



SUMMARY

Exploring the Combination of Carmichael Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District

Carmichael Water District (CWD) and Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) are exploring the potential to combine the two neighboring water utilities.

The Opportunities

The goal in examining combination is to see how merging the two districts might encourage efficiencies, reduce costs, improve water supply reliability, and enhance customer service.



The Threats

The water industry and our communities are facing several changes and challenges, including the projected impacts of climate change on water supplies and increasing regulations that will potentially make it difficult to keep rates affordable.



The Process

The CWD and SSWD Boards commissioned a study by an independent consulting firm to provide an initial look at the potential benefits and disadvantages to combination.

After a comprehensive public review, the Boards accepted the initial study. In doing so, Board members signaled that the initial study offered many potential benefits that should continue to be explored and uncovered no fundamental flaws that should stop discussions. The Boards also requested staff to undertake additional technical analysis that further reviews and defines potential governance structures, water rights assurances, administration, operations, cost savings and other topics.



Learn More

Detailed information is available online on the CWD website at carmichaelwd.org and SSWD website at sswd.org, including:

- The initial study, Business Case for a Potential Combination
- Fact sheets and Frequently Asked Questions about combination discussions and the initial study
- Public information workshops exploring combination discussions that provide opportunities for the public to ask questions and offer input

