

# Cachuma Project Update

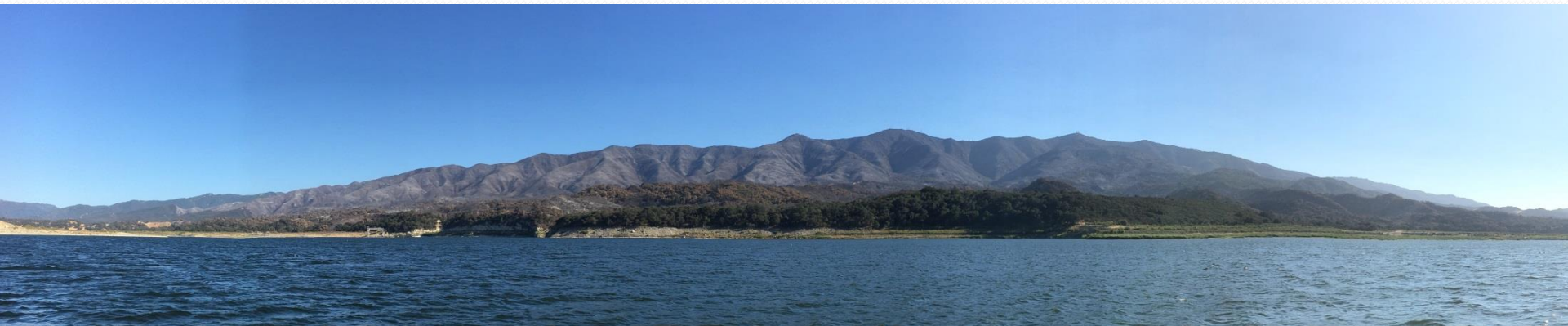
Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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# Update Issues

- Cachuma Contract Renewal Process
- Report on Cachuma Water Quality Issues and Operational Plans



# Cachuma Contract

- Staff conducted three “Technical Sessions”
  - Cachuma Member Units attended the last two
- On going discussions with Member Units over key issues
- Desire a draft contract from USBR
  - Further discussion amongst MUs
  - Board direction on issues as necessary

# Cachuma Water Quality Issues

- Impacts to Lake include:
  - Sediment
  - Ash
  - Organic matter
- Proximity of fire amplifies these impacts



# Cachuma Water Quality Issues

- OEM and PW's staff convened a meeting of South Coast water purveyors and County Parks on September 11, 2017.
- Purveyors making plans to suspend use of Cachuma Water if water quality renders water untreatable.
- Water quality will improve over time.
- None of the proposed treatments in BAER report would abate this problem.
- Rainfall will ultimately define the issues.



# Questions