

Who's Paying for the Puzzle?

The San Diego Story

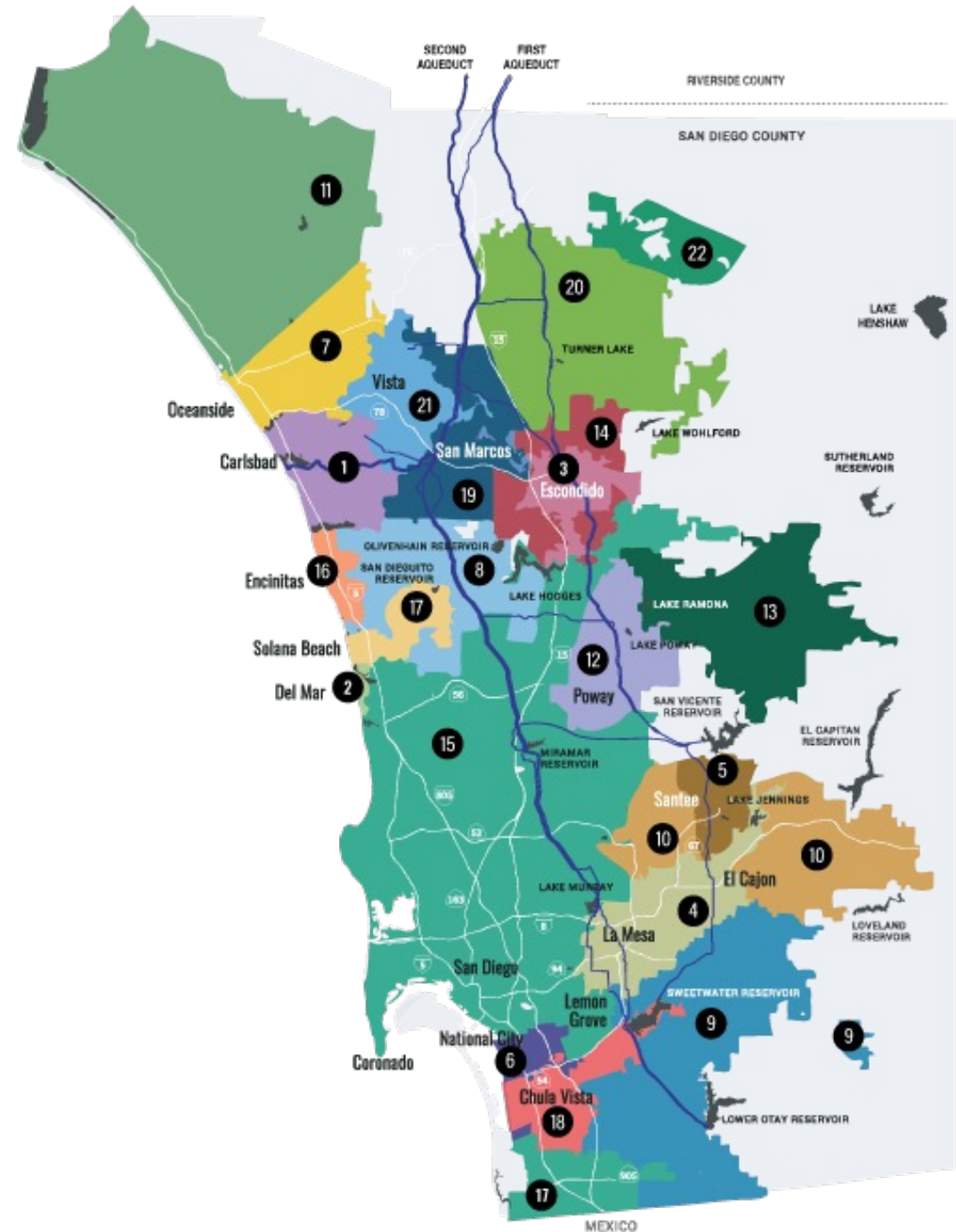
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**San Diego County
Water Authority**

Serving a Vibrant Region

- Established in 1944
- 22 member agencies
- 34 Board members
- 3.3 million people
- \$268 billion economy



A Diverse Supply

29%
**Local Water
Supply**

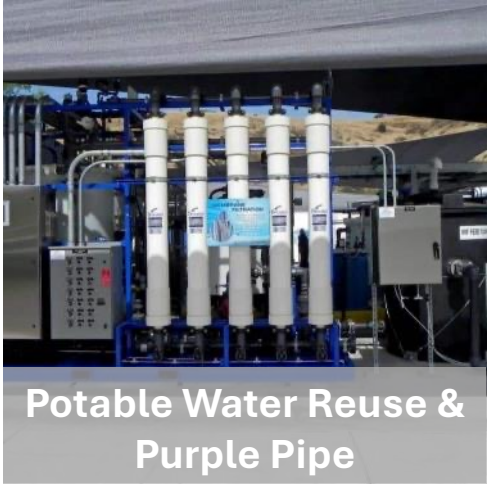
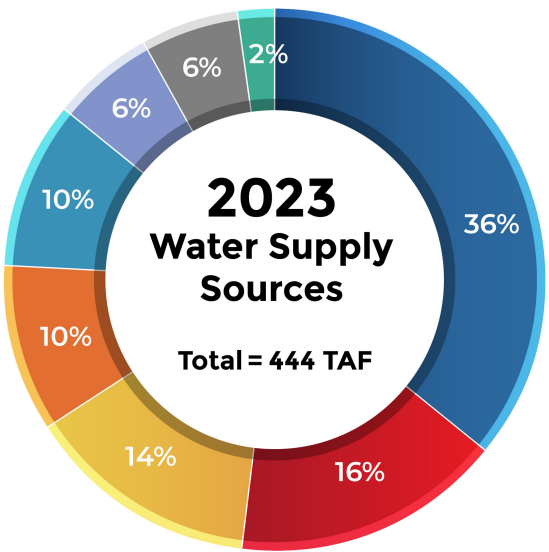
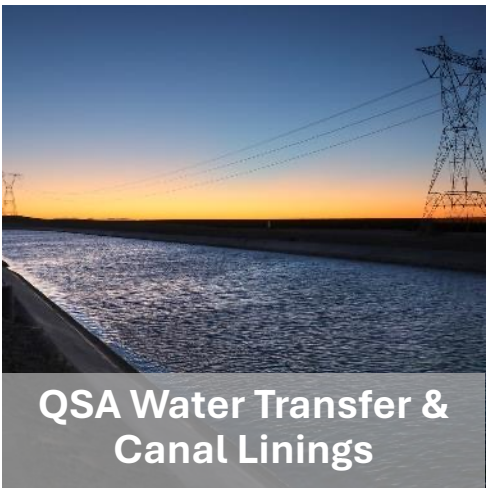
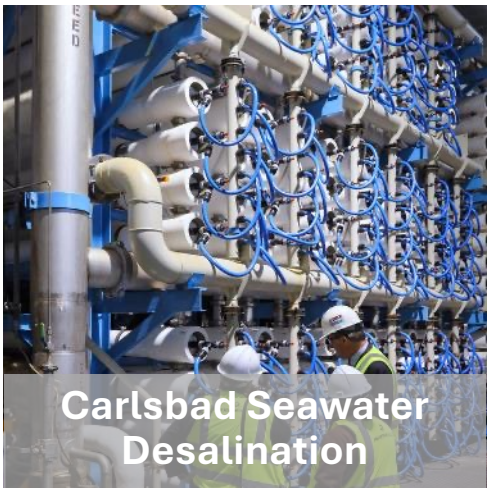
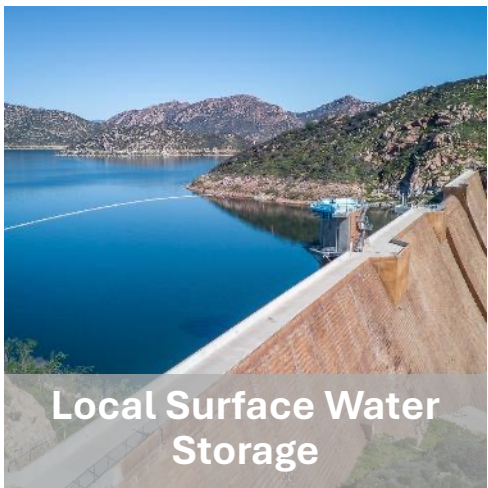
71%
Colorado River

<1%
State Water Project



Strategic Investments in Supply Reliability

\$3 billion in new infrastructure creates water security for region



Carlsbad Desalination Plant

Largest seawater desalination plant in the nation - \$1billion



Nation's Largest Agriculture to Urban Water Transfer

QSA Reduced California to its 4.4 million AF annual apportionment



Conserved Water Transfer Agreement



Canal Lining Projects



Exchange Agreement

Future Opportunities for Colorado River Augmentation

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Michael Smolens: Let's make a (water) deal!

San Diego County Water Authority opens negotiations to sell some of its surplus to a small district in southern Orange County. It's another step in a new direction for the agency.

THE ORANGE COUNTY
REGISTER

Ocean water from San Diego could stabilize south OC supply, boost desal

Moulton Niguel Water District will consider buying rights to water desalinated in Carlsbad. Deal could also help bail San Diego out of what some call a 'boondoggle.'

 **VOICE of SAN DIEGO**

Can the Ocean Save the Colorado River? San Diego Thinks so.

The Water Authority is both selling off its expensive desal water and trying to make more of it. Here's why.

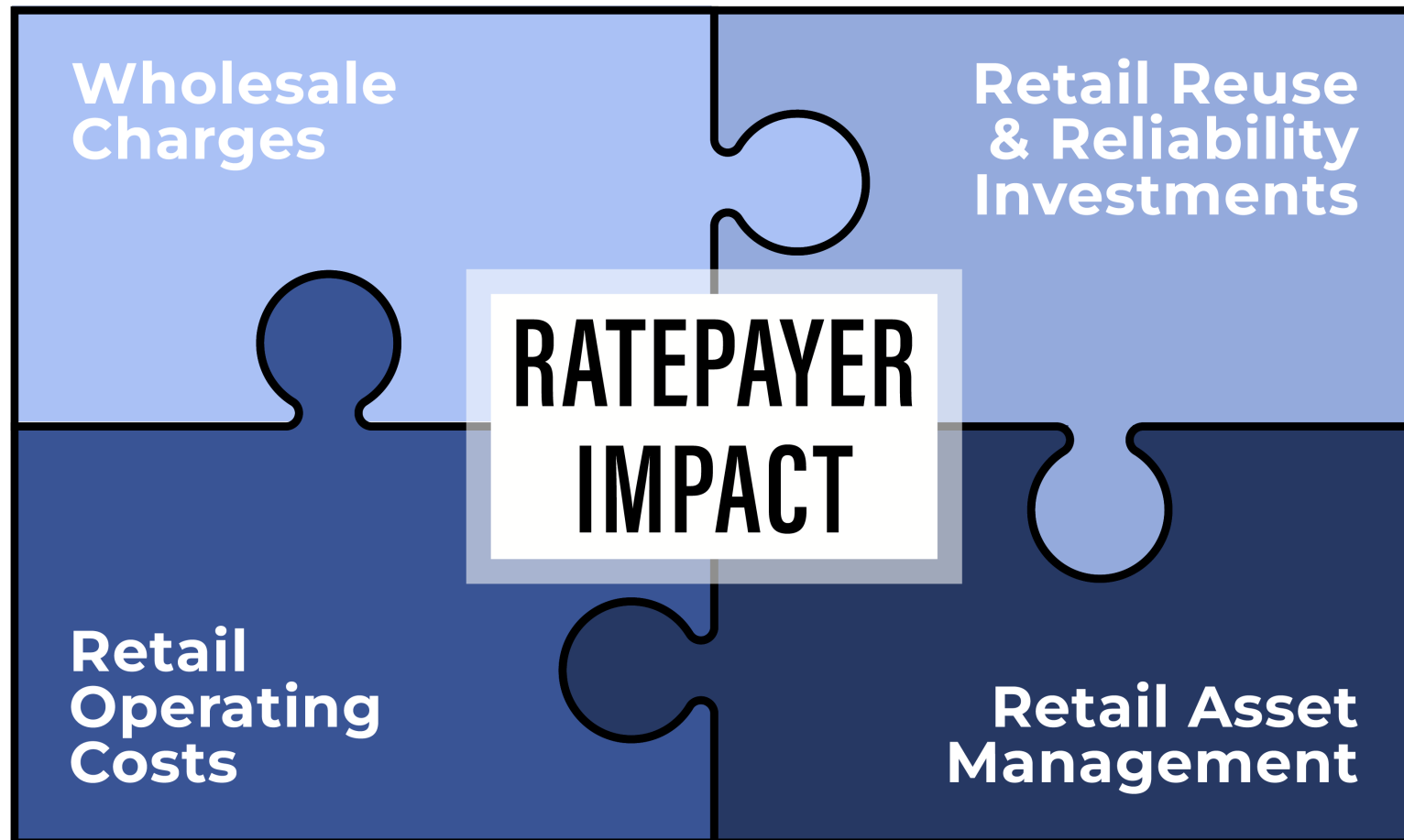


Where the Ocean Meets the River



Reliability Versus Affordability

Long-term decline in state, federal investments creates challenges for aging infrastructure, puts burden on rate payers



The Missing Piece... Augmentation



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Thank You!



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