

# Downey Brand Legal Update

Natomas Central MWC Annual Meeting

February 10, 2026

# Overview

- **2025 Legal Successes**
  - Contract Renewal Case Dismissed!
  - Long-term CVP Operations Cases Dismissed!
- **Ongoing Legal Matters**
  - Long-term SWP Operations
  - State Water Board Temperature Management
  - Drought Protection Program CEQA Lawsuits
- **New Legal Matters**

Long-term  
CVP  
Operations

- 2024 Biological Opinions
- PCFFA & California Cases Dismissed
- Alternative 5 & Initiative 6

## SRS Contract Renewals

- *NRDC v. Haaland*, 102 F.4th 1045 (9th Cir. 2024)
- Section 9 Claim regarding 2014-15 Drought

CASE CLOSED

# Ongoing Matters

- **Long Term SWP Operations**
  - Lawsuit filed challenging 2024 Incidental Take Permit
- **State Water Board Temperature Management**
  - Challenging 2021 and 2022 Temperature Management Orders and related State Water Board actions.
  - New BiOps & DPP
- **Drought Protection Program – CEQA Lawsuits**
  - AquAlliance
  - State Water Contractors