



From Vision to Impact
**Progress
Towards
Sustainable
Water
Solutions**



2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Supporter,

When I reflect on the past year, I see a story of endurance. Our community partners' tenacity and dedication have led to significant progress in advancing equitable water policy and infrastructure project development driven by communities — often against the odds. Our partners' support has been instrumental in bringing us closer to a more just future — one with safe, clean and affordable water for all. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

The movement's determination drove the campaign that resulted in a \$1.4 billion investment targeted specifically to those living without safe water in California. To bring that investment back to the communities who worked to create it, CWC is advancing eight long-term solutions that will benefit more than 7,000 people. We are on the right path to address this historic injustice, but work still remains.

Despite new investments for safe water, a large funding gap still remains to achieve safe, clean and affordable water for all.

To help fill this funding gap, we've joined more than 180 organizations to successfully advocate to get Proposition 4 on the November ballot. Prop. 4 is a \$10 billion investment in climate resilience, including \$610 million for safe drinking water projects.

If the Climate Bond passes, this new funding source will help us get one step closer to safe water for those who greatly need it.

In addition to critical investments in basic infrastructure, Prop. 4 will help communities adapt to climate change by funding programs and projects to prepare for extreme heat and drought and help us better manage our precious groundwater resources.

Please vote yes on Prop. 4 this November for a critical investment to our future.

Mil gracias,



Susana De Anda
Executive Director & Co-Founder
Community Water Center



AGUA Members Josie Nieto (Seville), Lupe Hadley (London), and Sandra Garcia (Poplar) attend a Prop 4 rally in Sacramento.

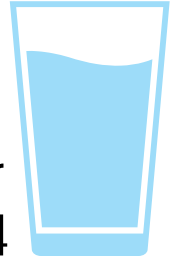


OUR MISSION: The Community Water Center is building a movement for community-driven water solutions

Big Wins!

223,119

gallons of safe water
provided in 2023 and 2024



\$4,200,000

in technical assistance
being implemented in
underserved communities



481



community residents
advancing local drinking water
infrastructure projects

8

Advancing
long-term solutions to
benefit 7,000 people



\$445,000,000

in water debt relief



\$831,000,000

in SAFER investments



Sponsored **4**
pieces of legislation
and advocated for
Prop 4 Climate Bond



Following Through on the Human Right to Water

CWC is leading eight projects that will bring safe water to more than 7,000 people. As long-term solutions are pursued, we also connect residents living with contamination to interim bottled water.

- 1 Pajaro-Sunny Mesa-Springfield, Monterey County (pop. 4,024)**
Problem: Nitrates, 123-TCP, Hexavalent Chromium, seawater intrusion, flood vulnerability
Status: Developing design and permitting for regional system consolidation; seeking funding
- 2 Springfield Rd., Monterey County (pop. 700)**
Problem: Nitrates, 123-TCP, seawater intrusion
Status: Finalizing design and permitting for new well system for mobile home park, failing public water system, and residents with domestic wells
- 3 Johnson/McGinnis/Live Oak, Monterey County (pop. 812)**
Problem: Chrome 6, 123-TCP
Status: Developing preliminary design and permitting for connection to Cal Water Las Lomas; seeking construction funding
- 4 Walnut Avenue, Monterey County (pop. 274)**
Problem: Nitrate, 123-TCP
Status: Conducting feasibility study for long-term solutions

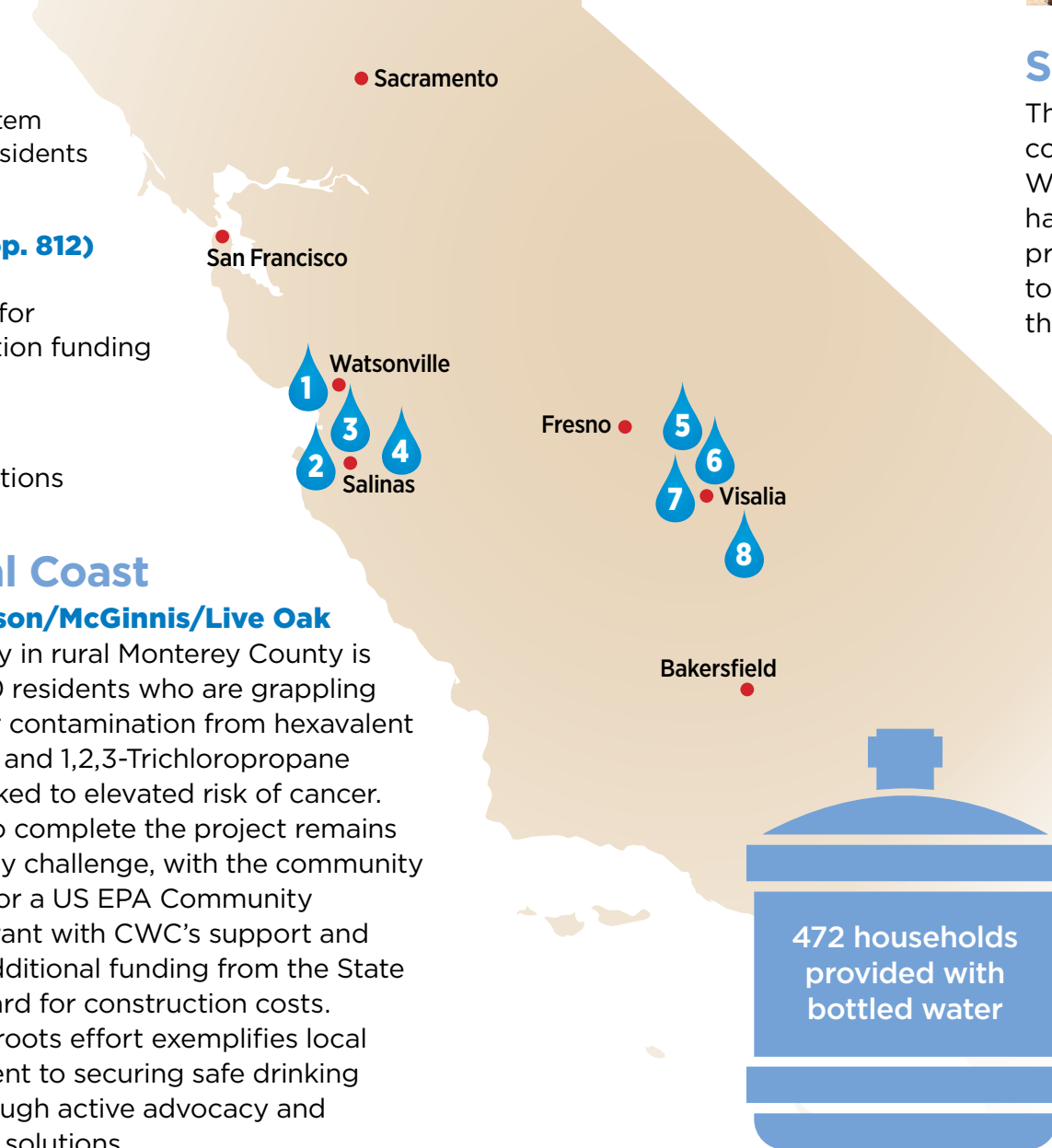


Silverio Perez, SAFER Advisory Group member, shared about his experience advocating in Sacramento for domestic well communities with his neighbors at a community meeting for the Johnson/McGinnis/Live Oak project.

Central Coast

The **Johnson/McGinnis/Live Oak** community in rural Monterey County is about 800 residents who are grappling with water contamination from hexavalent chromium and 1,2,3-Trichloropropane — both linked to elevated risk of cancer. Funding to complete the project remains the primary challenge, with the community applying for a US EPA Community Change grant with CWC’s support and seeking additional funding from the State Water Board for construction costs. This grassroots effort exemplifies local commitment to securing safe drinking water through active advocacy and innovative solutions.

Drinking Water Projects



Left to right: Jesus “Tutuy” Montes, Esteban Curiel, Martha Curiel, Celina Mahabir, Raquel Sanchez, Kyle Jones, Susana De Anda, Erick Orellana, and Andrea Rivera meeting with Congressman Jim Costa (CA-21) in Washington, DC.



San Joaquin Valley

The **West Goshen** project is advancing rapidly, driven by effective community advocacy with Tulare County. In partnership with the County, West Goshen secured expedited state drought funding (several residents have experienced issues with declining water levels) and streamlined the process for design, permitting and bidding. With construction expected to start in early 2025, West Goshen is on track for completion in just three years — faster than the usual timeline for such projects.

- 5 Domestic Wells near Orosi, Cutler and East Orosi, Tulare County (estimated pop. 300)**
Problem: Declining groundwater levels, Nitrate, 123-TCP
Status: Outreach for well testing and bottled water delivery; preparing for feasibility study for long-term solutions
- 6 East Orosi, Tulare County (estimated pop. 421)**
Problem: Nitrate contamination, poor management and governance
Status: Funding approved and finalizing design for consolidation with Orosi’s water system
- 7 West Goshen, Tulare County (pop. 222)**
Problem: Declining groundwater, contaminants (Nitrate, 123-TCP, Uranium)
Status: Connecting to CalWater Visalia system; design complete, funding approved, construction to begin Q1 2025
- 8 Domestic Wells near Porterville (estimated pop. 400)**
Problem: Nitrates
Status: Outreach for well testing and bottled water delivery preparing for feasibility study for long-term solutions

Drinking Water Policy: Persistence in the Face of Challenges



WATER SUPPLY

ISSUE: In the San Joaquin Valley, where 95% of people rely on groundwater, overpumping threatens entire communities with dry wells, contamination, and land subsidence.

SOLUTIONS: Reduce water overpumping and find nature-based solutions for water storage.

Progress: In April 2024, the Tulare Lake basin was placed on probation, allowing for revisions to the plan and more monitoring to better protect the drinking water supply of people in the southern San Joaquin Valley.

FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE

ISSUE: Ensuring the human right to water by providing adequate funding.

SOLUTIONS: Advocate for increased funding to close gaps in drinking water projects. Support the Climate Bond (Proposition 4) on the November ballot. Seek funding on behalf of communities to advance infrastructure projects.

PROGRESS: Partnered with 180 organizations to get Prop. 4 on the ballot, which includes \$610 million for safe drinking water projects. Applied for two EPA Community Change grants totaling \$40 million for long-term projects in rural Monterey County.

WATER QUALITY

ISSUE: Agricultural and industrial activities continue to pollute groundwater in the San Joaquin Valley and Central Coast.

SOLUTIONS: Strong legal limits on contaminants like hexavalent chromium and PFAS forever chemicals. Hold polluters and growers accountable to replacement safe water and basin-wide restoration of water quality,

PROGRESS: Recent legislative victories expand water quality protections:

- AB 2454 grants tenants the right to have domestic wells tested for contamination.
- AB 3090 establishes a system to rapidly alert communities about drinking water contamination following natural disasters via Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- AB 805 would allow for the State Water Board to appoint an administrator for failing wastewater systems and fund cleanup and abatement.

WATER AFFORDABILITY

ISSUE: 1 in 3 people in the US struggle to pay their water bills, with low-income people of color disproportionately affected.

SOLUTIONS: Create and fund a lifeline program for safe drinking water.

PROGRESS: Advancing campaign for lifeline program in CA. Supporting federal legislation to provide \$500 million for water assistance and authorize ongoing water debt relief programs.

BELOW: Governor Newsom traveled to East Orsi to sign AB 805 and AB 2454 with residents from East Orsi who have been pivotal in advancing this legislation. Gov. Newsom is joined by Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Tulare County District 4 Supervisor Eddie Valero, and State Water Board Chair Joaquin Esquivel.



2023 Financials

Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS

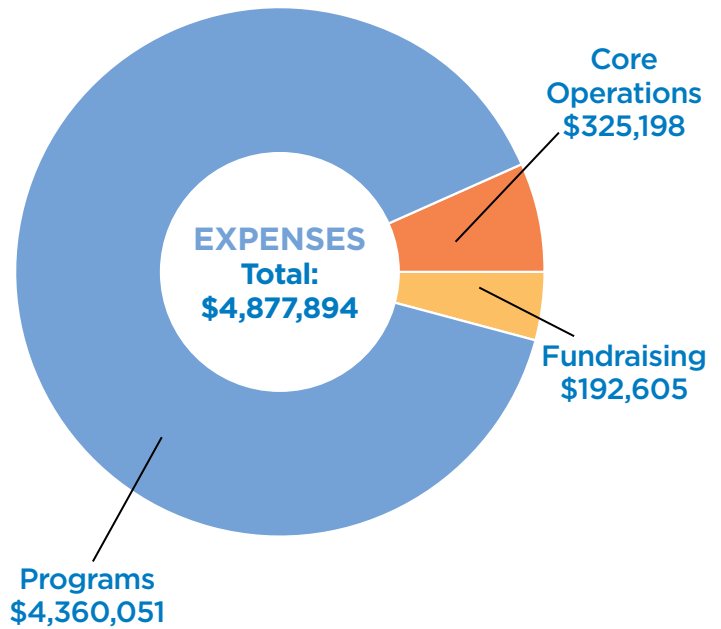
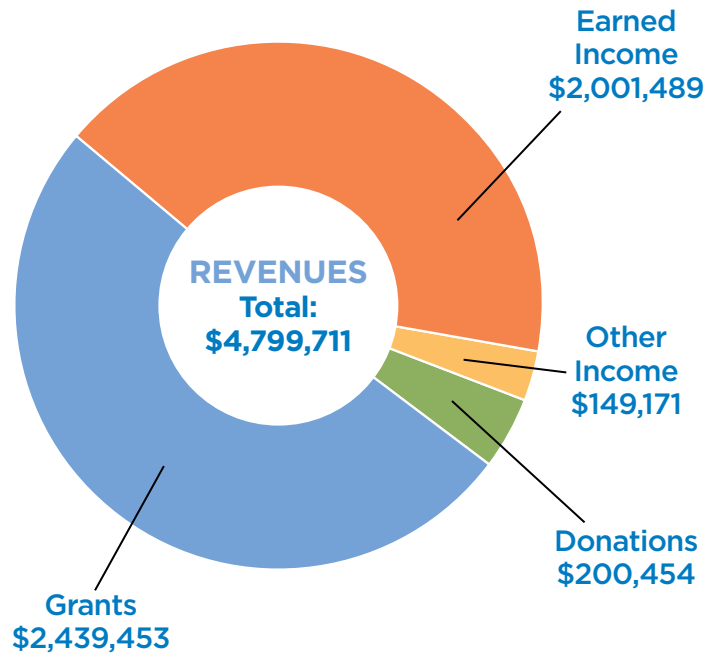
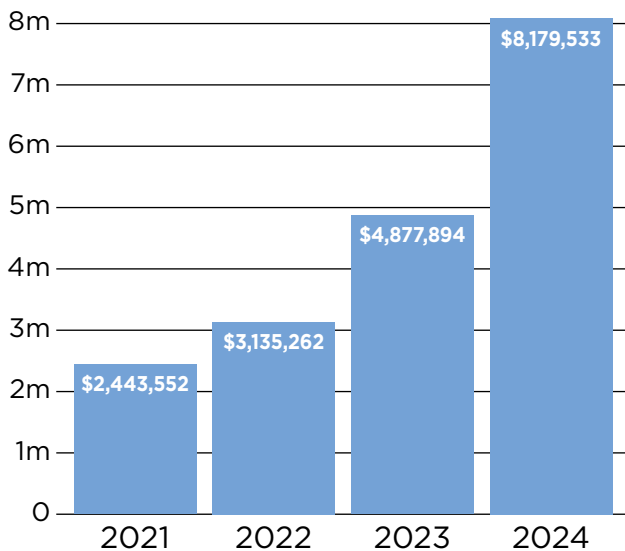
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,692,290
Accounts & Grants Receivable	\$1,659,758
Prepaid Insurance & Other Current Assets	\$72,686
Property & Equipment	\$15,313
Other Assets	\$254,454
Total Assets	\$6,694,501

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$217,439
Accrued Expenses	\$221,657
Deferred Revenue	\$50,826
Lease Liabilities	\$77,593
Total Current Liabilities	\$567,515
Other Liabilities	\$320,638
Total Net Assets	\$5,960,248
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$6,694,501

Budget Growth 2021-2024

in millions



**Cash Reserve:
11.3 Months**

2023 Donors

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