

One Water Roadmap

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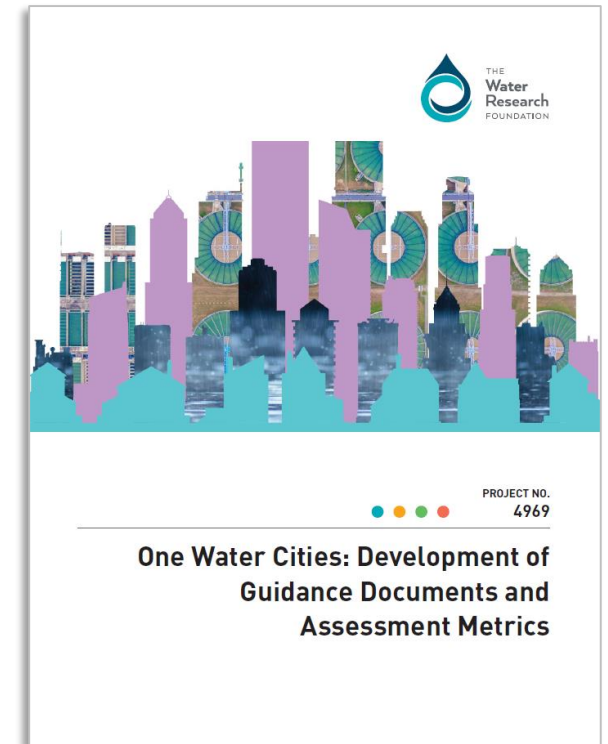
City Council Meeting

June 30, 2026



Definition of One Water

One Water is a collaborative planning and implementation approach that fosters integrated and equitable management of water resources for long-term resilience and reliability, meeting both community and ecosystem needs.



Source: WRF Study #4969 (February 2024)

One Water Roadmap Goal

Identify how the City can best collaborate with other partners and invest time, energy and money into more sustainable water solutions to help prepare for a changing future.

One Water Roadmap Timeline



— Data and Documents Review

- Initial efforts involved **reviewing 30 documents** authored by the City and other local water-related agencies.
- **Developed an understanding of the previous and ongoing water-related studies**, plans, policies, and goals in the City and Salinas Valley.

Stakeholder Interviews

- Interviews were conducted with **8 regional stakeholders** responsible for different aspects of water management throughout the Salinas Valley.
- Purpose was to gain a comprehensive **understanding of the regional water management challenges and collaboration opportunities** related to water management.



INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS *(alphabetically)*

Alco Water Company (Alco)

City of Salinas

California Water Company (Cal Water)

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Monterey County Farm Bureau (Farm Bureau)

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA)

Monterey One Water (M1W)

Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA)

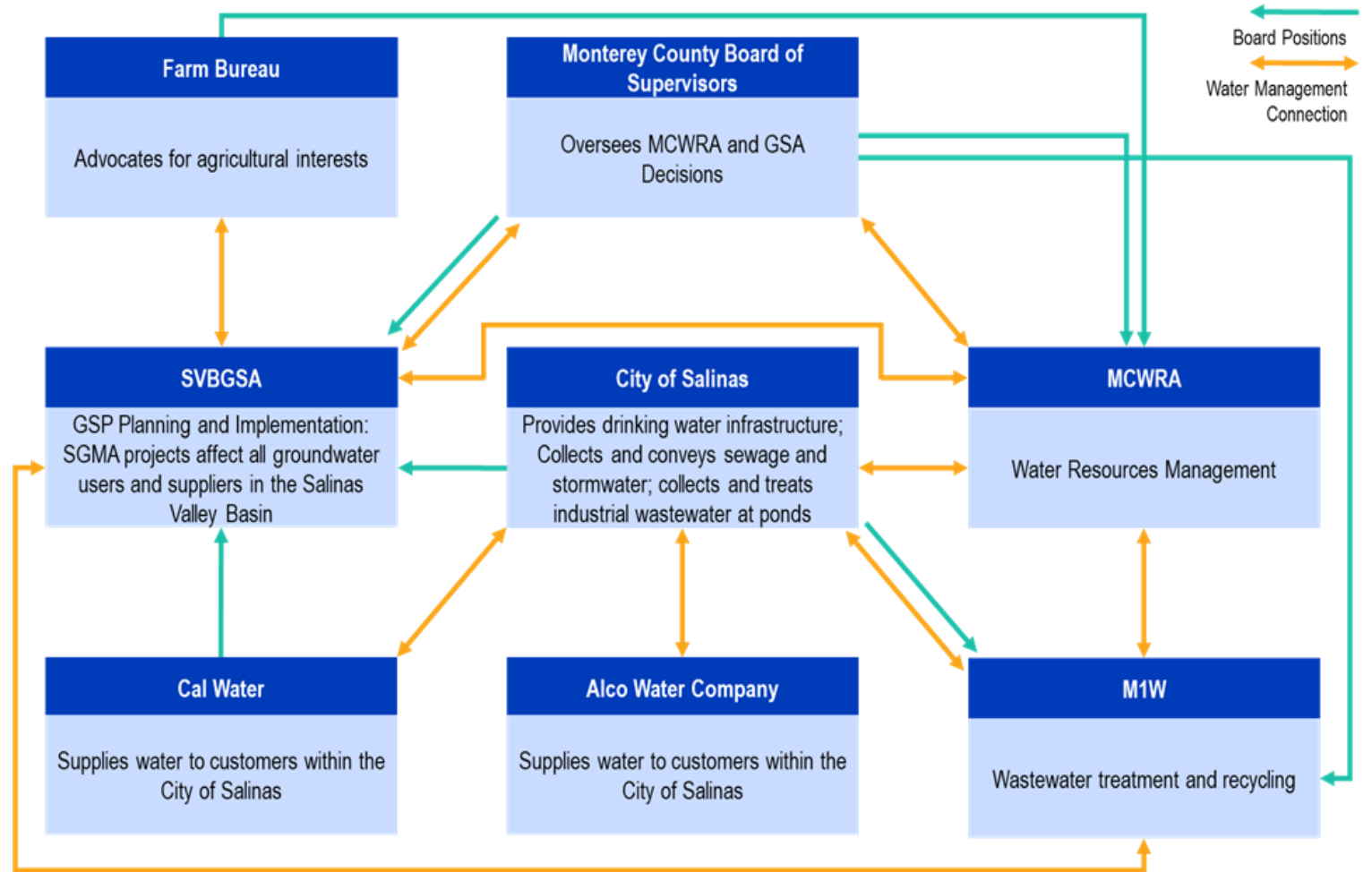
Water Management Issues Identified

- **Regional Storage and Conveyance:** Difficulty in delivering adequate water to the right locations at the right times.
- **Water Quality:** Maintaining water quality amidst ongoing contaminant concerns.
- **Seawater Intrusion:** Groundwater contamination risk in key basins.
- **Lack of Infrastructure Investment:** Historical underinvestment in water infrastructure.
- **Financial Concerns and Costs:** High costs for both existing infrastructure and future projects.
- **Siloed Perspectives:** Lack of trust and siloed perspectives limiting regional collaboration.

Stakeholder Connections

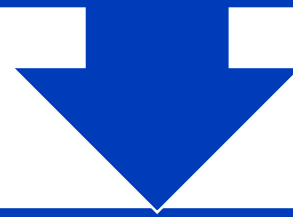


Stakeholder Interviews



One Water Opportunities

Ideas initially developed from data review and stakeholder interviews



Ideas categorized into 3 categories:

Internal City Projects
and Programs

Institutional Programs
and Initiatives

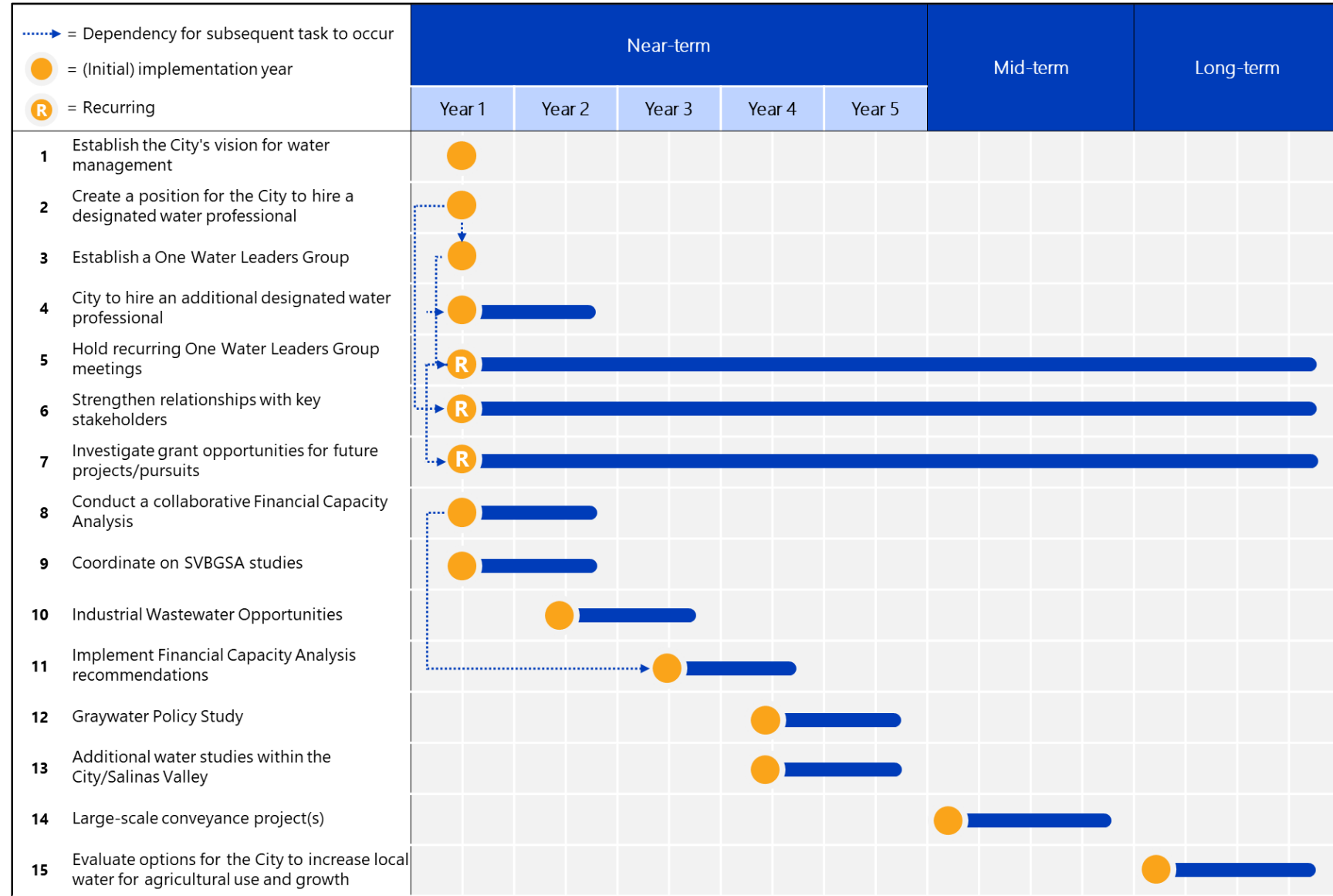
Studies and Capital
Projects

One Water Opportunities, Continued

- At Stakeholder Workshop #1, ideas generated were presented, discussed, and categorized.
- Timelines for the ideas refined:
 - » Near-term
 - Within the Next Year
 - Between the Next 2 to 3 Years
 - Within the Next 4 to 5 Years
 - Mid-term (in the next 5-10 years)
 - Long-term (in the next 10 or more years)
- At Stakeholder Workshop #2, these ideas were discussed and expanded upon.

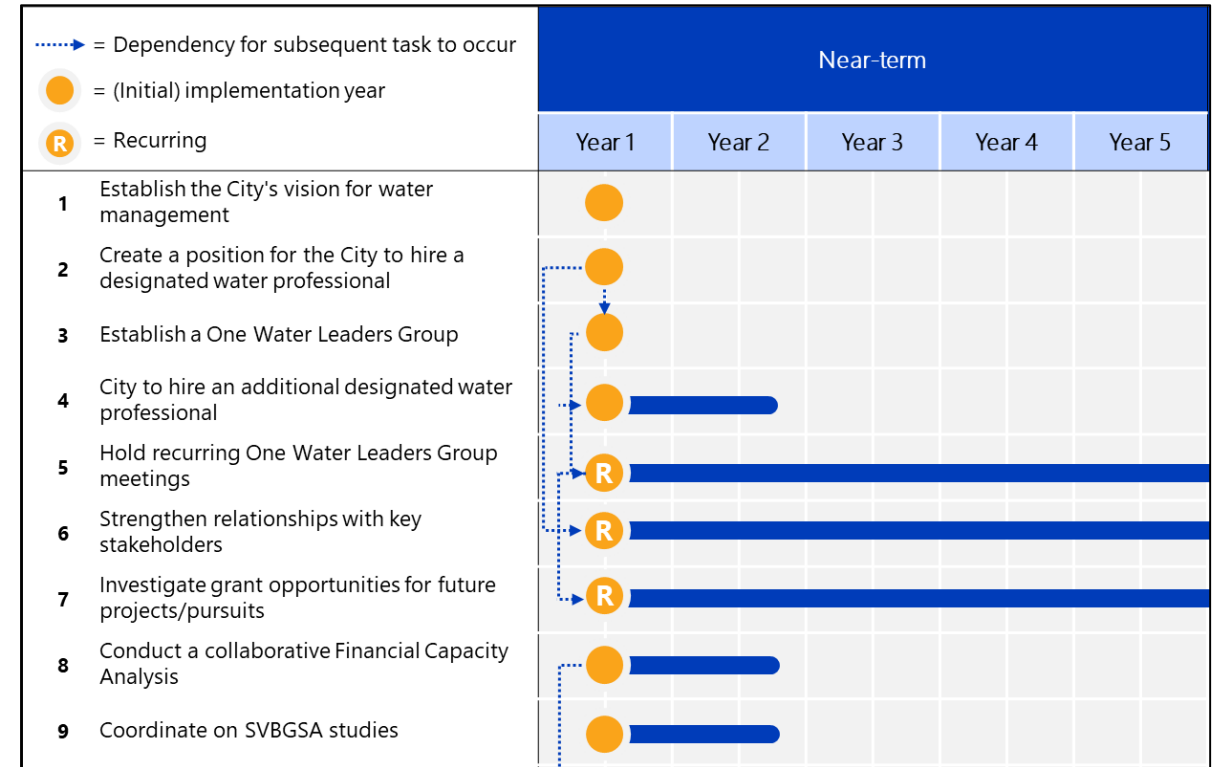
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- 15 recommended projects/efforts
- All near-term projects can be started early but projects were divided into groups from Year 1 - 5 to spread out workload



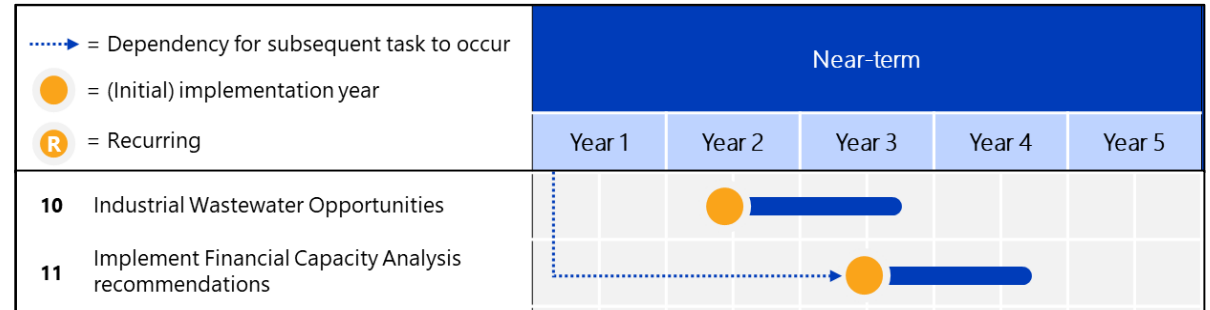
Immediate Efforts #1-9 (Year 1)

- Establish City vision
- Create and Hire City water professional position(s)
- Establish One Water Leaders Group
- Hold Recurring Meetings
- Strengthen Relationships
- Investigate grant opportunities
- Conduct Financial Capacity Analysis
- Coordinate on SVBGSA studies



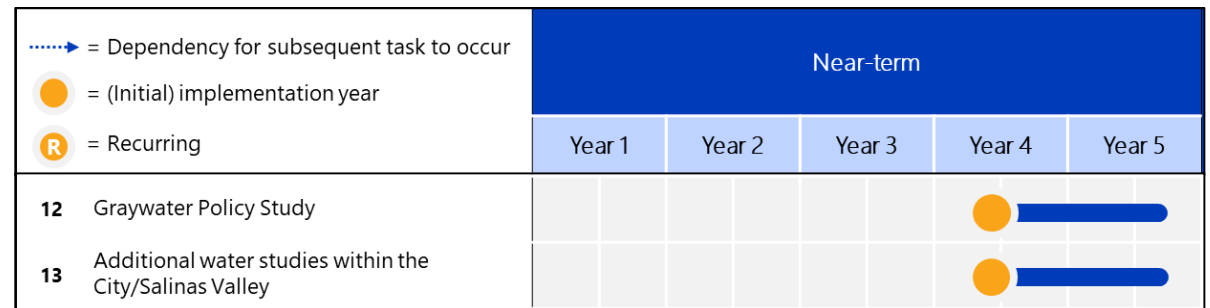
Near-term Efforts #10-11 (Years 2-3)

- Pursue industrial wastewater reuse opportunities
- Implement Financial Capacity Analysis



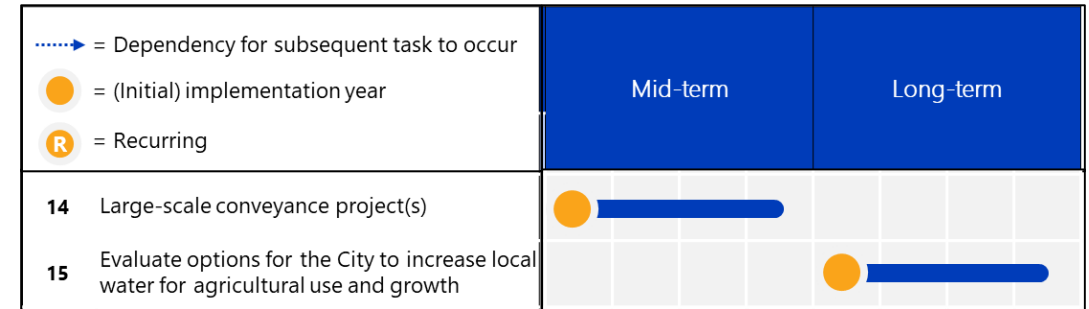
Near-term Efforts #12-13 (Years 4-5)

- Graywater Policy Study
- Conduct additional water studies not covered by previous efforts



Mid-term & Long-term Efforts #14-15

- Large-Scale conveyance projects
- Increase local water for ag use and growth



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QUESTIONS?

