCWD's operations.
- Modernizes and increases efficiency of CCWD's infrastructure and billing systems



USDA Rural Development Loan

- Low interest loan at 1.75% for the first \$5 mil
- \$1 mil grant above \$5 mil
- Bid the Project like a construction project



Project Highlights

- Routine Project Meetings proved key to ensuring the effective pace of implementation
- CCWD Field staff proved to be the “eyes & ears” of Mueller related to sub-contractor work.
- Mueller proved adept at reacting to supply chain issues



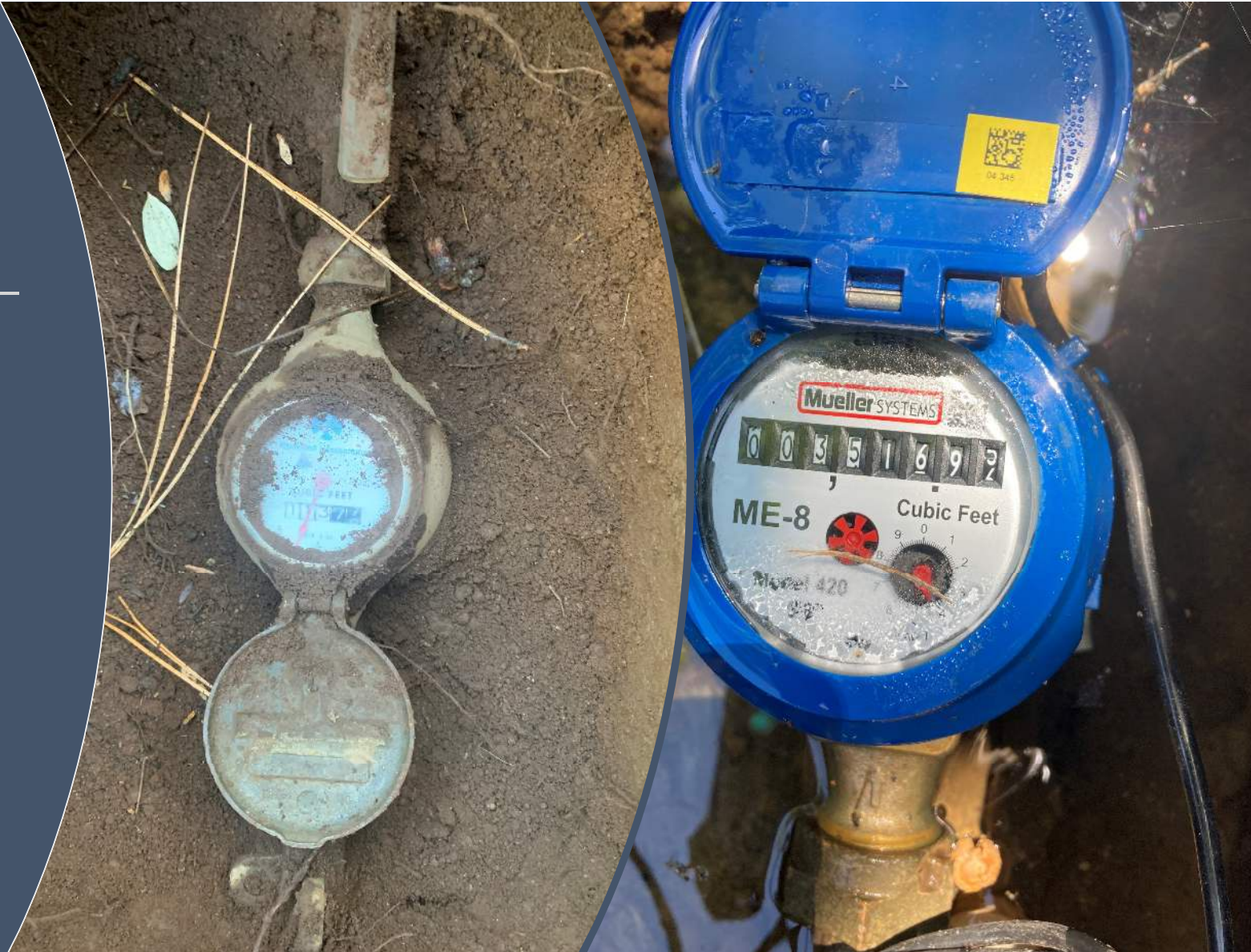
Project Challenges

- Sub-contractor organization was challenging
- Supply Chain issues
- Software integration



AMI Meters are Mechanical Meters

- They register water mechanically
- Just like the meters that were replaced
- When, for whatever reason, the meter cannot push out data, We can still manually read the meter
- “Manually” can either mean by way of a handheld device in the neighborhood or the old- fashioned way



By the Numbers

- Project Cost - \$4.8 Mil
- Duration – 3 years
- Read Rate (as of 10-1-2024) 98.5% 3-day avg.



Distribution Map

Esri, CGIAR, USGS | California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, FAO, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USFWS

Next Steps

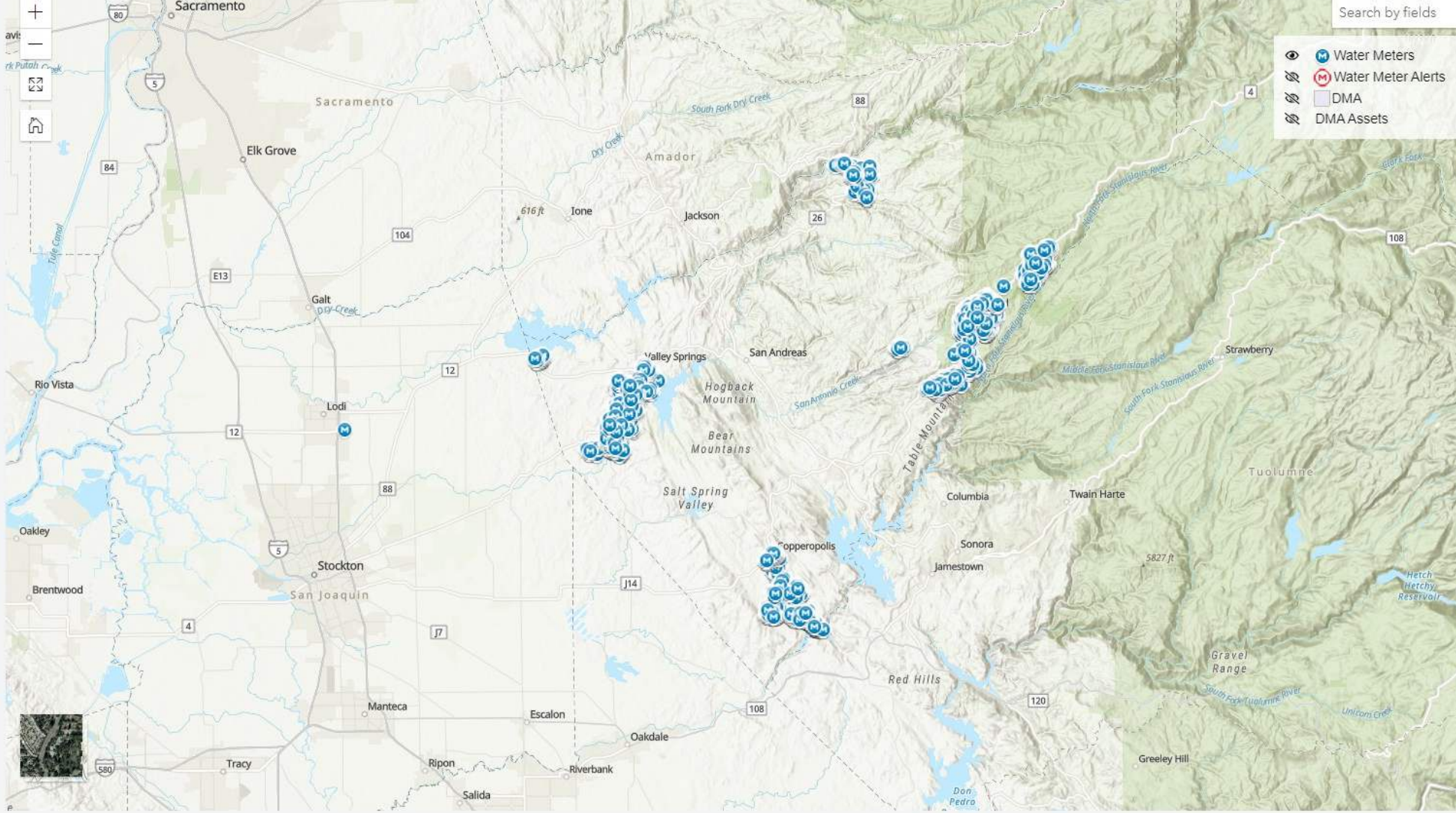
- **Plan incorporate Distribution System Smart Technology w/ \$1Mil in Grant Funds**
- **NEW Continue to Rollout the Customer Portal**
- **Work to eliminate repeater theft**
- **Incorporate information gained from the AMI system for Regulatory Compliance Reporting and CIP refinement**

Search by fields

- Water Meters
- Water Meter Alerts
- DMA
- DMA Assets

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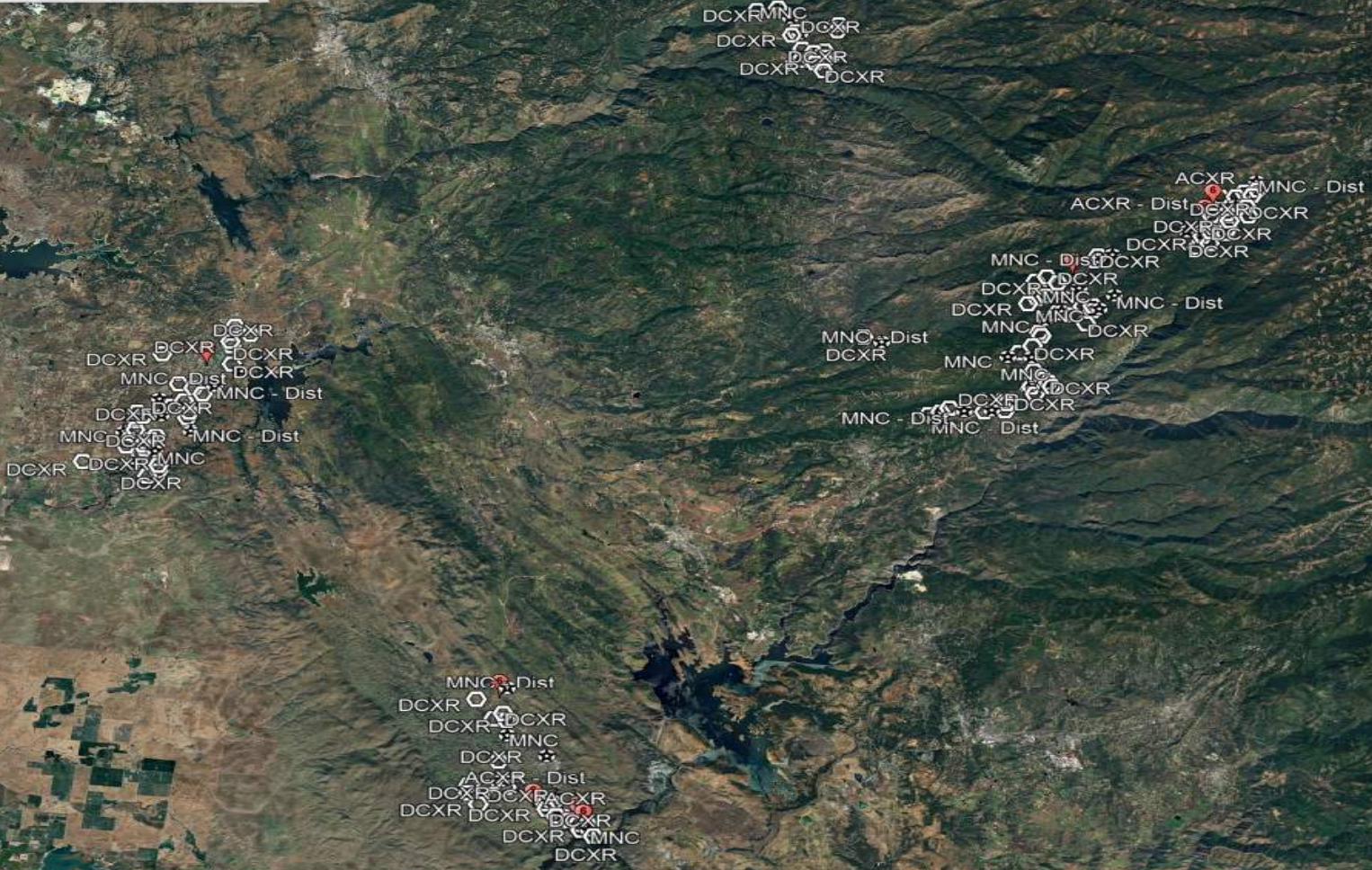
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AMI Infrastructure

Legend

- ACXR
- DCXR
- MNC



Google Earth

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10 mi

Top 10 Monthly Consumptions

September 2024 ▼

| Account ID | # of Meters | Cubic Feet |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 520-14120-00 | 1 | 3,227,700 |
| 713-09985-01 | 1 | 273,905.65 |
| 713-09963-01 | 1 | 270,082.81 |
| 575-01823-01 | 1 | 188,210 |
| 611-06648-00 | 1 | 179,754 |
| 713-13726-00 | 1 | 169,774.99 |
| 613-09599-00 | 1 | 142,746.67 |
| 540-01009-00 | 1 | 109,583 |
| 550-10464-00 | 1 | 59,830 |
| 510-15098-00 | 2 | 45,954.43 |

Current Device Communication Status

Days Since Last Communication

>=14 Days

11-13 Days

8 - 10 Days

4-7 Days

Healthy(Within 3 Days)

Grand Total

Overview

Site Consumption

Daily Consumption

10/14/2024

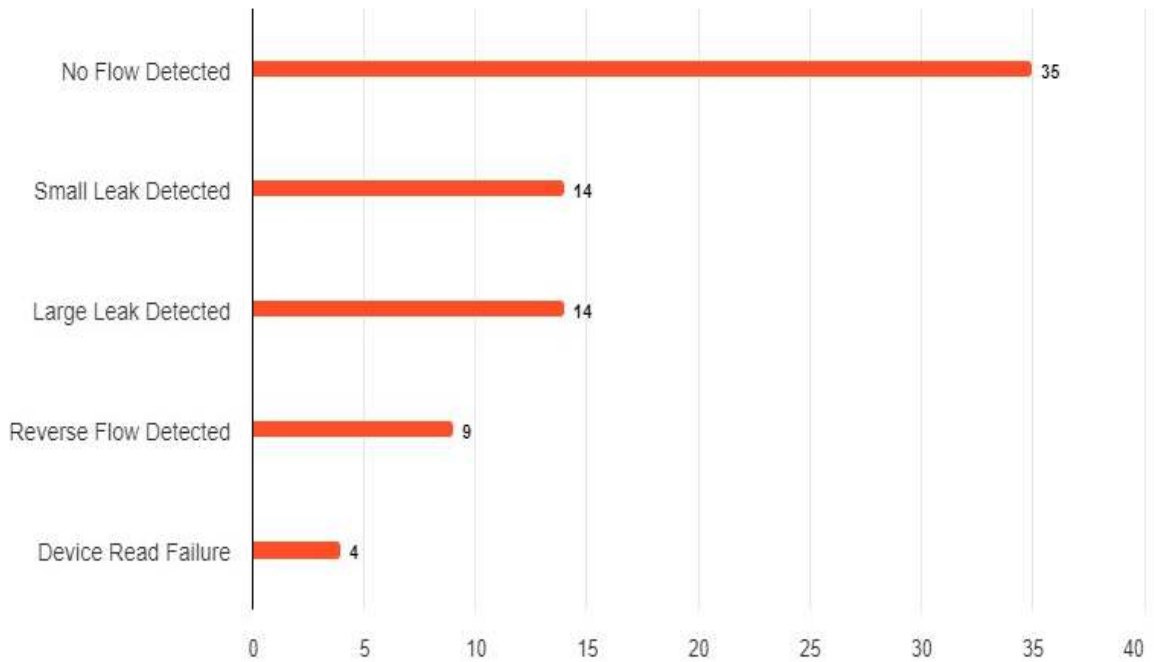
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Estimated DMA Loss

0 Cubic Feet

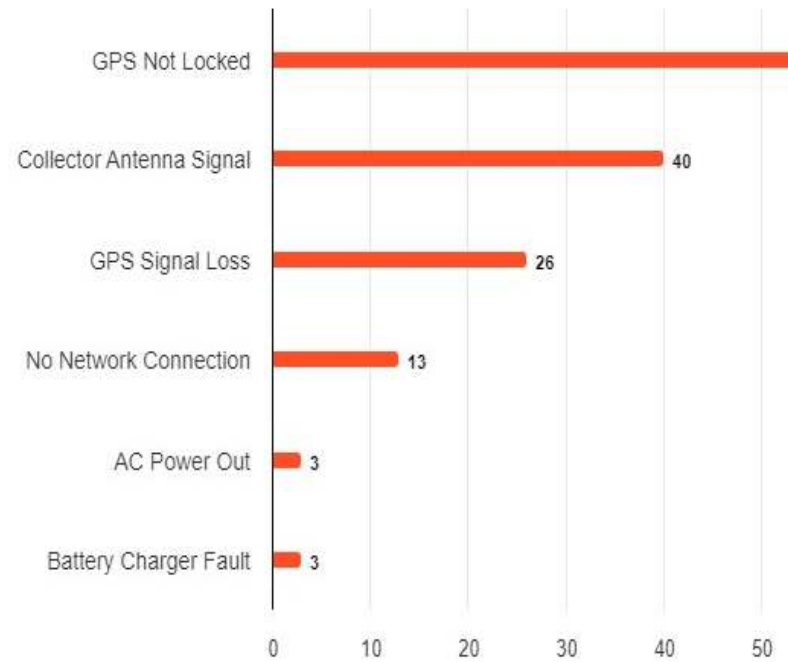
Unacknowledged Water Meters Alerts

All ▼



Unacknowledged Communication Alerts

All ▼





On Demand Read

Tasks

Swap

Account Holder :

Address :

4067 BLAGEN Blvd, · WILSEYVILLE, CA · 95257

Water Consumption

Current status :

OK

Last Reading :

8,631.81

Last Read Date :

10/14/2024 00:00

Flow Rate :

9.53 CF / Day

Data view: Hourly **Daily** Monthly

Start date:

< 9/15/2024

End date:

10/14/2024 >

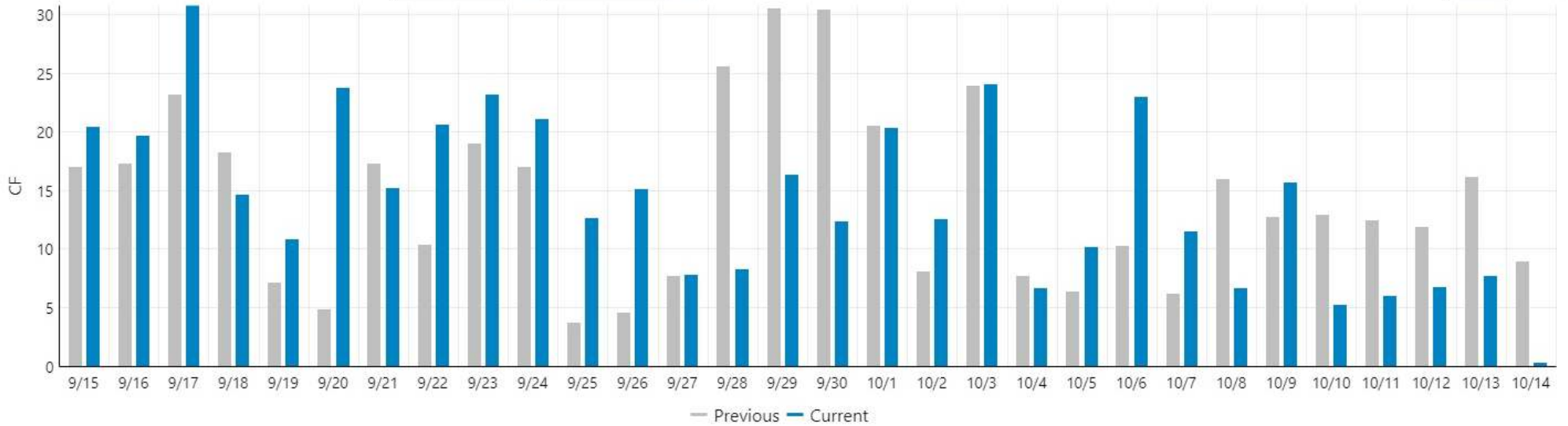
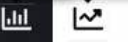
Compare to previous:

Week

Month

Year

Bar gr: **Line graph**



Alerts



● Hunters Production ● Hunters Consumption

Hunters Water Production/Consumption

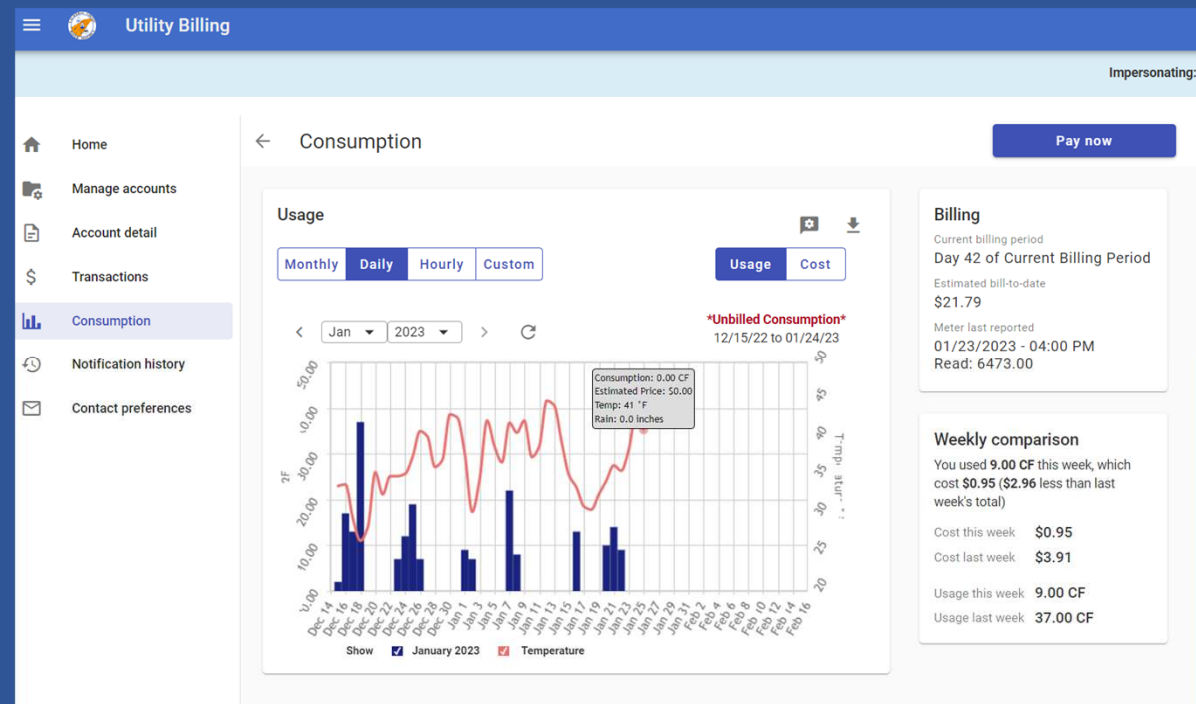
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Interactive Dashboard

CCWD staff will be able to:

- Analyze data and identify usage trends across the District.
- Participate in real time discussions and facilitate better decision making with access to key information.
- Improve response times for water leaks and customer inquiries.
- Reallocate resources based on real time needs.



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- Set alerts for leaks, billing thresholds & excess water usage.



Consumption alerts

Email
example@domain.com

Voice

Text
Standard message and data rates may apply

Leak Alerts

Receive alert if consumption indicates abnormal usage or potential leak.

Billing Threshold Alerts

Receive alert if estimated billing amount exceeds

Billing threshold

Your average bill for the last 12 months was \$133.96. Your highest bill in the last 12 months was \$151.98.

Consumption Threshold Alerts

| | |
|--|--|
| Notify me if my daily usage exceeds | Notify me if my monthly usage exceeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water (CF) <input type="text" value="20.76"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Water (CF) <input type="text" value="1266.20"/> |



Thank you



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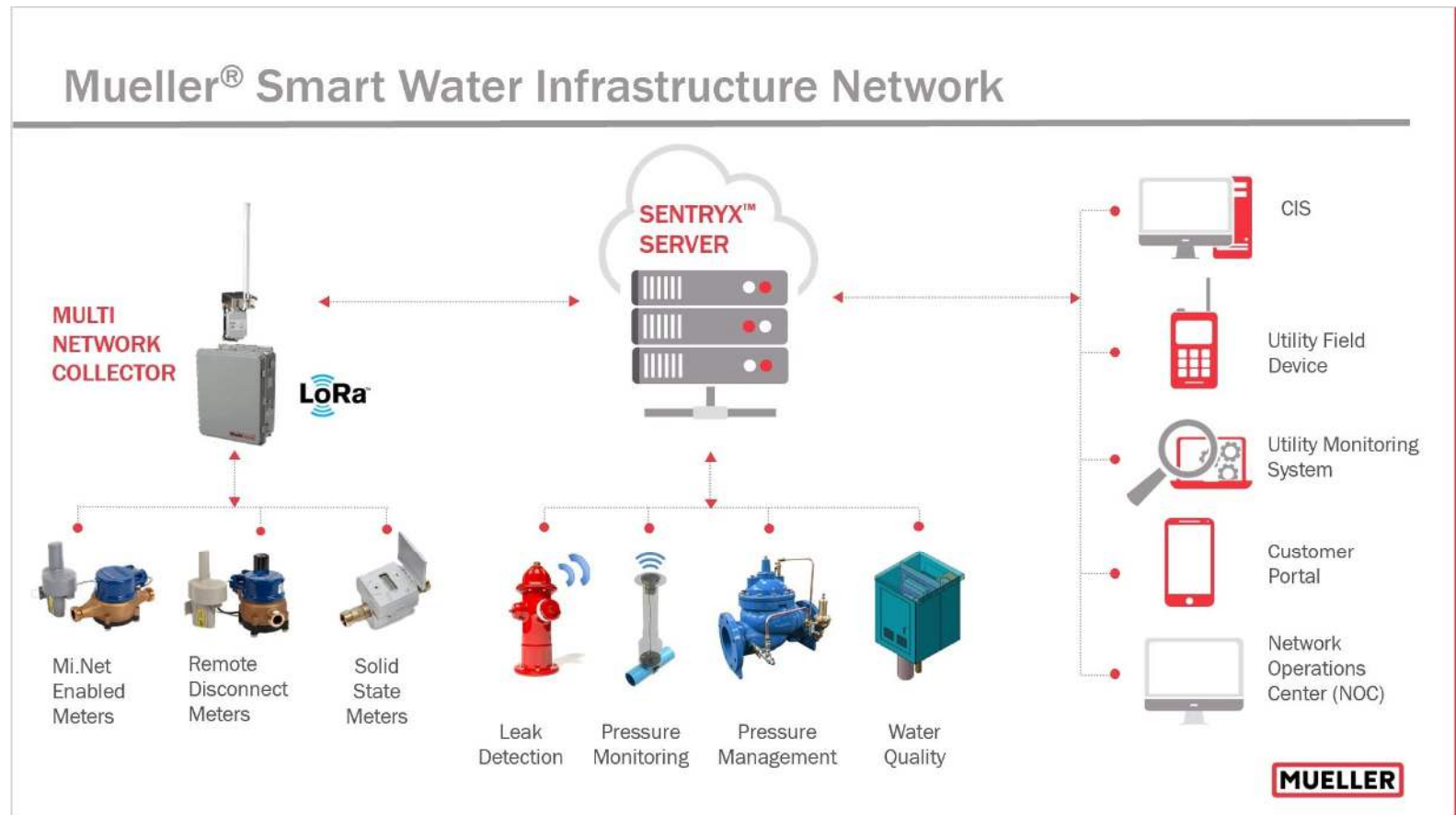
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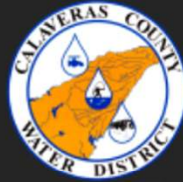
- Automatic meter readings without having to drive-by in vehicle. Works under adverse weather conditions including snow.
 - Keeping a portion of the District on AMR would still require bi-monthly drive-by meter readings
- Communicates directly with the District's CIS system (Tyler).
- Provides Operation staff real time water usage information. Option to add customer portal in future for an additional cost
 - Realtime consumption information allows customers to identify areas that they can control to reduce use and identify why certain days are higher than others.
- Leak detection – Customer side leaks and detection of backflow conditions.
 - It can take months to detect and correct a leak. AMI would provide real time leak detection.
 - Reduce volume of very frustrated customers due to ongoing leaks.
 - Will reduce leak adjustment calculations and refunds on bills through customer service.
- System flow monitors and pressure sensors can be connected to AMI network.
- Ability to add Remote Disconnect Meter (RDM) for hard to access areas or where water needs to be routinely shut off.

Benefits of Fixed Network AMI (Con't)

- Allows staff the ability to identify if conservation efforts are working
 - Currently we issue press releases, website postings, and Facebook outreach and hope for the best.
 - With real-time data, we can identify which areas are complying with request to conserve and which need more outreach.
 - Allow for more cost effective and targeted outreach efforts.
- Ease of Water Audit Reporting Date
 - AMI would allow for more comprehensive and accurate reporting
 - Days of high consumption
 - Months of high consumption

Fixed Network AMI Data Collection





CCWD Overview



30,000

Residents Served



13,200+

Water Connections



5,000+

Wastewater
Connections



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Water Treatment
Facilities



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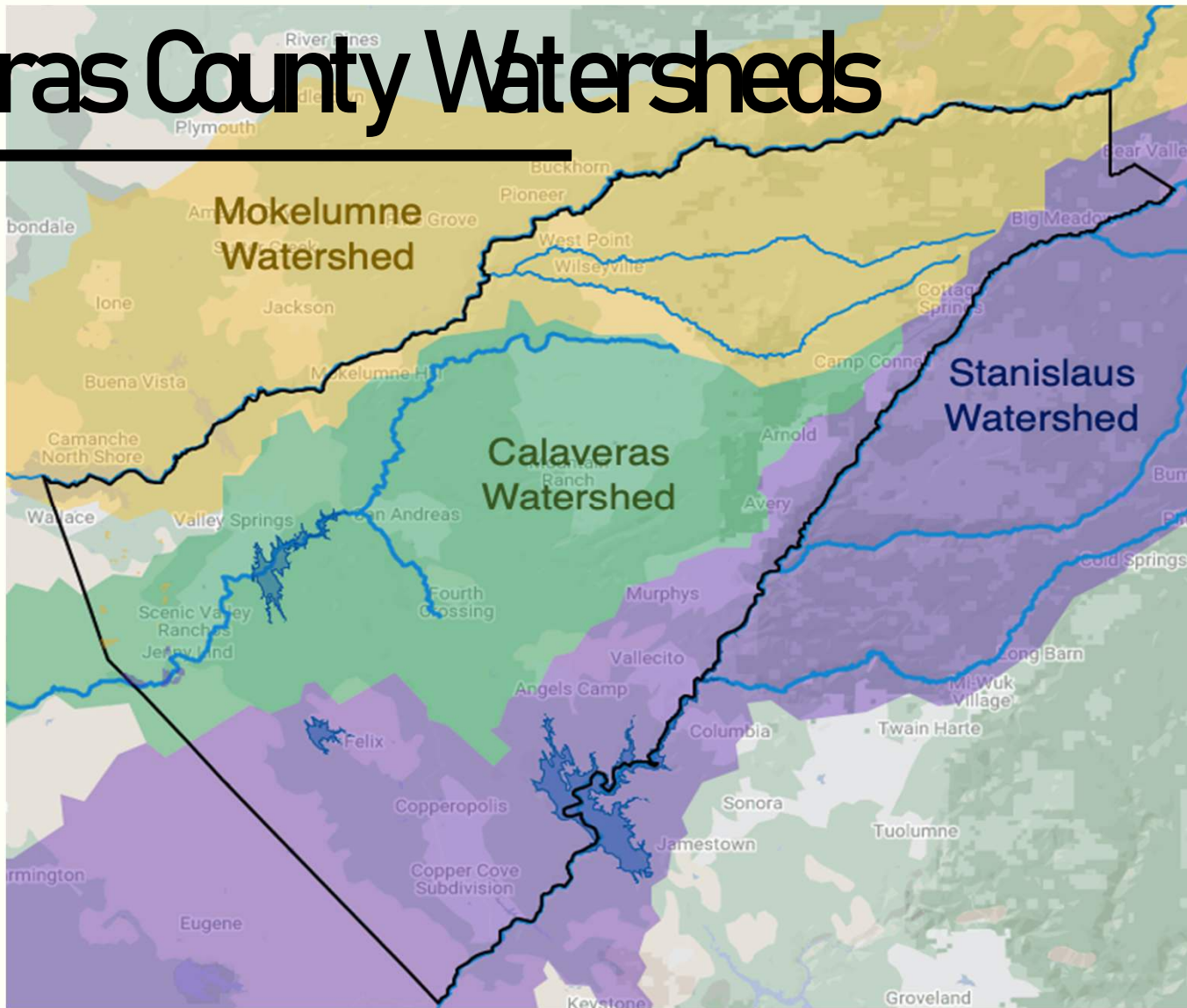
Wastewater
Treatment Facilities



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Hydropower
Projects

Calaveras County Watersheds

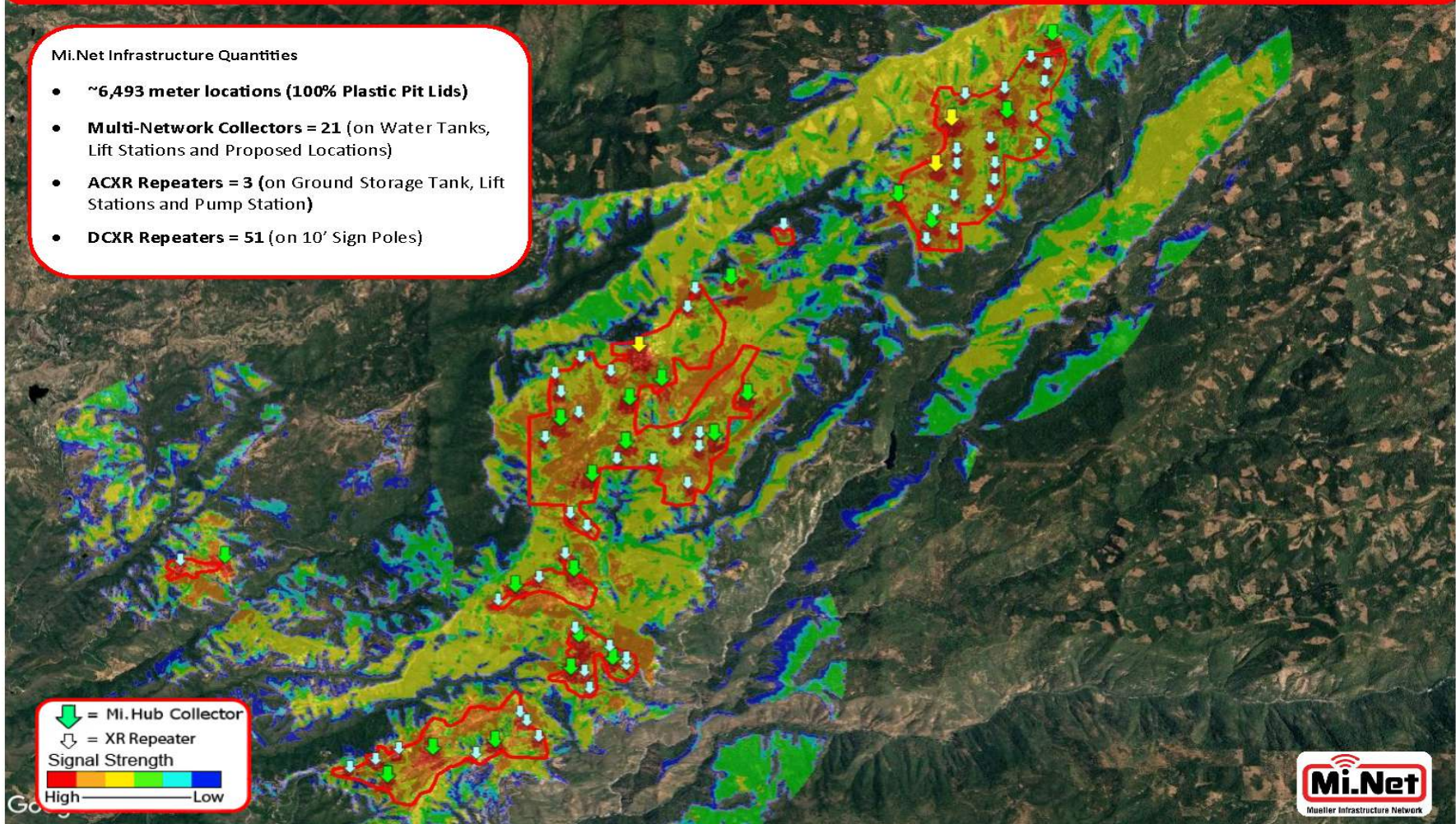


Calaveras County Water District, CA — Mi.Net M Propagation Study

Estimated RF Analysis Coverage—Ebbetts Pass

Mi.Net Infrastructure Quantities

- ~6,493 meter locations (100% Plastic Pit Lids)
- **Multi-Network Collectors** = 21 (on Water Tanks, Lift Stations and Proposed Locations)
- **ACXR Repeaters** = 3 (on Ground Storage Tank, Lift Stations and Pump Station)
- **DCXR Repeaters** = 51 (on 10' Sign Poles)

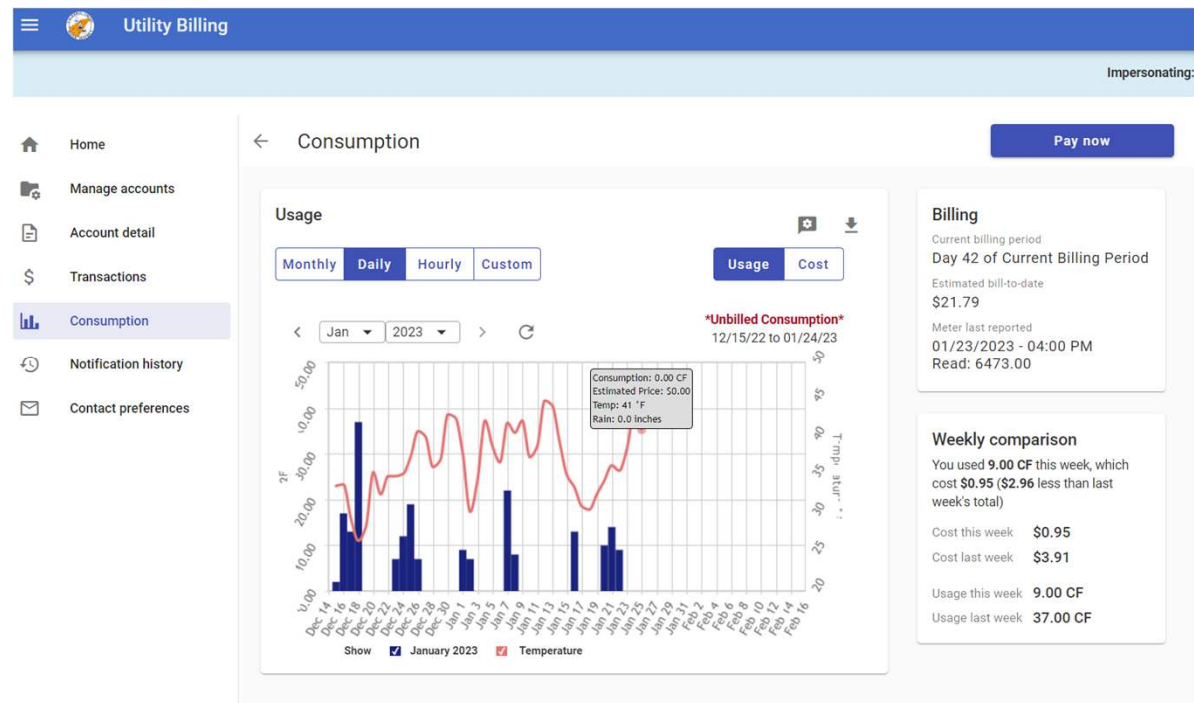


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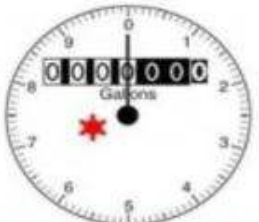







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AMI Water Meter - Radio Frequency

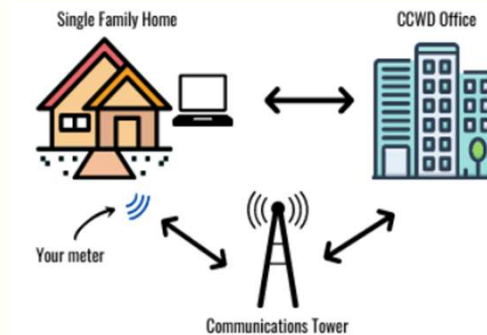
| AMI Water Meter (Standing directly over the meter) | Wireless Router (at 3 feet) | Microwave Oven (5 minutes at 3 feet) | Smart Phone (data) (10 minutes at 8 inches) |
|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |
|  0.00010 microwatts per square centimeter |  0.37 microwatts per square centimeter |  0.45 microwatts per square centimeter |  0.98 microwatts per square centimeter |

- FCC, FDA & EPA set a standard limit for Radio Frequency (RF), limiting RF exposure to 608 microwatts per square centimeter.
- For comparison, PG&E RF meter emits 8.8 microwatts

(source: pge.com)

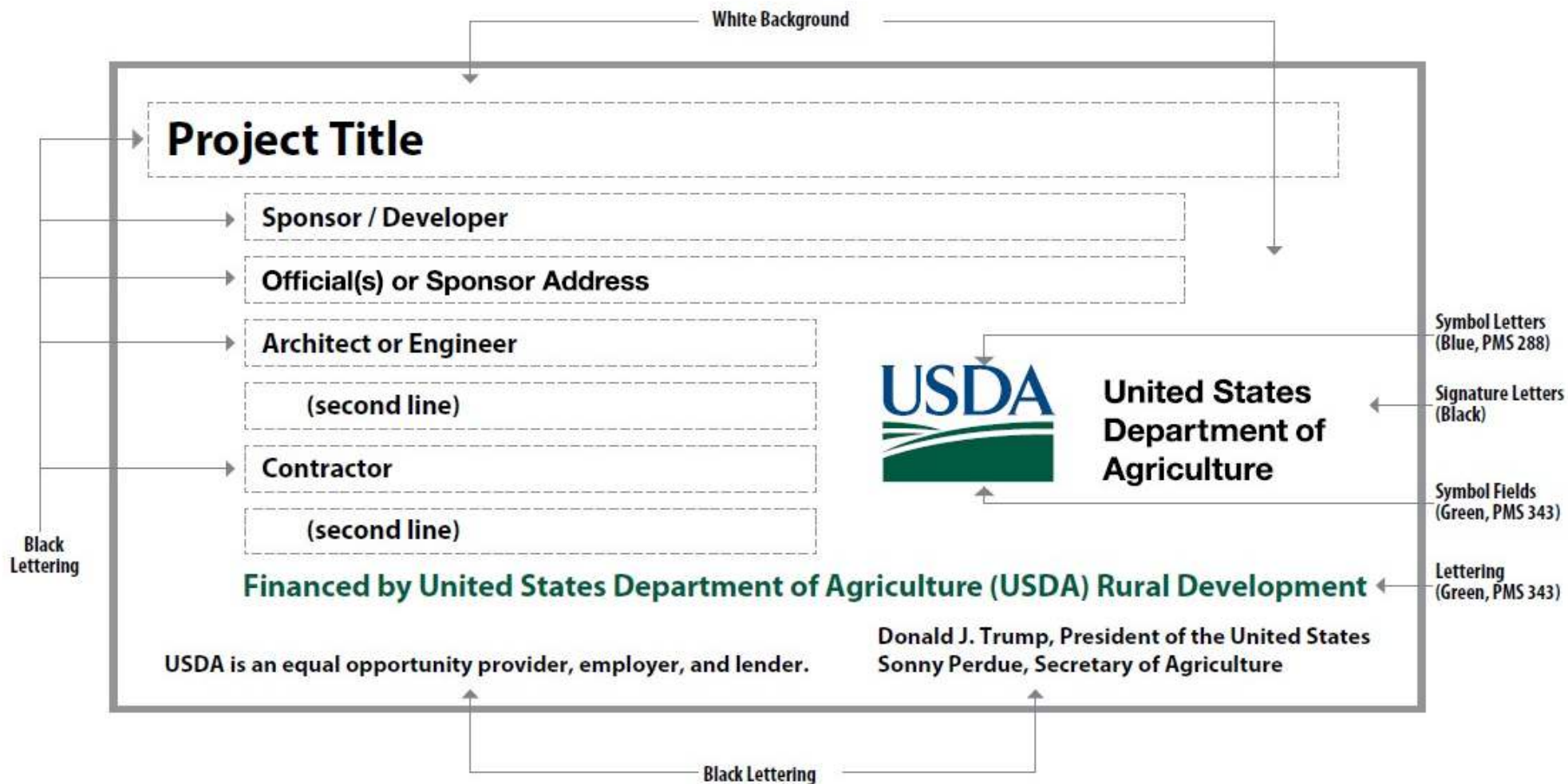
Mueller Systems

- Initially one service area was to be AMR
- Shifted to total AMI post contract award
- Mueller used a sub-contractor for the Installation of **13,000+** AMI meters.
- Also used a sub for the installation of the AMI network



RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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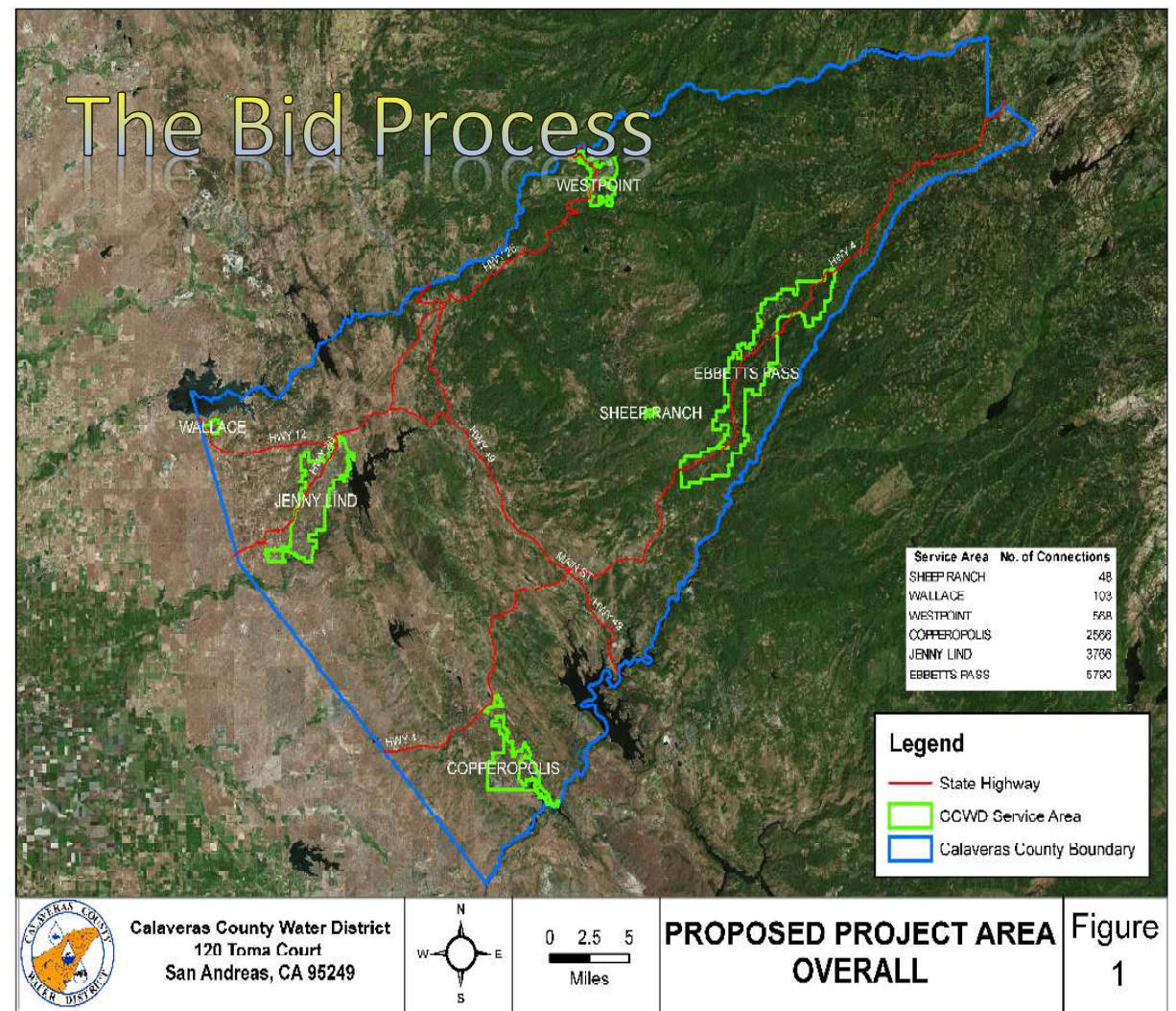


| ITEM # | WORK / MATERIAL | UNIT | QUNTY |
|--------|--|------|-------|
| 1 | Mobilization/Demobilization | LS | 1 |
| 2A | Furnish 5/8" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 2B | Install 5/8" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 3A | Furnish 3/4" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 3B | Install 3/4" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 4A | Furnish 1/2" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 4B | Install 1/2" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 5A | Furnish 1/4" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 5B | Install 1/4" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 6A | Furnish 1/2" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 6B | Install 1/2" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 7A | Furnish 1/4" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 7B | Install 1/4" Positive Displacement Type Radio Read Water Meter | EA | 13022 |
| 8 | Furnish new meter box lids | EA | 13102 |
| 9 | Soil | | |
| 10A | Install new meter box lids | EA | 13102 |
| 10B | Furnish new meter box lids (Allowance) | EA | 13102 |

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|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| MUELLER SYSTEMS | FERGUSON WATERWORKS | TIECHERT CONSTRUCTION |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|

The Project was Bid like a Construction project

- Three Bids
- One from a Distributor
- One from a Meter Manufacturer supported post sale by a Distributor
- One from a Contractor
- Mueller was the low bid = \$3.9 Mil



PROPOSED PROJECT AREA OVERALL Figure 1

Adjustment made to Bid Total for Ferguson Waterworks (Bidder #2) based on sum total of unit prices