



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

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**MEETING DATE:** June 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Resolution 2026-96, Adopting the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Consideration of Resolution 2026-97 Adopting the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2026-96 and Resolution 2026-97

### **BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with the California Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMPA) (California Water Code Sections 10610 et seq.), urban water suppliers that provide more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually or serve more than 3,000 customers are required to prepare and update an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. The UWMP serves as the City's primary long-term water resources planning document and evaluates water supply reliability over a 25-year planning horizon under normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry year conditions.

The City of Banning is the Urban Water Supplier for the City's service area and portions of the surrounding unincorporated area. The City has remained in compliance with the UWMPA through the adoption and submittal of UWMPs in 1998, 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020. The 2025 UWMP update is required to be adopted and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) no later than July 1, 2026.

On October 14, 2025, the City entered into a Professional Services Agreement with West & Associates Engineering, Inc. to prepare the 2025 UWMP and associated Water Supply Assessments. The Draft 2025 UWMP was prepared in accordance with DWR's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook and includes updated population and water demand projections through 2050, water supply reliability assessments, demand management measures, and an updated Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP).

Key updates incorporated into the 2025 UWMP include:

- SBx7-7 conservation target reporting requirements;
- Enhanced water loss audit and compliance reporting;
- Additional demand management measures for suppliers exceeding their Urban Water Use Objective (UWUO);
- Updated indoor residential water use standards;
- Potable irrigation phase-out requirements for nonfunctional turf;
- New and revised water conservation and water use definitions; and
- Optional DWR planning and reporting tools to improve reliability and drought risk assessments.

Consistent with Water Code requirements, the City provided public notice and agency notifications regarding the availability of the Draft 2025 UWMP for review and comment. Notifications were provided to neighboring water agencies, local jurisdictions, interested parties, and other stakeholders. Copies of the Draft 2025 UWMP were made available through the City's website, City Hall, Public Works Department, and the Banning Library.

On June 23, 2026, the City Council will conduct a duly noticed Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Draft 2025 UWMP and Draft 2025 WSCP prior to consideration of adoption. Following adoption, the final UWMP and WSCP will be submitted to DWR in accordance with statutory requirements.

Tables 7.1 through 7.7 summarize the City's water supply and demand projections through normal years and multiple drought years. As indicated in these tables, the City will continue to maintain a healthy water supply portfolio through the planning period (2050) with the implementation of its water planning strategies (i.e. water conservation, recycled water, imported water purchases, etc.).

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Adoption of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan is required by California Water Code and is necessary for the City to remain in compliance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act.

The UWMP serves as the City's long-term water resources planning document and provides the foundation for evaluating future water supply reliability, supporting responsible growth and development, preparing Water Supply Assessments (SB 610), issuing Written Verifications of Water Supply (SB 221), and demonstrating compliance with state water management and conservation requirements.

Additionally, maintaining a current UWMP is a prerequisite for eligibility for many state grant and loan funding programs administered by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and other state agencies. Adoption of the 2025 UWMP and WSCP will help ensure the City remains eligible to pursue future funding opportunities for water supply, conservation, infrastructure, drought resilience, groundwater, recycled water, and related water resource projects.

Adoption of the UWMP and WSCP will further position the City to proactively plan for future water demands, regulatory changes, and long-term water supply reliability.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution No. 2026-96.docx](#)
2. [Resolution No. 2026-97.docx](#)
3. [City of Banning - Final Draft 2025 UWMP.pdf](#)
4. [2025 UWMP Supply and Demand Projections \(Table 7\).pdf](#)
5. [Public Hearing Notice Publication Proof.pdf](#)
6. [column\\_affidavit\\_ag9Hz7PzsM8z6X4q9KbW.pdf](#)